



E12-17-004 GEN-RP ANALYSIS UPDATE

HALL A 2025 WINTER MEETING

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Students: Andrew Cheyne, Saru Dhital, Bhasitha Dharmasena

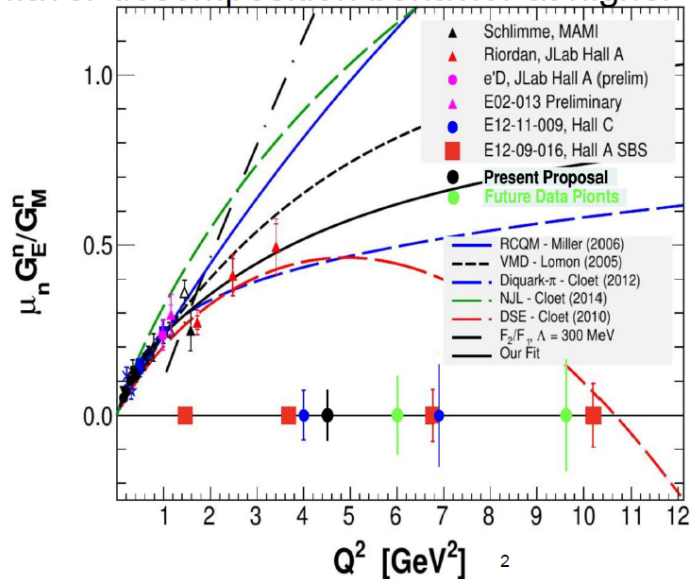
Outline

- Experimental overview
- Run summary
- BBcal energy and HCAL TDC timing calibrations
- HCAL energy calibrations
- Update on Proton Recoil polarimeter GEM and Scintillator Detectors
- Current plans moving forward



Physics Motivation

- Understanding the internal structure of nucleons at higher Q^2 regime
- Test of nuclear models (VMD, pQCD, DSE...)
- Powerful tool to understand non-perturbative QCD
- Extension of flavor decomposition behavior at higher Q^2



- No free neutron target due to its short life-time
- Nuclear target requires nuclear corrections
- Smallness of G_E^n

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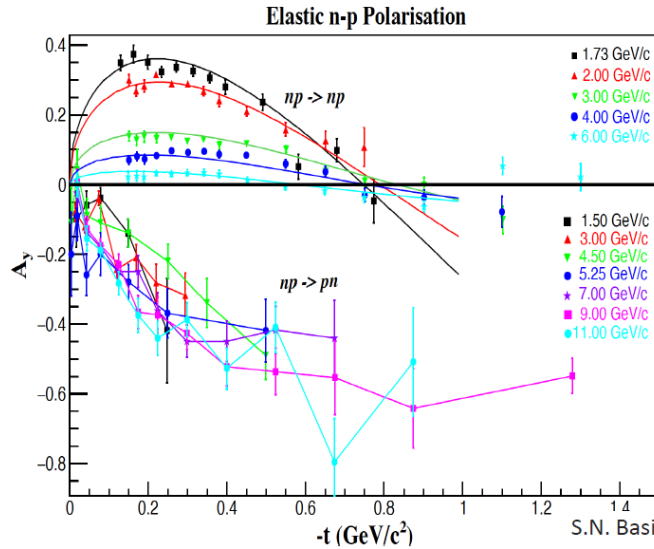
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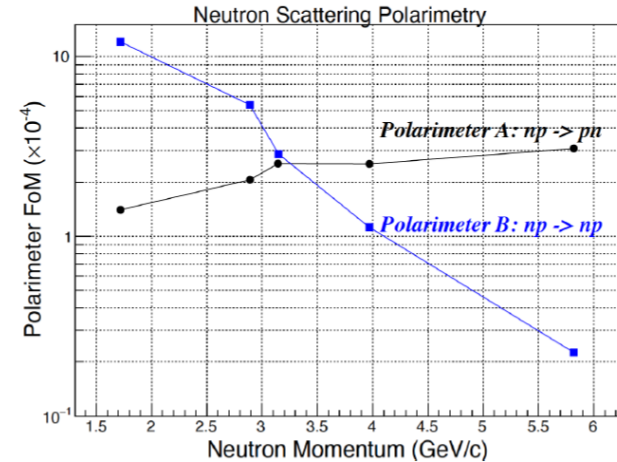


Motivation: Polarimetry

- Result from JINR shows the analyzing power (A_y) has no apparent dependence on momentum in charge exchange ($np \rightarrow pn$) reaction, but drops very fast in $np \rightarrow np$
- Charge exchange interaction has higher analyzing power at higher t
- Higher Figure of Merit (FOM) in $np \rightarrow pn$ polarimetry: $F^2(p_n) = \int \epsilon(p_n, \theta'_n) A_y^2(p_n, \theta'_n) d\theta'_n$



S.N. Basilev et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 56, 26 (2020)



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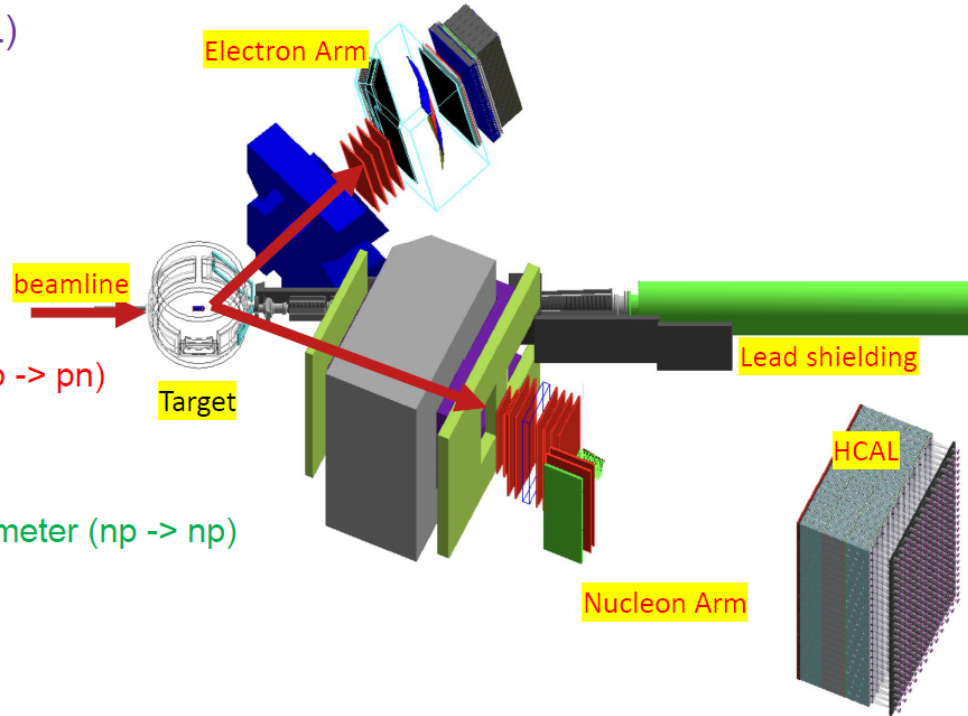
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Experimental Layout

- Electron Arm: (pion in case of KLL)
 - Bigbite magnet
 - GEM detectors
 - Cherenkov
 - Timing hodoscope
 - Pre-shower and Shower detector
- Nucleon Arm:
 - Super-bigbite magnet
 - Charge exchange polarimeter (np \rightarrow pn)
 - Inline GEM detectors
 - Passive Fe Analyzer
 - Hadron Calorimeter (HCAL)
 - Large Angle Recoil Proton Polarimeter (np \rightarrow np)
 - Active analyzer
 - Side GEM detector
 - Side hodoscope

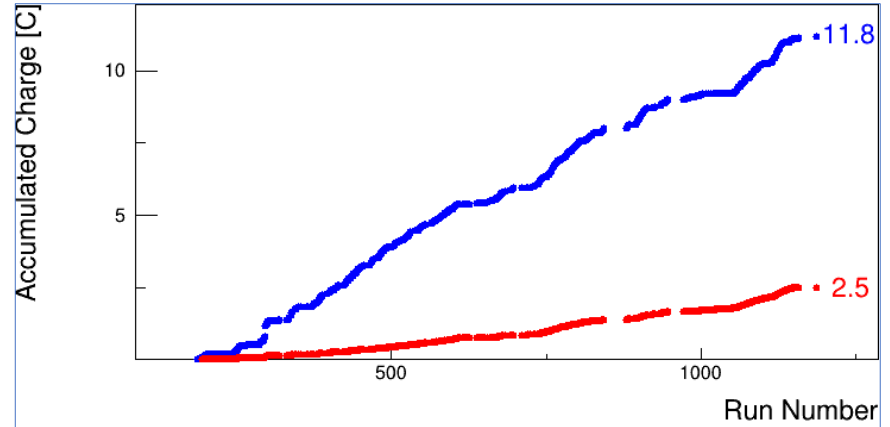


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Summary of data collection

- GEn-RP experiment ran from April 17 to May 14, 2024
 - Beam current 10-12 μA on 15 cm LD_2
 - Beam energy 4.3 GeV
 - Raster of 2 x 2 mm
 - Beam polarization: 82%
 - BB and SBS magnets: 100%
 - BB at 42.5° and SBS at 24.7°
 - HCAL at 9 m
 - Trigger rate: 3-4 kHz
 - Total accumulated charge on LD_2 : 11.8 C

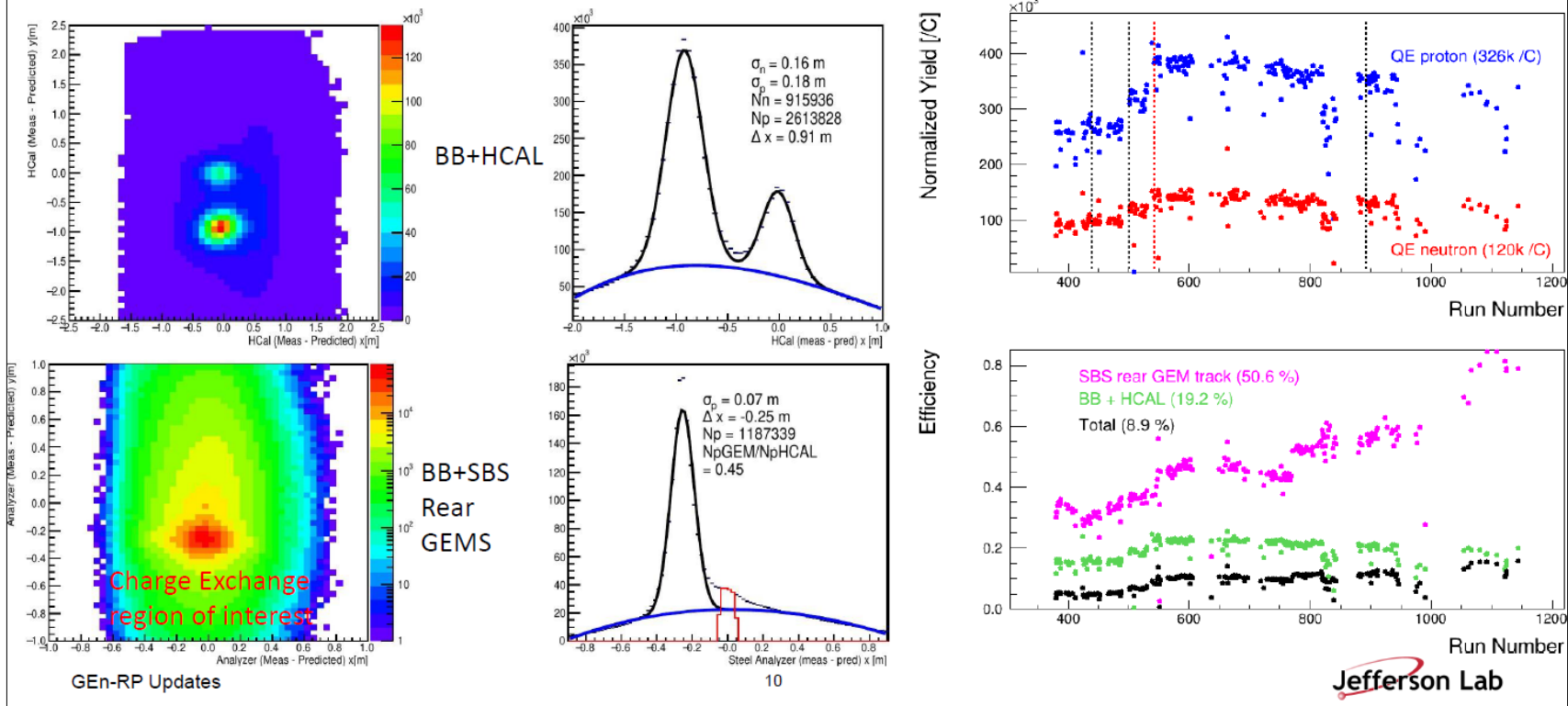


From David Hamilton, University of Glasgow
Summary: 22 May 2024



Preliminary Check on GEN-RP Data

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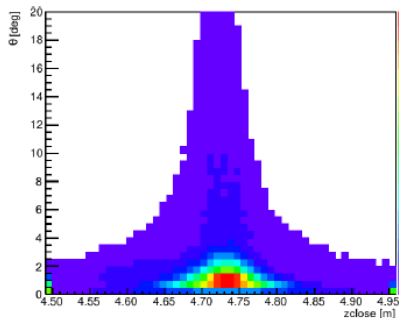


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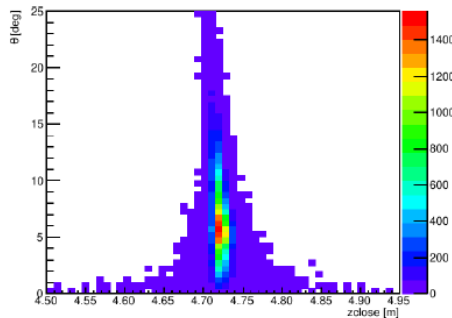


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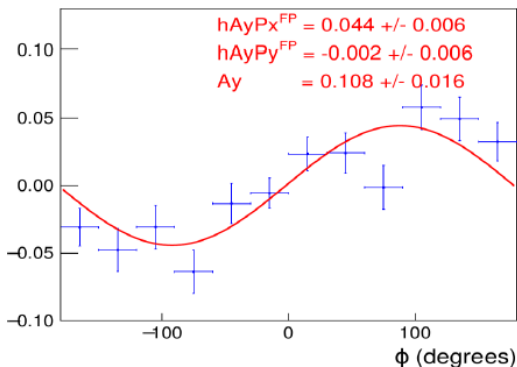
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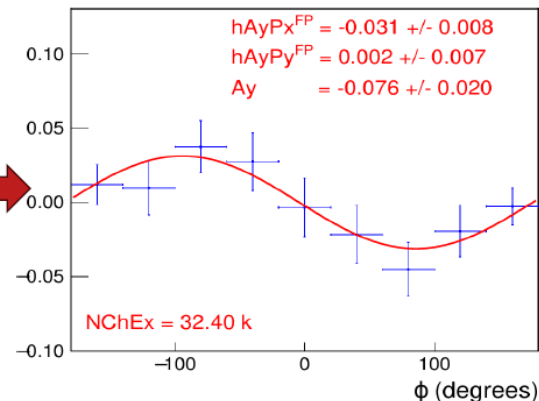
- Analysis based on ~50% of total data collected
- Calibrations and cuts are not optimized
- First GEM Layer at 4.12 m



← Proton → proton channel:
Rough estimate of analyzing power as expected (sign and magnitude)



→ Neutron → proton channel:
Preliminary evidence of non-zero beam spin asymmetry



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Bbcal Energy Calibration and HCAL TDC Timing Calibrations

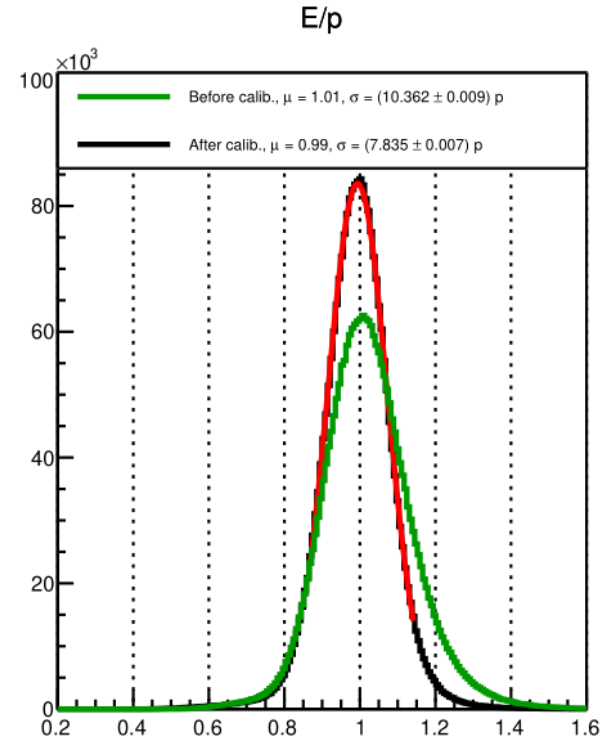
Andrew Cheyne, University of Glasgow

Advisors: David Hamilton & Rachel Montgomery



Thanks to Provakar Datta and Kate Evans for the code and documentation.

- BBCal is almost ready for a first pass replay for GEN-RP.
- Calibrations are based on the all currently replayed LH2 data (83% of total LH2 runs)
- The data is split into 4 groups (mostly due to BBCal threshold changes - still being investigated).
- All groups showed similar improvement in sigma ($\sim 10\% \rightarrow 7\%$). Group 4 is shown in figure to the side.

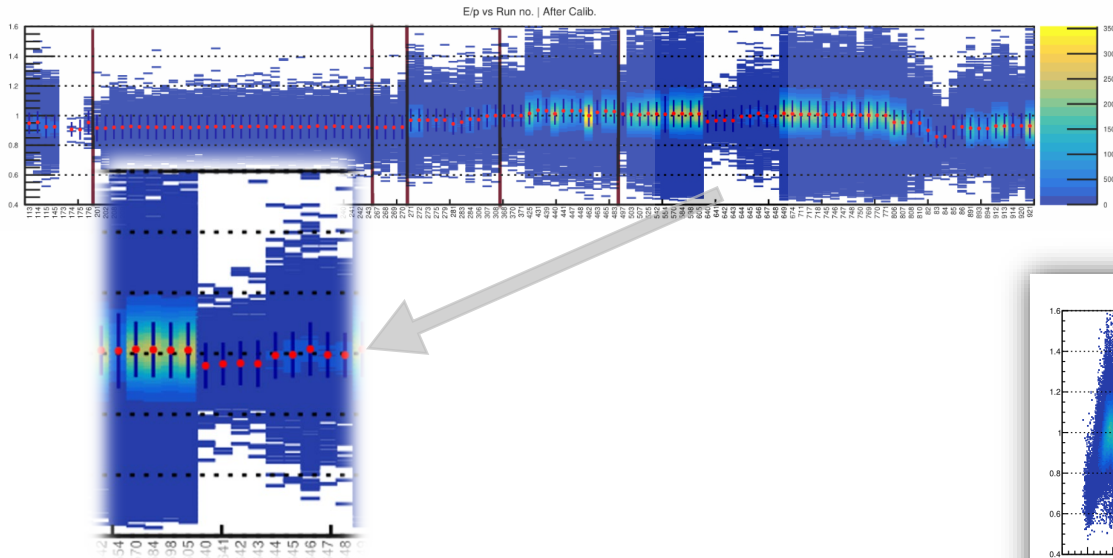


Total # events analyzed: 15066113, Preparing for replay pass: 0

E/p (before calib.) | $\mu = 1.01$, $\sigma = (10.362 \pm 0.009) p$

E/p (after calib.) | $\mu = 0.99$, $\sigma = (7.835 \pm 0.007) p$

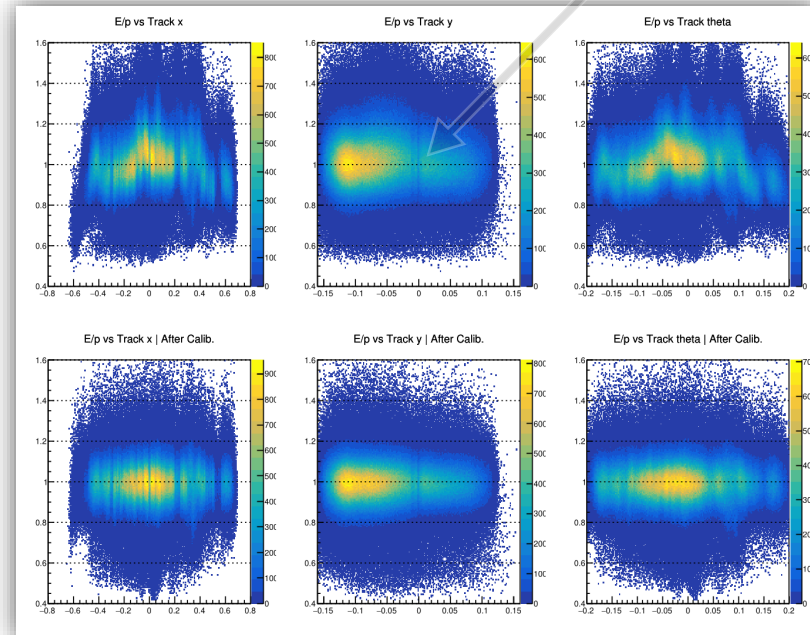
BBCal Energy (to do)



Investigate the bands of low occupancy in E/p.

Investigate the dips in mean E/p on run-to-run level.

- looks like they may be a beam current effect

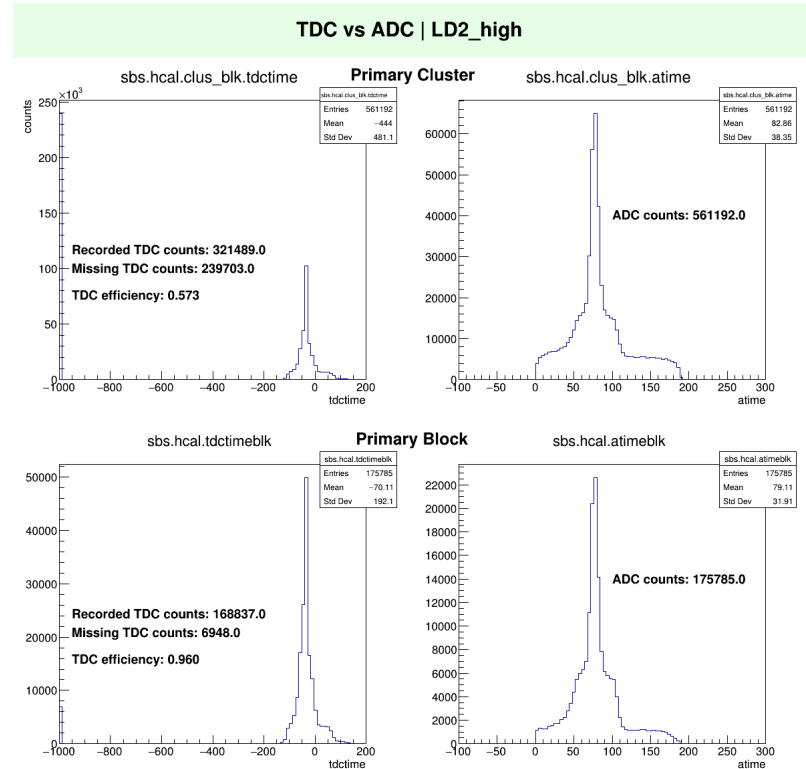


HCal TDC investigation

Previous experiments saw a large fraction of missing TDC information compared to ADC.

The aim is to assess the viability of using TDCs for timing information for GEN-RP.

Starting by looking at raw HCal information, specifically the ration of TDC/ADC hits



Top row shows TDC (left) and ADC (right) for all blocks in the primary cluster for all channels.

Bottom row is primary block only.

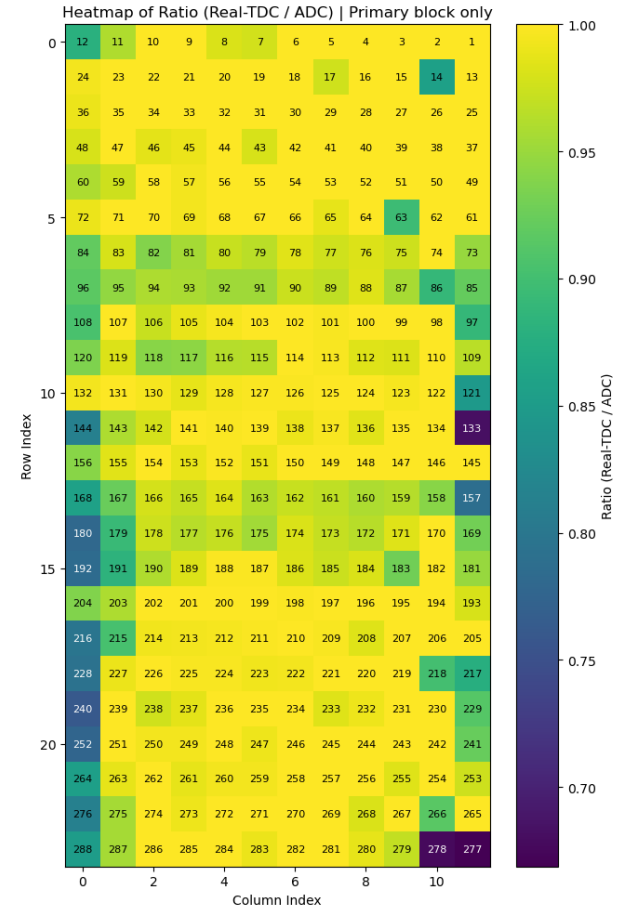
Heat map of missing times (with elastic cuts)

A heatmap of the TDC/ADC ratio shows the central region has excellent TDC information.

The color shows the ratio of TDC/ADC hits.

The number on each element is the block id.

Note: This is without any extra steps recovering time from secondary blocks or more precise cuts.

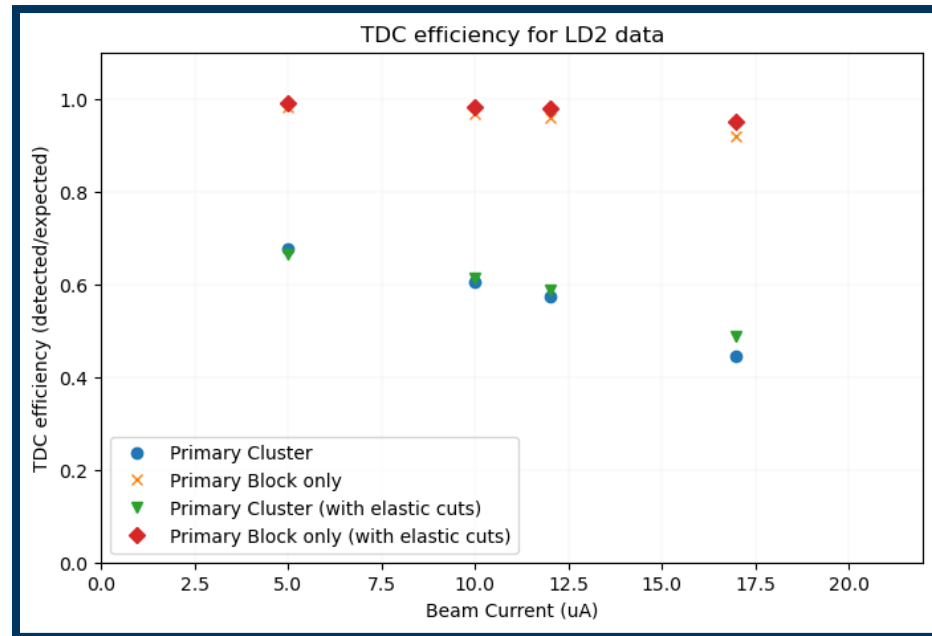


Appears to be a beam current dependence on how much TDC information was missing.

Primary Block cluster with cuts at 10-12.5uA is already close to 100%.

With more work in restricting cuts, and recovering times from secondary blocks, this can only improve!

We decided to proceed with TDC timing for GEN-RP



Primary Cluster here includes TDC info from all blocks in the cluster.

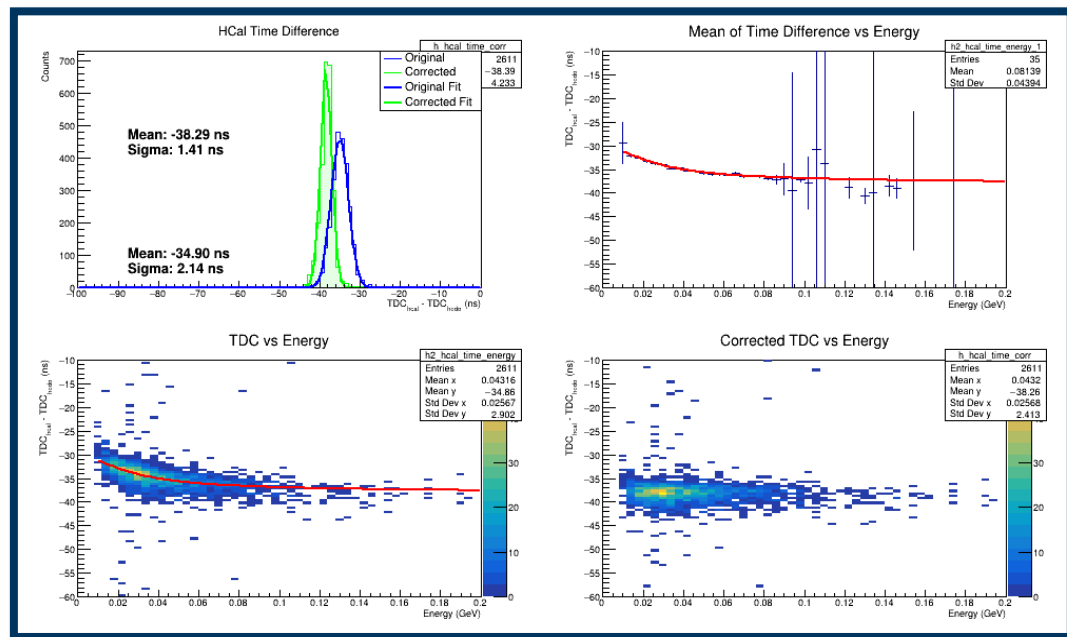
Primary Block only means just the highest energy block from that cluster.

Example of timewalk in HCal

Neither HCal or BBHodo are currently calibrated.

There is a large walk effect when looking at the time difference ($TDC_{\text{hcal}} - TDC_{\text{hodo}}$).

Calibrating the TDC information for these two detectors is my primary task now.



Example of timewalk in coincidence time for a single HCal block.
Shows raw single block time resolution of 2.14ns.

Update HCAL Energy Calibrations

Bhasitha Dharmasena, University of Virginia
Advisor: Nilanga Liyanage



HCAL Energy Calibration

The current goal is to calibrate the HCAL energy detection by utilizing the reconstructed SBS momentum. This calibration will help refine the sampling fractions of the HCAL blocks, which can then be applied in subsequent analyses. With an accurate optics model in place, the calibration is expected to yield better results for the HCAL energy detections.

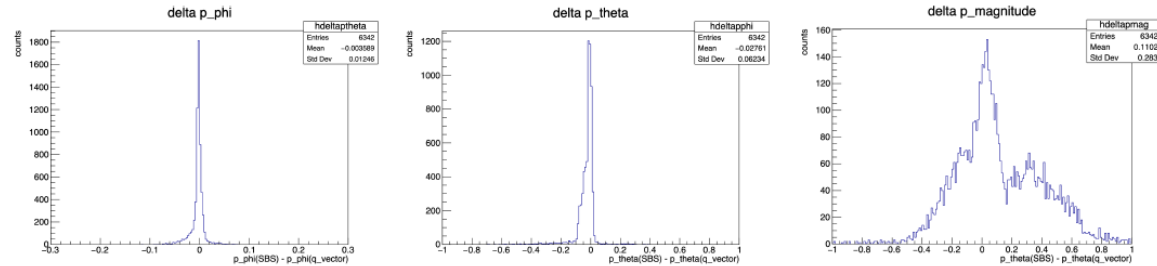


Figure: SBS reconstructed momentum vs expected (without the up-to-date optics models)

Bhasitha Dharmasena, UVA

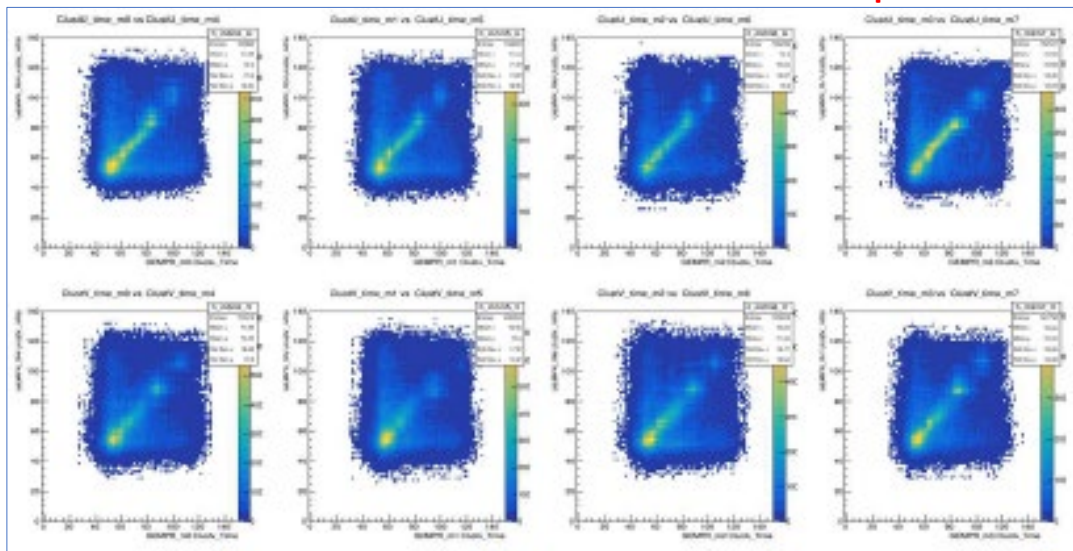


Update on Proton Recoil polarimeter GEMs and Scintillator Detectors

Saru Dhital, Hampton University
Advisor: Michael Kohl

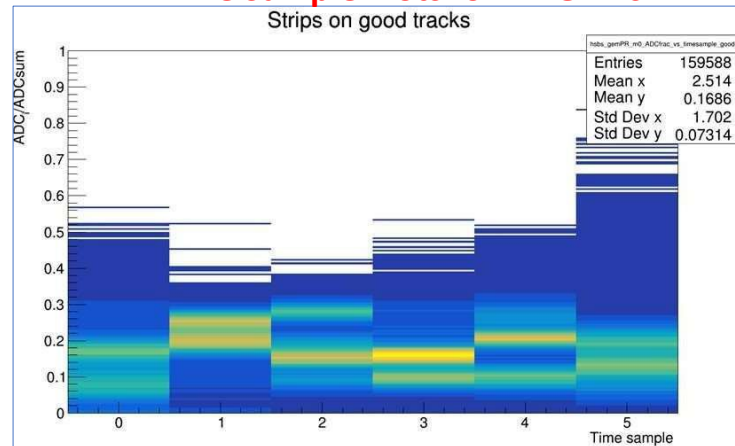


Correlation between two PR GEMs in terms of Cluster position

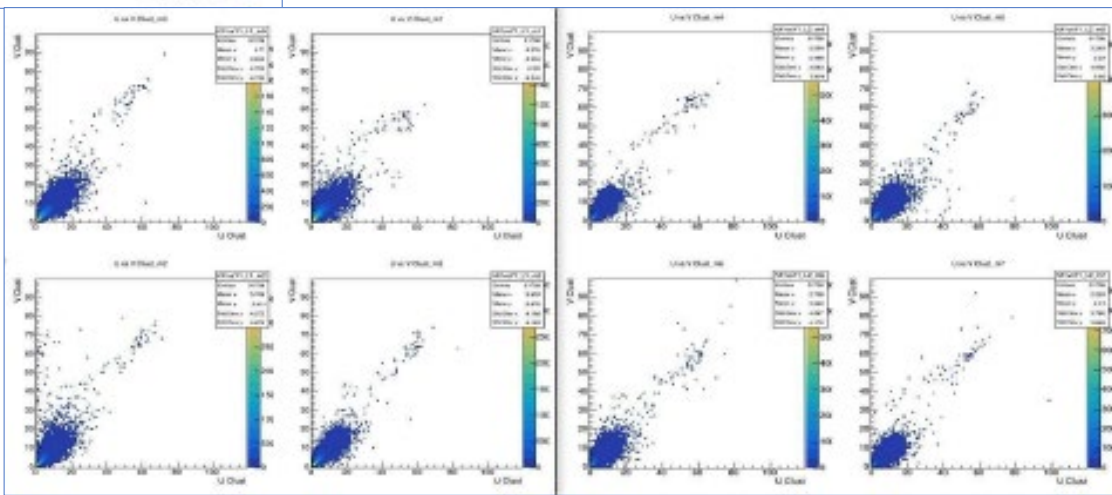


Time Sample Plots for PR GEMs

Strips on good tracks



Cluster on U vs Cluster in V for PR GEMs

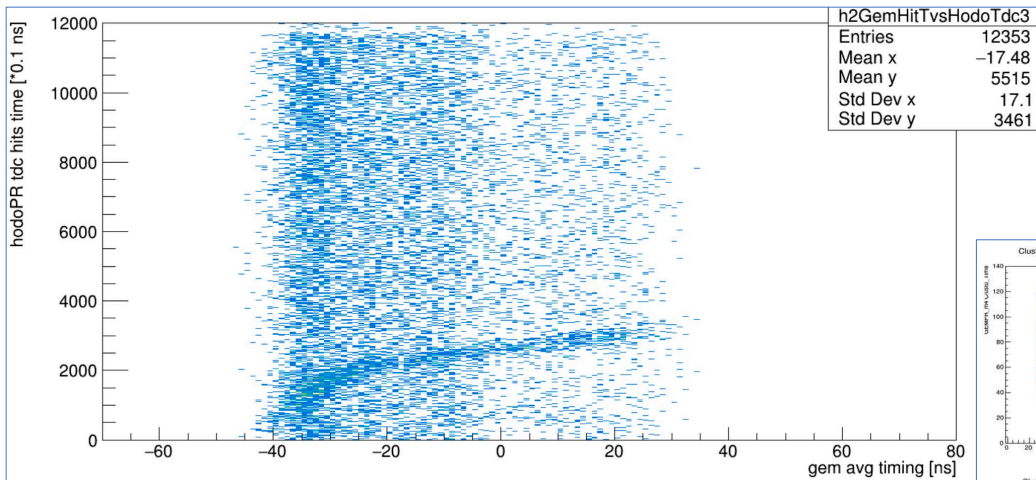


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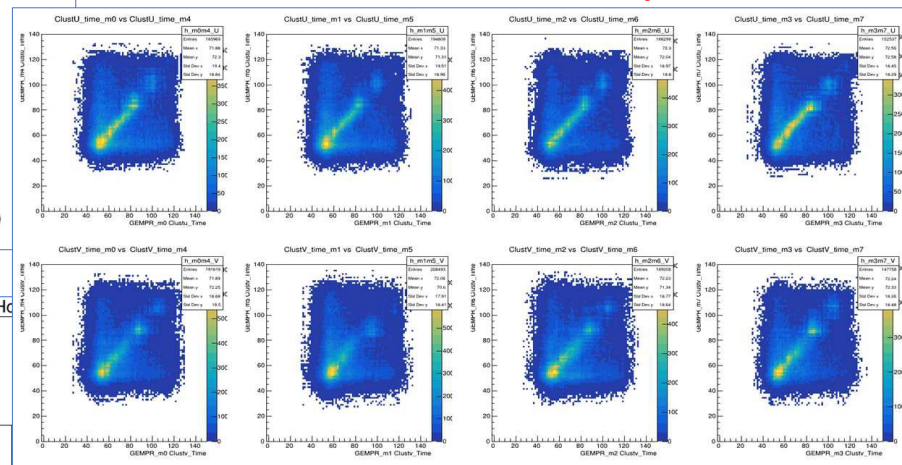


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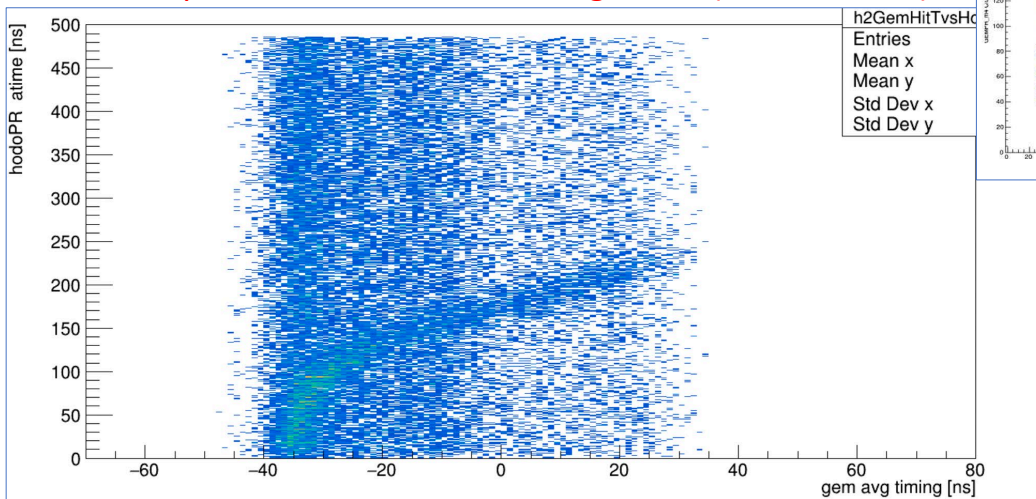
Hodoscope TDC hit time vs GEM Average time (Jiwan Poudel)



Correlation between two PR GEMs in terms of Cluster position



Hodoscope ADC time vs GEM Average time (Jiwan Poudel)



Saru Dhital, Hampton University

Summary

- GEn-RP successfully took data in April-May 2024
- BBcal, Hcal calibrations are well underway
- Refined optics needed for SBS GEMs
- Hcal Energy calibration using SBS reconstructed tracks in progress
- Proton Recoil GEM and Hodoscope plots indicate correlations; more work is needed to clean up noise
- Active analyzer data still needs to be looked into more closely



The analysis continues ...

- Three graduate students on GEn-RP data analysis:
 - Andrew Cheyne (Univ. of Glasgow) under David Hamilton & Rachel Montgomery
 - Bhasitha Dharmasena (Univ. of Virginia) under Nilanga Liyanage
 - Saru Dhital(Hampton Univ.) under Michael Kohl
- Additionally:
 - Optics and GEM Alignment: Andrew Puckett
 - Grinch calibration: Eric Fuchey
 - HCAL Calibration: Jiwan Poudel
 - help from other SBS sub-system experts
- Zoom meetings Thursdays at 11 AM



Thank you



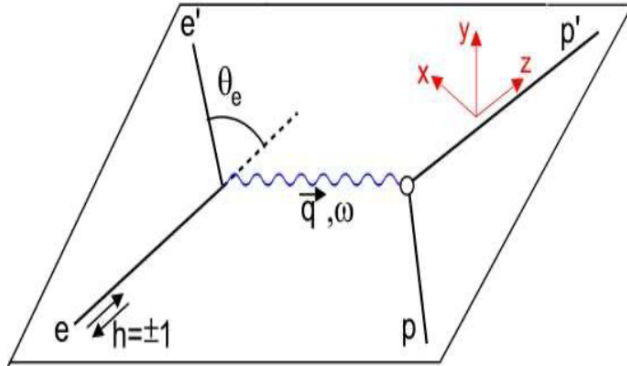
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Formalism: Polarimetry Technique

- Accessing form factors:

- Polarization transfer method: $\vec{e}N \rightarrow e\vec{N}$
- Longitudinal (P_l) and transverse (P_t) component of nucleon (no normal component on reaction plane)



$$P_l = \sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)} \frac{E_e + E_{e'}}{M} G_M^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2} / I_0$$

$$P_t = -2\sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)} G_E G_M \tan \frac{\theta_e}{2} / I_0$$

$$I_0 \propto G_E^2 + \frac{\tau}{\epsilon} G_M^2$$

$$\frac{G_E}{G_M} = -\frac{P_t}{P_l} \frac{E_e + E_{e'}}{2M} \tan \frac{\theta_e}{2}$$

- Form Factor ratio is independent of analyzing power (A_y)

Formalism: Polarimetry Technique

- Accessing ratio of P_t and P_l :
 - via detection probability in polarimeter with \pm beam polarization

$$f^\pm(\vartheta, \varphi) = \frac{\epsilon(\vartheta, \varphi)}{2\pi} (1 \pm A_y (P_x^{fpp} \sin \varphi - P_y^{fpp} \cos \varphi))$$

Asymmetry $A = \frac{f^+ - f^-}{f^+ + f^-} = (A_y P_x^{fpp} \sin \varphi - A_y P_y^{fpp} \cos \varphi)$

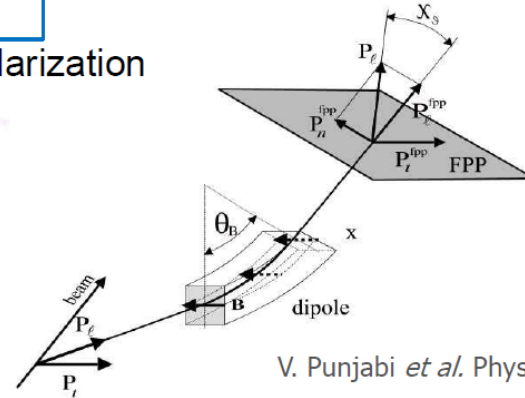
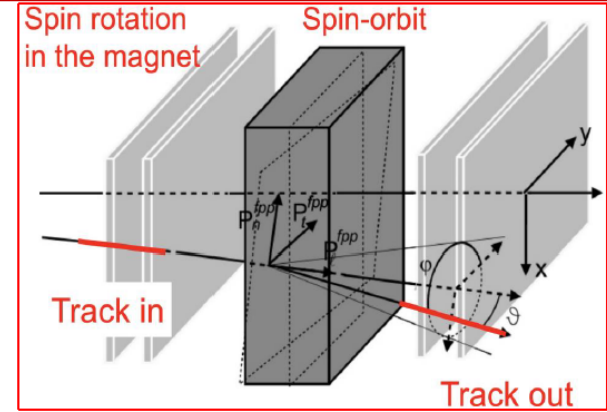
$$\frac{P_t}{P_l} = \frac{P_x^{fpp}}{P_y^{fpp}} \sin \chi \theta + \gamma_p (\mu_p - 1) \Delta \phi$$

- Form Factor ratio is independent of beam polarization and Analyzing power (A_y)

$$\frac{G_E}{G_M} = -\frac{P_t}{P_l} \frac{E_e + E_{e'}}{2M} \tan \frac{\theta_e}{2}$$

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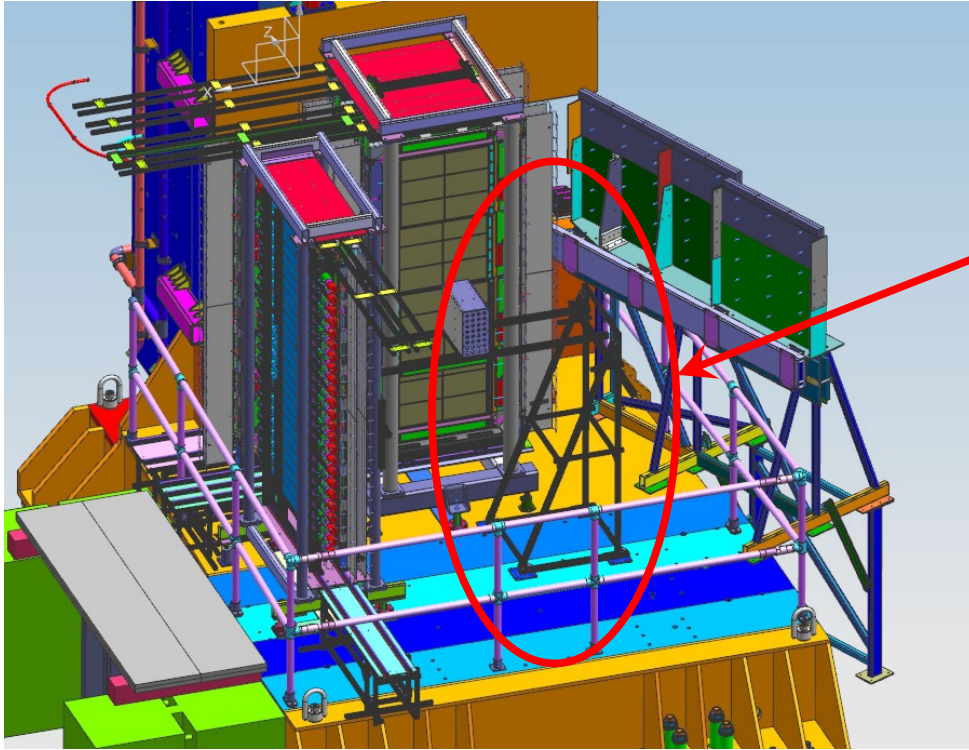
E12-17-004 GEn-RP Overview

● E12-17-004 goals:

- Measure $G_{\text{En}}/G_{\text{Mn}}$ at $Q^2 = 4.5 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$ using charge-exchange recoil neutron polarimetry
 - 4.4 GeV/c Energy, $P_{\text{beam}} \sim 80\%$
 - 30 μA on 15-cm LD_2
 - Compare FOM for charge-exchange $\text{np} \rightarrow \text{pn}$ scattering and the more standard $\text{np} \rightarrow \text{np}$
 - Demonstrate the feasibility of detecting low-energy recoil protons from an active analyzer at large angles in an unshielded environment
- Originally proposed to “piggy-back” on the GMn experiment at the 4.5 (GeV/c)² kinematic
- Finally ran April/May 2024



Gen-RP Support Structure Modifications (Final Design)

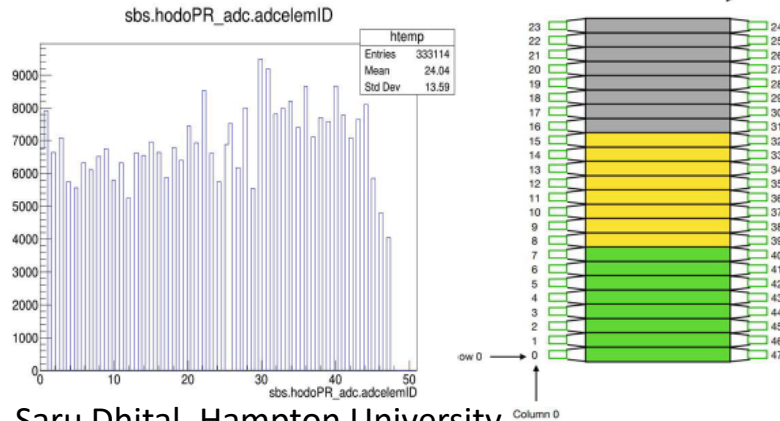
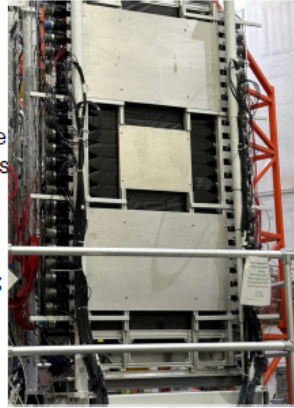


- Beam line side detector array removed
- Support structure for the active analyzer array redesigned
- Lead from beam side dipole cutout removed from design
 - Unseen from this angle



PR Hodoscope

- Two side detectors assemblies are composed of 24 scintillators bars arranged in vertical layer
- (0 – 23) = 24 scintillator bars on left side
- (24 – 47) = 24 scintillator bars on right side
- Each scintillator bars are readout by PMTs + base assembly to each ends of every bar
- These bases(96 in total) are powered by individual controlled HV inputs(<-2200V ; -1300V)
- HV supply (3KV max), low current(3mA max)



Saru Dhital, Hampton University

Active Analyzer

- Active Analyzer is composed of 32 scintillators array arranged in 4*8 array
- Each scintillator block is optically coupled to a PMTs + base assembly
- “Active Analyzer” bases are powered through individually controlled positive high voltage(<+2000V ; +1000V) and high voltage power supply(3KV max), low current (3mA max)
- The last 5 rows were connected backwards.

