

# PicoCal Technologies

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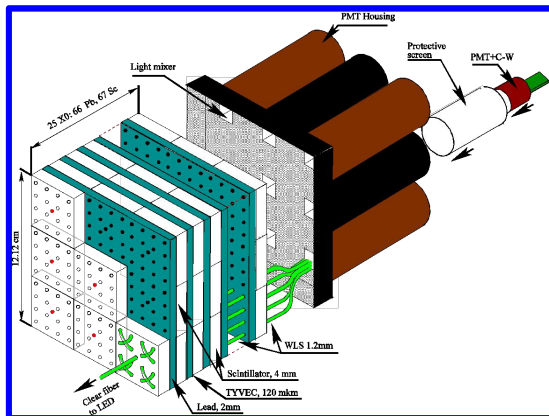
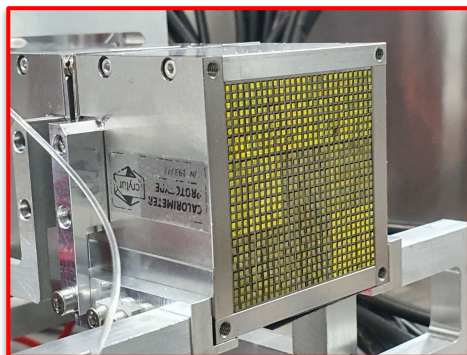
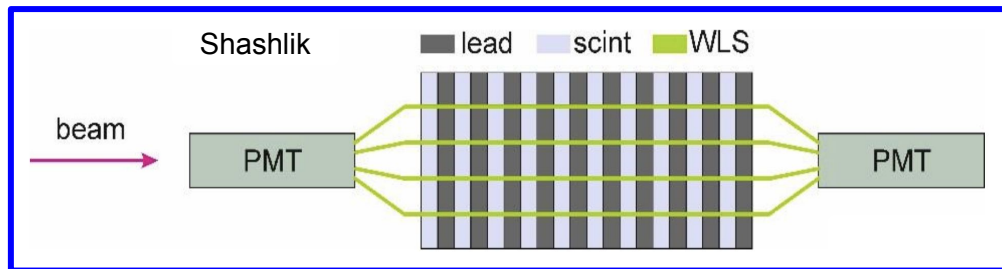
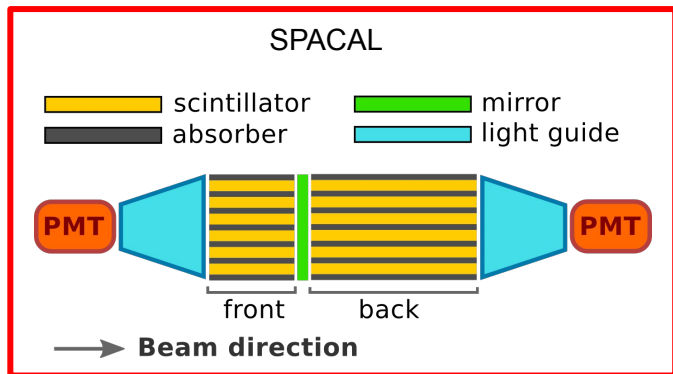
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# Baseline Technologies



## Shashlik (current ECAL):

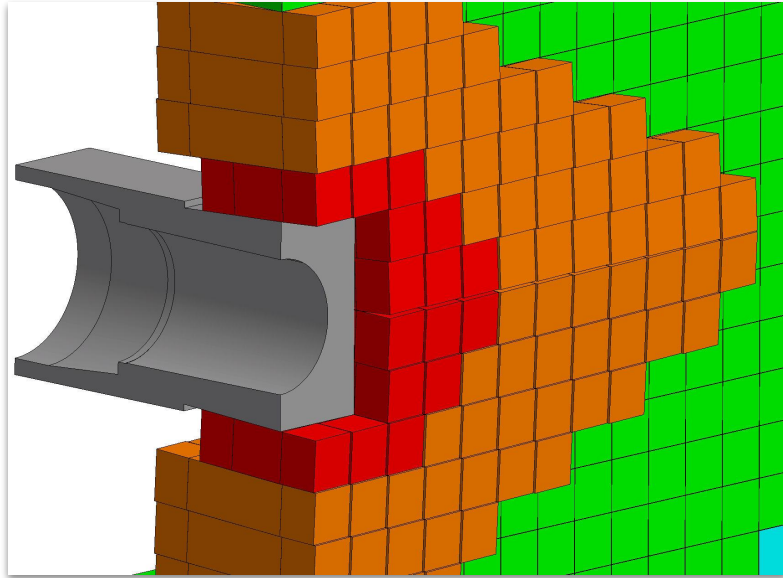
- **Scintillator-Lead sandwich** with WLS fibers
- WLS fibers bundled and coupled to PMT
- Single or double side readout possible
- Radiation tolerant: **40-50 kGy**

## SPACAL

- Scintillating **fibres** in dense **absorber**
- Light guides coupling fibers to PMTs
- Single or double side readout possible
- Radiation hard: **up to 1 MGy**

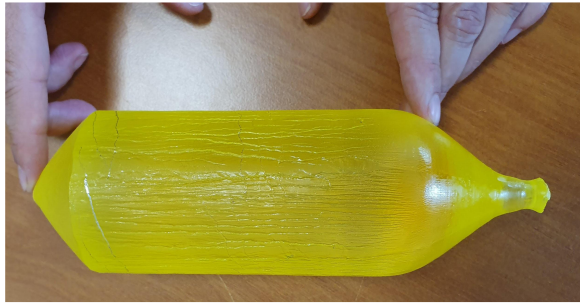
## Materials:

- Absorber: Tungsten / Lead
- Fibres: inorganic / organic



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  - A. W-GAGG
  - B. W-Polystyrene
- II. SPACAL - Pb
- III. Shashlik

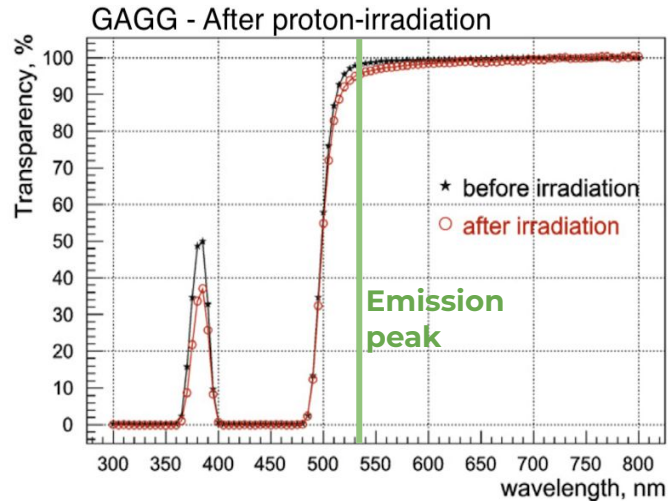
# Inorganic Crystals: Garnets



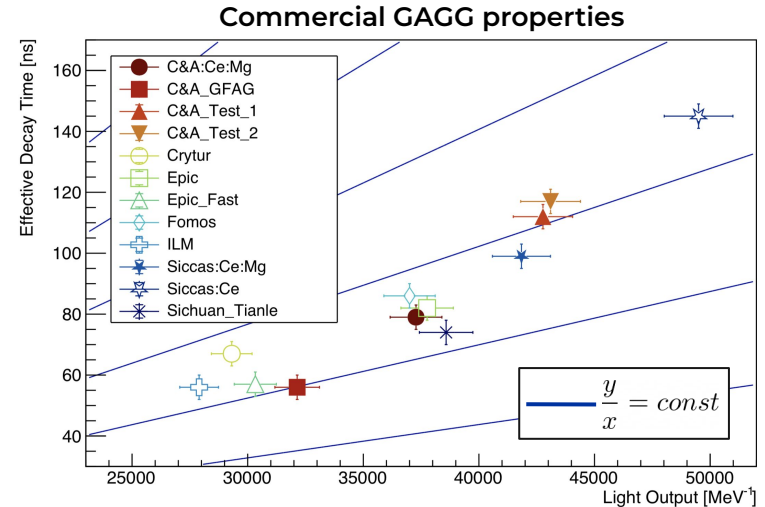
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Gadolinium Gallium Aluminium Garnet  $Gd_3Al_2Ga_3O_{12}$  (GAGG):

- **High light output** and relatively **fast decay time** (~50 ns)
- **Tunable scintillation properties:**
  - Properties modified by changing **components** and **doping**
- **Radiation hardness** tested up to 1 MGy
  - Induced absorption  $< 4 \text{ m}^{-1}$  @ emission peak

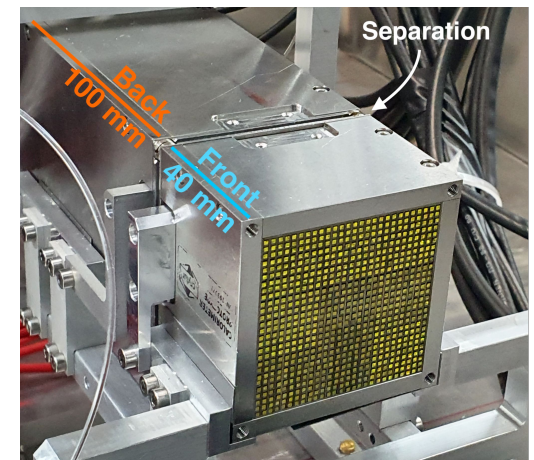
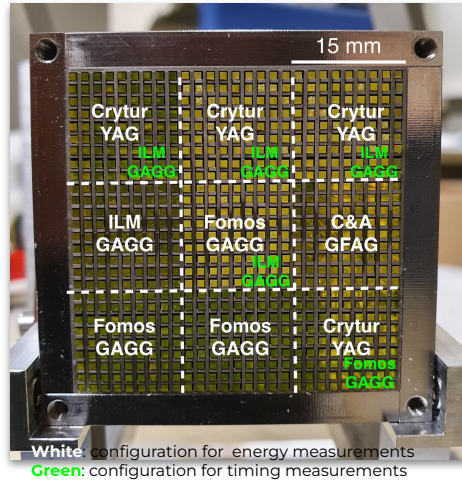
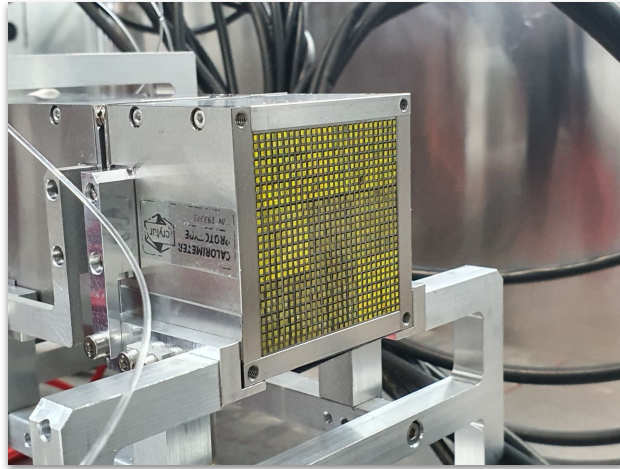


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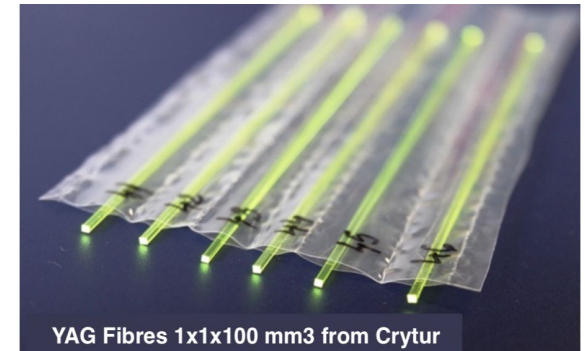
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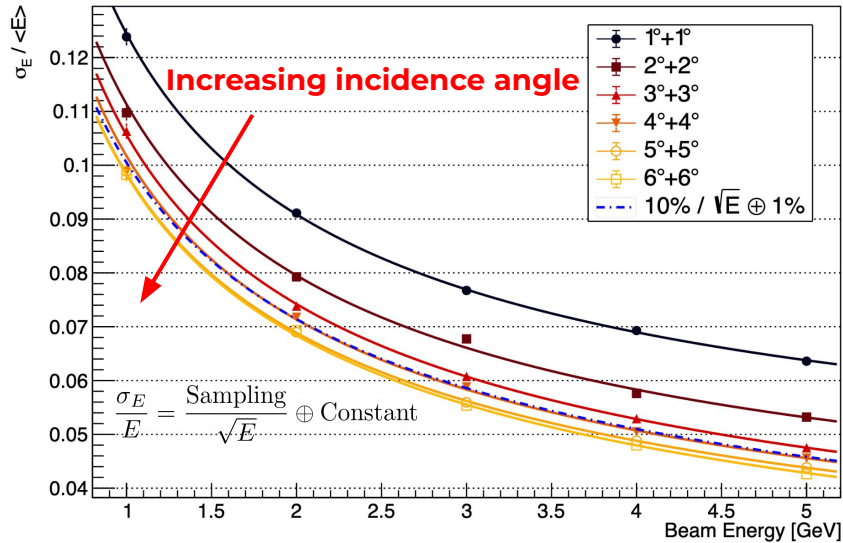
SPACAL prototype with **W absorber** and **garnet crystals**.

- Absorber in pure tungsten  $19 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- 9 cells of  $1.5 \times 1.5 \text{ cm}^2$  (Molière radius:  $\sim 1.5 \text{ cm}$ )
- 4+10 cm long ( $\sim 7+18 X_0$ )
- ESR mirror between sections
- $1 \times 1 \text{ mm}^2$  garnet crystal fibres

Tested at DESY with 1-5 GeV  $e^-$



## Energy resolution



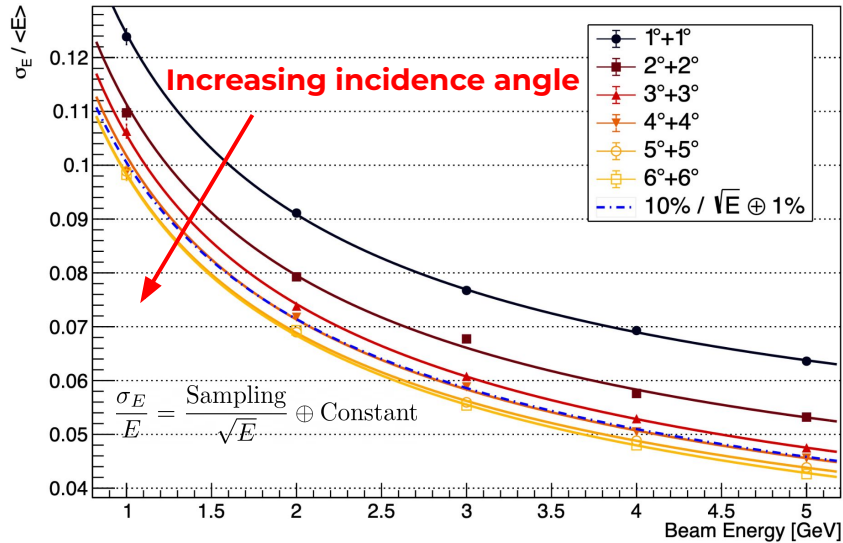
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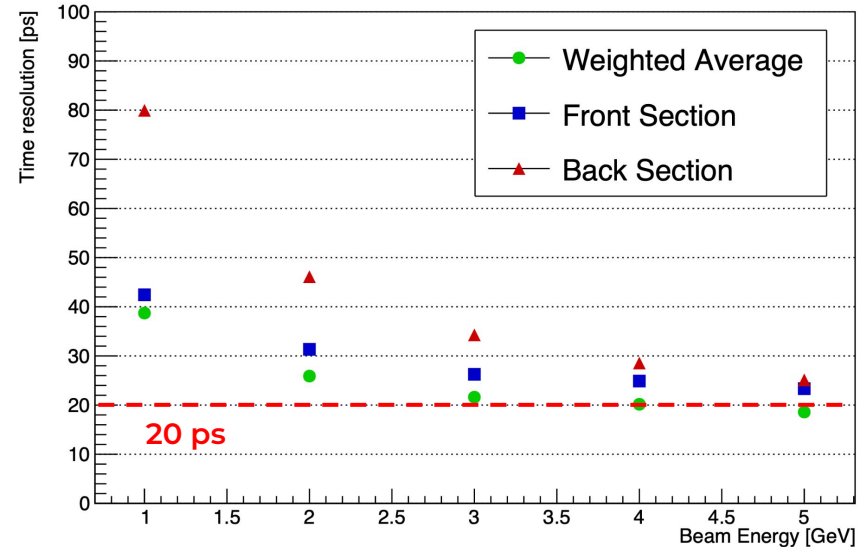
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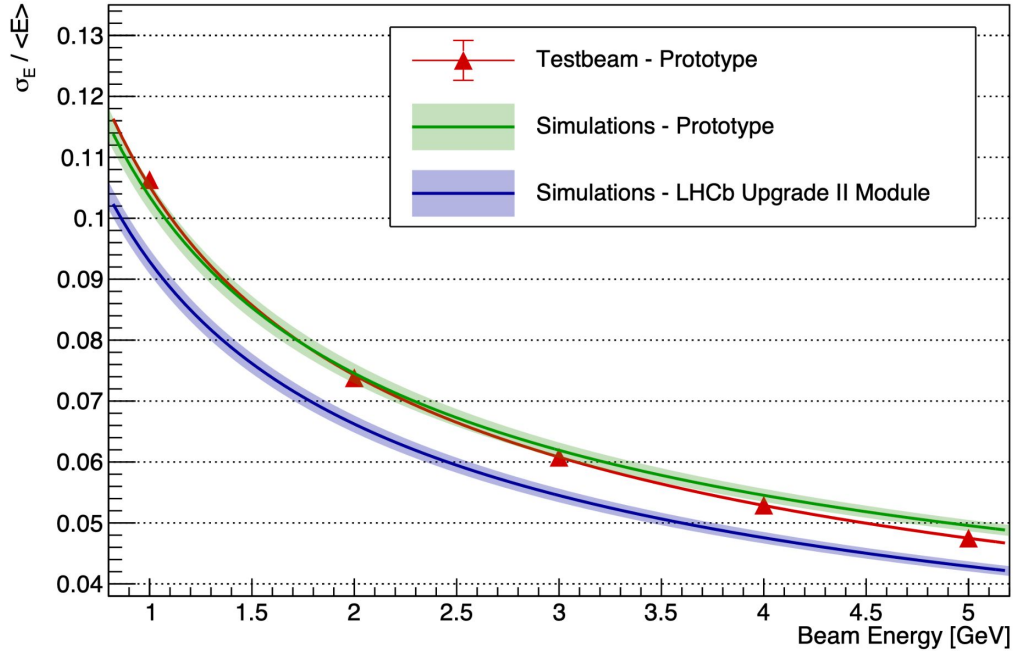


- Time resolution measured at incidence of 3°+3°
- Measurement in direct contact with fast MCD PMTs for ultimate performance

**Time resolution C&A GAGG:  $18.5 \pm 0.2$  ps @ 5 GeV**

# SPACAL W-GAGG - Monte Carlo

## Energy resolution



- Testbeam results to validate Monte Carlo software
  - **Reasonable agreement data-simulations**
- Improvements expected from final design:
  - Less material budget between front and back
  - Shorter pitch between fibres
  - Longer sections



# Scintillators R&D

**Commercial GAGGs** have scintillation decay time > 40 ns

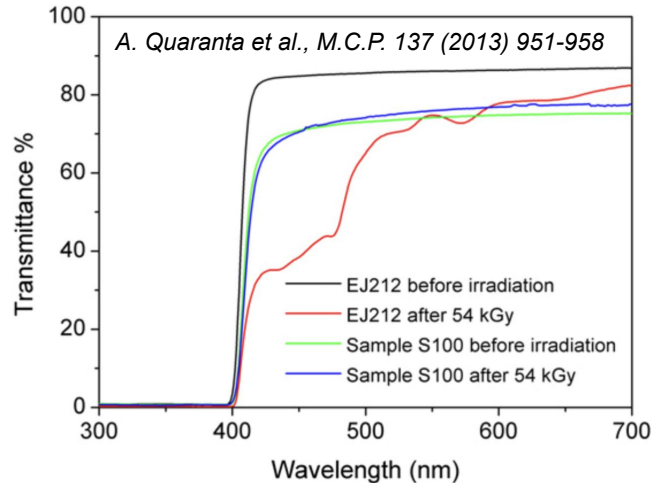
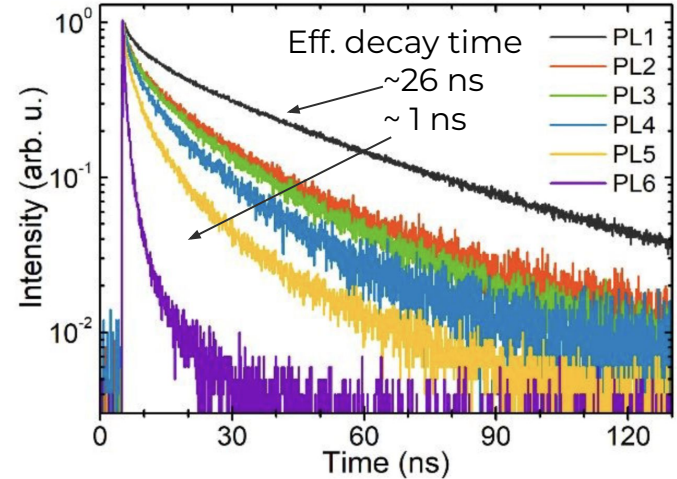
- Time resolution degradation due to spill-over

**Compositions identified** to accelerate scintillation

- Light yield reduced
- Decay time accelerated
- Time resolution kept competitive

R&D focusing on producing **large samples**

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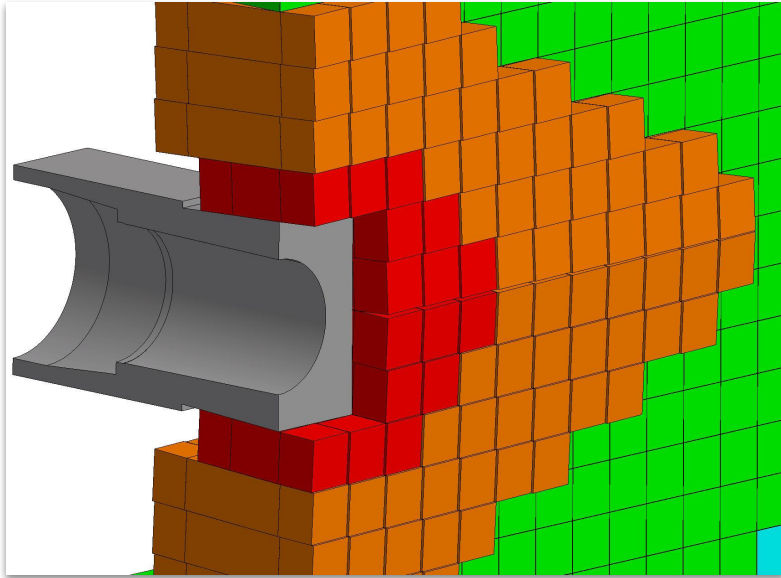
Testing **novel scintillating materials** alternative to plastics:

- Radiation tolerant up to 100-200 kGy
- Timing comparable to commercial plastic
- Cost-effectiveness as polystyrene

Candidates include:

- Polysiloxane hosts
- Organic glasses

R&D ongoing with partners worldwide

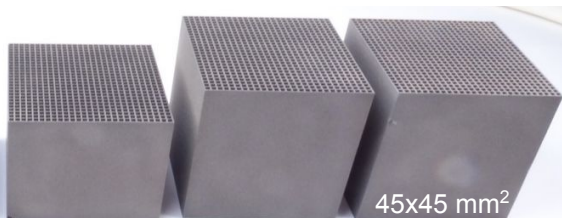
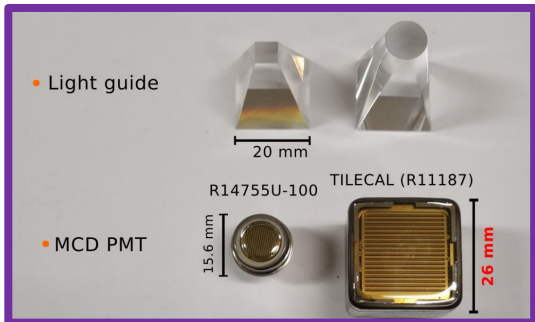


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# SPACAL W-Polystyrene

Prototype of SPACAL **W absorber** and **polystyrene fibres**:

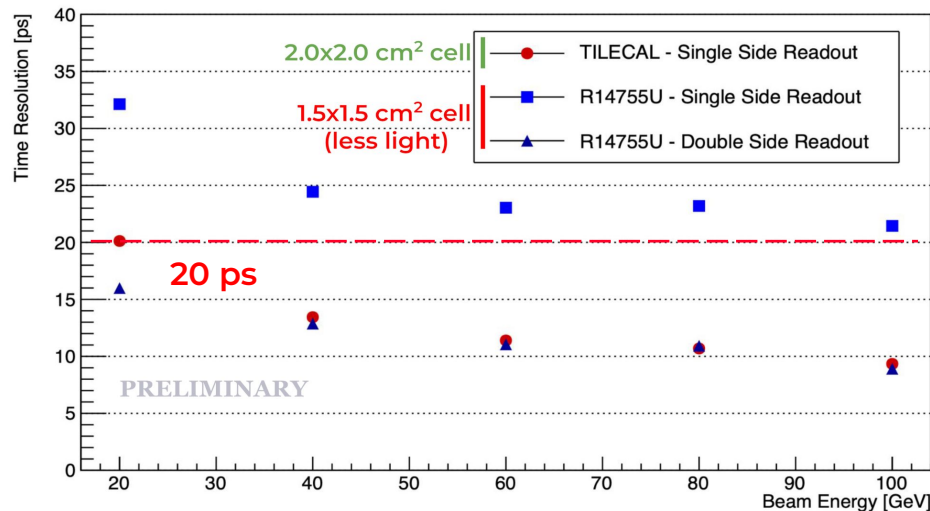
- Pure W absorber **3D-printed**
- 4 cells of  $2 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$  ( $R_M \sim 1.8 \text{ cm}$ ) - 19 cm long
- Continuous **Kuraray SCSF-78** square fibres  $1 \times 1 \text{ mm}^2$
- Realistic coupling with light guides and candidate PMTs



Tested with high-energy  $e^-$  at SPS (20-100 GeV)

## Time resolution:

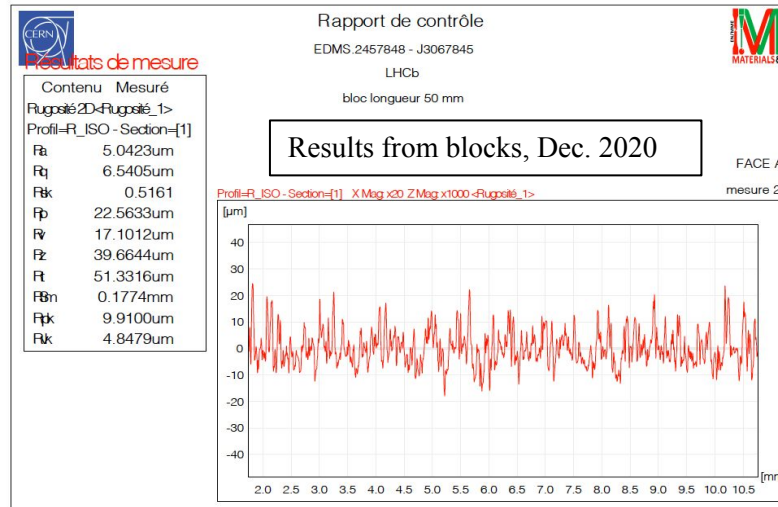
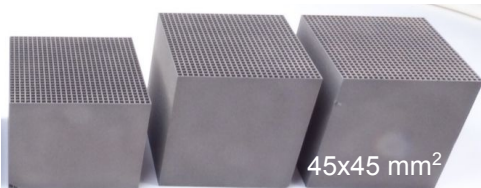
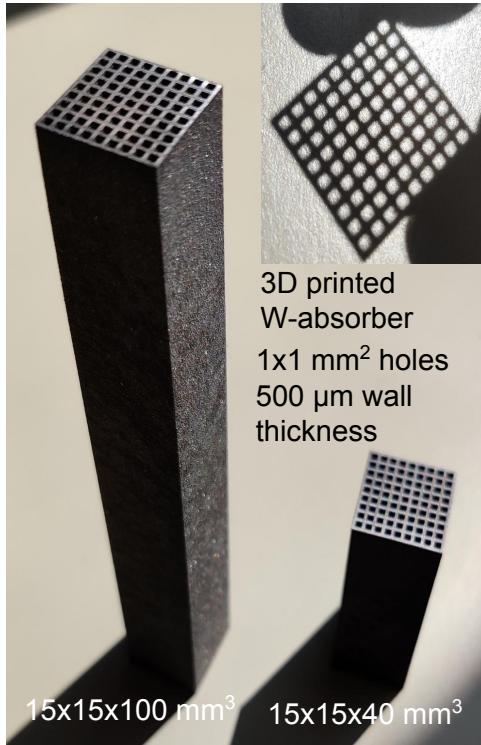
- **< 20 ps** from 20 GeV
- **~ 10 ps @ 100 GeV**



# Tungsten 3D-Printing

3D-printing of pure W powder is a **scalable technology** for the absorber production

- **Smooth surface** mandatory not to damage scintillating fibres
  - Excellent roughness  $R_a = 5 \mu\text{m}$  achieved
- R&D campaign in collaboration with EOS, Germany
  - 1-cell and 4-cell prototypes produced and tested
  - **Full size 121 x 121 mm<sup>2</sup> "Module 0" delivered at CERN**
- LHCb China carrying on the R&D:
  - First element for full size module at CERN for qualification



DiMetal-150



DiMetal-100H

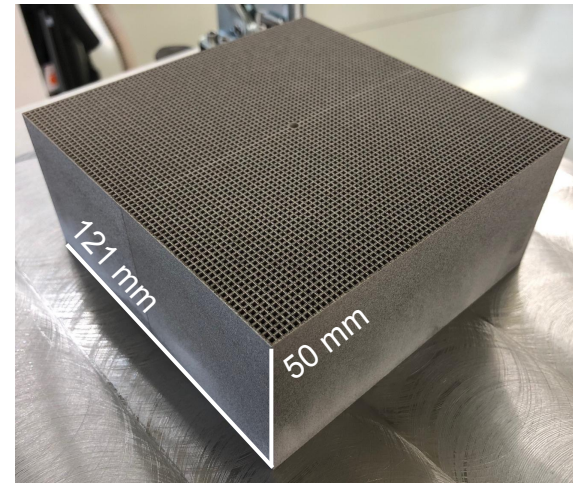
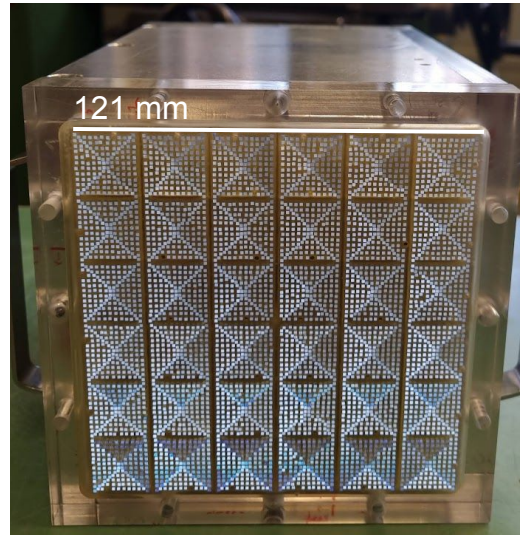
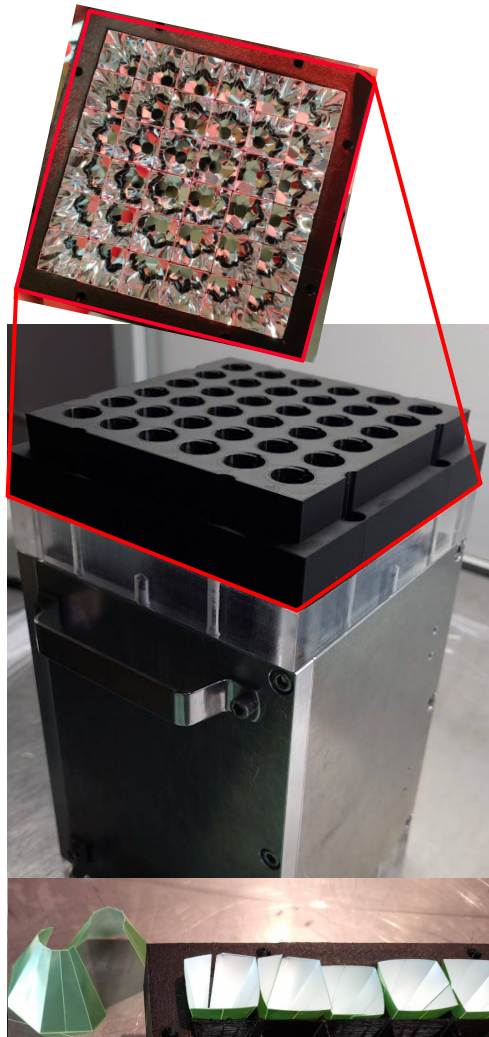
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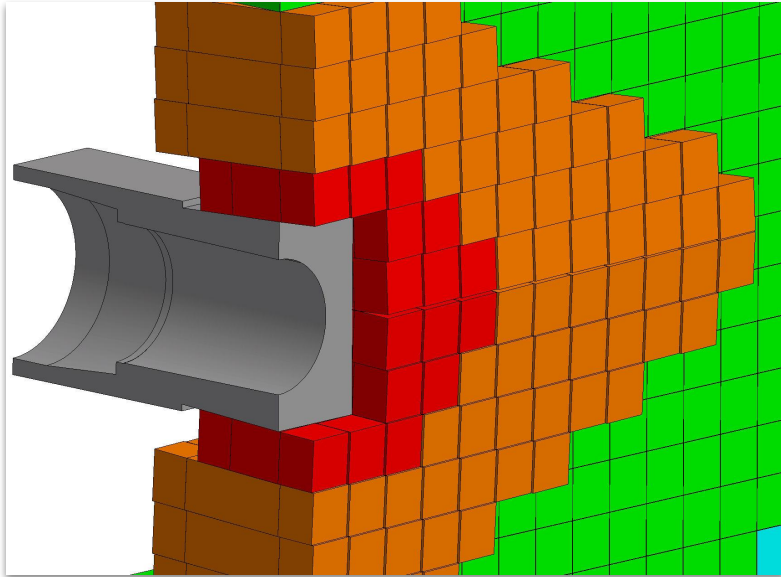
Full size 121x121 mm<sup>2</sup> *Module 0* under construction at CERN:

- 3D-printed W absorber
  - **3** x **50** mm + **1** x **40** mm long blocks
- Continuous **Kuraray SCSF-78** square fibres 1x1 mm<sup>2</sup>
- **Hollow light guides** made with ESR reflector
- Calibration technique with optical fibres under test

Testbeam in **May (DESY)** and **June (SPS)**

- Everyone very welcome to take part!





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# SPACAL Pb-Polystyrene

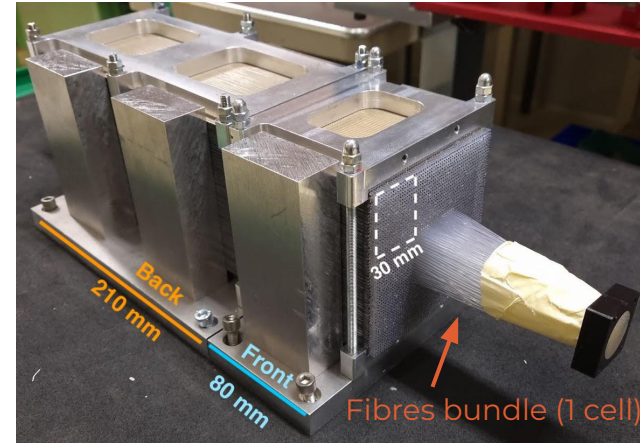
## Pb absorber and polystyrene fibres:

- 9 cells of  $3 \times 3 \text{ cm}^2$  ( $R_M \sim 3 \text{ cm}$ )
- 8+21 cm long ( $7+18 X_0$ )
- ESR mirror between sections
- **Kuraray SCSF-78** round fibres  $\varnothing = 1.0 \text{ mm}$

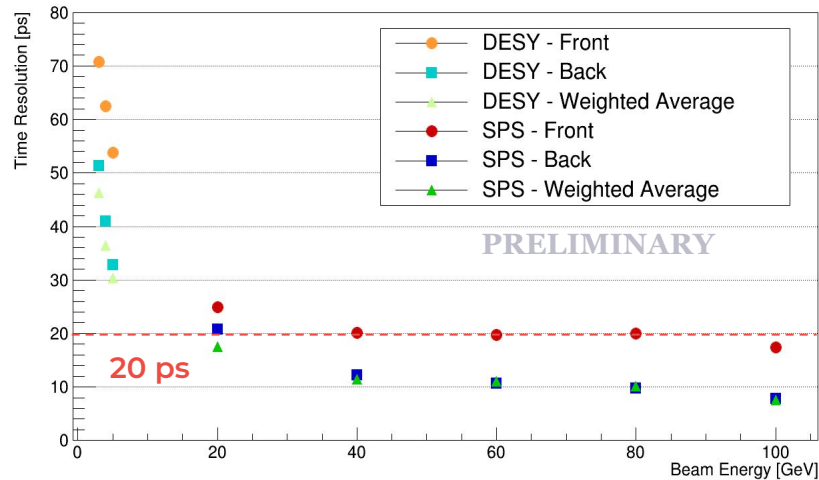
### Energy resolution:

Sampling term: **(10.0 +/- 0.6)%**  
 Constant term: **( 1.2 +/- 0.1)%**

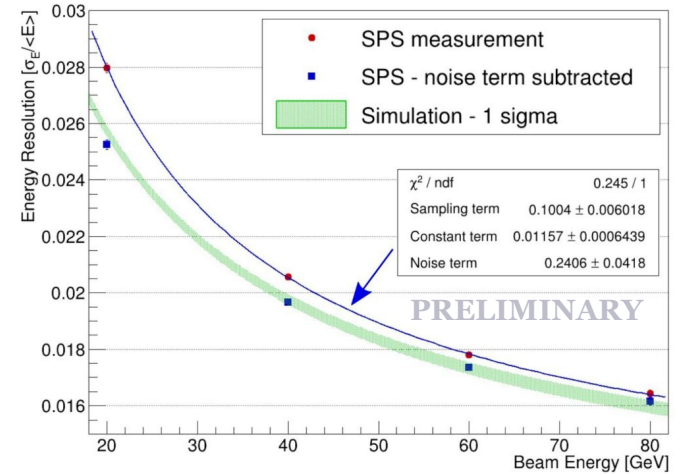
Time resolution: **~ 10 ps @ 100 GeV**



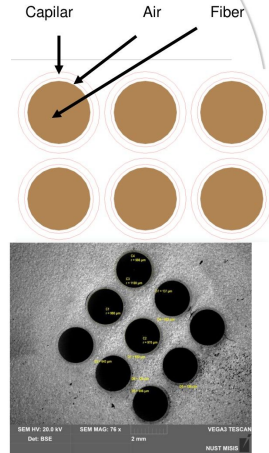
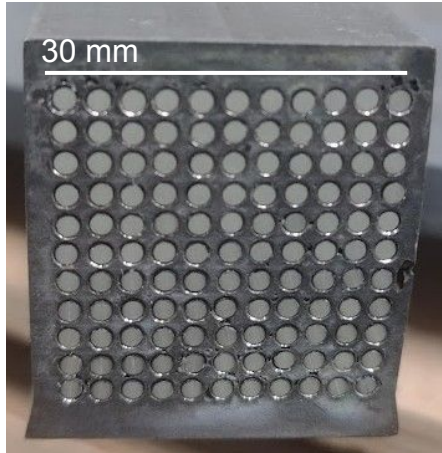
Time Resolution Pb/Polystyrene  $3^\circ+3^\circ$



Energy Resolution at  $3^\circ+3^\circ$



# Towards the Pb Module 0

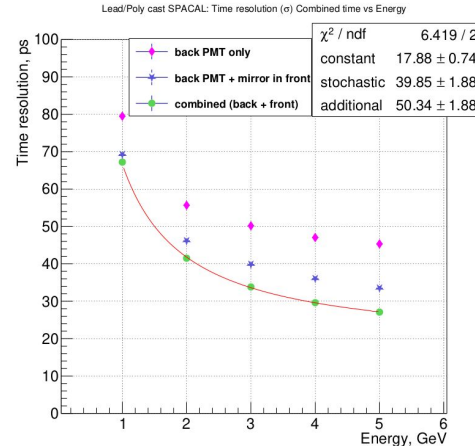
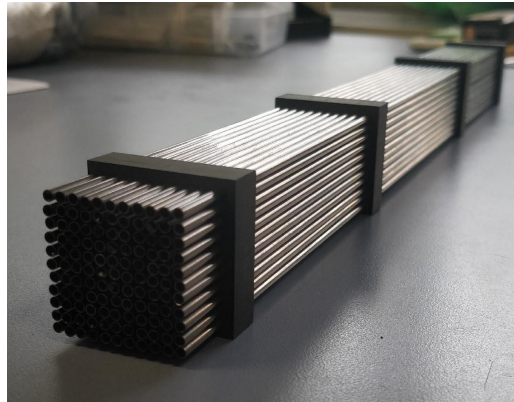


Optimised configuration for mechanical design:

- Round fibres  $\varnothing$  increased 1 mm  $\rightarrow$  2 mm
- Use capillary tubes to host fibres

First **1-cell prototype** produced by MISiS, Russia:

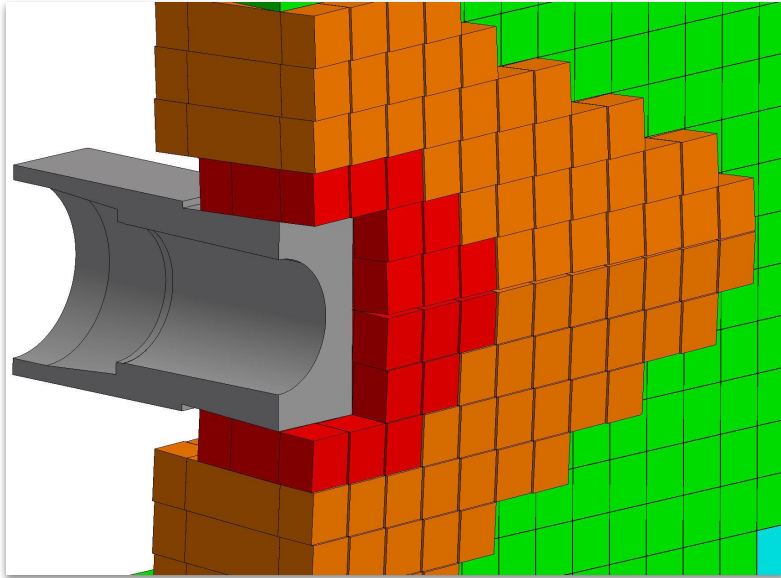
- Timing in line with other Pb prototype
- Monte Carlo predicts energy resolution within requirements



**New casting procedure** under development:

- Aim to produce 9-cell prototype in 2023
- Tooling developed to be re-usable for full size *module 0*





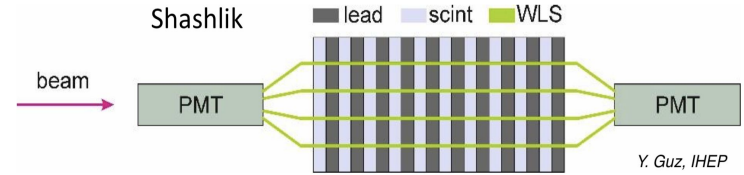
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# Shashlik

Radiation hardness limit is 40-50 kGy

Already good timing properties to be improved:

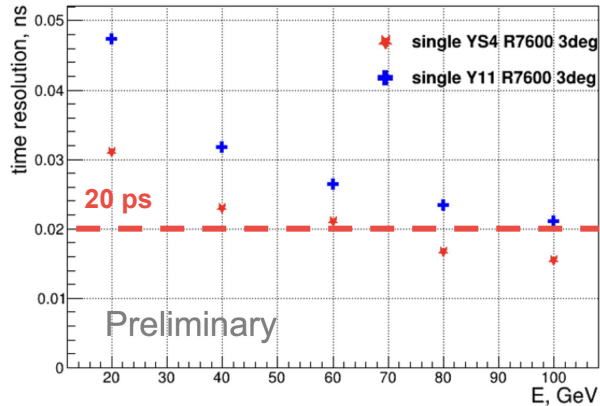
- With faster WLS fibres:
  - Kuraray Y11 (7 ns decay time) → Current LHCb
  - Kuraray YS2 (3 ns decay time)
  - Kuraray YS4 (1.1 ns decay time)
- With double side readout



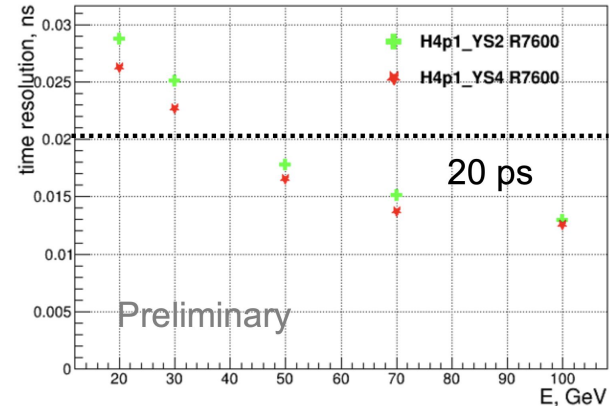
Time resolution at SPS with Hamamatsu R7600U-20 at angle  $3^\circ+3^\circ$

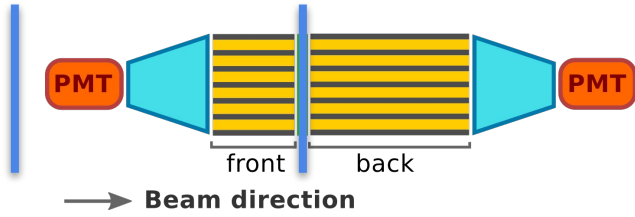
- Better than 20 ps above 30 GeV for double readout

## Single-sided readout (CERN SPS 2022)

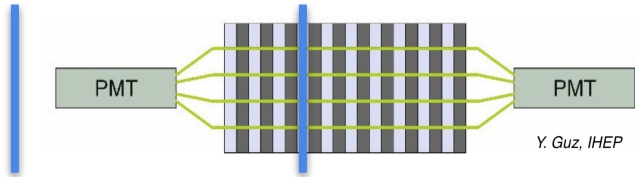


## Double-sided readout (CERN SPS 2021)





## Beyond the baseline: Timing Layer



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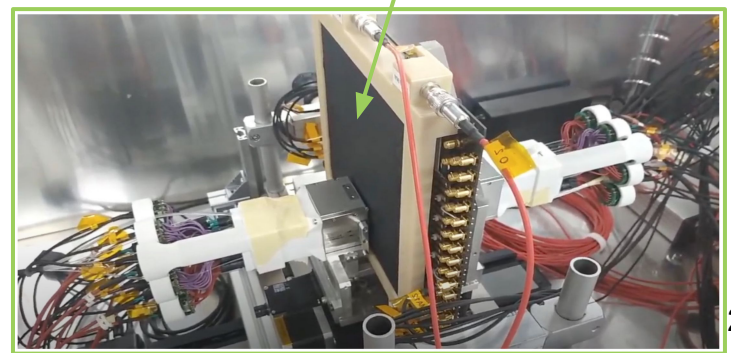
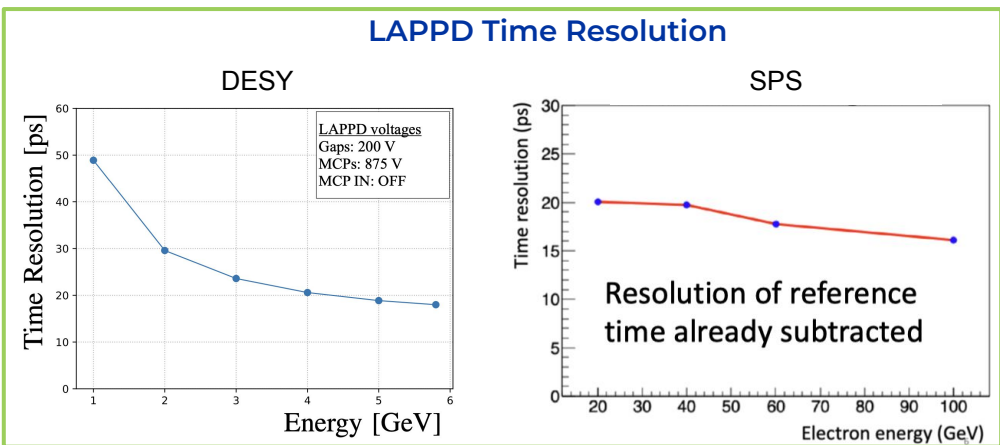
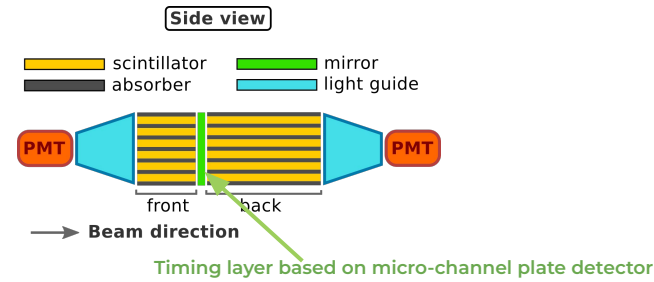
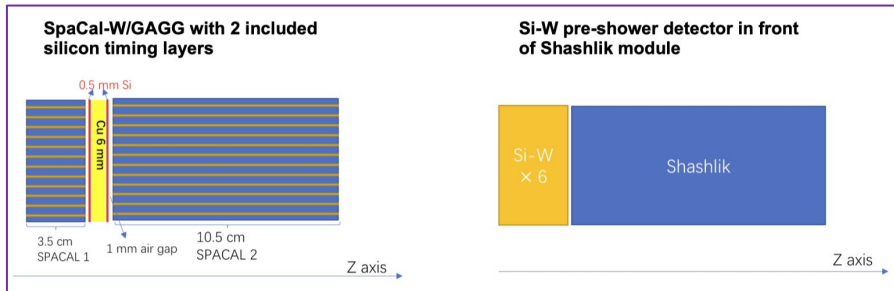
A high-granularity **timing layer** could improve **timing** and **position** to perform shower imaging with **potential reconstruction benefits**

- **Si-W** as pre-shower detector or in shower maximum
- **LAPPD** in shower maximum

**Si-W** option investigated in Monte Carlo simulations

**LAPPD** tested in multiple beamtimes at DESY and SPS:

- Used in **i-MCP** configuration → photocathode off
  - Signal due to secondaries produced in the MCP
  - Better radiation hardness and aging
- R&D ongoing to cope with high-rate environment (e.g. smaller pore size)
- Random forest regressor to combine info from different pixels



# Conclusions

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The scintillating sampling technologies tested can meet the requirements for the **ECAL UII PicoCal baseline**

- **Energy resolution**  $\sigma(E) / E \approx 10\% / \sqrt{E} + 1\%$  for the optimised configuration
- **Time resolution** **better than 20 ps** for high-energy electron beams
- **Radiation hardness** **up to 1 MGy** for SPACAL with crystal fibres

Now focus on **production of Module 0** demonstrators:

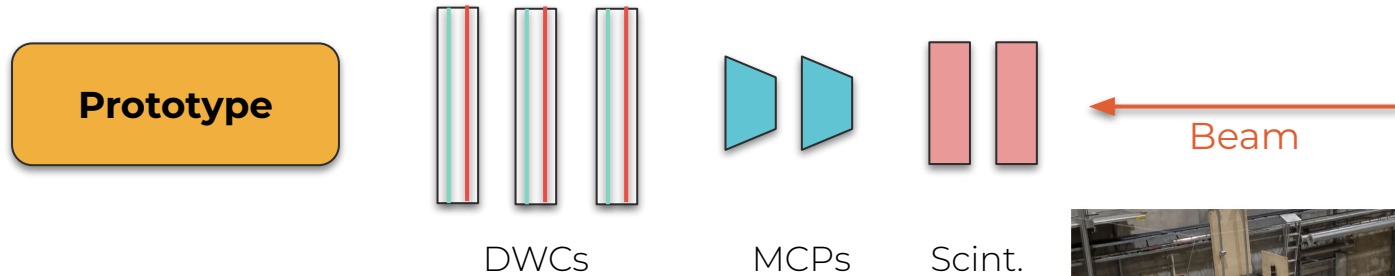
- **SPACAL W-Polystyrene** produced → **ready** to be tested in May/June
- **SPACAL Pb-Polystyrene** under production → **expected in 2023**

**R&D continuing in all areas:**

- Techniques for absorber production:
  - 3D-printing tungsten → Collaboration with LHCb China
  - Lead casting → R&D contracts with firm
- Scintillating materials:
  - Accelerating GAGG scintillation to fight spillover
  - Novel cost-effective scintillator **radiation tolerant** to ~100-200 kGy
- Fast PMTs radiation tolerant and with good linearity and light guides

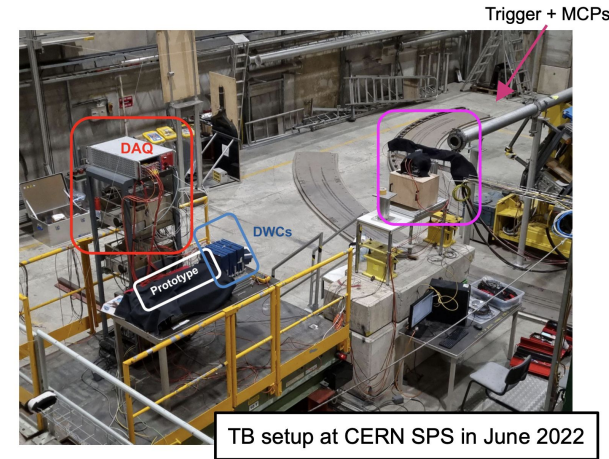
# Back-up

# Testbeam Set-up



Set-up from the beam:

- **2 scintillating pads** for trigger
- **2 MCP-PMTs** in combination as time reference ( $T_0$ )
  - Intrinsic time resolution of **15 ps**
- **3 Delay Wire Chambers** for tracking
- Prototype enclosed in a dark box on a stage with 2 rotating axes (azimuth + altitude)



Pulses recorded with V1742 CAEN digitizer (DRS4-based), 5 Gs/s, bandwidth 500 MHz



# Gadolinium Gallium Aluminium Garnet (GAGG)



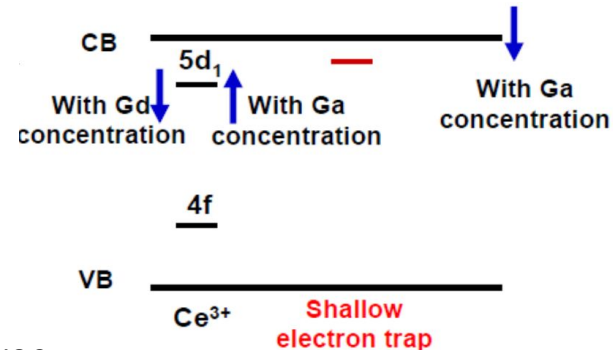
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Ce-doped multi-component garnets discovered in 2011. Amongst them is Gadolinium Gallium Aluminium Garnet  $\text{Gd}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Ga}_3\text{O}_{12}$ :

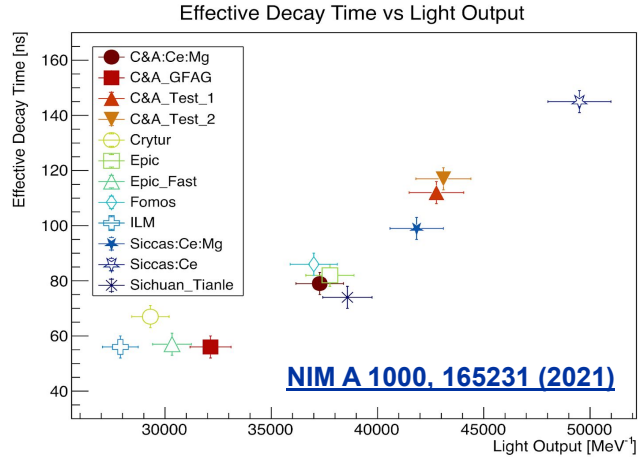
- **High light yield and fast scintillation**  
*K. Kamada et al., Cryst. Growth Des. 2011, 11, 10, 4484–4490*
- **Tunable composition**  
*K. Kamada et al., Optical Materials 36 (2014) 1942–1945*
- **Acceleration of scintillation via divalent ions codoping** (e.g. Magnesium)  
*K. Kamada et al., Optical Materials 41 (2015) 63–66*

	light yield (photons/MeV)	first decay time (ns)	second decay time (ns)
$\text{Gd}_3\text{Al}_4\text{Ga}_1\text{O}_{12}$	15 895	316 (100%)	
$\text{Gd}_3\text{Al}_3\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_{12}$	45 931	221 (100%)	
$\text{Gd}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Ga}_3\text{O}_{12}$	42 217	52.8 (73%)	282 (27%)
$\text{Gd}_3\text{Al}_1\text{Ga}_4\text{O}_{12}$	17 912	42.2 (34%)	90.5 (66%)
$\text{Gd}_3\text{Al}_0\text{Ga}_5\text{O}_{12}$	0	*ND	*ND

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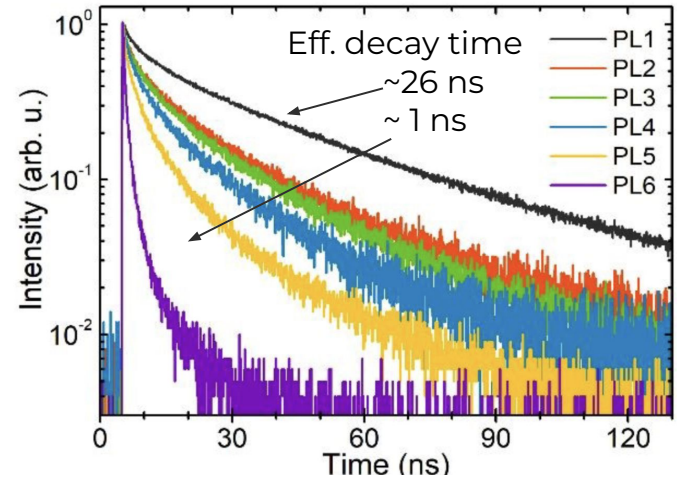
# New GAGG Compositions



- Current GAGG have scintillation decay time >40 ns
  - Time resolution degradation due to spill-over
  - Pulse shaping techniques (e.g. cable clipping) can recover partially the performance
- Too large light yield can reduce lifetime of the PMTs

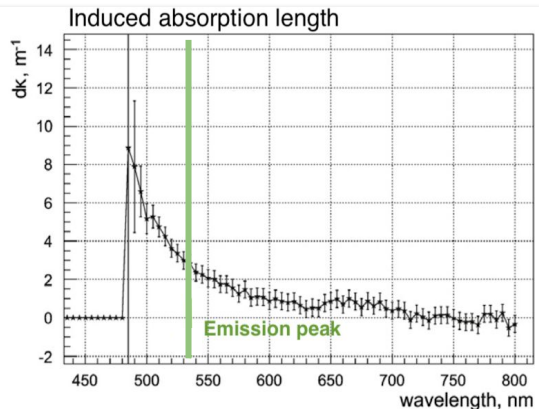
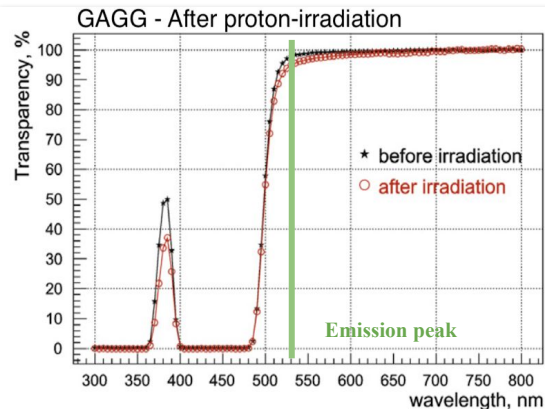
**Novel GAGG compositions developed** to quench scintillation

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- Decay time accelerated
- Time resolution kept competitive



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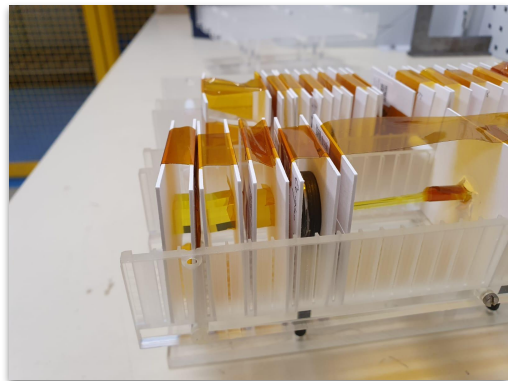
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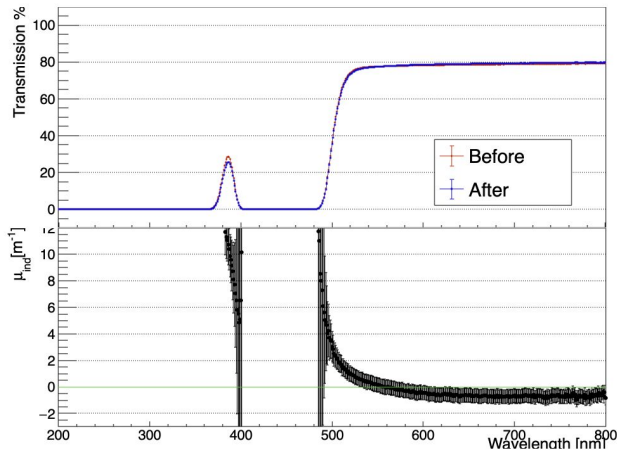
Garnet crystals are **radiation hard**

- Irradiated with protons of 24 GeV/c up to 910 kGy ( $3.1 \times 10^{15}$  p/cm<sup>2</sup>)
  - Induced absorption below  $4 m^{-1}$  at the emission peak

[V. Alenkov et al., NIM A 816 \(2016\) 176](#)



## C&A GFAG



**New samples irradiated to  $1 \times 10^{15}$  p/cm<sup>2</sup>**

**Induced absorption below  $2 m^{-1}$  at the emission peak**

# Radiation Hardness - Fibres

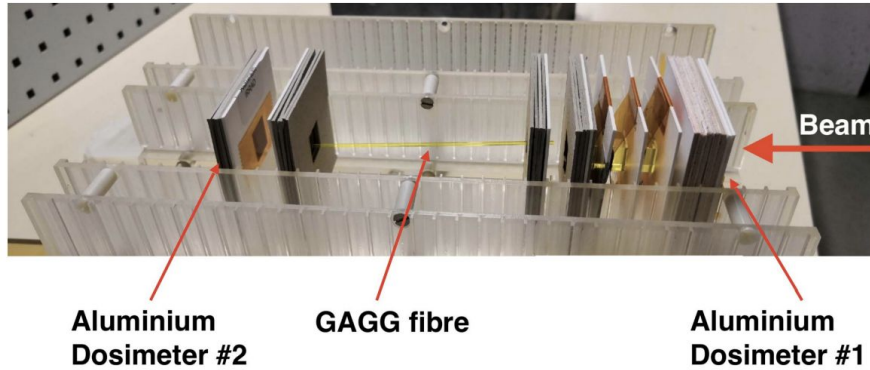


Fig. 2. Setup employed in the irradiation test at CERN PS. One GAGG fiber and three 1-cm<sup>3</sup> GAGG cubes (not discussed here) are placed between two aluminum dosimeters, one upstream, and the other downstream, employed to measure the radiation dose.

[IEEE Trans. on Nuc. Sci., 67, 6, 1003-1008, 2020](#)

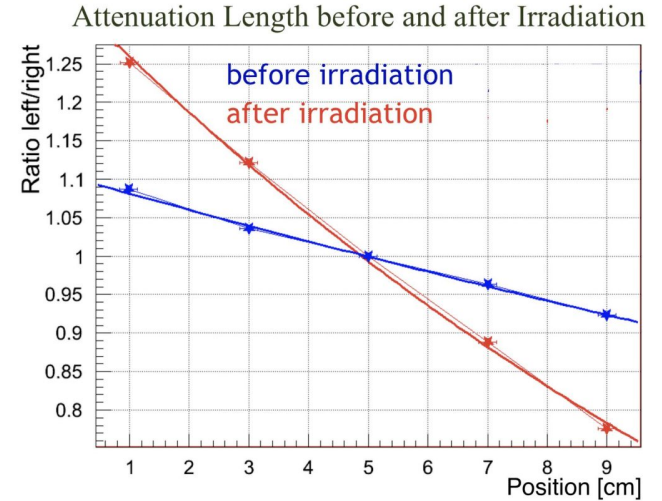
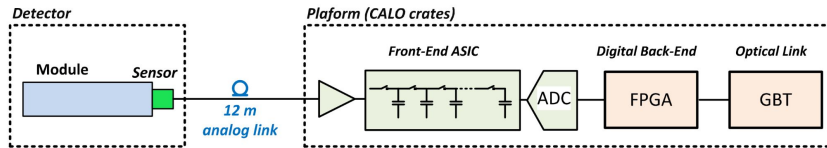


Fig. 8. Ratio between the signals of the two GAGG fiber ends measured before (blue) and after (red) irradiation. The fit functions are as in 1.

TABLE I  
MEASURED ATTENUATION LENGTH OF THE GAGG FIBER  
BEFORE AND AFTER IRRADIATION

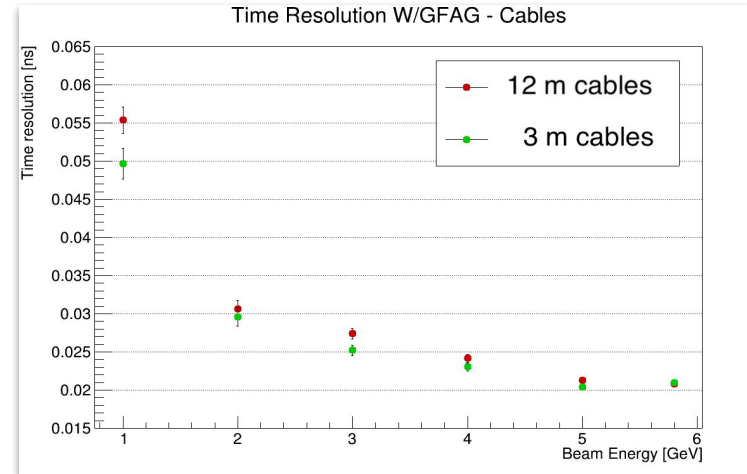
GAGG fibre	$\lambda_{att}$ [cm]
Before irradiation	101.5
After irradiation	33.6

# Time Resolution - Extra

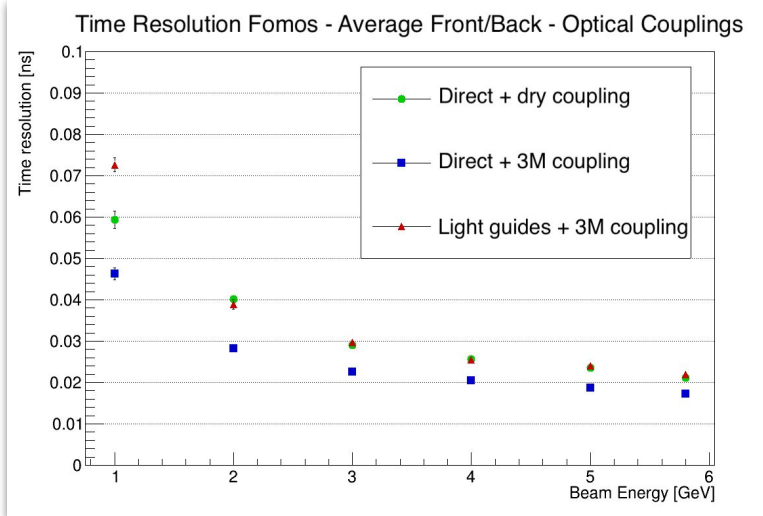


Tested the **current** 12 m long cables at the front and the back instead of 3 m long ones

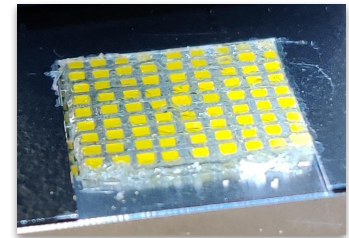
- **No major degradation of time resolution observed**
- Low-attenuation cables to be studied



N.B. plot not comparable to previous slide due to different settings



- Fomos GAGG cells with 3M optical coupling
  - Direct contact + **dry (air)** coupling
  - Direct contact + **optical** coupling
  - **Light guide** + **optical** coupling on both sides



# Spatial and Angular Resolution

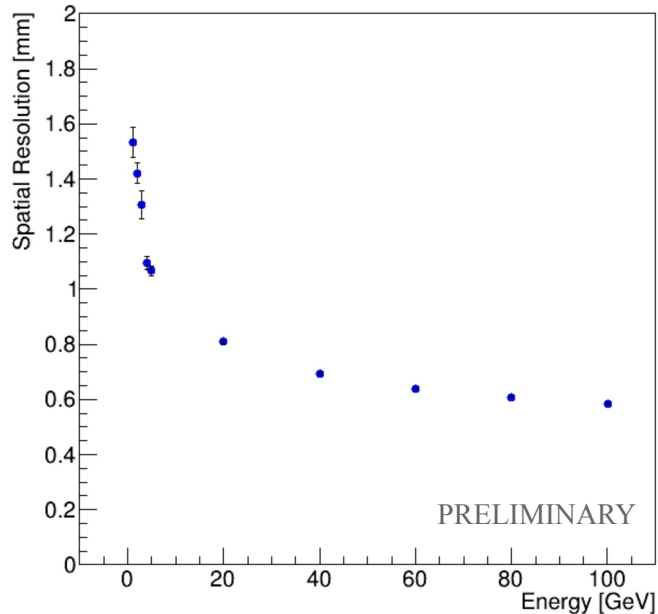
Measured spatial resolution of SPACAL **W-GAGG** with 3x3 cluster @  $3^\circ+3^\circ$ :

- **<1 mm above 20 GeV** combining the front and back sections

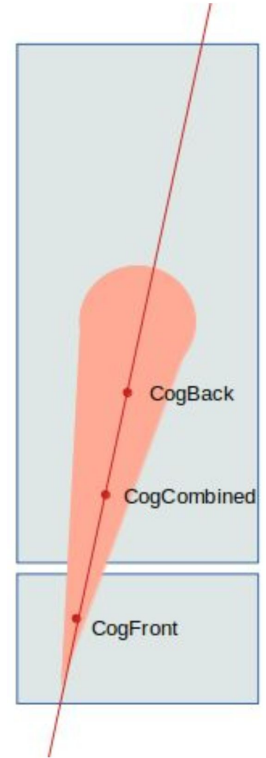
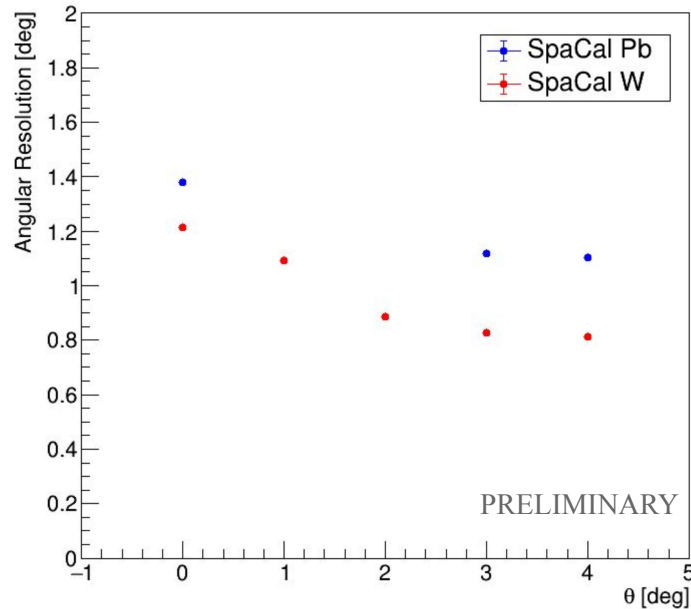
**Longitudinal segmentation** is a handle **to measure the incidence angle** of the particles:

- Angular **resolution  $\sim 1^\circ$**  at 40 GeV

### SPACAL W/GAGG - Spatial Resolution

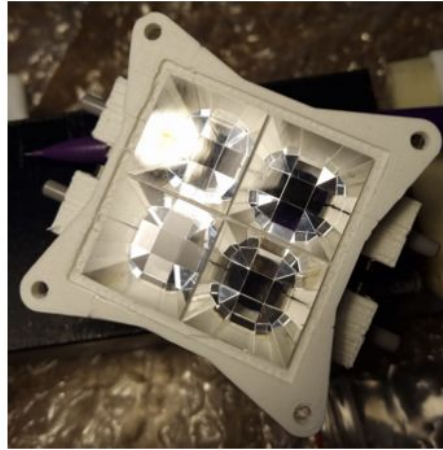
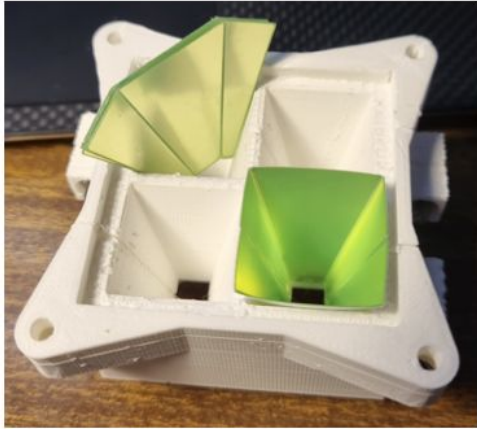


### Angular Resolution - 40 GeV



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# Readout



**Hollow light guides coated with reflective material**

(focus of recent test beams)

→ Intrinsically radiation hard

→ Most cost effective solution

**PMT: R7899-20**



Used on  
ECAL/HCAL runs  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Low timing uniformity  
over photocathode  
10 dynodes

**PMT: 7600U-20**



- MCD 2020
- Good timing
- Relatively high gain (10 dynodes)

**PMT: R11187**

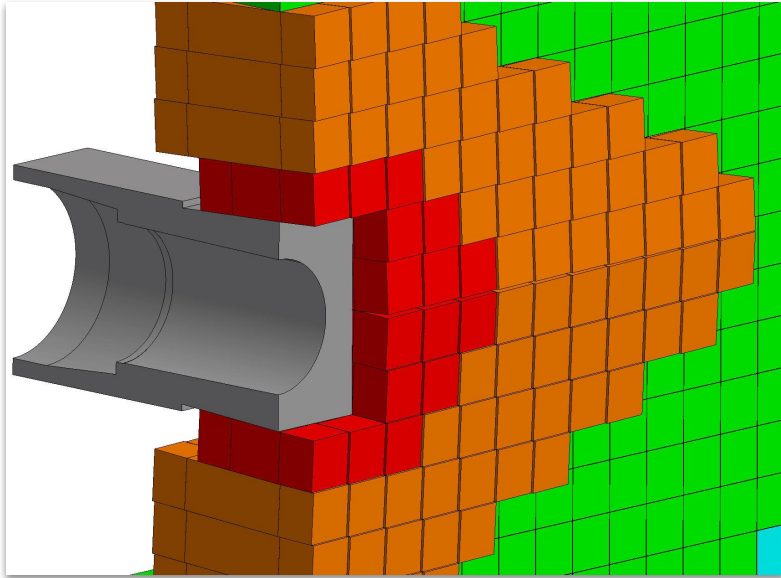


- TILECAL
- Good timing
- Lower gain (8 dynodes)

**PMT: R14755U-100**



- Lower gain (6 dynodes)
- Good timing
- Smaller but still 1-2 mm large



- I. SPACAL - W
  - A. W-GAGG
  - B. W-Polystyrene
- II. SPACAL - Pb
- III. Shashlik