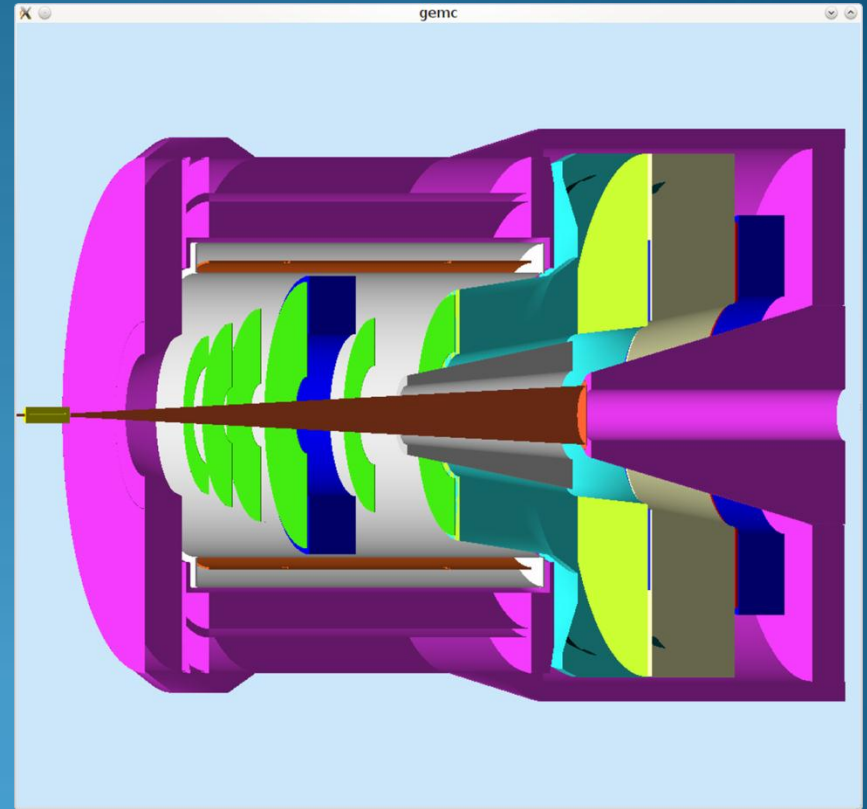
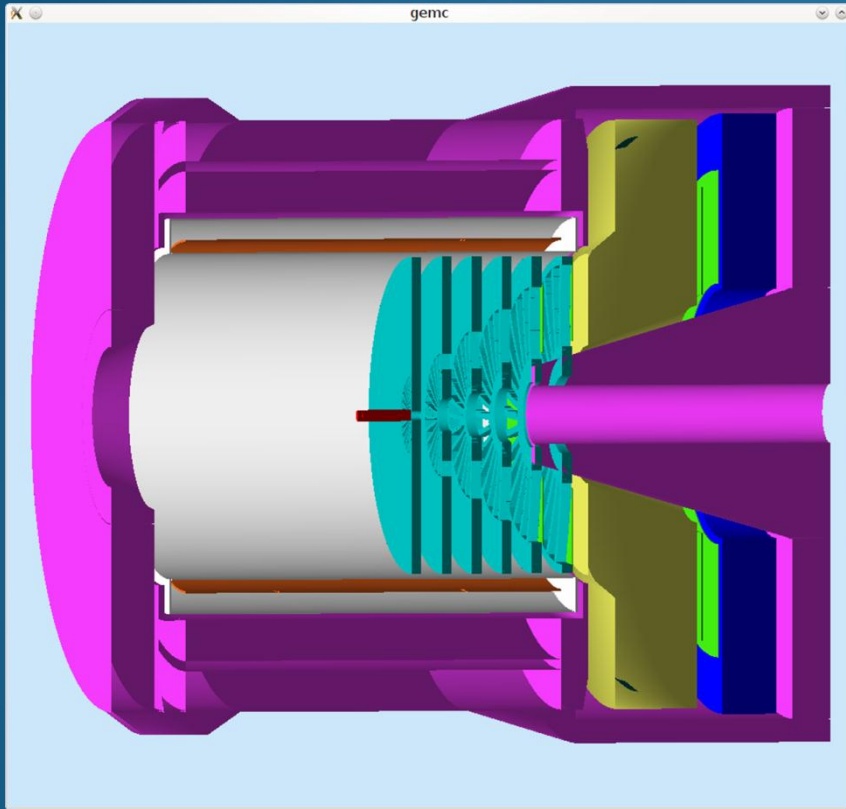


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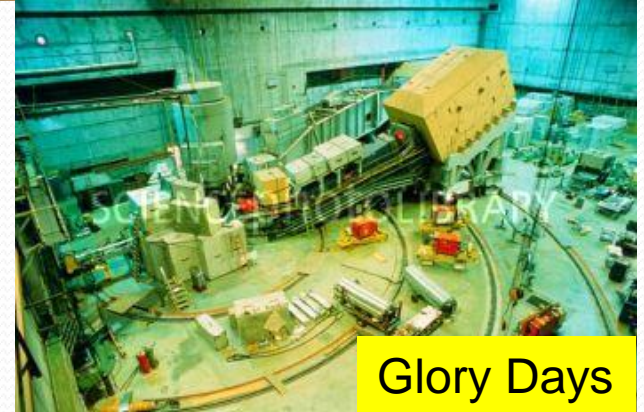


Preparation for Next Test Beam

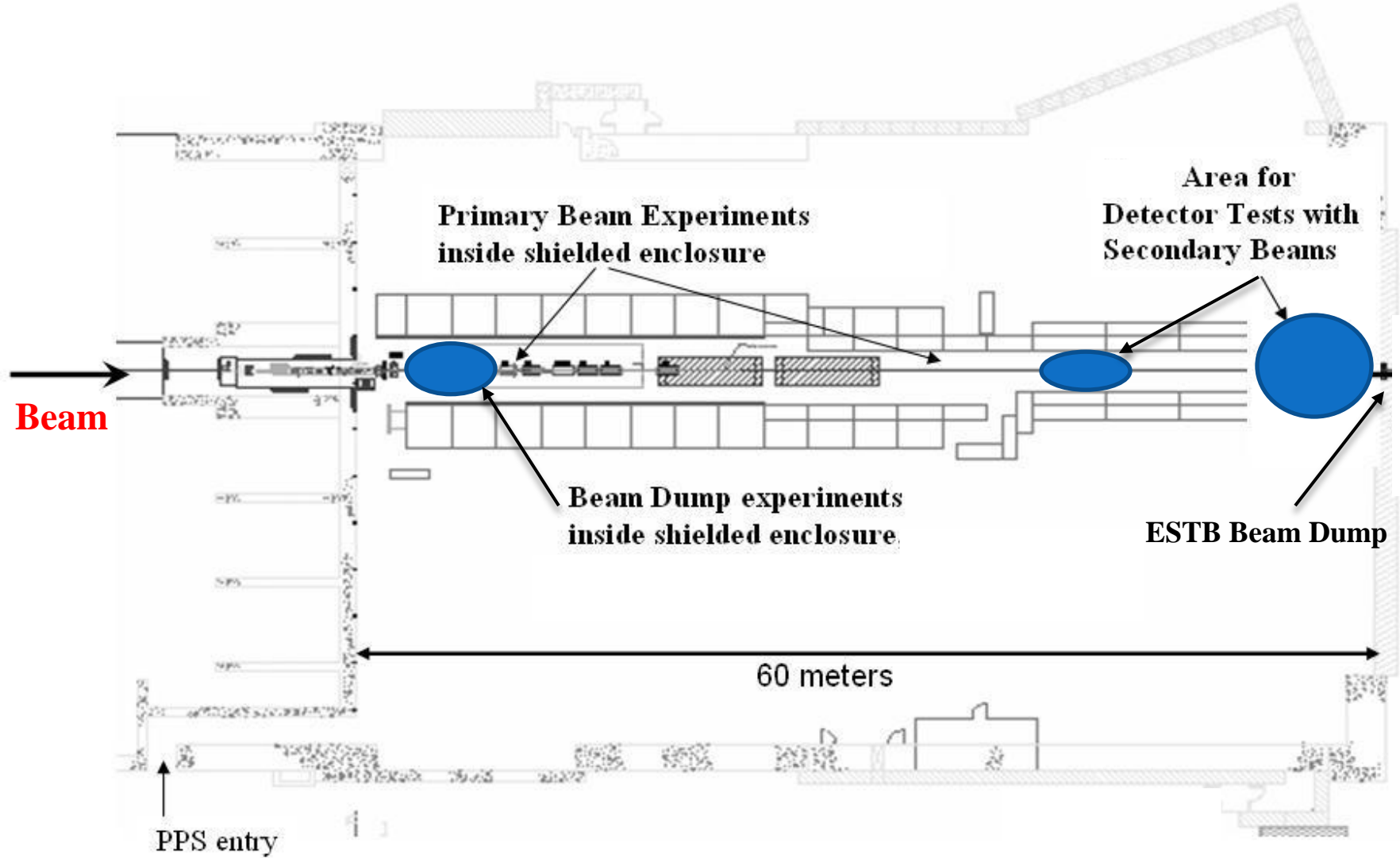
End Station A



- SLAC ESTB (End Station Test Beam)
 - Back $\sim 1/3$ of SLAC for light source.
 - 120 Hz
 - “moderate” beam
 - 5 Hz (minimum) pickoff \rightarrow Target \rightarrow ESA (~ 1 e/pulse)
- We are 1st outside users--first beam arrives Tuesday(?)
- Our run = May 1st or shortly thereafter.



ESA Experimental Area



Today...Junk Pile (useful for test beam)

Flexible

Much old stuff
to borrow.


Technical staff



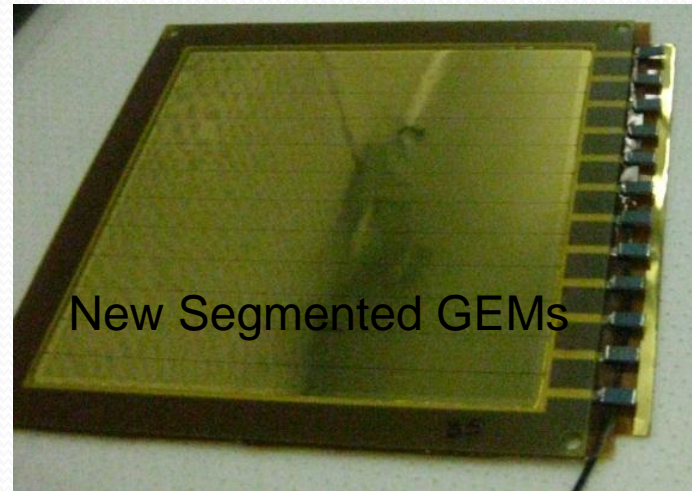
Can I sell you a used magnet?



We're ready...



New Mesh
88% Transparent



New Segmented GEMs



New HV Chain



New Pad Plane -- Hexes

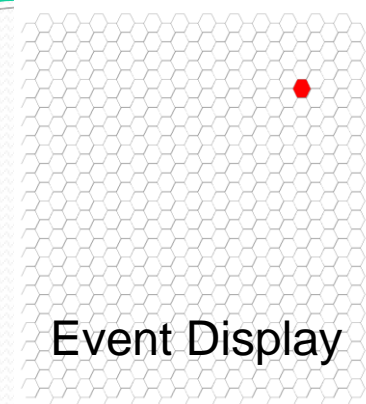
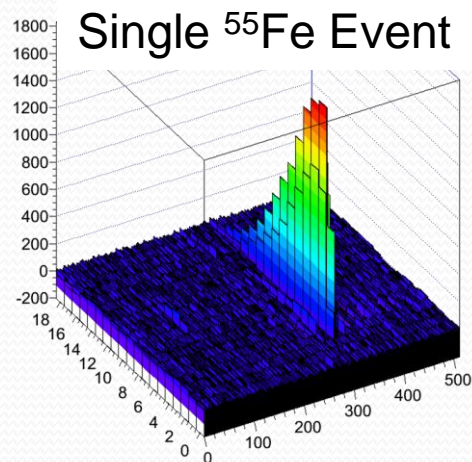
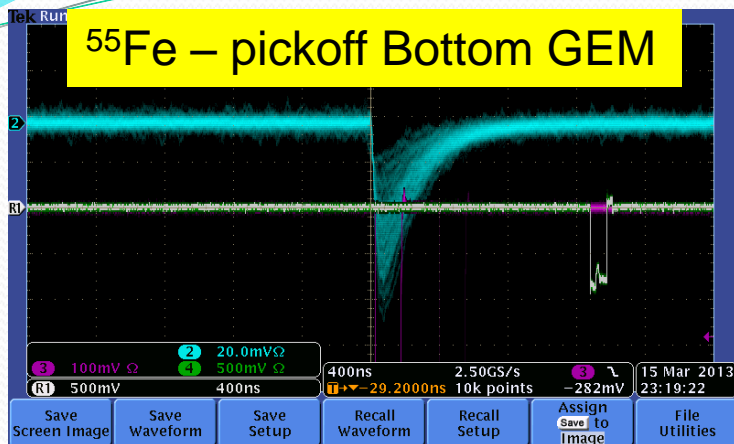


New SRS DAQ System

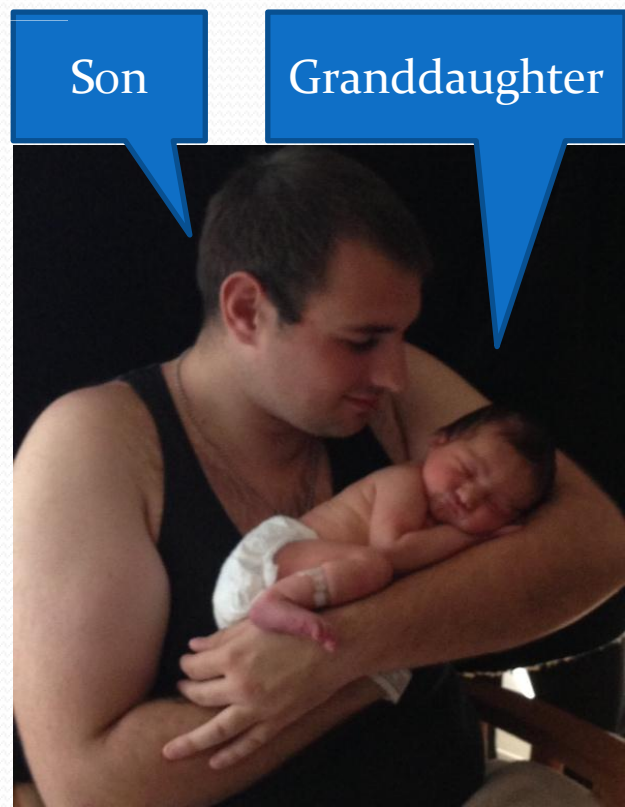
Spark Detection

- GEM stack assembled & running w/o CsI.
- Evaporate mid → late April (effort & \$\$\$ to keep fresh)

Summary – Our Baby is Ready!



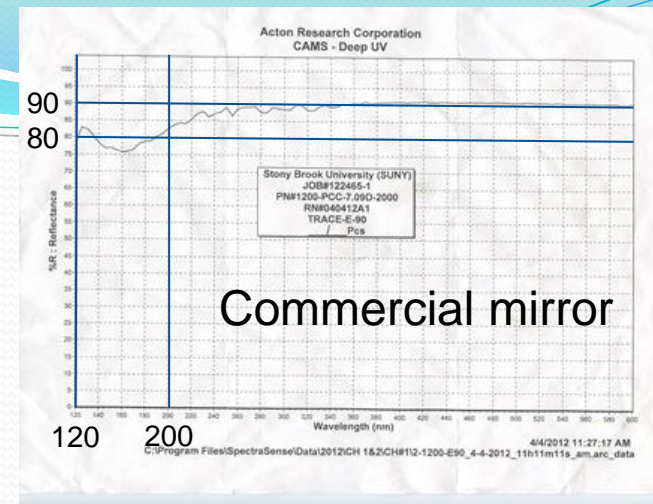
To PhD Program



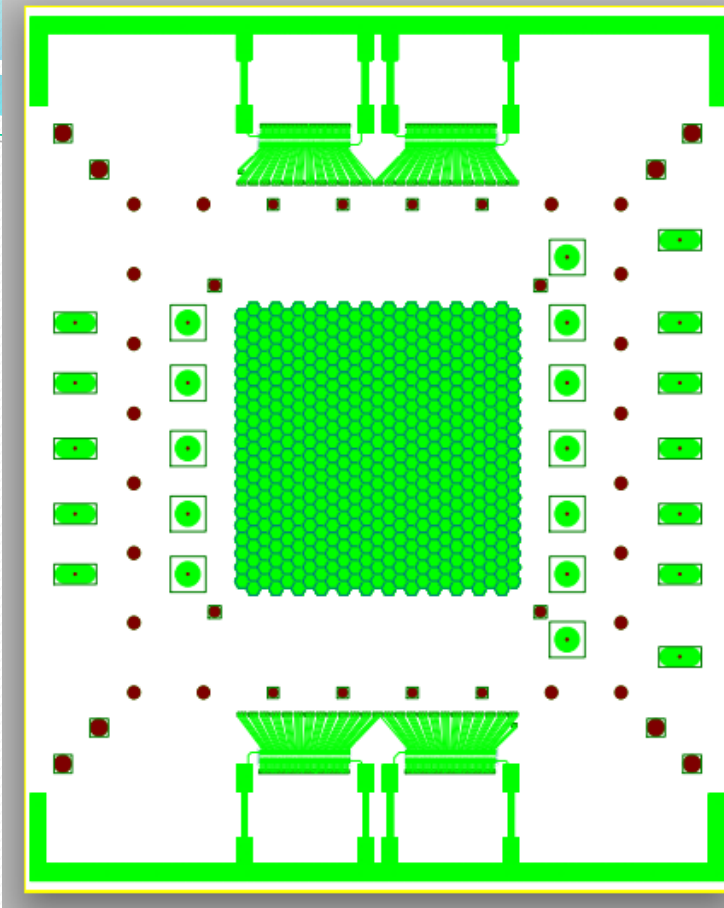
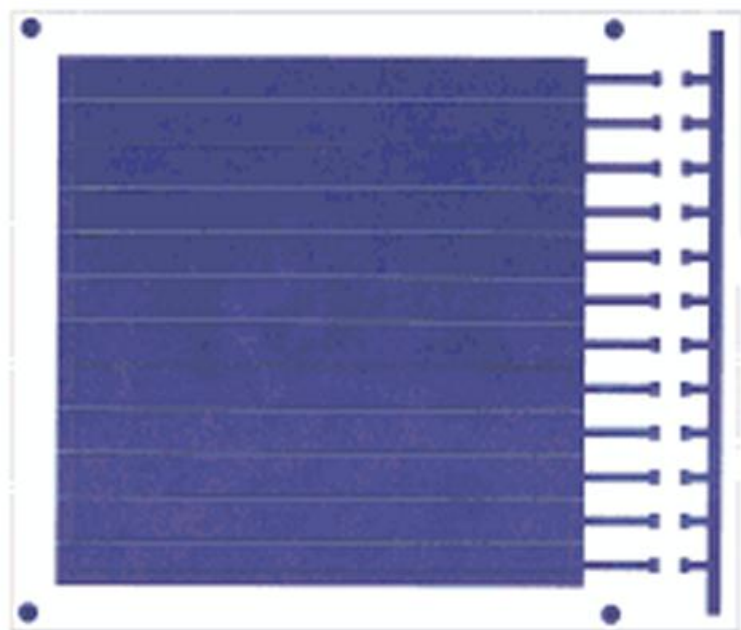
Backups

Mirror Developments

- Cherenkov photon yield primarily at small λ .
- Deep UV mirrors use 250 Å MgF₂ overcoat to act as dielectric mirror.
- Plans:
 - Year 1: Develop in-house manufacture of small mirrors.
 - Year 2: Scale up to use Big Mac
- First in-house mirror made!
- Reflectivity tests pending at BNL.



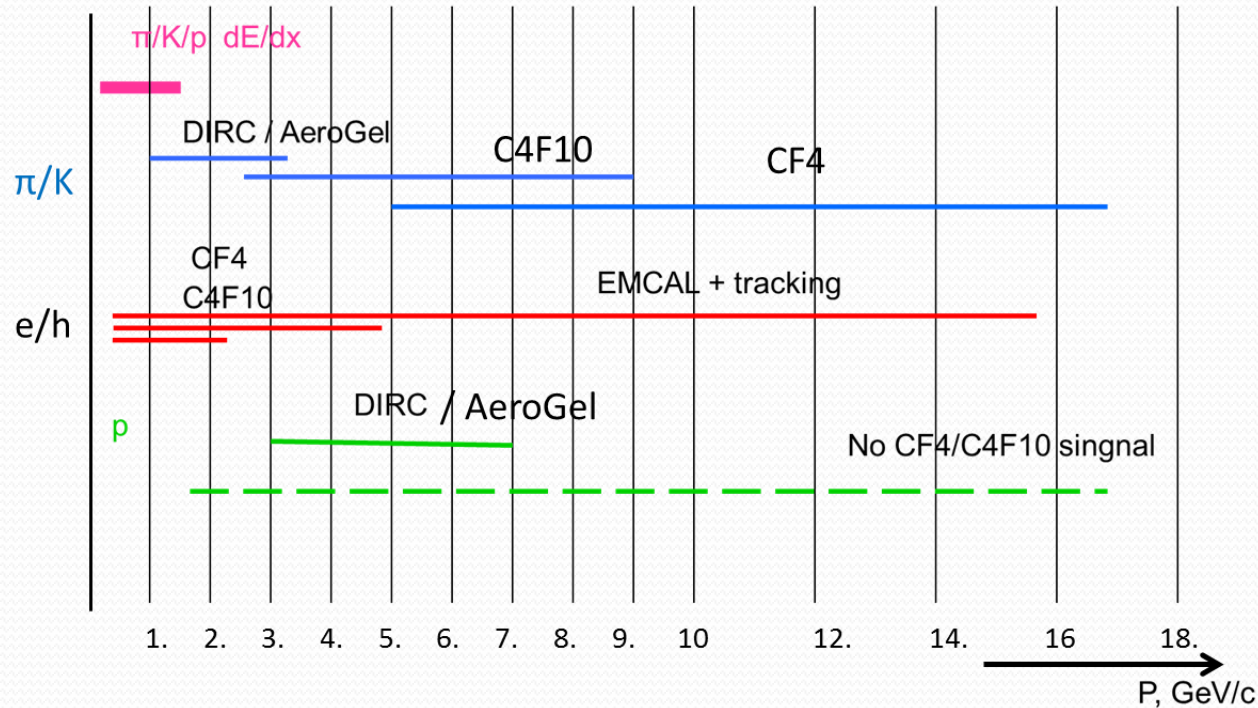
Changes for SLAC



- New GEM foils...multiple strips like PHENIX.
- Second pad plane...hexagons to see rings.
- New trip detection system:
 - Capacitive coupling off resistor chain.
 - Integrated with PHENIX HBD HV relays.

Forward RICH

Electron and Hadron PID



- RICH particle ID involves a limited dynamic range of momenta set by gas index of refraction.
- The highest momenta rely on the lowest n.
- Our R&D targets the highest momenta with a CsI photo-cathode RICH.
- **Major Issue:** Reflectivity of mirrors deep in the UV.