Hadronic Physics Search for New Forms of Femtoscale Matter



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Recent Graduates

- Nathan Sparks (PhD 2013)
- Sungkyun Park (PhD 2013)
- Mukesh Saini (PhD 2013)
- Andrew Wilson (PhD 2012)
- Craig Bookwalter (PhD 2012)
- Charles Hanretty (PhD 2011)Burnham Stokes (PhD 2006)
- Shifeng Chen (PhD 2006)

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KAERI Staff Scientist, Korea

Intel, Q&R Engineer

PostDoc @ UBonn, Germany

PostDoc @ PNNL > Ultimate Software

PostDoc @ UVA > JLAB Staff Scientist

PostDoc @ GWU > Lead Engineer at GE
PostDoc @ DukeU > Professor, UMaryland Med School

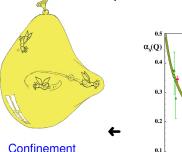
Strong-Coupling Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)

$$\mathcal{L}_{ ext{QCD}} = \sum_{q} \, ar{q} \left(i \gamma_{\mu} D^{\mu} \, - \, m_{q}
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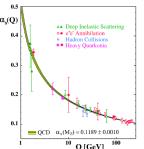
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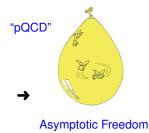
QCD is the theory of the strong nuclear force which describes the interactions of quarks and gluons making up hadrons.

Strong processes at larger distances and at small (soft) momentum transfers belong to the realm of non-perturbative QCD.

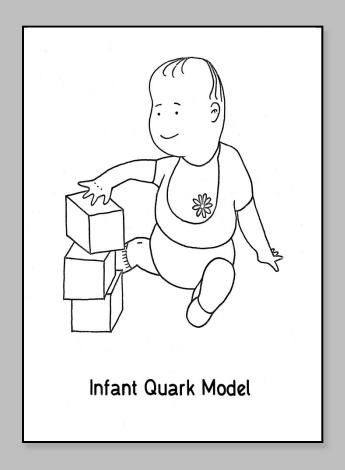


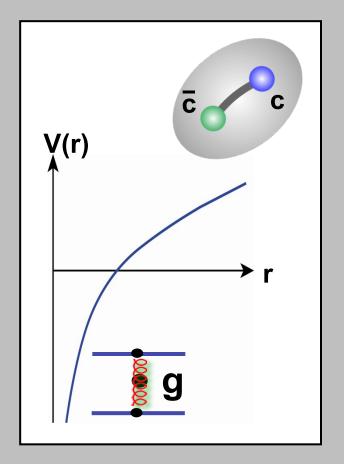
"Strong QCD"

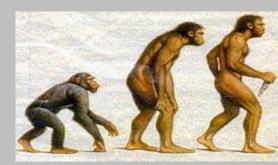


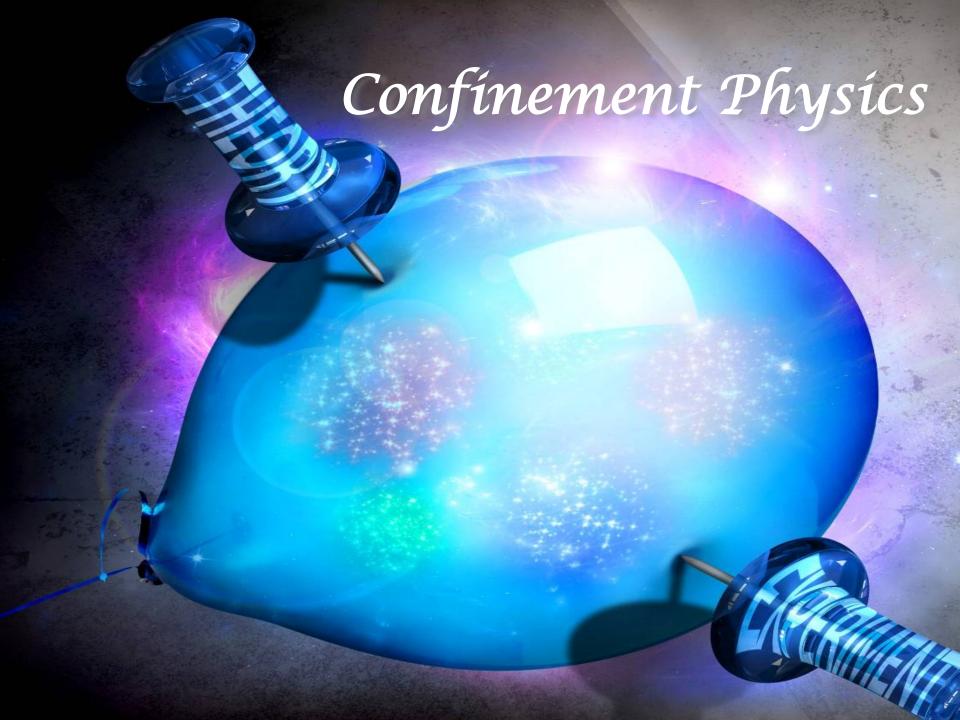


Evolution of understanding









Hadrons: Baryons & Mesons

The strong coupling confines quarks and breaks chiral symmetry, and so defines the world of light hadrons.

Baryons are special because

- their structure is most obviously related to the color degree of freedom, e.g. $|\Delta^{++}\rangle = |u^{\uparrow}u^{\uparrow}u^{\uparrow}\rangle$.
- they are the stuff of which our world is made.



Baryons



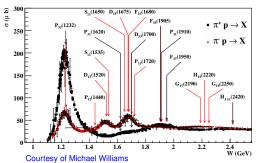
Mesons

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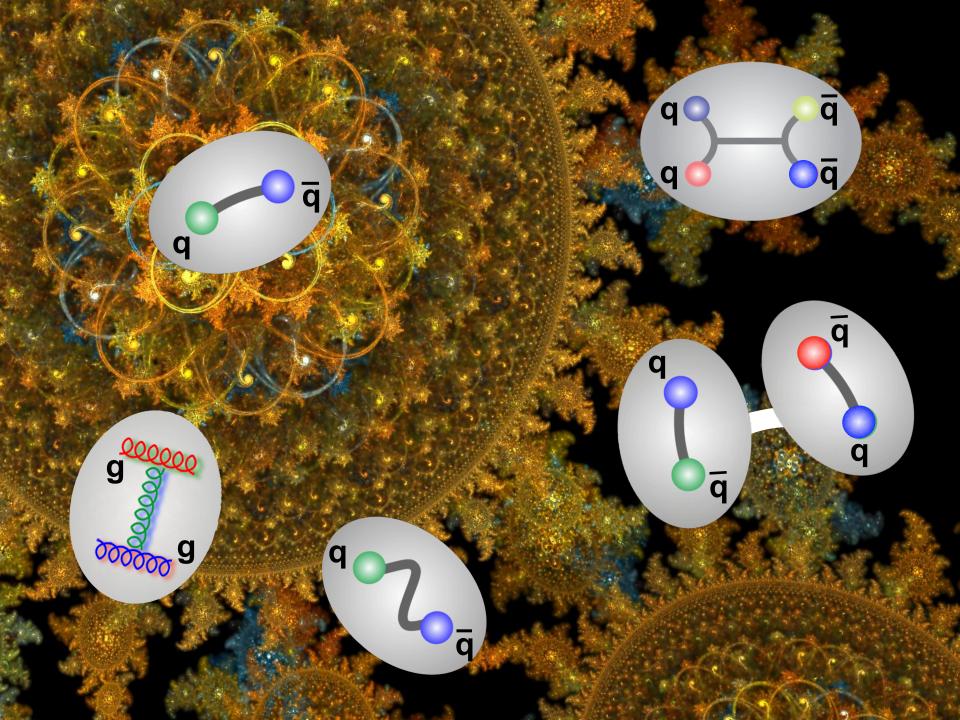
→ PDG 2010, J. Phys. GG 37.

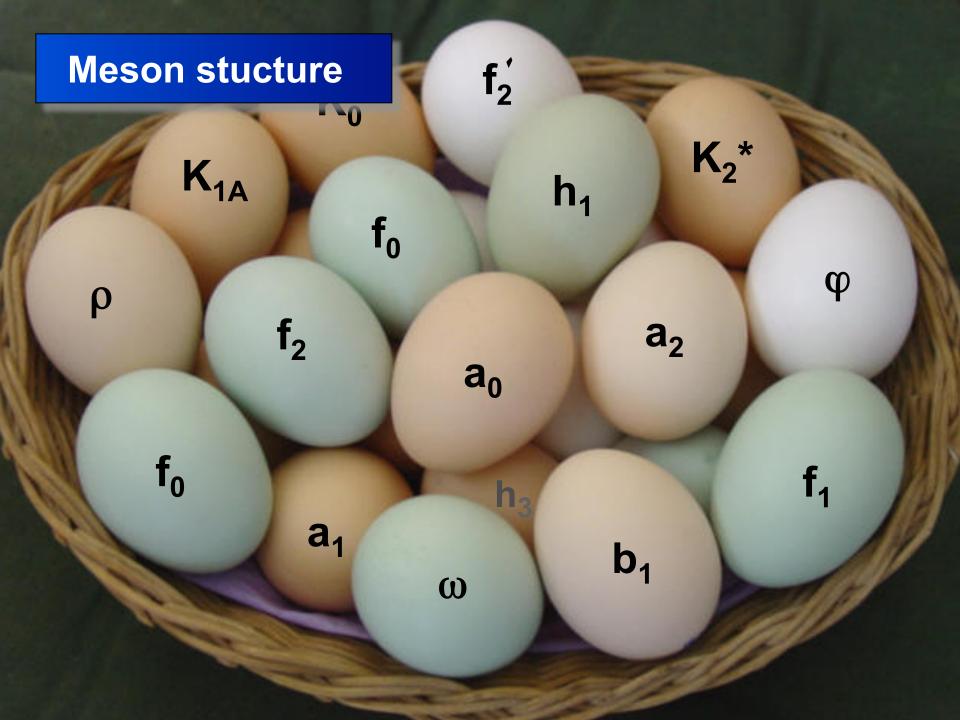


Great progress in recent years:

 $\rightarrow \gamma N \& \pi N \text{ data}$









Non-Perturbative QCD



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- What is the origin of confinement?
- How are confinement and chiral symmetry breaking connected?
- What role do gluonic excitations play in the spectroscopy of light mesons, and can they help explain quark confinement?

Baryons: What are the fundamental degrees of freedom inside a nucleon? Constituent quarks? How do the degrees change with varying quark masses?





CQM+flux tubes

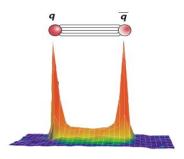


Quark-diquark clustering



Nucleon-meson system

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Mesons: What are the properties of the predicted states beyond simple quark-antiquark systems (hybrid mesons, glueballs, ...)?

→ Gluonic Excitations provide a measurement of the excited QCD potential. Hybrid baryons are possible but do not carry "exotic" quantum numbers.



"Particles" and "Resonances"

We are discussing quantum mechanical states:

$$|qqq\rangle, |q\overline{q}\rangle,...$$

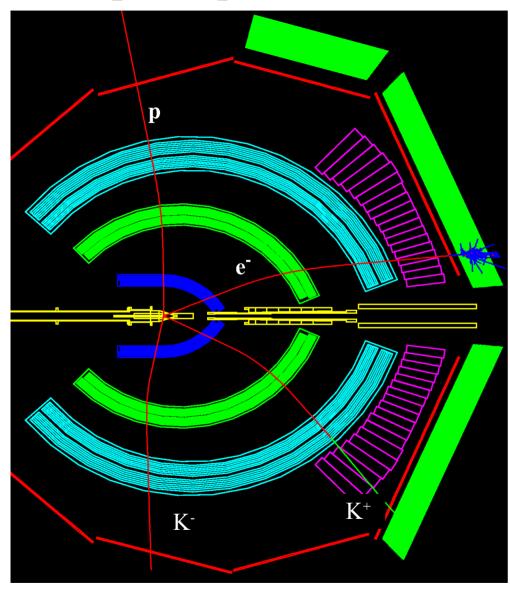
The lowest lying states are "particles". If they decay, they do so through something other than QCD-powered interactions. Therefore they live a long time.

Hadronic Matter which does decay through QCD live a very short time.

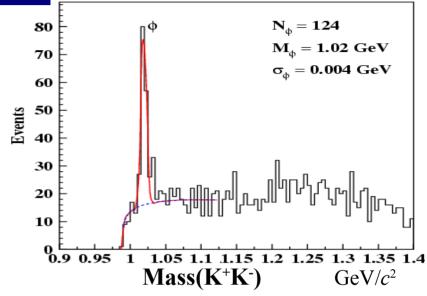
Very short lived states are observed as quantum mechanical "resonances". They can only be studied statistically, not one by one.

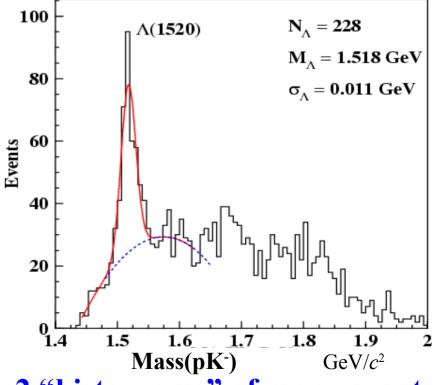
Examples

 $e p \rightarrow e' p K^+ K^-$



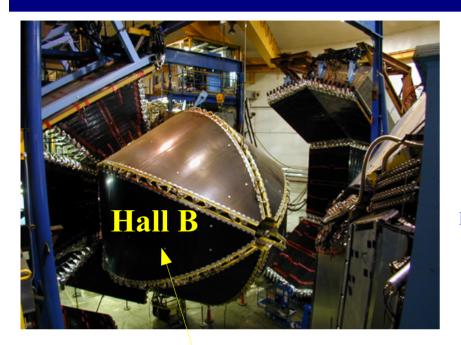
2 particles in, 4 particles out one "event"



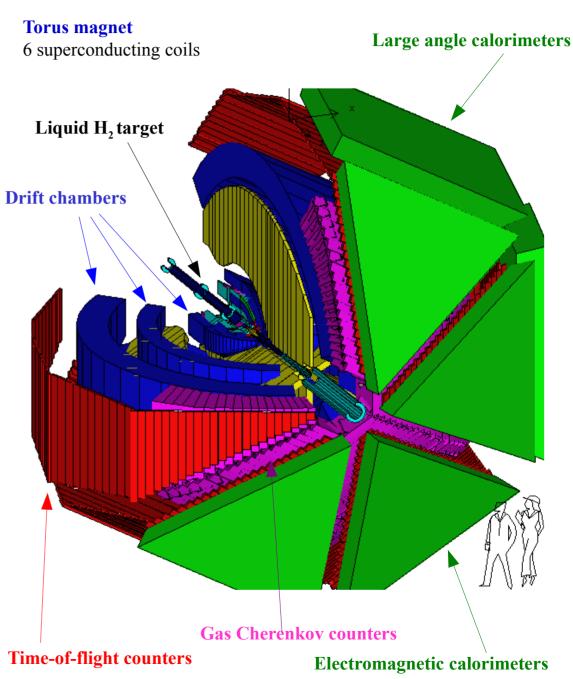


2 "histograms" of many events

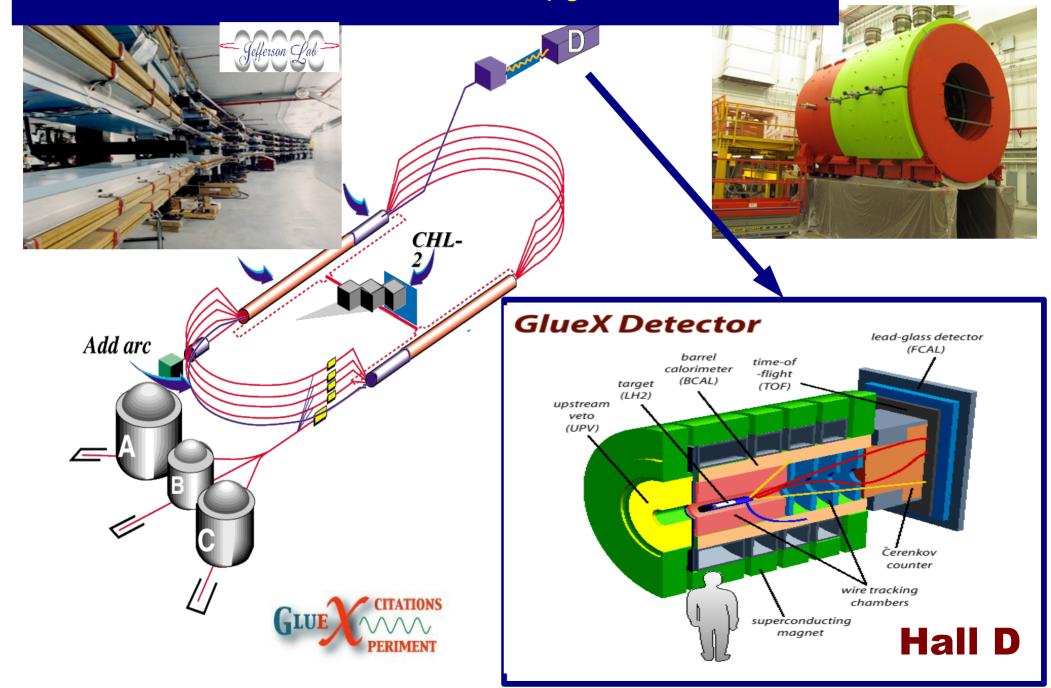
CLAS: CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer







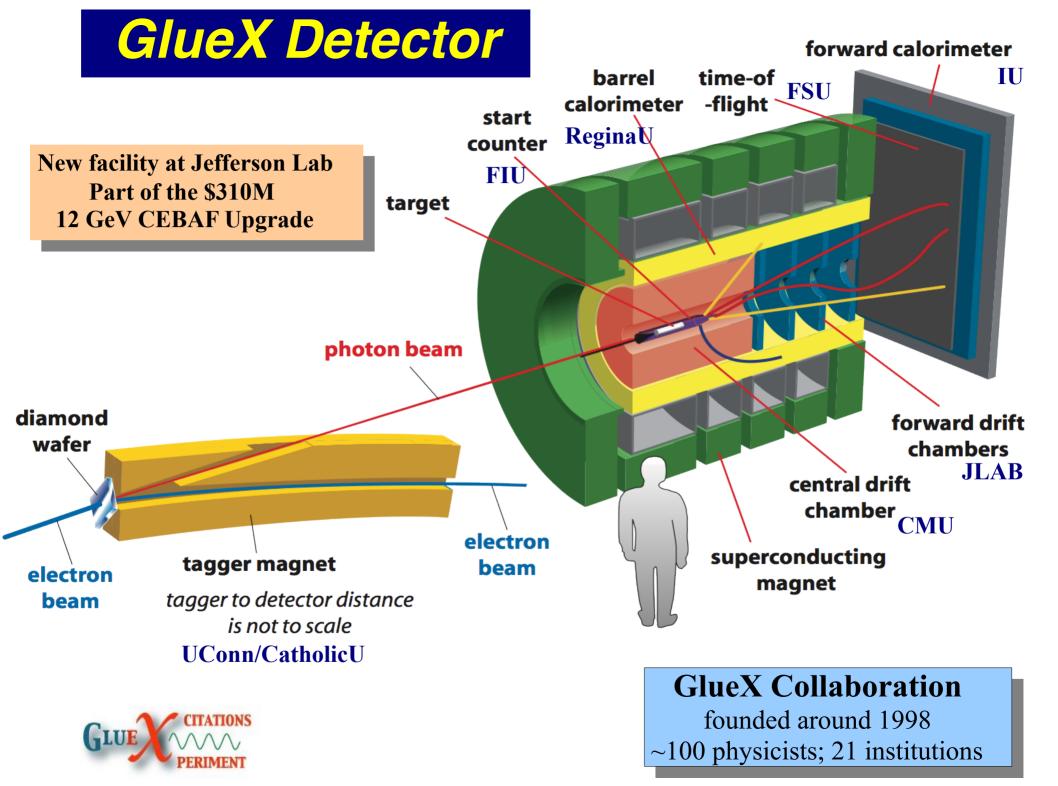
Future Program Jefferson Lab 12 GeV Upgrade





GlueX Detector in Hall D





Time-of-Flight Wall

TOF Detector Overview

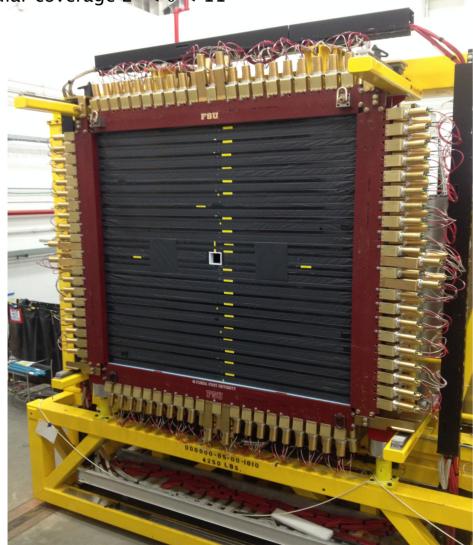
• Particle id $(\pi/K/p)$ up to 2-3 GeV/c at 4σ

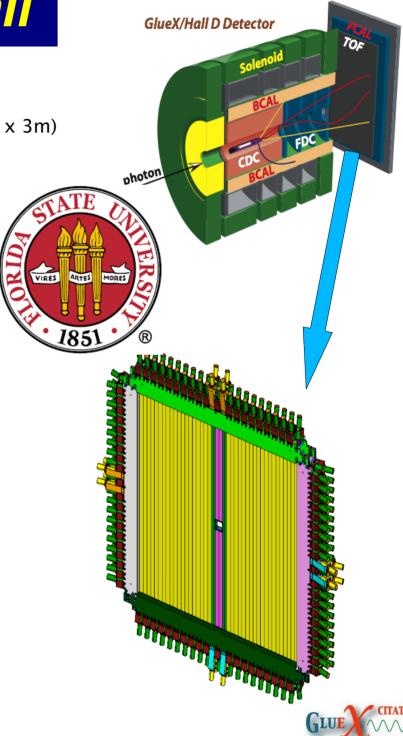
• Two independent TOF planes: horizontal and vertical (~3m x 3m)

• 92 modules with 176 H10534 Hamamatsu PMTs

• 176 fADC (250 MHz) and TDC (25 psec) readout channels

• Angular coverage $2^{\circ} < \theta < 11^{\circ}$







Time-of-Flight Construction at FSU

TOF construction

Fall 2013 completion of modules Spring 2014 assembly & installation







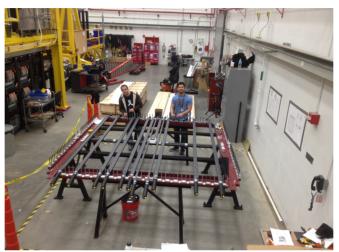


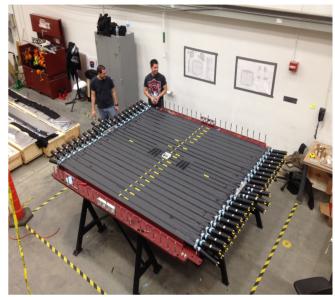


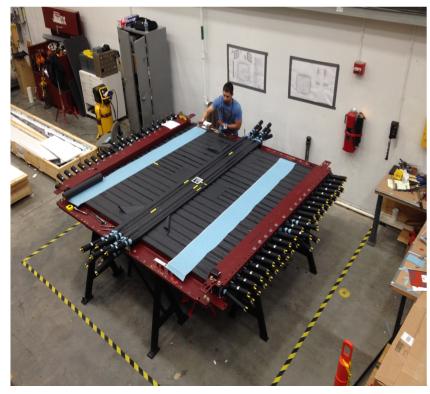


Time-of-Flight Assembly & Installation by FSU

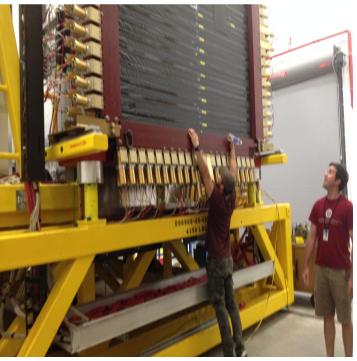






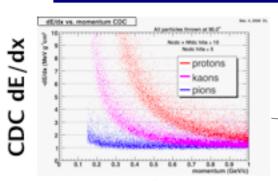






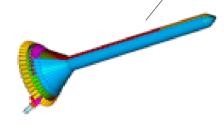
Particle Identification

Time-of-flight & dE/dx



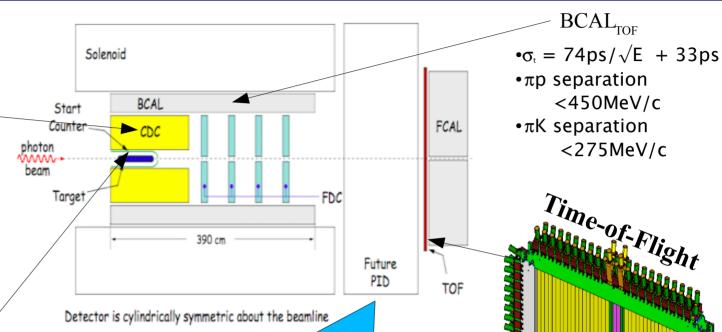
- πp separation
- <450MeV/c
- πK separation
- <275MeV/c

Counter

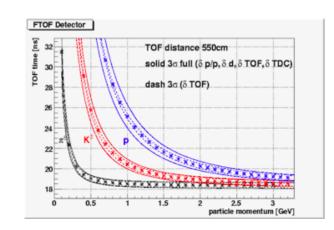


- 40 scintillators
- · 300 ps (w/tracking)
- · Used for start-up





Future PID upgrade with a Forward DIRC



- •176 readout channels
- $\sigma_{\text{TOF}} < 80/\sqrt{2} \text{ ps}$
- $4\sigma K/\pi$ separation < 2GeV/c

The Excitement is Just Beginning



Time to take DATA



Graduate Students

