

Muon Collider's detectors R&D

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A Muon Collider

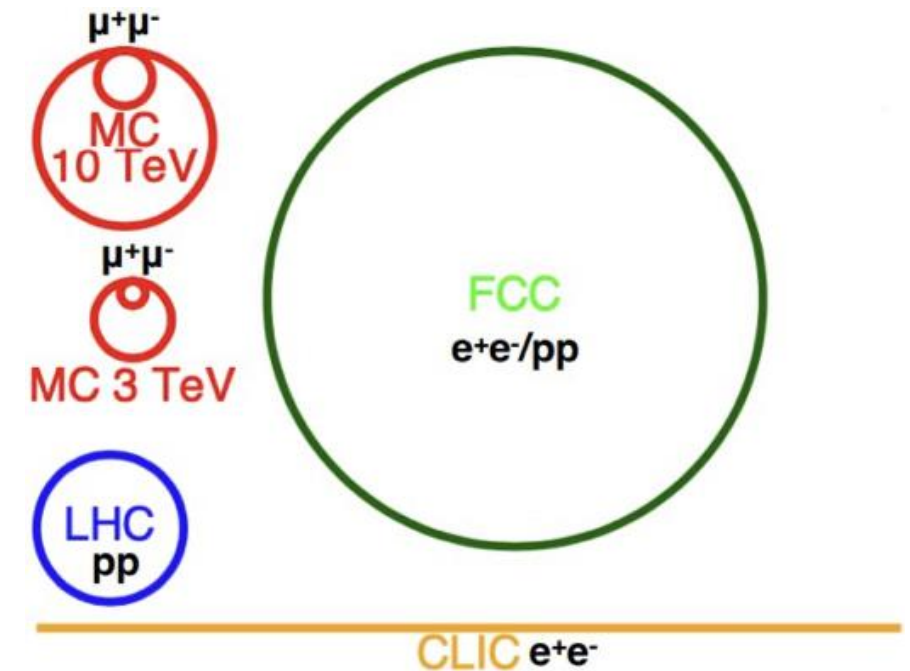
A Muon Collider is being considered as an option for a next generation facility; studies for 3 and 10 TeV designs are being carried out showing several advantages but also technological challenges.

Muon Collider pros:

- $m_\mu \gg m_e$ hence negligible synchrotron radiation
- **Point-like particle**: all energy is available for the collision
- perfect for direct search of heavy states
- **broad physics reach**: SM precision tests, BSM direct and indirect search, lepton flavour universality tests

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
- **Intensive neutrino flux**



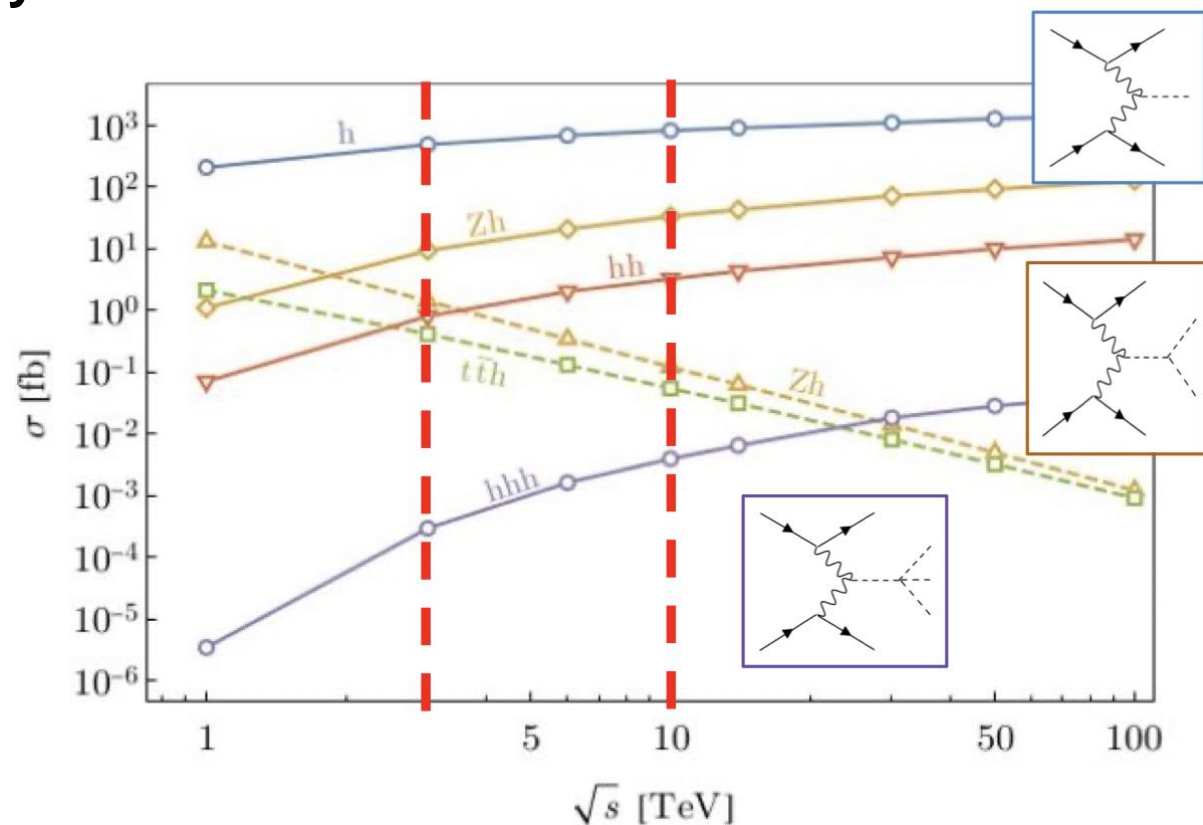
Higgs Physics @ Muon Collider

The last ESPPU identified Higgs Physics as the main physics target at future colliders:

- Measure Higgs couplings to fermions and bosons at $\sim O(1\%)$ level
- Measure Higgs potential with multi-higgs processes

The **Muon Collider** is by all means a **Higgs factory**

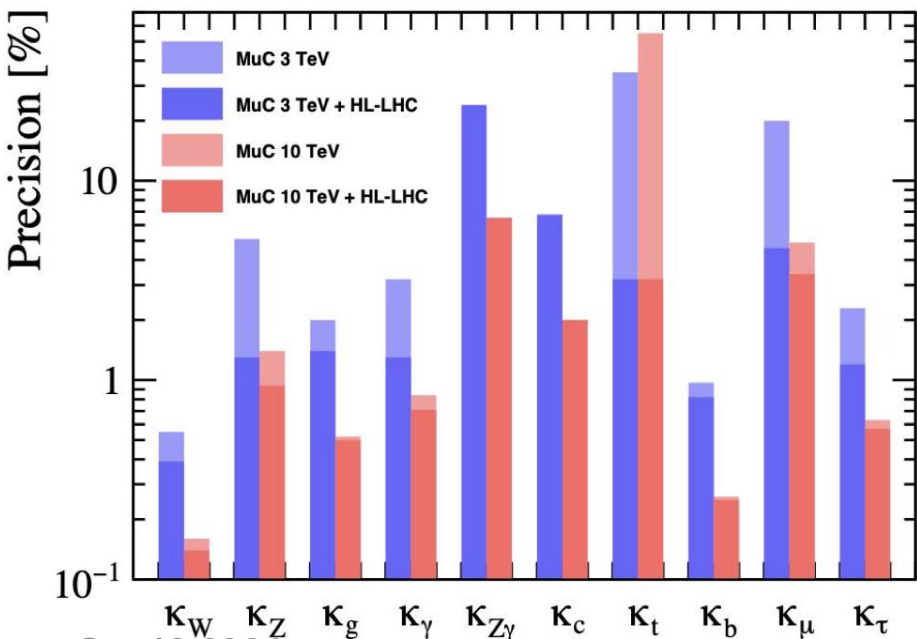
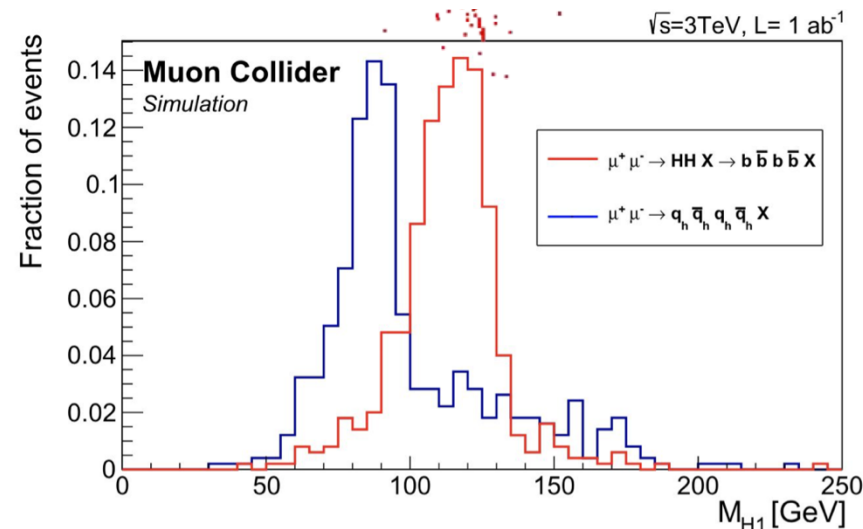
Energy	Luminosity	number of Higgs
3 TeV	1 ab ⁻¹	5 x 10 ⁵
10 TeV	10 ab ⁻¹	9.5 x 10 ⁶
14 TeV	20 ab ⁻¹	2.2 x 10 ⁷
30 TeV	90 ab ⁻¹	1.2 x 10 ⁹





Coupling precisions and Di-Higgs

- **Coupling measurements** simulated with full and parametric simulations → results are consistent and very close to the phenomenological studies (optimization still in progress)
- **Di-Higgs** production is particularly sensitive to **trilinear Higgs self-coupling λ_3** (only the $HH \rightarrow bbbb$ channel has been considered for now)
- Extrapolation to higher energies and luminosities → **Muon Collider provides most precise results**
- Possibility to access **Higgs quartic self-coupling λ_4** (only pheno study for now), expectations: $\delta\lambda_4 = 50\%$ at $E_{\text{com}} = 14 \text{ TeV}$ with 20 ab^{-1}



The Muon Collider is **definitely competitive** in the landscape of future colliders

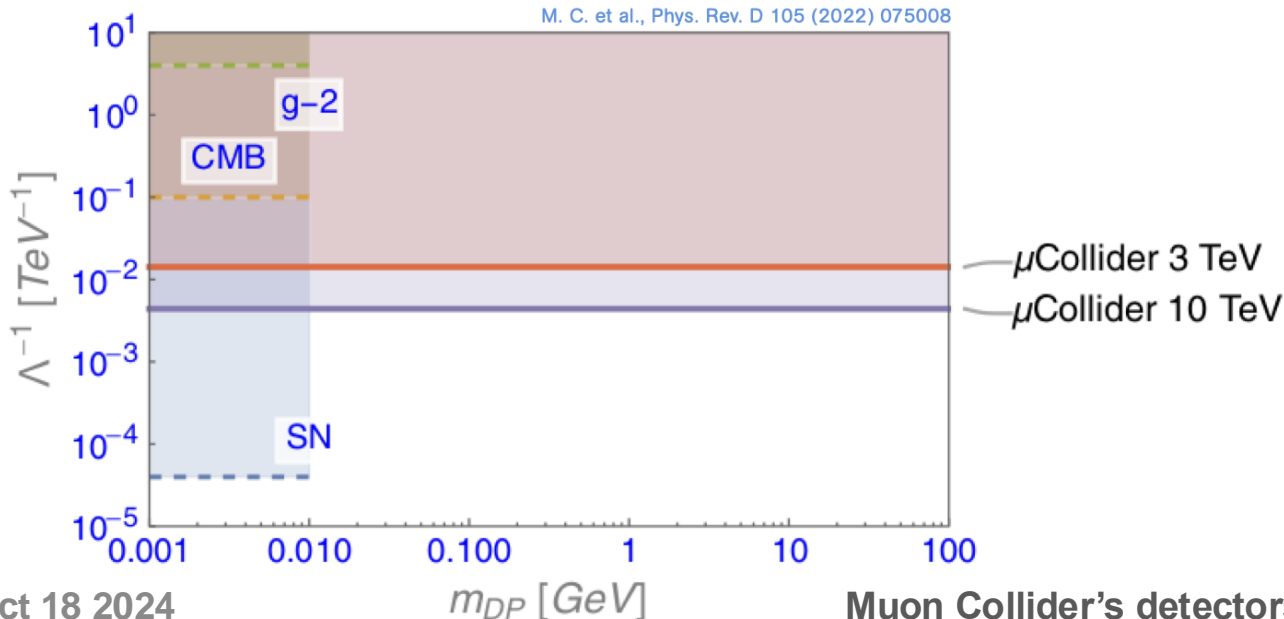
Experiment	Luminosity	COM Energy	$\delta\lambda_3$
CLIC	5 ab^{-1}	3 TeV	-7%, +11%
ILC	8 ab^{-1}	1 TeV	10%
FCC-hh	30 ab^{-1}	100 TeV	3%
Muon Collider	2 ab^{-1}	3 TeV	15%
Muon Collider	10 ab^{-1}	10 TeV	3.5%
Muon Collider	20 ab^{-1}	14 TeV	2.5%
Muon Collider	90 ab^{-1}	30 TeV	1%

BSM @ Muon Collider

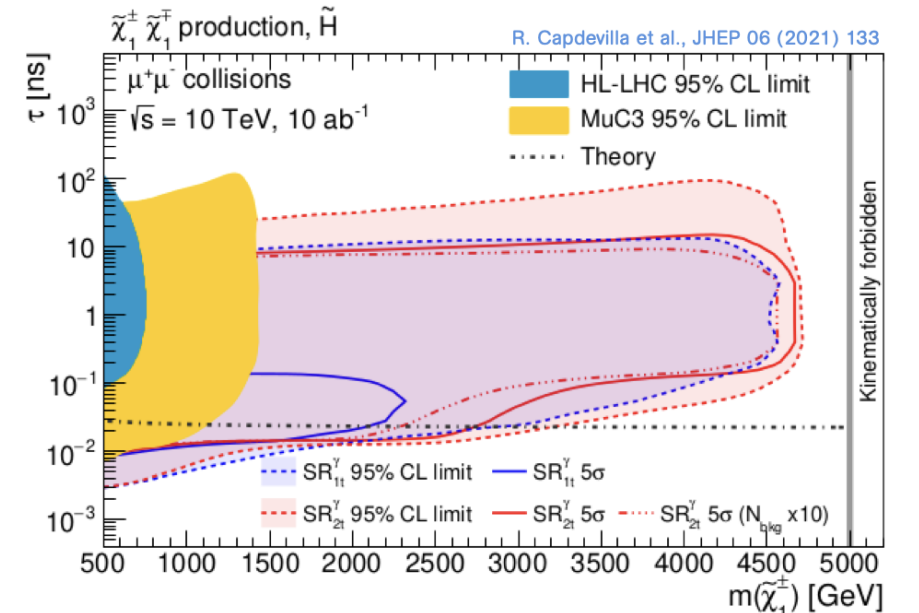
Higgs boson couplings represent a guaranteed result, but the muon collider physics program is much broader.

- Search for a **dark photon** (DP) or an **ALP** produced in association with a photon at $\sqrt{s} = 3$ TeV (1 ab⁻¹) and $\sqrt{s} = 10$ TeV (10 ab⁻¹) in events with a **single monochromatic photon**.
- Search for **wino and higgsino dark matter** at $\sqrt{s} = 3$ TeV (1 ab⁻¹) and $\sqrt{s} = 10$ TeV (10 ab⁻¹) with the **disappearing track signature**.

95% CL limits on DP effective coupling to muons



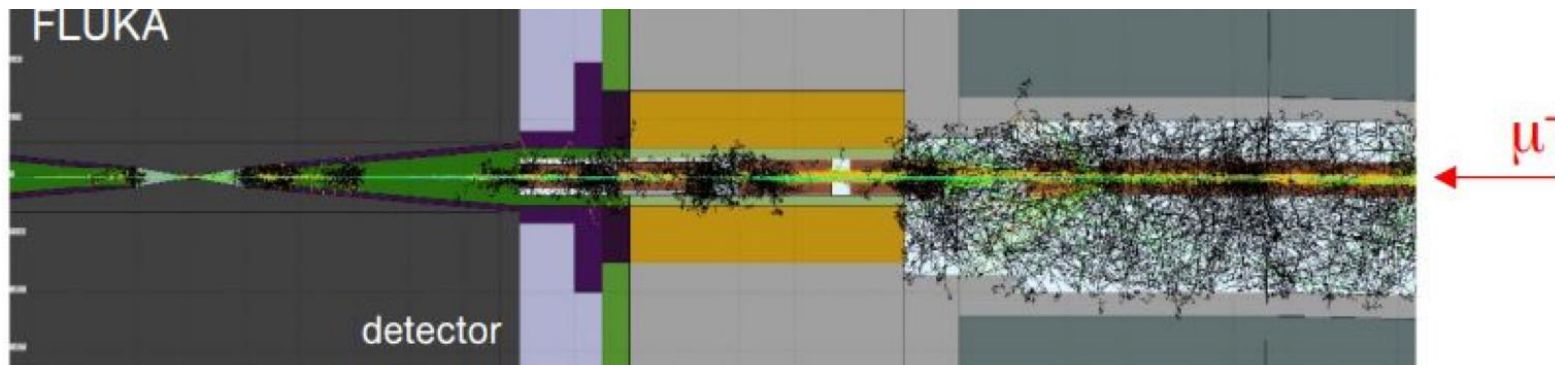
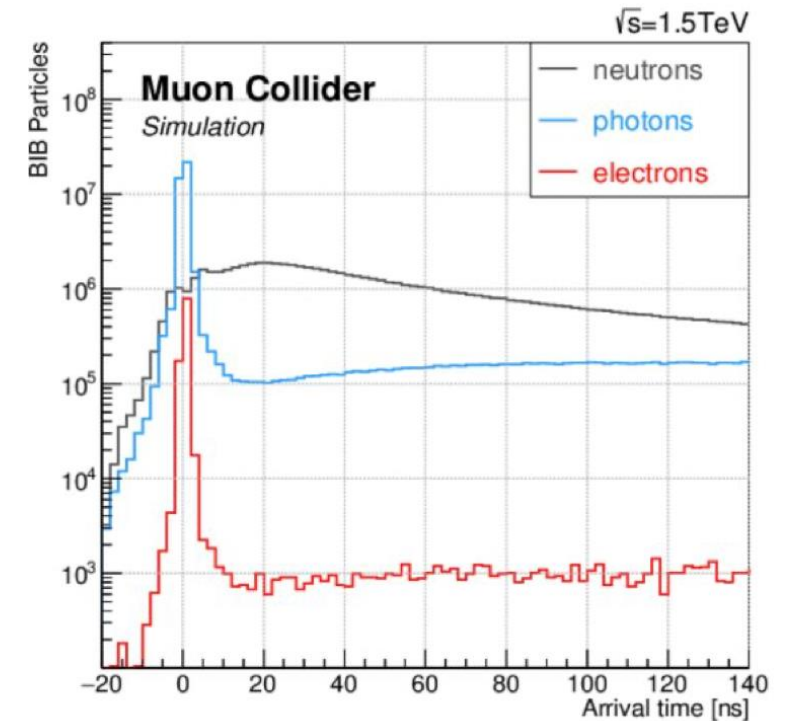
expected sensitivity as a function of chargino m and τ



Beam Induced Background



- Muons decay \rightarrow decay products interact with machine: **intense fluxes of particles reach the detector**:
 - high multiplicity of particles in the tracker (mainly in first layers)
 - diffuse background in calorimeters
- Innovative techniques and optimised algorithms are fundamental to mitigate the impact of BIB
- **Tungsten nozzles** mitigate radiation coming to the detector
- BIB is off-time wrt bunch crossing, algorithms and detectors tailored to exploit these features
- Still working on the MDI optimization for 10 TeV



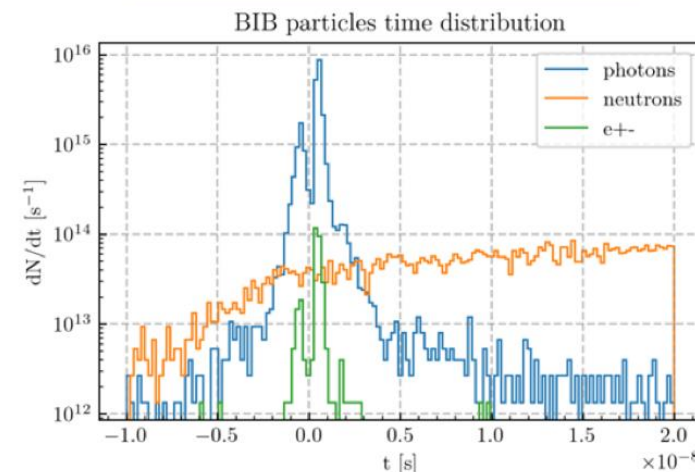
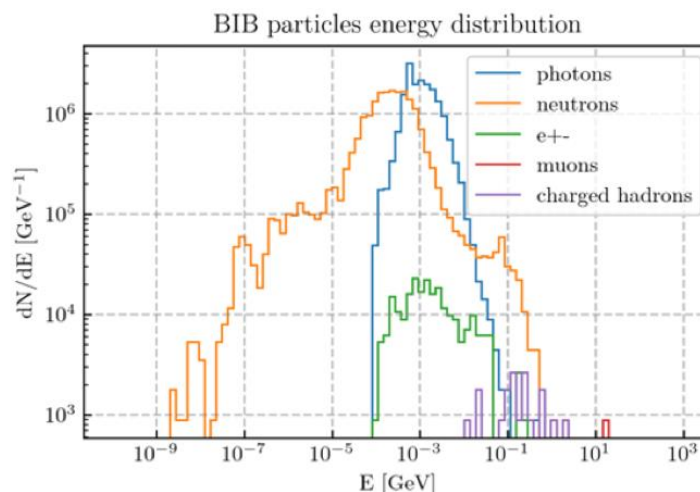
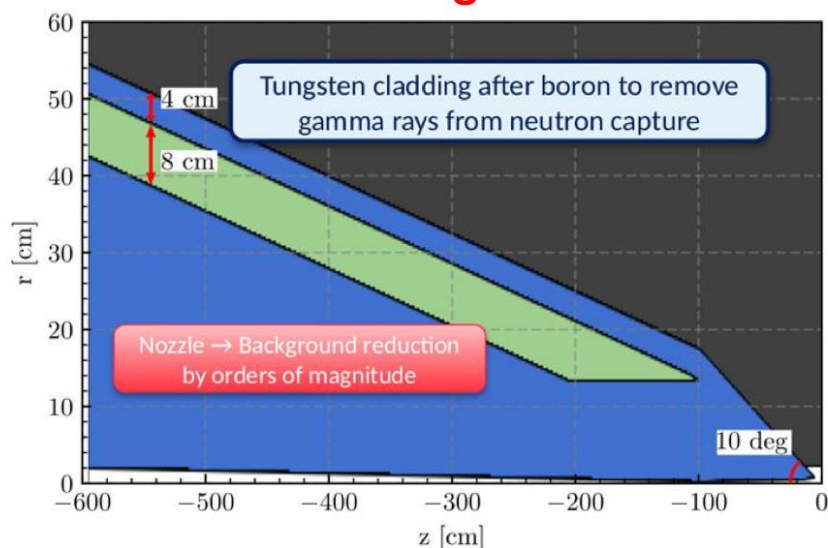
Machine Detector Interface – 10 TeV

New design needed for the 10 TeV MDI:

- Different nozzle design wrt previous studies
- @ 10 TeV: **significant background from incoherent e^+e^- pairs produced @ bunch crossing**
 - High energy e^+e^- in the detector in time wrt bunch crossing
 - Confined to the inner regions thanks to the solenoidal B Field \rightarrow vertex detector and inner tracker layers

Collider energy	1.5 TeV	3 TeV	10 TeV (v 0.8)	10 TeV (EU24*)
Photons	7.1E+07	9.6E+07	1.6E+08	9.9E+07
Neutron	4.7E+07	5.8E+07	1.4E+08	1.1E+08
e^+/e^-	7.1E+05	9.3E+05	8.9E+05	1.2E+06
Ch. hadrons	1.7E+04	2.0E+04	5.2E+04	4.2E+04
Muons	3.1E+03	3.3E+03	3.3E+03	9.6E+03

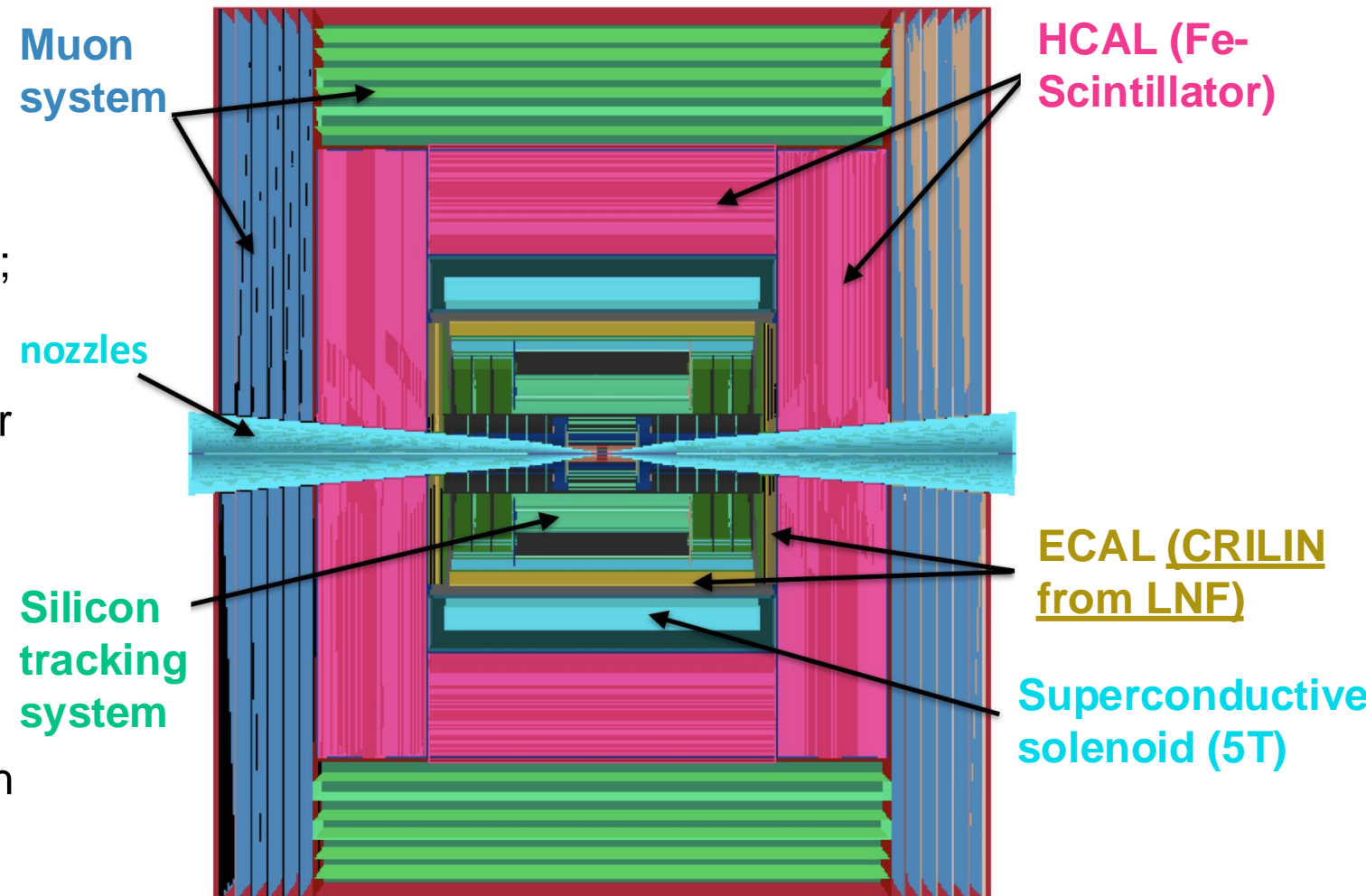
10 TeV	BIB	e^+e^- pairs
Photons	9.9E+07	4.0E+06
Neutron	1.1E+08	1.3E+05
e^+/e^-	1.2E+06	2.1E+05



New detector concept: MUSIC detector



- **Main physics requirements** → ability to reconstruct:
 - boosted low-pT physics objects from Standard Model processes;
 - central energetic physics objects from decays of possible new massive states;
 - less conventional experimental signatures: disappearing tracks, displaced leptons, displaced photons or jets, ...
 - multipurpose
- **Constraints from the machine design:** final focusing quadrupoles at ± 6 m from the interaction point
- **Machine background conditions:** the high levels of BIB will impose the technological choices, reconstructed algorithms and the detector design



Tracker requirements

- In the tracking system, the BIB produces a huge amount of spurious hits (most from very low-p electrons looping inside)

Key features of the tracking system to deal with the BIB:

- high granularity;
- precise timing;
- directional information;
- characteristics of the detector response (pulse shape and pixel cluster size).

Vertex detector:

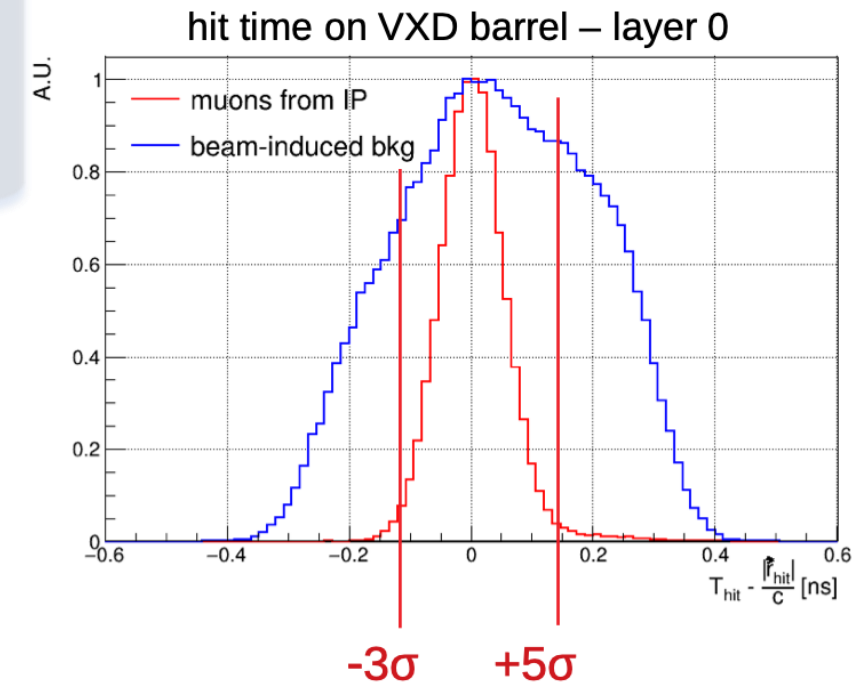
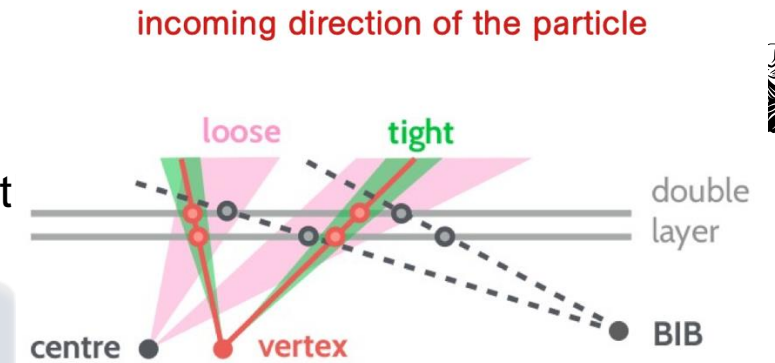
- Silicon pixels $25 \times 25 \mu\text{m}^2$
- Spatial resolution $5 \mu\text{m} \times 5 \mu\text{m}$
- Time resolution 30 ps

Inner and outer tracker:

- macropixel $50 \mu\text{m} \times 1 \text{ mm}$.
- Spatial resolution $7 \mu\text{m} \times 90 \mu\text{m}$.
- Time resolution 60 ps.

Ongoing R&D:

Silicon LGAD sensors for 4D tracking up to very high fluence



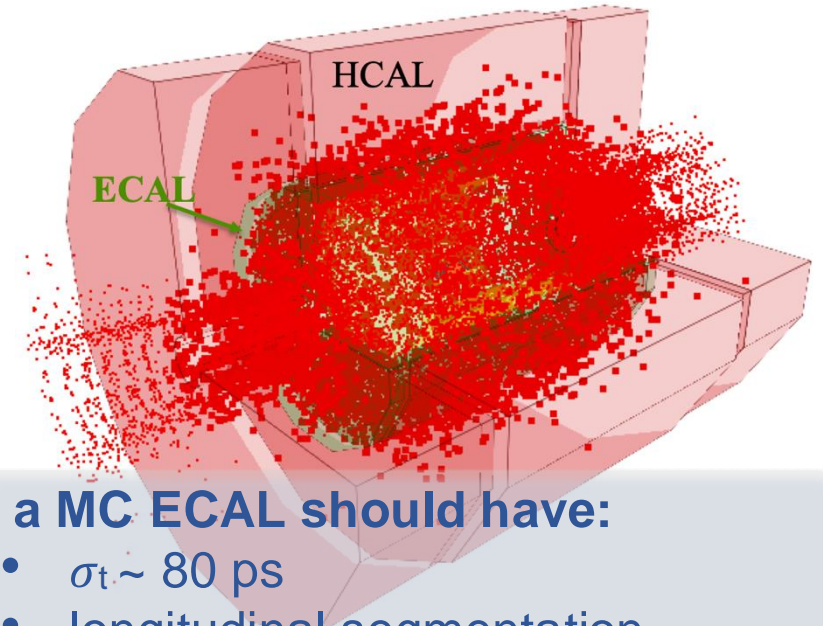
Higher hit occupancies than at HL-LHC detectors are expected, but the crossing rate at the muon collider is ~30-70 kHz vs 40 MHz at LHC.

ECAL 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:** $10^{14} n_{1\text{MeVneq}}/\text{cm}^2 / \text{year}$

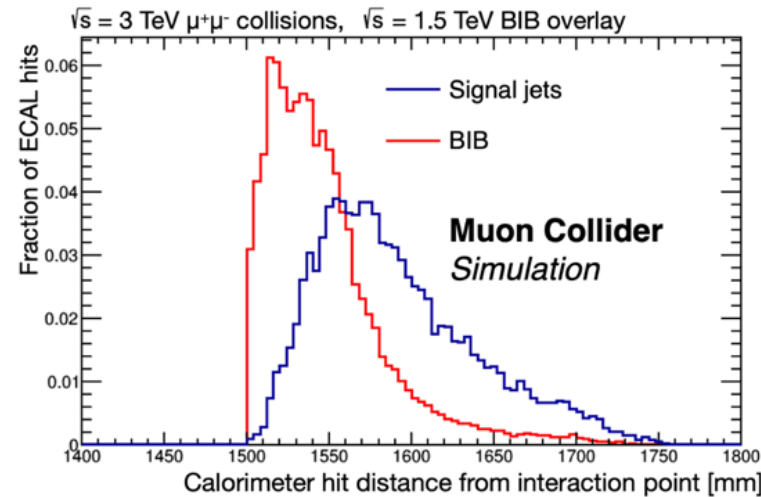
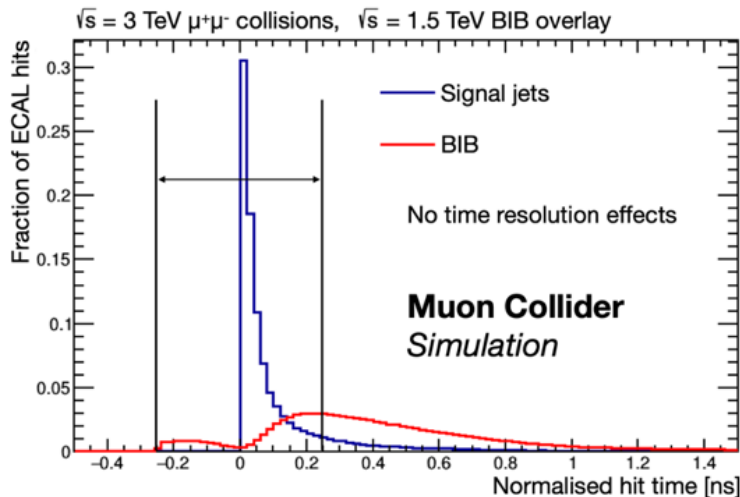
BIB hits in the calorimeters



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) initially considered as the primary candidate, now CRILIN is the baseline choice.



Magnet

Key aspect: **position of the magnet**. Need to keep under control:

- Momentum resolution of tracks (especially at low)
- Good energy resolution for photons ($\frac{10\%}{\sqrt{E[GeV]}}$) and jets ($\sim 10\%$)

MUSIC solution:

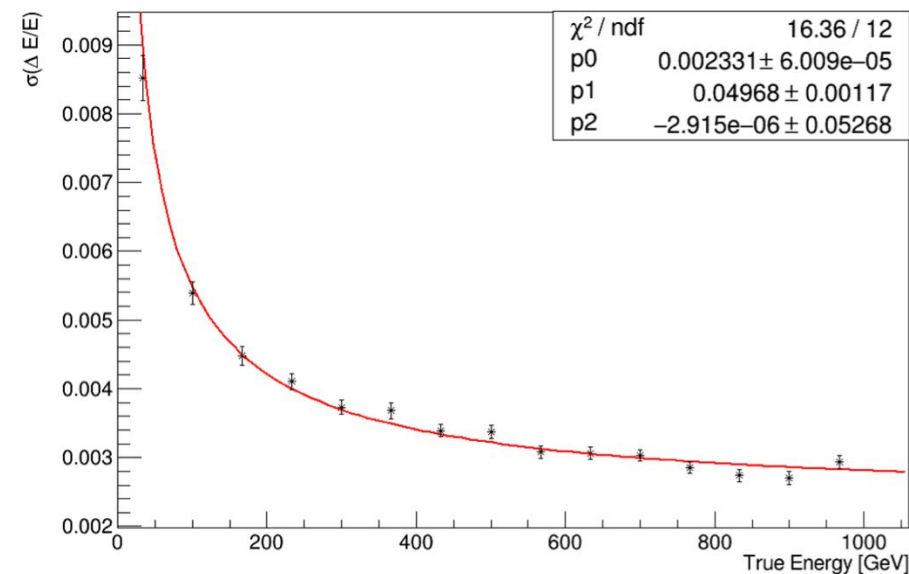
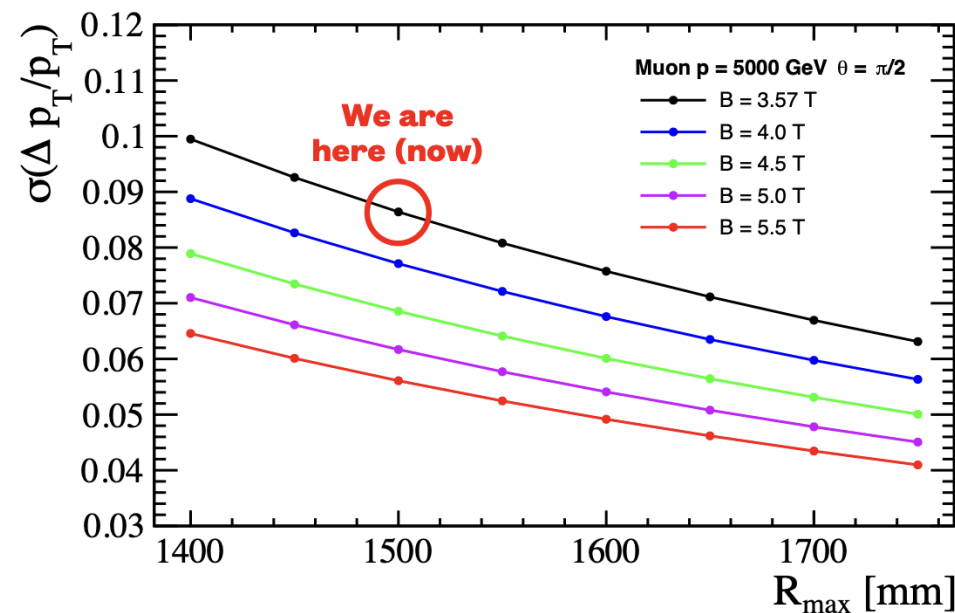
- place the solenoid between the calorimeters
- close the B field with the iron in HCAL

Magnet thickness:

Given by: $t_{\text{coil}}/X_0 = (R/\sigma_h X_0)(B^2/2\mu_0)$

t_{coil} thickness of the coil
 R radius of the coil
 B the magnetic field
 σ_h hoop stress of the coil

E	B	R	t(coil)
3 TeV	3.57 T	3821 mm	344 mm
10 TeV	4 T	2393 mm	270 mm
10 TeV	5 T	2393 mm	423 mm



HCAL requirements

BIB in hadronic calorimeter:

- Mostly photons (96%) and neutrons (4%)
- Large asynchronous component
- Occupancy: 0.06 hits / cm² ~10 times lower than ECAL

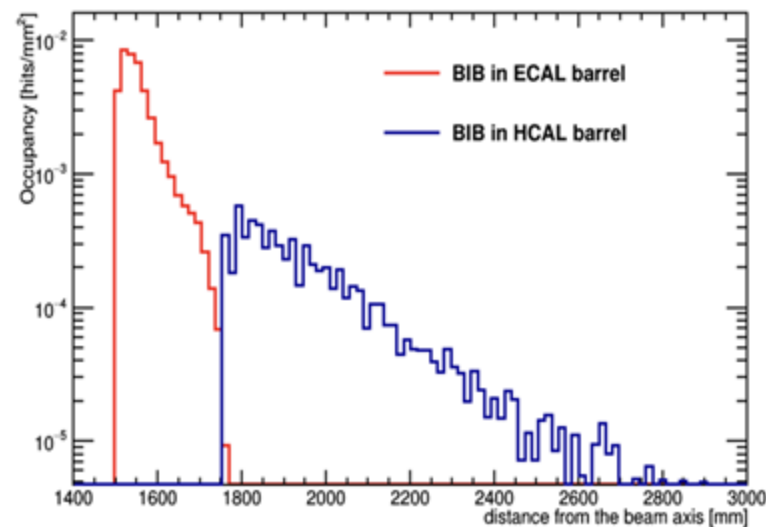
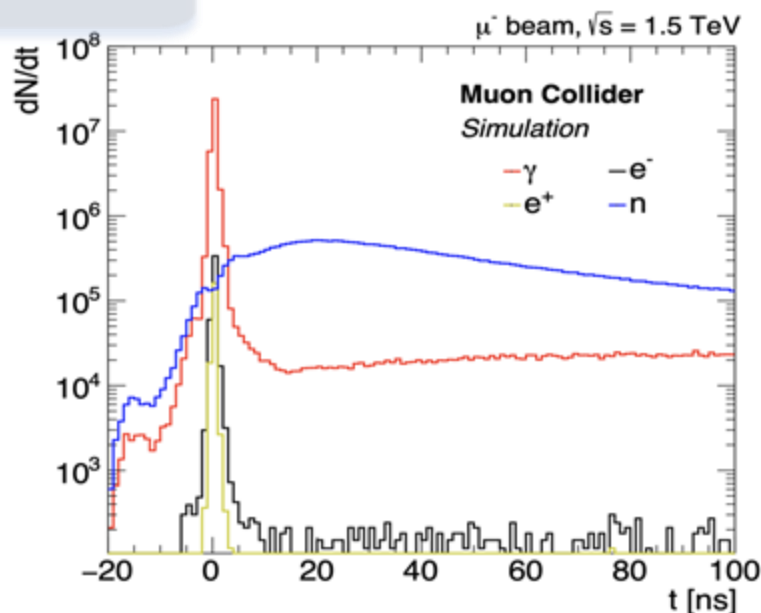
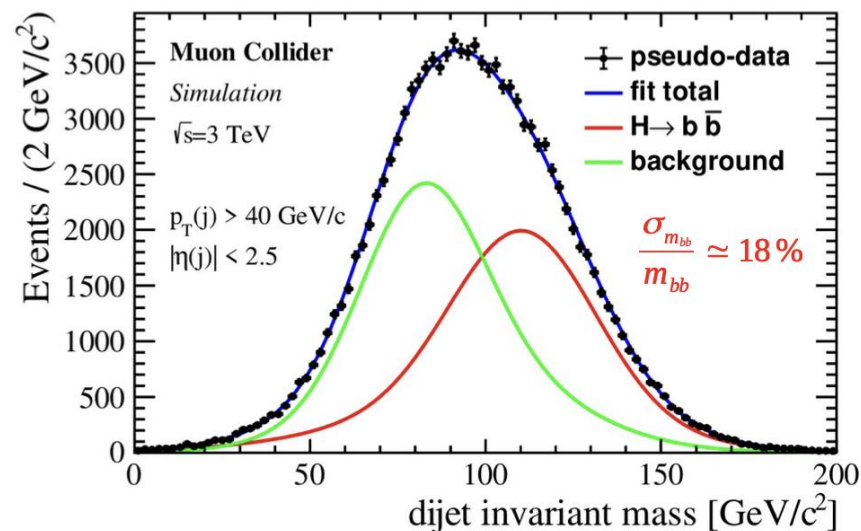
Detector requirements:

- 3-4 % jet energy resolution for hadronic Z decays
- particle flow reconstruction
- $\frac{30\%}{\sqrt{E[GeV]}}$ for HCAL
- High granularity (< 3cm²)
- Single layer timing 100 ps - few ns

Ongoing R&D:

- HCAL based on Micro-Pattern Gaseous Detectors
- FIS-2 project from LNF: CRILIN and innovative hadronic calorimeter → MITICO (Multi TeV Colliders CalOrimeter)

$$\mu\mu \rightarrow H\nu\bar{\nu} \rightarrow b\bar{b}\nu\bar{\nu}$$



Muon system requirements

In the muon system, significant BIB effects only in the endcap regions close to the beamline:

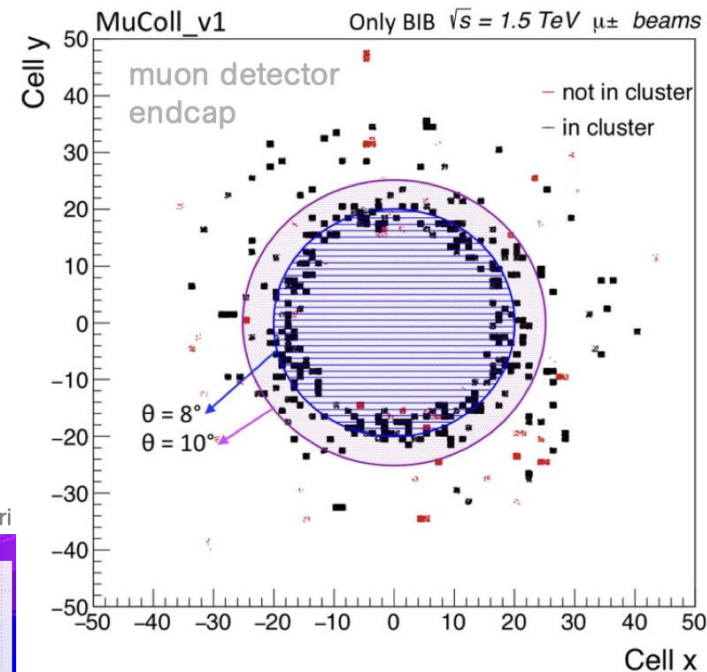
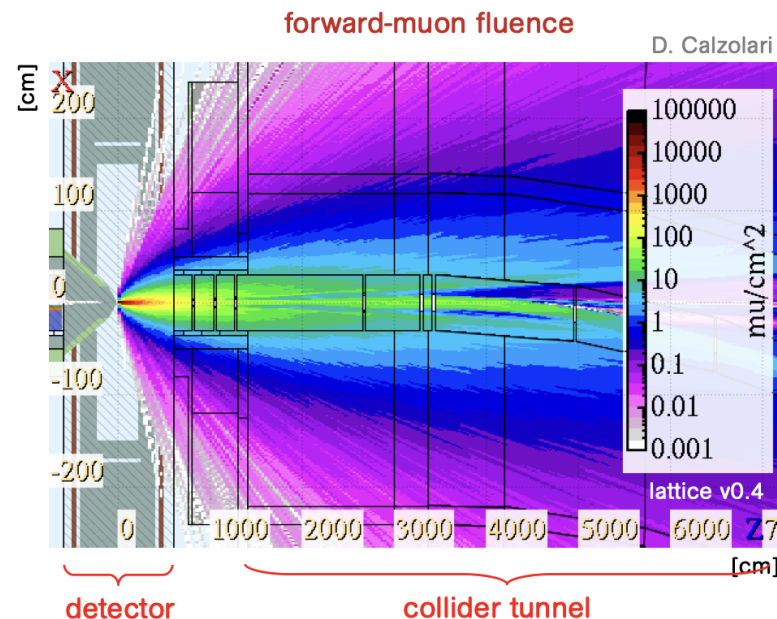
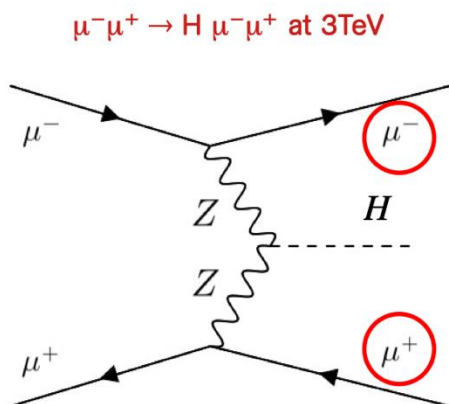
- required **good spatial resolution and possibly sub-ns time resolution**

Under investigation the possibility of detecting the forward-scattered muons associated with the ZZ-fusion production process:

- exploit the specific ZZ-fusion signature;
- possibly help with the measurement.

Ongoing R&D:

Muon detector based on PicoSec Micromegas:



The Crilin calorimeter



Crilin 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

→ **PbF₂, PbWO₄-UF, LYSO...**

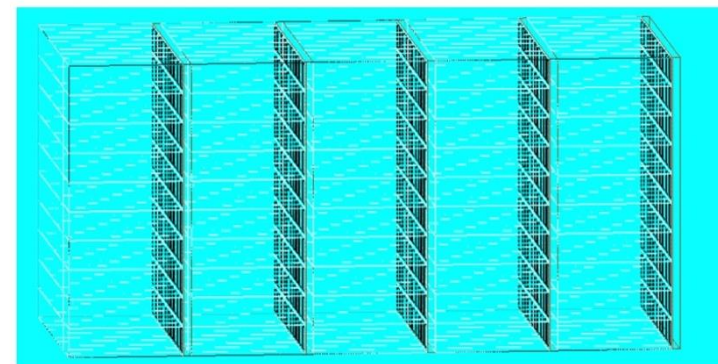
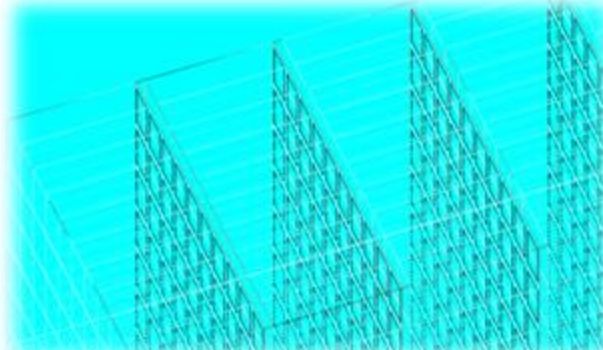
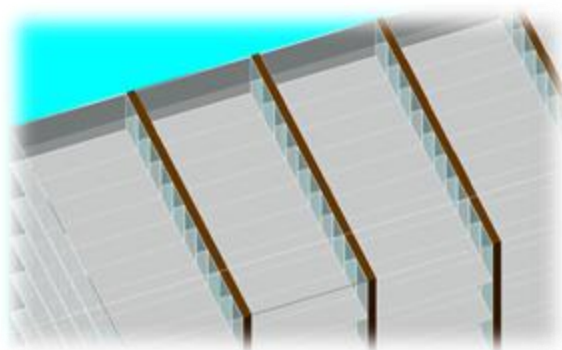
[S. Ceravolo et al 2022 JINST 17 P09033](#)

Differentiation:

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

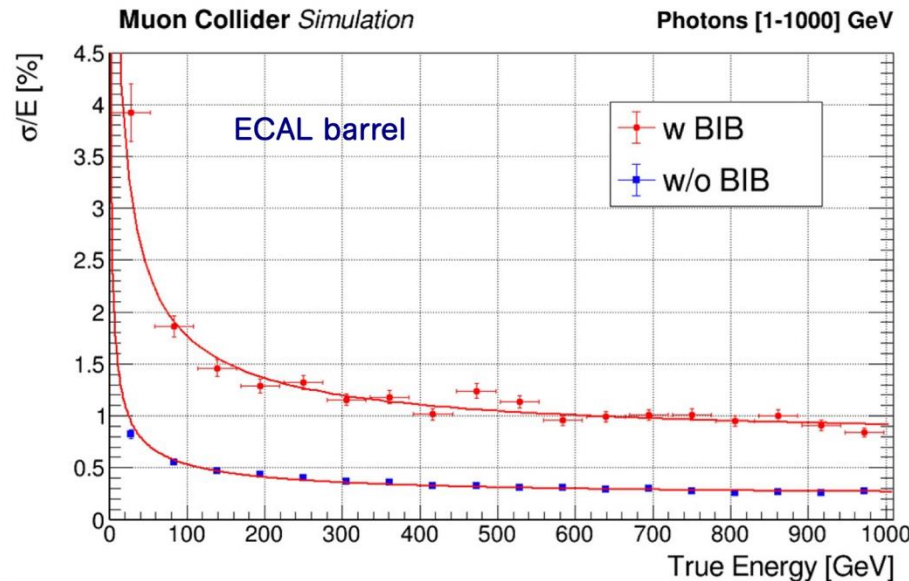
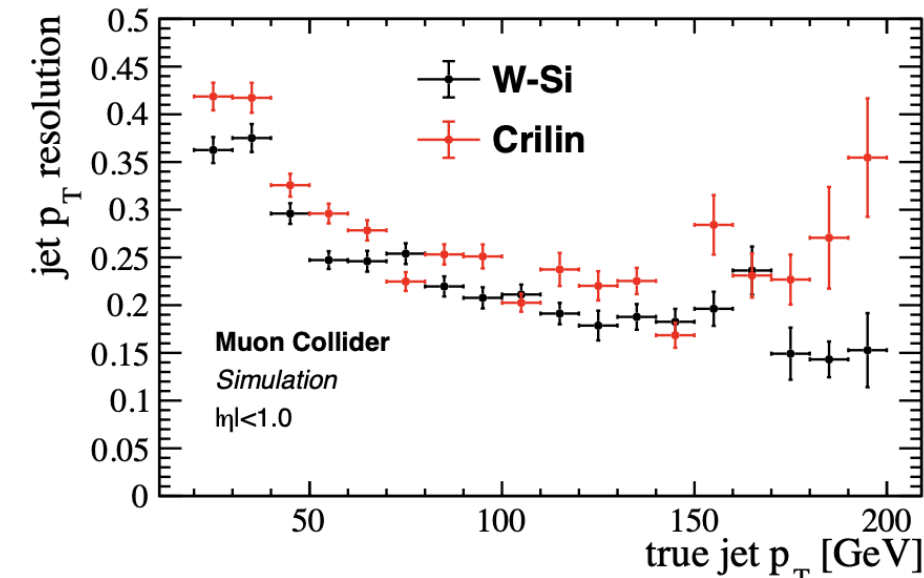
Flexibility: able to modulate energy deposition for each cell and adjust crystal size for tailored solutions

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)**



w/out BIB

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \sim \frac{4\%}{\sqrt{E[\text{GeV}]}} \oplus 0.2\%$$

w/ BIB

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \sim \frac{15\%}{\sqrt{E[\text{GeV}]}} \oplus 0.8\%$$

R&D status



Prototype versions

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

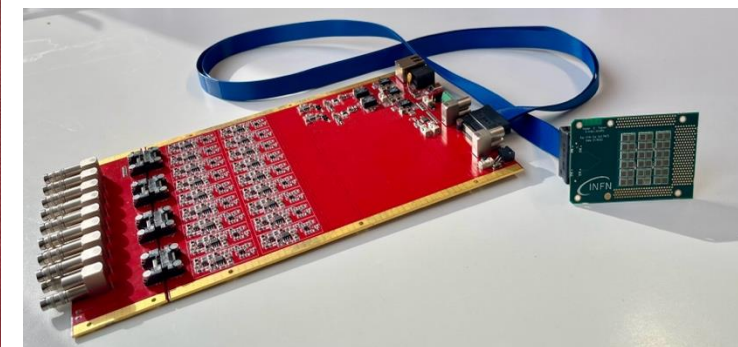
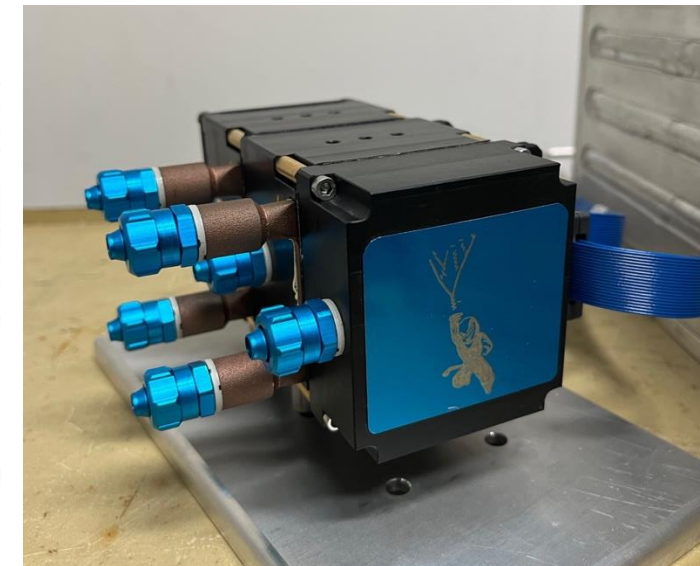
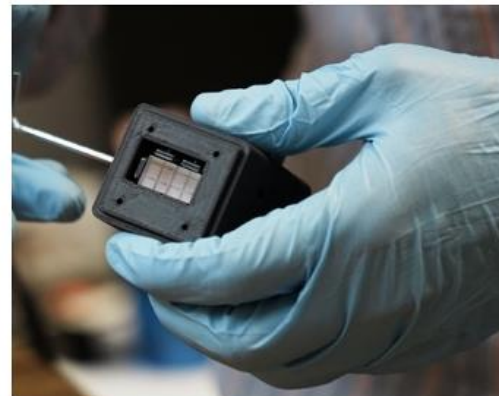
Front-end electronics

- Design completed
- Production and QC completed

Radiation hardness campaigns

Beam test campaigns

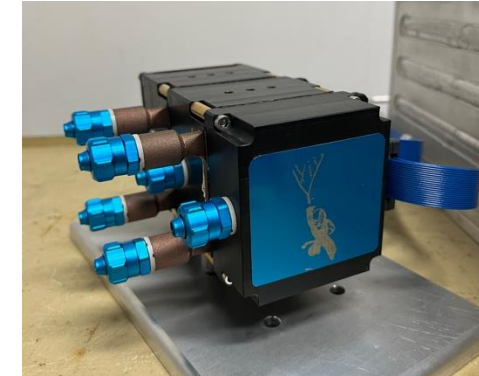
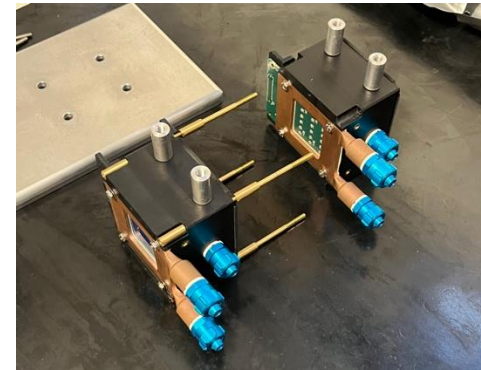
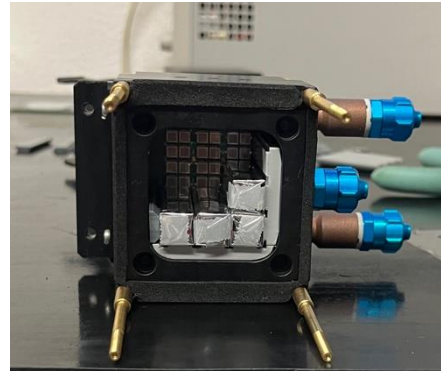
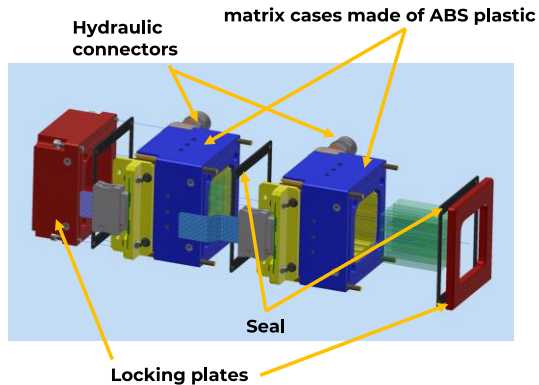
- Proto-0 at CERN H2 (August 2022) [C. Cantone et al. 2023 Front. Phys. 11:1223183](#)
- Proto-1 at LNF-BTF (July 2023-April 2024) [C. Cantone et al. 2024 doi:10.1109/TNS.2024.3364771](#)
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Proto-1: Mechanics and Electronics

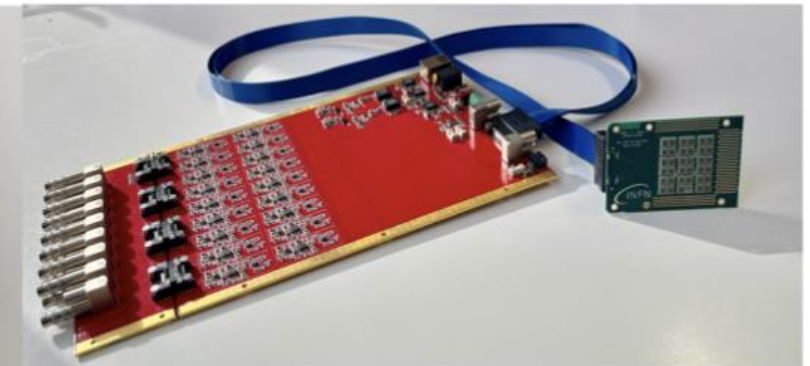
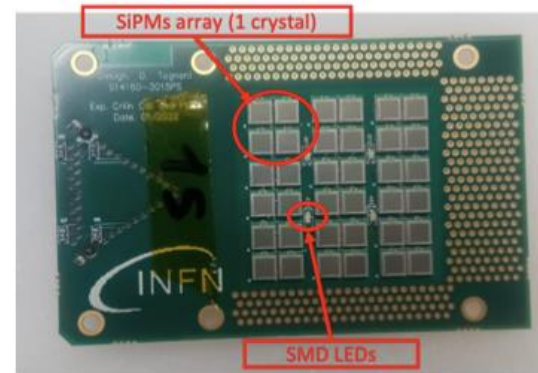
Mechanics:

- 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

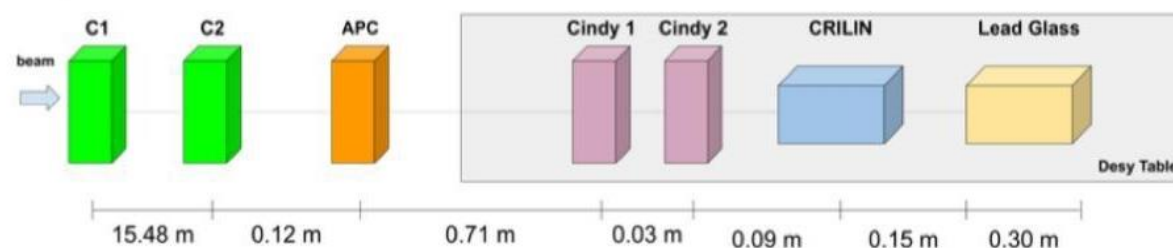


Beam test @ CERN

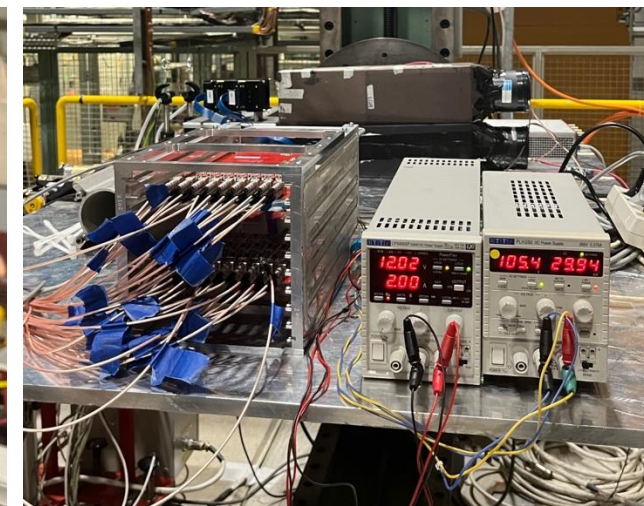
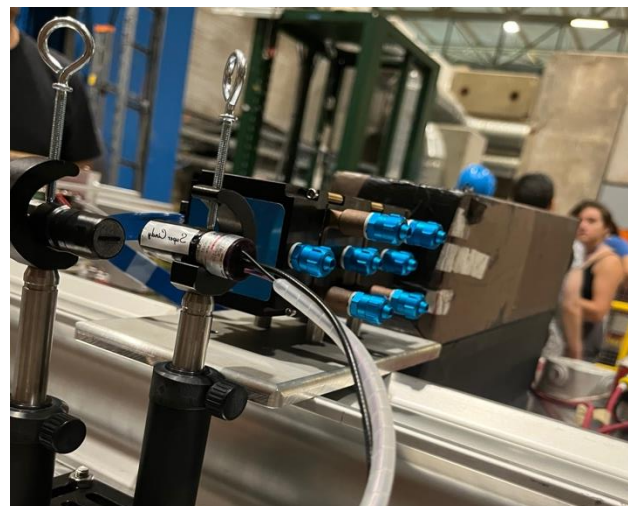
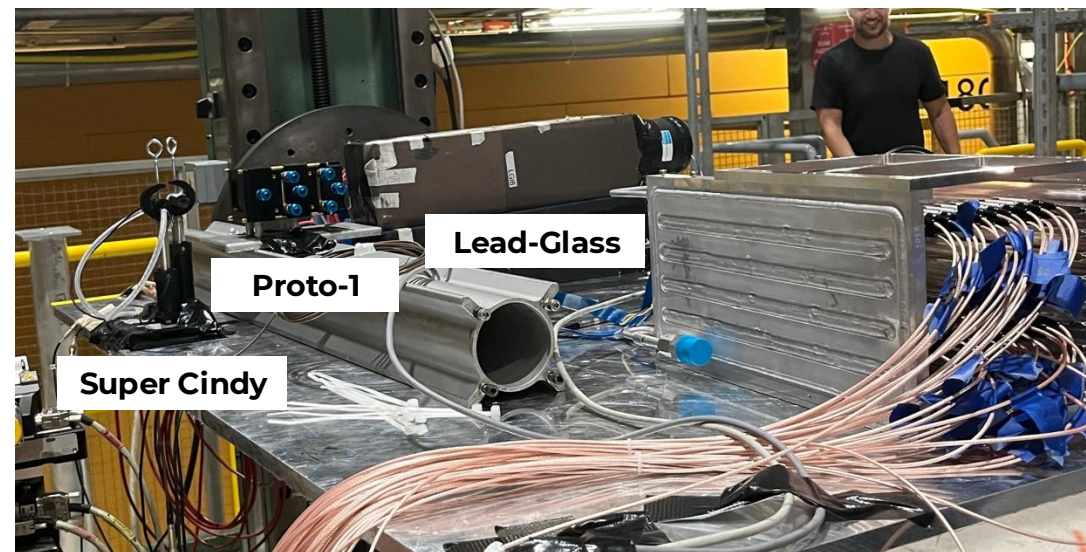


H2-SPS-CERN, August 2023

SETUP SCHEME WITH DISTANCES



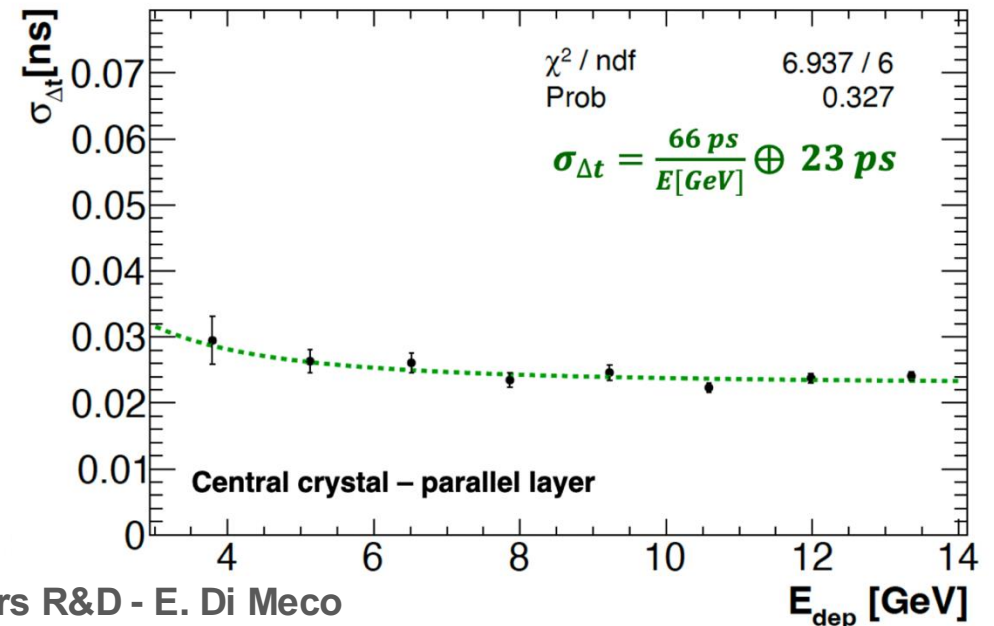
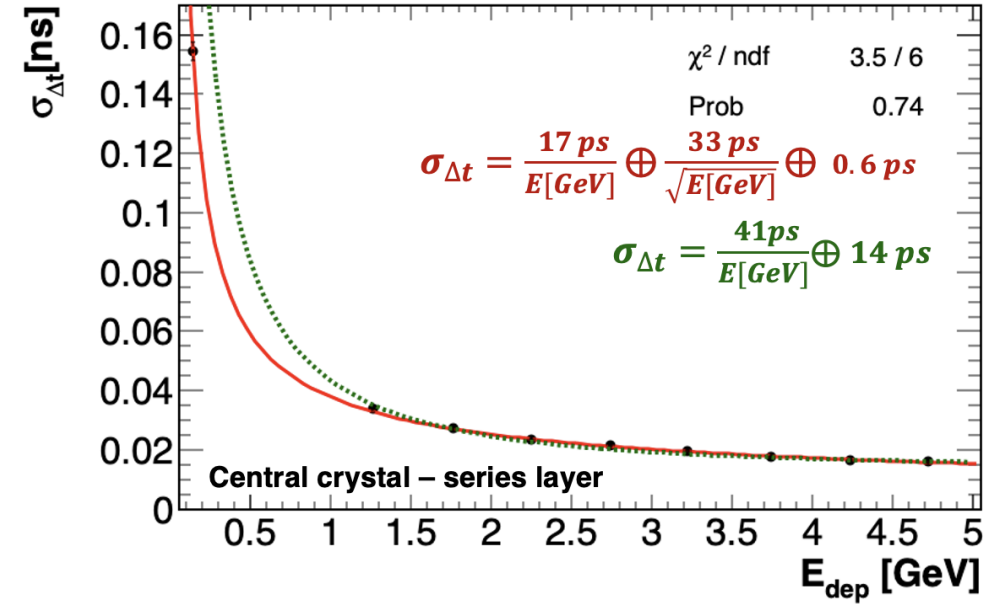
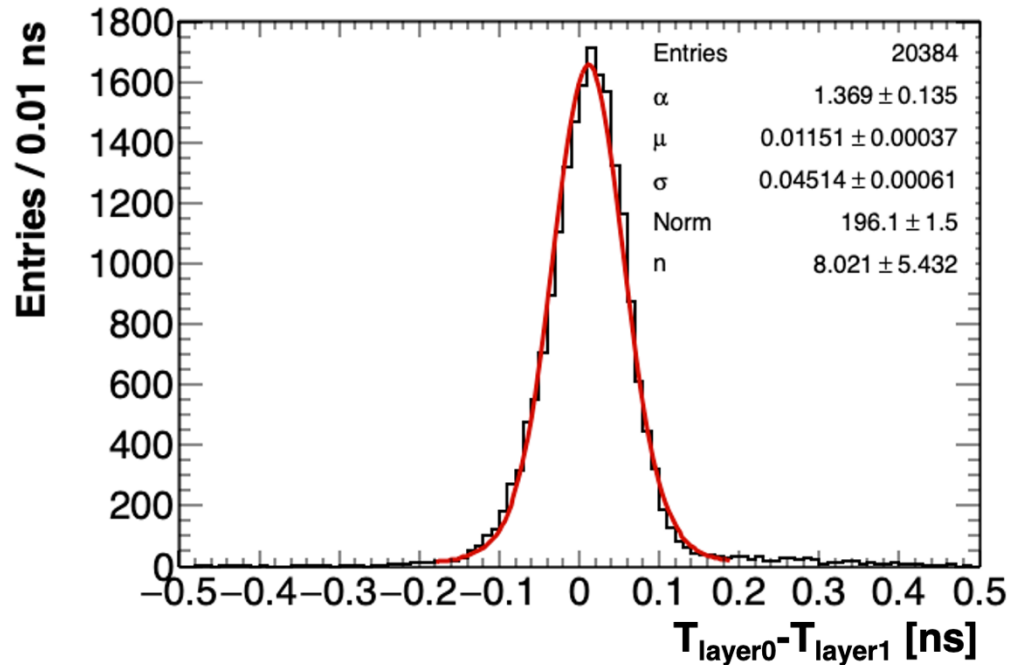
- Electron beam from 40 GeV up to 150 GeV
- Beam reconstructed with 2 silicon strip telescopes
- Data acquisition with 2 CAEN V1742 (32 ch each) modified @ 2 Vpp
- 5 Gs/s sampling rate



Timing performances @ SPS-H2



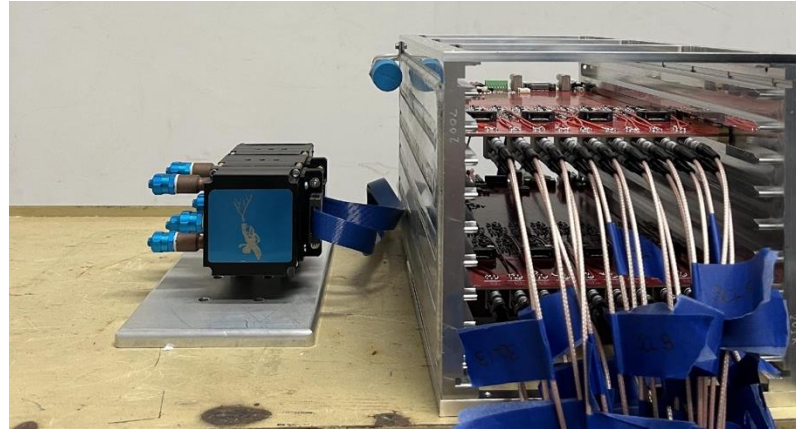
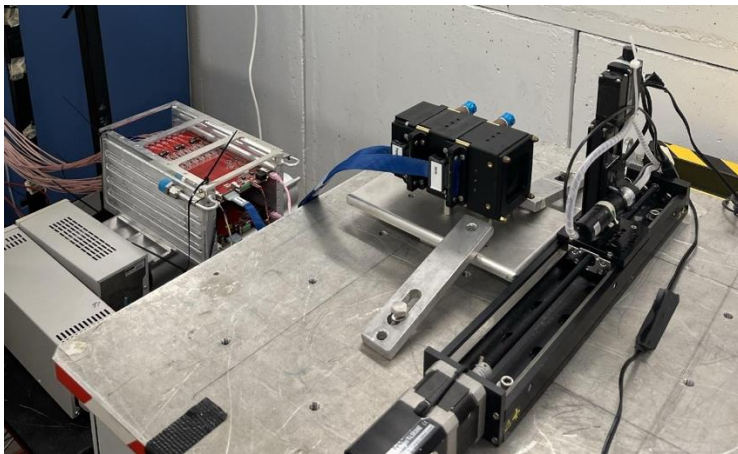
- Time Resolution of **O(20 ps)** both in the series and in the parallel layers using the SiPMs time difference of the central crystals
- Excellent results using most energetic crystal of different layers. **Time resolution dominated by the 2 boards synchronisation jitter O(32ps)**



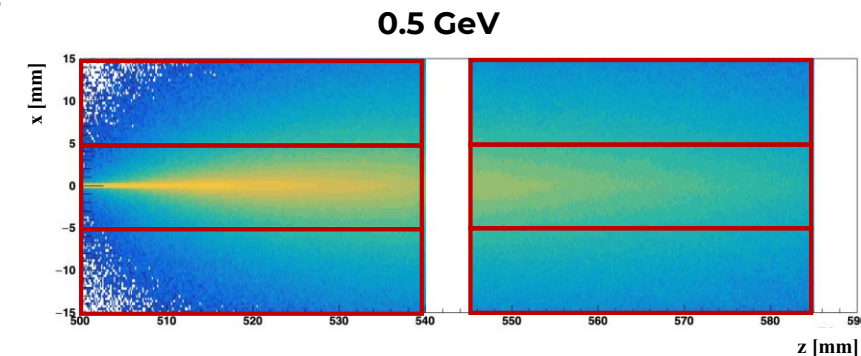
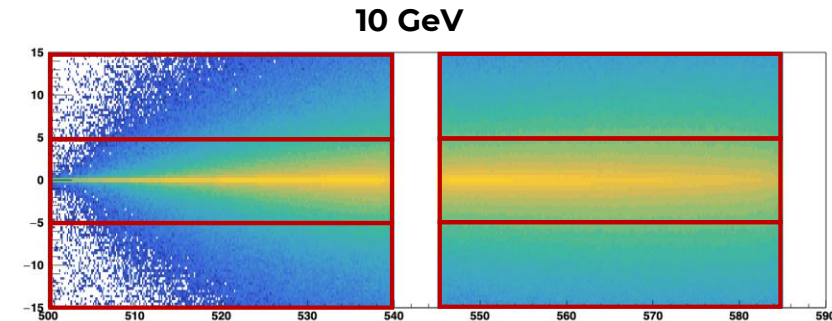
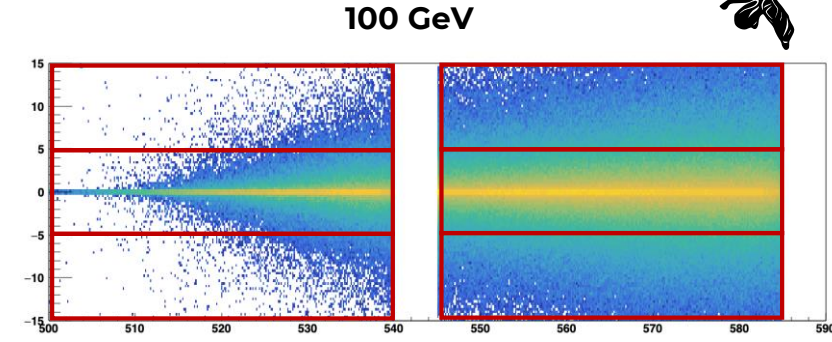
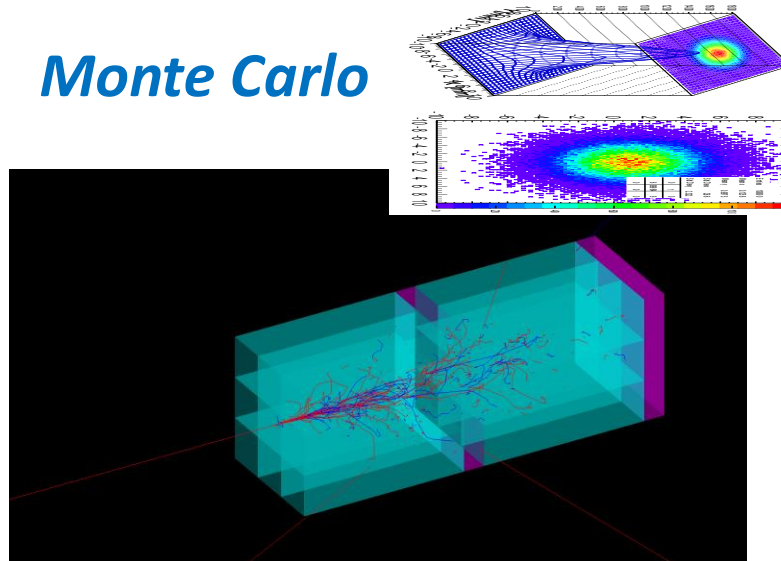


BTF, April 2024

- 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

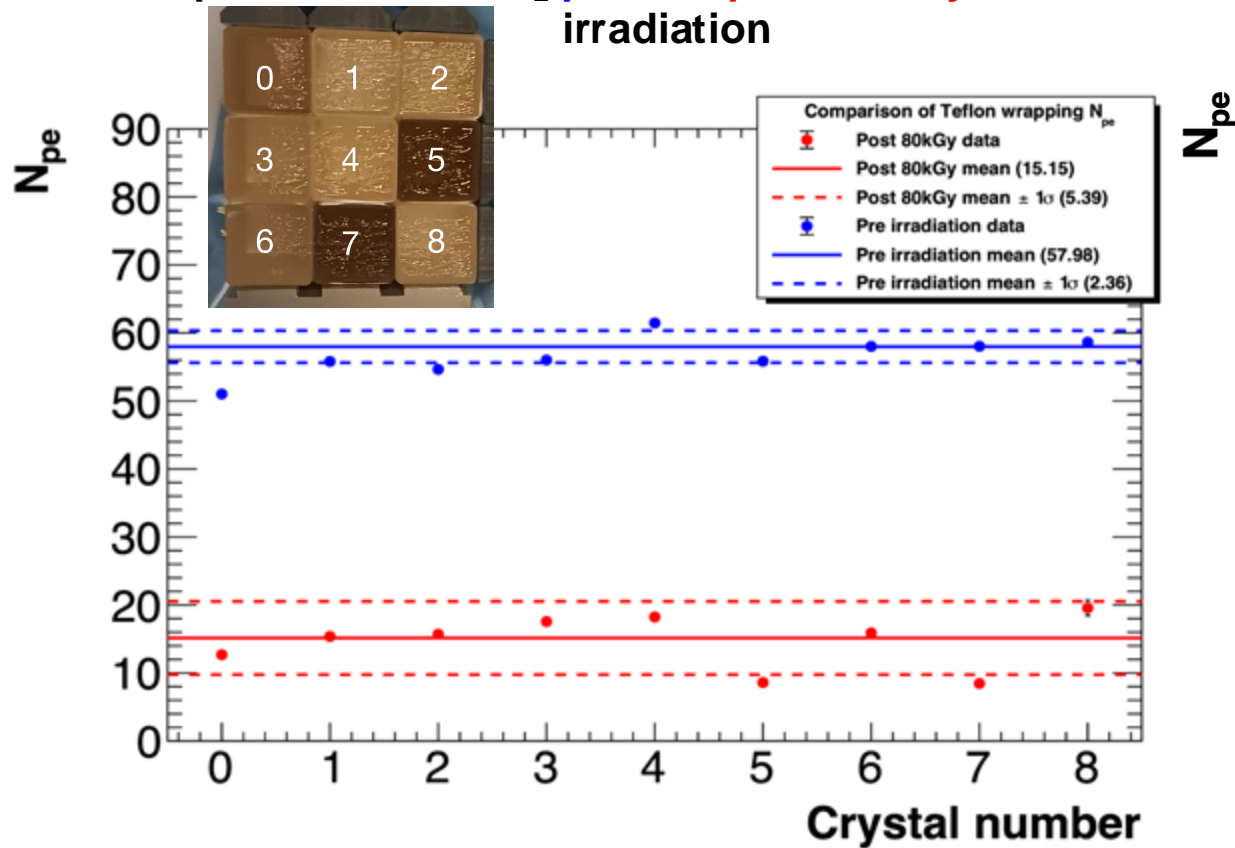


Beam test @ BTF: crystals

- 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

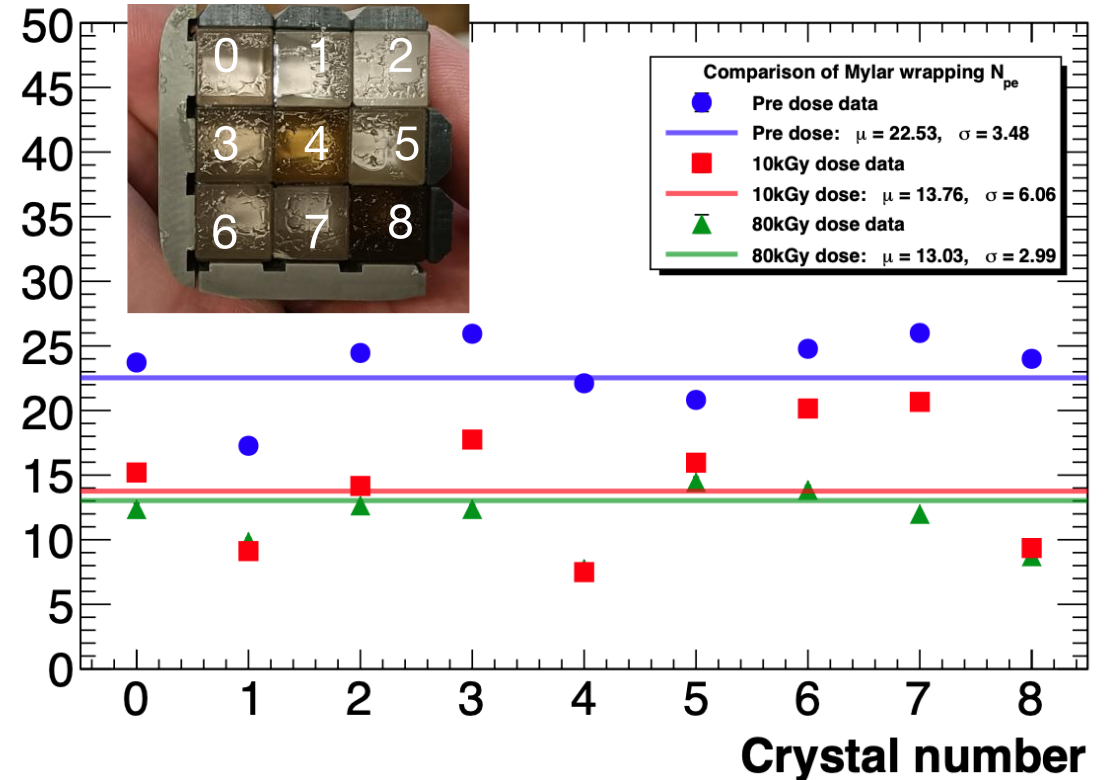
Teflon wrapping

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



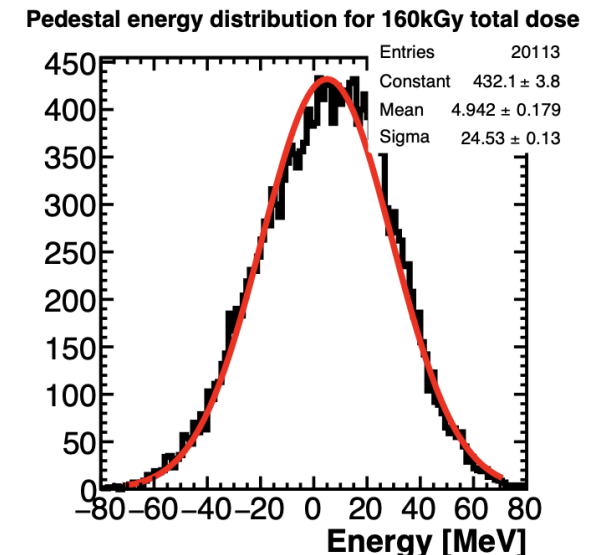
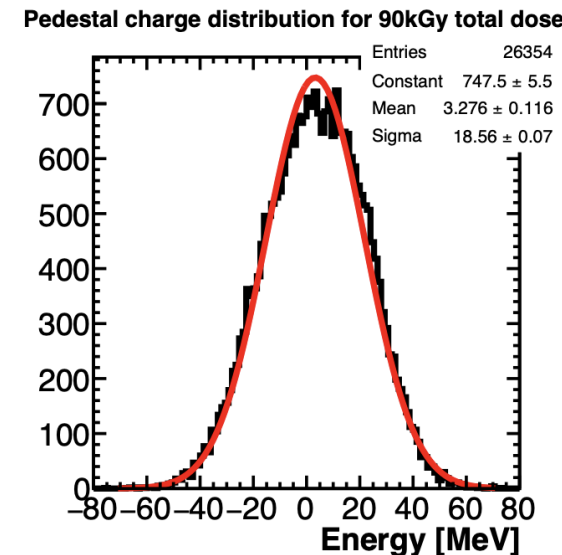
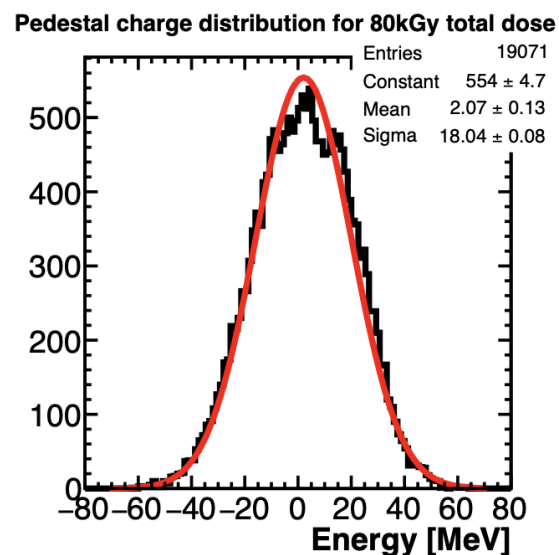
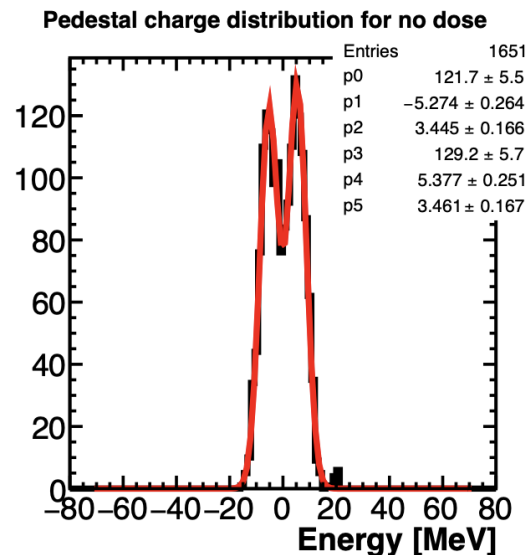
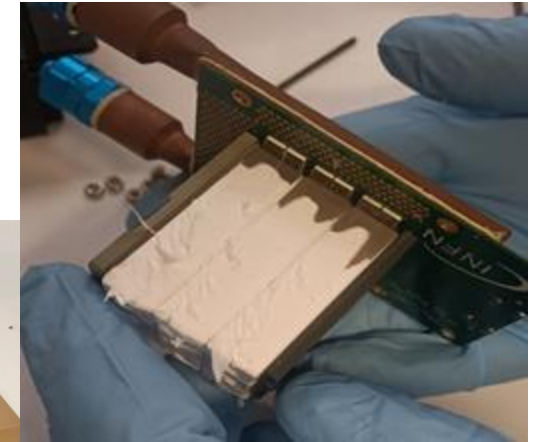
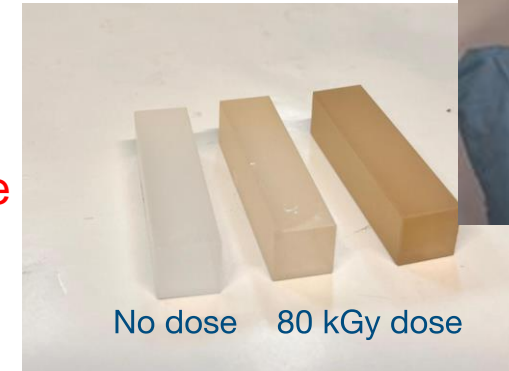
Mylar wrapping

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



Beam test @ BTF: considerations

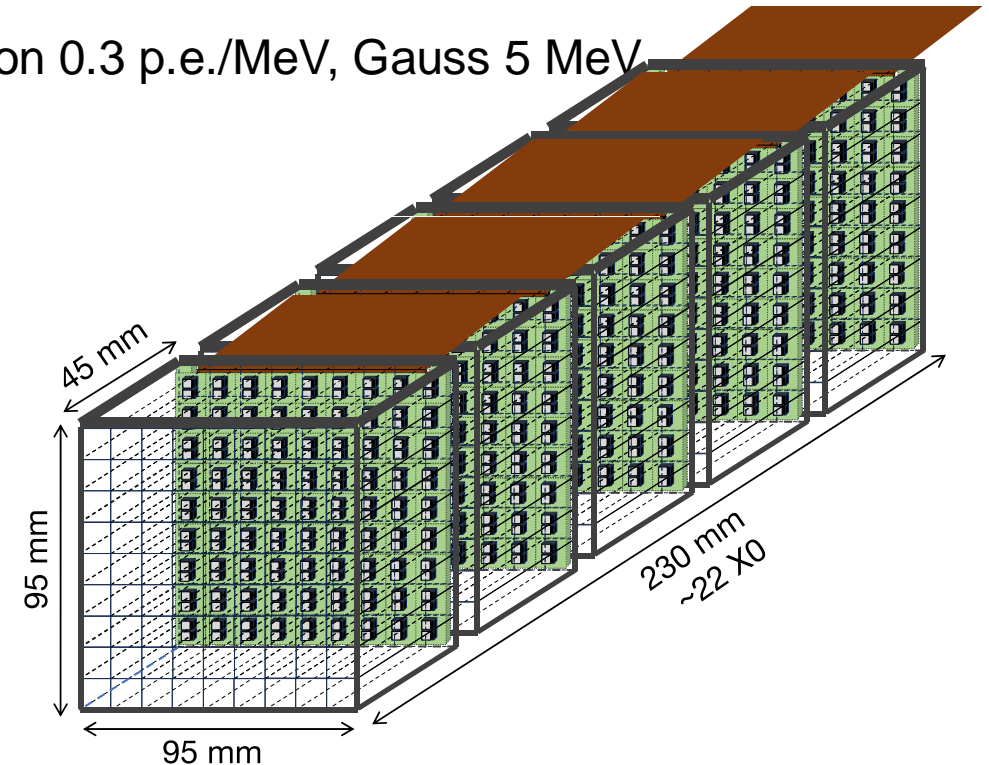
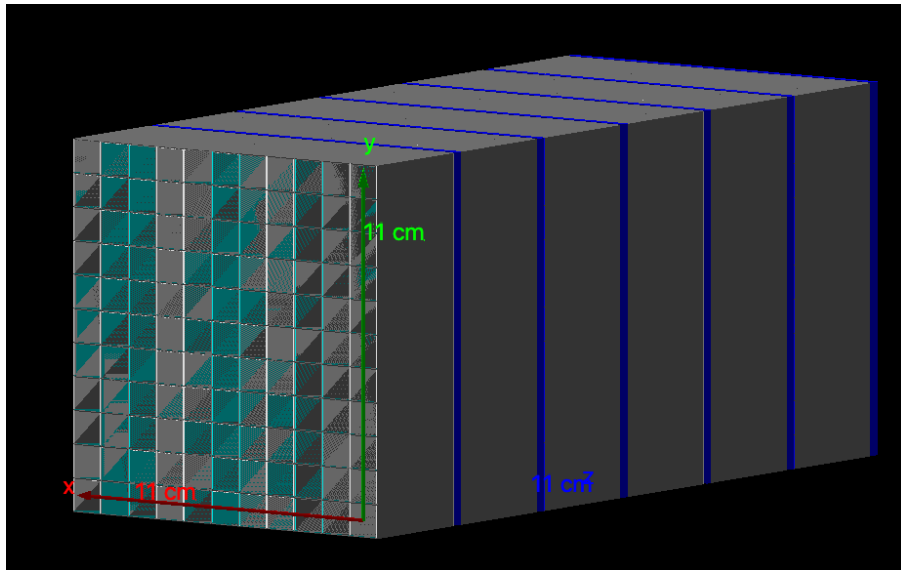
- Considerable variability in crystals' response to radiation, despite SICCAS claiming use of high-purity ($>99.9\%$) PbF_2 powder for crystal growth
- Crystals evident loss of transparency
- Transparency loss was uniform length-wise in the crystals
- Teflon was damaged and brittle
- SiPM dark counts increases significantly with the absorbed dose
- New tests planned to evaluate SiPMs PDE loss and optical grease degradation



Geant4 simulation of the new prototype

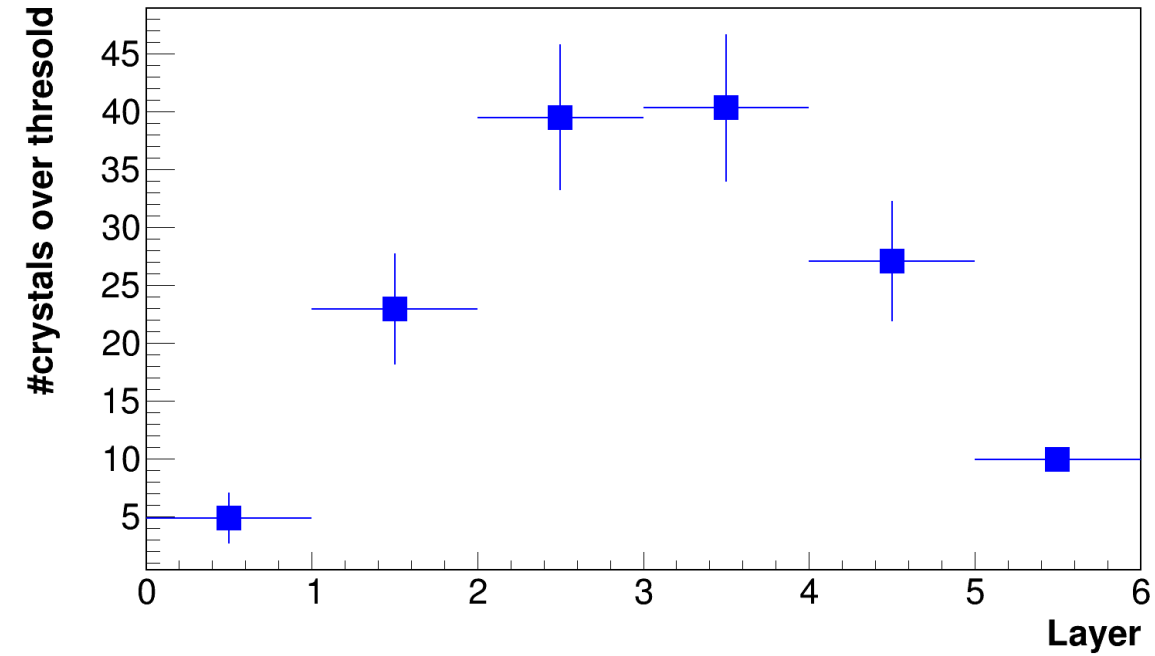
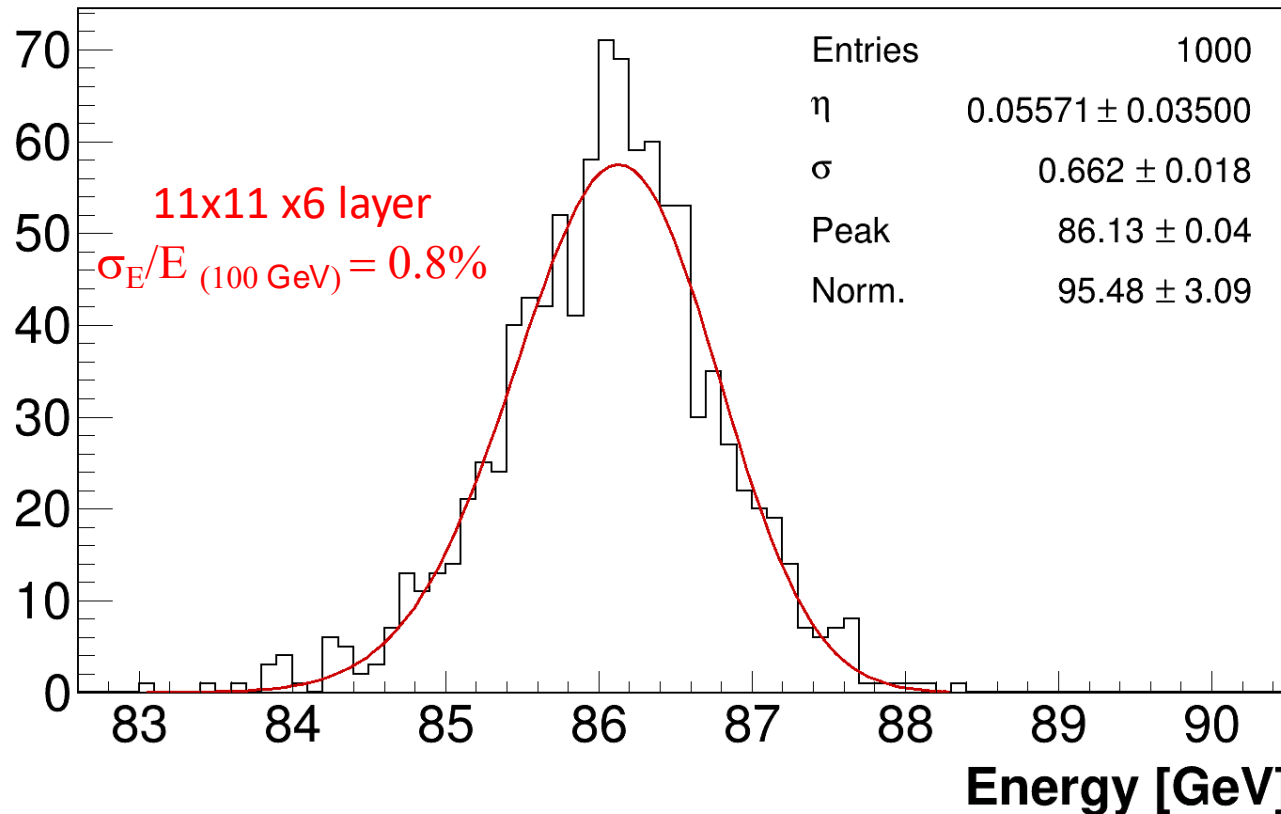


- Initial proposal **11x11 x6 layer** (crystals $10 \times 10 \times 40 \text{ mm}^3$ each) $\rightarrow 2.5 R_M - 26 X_0$
- Crystals wrapped in 150 μm Mylar foils and placed a 150 μm aluminum honeycomb
- 2 SiPMs $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$ per crystal, 2 mm thick, per layer
- 2 mm thick PcB, per layer
- Photostatistics and noise measured during beam tests : Poisson 0.3 p.e./MeV, Gauss 5 MeV



Number of crystals optimization

- By setting a threshold similar to that expected for the Muon Collider (i.e. 40 MeV) per crystal, we optimized the number of crystals, with the goal of minimizing the energy resolution loss → **optimization performed for an electron beam with 100 GeV of energy.**

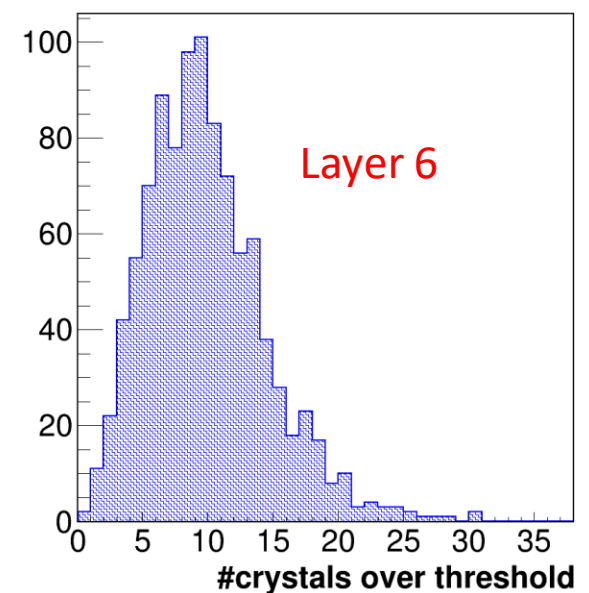
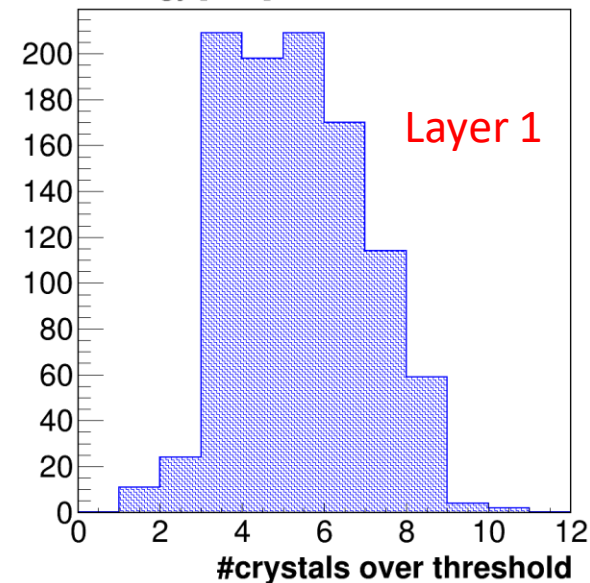
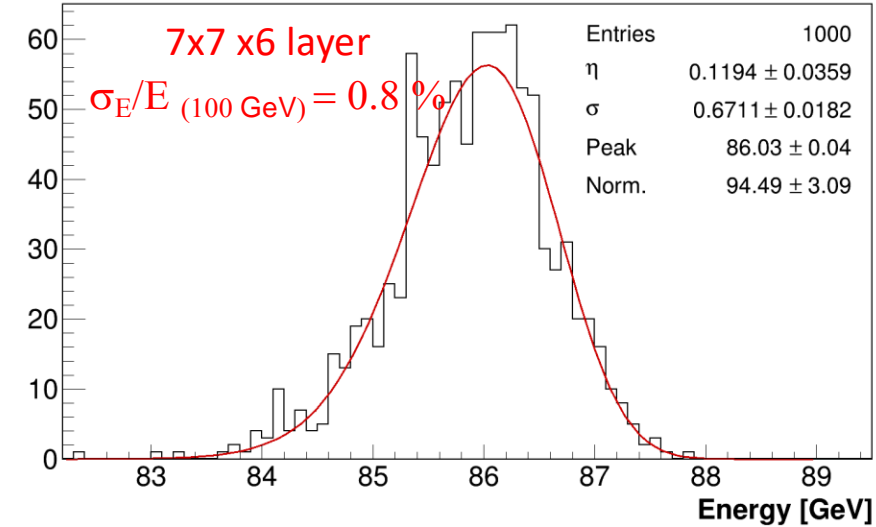
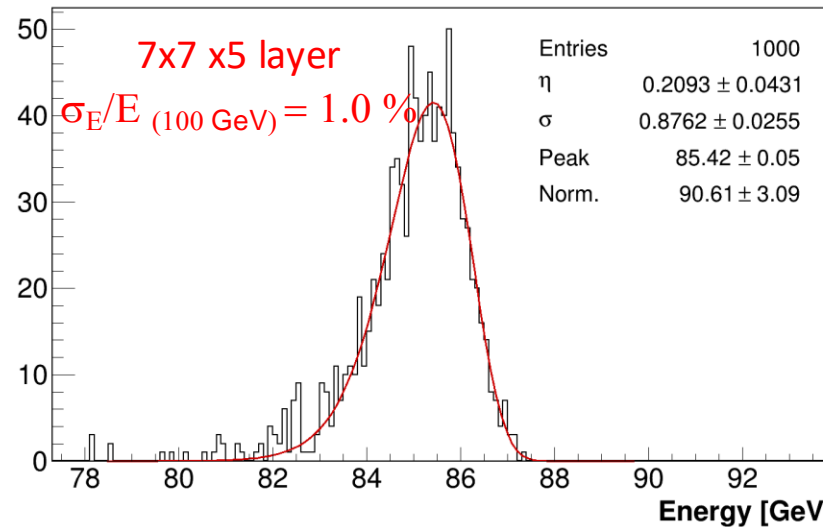


Number of layers optimization

The average number of crystals triggered above the threshold leads to a 7x7 configuration for layers 2, 3, 4, and 5

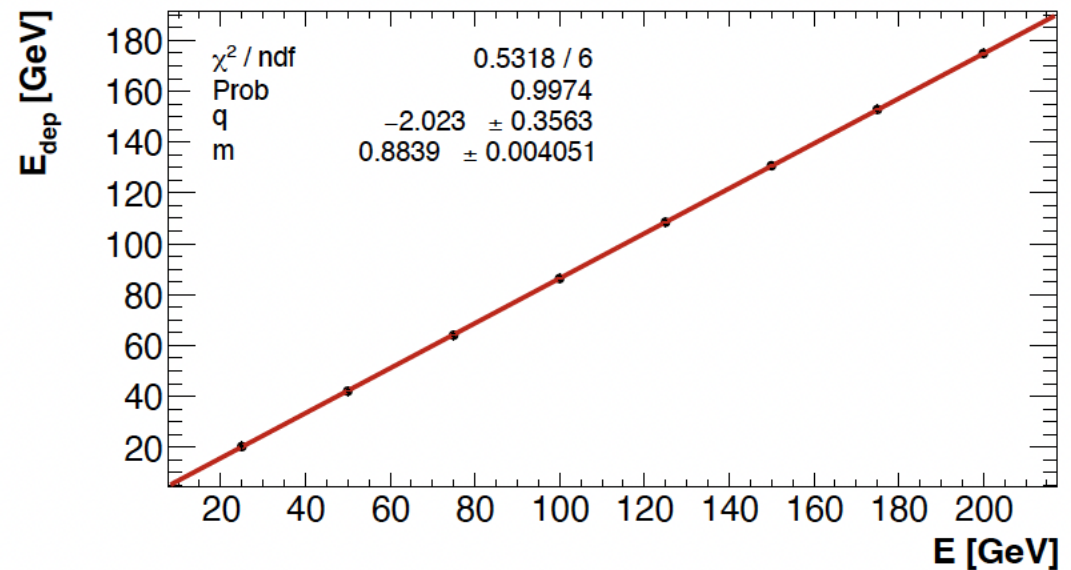
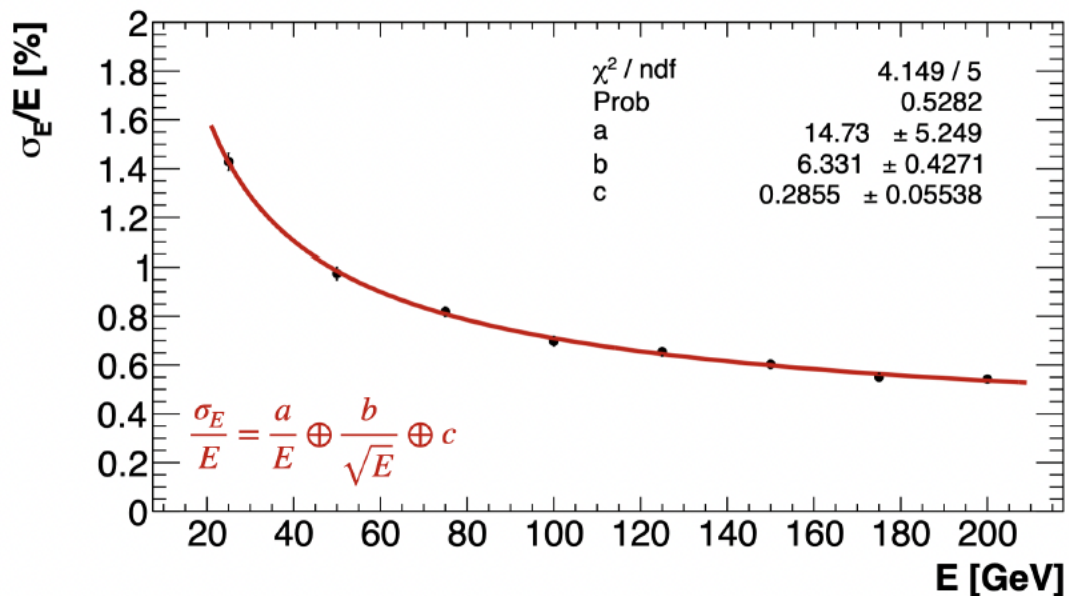
The sixth layer is crucial for maximizing energy resolution → longitudinal leakage creates a much larger energy fluctuation compared to lateral leakage (for the same amount of leakage).

The average number of crystals triggered above the threshold leads us to a 5x5 configuration for layers 1 and 6.



Energy resolution and linearity

- Energy Resolution and Linearity as a function of E for the reduced matrix:
- 7x7 in layers 2, 3, 4, and 5, and 5x5 in layers 1 and 6 → ~250 crystals in total.
- $\sigma_E/E \sim 6\%/\sqrt{E}$ satisfies the Muon Collider requirements!
- stochastic term comparable to the one expected from photo-statistics (5.8%)





Conclusions

- A Muon Collider is a valid and challenging opportunity as next collider
- Many studies are yet to be improved but the physics program stands really strong, wide and competitive
- The effects of beam-induced background in the detector have been thoroughly studied with a detailed detector simulation and mitigation measures are in place to keep them under control.
- Full-simulation studies at 3 TeV are concluded and now 10 TeV studies are close to be finalized.
- The full-simulation studies point the way for the detector R&D (some R&D's already well advanced).
- The goals for the European Strategy update are a detector concept for 10 TeV collisions and the muon collider reach for representative physics cases.

Backup slides

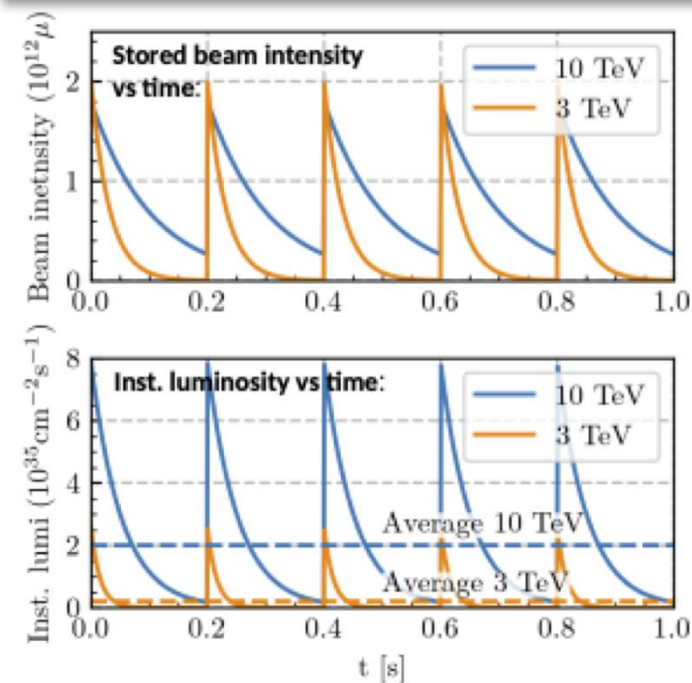
Muon Collider parameters

Example as discussion basis
numbers will change

Parameters will change	=3 TeV	=10 TeV
Beam parameters		
Muon energy	1.5 TeV	5 TeV
Bunches/beam	1	
Bunch intensity (at injection)	2.2×10^{12}	1.8×10^{12}
Norm. transverse emittance	25 μm	
Repetition rate (inj. rate)	5 Hz	
Collider ring specs		
Circumference	4.5 km	10 km
Revolution time	15.0 μs	33.4 μs
Luminosity		
Target integrated luminosity	1 ab^{-1}	10 ab^{-1}
Average instantaneous luminosity (5/10 yrs of op.)	$2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ / $1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	$1 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ / $2 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

$$\tau = 2.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}$$

Muon decay	=3 TeV	=10 TeV
Mean muon lifetime in lab system ($\gamma\tau$)	0.031 s	0.104 s
Luminosity lifetime	1039 turns	1558 turns

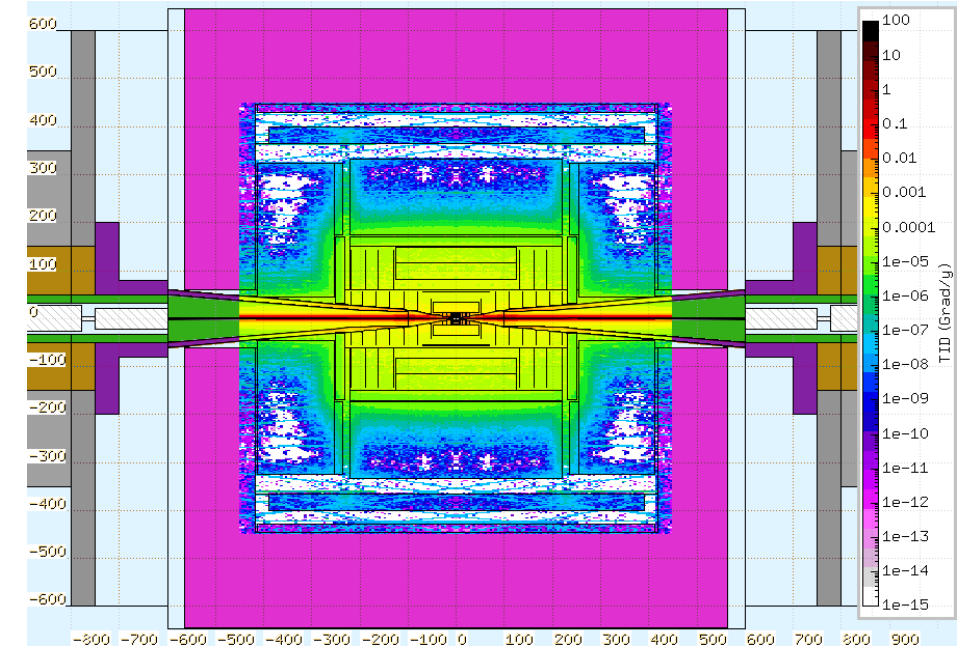
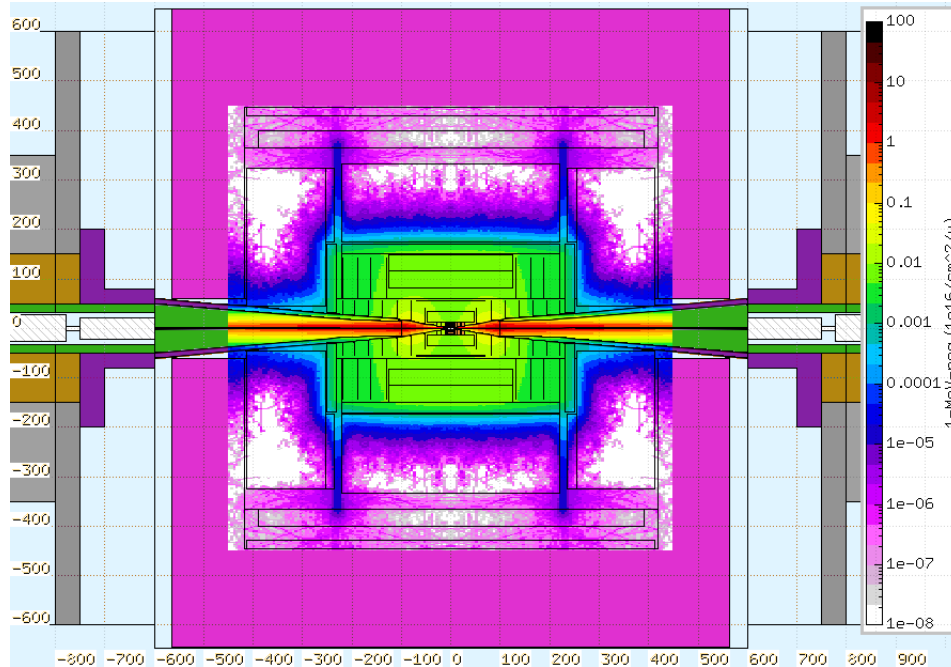


See also parameter doc: <https://cernbox.cern.ch/s/NraNbczzBSXctQ9>

Radiation enviroment



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

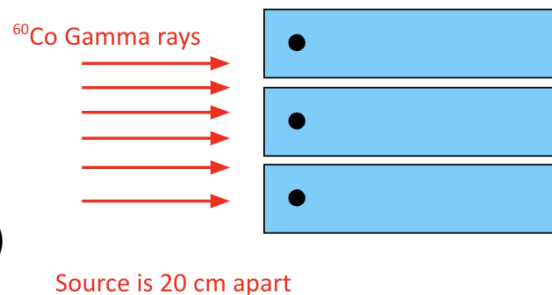


- **Neutron fluence** $\sim 10^{14} n_{1\text{MeVeq}}/\text{cm}^2\text{year}$ on ECAL.
- **TID** $\sim 1 \text{ kGy/year}$ on ECAL.

Crystal radiation hardness

Neutron fluence: $\sim 10^{14} n_{1\text{MeVeq}}/\text{cm}^2$ 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 :**

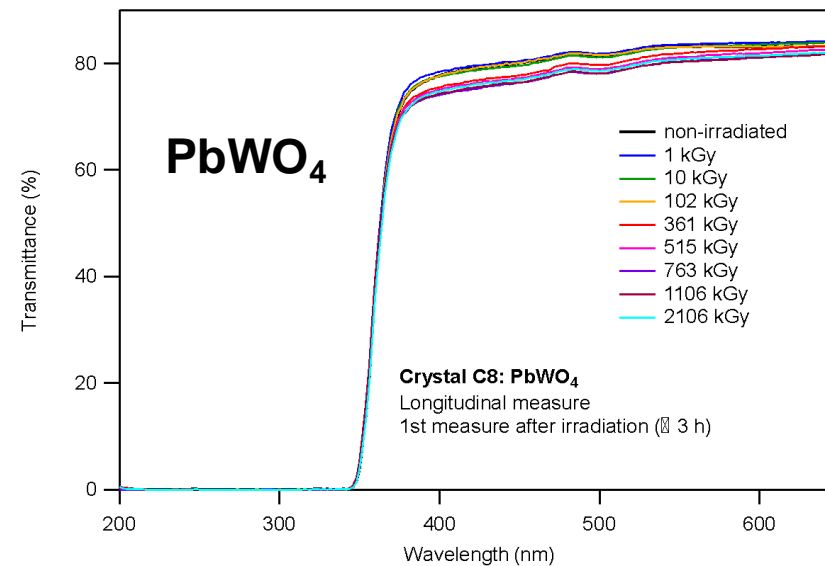
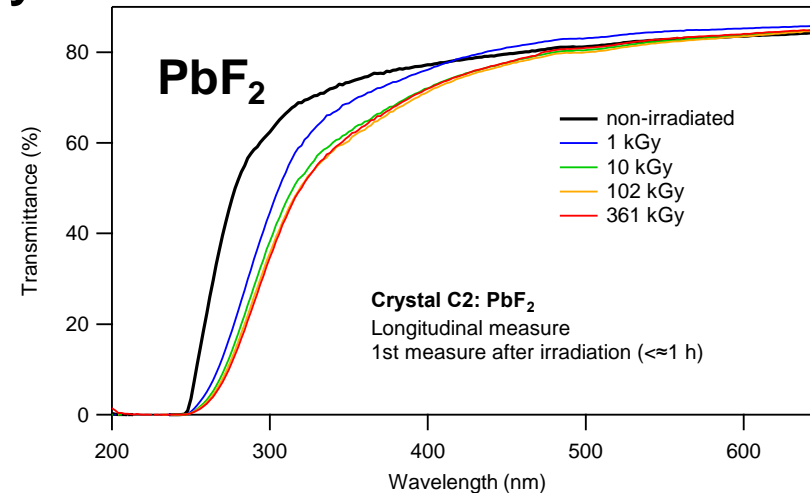
- after a TID > 350 kGy no significant decrease in transmittance observed.
- Transmittance after neutron irradiation showed no deterioration

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

- **For PbWO_4 -UF:**

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



SiPMs radiation hardness

Neutron fluence: $\sim 10^{14} \text{ n}_{1\text{MeVeq}}/\text{cm}^2 \text{ year}$ on ECAL **TID:** $\sim 1 \text{ kGy/ year}$ 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 $15 \mu\text{m}$ 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 $10 \mu\text{m}$ ones** for their minor dark current contribution.

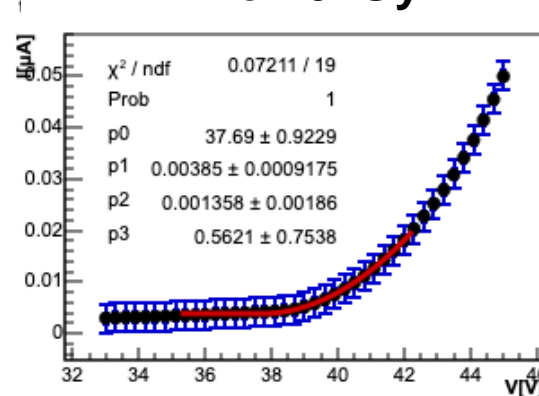
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T [°C]	V _{br} [V]	I(V _{br} +4V) [mA]	I(V _{br} +6V) [mA]	I(V _{br} +8V) [mA]
-10 ± 1	75.29 ± 0.01	12.56 ± 0.01	30.45 ± 0.01	46.76 ± 0.01
-5 ± 1	75.81 ± 0.01	14.89 ± 0.01	32.12 ± 0.01	46.77 ± 0.01
0 ± 1	76.27 ± 0.01	17.38 ± 0.01	33.93 ± 0.01	47.47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

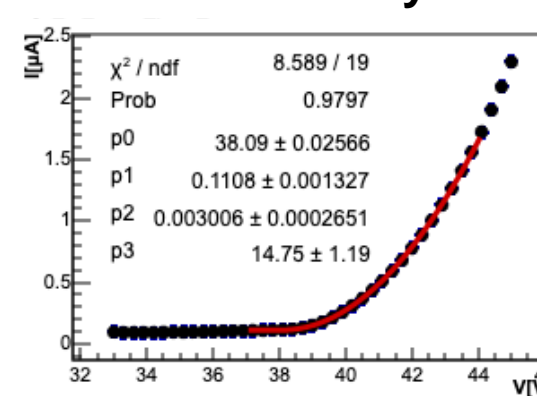
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T [°C]	V _{br} [V]	I(V _{br} +4V) [mA]	I(V _{br} +6V) [mA]	I(V _{br} +8V) [mA]
-10 ± 1	76.76 ± 0.01	1.84 ± 0.01	6.82 ± 0.01	29.91 ± 0.01
-5 ± 1	77.23 ± 0.01	2.53 ± 0.01	9.66 ± 0.01	37.51 ± 0.01
0 ± 1	77.49 ± 0.01	2.99 ± 0.01	11.59 ± 0.01	38.48 ± 0.01

Pre 10kGy



Post 10kGy

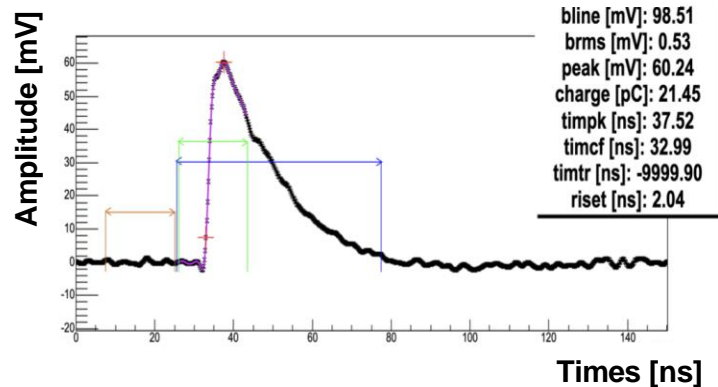


Dark current @ Vop goes from 12 nA to 600 nA

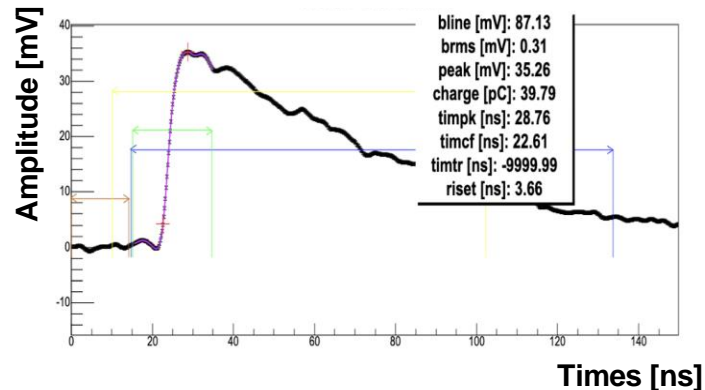
Beam test @ CERN: Configuration



1st layer: SiPMs series



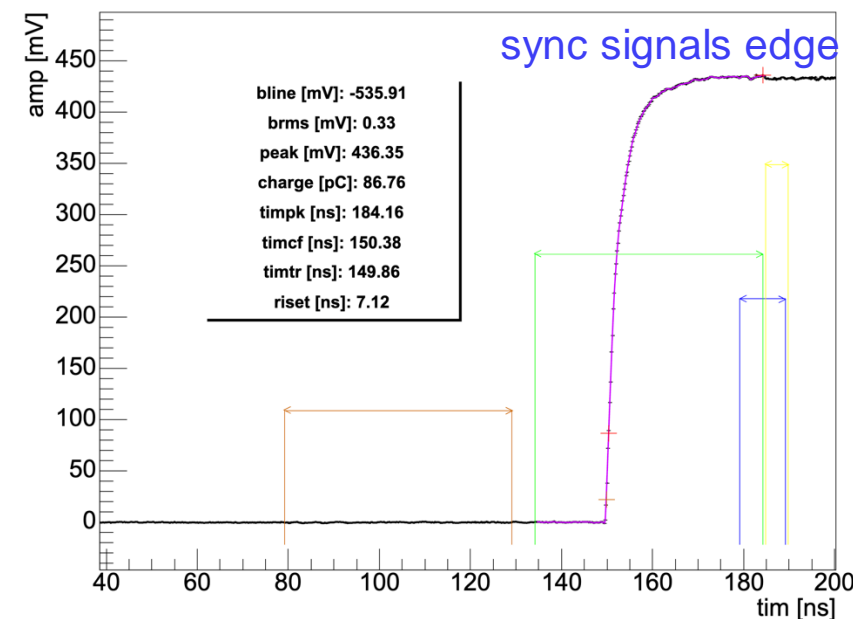
2nd layer: SiPMs parallel



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 $\sim 2 \times$ 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

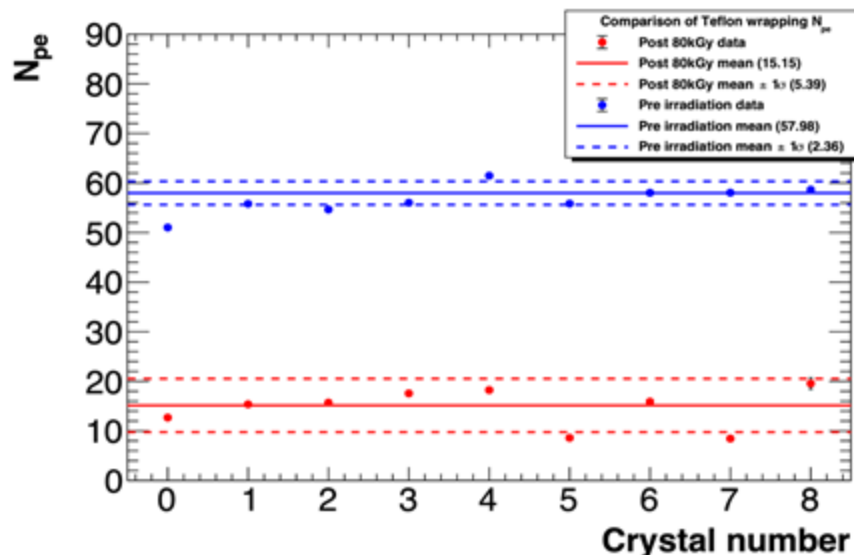
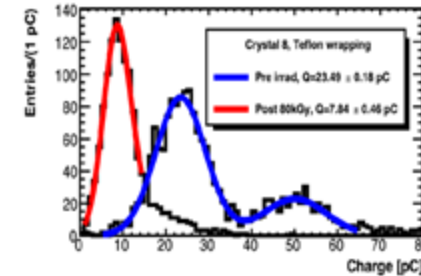
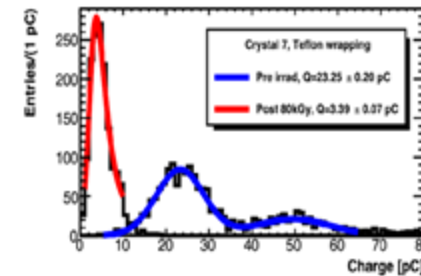
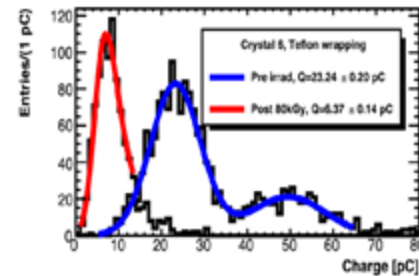
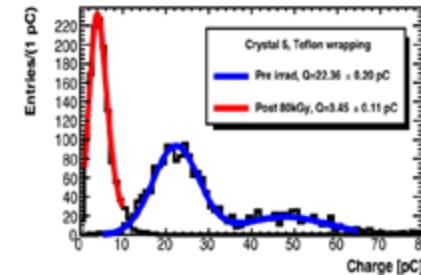
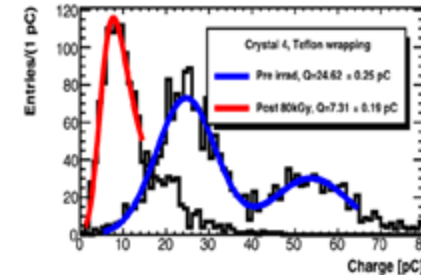
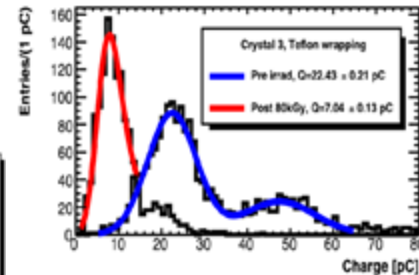
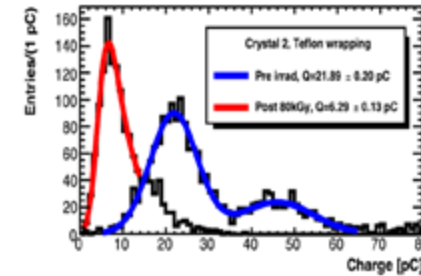
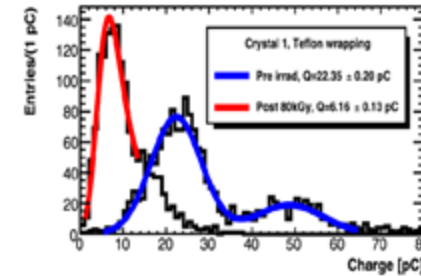
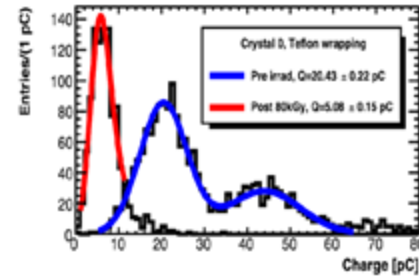
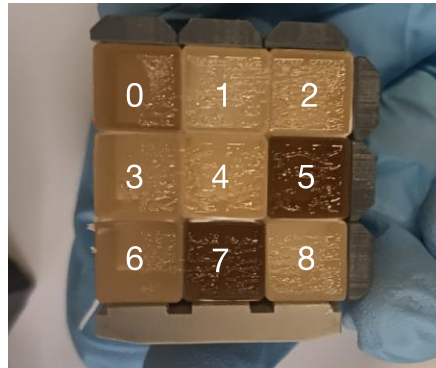
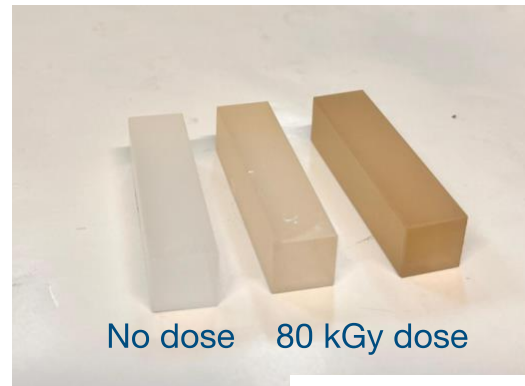


Beam test @ BTF: Teflon wrapping

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

