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**Student Introduction** 

## History

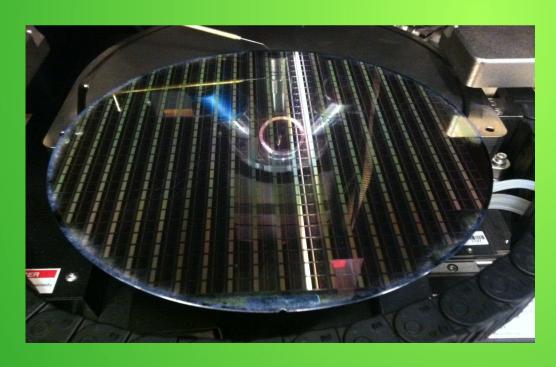
- Born in India
  - Moved to US when ~8 yrs old
  - Settled in Florida
- Undergrad at University of Florida
  - BS in Physics 2011
- Iowa State University
  - Started 2011

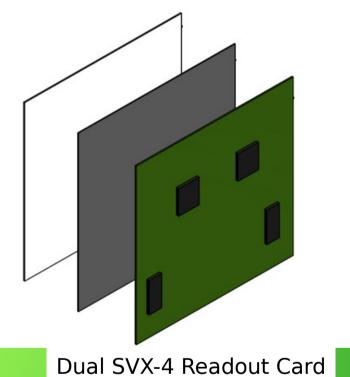
#### PHENIX

- Became student of John Lajoie in summer 2012
- Mostly all my work has been with the MPC-EX
  - SVX4 testing
  - Test beams
  - Simulation work
- Thesis will be using p+p data taken this run
  - Prompt Photon Asymmetry using MPC-EX detector

## **SVX4** Testing

Tested the Digital and Analog current draw of each SVX4.



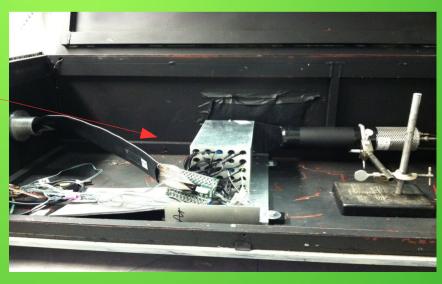


### FermiLab Test Beam

- In September 2013
- Put 17mm and 8mm thick tungsten in front of MPC crystals to simulate the MPCEX
- Goal:
  - How much the tungsten would spread the shower going into the MPC crystals

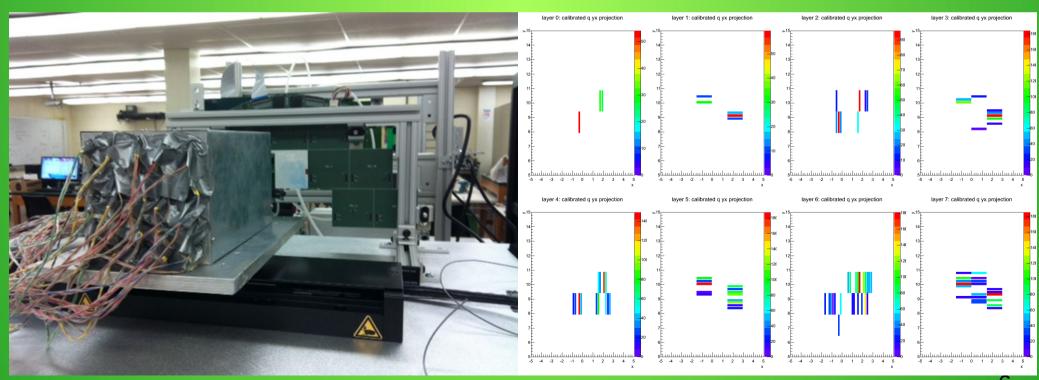
Box containing the PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals

16 GeV electron beam toward the center crystal.



#### **SLAC Test Beam**

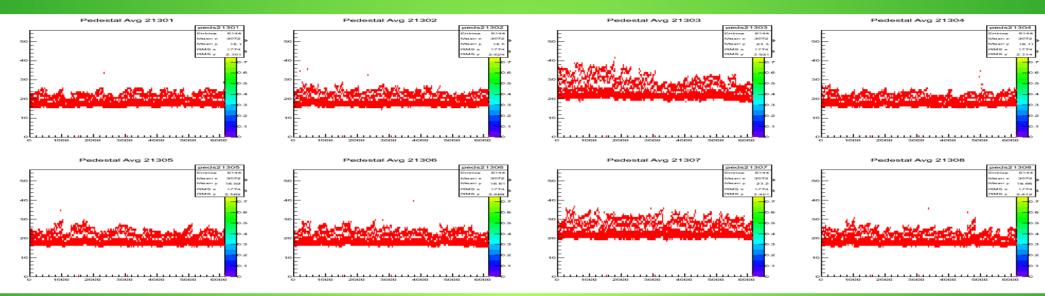
- Took an assembled section of MPC-EX and 25 PbWO<sub>4</sub>
  Crystals to simulate the MPC
  - Can the 2 or more electrons be detected individually?



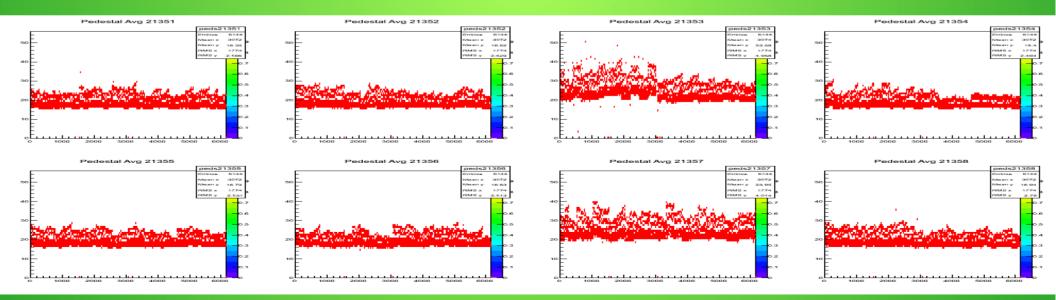
#### **Run 15**

- Was stationed at BNL to be an MPC-EX expert
- Primary duty was to take pedestal runs and do pedestal checking.
- MPC-EX needed to have single buffered runs, not multi-buffer = 4 as in the big PHENIX pedestal run.
  - So separate pedestal for MPC-EX had to be taken.
- Pedestals were very stable throughout the run.

### Run 15 ctd.



#### MPC-EX North Packets, Run 433934



## **Energy Calibration**

- Need to reconstruct the energy of a shower in the MPCEX and MPC.
- Want to know:
  - How is shower energy correlated between MPCEX and MPC?
- Using pythia simulation of single photon shower through MPC-EX and MPC.
- Iterative fitting procedure done to reconstruct energy as best as possible.
  - Still on-going.

#### **Future Work**

- Begin analysis for thesis!
  - Graduate?