

Developing an alternative calorimeter solution for the future Muon Collider: the Crilin design

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Crilin and the Muon Collider

Crilin (crystal calorimeter with longitudinal information): ECAL R&D for the future Muon Collider, which is being considered as an option for a next generation facility; studies for 3 and 10 TeV designs are being carried out.

Muon Collider pros:

- $m_{\mu} \gg m_e$ (negligible synchrotron radiation)
- **point-like particle:** all energy is available in collisions
- perfect for **direct search of heavy states**

Muon Collider cons:

- $\tau_0 = 2.2 \mu\text{s}$: very fast cooling and fast-ramping magnet system needed
- μ decay + interaction with machine: **beam-induced background (BIB)**, partially shielded by nozzles

→ detectors must be able to cope with the BIB and to have good physics performances

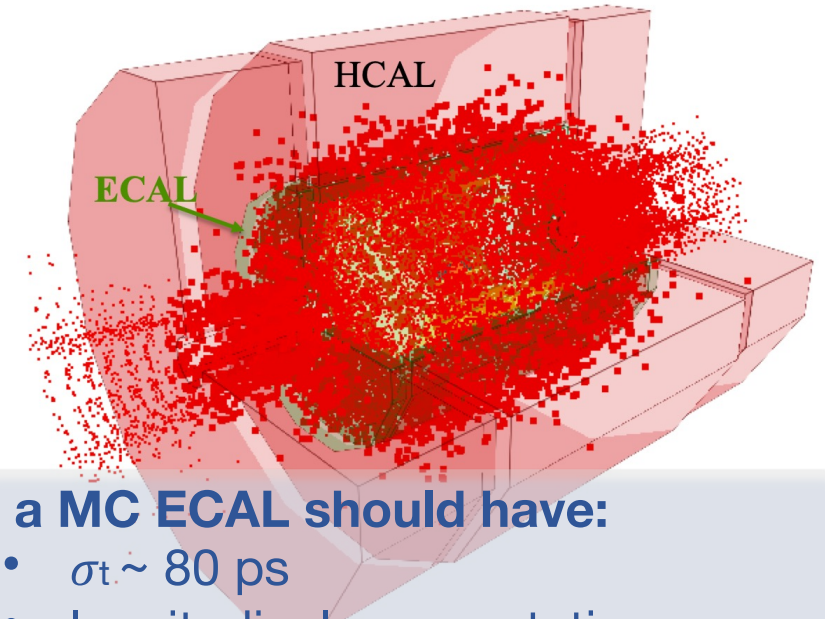
Muon Collider requirements



BIB in the ECAL region (after nozzles and tracking system):

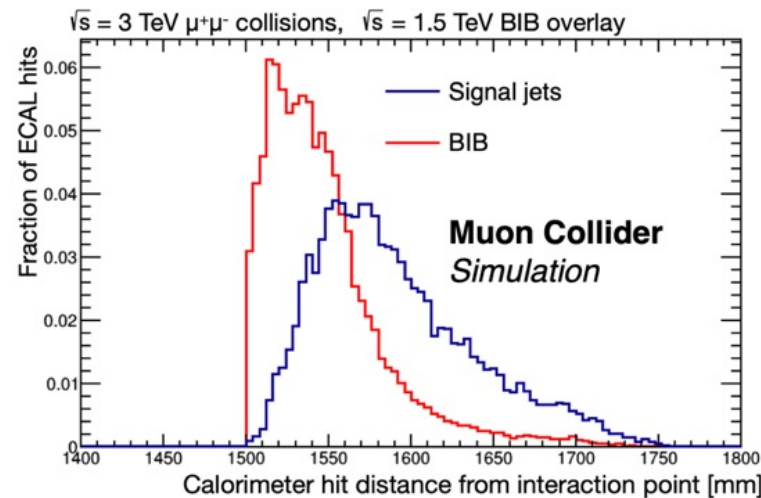
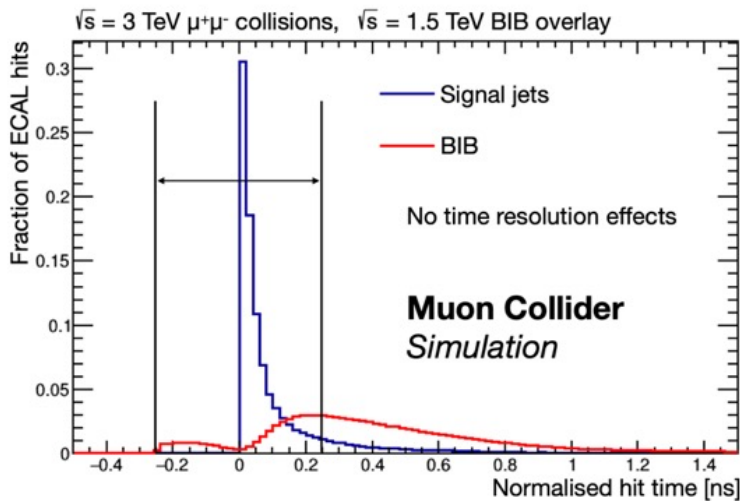
- Flux of 300 particles per cm^2 through the ECAL surface mainly γ (96%) and n (4%), average photon energy 1.7 MeV
- **Time of arrival flatter** throughout the bunch crossing \rightarrow can exclude most of BIB with an acquisition window of ~ 240 ps
- Different **hit longitudinal profile** wrt signal
- **Total Ionising Dose:** ~ 1 kGy/year
- **Neutron fluence:** 10^{14} $n_{1\text{MeVneq}}/\text{cm}^2$ / year

BIB hits in the calorimeters



a MC ECAL should have:

- $\sigma_t \sim 80$ ps
 - longitudinal segmentation
 - fine granularity to distinguish BIB and signal
 - radiation resistance
 - $\sigma_E/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E}$
- \rightarrow The W-Si sampling calorimeter (CALICE-like) stands out as a strong contender: initially considered as the primary candidate.



The Crilin calorimeter



Crlin is a **semi-homogeneous** electromagnetic calorimeter made of **crystal matrices** interspaced and readout by **SiPMs**. Each crystal is independently read by 2 channels, each consisting of 2 SiPMs in series.

Key Features:

Excellent timing: (<100 ps) to reject the BIB out- of-time hits and for good pileup capability.

Longitudinal segmentation: allows to recognize fake showers from the BIB.

Fine granularity: reduced hit density in a single cell and distinguish the BIB hits from the signal.

Good resistance to radiation: good reliability during the experiment

Crystal choice:

High-density crystal: selected to balance the need for increased layer numbers with space constraints

Speed response: Cherenkov/fast crystals, ensuring accurate and timely particle detection

\rightarrow **PbF₂, PbWO₄-UF, LYSO...**

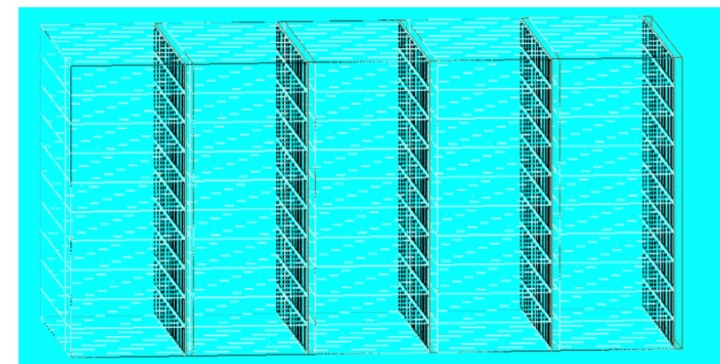
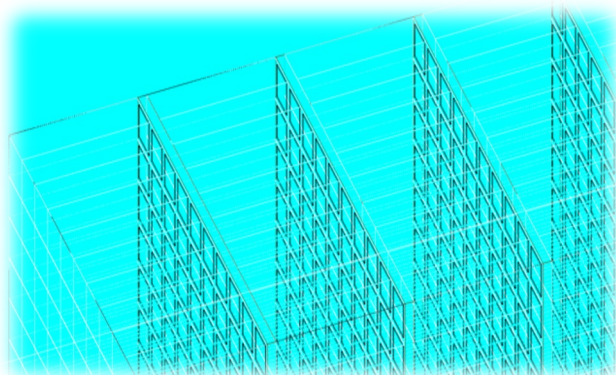
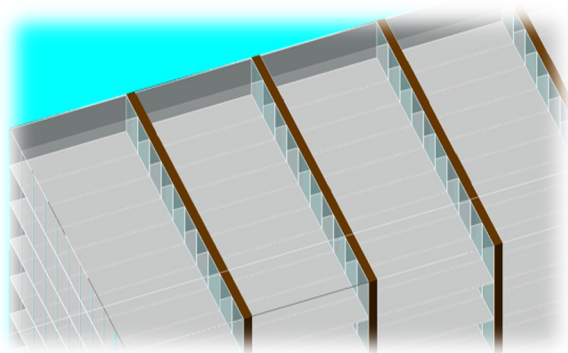
[*S. Ceravolo et al 2022 JINST 17 P09033*](#)

Differentiation:

Semi-homogeneous : strategically between homogeneous and sampling calorimeters \rightarrow able to exploit the strengths of both kinds

Flexibility: able to modulate energy deposition for each cell and adjust crystal size for tailored solutions

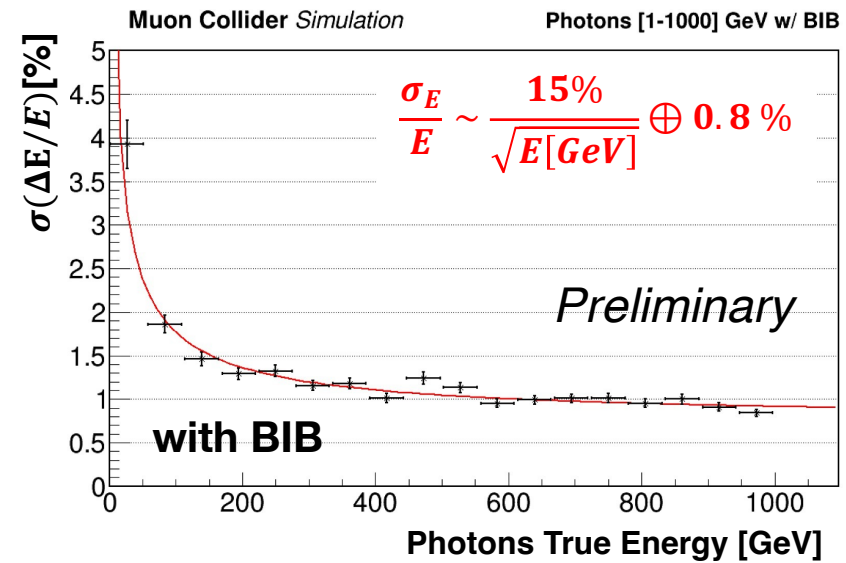
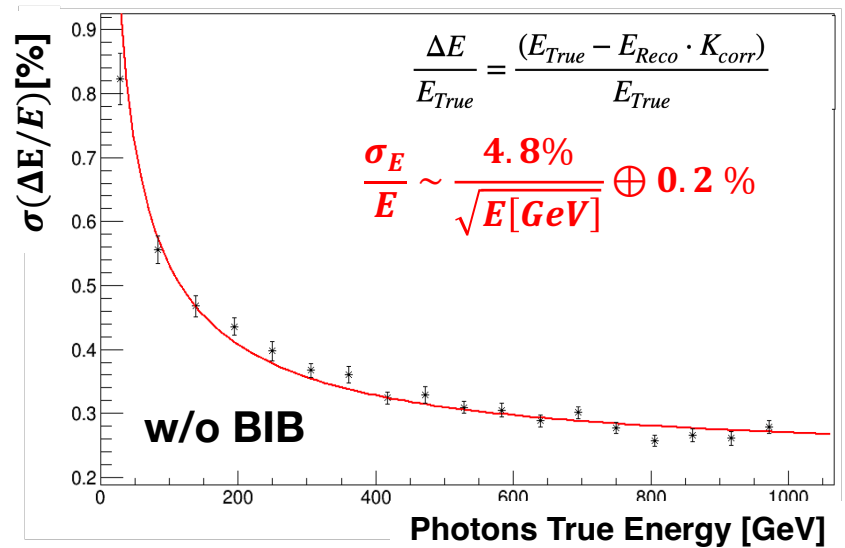
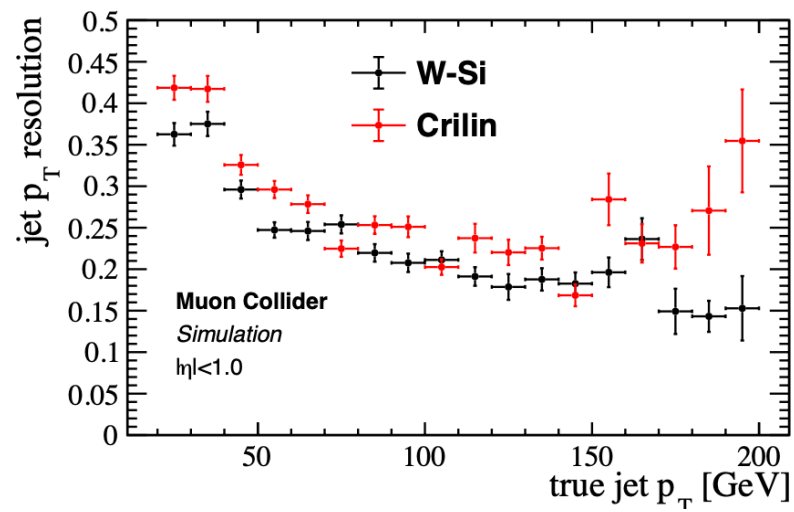
Compactness: Unlike segmented or high granularity calorimeters CRILIN can optimize energy detection while staying compact





Simulated performances

- The ECAL barrel with Crilin technology has been implemented in the Muon Collider simulation framework
 - 5 layers of 45 mm length, 10 X 10 mm² cell area → **21.5 X₀**
 - **In each cell:** 40 mm PbF₂ + 3 mm SiPM + 1 mm electronics + 1 mm air
- Design optimized for BIB mitigation: having thicker layers, the BIB energy is integrated in large volumes → reduced statistical fluctuations of the average energy
- 5 layers wrt to 40 layers of the W-Si calorimeter → **factor 10 less in cost (6 vs 64 Mchannels)**





Prototype versions

- Proto-0 (2 crystals \rightarrow 4 channels)
- Proto-1 (3x3 crystals x 2 layers \rightarrow 36 channels)

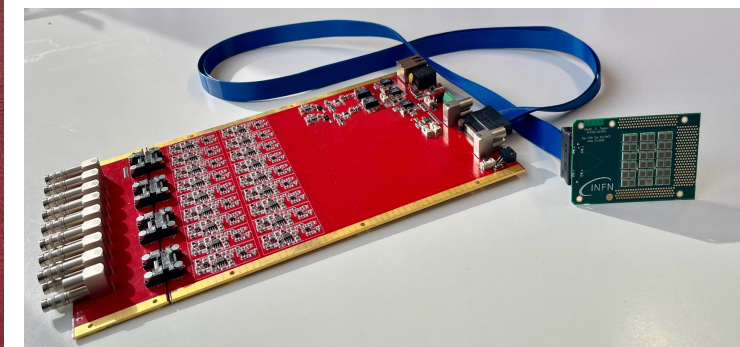
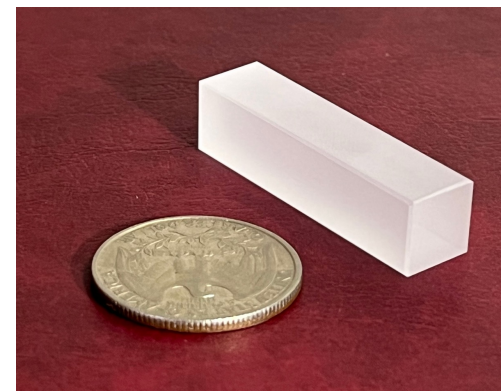
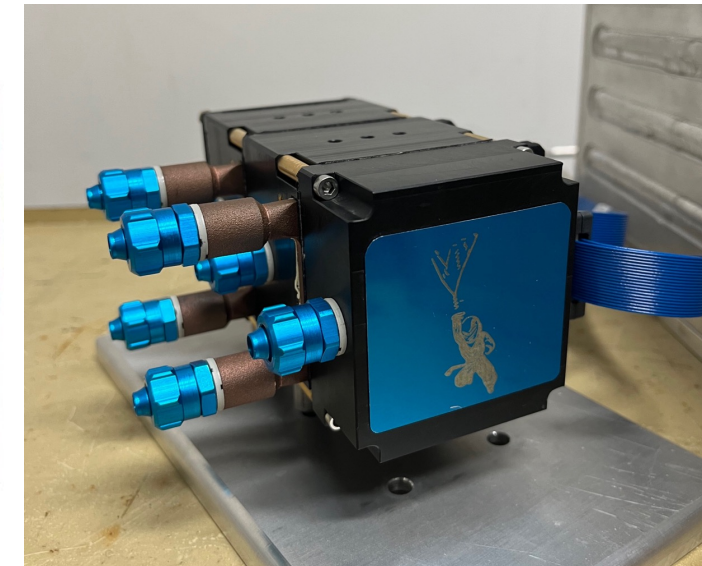
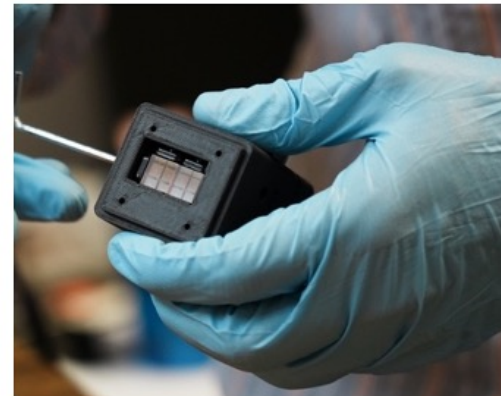
Front-end electronics

- Design completed
- Production and QC completed

Radiation hardness campaigns

Beam test campaigns

- Proto-0 at CERN H2 (August 2022) [C. Cantone et al. 2023 Front. Phys. 11:1223183](#)
- Proto-1 at LNF-BTF (July 2023-April 2024) [C. Cantone et al. 2024 doi:10.1109/TNS.2024.3364771](#)
- Proto-1 at and CERN (August 2023)

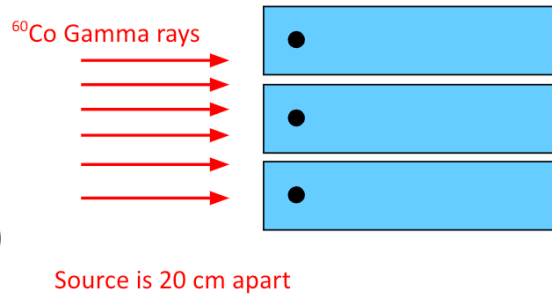


Crystal radiation hardness



Neutron fluence: $\sim 10^{14} n_{1\text{MeVeq}}/\text{cm}^2 \text{ year}$ on ECAL **TID:** $\sim 1 \text{ kGy/ year}$ on ECAL.

Radiation hardness of two PbF_2 and PbWO_4 -UF crystals ($10 \times 10 \times 40 \text{ mm}^3$) checked for TID (up to 100 Mrad @ Calliope, Enea Casaccia) and neutrons (14 MeV neutrons from Frascati Neutron Generator, Enea Frascati, up to 10^{13} n/cm^2)



- **For PbF_2 :**

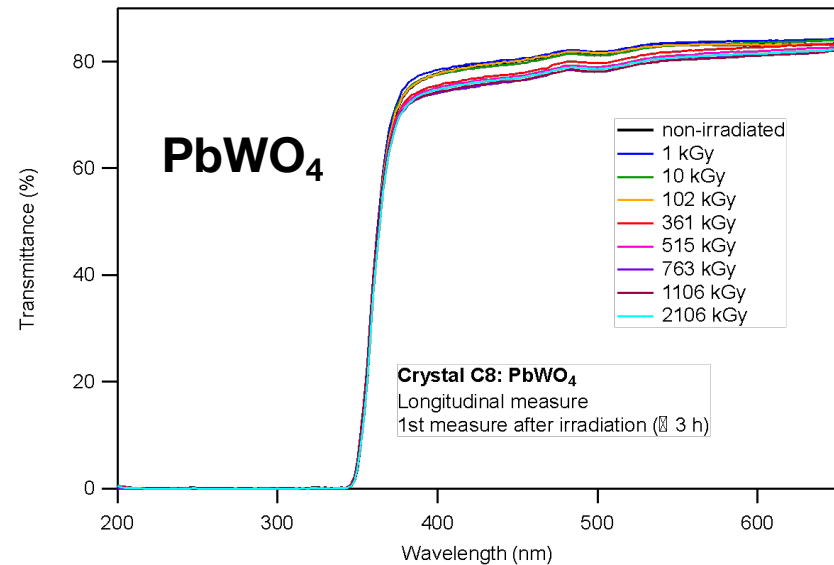
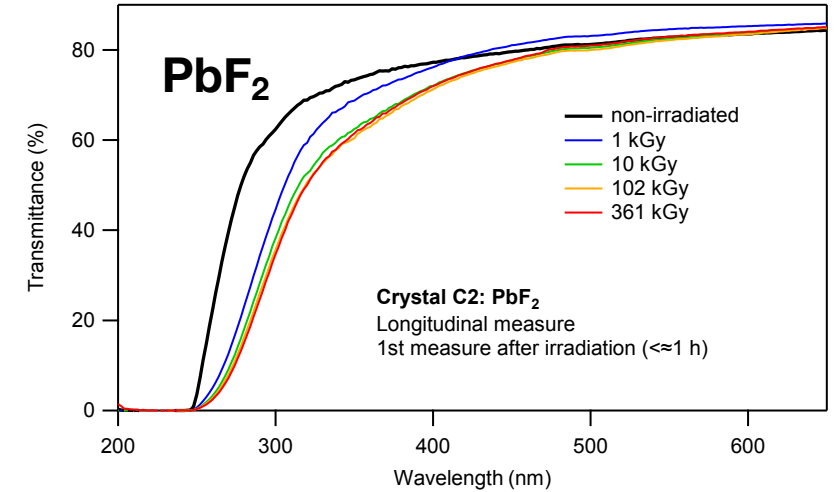
- after a TID > 350 kGy no significant decrease in transmittance observed.
- Transmittance after neutron irradiation showed no deterioration

- **For PbWO_4 -UF:**

- after a TID > 2 MGy no significant decrease in transmittance observed.

Crystal	PbF_2	PWO-UF
Density [g/cm^3]	7.77	8.27
Radiation length [cm]	0.93	0.89
Molière radius [cm]	2.2	2.0
Decay constant [ns]	-	0.64
Refractive index at 450 nm	1.8	2.2
Manufacturer	SICCAS	Crytur

PWO-UF (ultra-fast):
 Dominant emission with $\tau < 0.7 \text{ ns}$
 M. Korzhik et al., NIMA 1034 (2022) 166781





SiPMs radiation hardness

Neutron fluence: $\sim 10^{14} n_{1\text{MeVeq}}/\text{cm}^2$ year on ECAL **TID:** ~ 1 kGy/ year on ECAL.

Neutrons irradiation: 14 MeV neutrons with a total fluence of 10^{14} n/cm^2 for 80 hours on a series of two SiPMs (10 and 15 μm pixel-size).

Extrapolated from I-V curves at 3 different temperatures:

- Currents at different operational voltages.
- Breakdown voltages;

For the expected radiation level, **the best SiPMs choice are the 10 μm ones** for their minor dark current contribution.

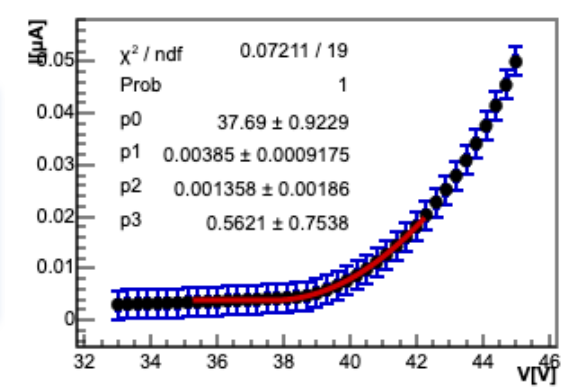
15 μm pixel-size

T [°C]	V _{br} [V]	I(V _{br} +4V) [mA]	I(V _{br} +6V) [mA]	I(V _{br} +8V) [mA]
-10 ± 1	75.29 ± 0.01	12.56 ± 0.01	30.45 ± 0.01	46.76 ± 0.01
-5 ± 1	75.81 ± 0.01	14.89 ± 0.01	32.12 ± 0.01	46.77 ± 0.01
0 ± 1	76.27 ± 0.01	17.38 ± 0.01	33.93 ± 0.01	47.47 ± 0.01

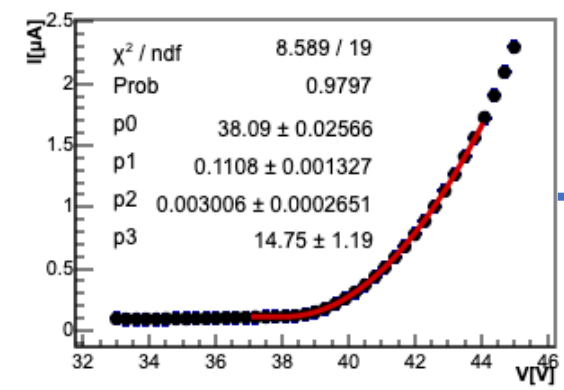
10 μm pixel-size

T [°C]	V _{br} [V]	I(V _{br} +4V) [mA]	I(V _{br} +6V) [mA]	I(V _{br} +8V) [mA]
-10 ± 1	76.76 ± 0.01	1.84 ± 0.01	6.82 ± 0.01	29.91 ± 0.01
-5 ± 1	77.23 ± 0.01	2.53 ± 0.01	9.66 ± 0.01	37.51 ± 0.01
0 ± 1	77.49 ± 0.01	2.99 ± 0.01	11.59 ± 0.01	38.48 ± 0.01

Pre 10kGy



Post 10kGy



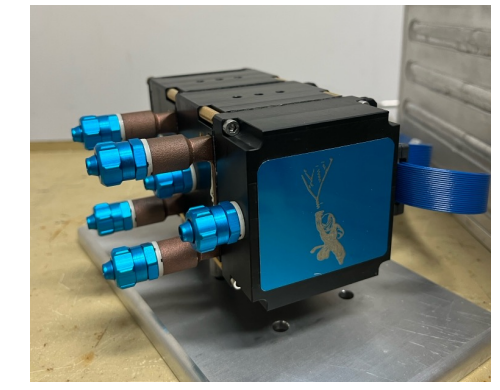
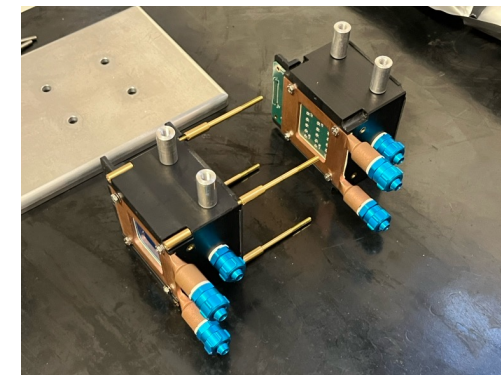
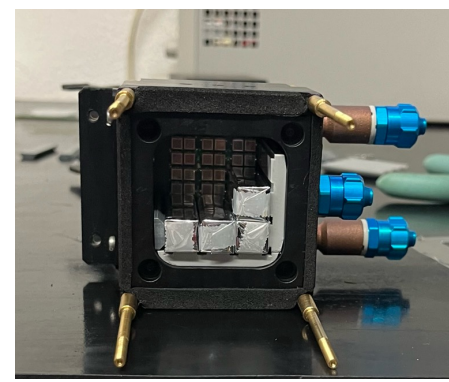
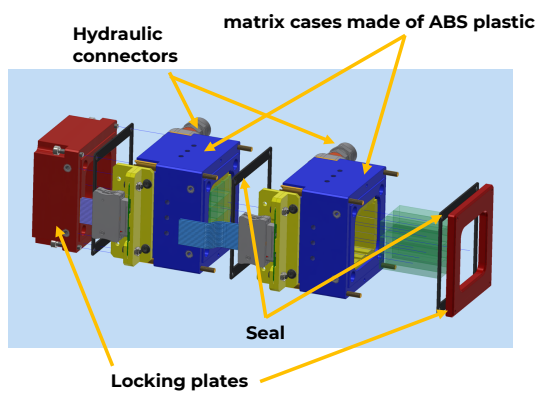
Dark current @ V_{op} goes from 12 nA to 600 nA



Proto-1: Mechanics and Electronics

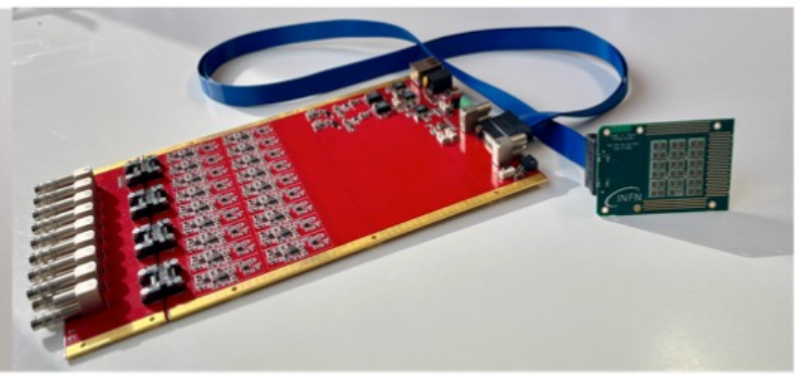
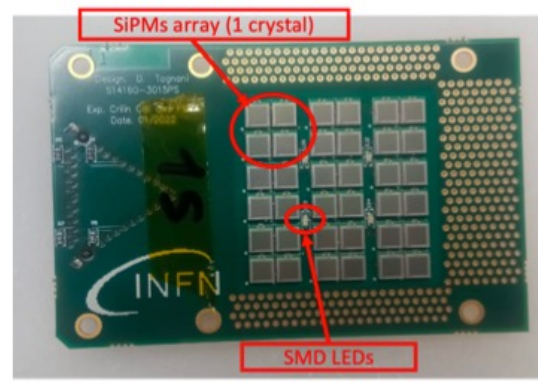
Mechanics:

- Two stackable and interchangeable submodules assembled by bolting, each composed of 3x3 crystals+36 SiPMs (2 channel per crystal)
- light-tight case which also embeds the front-end electronic boards and the heat exchanger needed to cool down the SiPMs.



Electronics:

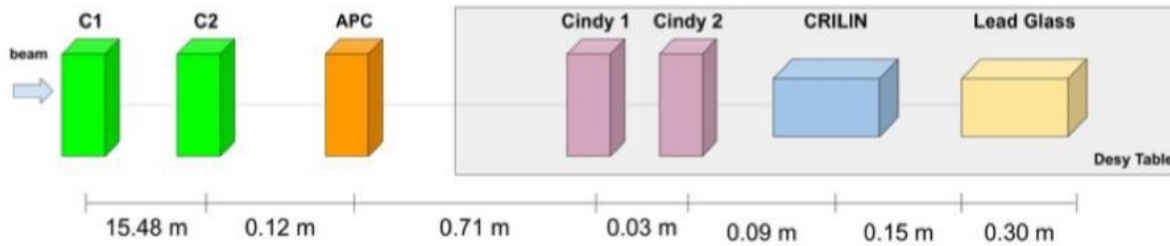
- **SiPMs board:** custom SiPM array board
36x10 μm Hamamatsu SMD SiPMs
- **Mezzanine board:** 18x readout channels \rightarrow amplification, shaping and individual bias regulation, slow control routines



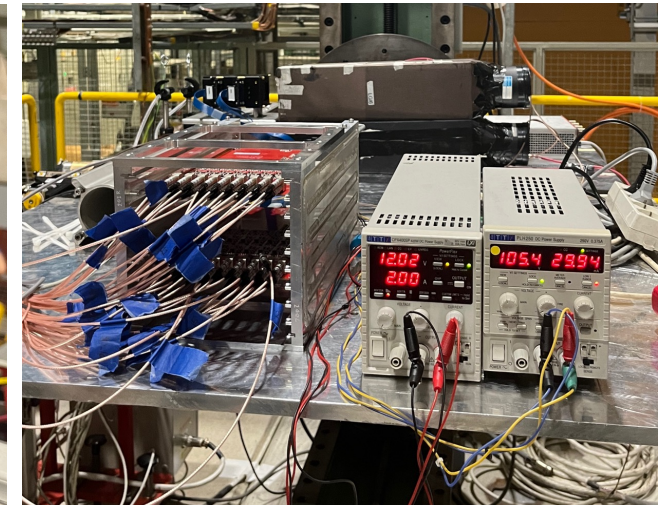
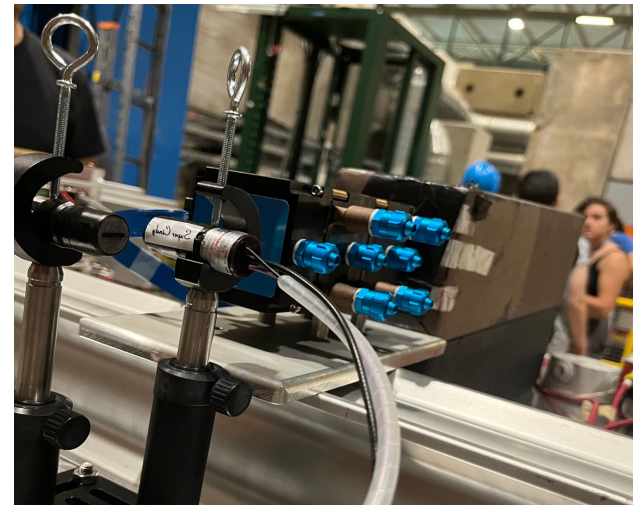
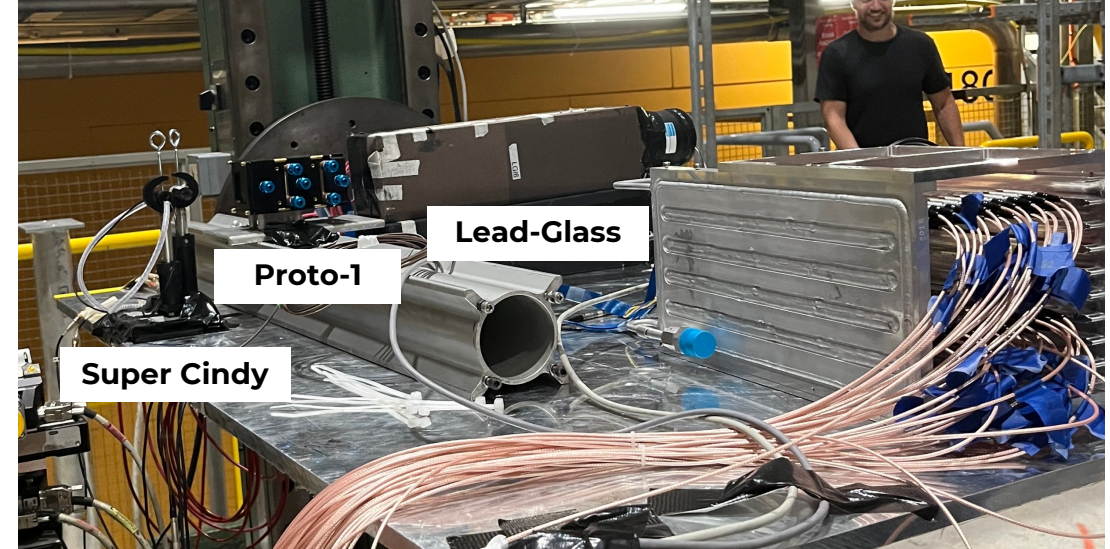


H2-SPS-CERN, August 2023

SETUP SCHEME WITH DISTANCES



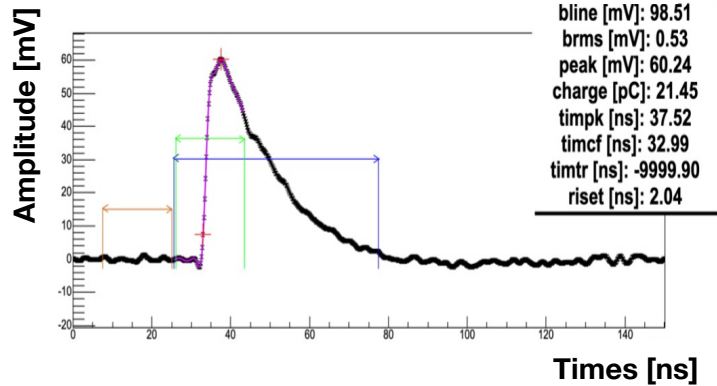
- Electron beam from 40 GeV up to 150 GeV
- Beam reconstructed with 2 silicon strip telescopes
- Data acquisition with 2 CAEN V1742 (32 ch each) modified @ 2 Vpp
- 5 Gs/s sampling rate



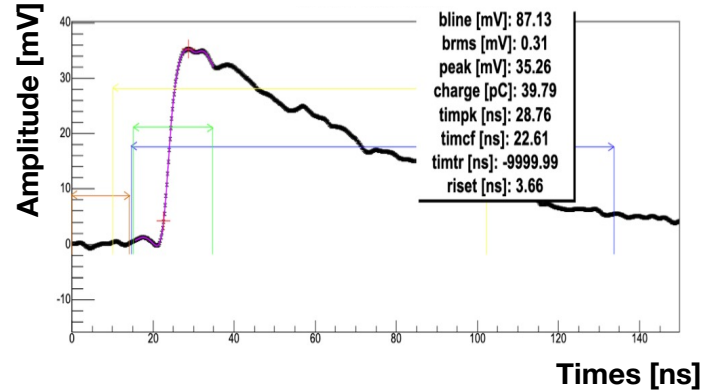


Beam test @ CERN: Configuration

1st layer: SiPMs series



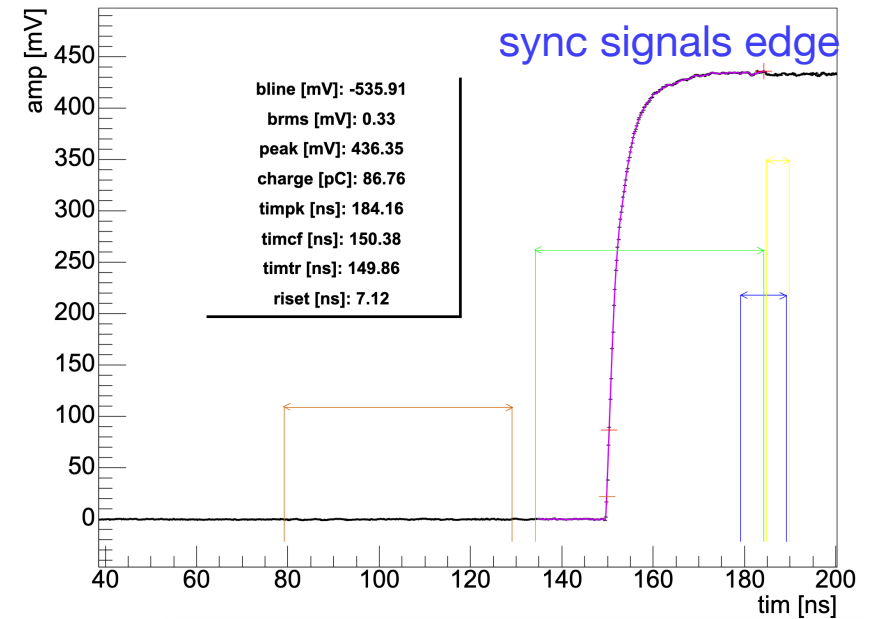
2nd layer: SiPMs parallel



Synchronisation pulses reconstruction:

- O(10 ps) ch-to-ch in the same chip
- O(30 ps) board-to-board jitter

- **Two different connection in the two layers: series and parallel**
- **Low pass filtering** (Bessel 2nd order) cutoff_parallel $\sim 2^*$ cutoff_series.
- Cut-off frequency based on two parameters: baseline RMS and risetime (10-90%)
- Wave quality flag based on baseline RMS, peak, and risetime to discard bad waves
- **Processing cuts: peak > 2 mV**

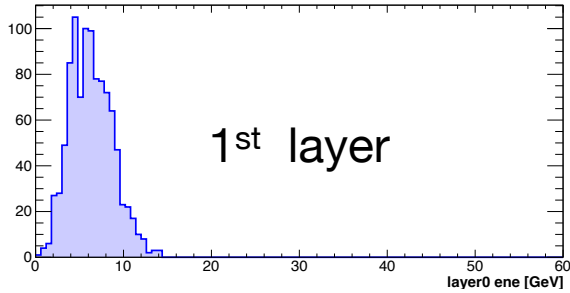


Beam test @ CERN: Energy

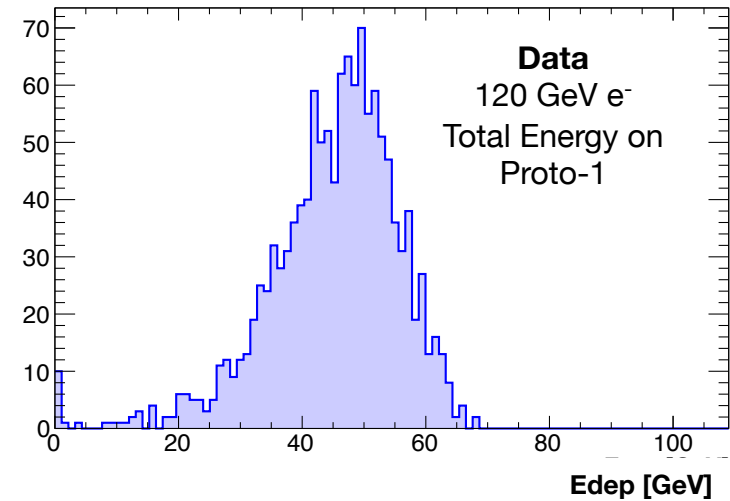
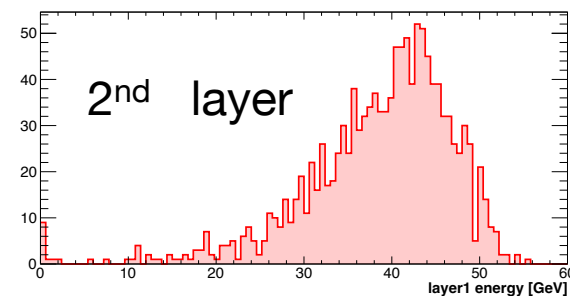
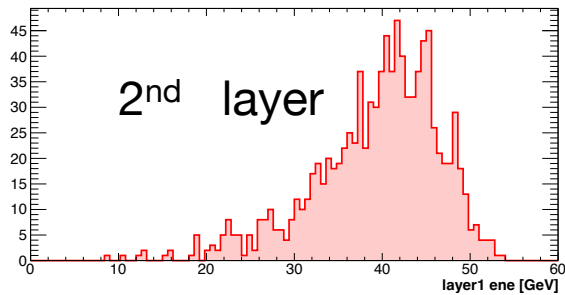
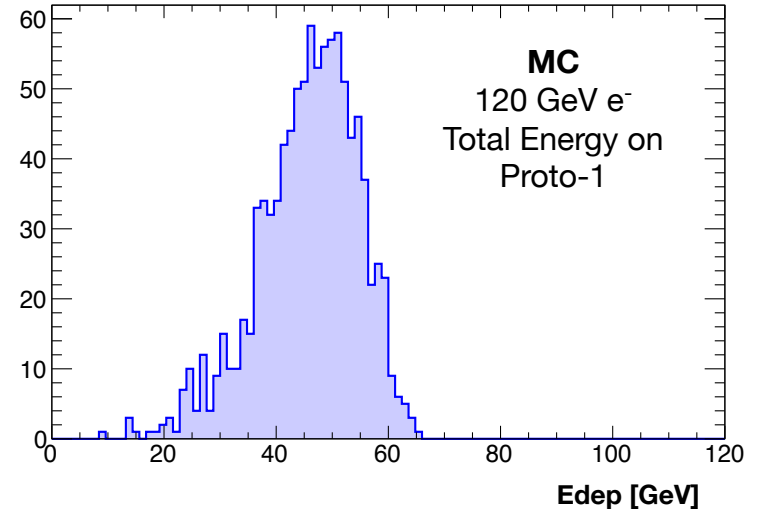
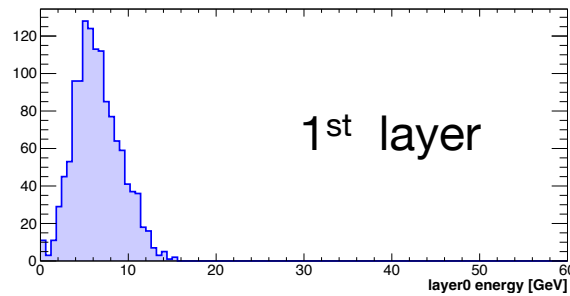


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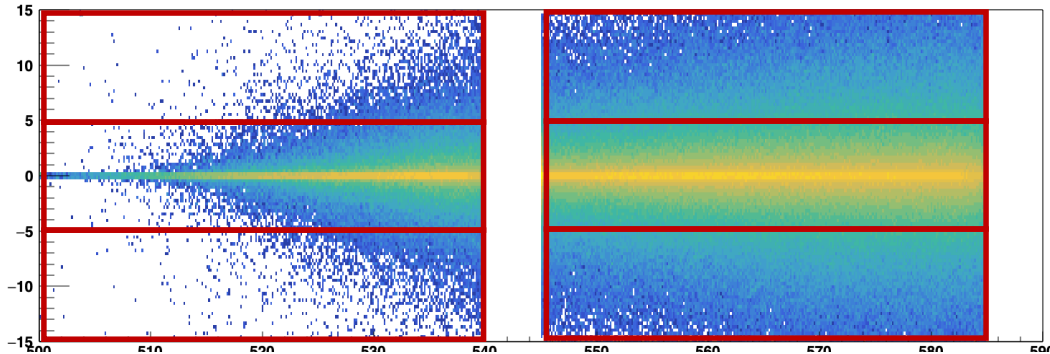
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DATA
120 GeV e⁻



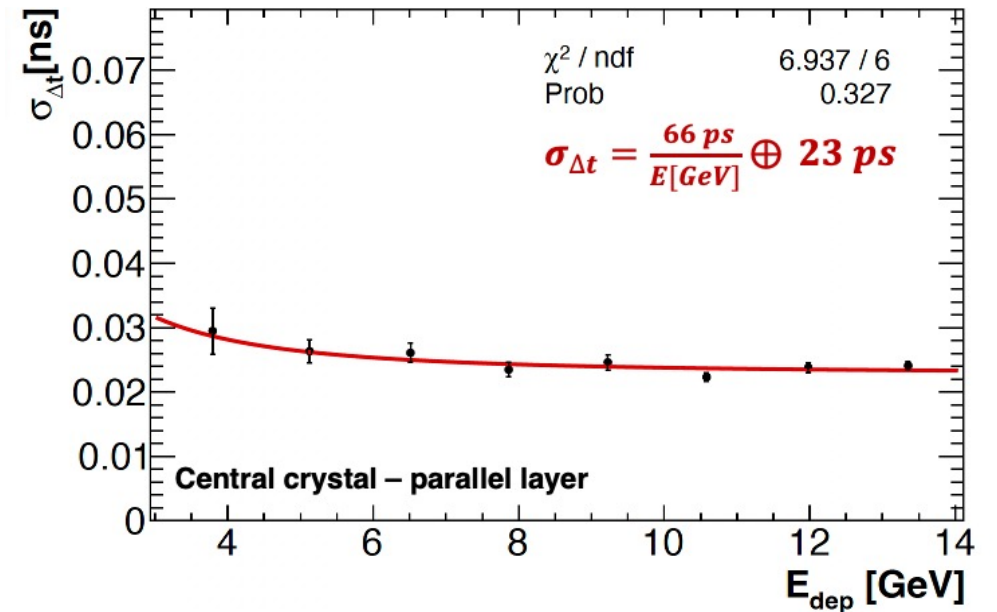
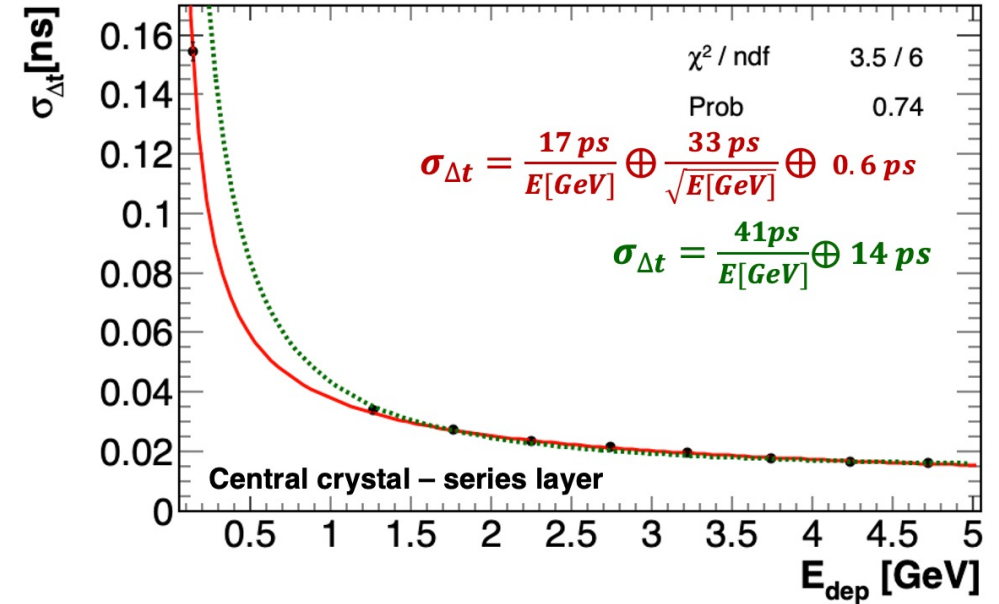
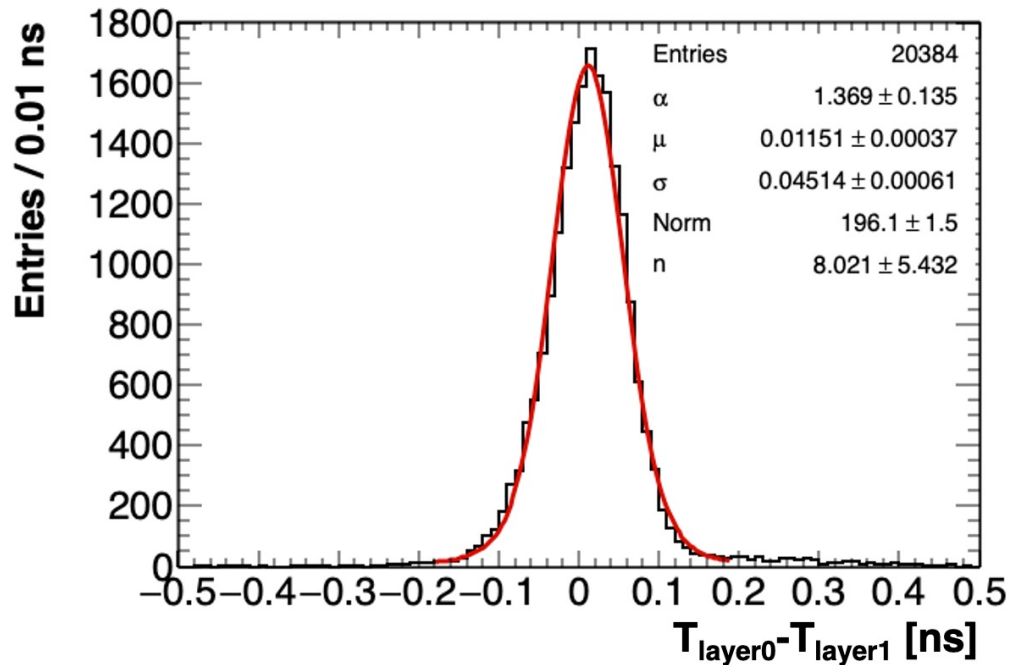
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Beam test @ CERN: Timing

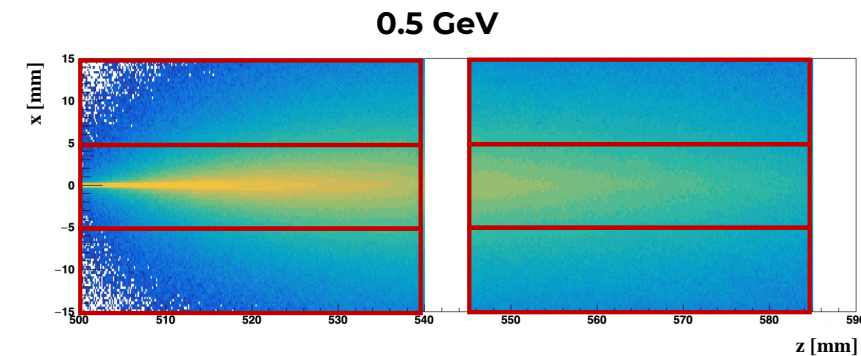
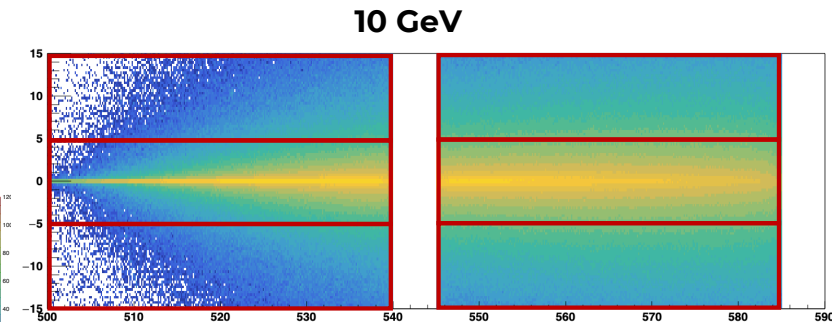
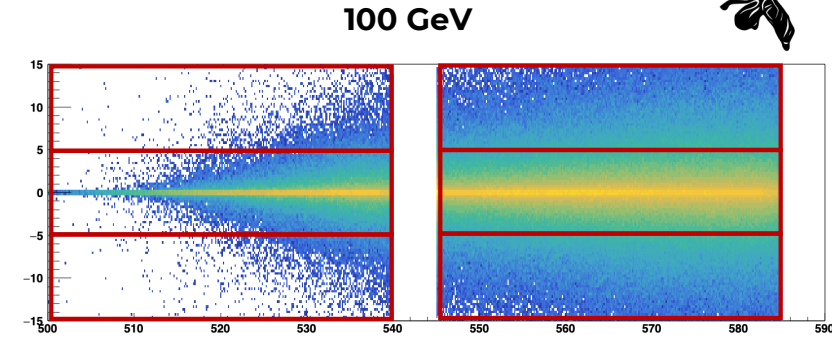
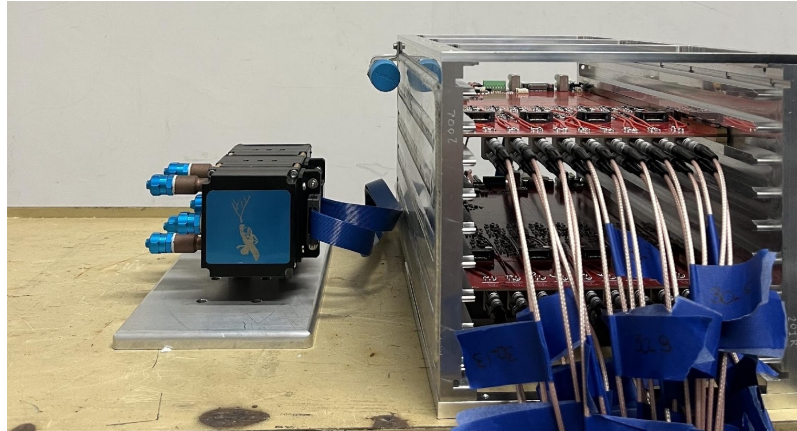
- Time Resolution of **O(20 ps)** both in the series and in the parallel layers using the SiPMs time difference of the central crystals
- Excellent results using most energetic crystal of different layers. **Time resolution dominated by the 2 boards synchronisation jitter O(32ps)**



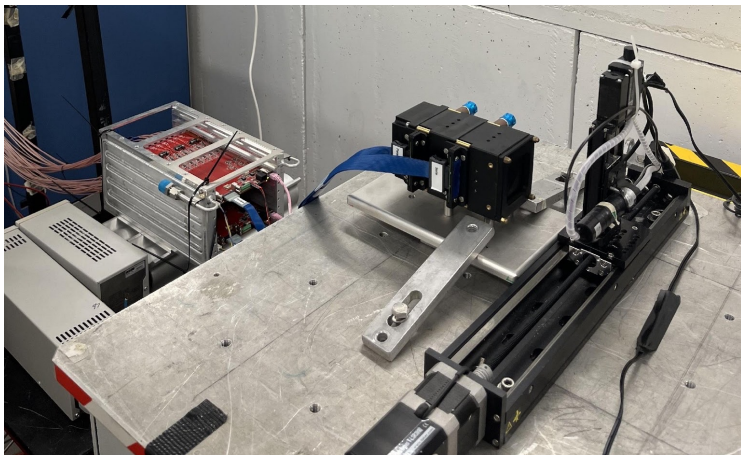
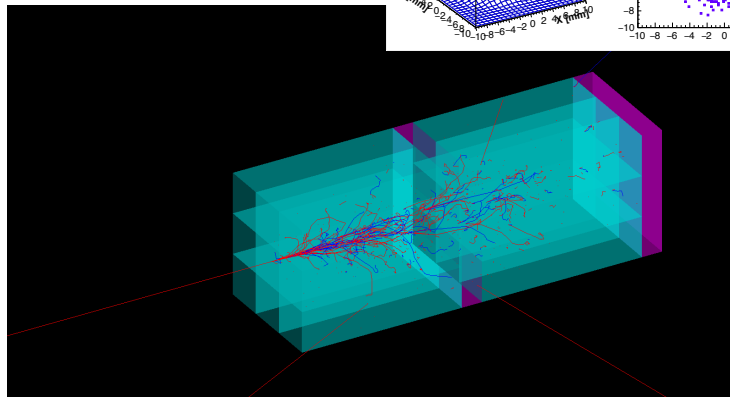
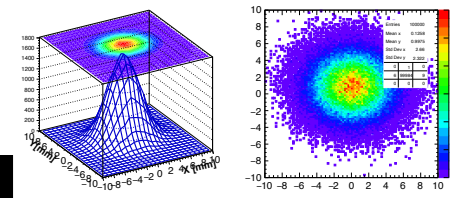


BTF, April 2024

- Study of the LY loss of one layer of Proto-1 after Gamma ray irradiation
- Beam: 450 MeV electrons with multiplicity 1
- Beam centered on a different crystal at each run



Monte Carlo

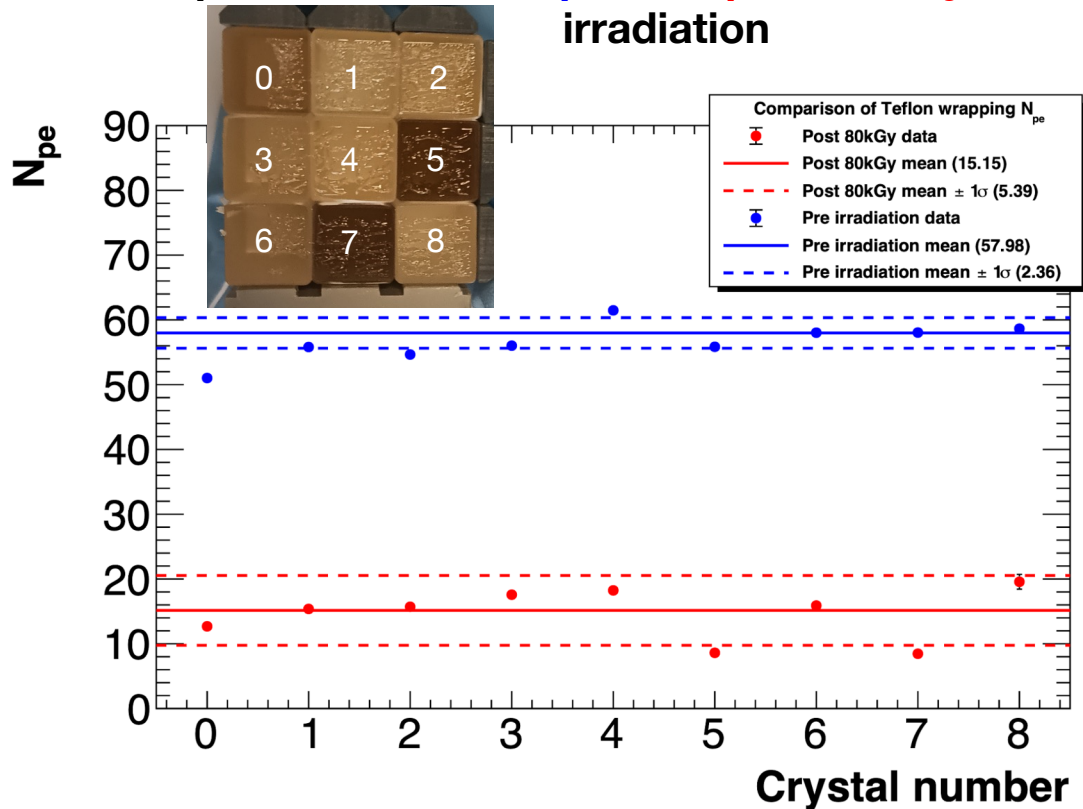


Beam test @ BTF: crystals

- Crystals tested with two different wrapping, Teflon and Mylar, up to 80 kGy
- LY loss evaluated through variation in charge and number of photo-electrons

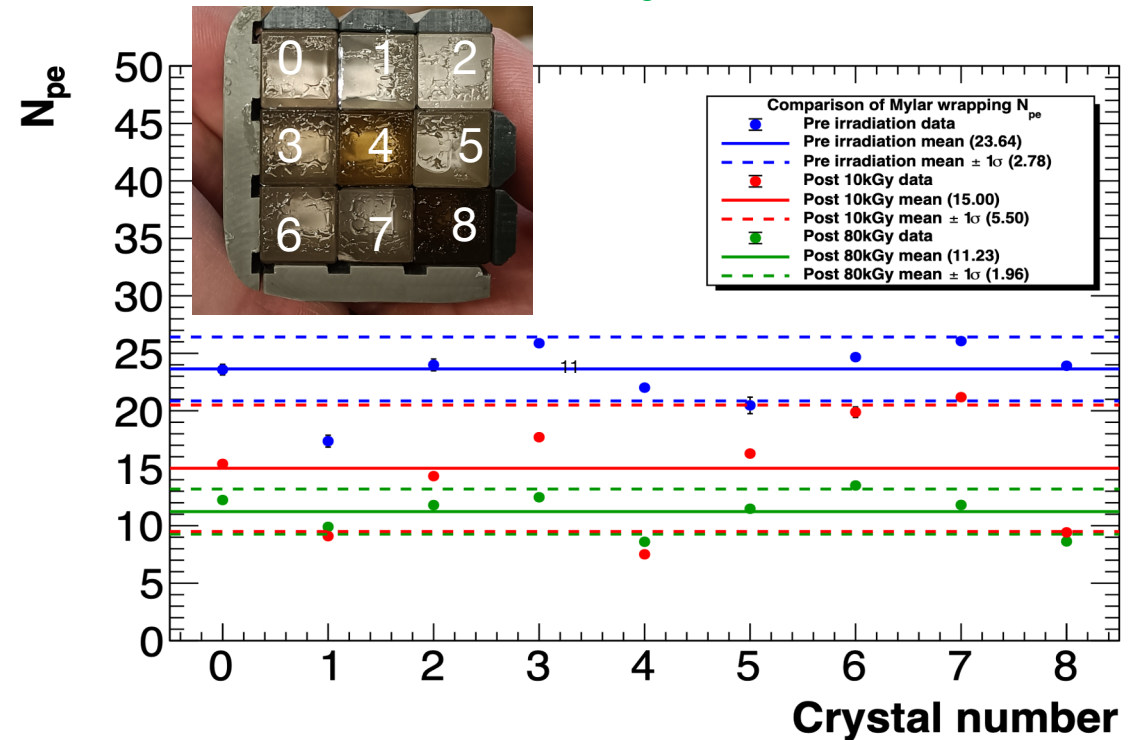
Teflon wrapping

N_{pe} values of PbF₂ pre and post 80 kGy irradiation



Mylar wrapping

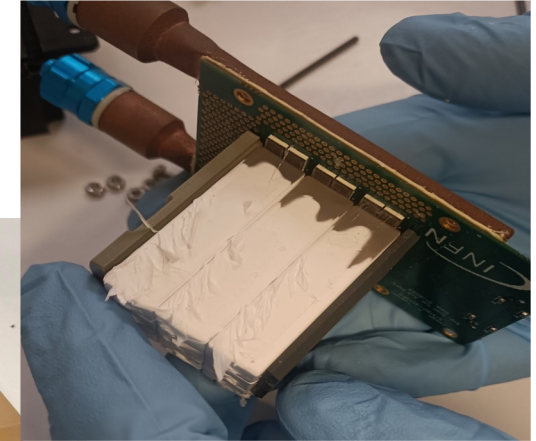
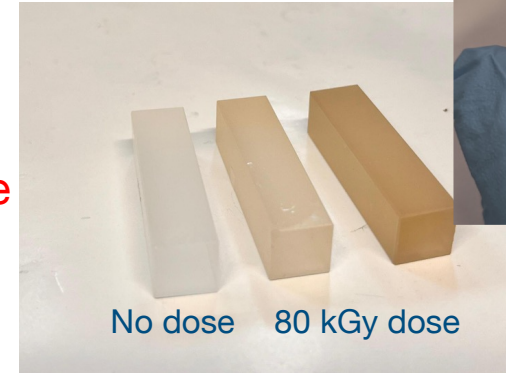
N_{pe} values of PbF₂ pre, after 10 kGy and after 80 kGy irradiation



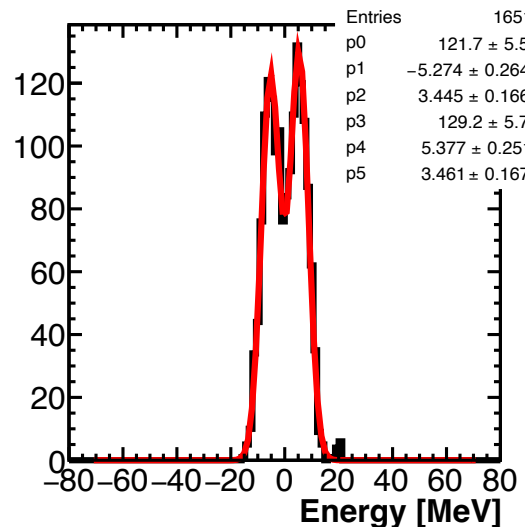
Beam test @ BTF: considerations



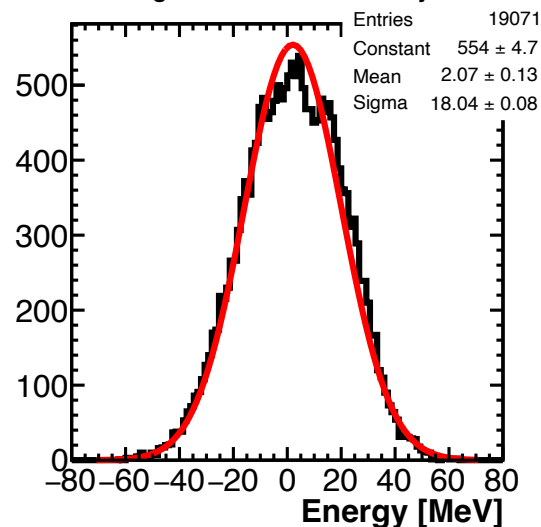
- Considerable variability in crystals' response to radiation, despite SICCAS claiming use of high-purity (>99.9%) PbF₂ powder for crystal growth
- Crystals evident loss of transparency
- Transparency loss was uniform length-wise in the crystals
- Teflon was damaged and brittle
- SiPM dark counts increases significantly with the absorbed dose
- **New tests planned to evaluate SiPMs PDE loss and optical grease degradation**



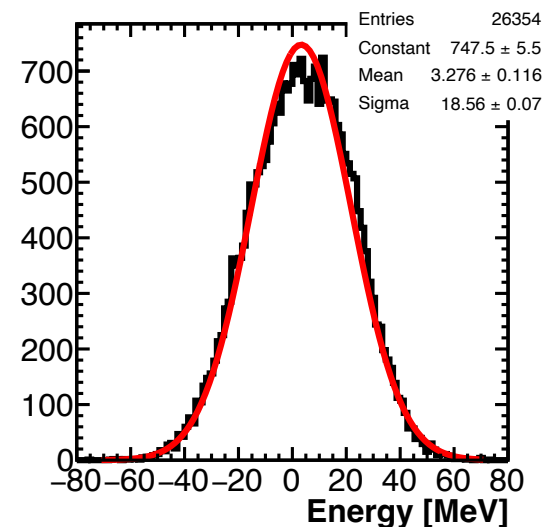
Pedestal charge distribution for no dose



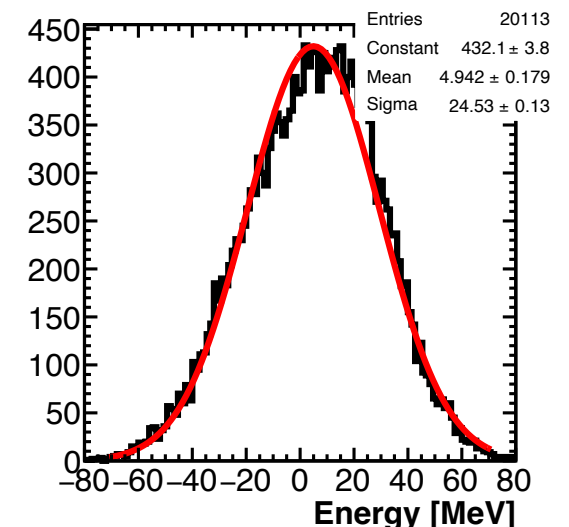
Pedestal charge distribution for 80kGy total dose



Pedestal charge distribution for 90kGy total dose



Pedestal energy distribution for 160kGy total dose





Summary

- **Time resolution:** < 40 ps for single crystals, for $E_{\text{dep}} > 1$ GeV
- **Radiation resistance:** $\text{PbF}_2(\text{PbWO}_4\text{-UF})$ robust to $> 35(200)$ Mrad and SiPMs validated up to 10^{14} $n_{1\text{MeV}}/\text{cm}^2$ displacement-damage eq. fluence



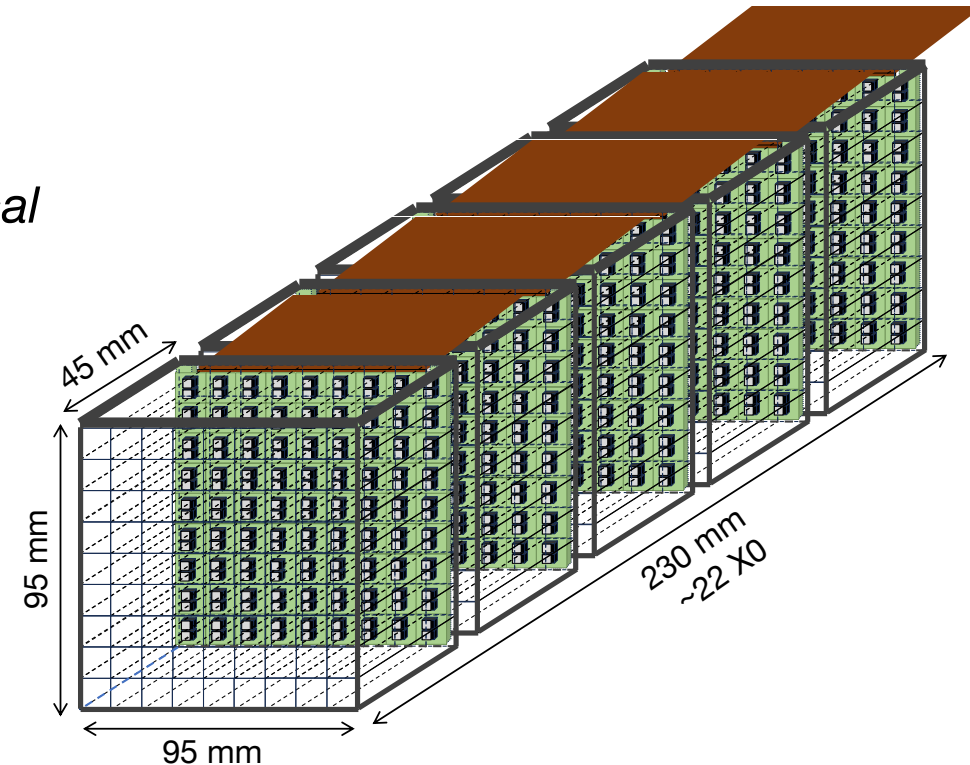
- Use PbWO-UF in the first calorimeter layer.
- Conduct new irradiation tests and monitor Cherenkov light variations with a blue laser.
- Simultaneously test crystals with SiPM and SiPM alone

Next steps (2024 - 2025)

- We submitted and won a PRIN grant for the project CALORHINO: *an innovative radiation-hard calorimeter proposal for a future Muon Collider Experiment.*
 - ➔ funds assigned to develop a $5 \times 5 \times 4$ (layers) Crilin prototype: $1 M_R - 16.8 X_0$

DRD6-WP3 from 2025

- Expanding upon the PRIN prototype to a $9 \times 9 \times 5$ (layers) configuration, with a target of $2 M_R - 22 X_0$.



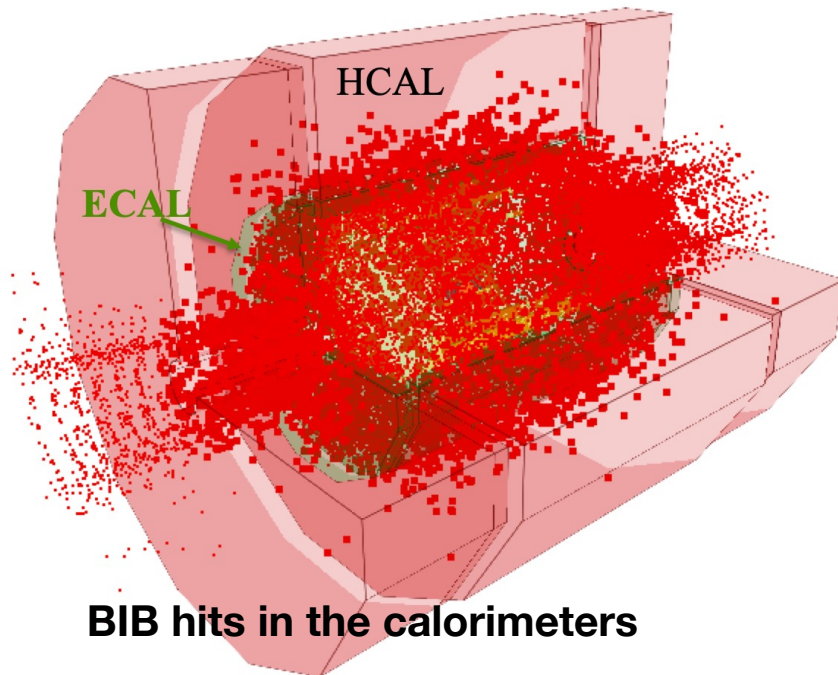


Backup slides

Beam Induced Background



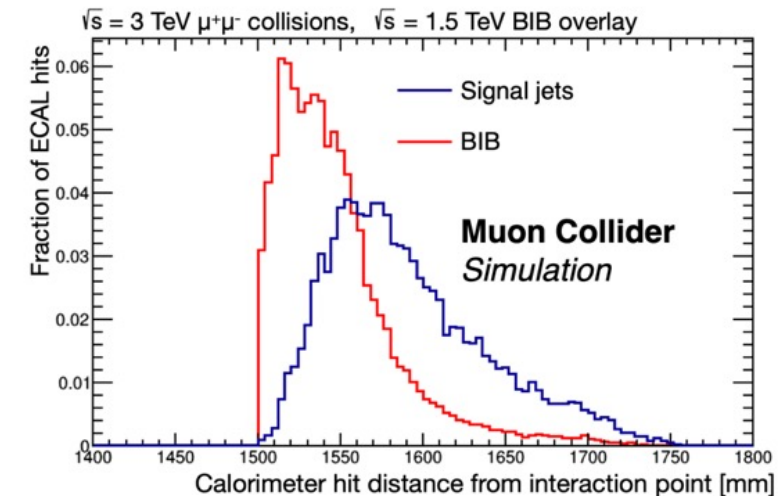
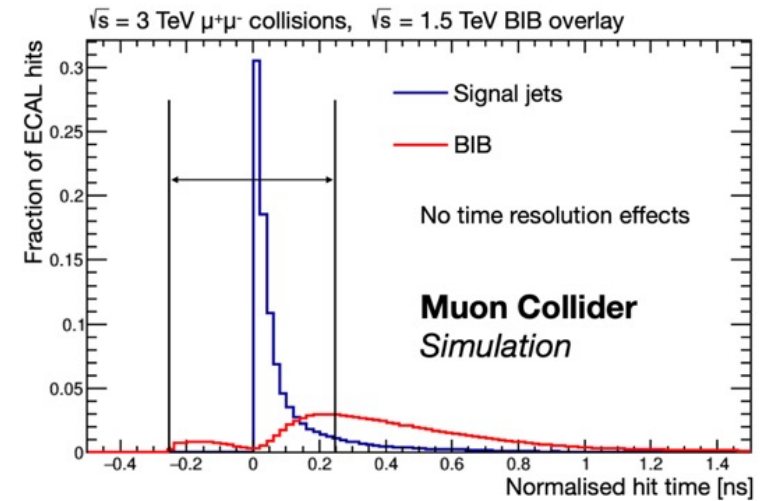
- **The beam-induced background (BIB)** poses the main challenge for the detector development at the Muon Collider
- Produced by muons decay in the beams, and subsequent interactions with the machine
- The BIB produces a flux of 300 particles per cm² through the ECAL surface
- 96% photons and 4% neutrons, average photon energy 1.7 MeV



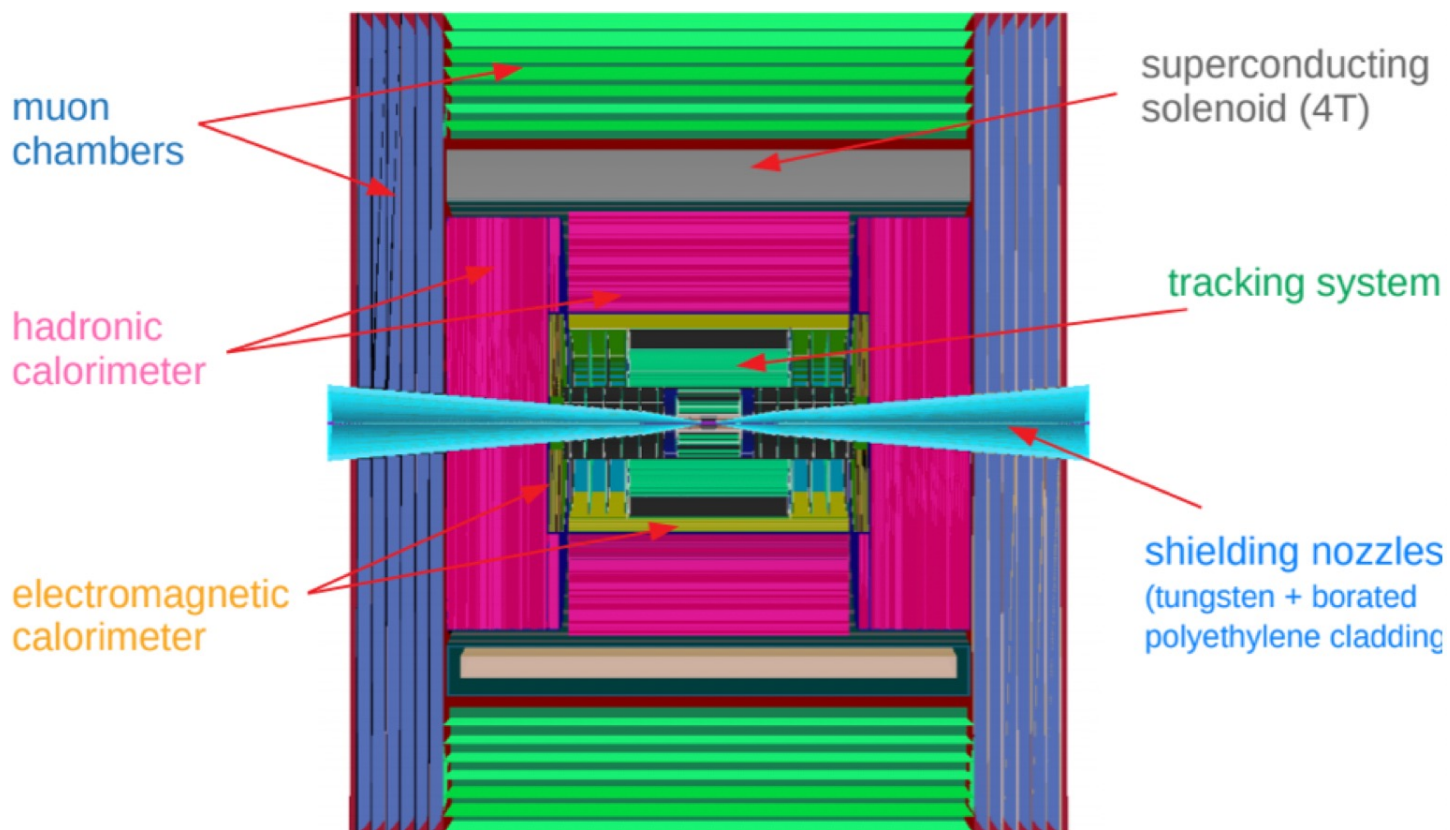
BIB hits in the calorimeters

Key features:

- **Timing:** BIB hits are out-of-time, a resolution in the order of 100 ps is needed
- **Longitudinal segmentation:** different profile for signal and BIB
- **Granularity:** helps in separating BIB particles from signal, avoiding overlaps in the same cell
- **Energy resolution:** target $\frac{\Delta E}{E} \approx \frac{10\%}{\sqrt{E[\text{GeV}]}}$



Muon Collider



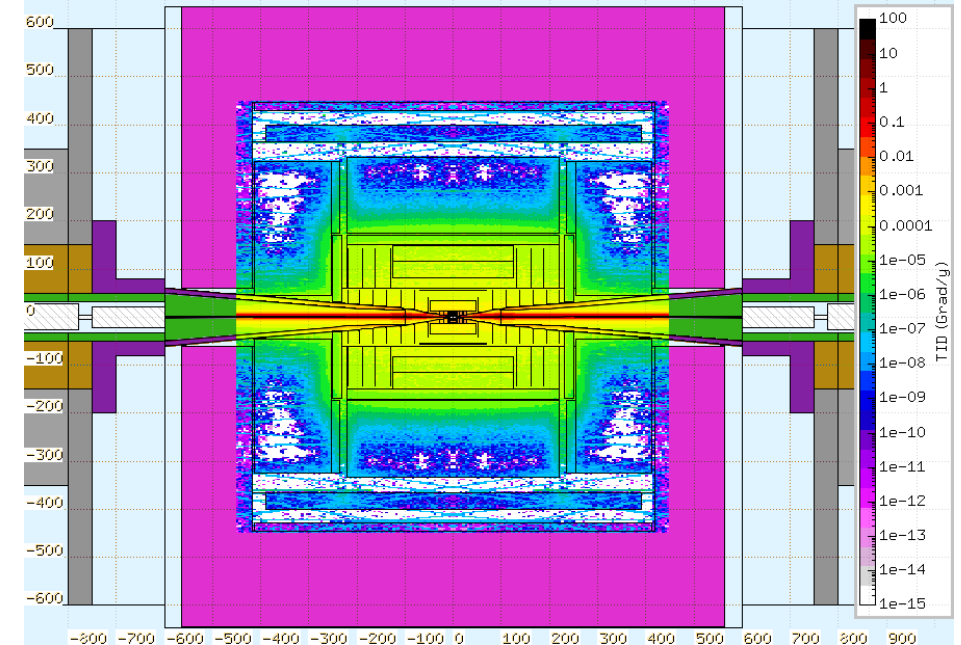
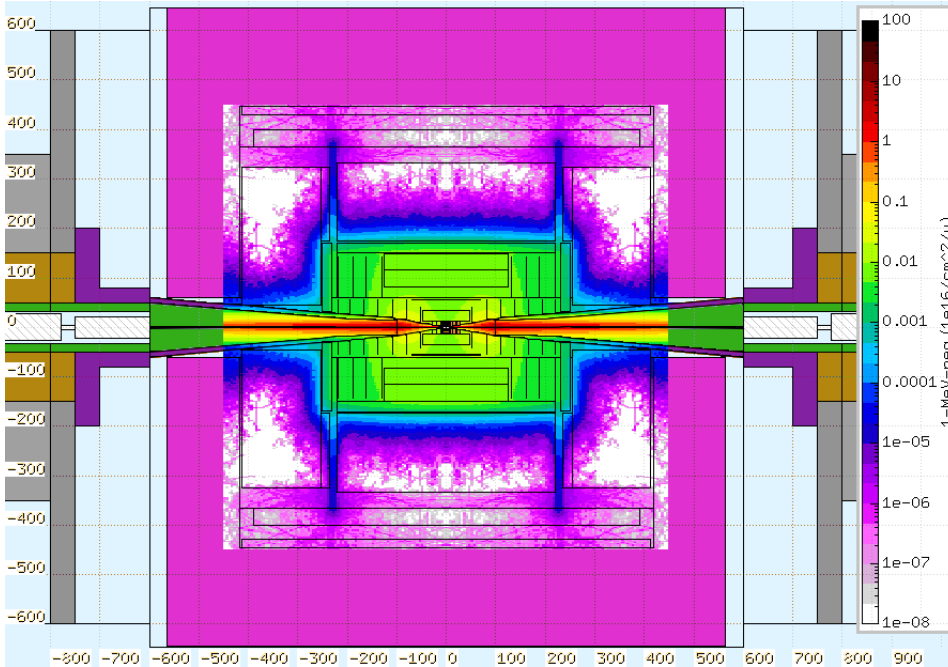
Main issues: BIB and radiation damage

Optimized detector interface:

- Based on CLIC detector, with modification for BIB suppression.
- Dedicated shielding (nozzle) to protect magnets/detector near interaction region.



FLUKA simulation for the BIB at $\sqrt{s}=1.5$ TeV



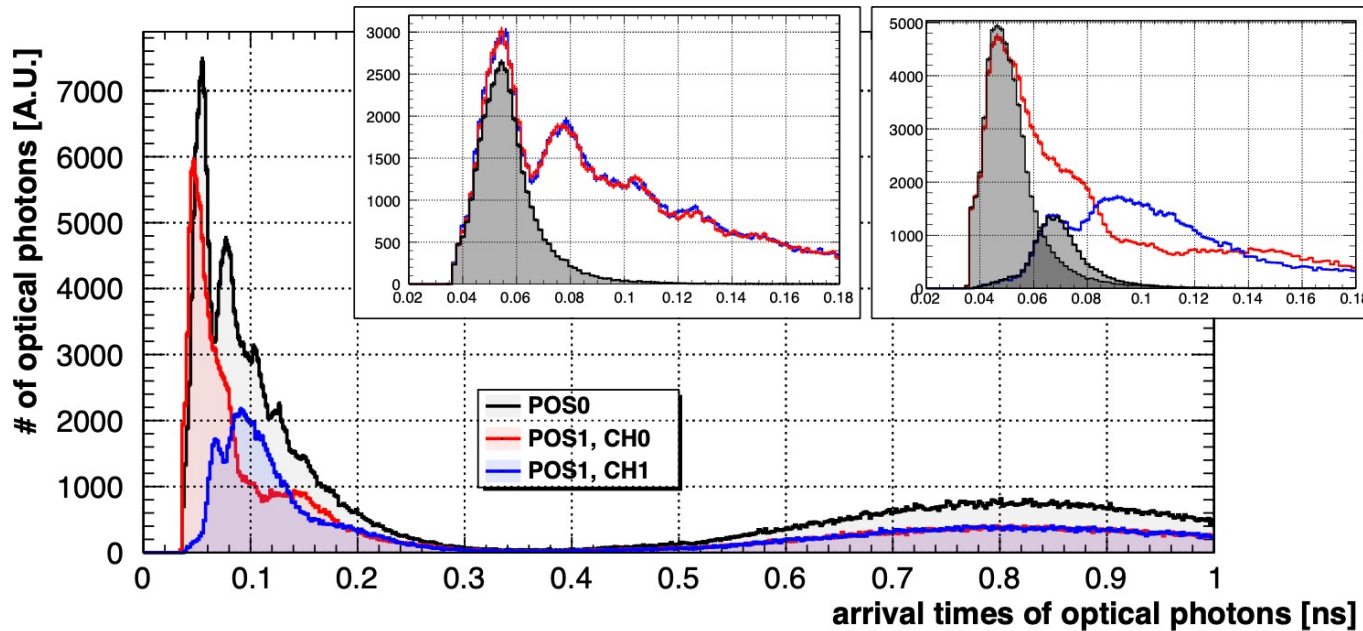
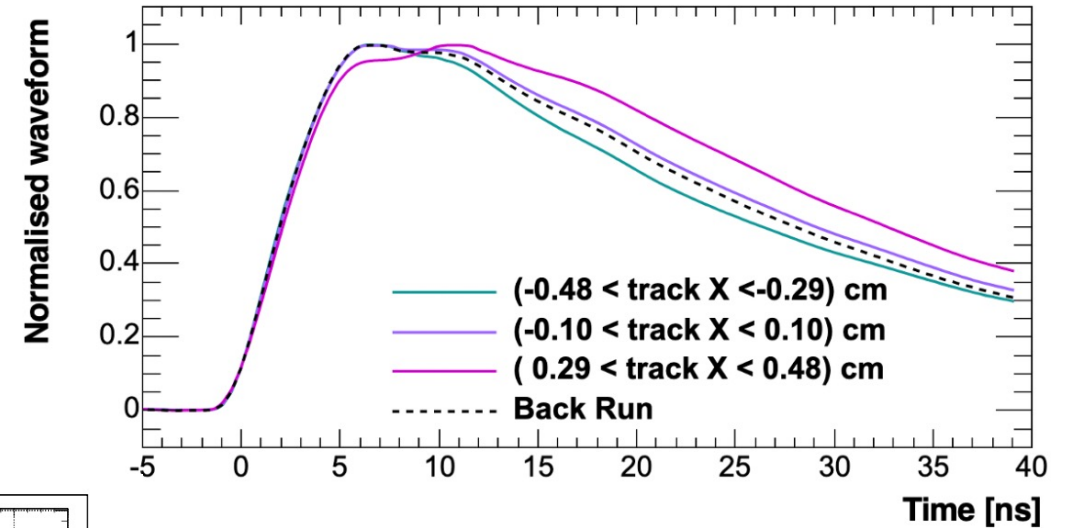
- **Neutron fluence** $\sim 10^{14}$ $n_{1\text{MeVeq}}/\text{cm}^2\text{year}$ on ECAL.
- **TID** ~ 1 kGy/year on ECAL.



Positional effects: waveshapes

Effects on waveforms (data)

- Pulse shape modification as a function of impact position selected with different fiducial cuts
- Green → particle incident directly on SiPM pair giving signal
- Magenta → particle incident on opposite SiPM pair
- Purple → particle incident between SiPM pairs
- Dashed line → signal shape for back runs



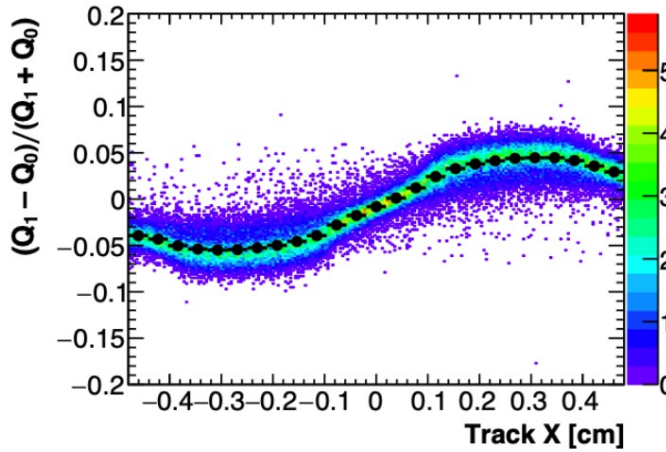
Optical simulation

- Simulated time distributions for optical photons arrival on the photosensors, for two beam positions
- POS0: centred beam the crystal
- POS1: 3 mm beam offset (towards CH0)
- shaded areas → contributions due to light reaching the photosensors directly (i.e., with zero or one reflections)

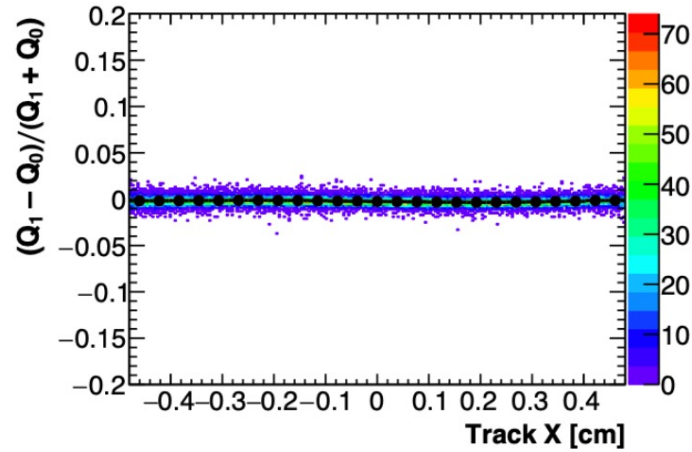


Positional effects: charge and timing

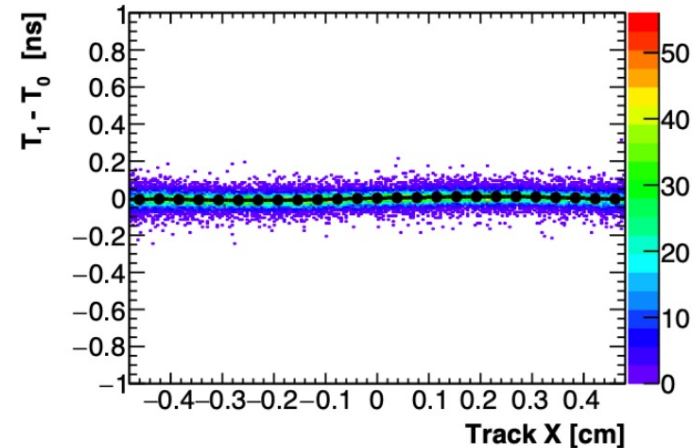
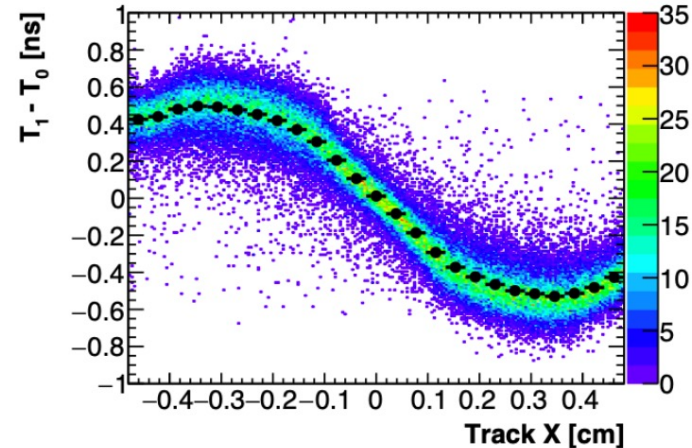
PbF2 DATA



front-run



back-run

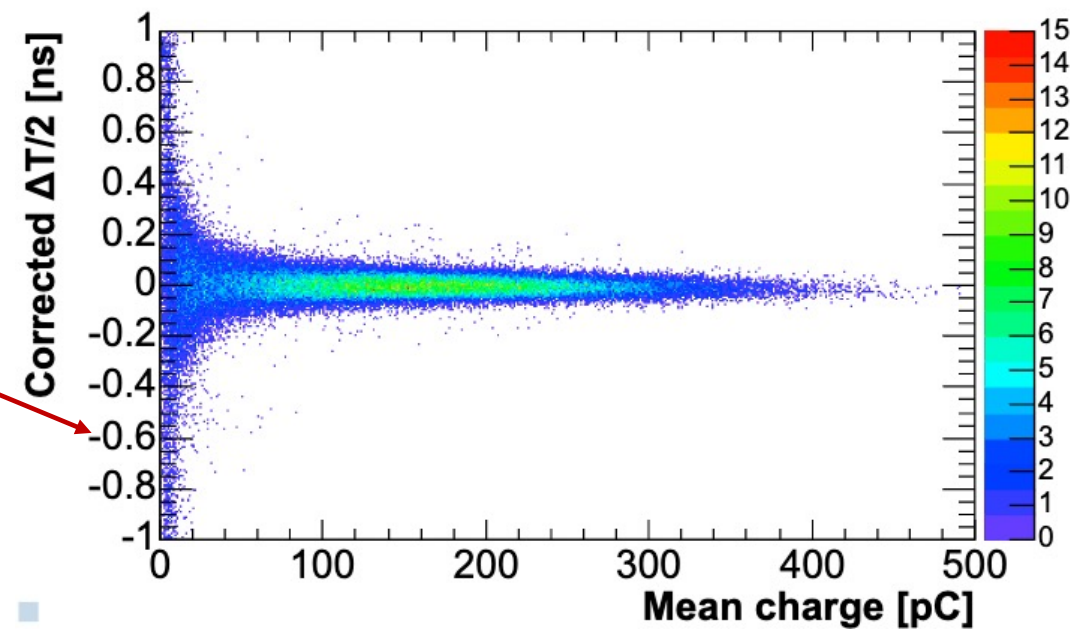
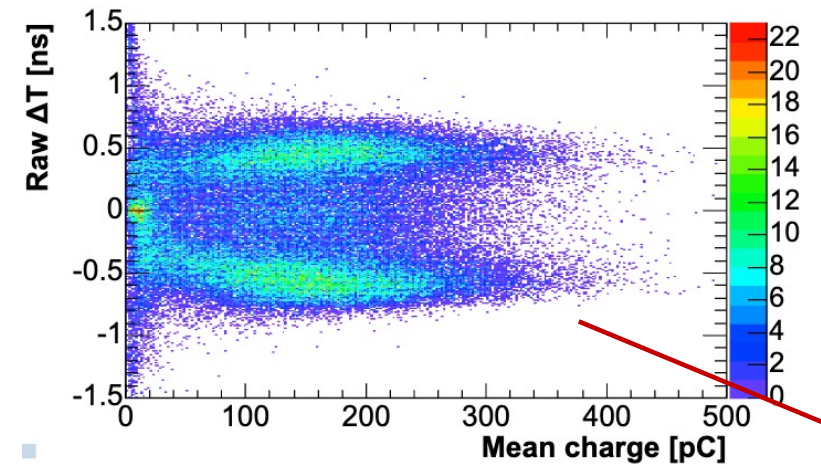
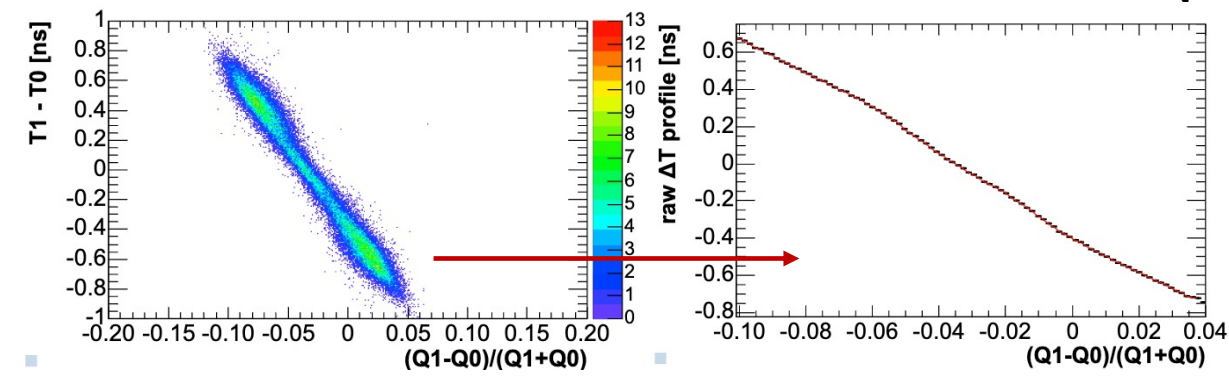


- +/- 10 % maximum imbalance in light collection
- anticorrelated effect on timing ($T_1 - T_0$)
- No significant effects for back-runs
- Similar effects for PbWO4-UF
- Light propagated indirectly is more strongly attenuated due to the longer total path length traversed and the multiple reflections
- earlier arrival times for photons arriving directly

Correction process



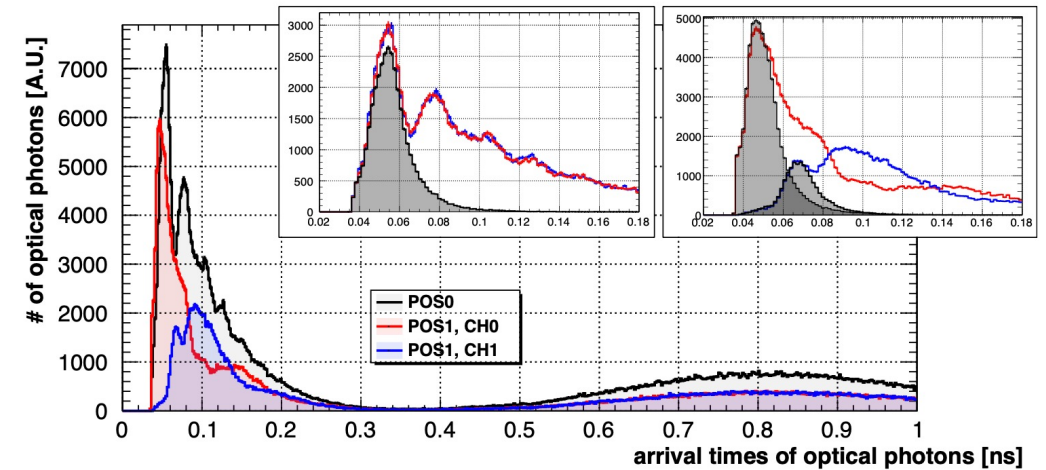
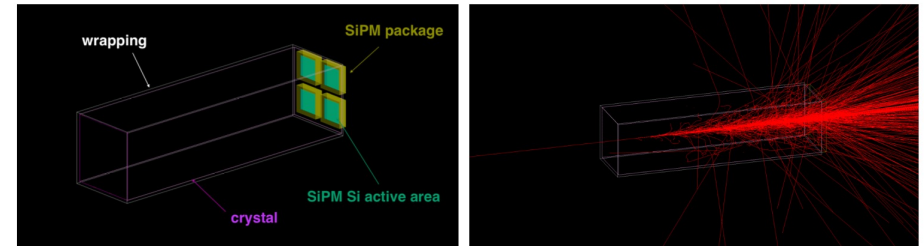
- The front mode shows a peculiar distribution both in time time difference and charge sharing:
 - the relationship between this two quantities can be used as correction function
 - Negligible effect in back runs



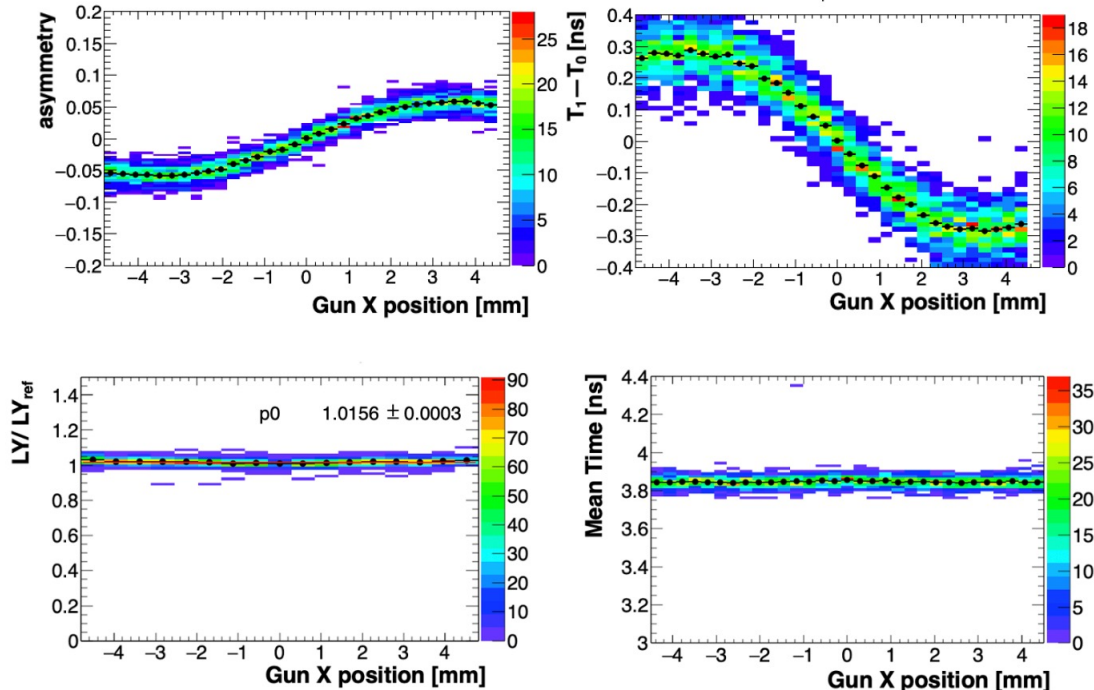


MC validation: optical simulation

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- Confirmation of the positional effects
- Charge asymmetry matched within 20 %
- Smaller timing offsets in simulation wrt data
- mean-time and mean-energy information are always well behaved



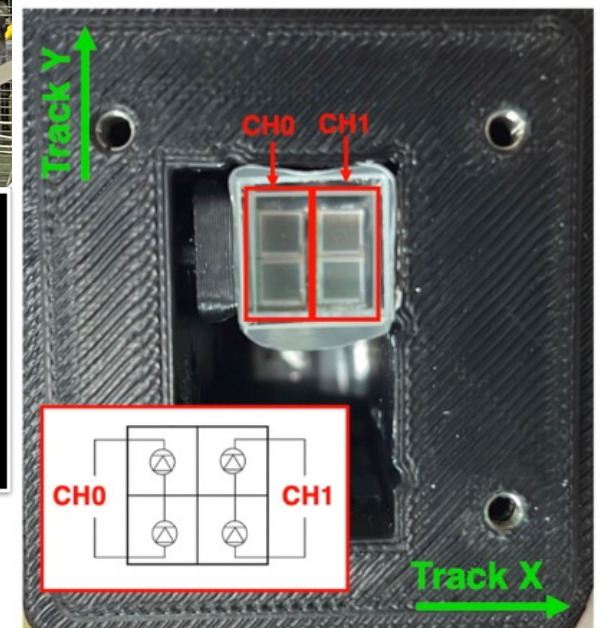
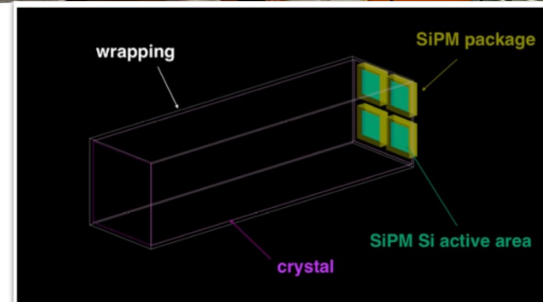
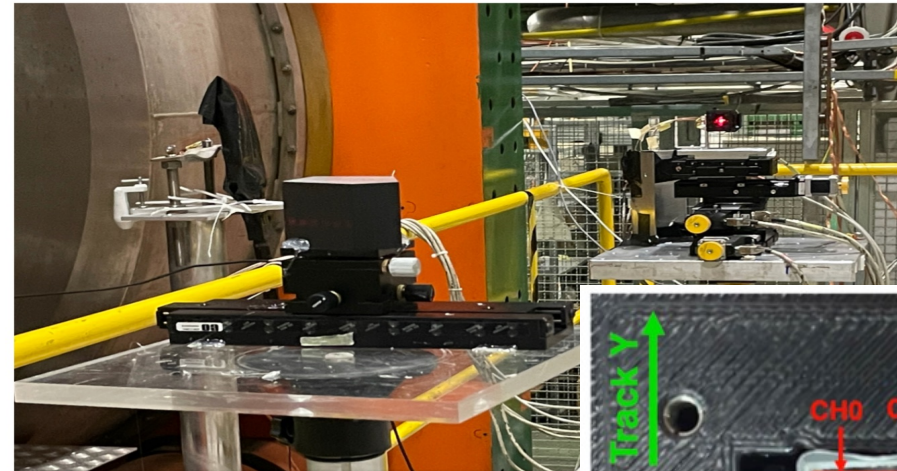
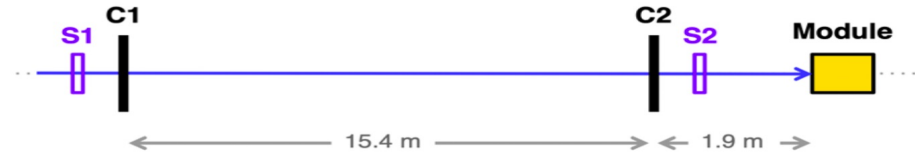
Proto-0: Single crystal beam test

Beam test on Proto-0 in a single crystal configuration in fall 2022:

- $10 \times 10 \times 40 \text{ mm}^3$ single crystal \rightarrow 2 options:
PbF₂ (4.3 X_0) **PbWO₄-UF** (4.5 X_0).
- Four $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$, $10 \mu\text{m}$ pixel size SiPMs for two independent readout channels (SiPM pairs connected in series).
- Mylar wrapping - No optical grease.

Aim:

- Validate CRILIN new readout electronics and readout scheme.
- Study systematics of light collection in small crystals with high n .
- Measure time resolution achievable with different crystal choices.



Results

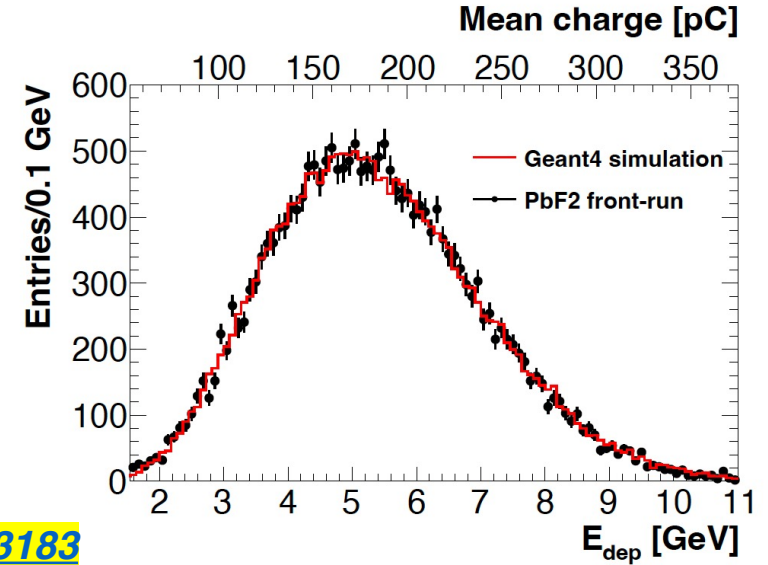


Two different orientation were tested → **FRONT** and **BACK**:

- The BACK run time resolution is better, even after correction, for both crystals.
- PbF_2 outperforms $\text{PbWO}_4\text{-UF}$ despite its higher light output (purely Cherenkov)
- $\text{PbF}_2 \rightarrow \sigma_{\text{MT}} < 25 \text{ ps}$ worst-case for $E_{\text{dep}} > 3 \text{ GeV}$
- $\text{PbWO}_4\text{-UF} \rightarrow \sigma_{\text{MT}} < 45 \text{ ps}$ worst-case for $E_{\text{dep}} > 3 \text{ GeV}$

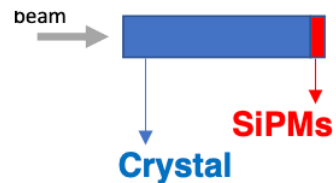
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	back-run	front-run
E_{dep} MPV [GeV]	4.26 ± 0.01	4.81 ± 0.03
E_{dep} sigma [GeV]	1.35 ± 0.01	1.46 ± 0.02
pC/GeV	~ 29.3	~ 35.6
NPE/MeV	~ 0.30	~ 0.30

	PWO-UF	
	back-run	front-run
E_{dep} MPV [GeV]	6.39 ± 0.01	6.88 ± 0.01
E_{dep} sigma [GeV]	1.83 ± 0.01	1.99 ± 0.01
pC/GeV	~ 66.7	~ 76.9
NPE/MeV	~ 0.11	~ 0.13



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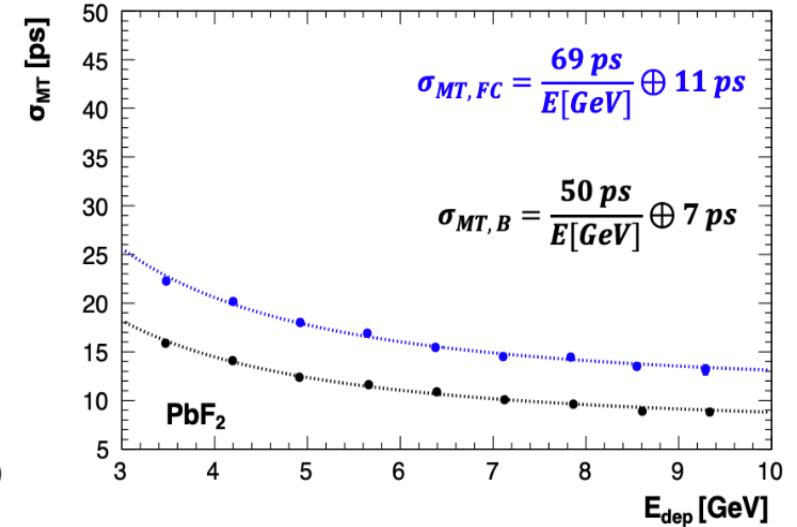
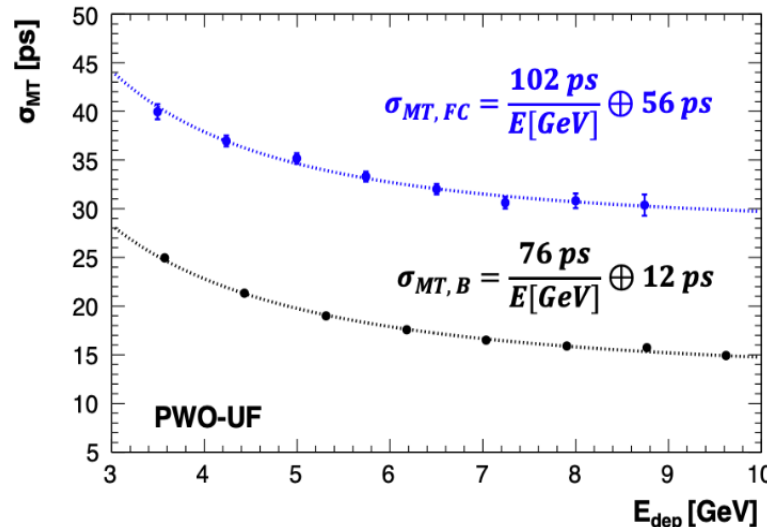
“Front” mode



“Back” mode



Proto-0



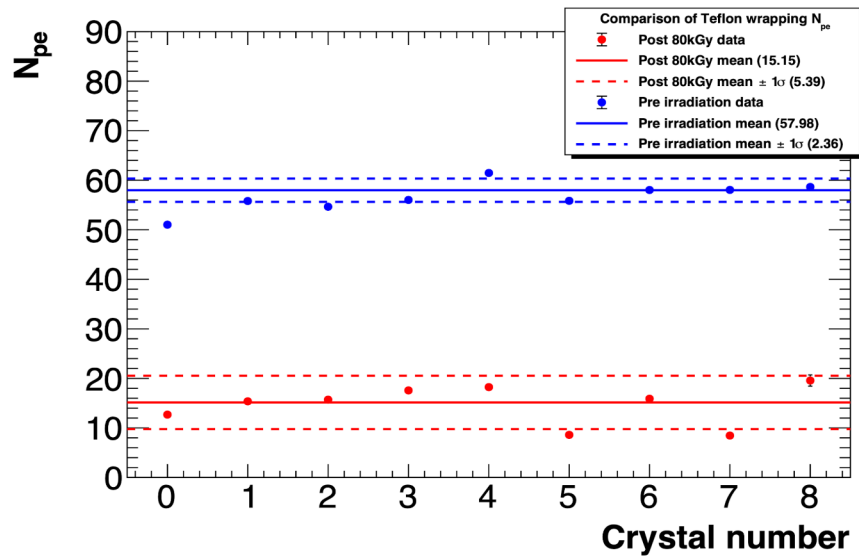
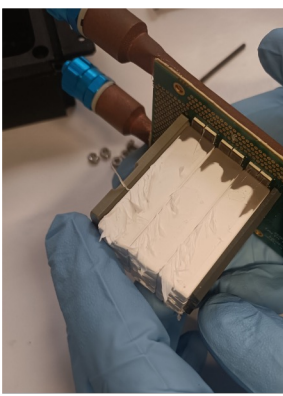
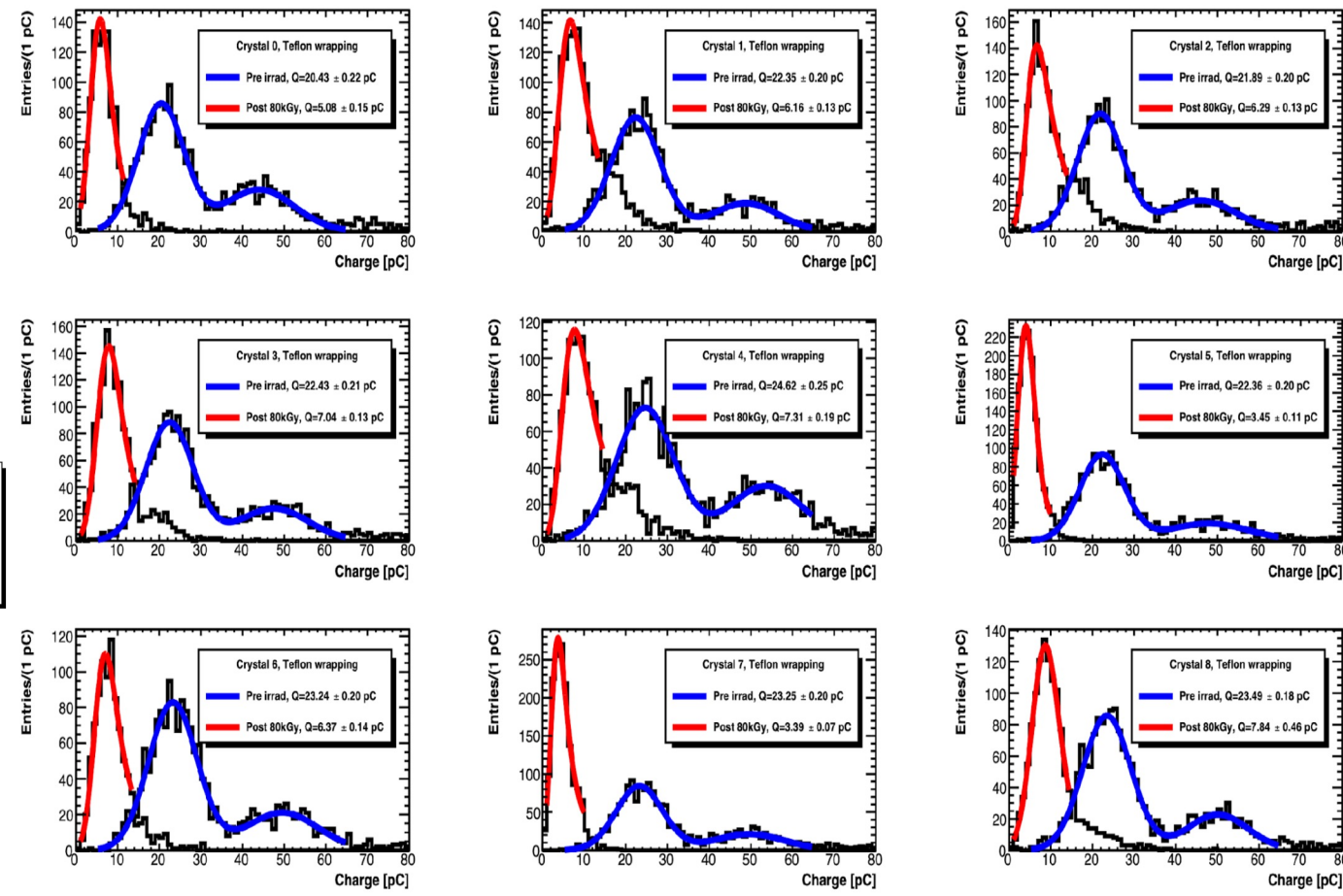
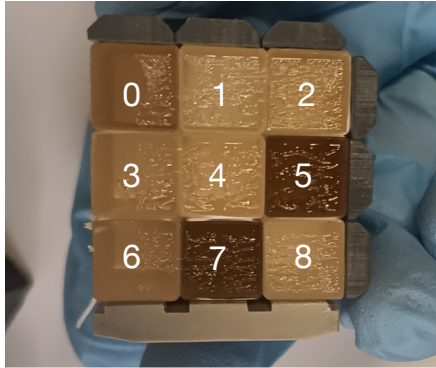
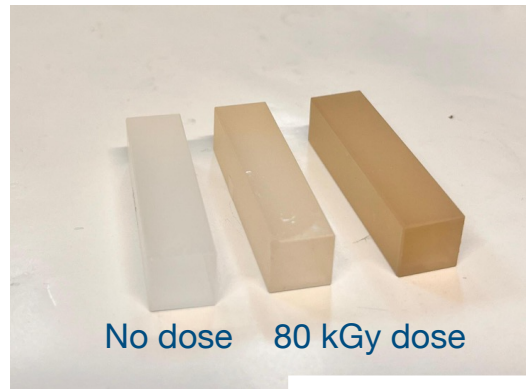
Beam test @ BTF: Teflon wrapping



After 80 kGy (8 Mrad) irradiation

- Teflon was damaged and brittle
- Crystals evident loss of transparency

Charge distribution of PbF_2 pre and post irradiation

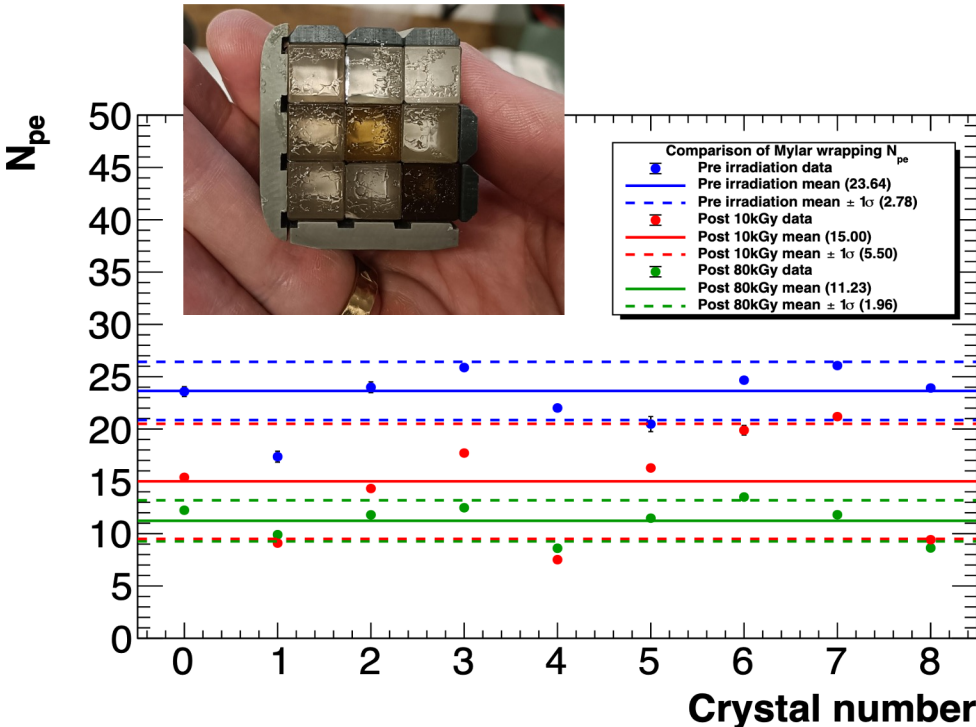
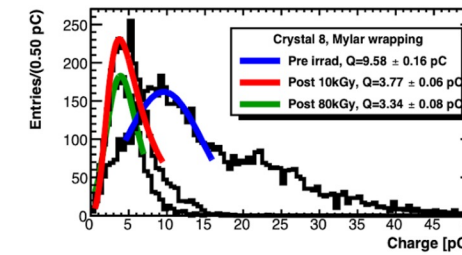
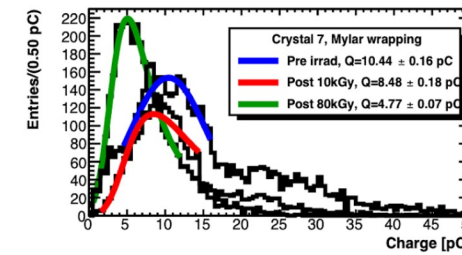
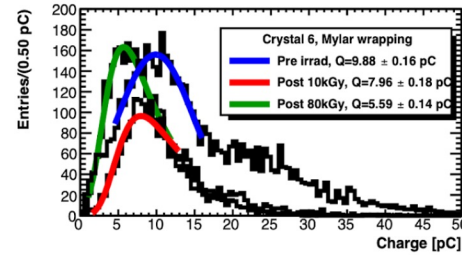
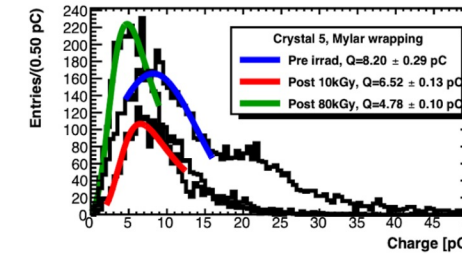
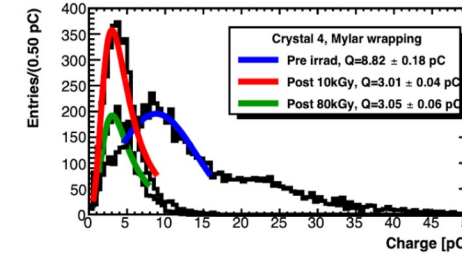
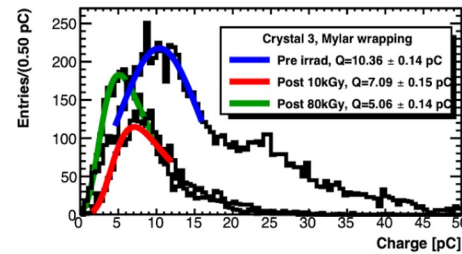
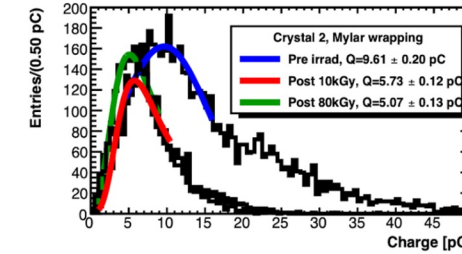
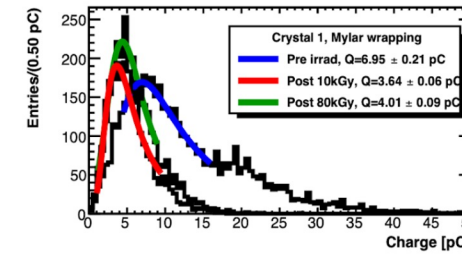
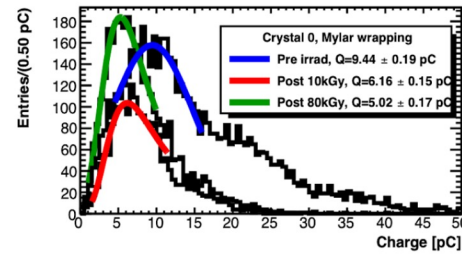


Beam test @ BTF: Mylar wrapping



- Test repeated with a Mylar wrapping
- **No annealing after 48h and 60h observed**
- **New test planned to evaluate SiPMs PDE loss and optical grease degradation**

Charge distribution of PbF_2 pre, after 10 kGy and after 80 kGy irradiation



Crilin Module Prototype



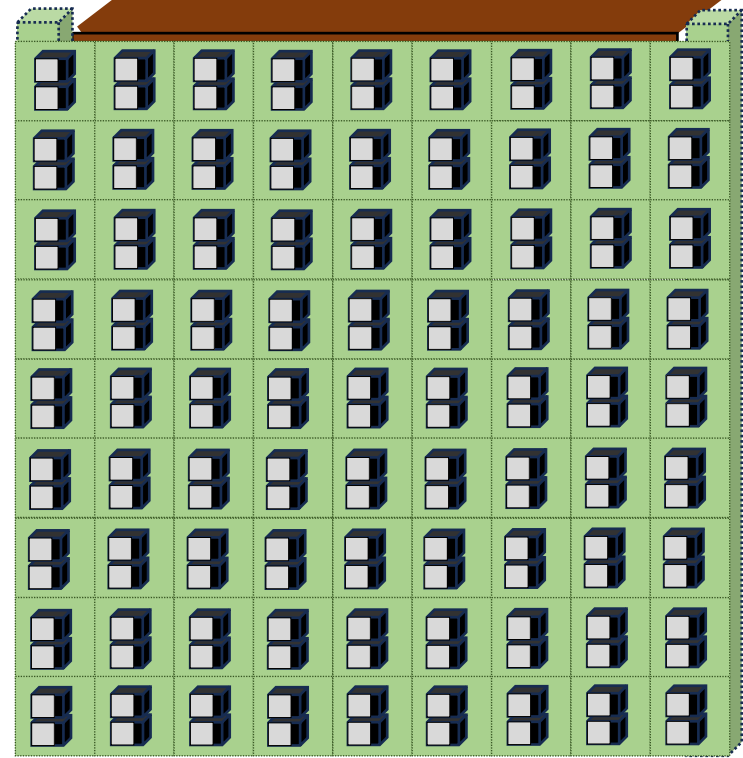
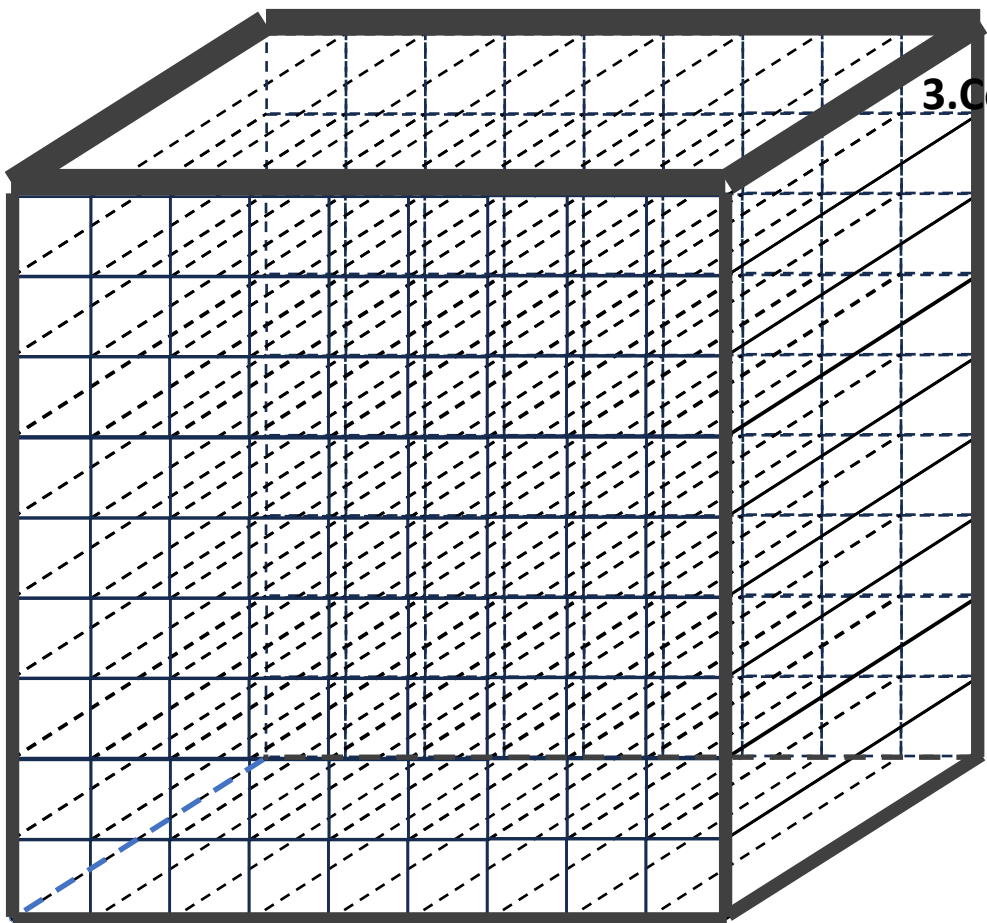
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2. Thicker ($\sim 2\text{mm}$) in the external envelope with channels for cooling

2. Kapton strip for polarization and output signal:

1. Handles polarization and output signals for each channel of two SiPMs in series.

3. Connectors at the back of the 5 assembled modules.



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