

Dual-Readout Crystal Calorimetry for future e^+e^- colliders

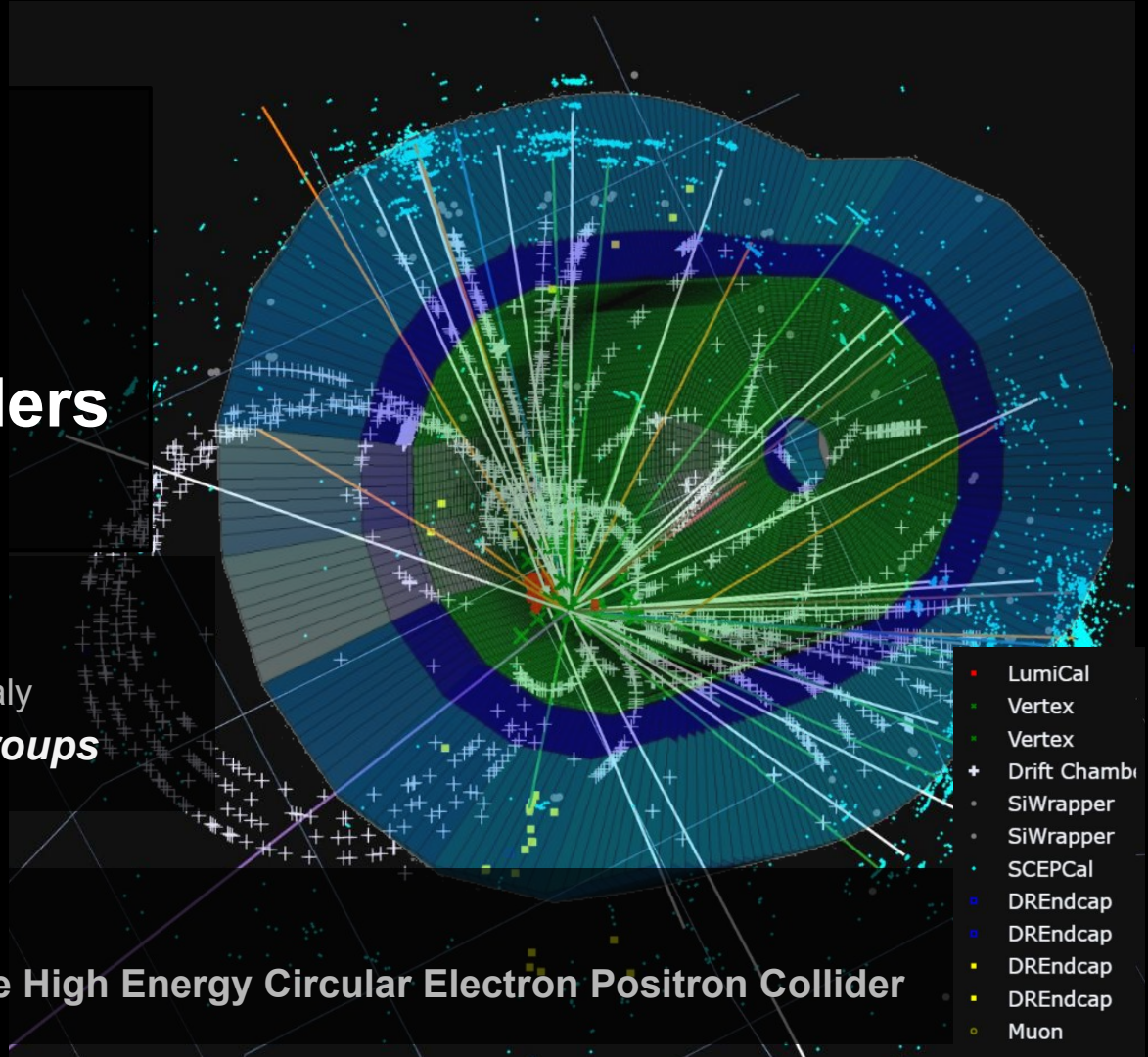
M. Lucchini

INFN & University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy

for the MAXICC and Calvision groups

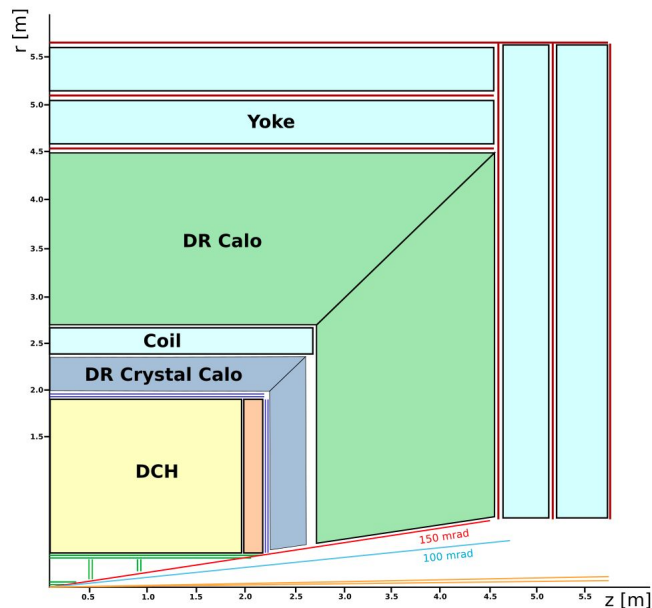
Guangzhou, November 6-10, 2025

2025 International Workshop on the High Energy Circular Electron Positron Collider



Hybrid dual-readout calorimetry in the IDEA detector

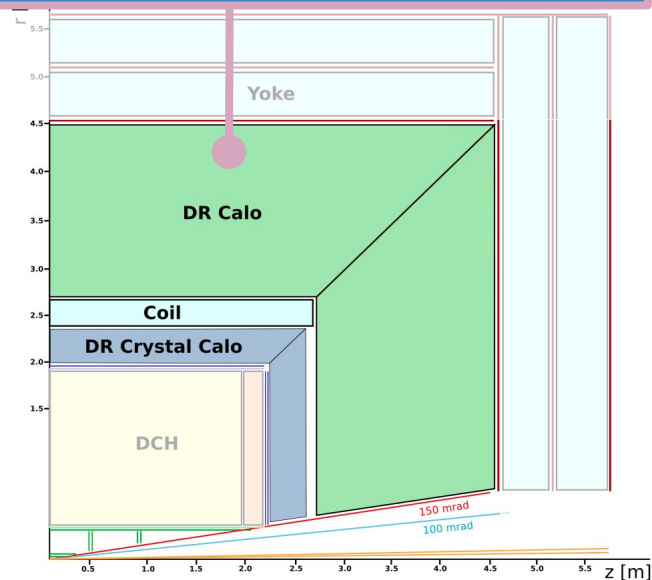
- Evaluate the potential and the feasibility of integrating a **cost-effective homogeneous dual-readout segmented** crystal EM calorimeter in the IDEA detector
- First studies and concept descriptions in:
 - Conceptual design: [2020 JINST 15 P11005](#)
 - Jet performance: [2022 JINST 17 P06008](#)
 - New IDEA baseline: [arXiv:2502.21223v1](#)
- Activity at 360 degrees:
 - Simulation studies (from standalone to full sim)
 - R&D on technology and proof-of-principle
 - Prototyping of a calorimetric module



Hybrid dual-readout calorimetry in the IDEA detector

- Evaluate the potential and the feasibility of a homogeneous dual-readout segment in the IDEA detector
- First studies and concept descriptions in:
 - Conceptual design: [2020 JINST 15 P11005](#)
 - Jet performance: [2022 JINST 17 P06008](#)
 - New IDEA baseline: [arXiv:2502.21223v1](#)
- Activity at 360 degrees:
 - Simulation studies (from standalone to full sim)
 - R&D on technology and proof-of-principle
 - Prototyping of a calorimetric module

See tomorrow's talk from R.Ferrari for details on the Fiber (Hadronic) section of the DR Calorimeter



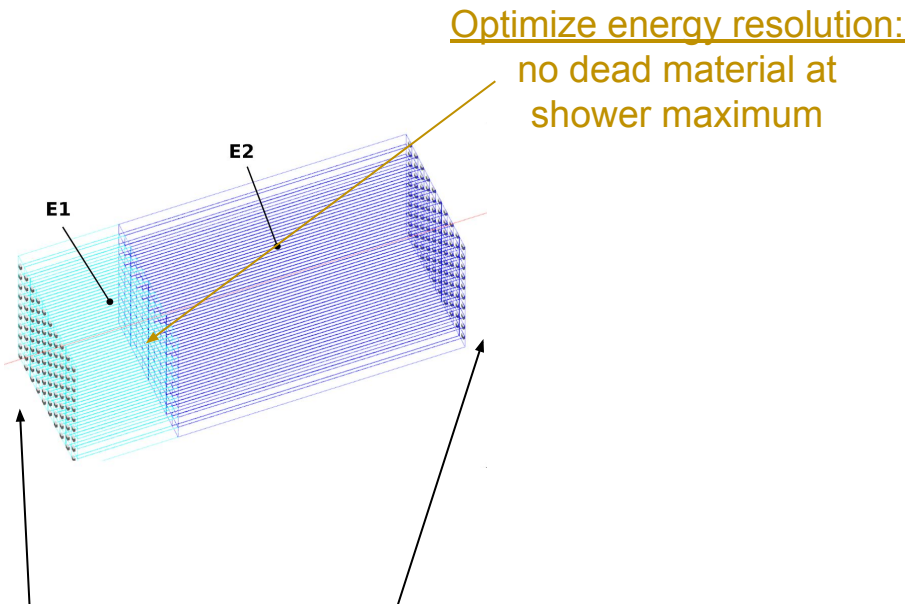
Conceptual layout

Contained number of channels

Transverse granularity: $1 \times 1 - 1.5 \times 1.5 \text{ cm}^2$

Longitudinal segmentation: 2 layers

Total channel count $\sim 2\text{M}$



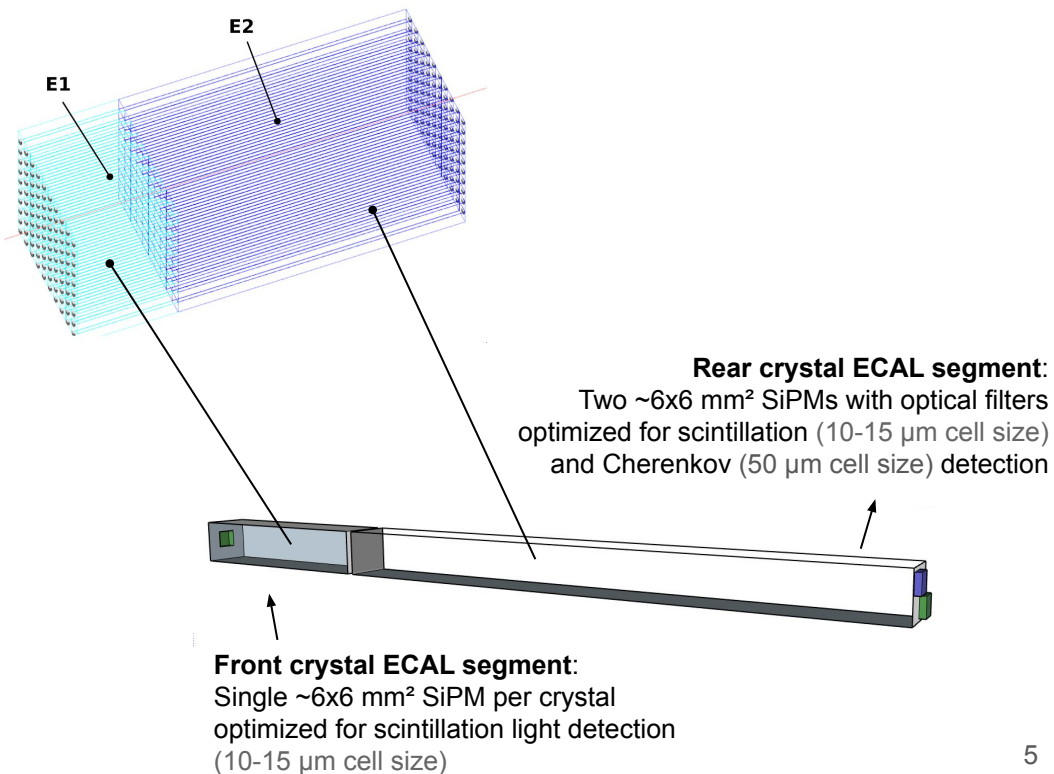
Simplify integration aspects:

SiPM+electronics readout,
cooling and services only at
front and rear sides

Conceptual layout

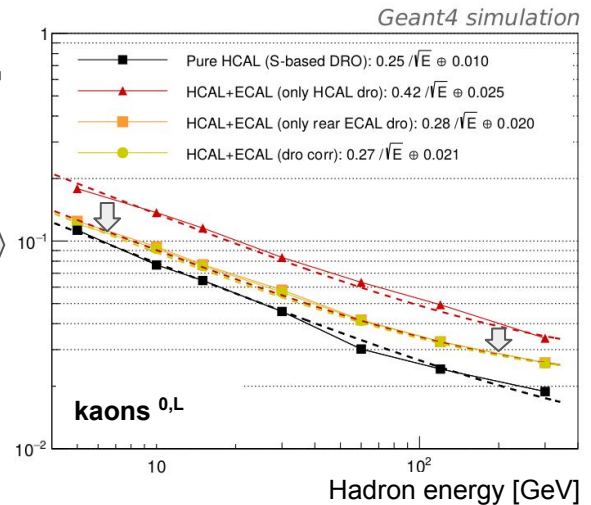
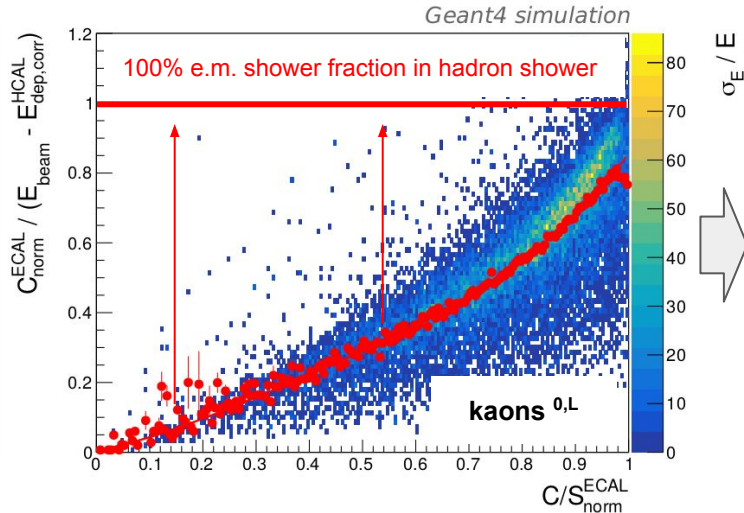
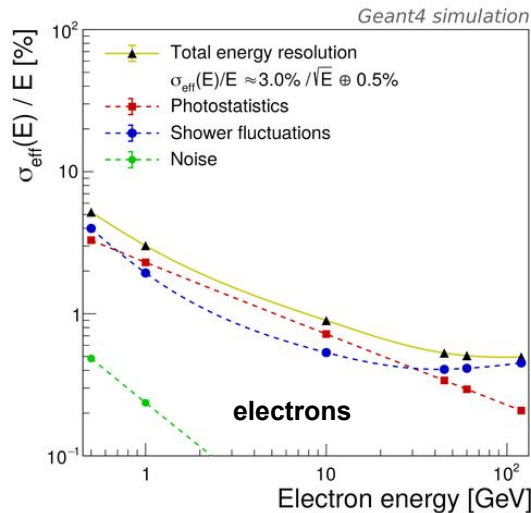
Dual-readout implementation

Cost-effective SiPM readout
Optical filters for separation of
Cherenkov and scintillation signal from
the same active elements



Energy resolution - simulation

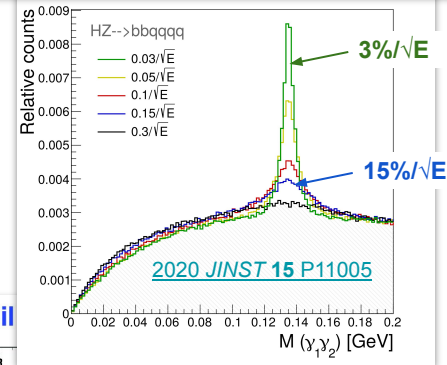
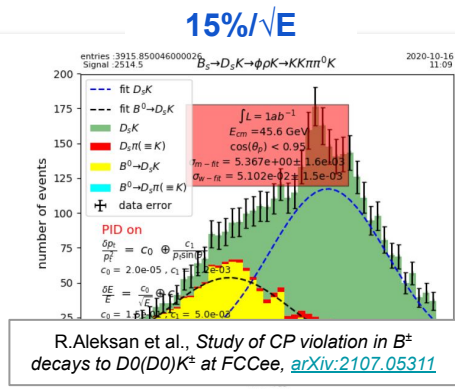
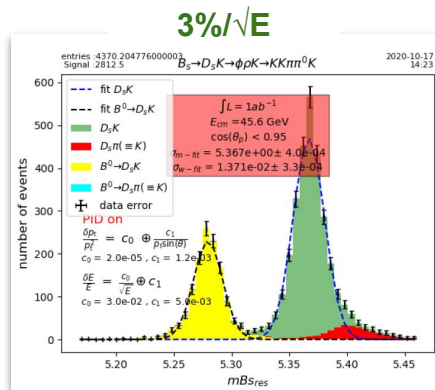
- Electromagnetic energy resolution better than $3\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 1\%$ with homogenous crystals
- Simultaneous detection of scintillation and cherenkov signal to maintain applicability of the dual-readout method in a hybrid calorimeter concept
 - Correct event-by-event the fluctuations of e.m. shower fraction in both calorimeter segments
 - Restore linear response to hadronic showers and achieve energy resolution of $\sim 30\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 2\%$



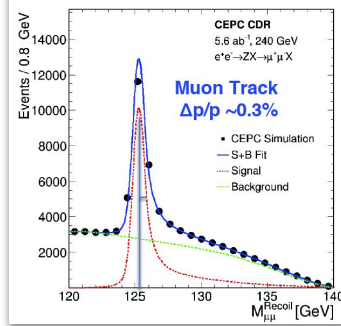
High EM energy resolution potential at e^+e^- Higgs factories

A calorimeter with **3%/ \sqrt{E} EM** energy resolution has the potential to improve event reconstruction and **expand the landscape of possible physics studies** at e^+e^- colliders

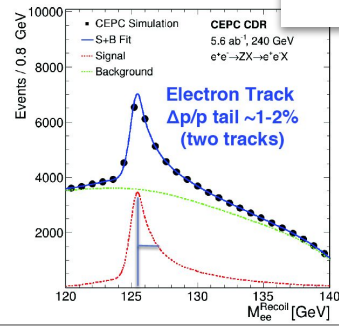
- **CP violation studies** with B_s decay to final states with low energy photons
- **Clustering of π^0 's photons** to improve performance of jet clustering algorithms
- **Improve the resolution of the recoil mass signal from $Z \rightarrow ee$ decays** to ~80% of that from $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decays (recovering Brem photons)



$Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ Recoil

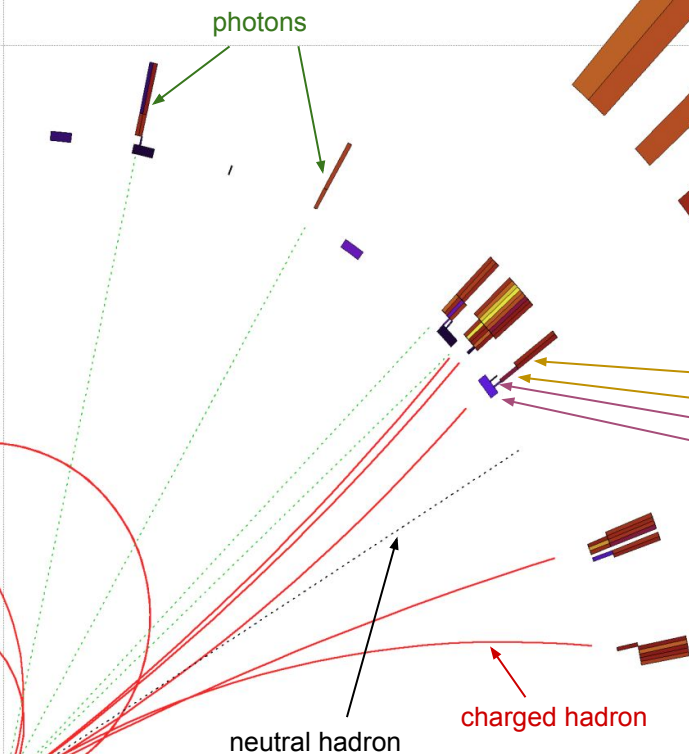


$Z \rightarrow e^+ e^-$ Recoil

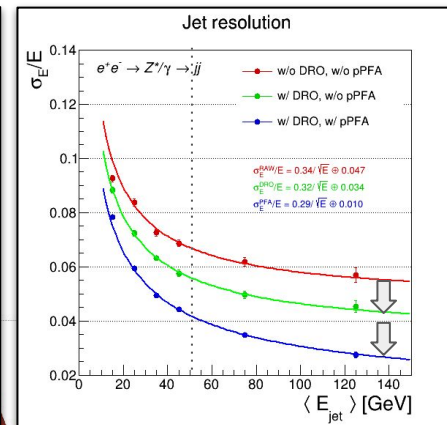
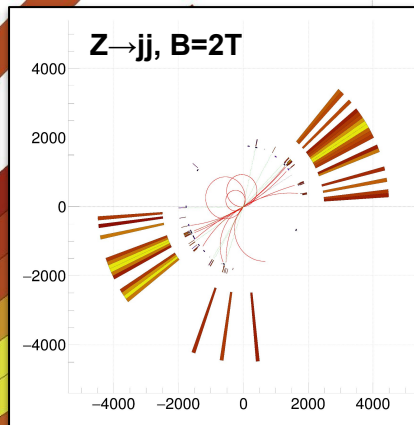


Example from [CEPC CDR](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.05311)

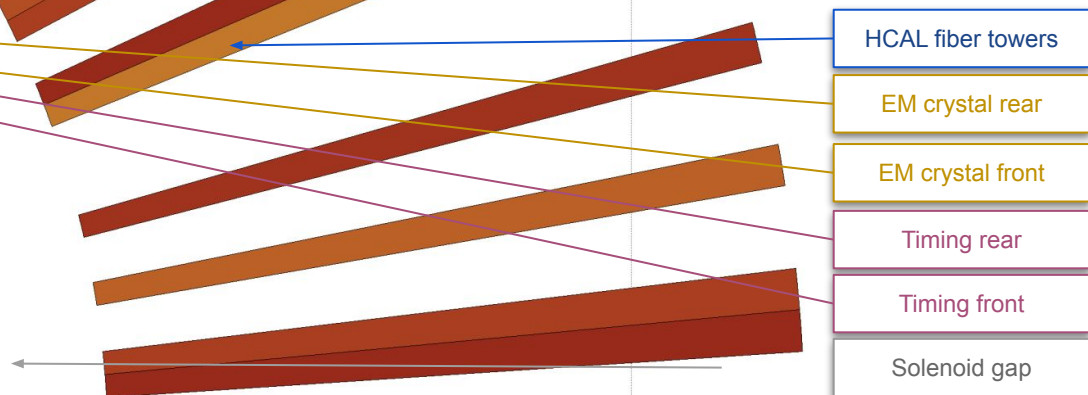
Jet reconstruction with a dual-readout particle flow algorithm



**Longitudinal
segmentation
provides a
powerful
handle for
particle flow
algorithms**



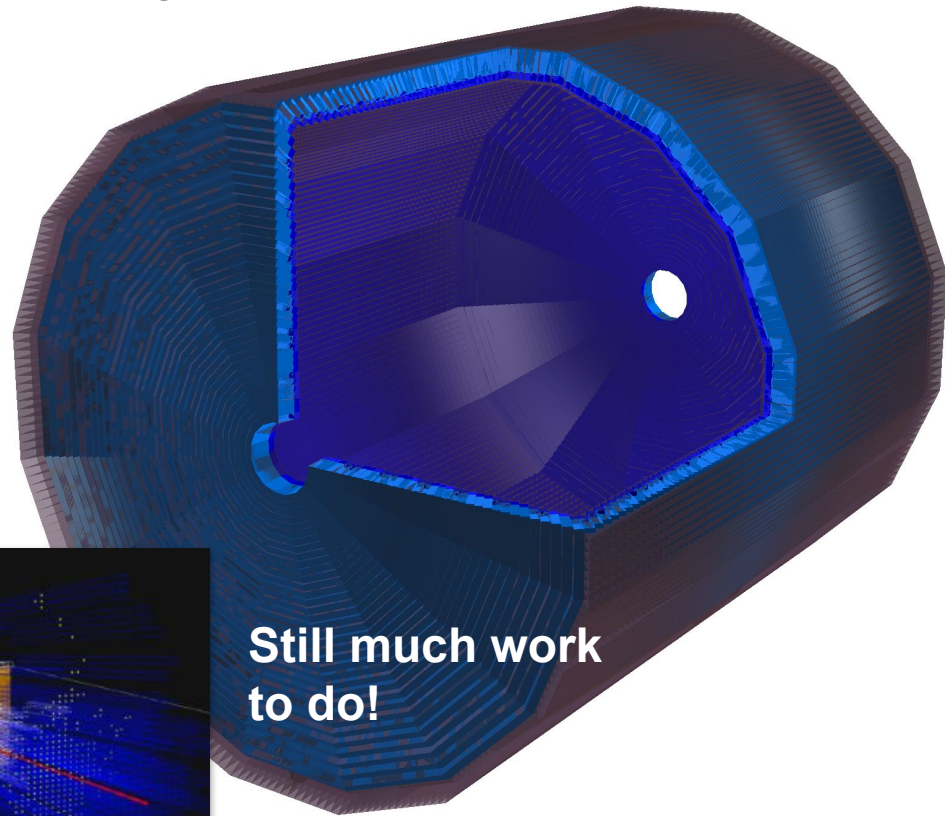
Sensible gain in jet resolution using dual-readout combined with a particle flow approach \rightarrow $<4\%$ for jet energies above 50 GeV



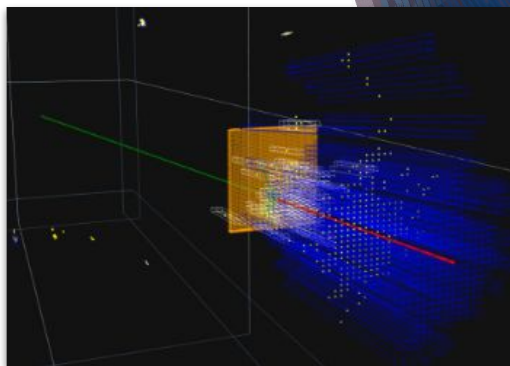
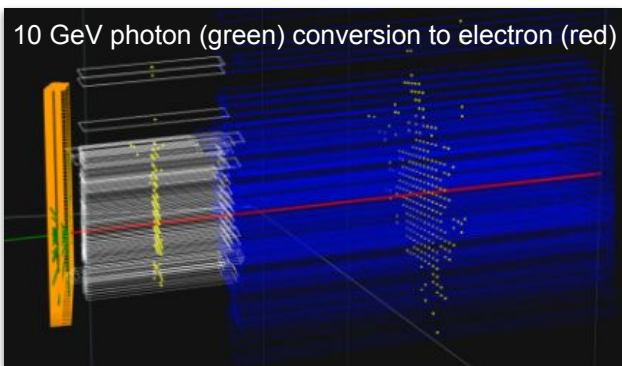
More details in: [2022 JINST 17 P06008](#)

Implementation in **key4hep** gearing up

- Great progress in developing a fully differentiable detector geometry and simulation in key4hep ([github](#))
 - SiPMs and digitized readout implemented
 - ML angular resolution and e/gamma regression studies underway
 - Integration with IDEA detector underway
 - Generated proper digis in key4hep and realistic TB module geometry



Still much work to do!

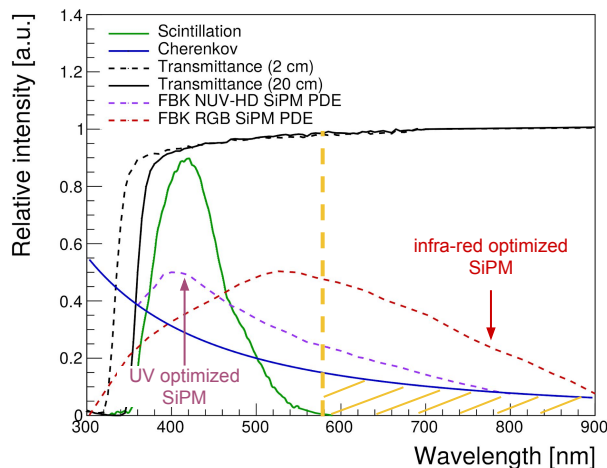


See [W.Chung at CALOR2024](#)

Dual strategy for *dual*-readout implementation

PWO (λ -based)

- Highest refractive index, lowest R_M and X_0
- Low light yield at 420 nm \rightarrow easier to filter out scintillation light with a dedicated SiPM+optical filter and detect C photons at $\lambda > 580$ nm
- Fast decay time (~ 10 ns) \rightarrow hard to separate S and C using pulse shape



BG(S)O ($\lambda+t$ -based)

- Higher light yield (10-30x PWO) at 480 nm \rightarrow excellent photostatistics \rightarrow harder to filter out scintillation photons \rightarrow narrower band for infrared C photon detection ($\lambda > 680$ nm)
- Wider transparency band for 'UV Cherenkov' ($\lambda \in [320, 380]$ nm)
- Slow decay time (~ 100 -300 ns) \rightarrow can separate S/C with timing

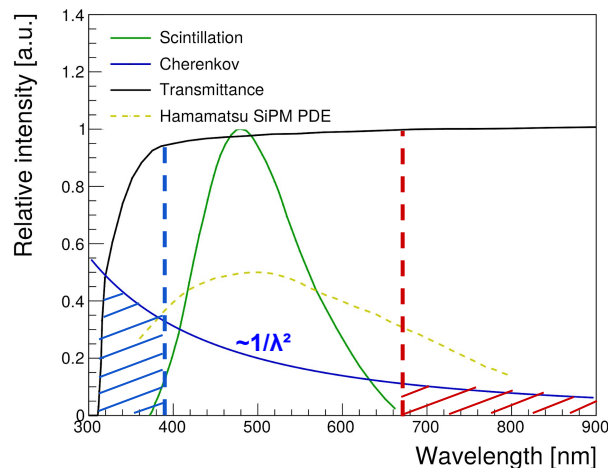
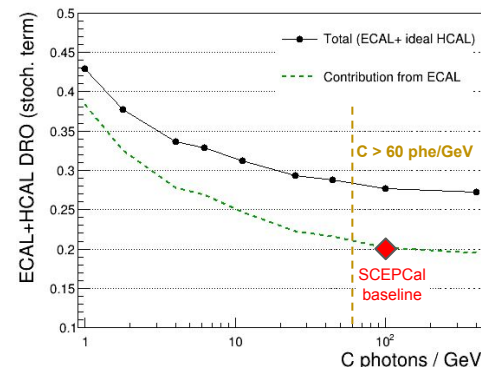
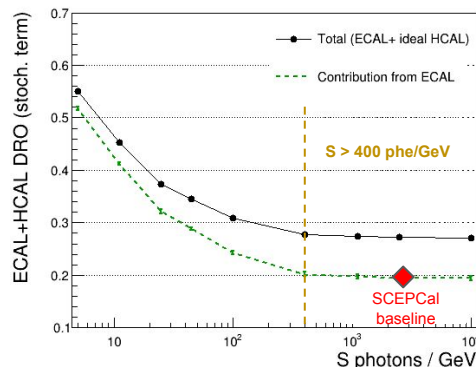
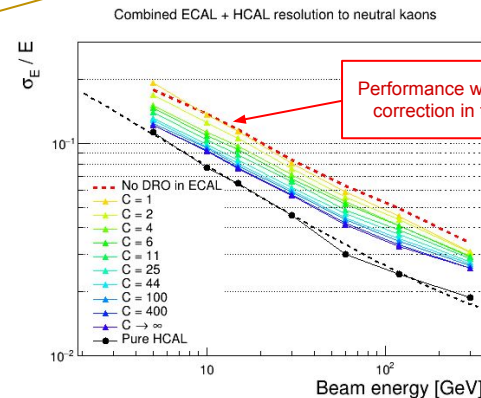
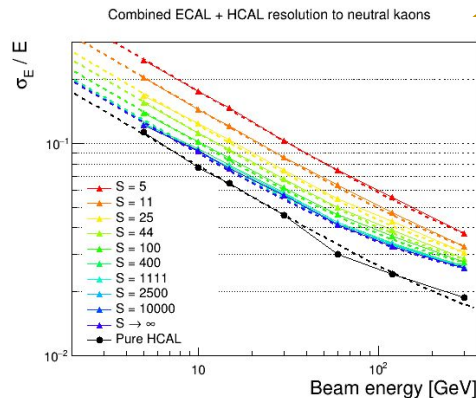


Photo-statistic requirements for S and C

Smearing according to Poisson statistics

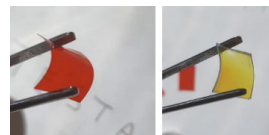
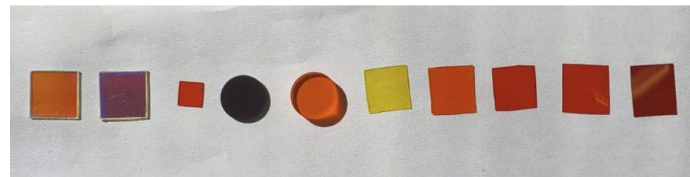
- A poor S (scintillation signal) impacts the hadron (and EM) resolution stochastic terms:
 - $S > 400 \text{ phe/GeV}$
- A poor C (Cherenkov signal) impacts the C/S and thus the precision of the event-by-event DRO correction
 - $C > 60 \text{ phe/GeV}$
- **Baseline layout choices** (granularity and SiPM size) to **provide sufficient light collection efficiency** in Geant4
 - Need experimental validation with lab and beam tests



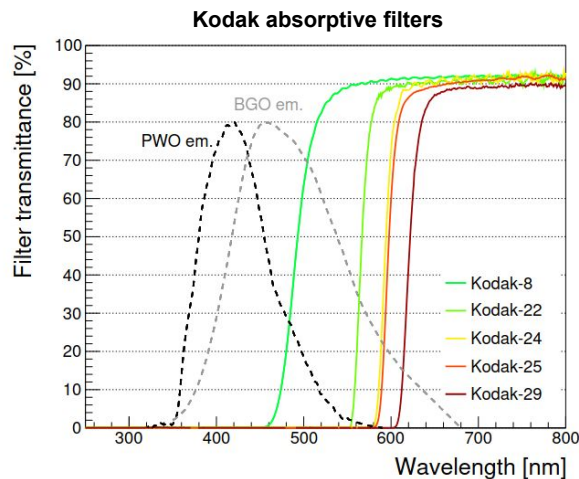
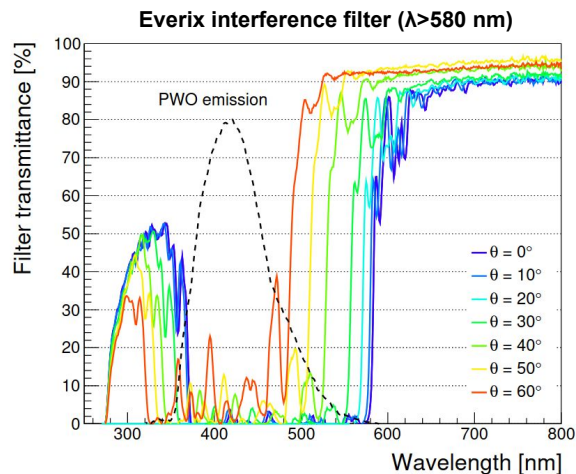
R&D and prototyping with PWO

Laboratory measurements - optical filter selection

- Focus on **thin filters** ($\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$) for **optimal integration with SiPMs**
- Interference filters discarded due to the angular dependence of their transmittance curve
- Identified a few $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$ thick filters which let pass **less than 1% of PWO scintillation light** (K24, K25)



$$\frac{LO_{\text{filter}}}{LO} = \frac{\int_{300 \text{ nm}}^{800 \text{ nm}} EM(\lambda) \cdot T(\lambda) \cdot PDE(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int_{300 \text{ nm}}^{800 \text{ nm}} EM(\lambda) \cdot PDE(\lambda) d\lambda}$$



Photon transmittance at normal incidence angle

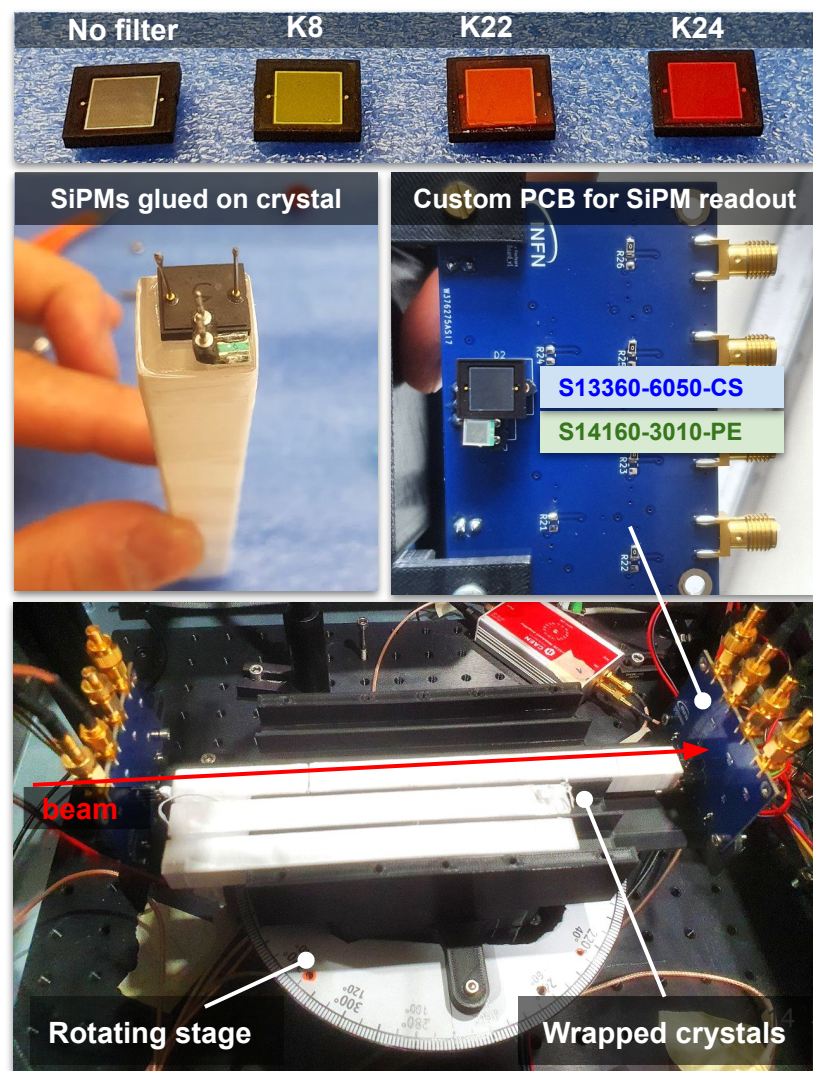
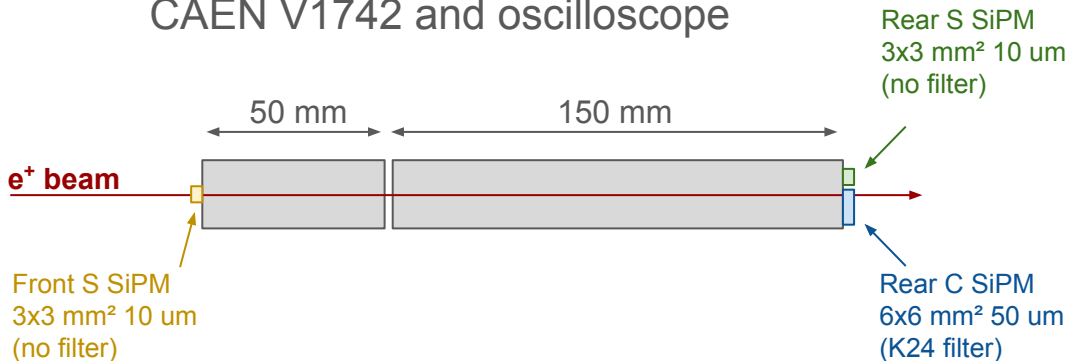
Filter label	BGO/BSO	PWO
Hoya-U330	8.8%	26.8%
Hoya-O56	12.8%	0.3%
Kodak-8	40.7%	7.9%
Kodak-22	11.2%	0.1%
Kodak-24	6.2%	<0.1%
Kodak-25	5.5%	<0.1%
Kodak-29	2.7%	<0.1%
Eve-Abs-580	8.1%	<0.1%
Eve-Int-580	7.0%	1.4% → 8.0%*
Eve-Int-650	1.1%	2.5% → 15.0%*

*when considering angular distribution of scintillation photons

Test beam setup and goals

CERN H6, July 2024

- Focus on single crystal test (PWO and BGO) to assess photon yields for both scintillation and cherenkov light
- Rotating stage to study angular dependence of the Cherenkov signal
- SiPM readout using transimpedance amplifiers on custom PCB + waveform digitized with CAEN V1742 and oscilloscope



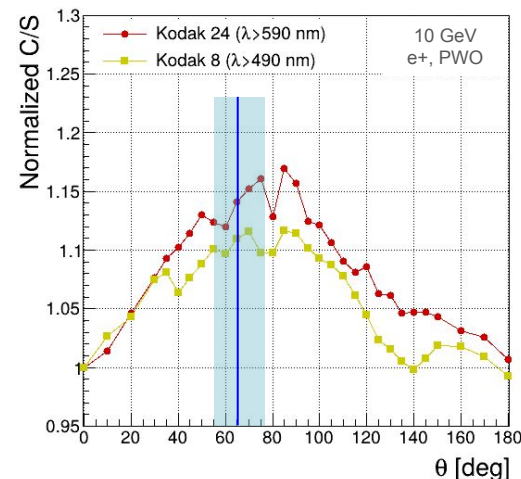
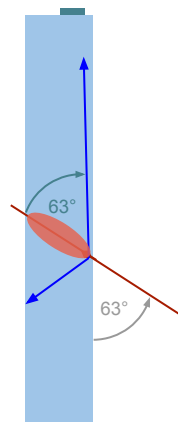
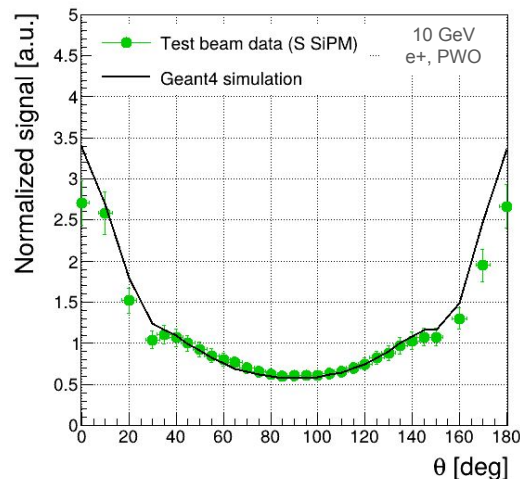
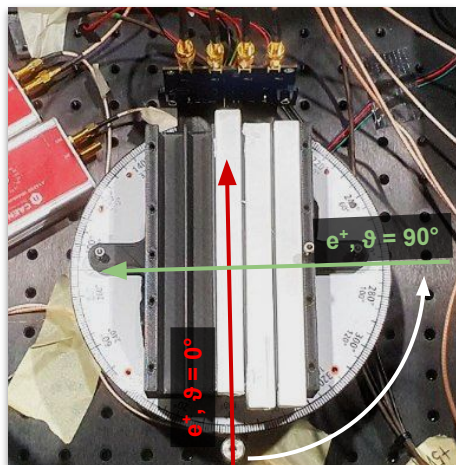
Test beam results - C angular dependence in PWO

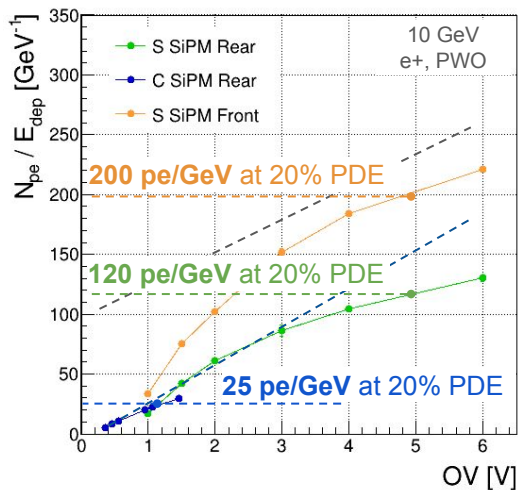
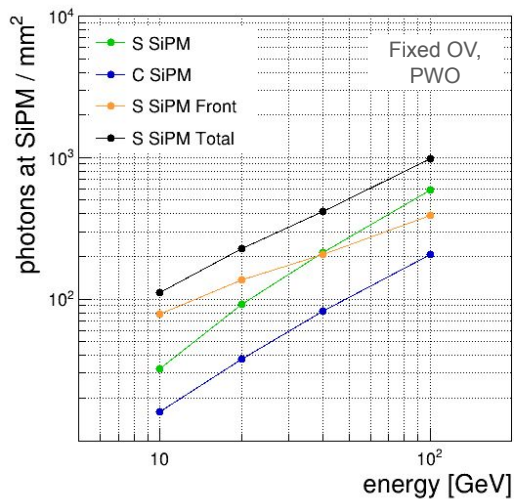
Rotation of crystal axis with respect to beam direction in the range 0-180°

Factor 6 variation of energy deposited in crystal reasonably reproduced by Geant4

Calculation of S/C event-by-event shows

- Maximum of C-signal in correspondence of Cherenkov emission angle in PWO
- Variation less pronounced when S contamination is larger (Kodak 8 filter vs Kodak 24)
- Only few percent variation for a few deg around 0°





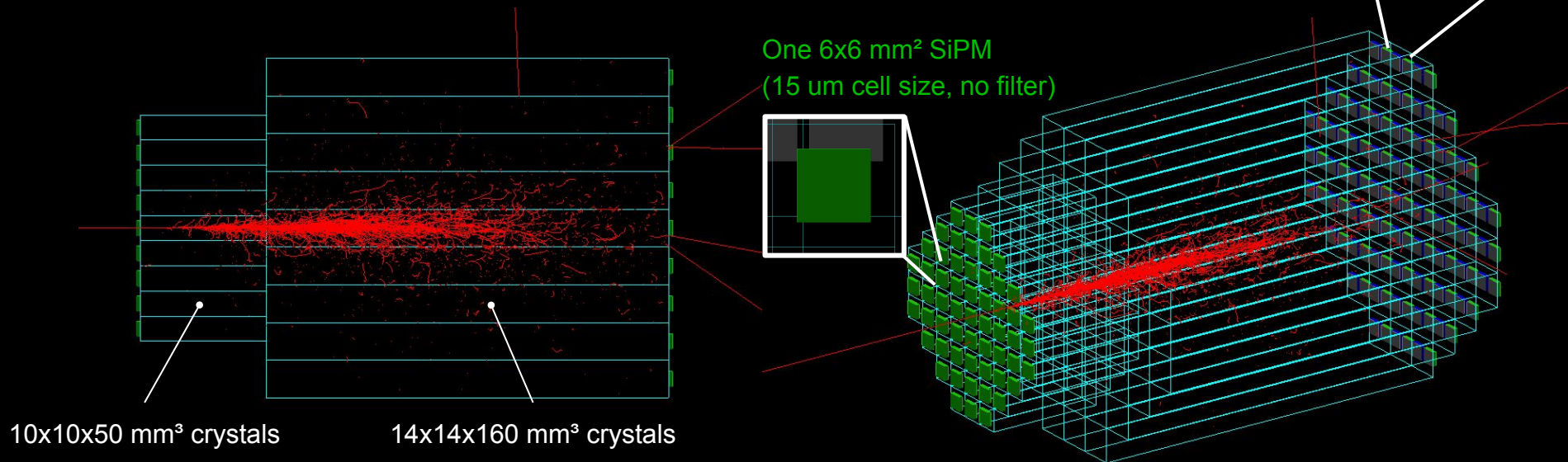
Test beam results - light yields in PWO

- Fraction of shower energy in front crystal decreases as expected due to shower maximum depth change
- Calibrated sum of front and rear scintillation signals and **Cherenkov signal** grow linearly with deposited energy

- Number of photoelectrons detected can be used to define SiPM/filter specifications:
 - Scintillation: $\sim 36 \text{ pe/GeV/mm}^2$ at 20% PDE
 - \rightarrow need $6 \times 6 \text{ mm}^2$ SiPM and 40% PDE to reach target
 - Cherenkov: $\sim 0.7 \text{ pe/GeV/mm}^2$ at 20% PDE
 - \rightarrow need $6 \times 6 \text{ mm}^2$ SiPM and 40 PDE to reach target
 - Contamination from S photons to C-signal $< 10\%$
 - \rightarrow specification satisfied

Prototype design

- Plan to assemble a 9x9 PWO matrix
 - 10x10x50 mm³ front crystals, 14x14x160 mm³ rear crystals
 - 6x6 mm² SiPMs (15 and 50 μ m, for S and C, resp.)
 - Electronics with FERS-5200 (Citiroc1A)
 - Mechanical design to enable the exchange of the central 3x3 core with BSO crystals and waveform digitization readout



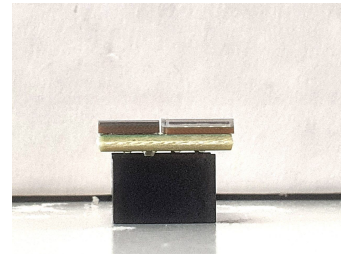
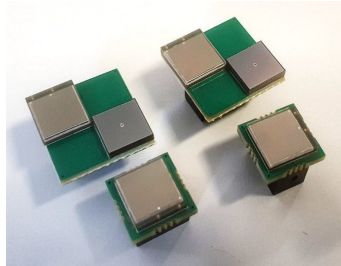
Prototype components under procurement

- All components in hand except crystals (issue with export license)

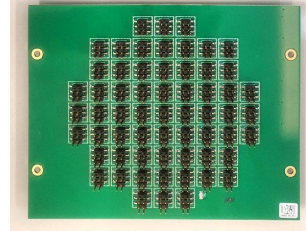
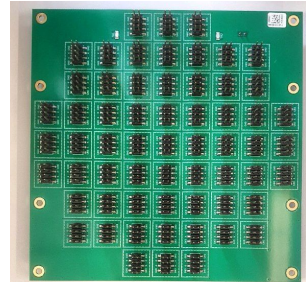
Crystals and SiPMs



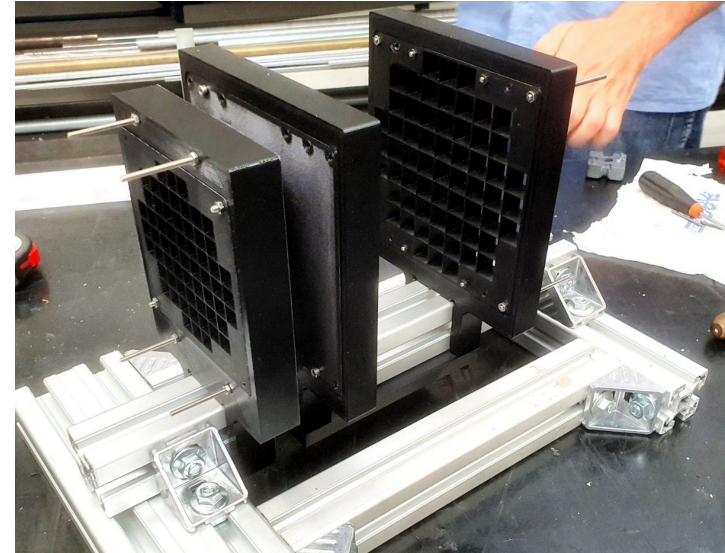
SiPM PCBs



Concentrator PCBs

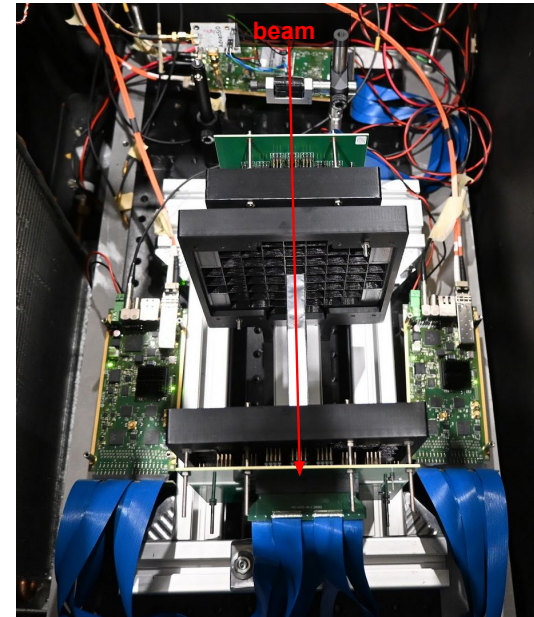
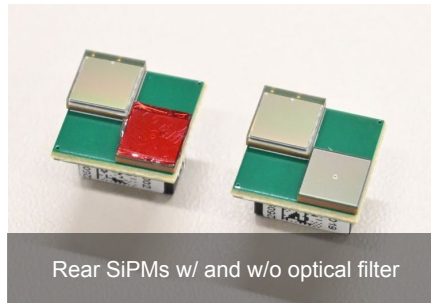
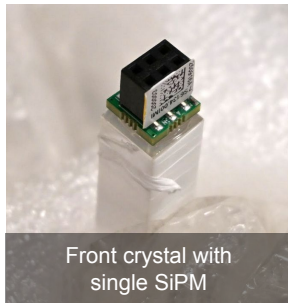
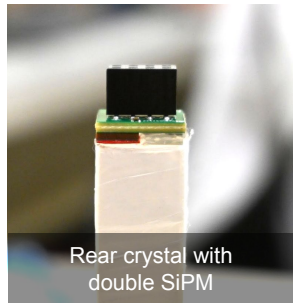
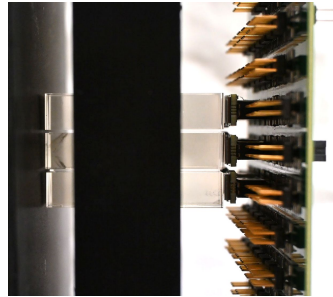
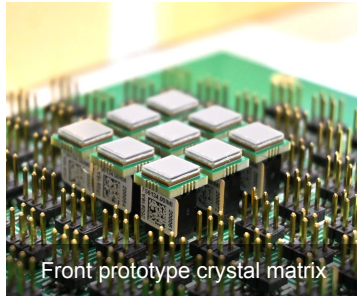
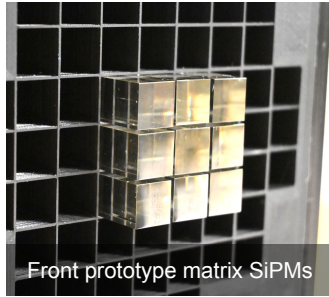


3D-printed alveolar structure



Pictures from recent **test beam** (Sept-Oct 2025)

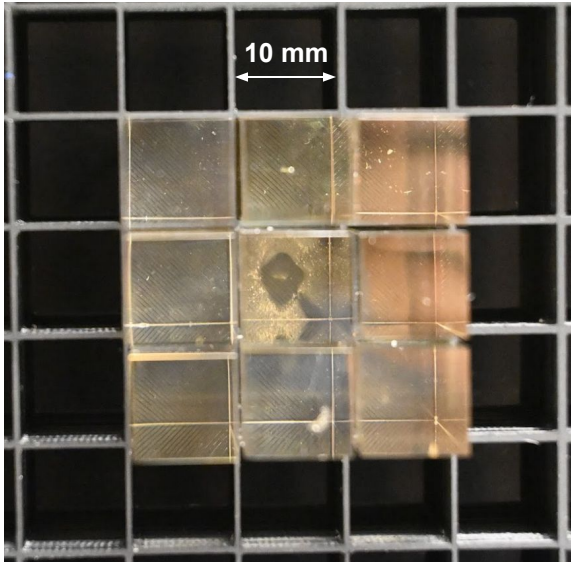
- A test with only few crystals mounted but full prototype mechanics, electronics and readout chain performed at the SPS H6 in Sept-Oct 2025



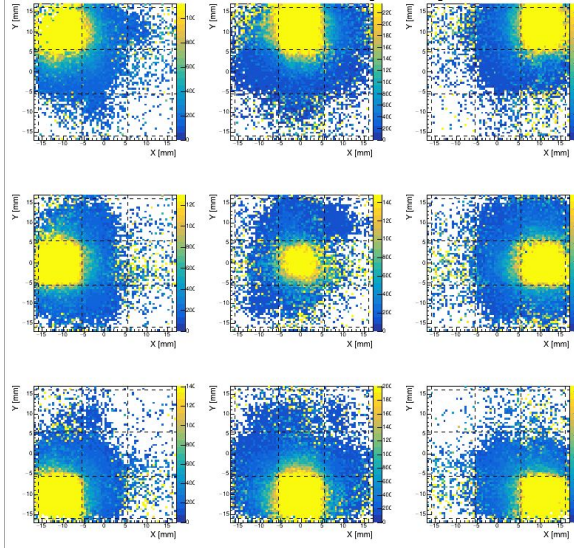
First glance at test beam data

- Ongoing analysis on first data taken with
 - New SiPMs → improved PDE and better light collection efficiency
 - FERS 5200 electronics and EUDAQ framework

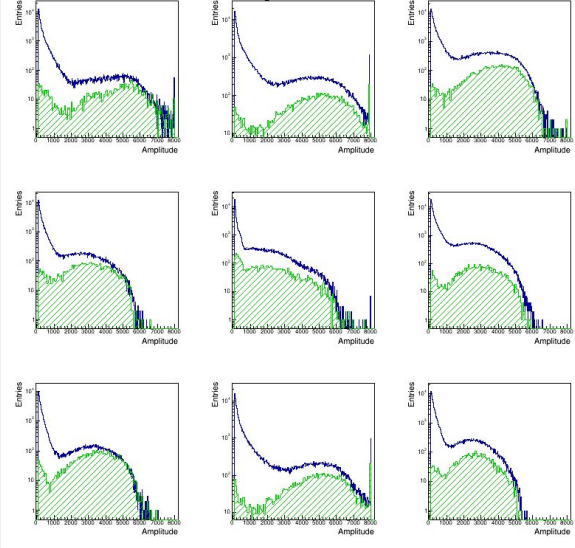
Picture of front matrix crystals



Measured signal from 40 GeV positron shower vs beam impact point



Measured signal w/ and w/o 3x3 mm² beam spot selection



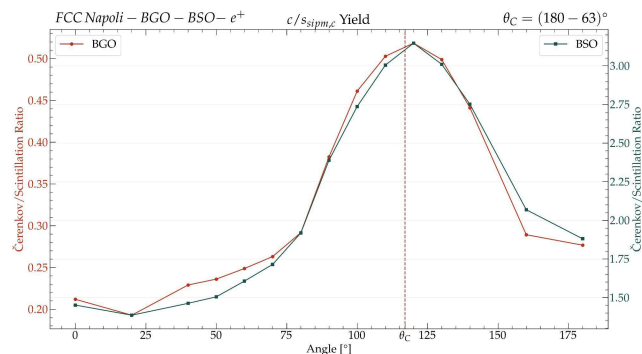
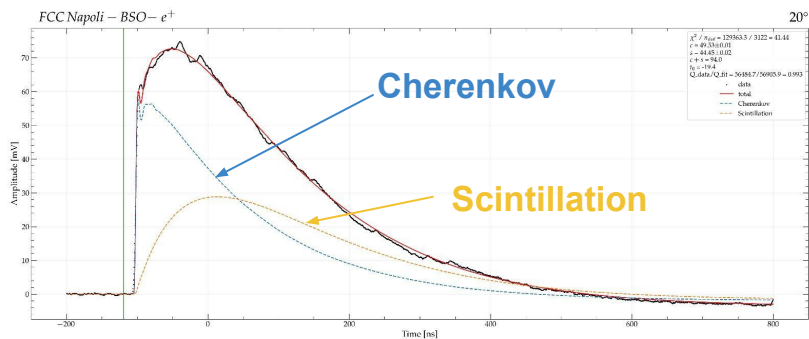
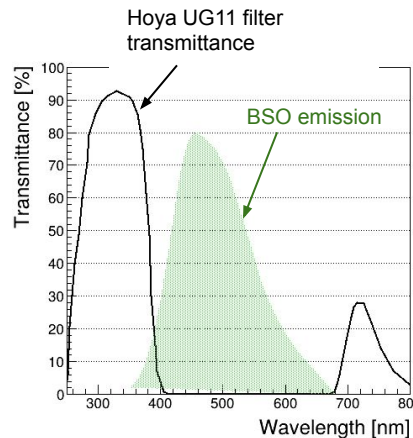
R&D and prototyping with BGO/BSO

Test beam results - C angular dependence in BSO

BSO crystal coupled to
SiPM with UG11
optical filter (<1% of S
light passing through)

Template pulse shape fitting of
SiPM+filter signal in BSO yields
a good estimate of the
cherenkov signal

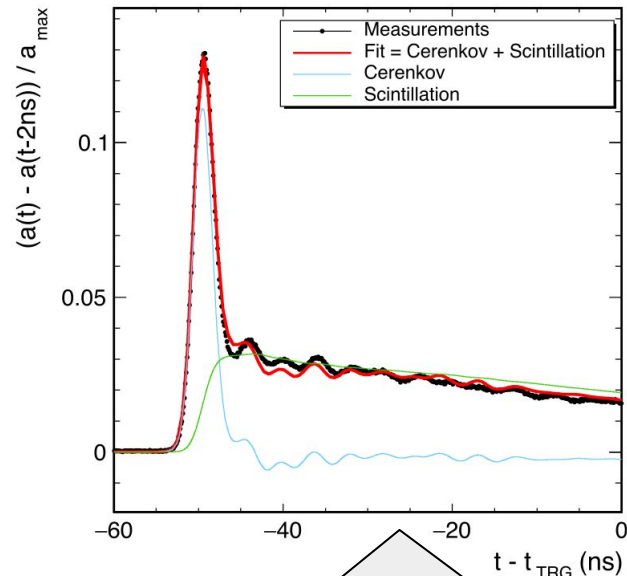
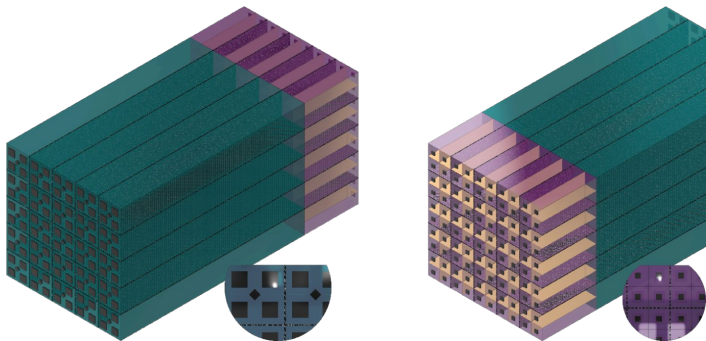
Angular dependence of C/S
peaks as expected around
cherenkov cone emission
angle ($\sim 63^\circ$)



BGO prototype geometry

Development of a second full containment prototype made of BGO crystals ongoing lead by Calvission

- 10x10 front array, 1 SiPM/crystal
 - Readout with FERS CITIROC
 - Finalizing choice of small cell SiPMs now
- 5x5 rear array, 4 SiPM/crystal, UG330 filters
 - Readout with DRS or other ≥ 2 GS/s digitizer
 - Use waveform analysis to separate S/C
 - Using Broadcom 6mmx6mm SiPMS



Decomposition of **S** / **C** in BGO **waveform** after SDL filter

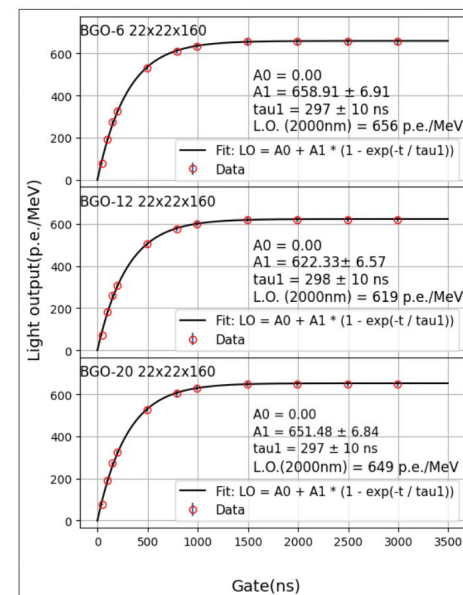
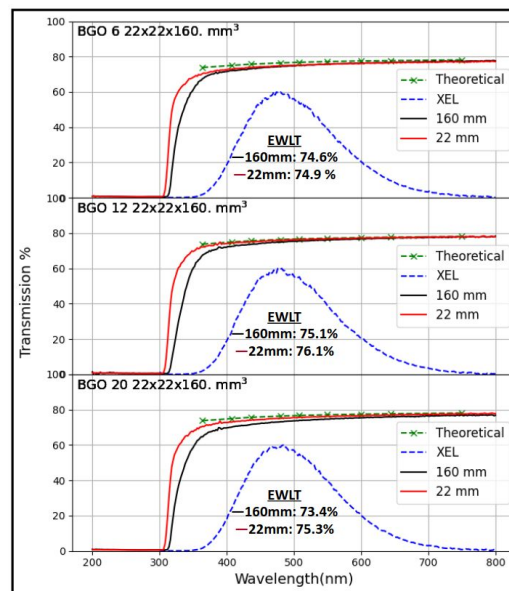
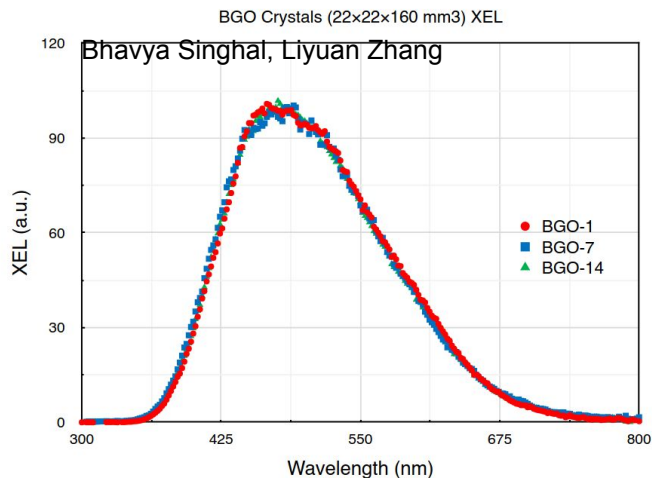
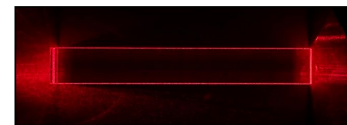
- $> 150 \checkmark$ PE/GeV (4x 6mx6mm SiPMs)
- expect ~ 2 x greater yield w/ optimal light coupling

First 20 large BGO crystals

- **BGO crystals** ($22 \times 22 \times 160 \text{ mm}^3$) for rear segment under test at Caltech
- Initial checks and uniformity look good
- Waiting for delivery for front crystals and some rear crystals due to export issues



Shanghai SICCASS
High Technology
Corporation



Summary and outlook

- **A broad R&D program to optimize dual-readout** in scintillating crystals using optical filters and SiPM is **progressing well** thanks to successful beam test campaigns in 2024/2025
 - Will continue, in parallel with prototype construction
- **Construction of two full containment prototypes is close to completion**
 - Plan to be tested on beam in Q2-Q3 2026
 - Following step: a combined test beam with fiber dual-readout (DRCAL) calorimeter
- **Good progress on full simulation implemented in key4hep:** working on reconstruction and validation before moving to higher level physics studies

acknowledgments



**Finanziato
dall'Unione europea**
NextGenerationEU



**Ministero
dell'Università
e della Ricerca**



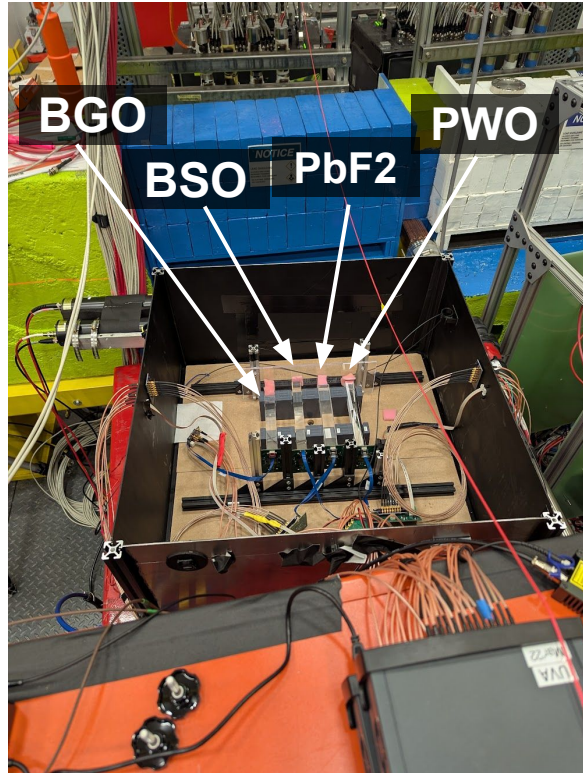
Italiadomani
PIANO NAZIONALE
DI RIPRESA E RESILIENZA

Additional material

A broad collaboration

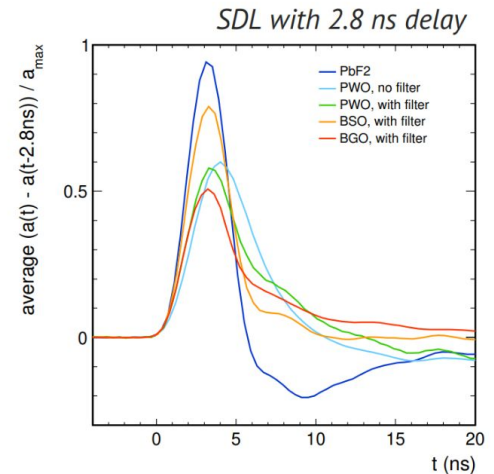
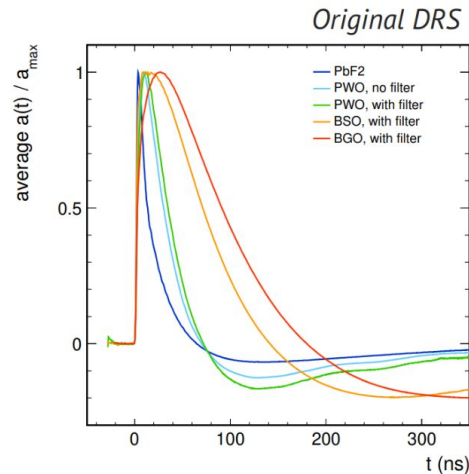
- Interest and efforts growing since 2023
 - **INFN**:
 - INFN groups: Milano-Bicocca, Napoli, Perugia
 - Coordination within the RD_FCC italian collaboration and national grants (PRIN 2022 MAXICC)
 - **CALViSION**:
 - A DOE funded project bringing together several US institutions
 - Maryland, Princeton, UVA, Caltech, FNAL, ANL, SLAC*, Michigan, Catholic University of America*, Brandeis*, Stonybrook*, Rutgers*, TTU. MIT, Baylor*, Purdue, Caltech
 - CERN (Switzerland) with the support of European widening project TWISMA (GA 101078960)
 - IN2P3-IP2I (France)

Jefferson Laboratory test beam (2025)

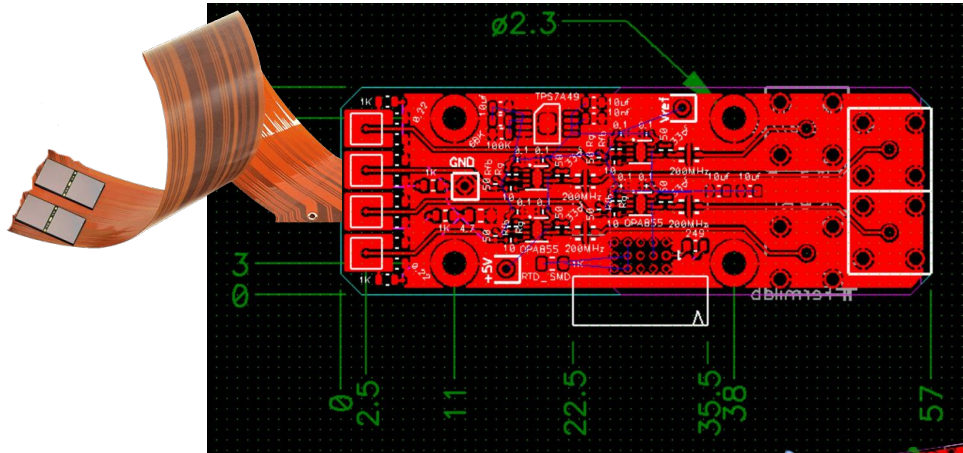


Recent opportunity to take electron data with a faster electronics version of the 2024 DESY TB amps

- Compare S/C separation w/ and w/o SDL filter and versus sampling rates (analysis in progress)

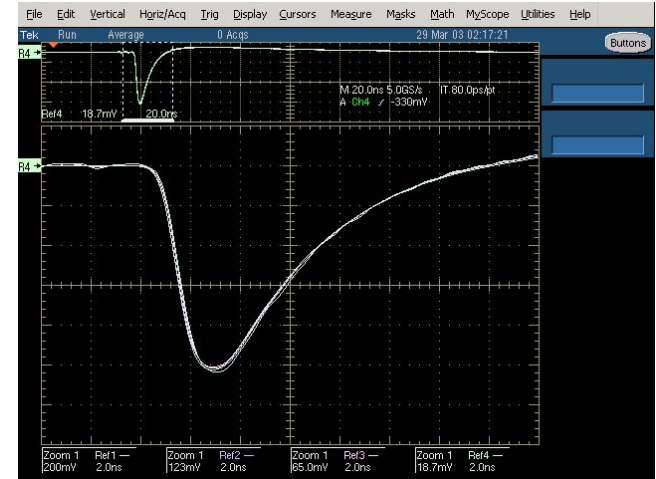
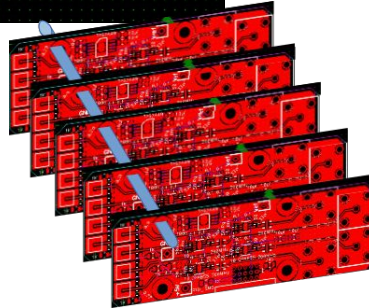


Electronics for rear module (Sergey Los, FNAL)



Rear amplifiers

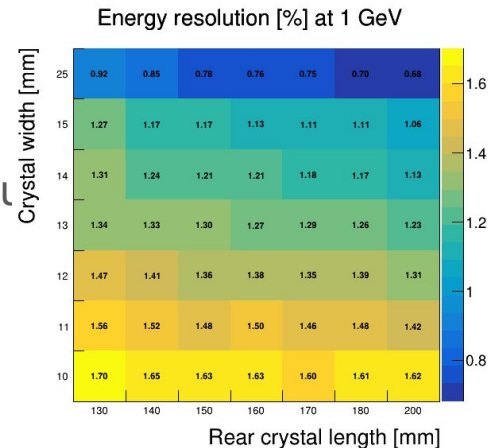
- 4 channels/board
- Based on OPA 855
- O(ns) rise time
- Flex circuit to connect to crystals
- One board fits in "shadow" of one crystal



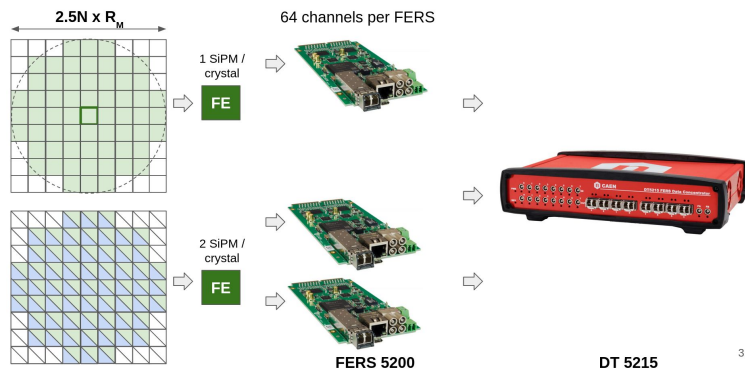
Front flex circuits and adapter for FERS to be designed next

PWO-based prototype

- Layout optimization (crystal dimensions) ongoing
- Procurement of FERS-5200 + DT5215 CAEN electronics for readout completed, purchase of crystals and SiPMs in early 2025
- Design of mechanical support and front-end about to start
- Plan to use DAQ/readout system common to HIDRA (fiber dual-readout calorimeter) prototype for optimal integration



Prototype readout schematics



Geant4 simulation of prototype

