

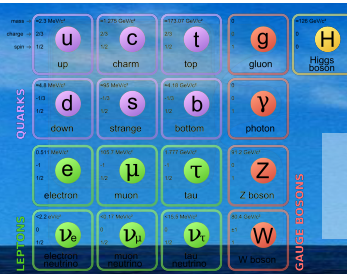


A brief update

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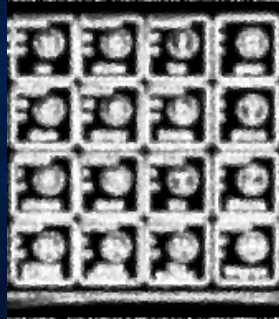
JLAB12 Collaboration Meeting – Rome 17/7/19

Hidden Sector



SM particles make ~5% of the Universe, why should the Dark Matter world (~24%) be any simpler?

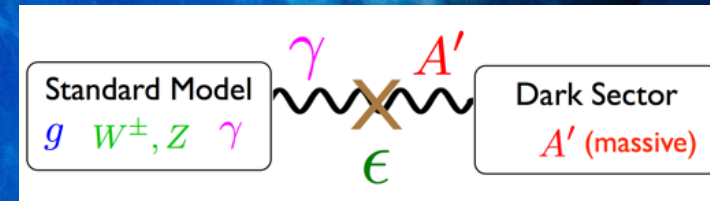
Hidden Sector made by New Particles & New Forces



Light Dark Matter (MeV–GeV) is an attracting DM candidate but requires *a new Force* to achieve the correct thermal relic

DM particles could interact via a new U(1) light vector mediator *Dark/Heavy Photon, A'*

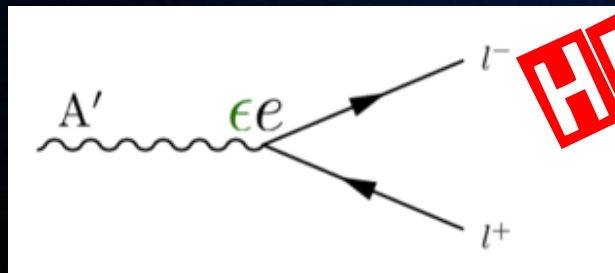
Kinetic mixing between SM photon and Dark photon induces *weak coupling to electric charge*



Search scenarios
 $m_{A'} \sim m_{DM} \sim \text{MeV} \div \text{GeV}$

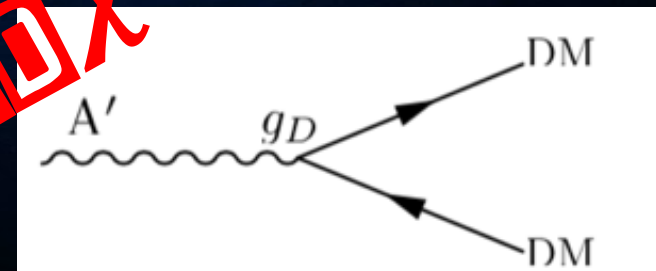
Search for visibly decaying Dark Photons

Search for Light Dark Matter

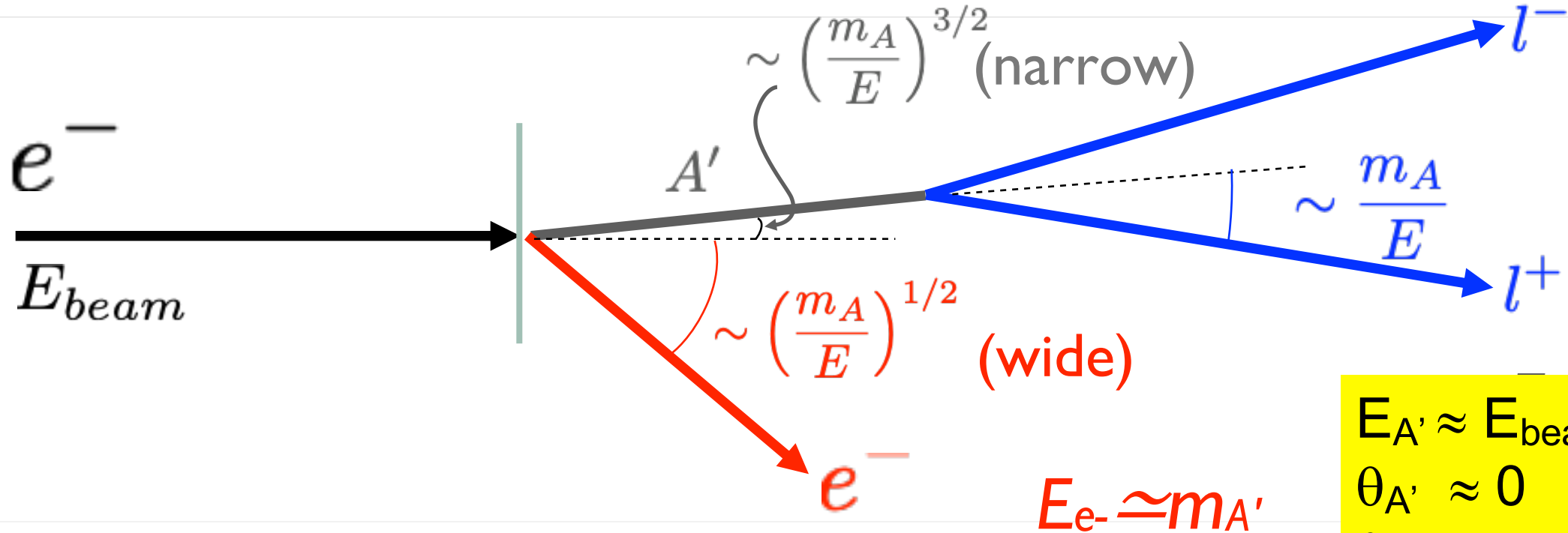


HPS

BDX



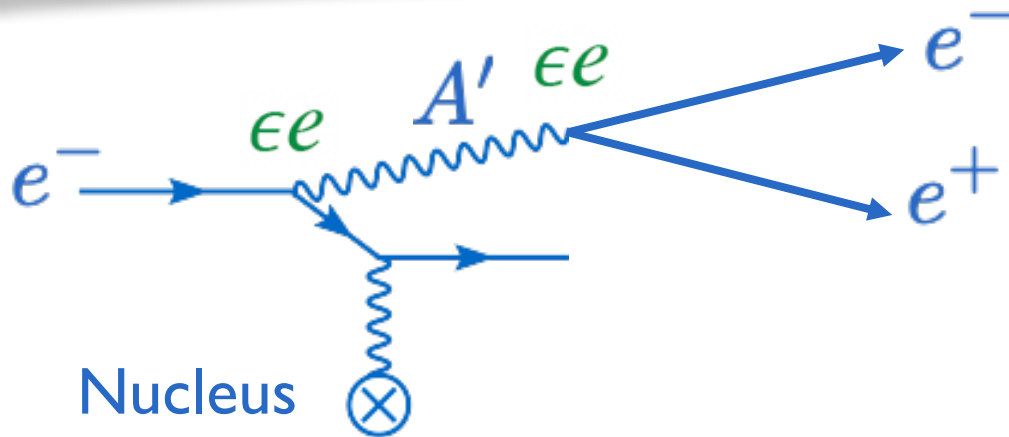
Detecting A' decays



$$E_{A'} \approx E_{beam}$$

$$\theta_{A'} \approx 0$$

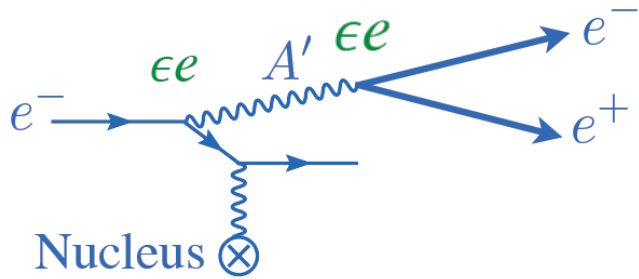
$$\theta_{decay} = m_{A'}/E_{A'}$$



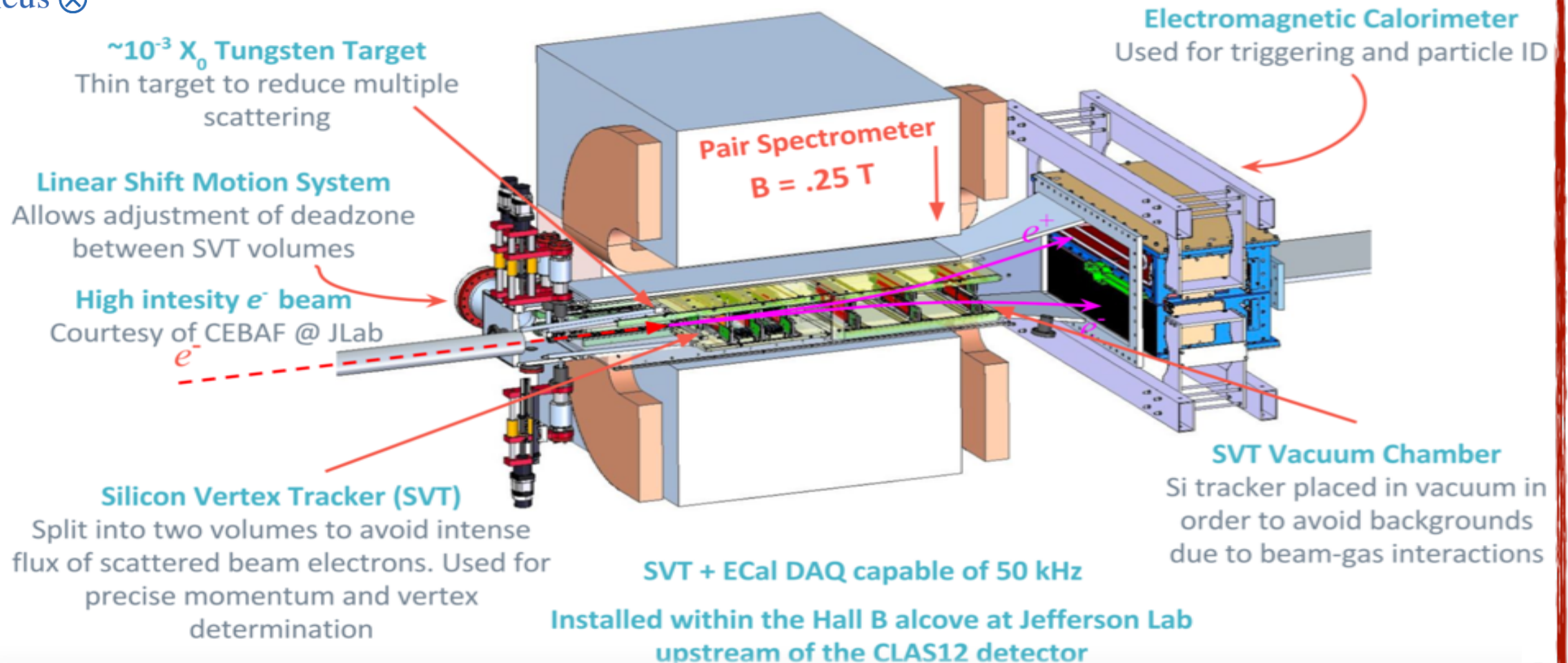
Need:

- Small angle detection of $e^+ e^-$
- Very high luminosity
- Good invariant mass resolution

HPS Detector

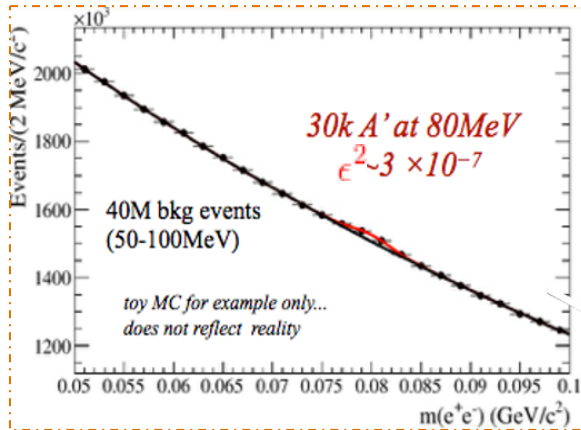


HPS DETECTOR

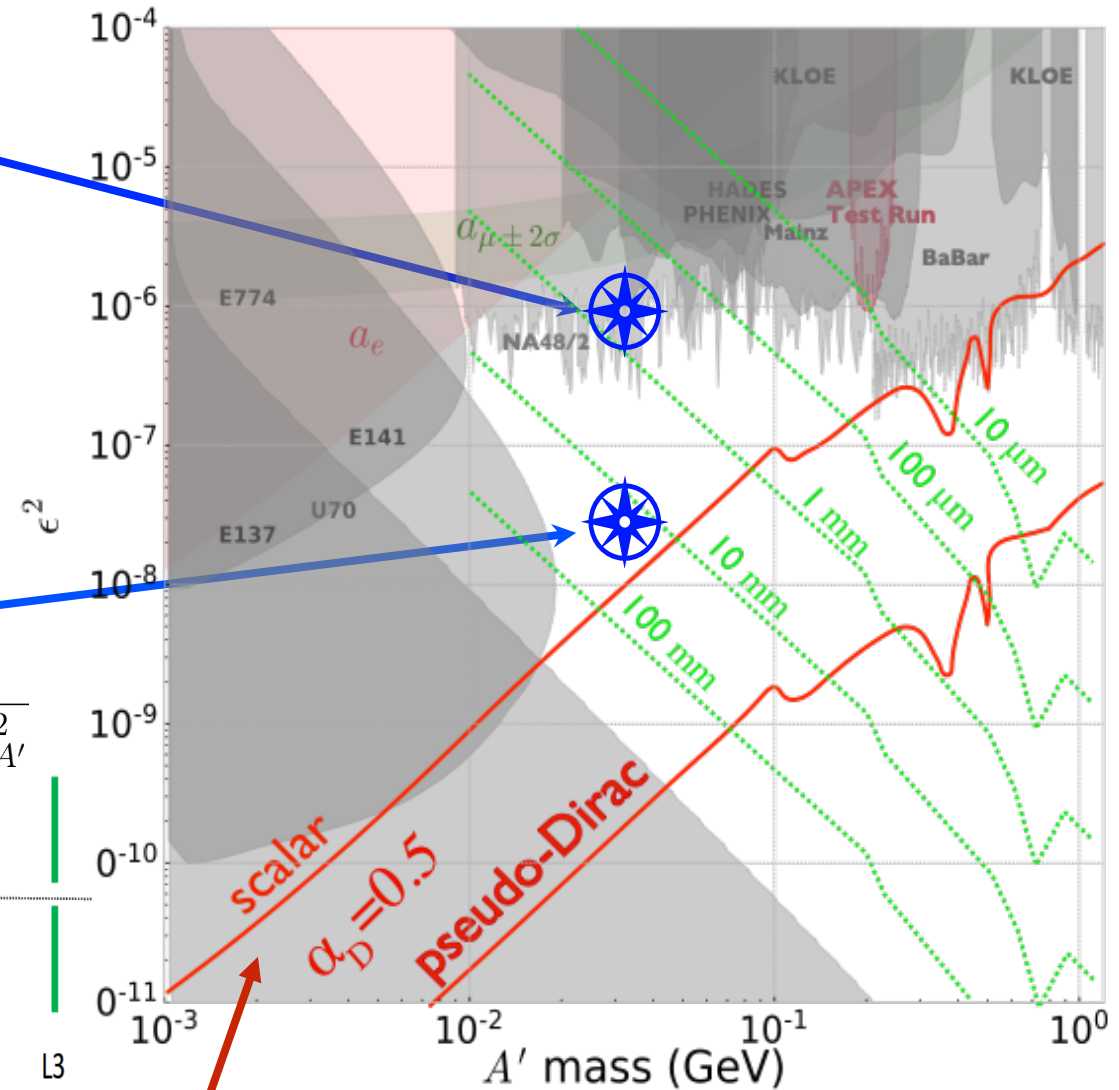
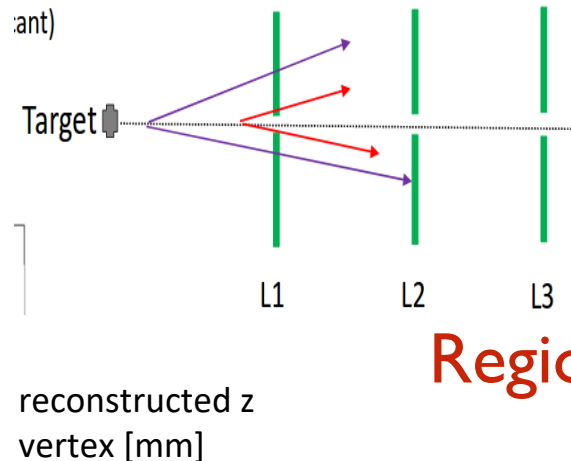
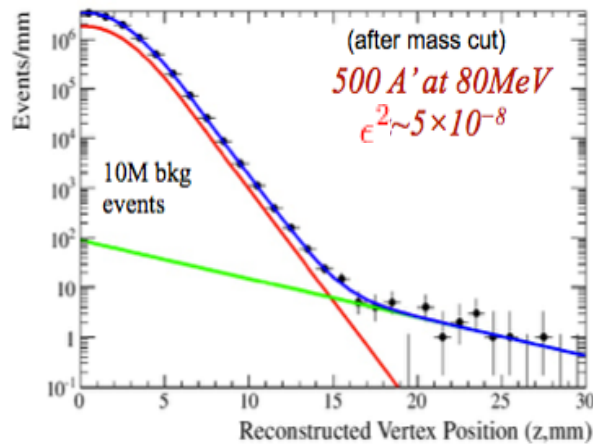


Heavy Photon signatures in HPS

“Large” signal, huge QED background
(**resonance search**)



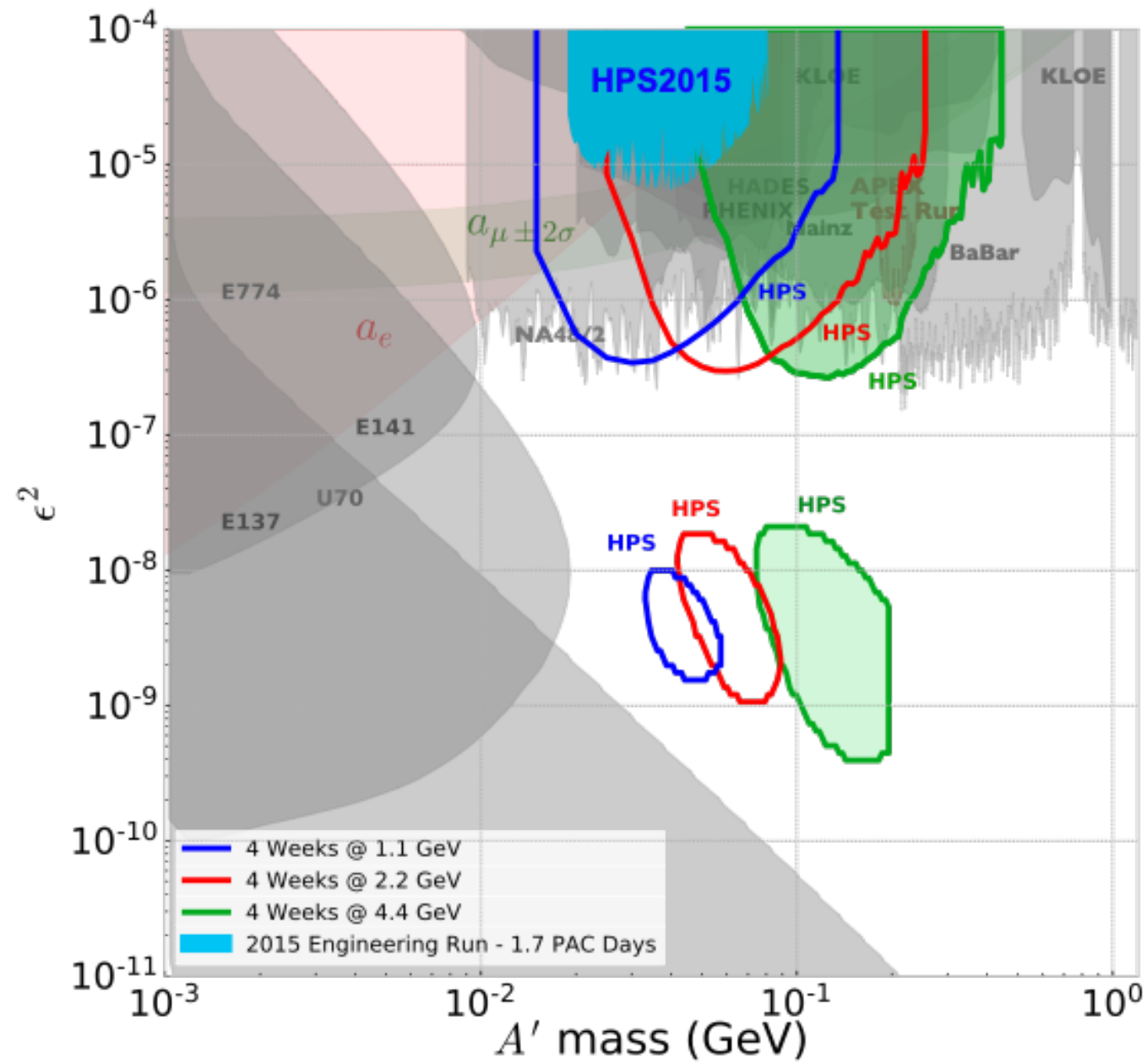
Small signal, very little background
(**detached vertex search**)



Region motivated by thermal light dark matter.

Cosmic Visions Whitepaper [arXiv:1707.04591]

HPS reach



The Engineering Runs '15 & '16

HPS is making use of “opportunistic” running in 2015 & 2016, while the CLAS12 detector is being build in Hall-B.

Spring 2015: Beam time during nights and weekends. (1.7 PAC days)

Beam: 1.05 GeV @ 50 nA on 4 μm W target

Data rate: 20 kHz, 150 MB/sec

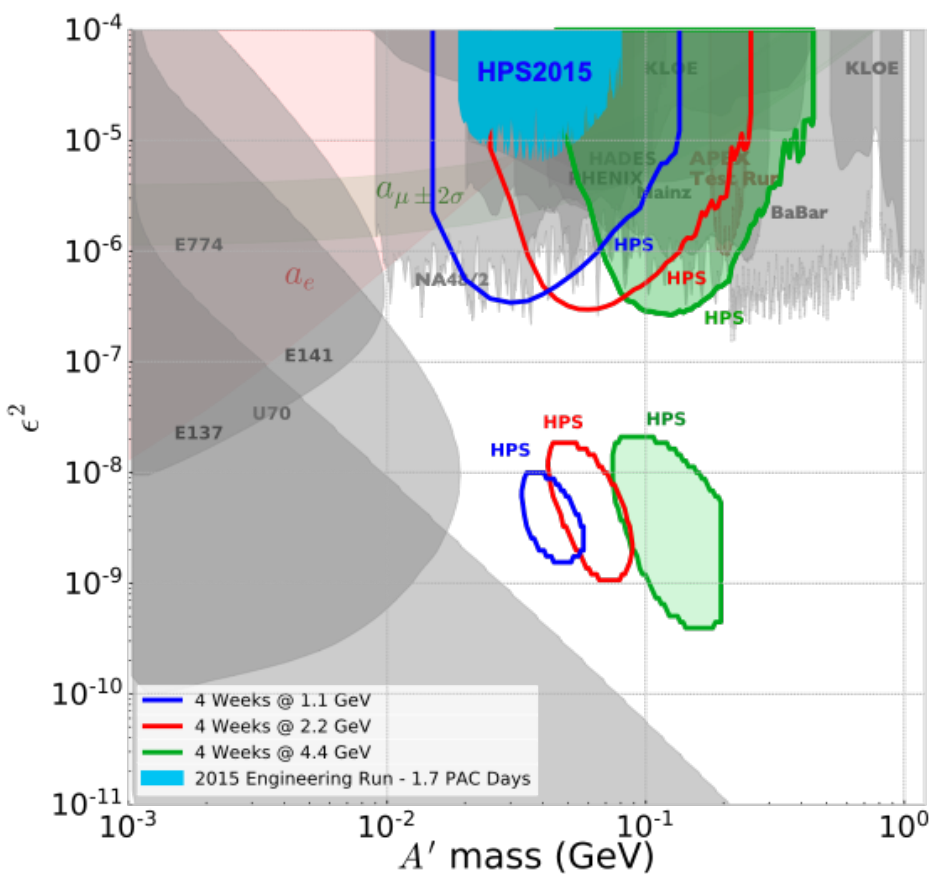
Spring 2016: Beam time during weekends only (5.4 PAC days)

Beam: 2.3 GeV @ 200 nA on 4 μm W target

Data rate: 25 kHz (up to 50 kHz), 200 MB/sec

- These are challenging running conditions, with a lot of time spend on beam tuning each startup.
- Excellent support from accelerator division made physics quality data possible.
- Both runs had interruptions due to issues with accelerator (CHL)
- Both runs received extensions from lab management.

HPS first physics publication



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Search for a dark photon in electroproduced e^+e^- pairs with the Heavy Photon Search experiment at JLab

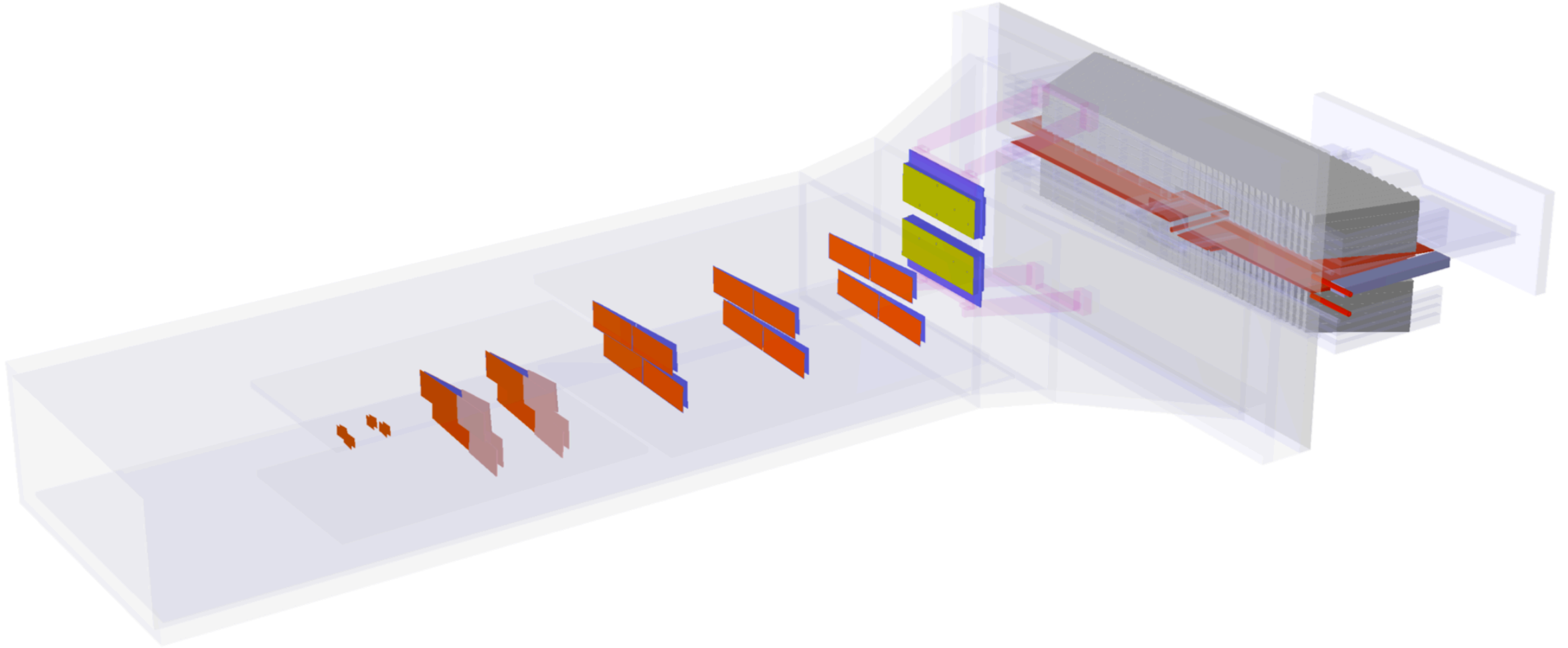
P. H. Adrian *et al.* (Heavy Photon Search Collaboration)
Phys. Rev. D **98**, 091101(R) (2018) – Published 12 November 2018



In a successful engineering run, the Heavy Photon Search Collaboration demonstrates that its upcoming heavy photon search experiment will be able to probe so far unexplored parameter regions in the search for dark photons.

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2019 : Status of the HPS detector

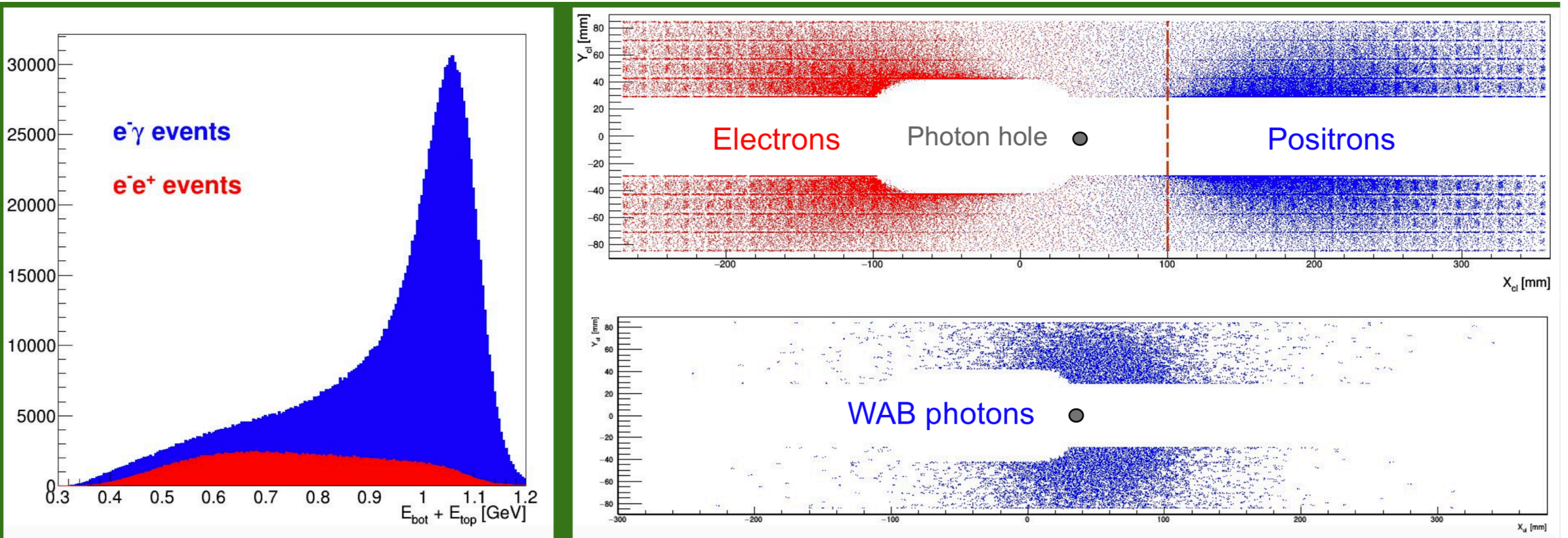


Main Trigger in 2015 and 2016 Runs

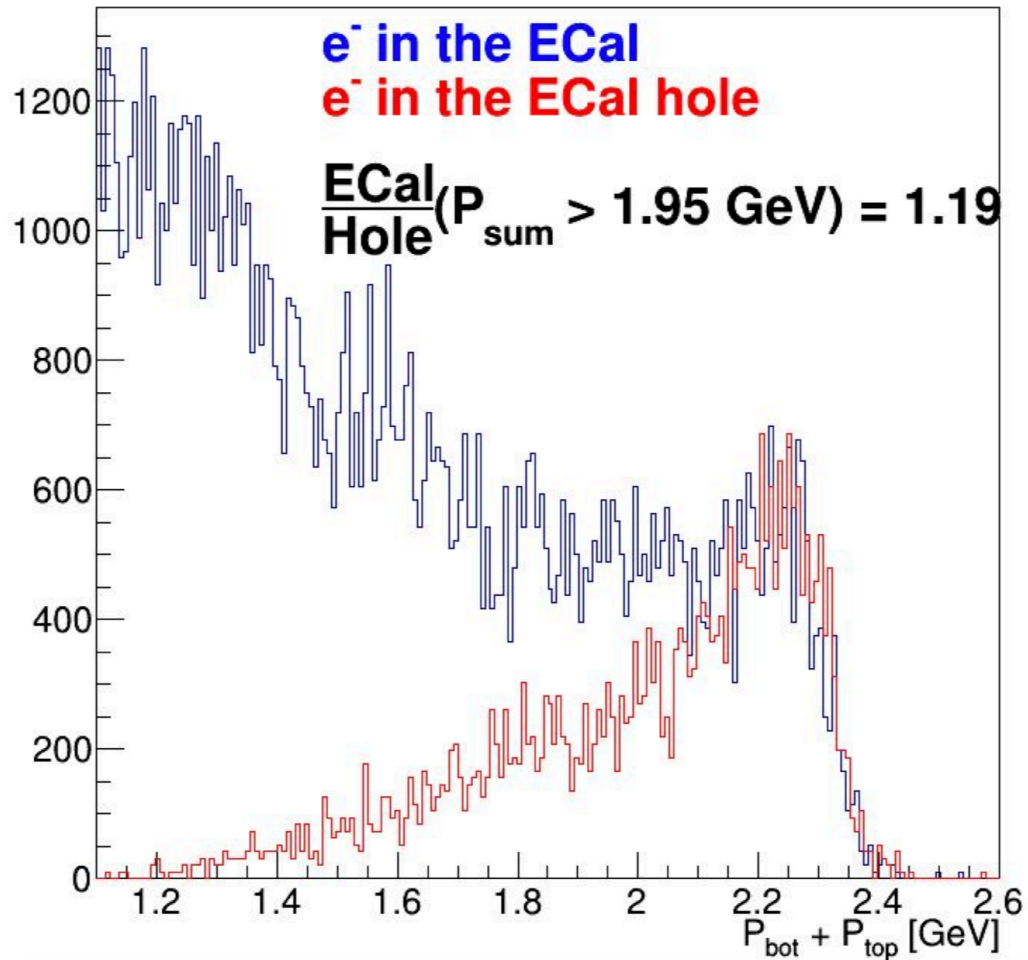
Pair1: Two coincident clusters, one in each detector half, and being coplanar

Actual e^-e^+ pairs are only a small fraction of pair1 triggered events, pair1 is dominated by WABs

Tridents, where electrons pass through to the ECal gap, will be lost



Events with electron in the Ecal hole



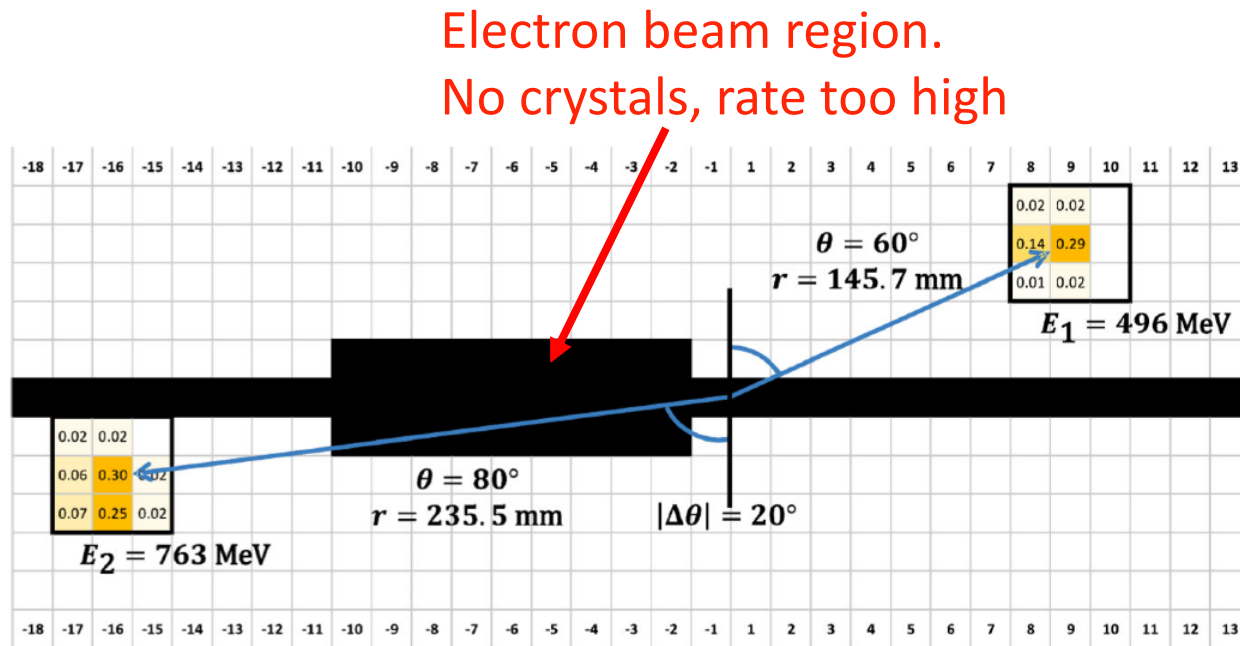
≈ Half of events with $E_{\text{sum}} > 0.85 E_b$, have electrons escaped through ECal hole

Triggering only on clusters in the positron side will recover these events, however, just the ECal rate on the positron side is quite large (exceeds DAQ capabilities). This large rate dominated by high energy photons from WABs.

Placing a hodoscope before the Calorimeter will help to suppress photons, and bring the rate down to an acceptable level for the DAQ

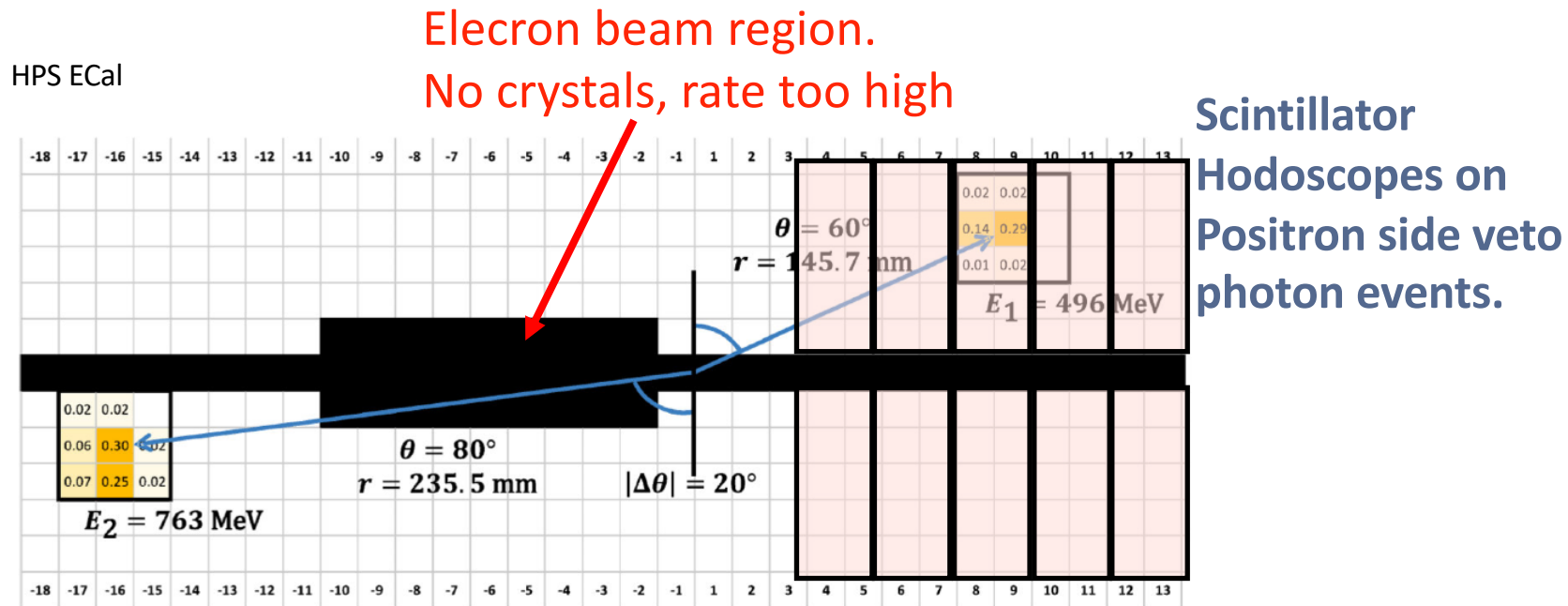
Upgrade: Trigger

- The engineering runs showed that Wide Angle Bremsstrahlung (WAB) events are a major background source in the HPS trigger.

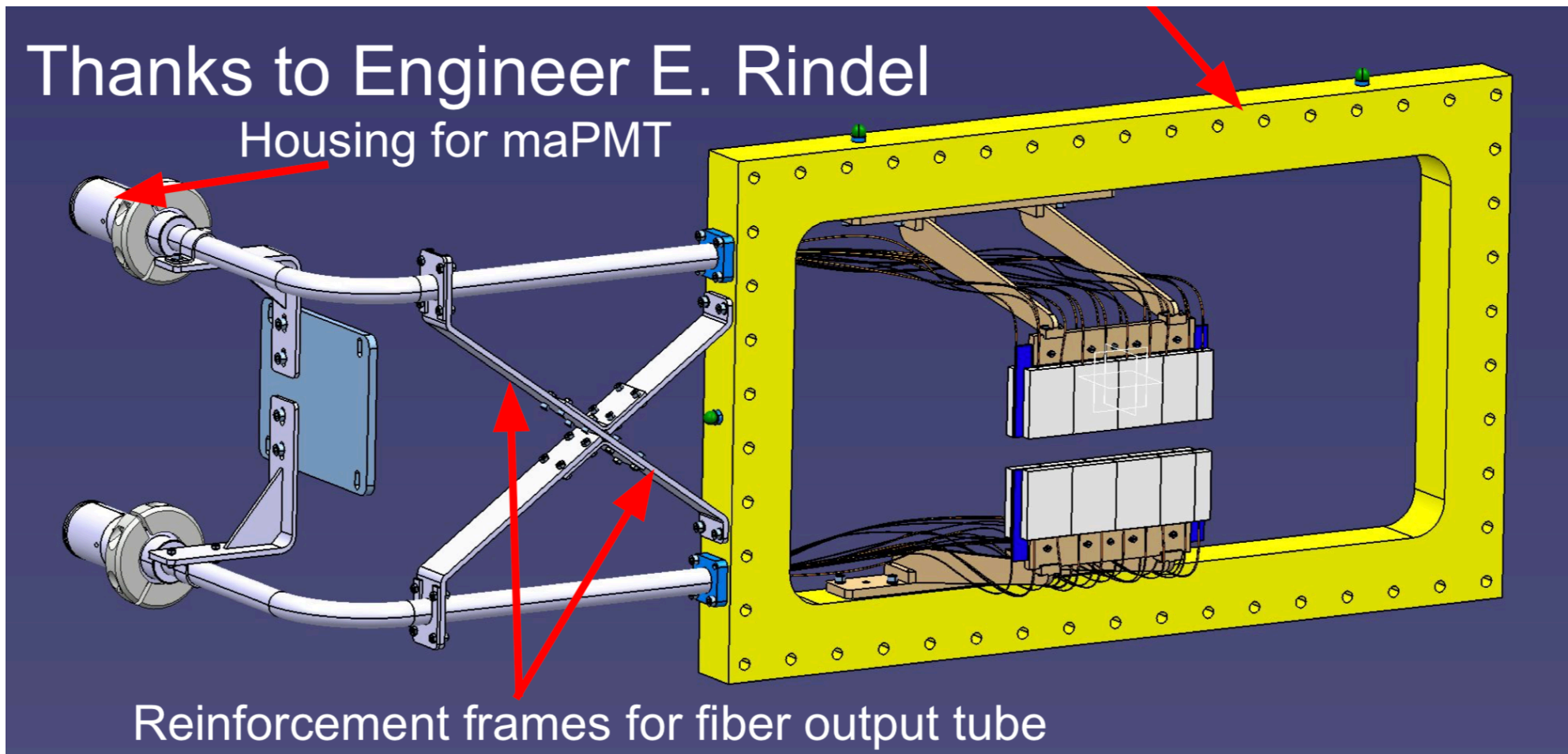


Upgrade: Trigger

- Solution: Add a hodoscope on the e⁺ side to veto the WAB photons.
- Also: single arm e⁺ trigger increases small angle acceptance.
- Expect 2x data taking efficiency gain.



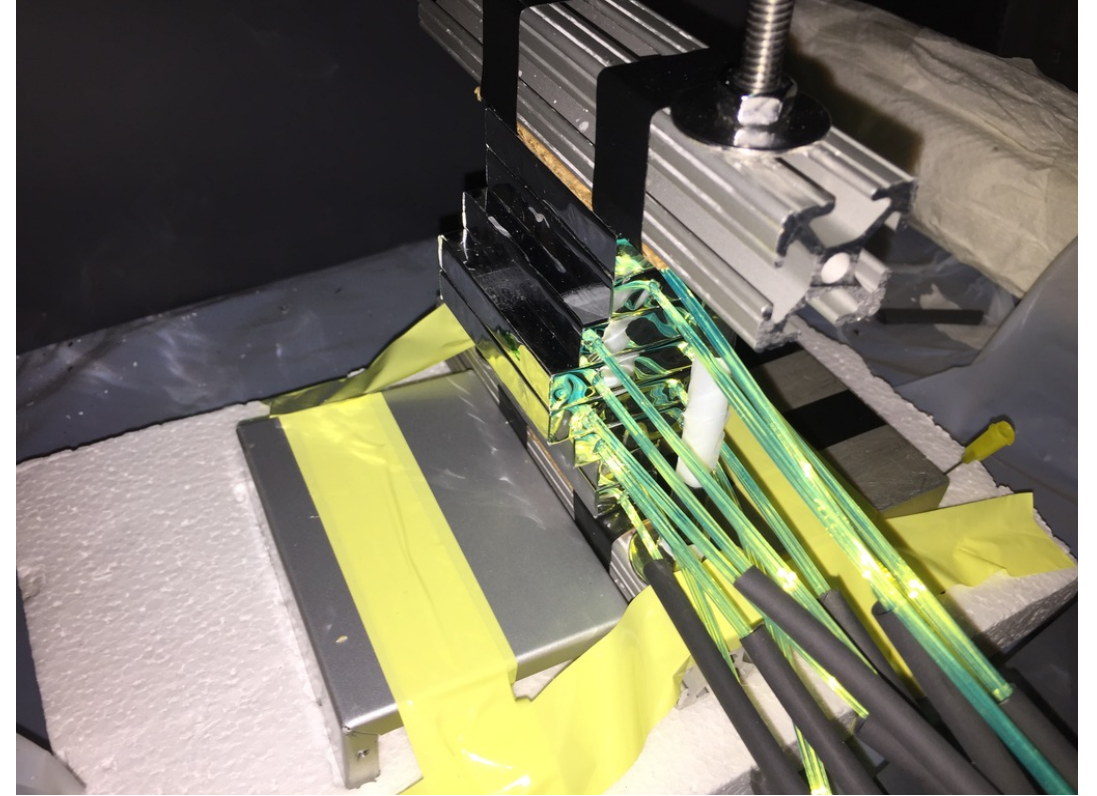
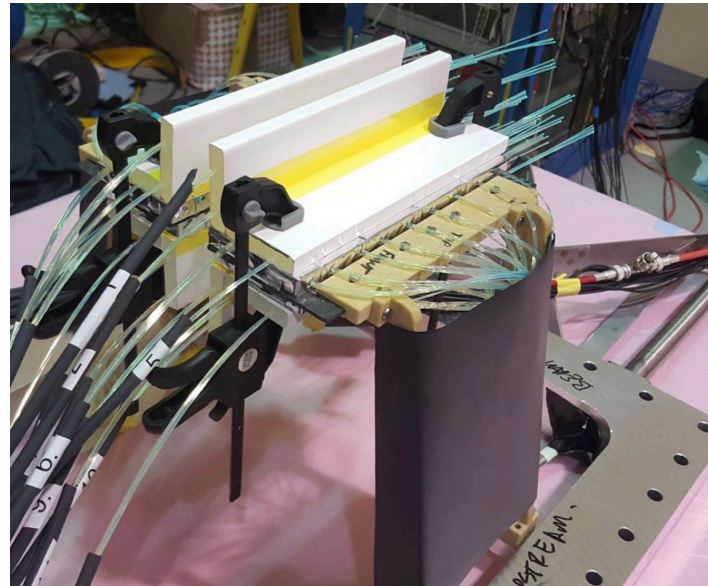
Hodoscope



Hodo is placed In between the L6 and the ECal

The ECal with ECal vacuum chamber will be moved downstream by 50 mm

Hodoscope construction



Raw adc signals from all tiles

Bottom

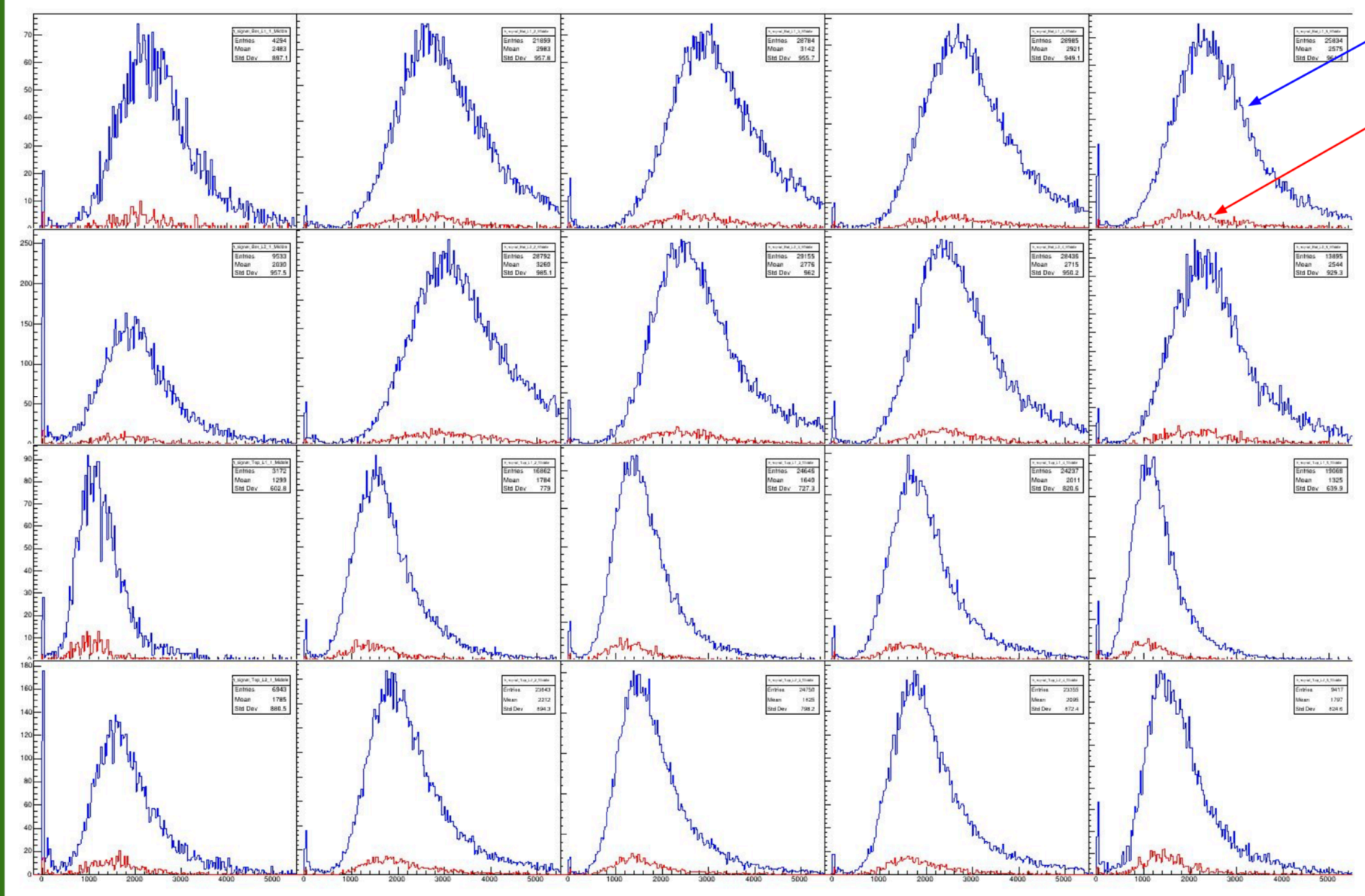
Layer 1

Layer 2

Top

Layer 1

Layer 2

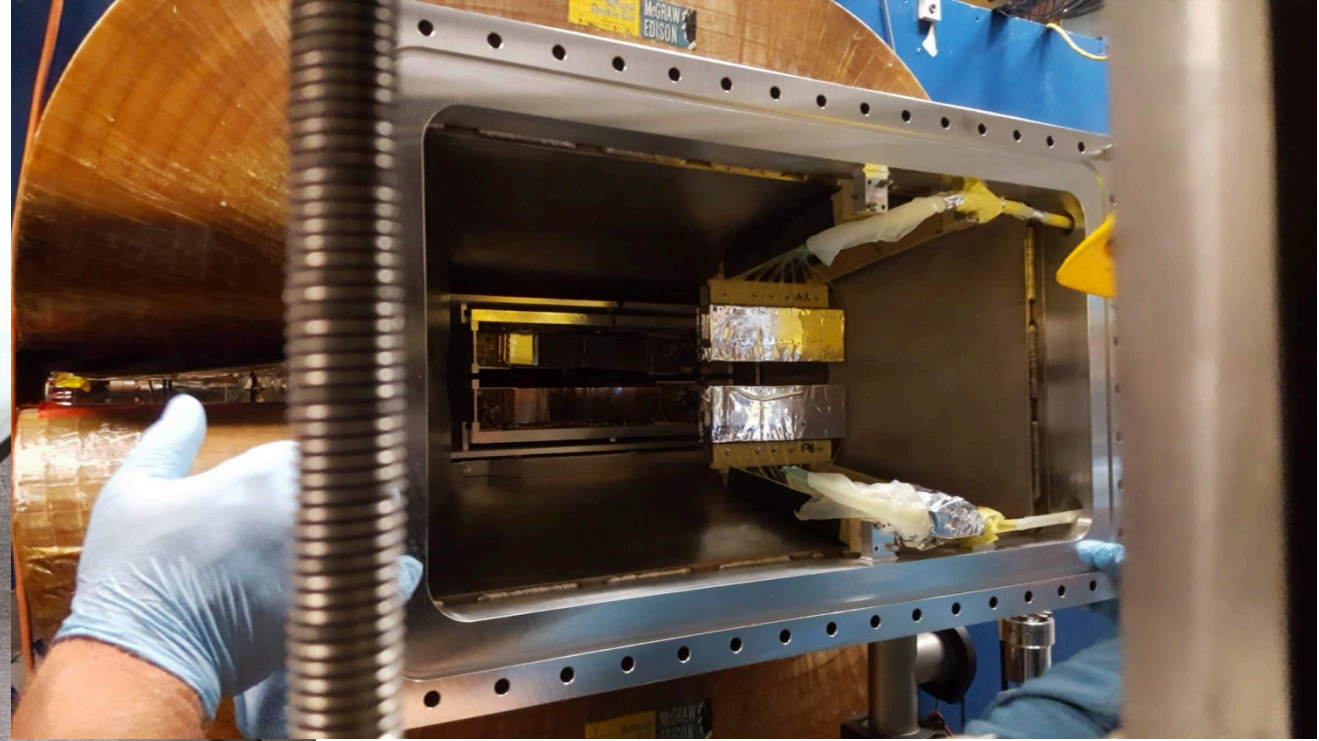
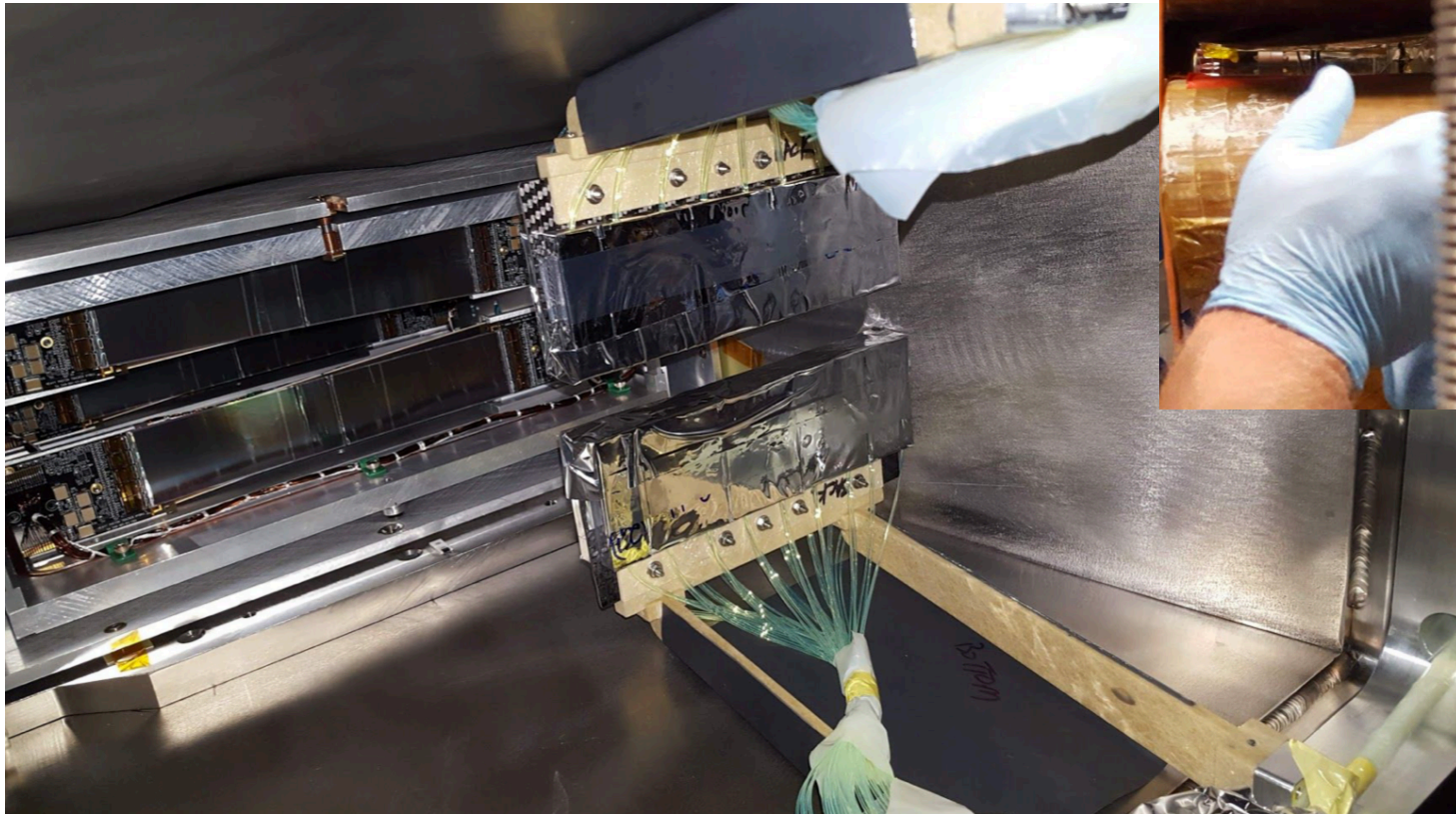


Middle of the tile

Edge of the tile

Low gain

Hodoscope installed



The Trigger

ECal crystal with $i_x \geq 5$

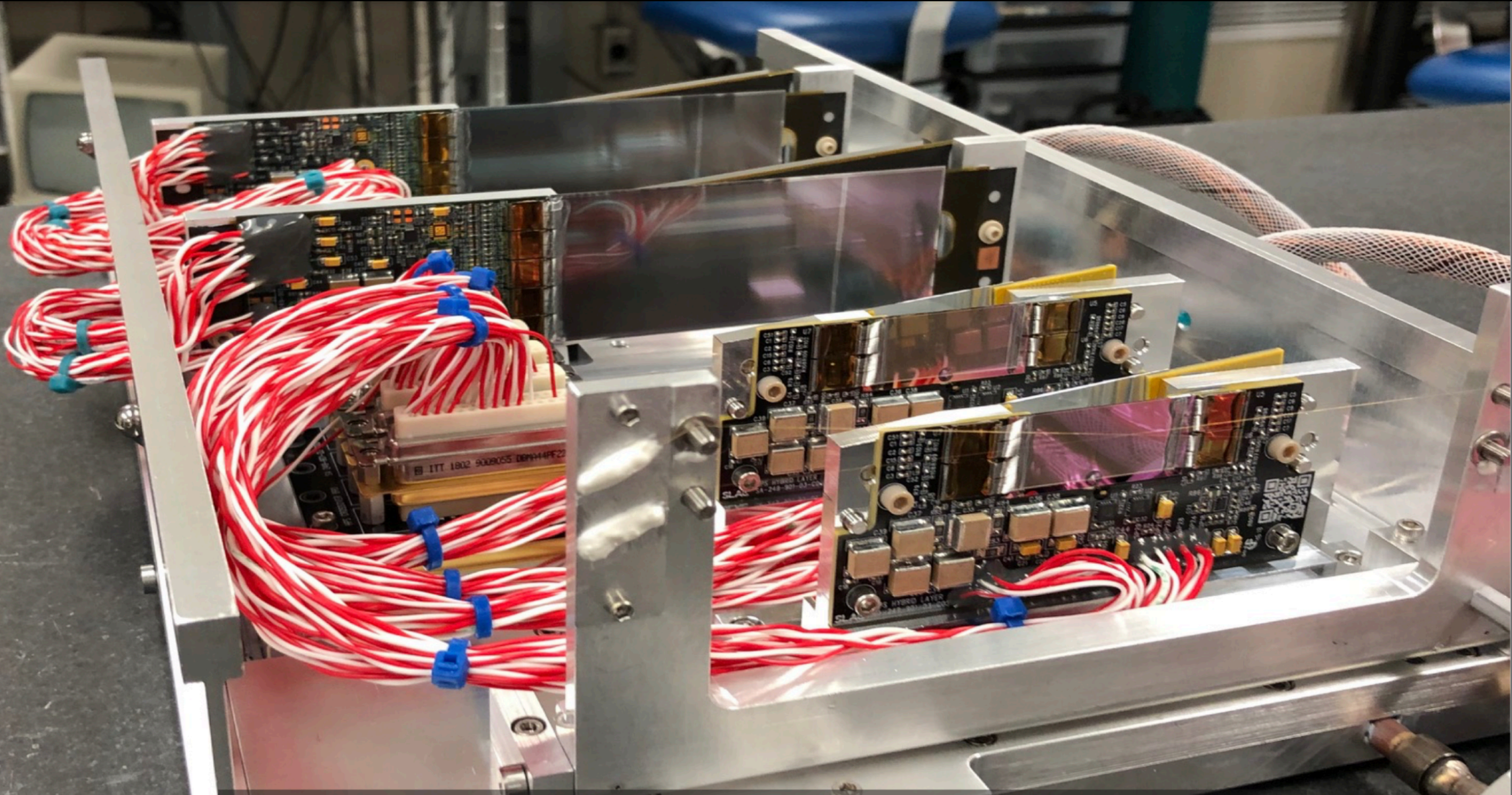


For each L1 Hit there should be L2 hit
and ECal cluster in a certain range

L1 x L2 x ECal



SVT Upgrade

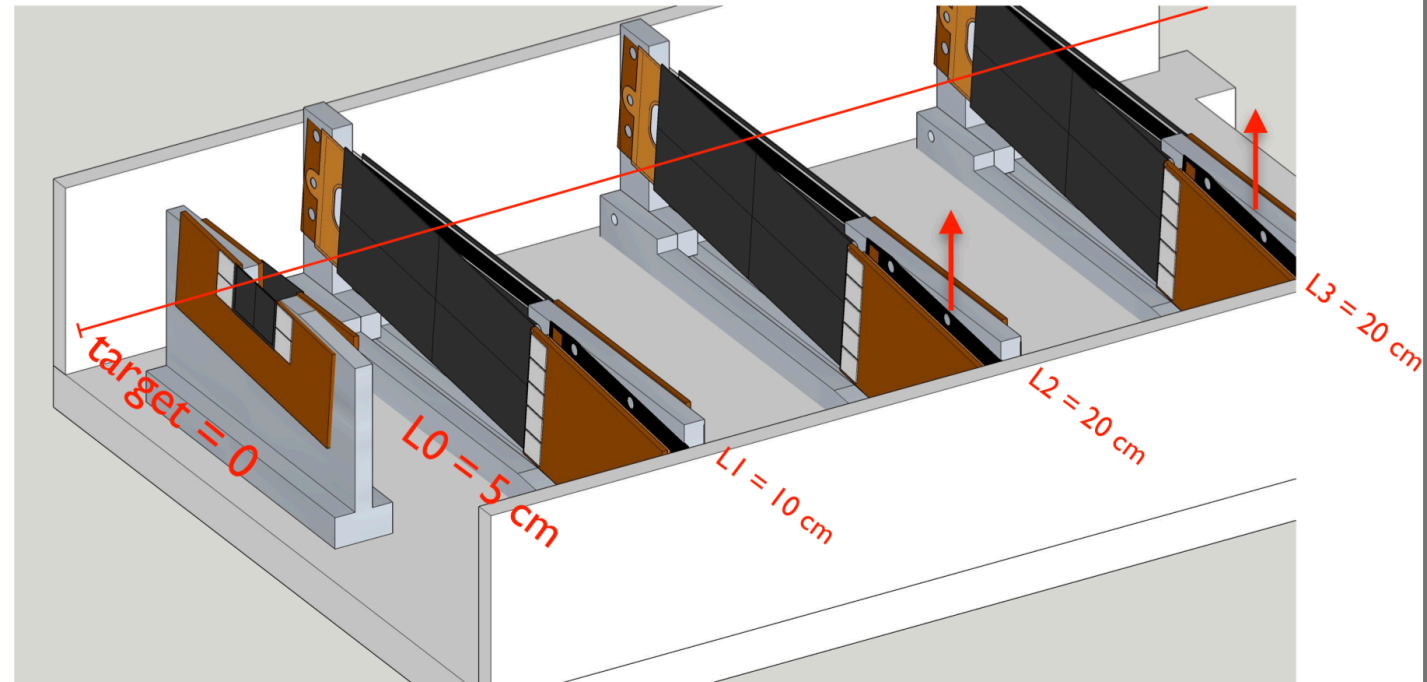
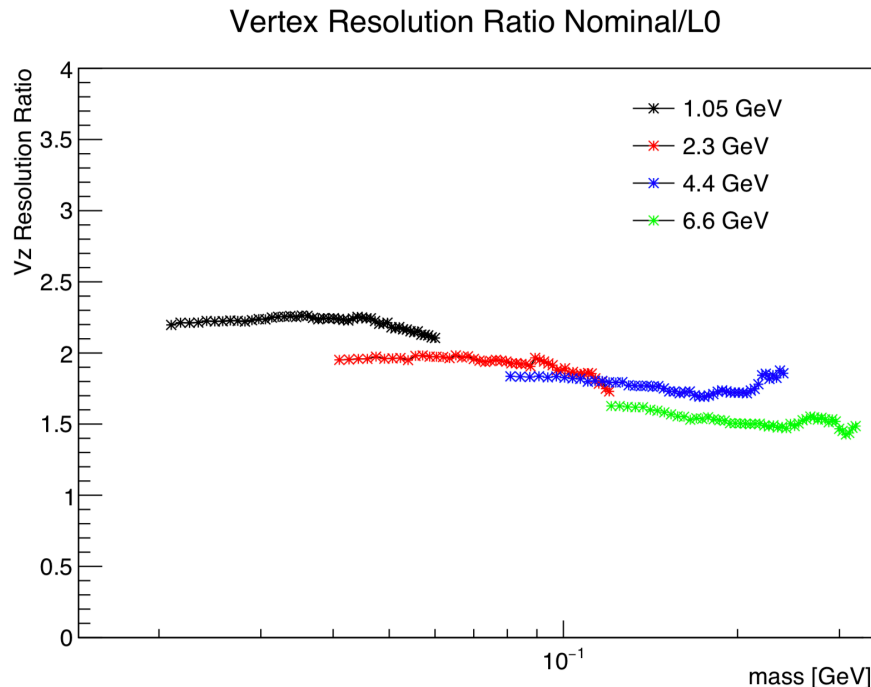


SVT Upgrade

Addition of Layer 0, similar in concept to other layers, but...

half the distance to target (5 cm)

roughly half the material (0.4% X_0)



Improve vertex resolution 2x with an additional layer closer to target: L0
Using thinner, “slimmed edge” sensors for L0 and L1
reduce multiple scattering.

SVT Upgrade

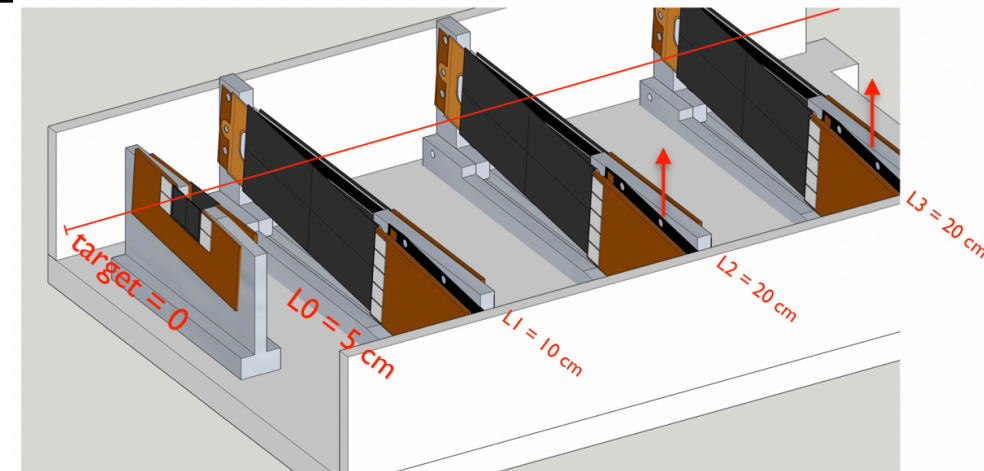
Move L2-L3 closer to beam for increased acceptance by 1.5x

Moving L2 and L3 inward towards beam maximizes acceptance for long-lived A'

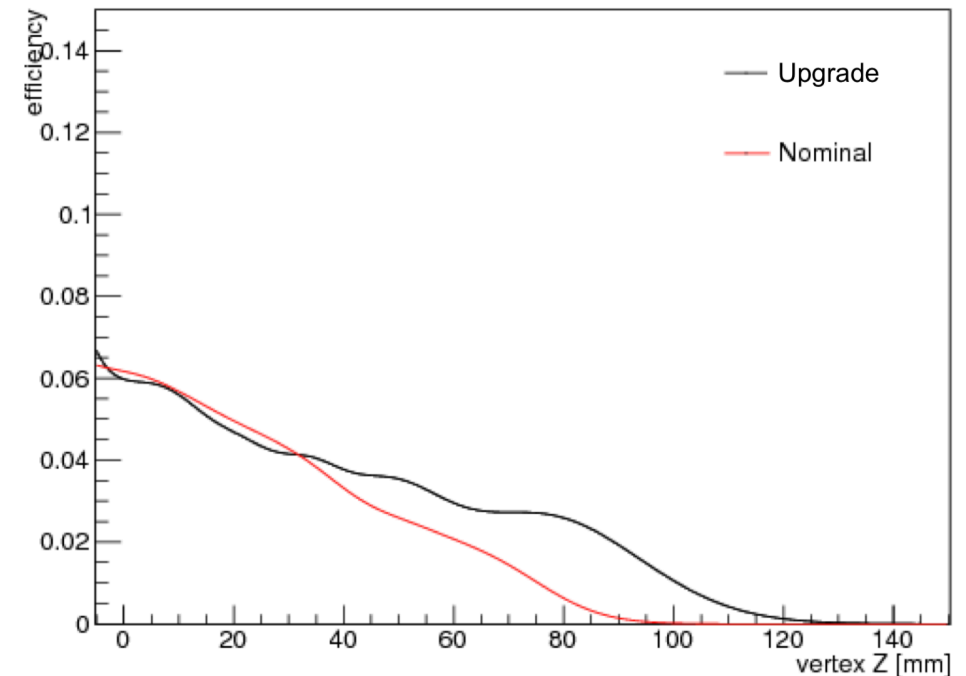
Occupancy is acceptable (similar to L1) for 0.7mm move

Easily accomplished with the addition of thin shims under L2, L3 supports

Moving Layers 2 and 3 inwards increases acceptance for long-lived A' daughters as expected.



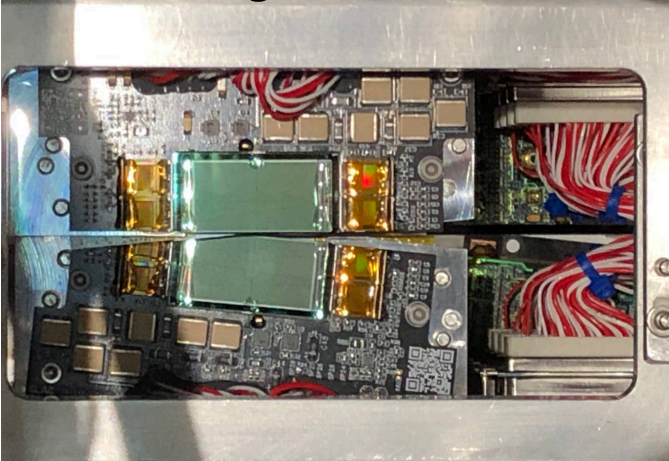
30 MeV Total Efficiency



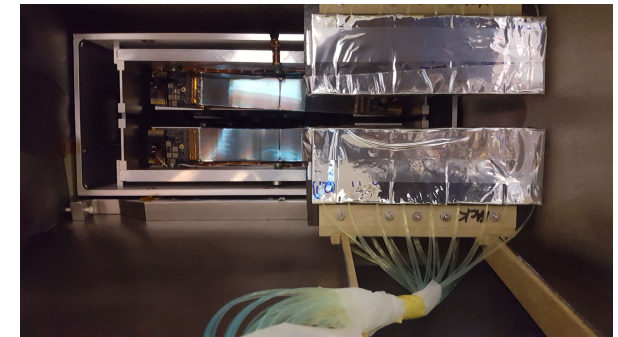
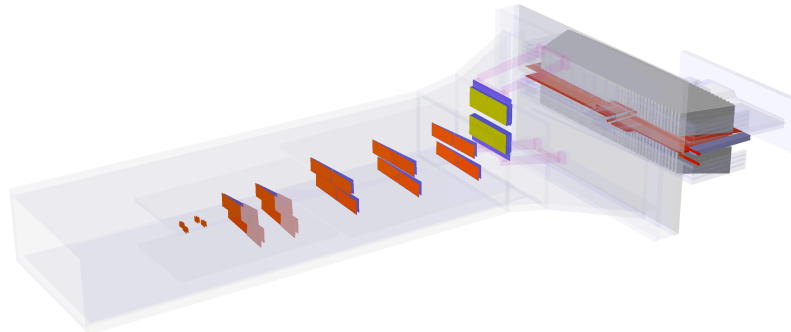
2019 Data Run

- Upgraded detector is installed.
- Run with 4.55 GeV beam on 0.25% Tungsten target.
- Total run time will be 1 week commissioning + 8 weeks data taking = 4.5 PAC weeks.
- Shifts from 13 Jun. to 21 Aug.
- Higher efficiency of the upgraded detector trigger (2x) should translate to at least 10 ~ 12 times the amount of useful data compared to 2016 run
- SVT upgrade will make this data ~3x more efficient for vertex searches, so vertex searches we see 30 times the useful data.
- Major Power outage 1 Jul. -> Machine is straggling to deliver beam for experiments. -> right-now beam on the tagger dump

View from target side of detector.



View from down beam side of detector.



2019 Beam Parameters

Parameter	Value
Beam energy (5 pass)	4.55 GeV
Beam current	up to 450 nA
Current stability	< 10%
Beam bunch Frequency	499 MHz
Beam profile at the target	
σ_x	< 100 μm
σ_y	< 50 μm
Halo	< 10^{-5} @ 5 σ
Beam position stability	
in x	< 50 μm
in y	< 50 μm

JLAB12-collaboration activities on HPS

- SHIFTS (22 blocks over tot: 84) + experts on call
- Ecal re-start, tests, preliminary calibrations, LED system
- Construction and test of the Hodoscope
- Ecal calibrations
- Vertex detector alignment
- Marzio De Napoli (Ct) member of the Executive Committee
- Andrea Celentano (Ge) chair of the Publications and Presentations Committee

Conclusions

- The 2015 resonance search was published.
- 2016 data analysis in progress
- Data taking at 4.4 GeV this summer
- Upgraded HPS detector improves resonance search 2x and vertex search 6x
- Expect 30x the statistics for resonance search compared to 2015 data set.
- Expect 90x the statistics for vertex search compared to 2015 data set.
- Future runs at ~ 1.1 GeV and ~ 2.2 GeV will also cover new reach.
- Next year HPS will undergo Jeopardy process, (i.e.) experiments that remain approved on the books for extended periods of time need to be periodically reevaluated by the PAC.