

*Irradiation tests and characterization on pure  
and thallium doped CsI crystals and optical  
components at ENEA-Casaccia*

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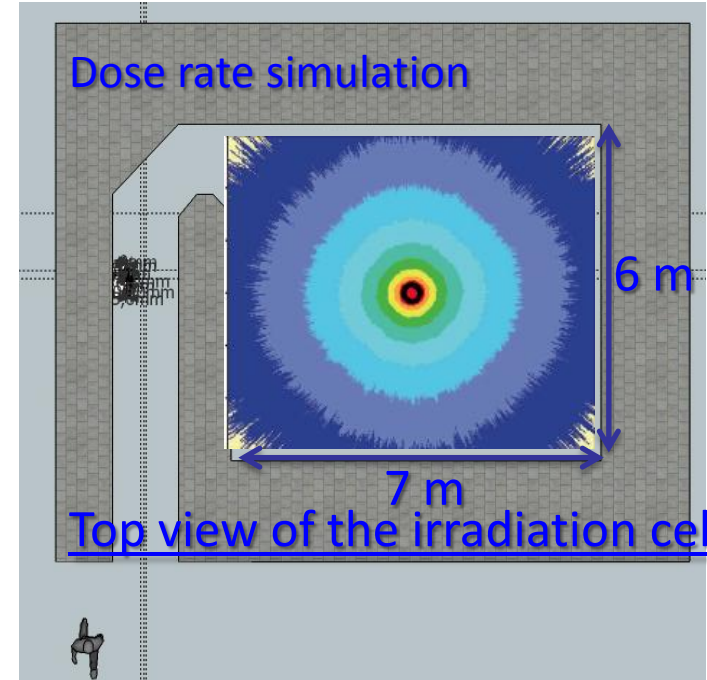
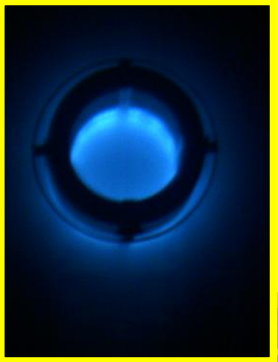
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- ✓ **Optical and scintillating properties of CsI(Tl) and pure CsI scintillating crystals (different manufacturers) before and after gamma irradiation**
  - *Radiation hardness* (longitudinal transmission spectra)
  - *Light Yield* (monitoring the CR amplitude peak as a function of irradiation dose)
  
- ✓ **Performances evaluation of optical coupling materials**  
(silicon resins)
  
- ✓ **APD Quantum Efficiency with calibrated PIN diode** (before and after irradiation)

Calliope facility:  $^{60}\text{Co}$  high intensity gamma irradiation facility (up to  $3 \times 10^{15}$  Bq)

Mean energy:

1.25  
MeV



Up to 2.3 kGy/h dose rate

Down to 0.1 Gy/h dose rate

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***Characterization of CsI (Tl) scintillating crystals***  
**Amcrys (Ukraine)**

**I group:** two spare (not irradiated) crystals produced for BaBar/SuperB

## Amcrys 005 and Amcrys 006

5 x 5 cm<sup>2</sup> cross section, 30 cm. length

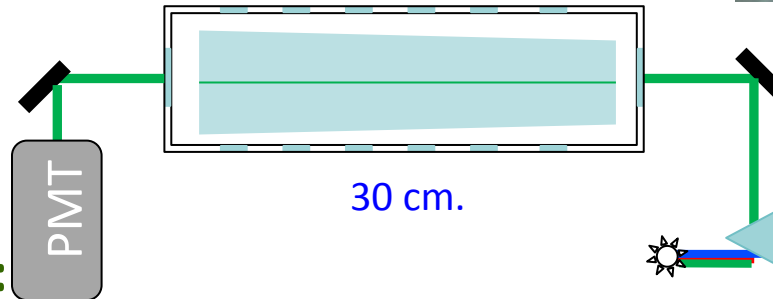
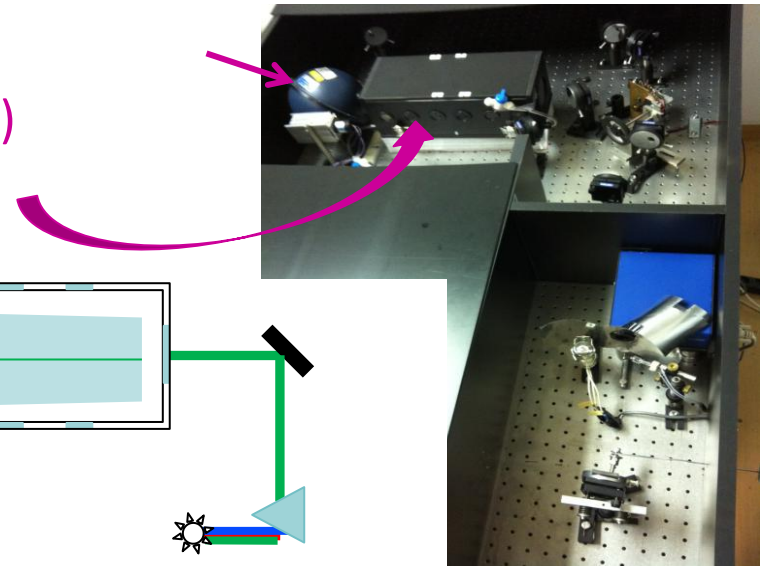
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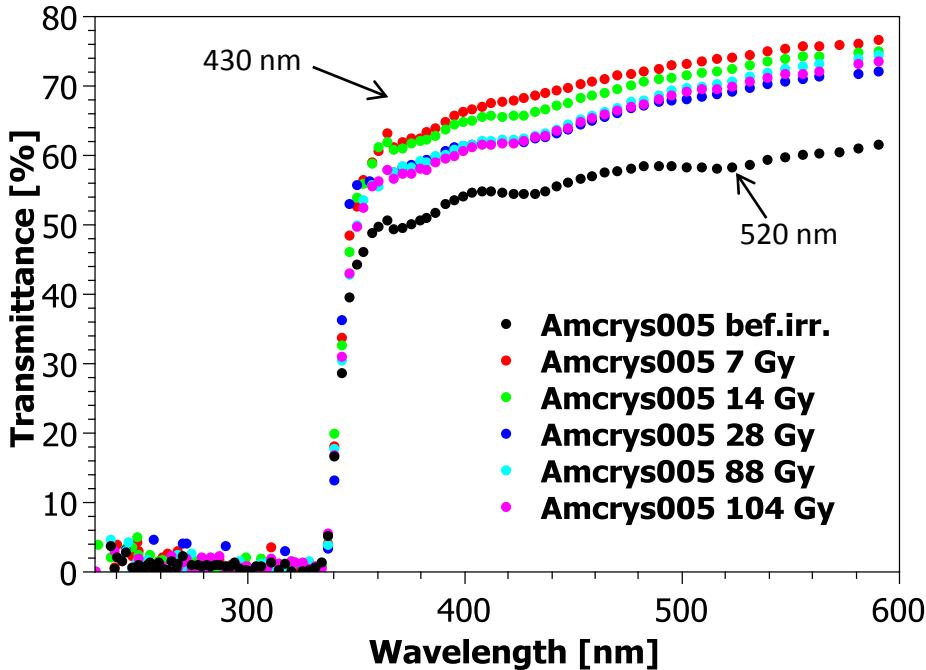
- **Gamma irradiation tests:**

**Dose rate:** 4.5 Gy<sub>air</sub>/h

**Total absorbed doses:** up to 104 Gy (Amcrys 005) and up to 16Gy (Amcrys 006)

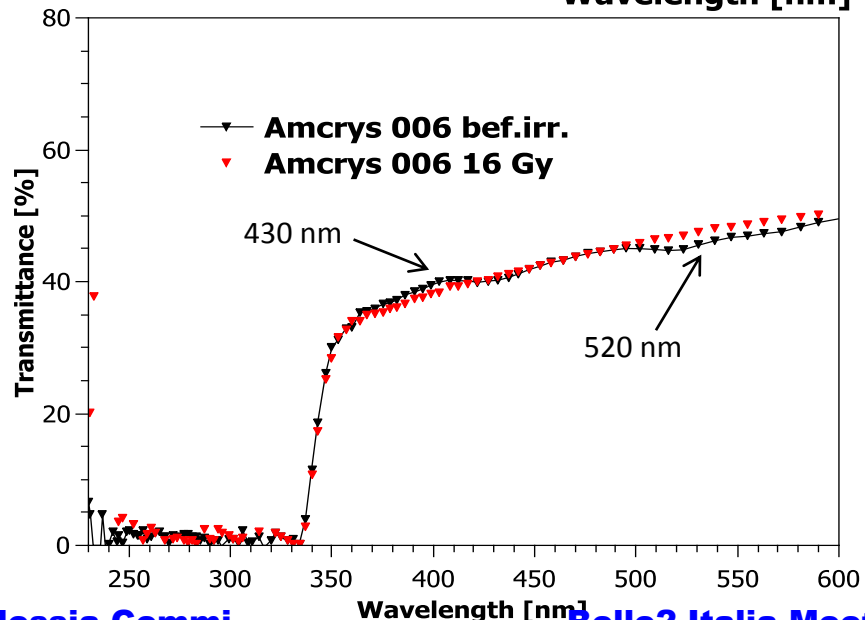
Crystals were always irradiated and stored in the dark, in argon atmosphere, at RT.

Transversally irradiated (CsI crystal attenuation length of <sup>60</sup>Co gamma rays is 5.2cm-EGS simulation (SLAC-Report-265, 1985))



**%T**

✓ *same manufacturer  
but different optical  
behavior*



✓ *Amcrys 006:  
slight irradiation effect (@16Gy)*

**II group:** three spare (not irradiated) trapezoidal crystals produced for Belle (equipped with PIN diodes)

6.5 x 5.5 cm<sup>2</sup> cross section,  
30 cm. length

**Crystal no. 1: S/N 327017**

gamma irr.

**Crystal no. 2: S/N 311017**

Crystal no. 3: S/N 319065 (reference, **not irradiated!**)

## Gamma irradiation tests:

**Dose rate:** 4.5 Gy<sub>air</sub>/h

**Total absorbed doses:** up to 670 Gy (Cristal no.1) and up to 125Gy (Cristal no.2)

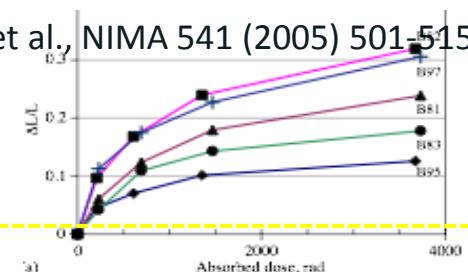
Transversally irradiated; same side

Previous studies of CsI(Tl) radiation hardness show a large variation in the LY degradation for different crystals (up to 30-35%) ..... but at absorbed doses lower than 40Gy

**(expected dose for Belle2: 10Gy/y x 10y = 100Gy)**

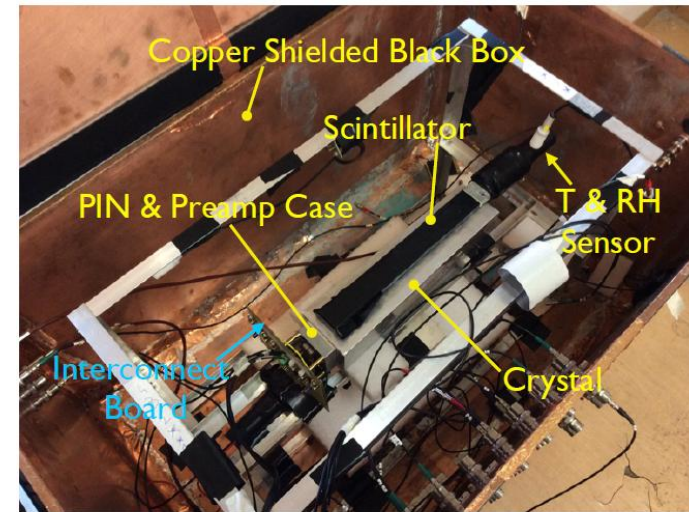
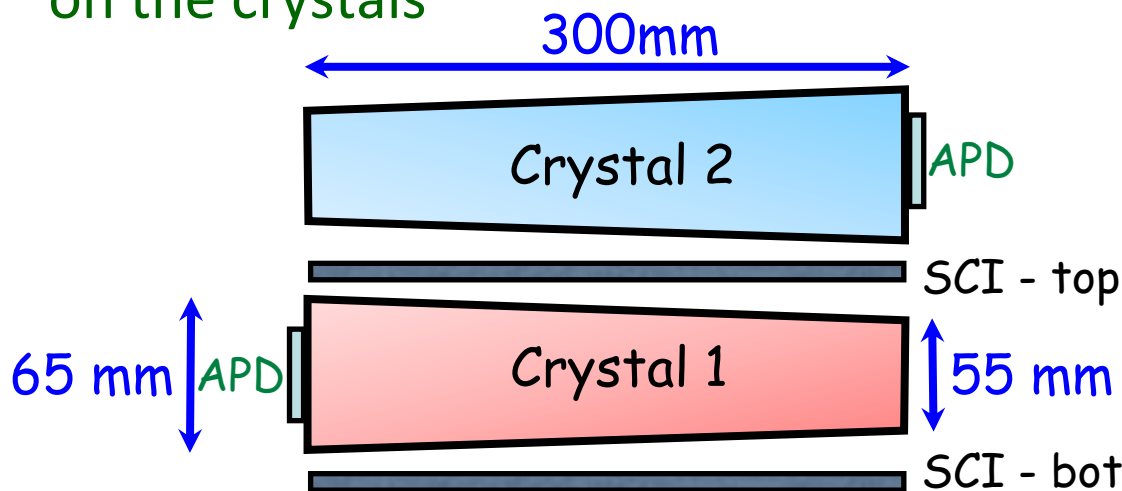
A.Beaulieu, Belle2 Weekly Meeting October 3 2014

D.M.Beylin et al., NIMA 541 (2005) 501-515



- CR run before irradiation taken for both crystals
- Irradiation Cycle:
  1. Irradiate with  $\gamma$  from the  $\text{Co}^{60}$  source
  2. Take CR run  $\sim 2\text{-}3$  kEvents  $\Rightarrow$  get amplitude peak position
  3. Go to Step 1.

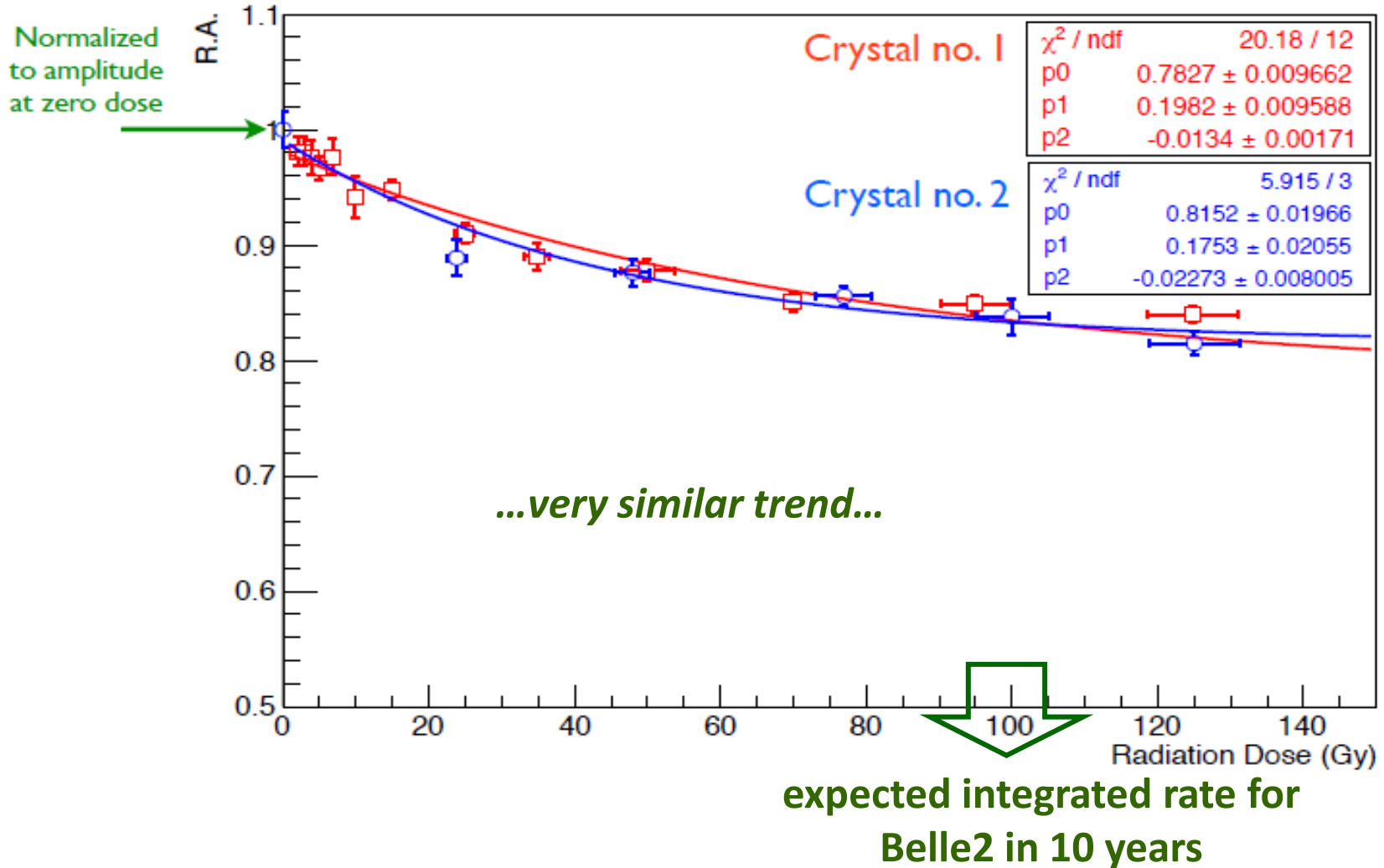
CR data by a pair of  $3 \times 30 \text{ cm}^2$ , 10 mm thick, trigger scintillators placed longitudinally on the crystals



Dry air circulated in the box (RH  $\sim$  15%)

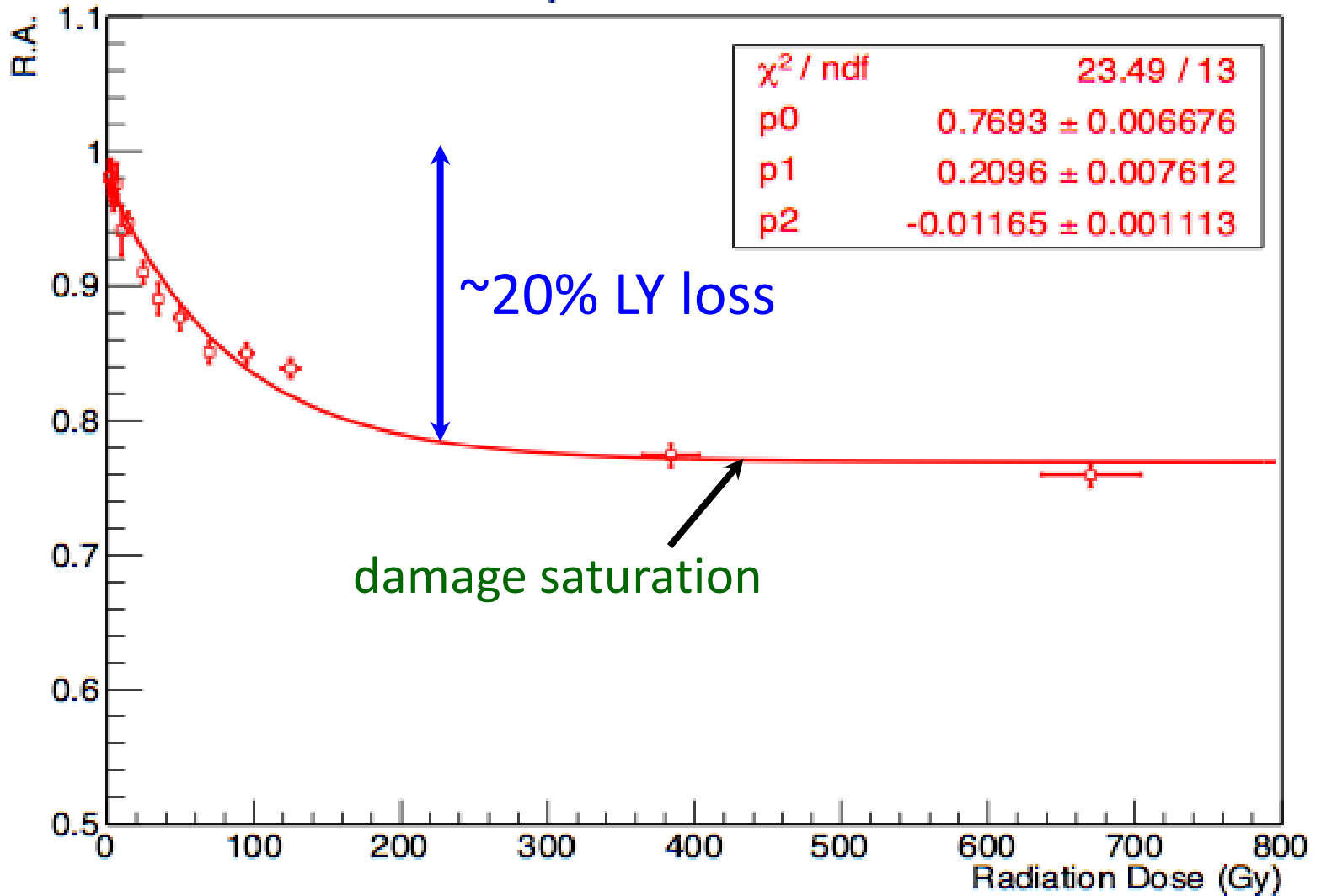


## Relative Amplitude VS Dose



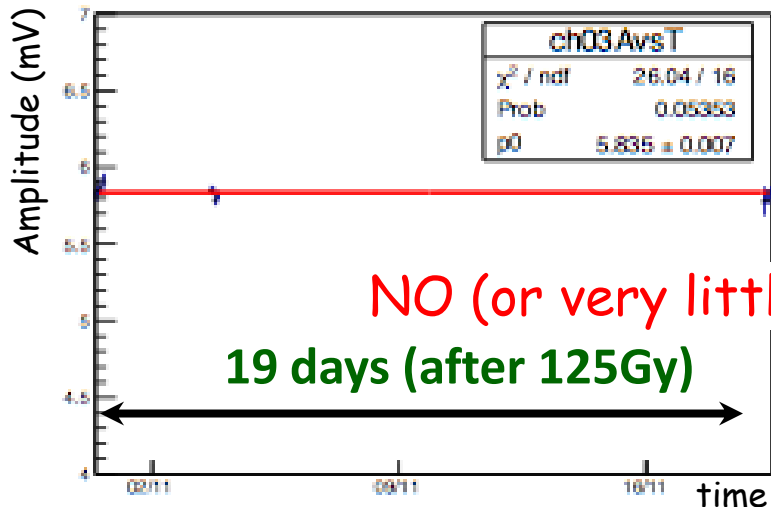
## Crystal no.1

### Relative Amplitude VS Dose - CH0

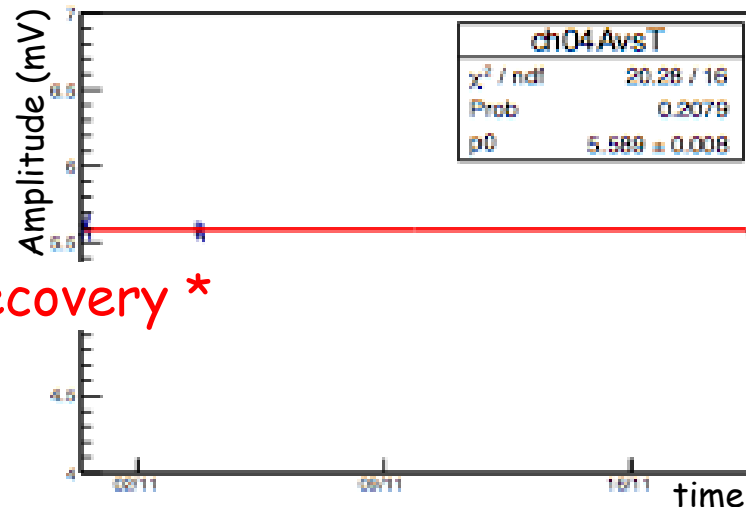


## Crystal no.2

Channel 3 Amplitude VS Time



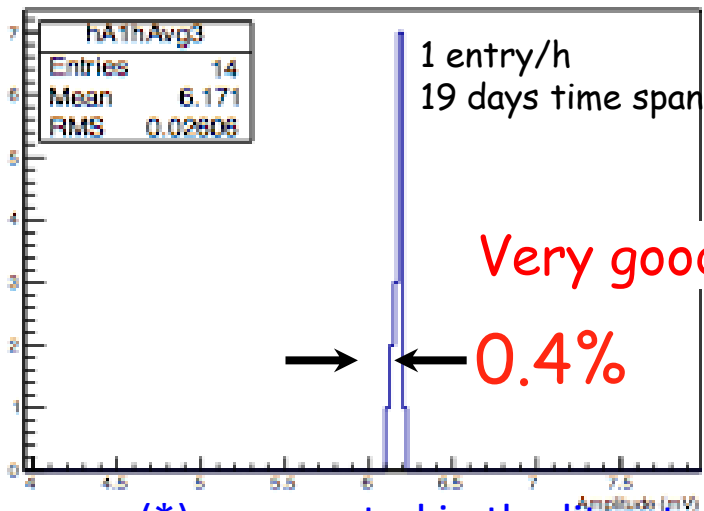
Channel 4 Amplitude VS Time



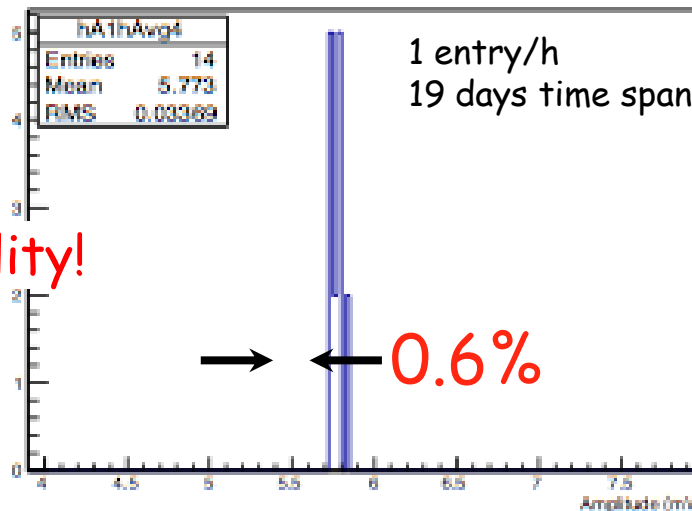
NO (or very little) recovery \*

19 days (after 125Gy)

Signal Amplitude 1h Average - C3



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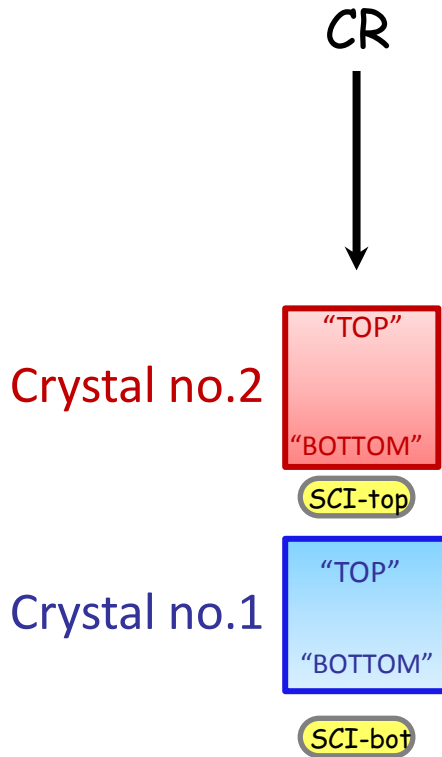
Very good stability!

0.4%

0.6%

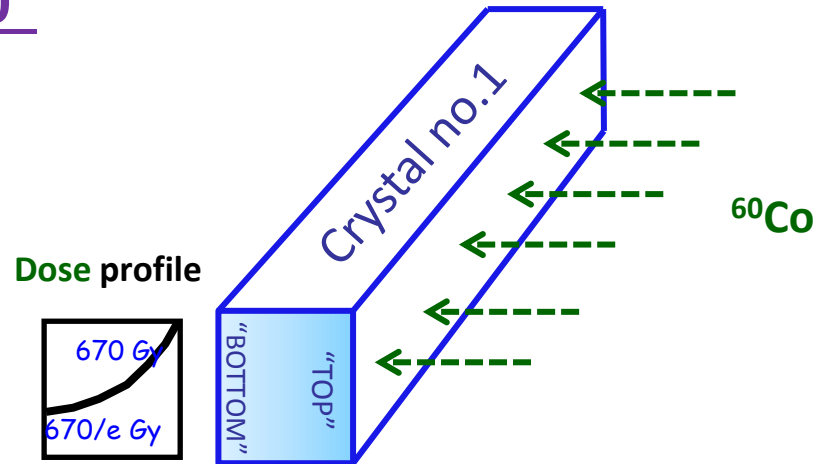
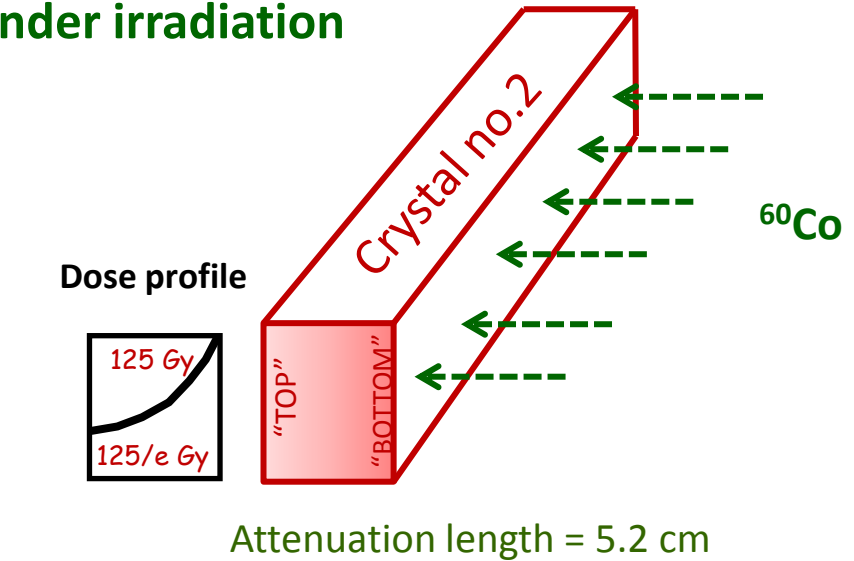
(\* ) as reported in the literature

## CR experimental set up

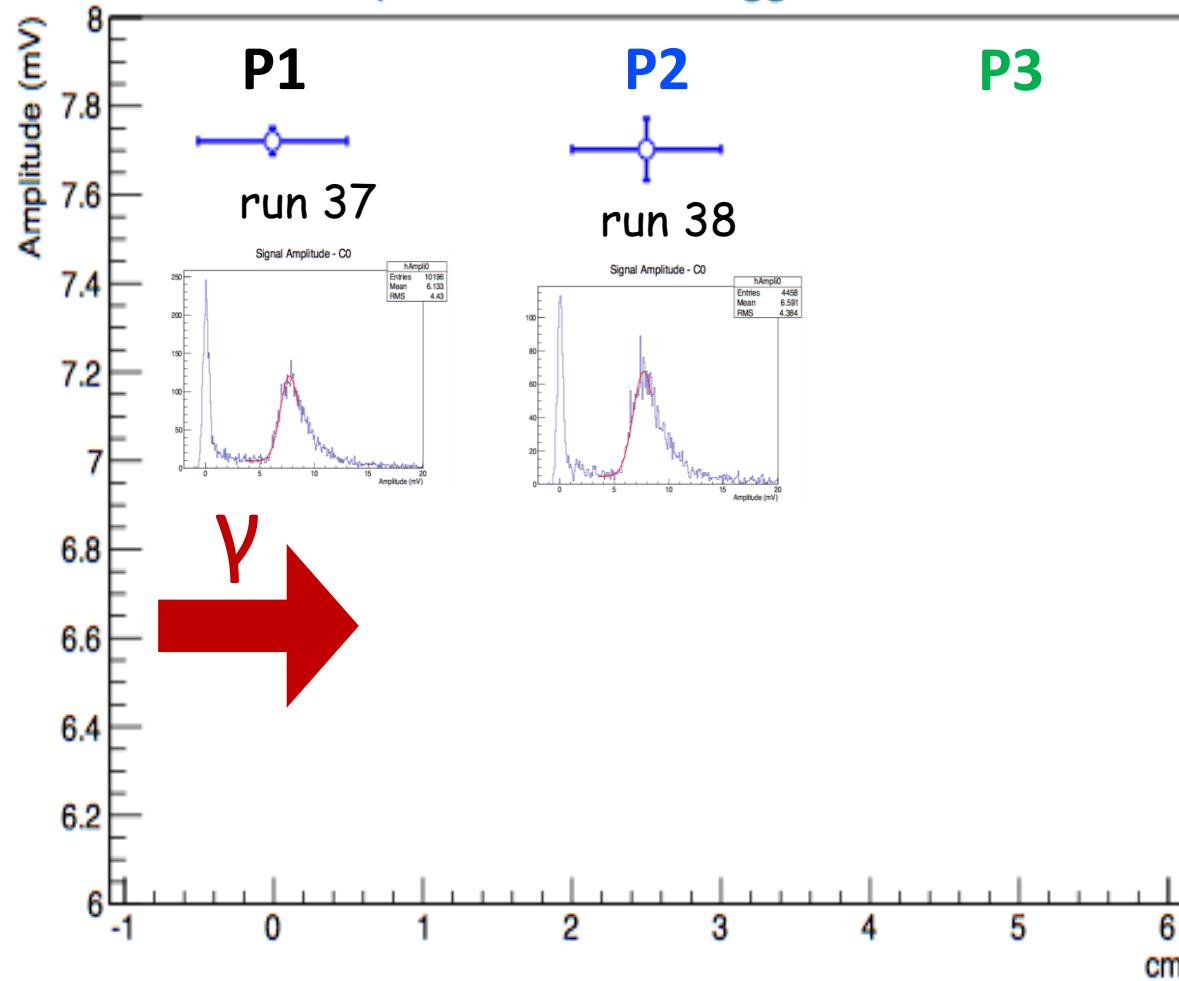


Rotation: 90°

## under irradiation



## Amplitude Peak vs Trigger Position



CR

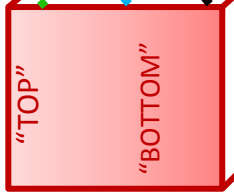


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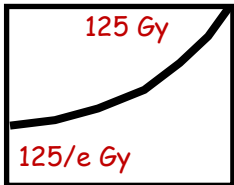


$^{60}\text{Co}$

Crystal no.2



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Dose profile

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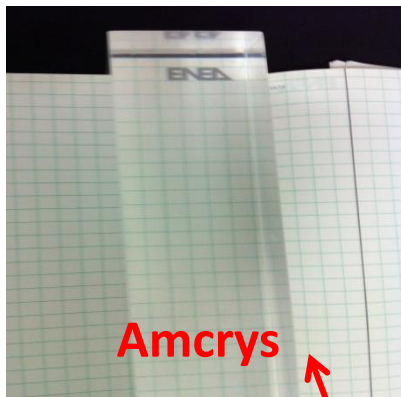
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Optomaterials (Italy)

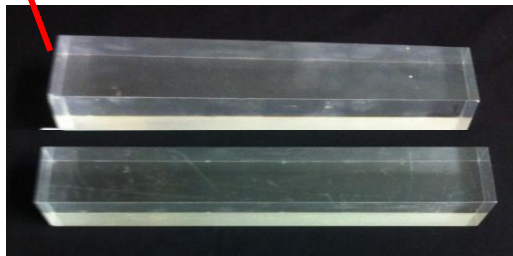
## Crystal Amcrys 002 (Amcrys, Ukraine):

trapezoidal shape  $\sim 7.5 \times 6.5 \text{ cm}^2$  cross section



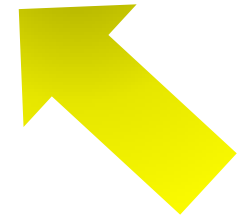
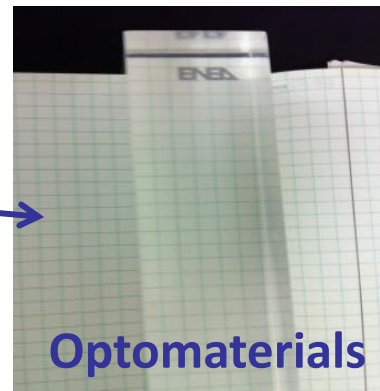
## Optomaterials 402 (Optomaterials, Italy)

$5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^2$  cross section



30 cm.

(Belle II ECL standard size)



# Pure CsI optical characterization

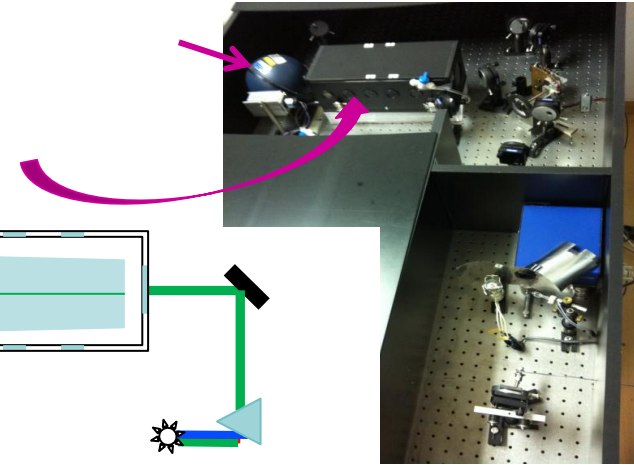
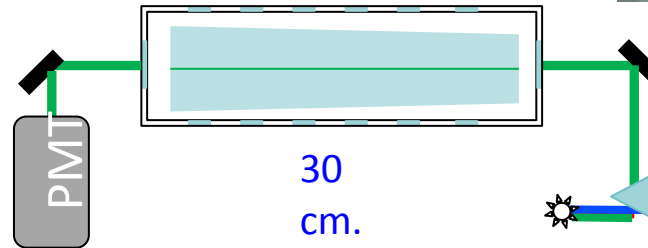
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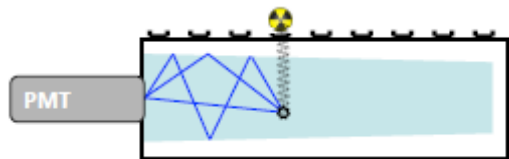
*Dose rate:* 4.5 Gy<sub>air</sub>/h

*Total absorbed doses:* up to 104 Gy

- Light Yield measurements:

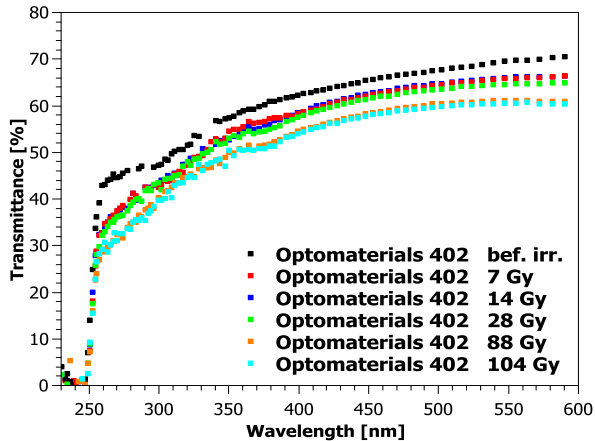
<sup>137</sup>Cs, <sup>22</sup>Na sources + dry box + UV-sensitive PMT + QDC

*9+1 positions*

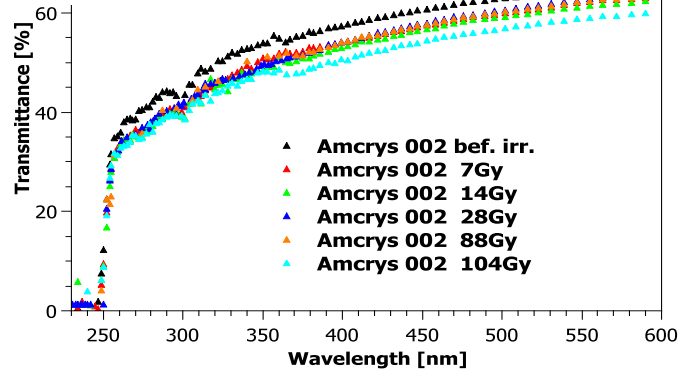




%T error = ± 1%



**%T**

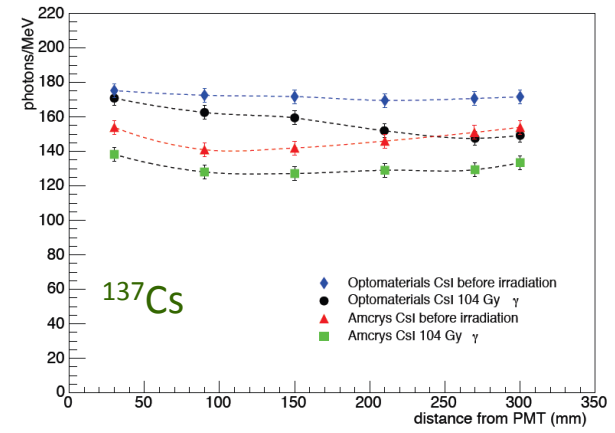


| Absorbed dose [Gy] | Transmittance @ 315nm [%] |              |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
|                    | Amcrlys 002               | Optomat. 402 |
| Before irr.        | 48.26                     | 50.67        |
| 104                | 43.57                     | 43.64        |

- ✓ **transmittance dependent on the absorbed doses**  
(max Δ% @315nm= - 7% @ 104Gy)
- ✓ **saturation effect**
- ✓ **similar %T trends for both crystals**  
(different manufacturers)

**LY**

- ✓ **similar behavior for both crystals**  
(LY loss @ 104Gy = -8%)



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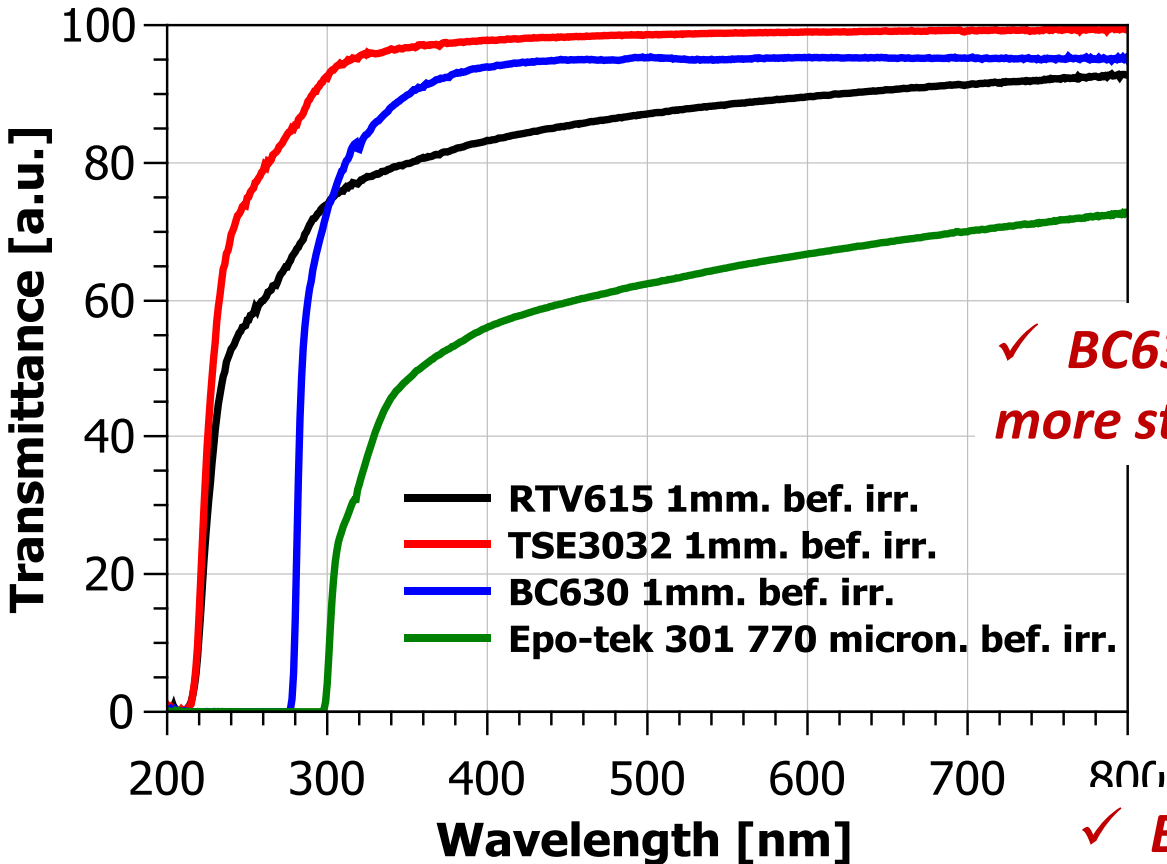
## *Optical coupling materials*

Two-component silicon resins  
(Momentive, USA)

Transmittance curves

Range: 200-800 nm

**Dose rate: 5 Gy<sub>air</sub>/h**  
**Total absorbed doses: up to 44 Gy in air, at RT**



under irradiation (13.2Gy):

✓ **BC630 and RTV615:**  
**more stable ( $\Delta T\%$  @ 315 nm = - 2%)**

after irradiation  
(stability ~ 30 days) :

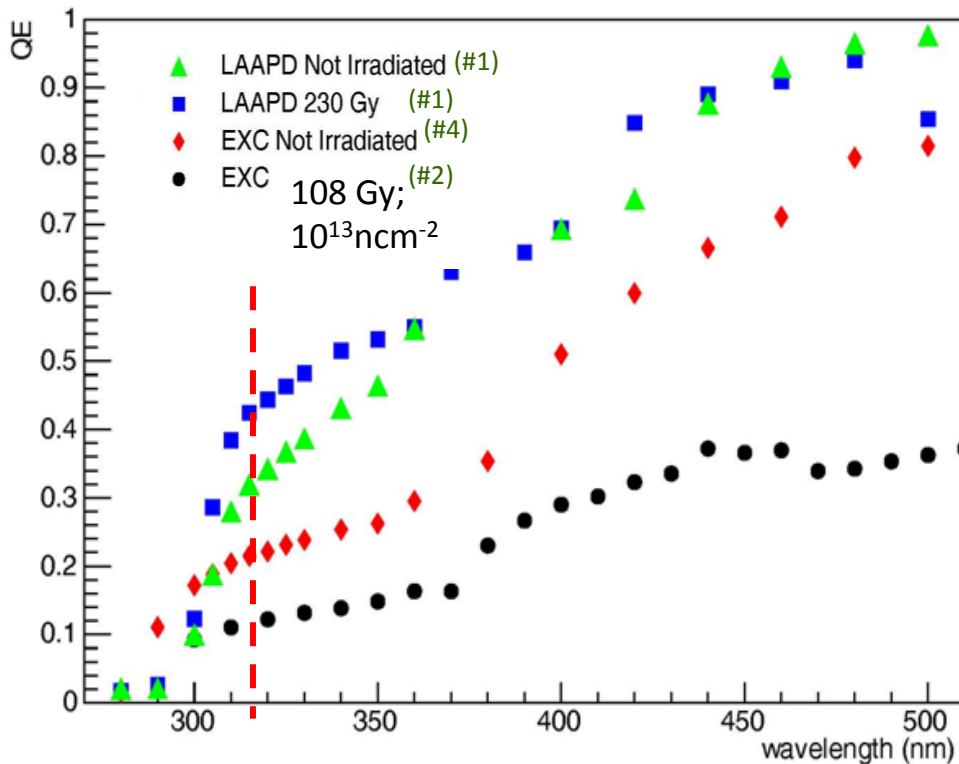
✓ **BC630: the best performances**  
✓ **Resins:  $\Delta T\%$  @ 315 nm = - 5%**

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## *APD Quantum Efficiency*

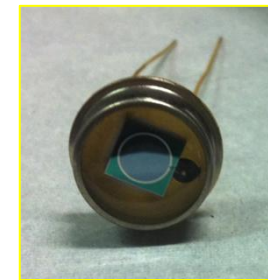
The APDs were irradiated with fast (0.1-10 MeV) neutrons at Tapiro (Excelitas), up to a fluence of  $1 \times 10^{13}$  n/cm<sup>2</sup> (10 years x5 of Belle2) and with gamma rays at Calliope facility (Excelitas and LAAP)

Hamamatsu Large Area and Excelitas APD Quantum Efficiencies



QE measurement at Gain = 1

Hamamatsu calibrated PIN diode used as reference



Excelitas APDs show a significant loss in Quantum Efficiency after  $1 \times 10^{13}$  n/cm<sup>2</sup> :

- Main component is probably due to damage to resin cover
- A scan around 315 nm should be repeated for both LAAPD and Excelitas

# Conclusions

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- ✓ **CsI(Tl)**: from Amcrys. %T: Optical properties not comparable for both crystals (before and after irradiation). A sort of saturation and Tl absorption peaks appear with the increase of the absorbed dose.  
*LY*: The crystals present similar behavior and a CR amplitude peak reduction of about 22% is observed at absorbed doses higher than 300 Gy
- ✓ **CsI**: Optomaterials crystal presents very good results (longitudinal transmittance) under irradiation (similar to Amcrys). Both crystals show a fast recovery, also in the dark. A saturation effect is evident at higher doses. Comparable %T and LY performances loss.
- ✓ **Optical couplings materials**: BC630 grease and two-component silicon resins gave very interesting performances under gamma rays and are stable after the end of the irradiation tests. Suitable for Belle II (scintillation wavelength and radiation environment).
- ✓ **APD Quantum Efficiency**: LAAP and Excelitas APDs were characterized by a calibrated PIN diode. LAAP (230 Gy) maintains the same QE of the unirradiated sample. Neutron and gamma irradiation on Excelitas APD produces a significant loss in QE.

# Further activities

...more crystals are needed...

## ❖ CsI(Tl) :

%T - optical characterization after irradiation (*stability*).

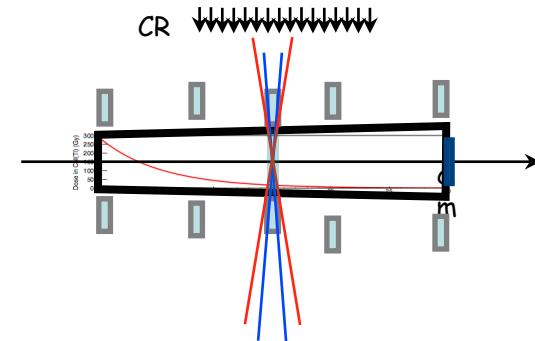
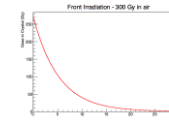
LY - Crystal no.1 (670 Gy): recovery evaluation

Crystal no.2 (125 Gy): irradiation at 125 Gy (one-shot) after 90° rotation and CR data acquisition

Crystal no.3 (reference): irradiation at 300 Gy to investigate the LY uniformity variation along the longitudinal axes.

(CR data in 5 transverse position)

gamma rays



❖ **CsI:** longitudinal/transverse transmittance measurements after irradiation and recovery (*Optomaterials: manufacturer qualification*); Light Yield measurements after irradiation

❖ **APDs Quantum Efficiency:** neutron irradiation of LAAP and gamma irradiation of Excelitas to distinguish the different effects. PIN diodes QE evaluation before and after irradiation (gamma and neutron).


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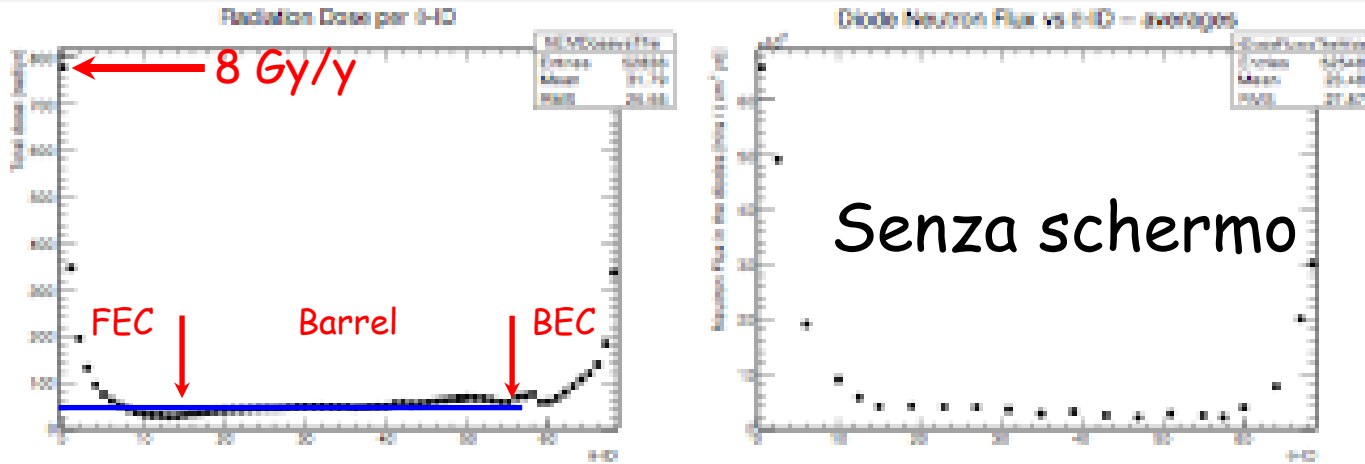


# Introduzione

- Domande aperte
  - Quanto sono resistenti i cristalli di CsI(Tl) alla radiazione?
    - È necessario sostituire i cristalli di CsI(Tl) con altri con maggiore resistenza alla radiazione?
      - Letteratura + Studio di irraggiamenti di CsI(Tl)
    - Il CsI puro è resistente alla radiazione?
      - Studio di irraggiamenti di CsI puro
  - Quanto sono resistenti alla radiazione le altre componenti del rivelatore?
    - Studio di irraggiamenti di PIN diodes, APD, resine, colle ecc.
  - Qual'è l'effetto della radiazione sull'uniformità del LY nei cristalli?
    - Studio LY in funzione della posizione longitudinale (vari esempi in letteratura)
  - Quanto peggiorano le prestazioni di fisica del rivelatore a causa del pile-up?
    - È veramente necessario sostituire il CsI(Tl) con il CsI puro, che è più veloce?
  - Quanto peggiorano le prestazioni di fisica del rivelatore a causa del danno da radiazione (minore light yield)?
    - Vedi talk di Benjamin
  - Simulazioni e Software 

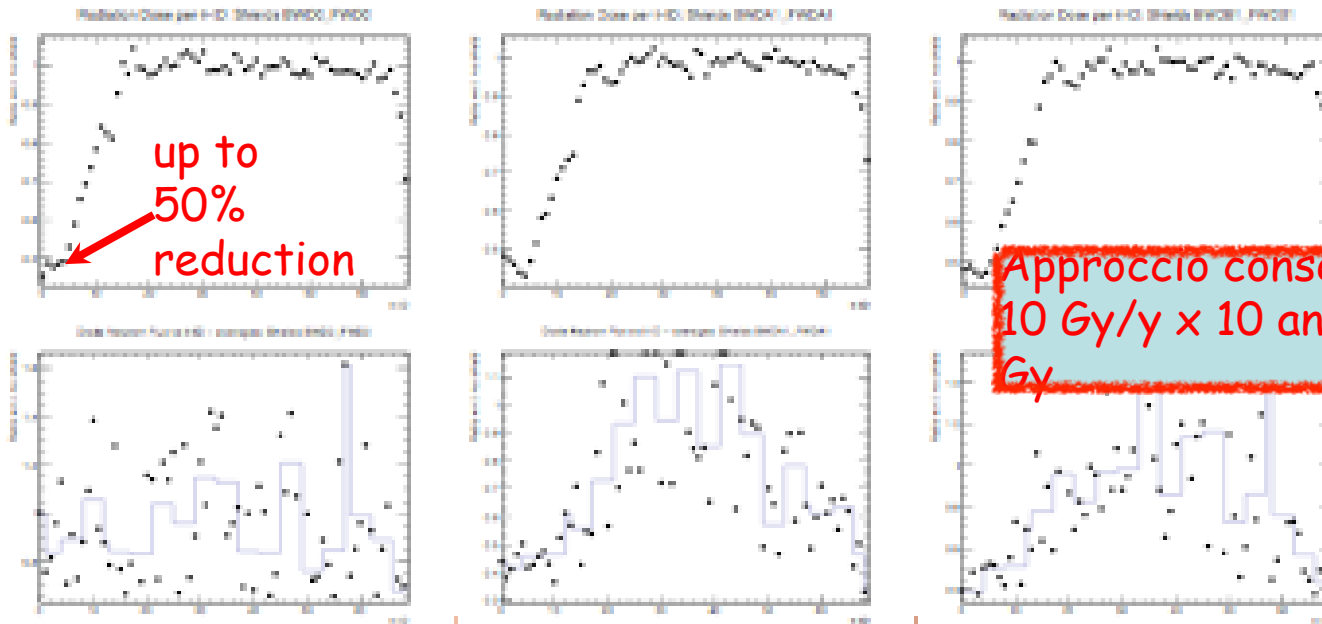
# Stato dell'arte

- Esistono studi precedenti condotti all'epoca di BaBar e Belle (ormai ~20 anni fa!) sullo CsI(Tl), e altri (per es. CMS)
  - L'effetto della radiazione gamma sullo CsI(Tl) è di ridurre la luce raccolta al foto-rivelatore
  - C'è una grande variabilità da cristallo a cristallo
  - La luce può diminuire fino a valori significativi ~30÷35%
- Il limite comune di questi lavori è che la massima dose esplorata ~40 Gy è inferiore a quella aspettata per Belle-II
- In Belle-II, la dose aspettata è stimata con simulazioni dedicate del fondo
  - I valori trovati oscillano da produzione a produzione di fattori 2-3
    - Motivi di prudenza consigliano di utilizzare valori più alti delle presenti simulazioni



Limit dose: 1000 rad/yr  
 Limit n-flux:  $100 \times 10^9 / (\text{yr} \cdot \text{cm}^2)$

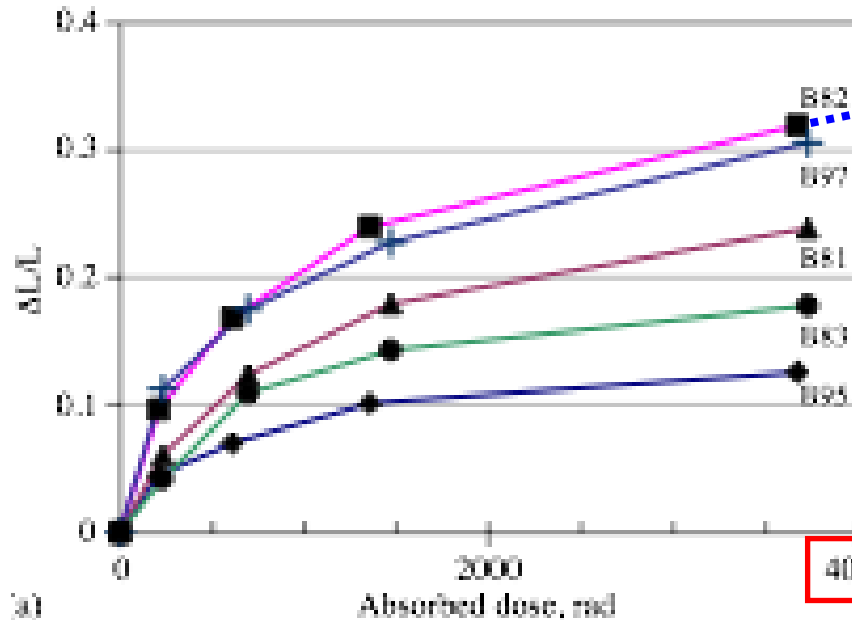
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# Previous Measurements

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Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 541 (2005) 501–515



Campione di 25  
cristalli trapezoidali  
CsI(Tl)

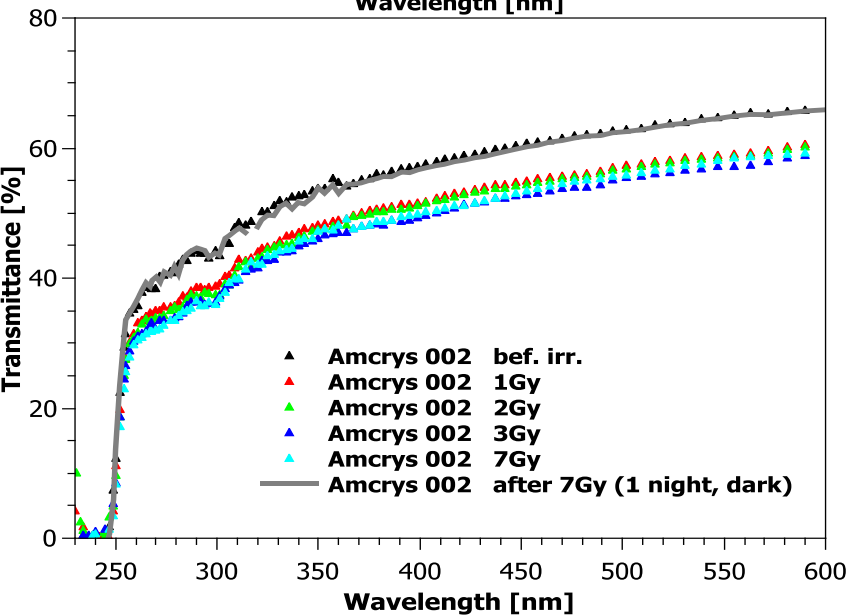
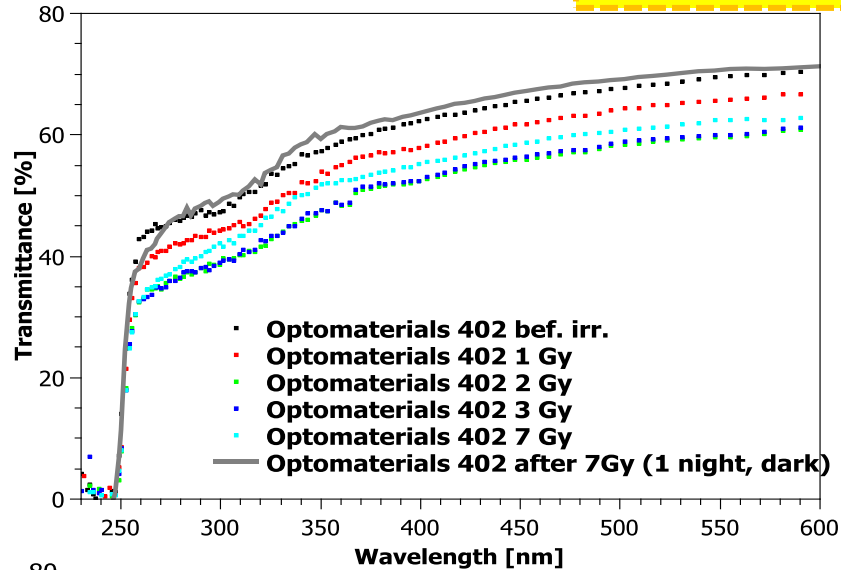
4000 < 40 Gy

- Dalle vecchie misure, non è chiaro se il danno continua ad aumentare con la dose.

☞ Estendere il range di dose

%T error = ± 1%

Low dose range (up to 7Gy)



| Absorbed dose [Gy]                 | Transmittance @ 315nm [%] |              |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
|                                    | Amcrys 002                | Optomat. 402 |
| Before irr.                        | 48.26                     | 50.67        |
| 1                                  | 42.82                     | 45.36        |
| 2                                  | 42.63                     | 41.01        |
| 3                                  | 41.05                     | 40.87        |
| 7                                  | 41.44                     | 44.85        |
| Recovery after 7Gy (1 night, dark) | 47.71                     | 51.51        |

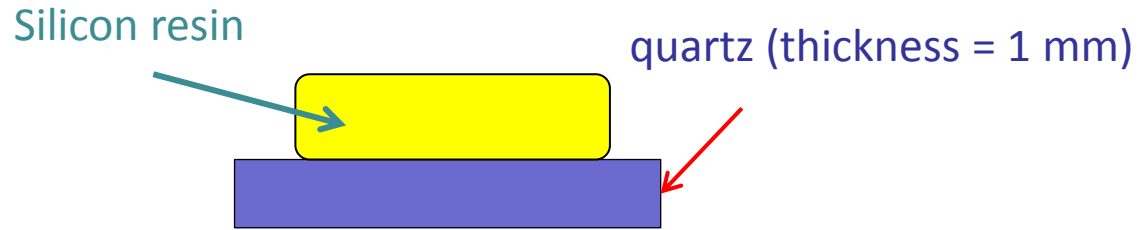
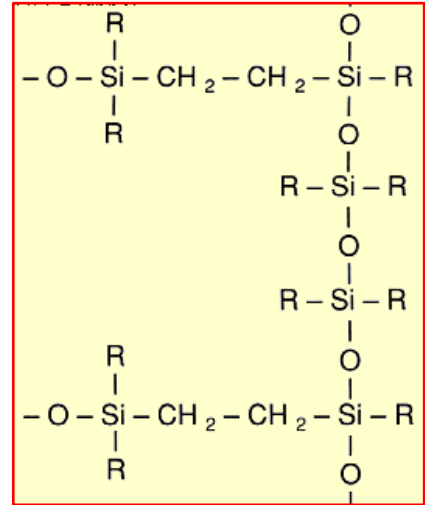
✓ *transmittance dependent on the absorbed doses*

✓ *complete and fast recovery in the dark (gray line in the plots)*

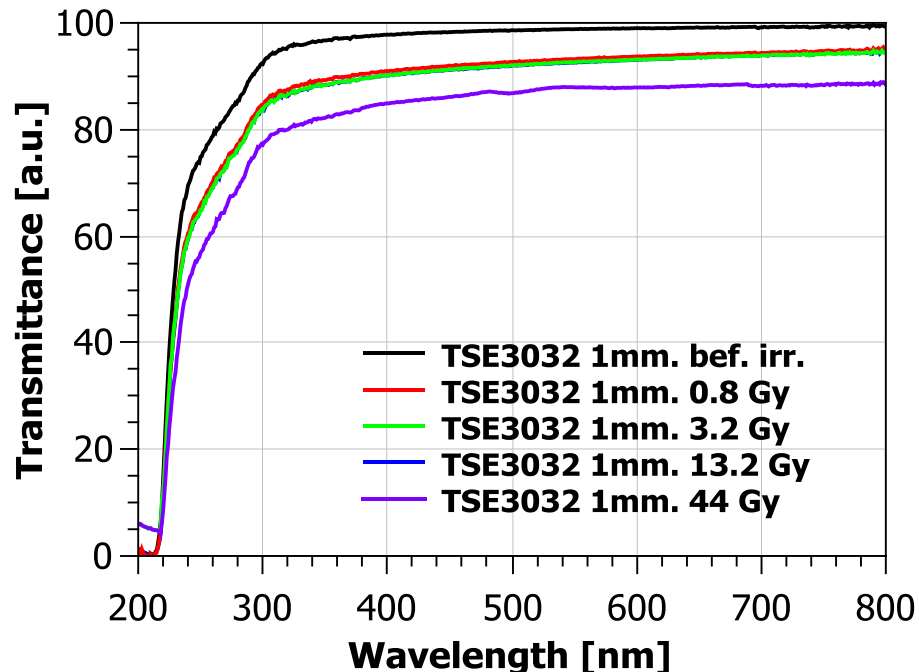
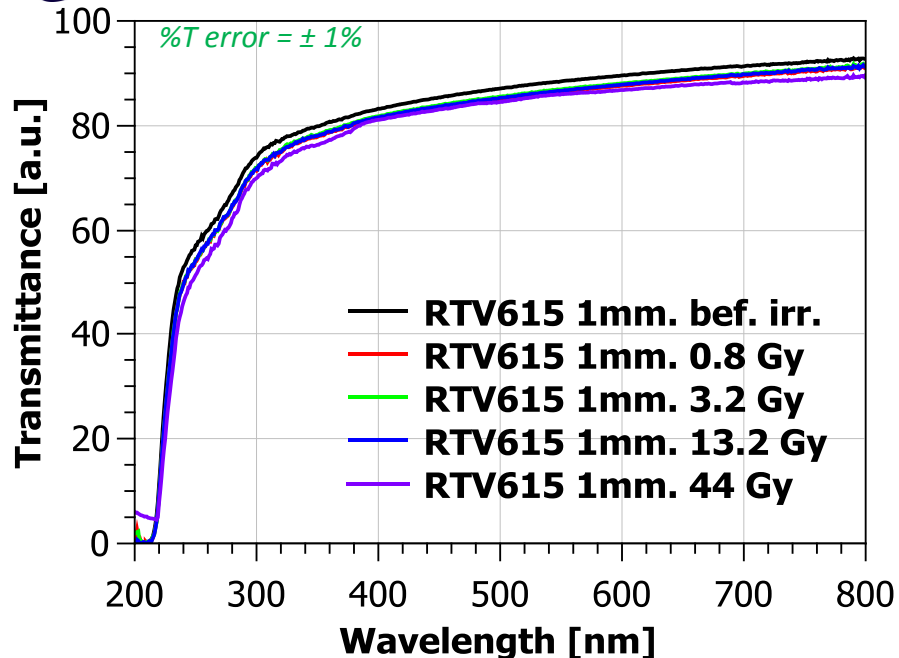
## RTV 615 and TSE 3032

Refractive Index : 1.406

Low viscosity, transparent silicon rubber designed for protection of electronic components and assemblies against shock, vibration, moisture, ozone, dust, chemicals, and other environmental hazards by potting or encapsulation of the components and assemblies.



- ✓ different thickness (1mm; 2mm)
- ✓ transparent, not rigid



| Absorbed dose [Gy] | Transmittance @ 315nm [%] |               |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
|                    | RTV615 (1mm)              | TSE3032 (1mm) |
| 0                  | 76.63                     | 94.96         |
| 0.8                | 74.06                     | 86.66         |
| 3.2                | 74.31                     | 86.23         |
| 13.2               | 74.21                     | 86.07         |
| 44                 | 72.56                     | 79.90         |

✓ *RTV615: more stable*

✓ *TSE3032: max  $\Delta T\%$  @ 315 nm = - 15%*



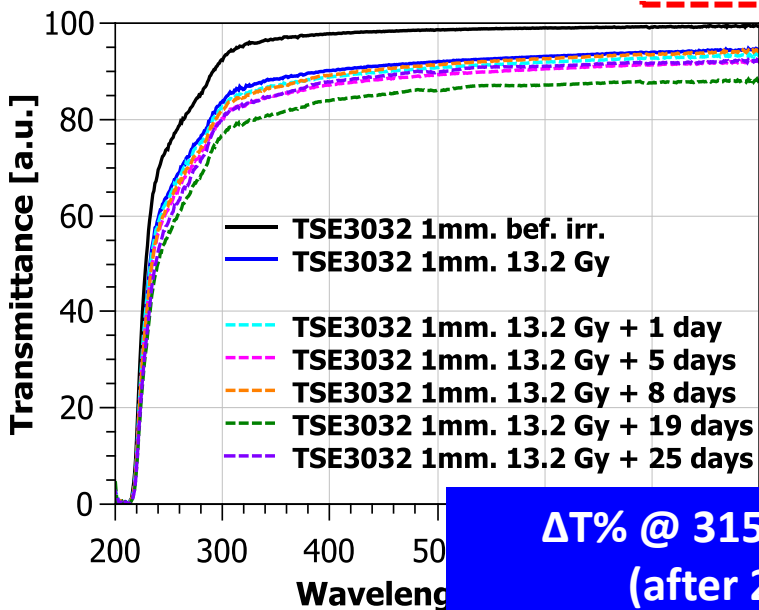
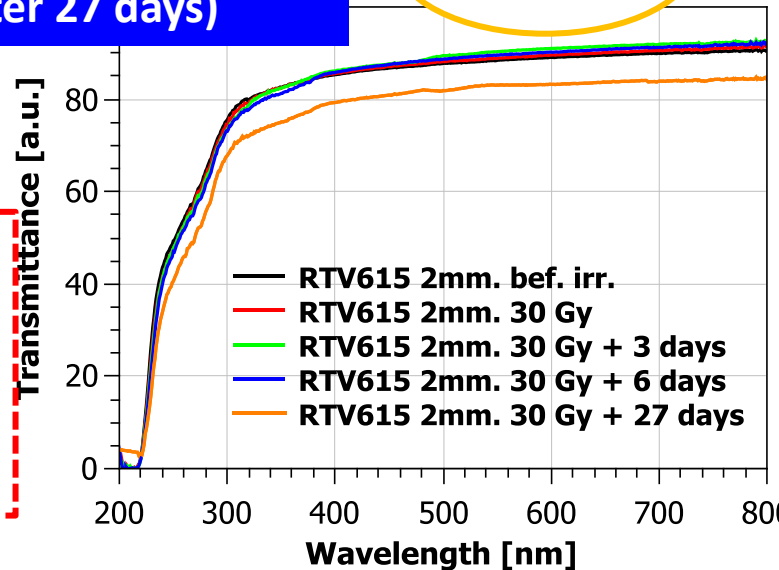
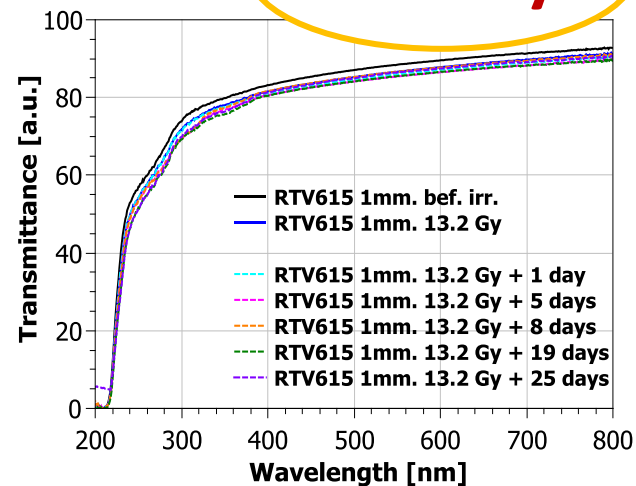
%T error = ± 1%

**13.2 Gy**

**$\Delta T\%$  @ 315nm = -7.00%  
(after 27 days)**

**30 Gy**

*The best results are dependent on the absorbed dose and on the material*



**$\Delta T\%$  @ 315nm = -12.20  
(after 25 days)**

