

**AI for experiment control and calibration  
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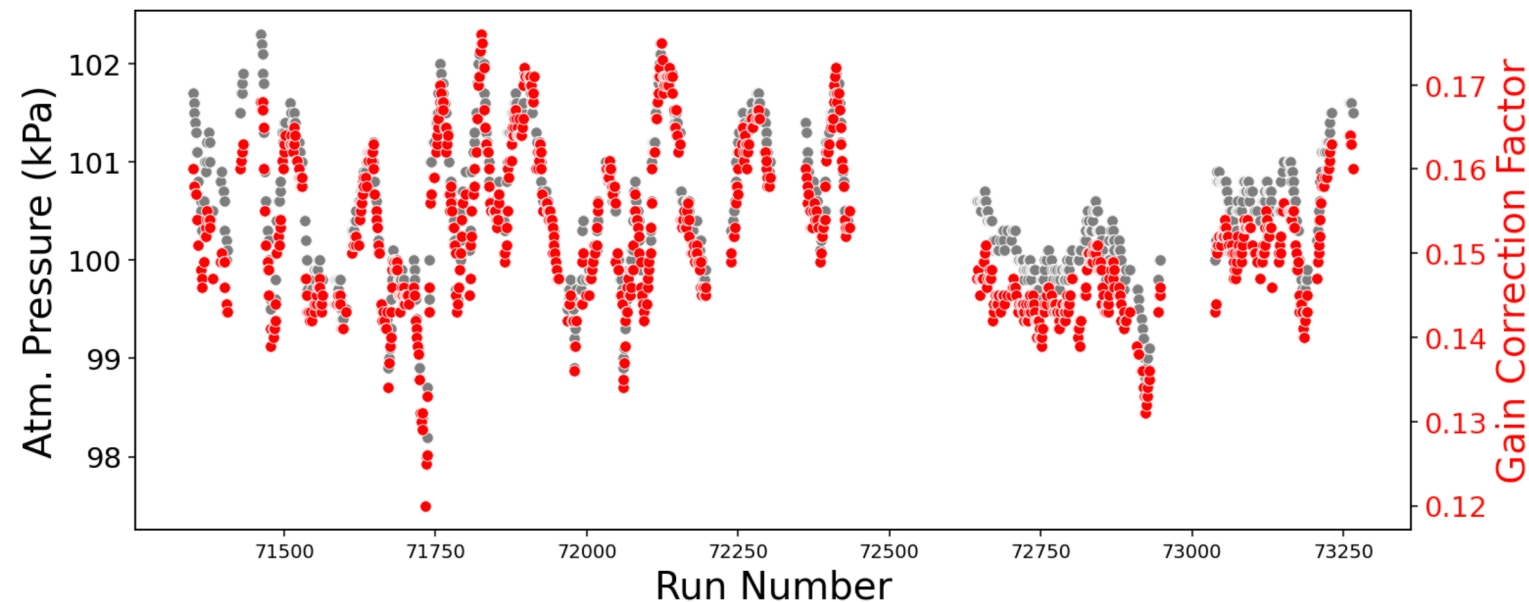
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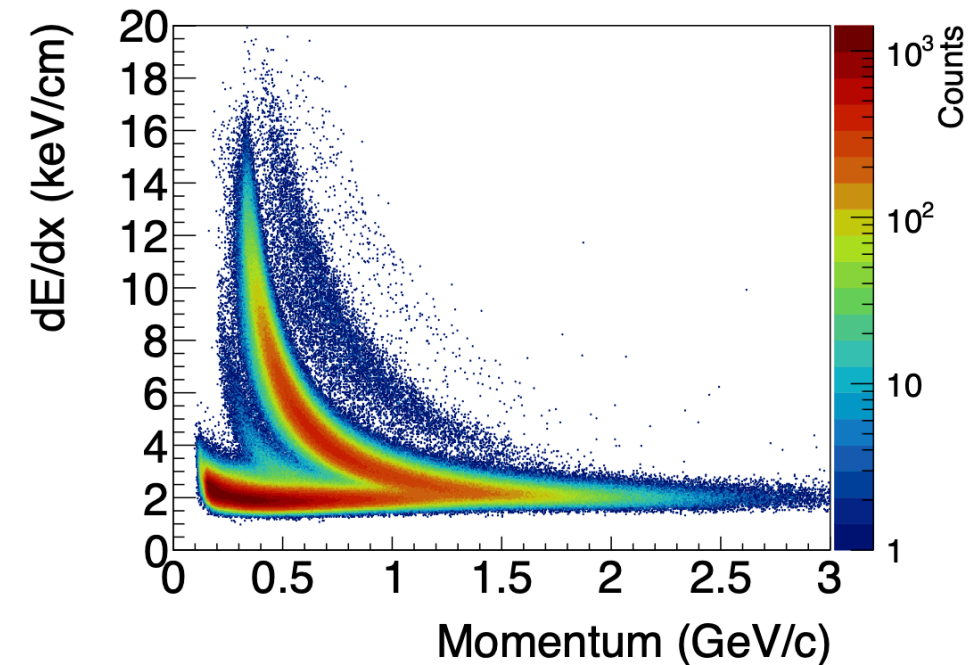
# GlueX Central Drift Chamber (CDC) – charged particle tracking and identification

- CDC: Straw tube drift chamber, measures drift time and deposited charge [NIM A962, 163727 \(2020\)](#)
- Time to distance calibration -> track-fitting, vertex resolution and dE/dx resolution
- Gain calibration -> stable dE/dx throughout the run, affects PID selections in analysis. Focusing on this.

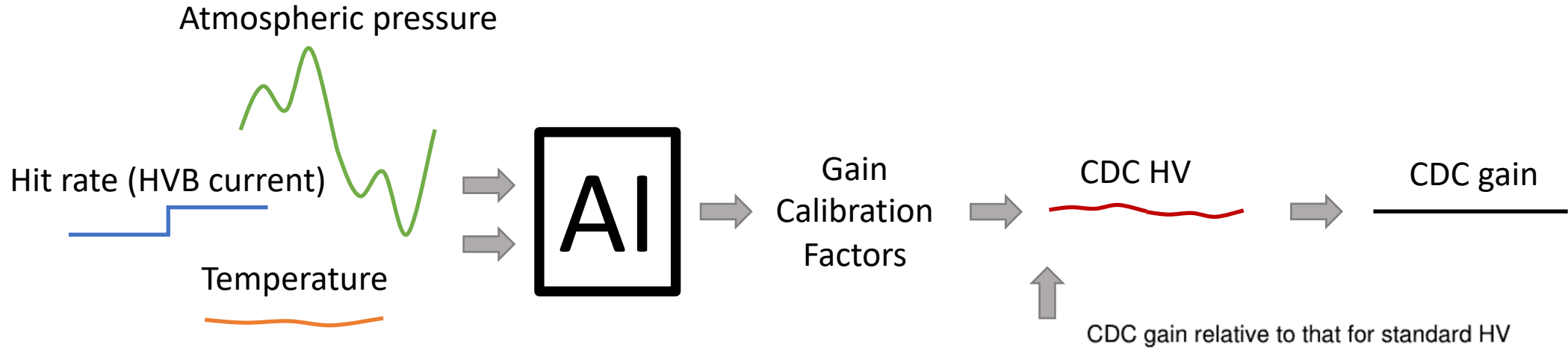
Pressure and gain correction factor vs run number (time)



CDC dE/dx vs momentum



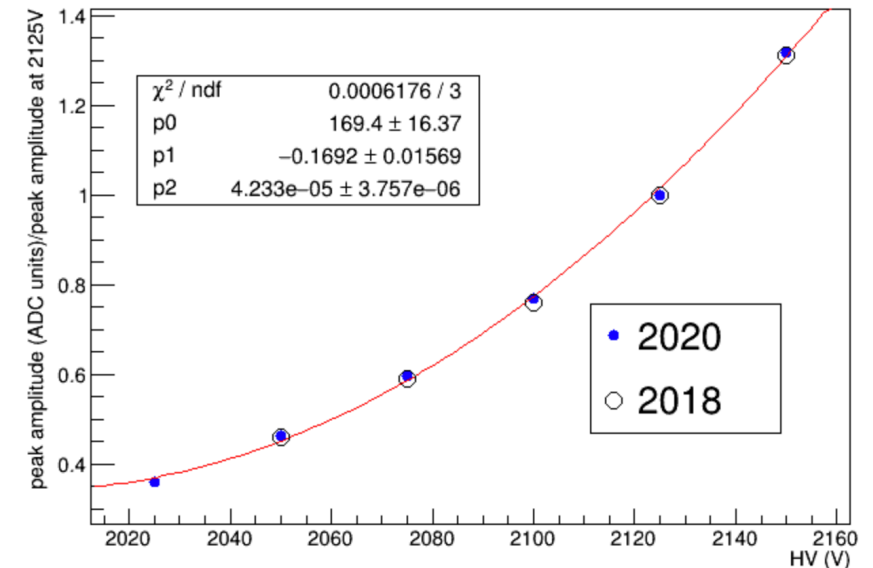
# Using the AI to control the CDC for stable gain and quicker calibration



AI model: Gaussian Process Regression

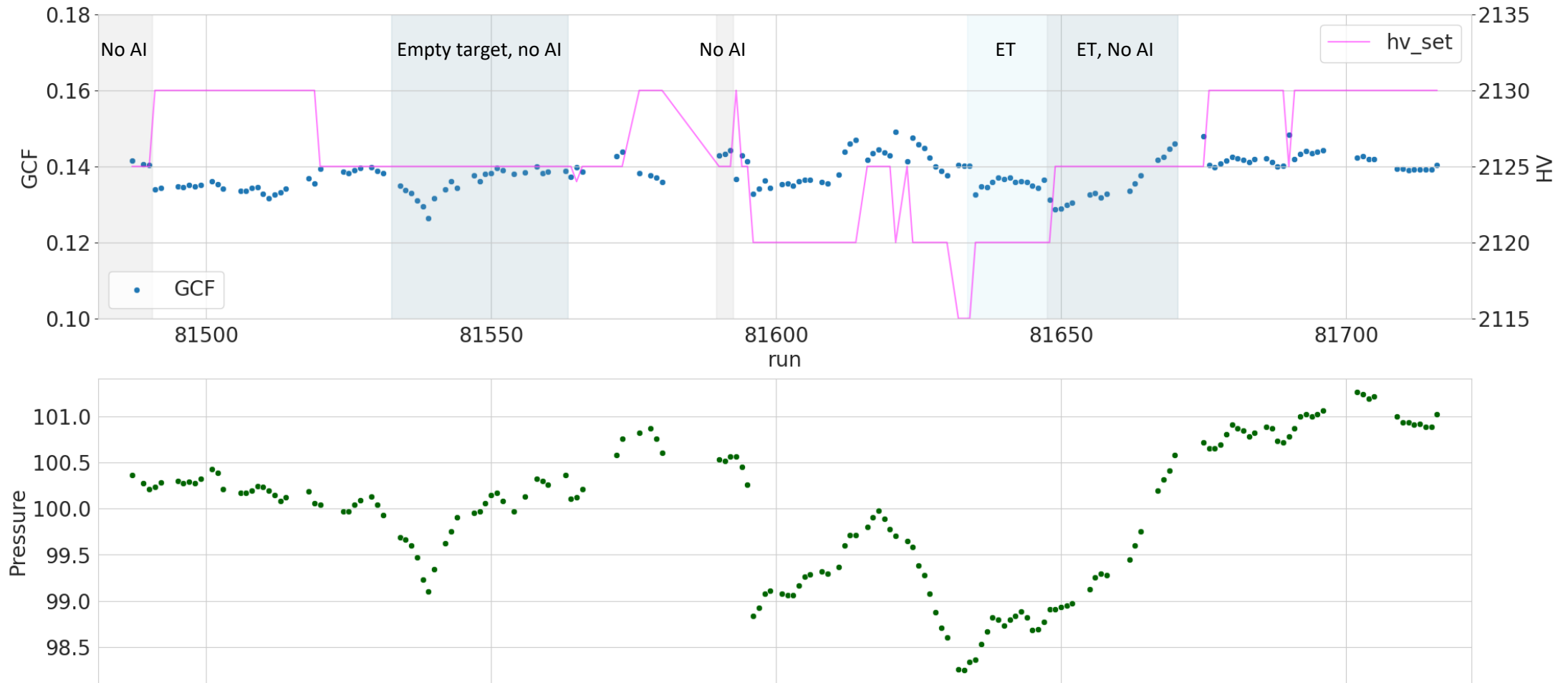
Trained using environmental data + conventional GCFs  
Main dataset has 984 runs, divided 80:20 for train/test

The model uses environmental data to predict GCF in a few seconds



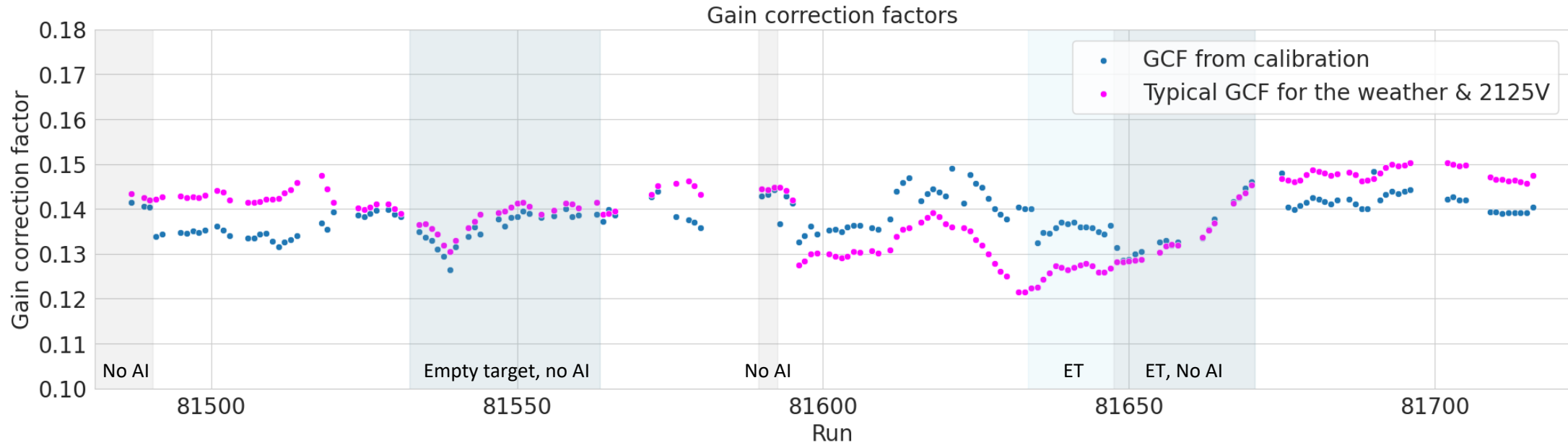
# Operational testing during PrimEx Nov 2021

The **AI-tuned HV** was rounded to the nearest 5V and set manually by the shift-taker. It was constrained to  $2125 \pm 20V$ . **GCFs** were obtained from  $dE/dx$  later on. The AI was not used for some runs.

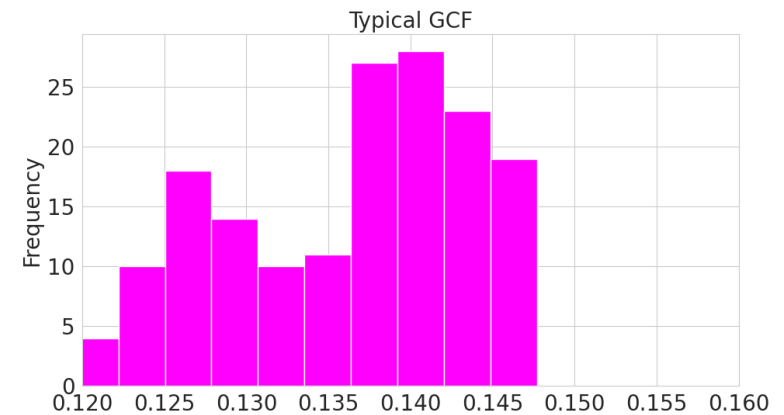
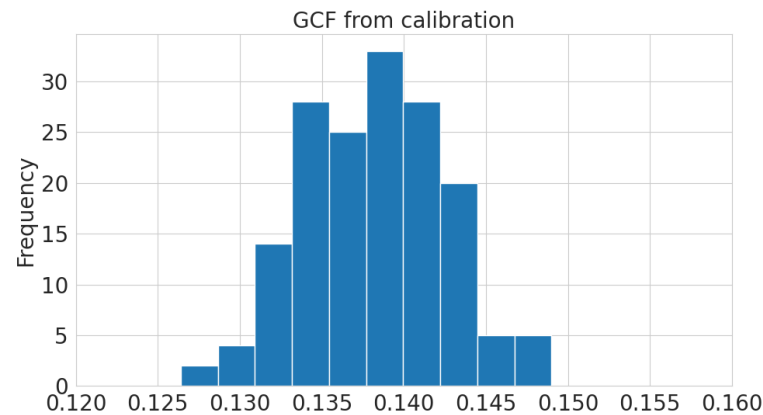


# Operational testing - estimated GCFs likely for constant HV

Used 2018's fitted gain vs P/T, scaled to match 2021's mean GCF for runs at mean pressure ( $\times 0.138/0.1475$ )



Gain was more stable with AI-tuned HV



# Summary

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- Trained an AI with drift chamber environmental values – pressure, gas temperature, HVB current.
- It takes just a few seconds to run the AI.
- Gained practical experience using this in fall 2021.
- The data-taking team was cooperative and enthusiastic.
- The results look good.
- Next operational experience will be in June 2022, with improved user interface.

# References

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GlueX Detector [NIM A987, 164807 \(2021\)](#)

GlueX Central Drift Chamber [NIM A962, 163727 \(2020\)](#)

Experimental Physics and Industrial Control System <https://epics.anl.gov/>

Garfield – Simulation of Gaseous Detectors <https://garfield.web.cern.ch/garfield/>

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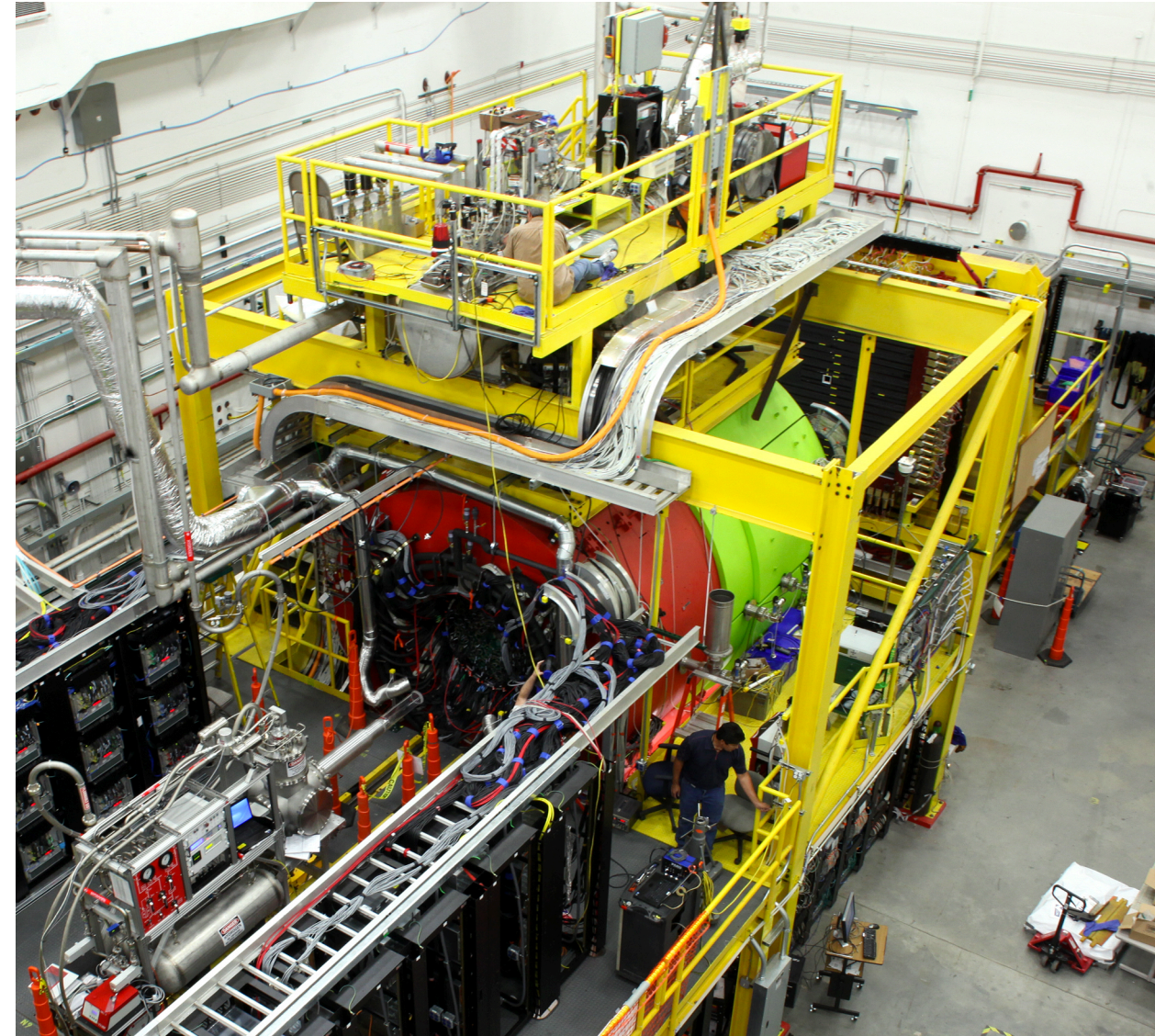
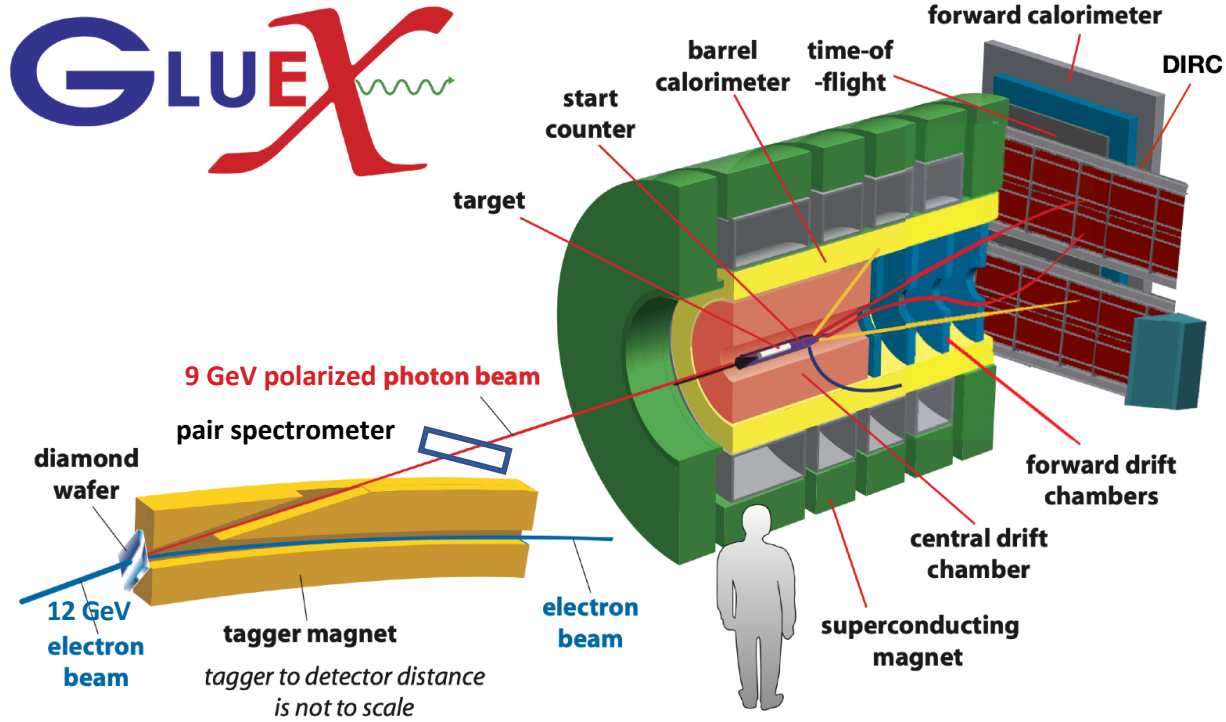


# Backup slides

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# GlueX: meson photoproduction experiment, searching for exotics

[GlueX detector](#) located in Hall D at Jefferson Lab, VA



# Estimate of the range of HV needed

- Obtained new HV values for several runs spanning the pressure range from 2018

Run	GCF	Pressure from EPICS	Calibrated Pressure (mmHg)	GCF/ideal_GCF	New HV
51687	0.173	102.067	776	1.146	2137
51570	0.160	101.042	768	1.060	2129
<b>51762</b>	<b>0.151</b>	<b>100.016</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>2125</b>
51287	0.139	99.1262	753	0.921	2116
51160	0.132	98.4129	747	0.874	2111

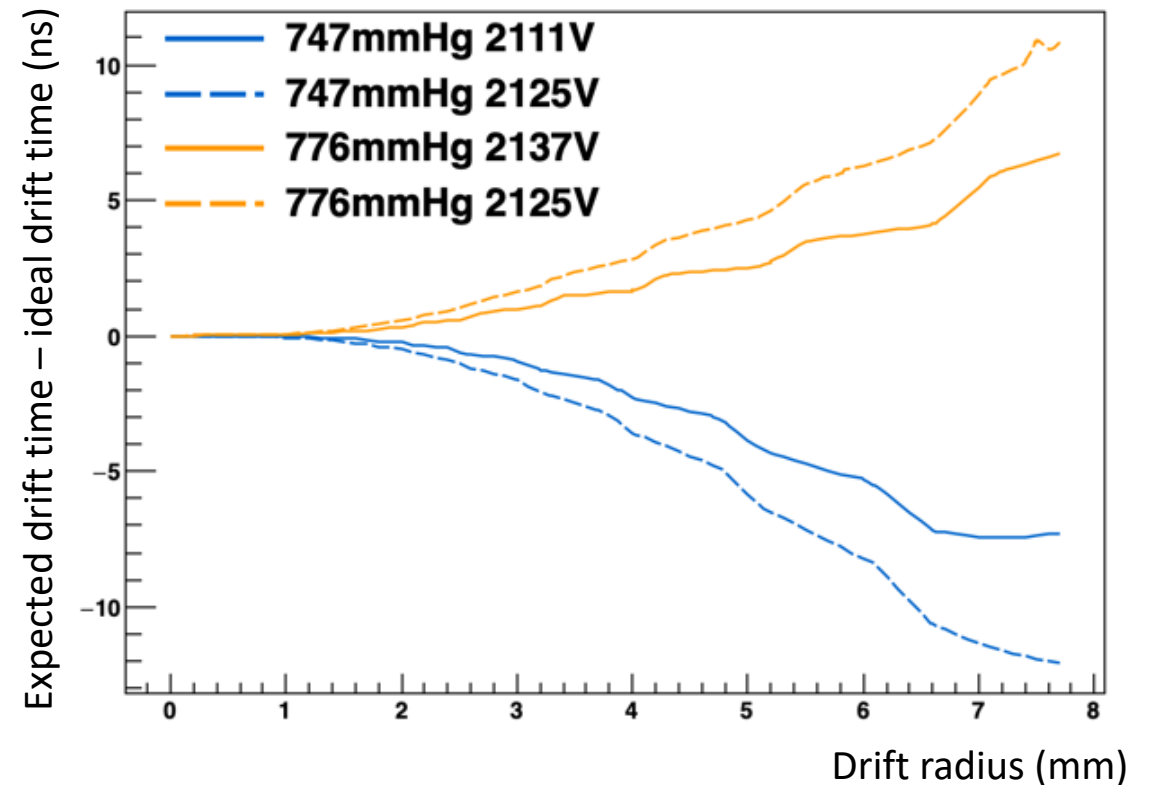
New HV obtained from fit to relative GCF as function of HV

- Range of HV needed is within 12V of standard HV

# Drift times simulated for HV tuned to the pressure

- Drift time to distance conversion uses a table of ideal drift times simulated for standard pressure and nominal HV 2125V ([GARFIELD](#)). Calibration accounts for imperfect straws and pressure.
- Calculated difference between expected and ideal drift times at extreme pressure values
  - Faint lines: 2125V
  - Solid lines: tuned HV
- Differences are small, smaller for tuned HV
- Tuned HV should improve the position resolution

Garfield predictions for 50/50 Ar/CO2 and 1.8T



# Operational testing during PrimEx Nov-Dec 2021 – Environmental data

All runs  
after HV scan

