

The background of the slide is a complex, organic marbled pattern in shades of dark blue, black, and light beige. The pattern resembles natural stone or biological tissue. Two semi-transparent dark rectangular boxes are overlaid on the image to contain the text.

# Update on HPS

Maurik Holtrop  
University of New Hampshire  
for the HPS Collaboration.

HPS collaboration meeting, June 4 2013

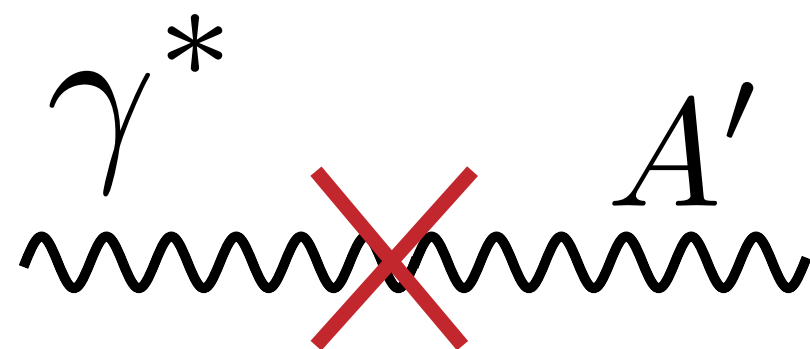
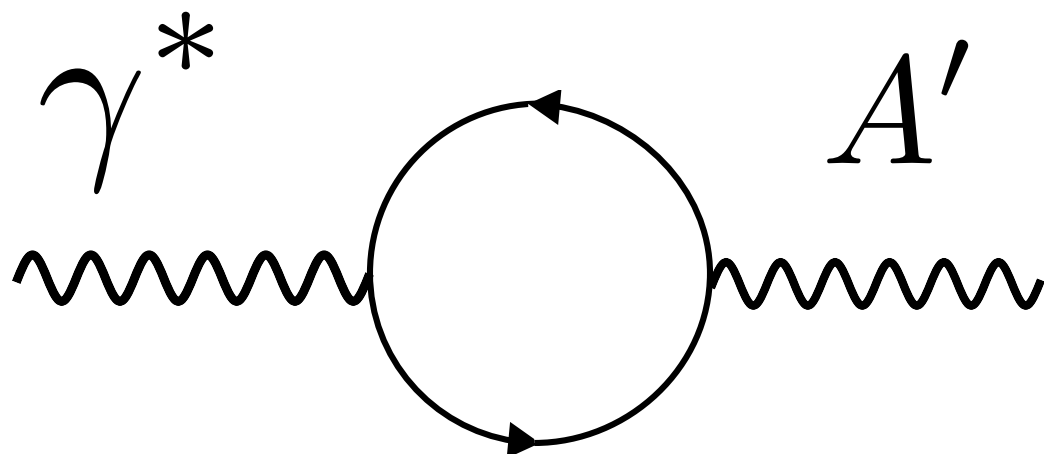


# Dark Sector Gauge Boson

- Dark matter  $\subset$  dark sector, few portals to SM physics.
- Lots of theoretical motivation for an additional  $U(1)'$  symmetry  $\subset$  dark sector  $\Rightarrow$  new vector boson  $A'$
- $A'$  will mix with SM photon through kinetic mixing.

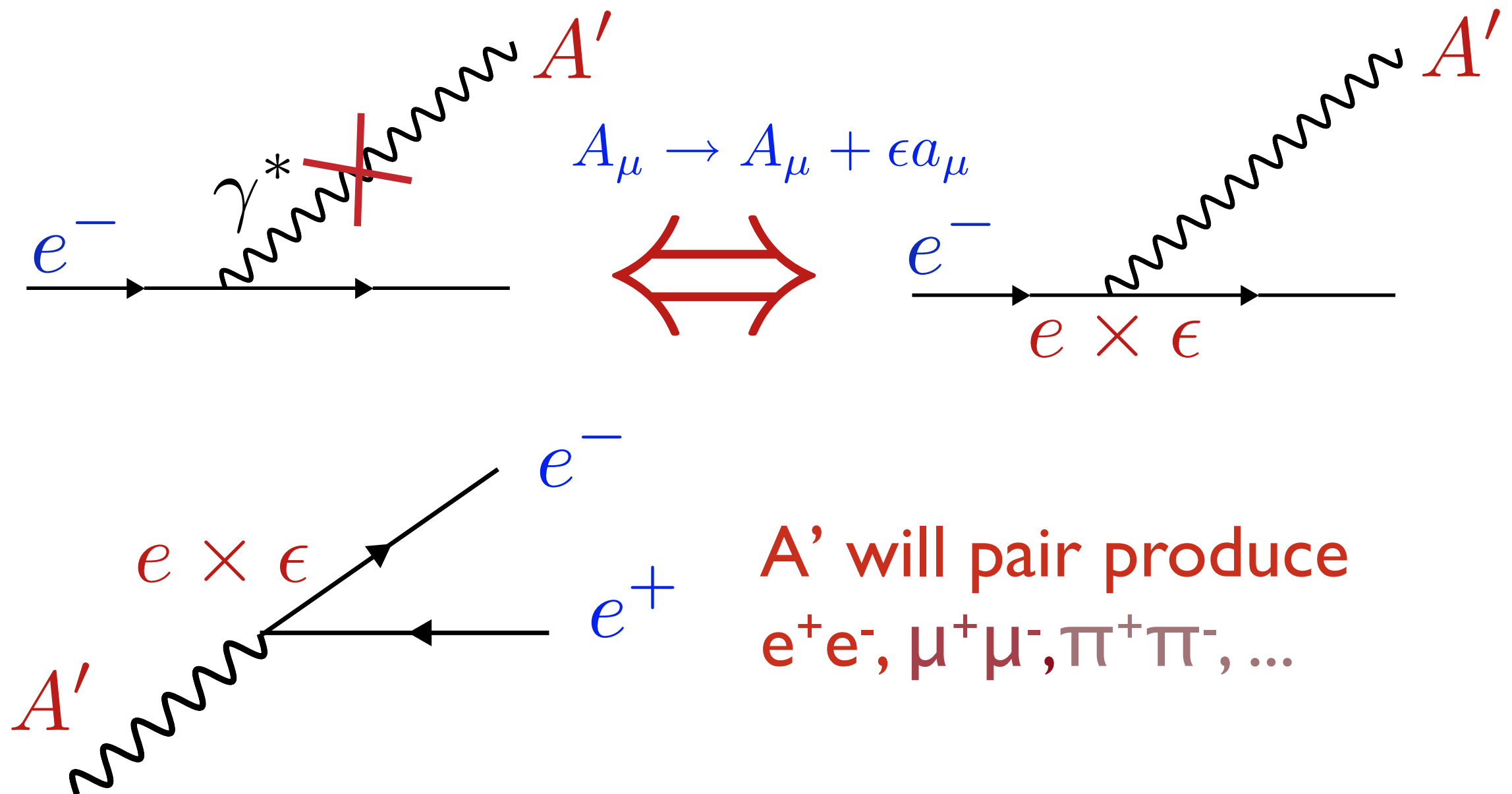
Holdom '86

$$\Delta\mathcal{L}_{kin.mix} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} F'_{\mu\nu} F_Y^{\mu\nu}$$

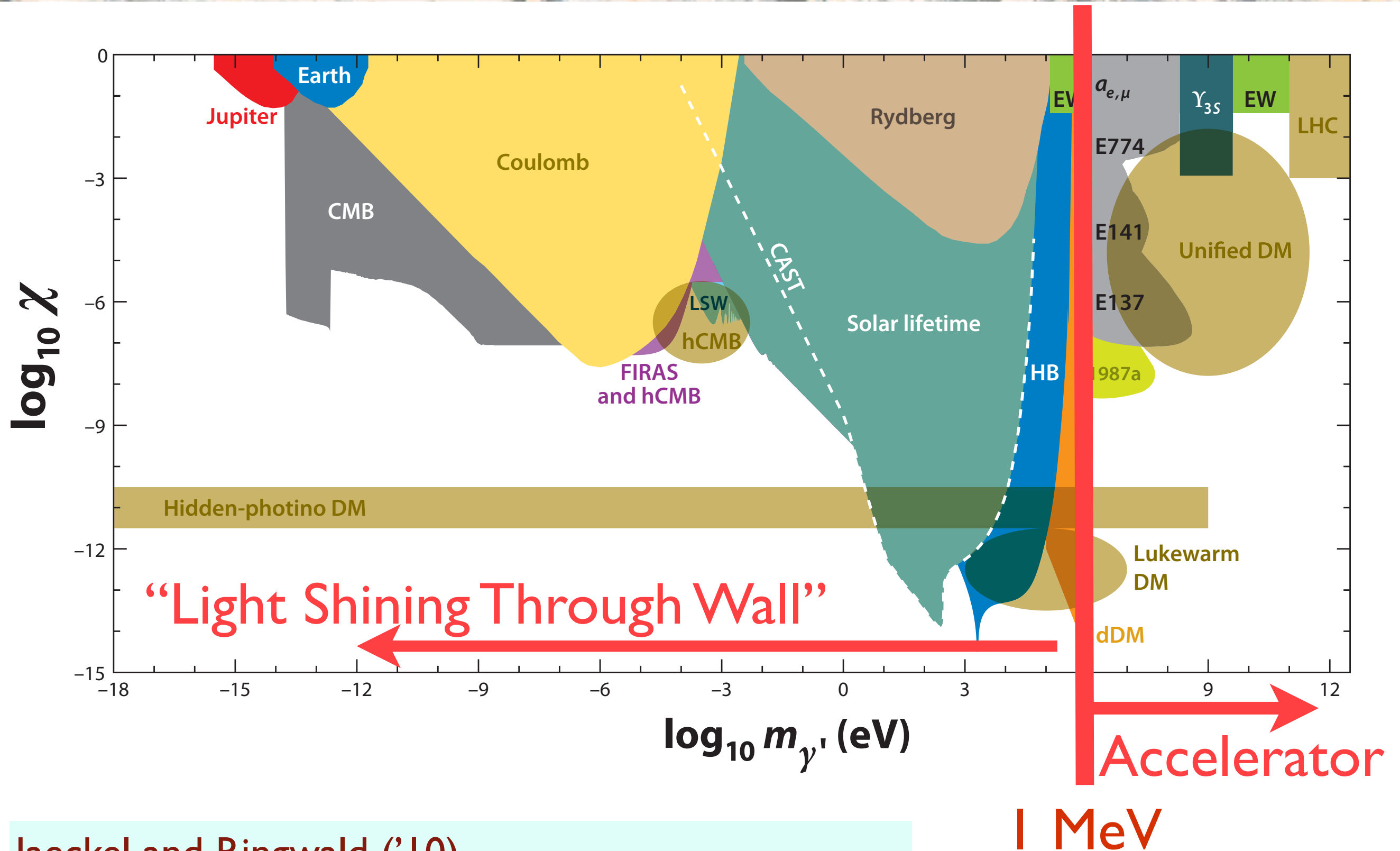


# Heavy Photons

Photon mixing with  $A'$  is equivalent to ordinary charged matter acquiring a milli-charge under the  $A'$



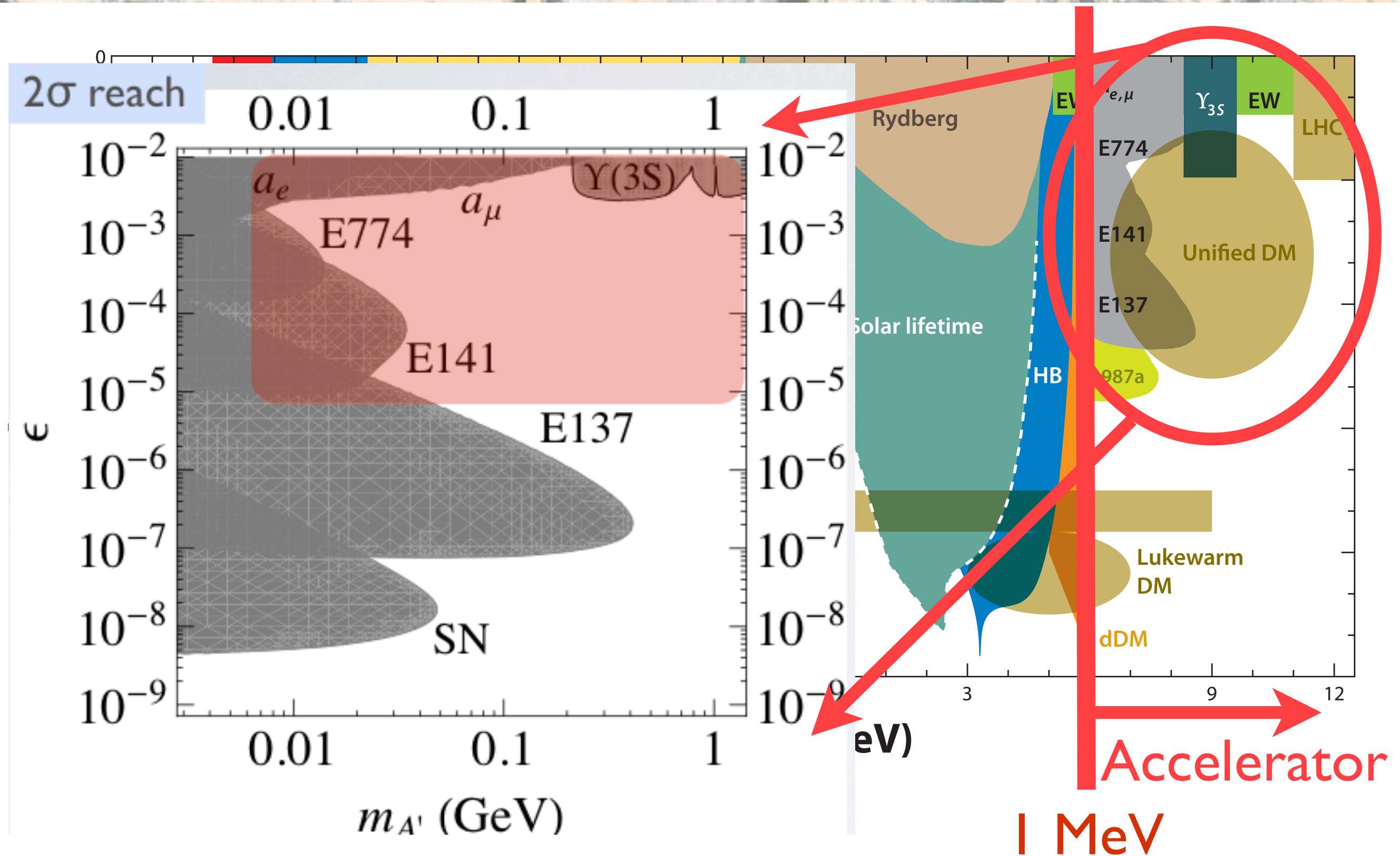
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Jaeckel and Ringwald ('10) *Ann.Rev. of Nuclear and Particle Science*, 60(1), 405–437



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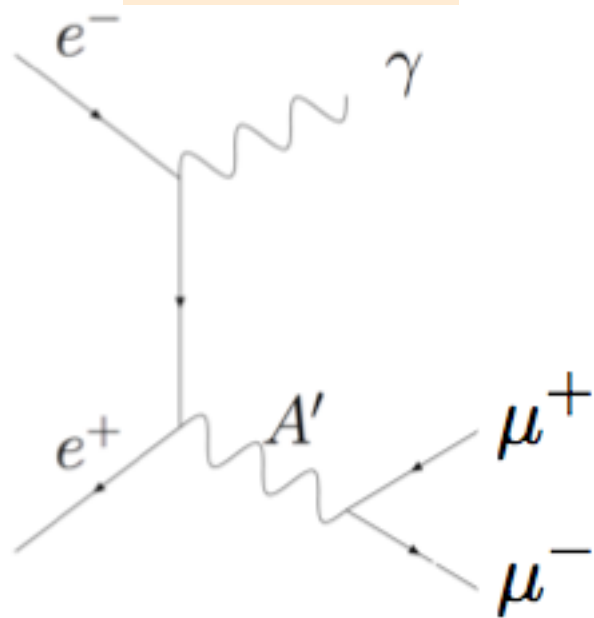




# How to search? $M_{A'} > 1 \text{ MeV}$

Wherever there is a photon there is a dark photon...

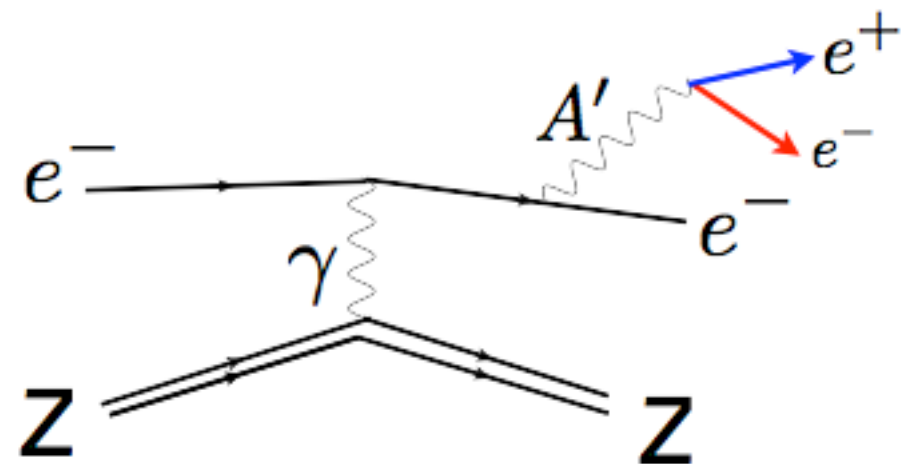
## Collider



$$\sigma \sim \frac{\alpha^2 \epsilon^2}{E^2} \sim O(10 \text{ fb})$$

~~$O \text{ ab}^{-1}$  per decade~~ *month*

## Fixed Target



$$\sigma \sim \frac{\alpha^3 Z^2 \epsilon^2}{m^2} \sim O(10 \text{ pb})$$

$O \text{ ab}^{-1}$  per day

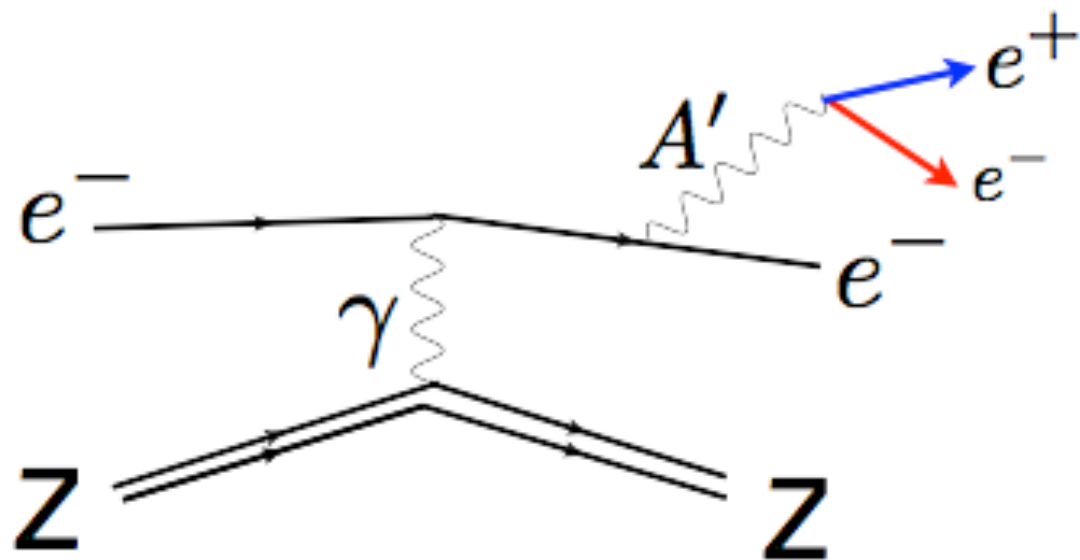
...but much higher backgrounds

**BEST:** Bjorken, Essig, Schuster, Toro, *Phys.Rev. D80* (2009) 075018



# Fixed Target Searches

Look for radiated  $A'$  decay to  $e^+e^-$ ,  $(\mu^+\mu^-)$



## Bump Hunt:

Look for signal over background.

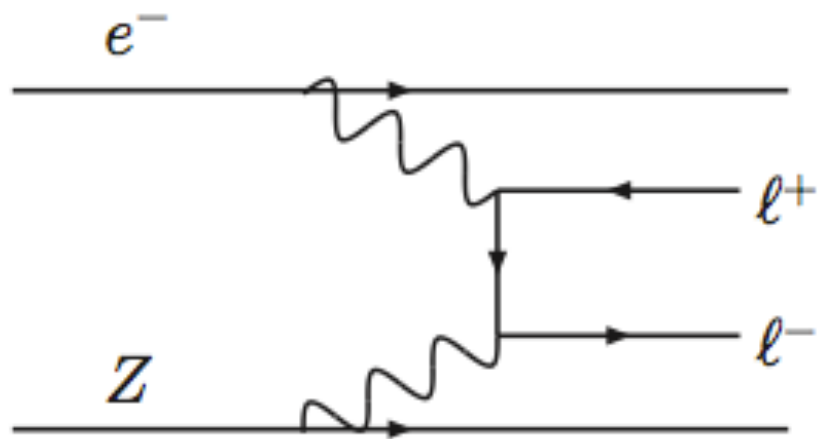
## Bump Hunt + Vertexing:

Look for signal over background, reduce background with vertexing.

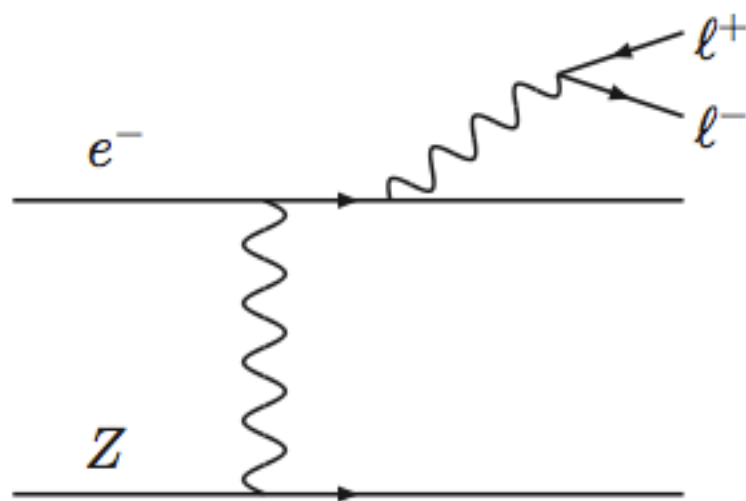
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# Background



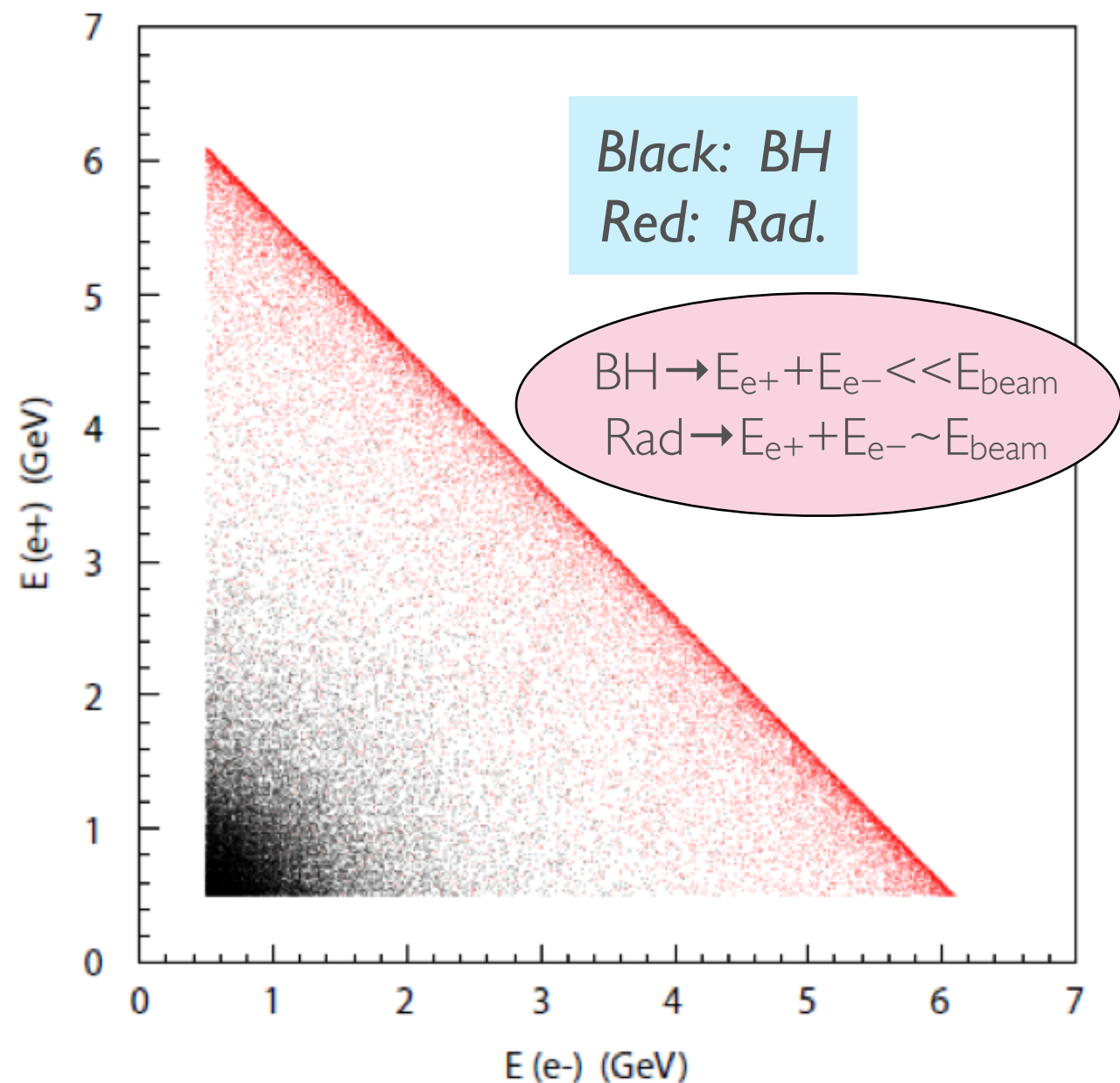
Bethe-Heitler



Radiative

Radiative process is kinematically indistinguishable from signal, except ...

$\sigma_{\text{B-H}}$  very large  $\gg \sigma_{\text{Rad}}$ .  
But kinematically distinct  $\rightarrow$   
Use clever trigger to separate.





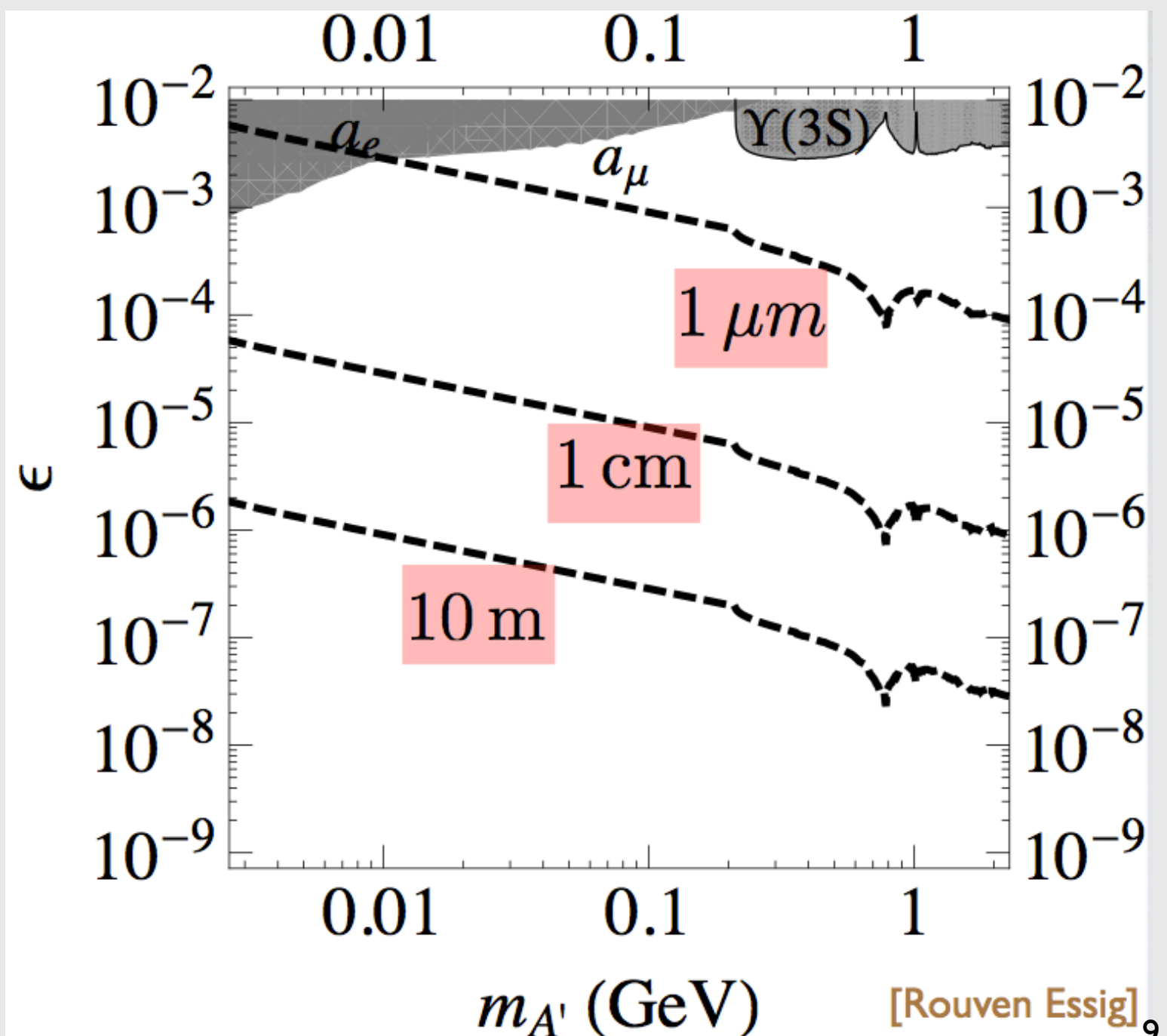
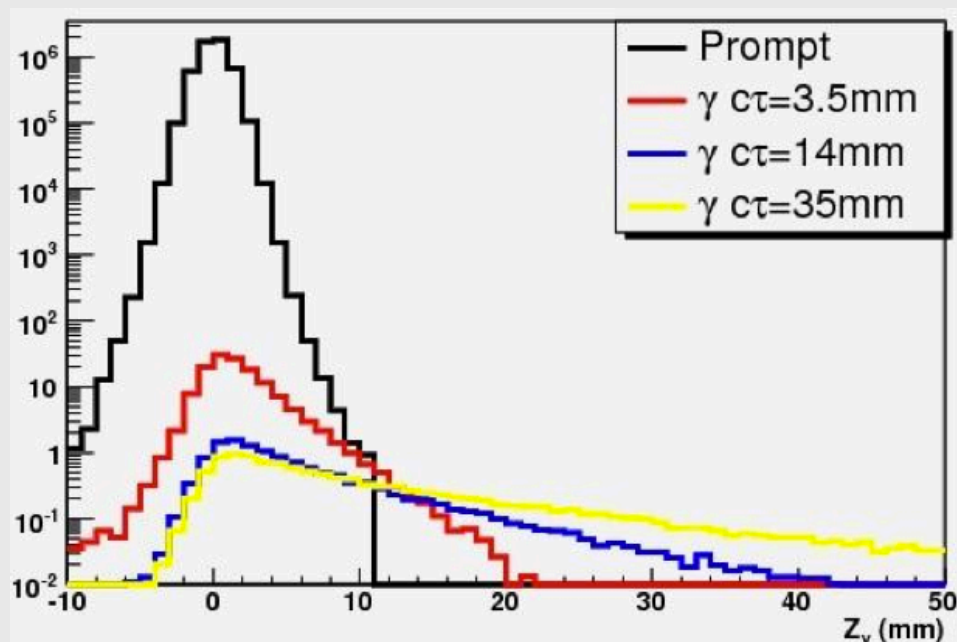
# $A'$ lifetime

for long  $A'$  lifetime, use displaced vertex to separate signal from background.

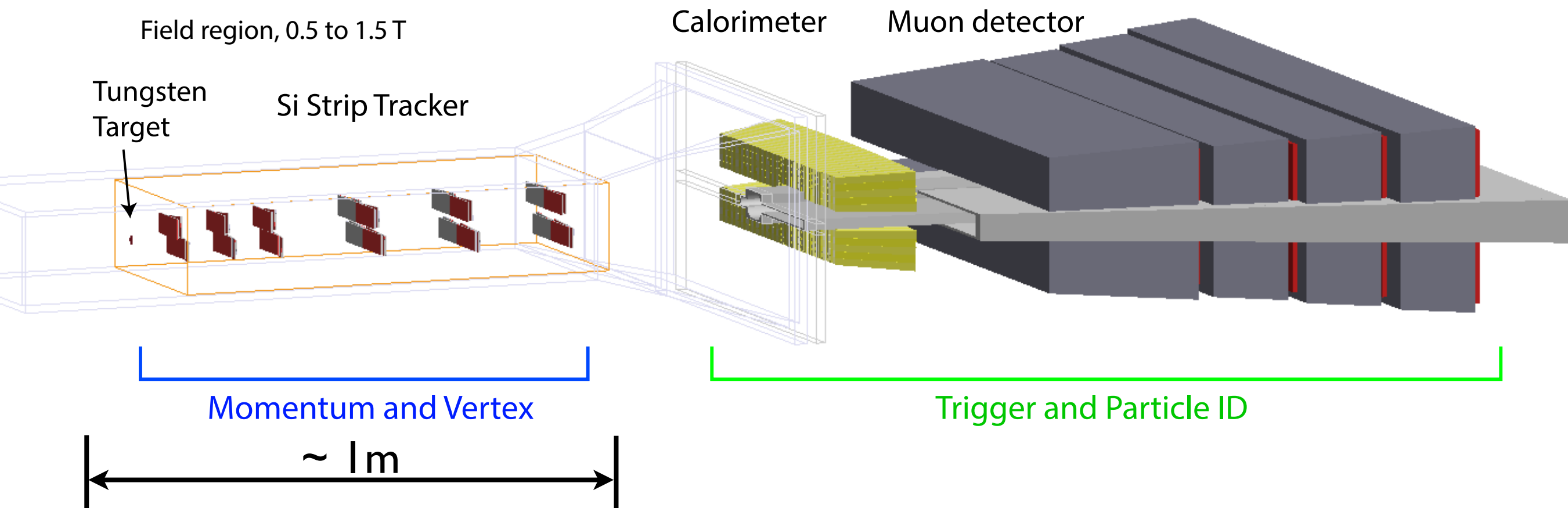
$$\gamma c\tau \propto \left(\frac{10^{-4}}{\epsilon}\right)^2 \left(\frac{100 \text{ MeV}}{m_{A'}}\right)^2$$

Lower  $\epsilon$ , lower mass  
→ longer lifetime

Background is all prompt  
→ Lower coupling can be reached using vertexing.



# Heavy Photon Search



High rate, high acceptance, high mass & vertex resolution detector.  
“Table top” size.

Use Jefferson Lab  $e^-$  beam in Hall B.

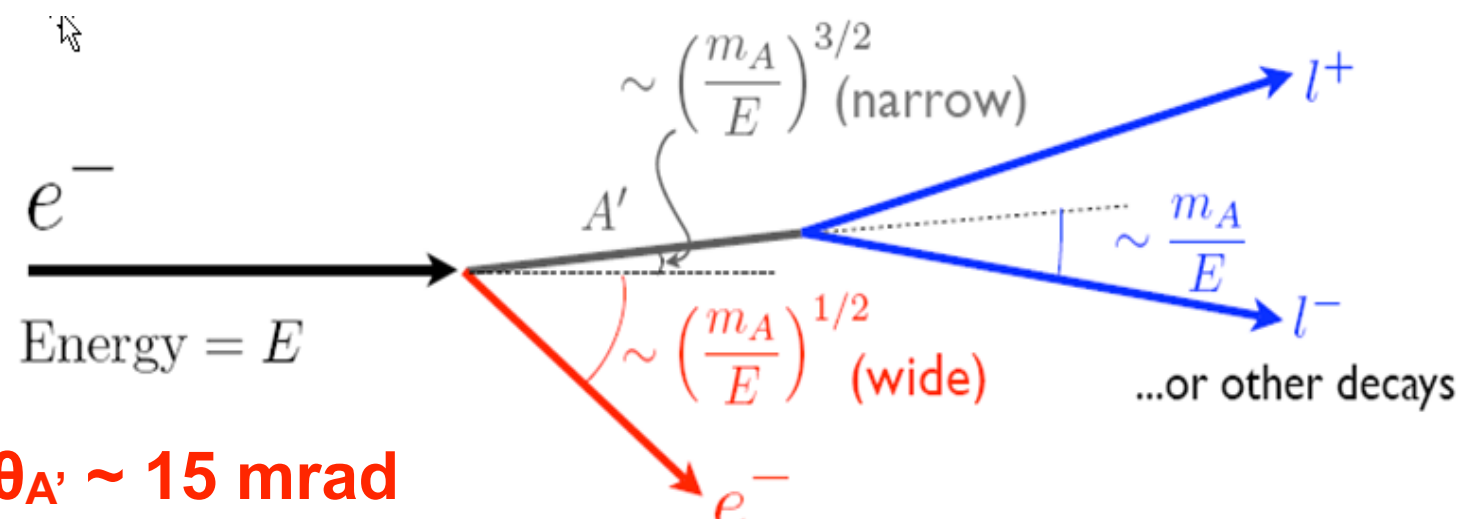
JLAB PAC37 January 2011 - conditional approval.

Expected data taking: commissioning 2014, production 2015



# HPS Design

- $A'$  kinematics  $\Rightarrow$  need good forward coverage down to  $\sim \theta_{\text{decay}}/2$ .  
This puts detectors close to the beam.



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

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

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

**Want min  $\theta_{A'} \sim 15$  mrad**

- Vertexing  $A'$  decays requires detectors close to the target. Bump hunting needs good momentum/mass resolution. Both need tracking and a magnet.

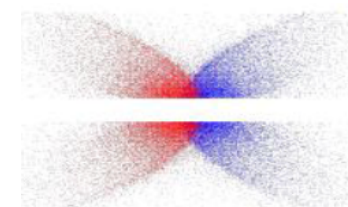
**Want  $\Delta m/m \sim 1\%$  for bump hunt**

**Want  $\Delta z \sim 1\text{mm}$**

- Trigger with a high rate Electromagnetic Calorimeter downstream of the magnet to select  $e^+$  and  $e^-$ , muon detector to select  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$ .

Beam's Eye View

$e^+$  and  $e^-$

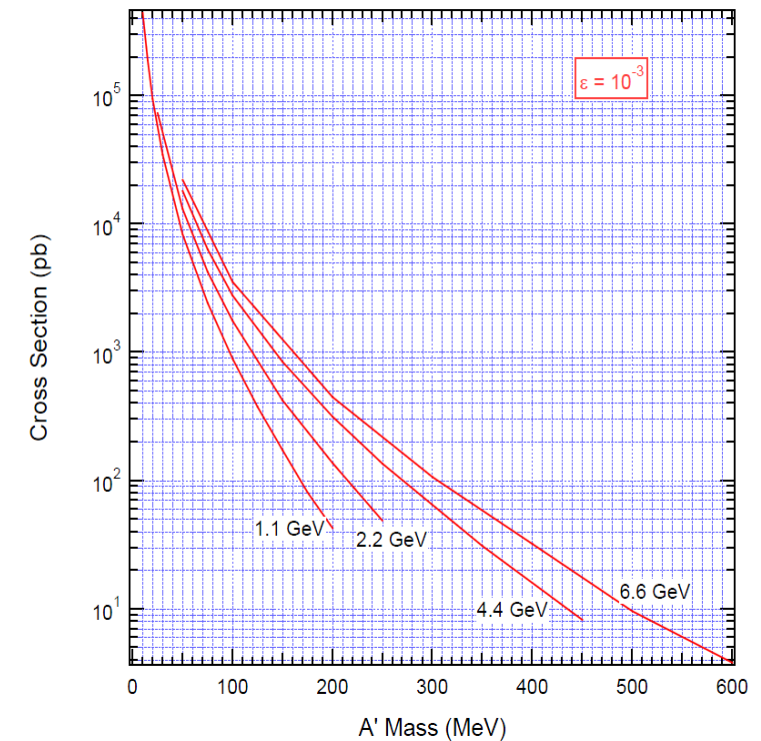


entering ECal

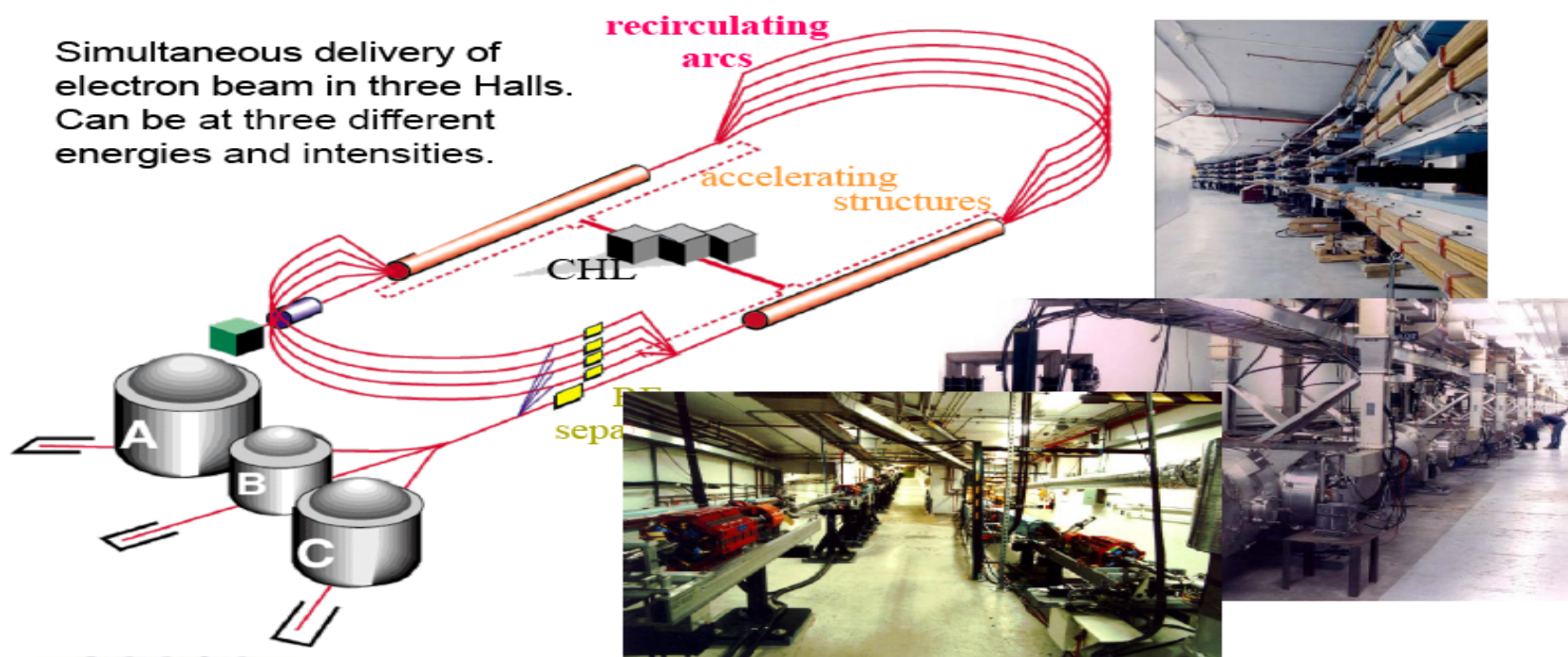
# Small cross-sections, large backgrounds need high luminosity

- How to minimize occupancy in a forward detector
  - \* Maximize accelerator duty cycle  
CEBAF has **100% duty cycle!**
  - \* Minimize detector response times: **Fast Detectors.**  
Pulse lengths in the SVT and Ecal are  $\sim 60\text{ns}$
  - \* Maximize the readout and trigger acceptance rates  
SVT has 40 MHz readout  
Ecal has 250 MHz FADC **High Rate Capable DAQ**  
Trigger can handle input every 8 ns

$$\sigma(e^- + W \rightarrow W + A' + e^-)$$



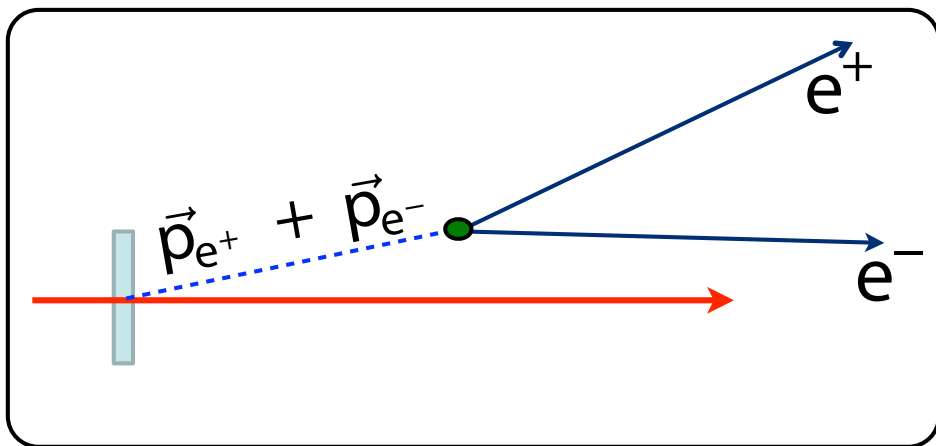
## CEBAF - Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility



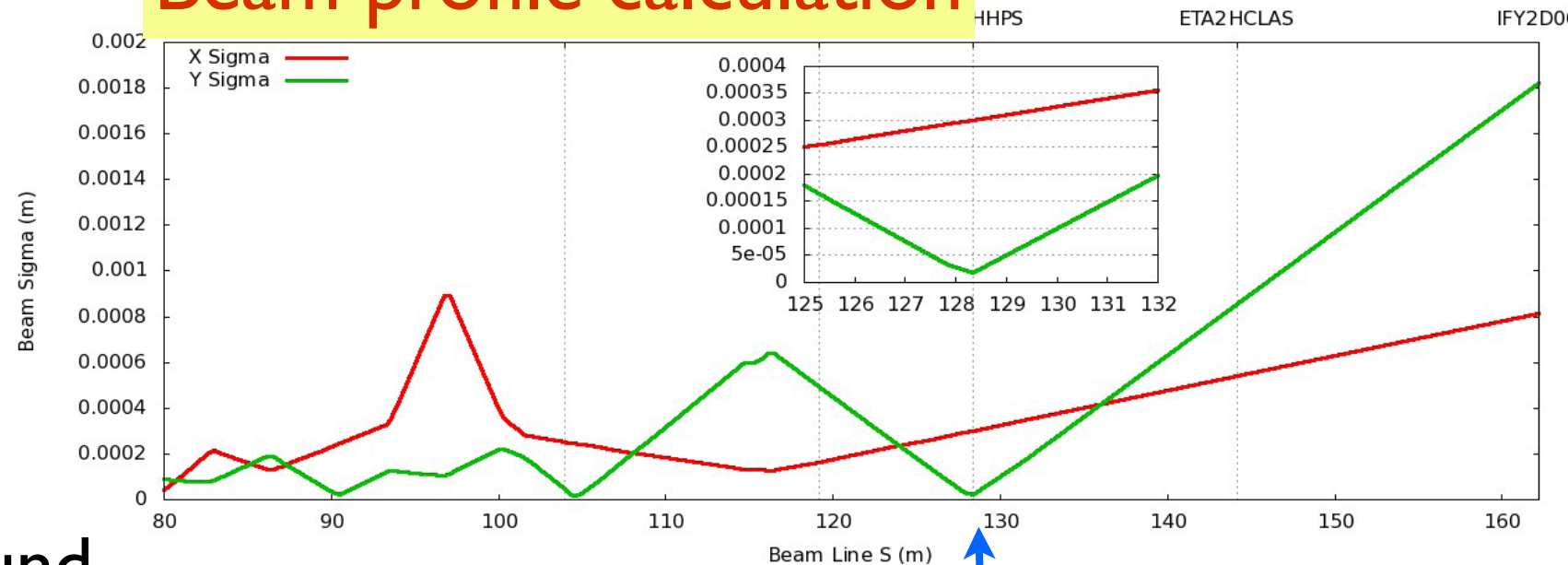
Jefferson Lab: CEBAF  
 $E = 6\text{ GeV (now)} \rightarrow 12\text{ GeV (2014)}$   
 High currents  $\leq 100\text{ }\mu\text{A}$   
 Continuous! 500 MHz



# Beam Quality in Hall-B

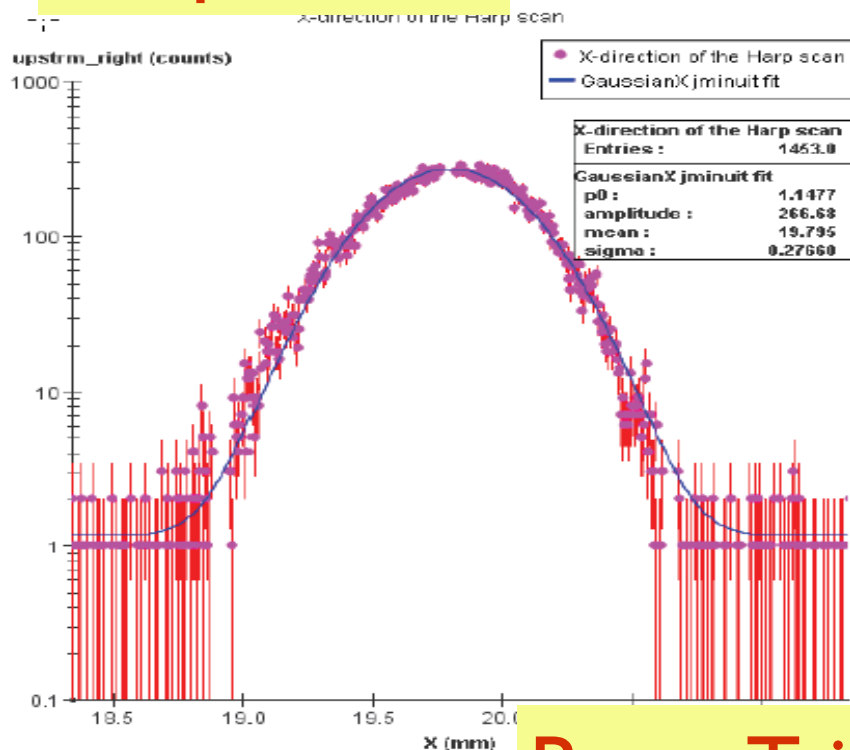


## Beam profile calculation

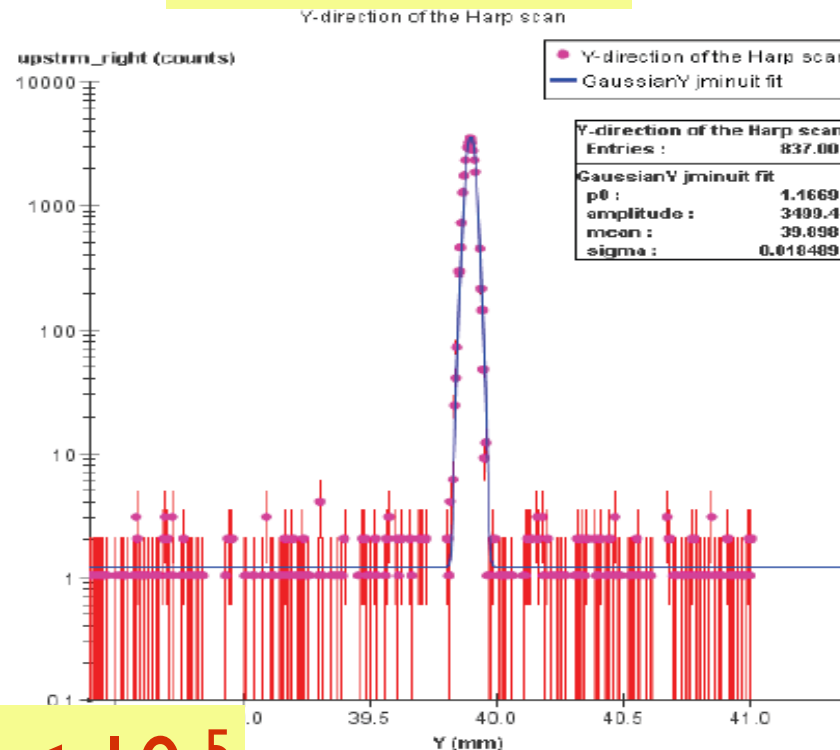


Target Location

## Harp Scan x



## Harp Scan y

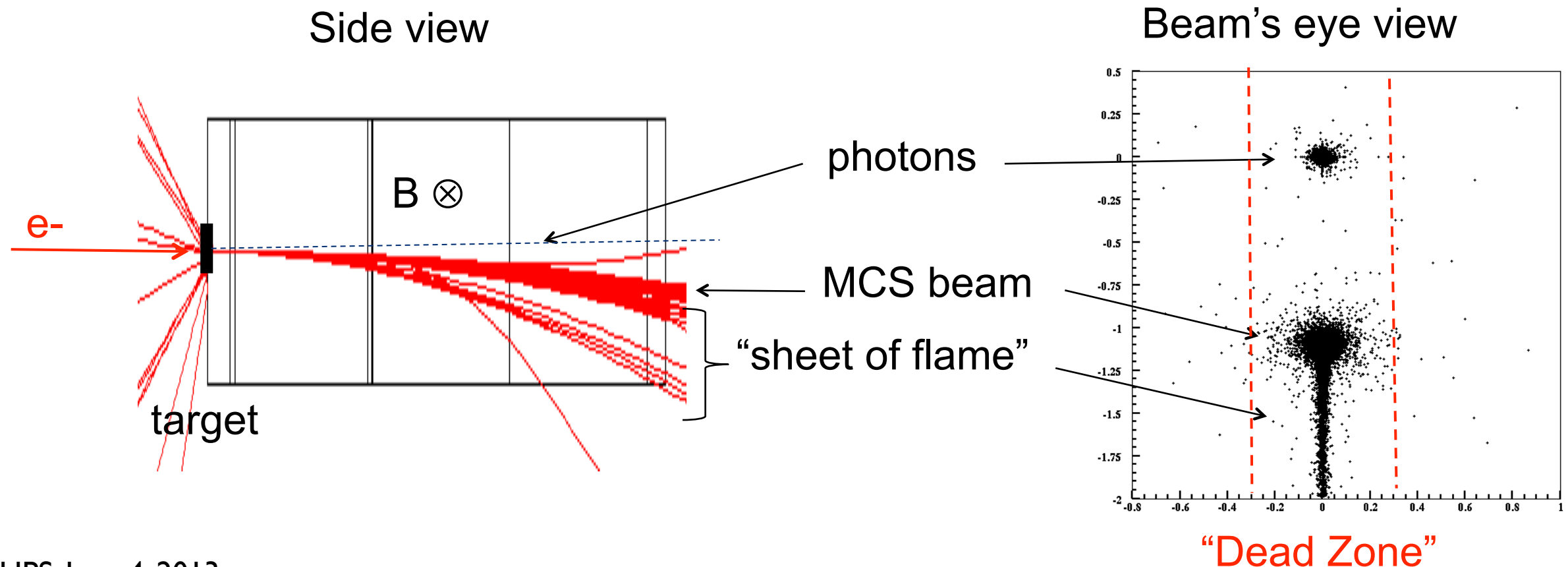


Wide beam spot in X  
to spread heat load.  
Tight beam spot in Y  
helps tracking &  
vertexing.

$I_{\text{beam}} = 1 \text{ to } 500 \text{ nA}$

# Controlling beam background

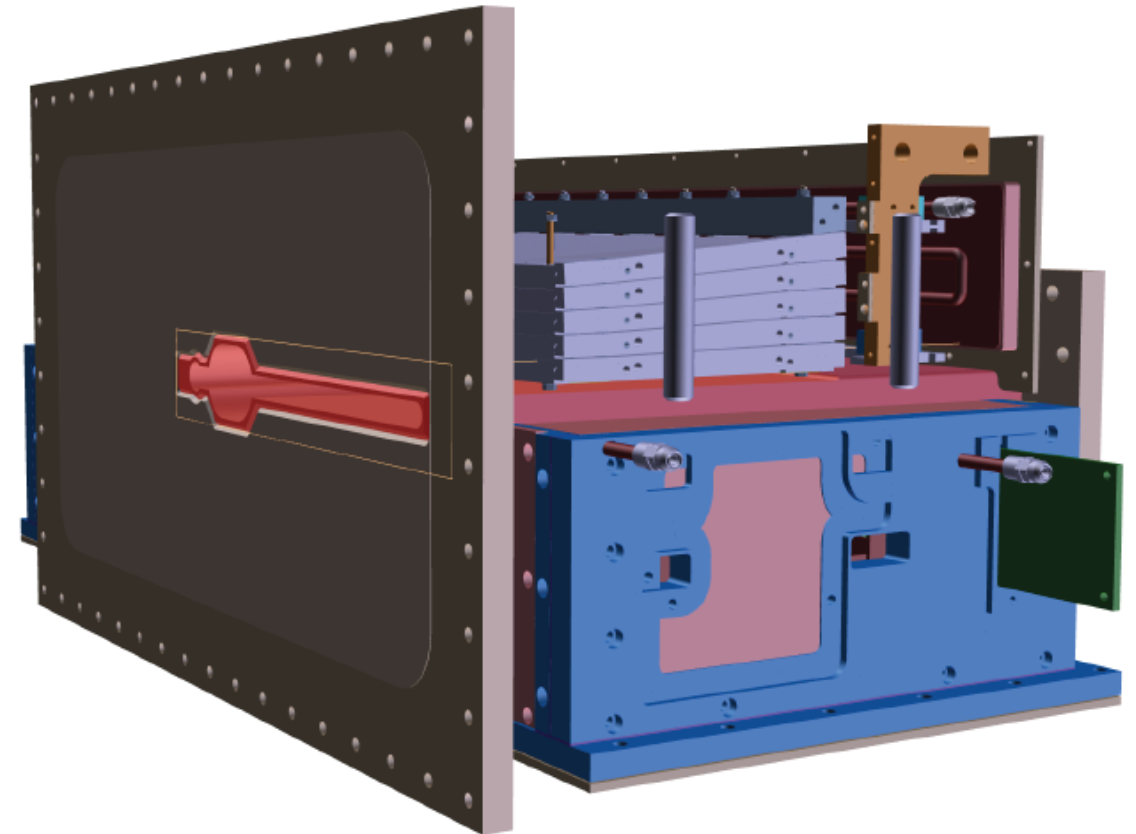
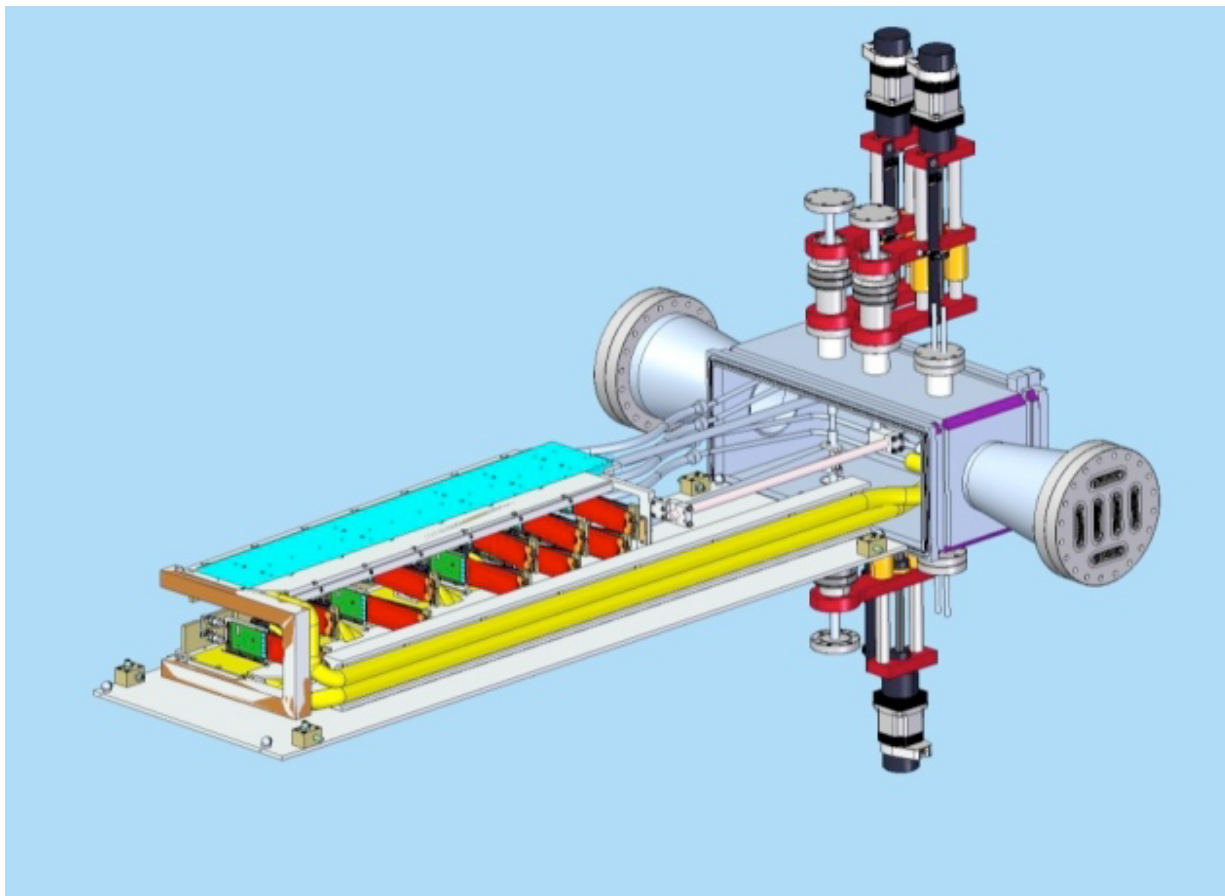
- Silicon sensors and EM Cal must be positioned as close to the beam as possible to maximize low mass acceptance. Backgrounds matter!
- **Design constraints**
  - \* Avoid Multiple Coulomb Scattered (MCS) beam
  - \* Avoid photons radiated in target
  - \* Avoid “sheet of flame”, the beam electrons which have radiated, lost energy, and been deflected
  - \* Avoid beam gas interactions.
- HPS splits detectors to avoid the “Dead Zone”, and puts SVT in vacuum.





# Split Design

- Both the Silicon Vertex Tracker (SVT) and the Ecal are split vertically, to avoid the “sheet of flame”.

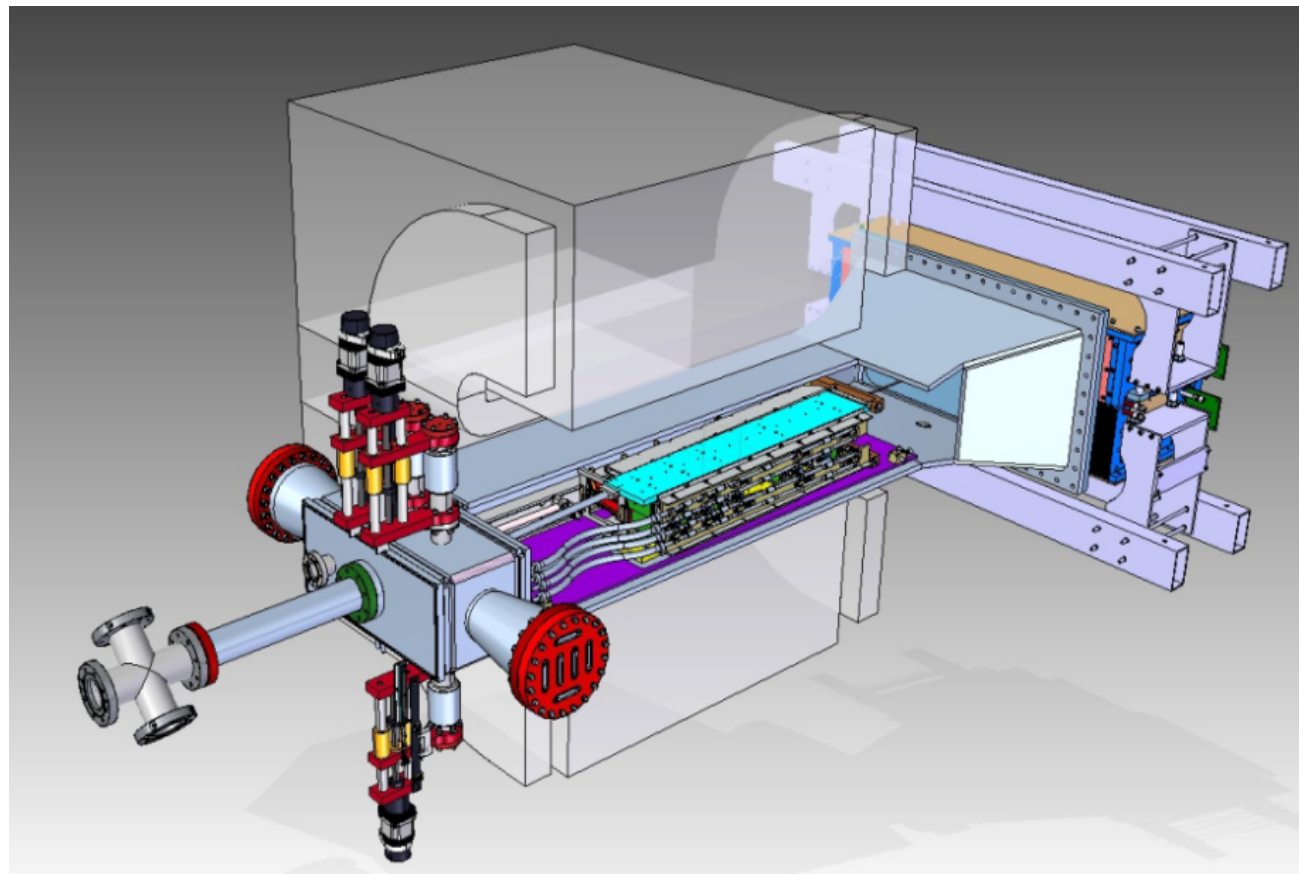
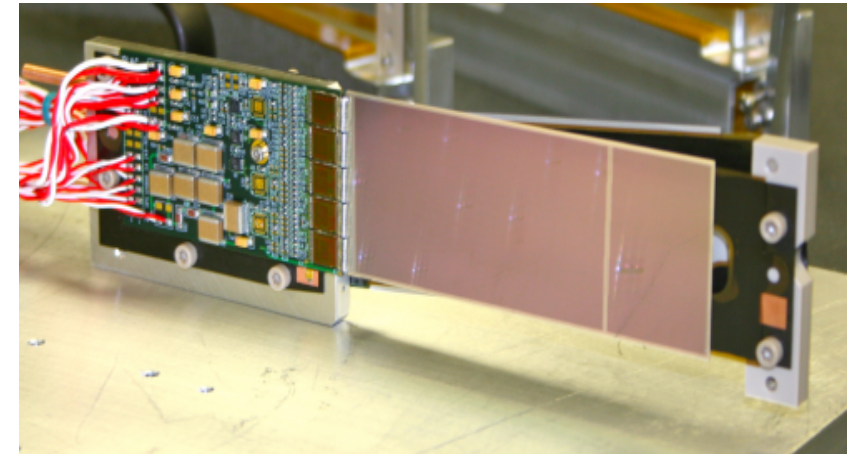


- The first layer of the SVT comes within 0.5 mm of the beam to allow acceptance at 15 mrad, so precision movers, working in vacuum, are needed to position it accurately w.r.t. the beam
- The beam passes between the upper and lower halves of the Ecal through the Ecal vacuum chamber, which accommodates the photons radiated at the target, the multiple scattered electron beam, and the “sheet of flame”.



# Silicon Vertex Tracker

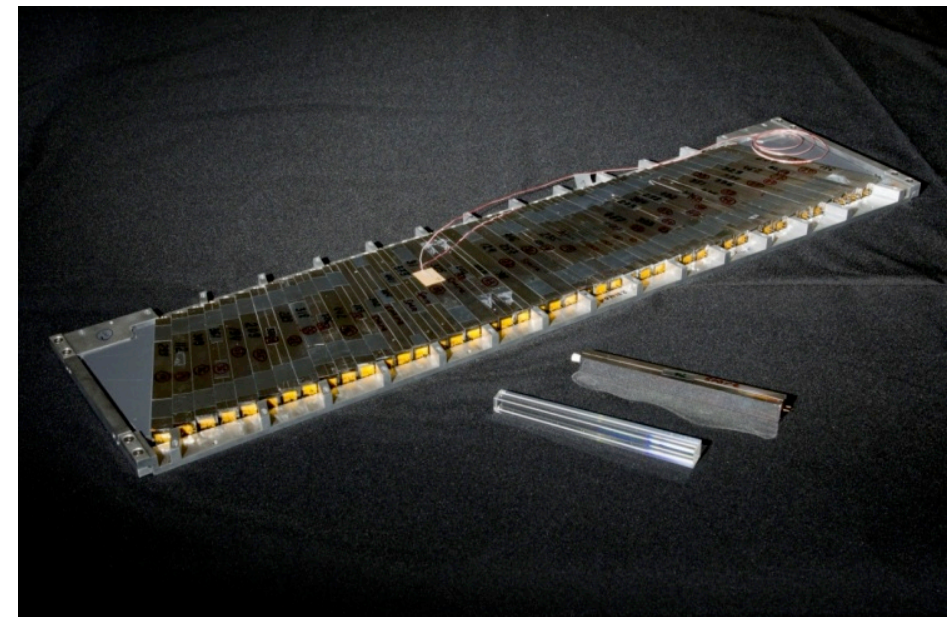
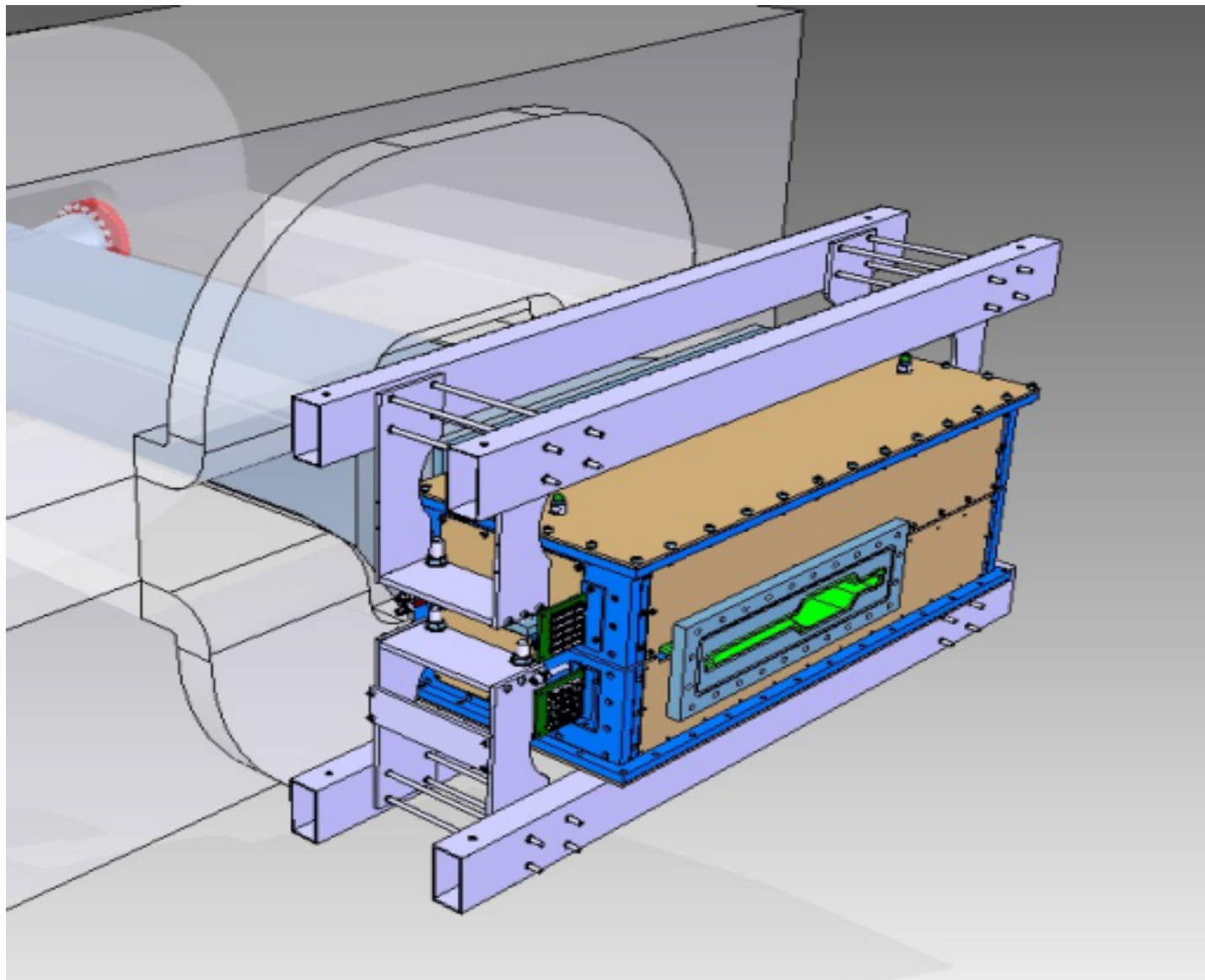
- **Si microstrip sensors readout by CMS APV25's**  
40 MHz readout  
 $\sigma_x \approx 6 \mu\text{m}$ ;  $\sigma_t \approx 2\text{-}3 \text{ ns}$
- **Tracker has 6 (5 for test run) layers, each axial + stereo**  
Measures track momentum and trajectory  
Placed inside Hall B pair spectrometer magnet  
Resides in vacuum to minimize beam backgrounds  
Split top and bottom to avoid beam and “wall of flame”





# Electromagnetic Calorimeter

- Ecal consists of top and bottom modules, each arranged in 5 layers , with 442 lead-tungstate ( $\text{PbWO}_4$ ) crystals in all.
- Crystals are readout with APDs and preamplifier boards
- Data is recorded in 250 MHz JLAB FADC
- Thermal enclosure holds temperature constant to  $\sim 1^\circ \text{F}$  to stabilize gains





# High Rate DAQ

- **SVT DAQ uses SLAC ATCA-based architecture**

- \* Sensor hybrids pipeline data at 40 MHz and send trigger-selected data to COB for digitization, thresholds, and formatting. COB transfers formatted data to JLAB DAQ.

- \* Record data up to 16kHz in pipeline mode. Will push this up to 50 kHz with upgrades.

- \* One ATCA crate with 2 COBs handled the full HPS Test Run SVT (20 modules, ~10k channels).

Cluster on Board (COB)



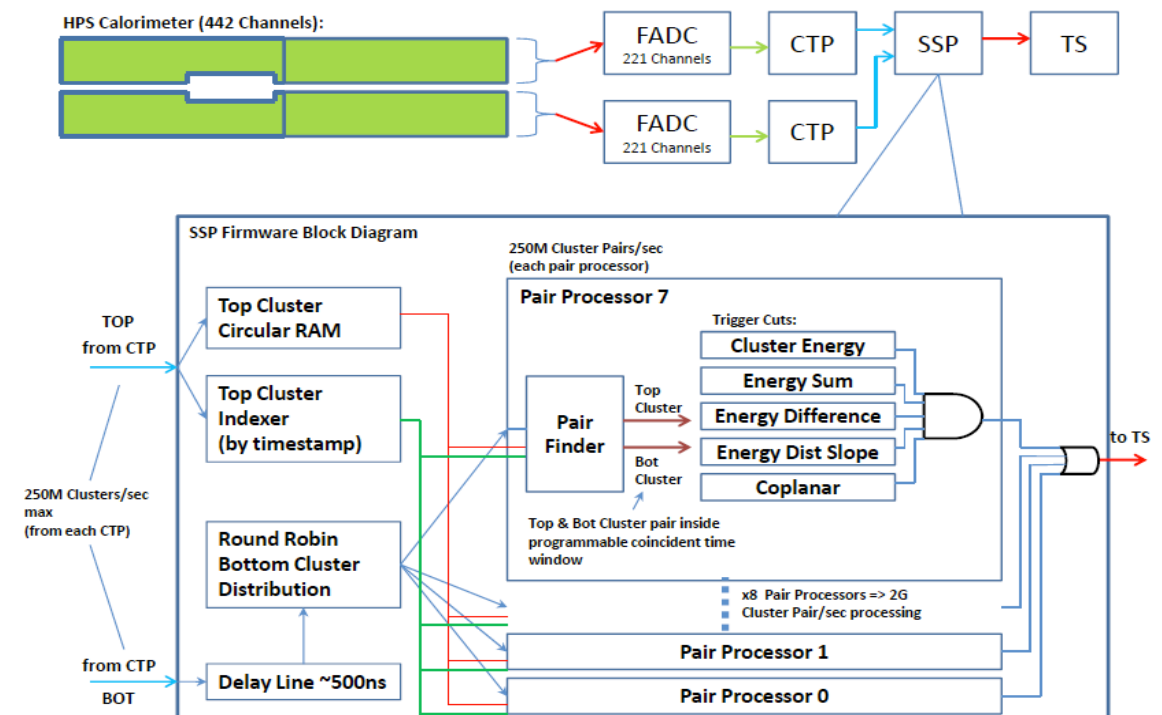
- **Ecal DAQ and Trigger**

- \* Data recorded in 250 MHz JLAB FADC. PH and time transferred every 8ns to Trigger Processors.

- \* Trigger sent to SVT DAQ and FADC for data transfer.

- \* Ecal FADC and DAQ can trigger and record data up to 50 kHz.

Ecal DAQ/Trigger

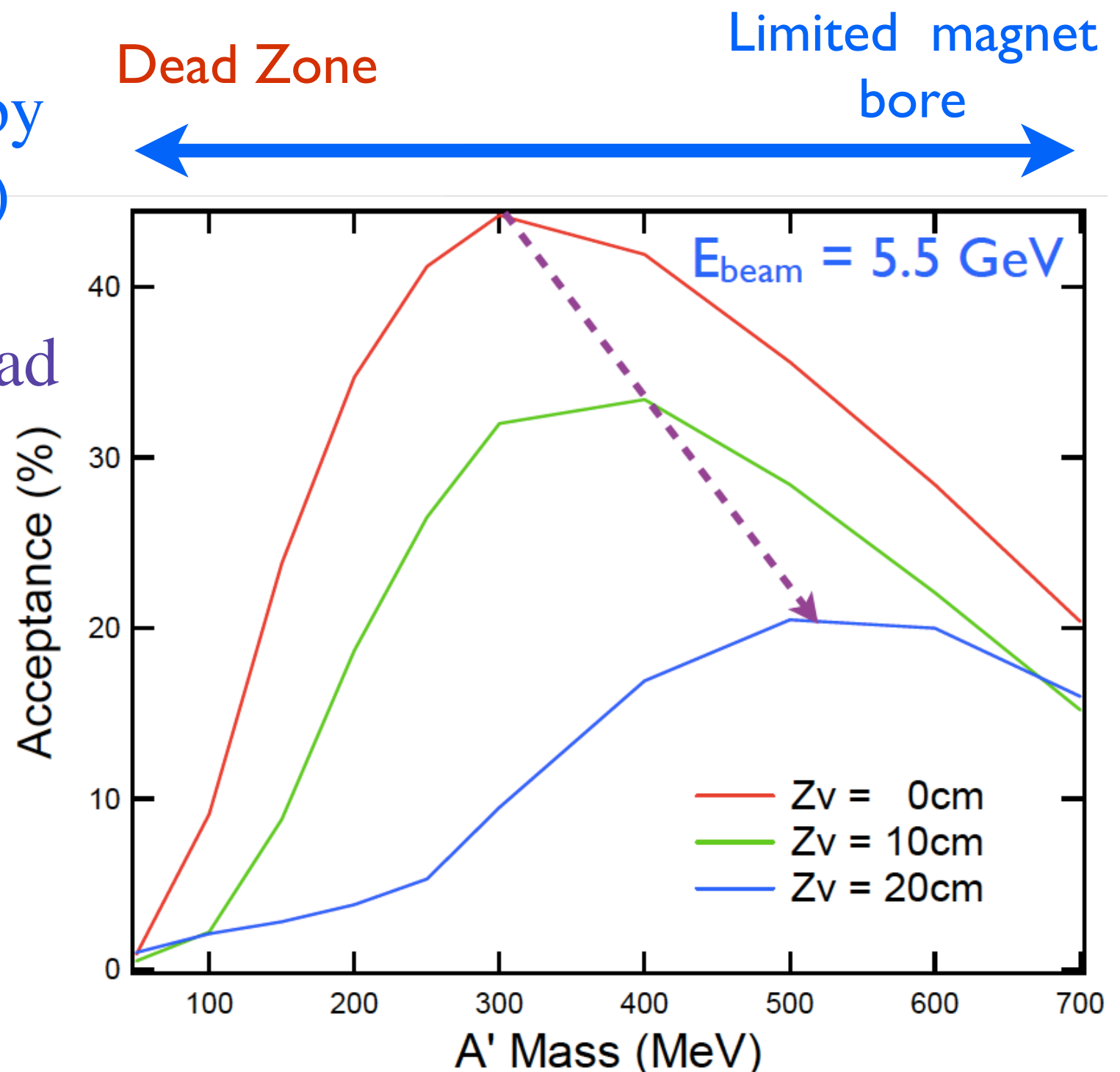
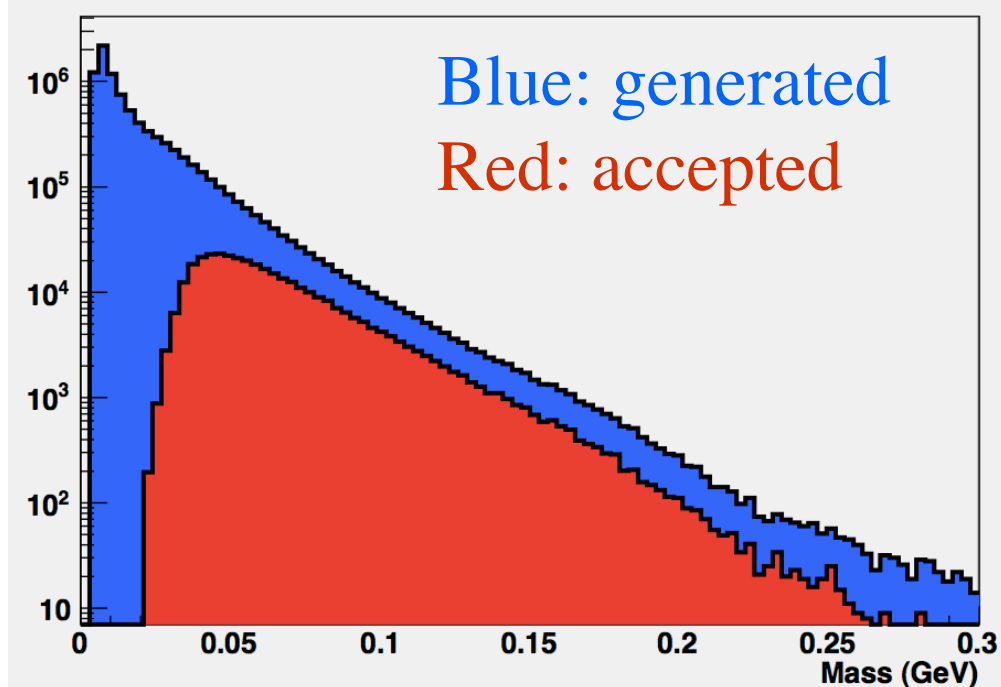




# Acceptance

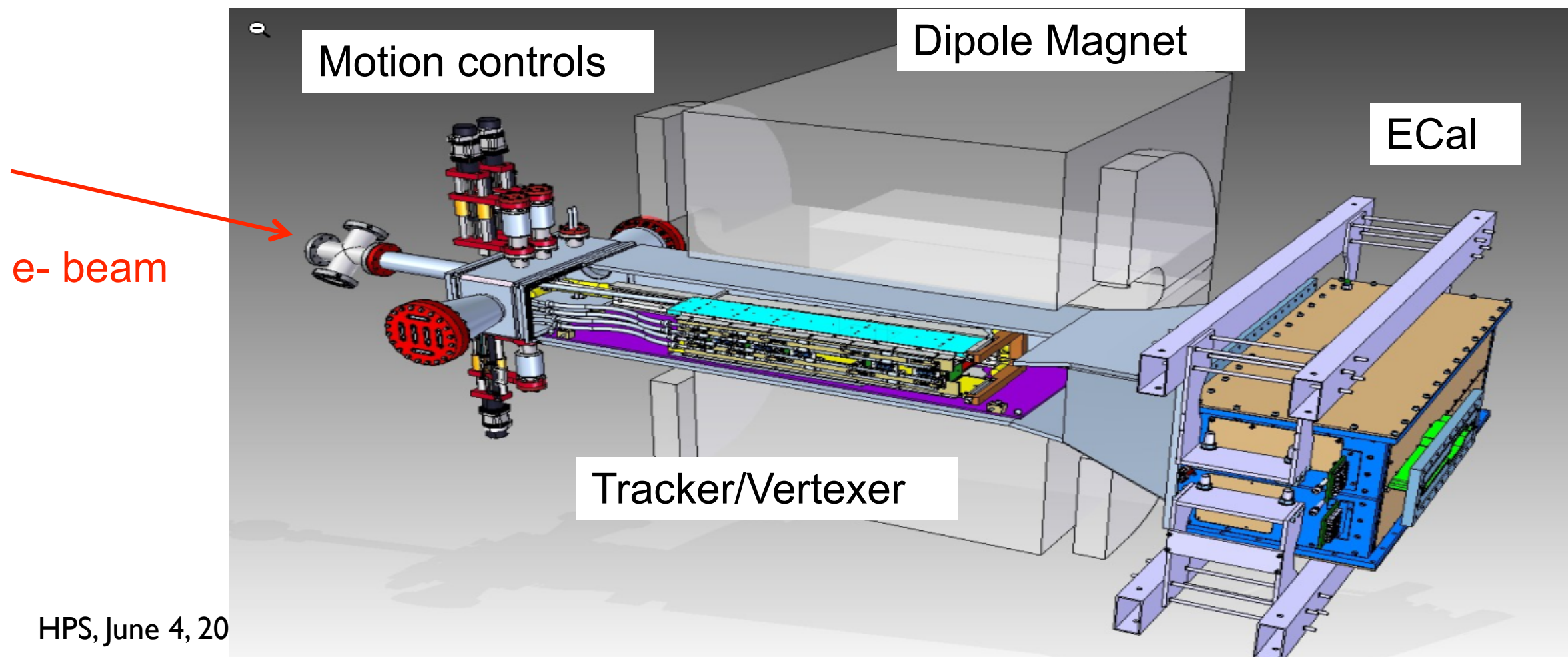
- \* At small  $A'$  mass, dead zone limits acceptance
- \* At large  $A'$  mass, limited by size of layers 5,6 (magnet)
- \* Increased z-vertex displacement increases dead zone

MC radiated events @ 2.2 GeV



# HPS Test Run

- The HPS Test Run is the first stage of HPS, **designed to demonstrate the experiment's technical feasibility**, measure backgrounds, and begin our search for heavy photons. **Installed and run at JLAB during Spring 2012**
- Designed to electro-produce  $A'$ 's on a thin W target upstream of the tracker.
- Measure  $A'$  mass and decay point in a compact spectrometer- vertex detector placed inside a dipole magnet. Use high rate electronics.
- Trigger with a fast EM Calorimeter .



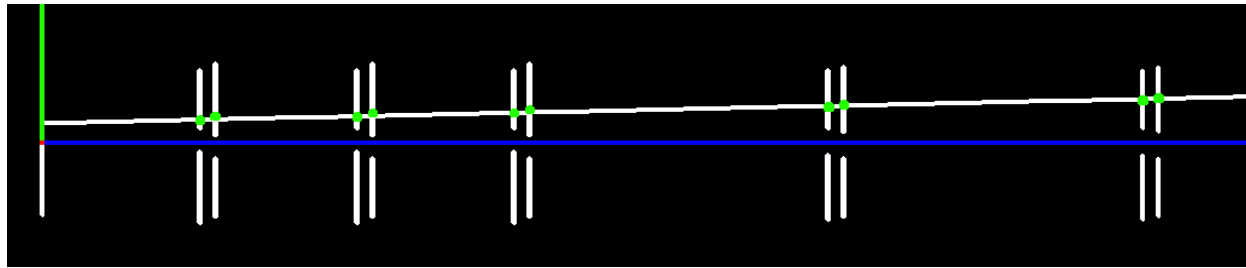


# Test Run 2012

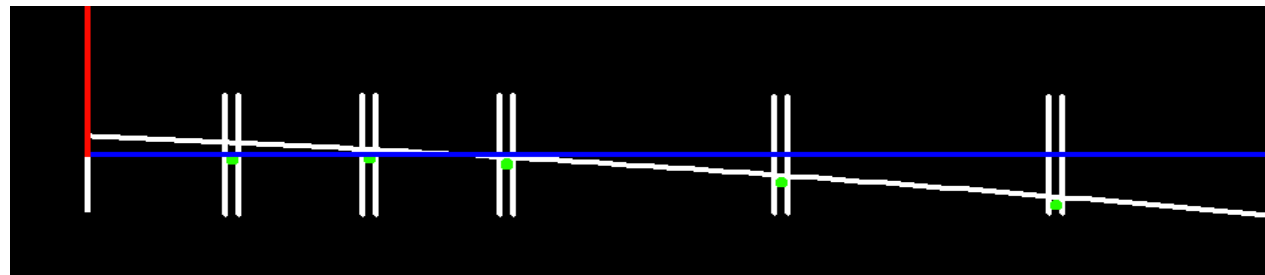
- PAC approved a test run to demonstrate technical feasibility of the experiment.
- Scheduling conflicts in Hall B prevented HPS Test Run getting a dedicated electron run. Instead, **HPS Test ran parasitically** with another experiment using a photon beam.
- **Photon running, with a thin conversion target** in front of HPS, let us fully commission the detector and DAQ and prove its technical feasibility
- A dedicated photon run during the **last 8 hours of CEBAF-6** running, let us take high quality data for detailed performance studies, and measure normalized trigger rates.
- These data lets us make the case that HPS Test performs as advertised, and that *the **backgrounds expected in electron running are understood.***
- **PAC approves experiment, with A rating, 180 days of beam.**  
(But we still need to test the electron beam running)

# Measured SVT Performance

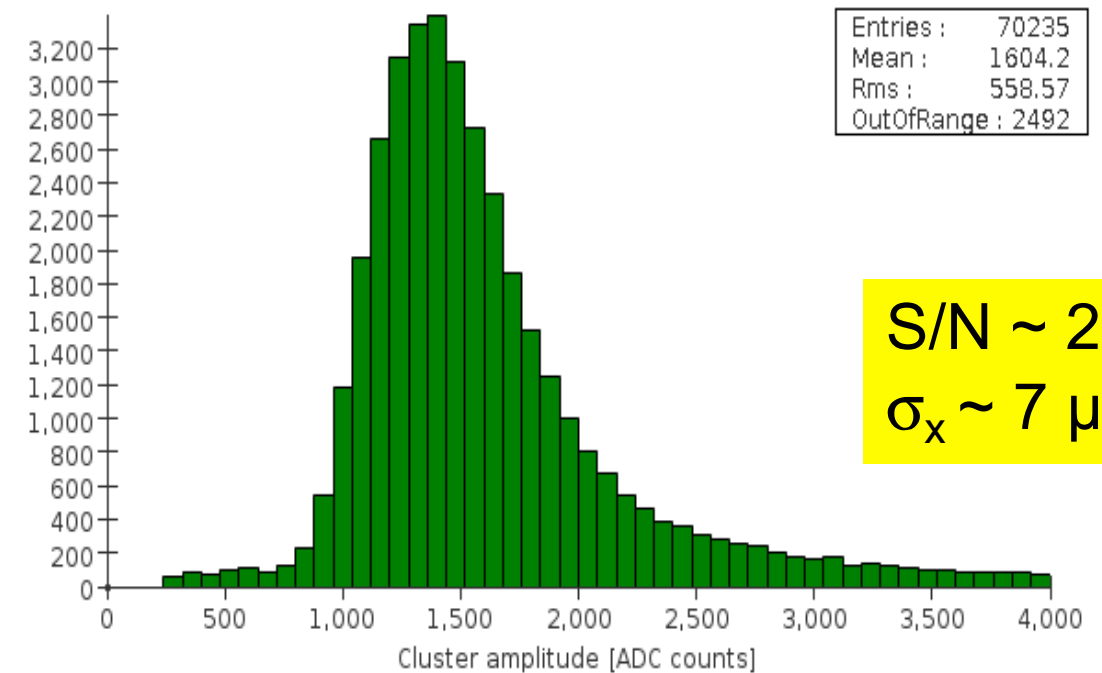
Elevation



Bend Plane



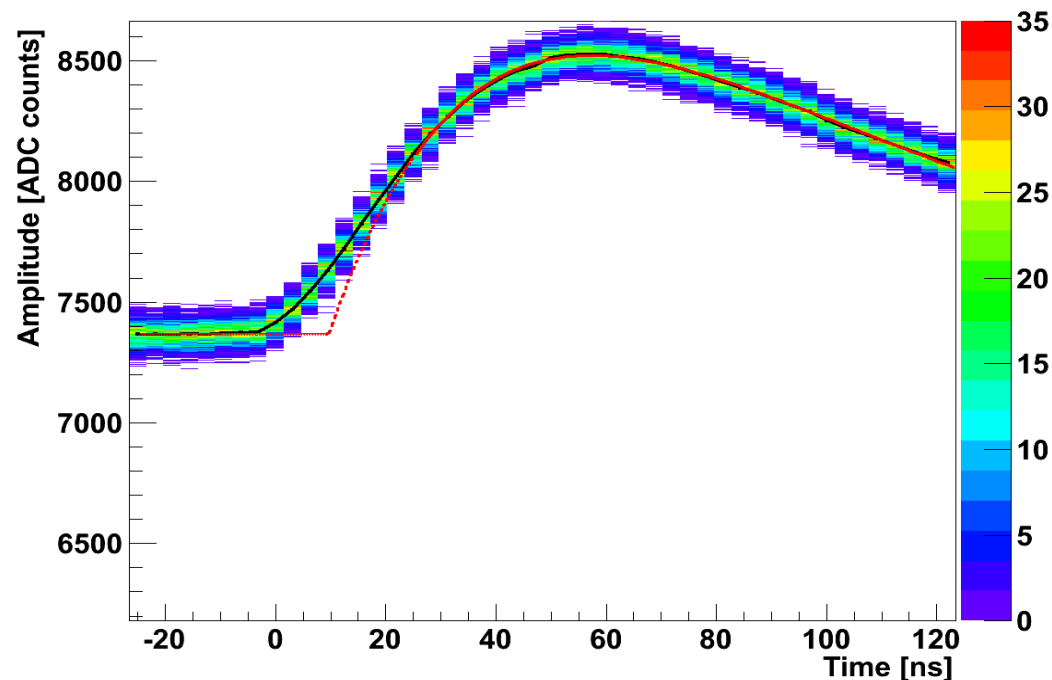
MIP Cluster PH ~ 1600 ADC counts



$S/N \sim 20$   
 $\sigma_x \sim 7 \mu m$

Record pulse shape in 6-25ns bins  
 $\Rightarrow$  track time

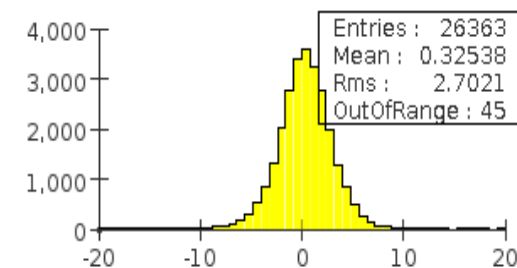
APV25 pulse shape, channel 17, positive pulses



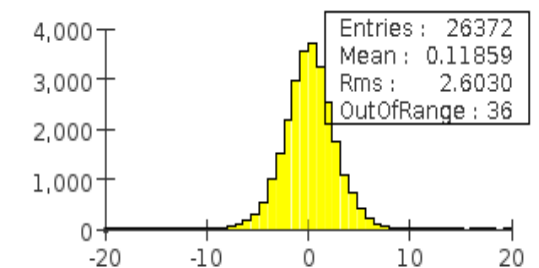
Track Time Resolution

$\sigma_t \sim 3 ns$

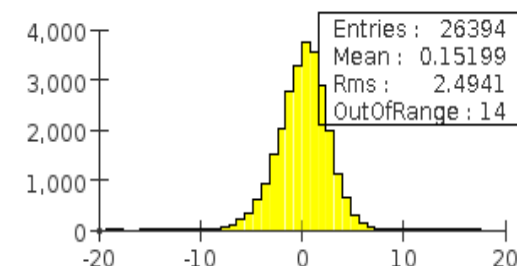
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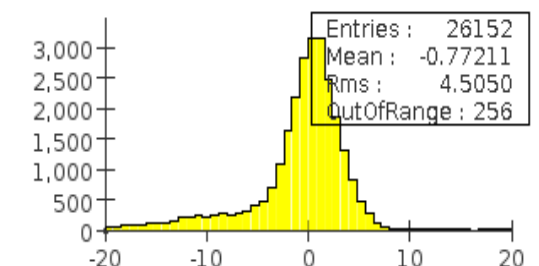
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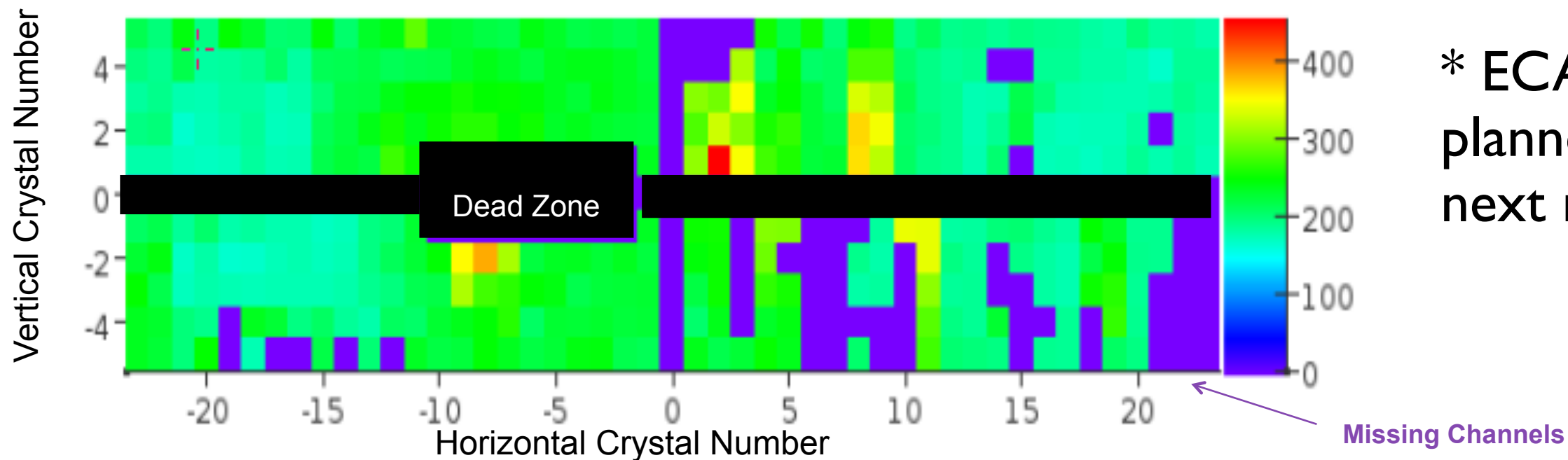
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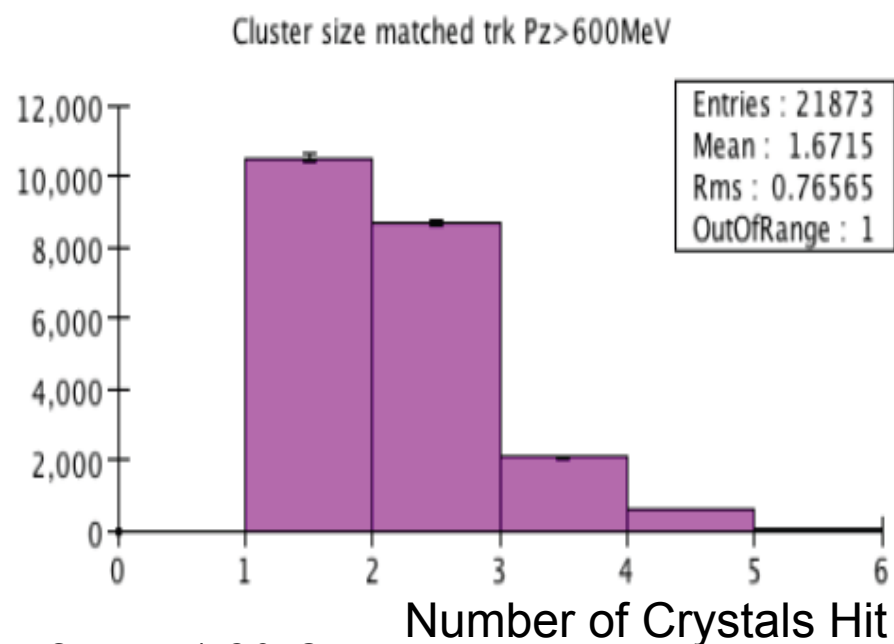
# Measured ECAL performance

Color shows average crystal PH over Face of ECAL

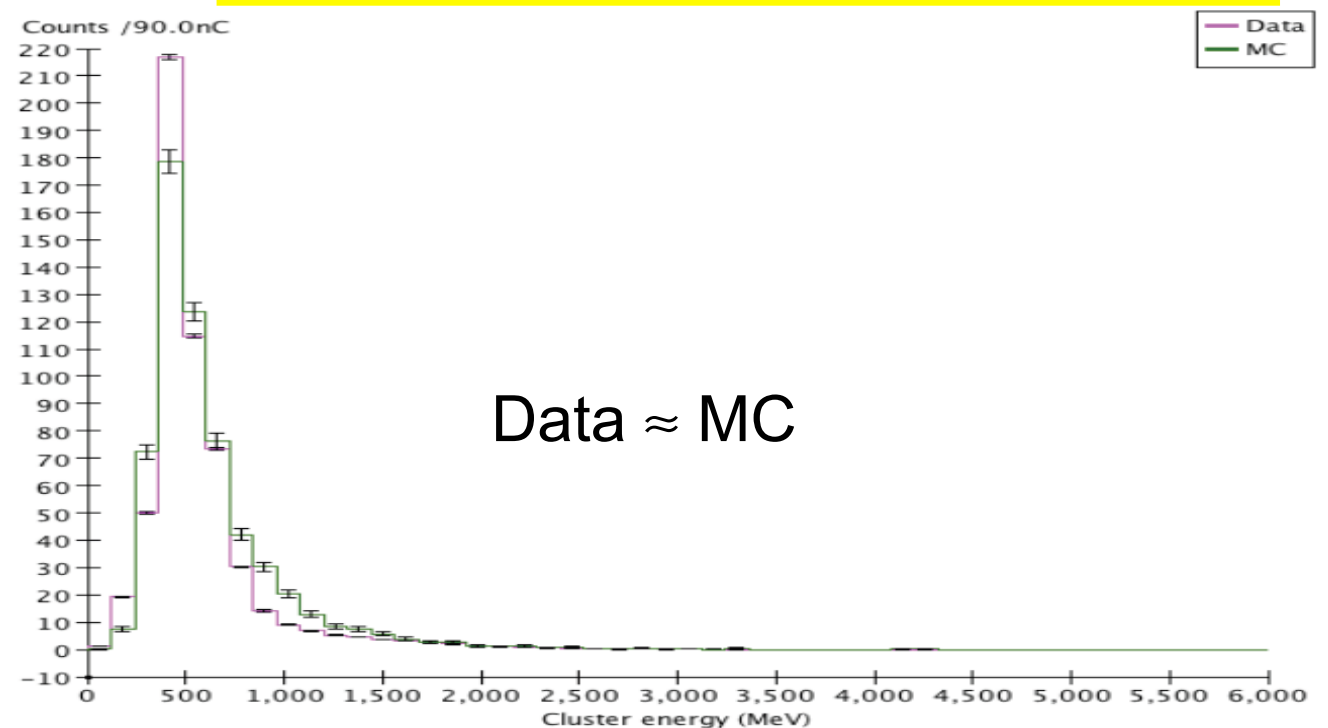


\* ECAL upgrade planned before next running.

## Cluster Size for tracks with $p > 0.6$ GeV/c



## Cluster Energy Data/MC



# Is HPS ready for electron beams?

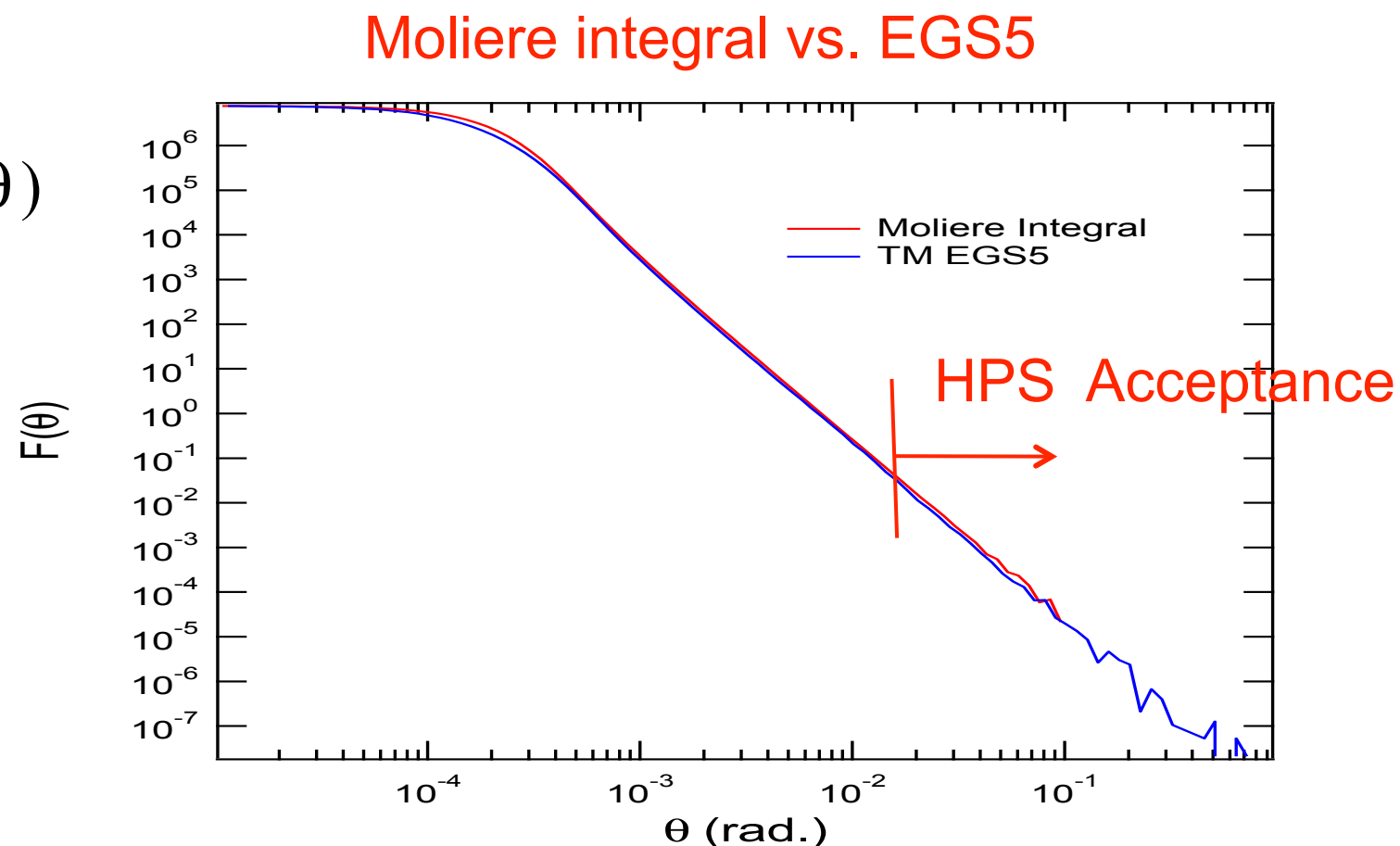
- **Full Monte Carlo simulation shows MCS of beam electrons is the principal HPS background**

The tails of the multiple Coulomb scattering of beam electrons in the target hit the innermost layers of the tracker and Ecal and are the principal cause of tracker occupancy and ECal trigger rate.

- **EGS5 simulations accurately describe MCS tails from thin targets.**

They agree with formal MCS Theory (Moliere, and Goudsmit-Saunderson) and available thin target data. (Not true for GEANT4!)

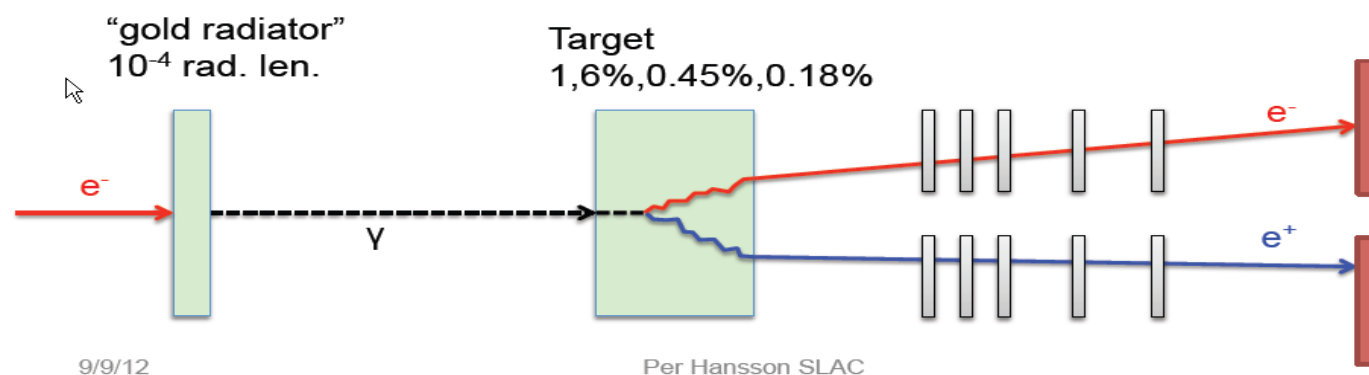
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \approx F(\theta) 2\pi d(\cos\theta)$$





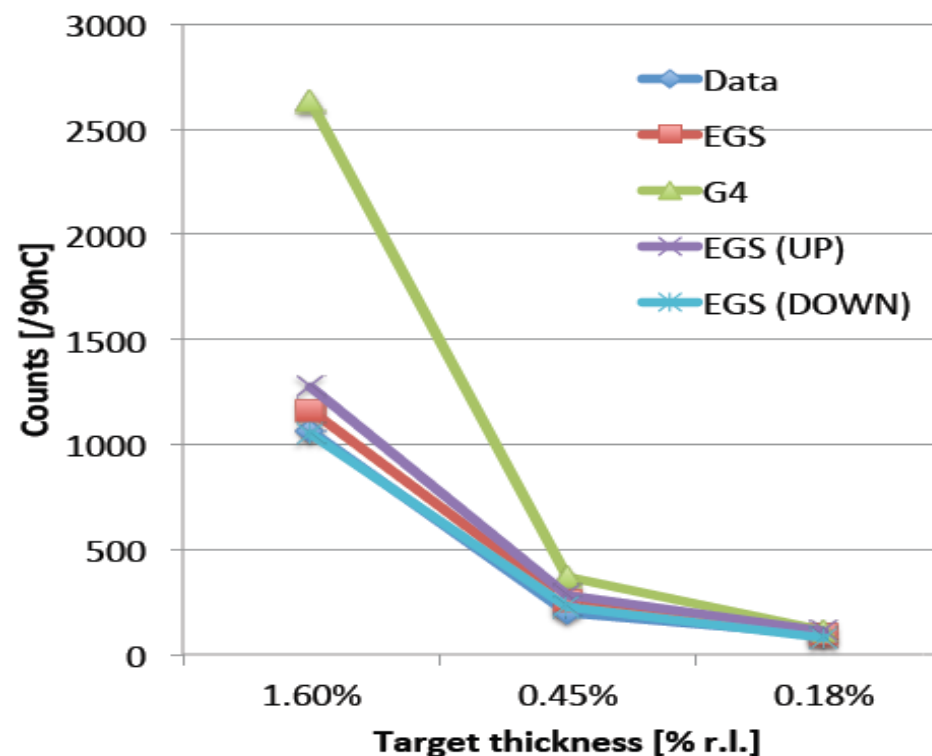
# YES, HPS is ready!

- Photon conversions in the test run produce pairs whose angular distribution depends on two effects, of roughly equal importance:
  - 1) pair opening angle distribution
  - 2) Multiple Coulomb Scattering of electrons through the target



- With a photon beam incident, the HPS trigger rate is almost entirely due to pair production in the target. The observed rate is given by the pair angular distribution, integrated over the Ecal acceptance.

Trigger Rate Data agrees with EGS5 simulation.

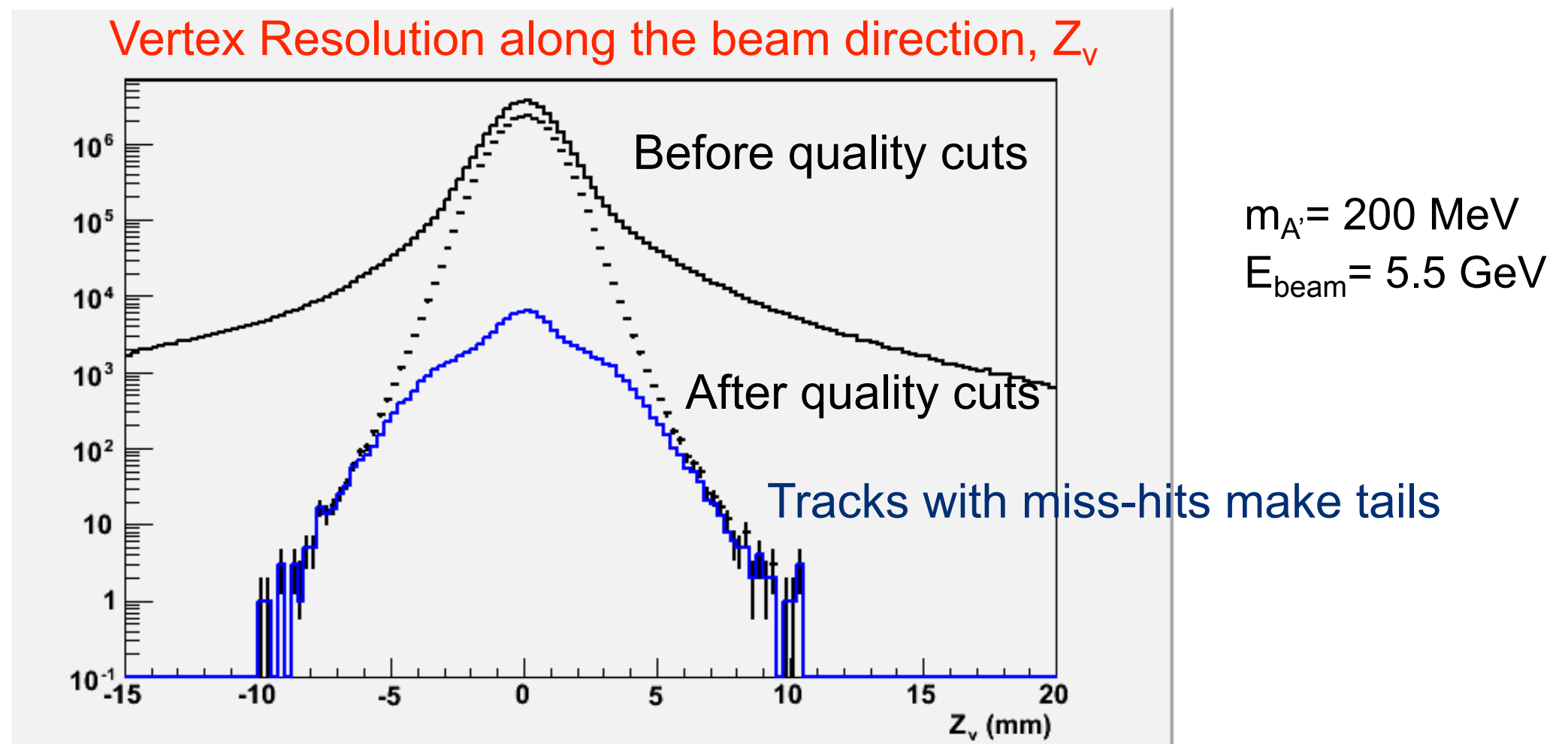


Background estimates using the EGS5 simulation are reliable.

HPS ready for e- beams

# Simulated Vertexing Performance

- Accurate knowledge of SVT occupancy gives us confidence that stand alone pattern recognition will work in the presence of realistic backgrounds.
- Simulated tracking efficiency is  $\sim 98\%$  with beam backgrounds included. Only 5% of tracks have miss-hits, which can cause vertex tails, and spoil reach.
- Track quality, vertex quality, and trajectory cuts nearly eliminate vertex tails.

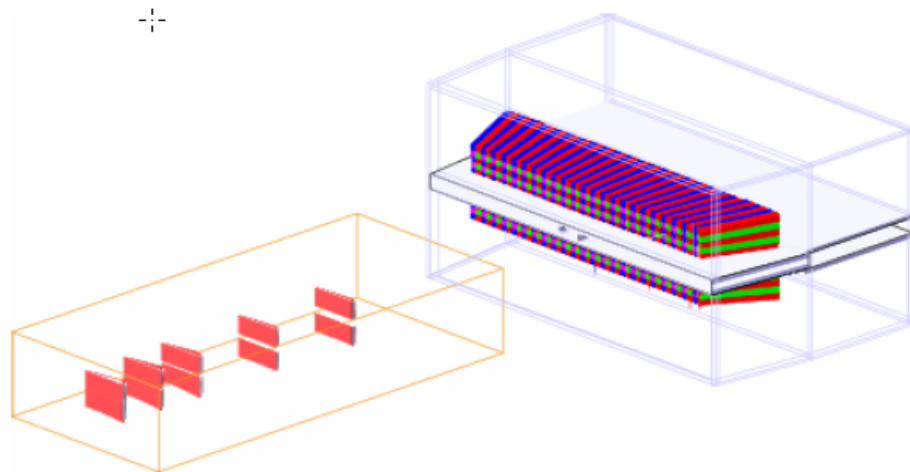




# Simulated Trigger Rate.

- Full GEANT4 simulation of detector, with EGS5 input events.
- Event pile-up and Ecal pulse width effects have been added to the GEANT4 simulation of the HPS trigger.

Simulated Test Run ECal

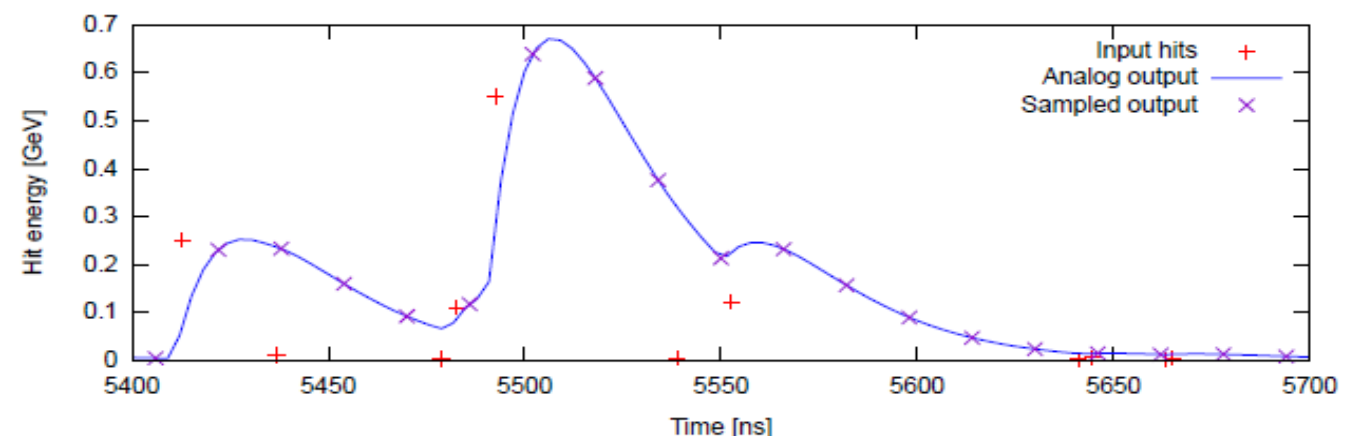


- **Performance at 2.2 GeV (200 nA)**  
 \*35 kHz trigger rate, compatible with previous estimate

\* 1% of useful events are affected by pileup

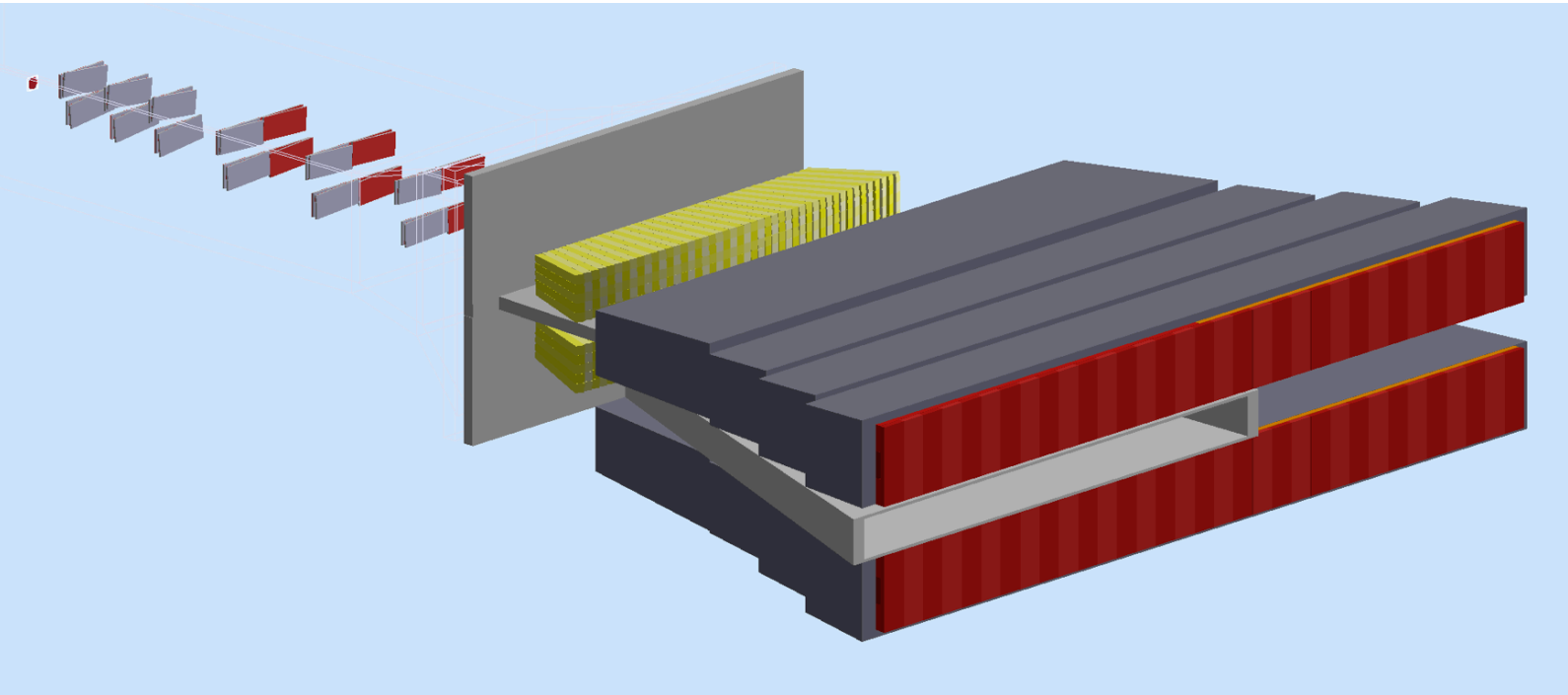
- **HPS trigger rates under control**

Full time development of Ecal Pulses included

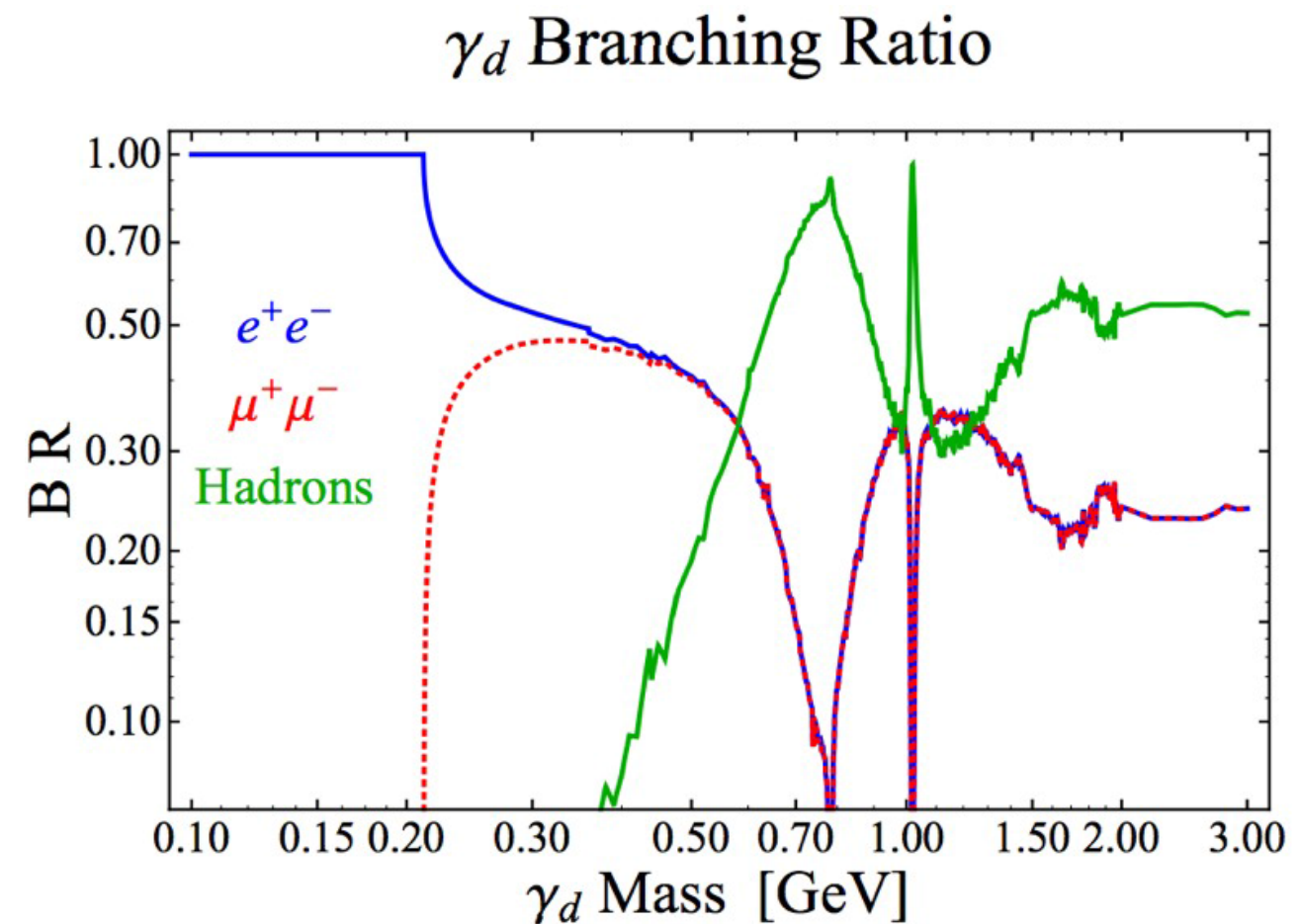
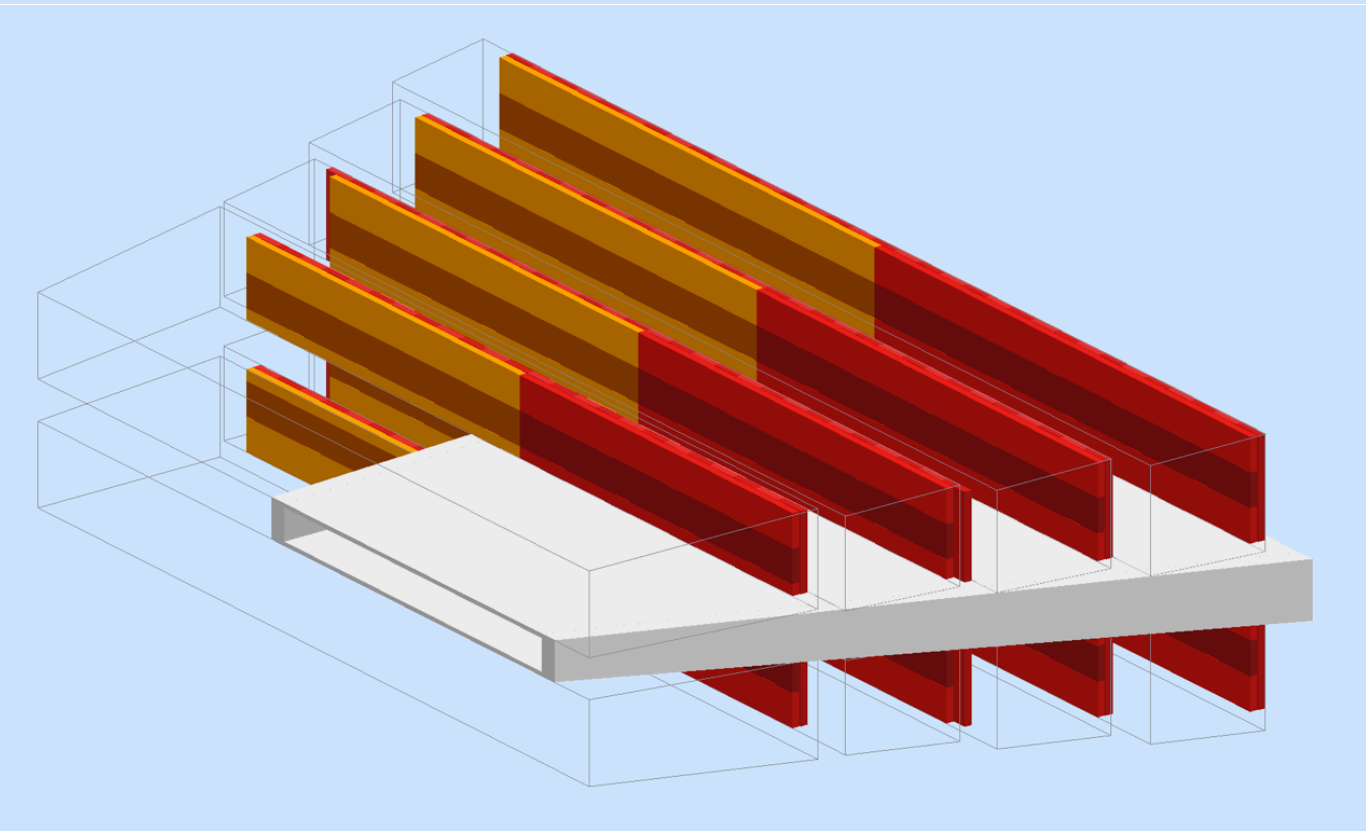


Trigger cut	75 MeV/c <sup>2</sup> A' acceptance	Background rate
Pairs of clusters in opposite quadrants	59.5%	1.8 MHz
Cluster energy between 100 MeV and 1.85 GeV	45.1%	725 kHz
Energy sum less than $E_{beam}$	45.1%	431 kHz
Energy difference less than 1.5 GeV	45.1%	386 kHz
Energy-distance cut	36.1%	80 kHz
Clusters coplanar to within 35°	35.3%	46 kHz
Not counting double triggers	34.4%	43.8 kHz
Applying trigger dead time	18.8%	34.8 kHz

# Muon Detector Design



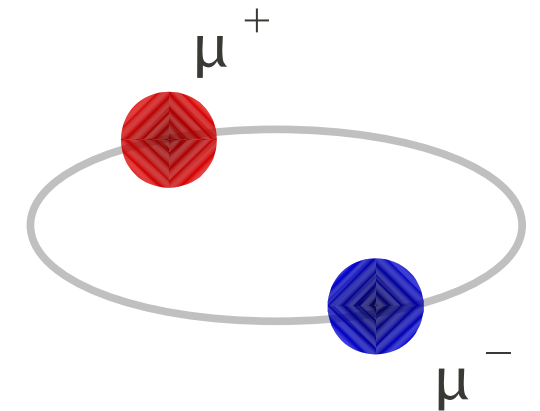
Add a segmented muon detector behind ECAL for muon trigger.  
Adds a second channel to look for high mass  $A'$  decays.





# True Muonium, $\mu^+\mu^-$ atom

- TM produced in target, easily dissociates, but some survive
- Long lived bound state (10 keV binding energy) decays to  $e^+e^-$
- $M = 2 m_\mu$ ,  $\gamma c\tau = 35$  mm at 6 GeV
- Looks like an  $A'$ , but known rate and lifetime.



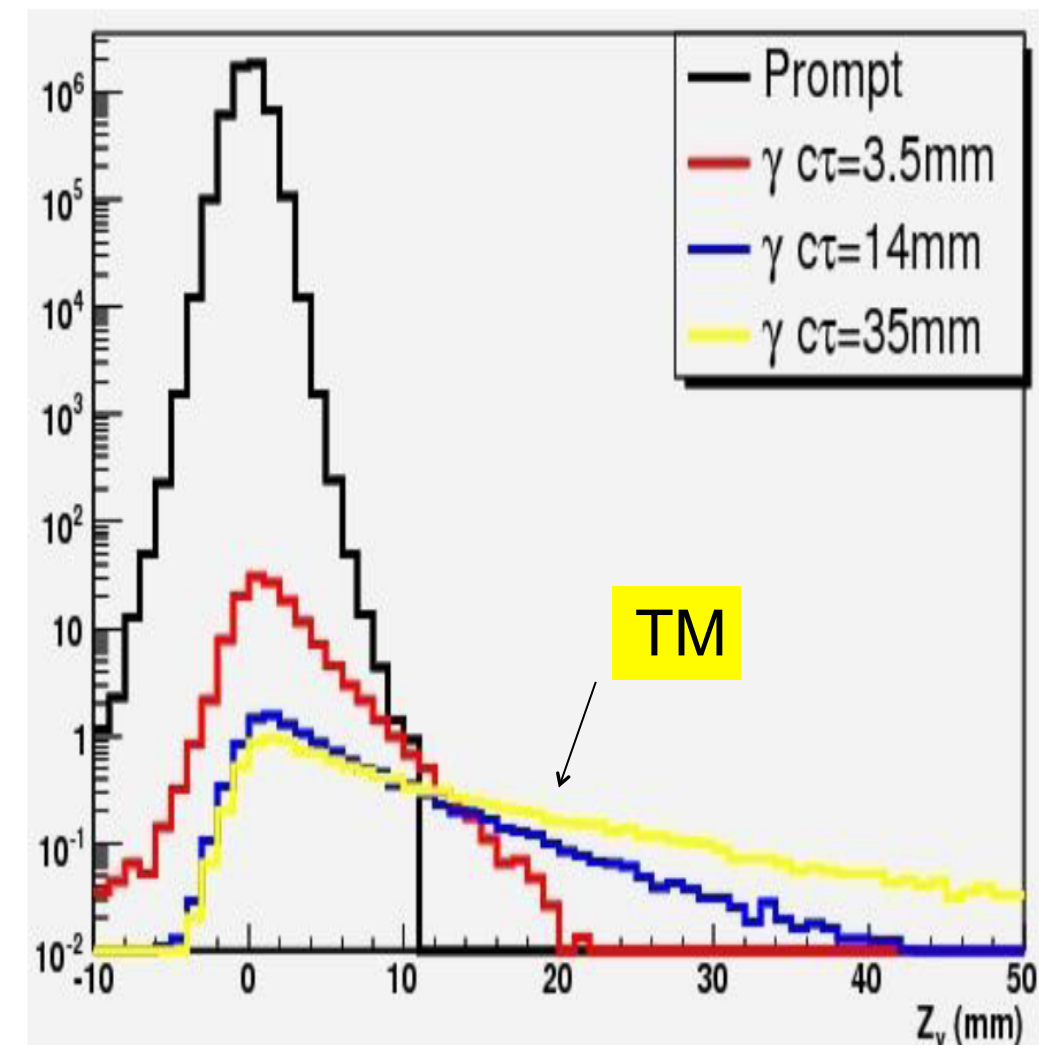
Estimated production from Philip Shuster

- Assume 6 GeV, 450 nA, 0.1% X0 target
- 1 month run
- Raw yield (IS): 180 events for  $x > 0.8$ ,  $\lambda > 1.5$  cm
- Estimated acceptance  $\sim 20\%$

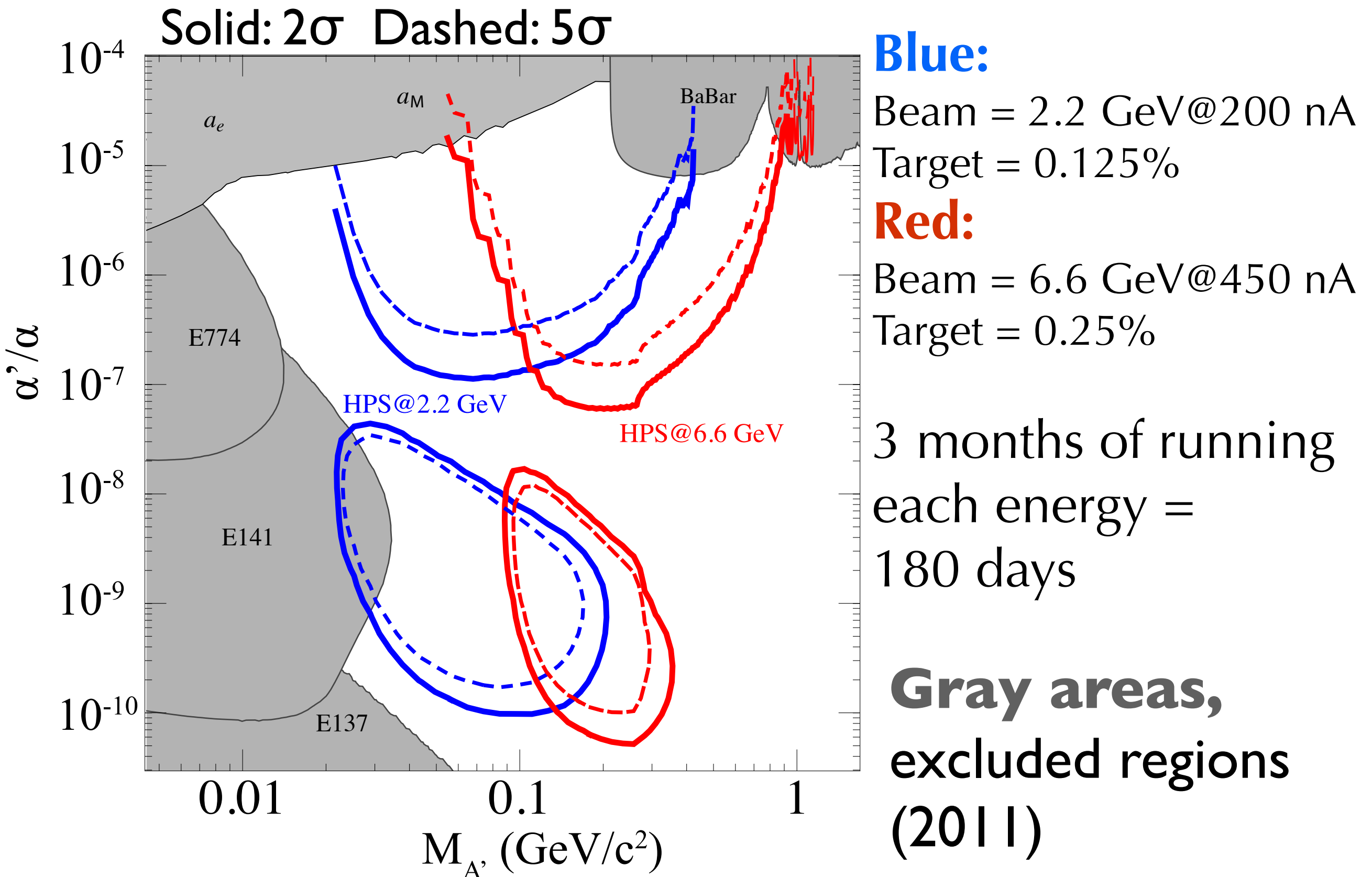


25 detected events, with very  
little background =  
Discovery !

Decay Length Distribution

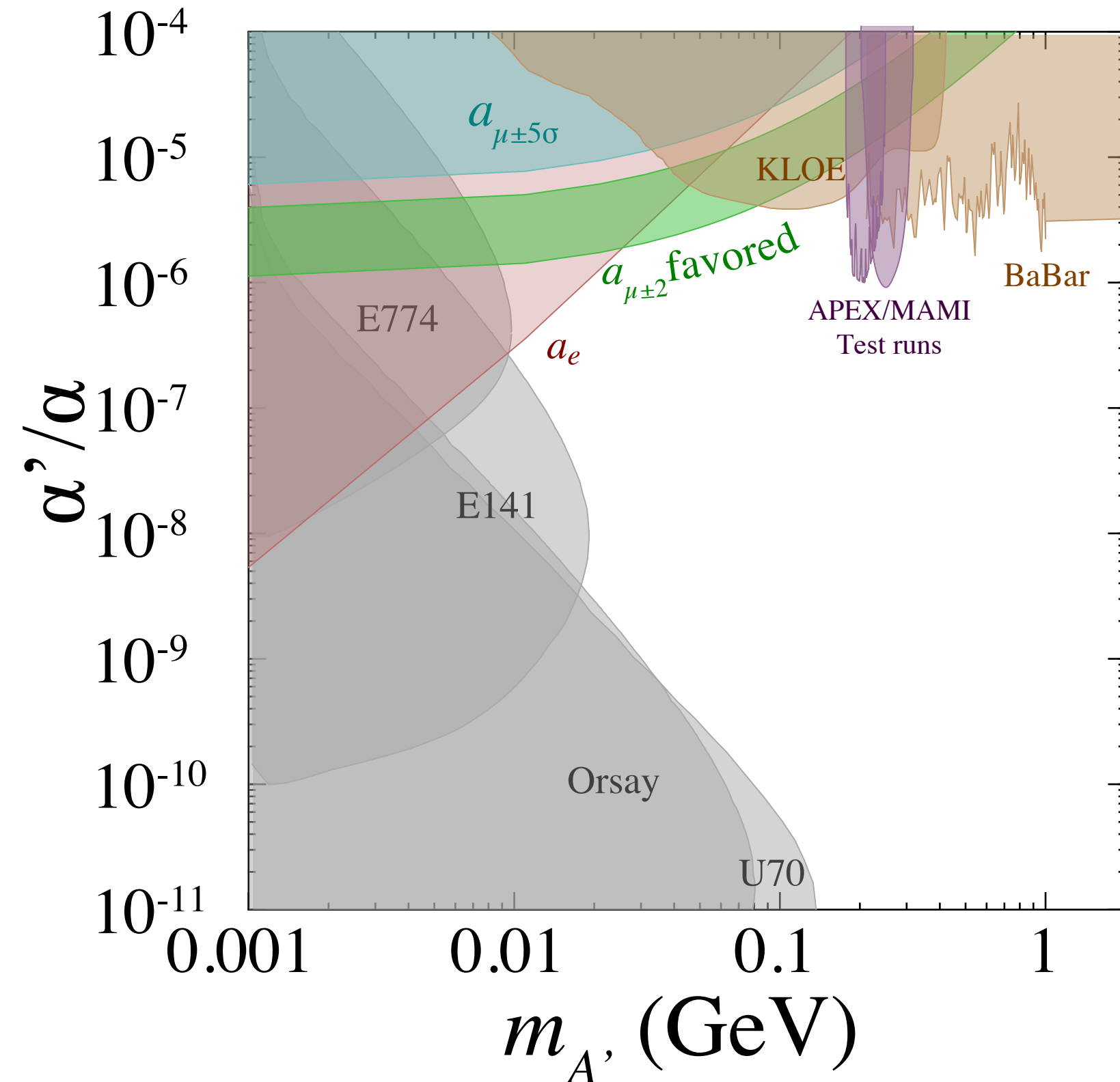


# Full Experiment Reach





# Updated Limits

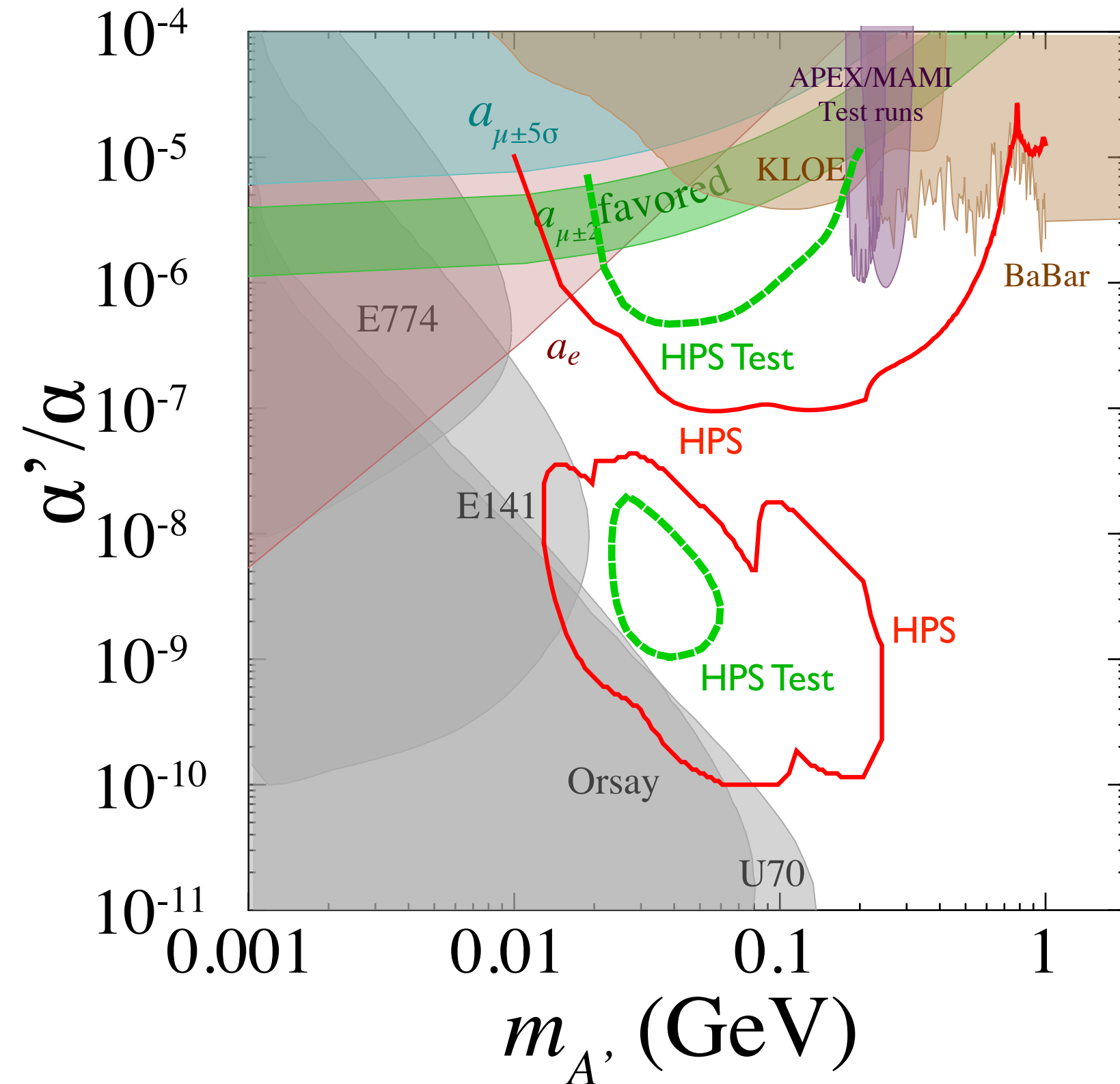


The improved  $a_e$  and improved limits from KLOE reduce  $g_{\mu-2}$  favored region.

**Green band** is the region favored by a  $A'$  explanation of the  $g_{\mu-2}$  anomaly.

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# Commissioning Run Reach



**Green dashed:**

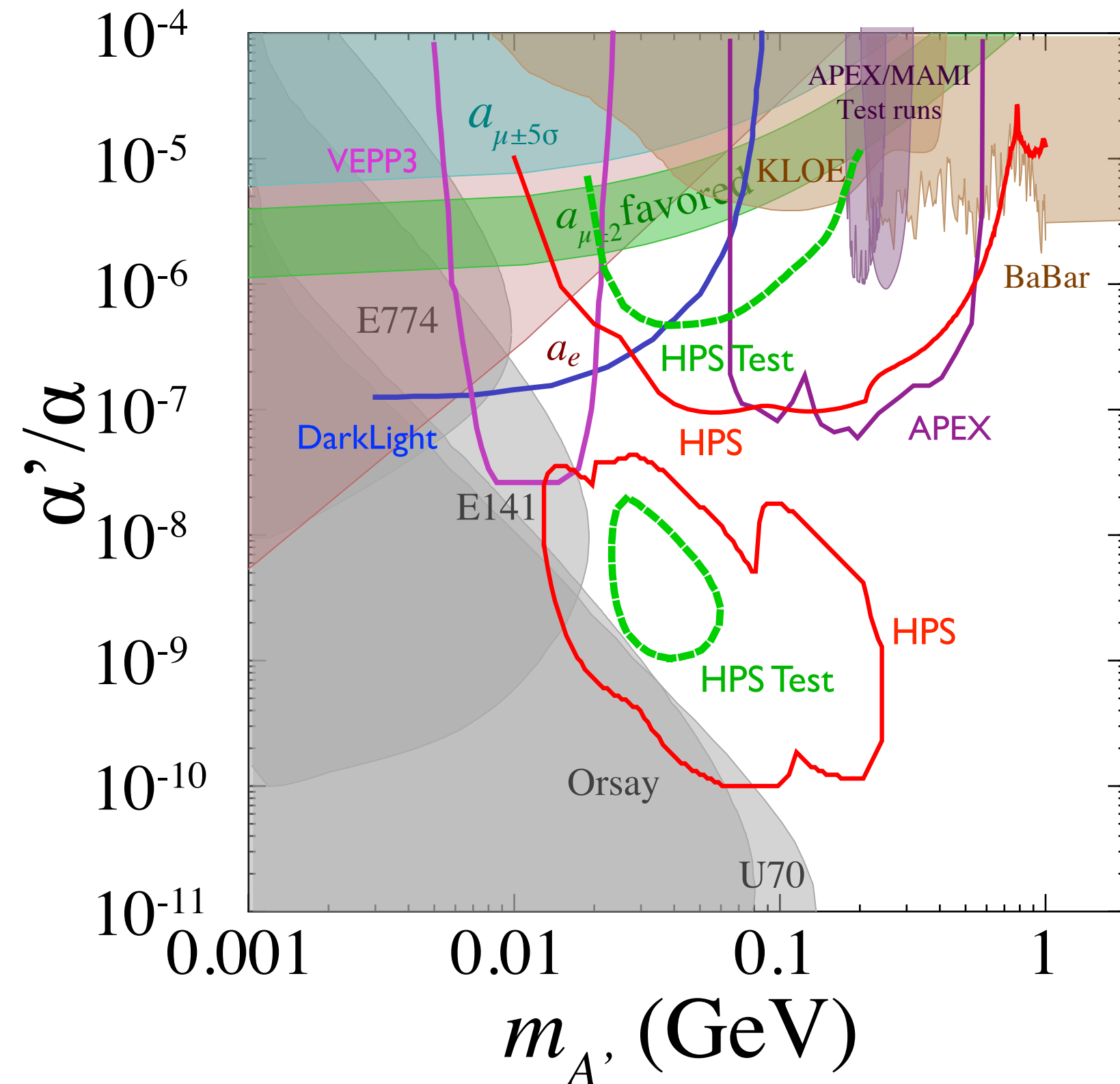
2.2 GeV, 200 nA  
0.125%  $X_0$  target  
~1 week of data.

**Red line:**

2.2 GeV, 200 nA  
6.6 GeV, 450 nA  
180 days of data.



# Other Experiments...



**APEX** - Jlab Hall-A  
& **Mainz A1**

~ same region as APEX.  
Using spectrometers.

**DarkLight** - Jlab FEL  
Using internal "active"  
target recoil detector.

Not shown:  
Babar, BELLE, KLOE, BES,  
SuperB, D0, Atlas, CMS,...

# Next Steps

- **Upgrade the test run detector** to handle high intensity e- beams for longer periods.
- **Funding** proposal for upgrade submitted to DOE. Presentations in July.
- Funding proposal for muon detector submitted to NSF.
- Design of upgraded detector started, construction starting soon.
- If funded, installation commissioning and data taking of **commissioning run in Fall 2014**.
- Good prospects for **extended data run in 2015**.

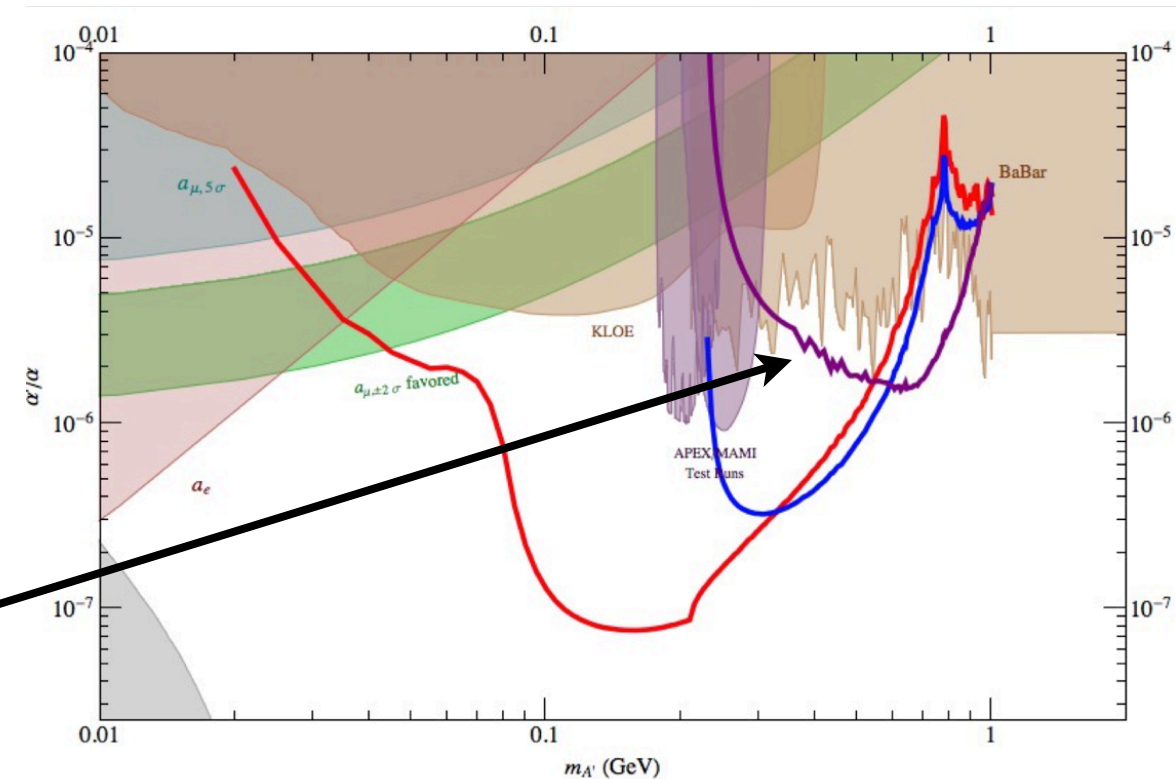


# Other ideas

Creative team keeps thinking about possible improvements...

Can we improve the experiment by:

- Triggering on pions?
- Detecting the recoil electron?
- ...?



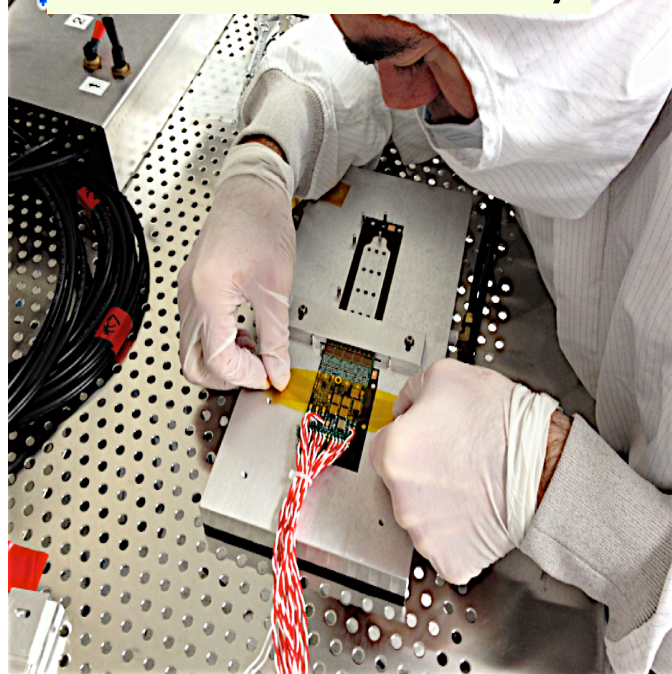
Maybe with a pixel detector?



# Conclusions

- \* The Heavy Photon Search at Jlab is an ambitious experiment looking for the  $A'$ , a heavy  $U(1)$  vector boson.
- \* Challenging experiment.
- \* Excellent reach, excellent discovery potential.
- \* Detector is being upgraded for 2014/15 run.

SVT Module assembly

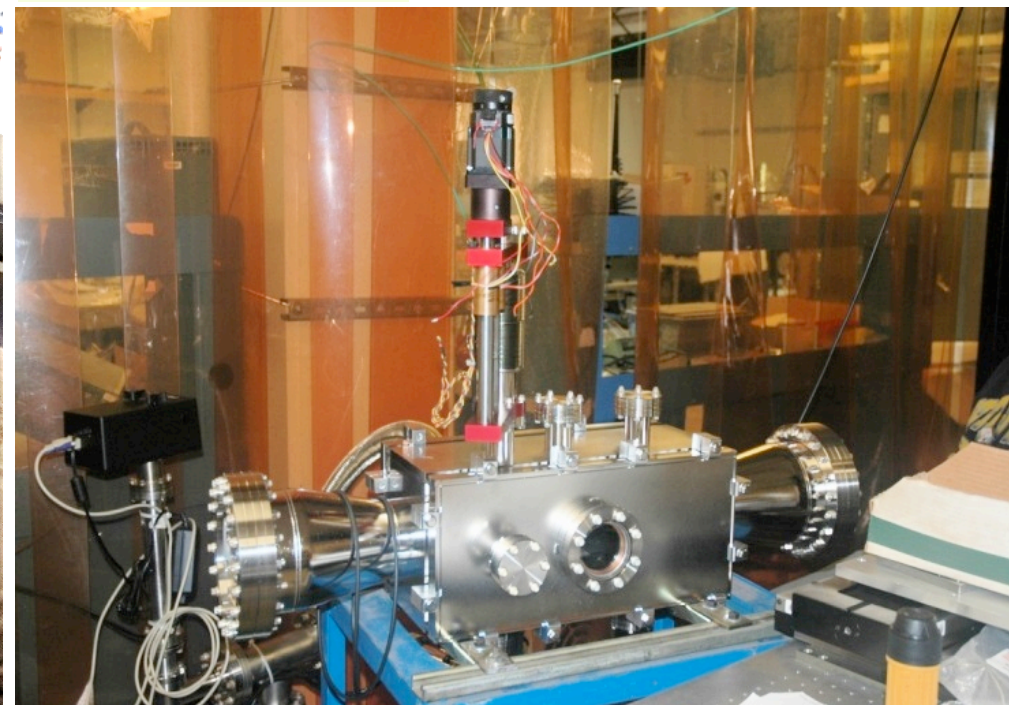


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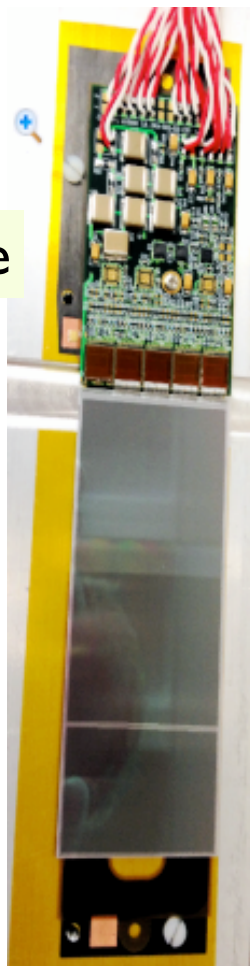
SVT cosmic tests



Vacuum system



Tracker module





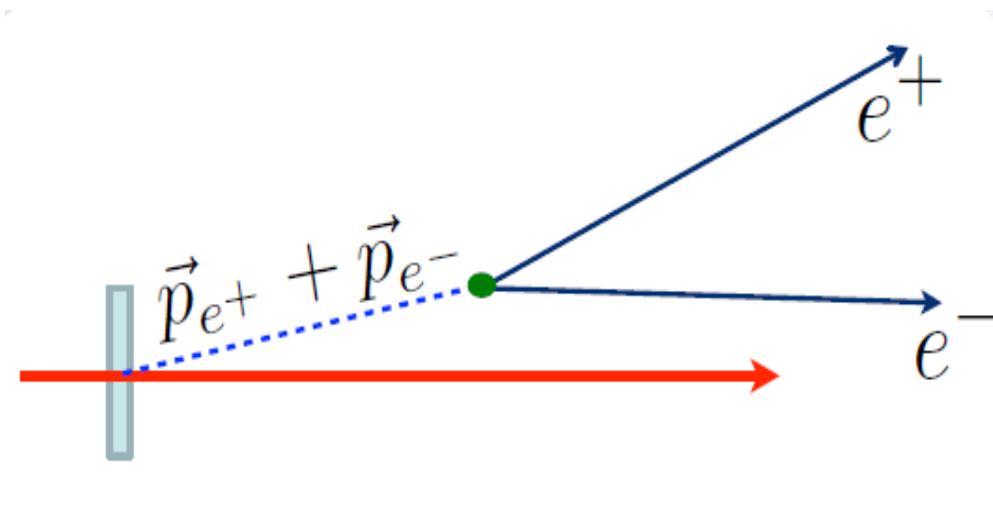
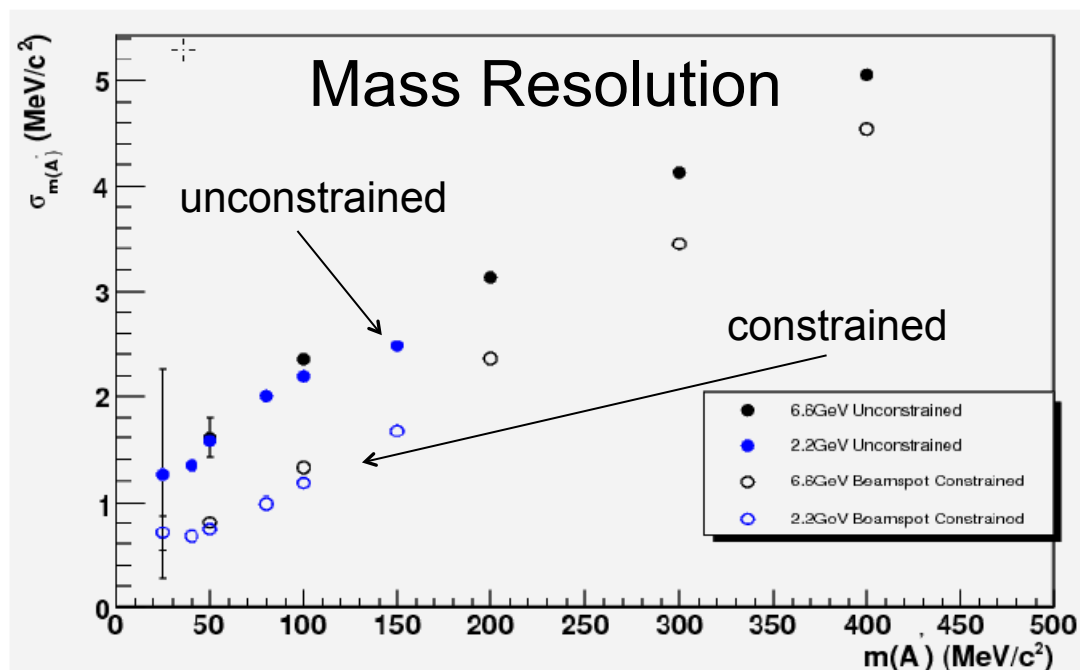


Extras



# Optimize: target, current & beam size

- **Minimize target thickness (4-8  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and boost beam current (few x 100 nA)** This minimizes the multiple coulomb scattering (MCS) tails which dominate tracker occupancy and trigger rates.
- **Minimize Beam Spot Size.**  
Small beam spots help define track angles and improve mass resolution in the bump hunt region, and improve vertex resolution and reduce vertex tails.



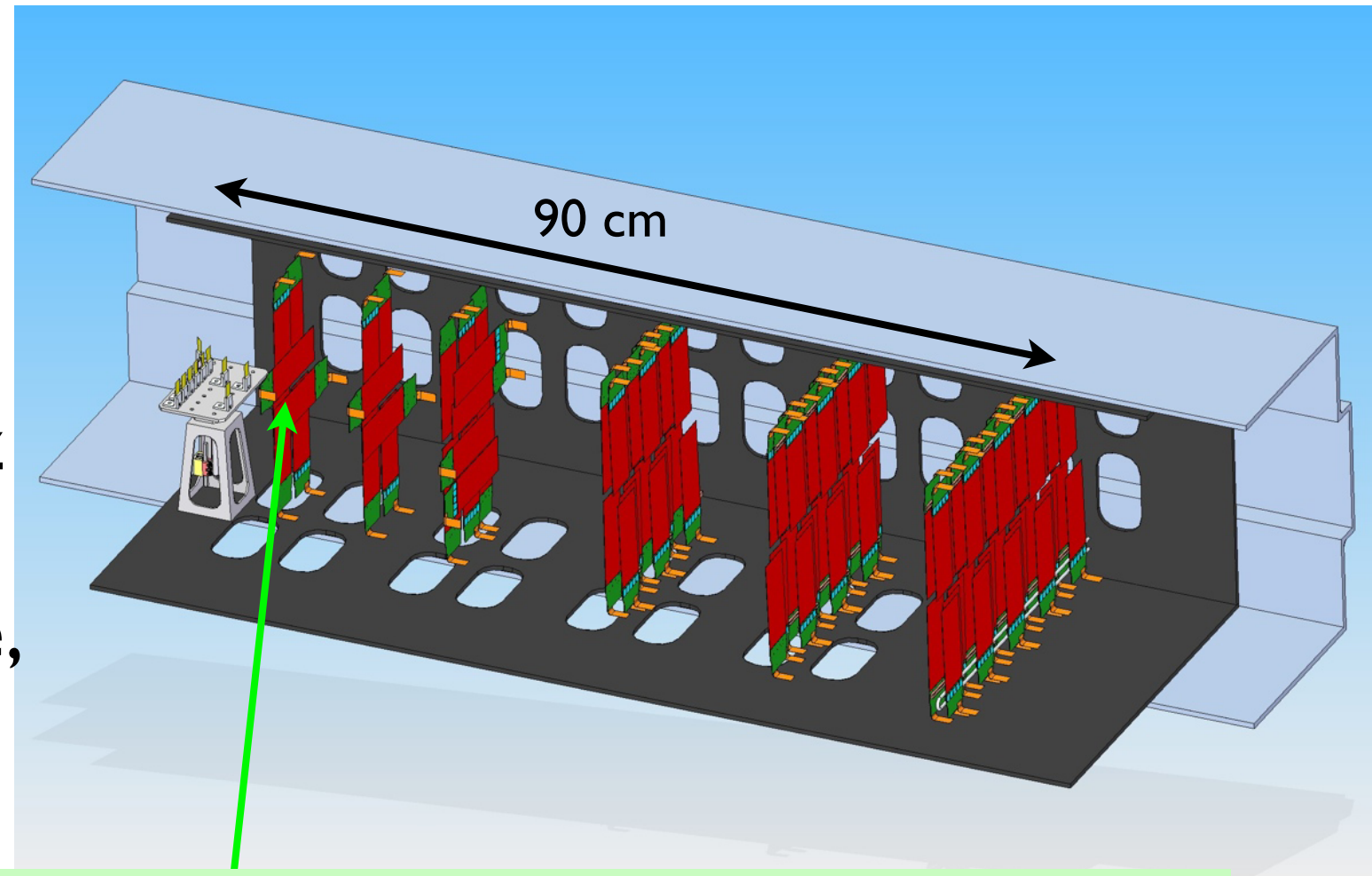
- **Beam Stability and Halo**  
Since detectors are close to the beam, beam stability is at a premium, and beam halo must be minimized.



# Tracker

## Requirements:

- \*Forward angular coverage gives large acceptance (1000x two spectrometers)
- \*High Rate capable = 25 MHz
- \*Thin (reduce M.S.)
- \*Robust, movable, replaceable, operate in vacuum
- \*Excellent hit resolution
- \*Cost is acceptable.



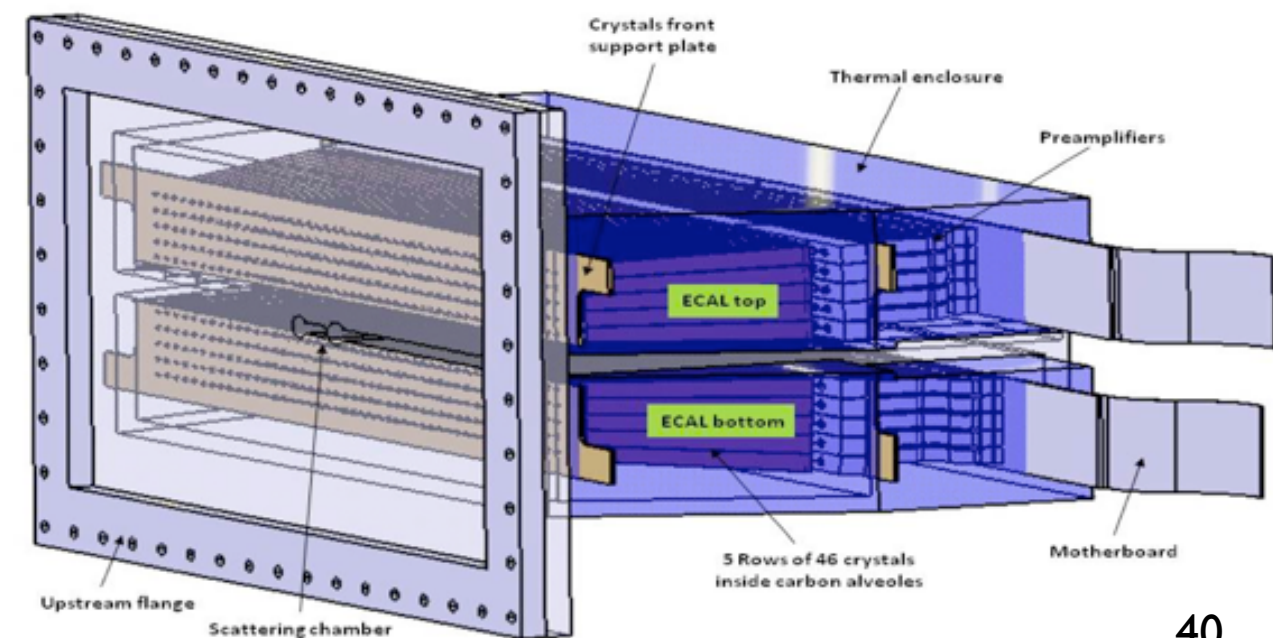
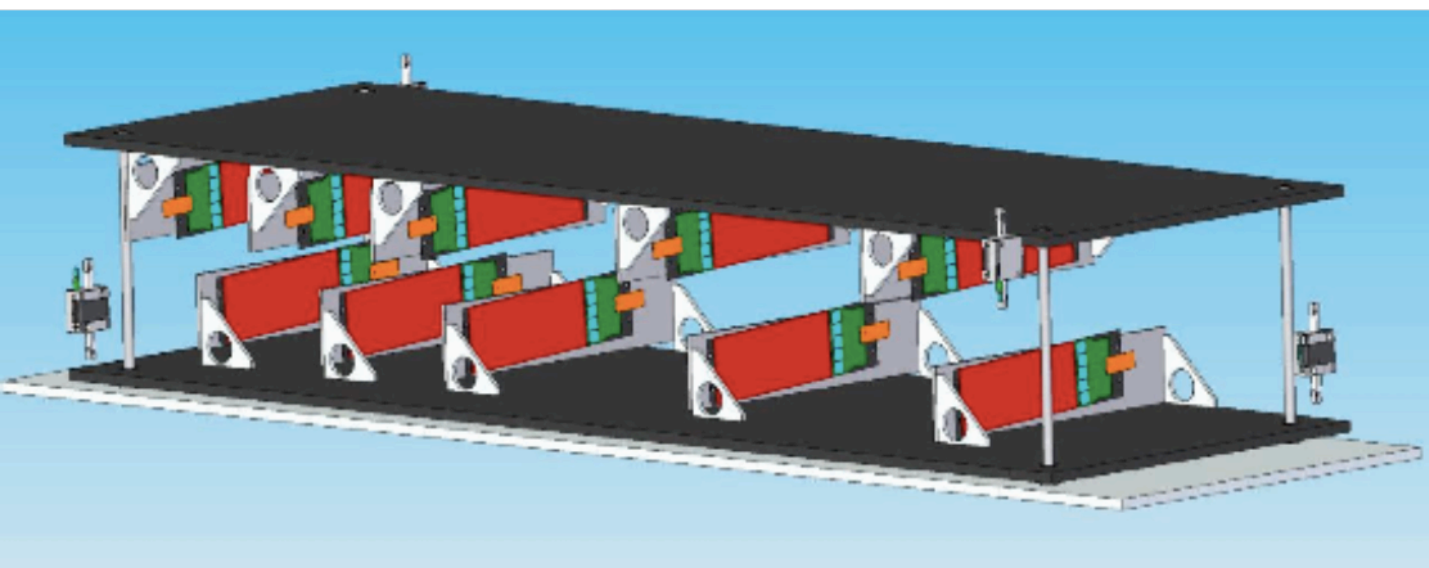
$\pm 1.5$  mm Gap for beam =  $\pm 15$  mRad  
Small “dead zone” in acceptance.

## Using:

Si Microstrip detectors (106, thin, leftover from Tevatron run IIb)  
AVP25 readout chip (67840 channels, from CMS, S/N~25, timing ~ 2ns)  
Cooling outside tracking volume. (  $\sim 0.5\%$   $X_0$  per layer)

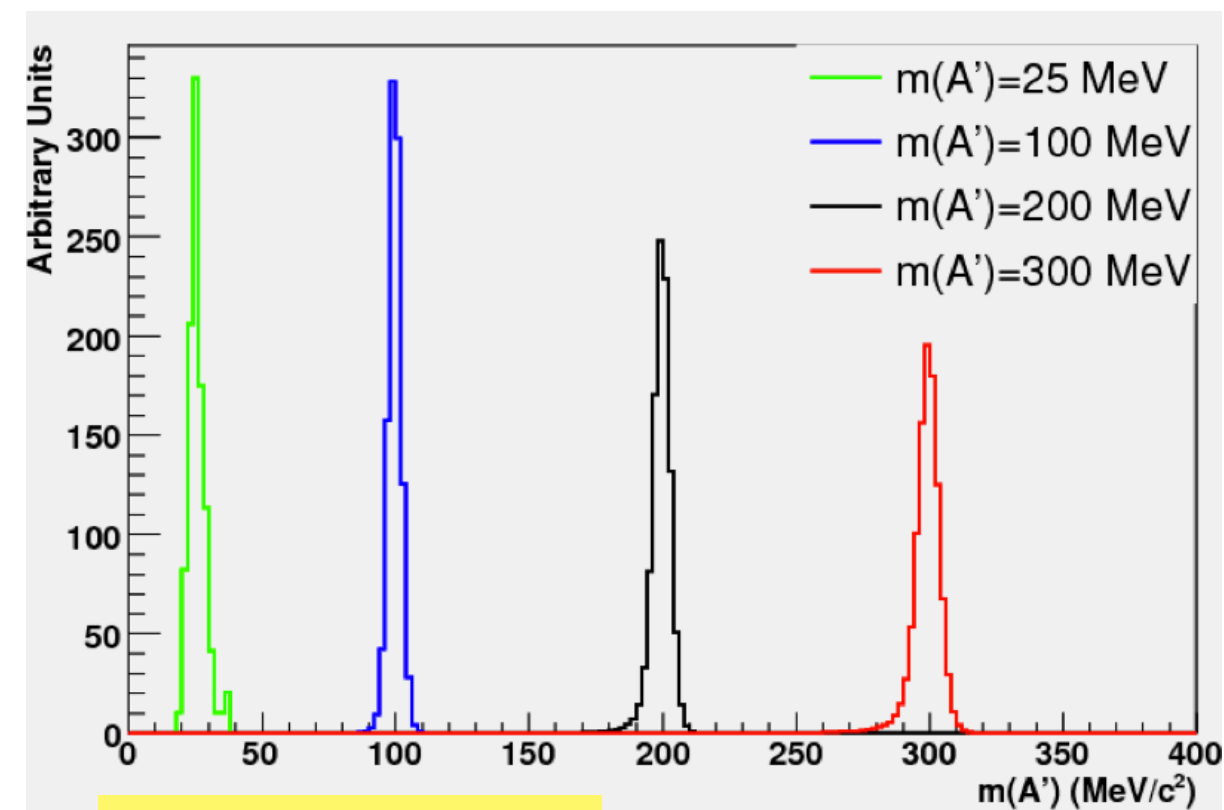
# Test Run

- \*Test the equipment & methods before building full system
- \*Cheaper & Faster to build.
- \*Reduced size tracker and calorimeter (no muons)
- \*Verify background estimates, SVT & Ecal occupancies, trigger algorithm, DAQ performance.
- \*Run before Jlab 12 GeV upgrade this summer.

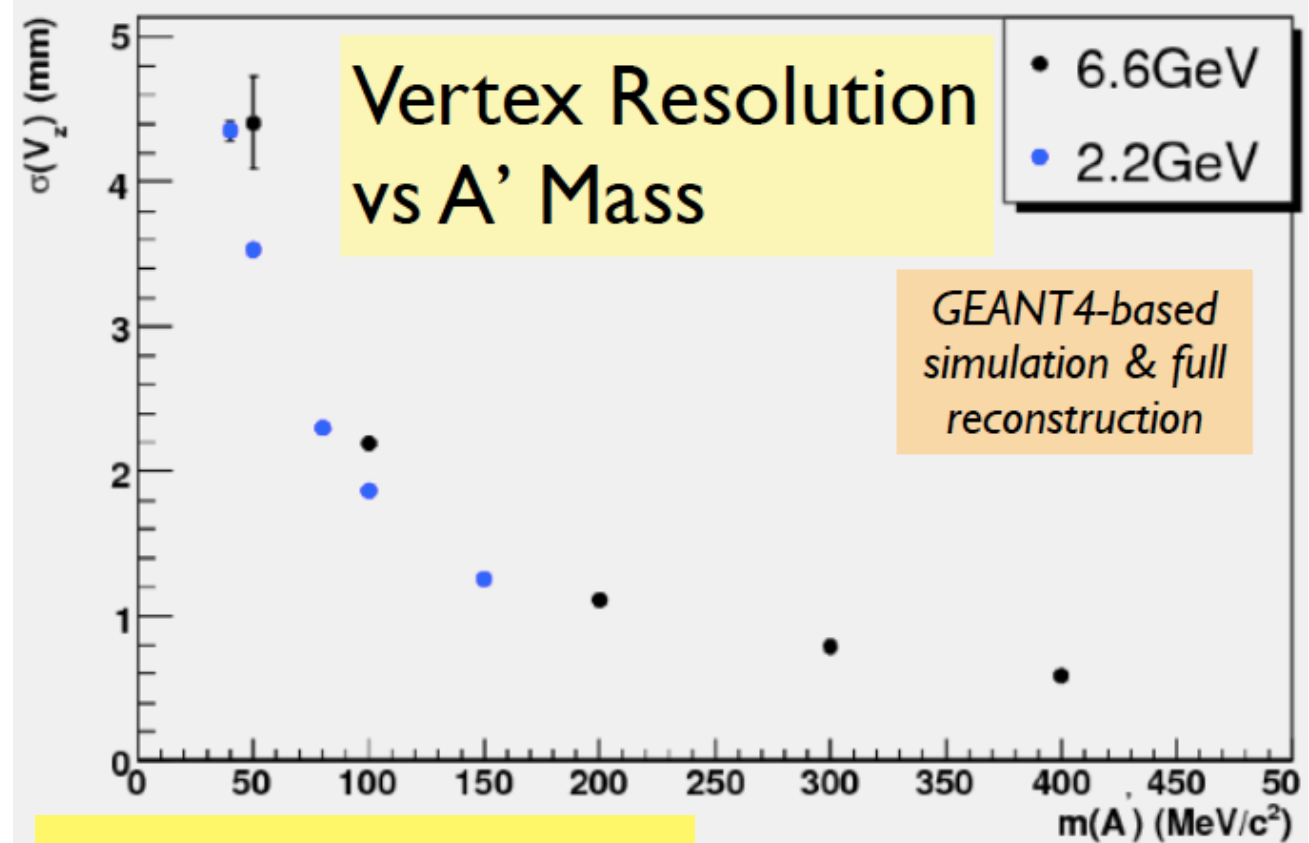




# Tracker Resolution (MC)



$\Delta m/m \sim 1\%$



$\Delta z \sim 1 - 4 \text{ mm}$

Mass resolution dominated by M.S.

Beat down prompt tails to  $\sim 0$   
Tails dominated by fake tracks.

