



# Update on the Neutral Particle Spectrometer (NPS)

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# NPS Scientific program overview

- The neutral-particle spectrometer (NPS) offers **unique scientific capabilities** for studies of the transverse spatial and momentum structure of the nucleon in Hall C
- Five experiments have been fully approved by the JLab PAC to date:

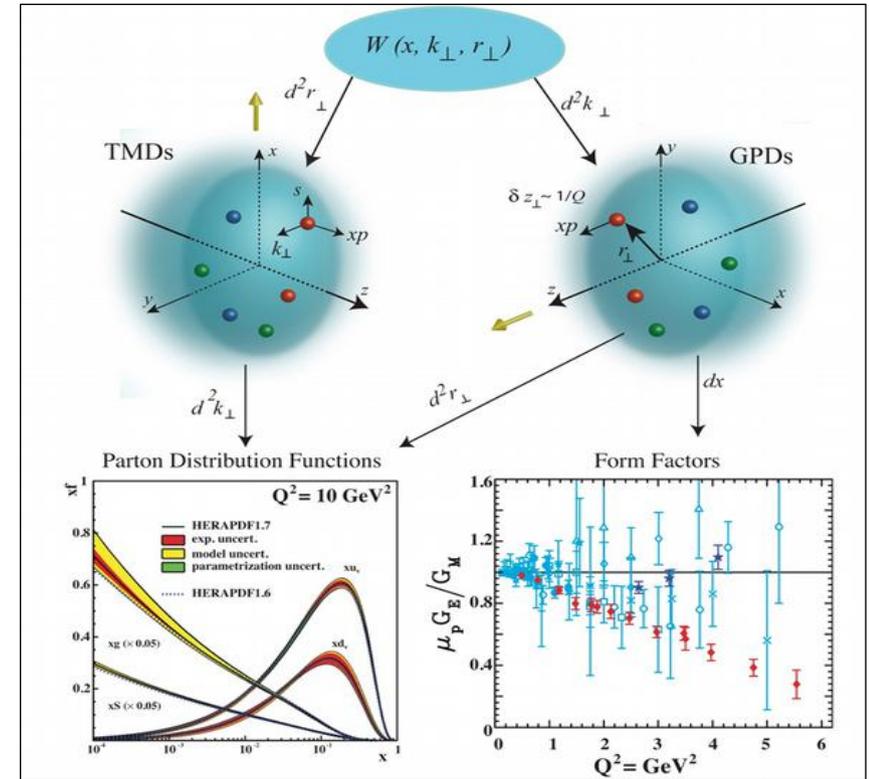
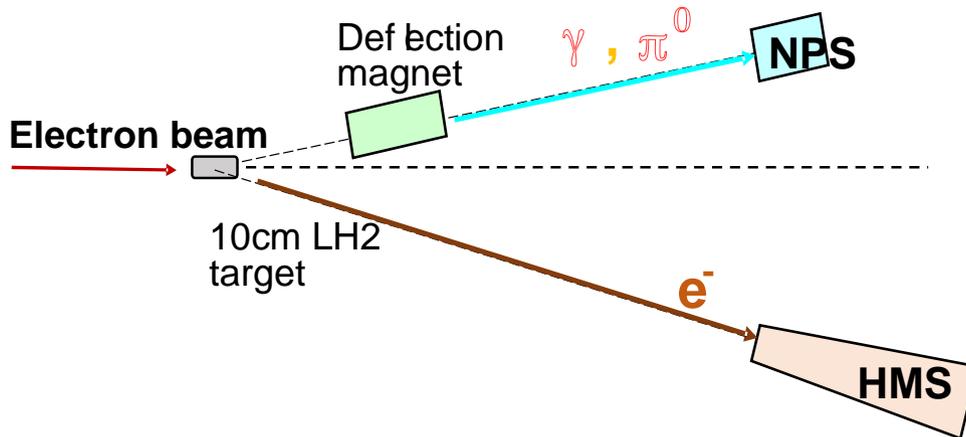
*NPS ERR 2019*

- **E12-13-007**: Measurement of Semi-inclusive  $\pi^0$  production as Validation of Factorization
  - **E12-13-010**: Exclusive DVCS and  $\pi^0$  Cross Section Measurements in Hall C
  - **E12-14-003**: Wide-angle Compton Scattering at 8 and 10 GeV Photon Energies
  - **E12-14-005**: Wide Angle Exclusive Photoproduction of  $\pi^0$  Mesons
  - **E12-17-008**: Polarization Observables in Wide-Angle CS at large s, t and u
- One conditionally approved experiment
    - **C12-18-005**: Timelike Compton Scattering off a transversely polarized proton
  - Total of **160 PAC days** approved: ~ **20%** of all **approved beam time in Hall C!**
  - Scheduling request for **E12-13-010/E12-13-007** (run group) has been submitted

# Motivation of NPS Experiments: Validation of Reaction mechanism

- To extract the rich information on nucleon structure encoded in **GPD** and **TMDs** one needs to show that the scattering process is understood
- Neutral final states offer unique advantages

**E12-13-010 and E12-13-007**

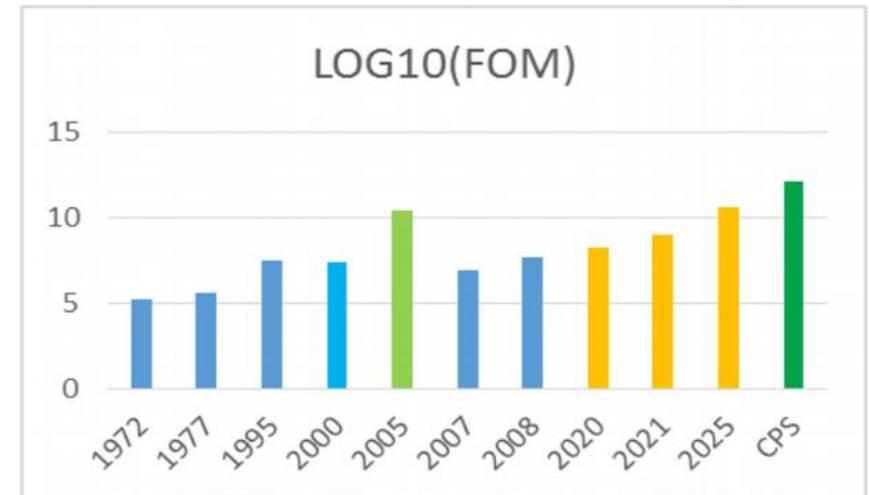
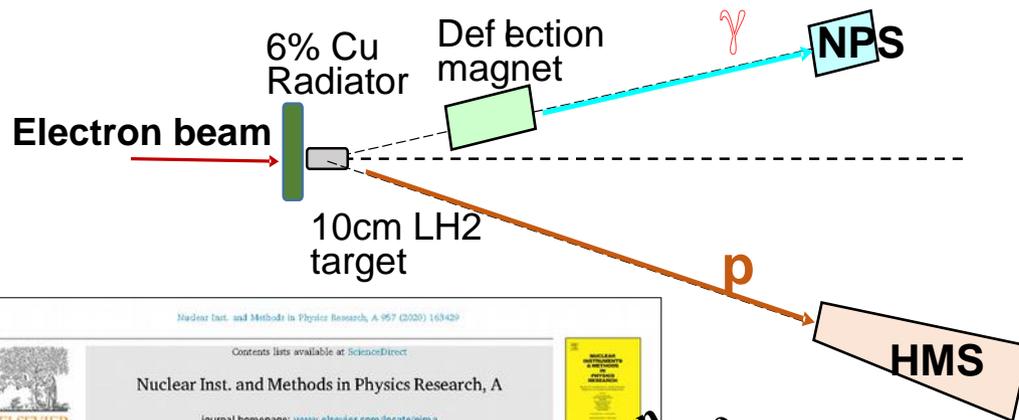


- E12-13-010** - provides precision measurements of the deeply-virtual Compton scattering cross section at different beam energies to extract the real part of the Compton form factor without any assumptions. Also provides  $\pi^0$  L/T cross section data to validate the exclusive meson production mechanism – if  $\sigma_L$  large, access to regular GPDs, if  $\sigma_T$  large, then access to transversity may become possible
- E12-13-007** - measure the basic semi-inclusive neutral-pion cross section in a kinematical region where the QCD factorization scheme is expected to hold, crucial to validate the foundation of this cornerstone of 3D transverse momentum imaging

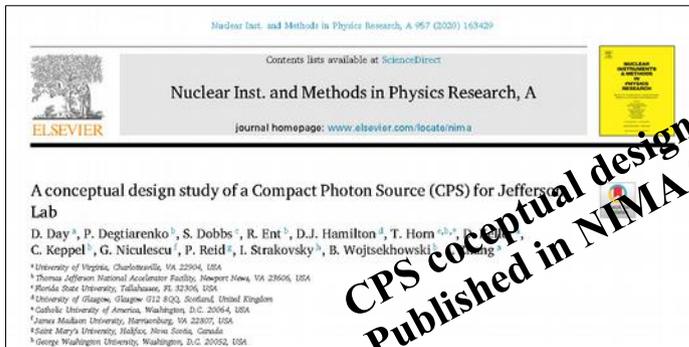
# Combine NPS with Compact Photon Source (CPS)

- Much progress in imaging nucleon structure can be made with electron-scattering reactions, yet experiments with high-energy photons play a unique complementary role
- Small scattering probabilities of exclusive reactions demand high-intensity photon beams
- Understanding strengthened by imaging longitudinally-polarized and transversely-polarized nucleons

**E12-14-003, E12-14-005 and E12-17-008**



**CPS enables a gain of a factor of 30 in figure-of-merit! Enables a new suite of high-energy photon scattering experiments to image and understand the dynamical nucleon structure**

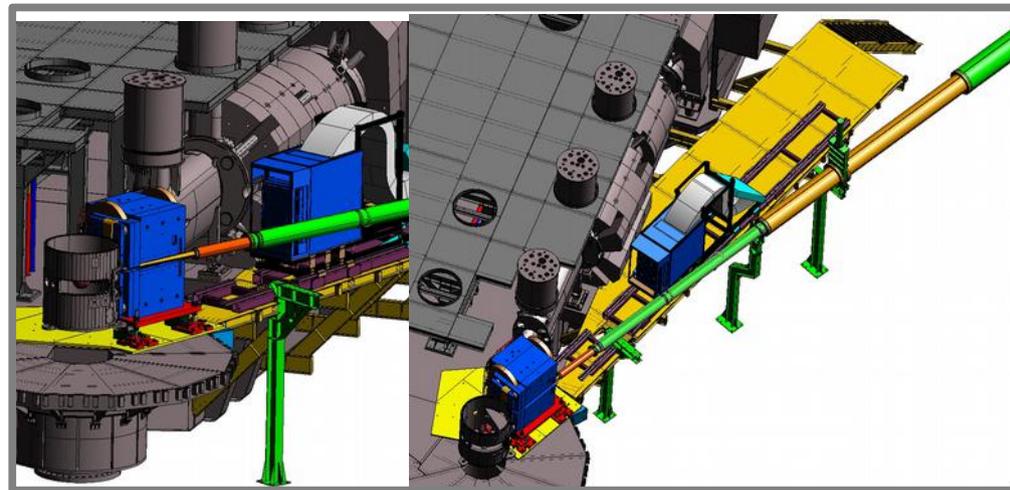


**CPS conceptual design  
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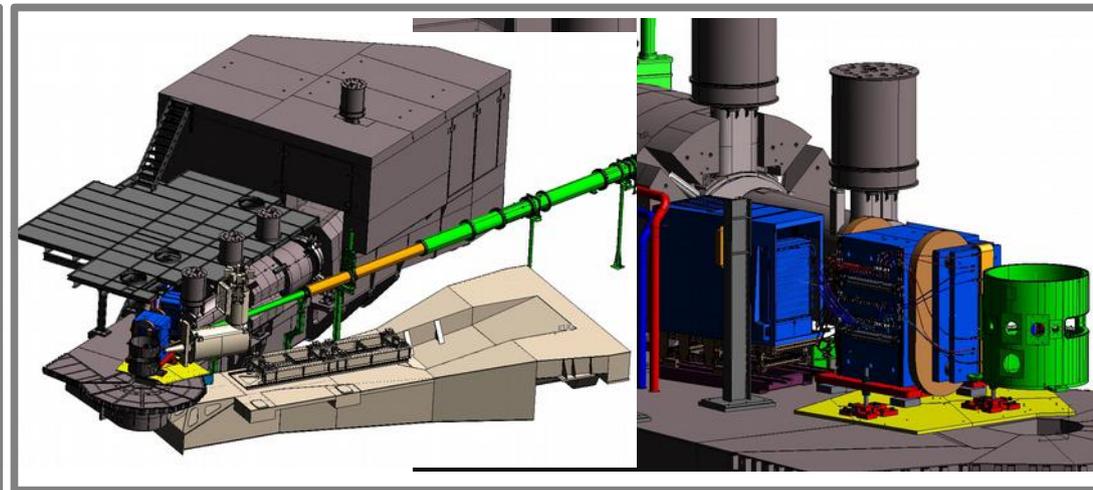
- **E12-17-008** - investigate the mechanisms behind RCS – provides crucial insight into the nature of exclusive reactions and proton structure
- **C12-18-005** - first fundamental test of the universality of the GPDs, as the GPDs extracted from TCS should be comparable with those extracted from the analogous space-like (electron) scattering process - DVCS

# The Neutral Particle Spectrometer

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**Small angles ( $6^\circ$  -  $23^\circ$ ) configuration**



**Large angles ( $23^\circ$  -  $57.5^\circ$ ) configuration**

- ~25 msr neutral particle detector consisting of ~1080 PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals (30x36 matrix) in a temperature controlled frame including gain monitoring and curing systems
- HV distribution bases with built in amplifiers for operation in a high rate environment
- Essentially deadtime less digitizing electronics to independently sample the entire pulse form for each crystal Jlab developed Flash ADCs
- A vertical-bend sweeping magnet with integrated field strength of 0.3 Tm to suppress and eliminate charged background
- Cantilevered platforms off the Super High Momentum Spectrometer (SHMS) carriage to allow for remote rotation. For NPS angles from 6 to 23 degrees, the platform will be on the left of the SHMS carriage for NPS angles 23-57.5 degrees it will be on the right
- A beam pipe with as large opening/critical angle for the beam exiting the target/scattering chamber region as possible to reduce beamline-associated backgrounds

# The NPS sweep magnet

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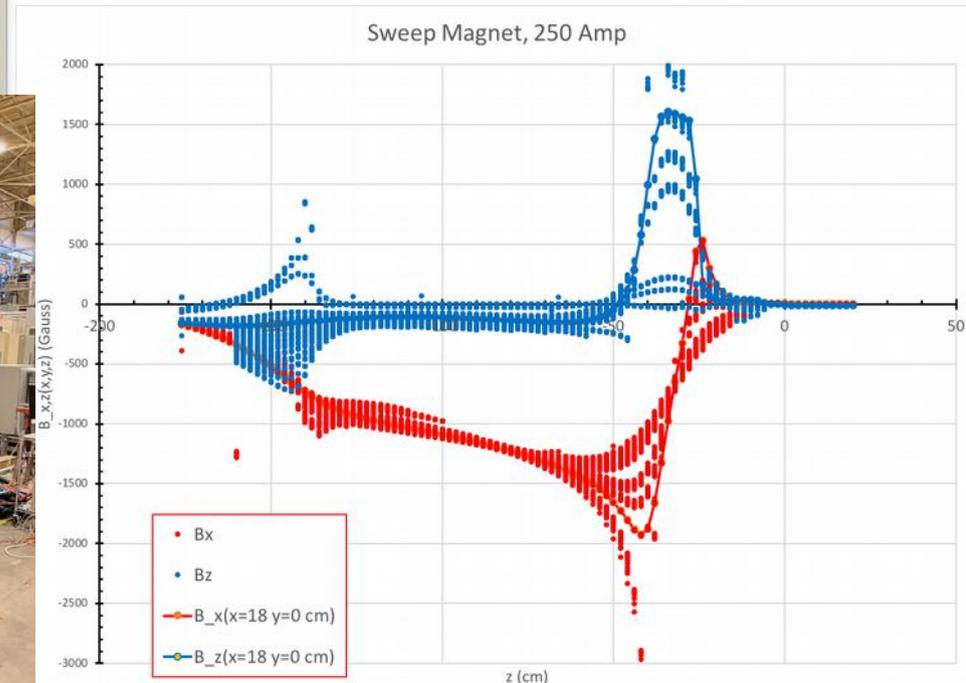


NPS magnet and power supply in test lab

- Normal resistive iron dominated magnet provided by CUA and ODU
- Fully assembled and being tested at JLAB
- Completed fringe field mapping at 25% of full current – next: compare to calculation
- Planning full current tests in Hall C – will there be an opportunity this year (2020)?



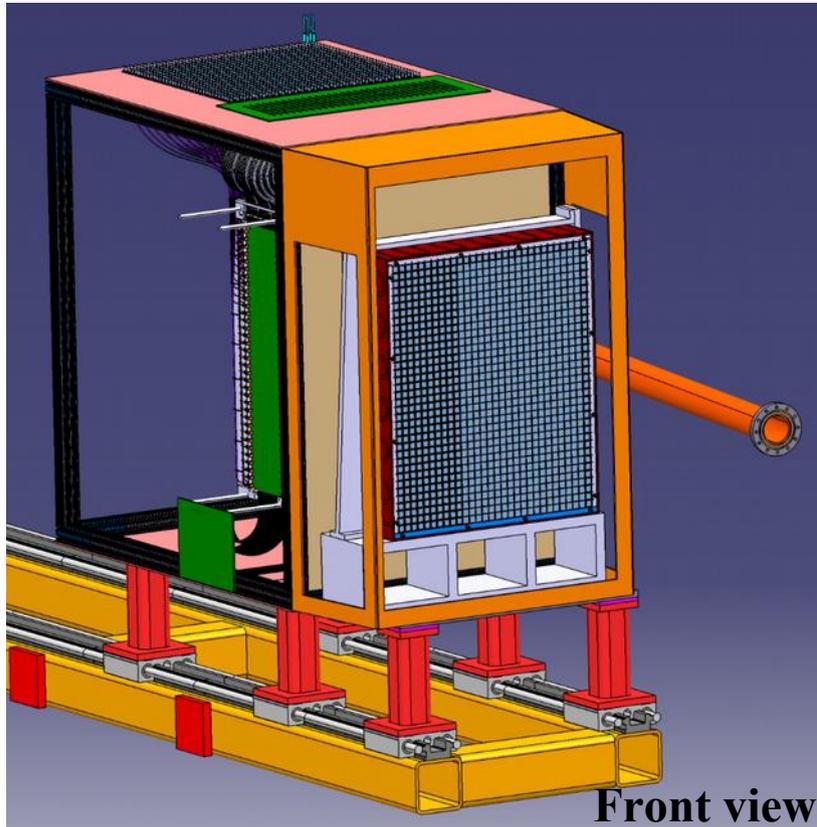
Mapping equipment



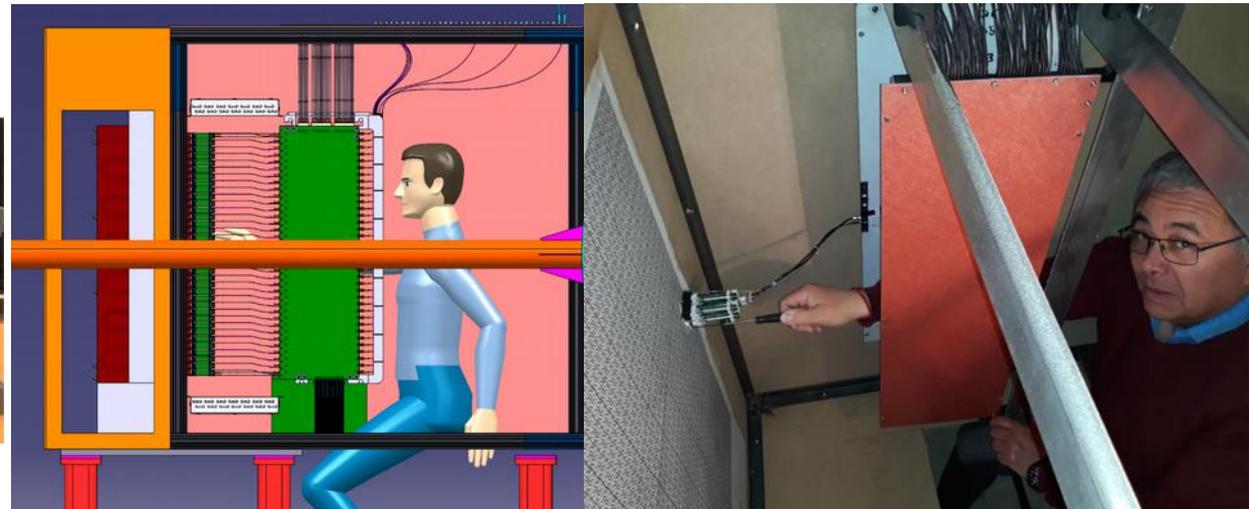
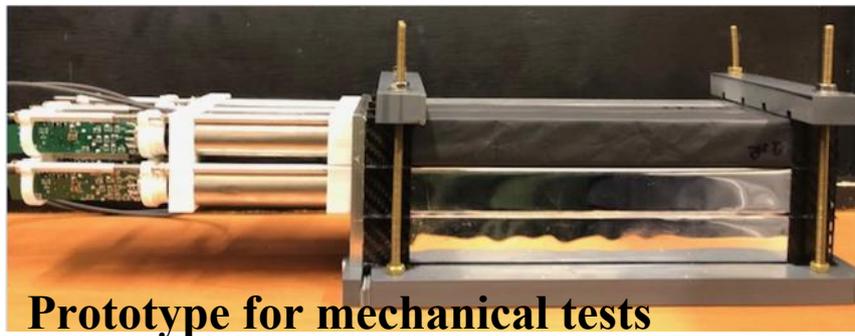
Results from mapping – lots of data acquired!

Max Current (Amp)	990
R @ 20°C (Ohm)	0.1
$\Delta V$ Max (V)	110
Cooling medium	LCW
$\Delta P$ (psi)	130
$\Delta T$ (°C)	30
Corrector Max (Amp)	520

# Calorimeter conceptual design



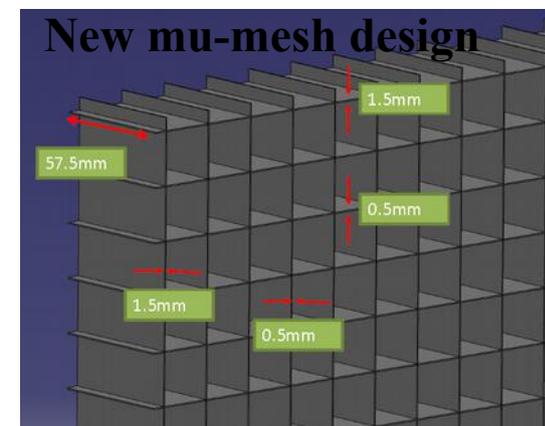
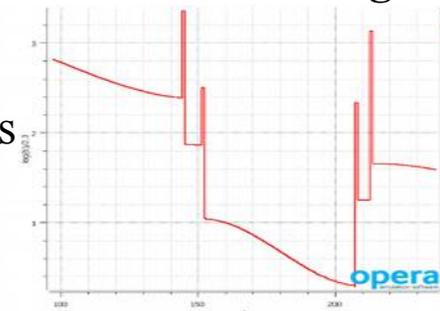
- 30x36 (1080) PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals of size: 2x2x20 cm<sup>3</sup>
- Hamamatsu R4125 PMTs with custom active HV bases provided by Ohio U.
- Design completed at IPN Orsay
  - Crystals placed in a 0.5 mm-thick carbon frame to ensure good positioning
  - PMTs accessible from the back side to allow for maintenance
  - Calibration and radiation curing with blue LED light through quartz optical fibers (concept originally designed by Yerevan)



**Human size detector!**

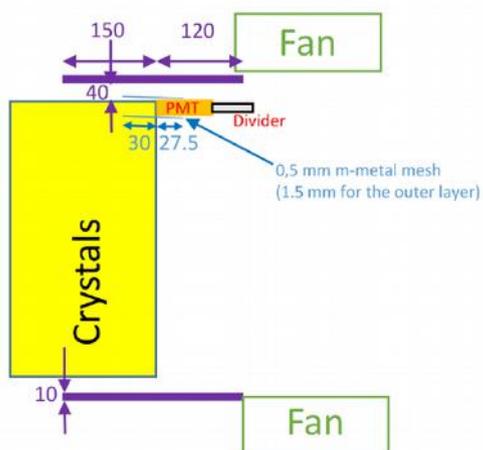
# Magnetization studies

## Old shielding

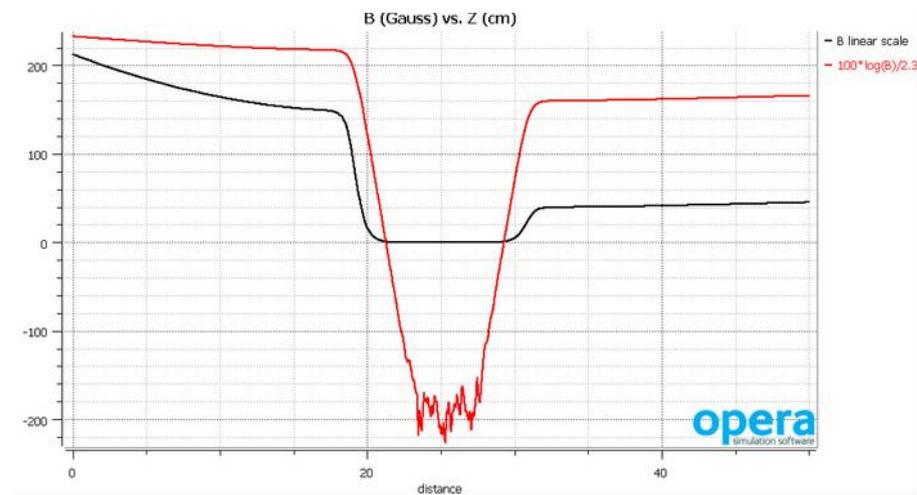
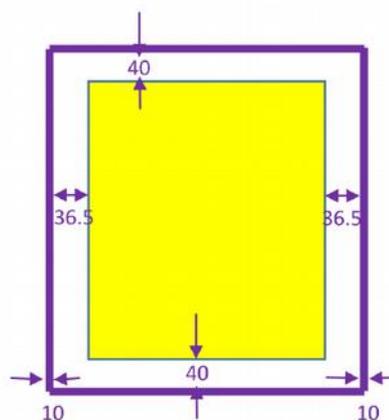


- Found that the magnetic field is large at PMT locations for NPS at small angles (~200 Gauss)
- Adjusted NPS design concept to include
  - a mu-metal mesh around PMTs (30mm in front, 27.5mm towards PMT dynode)
    - Inside 0.5mm thick
    - Outside 1.5mm thick
  - A soft iron (1006) shield box with 10mm thickness
- With the new shielding concept the magnetic field is negligible at the PMT location
  - Field is below 1 Gauss along the 8cm from the PMT front face

Side view

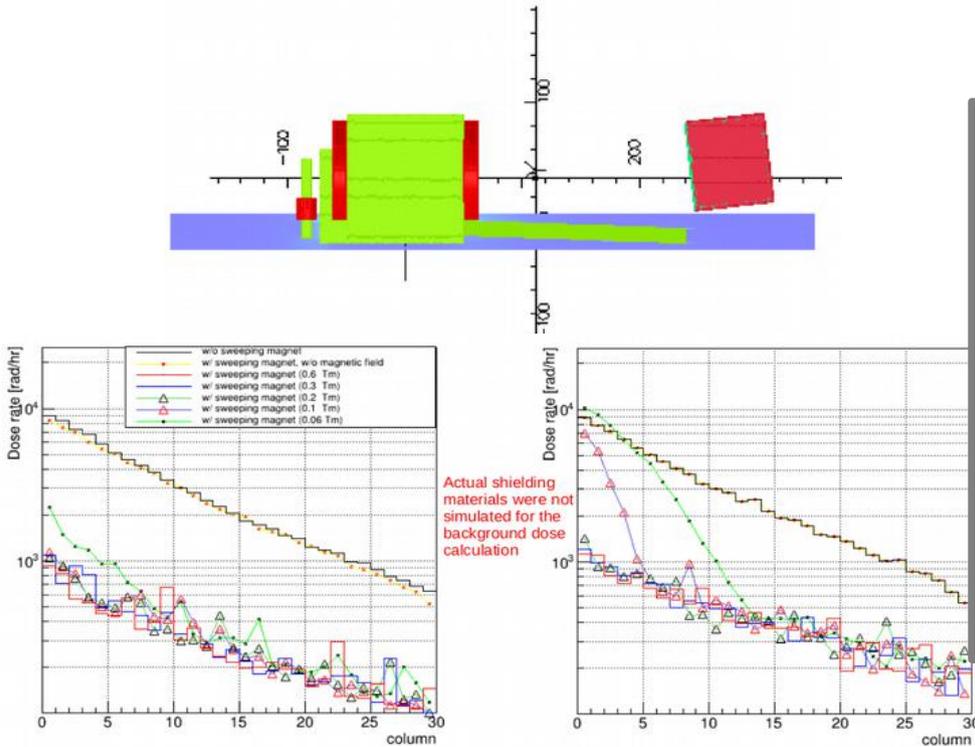


Front/back view

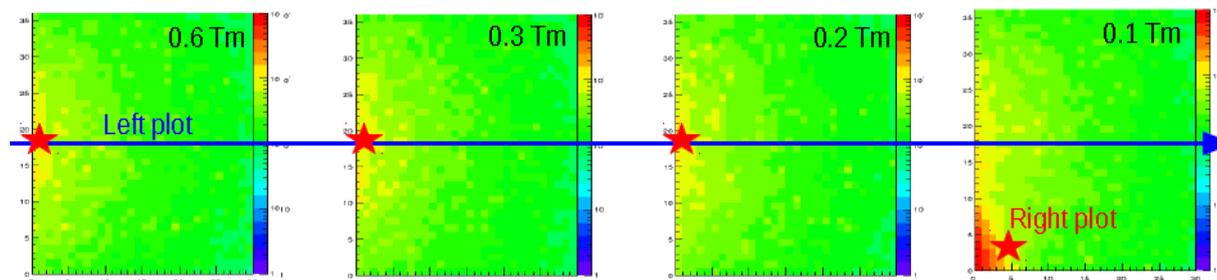


# Background simulations

- Simulations of energy and dose distribution of background in NPS shows that particles with energy  $<10$  MeV constitute  $\sim 20\%$  of the total energy deposited in the detector – need shielding, magnet field strength doesn't help
- With the new NPS shielding  $0.2\text{Tm}$  is enough to reduce the charged particle backgrounds



- Magnetic field center: 1.57m from the target
- Magnetic field center: 2.2 deg from the beam-pipe
- Physical magnet's center: 1.6m from the target
- Physical magnet's center: 2.3 deg from the beam-pipe
- Magnetic field's z-axis: goes through the target
- Calorimeter: 4m away from the target
- Calorimeter: 8.5 deg from the beam-pipe
- Calorimeter's magnetic shielding:
  - iron 1mm+mu-metal 1mm in the front face
  - iron 5mm+mu-metal 1mm in the other 5 faces



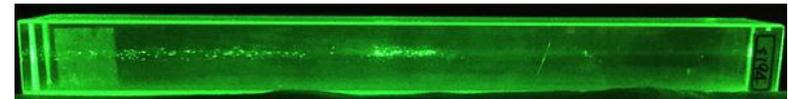
# NPS calorimeter: PbWO4 crystals

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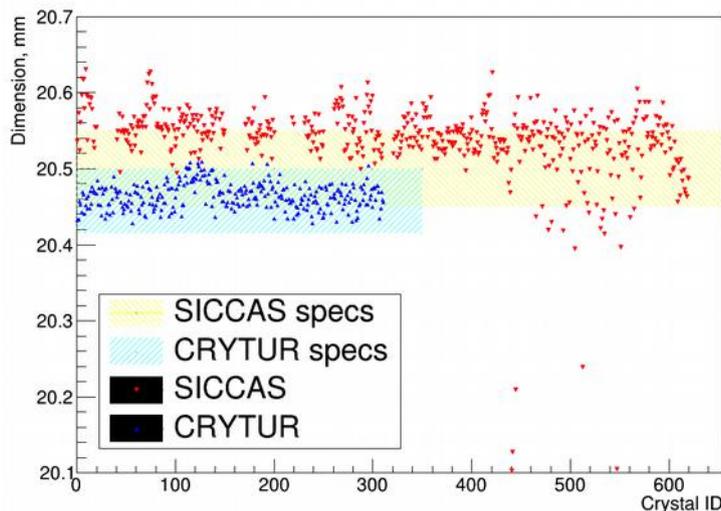
- Only two vendors of PbWO4 crystals available worldwide
- SICCAS/China: failure rate ~30% of crystals produced in 2014-19 due to major mechanical defects
- CRYTUR/Czech Republic: Strict quality control procedures – so far 100% of crystals accepted
- NPS calorimeter crystal coverage:
  - CRYTUR crystals will cover 78.7% of the active volume
  - SICCAS crystals will cover 21.3% (edges)



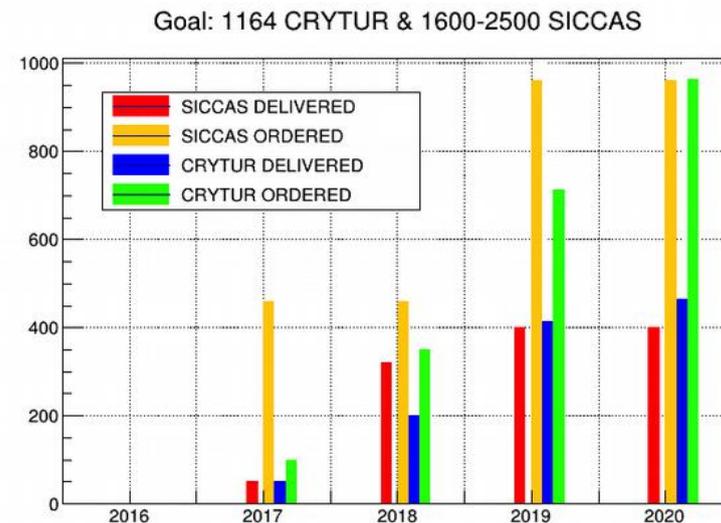
**Good crystal**



**Bad crystal: bubbles in bulk, old labels ...**

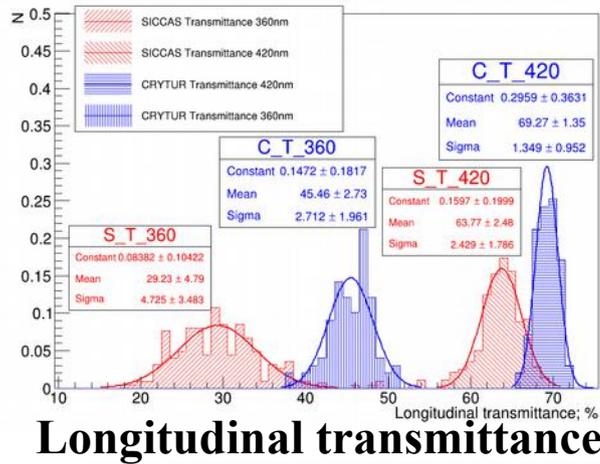


**Quality check: dimension uniformity**

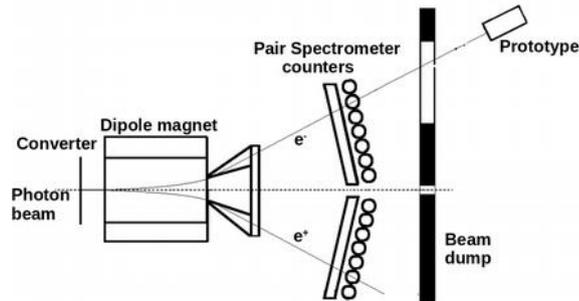


**Crystal delivery timeline**

# PbWO4 crystal properties and performance tests



Longitudinal transmittance



3x3 Prototype



Crystal test stand



- **Primary quality assurance of the crystals:**
  - Precise dimension measurements and visual inspections
  - Optical transmittance measurements
  - Light yield measured using a radioactive source Na-22 and 2in PMT inside of thermo-controlled darkbox
- **Crystal/glass beam test program in HallD:**
  - Installed the 3x3 prototype behind the PS (2018,2019,2020)
  - Energy resolution measurement
  - Readout chain optimization
  - Glass-ceramic scintillator tests
  - Streaming readout
  - Crystal test stand 12 crystal measured at the same time (2020)
  - Studies of crystal defects, light guides, cookies and etc.

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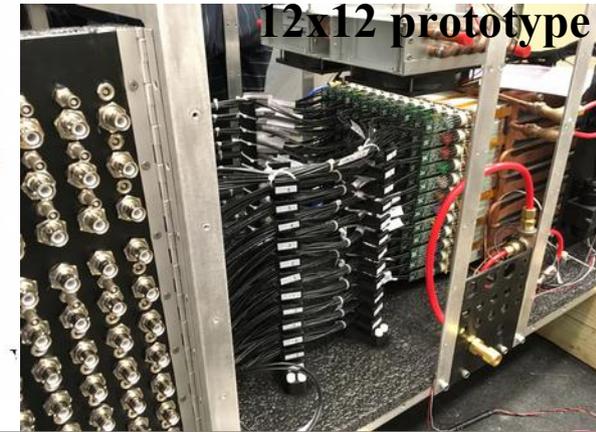
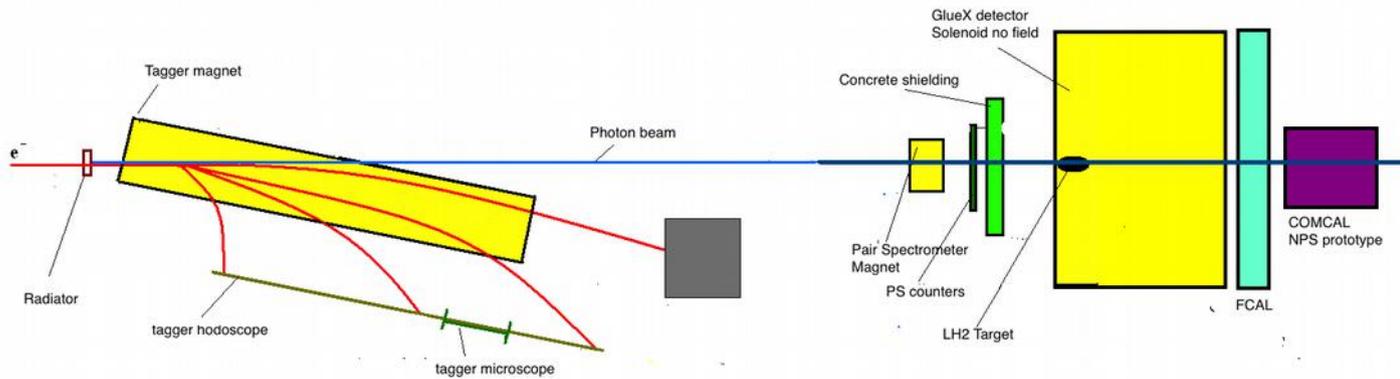
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# Beam test program with 12x12 NPS prototype

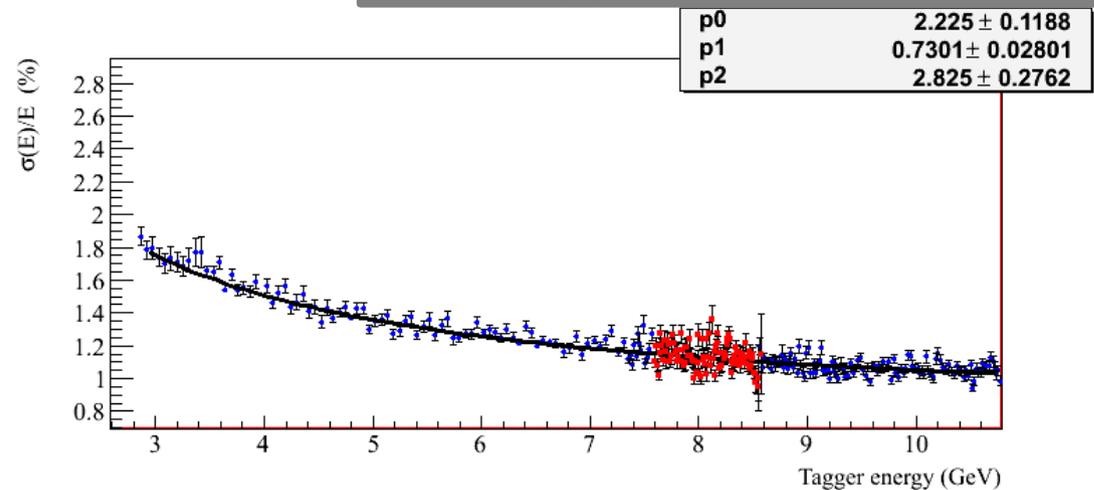


- Built a 12x12 detector for more detailed studies compared to quick checks with the 3x3 prototype
  - Allows for studies of energy resolution in wide energy range, stability, rate dependence, etc.
  - But, not as flexible as 3x3 since cannot run in parasitic mode and has to be installed in the beamline - requires scheduling, crane installation, alignment, slow controls, integration to data stream...

## Detector design major components:

- 12x12 Matrix (140 crystals)
- NPS HV divider
- 250 fADC readout
- Environment control:
  - Temperature, humidity, light sensors
- Monitoring system consisting of LED and  $\alpha$ -source
- Moving platform

- Beam test program completed in 2019
  - Initial results show energy resolution:  $\sim 2.83\%/E + 2.23\%/\sqrt{E} + 0.73\%$
  - Ongoing studies to improve linearity
  - Preparing publication on beam test results – to be submitted to NIMA in next few months



# Outlook

- NPS experiments (E12-13-007, E12-13-010, E12-14-003, E12-14-005) passed ERR in May 2019 and beam time scheduling request has been submitted
- Sweeper magnet ready for full current test in Hall C
- Frame scheduled to be on-site at the end of summer 2020
- >700 PMT`s received and spot checked 25% - no rejections
- All (1100) active bases assembled
- Calorimeter assembly scheduled for Fall 2020
- Details will be discussed at NPS collaboration meeting February 3 2020

## Agenda

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### 3 February 2020 - CC RM L210A

9:00 -9:30 - Welcome – NPS History, Overview and Meeting Goals - *Tanja Horn (CUA)*

9:30 -9:50 - NPS in Hall C – Design Status (platforms, moves) - *Mike Fowler/Paulo Medeiros (JLab)*

9:50 -10:10 - Magnet Status – Field Mapping - *Charles Hyde (ODU)*

10:10 -10:40 - Detector Frame and Infrastructure - *Emmanuel Rindel (IPN Orsay)*

BREAK

11:00 -11:30 - Crystal characterization - *Vladimir Berdnikov (CUA)*

11:30 -11:45 - HV Divider Status - *Julie Roche (Ohio U.)*

11:45 -12:00 - HV Divider Optimization and Results - *Fernando Barbosa (JLab)*

12:00 -12:30 - Simulations and software development - *Ho-San Ko (IPN Orsay)*

LUNCH BREAK

13:30 -13:50 - Hall C Infrastructure – HV, Electronics, DAQ - *Brad Sawatzky (JLab)*

13:50 -14:10 - Hall C Infrastructure – Patch Panels, Cabling, LCW, Power, etc - *Joe Beaufait (JLab)*

14:10 -14:30 - NPS Installation Planning - *Walter Kellner (JLab)*

14:30 -15:00 - NPS Assembly Plan Discussion (magnet, platform and rails, detector, cabling, ...)

15:00 -15:30 - NPS Calorimeter Assembly Discussion

BREAK

16:00 -16:30 - NPS To-Do List Discussion (Gain Monitoring, Calibrations, Software) - *Hamlet Mkrtchyan (ANSL)*

16:30 -17:30 - TCS Conditional Approved Experiment – Plans and To-Do List - *Marie Boer, Dustin Keller, Vardan Tadevosyan*

17:30 - Adjourn

# Summary

- 3D Hadron Imaging, encapsulated in the GPDs and TMDs, is one of the key programs at the 12 GeV Jlab
- NPS allows for validation of the exclusive electroproduction reaction mechanism – required for accessing the GPDs and TMDs
- Adding a real photon beam (Compact Photon Source) allows for accessing complementary high-energy photoproduction processes

# General requirements of the NPS experiments

$E_e=6.6,8.8,11$  GeV

	<b>E12-13-010</b>	<b>E12-13-007</b>	<b>E12-14-003</b>	<b>E12-14-005</b>
Angular resolution(mrad)	0.5-0.75	0.5-0.75	1-2	1-2
Energy resolution(%)	$(1-2)/\sqrt{E}$	$(1-2)/\sqrt{E}$	$5/\sqrt{E}$	$5/\sqrt{E}$
Photon energies	2.6-7.6	0.5-5.7	1.1-3.4	1.1-3.4
Luminosity (cm <sup>-2</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	~10 <sup>38</sup>	~10 <sup>38</sup>	~1.5x10 <sup>38</sup>	~1.5x10 <sup>38</sup>
Acceptance	60%/25msr	(10-60)%/25msr		
Beam current (uA)	5-50	5-50	~40;+6% Cu radiator	~40;+6% Cu radiator
Targets	10cm LH2	10cm LH2	10cm LH2	10cm LH2

- Suppress and eliminate charged background - sweeping magnet
- Resolution for photon detection – high light yield; fine granularity
- Expected rates: up to 1MHz- fast response PMT, active base with gain to reduce anode current
- Radiation hardness- integrated doses 20-30kRad, monitoring and curing systems