Status of the PRad Experiment at JLab

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Outline

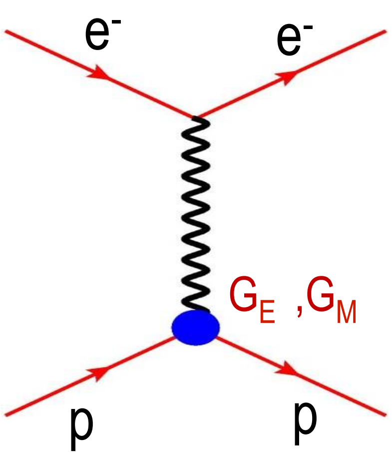
- PRad goals and specifics
- Experimental setup
- Status of the run and the data quality
- Summary

Extraction of r_p from ep→ep Experiments

- In the limit of first Born approximation the elastic *ep* scattering (one photon exchange):

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\text{Mott}} \left(\frac{E'}{E}\right) \frac{1}{1+\tau} \left(G_E^{p\,2}(Q^2) + \frac{\tau}{\varepsilon} G_M^{p\,2}(Q^2)\right)$$

$$Q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2\frac{\theta}{2} \qquad \tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M_p^2} \qquad \varepsilon = \left[1 + 2(1+\tau)\tan^2\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^{-1}$$



- Structureless proton:

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\text{Mott}} = \frac{\alpha^2 \left[1 - \beta^2 \sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{4k^2 \sin^4\frac{\theta}{2}}$$

- G_E and G_M were extracted using Rosenbluth separation (or at extremely low Q^2 the G_M can be ignored, like in the PRad experiment)

- The Taylor expansion at low Q^2:

$$G_E^p(Q^2) = 1 - \frac{Q^2}{6}\langle r^2\rangle + \frac{Q^4}{120}\langle r^4\rangle + \ldots$$

✓ Definition of the Proton Radius:

$$< r^2 > = \int \rho(r) r^2 dr$$

✓ Extraction of the Proton Radius:
(r.m.s. charge radius given by the slope):

$$\langle r^2\rangle = -6 \left.\frac{dG_E^p(Q^2)}{dQ^2}\right|_{Q^2=0}$$

A New ep→ep Experiment?

- Practically all ep-experiments are done with magnetic spectrometers!

- Limitation on minimum Q^2: 10^{-3} GeV/C^2
  - ✓ limitation on min. scattering angle: $\theta_e \approx 5^0$
  - ✓ Typical beam energies: ~ 1 GeV

- Absolute cross section measurement is needed ($d\sigma/d\Omega$):
  - ✓ Statistics is not a problem (<0.2%)
  - ✓ Control of systematic errors???
    - ➢ electron beam flux;
    - ➢ target thickness and windows;
    - ➢ geometrical acceptances;
    - ➢ detection efficiencies, …
    - ➢ Typical uncertainty: ~ 2 ÷ 3%

Three spectrometer facility of the A1 collaboration:

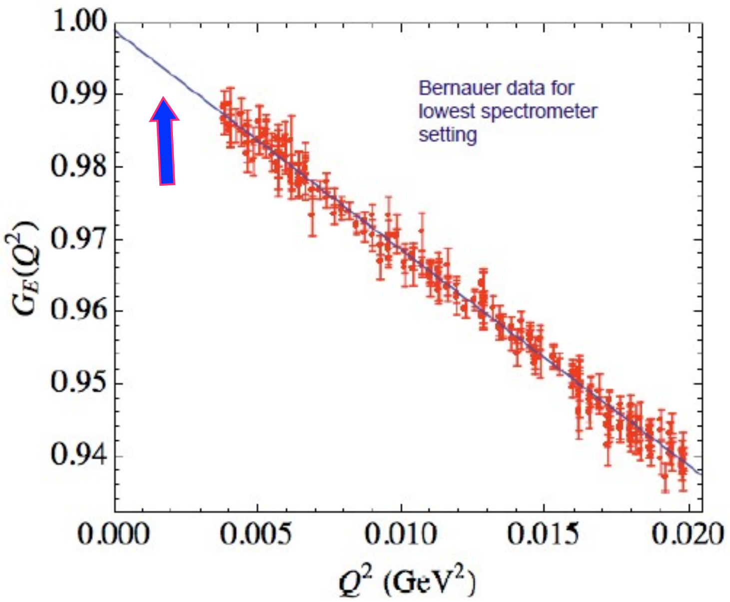
Mainz magnetic spectrometers

- A possible solution (the PRad approach):
  - ✓ Non-magnetic-spectrometer method
  - ✓ No target windows
  - ✓ Calibrate with other well-known QED processes

PRad Experiment

- Experimental goals:
  - reach to very low Q^2 range (~ 10^{-4} GeV/C^2)
  - reach to sub-percent precision in cross section

- Suggested solutions:
  - ✓ use high resolution high acceptance calorimeter:
    - reach smaller scattering angles: ($\Theta = 0.7^0 - 7.0^0$)
      ($Q^2 = 1\text{x}10^{-4} - 6\text{x}10^{-2}$) GeV/c^2
      large Q^2 range in one experimental setting!
      essentially, model independent r_p extraction
  - ✓ Simultaneous detection of $ee \rightarrow ee$ Moller scattering
    - (best known control of systematics)
  - ✓ Use high density windowless H2 gas flow target:
    - beam background fully under control
    - minimize experimental background



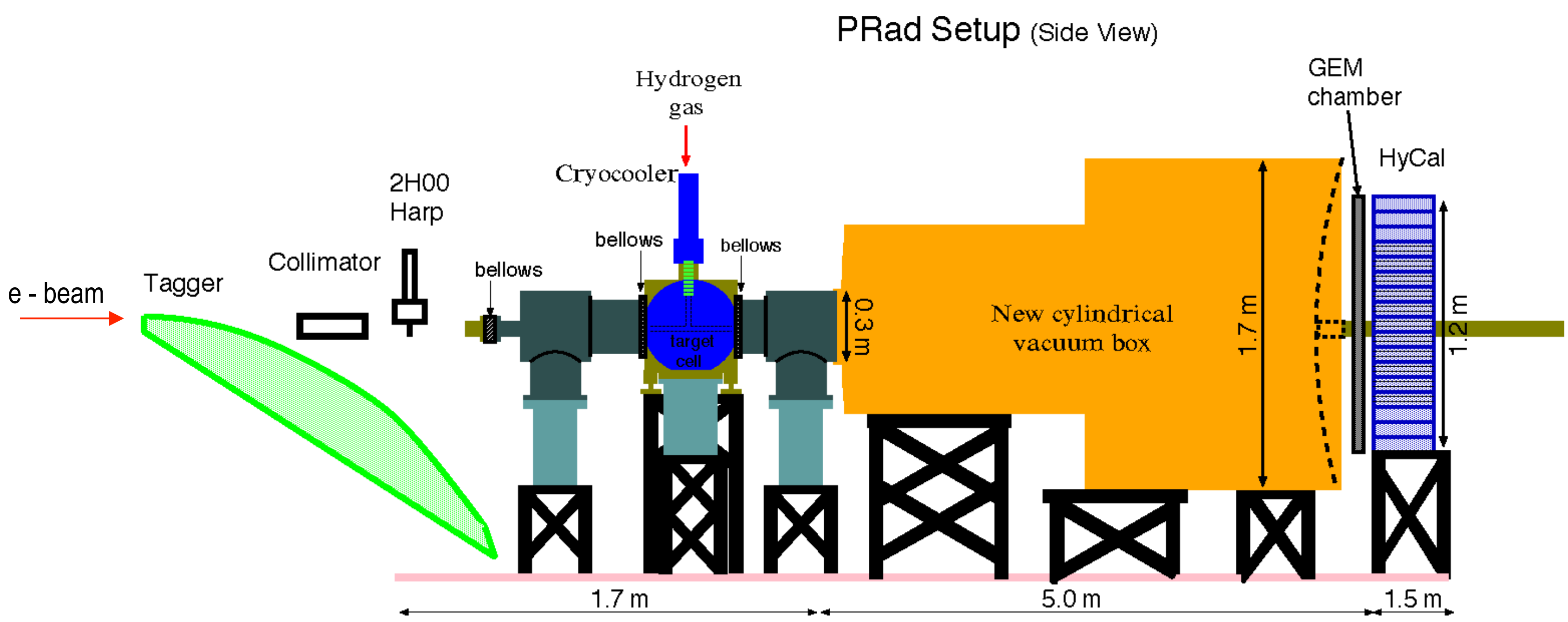
Recent Mainz low Q^2 data set

- Two beam energies: E_0 = 1.1 GeV and 2.2 GeV to increase Q^2 range
- Will reach sub-percent precision in R_p extraction
- Approved by JLab PAC39 (June, 2012) with high "A" scientific rating

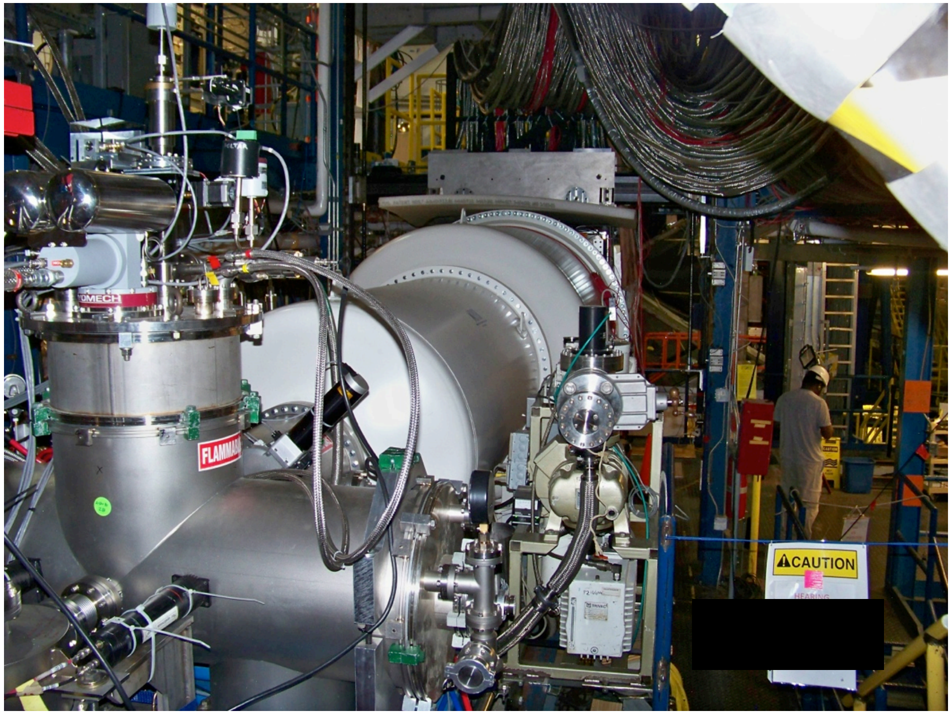
PRad Experimental Setup (schematics)

- Main detector elements:
  - windowless H_2 gas flow target
  - PrimEx HyCal calorimeter
  - vacuum box with one thin window at HyCal end
  - X,Y – GEM detector on front of HyCal

- Beam line equipment:
  - standard beam line elements (0.1 – 10 nA)
  - photon tagger for HyCal calibration
  - collimator box (6.4 mm collimator for photon beam, 12.7 mm for e^- beam halo "clean-up")
  - Harp 2H00
  - pipe connecting Vacuum Window through HyCal



PRad Experimental Setup Installed in the Hall B Beam Line



Beam-down view

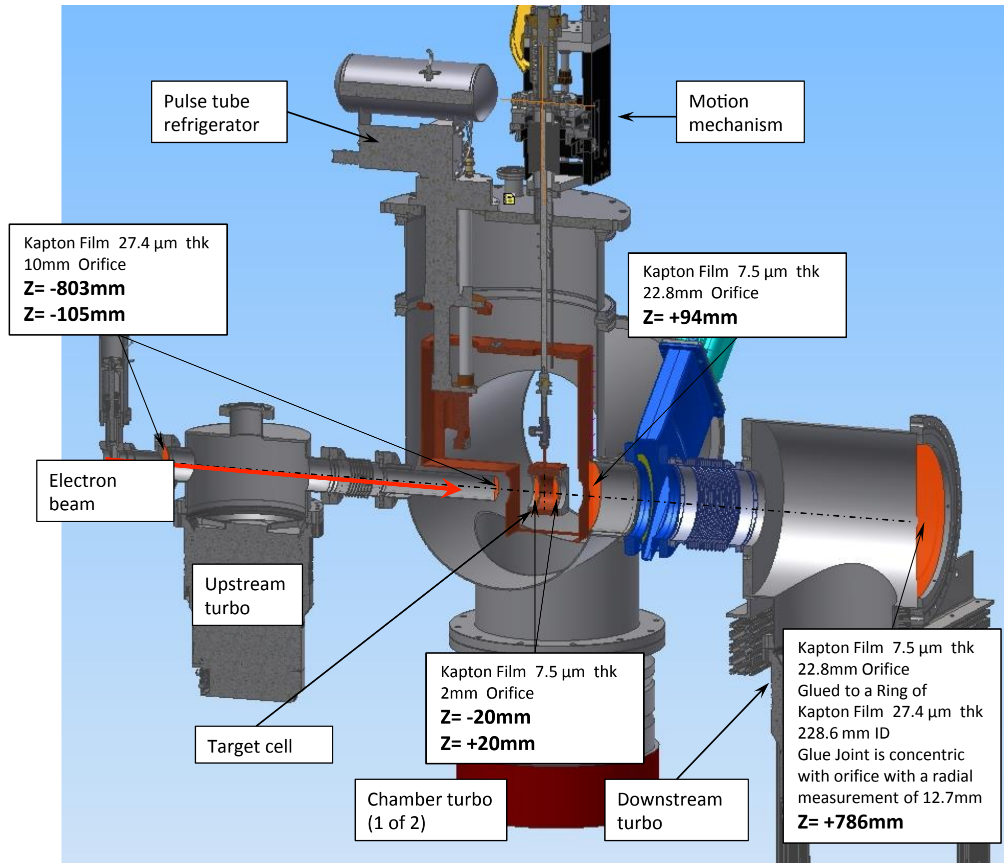
Beam-side view

- Beam line installation completed in May of 2016

Windowless H_2 Gas Flow Target
(Schematics)

- A windowless gas target of cryogenically cooled hydrogen
  - Target cell is 4 cm long copper, attached to cryocooler via heat strap
  - Cell diameter: 8 cm
  - Cell covers are 7.5 μm kapton with 2 mm beam orifices
  - Two additional solid target foils:
    1 μm carbon
    1 μm aluminum

- Four-axis motion system to position the target cell with 10 μm accuracy

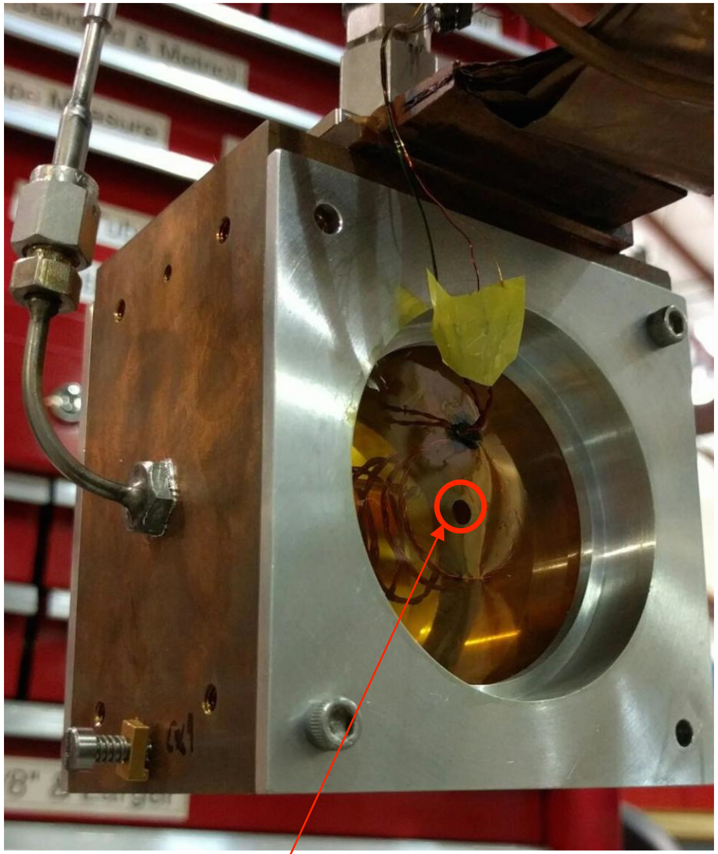


Windowless H_2 Gas Flow Target Cell

Target Cell:

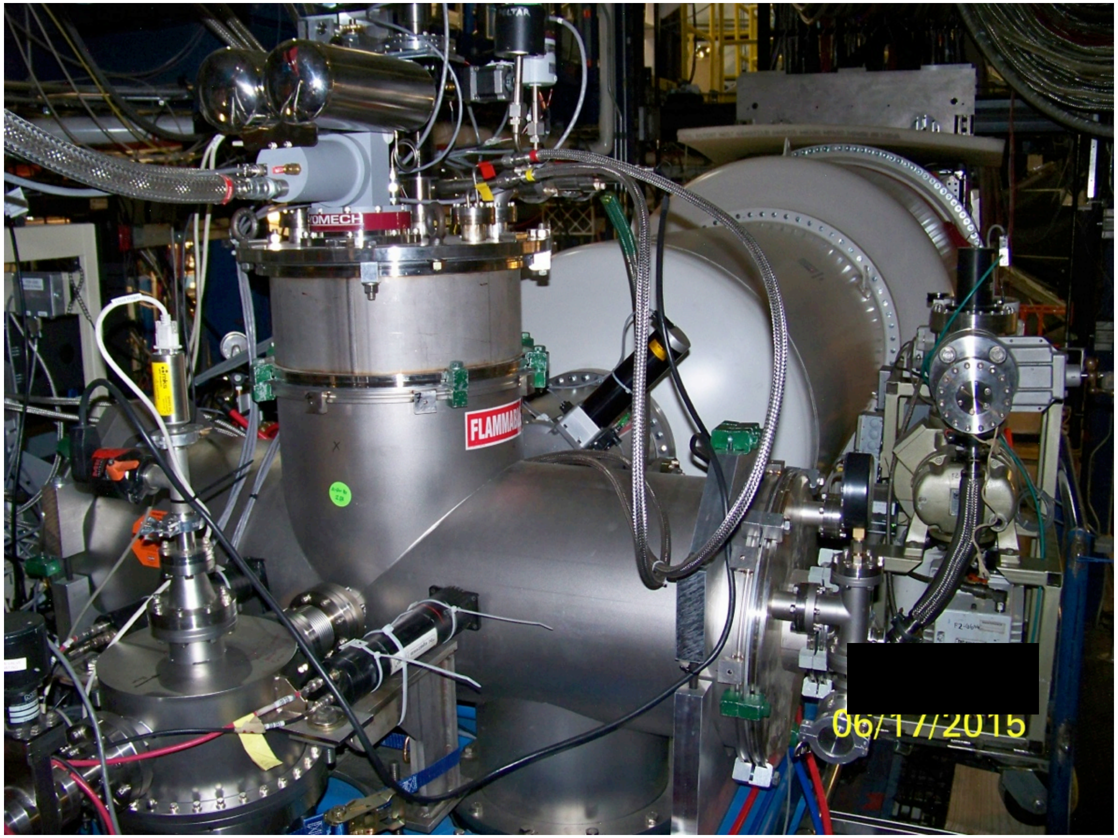
- llength 4 cm
- diameter 8 cm with 2 mm diameter holes for the beam to pass through
- Cell pressure 500 mtorr

- H_2 input gas temp. 19.5 K
- Areal density: 2×10^{18} H atoms / cm^2
- vacuum in target chamber ~3 mtorr



Cell orifice

Windowless H_2 Gas Flow Target Installed in Hall B Beam Line



e - beam

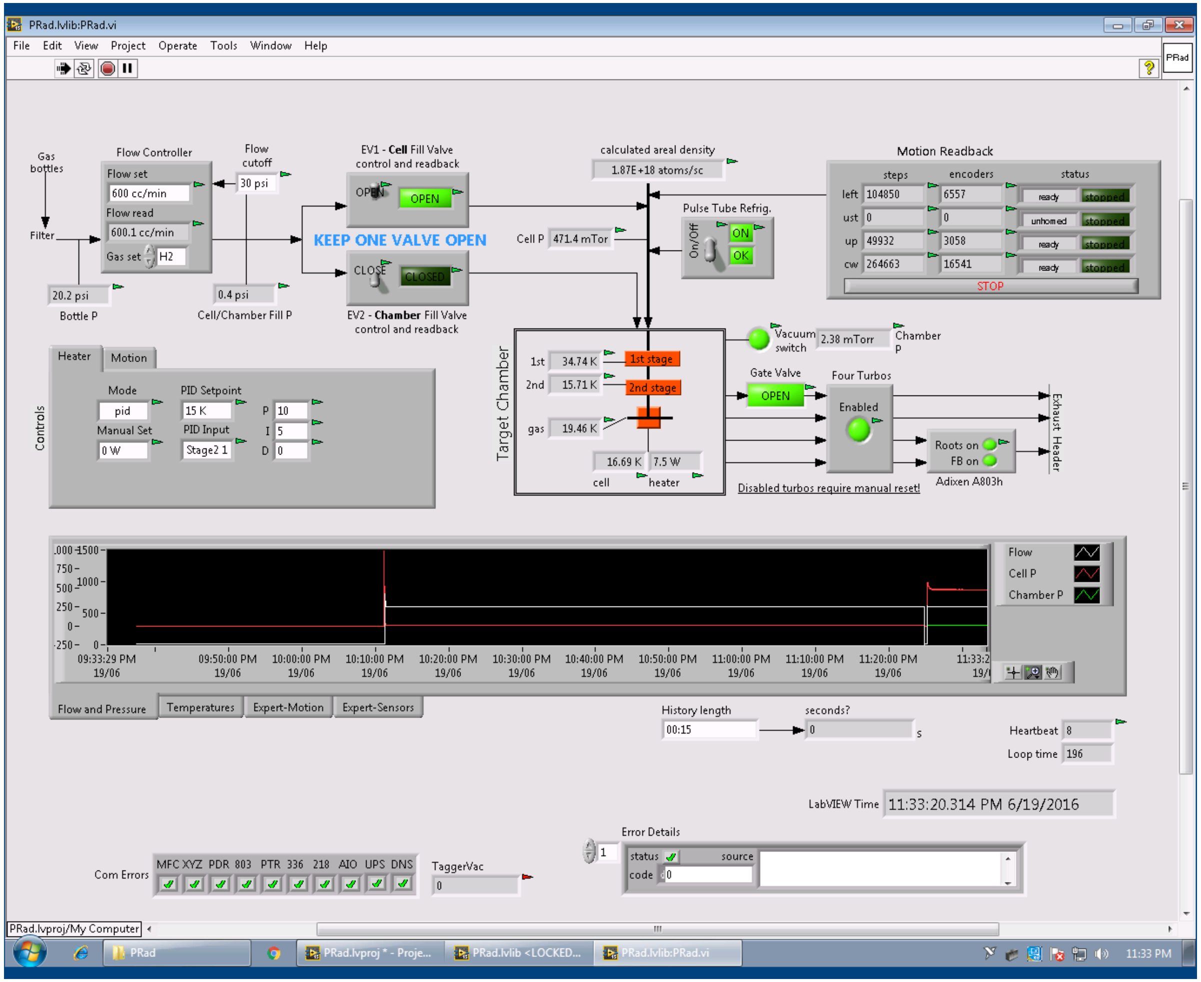
Target installed in Hall B beam line, May 2016

Windowless H_2 Gas Flow Target (Cont'd)

✓ $1.8 \times 10^{+18}$ H atoms/cm^2

cell pressure: 471 mtorr
chamber pressure: 2.34 torr

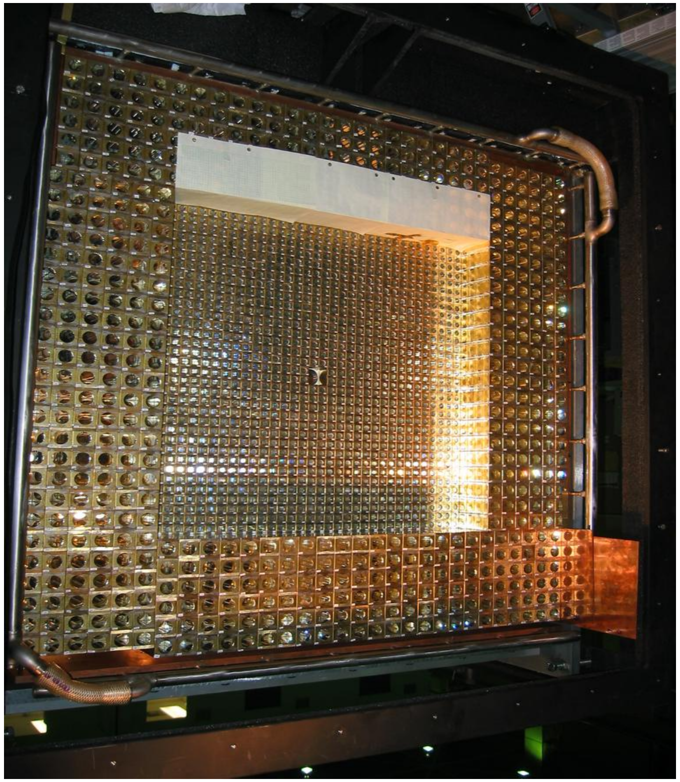
cell vs. chamber pressures: 200:1 has been reached;

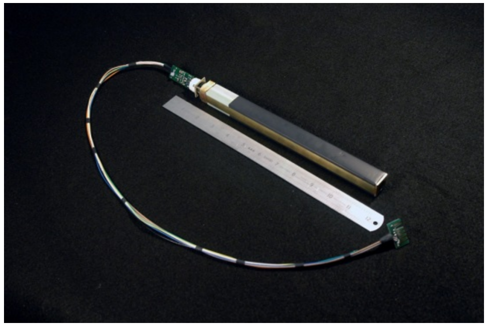


Electromagnetic Calorimeter (PrimEx HyCal)

- Combination of $PbWO_4$ and Pb-glass detectors (118x118 cm^2)
  - 34 x 34 matrix of 2.05 x 2.05 x 18 cm^3 $PbWO_4$ shower detectors
  - 576 Pb-glass shower detectors (3.82x3.82x45.0 cm^3)
  - 2 x 2 $PbWO_4$ modules removed in middle for beam passage
  - 5.5 m from H_2 target (~0.5 sr acceptance)

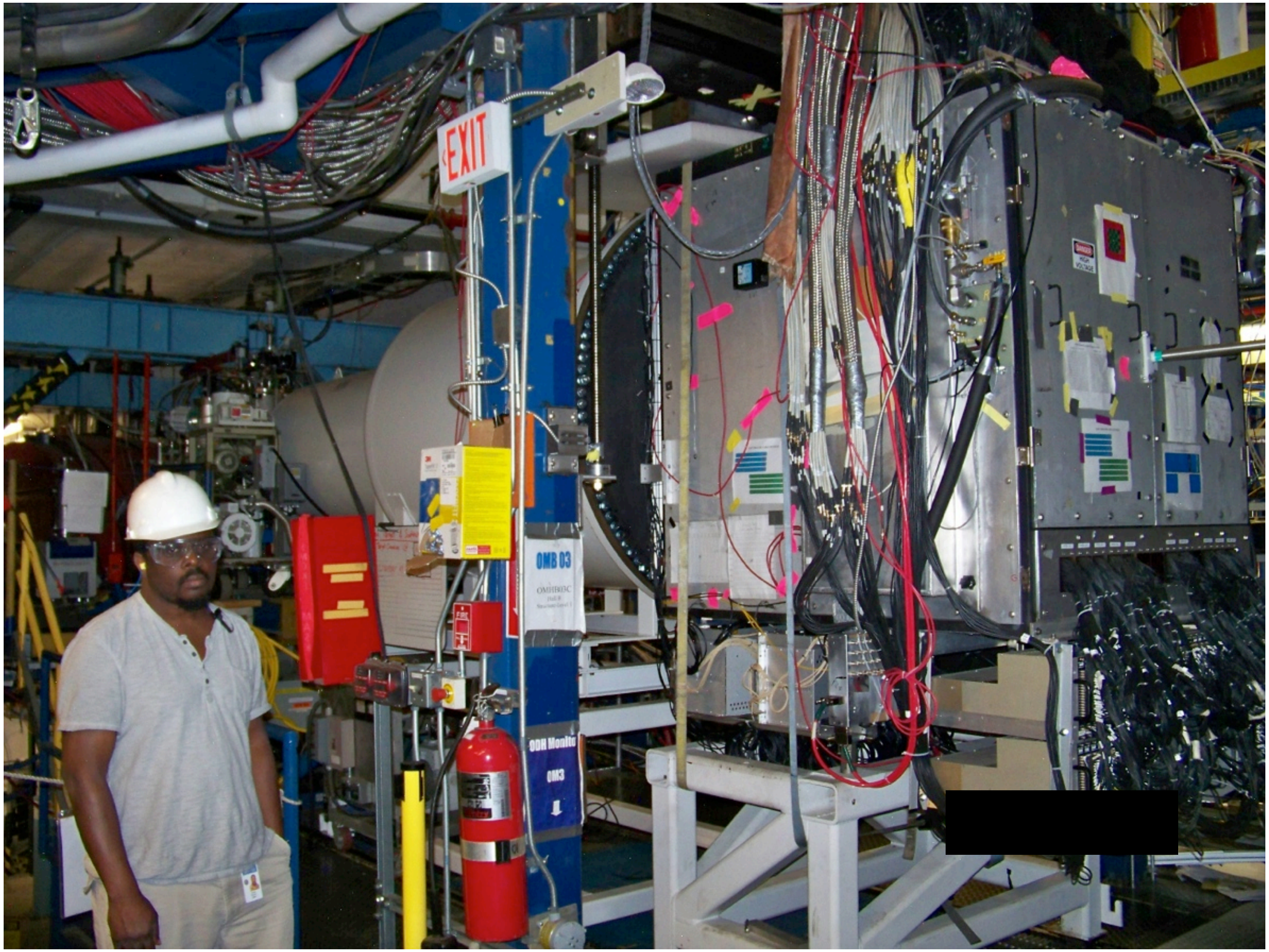
- Resolutions:
  - for $PbWO_4$ shower detectors:
    - ✓ energy: $\sigma/E = 2.6\,\%/\sqrt{E}$
    - ✓ position: $\sigma_{xy} = 2.5\ \text{mm}/\sqrt{E}$
  - for Pb-glass shower detectors factor of ~2.5 worse





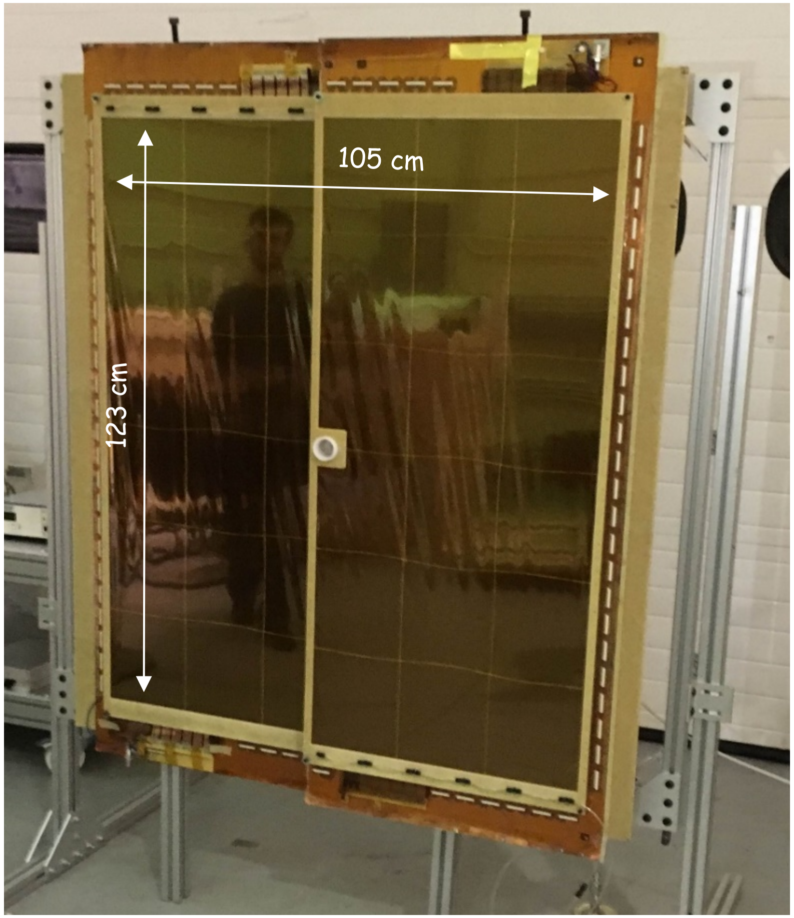
PbWO4 crystal cell

Electromagnetic Calorimeter in Hall B beam Line



GEM Coordinate Detectors

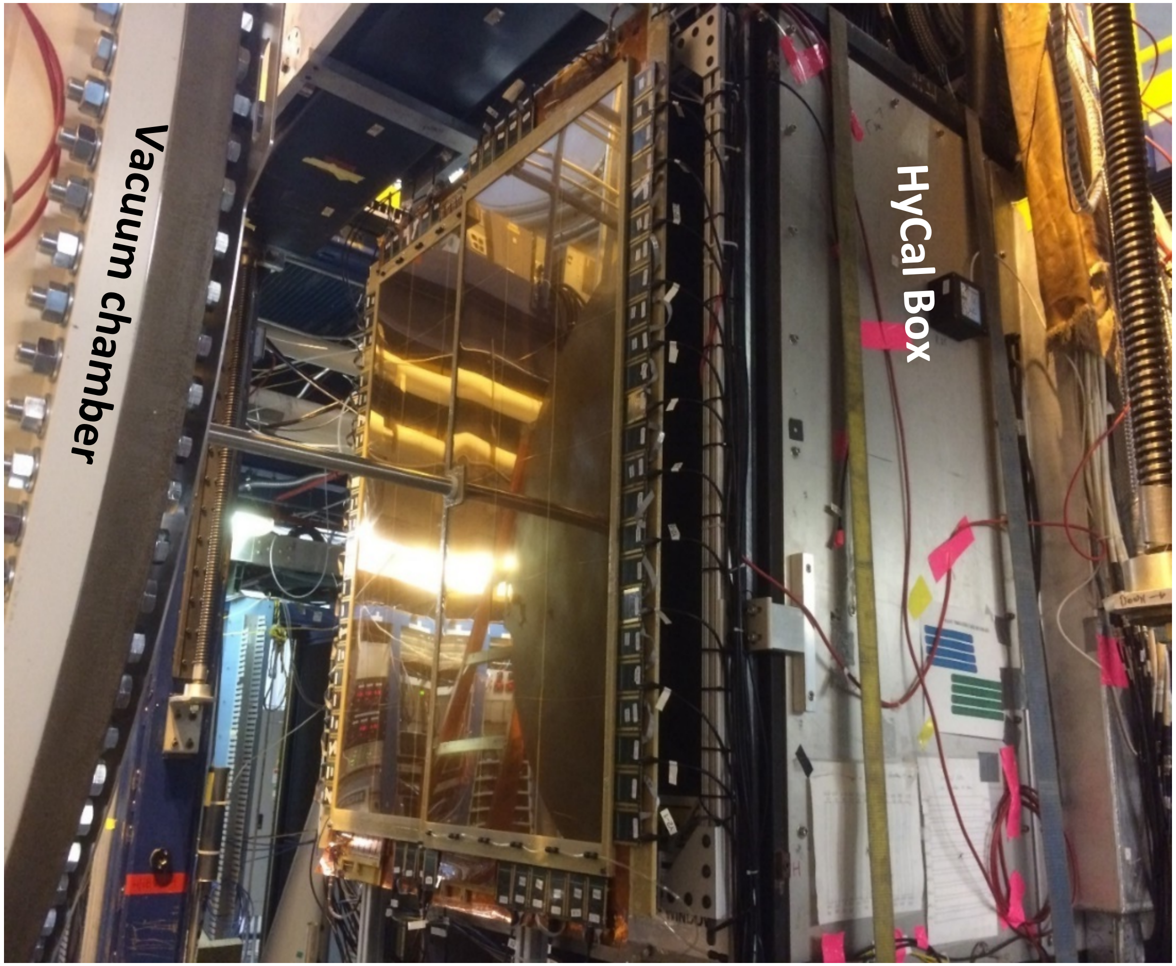
- Tasks for GEM:
  - factor of >20 improvements in coordinate resolutions
  - similar improvements in Q^2 resolution (very important)
  - unbiased coordinate reconstruction (including HyCal transition region)
  - increase Q^2 range by including HyCal Pb-glass part



- Designed and built at University of Virginia (UVa)

- Two large size GEM X and Y- coordinate detectors with 100 μm position resolution

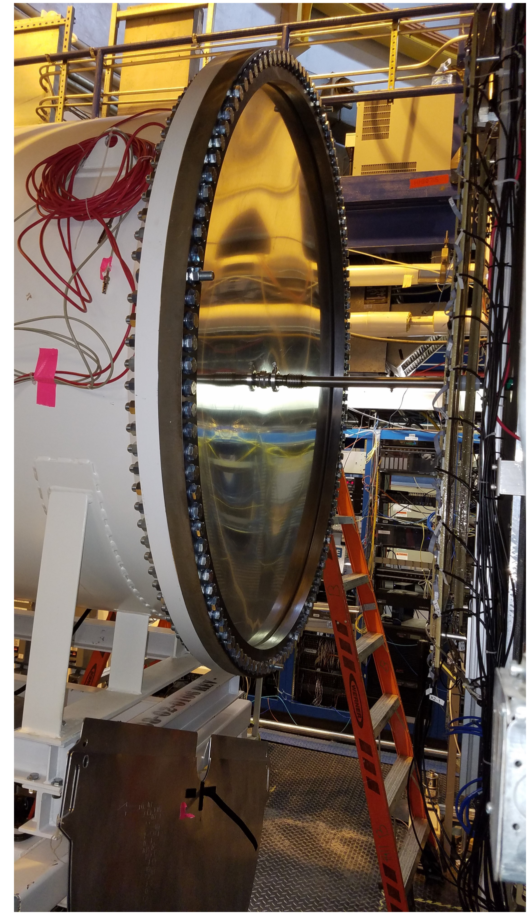
GEM Coordinate Detectors (Cont'd)



2 GEM detectors installed in Hall B beam line, May 2016

Vacuum Box

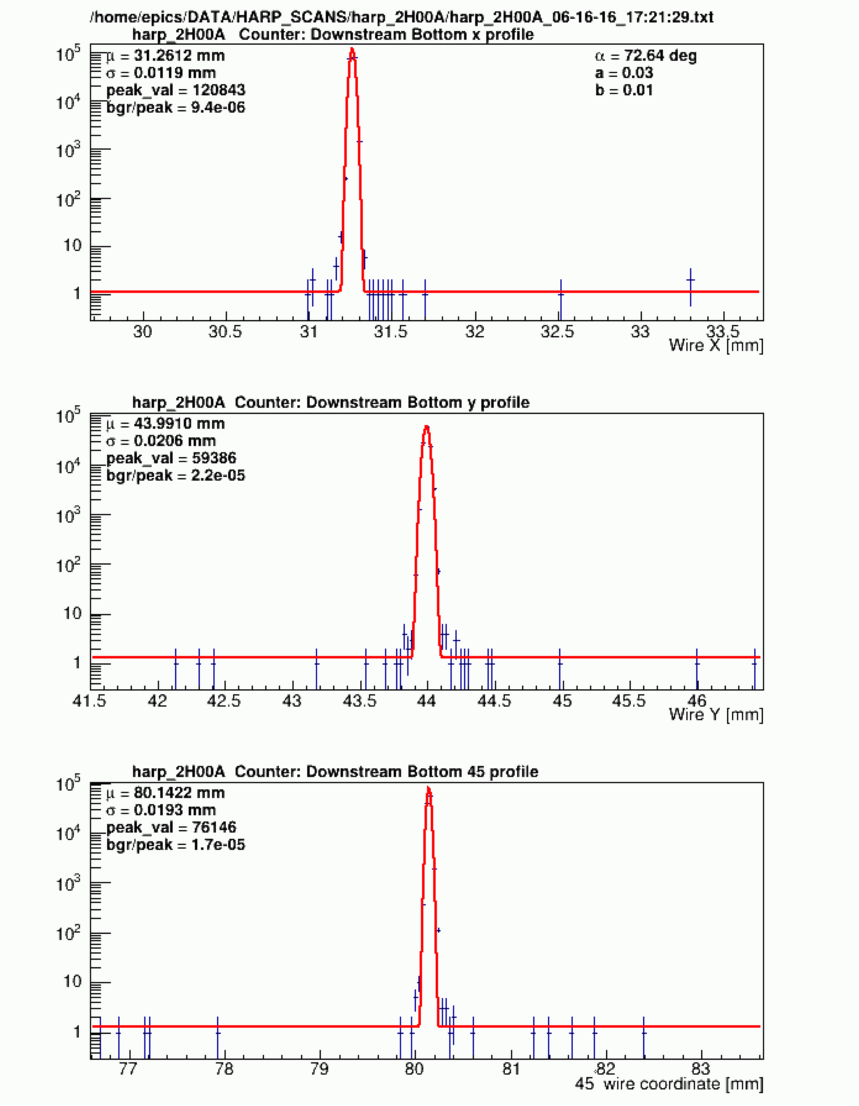
2-stage vacuum box in Hall B beam line



1.7 m diameter, 2 mm Al vacuum window

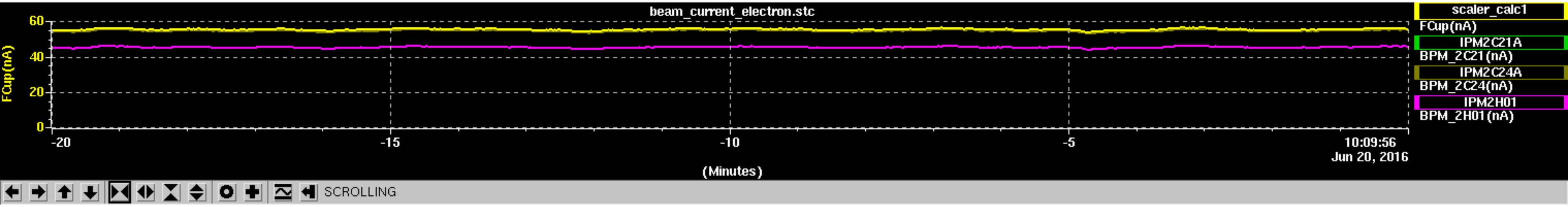
The CEBAF Electron Beam at JLab
(beam profile at the target)

- Done by "harp" scan before the target; typical size: 20 μm

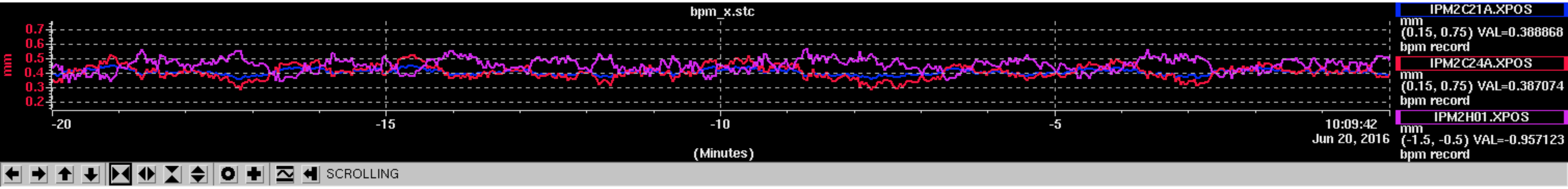


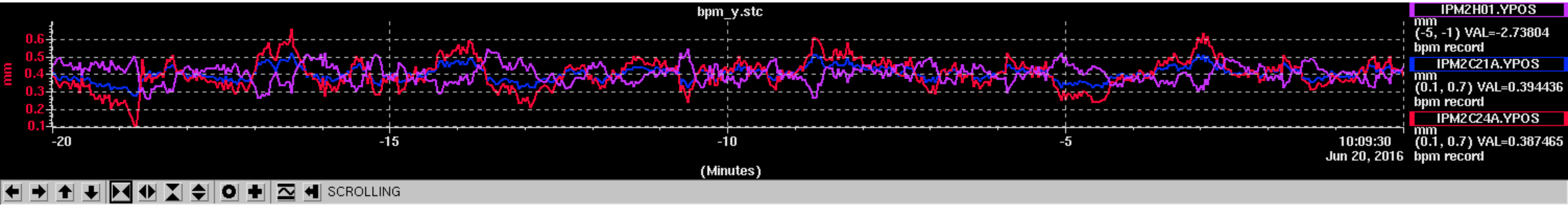
The CEBAF Electron Beam at JLab

- Beam current monitoring (55 nA)



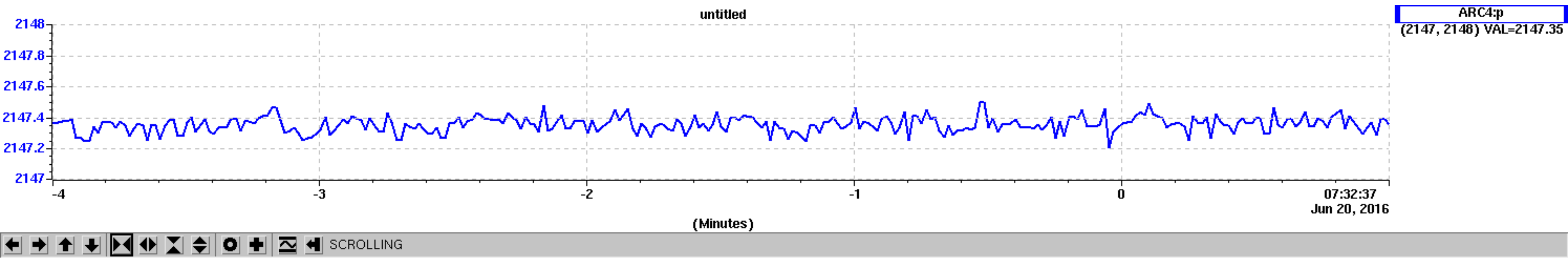
- X and Y position stability (± 0.1 mm)





The CEBAF Electron Beam at JLab
(energy stability)

- Beam energy monitoring, E_e = 2147.4 MeV ($\Delta E/E = \pm 5\times10^{-4}$)

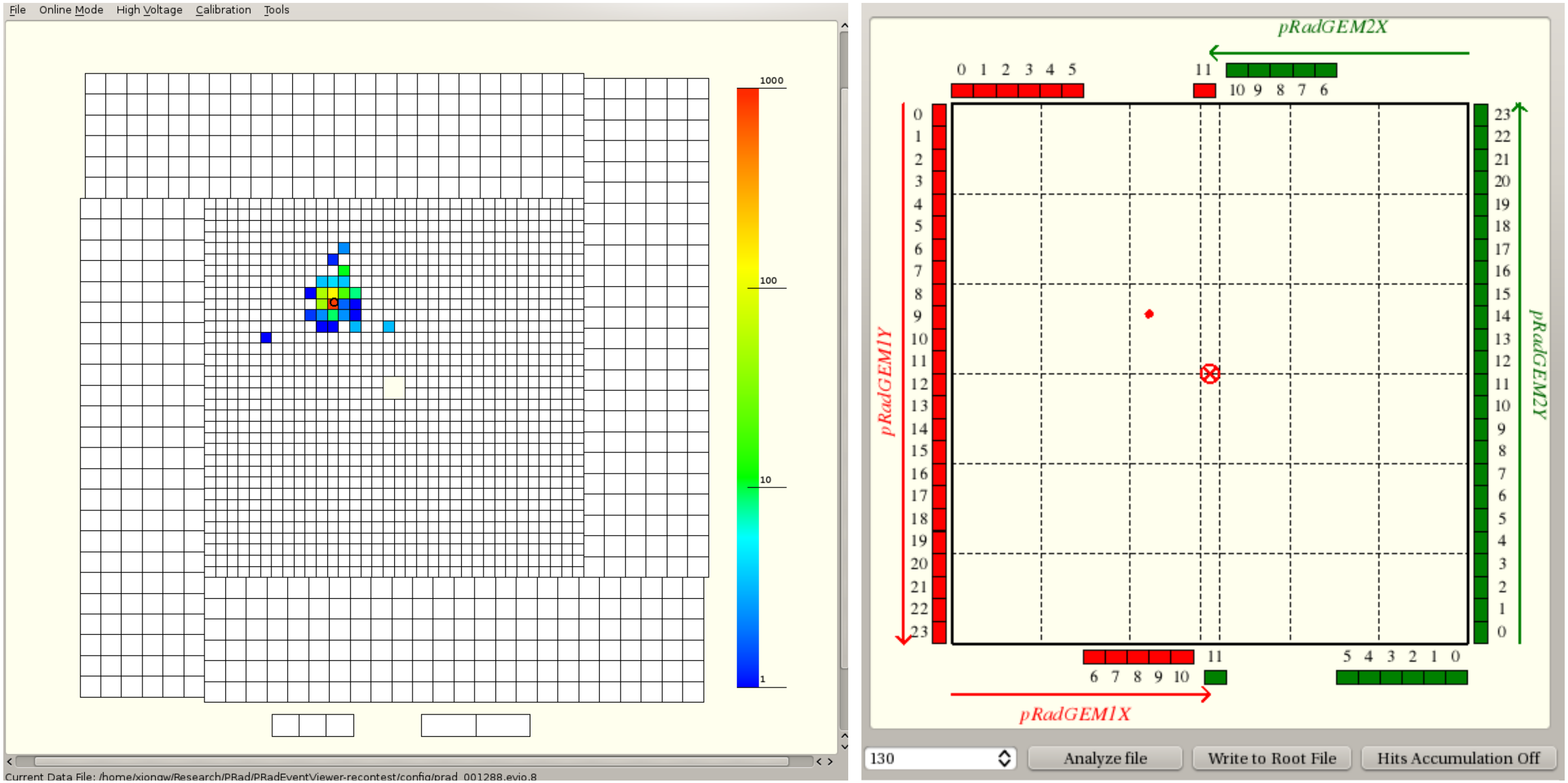


Experimental Data Collected
(May/June 2016 Run)

- with E_e = 1.1 GeV beam:
  - ✓ 4.2 μC (target areal density: $2x10^{+18}$ H atoms/cm^2)
  - ✓ 604 M events with target;
  - ✓ 53 M events with "empty" target;
  - ✓ 25 M events with ^{12}C target for calibration.

- with E_e = 2.2 GeV beam:
  - ✓ 4.2 μC (target areal density: $2x10^{+18}$ H atoms/cm^2)
  - ✓ 756 M events with target;
  - ✓ 38 M events with "empty" target;
  - ✓ 10.5 M events with ^{12}C target for calibration.

Fresh Results from On-Line Analysis
(HyCal-GEM single-cluster event matching)



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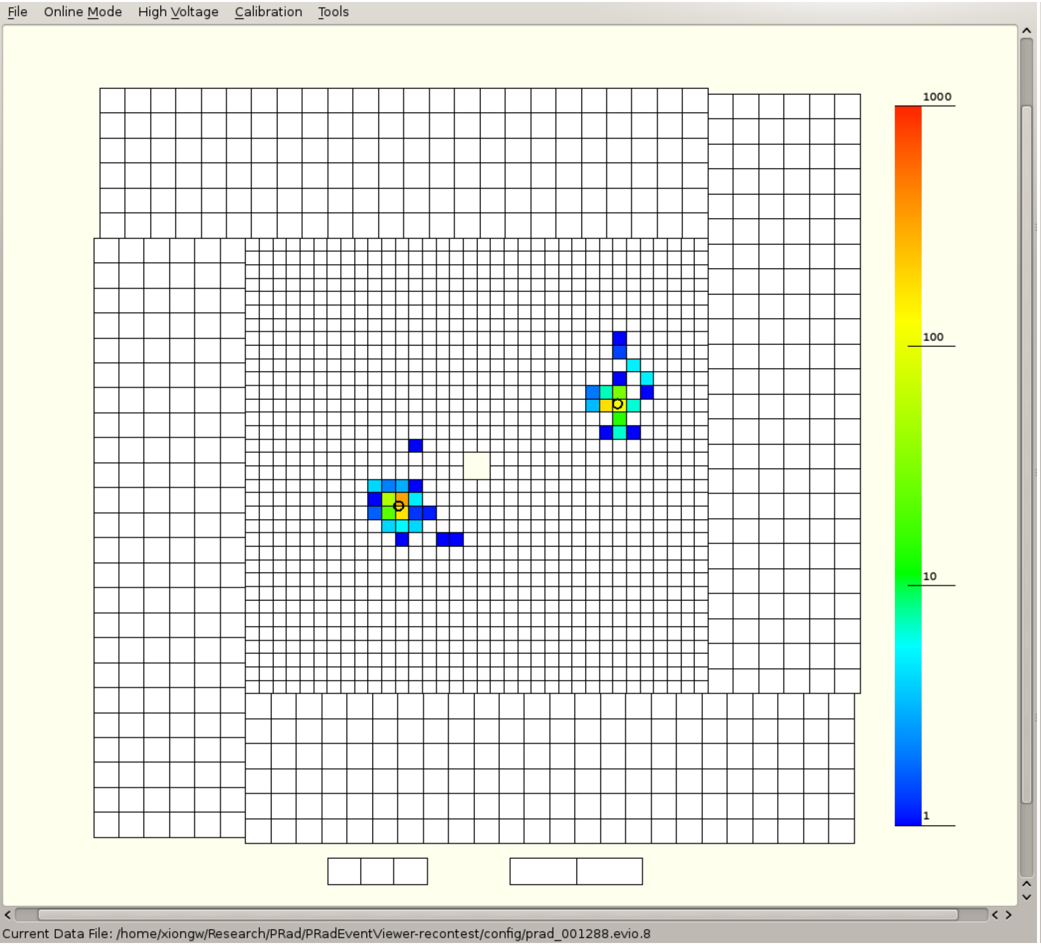
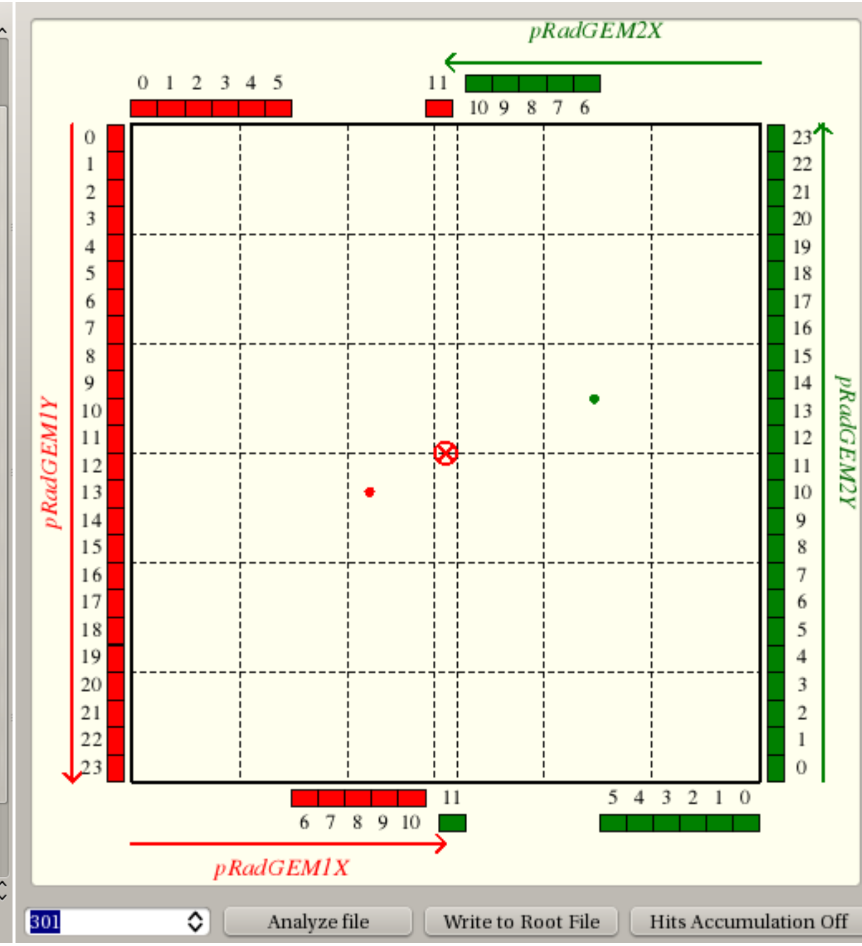
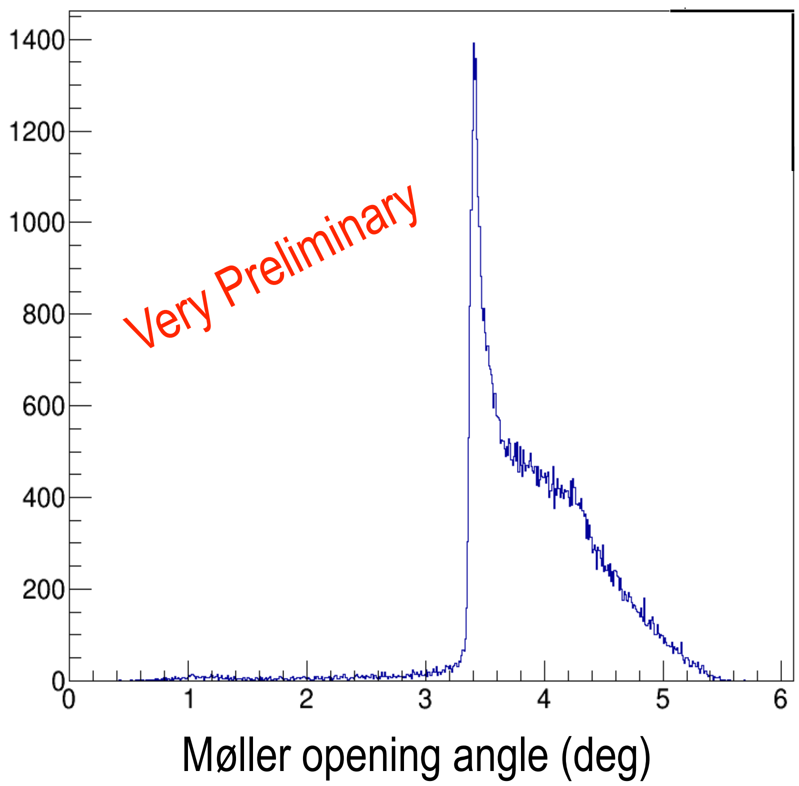
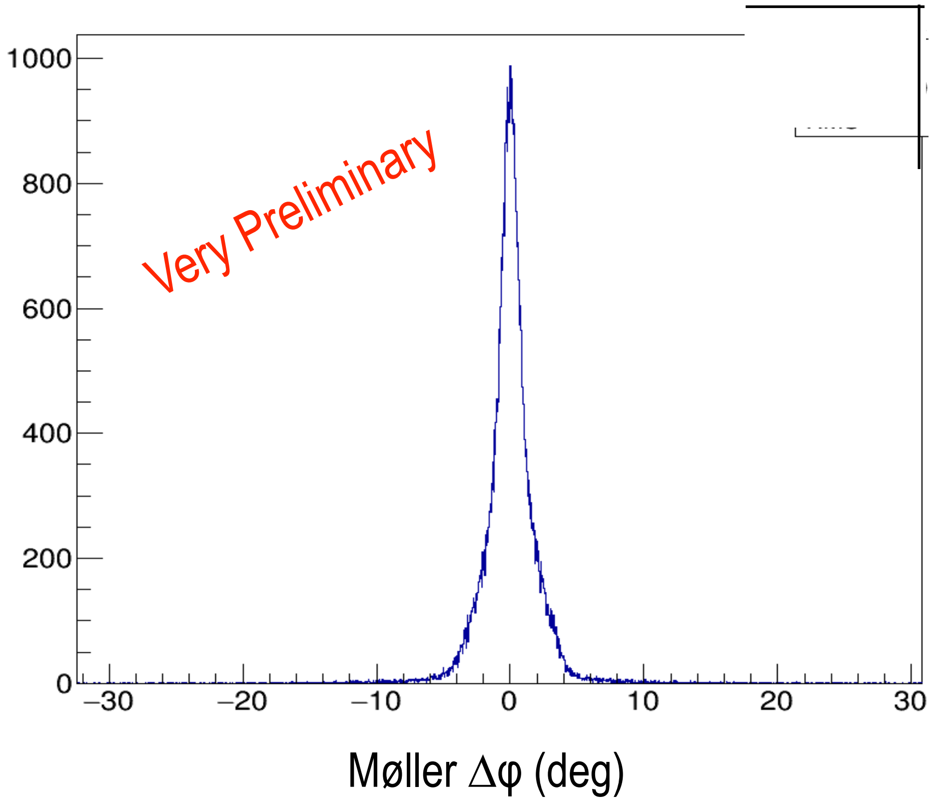




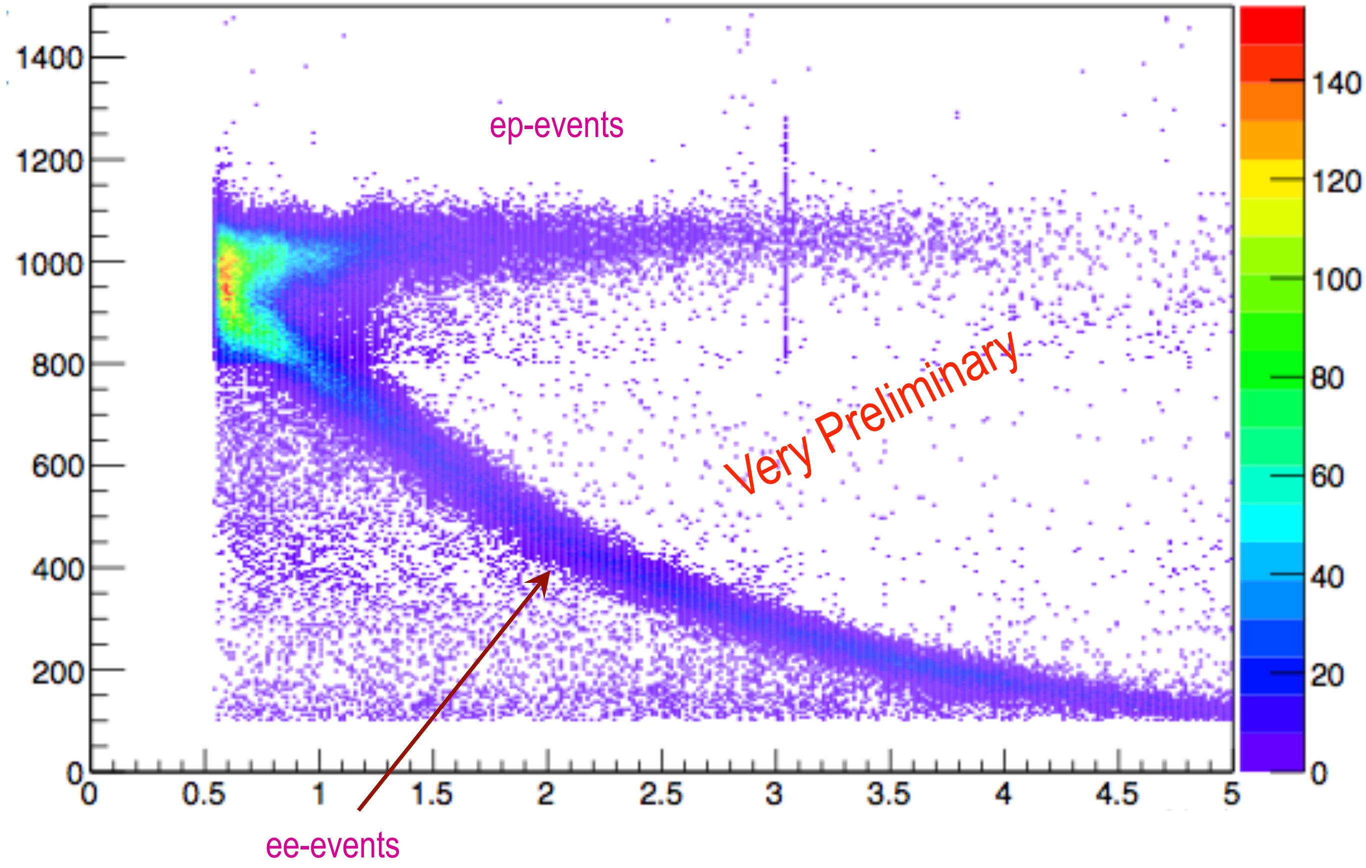
Fresh Results from On-Line Analysis
(clear signature of Moller events)





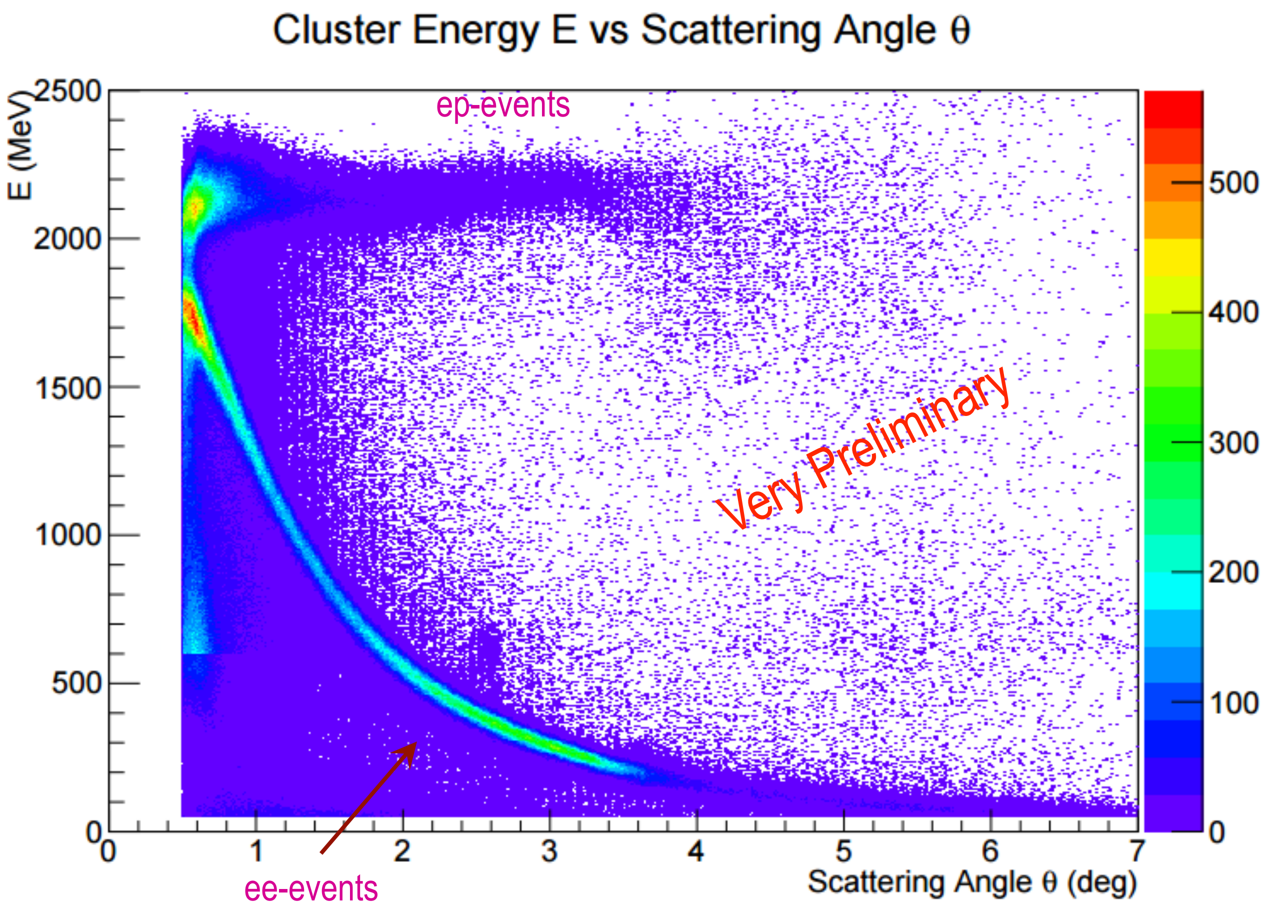
Fresh Results from On-Line Analysis
(2D distribution of cluster energy vs. scattering angle)

E_0 = 1.1 GeV



Fresh Results from On-Line Analysis
(2D distribution of cluster energy vs. scattering angle)

$E_0 = 2.2$ GeV



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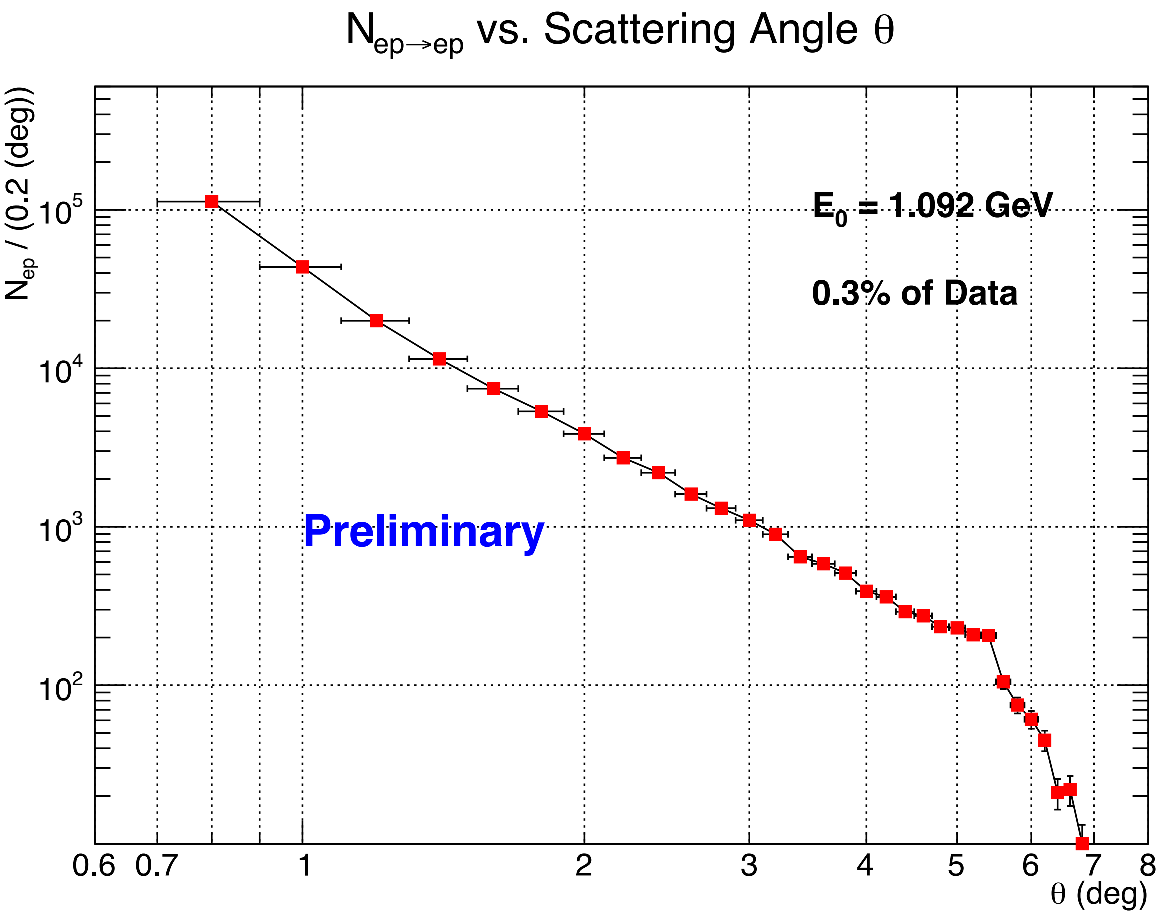

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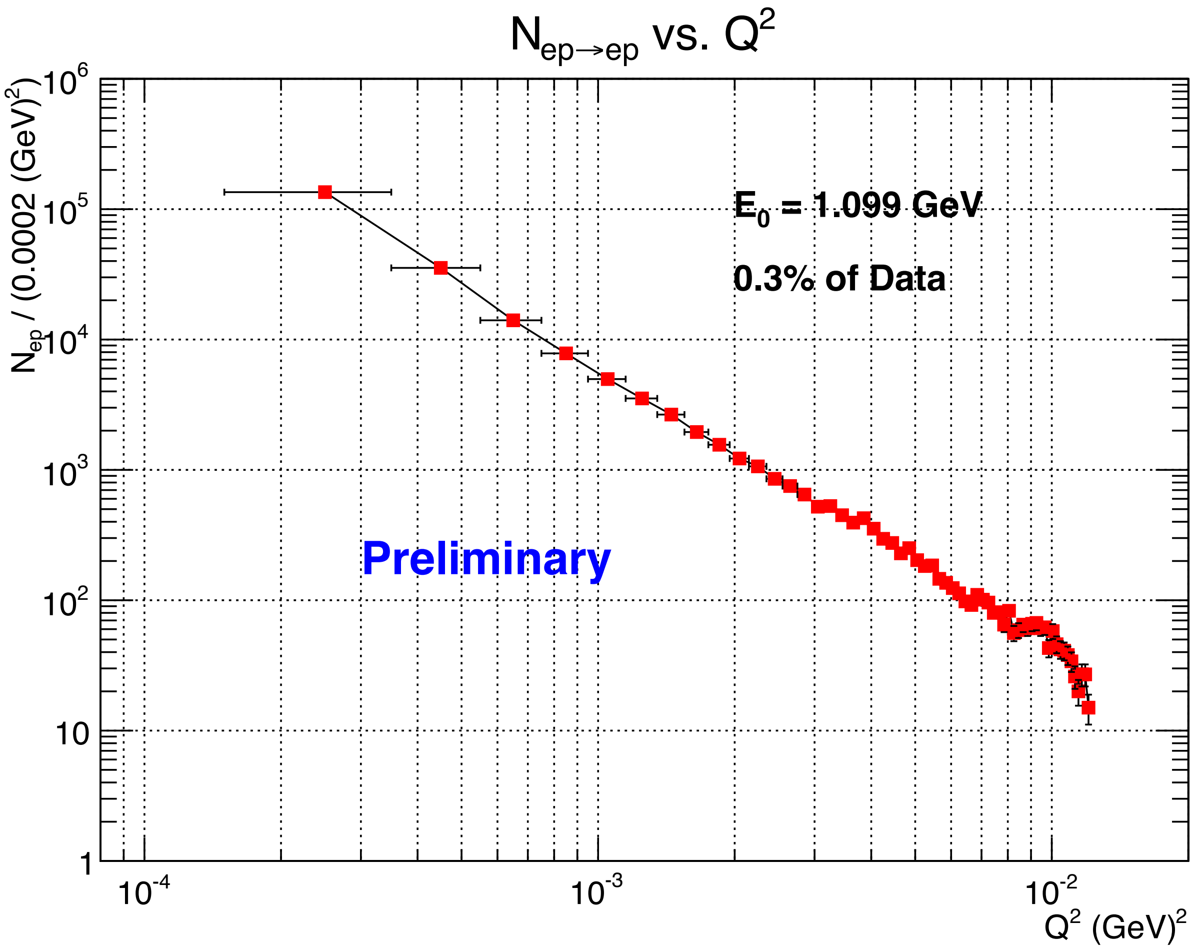

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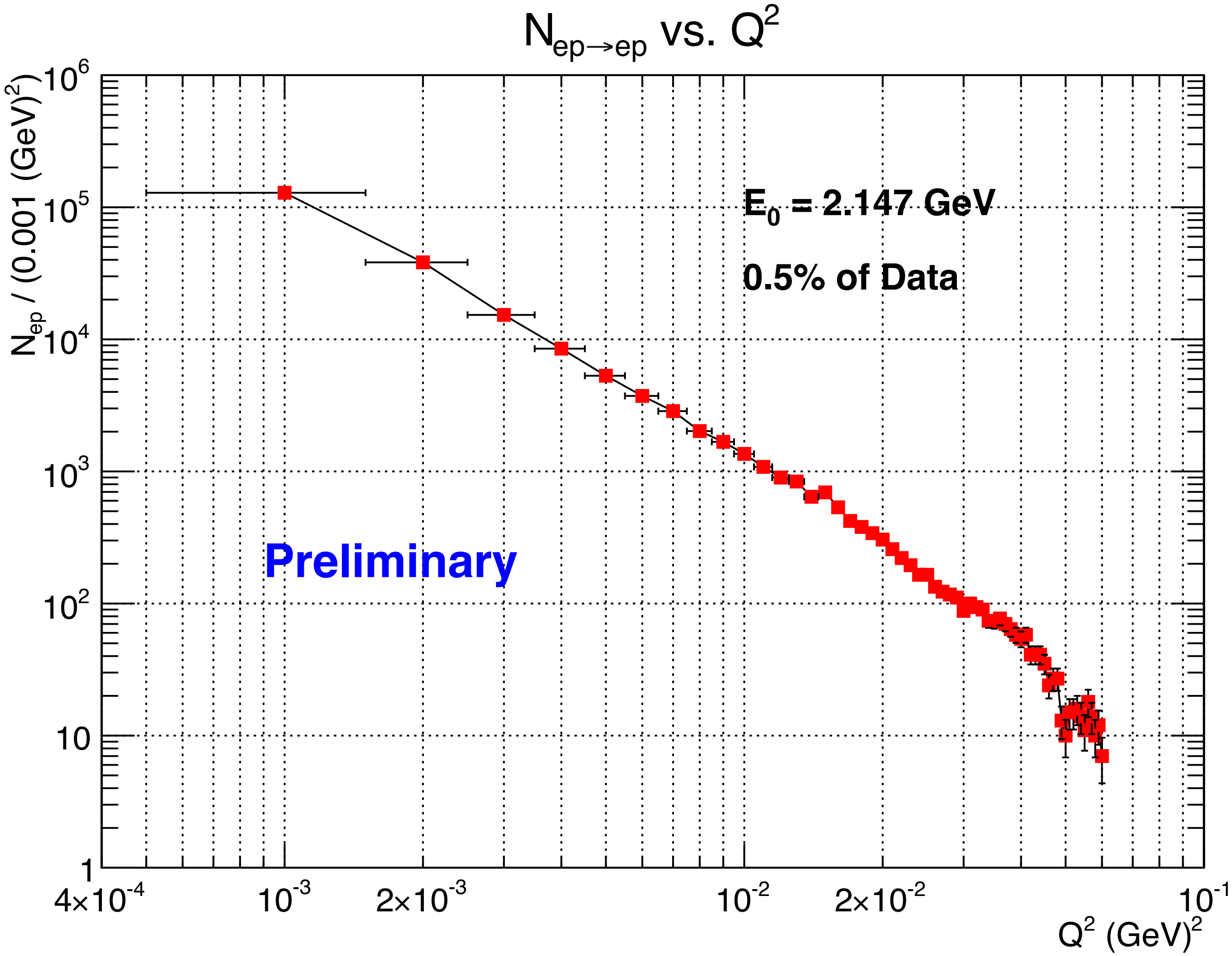

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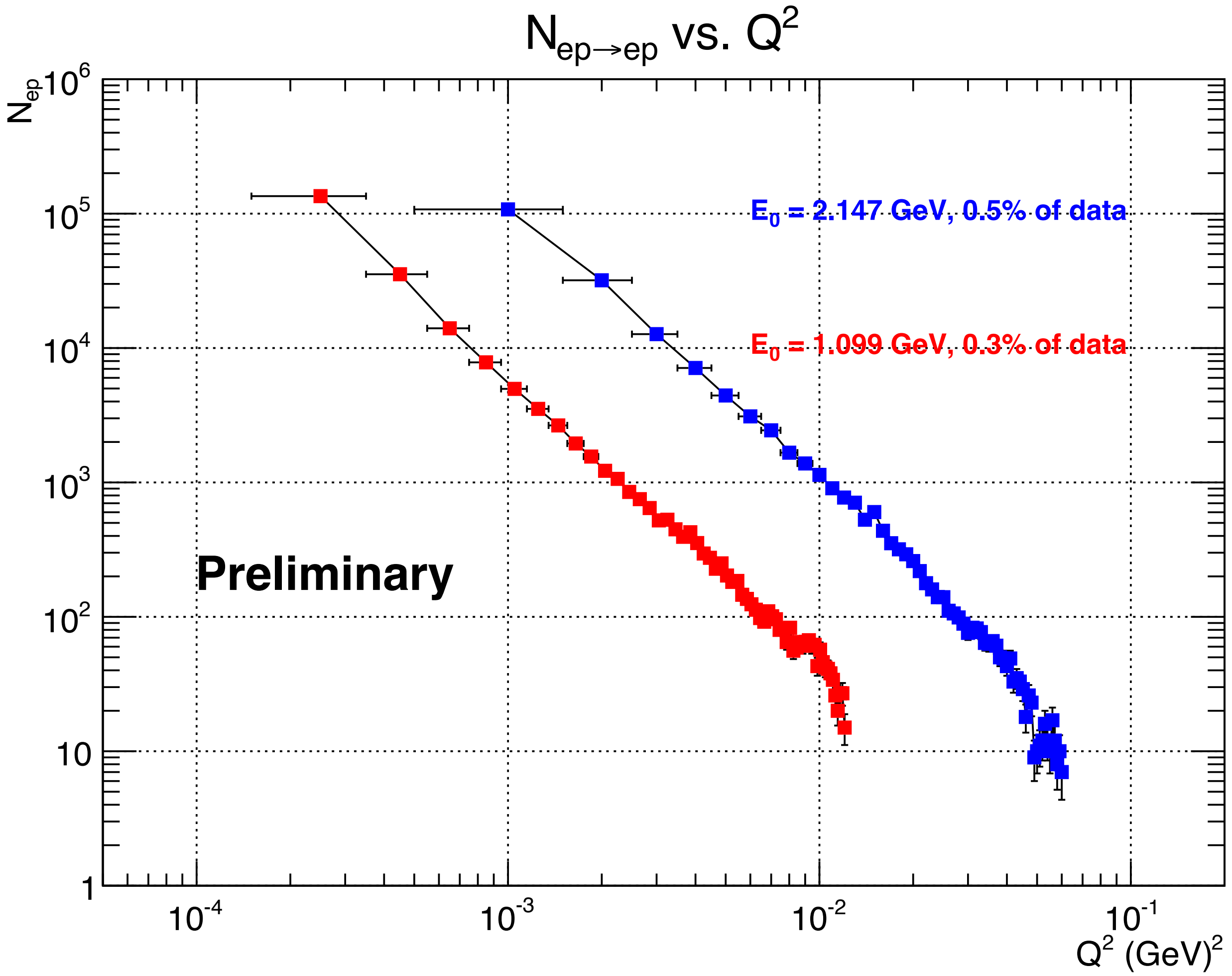

PRad Collaboration Institutional List

- Currently 16 collaborating universities and institutions

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Mississippi State University
Norfolk State University
University of Virginia
Argonne National Laboratory
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
University of Kentucky
Hampton University
College of William & Mary
Tsinghua University, China
Old Dominion University
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Summary

- PRad was uniquely designed to address the "*Proton Radius Puzzle*"
- Experiment had been performed in May/June of 2016
- Large statistics, high quality, rich data have been collected:
  - ✓ Lowest Q^2 data set ($\sim 10^{-4}$ GeV/C^2) has been collected for the first time in ep-scattering experiments;
  - ✓ Simultaneous measurement of Moller and Mott scattering processes has been demonstrated to control systematic uncertainties.
- Data analysis has been started, first preliminary results for this year is possible

- PRad is supported in part by NSF MRI award #PHY-1229153 as well as DOE awards for GEM
- my research work is supported in part by NSF awards: PHY-1506388 and PHY-0855543

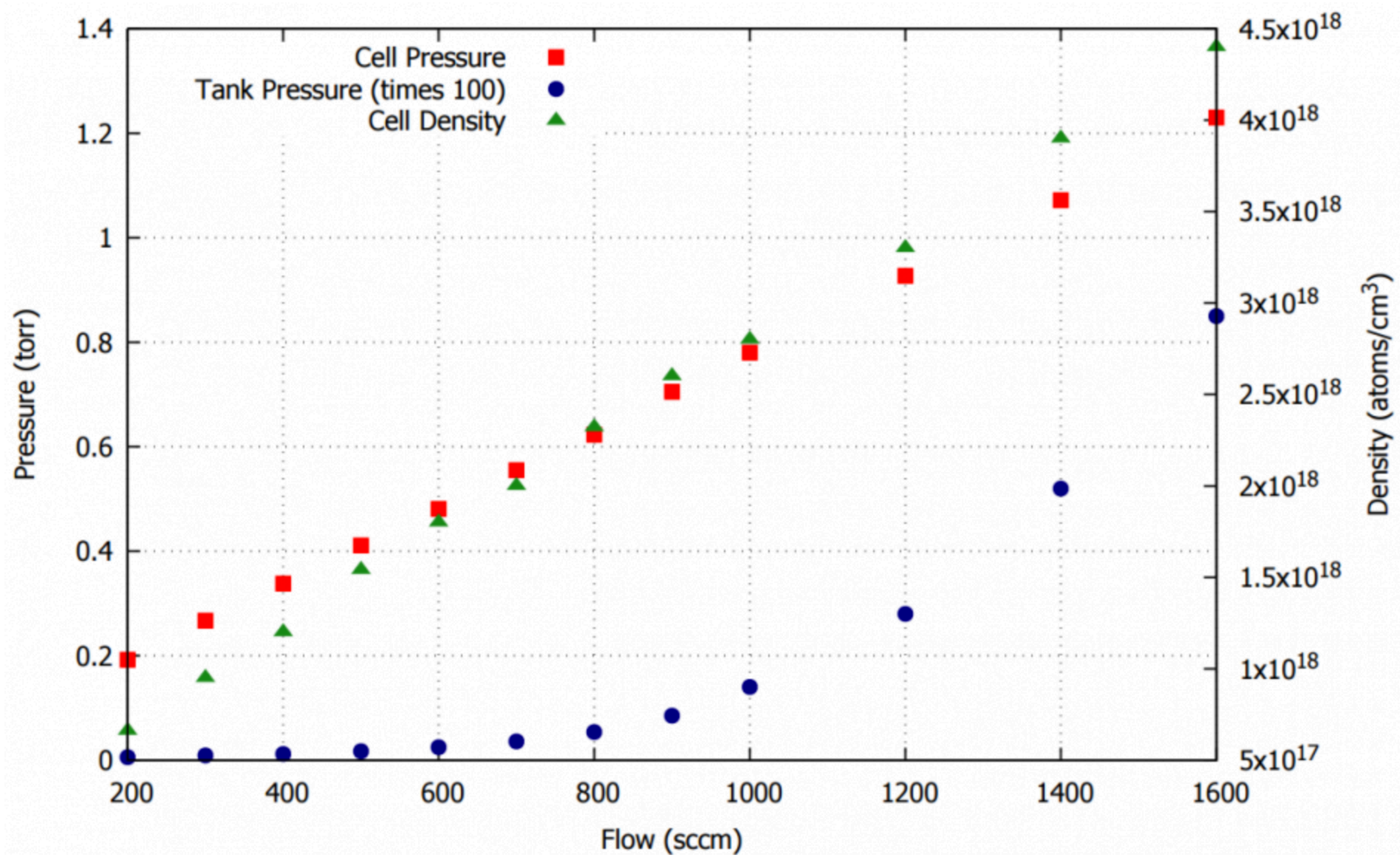
The End

Estimated Uncertainties

Contributions	Estimated Error (%)
Statistical error	0.2
Acceptance (including Q^2 determination)	0.4
Detection efficiency	0.1
Radiative corrections	0.3
Background and PID	0.1
Fitting error	0.2
Total Error	0.6%

- Estimated error budget (added quadratically)

Windowless H_2 Gas Flow Target (Cont'd)



- ✓ add one turbo as backing pump;
- ✓ add one more roots blower;
- ✓ ran with H2 gas at 17 K
- ✓ Cell vs. chamber pressures: 200:1 has been reached