

# Neutral Particle Spectrometer (NPS)

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- Collaboration meetings since 2012

# Experiments overview

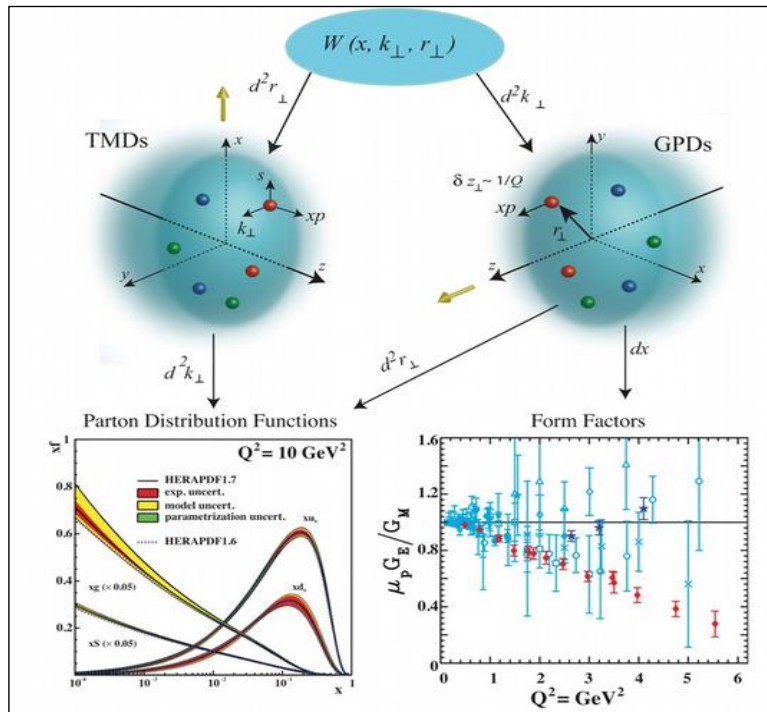
| Experiment  | Exp #                      | Beam                | Target           | PAC Days | Rating         |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------|----------------|
| $\pi^0$ SIDIS   | <a href="#">E12-13-007</a> | $\vec{e}^-$         | L H <sub>2</sub> | (26)     | A <sup>-</sup> |
| DVCS and Exclusive $\pi^0$  | <a href="#">E12-13-010</a> | $\vec{e}^-$         | L H <sub>2</sub> | 53       | A              |
| Wide Angle Compton Scattering (WACS)                                      | <a href="#">E12-14-003</a> | $e^-, \gamma$       | L H <sub>2</sub> | 18       | A <sup>-</sup> |
| Wide Angle Exclusive $\pi^0$ photoproduction                              | <a href="#">E12-14-005</a> | $e^-, \gamma$       | L H <sub>2</sub> | (18)     | B              |
| DVCS – days moved from Hall A   | <a href="#">E12-06-114</a> | $\vec{e}^-$         | L H <sub>2</sub> | 35       | A              |
| $A_{LL}$ & $A_{LS}$ Polarization Observables in WACS at large s, t, and u | <a href="#">E12-17-008</a> | CPS: $\vec{\gamma}$ | $N\vec{H}_3$     | 46       | A <sup>-</sup> |
| Timelike Compton Scattering (TCS) off a Transversely Polarized Proton     | <a href="#">C12-18-005</a> | CPS: $\vec{\gamma}$ | $[N\vec{H}_3]_T$ | 35       | C2             |

- ☐ Scheduling request submitted for E12-13-010/E12-13-007 (NPS Phase-I)
- ☐ Assembly out of the hall now in June/July 2022
- ☐ Could run as soon as 2023

More details on physics in David's talk

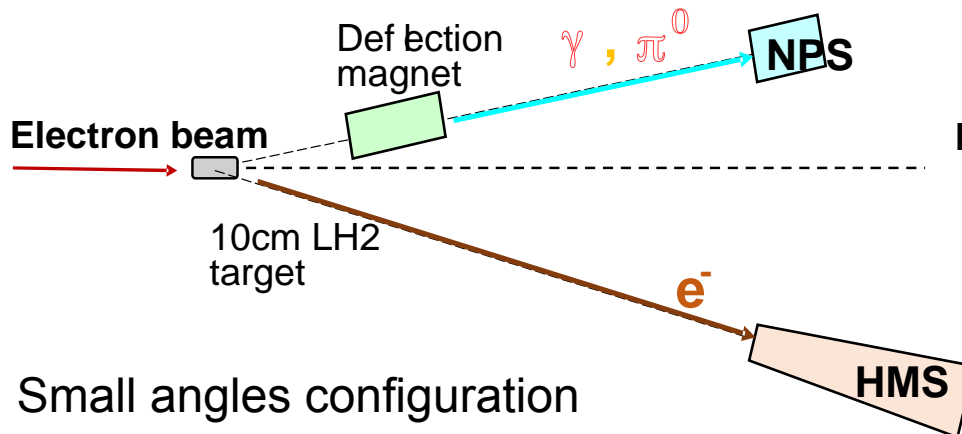


# Motivation of NPS Experiments: Validation of Reaction mechanism

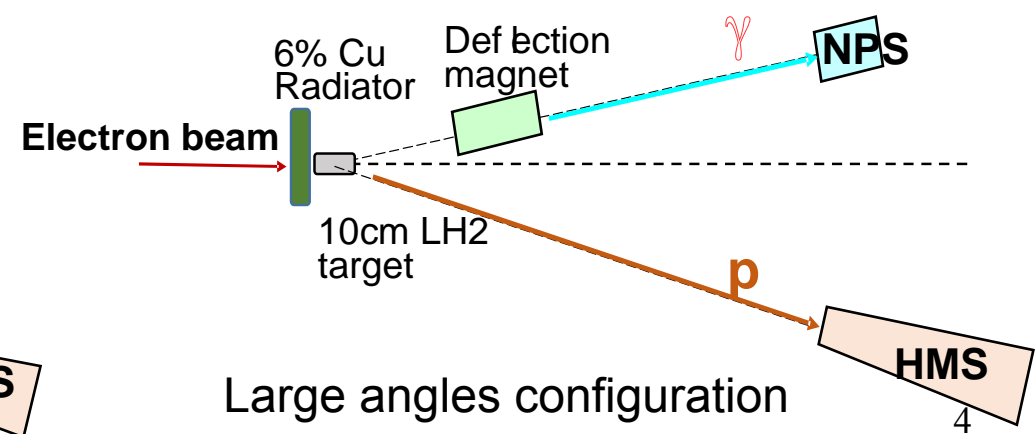


- To extract the rich information on nucleon structure encoded in **GPD** and **TMDs** one needs to show that the scattering process is understood
  - Neutral final states offer unique advantages
- Two arm combination of high resolution neutral particle spectrometer and a magnetic spectrometer offers unique scientific capabilities for studies of the transverse spatial and momentum structure of the nucleon in Hall C

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



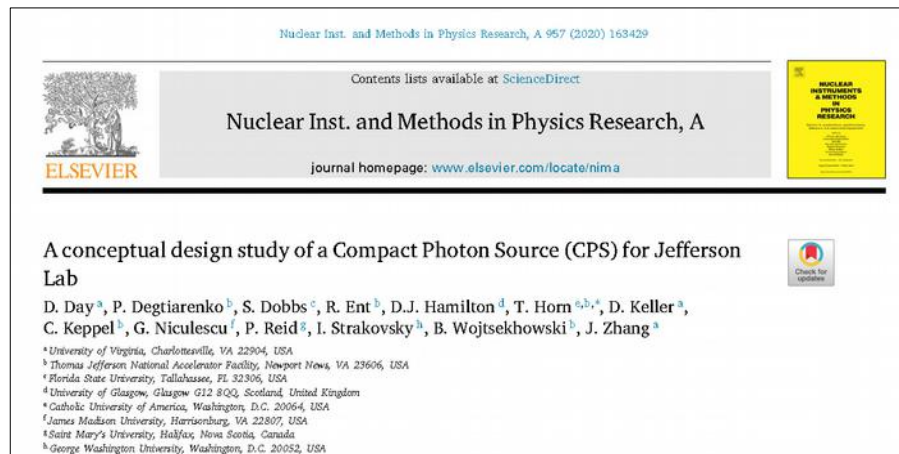
**E12-14-003 and E12-14-005**



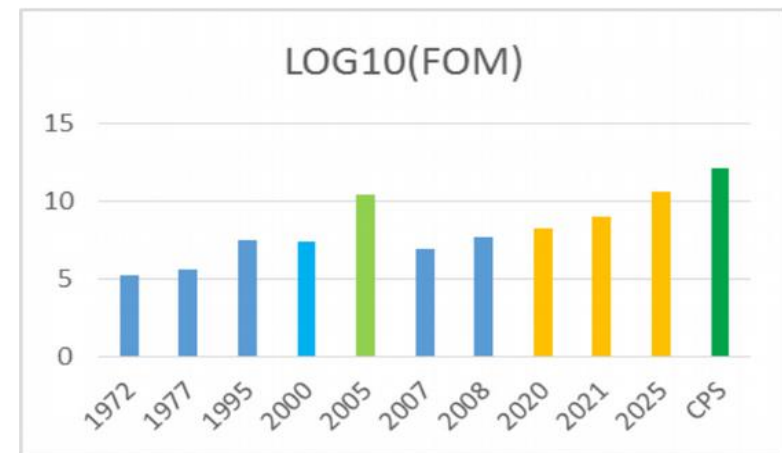
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# Combine NPS with Compact Photon Source (CPS)

- 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



CPS conceptual design Published in NIMA 2020



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

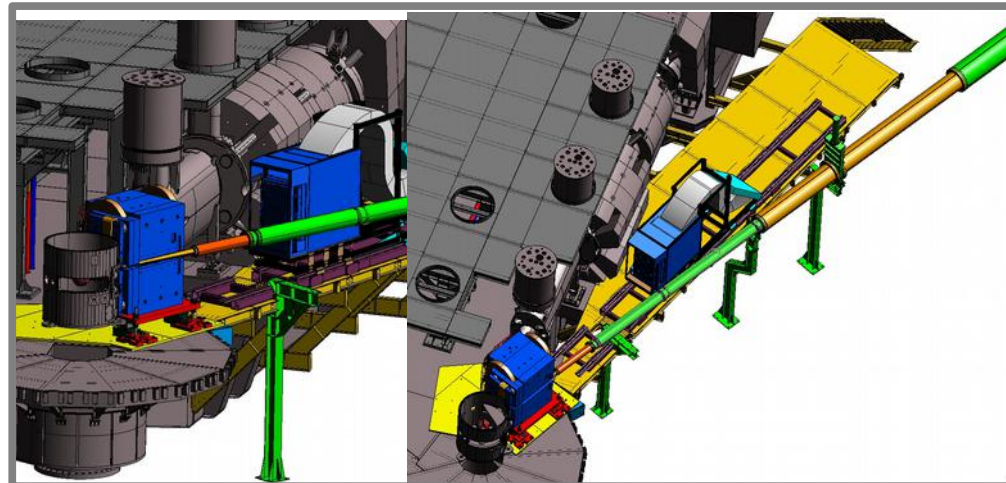
- **E12-17-008** - investigate the mechanisms behind RCS – provides crucial insight into the nature of exclusive reactions and proton structure
- **C12-18-005** - first fundamental test of the universality of the GPDs, as the GPDs extracted from TCS should be comparable with those extracted from the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

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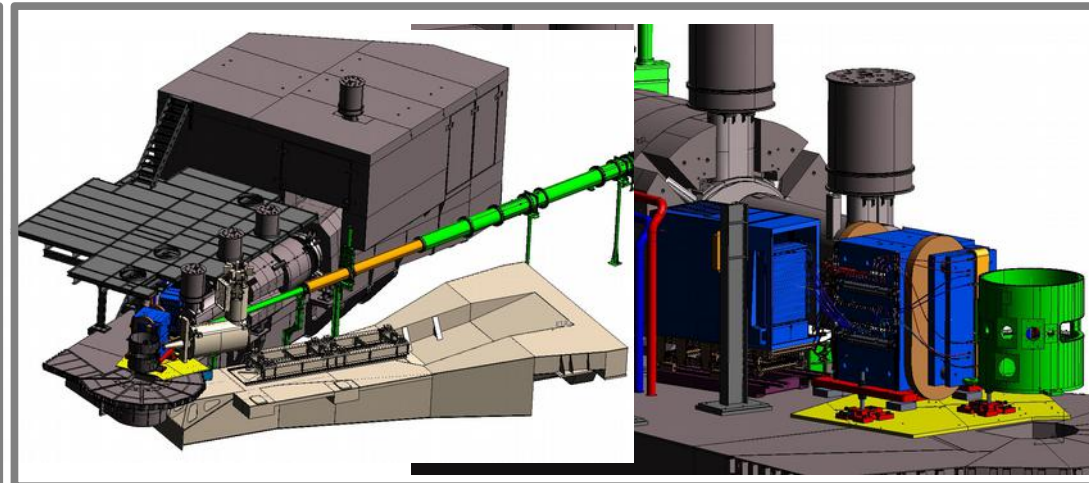
# The Neutral Particle Spectrometer

- Neutral particle detector - lead tungstate electromagnetic calorimeter consisting of 1080 crystals placed in a temperature controlled frame including gain monitoring and crystal curing systems
- Crystals read by photomultipliers. HV distribution bases with external power amplifiers for operations in a very high rate environment
- Essentially dead time less digitizing electronics to independently sample the entire pulse form for each crystal. Jlab developed readout electronics
- Beam pipe with as large as possible opening/critical angle for the beam exiting the target/scattering chamber region to reduce beam line associated backgrounds
- 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.

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



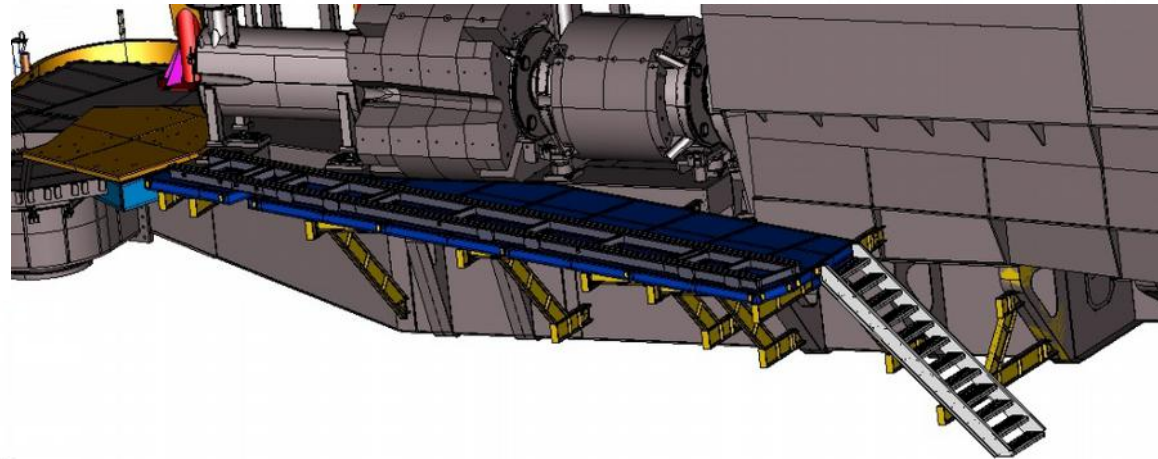
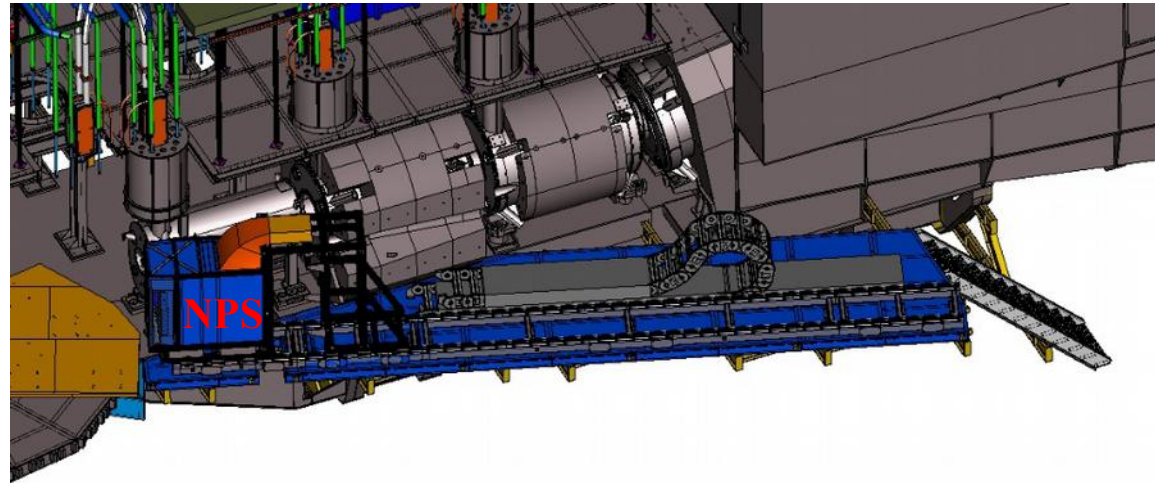
**Large angles ( $23^\circ$  - $57.5^\circ$ ) configuration (Right)**



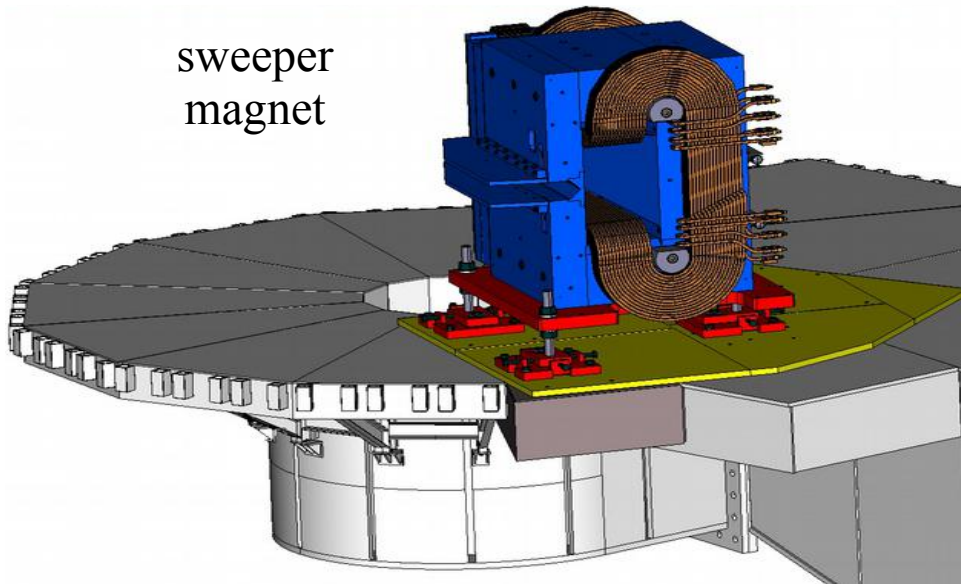
# Mechanical design status overview

Tasks to be done during upcoming SAD:

- Target access platform support needs to be reinforced
- Target access platform section need to be removed and replaced with larger and heavier duty section



sweeper  
magnet



All hardware components for  
detector support structure on site

# NPS sweeper magnet

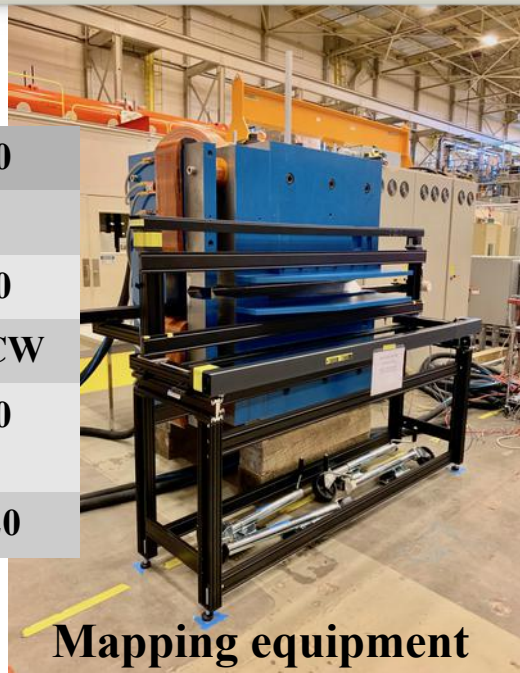
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**NPS magnet and power supply in test lab**

- Normal resistive iron dominated magnet provided by CUA and ODU
- Fully assembled, tested and awaiting installation for full field test in the hall
- Completed fringe field mapping at 25% of full current and compared to calculation

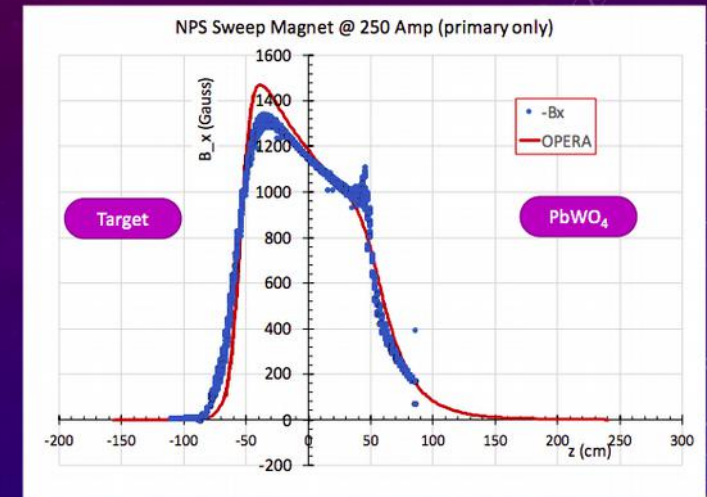
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| Max Current (Amp)   | 990 |
| R @ 20°C (Ohm)      | 0.1 |
| $\Delta V$ Max (V)  | 110 |
| Cooling medium      | LCW |
| $\Delta P$ (psi)    | 130 |
| $\Delta T$ (°C)     | 30  |
| Corrector Max (Amp) | 520 |



**Mapping equipment**

$B_x$  (Gauss)  
Measured  
vs. OPERA

- Dispersion in measured values = variation with x-coord in gap
- OPERA = full calculation w/ clamp coil



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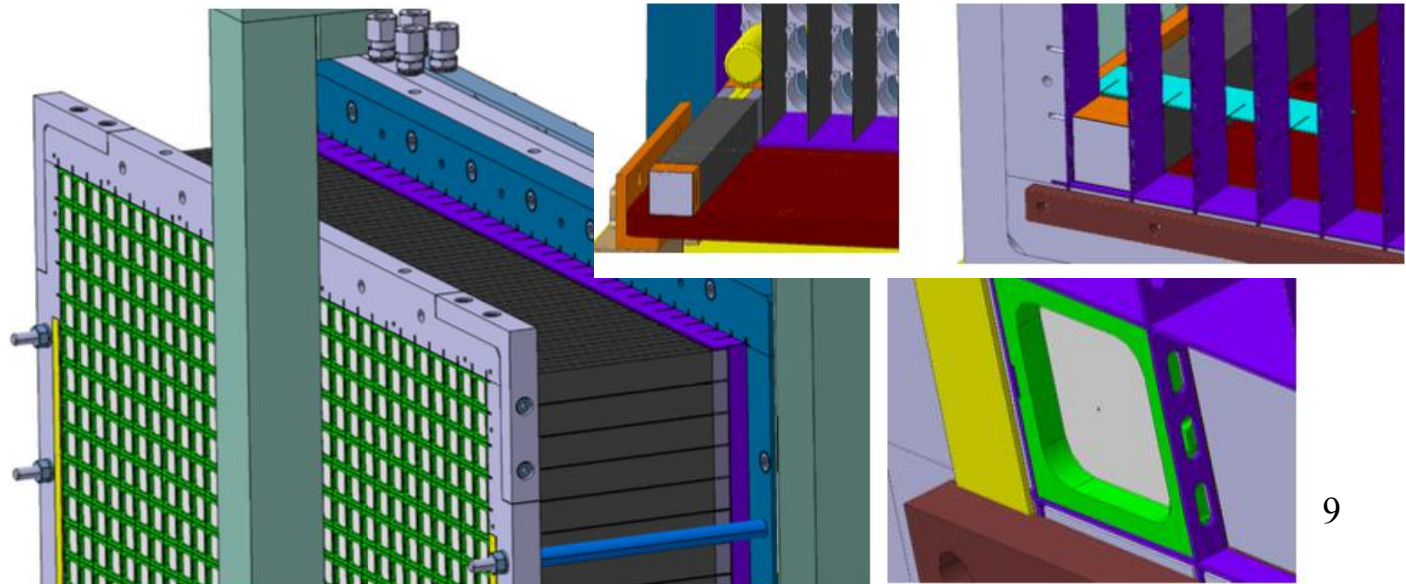
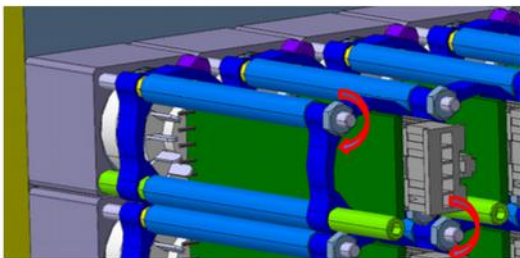
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# NPS calorimeter conceptual design



- 30x36 (1080) PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals of size: 2x2x20 cm<sup>3</sup>
- Hamamatsu R4125 PMTs with custom HV bases
- Design completed at IJCLab-Orsay
- Crystals placed in a 0.5mm thick carbon frame to ensure good positioning
- PMTs accessible from the back side for maintenance
- Calibration and radiation curing with blue LED light through quartz optical fibers (concept originally designed by Yerevan)
- Frame delivered to Jlab in 2021



# NPS lead tungstate (PWO) crystals

- Only two vendors worldwide
- All crystals for NPS calorimeter delivered to Jlab
- QA protocols and crystal storage in the NPS cleanroom
- Total number of crystals
  - **CRYTUR** 1379 pcs (ready to go)
  - **SICCAS** 446 pcs (portion of crystals questionable)

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## Electromagnetic calorimeters based on scintillating lead tungstate crystals for experiments at Jefferson Lab<sup>a</sup>

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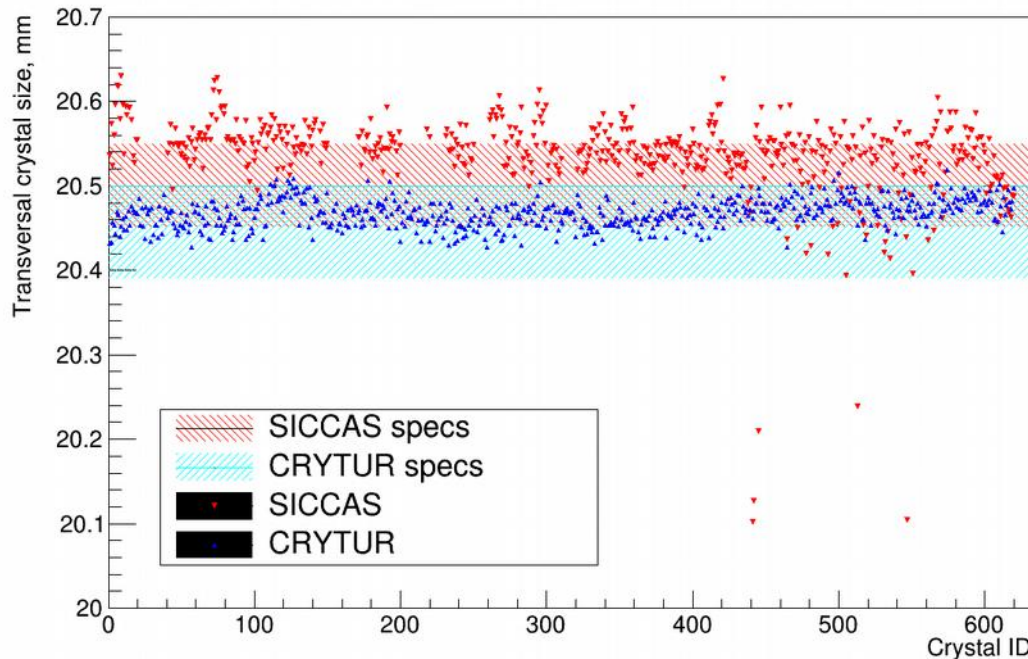
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# Characteristics of PWO crystals

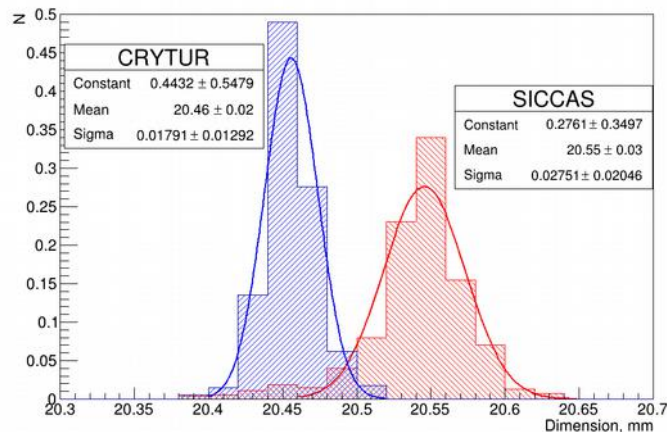


**CRYTUR** crystals are excellent quality

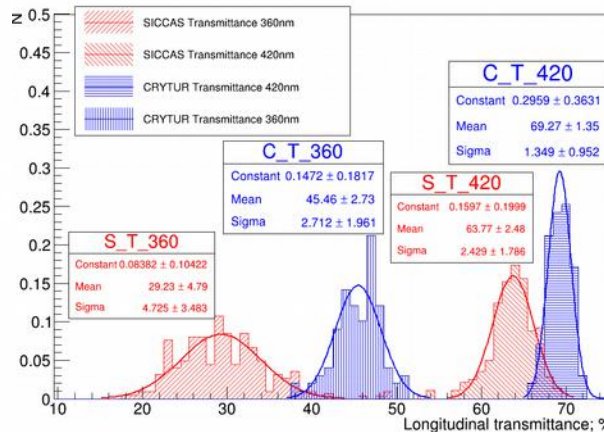
- Great transmittance
- Uniform LY and light collection
- Characteristics within specification
- Rejection rate 0%

**SICCAS** crystals are low medium quality

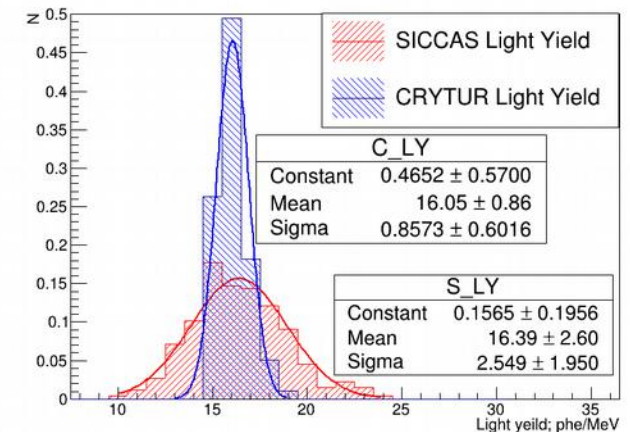
- Lower transmittance compare to CRYTUR
- Non-uniform LY and light collection
- Characteristics outside of specification for significant portion of crystals
- Preselection required
- Rejection rate 30%



*Crystal size*



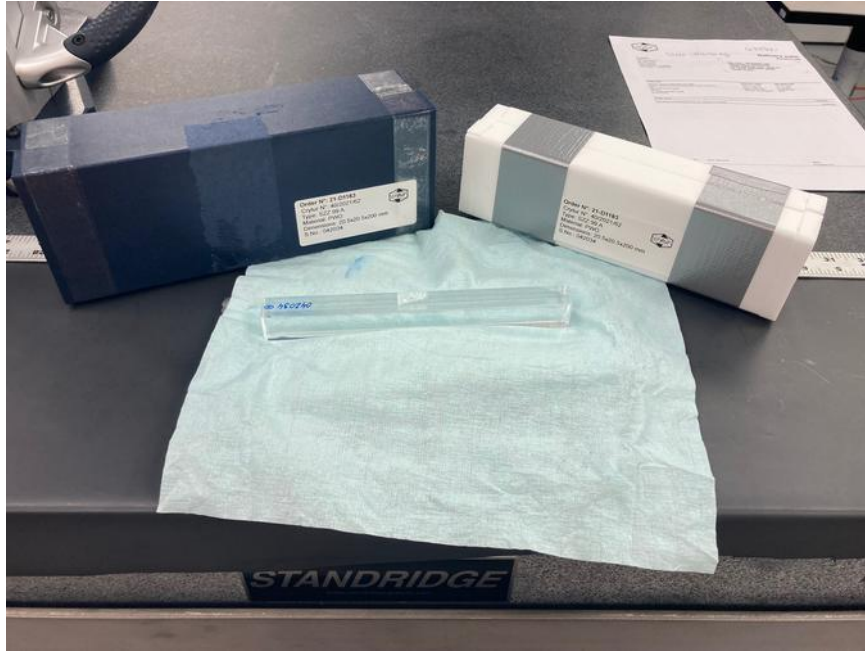
*Transmittance*



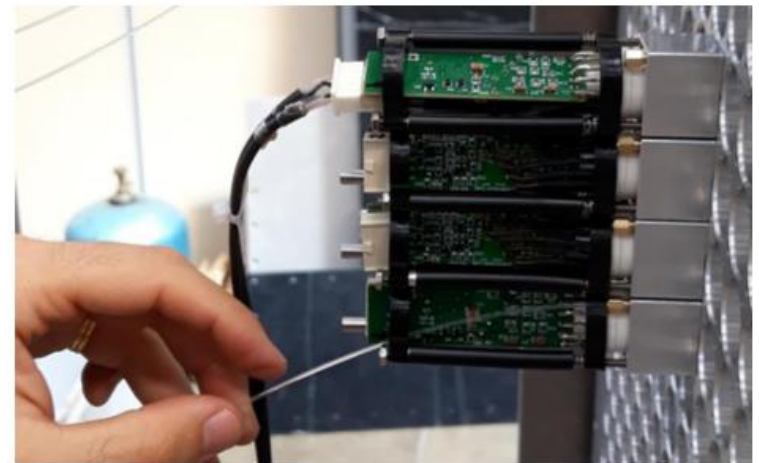
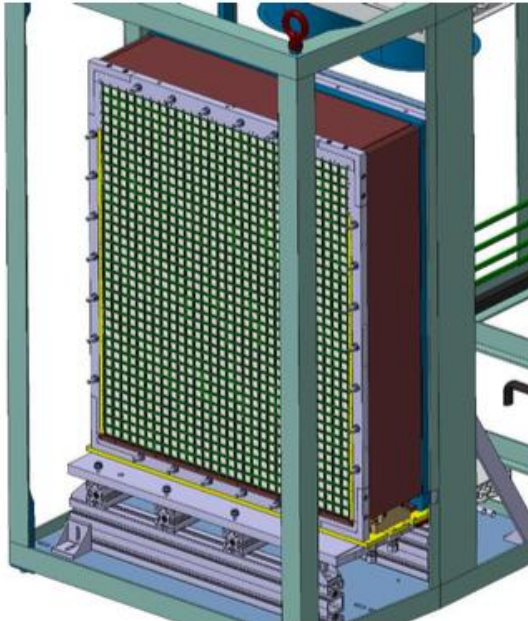
*Light yield*



# NPS calorimeter stacking



- NPS Collaboration decision is to stack NPS with all **CRYTUR** crystals
  - Satisfied to quality requirements
  - All crystals have uniform characteristics
  - Radiation hard
  - Crystal preselection not needed
  - Good control of the constant term
- NPS Calorimeter will consist of 1080 towers, matrix of 36 vertical and 30 horizontal crystals



# PMTs and HV dividers



9 h @ 2

PMT + base assembly (1080)



18 h @ 2

Kapton sheet/tape protection on PMT (1080)

NPS 8-Stage Active Divider

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## NPS 8-Stage Active HV Divider - Summary

Table 2: Measured divider ratios

|           | K-  | Dy1- | Dy2- | Dy3- | Dy4- | Dy5- | Dy6- | Dy7- | Dy8- | Dy9- | Dy10- |
|-----------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
|           | Dy1 | Dy2  | Dy3  | Dy4  | Dy5  | Dy6  | Dy7  | Dy8  | Dy9  | Dy10 | GND   |
| Active    | 1.8 | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 4.3  | 3.5   |
| Hamamatsu | 1.4 | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1.2  | 1.8  | 3.3  | 3.1   |

- Dynodes 9 and 10 are connected to Anode and no amplifier for the following tests.
- Preserved PMT biasing of other electrodes (see above table).
- Test Results (Vladimir, Carlos, Chris):
  - PMT Gain  $\sim 2 \times 10^3$  (with reference to Hamamatsu divider:  $10^5$  @ 1.1kV).
  - HV: 630 V @ 405  $\mu$ A.
  - Source (LED, Laser): set at 10% of maximum expected in the experiment.
    - Signal Amplitude = 7 mV nominal (10% of maximum).
    - Residual Noise = 2.5 mV peak.

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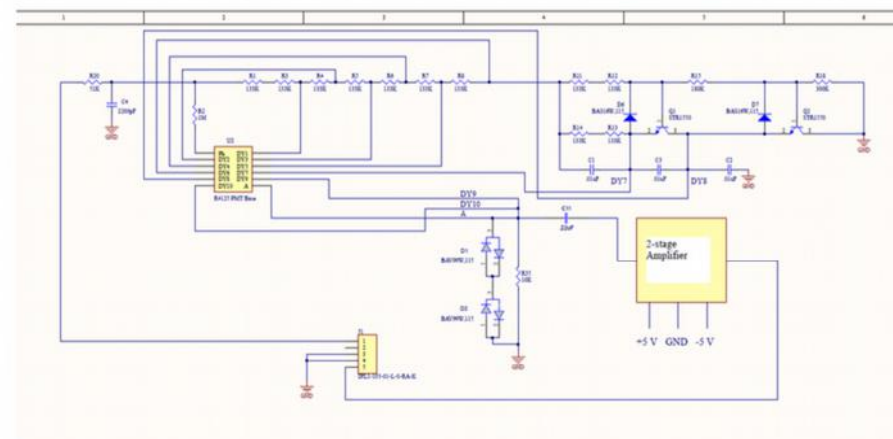
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NPS 8-Stage Active Divider

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- Proposed divider simplified:



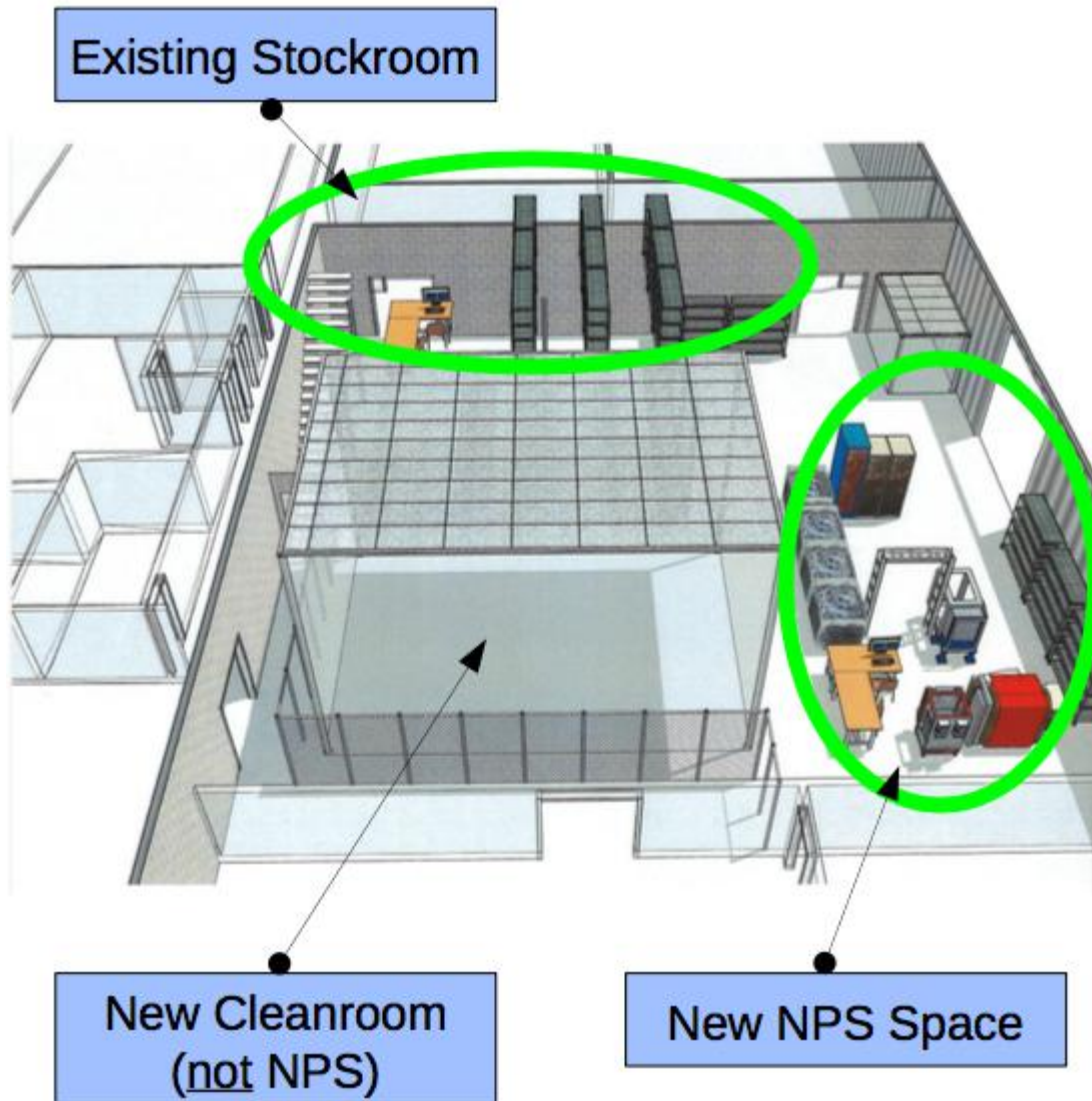
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# Pre-assembly preparations



- Space will become ready for occupancy in late-Apr
- “To do” list
  - Need to design/build cable bridge
  - Unbox and bundle signal cables
  - NPS detector assembly timeline / personnel
  - Stage/Test DAQ

- NPS assembly in June/July 2022



# Reconstruction software development

- The Hall C Neutral Particle Spectrometer (NPS) clustering algorithm is in development
- Initial results are presented and compared to the standard algorithm using SHMS calorimeter data.

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## What has been done ?

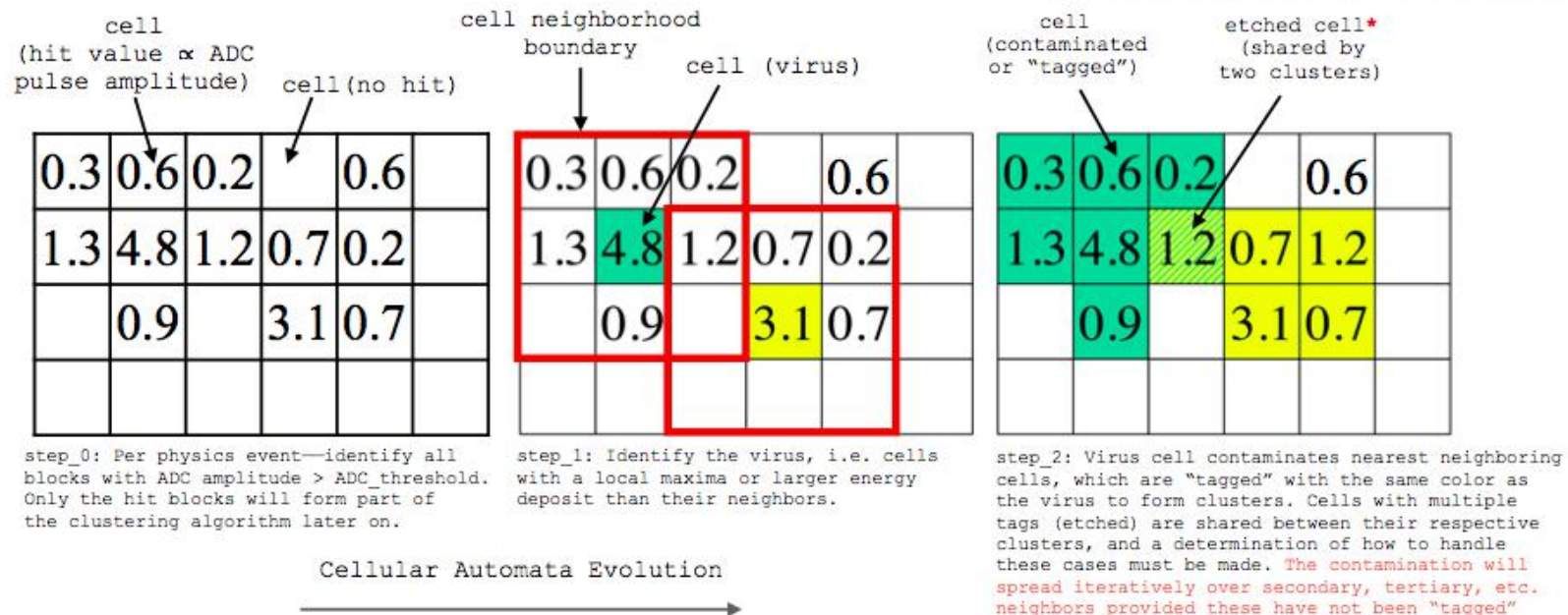
- developed NPS calorimeter cluster algorithm ("*Cellular Automata*")
  - rules may be flexible (e.g., may need to re-define what constitutes neighboring cells)
  - How to treat cells with shared clusters ?
    - Do we apply rule 3? or determine how to share energy between two clusters ?

[Y. Roblin et al. \(1995\). Nucl.Instrum.Meth. A362: 478-486](#)

Rule-I A given cell is only sensitive to its eight neighbours. A cell is a virus if its value is higher than the value of each of its neighbours.

Rule-II At a given step, a cell will take the value of its highest energy neighbour.

Rule-III A cell already contaminated in an earlier stage by a virus is immunized against any other virus (restriction to Rule II)



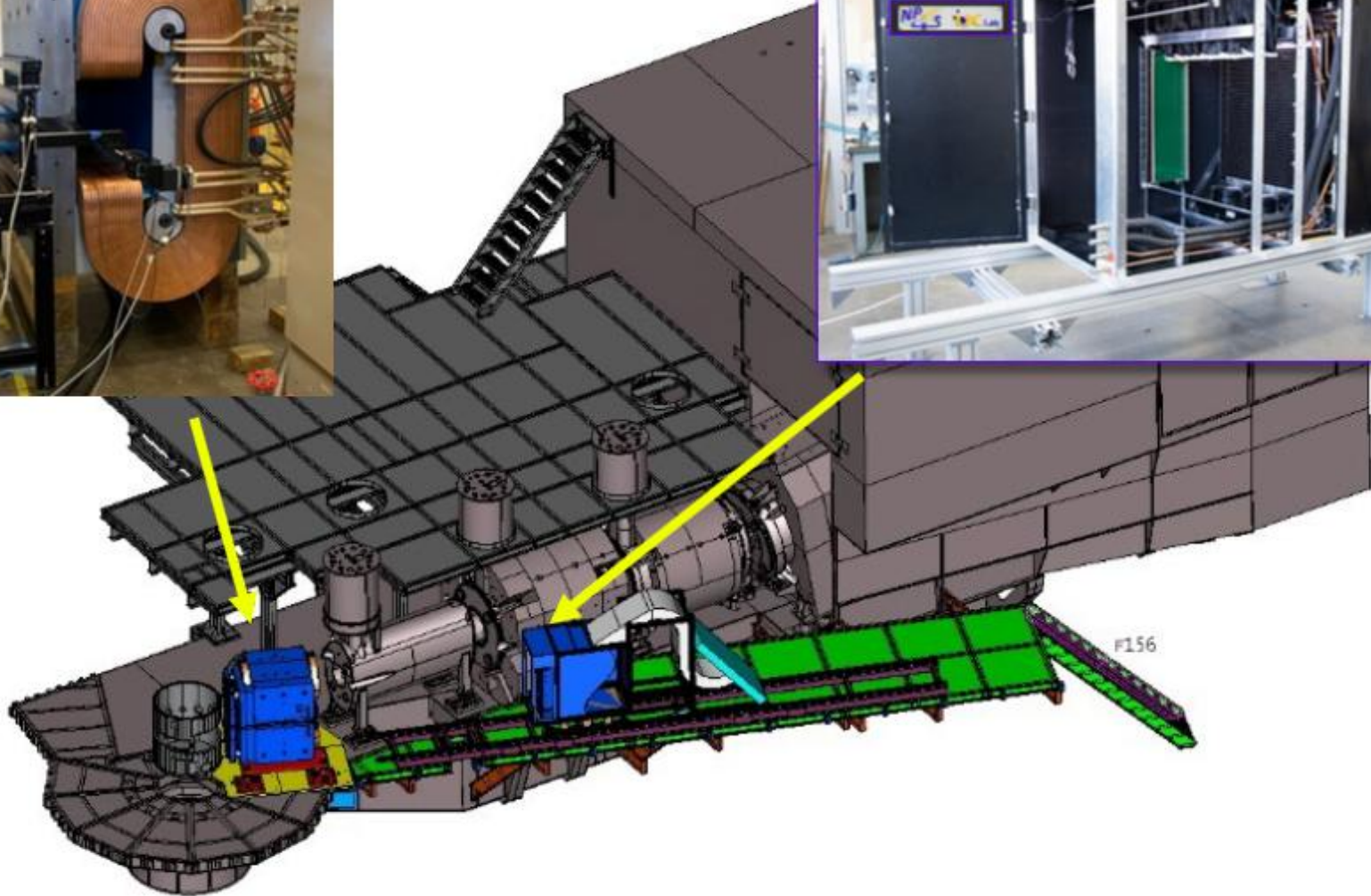
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# Outlook

- NPS experiments (E12-13-007, E12-13-010, E12-14-003, E12-14-005) passed ERR in May 2019 and beam time scheduling requests has been submitted
- HallC infrastructure becoming real - work will be done during SAD 2022
- Sweeper magnet ready for full current test in Hall C
- Calorimeter frame delivered on-site
- All PMT's received and spot checked (25%) - no rejections
- All crystals delivered, NPS will be stack with CRYTUR crystals
- Calorimeter assembly scheduled for Summer 2022

More details about NPS and its assembly:

[https://wiki.jlab.org/cuawiki/index.php/NPS\\_Collaboration\\_Meeting\\_\(online,\\_2/16\\_2022\)](https://wiki.jlab.org/cuawiki/index.php/NPS_Collaboration_Meeting_(online,_2/16_2022))



**Thank you !**