

# Summary of Bubble Chamber Beam Test – Sept 2015

November 9, 2015

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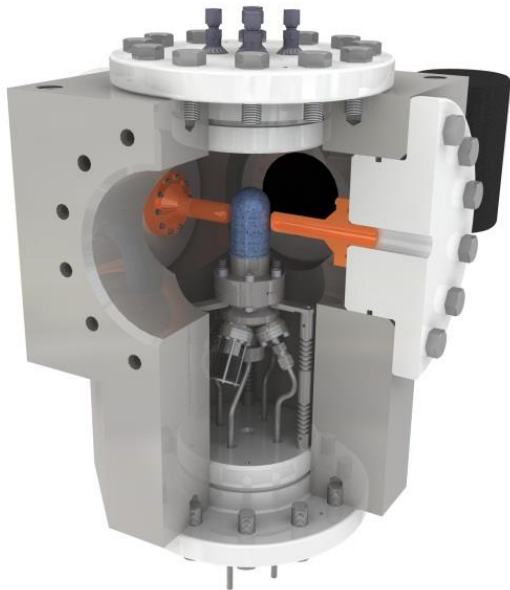
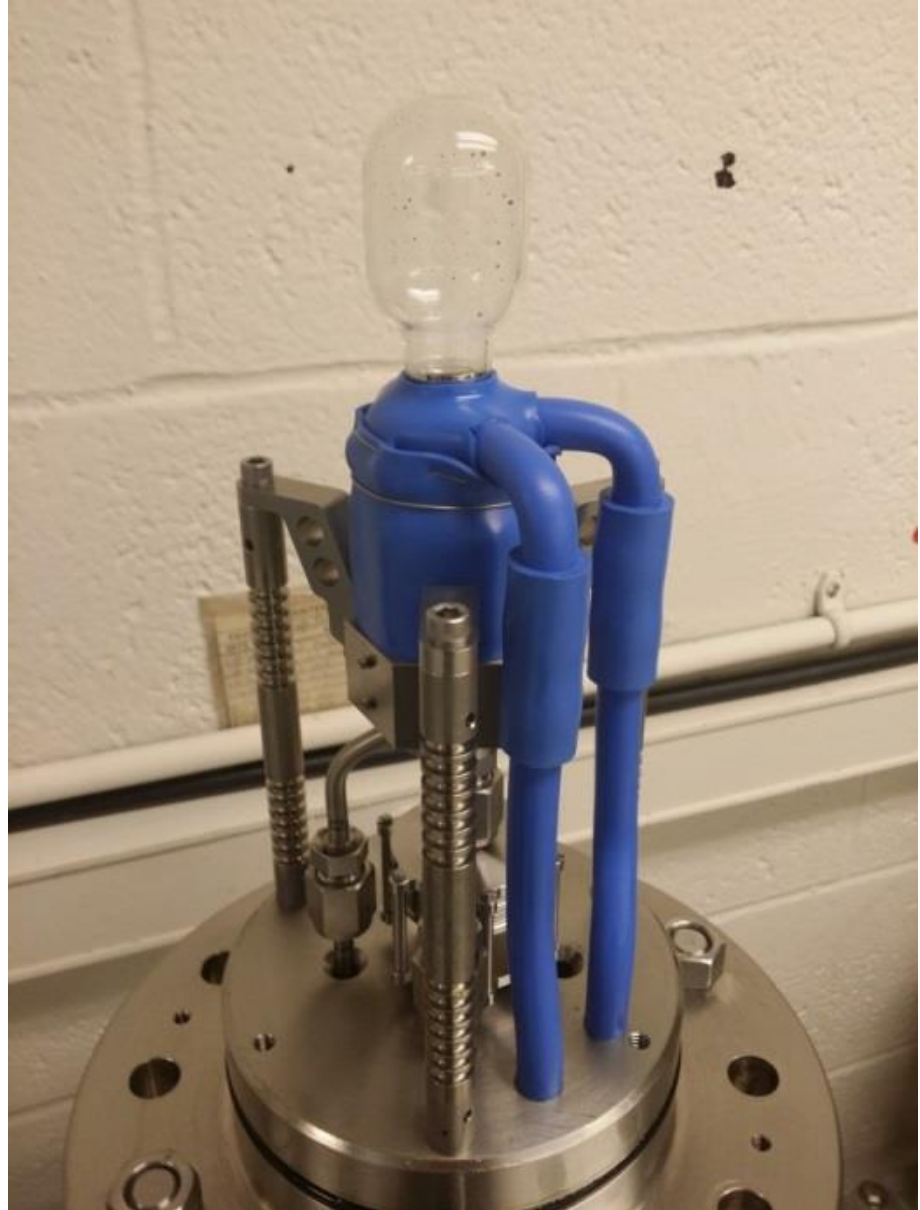
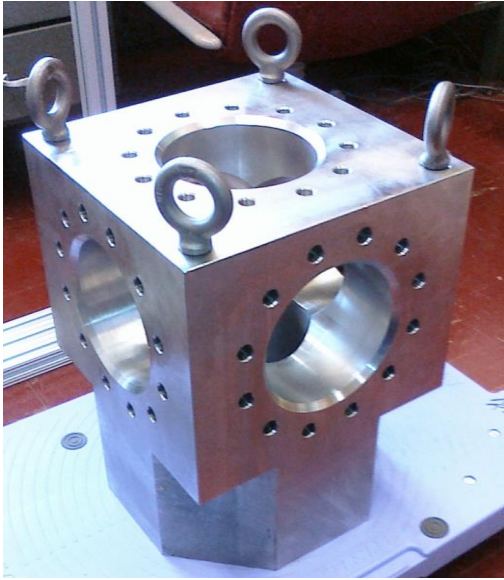
# OUTLINE

- Chronology
- No Beam Measurements
- Radiation Hitting Camera
- Measuring  $^{18}\text{O}(\gamma, \alpha)^{14}\text{C}$
- Beam Energy and Position
- Summary and List of Improvements
- Progress since Sept Run
- Upcoming Beamline Plan
- Schedule

# CHRONOLOGY

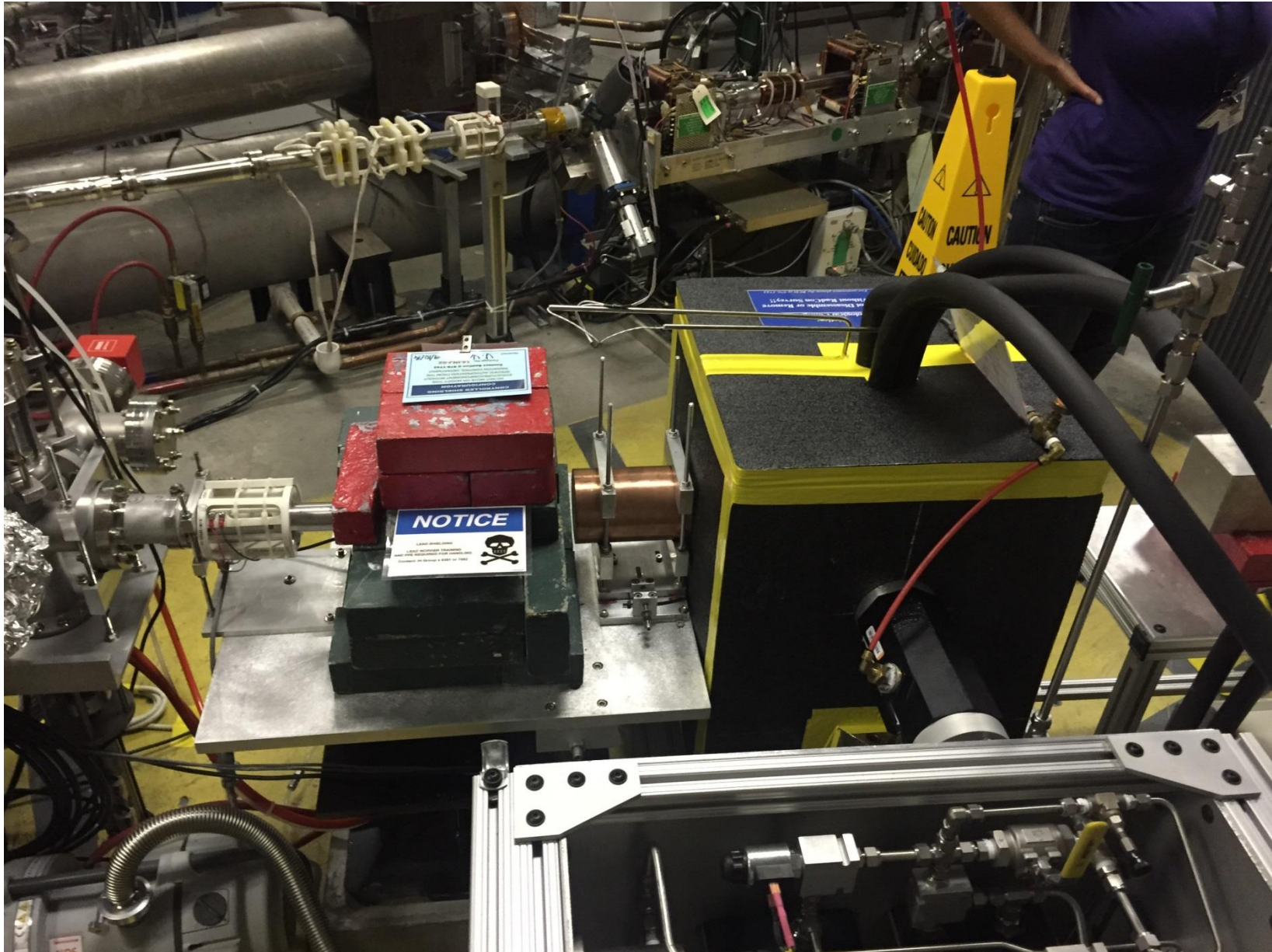
Aug 3 – 11	Chamber installed in Injector.
Sept 8	TOSP was approved.
Sept 8 – 10	Chamber filled with natural N <sub>2</sub> O.
Sept 10	Speckles on camera with 0.4 μA.
Sept 11	Shielded camera. Took data at 7.7 MeV KE (0.4 μA, 30 nA) and 8.0 MeV KE (0.4 μA, 40 nA). Changed operational pressure from 325 psi to 300 psi and measured γ-p reaction on <sup>14</sup> N.
Sept 12	Pressure scan (300 – 325 psi) at 8.0 MeV KE and 35 nA. Beam position scan on to find maximum bubble rate with 0.4 μA and 320 psi. Tested camera with 10 μA on radiator- need more shielding.
Sept 13	Added more shielding but could not run at 10 μA (8.0 MeV KE). Changed to 6.5 MeV KE and collected data at 1.0 and 10 μA. Changed beam energy to 4.0 MeV KE and took data at 10 μA. Stopped due to ceramic vacuum leak.
Sept 14	Applied VacSeal to ceramic. Changed to 8.5 MeV KE and took data at 0.4 μA.
Sept 15	Replaced ceramic break with short steel spool. Noticed many events with no beam: about one every a few seconds coming from bottom of N <sub>2</sub> O glass cell.
Sept 16	Refilled with fresh N <sub>2</sub> O gas, background is less than 1 per minute. Took data at 8.2 MeV KE. Changed to 7.6 MeV KE. But found that background event rate was very high (1 every a few seconds).
Sept 17	Vented and refilled fresh gas, 1 background event every 30 seconds. Took data at 7.6 MeV KE and 1 μA. Background rate increased to about 1 every 5 seconds after 1 hour of beam time. Took another 30 minutes beam run followed by 30 minutes of background run. Now, one background event every 2 seconds. Bubble chamber September test is completed.

# $N_2O$ (LAUGHING GAS) BUBBLE CHAMBER





# CHAMBER INSTALLATION IN INJECTOR



# USER INTERFACE



LabVIEW processes images from 100 Hz digital camera

# FILLING CHAMBER WITH N<sub>2</sub>O

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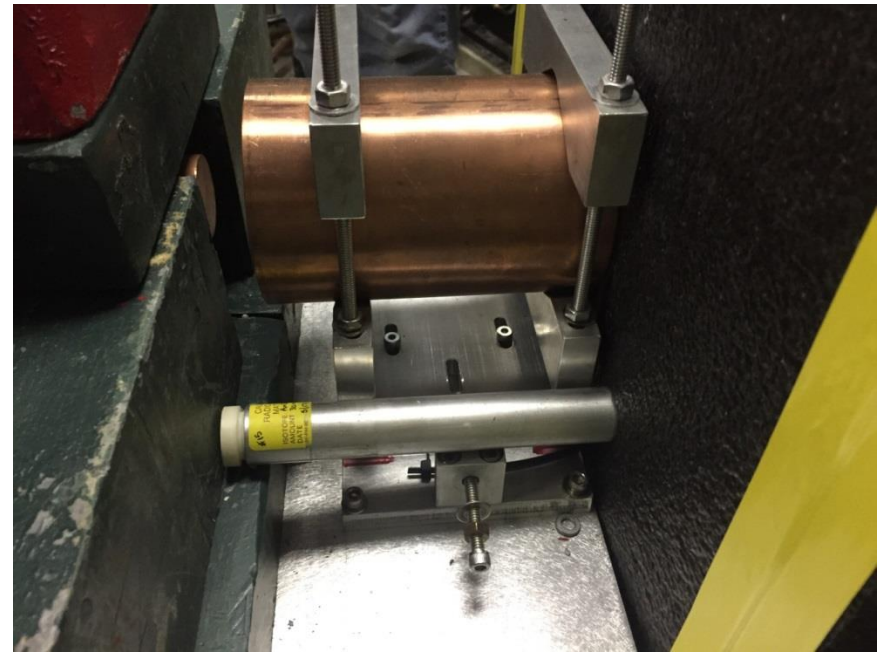
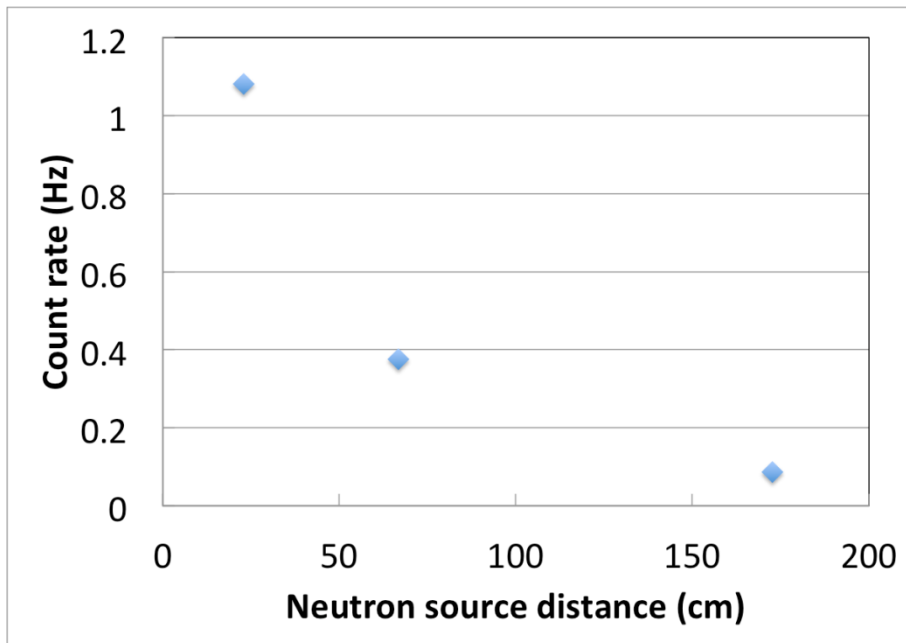
# FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER TEST

- Filled chamber with N<sub>2</sub>O and reached stability in operating temperature:
  - T = -8°C, P = 325 psi
  - For <sup>14</sup>N(γ,p)<sup>13</sup>C, P = 300 psi
  - Quenching (high) Pressure = 835 psi
  - Quenching Time = 5 sec
- Measured very low cosmic ray background of about 1 bubble per 8 minutes in JLab tunnel vs 1 – 2 bubbles per minute at Duke and Argonne
- Tested sensitivity with neutron source
- Produced 7.7 MeV electron beam on 6 mm Cu (5.4 g/cm<sup>2</sup>) radiator/dump



# NEUTRON SOURCE TEST

- Used Americium–Beryllium ( $\alpha$ -n)neutron source ( $^{241}\text{Am}^9\text{Be}$ )
- Three distances (source on thermal insulator, 17 in, 59 in)
- Obtained expected drop in count rate



# DATA TAKING

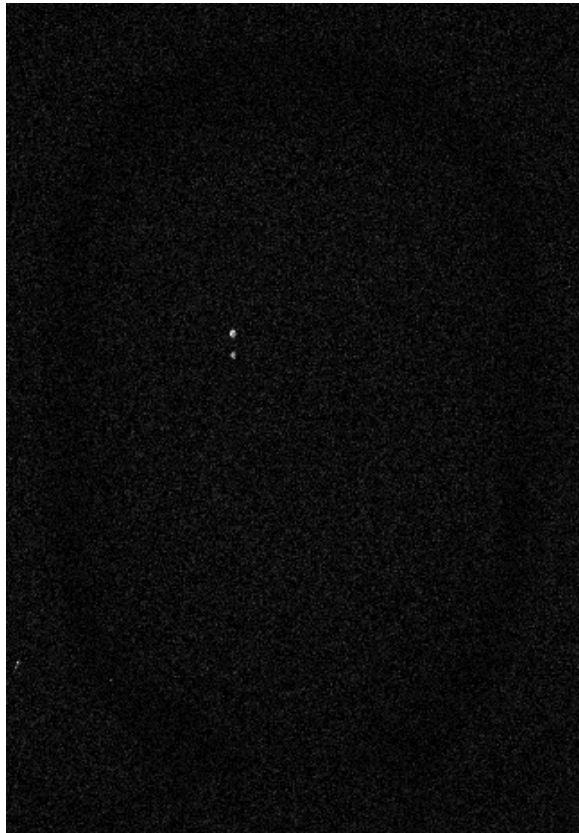
- Took data from Injector Service Building
- Brad will work with accelerator network personnel to be able to take data from MCC



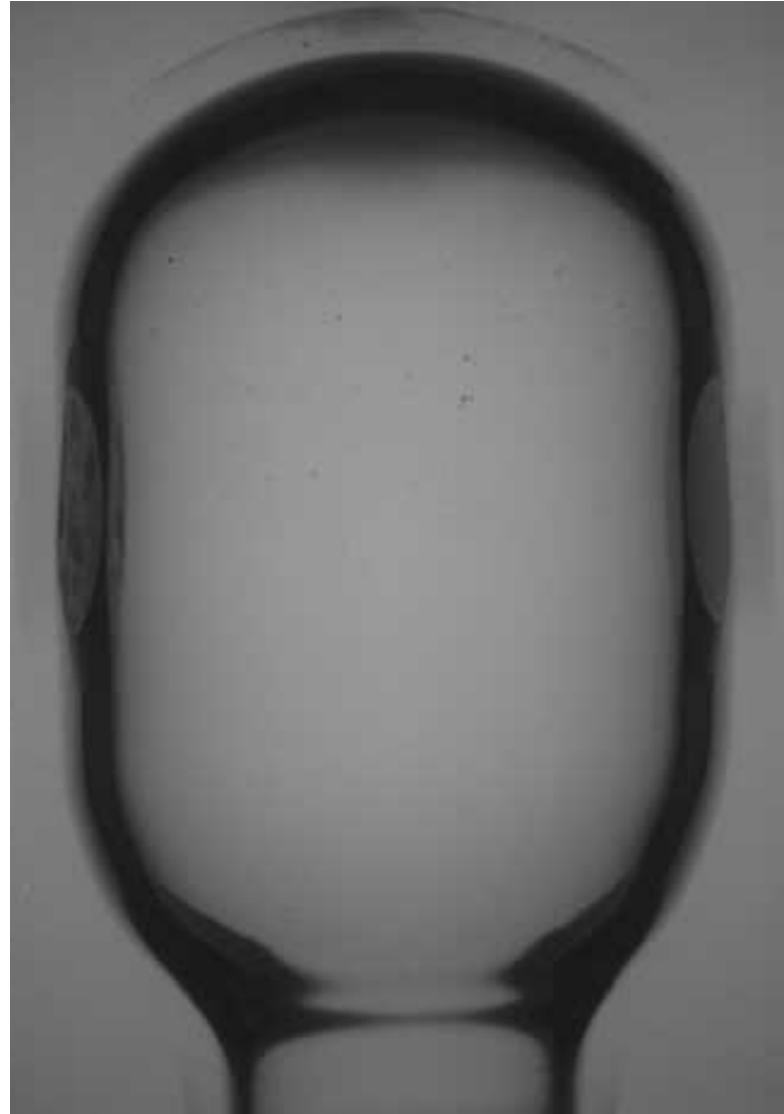
# FIRST PHOTODISINTEGRATION EVENT WITH BREMSSTRAHLUNG BEAM

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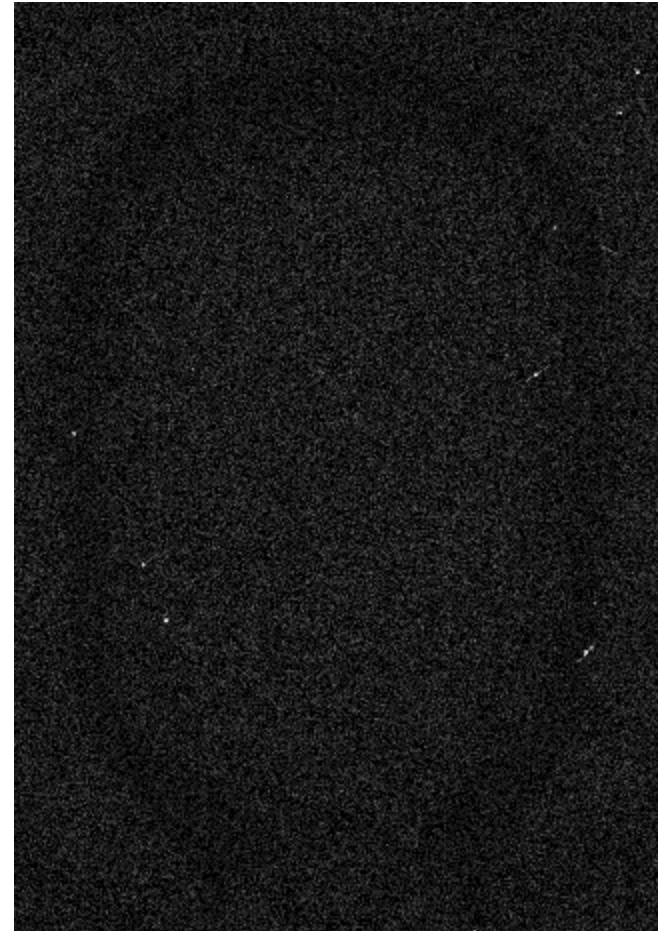
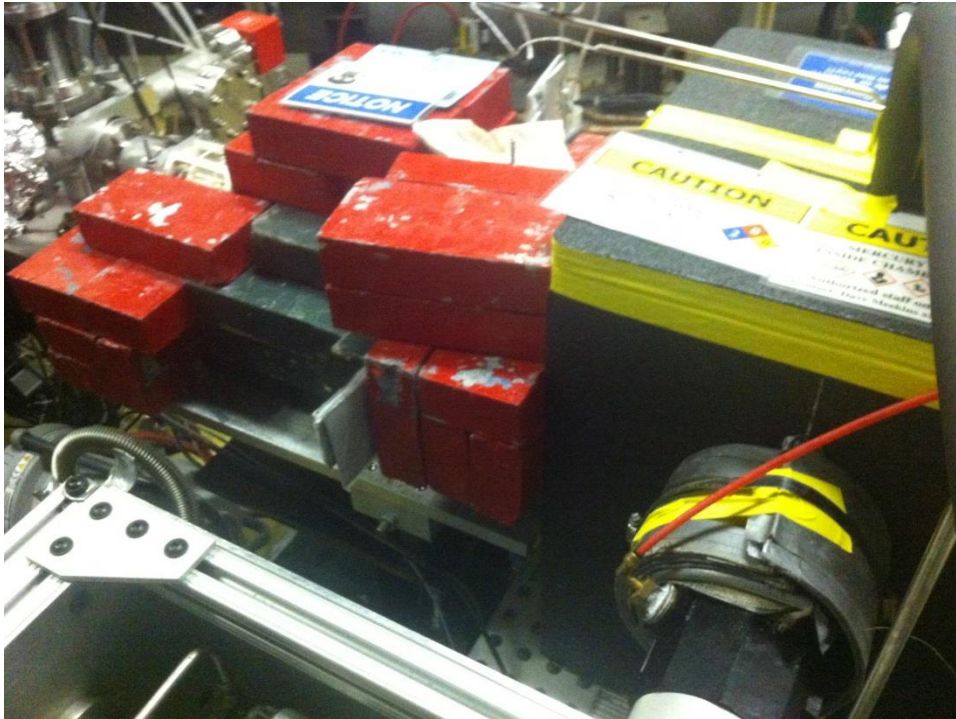
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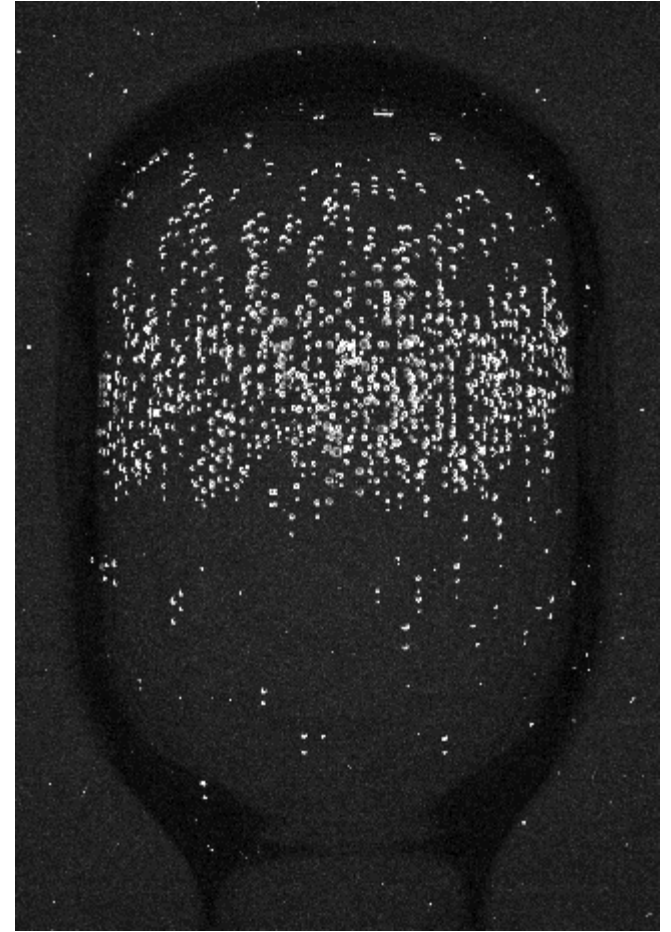
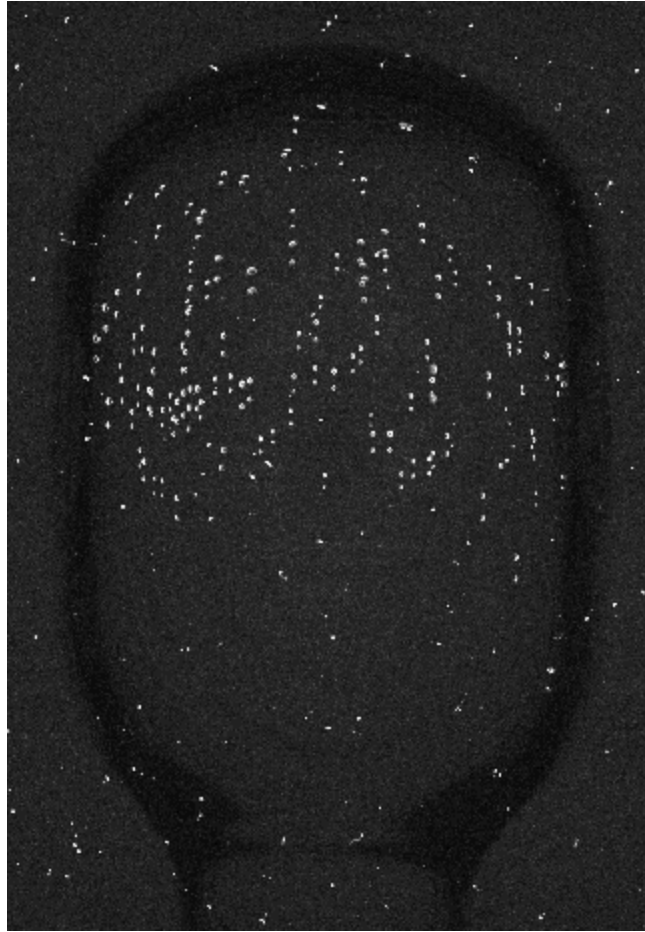


# RADIATION HITTING CAMERA

- Event trigger at with beam current at  $0.4 \mu\text{A}$
- Solution: shield camera



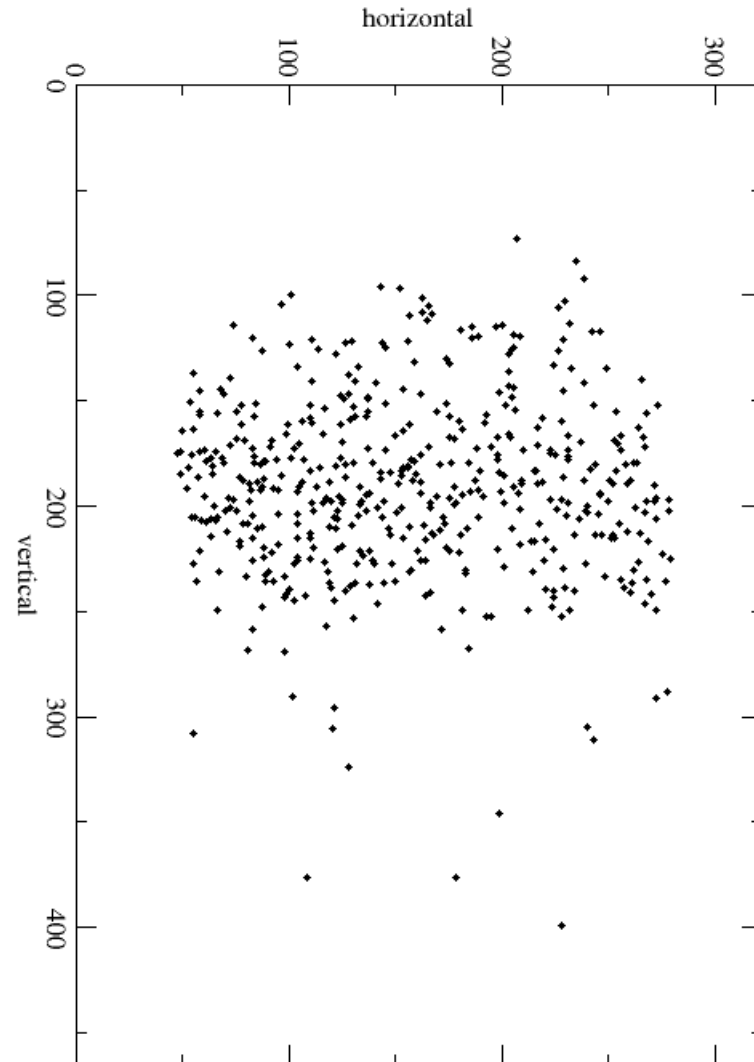
# EVENTS IN FIDUCIAL VOLUME



Two beam  
energies



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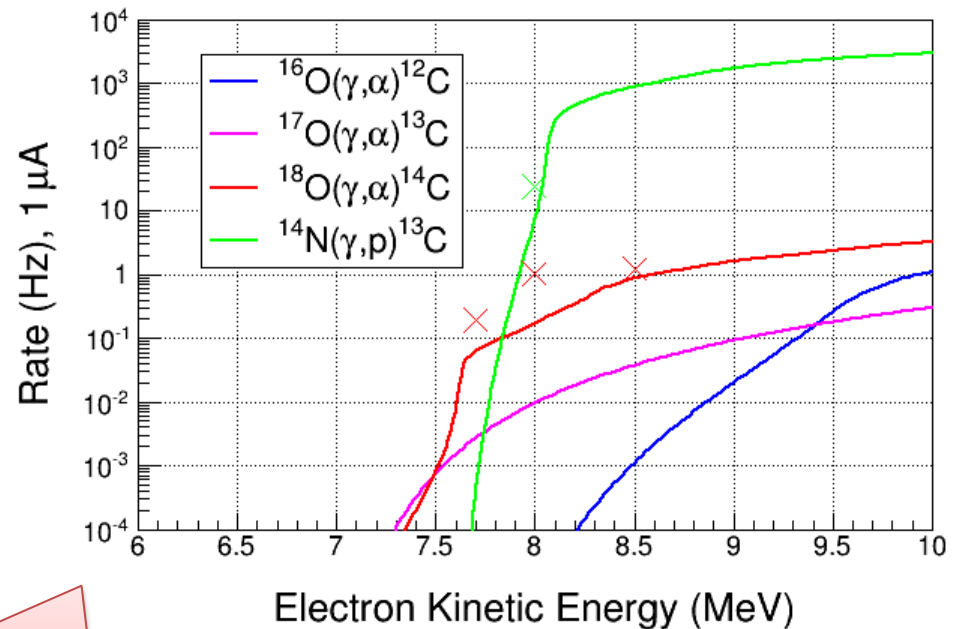


# MEASURING $^{18}\text{O}(\gamma,\alpha)^{14}\text{C}$ RATE

- Measured event rate vs beam energy
- For natural  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , most events are  $\gamma$ - $\alpha$  from  $^{18}\text{O}$
- Measured rate from  $^{14}\text{N}(\gamma,p)^{13}\text{C}$  with lower operational pressure

**Experimental Rate** = Number of bubbles in fiducial volume / (Time • Beam current ( $\mu\text{A}$ ))

Time = Run time -  
Number of bubbles • Quenching time



Predicted rate uses very rough estimate of  $\gamma$ -flux

# BEAM ENERGY MEASUREMENTS

- As of now, beam energies used during Sept test could be off by few percent
- Beam energies used during test:

Set Kinetic Energy (MeV)	Measured Kinetic Energy (MeV)
4.0	? ± ?
6.5	? ± ?
7.6	? ± ?
7.7	? ± ?
8.0	? ± ?
8.2	? ± ?
8.5	? ± ?

Use GEANT4 to simulate Bremsstrahlung flux at these energies – find  $N_{\gamma}$

# BEAM POSITION MEASUREMENTS

- What was beam position on radiator during test?

# SUMMARY (BY ERNST)

## Plus

- Chamber operated as expected in Bremsstrahlung beam
- Will be able to measure chamber insensitivity to gammas – we had a high intensity gamma flux on chamber
- Measured  $^{18}\text{O}(\gamma,\alpha)^{14}\text{C}$  cross section at five energies
- Found sensitivity as expected to  $^{14}\text{N}(\gamma,p)^{13}\text{C}$  when lowering operational pressure
- Cosmic background of about 1 bubble per 8 minutes in JLab tunnel vs 1 – 2 bubbles per minute at Duke or Argonne

## Minus

- Chemistry of mercury – why background rate changed by end of test
- Events distribution shows a cone instead of a cylinder – why? show plot
- Ceramic break failed
- Beam position on radiator
- Better alignment





# List of Improvement

## I. Easy

- Better light coverage
- Increase cooling capacity
- Introduce a lens to locate camera farther and for better shielding of gammas (camera was sensitive to gammas)
- Improve operational pressure control and regulation
- Be able to take data from MCC instead of Injector Service Building

## II. Tough

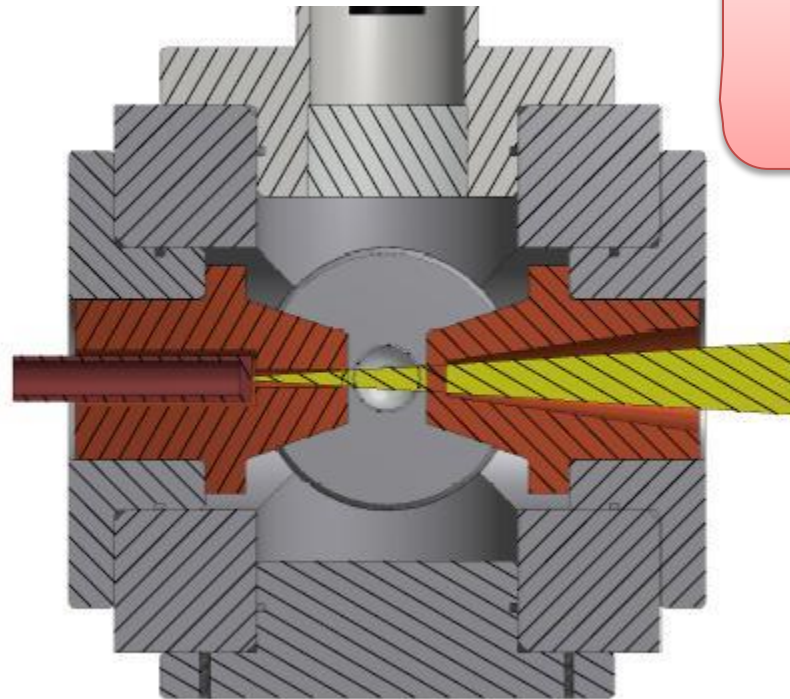
- One fluid system – no more mercury
- New collimator in chamber

# PROPOSED NEW COLLIMATOR

## Advantages (Roy's idea):

1. Simple estimation of Bremsstrahlung flux
2. Lower beam currents: Maximum Bremsstrahlung flux per electron, likely a factor of 10 more flux per electron than we have now
3. Less shielding required since we would run lower beam currents
4. Far less sensitivity to electron beam alignment and centering

What radiator thickness has better accuracy in GEANT4 (thick or thin)?  
How it affects Bremsstrahlung flux end-point? What about a thin radiator with sweep magnet?



Must study in GEANT4

# PROGRESS SINCE SEPT RUN

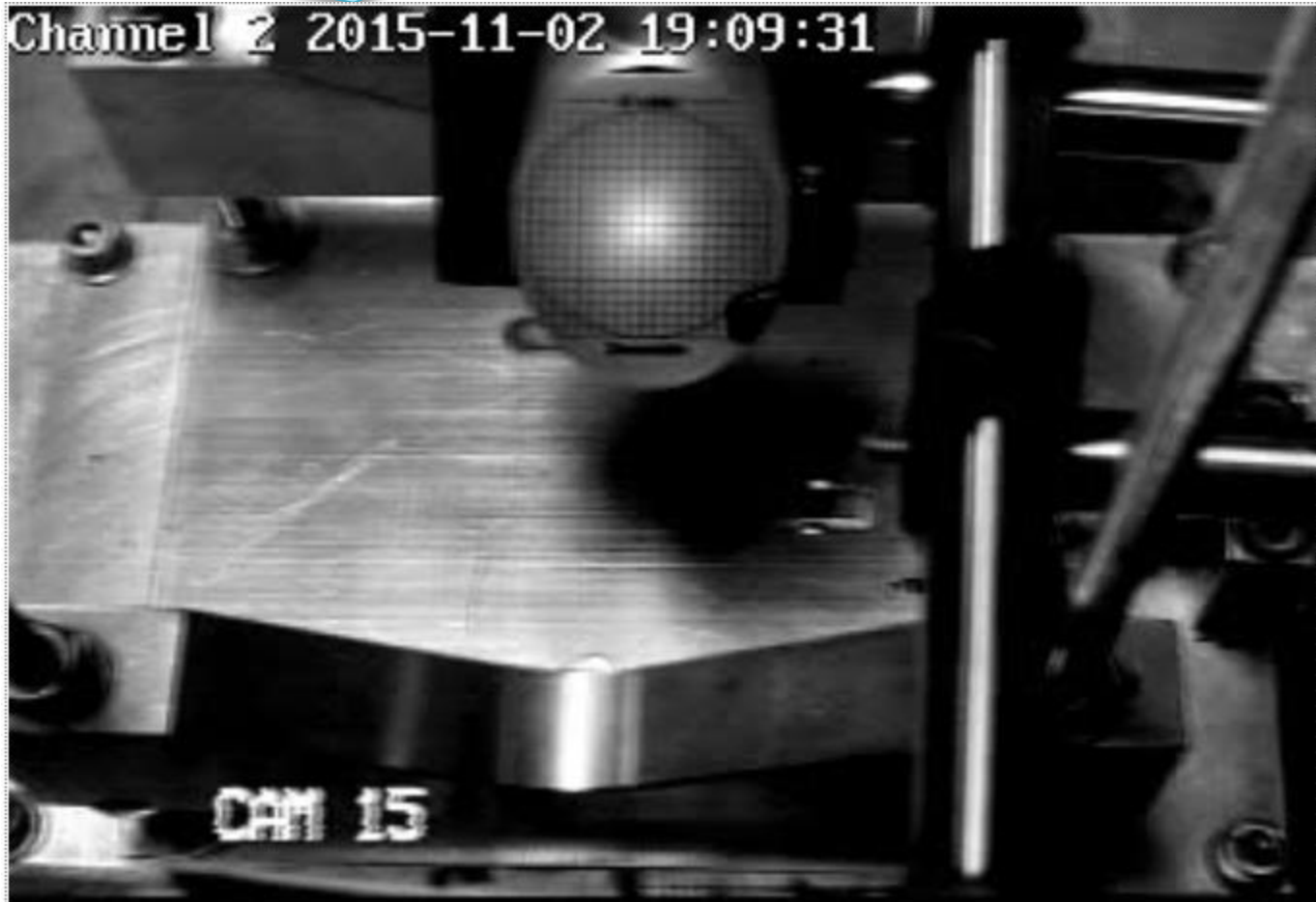
- Covered about 80% of 2D spectrometer line with steel sheet to shield earth's magnetic field
- Calibrated  $\frac{1}{4}$  cryo unit gradients using 2D line
- Added mu-metal to 5D line – plan to add steel sheet in Jan 2016
- Grames developed a procedure to set and measure beam energy
- Measured beam position on radiator

# X-RAY FLUORESCENT SCREEN

- x-ray fluorescent screen was installed in front of radiator on Nov 2, 2015
- This screen has a special coating that illuminates under x-rays and emits a green light

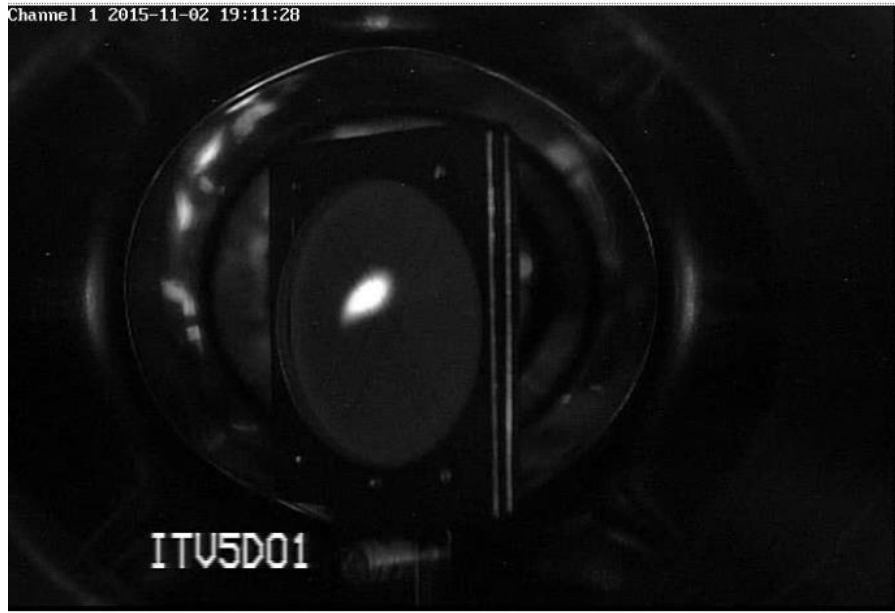
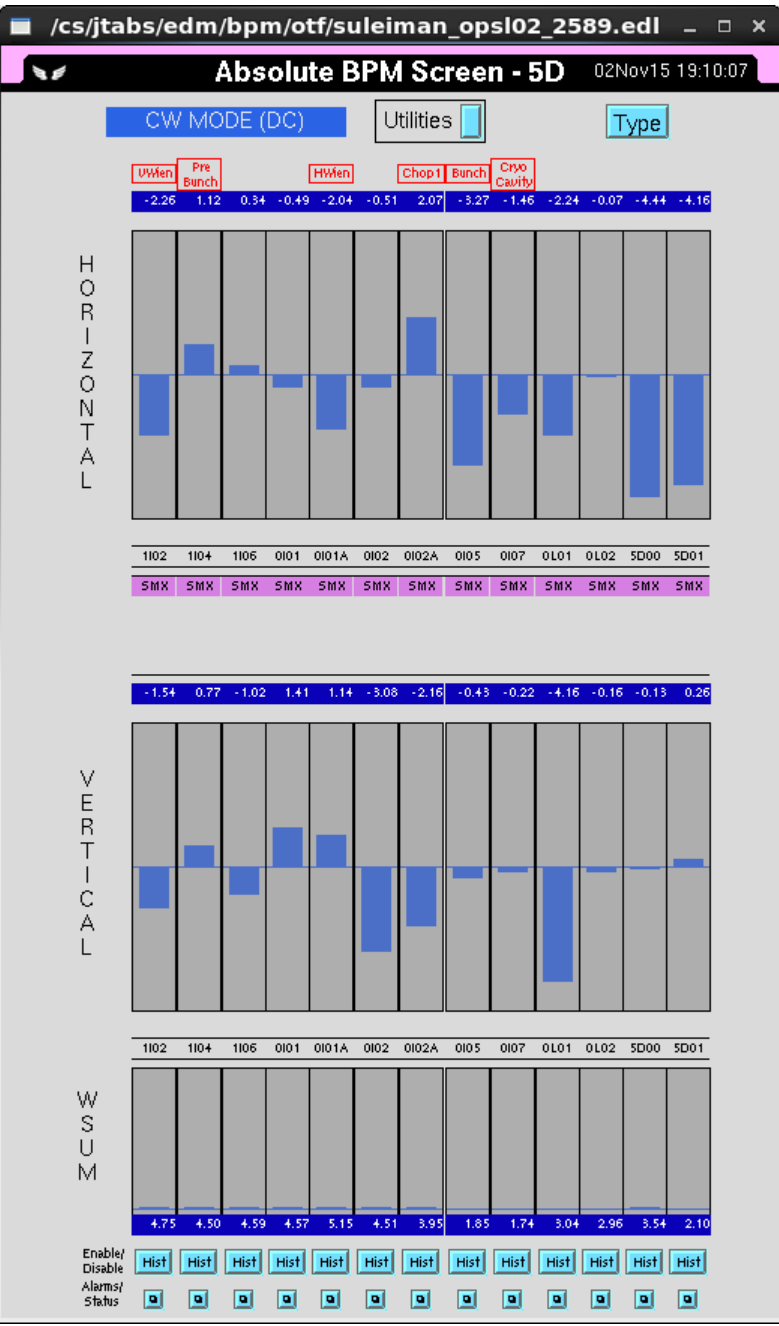


0.5  $\mu\text{A}$  centered on x-ray screen



Need to develop procedure to center beam on radiator using 5D line BPMs and viewers for different beam energies while accounting for earth's magnetic field





# UPCOMING BEAMLIN PLAN

- Approved to run 10  $\mu\text{A}$  CW and total energy of 10 MeV – redoing realistic thermal analysis to run at 100  $\mu\text{A}$  (if needed?)
- Calibrate BCM and measure nA beam currents (how much low? new chamber collimator will require very low currents)
- Re-isolate radiator to measure beam current?
- Survey 5D line (radiator and collimator)
- Replace lead shielding with copper and iron bricks
- Test the bubble chamber laser shutter (Gumby Shutter) – show photo

# SCHEDULE

- Chamber was removed and shipped back to Argonne on Nov 2, 2015 for improvements
- Beam Schedule in 2016:
  - I. Run II: May 30 – June 20, 2016
  - II. Run III: Aug 15 – Aug 29, 2016

Injector  
Facility  
Development  
Time

Expectation of PAC days in FY2017  
(i.e., no more engineering runs)

# **BACKUP SLIDES**

# To-Do-LIST

1. Gamma angular distribution (send to Roy)
2. Ask for Survey of beamline
3. Find old ceramic
4. Collimator position and dimensions (send to Roy)
5. Update JTabs screen