

# General Intro: Neutral Particle Detection Facility

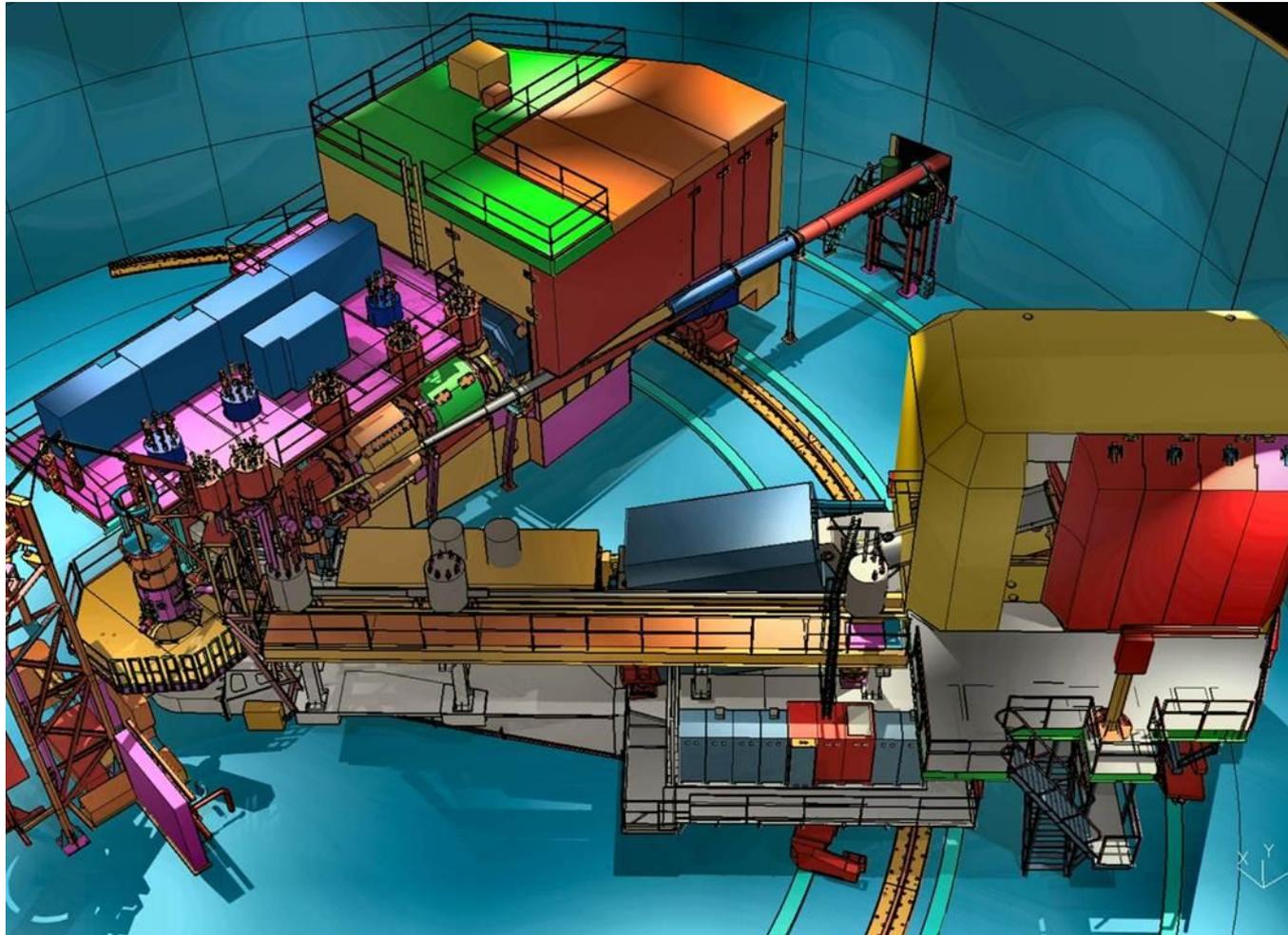
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# Hall C at 12 GeV

Two magnetic spectrometers: existing High Momentum Spectrometer (HMS) and new Super-High Momentum Spectrometer (SHMS)

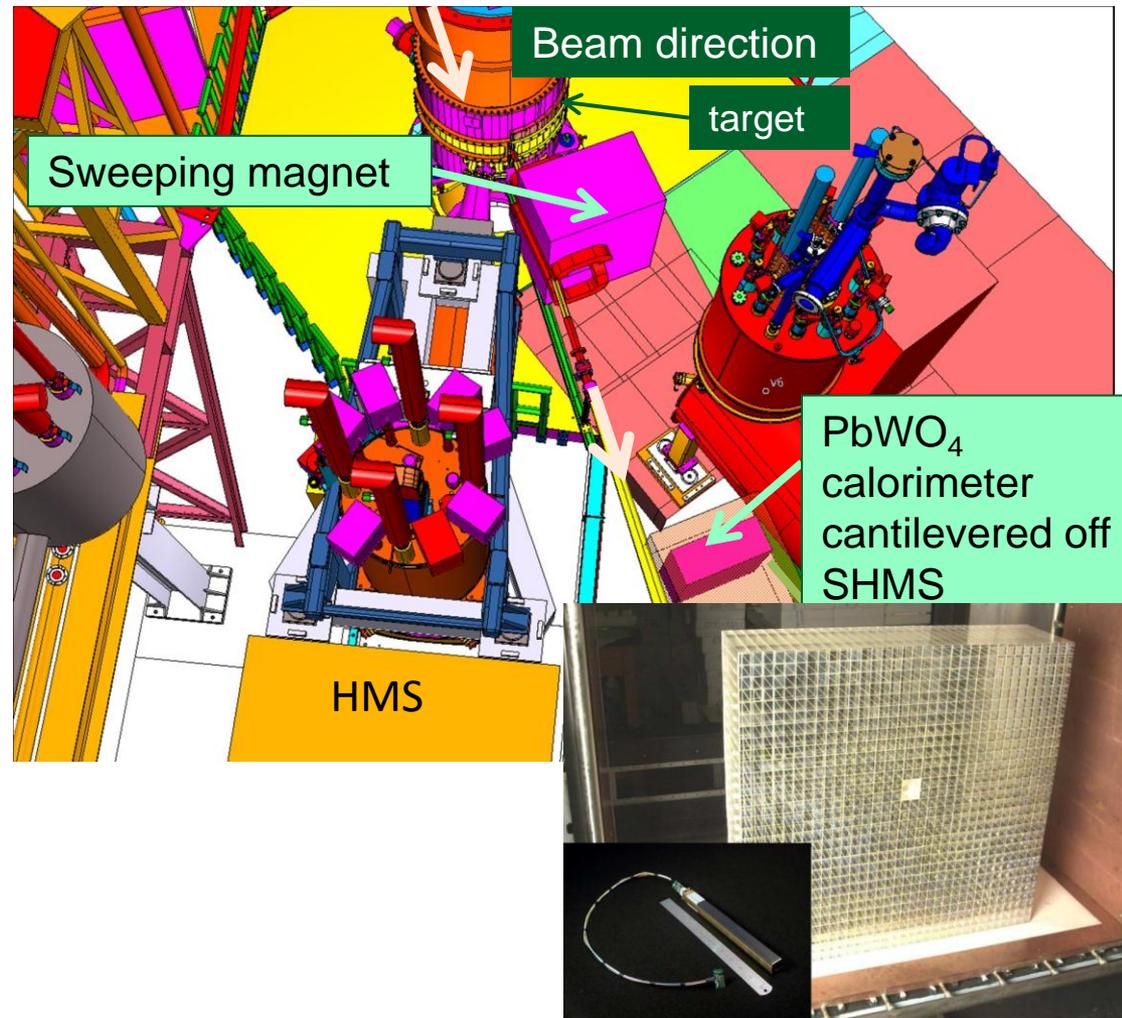


# Neutral particle detection facility in Hall C

A new  $\text{PbWO}_4$  calorimeter facility provides neutral particle detection in Hall C

## Components of detector

- $\text{PbWO}_4$  blocks
- Small-diameter PMTs with new active HV base
- Temperature controlled frame
- Sweeping magnet
- Essentially dead-time-less digitizing electronics
- Pre-shower option



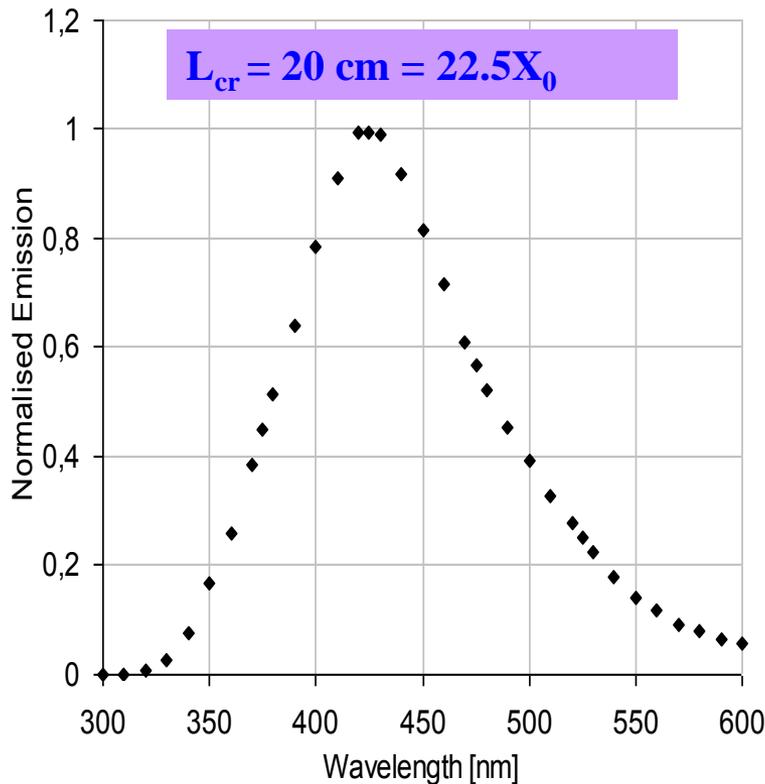
# PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals - general characteristics

## Advantages ☺

- Dense and Radiation hard
- Short radiation length
- Fast

## Disadvantages ☹

- Temperature dependence
- Low light yield



Properties of PbWO <sub>4</sub>	
Density	8.28 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Radiation length	0.89 cm
Interaction length	19.5 cm
Molière radius	2.2 cm
Emission peak	420 nm
Light yield	120 photons/MeV
Radiation hardness	10 <sup>7</sup> rad



Experiments using PbWO<sub>4</sub>: CMS, Phenix, Panda, PrimEX

# PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals in detector

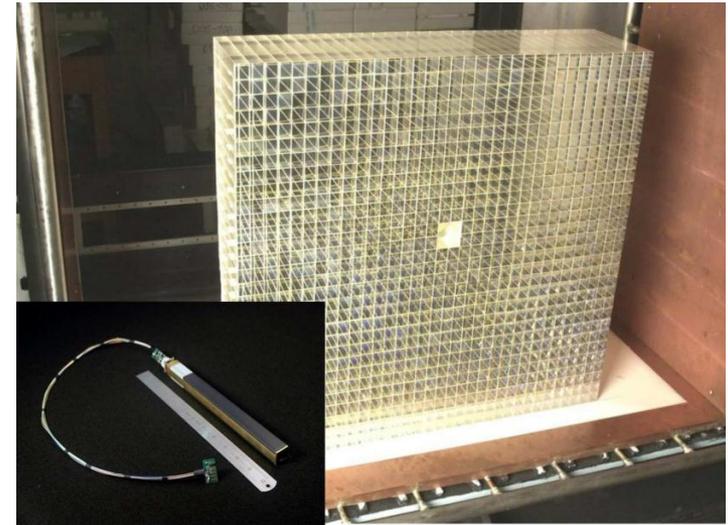
Existing from PrimEX experiment

- Assembled with *Hamamatsu R4125*  
[d=19mm, 8.7E+5 gain at 1.5 kV anode voltage, rise time 2.5 ns]

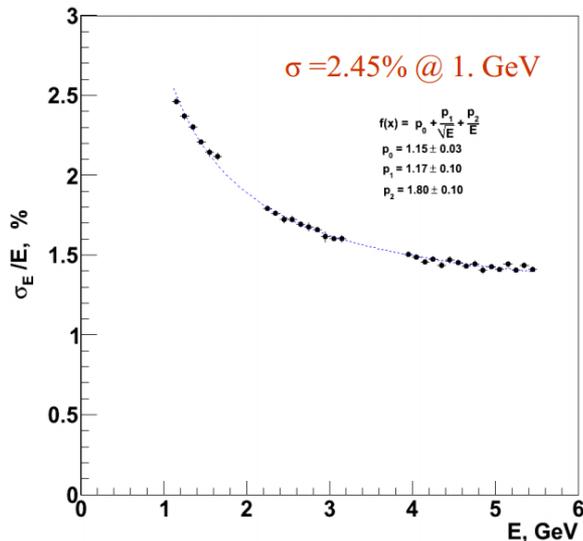
Detector features

36 x 31 matrix of PbWO<sub>4</sub> blocks  
Individual crystal dimensions: 2.05 x 2.05 x 18 cm<sup>3</sup>

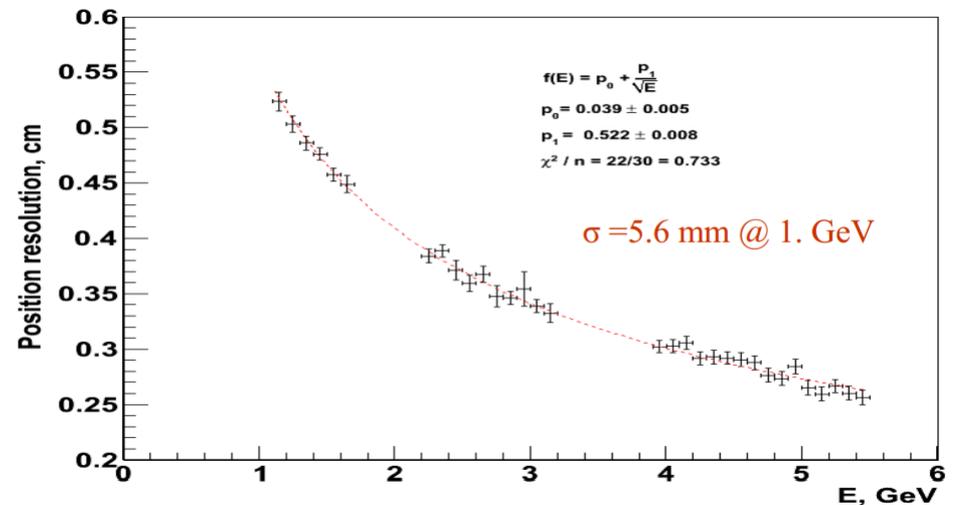
Covers 74x64 cm<sup>2</sup> or 25msr at distance 4m from target



Energy resolution

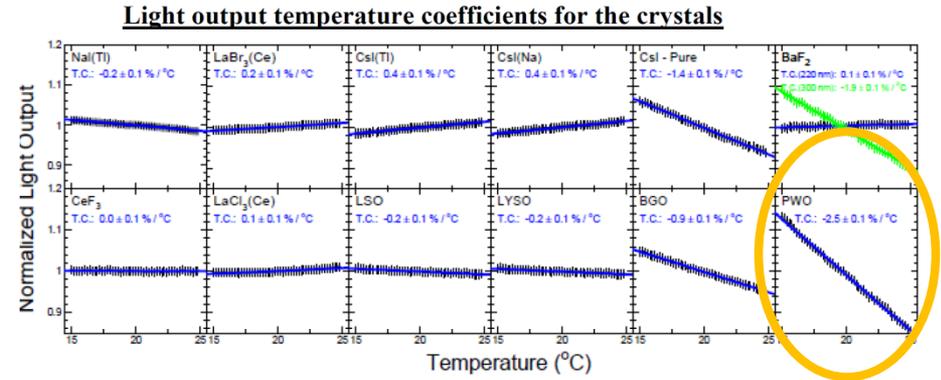


Spatial resolution

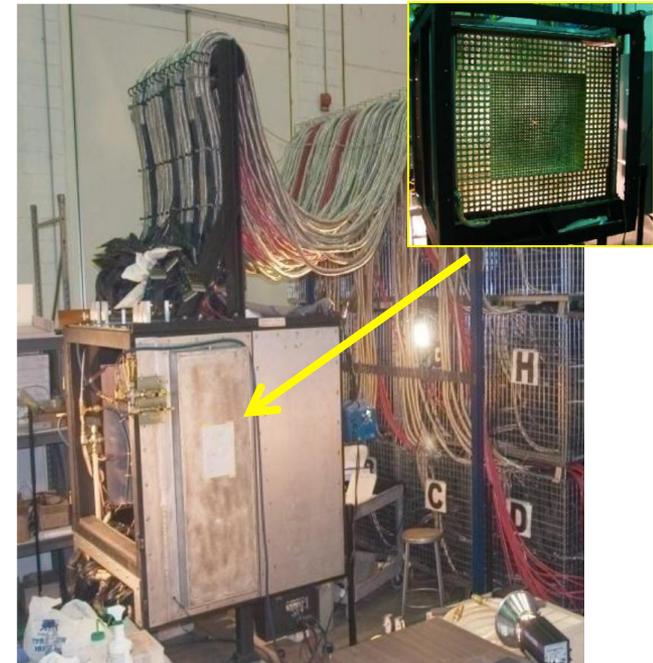


# Temperature controlled frame

- $\text{PbWO}_4$  crystal light yield depends strongly on temperature
  - approximately 2% per  $^\circ\text{C}$



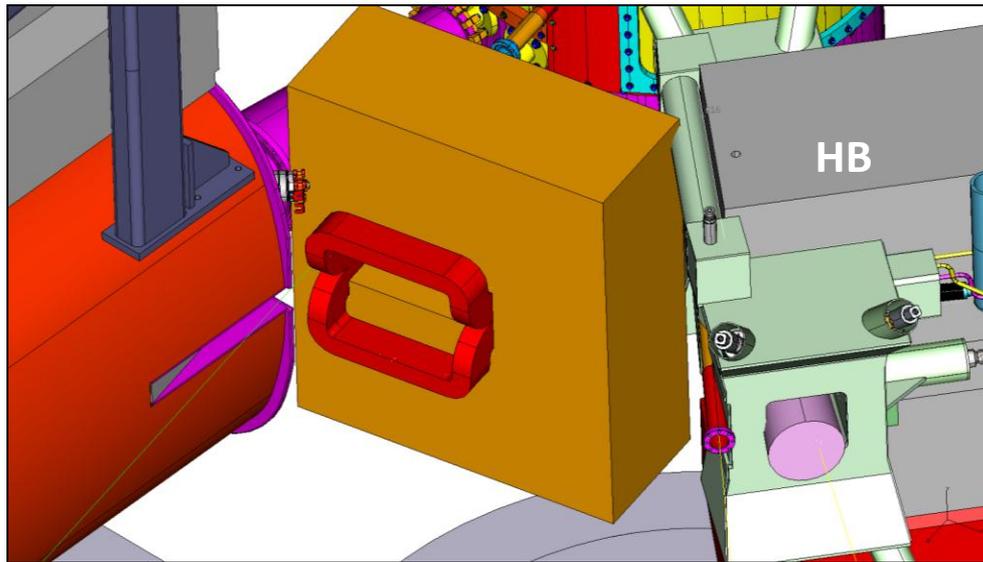
- For experiments, temperature must be stable to about  $0.1^\circ\text{C}$  to achieve energy resolution of 0.5%
- Temperature controlled frame components
  - Temperature sensors
  - Copper plates for cooling
  - Water cooling system



Example: PrimEx temperature controlled frame

# Sweeping magnet

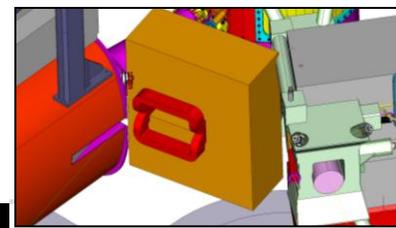
- Resistive magnet based on Hall C horizontal bend (HB) design for SHMS
  - Normal-conducting copper coil magnet
  - Aperture: 35x36cm<sup>2</sup>
  - Magnetic field strength: 0.3 T-m
- Designed to work with existing JLab power supplies *[P. Brindza, 2012]*



Sweeping magnet schematic shown with HB

# Hall C Sweeper Power and Cooling

P. Brindza



Option A			Option B			Option C			Option D		
Int B.dl	0.3114	T.M	0.3114	T.M	0.3114	T.M	0.311	T.M			
current	750	A/cm <sup>2</sup>	750	A/cm <sup>2</sup>	750	A/cm <sup>2</sup>	750	A/cm <sup>2</sup>			
coil A	2.9	cm	2.9	cm	2.9	cm	2.9	cm			
Coil B	27.4		27.4		27.4		27.4				
Coil Area	79.46		79.46		79.46		79.46				
NI	119190		119190		119190		1E+05				
Na	2		4		4		4				
Nb	40		54		64		80				
Ins	0.01	in	0.01	in	0.01	in	0.01	in			
Conda	1.3208	cm	1.0033	cm	0.84455	cm	0.686	cm			
Condb	1.3208	cm	1.0033	cm	0.84455	cm	0.686	cm			
Actual A	2.6416	cm	4.0132	cm	3.3782	cm	2.743	cm			
Actual B	26.416	cm	27.0891	cm	27.0256	cm	27.43	cm			
Cond A	0.5	in	0.375	in	0.3125	in	0.25	in			
Cond B	0.5	in	0.375	in	0.3125	in	0.25	in			
Cond hole	0.25	in	0.1875	in	0.15625	in	0.125	in			
Cond Area	1.2962	cm <sup>2</sup>	0.72912	cm <sup>2</sup>	0.50633	cm <sup>2</sup>	0.324	cm <sup>2</sup>			

# Digitizing electronics

Flash ADCs sample the signal every 4 ns and store the information in internal memory

- When trigger received, the samples in programmable window around the threshold are read out for each crystal that fired

## fADC system provides:

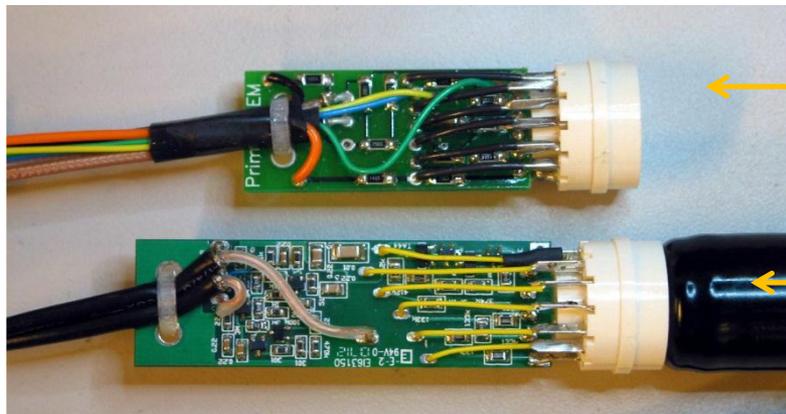
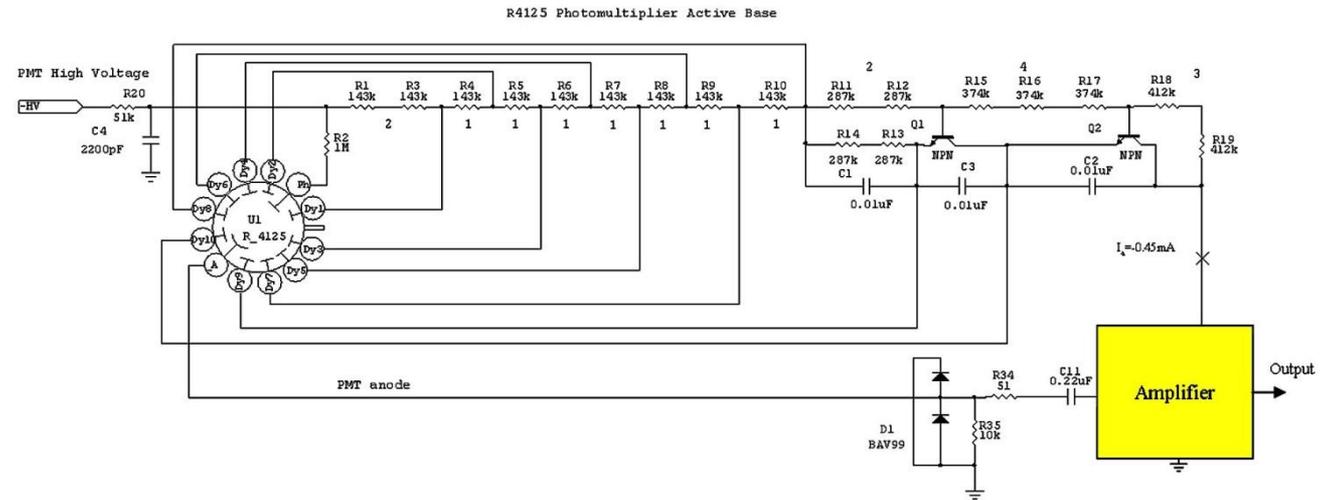
- **Low dead time** since readout of FPGA does not interfere with digitization
- **Precision signal processing off-line**
  - Sampled signals can be fitted and integrated off-line eliminating issues with pile-up, baseline shifts etc.
- **Support both high-rate operations in singles mode as well as advanced, trigger-level cluster finding in coincidence mode**
  - DAQ system supports windows up to 200-300 ns at 1 kHz and 100% occupancy (~200 MB/s)
  - Coincidence trigger takes advantage of fADCs ability to perform pulse integration and pass it along for cluster finding, e.g, to select DVCS events



JLab fADC-250 module

# High voltage base design

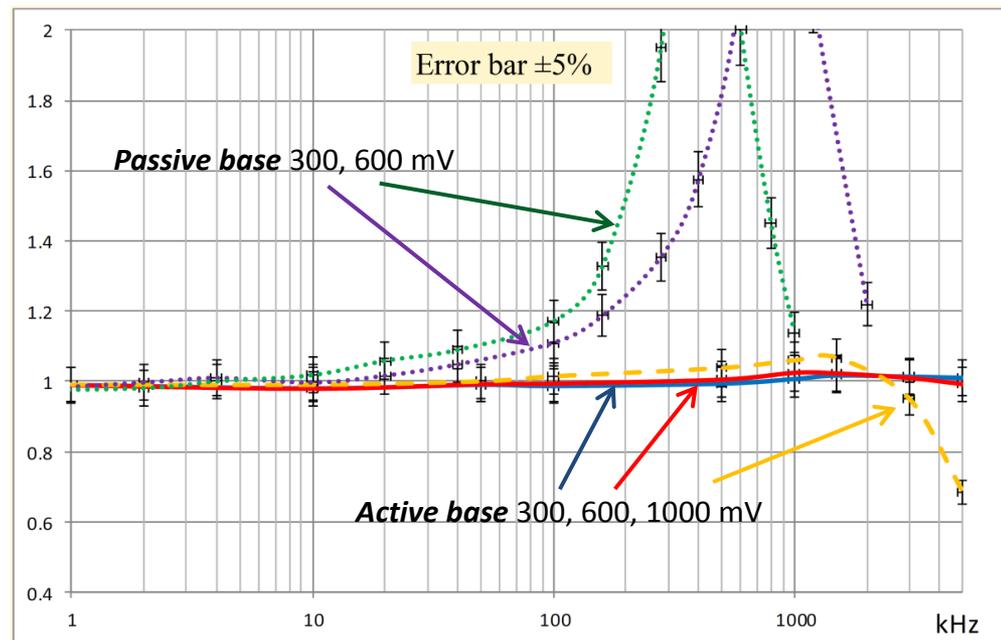
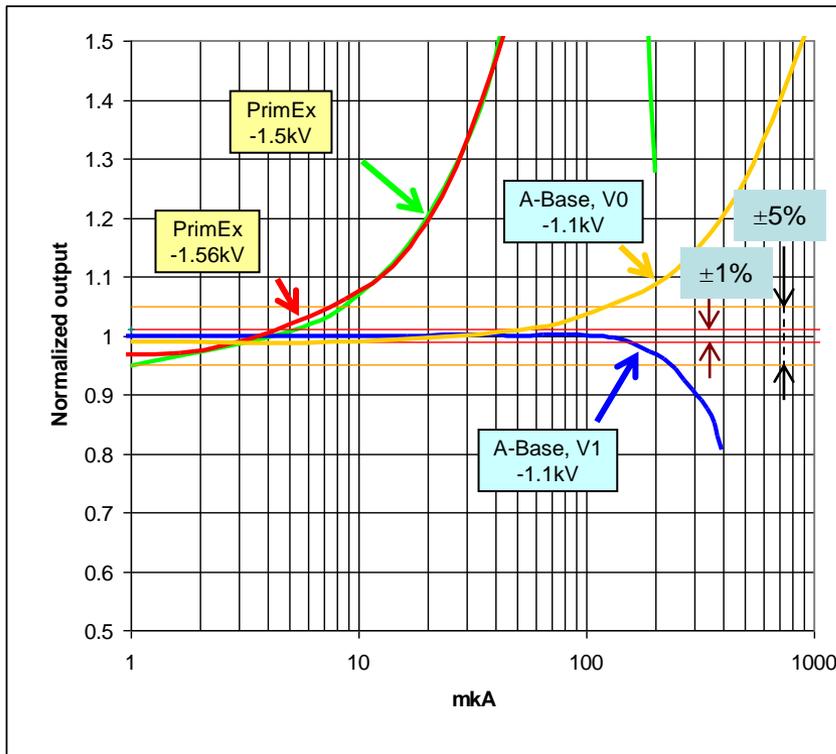
- New active base design has lower total impedance and has two added high-voltage transistors to the last two dynodes (9&10)
  - Reduce current and do not change the division ratio



PrimEX *passive* base design

New *active* base design [Popov et al., 2012]

# Active bases for PMTs



Active base has factor 10 lower anode current with linear operation rate over factor 50 higher

Active base equivalent output integral current is about 400 mA and outperforms PrimEX passive base by factor of  $\sim 25$

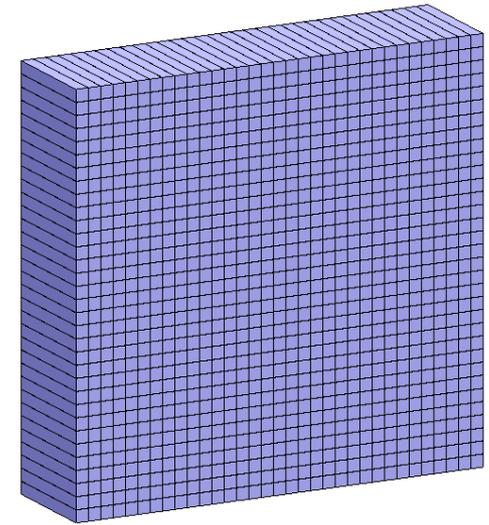
The new active base design out performs the PrimEX PMT/base

- Increases the maximum linear count rate: from 30kHz to 1.2MHz
- Improves the gain stability from  $\pm 5\%$  to  $\pm 1\%$

# GEANT4 Detector Simulations

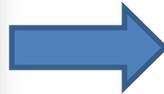
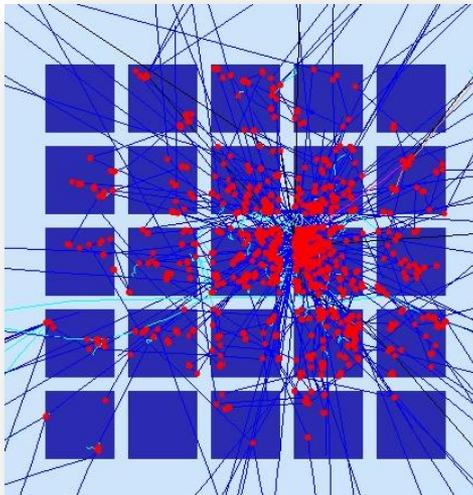
## ➤ Simulation based on Hall B/GEMC package

Nominal assumptions:  
10cm LH2 at 1uA



Calorimeter matrix in GEANT4 simulation

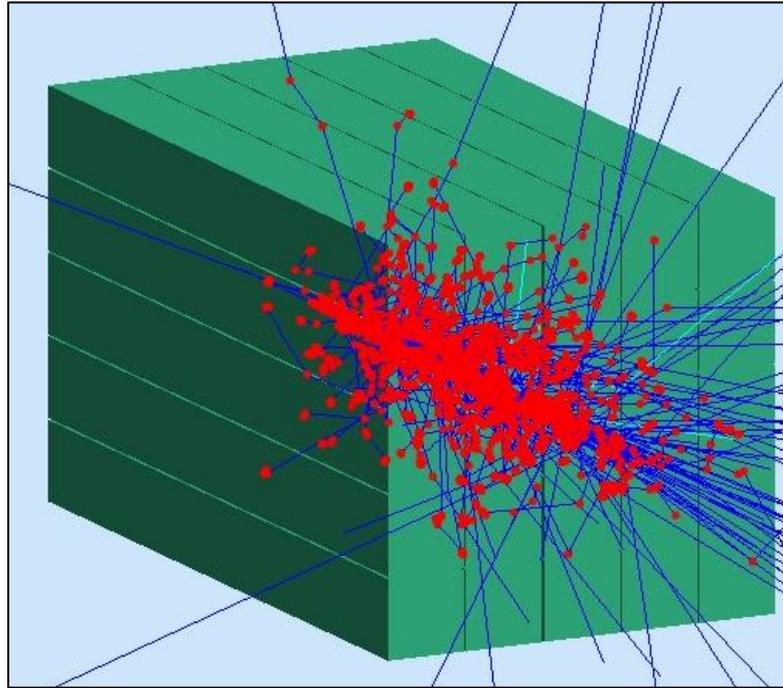
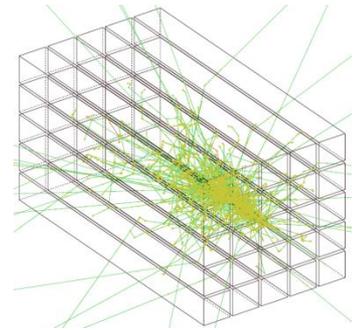
## ➤ Single photon hitting the small detector in GEMC/GEANT4



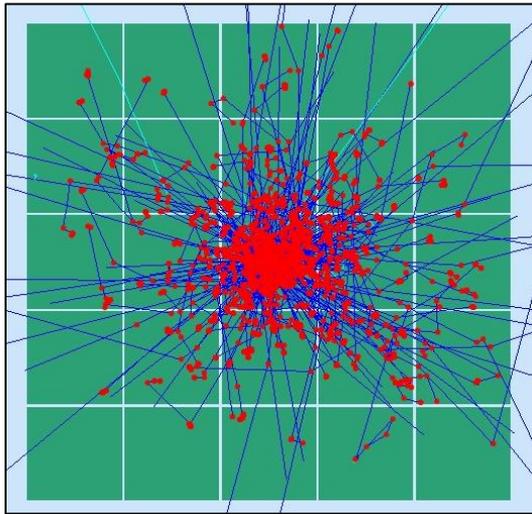
Shower spreads in the neighbor crystals, making possible a sub-crystal resolution

# Shower profile

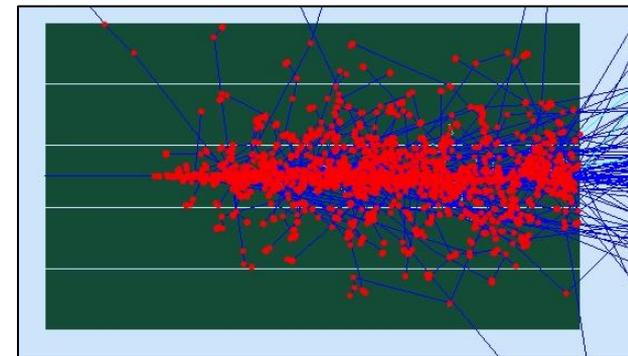
3 GeV photon hitting the center of the crystal



3D view



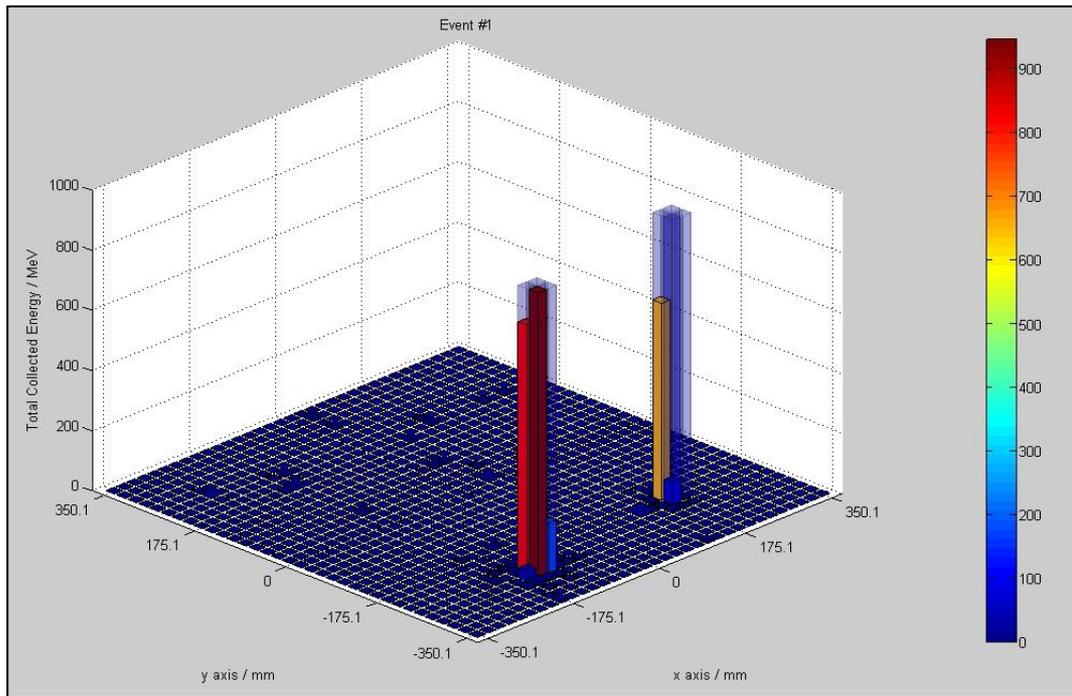
Front view



Side view

# Cluster finding algorithm

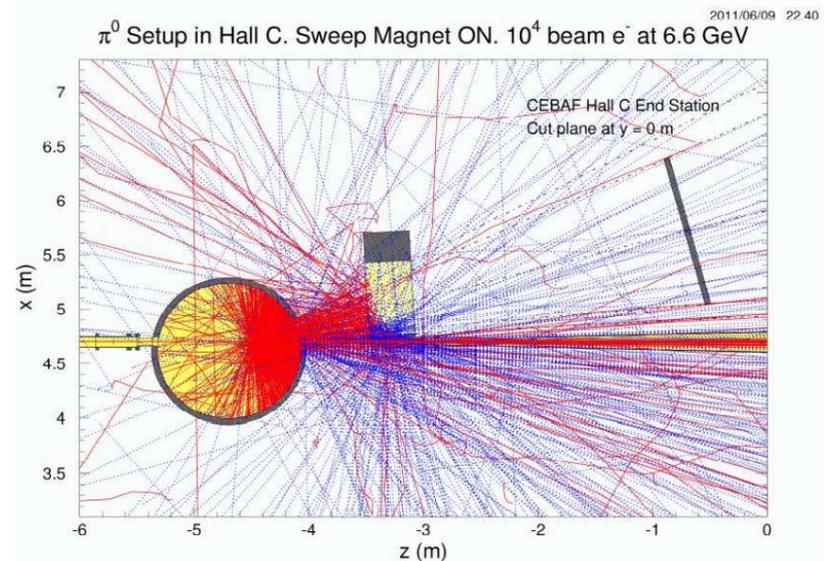
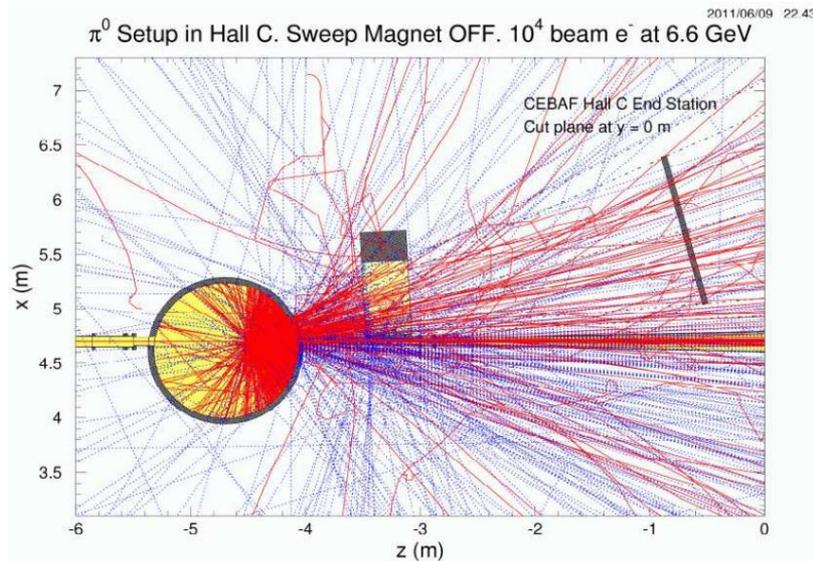
Simple case: NO background



- Find two crystals with greatest energy and with a minimum distance between them
- Make a square cluster using the energetic crystal to maximize the energy in the cluster
- Fit a 3D Gaussian using the crystals in the clusters

# Simulations of the calorimeter

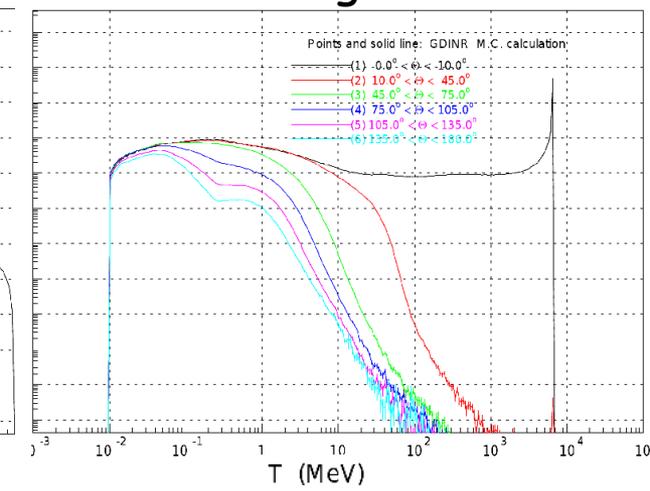
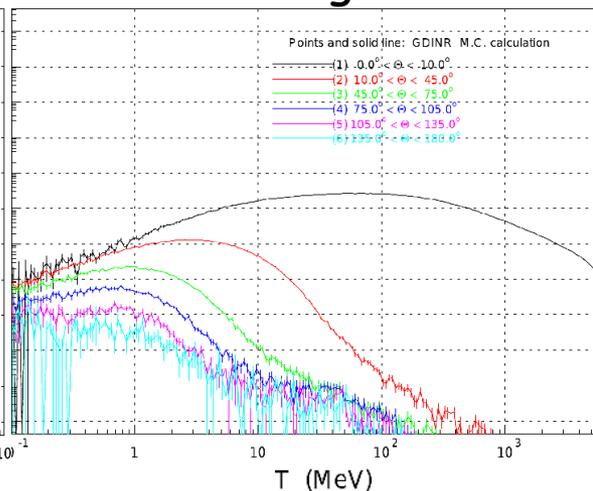
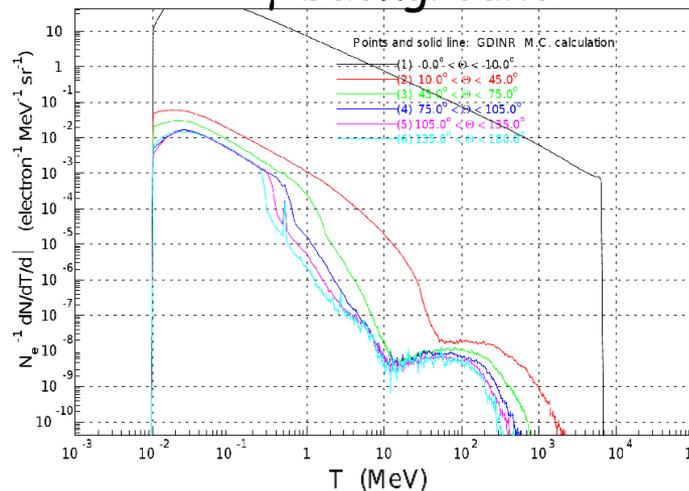
## ➤ Magnetic field before the detector to reduce charged particles background



$\gamma$  background

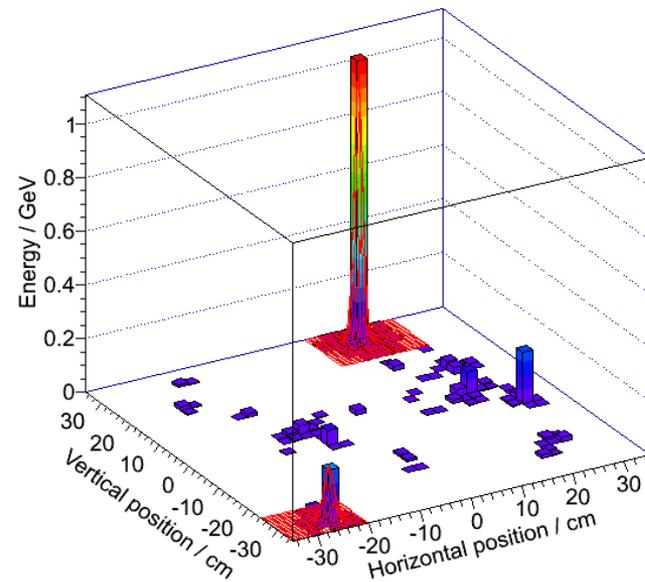
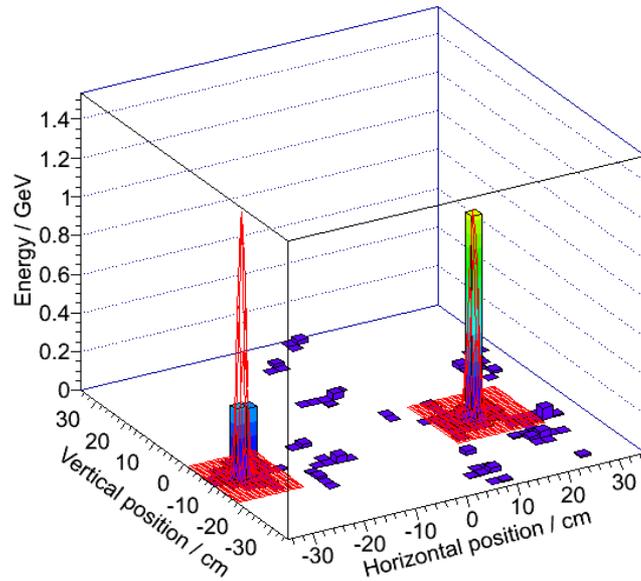
$e^+$  background

$e^-$  background

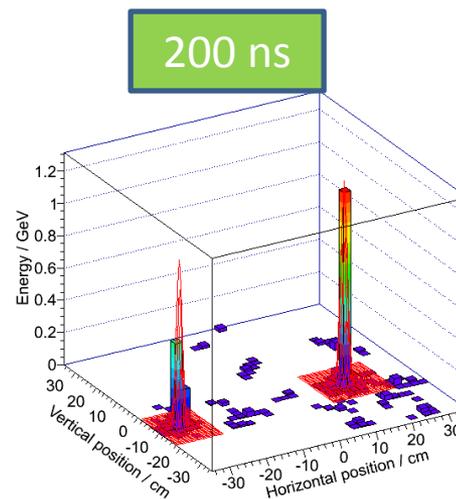
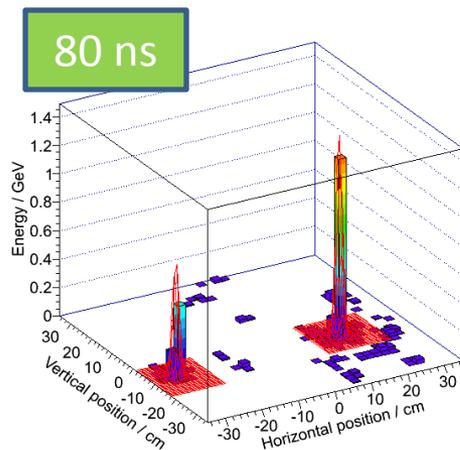
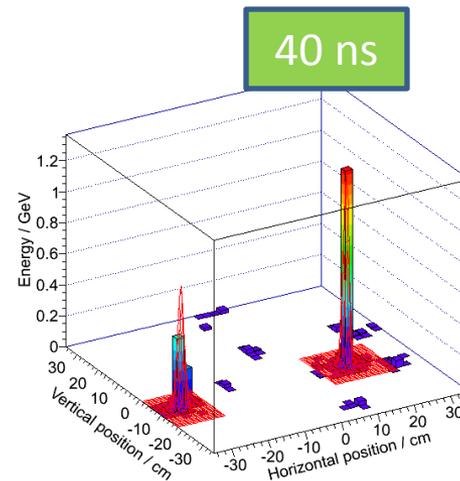
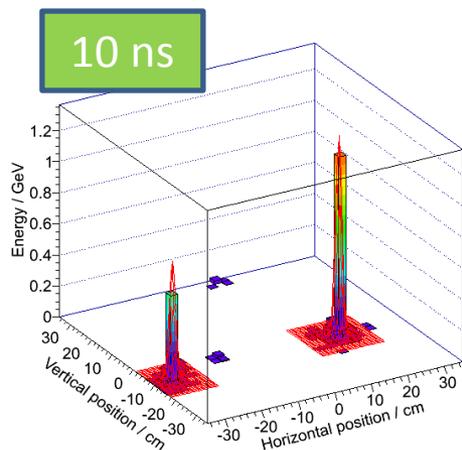


# Simulations including background

- Events with two photons from  $\pi^0$  decay and background

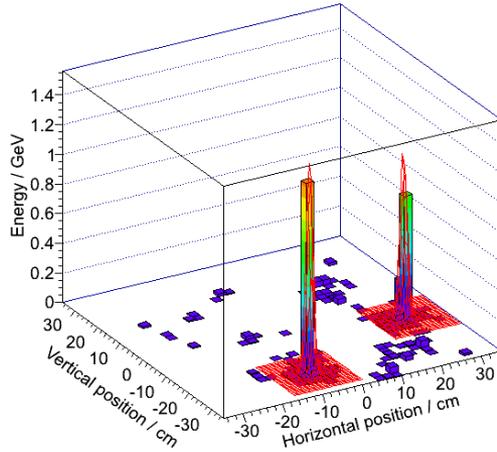


# Simulations with changing integration time window

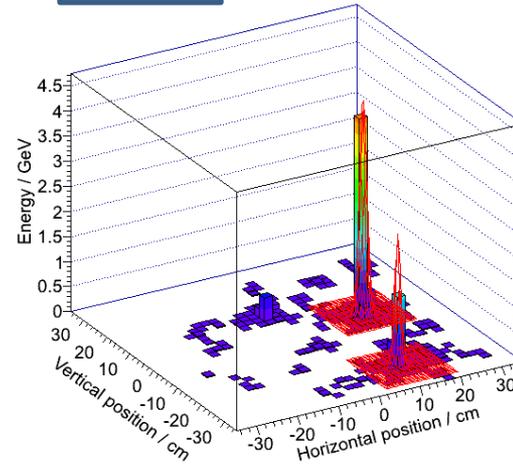


# Simulations with higher currents

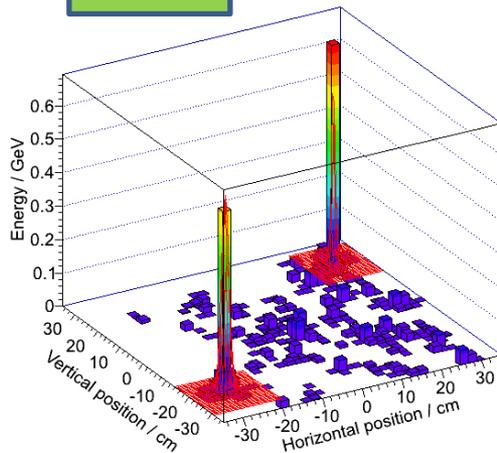
1  $\mu\text{A}$



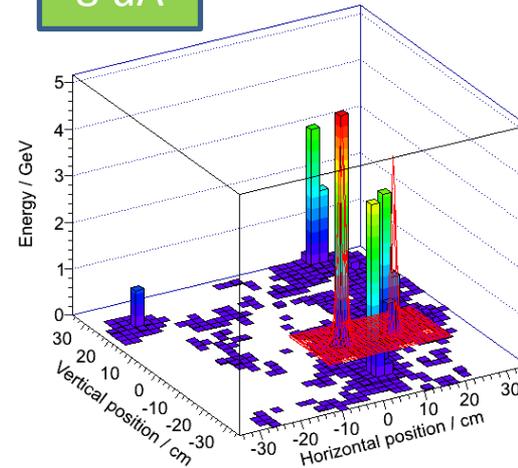
2  $\mu\text{A}$



5  $\mu\text{A}$



8  $\mu\text{A}$



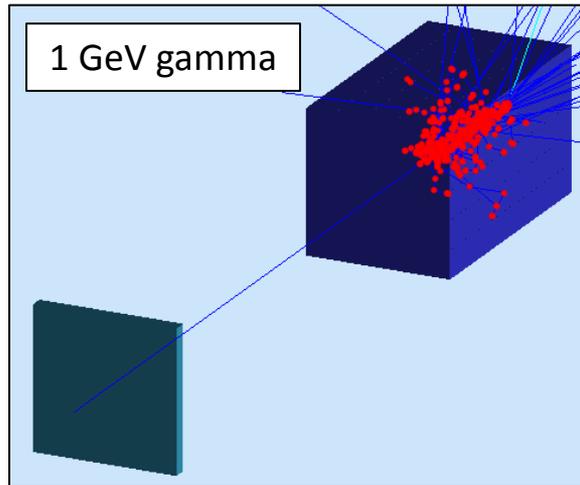
# Simulations including a pre-shower

Possibility of working with pre-showers:

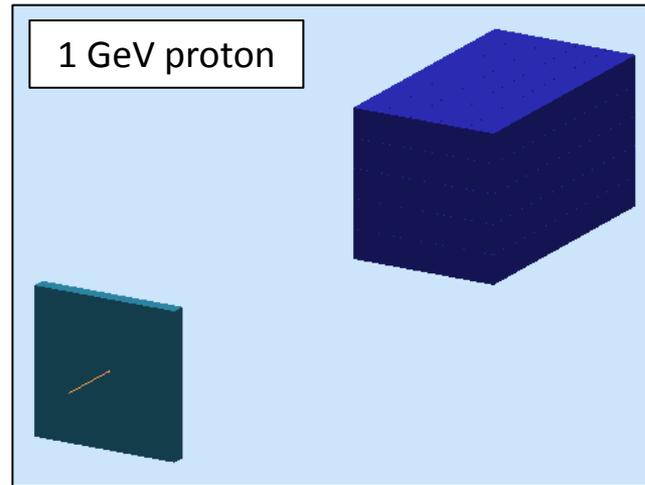
- Particle identification (e, p, gamma)
- A problem for two photons too close in a  $\pi^0$  decay

First simple pre-shower:

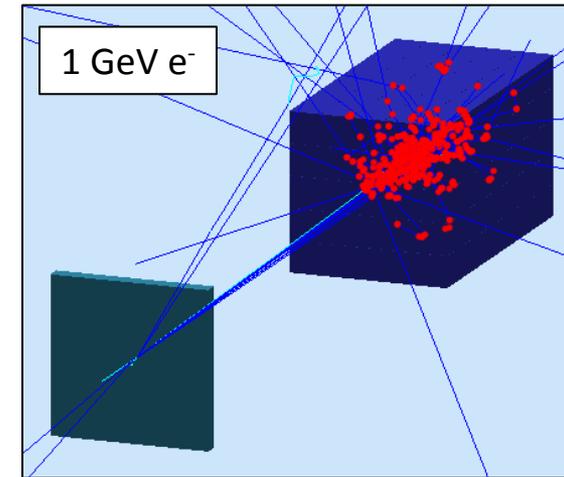
10mm thick  $\text{PbWO}_4$  crystal



“No” interaction



Absorbed



Pre-shower created

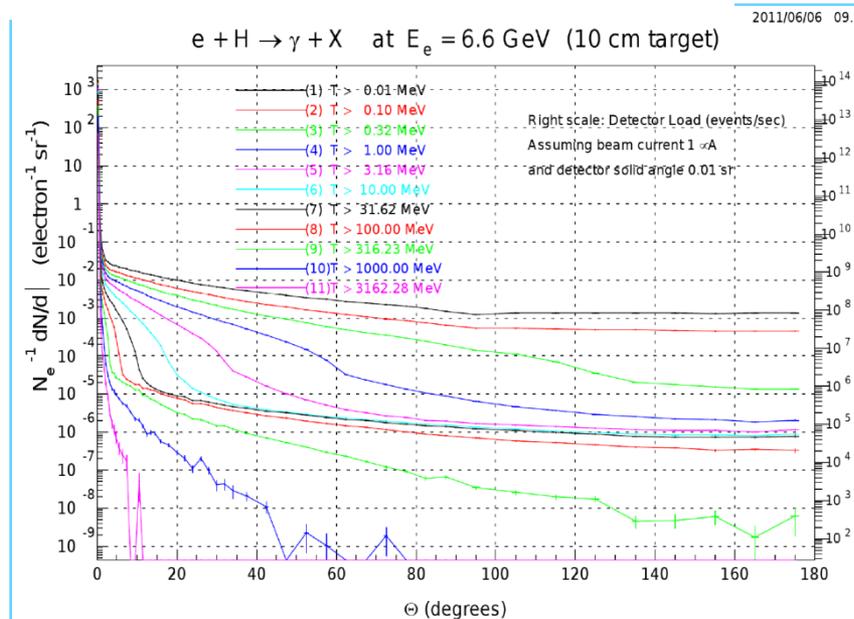
# Outlook

- Possible detector projects (universities in collaboration with labs)
  - Sweeper magnet construction and testing
  - Temperature controlled frame construction
  - Pre-shower construction
  - Photodetectors: PMT with active bases, APD, etc.
    - HV active base construction and testing
  - Electronics: fADC procurement and testing, FPGA programming
  - Lead tungstate (?)
  - Design simulations
- Available funding options
  - NSF MRI: funds collaboration of universities, cost sharing requirement
    - Next opportunity: January after PAC approval of program
  - DOE Early Career: funds individual beginning investigators at universities and labs, collaborations may be possible
  - Laboratory collaborations

# Background Simulations

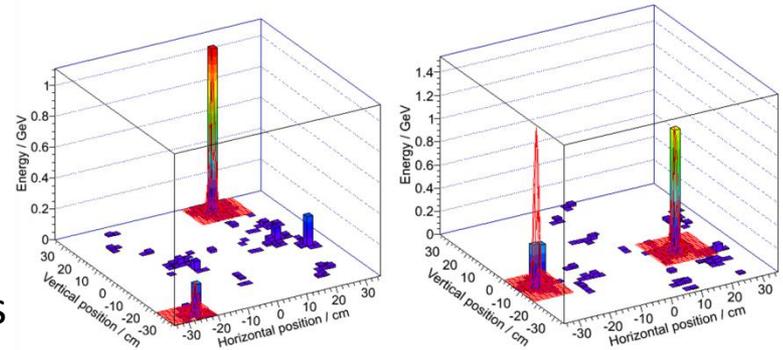
Background calculations performed by RadCon group (P. Degtiarenko)

- Provide realistic fluxes of particles
- Checked against 15+ years of radiation background measurements
- Used for scheduling purposes to remain under DOE limits outside the Hall domes
- Used to quantitatively estimate backgrounds and required shielding configurations for, e.g., G0 and Qweak

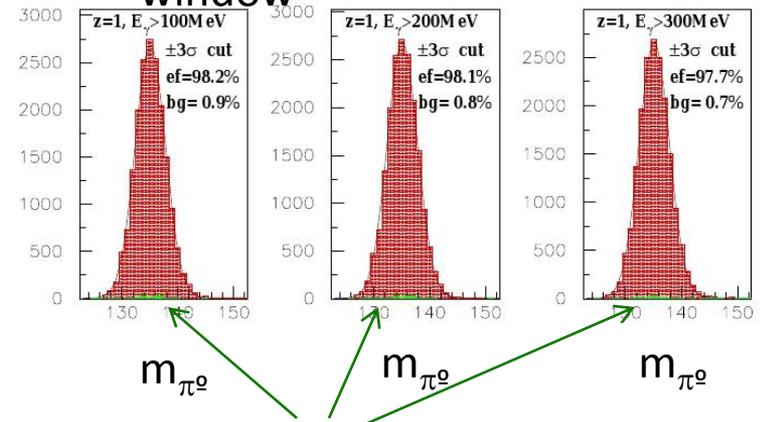


# GEANT4 Detector Simulations

- Includes photons from  $\pi^0$  decay
  - Simulate  $\pi^0$  signal normalized to rate.
  - For each event decay  $\pi^0$  into  $2\gamma$
- Simulated background consists of realistic fluxes of neutral and charged particles, the latter suppressed by sweeper magnet
- Photon pair is selected from other processes in the calorimeter using a cluster finding algorithm
- $\pi^0$  invariant mass reconstructed for each hit in the calorimeter



100 ns  $\gamma\gamma$  coincidence time window

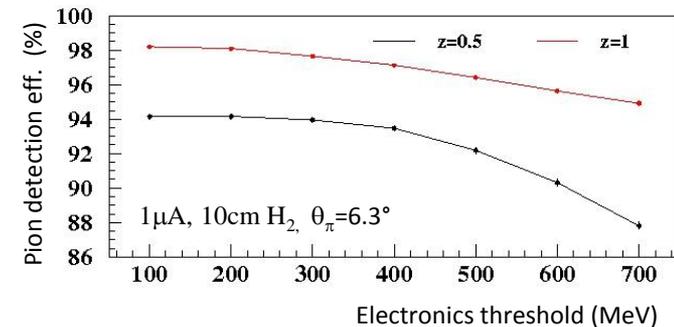
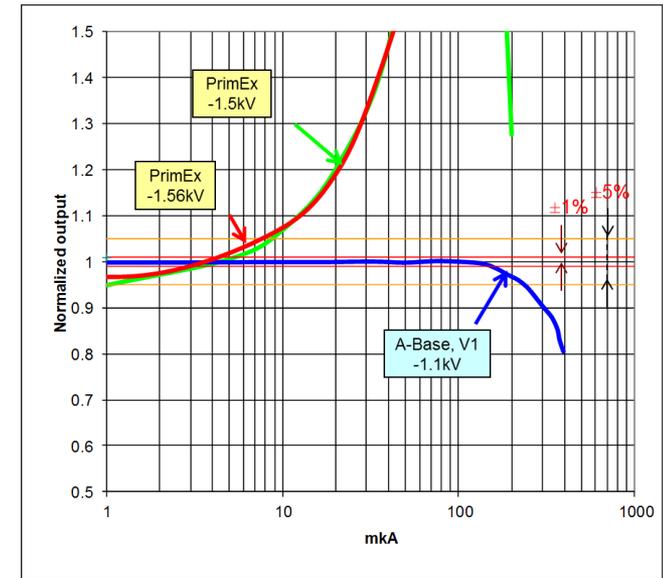


Combinatorial background

Combinatorial background is small (<1%)

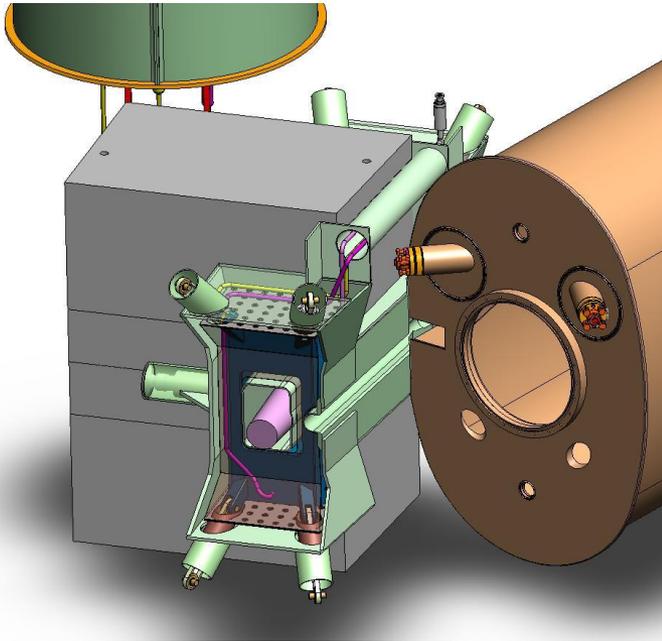
# Detector Linearity and Efficiency

- Realistic background simulations show that main contribution is low-energy photons
- With improved PMT base design gain stable to 0.2% for all kinematics and background conditions
  - factor ~25 improvement compared to PRIMEX!
- Low-energy background can give (small) baseline shift
  - Event-by-event subtraction using signal sampling fADCs
- Verified that combinatorial background is small (<1%), assumed to be known to 0.2-0.5%
- Geometric acceptance known to better than 0.1%
  - Depends on survey and actual beam position



$\pi^{\circ}$  detection efficiency is stable to better than 0.5%

# Hall C Horizontal Bend(HB) SC Magnet



- **Superferric “C” magnet**
- 2.6 Tesla
- 21cmx25cm warm bore
- 0.75 M EFL
- 1.93 TM
- 19 % design margin
- 220 KJ stored Energy
- SC is SSC outer cable