

# Experimental Assessment of Crystal Collimation at the Large Hadron Collider



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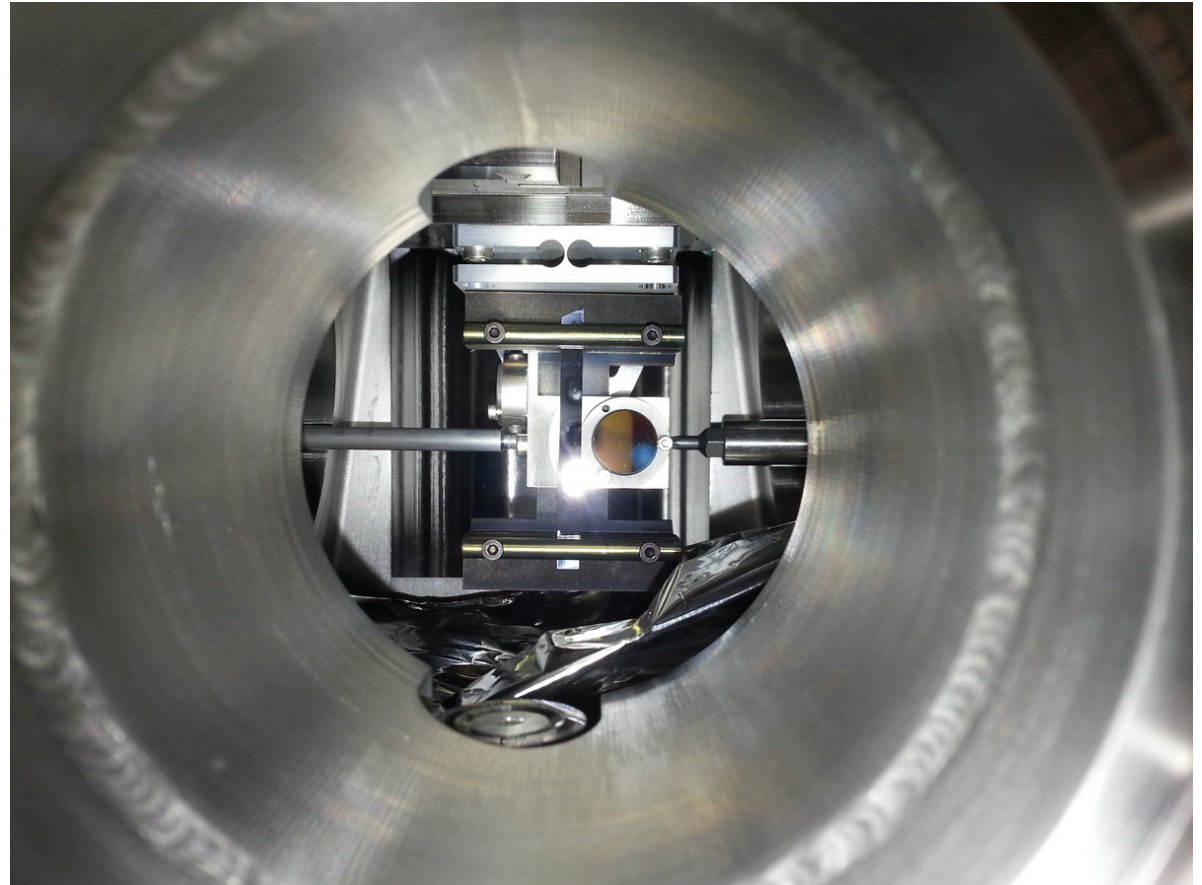
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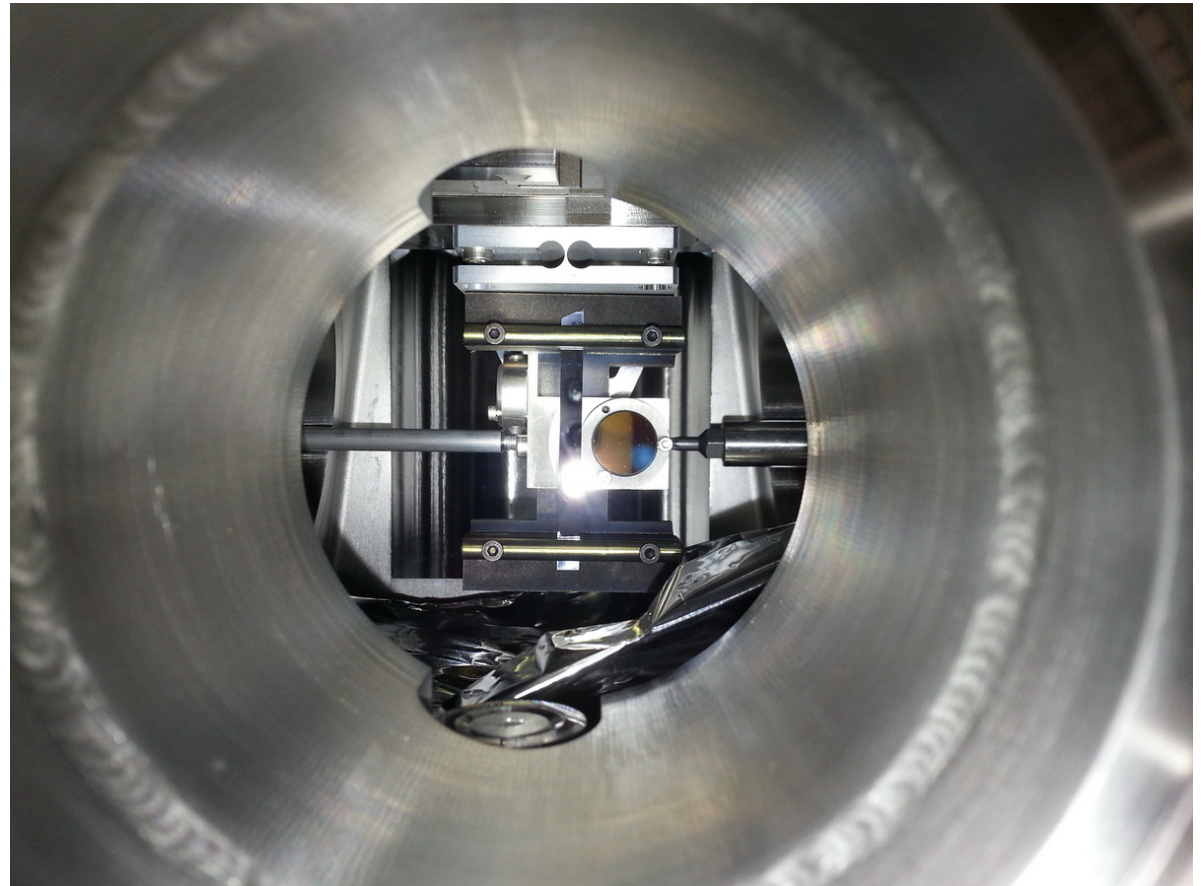
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# Motivations

## Superconducting magnets:

- $T = 1.9 \text{ K}$
- quench limit  $\sim 15\text{-}50 \text{ mJ/cm}^3$
- Aperture:  $r = 17/22 \text{ mm}$

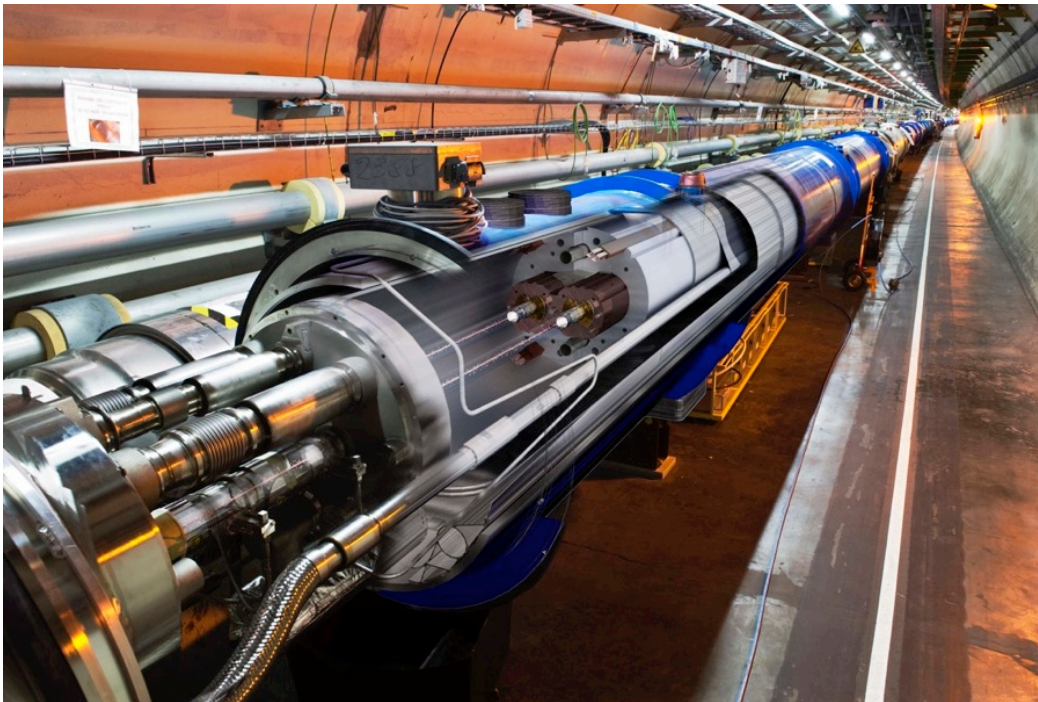


## Stored energy in the machine:

- LHC 2016: **280 MJ**
- LHC design: **360 MJ**

## Collimation system is needed!

$\eta = 10^{-4}$  is the actual performance

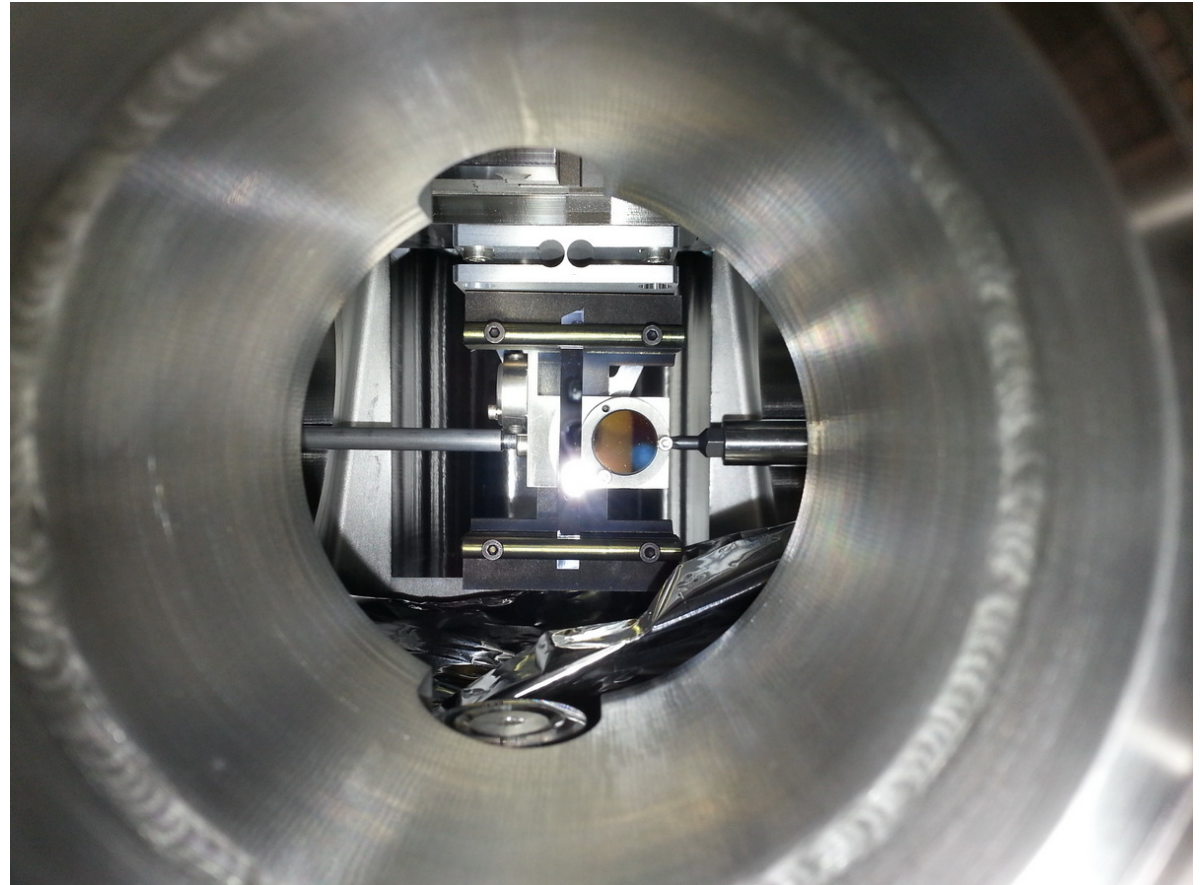


For the HL-LHC is foreseen:

- Increased beam stored energy:  $362 \text{ MJ} \rightarrow 700 \text{ MJ}$  at  $7 \text{ TeV}$   
*Collimation cleaning versus quench limits of superconducting magnets*
- Larger bunch intensity ( $I_b = 2.3 \times 10^{11} \text{ p}$ ) in smaller emittance ( $2.0 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ )  
*Collimation impedance versus beam stability*
- Operational efficiency is a must for HL-LHC!  
*Collimators: high precision devices that must work in high radiation environment*
- Upgraded ion performance ( $6 \times 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , i.e. 6 x nominal)

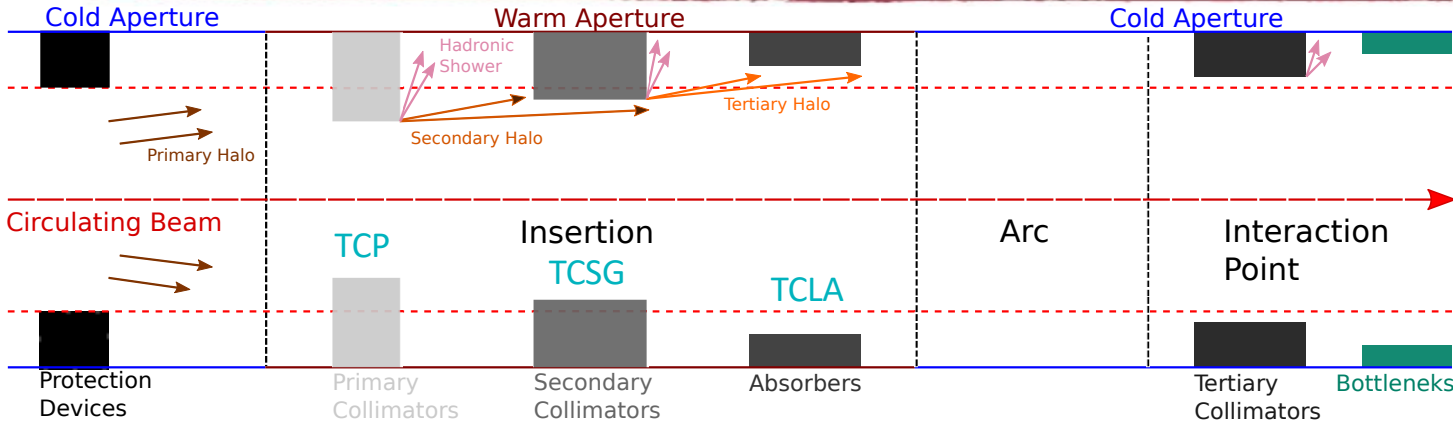


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# Collimation System @ LHC

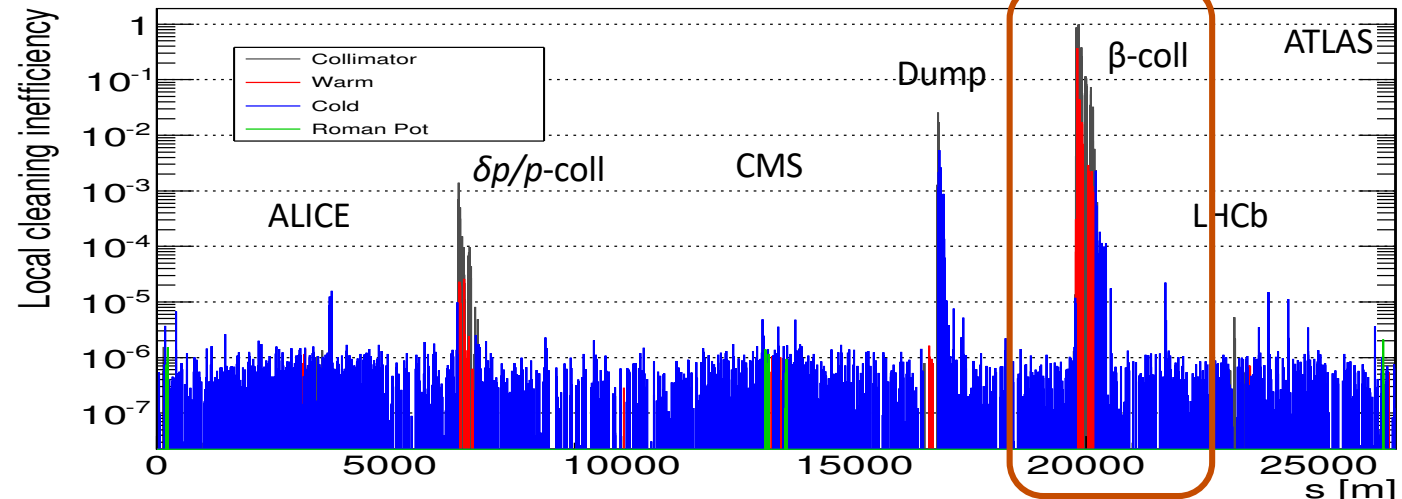
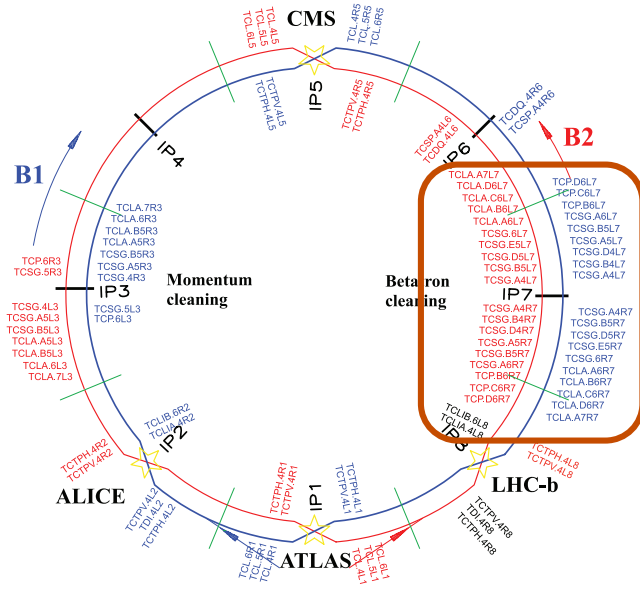


- **Halo cleaning:** reduce the risk of magnet quenches

- **Concentration of losses/activation** in controlled areas  
*Avoid many hot locations around the 27km-long tunnel*

Multistage system of 50 collimators per beam.

LHC: only machine where collimation must be used continuously in operation



## Main limitations

### Proton beams

- Single diffractive interactions  
*small deflection & non-negligible  $\delta p/p \rightarrow$  escape from insertion and are lost in the IR7-DS if  $\delta p/p > 10^{-2}$*

The cleaning inefficiency in the LHC is up to  $10^{-4}$

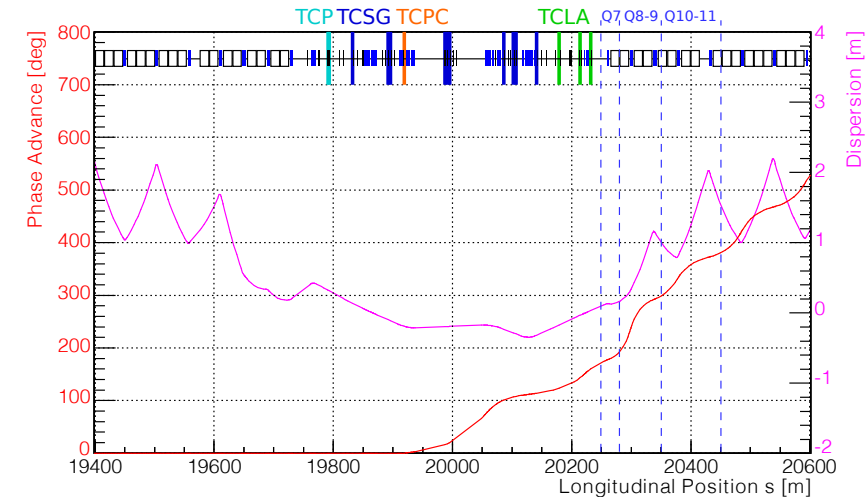
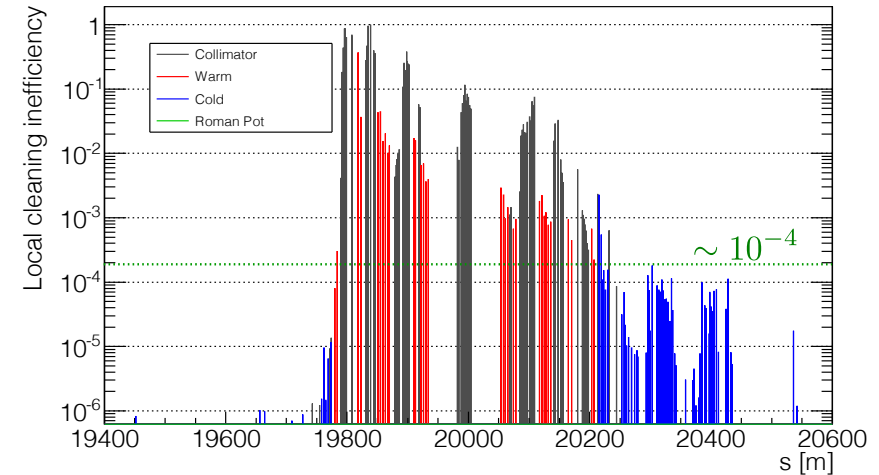
### Lead ion beams

- Fragmentation and dissociation events  
*particles with different magnetic rigidity ( $q/m$ )  $\rightarrow$  lost in the IR7-DS reducing of two order of magnitude the collimation system performance wrt to proton collimation*

The cleaning inefficiency with ions drops to  $10^{-2}$ !

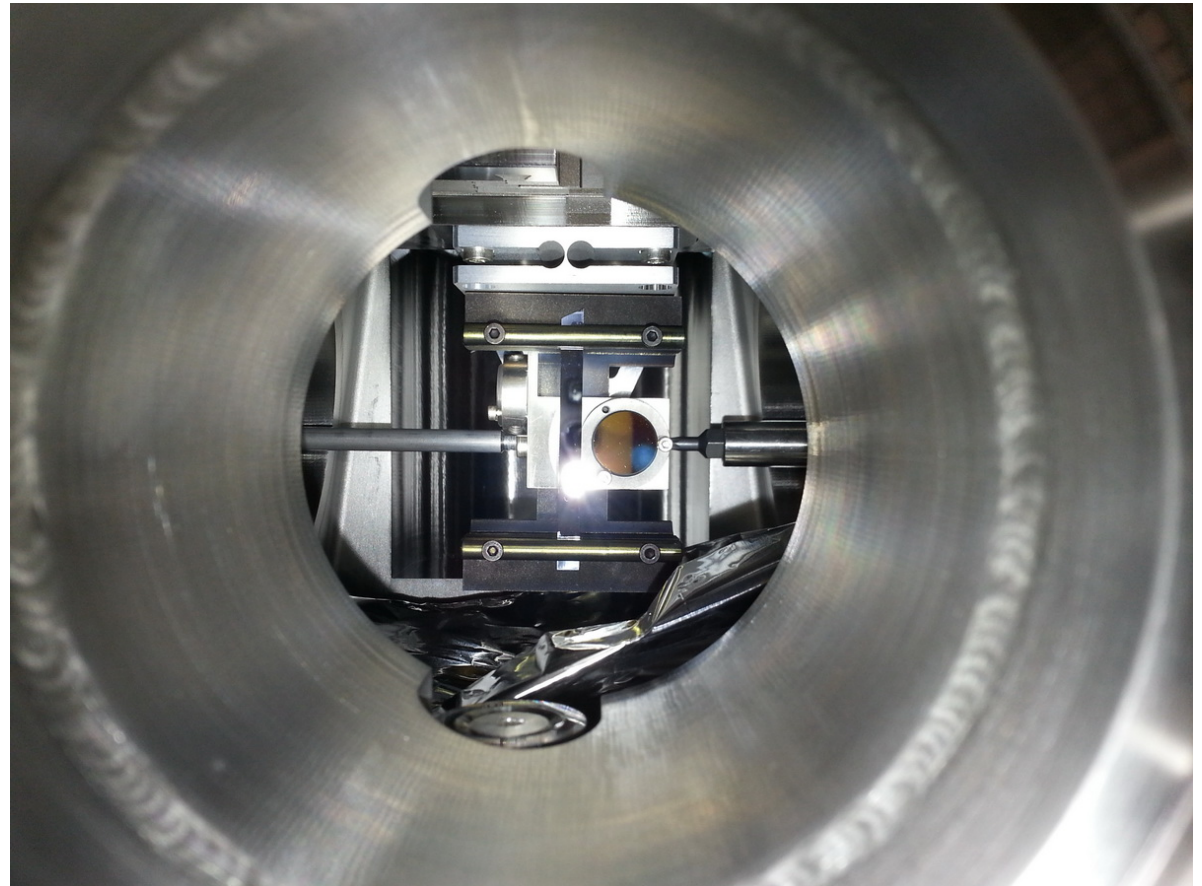
### Impedance

- Big number of collimators at small gap  $\rightarrow$  90% contribution to whole machine impedance





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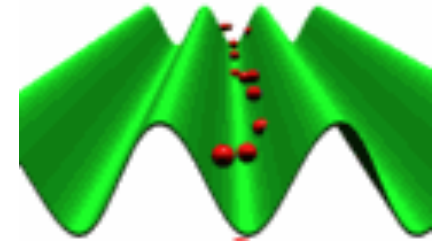


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# Crystal Channeling

**Lindhard:** “In the hypothesis of low impact angle, the potential generated by the crystalline plane can be approximated by a continuous potential.”

**Channeling :** Transverse momenta < potential well



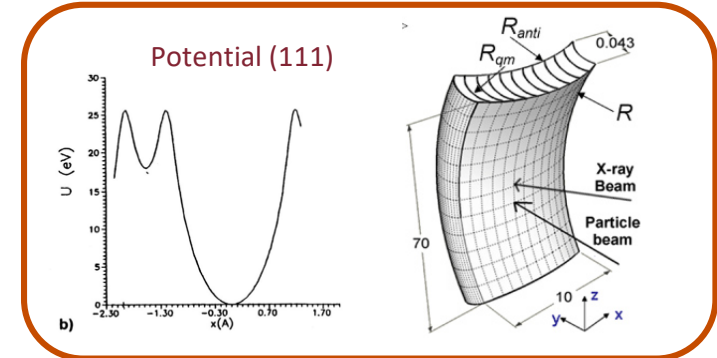
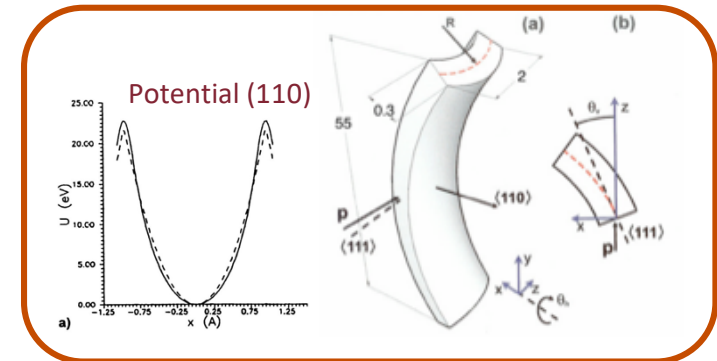
The channeling condition can be defined as

$$\frac{p^2 c^2}{2E} \theta^2 + U(x) \leq U_{max}$$

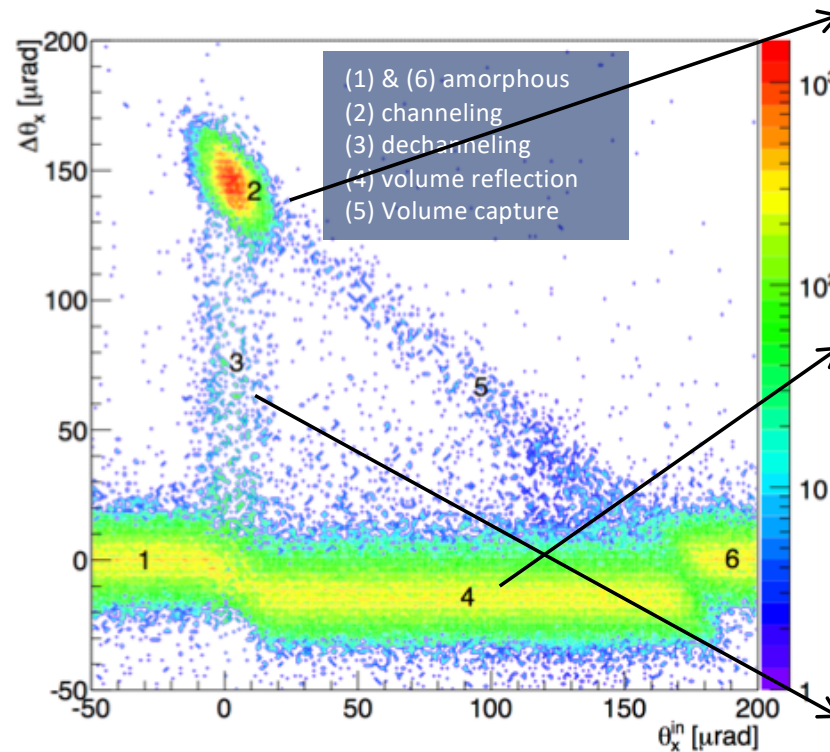
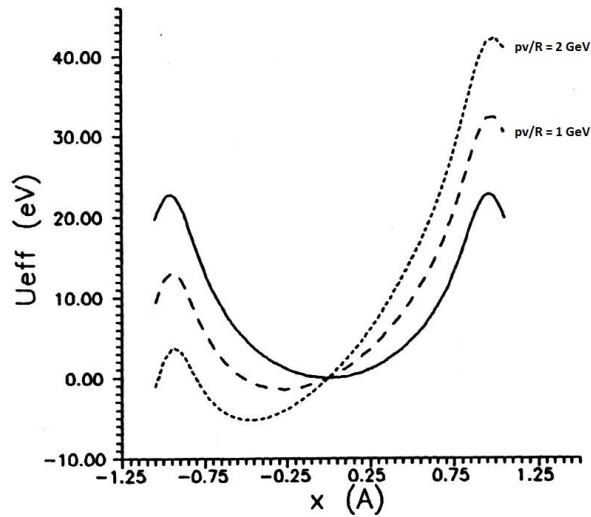
Critical angle

$$\theta_c = \sqrt{\frac{2U_{max}}{pv}}$$

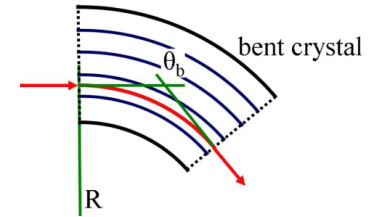
Case	Energy [GeV]	$\theta_c$ [ $\mu rad$ ]
SPS coast	120	18.3
SPS coast	270	12.2
H8	400	10.0
LHC inj.	450	9.4
LHC top	6500	2.5
LHC top	7000	2.4



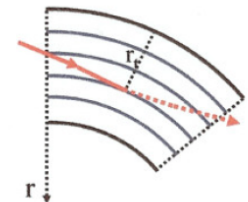
The particles are trapped in the channel, hence if a curvature is given to the lattice the particles direction will be modified by  $\theta_b = l/R$



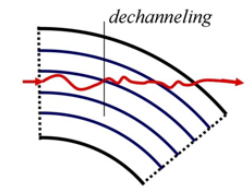
Planar channeling (CH)



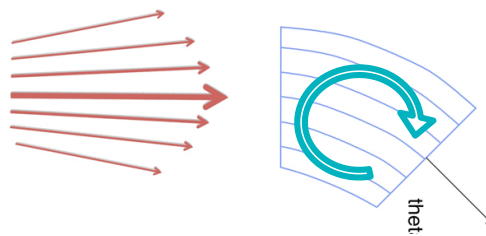
Volume Reflection (VR)



Dechanneling (DC)



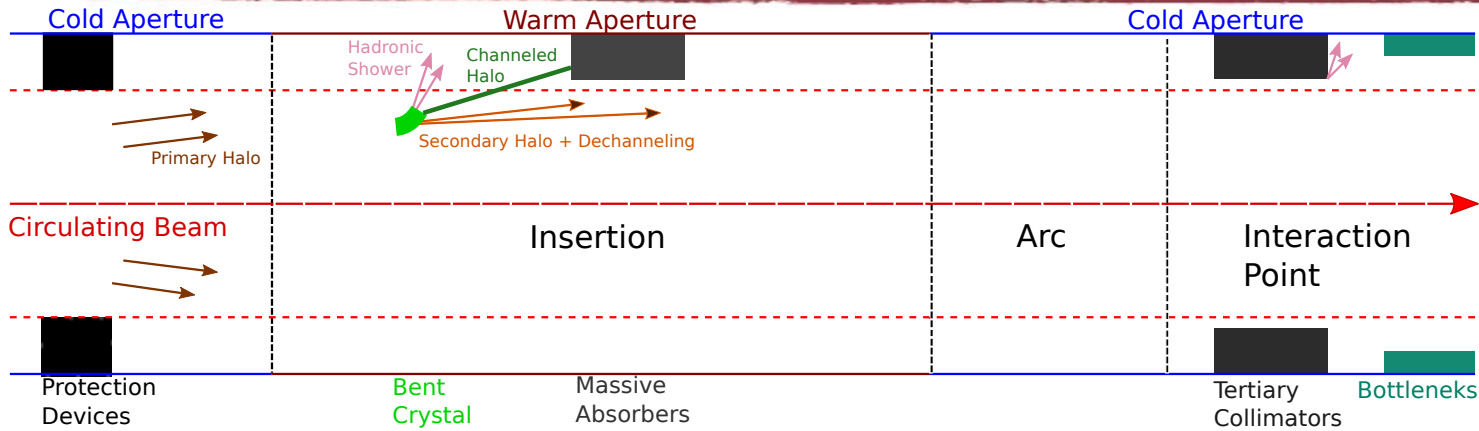
$$R_c = \frac{pvx_{max}}{2U_{max}} \Rightarrow \theta_c^b = \theta_c \left(1 - \frac{R_c}{R}\right)$$



Single pass measurements with 400 GeV protons. Strip crystal (110) with a bending of 144 μrad.



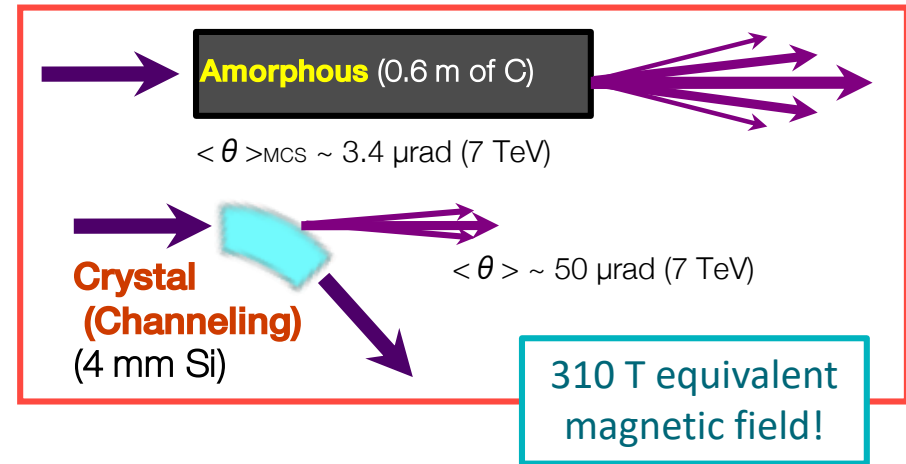
# Crystal Collimation



## Advantages of crystal collimation at the LHC:

- Improve **collimation cleaning** (by a factor 10);  
*Reducing off-momentum losses in DS*
- Lower **impedance**;  
*Less collimators at larger gaps*

Can we use crystal collimation to improve the LHC collimation performance?



For the future **HL-LHC** an upgrade of the actual collimation system is required

- Good baseline solution for proton beams
- ❓ No solution for lead ion beams

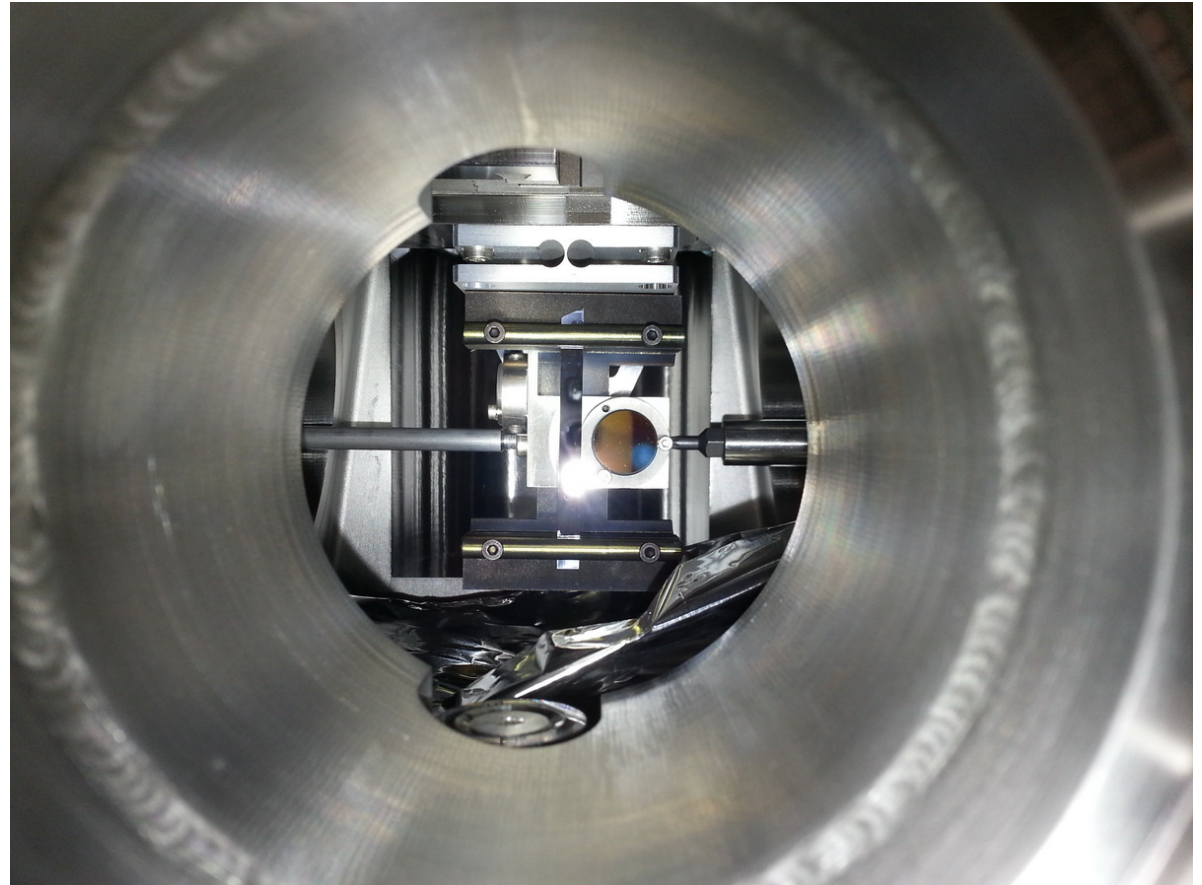
Crystal collimation *could improve the ion cleaning* and is one of the R&D subject

## Different challenges to be addressed

- ❏ Understanding limitations of present Collimation System
- ❏ **Channeling assessment** at LHC energy range for both proton and ion beams
- ❏ **Experimental assessment of crystal collimation performance** in the LHC for both proton and ion beams
- ❏ Understanding of experimental results in **simulation**
- ❏ Study and design of an **absorber** stage
- ❏ Design of new layouts for a complete crystal system on both beams

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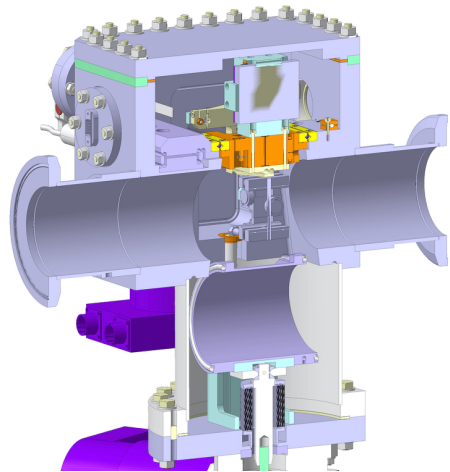
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# LHC Crystal Device

Prototype system has been integrated in the LHC collimation layout

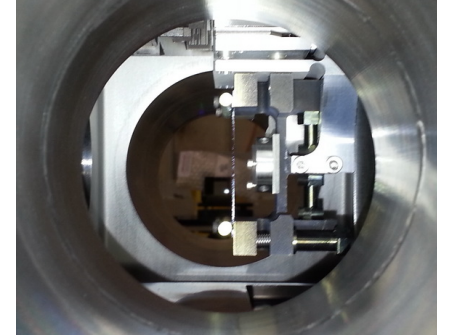
Two goniometers (one horizontal and one vertical) were installed in 2014 in positions where a secondary collimator could be used as absorber. Each is equipped with one crystal.



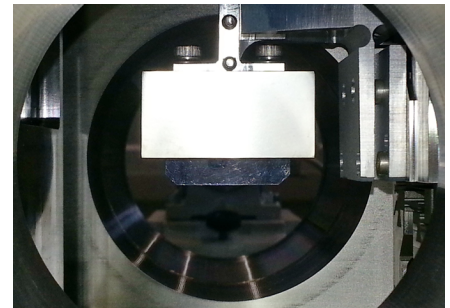
The goniometers are based on piezo-electric technology, and are able to achieve  $0.1 \mu\text{rad}$  of accuracy

Two new devices have been installed on B2.

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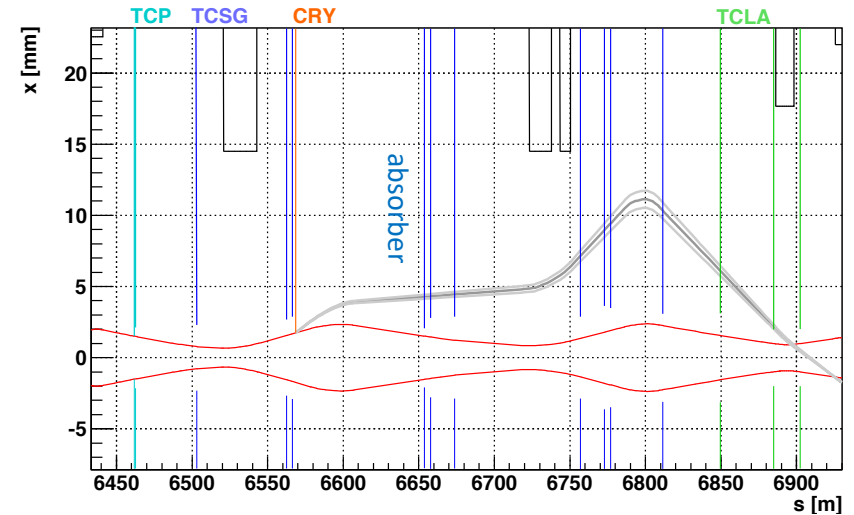
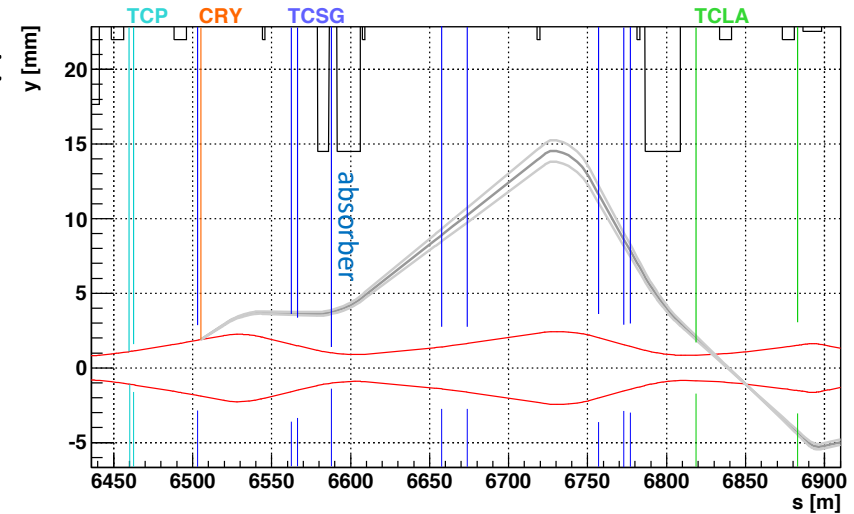
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Semi-analytical studies has been provided to find the best location to install the crystal on beam 2 line.

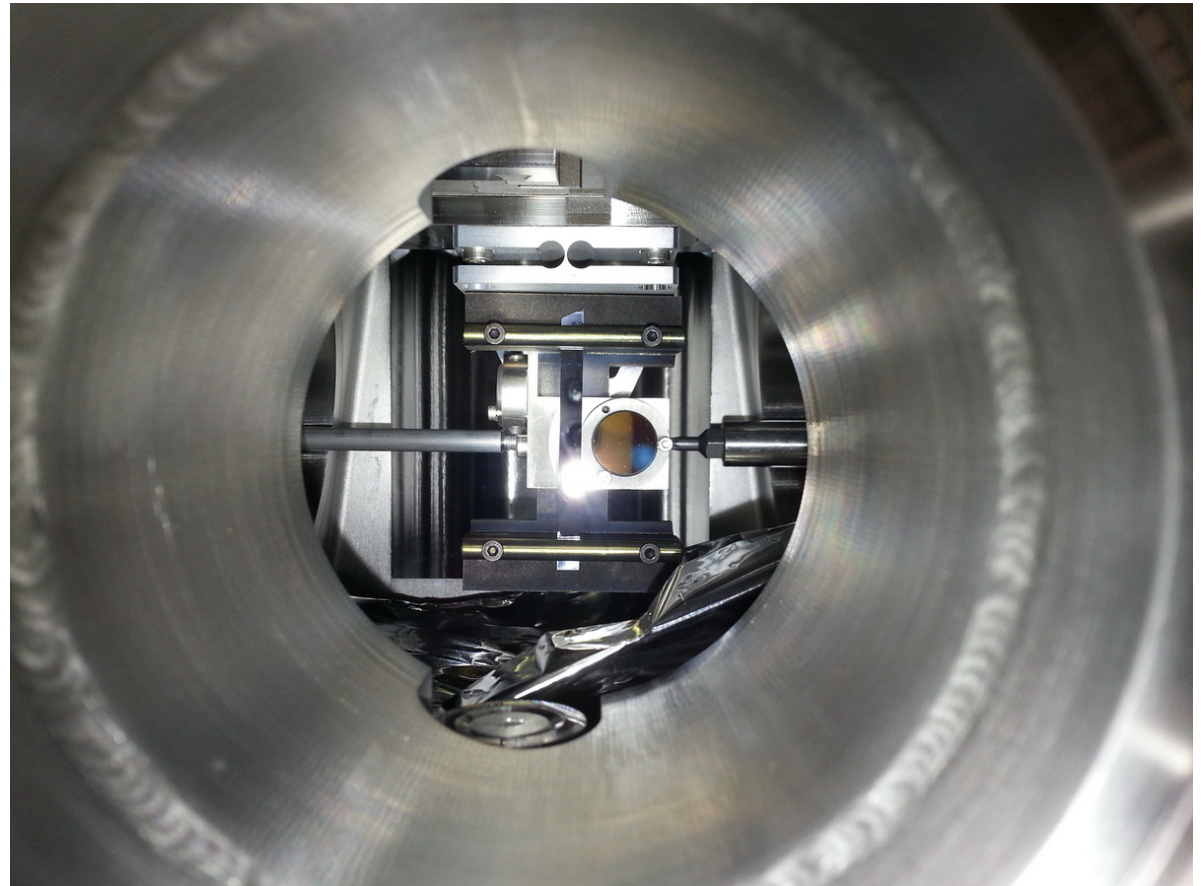
Crystal request defined before 2014 restart:

- Bending angle : 50  $\mu$ rad
- Length : 4 mm



Two new locations have been found and installation was done in the 2017 winter shutdown

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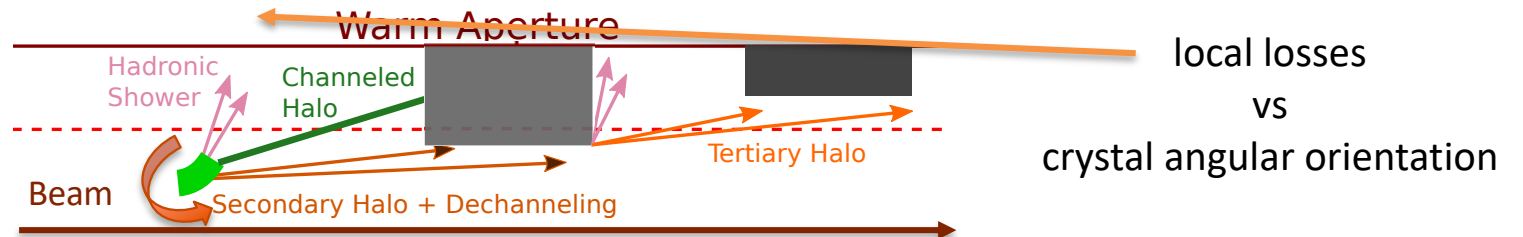


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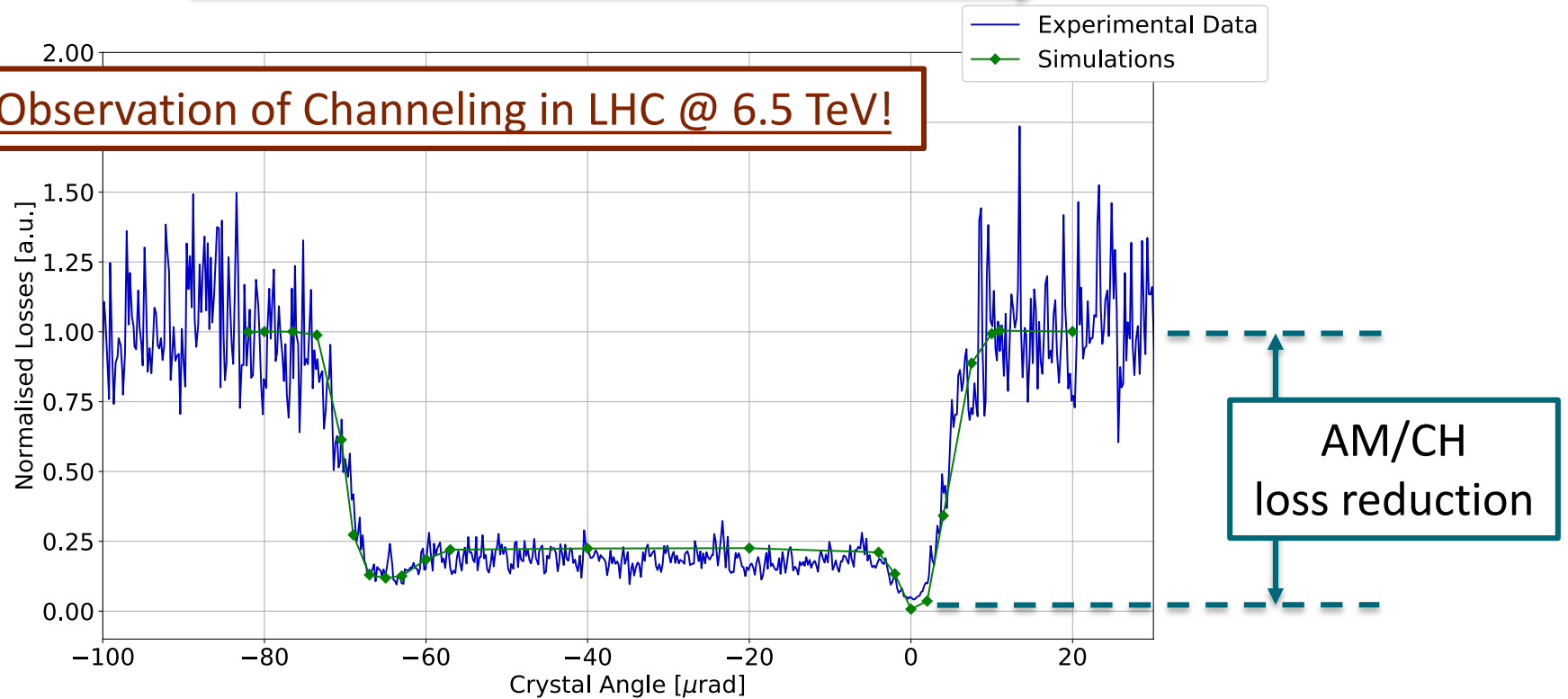


# Channeling Observation

## 1. Angular Scan

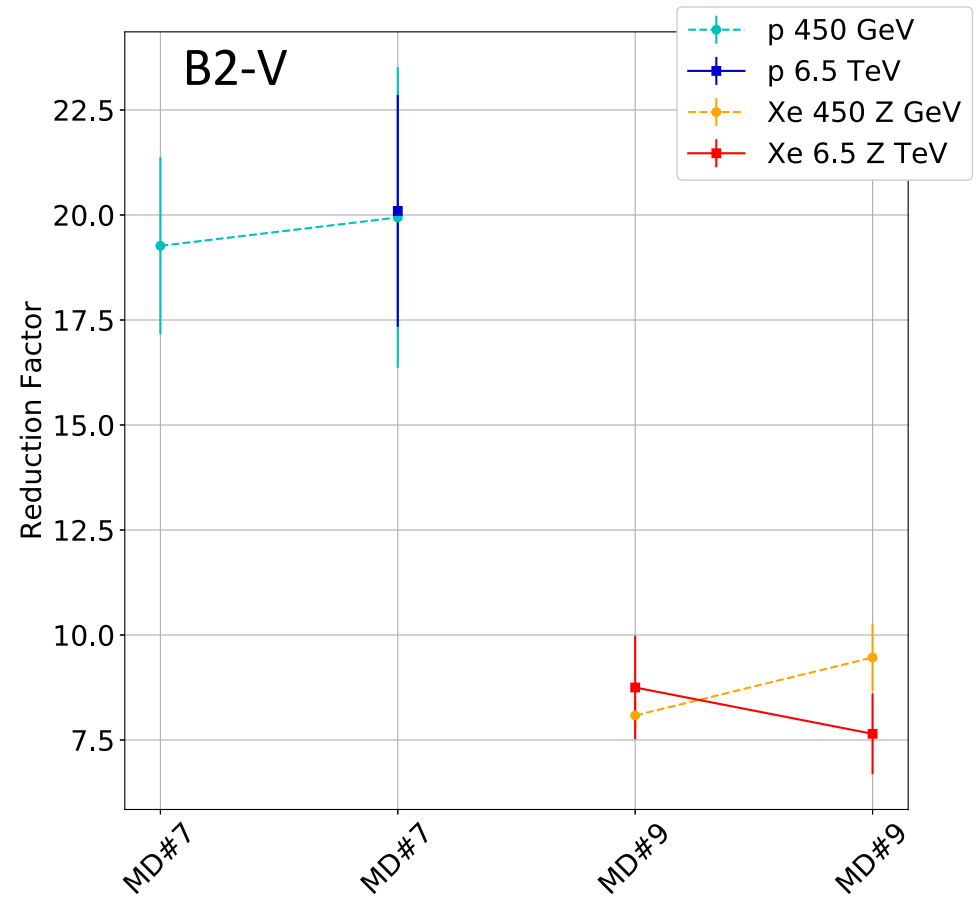
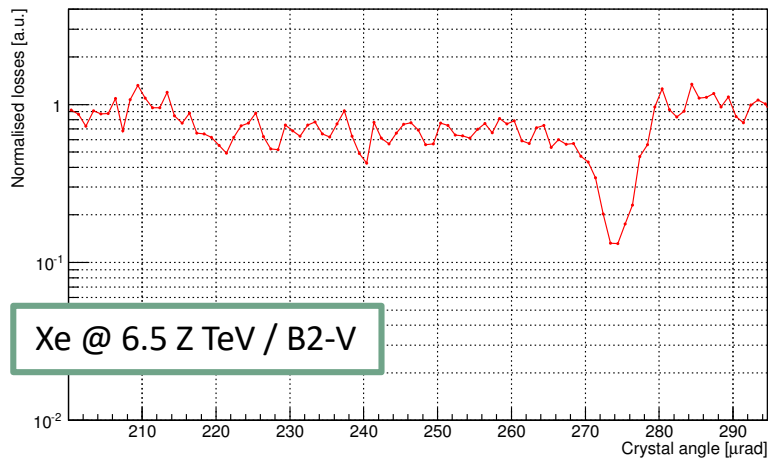
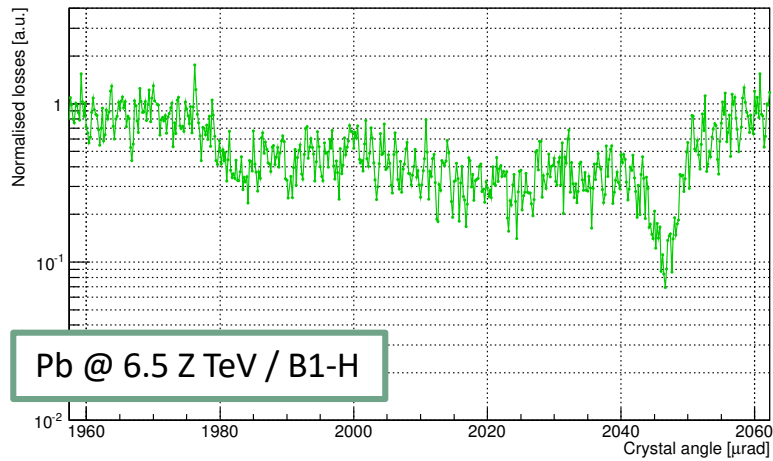


## First Observation of Channeling in LHC @ 6.5 TeV!



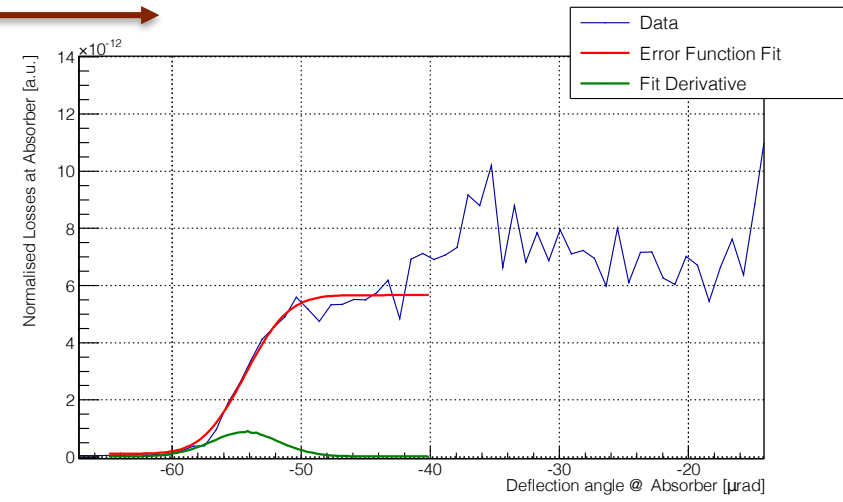
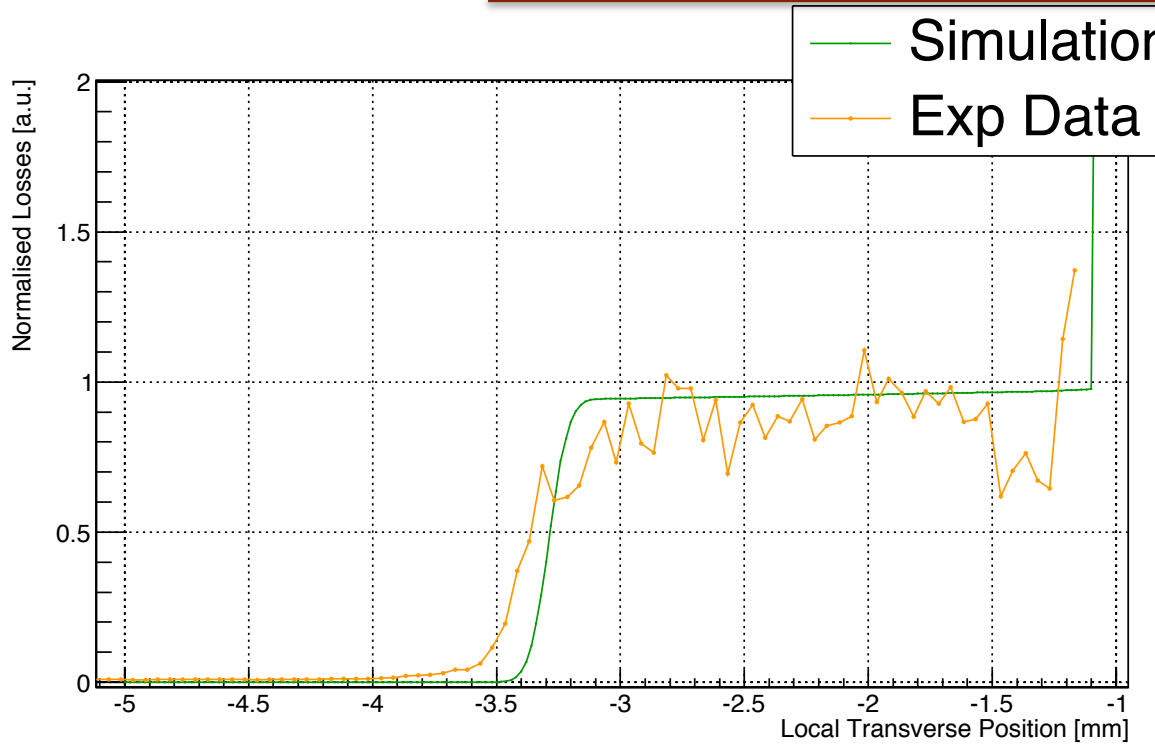
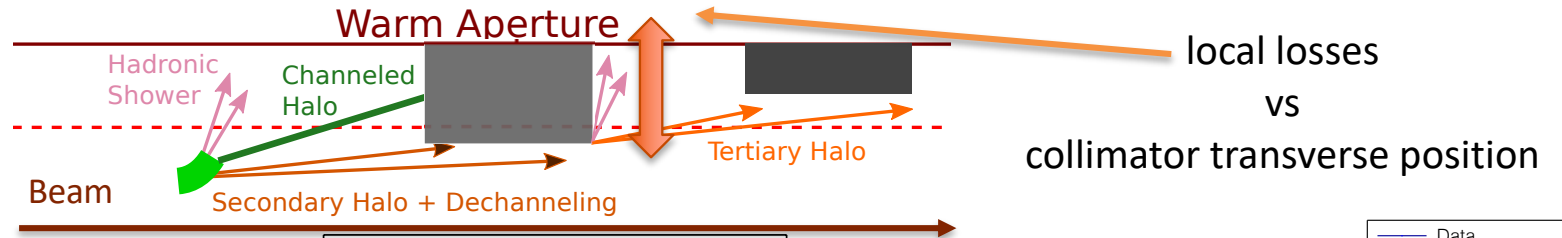
# Angular Scans

First observation of channeling with **lead and xenon ions at 6.5 Z TeV.**



# Channeling Observation

## 2. Absorber Scan



With Transport Matrix can be evaluated  
 the deflection angle at collimator  
 position!



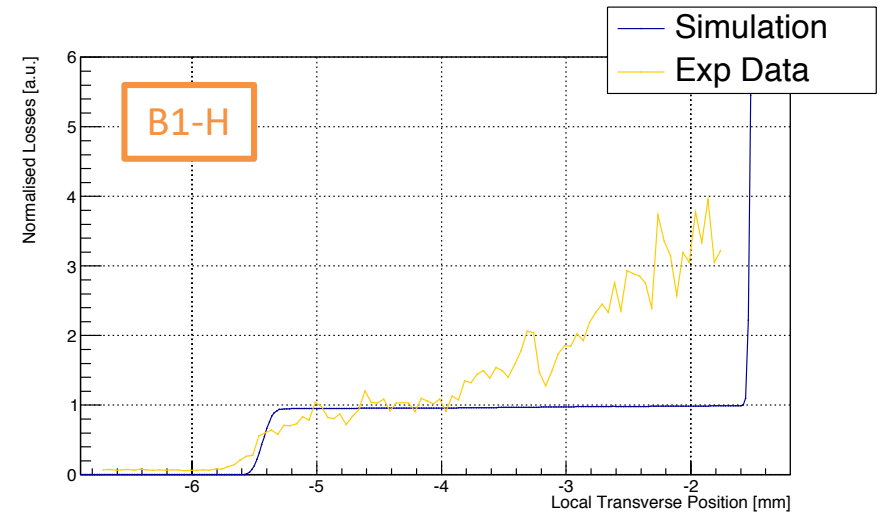
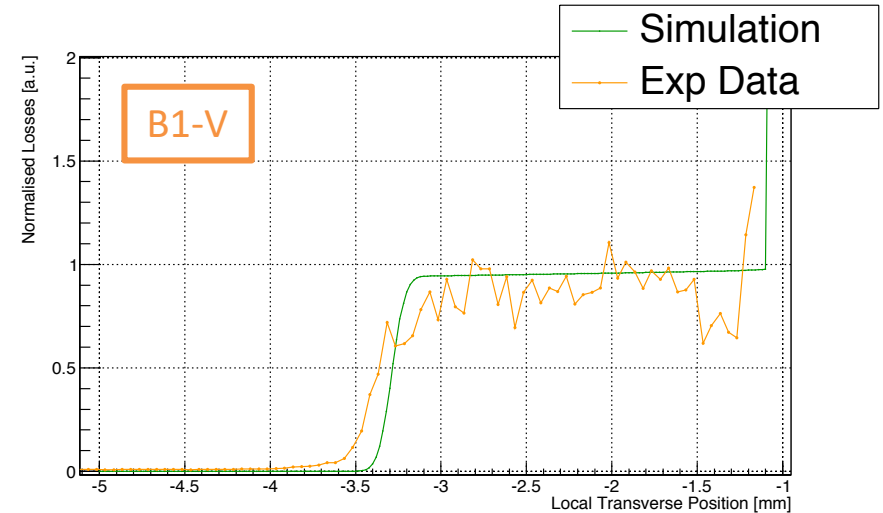
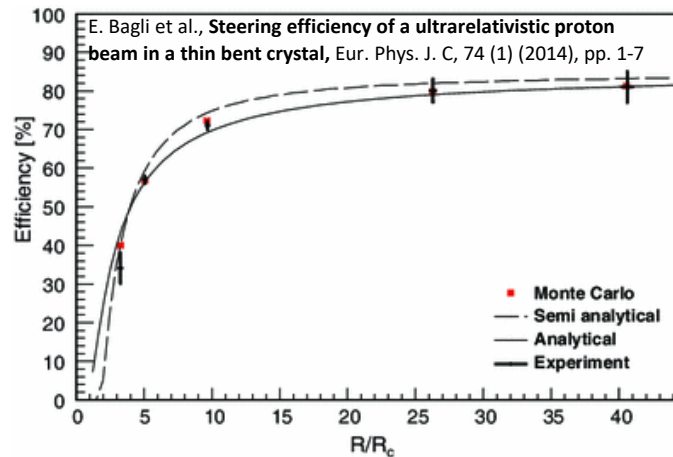
# Linear Scans

In collimator scan simulations, it is evident that the dechanneled population at lower deflection angles is higher in B1-H.

The main difference we can find between the two conditions is the bending angle of the two crystals.

- B1-V:  $\theta_b = 40 \mu\text{rad}$ ,  $R = 100 \text{ m}$
- B1-H:  $\theta_b = 63 \mu\text{rad}$ ,  $R = 63 \text{ m}^*$

\*  $\sim 4$  critical radius ( $\sim 15.6 \text{ m @ } 6.5 \text{ TeV}$ ): in this regime nuclear dechanneling is enhanced and there is no analytical description (simulation discrepancies)



# Overview

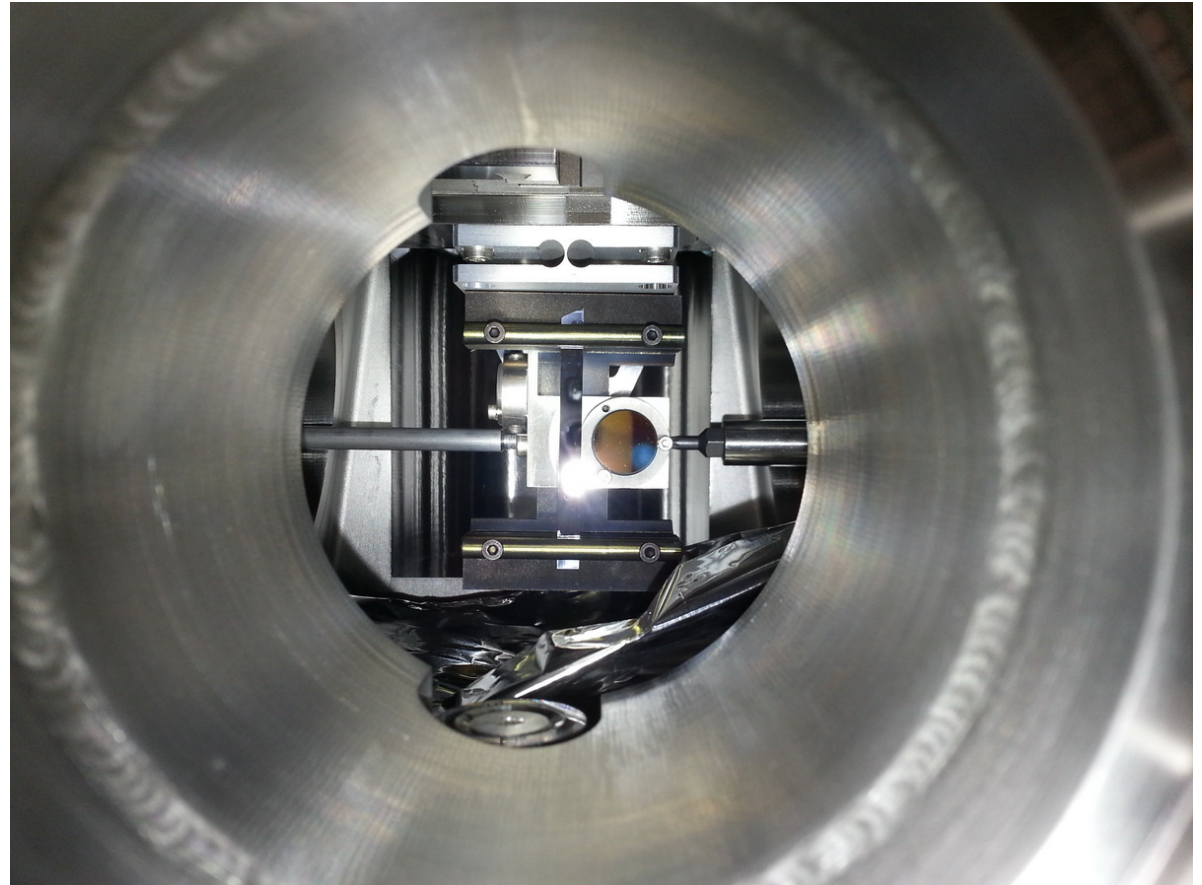
Crystal	Reduction Factor						Bending Angle [ $\mu$ rad]
	p		Pb		Xe		
	Injection	Flat Top	Injection	Flat Top	Injection	Flat Top	
B1-H	$17.5 \pm 2.9$	$26.9 \pm 5.5$	$6.1 \pm 0.5$	$8.3 \pm 1.2$	$8.4 \pm 0.6$	$6.4 \pm 1.1$	$63.2 \pm 1.7$
B1-V	$17.8 \pm 3.6$	$17.7 \pm 3.9$	$5.6 \pm 0.8$	$6.2 \pm 2.3$	$5.8 \pm 0.7$	$3.9 \pm 0.5$	$39.8 \pm 2.3$
B2-H	$10.6 \pm 2.5$	–	–	–	–	–	$52.1 \pm 1.6$
B2-V	$19.6 \pm 0.5$	$20.1 \pm 0.3$	–	–	$8.8 \pm 1.0$	$8.2 \pm 0.8$	$56.5 \pm 1.5$

Crystal on B1 out of specs

For each crystal has been evaluated

- AM/CH reduction factor for different conditions;
- the deflection angle is averaged over all the measurements.

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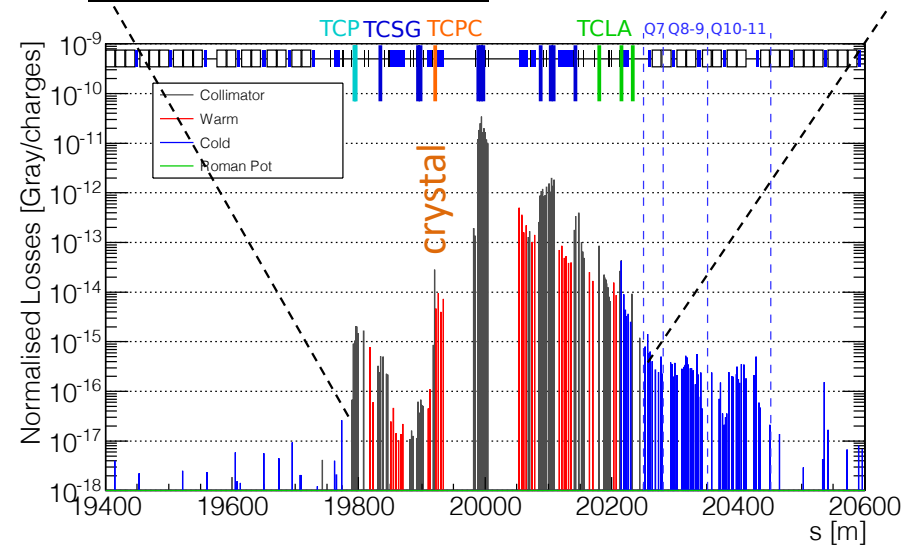
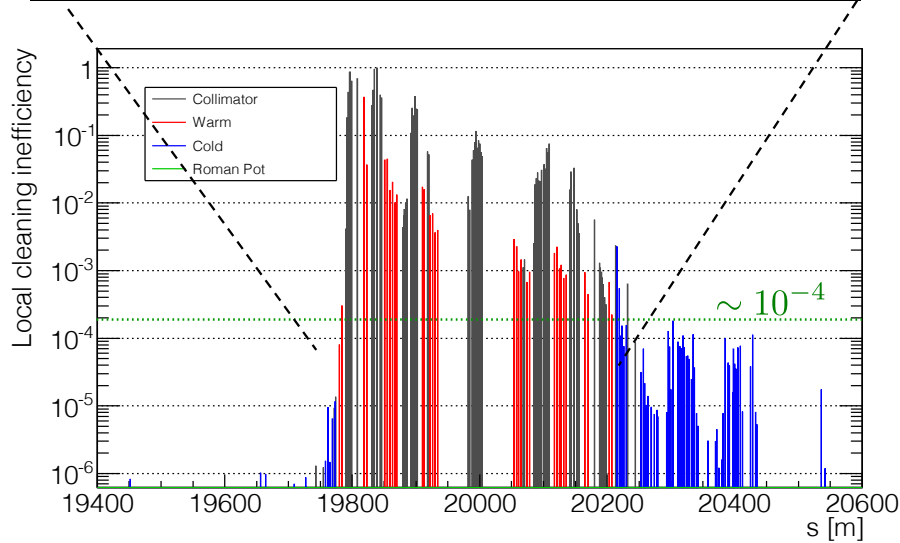
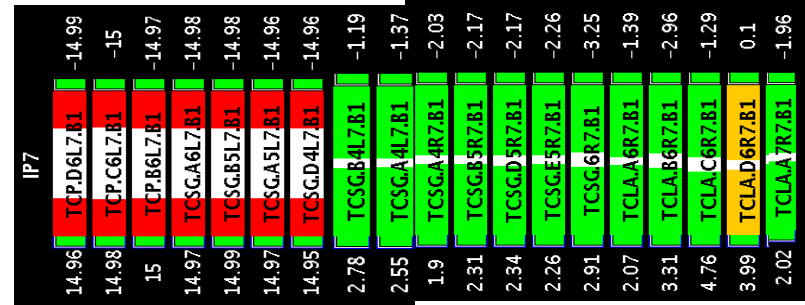
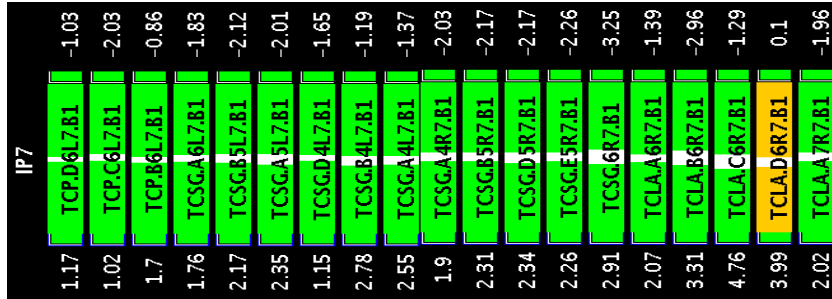


# Collimation Loss Maps

Present IR7 — tight settings

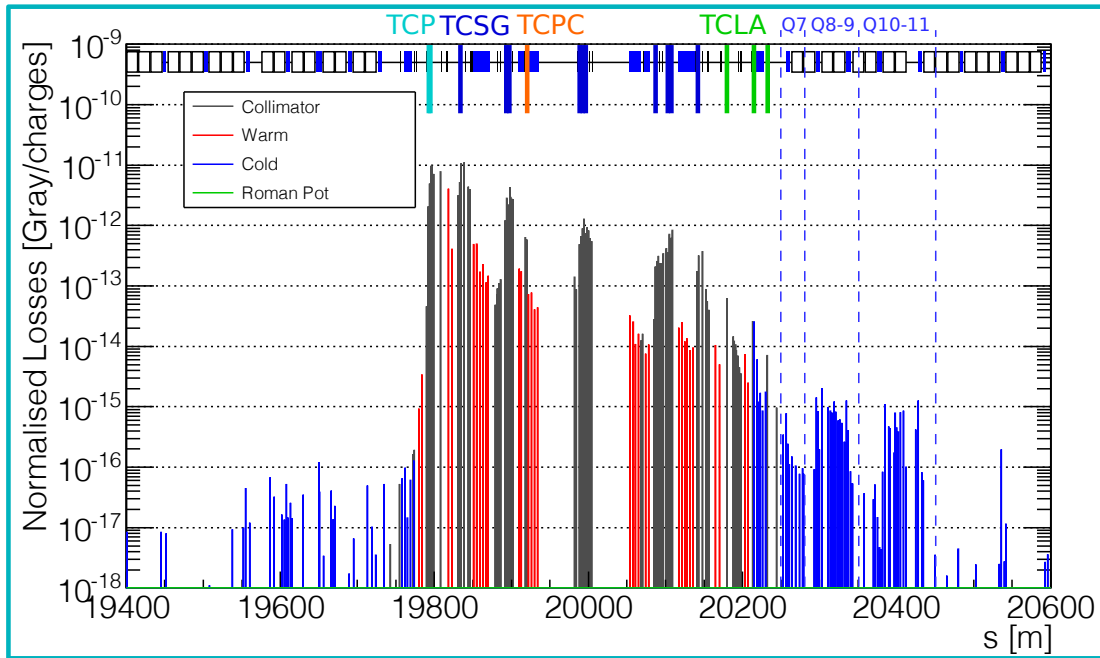
1 crystal, TCSG + TCLA

Beam →

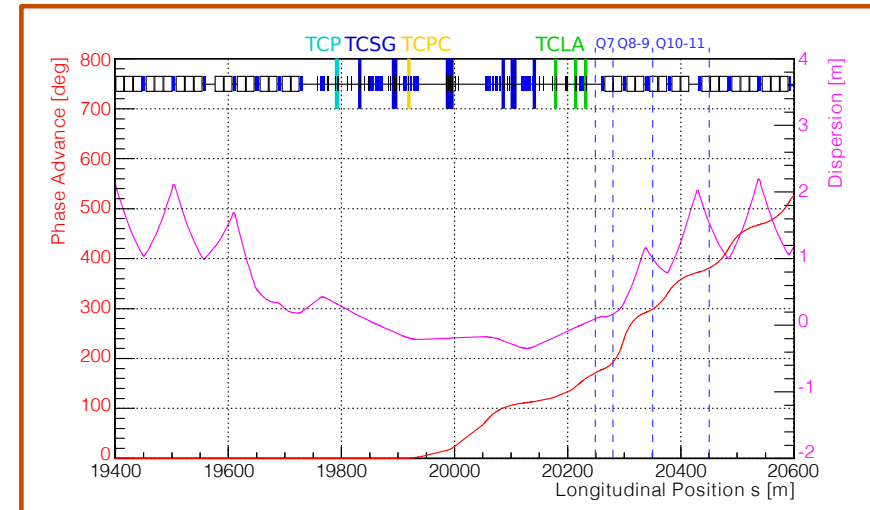
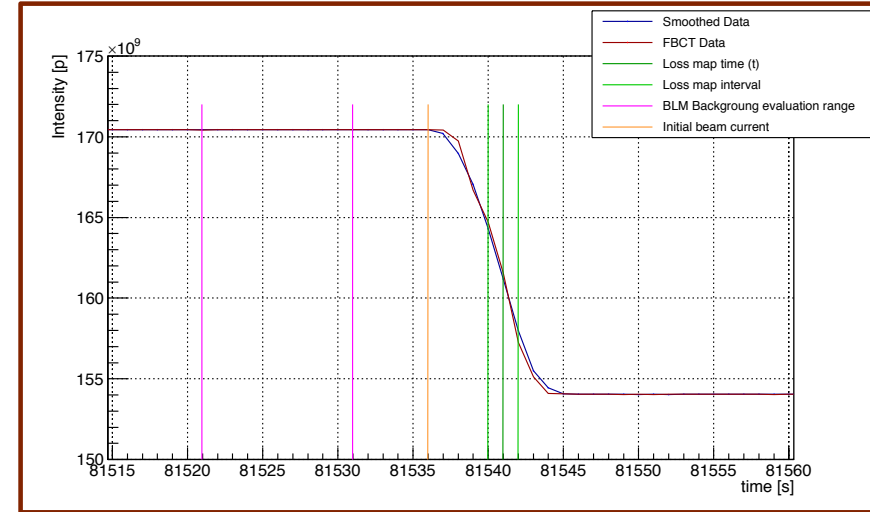


Crystal in CH reduce losses at primary collimation stage: new normalisation needed

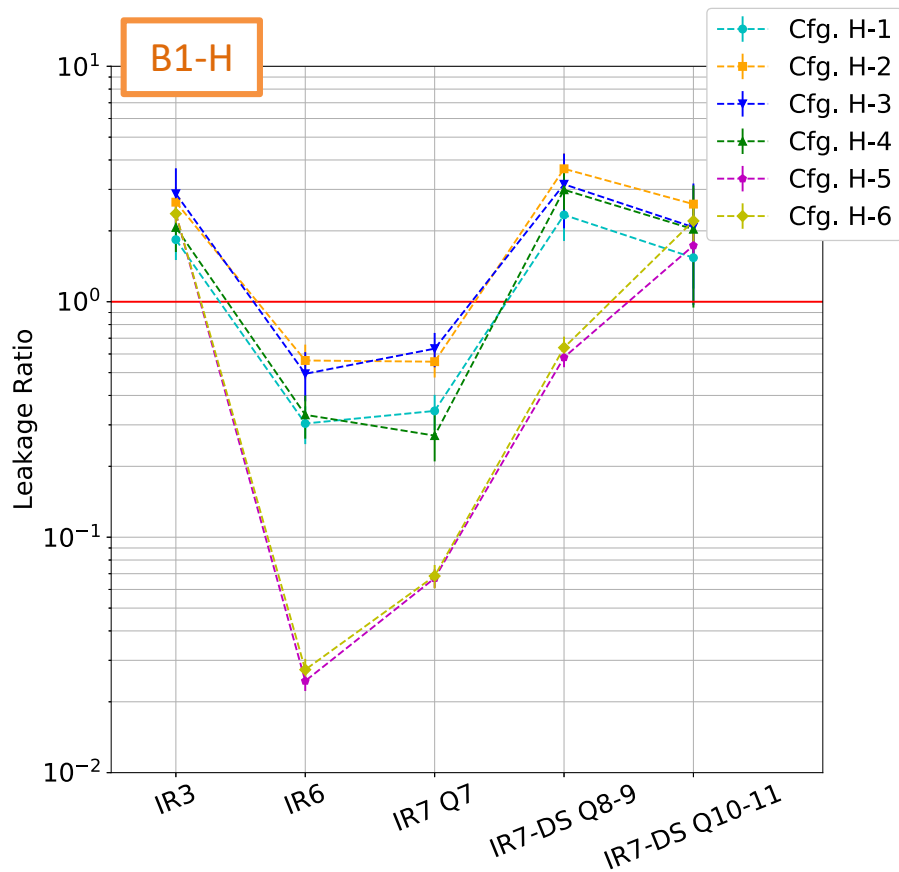
Normalisation to beam flux  $\Rightarrow$  Particles lost in collimation system



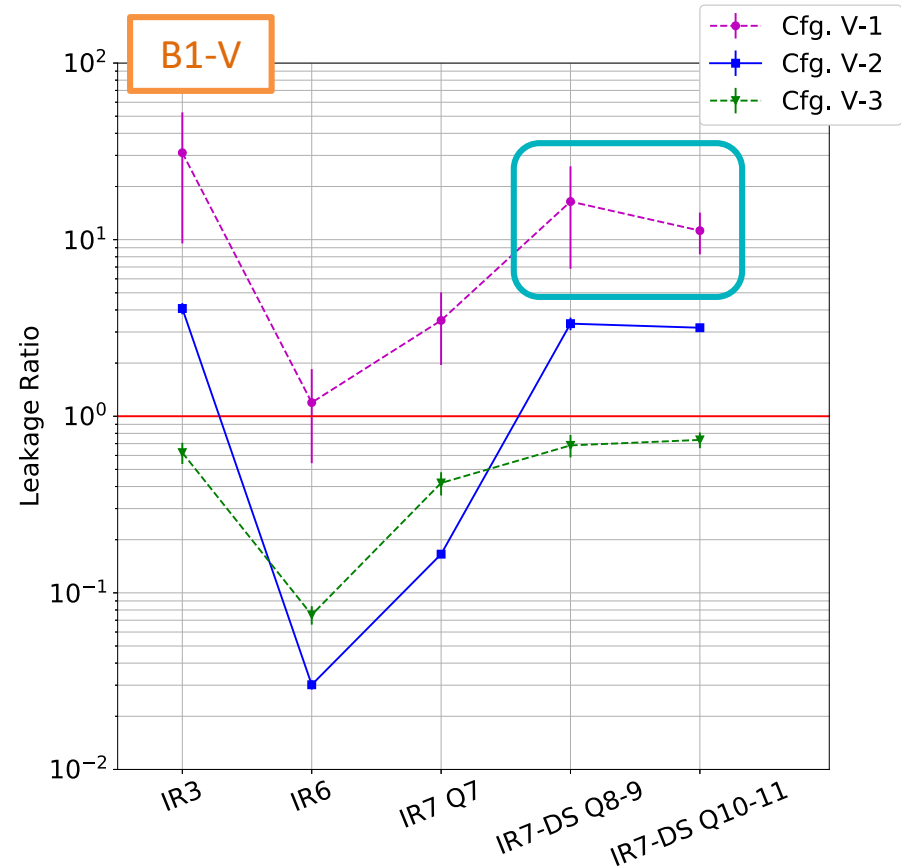
To compare the crystal collimation to the standard collimation the leakage of particles in specific region near to the IR7-DS is evaluated by normalizing losses to the beam flux.



# Proton Cleaning



Worse performance with B1-H

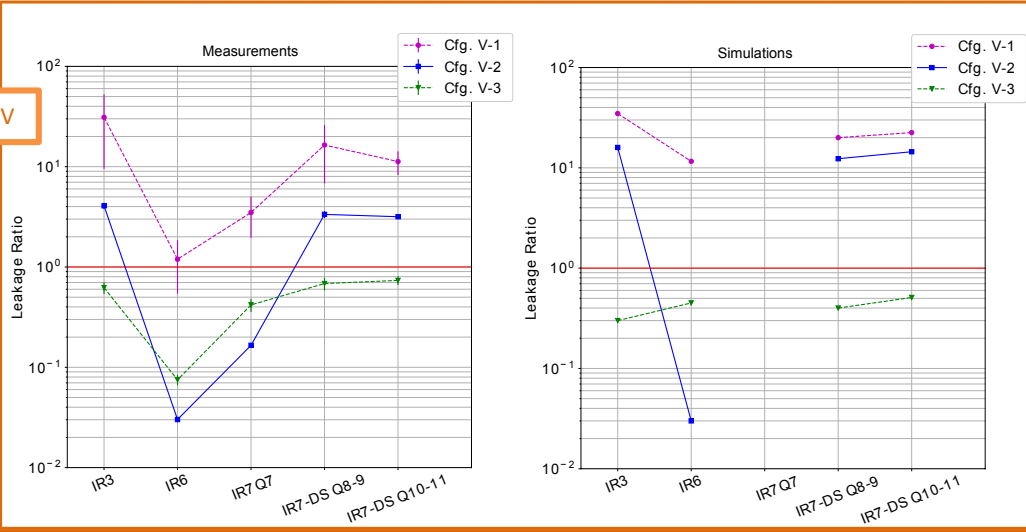


Good results in measurements with B1-V  
Factor 10 of improvements in IR7-DS

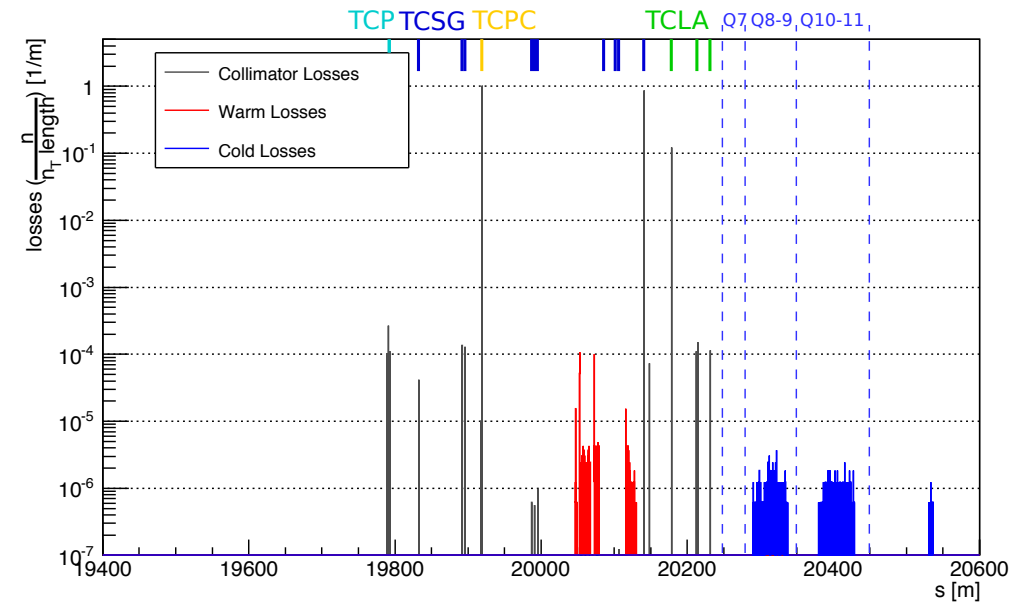
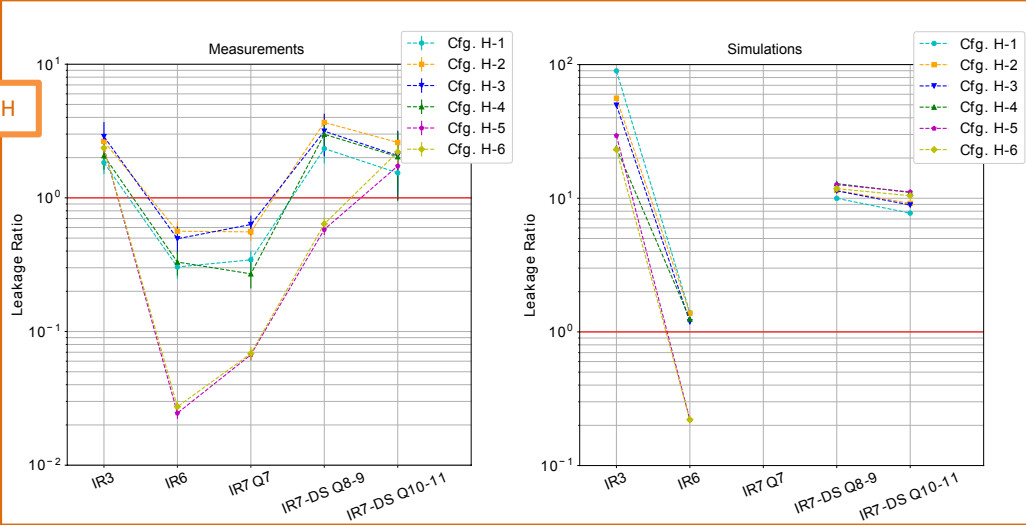


# Simulations Cleaning

B1-V



B1-H

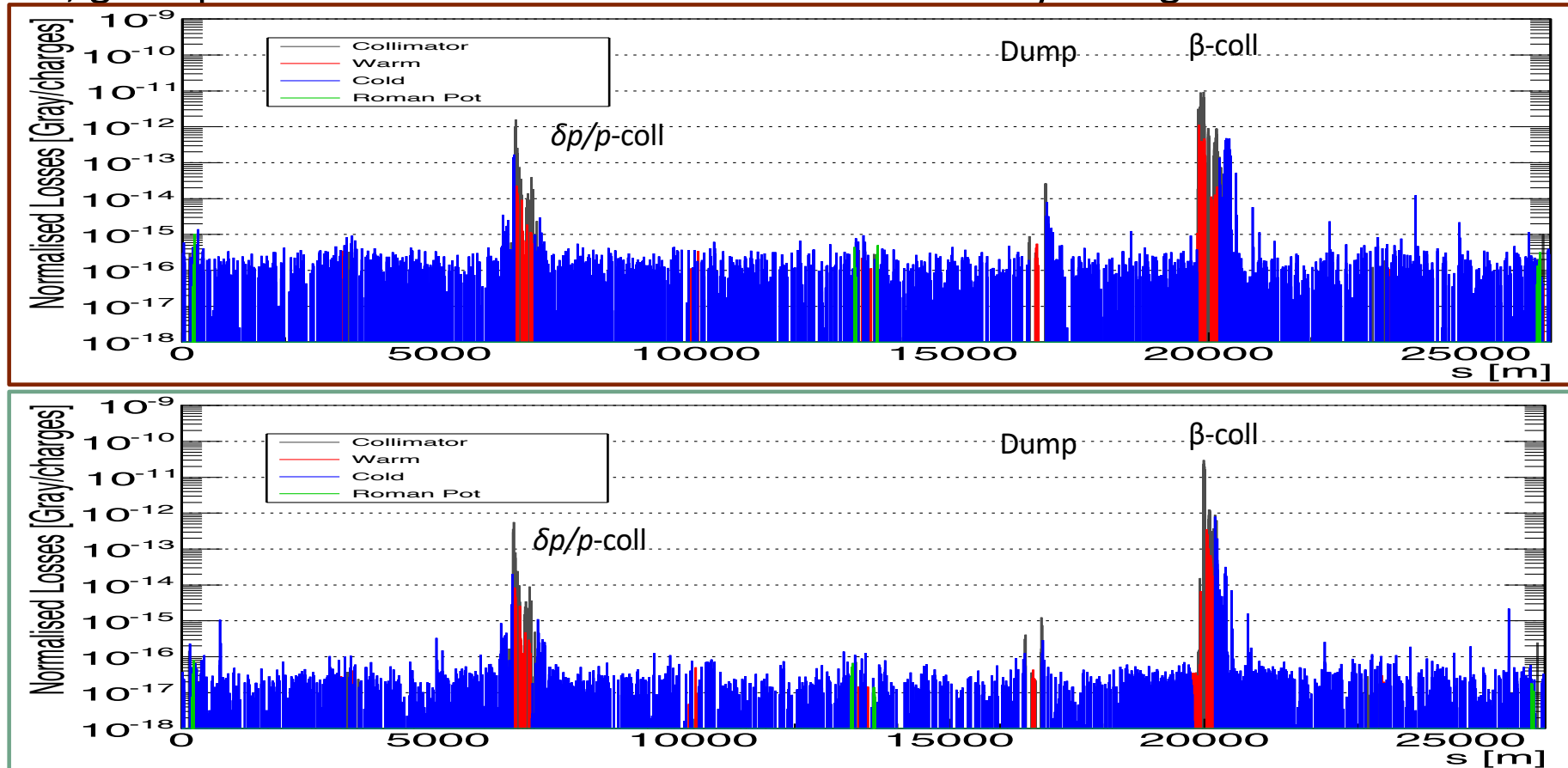


Comparing cleaning simulations to measurements

- good agreement with data is found in vertical plane;
- important difference (factor ~3) is observed in the horizontal plane.

# Xenon Cleaning

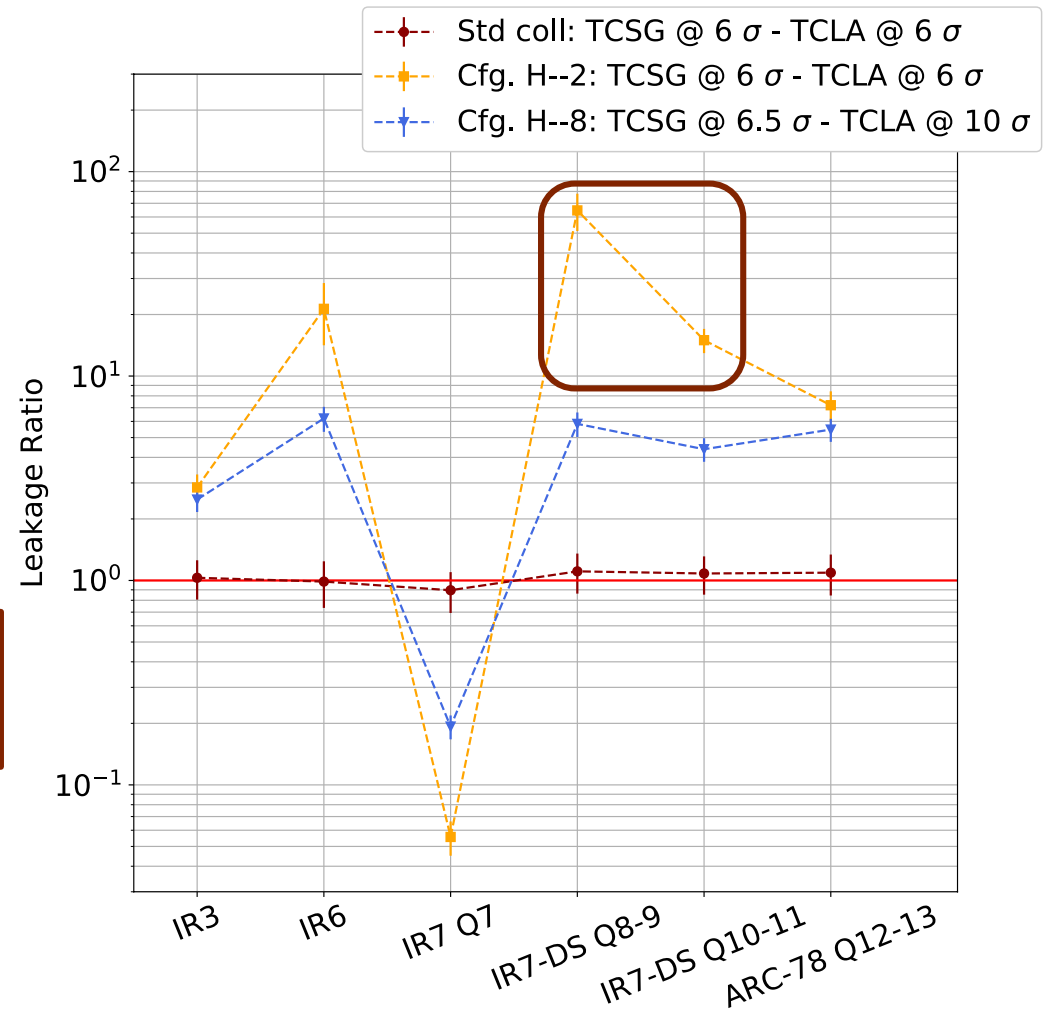
In general, good performance were observed with almost any configuration



Looking at loss maps along the ring: no dangerous peaks with crystal.

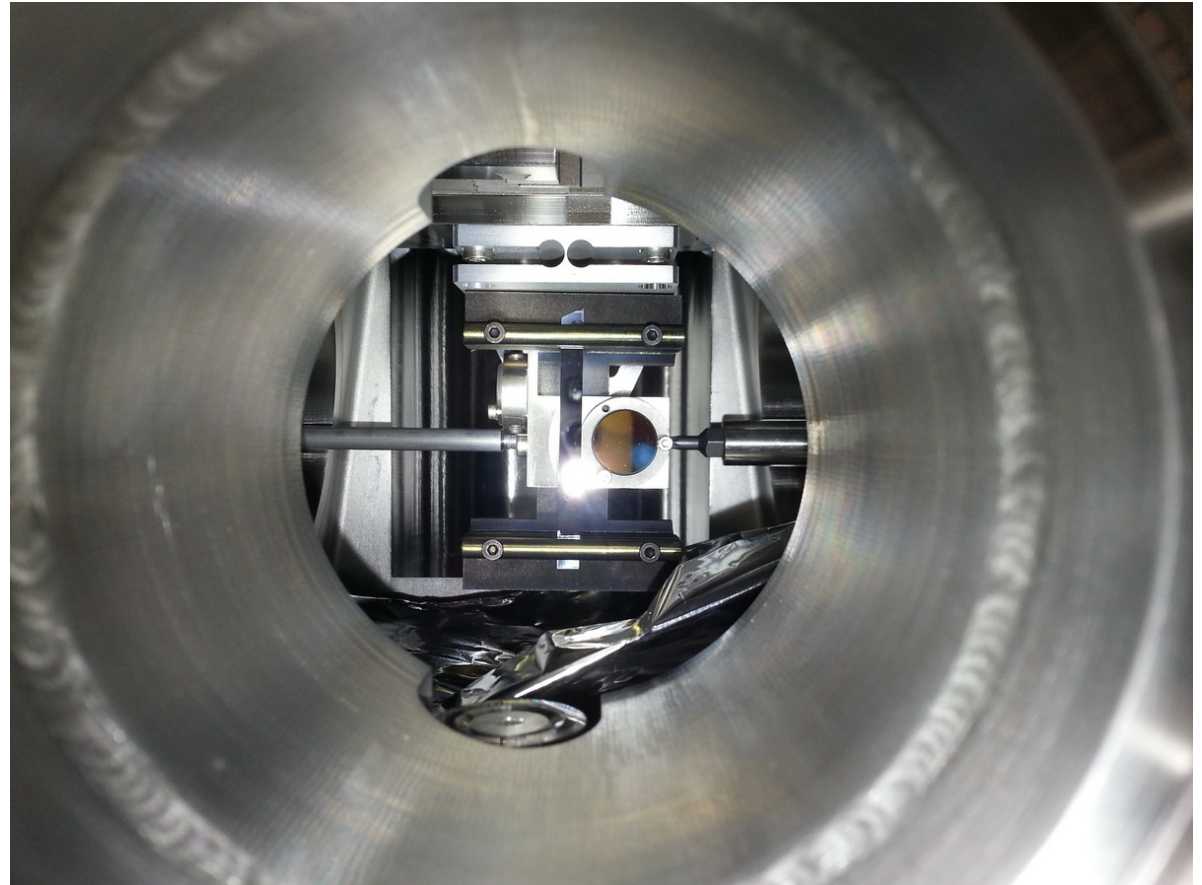
# Xenon Cleaning

For B1-H the high dechanneling made us close the settings of the downstream collimators



An improvement larger than a order of magnitude is observed in the IR7-DS

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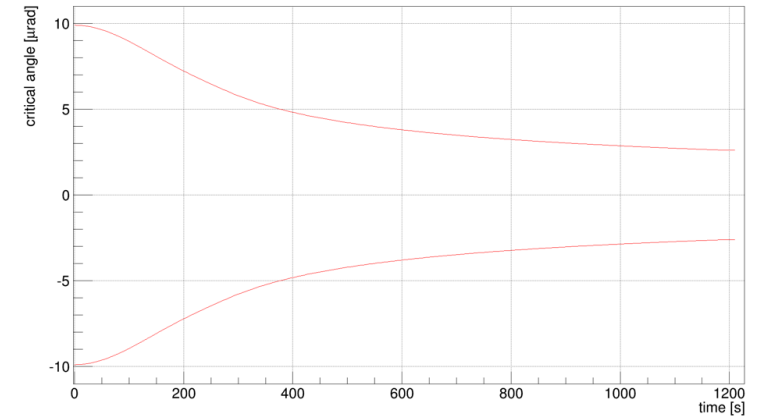
# Energy Ramp Up in LHC

In order to use crystal collimation during operation, it is needed to keep the crystal in the channeling orientation during dynamics phases like the energy ramp.

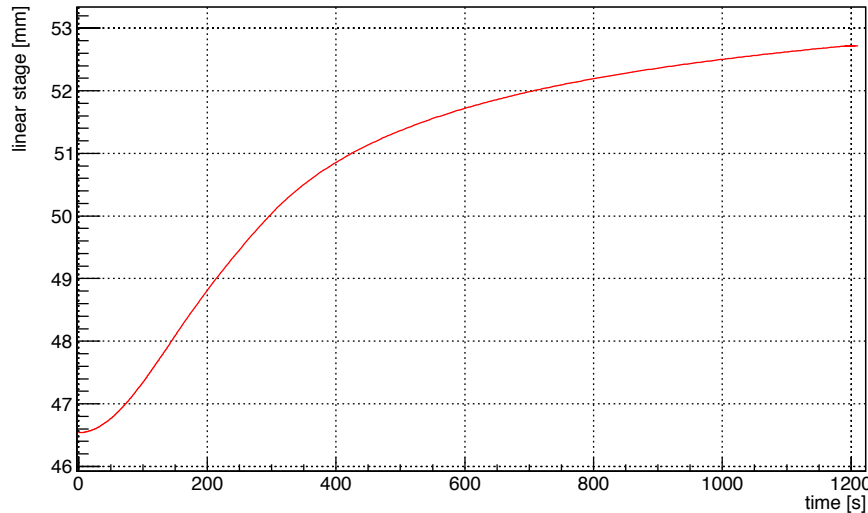
Due to the adiabatic dumping:

- Shrinking of the beam size;
- Changes in the  $x'$  distribution as well.

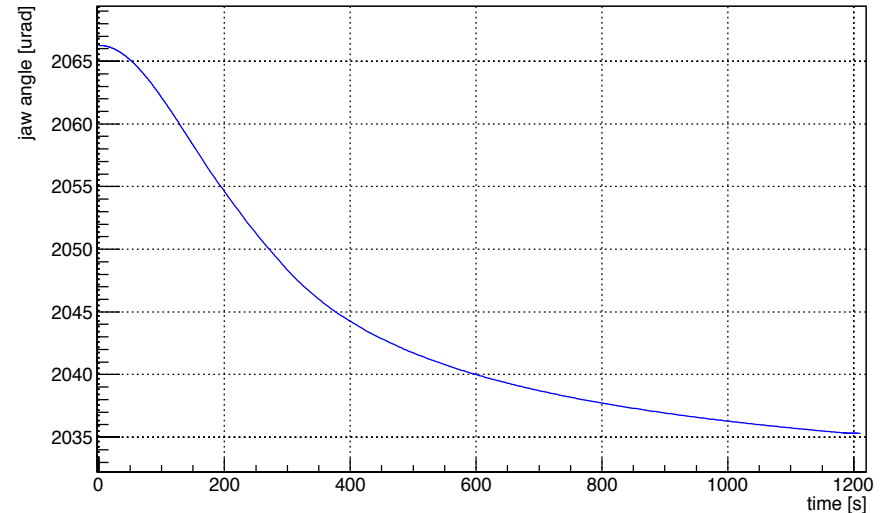
This is challenging because the critical angle  $\theta_c$  with 6.5 TeV protons for a silicon crystal drops to  $2.5 \mu\text{rad}$ .



linear ramp function

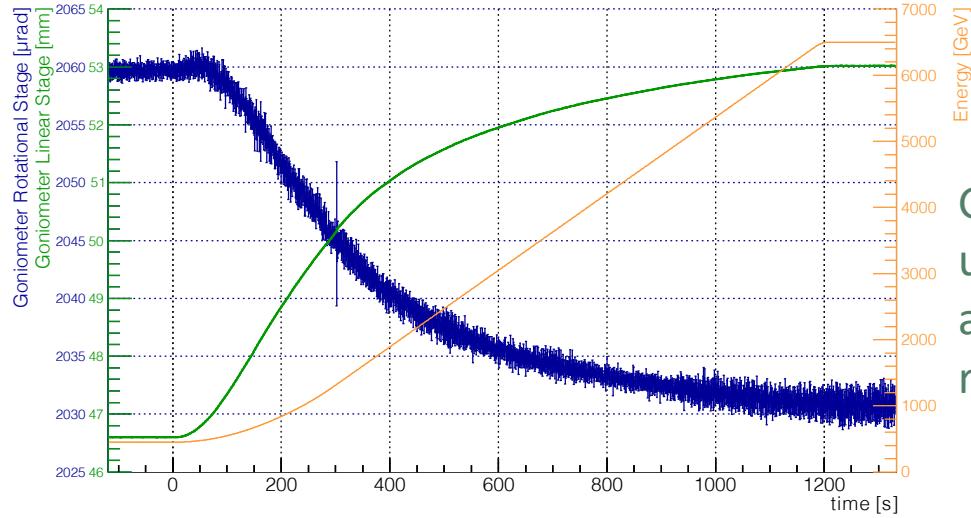
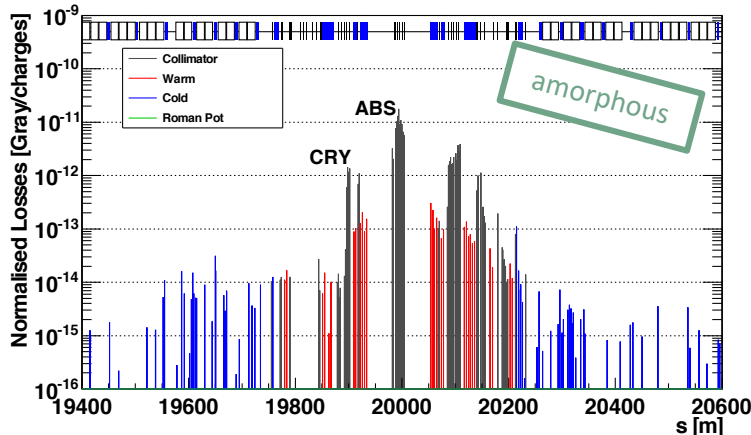
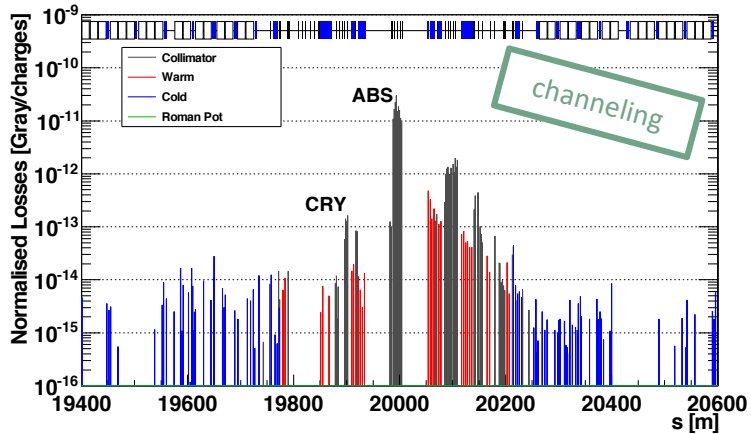


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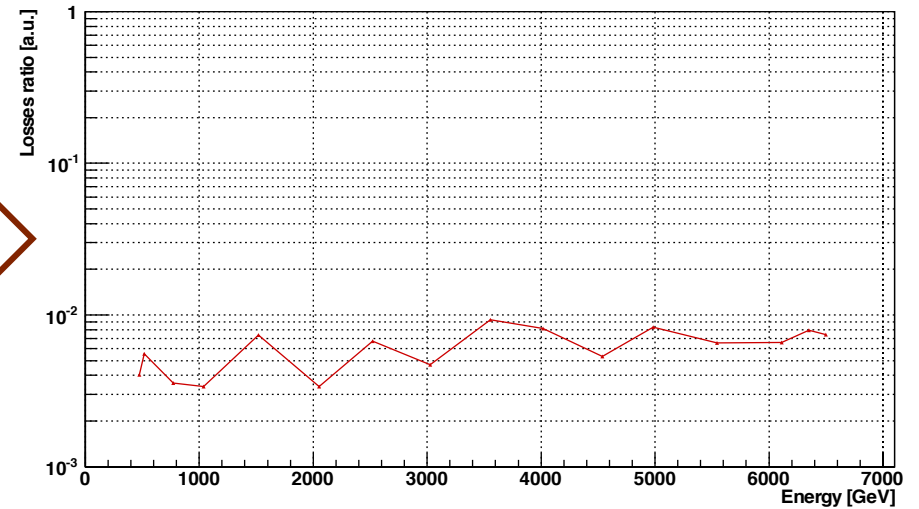
# Energy Ramp Up in LHC

## Channeling Evidence from Loss Pattern

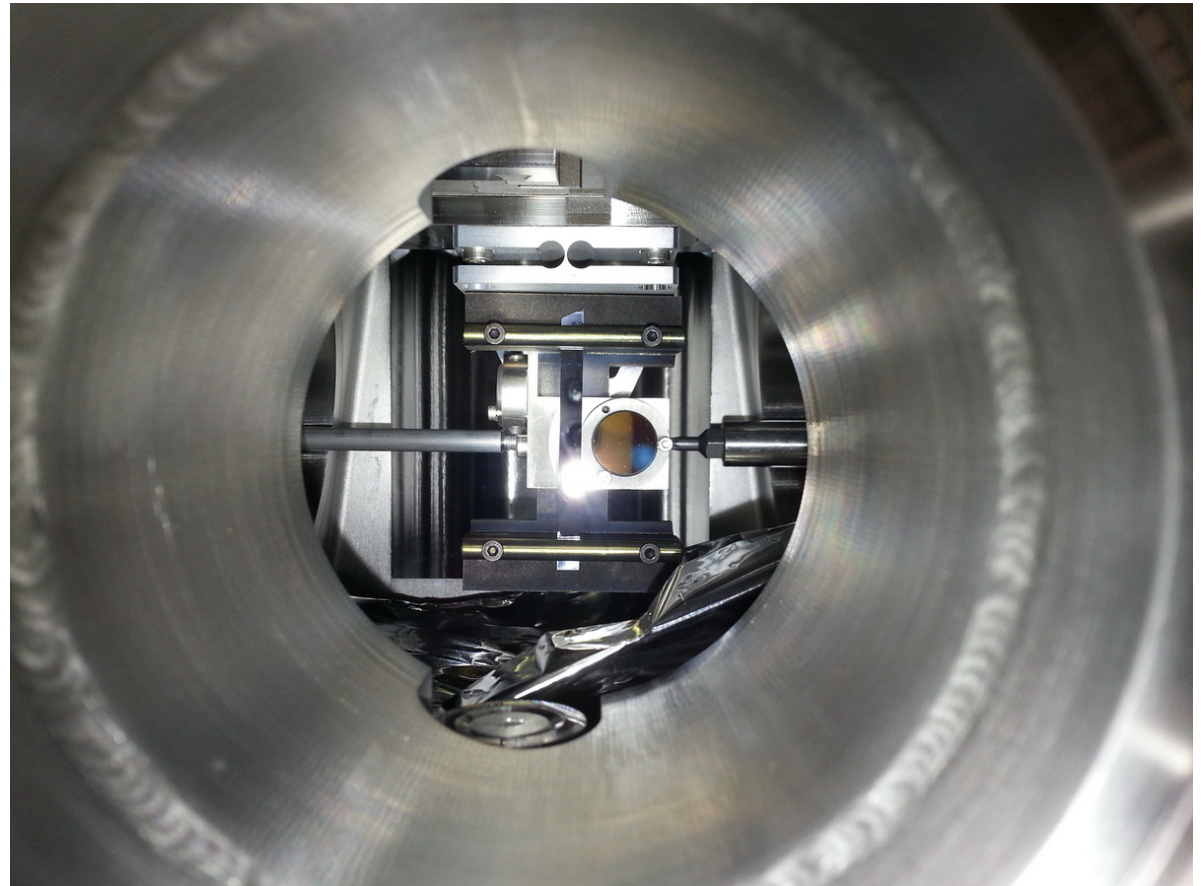


Goniometer stages  
under control  
along the energy  
ramp

Ratio Abs/Cry  
well under  $10^{-2}$



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Strip silicon crystal. Installed on the horizontal goniometer in LHC.

# Conclusions

## Conclusion from this doctoral thesis work:

- ✓ Channeling observed and characterized for the first time at LHC energy
- ✓ Channeling observed with protons at 6.5 TeV and lead and xenon ions at 6.5 Z TeV (world record)
- ✓ An improvement in cleaning performances is obtained in specific conditions
  - With protons an improvement of a factor 10 is observed with B1-V
  - With xenon ions the best results up to a factor higher than 20 were obtained using very tight settings
- ✓ Energy ramp up function generated and tested with old generation goniometers gave excellent results
- ✓ Simulations benchmarked, given the good agreement with experimental data
  - Allowed good understanding of B1-H features,
- ✓ Tool for new crystal collimation layout developed and available

## Future goals for the crystal collimation to be deployed for ion beams operations:

- Confirmation with lead ions of the results obtained with xenon beams
- Design of a dedicated absorber for a crystal collimation system for the HL-LHC upgrade