

# Crilin: a semi-homogeneous crystal calorimeter for the future Muon Collider

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# Crilin and the Muon Collider

**Crilin** (CRYstal calorimeter with Longitudinal INformation):

- ECAL R&D for the future Muon Collider: an option for a next-gen facility (see US P5)
  - Physics and detector studies for 3 and 10 TeV Muon Collider designs are ongoing

## Muon Collider pros:

- $m_{\mu} \gg m_e$  (no synchrotron radiation)
- **point-like particle**: all energy is available in collisions
- **Higgs** boson studies
- **direct search of heavy states**

## Muon Collider cons:

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

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

# Muon Collider requirements

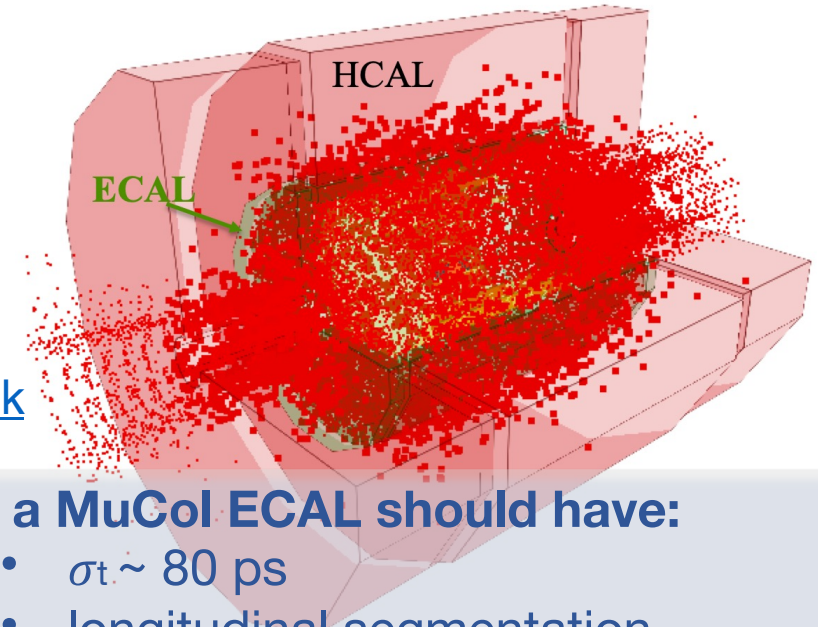


BIB in the ECAL region (after nozzles and tracking system):

- Flux of 300 particles per  $\text{cm}^2$  through the ECAL surface:
  - mainly  $\gamma$  (96%) and  $n$  (4%): average photon energy 1.7 MeV
- **Time of arrival flatter** than physics signals  $\rightarrow$  most of BIB excluded with a clustering window of  $\sim 240$  ps
- Different **longitudinal hit profile** wrt signal
- **Total Ionising Dose:**  $\sim 1$  kGy/year
- **Neutron fluence:**  $10^{14} n_{1\text{MeVeq}}/\text{cm}^2 / \text{year}$

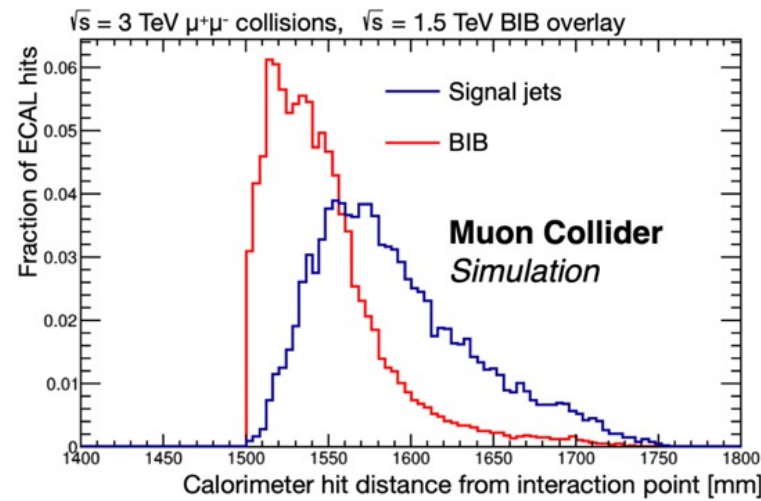
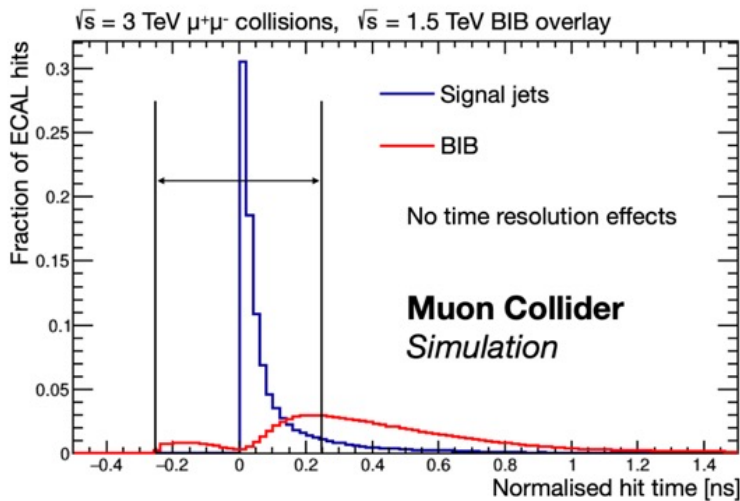
See M.Casarsa's [talk](#)

## BIB hits in the calorimeters



### a MuCol ECAL should have:

- $\sigma_t \sim 80$  ps
  - longitudinal segmentation
  - fine granularity
  - proper radiation resistance
  - $\sigma_E/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E}$
- $\rightarrow$  **CALICE-like W-Si sampling calorimeter initially considered as the primary candidate**  
**Now Crilin is the baseline choice**





# The Crilin calorimeter

- **Semi-homogeneous ECAL** made of **crystal matrices** interspaced and readout by **SiPMs**
- Each crystal independently read by 2 channels, each consisting of 2 SiPMs in series.

## Key factors for BIB handling:

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

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

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

**Good resistance to radiation:** reliability during the experiment to resist BIB TID and neutrons

## Crystal choice motivation:

**High-density:** allows to build a compact system to fulfil space constraints

**Fast response:** Cherenkov/fast crystals, to have excellent timing and fast rise times

↳ **PbF<sub>2</sub> (Cherenkov only)**  
**PbWO<sub>4</sub>-UltraFast**  
**LYSO (to be tested)**

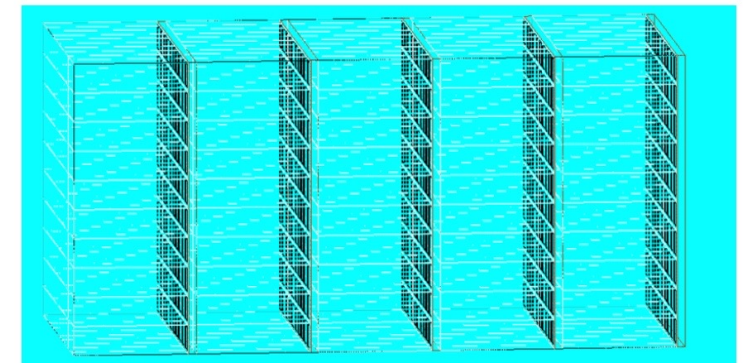
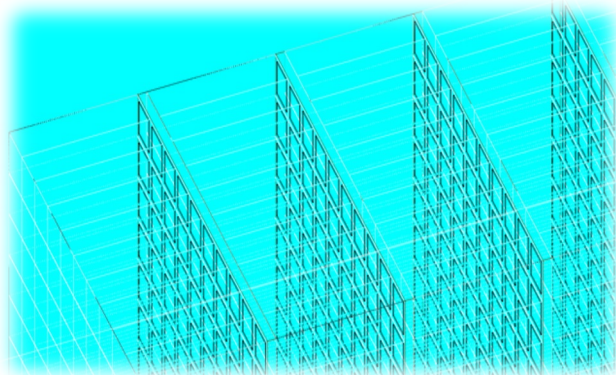
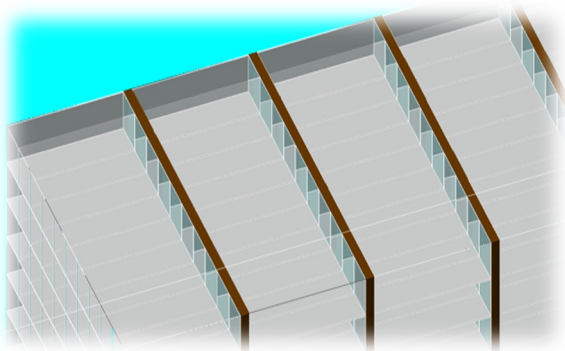
[S. Ceravolo et al 2022 JINST 17 P09033](#)

## Distinctive features:

**Semi-homogeneous :** *unique* hybrid between homogeneous and sampling calorimeters → exploit the strengths of both

**Flexibility:** able to adjust crystal and layers size for tailored solutions

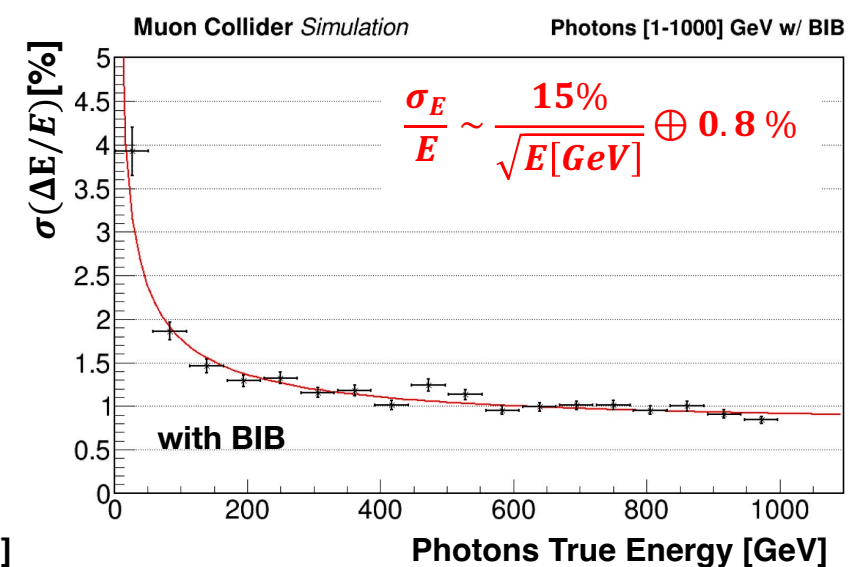
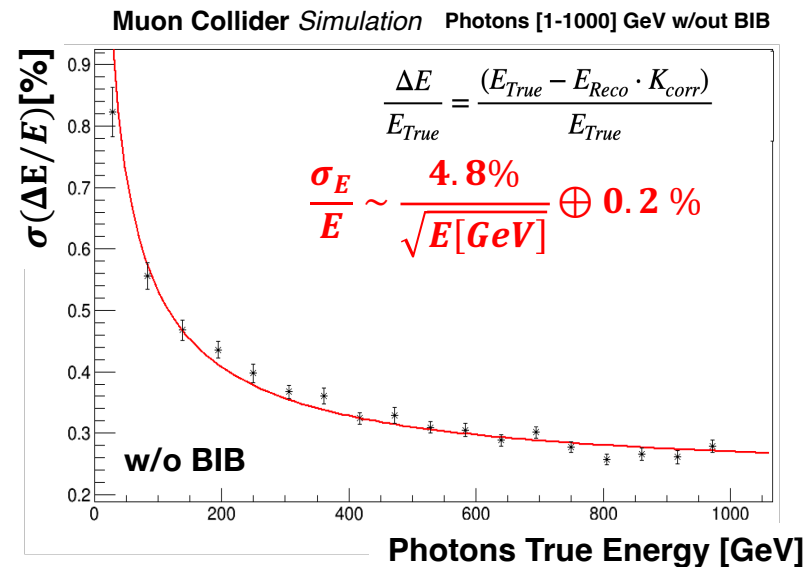
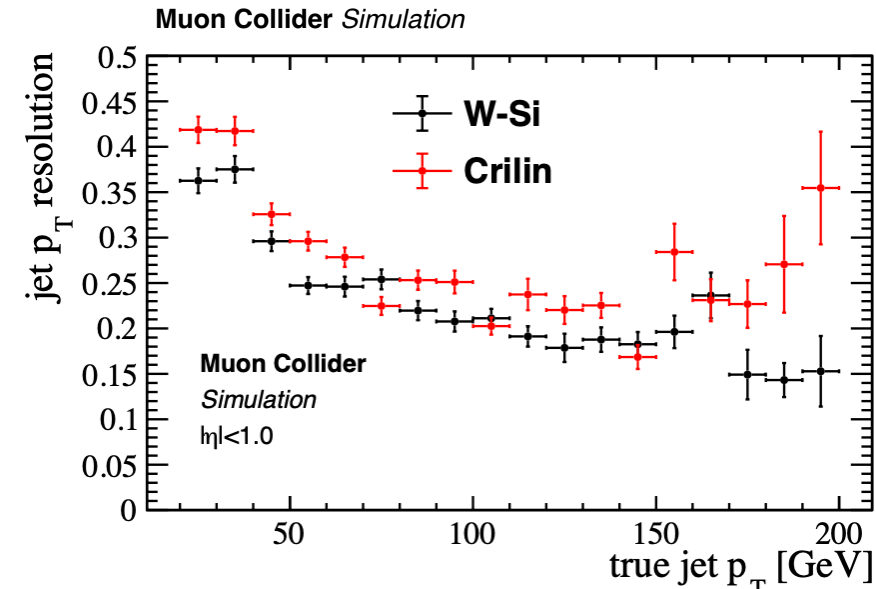
**Compactness:** Unlike segmented or high granularity calorimeters, CRILIN can optimize energy detection while staying compact





# Simulated performances

- ECAL barrel with Crilin technology implemented in the Muon Collider simulation framework
  - Including **digitization** from real test-beam waveforms + BIB rejection with timing and longitudinal hit position
  - 5 layers with 45 mm length, 10 X 10 mm<sup>2</sup> cell area → **21.5 X<sub>0</sub>**
  - **In each cell:** 40 mm PbF<sub>2</sub> + 3 mm SiPM + 1 mm electronics + 1 mm air
- Design optimized for BIB mitigation: with 4.5 cm layers, BIB energy is integrated in large volumes → reduced statistical fluctuations of the BIB energy deposit
- Crilin 5 layers competitive wrt W-Si 40 layers → **factor 10 less in cost** (6 vs 64 Mchannels)



# R&D status



## Prototype versions

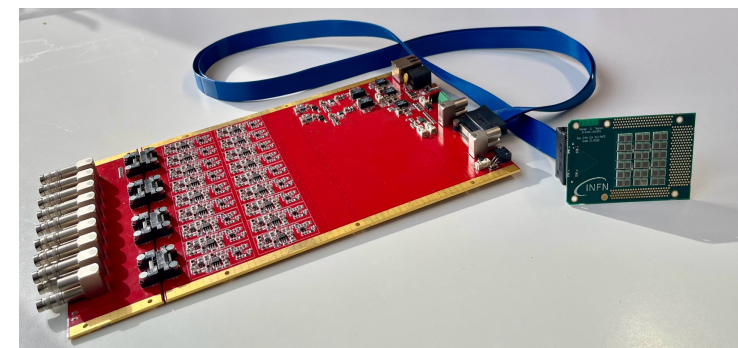
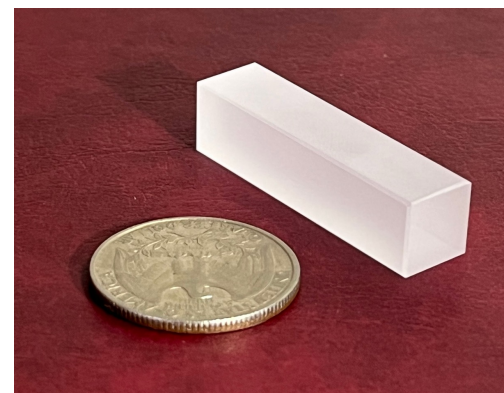
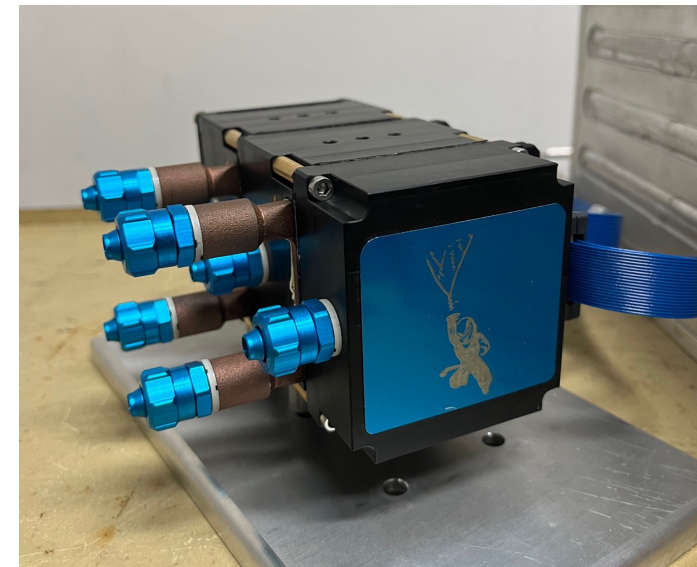
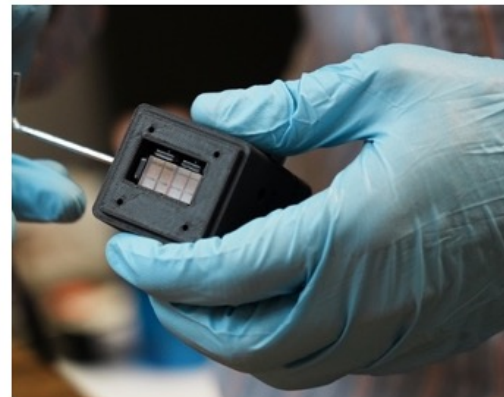
- Proto-0 (2 crystals  $\rightarrow$  4 channels)
- Proto-1 (3x3 crystals x 2 layers  $\rightarrow$  36 channels)

## Front-end electronics

- Design completed
- Production and QC completed

## 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 CERN (August 2023)
- **Radiation hardness campaigns**
  - Both with Neutrons and Gamma rays

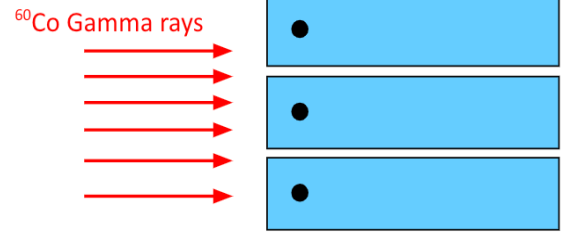


# Crystals radiation hardness



Tests of two **PbF<sub>2</sub>** and **PbWO<sub>4</sub>-UF** crystals (both 10x10x40 mm<sup>3</sup>), for:

- TID (Co-60) @ Calliope, Enea
- Neutrons (14 MeV) @ FNG, Enea

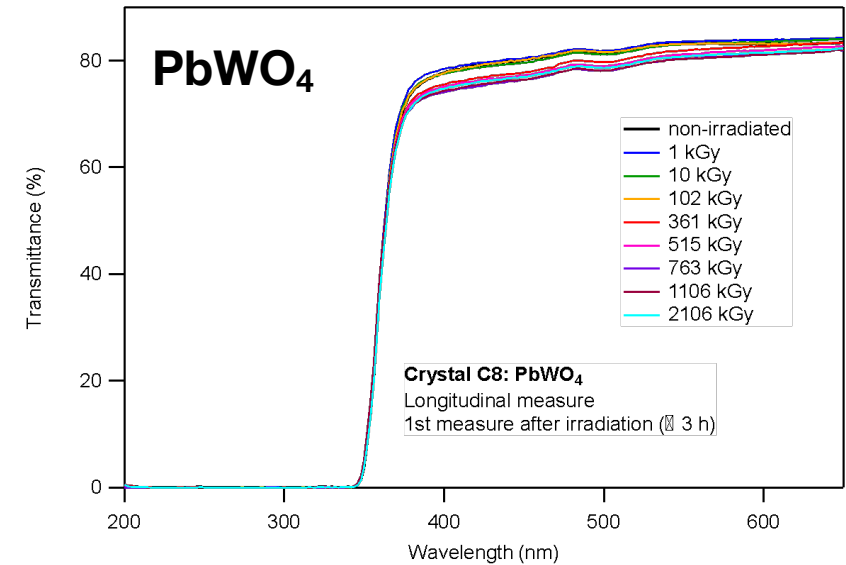
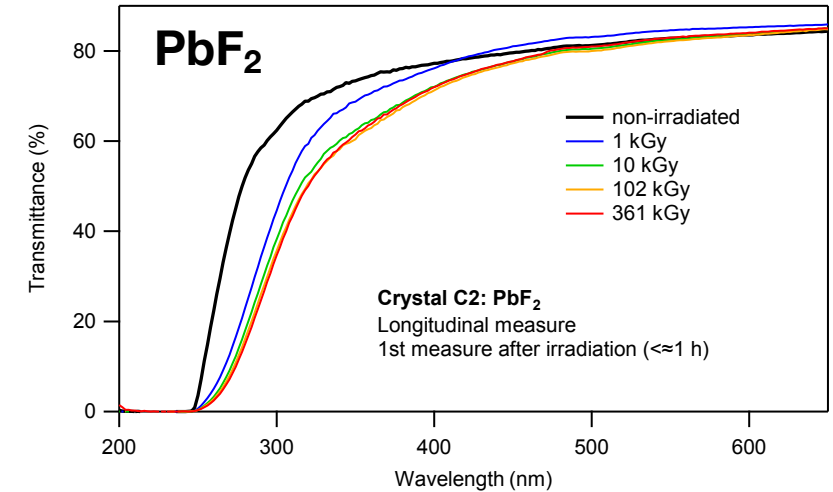


- **For PbF<sub>2</sub> no significant decrease** in transmittance after:
  - **TID < 360 kGy**
  - 10<sup>13</sup> n/cm<sup>2</sup> neutrons

Crystal	PbF <sub>2</sub>	PWO-UF
Density [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	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

- **For PbWO<sub>4</sub>-UF no significant decrease** in transmittance after:
  - **TID < 2 MGy**

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



# SiPMs radiation hardness



**Neutrons irradiation tests:** 14 MeV neutrons with a total fluence of  $10^{14}$  n/cm<sup>2</sup> for 80 hours on a series of two SiPMs (10 and 15  $\mu$ m pixel-size)

From I-V curves extrapolation at 3 different temperatures:

- Currents at different operational voltages
- Breakdown voltages

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

**15  $\mu$ m pixel-size**

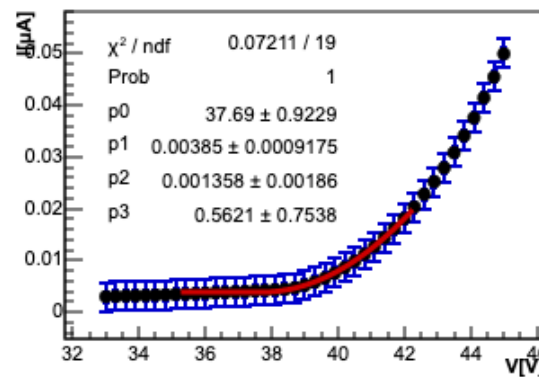
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-10 ± 1	75.29 ± 0.01	12.56 ± 0.01	30.45 ± 0.01	46.76 ± 0.01
-5 ± 1	75.81 ± 0.01	14.89 ± 0.01	32.12 ± 0.01	46.77 ± 0.01
0 ± 1	76.27 ± 0.01	17.38 ± 0.01	33.93 ± 0.01	47.47 ± 0.01

**10  $\mu$ m pixel-size**

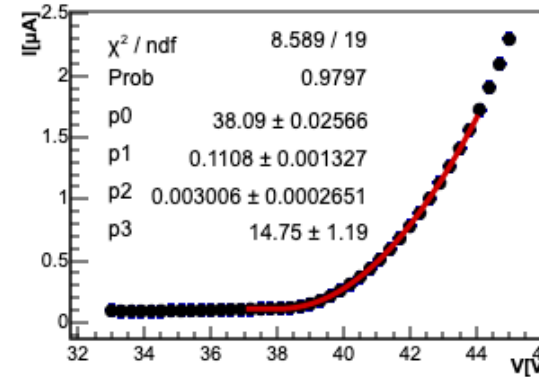
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-10 ± 1	76.76 ± 0.01	1.84 ± 0.01	6.82 ± 0.01	29.91 ± 0.01
-5 ± 1	77.23 ± 0.01	2.53 ± 0.01	9.66 ± 0.01	37.51 ± 0.01
0 ± 1	77.49 ± 0.01	2.99 ± 0.01	11.59 ± 0.01	38.48 ± 0.01

Dark I @ V<sub>op</sub>  
1.8 vs 13 mA  
for 10/15 micron pixels

**10  $\mu$ m pixel-size  
Pre 10kGy**



**10  $\mu$ m pixel-size  
Post 10kGy**



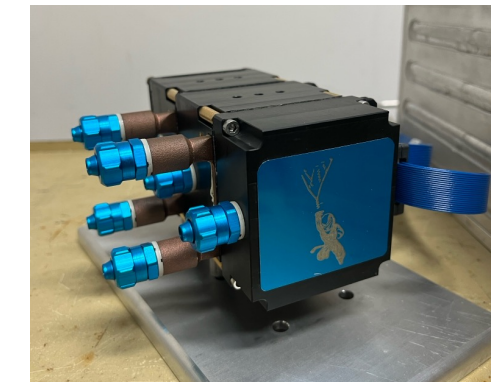
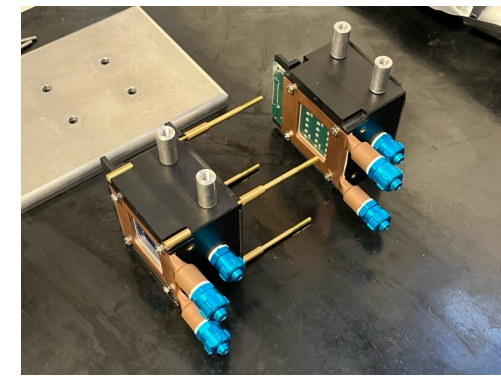
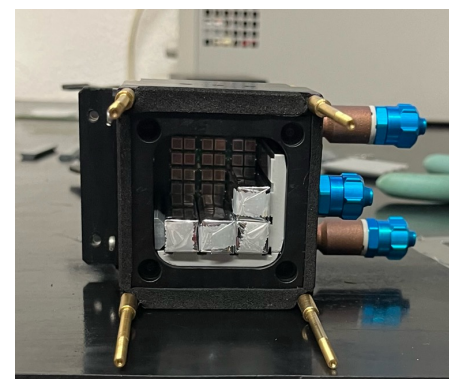
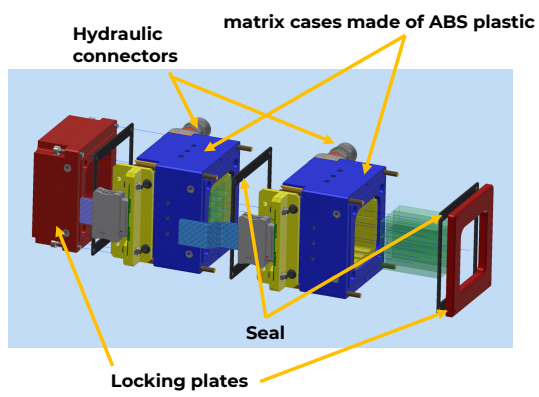
Dark I @ V<sub>op</sub>  
goes from 12 nA to 600 nA  
after 10 kGy



# Proto-1: Mechanics and Electronics

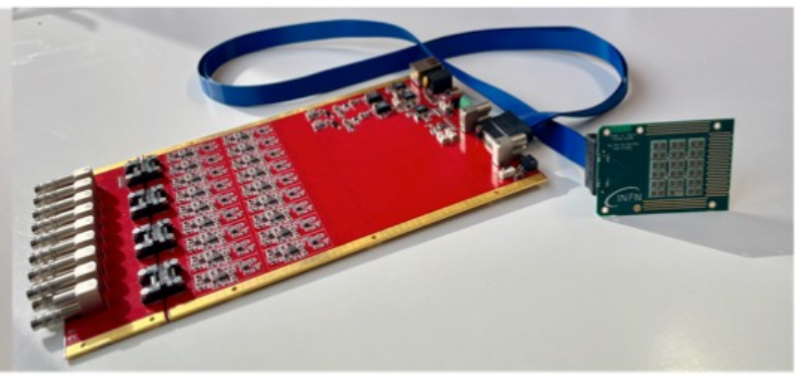
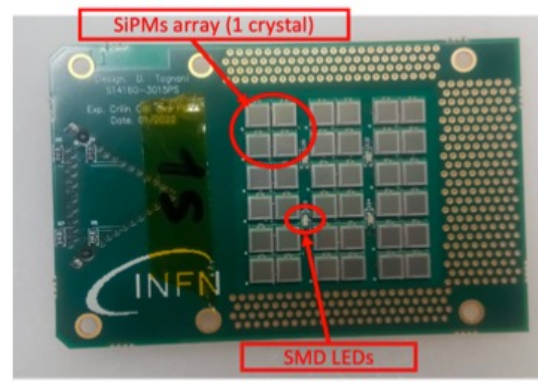
## Mechanics:

- Two stackable and interchangeable submodules, each composed of 3x3 crystals+36 SiPMs (2 channel per crystal)
- Light-tight case embedding front-end electronic boards and heat exchanger cooling SiPMs



## Electronics:

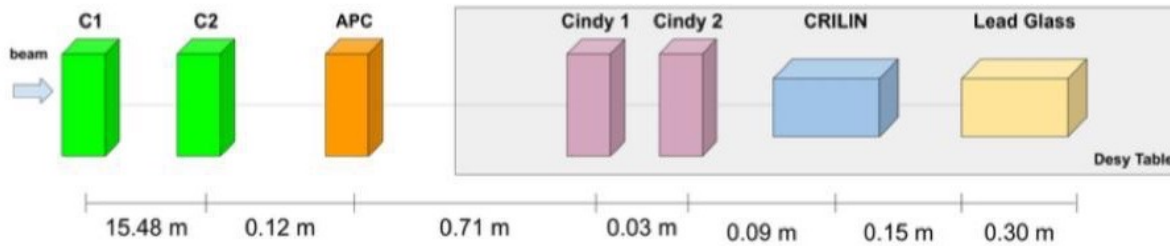
- **SiPMs board:** custom SiPM array board  
36x10  $\mu\text{m}$  Hamamatsu SMD SiPMs
- **Mezzanine board:** 18x readout channels  $\rightarrow$  amplification, shaping and individual bias regulation, slow control routines



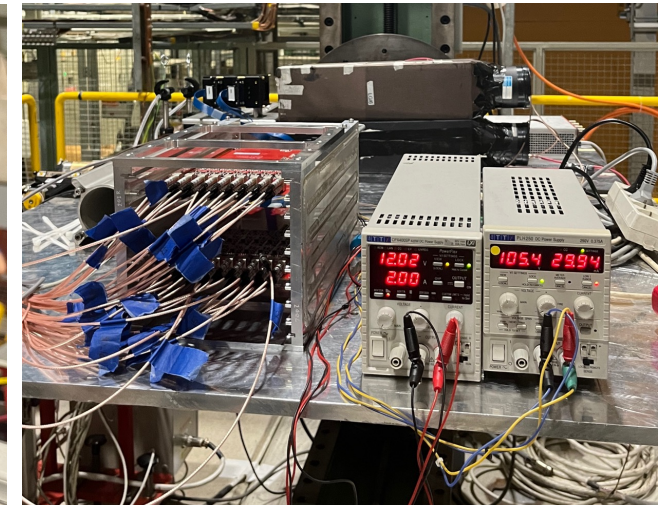
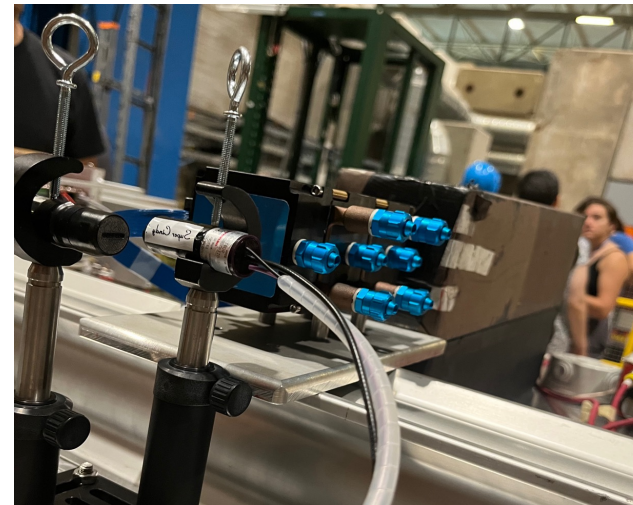
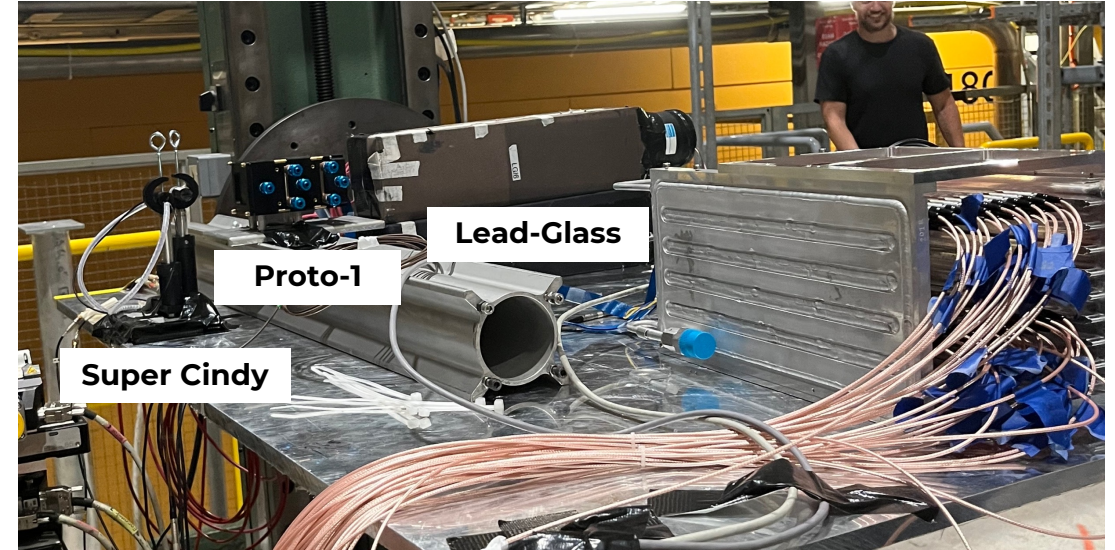


## H2-SPS-CERN, August 2023

SETUP SCHEME WITH DISTANCES



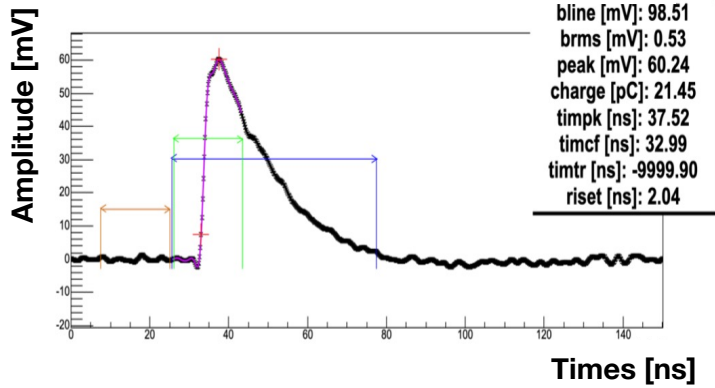
- Electron beam from 40 GeV up to 150 GeV
- Beam reconstructed with 2 silicon strip telescopes
- Data acquisition with 2 CAEN V1742 (32 ch each) modified @ 2 Vpp
- 5 Gs/s sampling rate



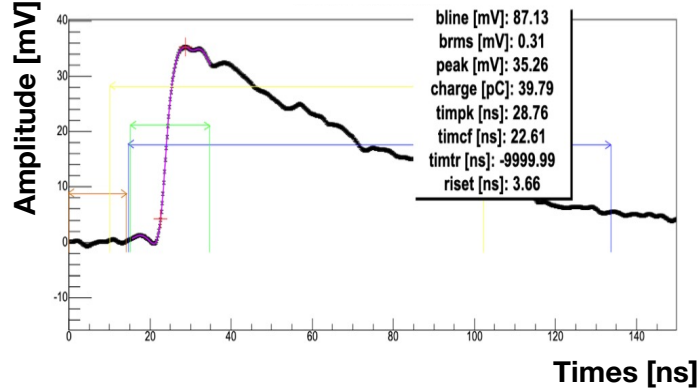


# Beam test @ CERN: Configuration

1st layer: SiPMs series



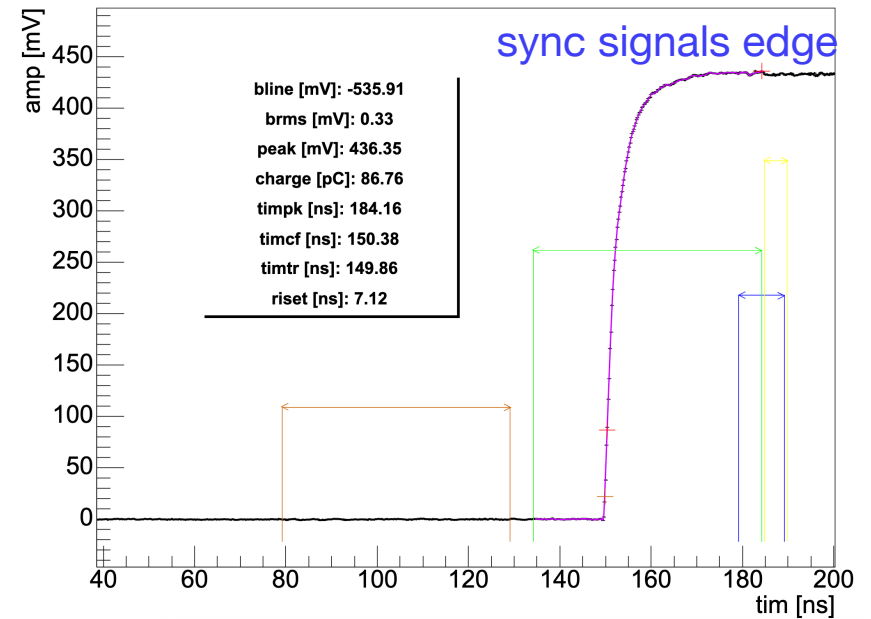
2nd layer: SiPMs parallel



**Synchronisation pulses reconstruction:**

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

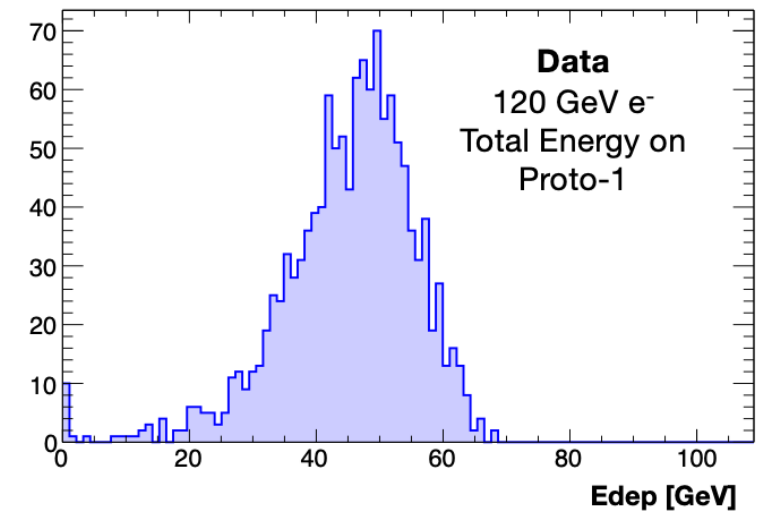
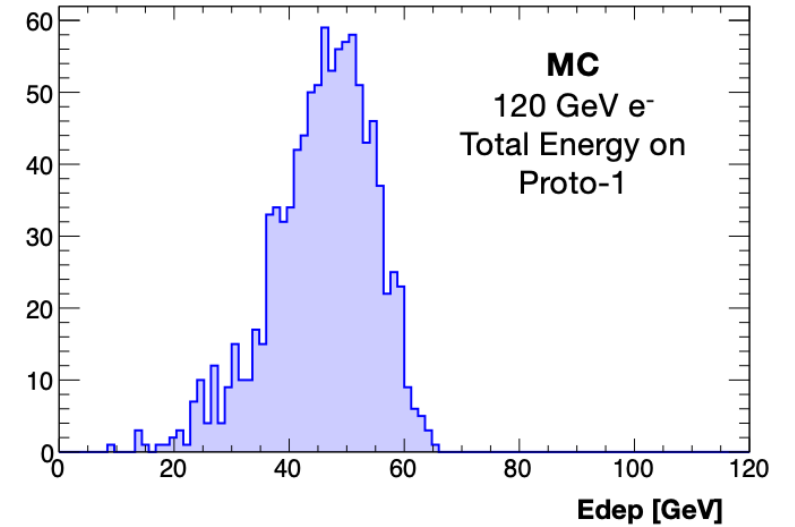
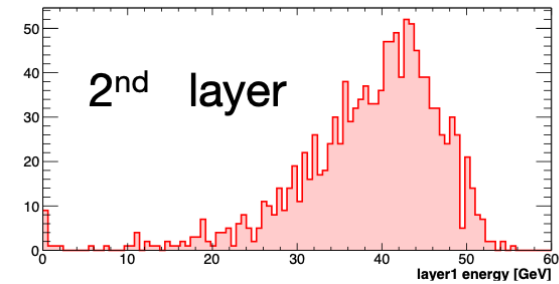
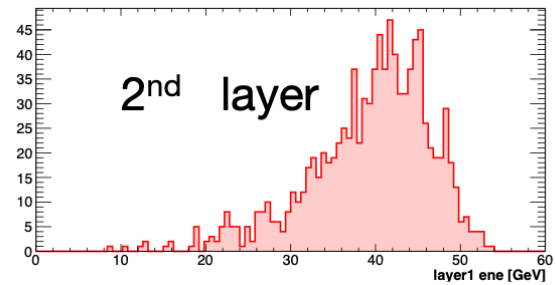
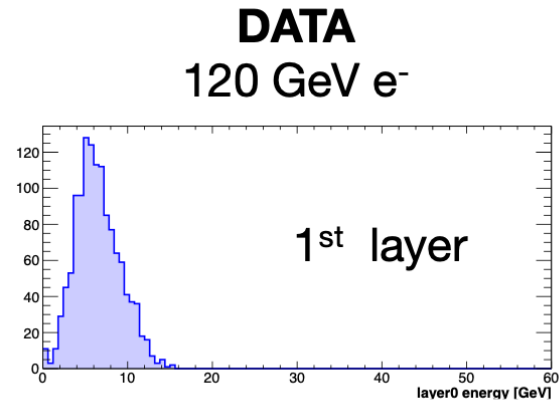
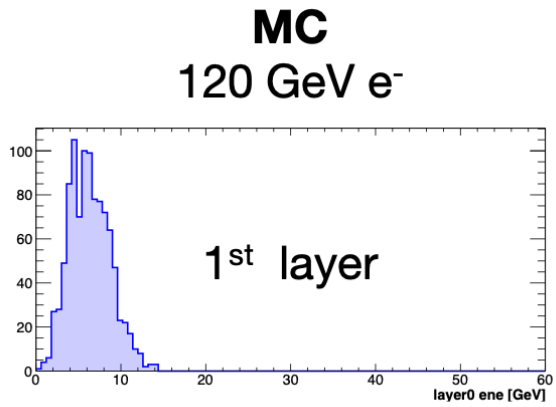
- **Two different SiPMs connection in the two layers for testing purposes:** series and parallel
- Timing resolution dominated by synchronisation jitter
- Energy resolution dominated by longitudinal leakage (8 X<sub>0</sub> only)



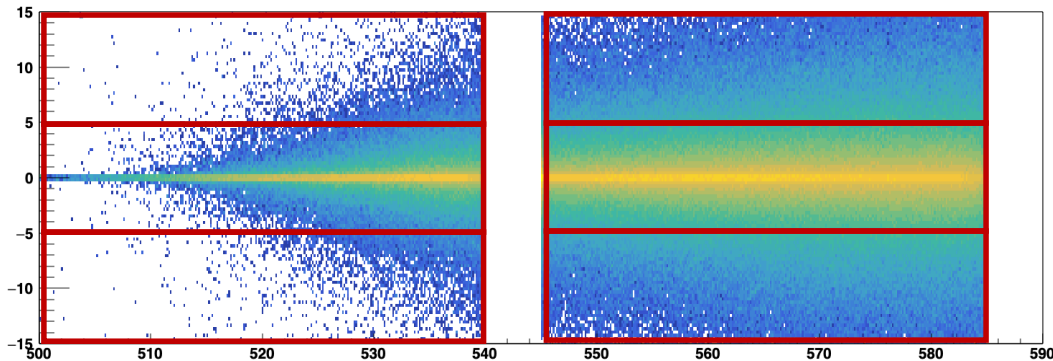


# Beam test @ CERN: Energy

Good agreement between data e MC



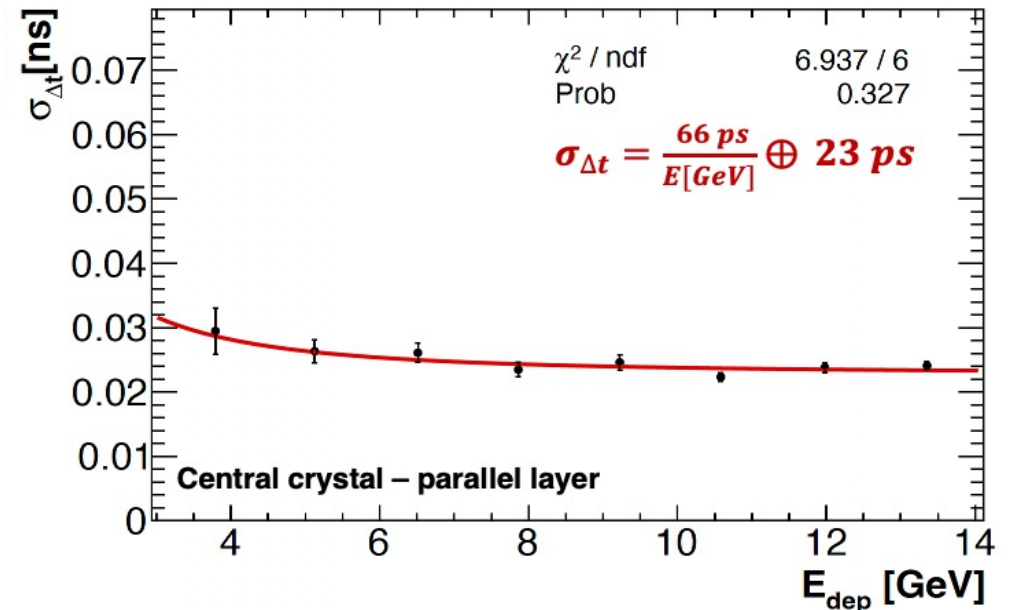
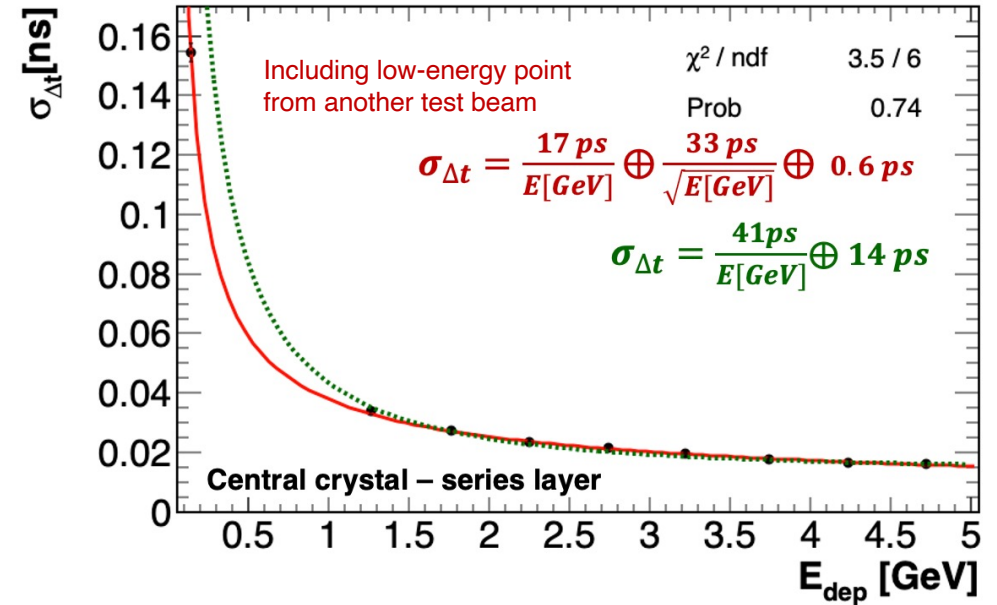
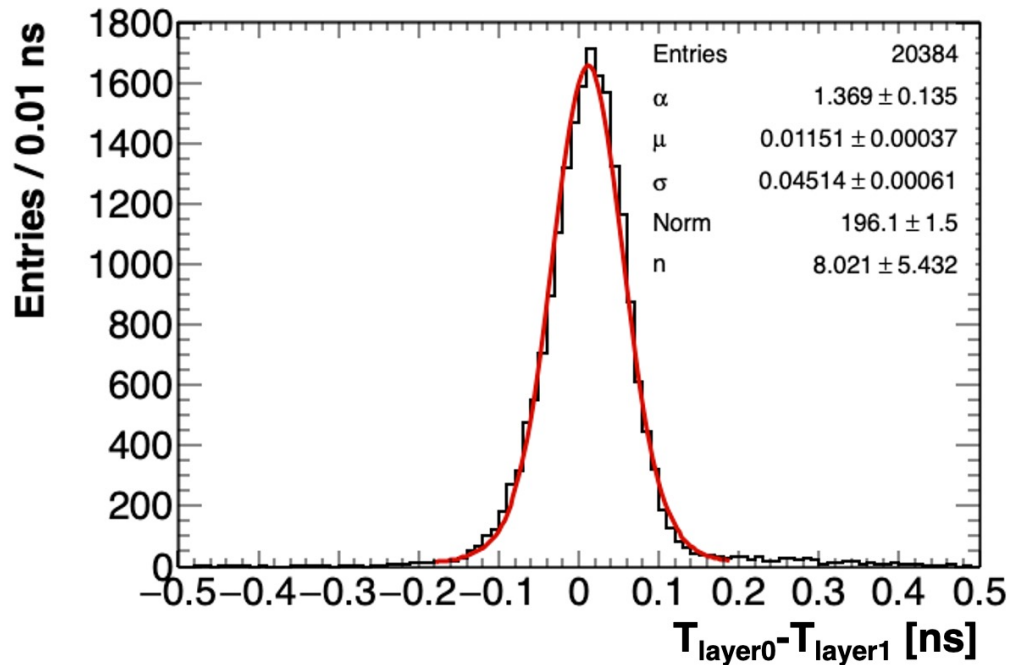
**MC**  
120 GeV  $e^-$





# Beam test @ CERN: Timing

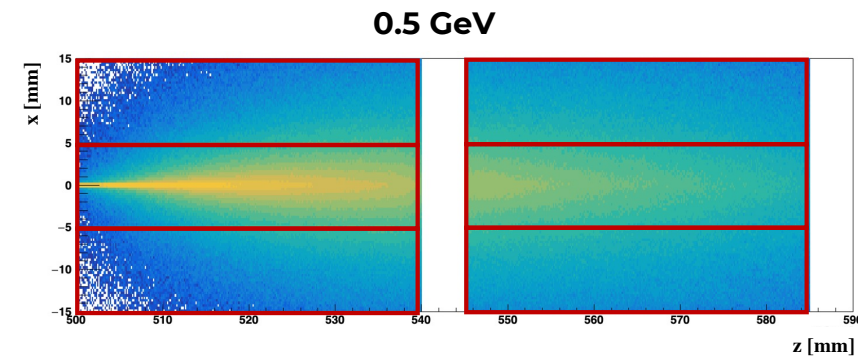
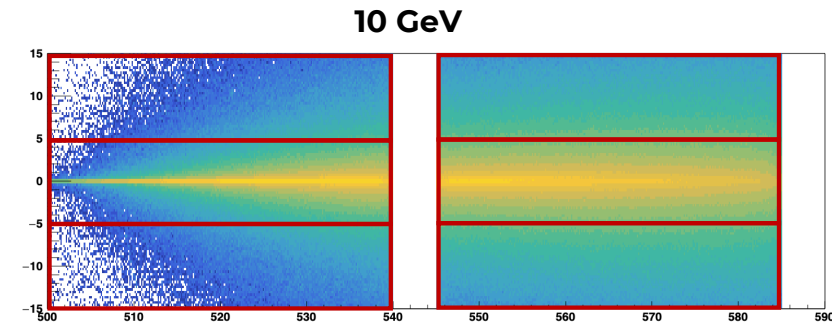
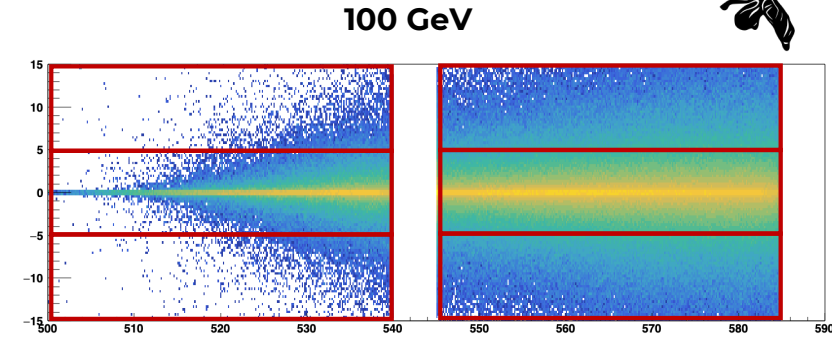
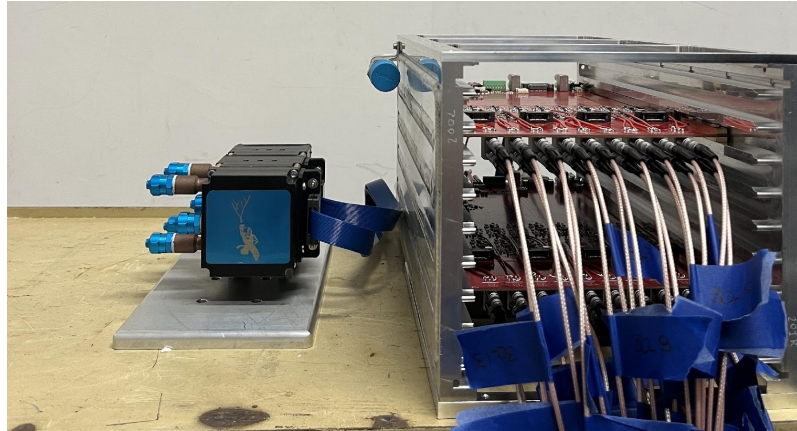
- Time Resolution of **O(20 ps)** both in the series and in the parallel layers using the SiPMs time difference of the central crystals
- Excellent results using central crystals of different layers. **Time resolution dominated by the 2 boards synchronisation jitter O(32ps)**



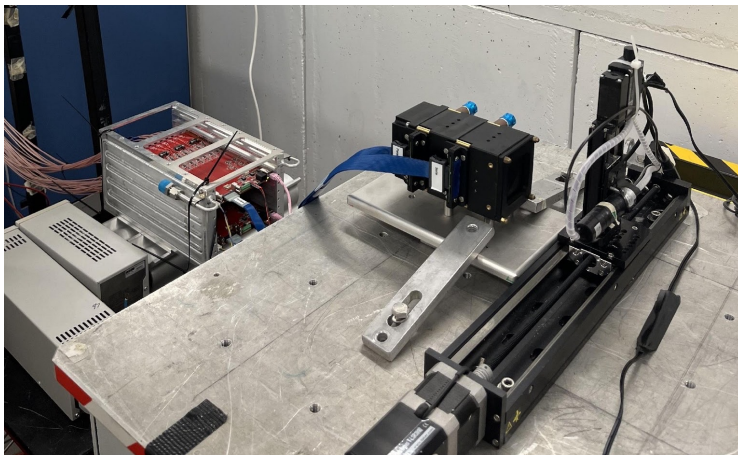
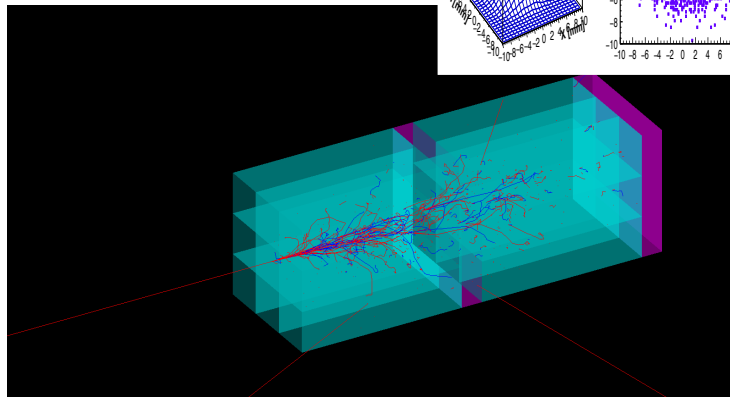
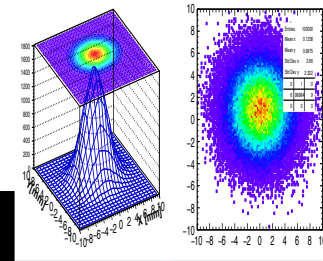


## BTF, April 2024

- 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



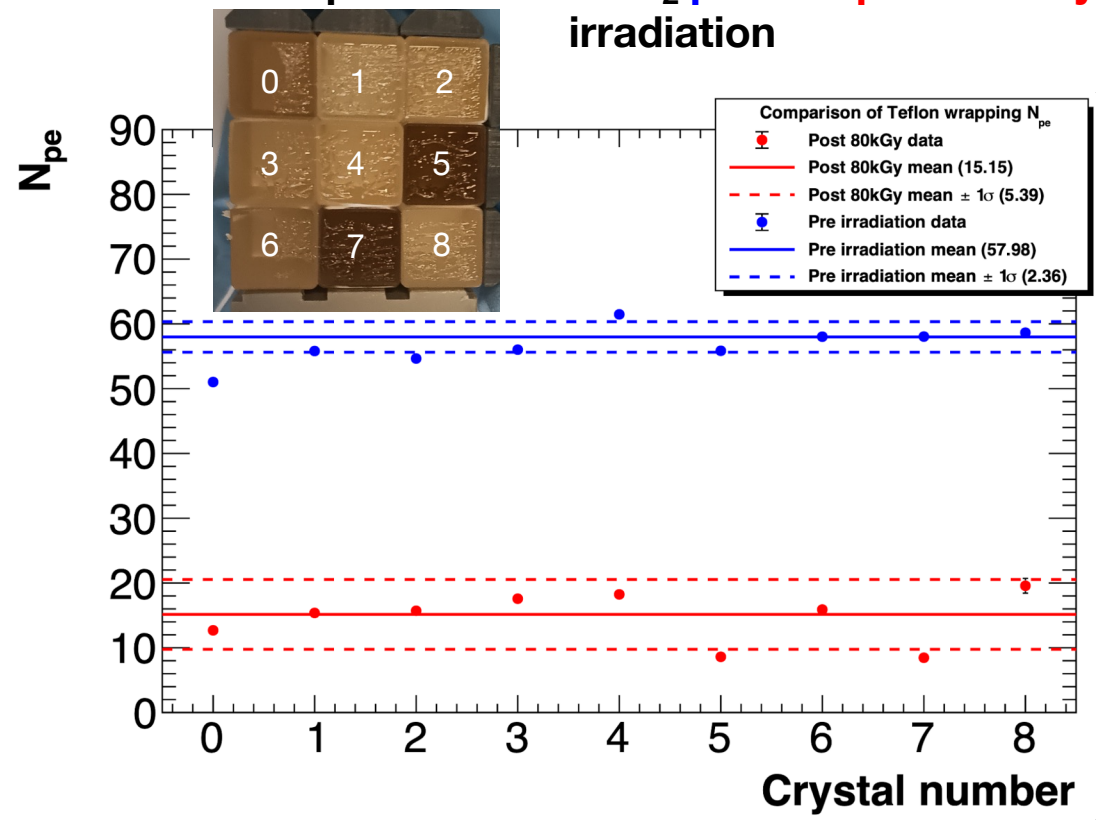
# Beam test @ BTF: crystals



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

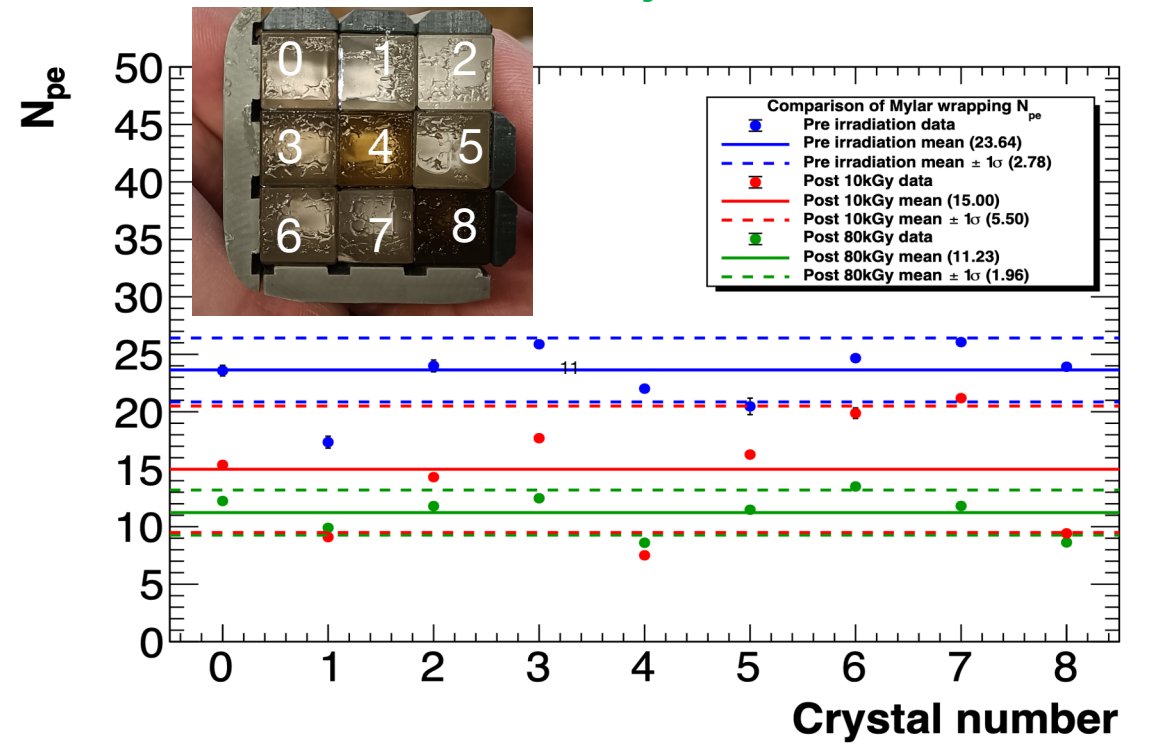
## Teflon wrapping

Mean  $N_{pe}$  values of  $PbF_2$  pre and post 80 kGy irradiation



## Mylar wrapping

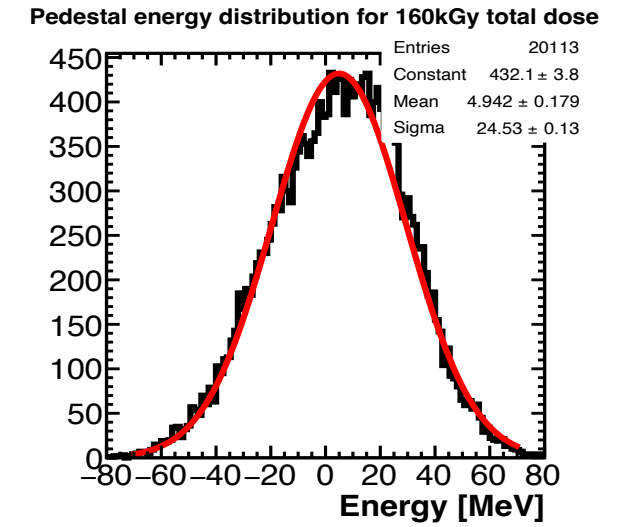
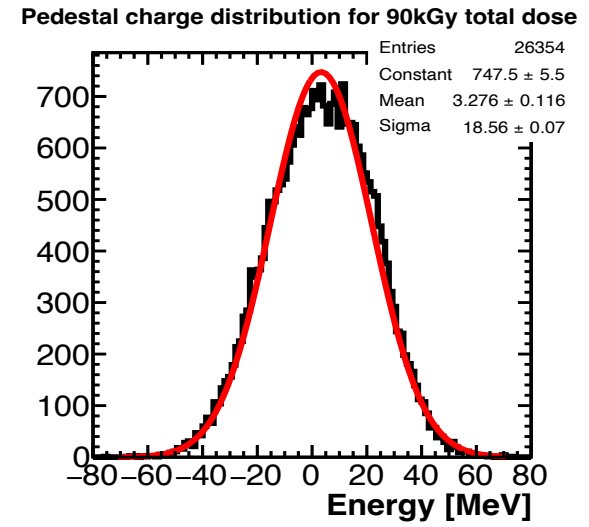
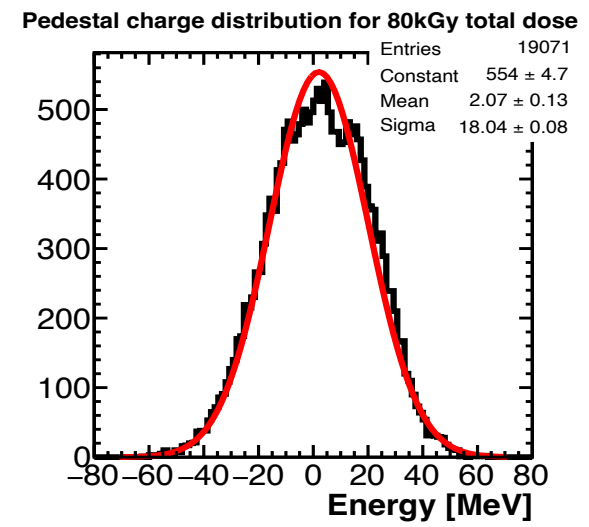
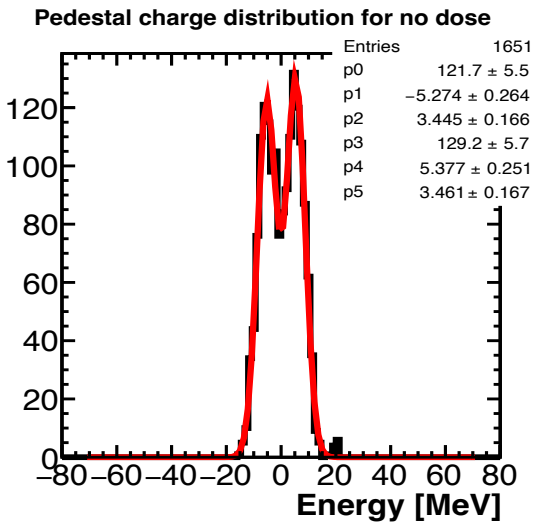
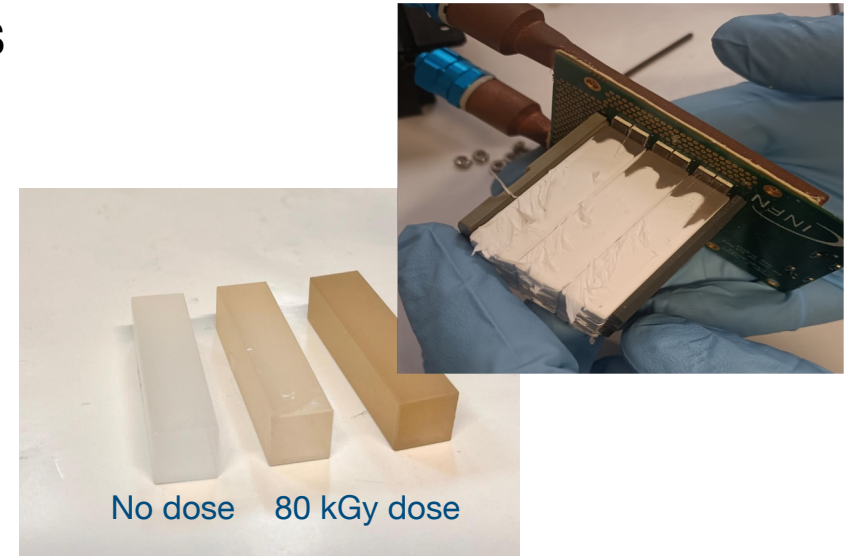
Mean  $N_{pe}$  values of  $PbF_2$  pre, after 10 kGy and after 80 kGy irradiation



# Beam test @ BTF: considerations



- Considerable variability in crystals' response to radiation, despite SICCAS claiming use of high-purity (>99.9%) PbF<sub>2</sub> powder for crystal growth
- Transparency loss was uniform length-wise in the crystals
- Teflon was damaged and brittle
- SiPM dark counts increases significantly with the absorbed dose
- Good operation after extreme TID (16 times MuCol) at low energies :)
- New tests planned to evaluate SiPMs PDE loss and optical grease degradation to disentangle LY losses due to crystals / SiPM







# 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  $> 350(2000)$  kGy and SiPMs validated up to  $10^{14}$   $n_{1\text{MeV}}/\text{cm}^2$  fluences – good operation after irradiation shown at low-energies



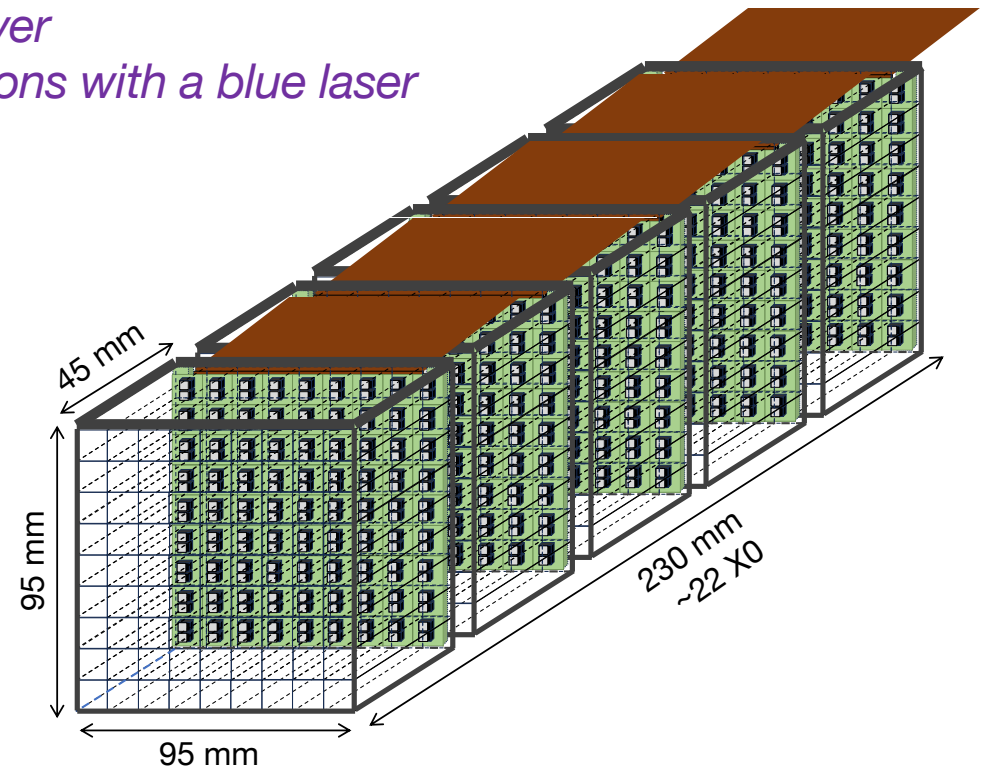
- *Crilin fulfills requirements -> baseline choice for MuCol, but we can improve:*
- *Use LYSO or PbWO-UF in the first calorimeter layer*
- *Conduct new irradiation tests and monitor variations with a blue laser*

## 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 5x5 x4(layers) Crilin prototype:  $1 M_R - 16.8 X_0$**

## DRD6-WP3 from 2025 – proposal submitted

- Expanding upon the PRIN prototype to a 9x9x5(layers) configuration, with a target of  $2 M_R - 22 X_0$



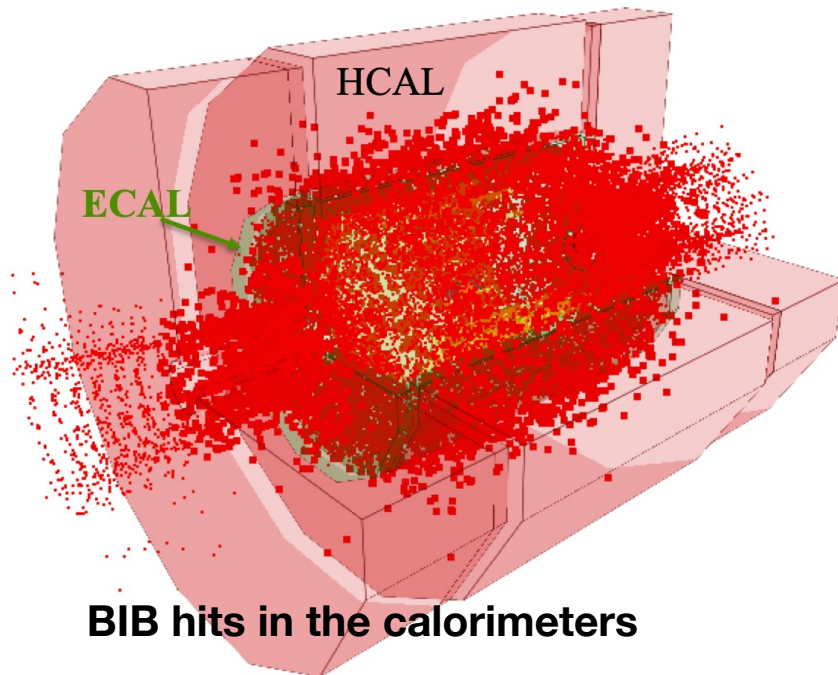


# Backup slides

# Beam Induced Background

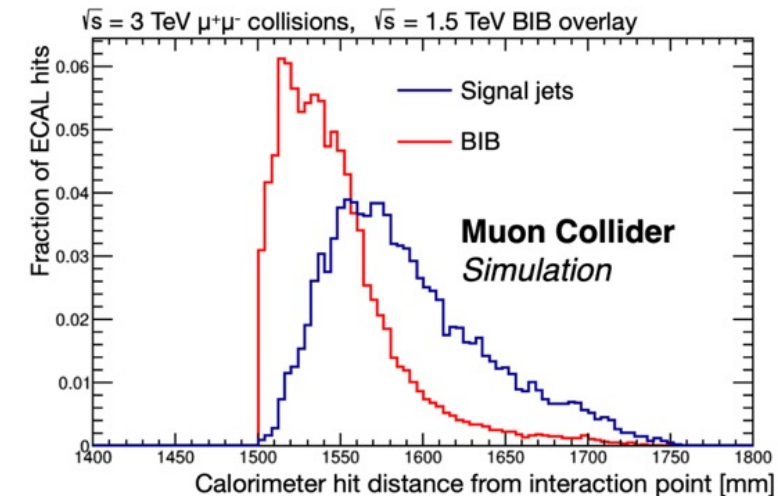
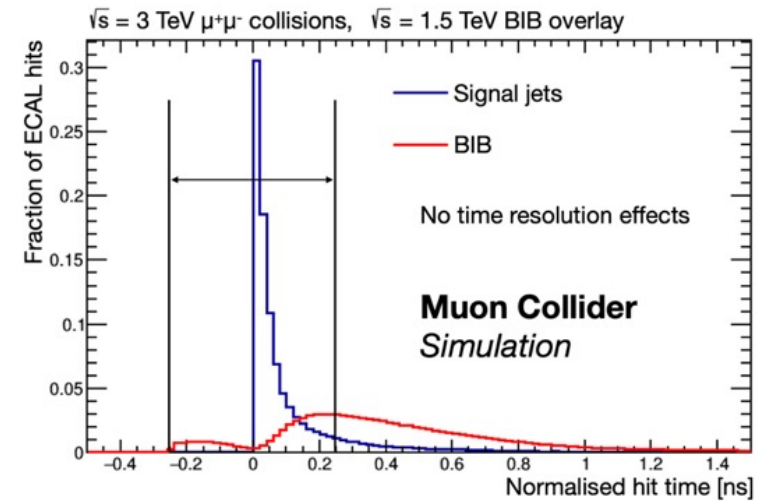


- **The beam-induced background (BIB)** poses the main challenge for the detector development at the Muon Collider
- Produced by muons decay in the beams, and subsequent interactions with the machine
- The BIB produces a flux of 300 particles per cm<sup>2</sup> through the ECAL surface
- 96% photons and 4% neutrons, average photon energy 1.7 MeV

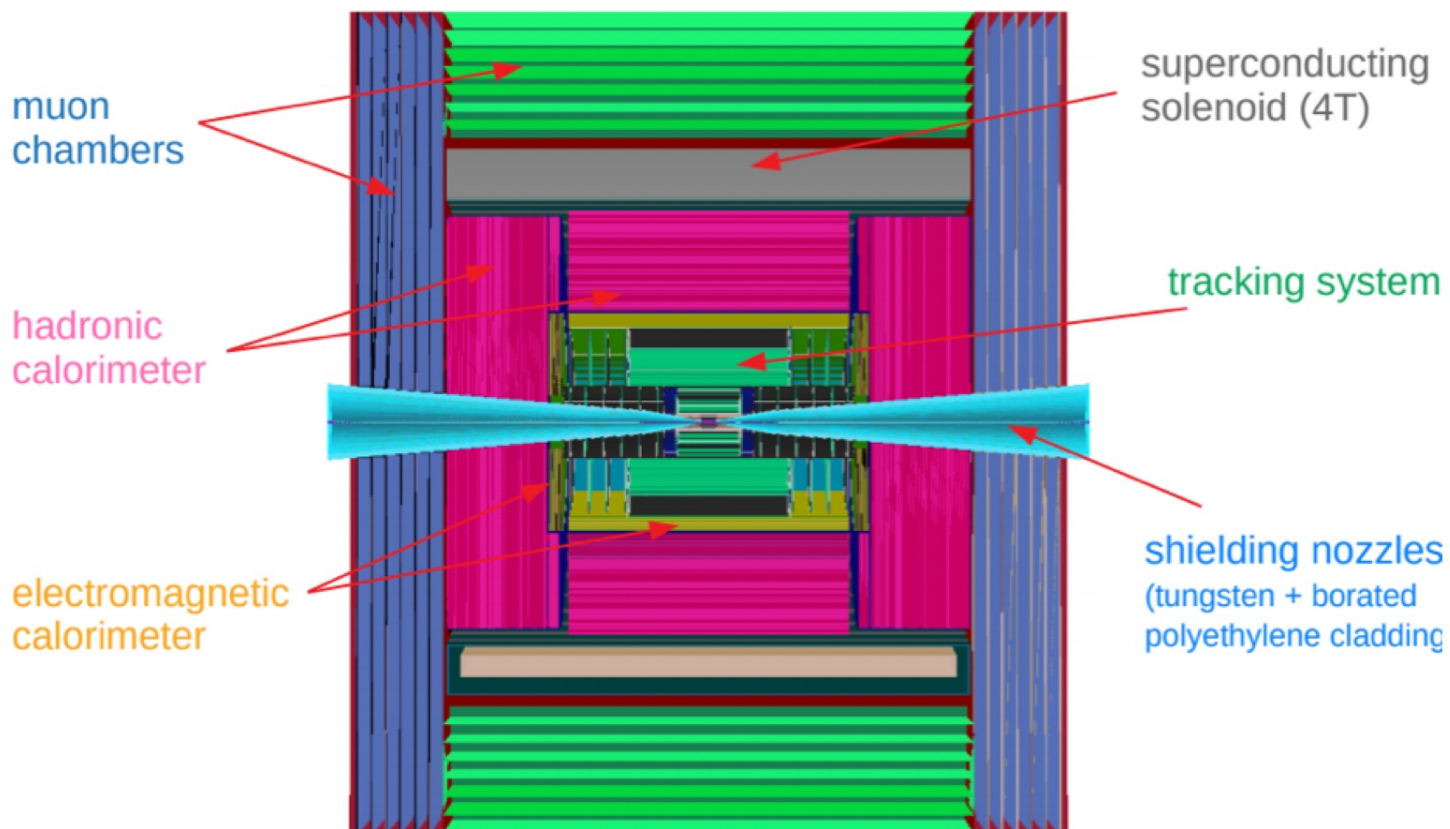


## Key features:

- **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



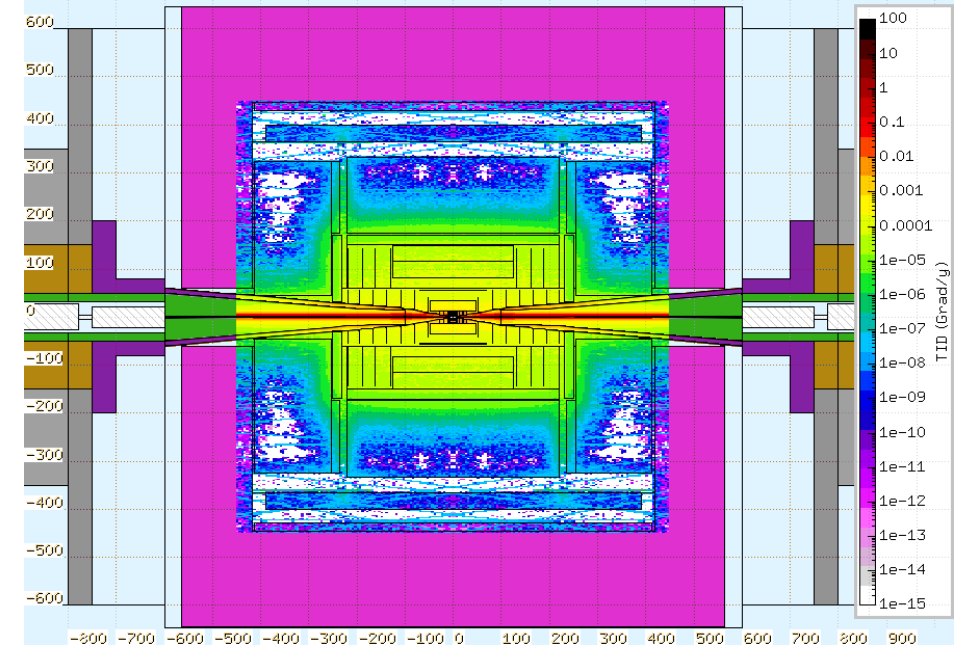
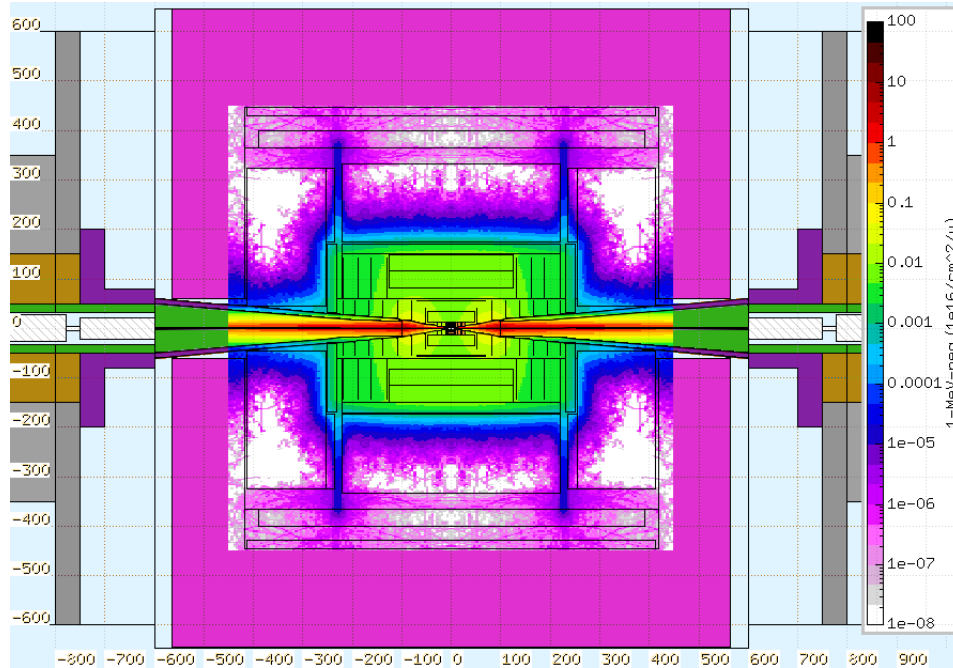
**Main issues:** BIB and radiation damage

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



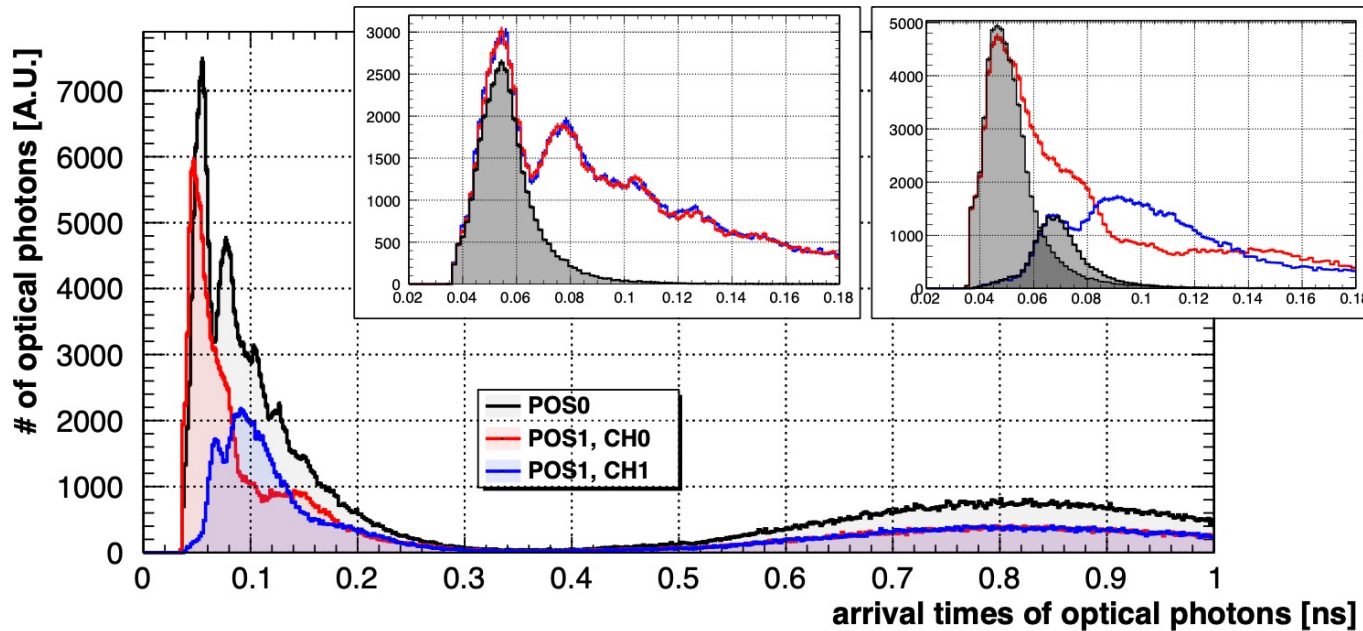
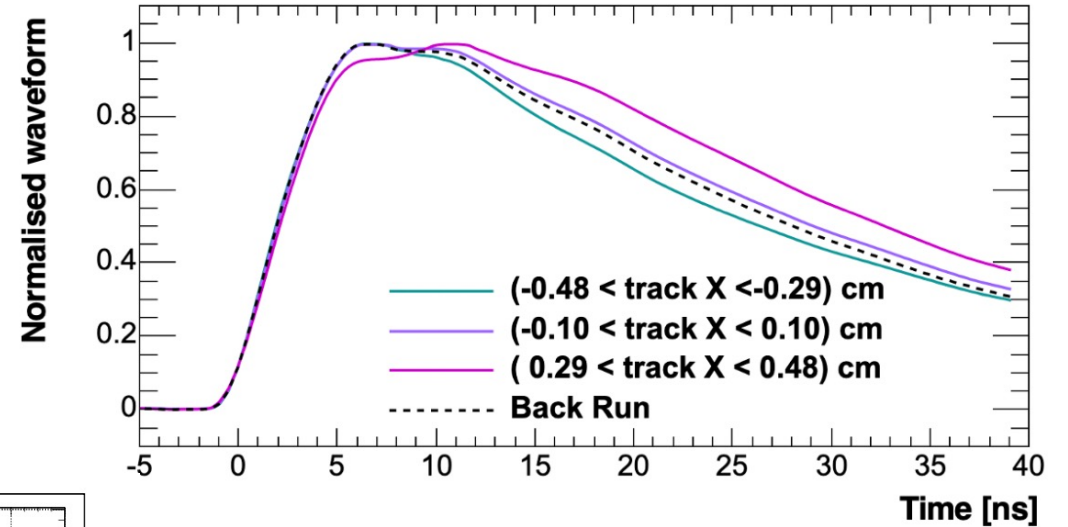
- **Neutron fluence**  $\sim 10^{14}$   $n_{1\text{MeVeq}}/\text{cm}^2\text{year}$  on ECAL.
- **TID**  $\sim 1$  kGy/year on ECAL.



# 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



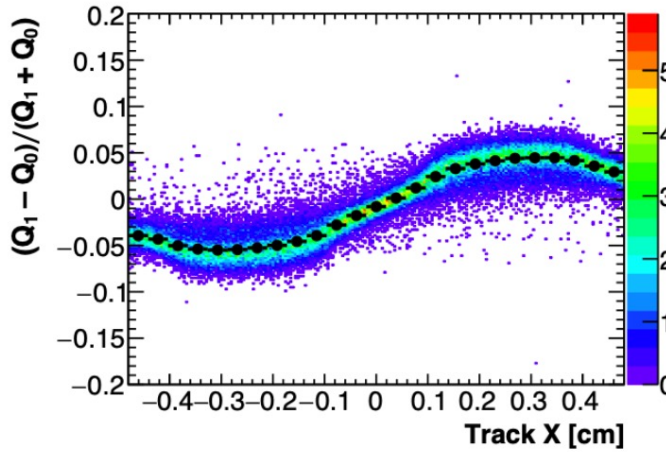
## Optical simulation

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

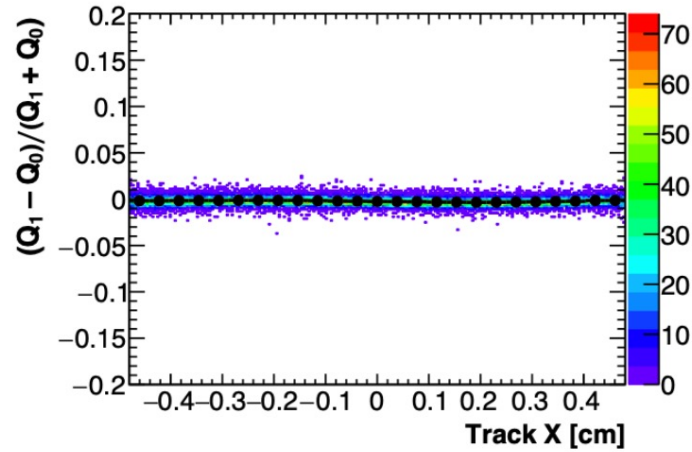


# Positional effects: charge and timing

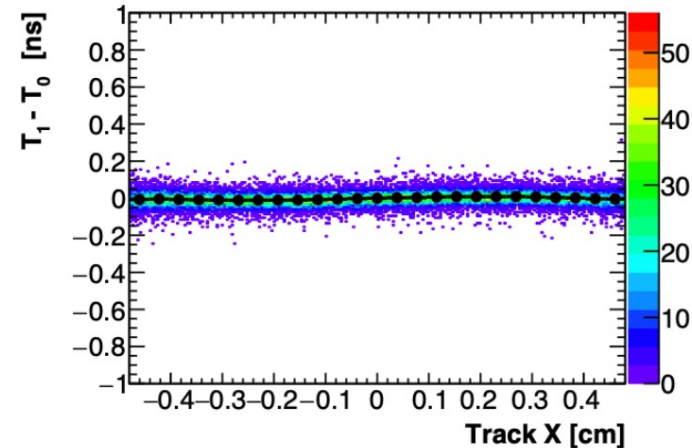
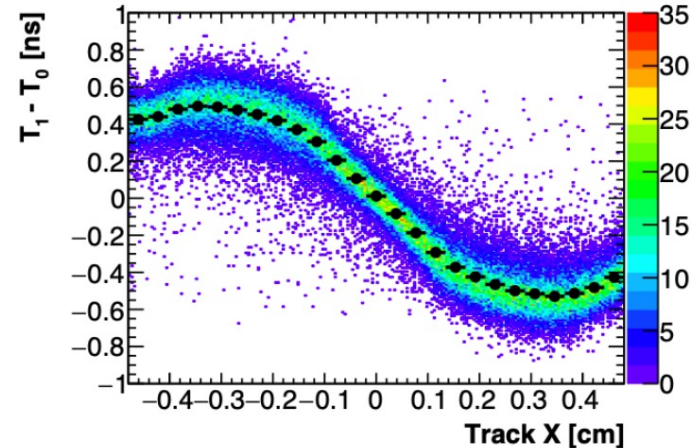
## PbF2 DATA



**front-run**



**back-run**

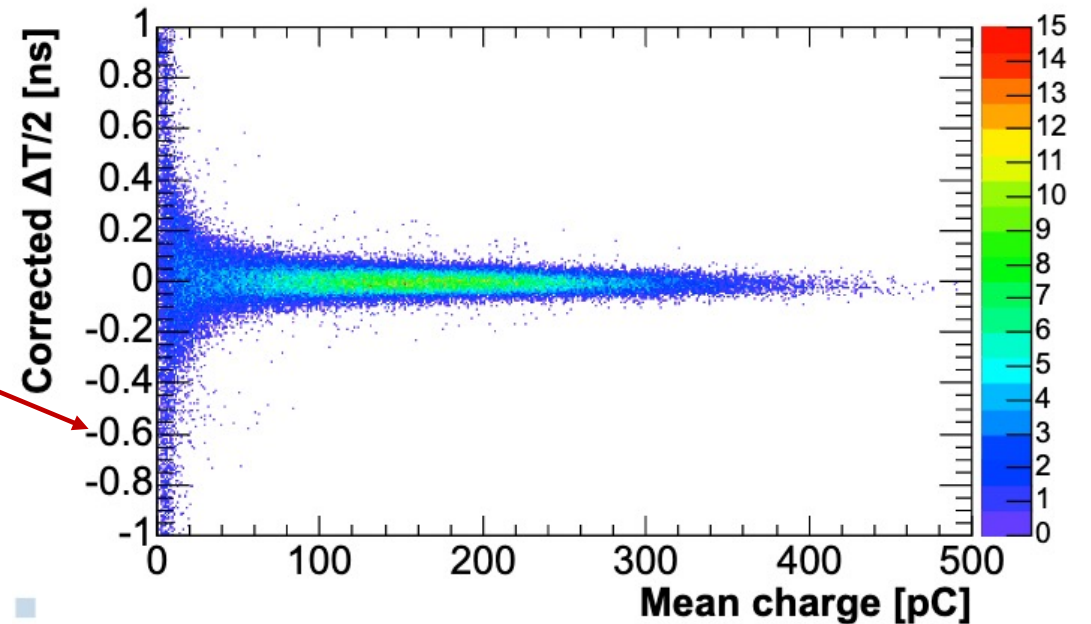
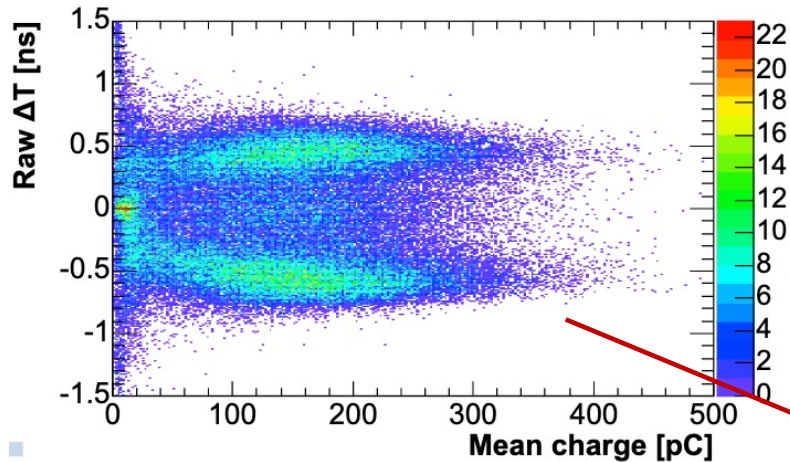
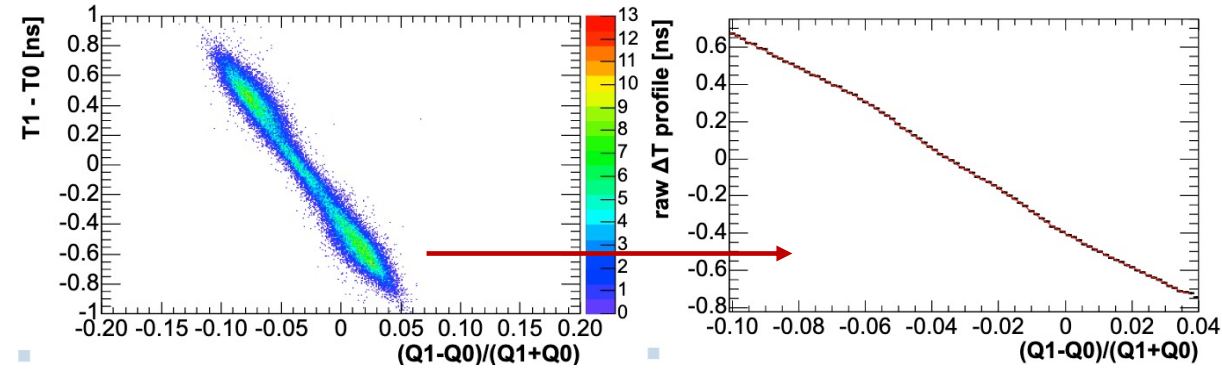


- +/- 10 % maximum imbalance in light collection
- anticorrelated effect on timing ( $T_1 - T_0$ )
- No significant effects for back-runs
- Similar effects for PbWO4-UF
- Light propagated indirectly is more strongly attenuated due to the longer total path length traversed and the multiple reflections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

# Correction process



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

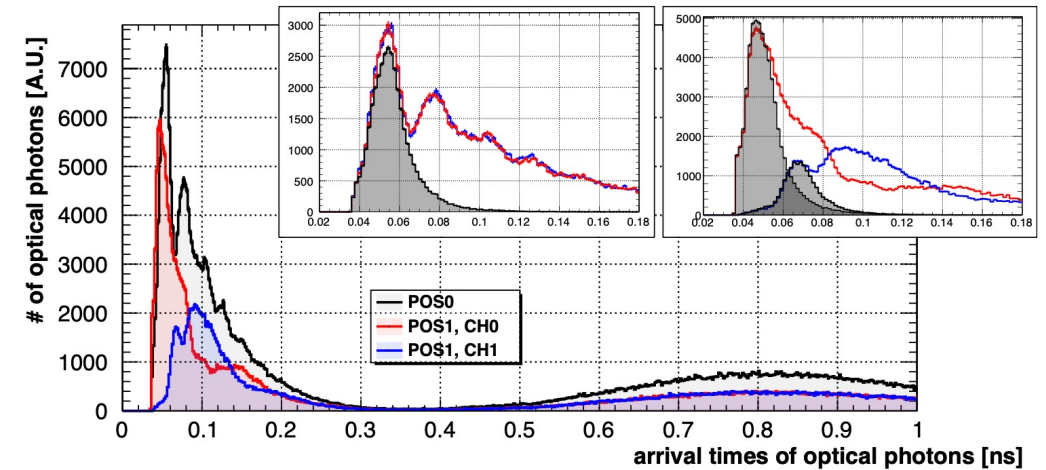
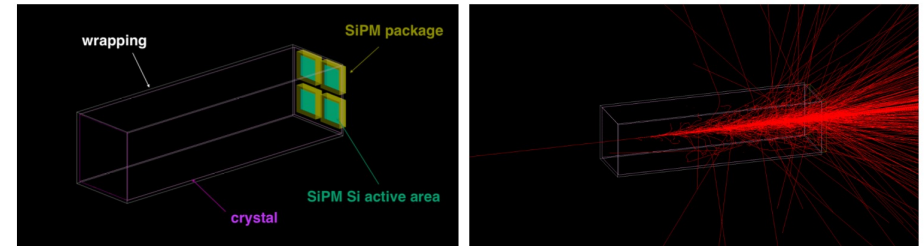




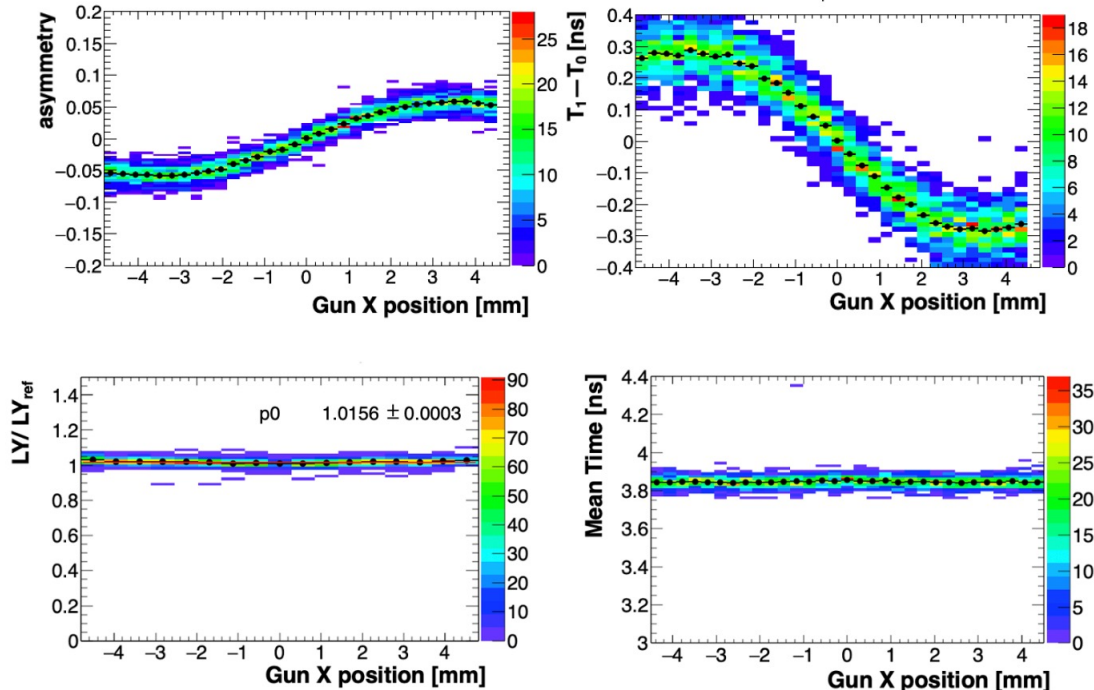


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- Confirmation of the positional effects
- Charge asymmetry matched within 20 %
- Smaller timing offsets in simulation wrt data
- mean-time and mean-energy information are always well behaved





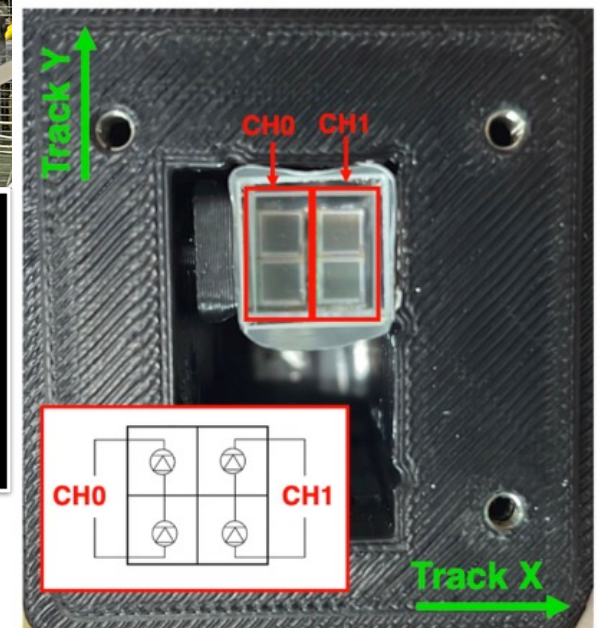
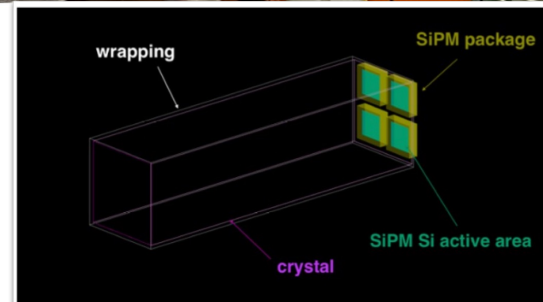
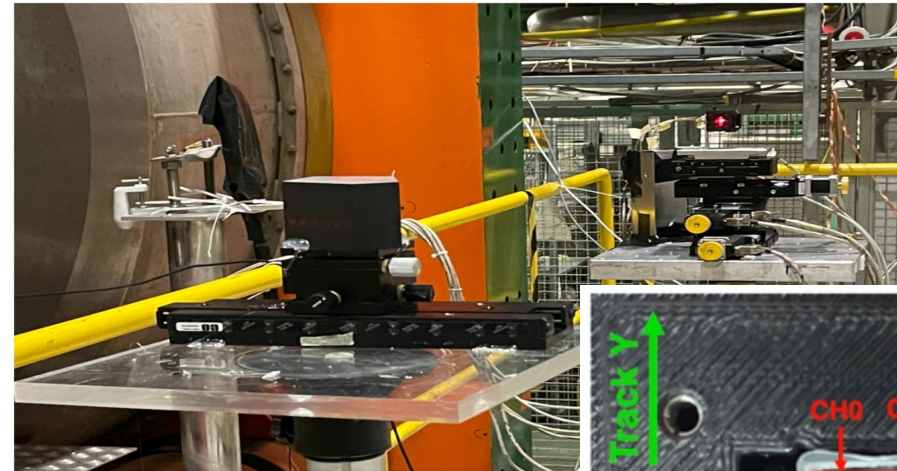
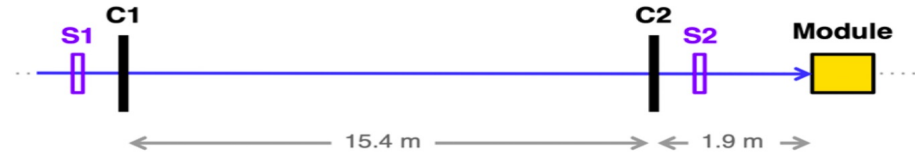
# Proto-0: Single crystal beam test

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:  
**PbF<sub>2</sub>** (4.3  $X_0$ ) **PbWO<sub>4</sub>-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



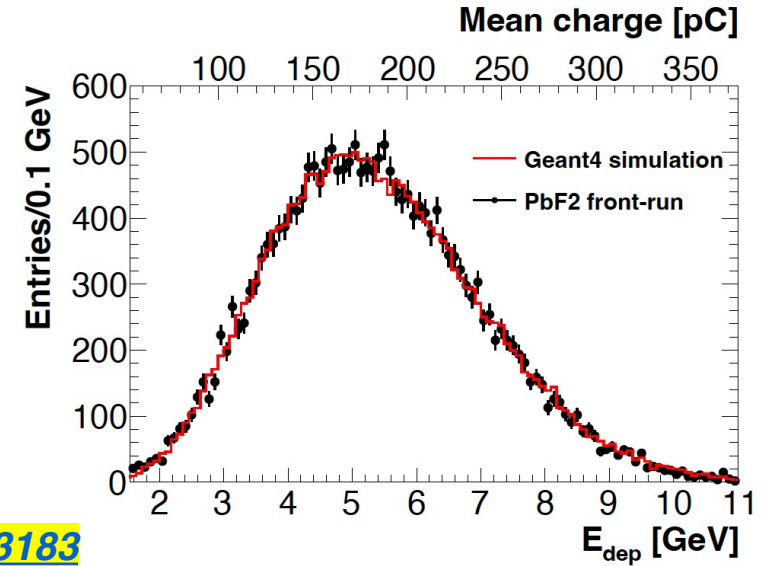
Two different orientation were tested → **FRONT** and **BACK**:

- The BACK run time resolution is better, even after correction, for both crystals.
- $\text{PbF}_2$  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  $E_{\text{dep}} > 3 \text{ GeV}$

	$\text{PbF}_2$	
	back-run	front-run
$E_{\text{dep}}$ MPV [GeV]	$4.26 \pm 0.01$	$4.81 \pm 0.03$
$E_{\text{dep}}$ sigma [GeV]	$1.35 \pm 0.01$	$1.46 \pm 0.02$
pC/GeV	$\sim 29.3$	$\sim 35.6$
NPE/MeV	$\sim 0.30$	$\sim 0.30$

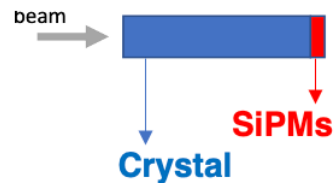
  

	$\text{PWO-UF}$	
	back-run	front-run
$E_{\text{dep}}$ MPV [GeV]	$6.39 \pm 0.01$	$6.88 \pm 0.01$
$E_{\text{dep}}$ sigma [GeV]	$1.83 \pm 0.01$	$1.99 \pm 0.01$
pC/GeV	$\sim 66.7$	$\sim 76.9$
NPE/MeV	$\sim 0.11$	$\sim 0.13$



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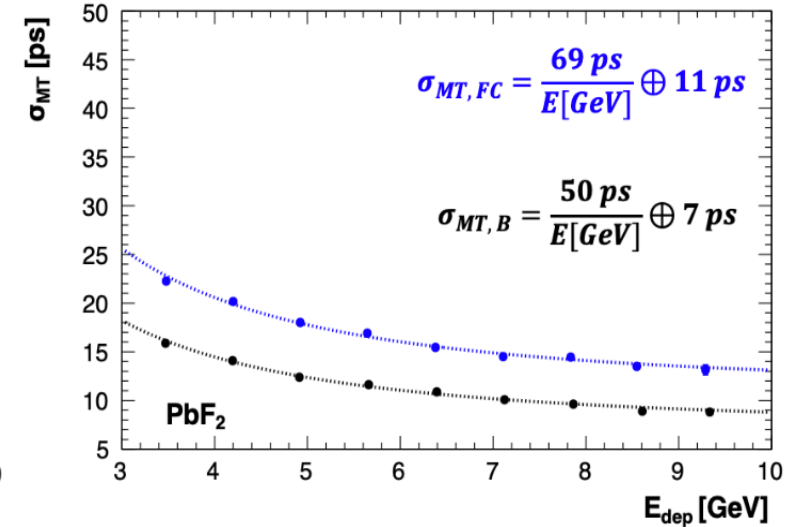
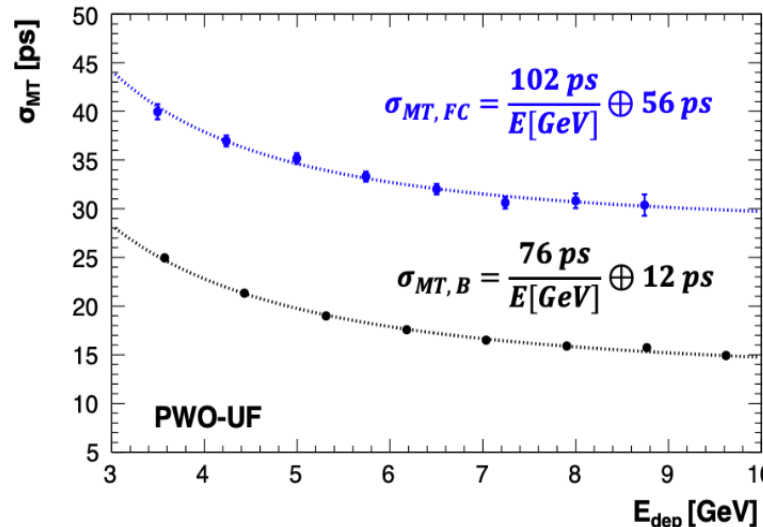
“Front” mode



“Back” mode



Proto-0



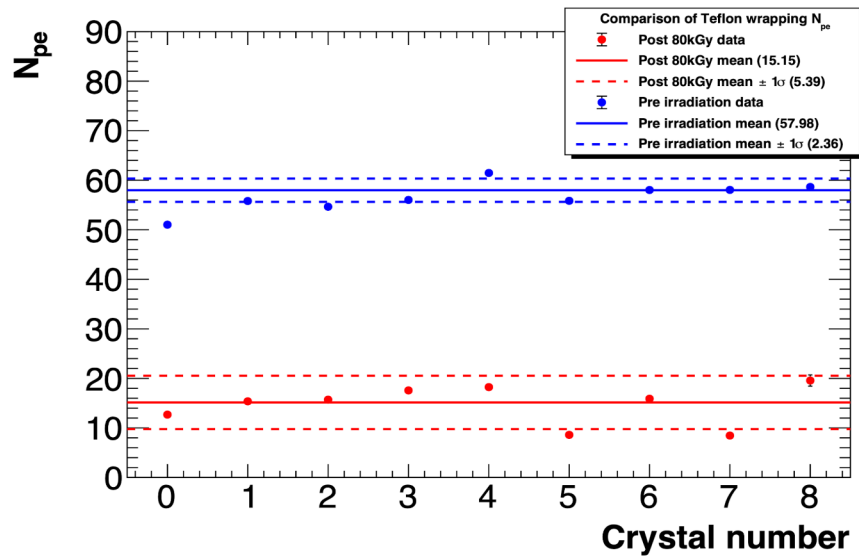
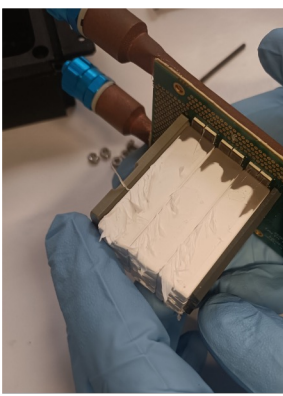
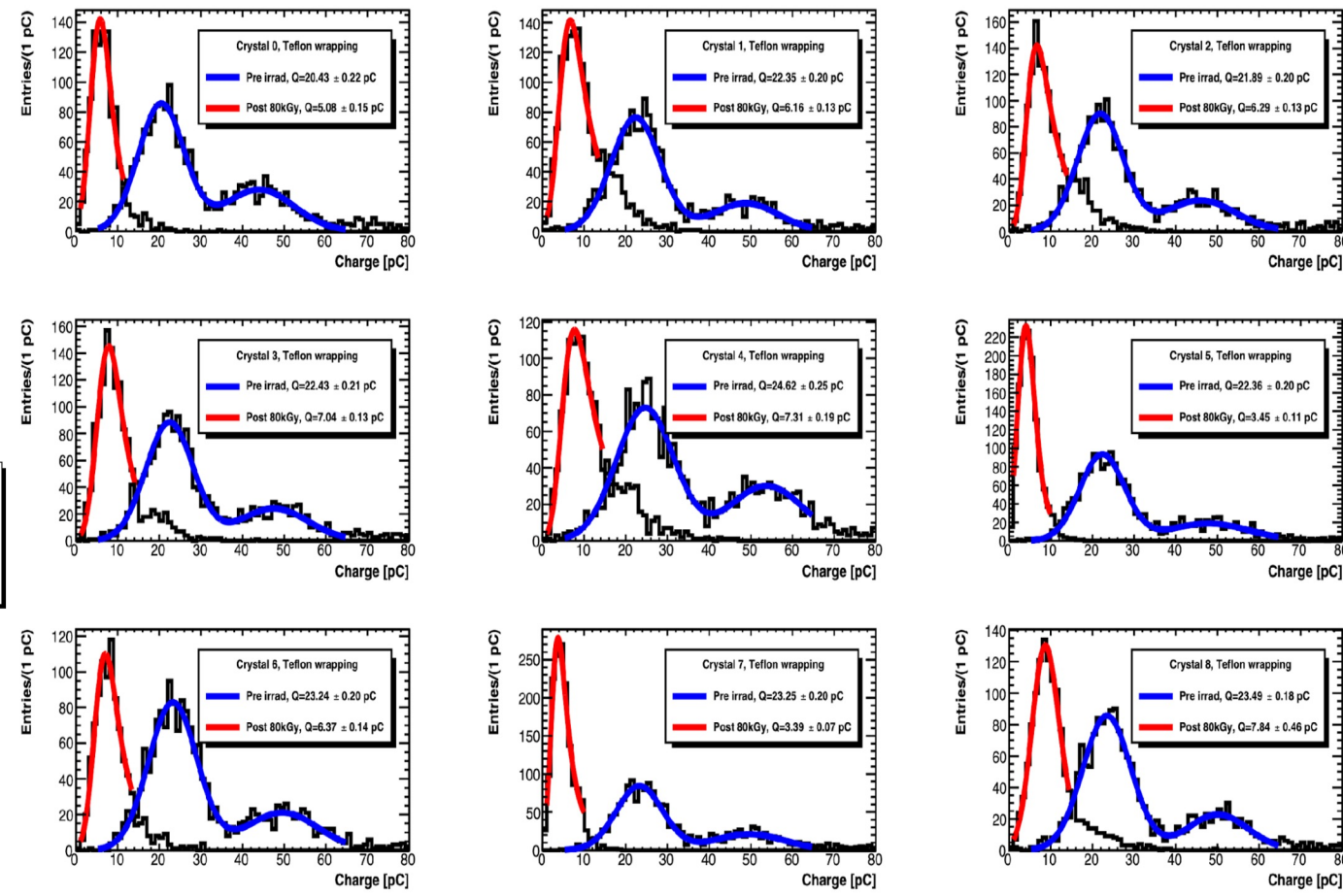
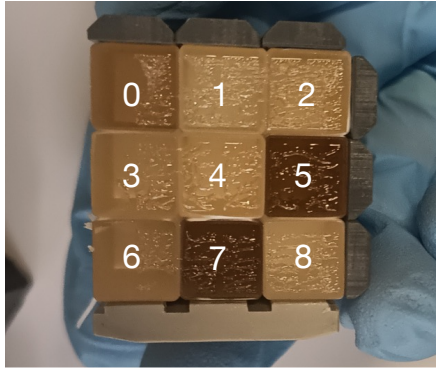
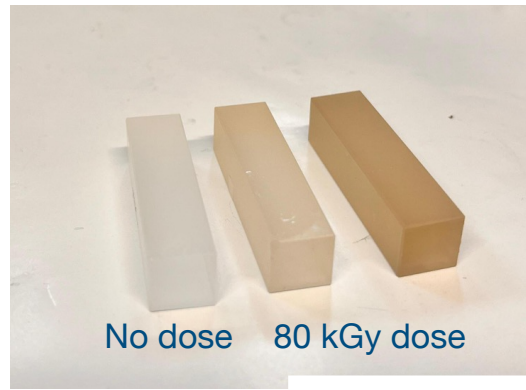
# Beam test @ BTF: Teflon wrapping



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

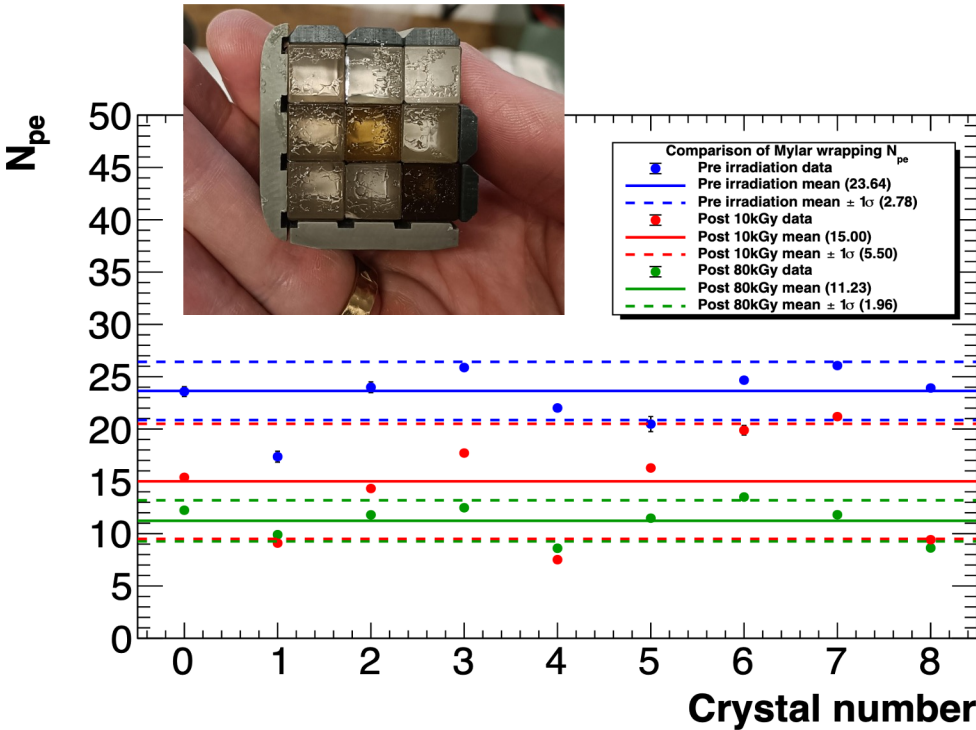
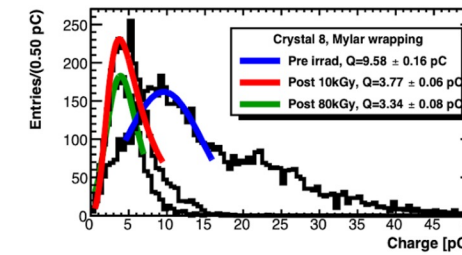
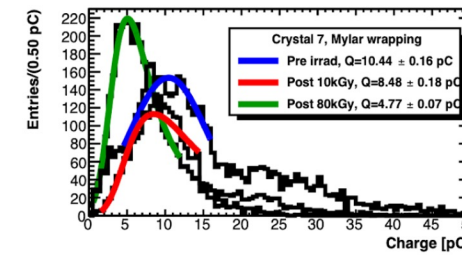
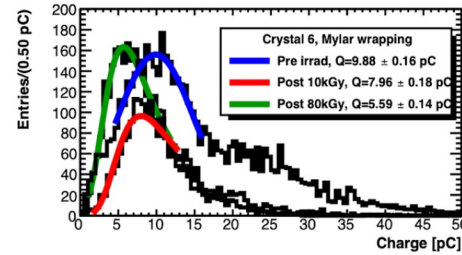
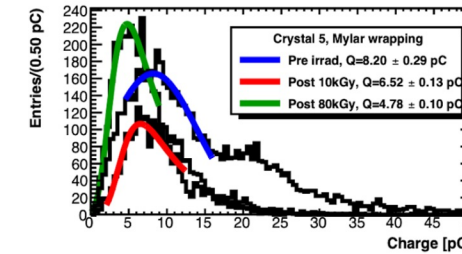
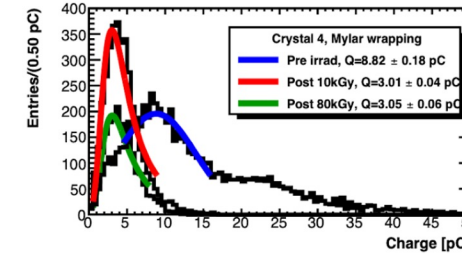
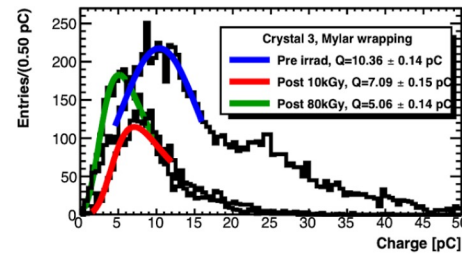
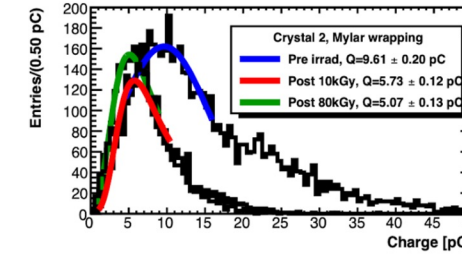
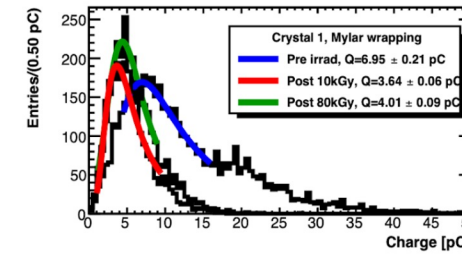
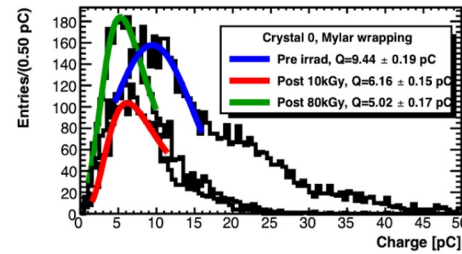


# Beam test @ BTF: Mylar wrapping



- 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



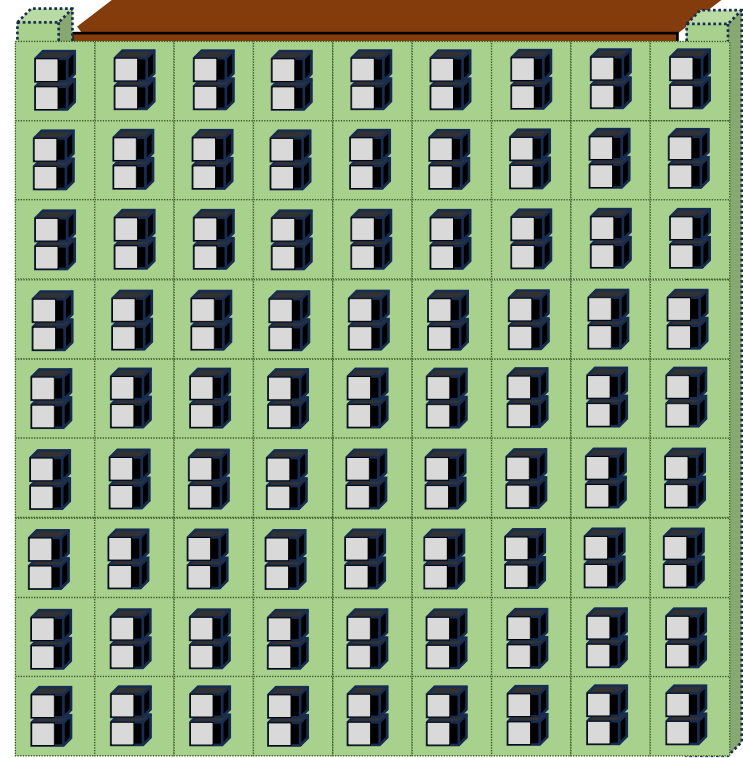
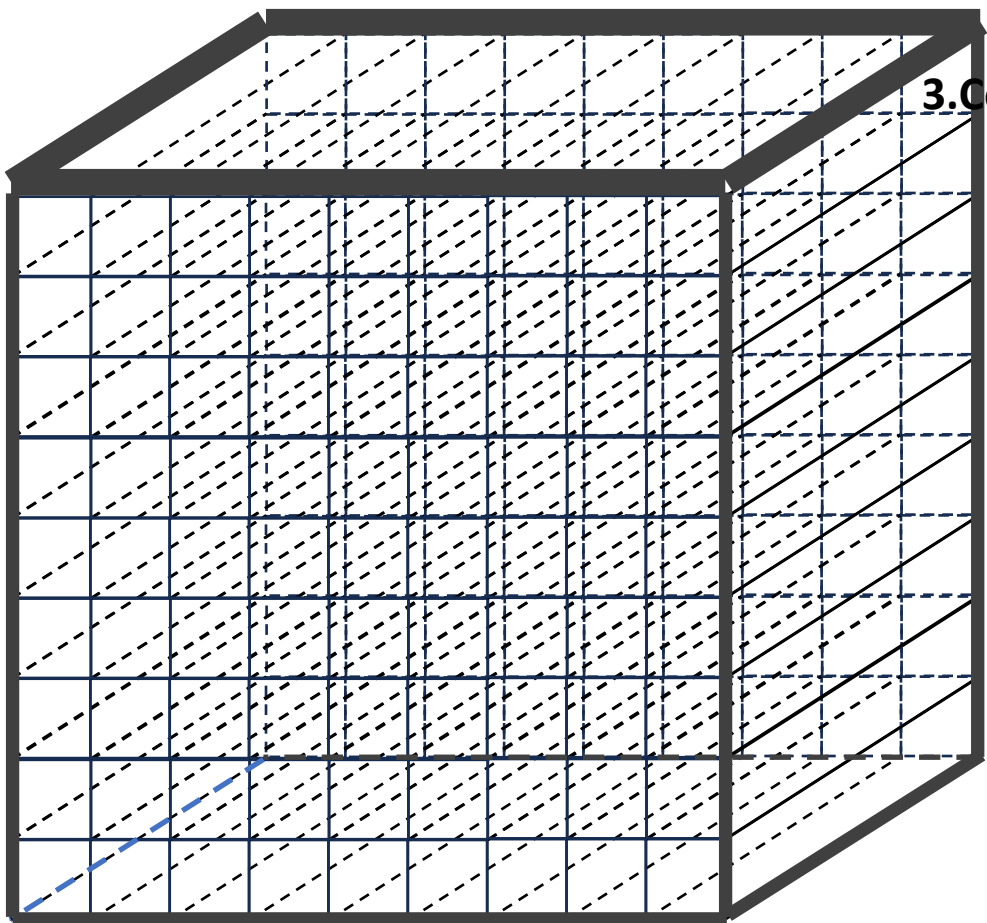
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2. Thicker ( $\sim 2\text{mm}$ ) in the external envelope with channels for cooling

## 2. Kapton strip for polarization and output signal:

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

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# Crilin Module Prototype



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