

# Optimized Tiles for Direct Readout

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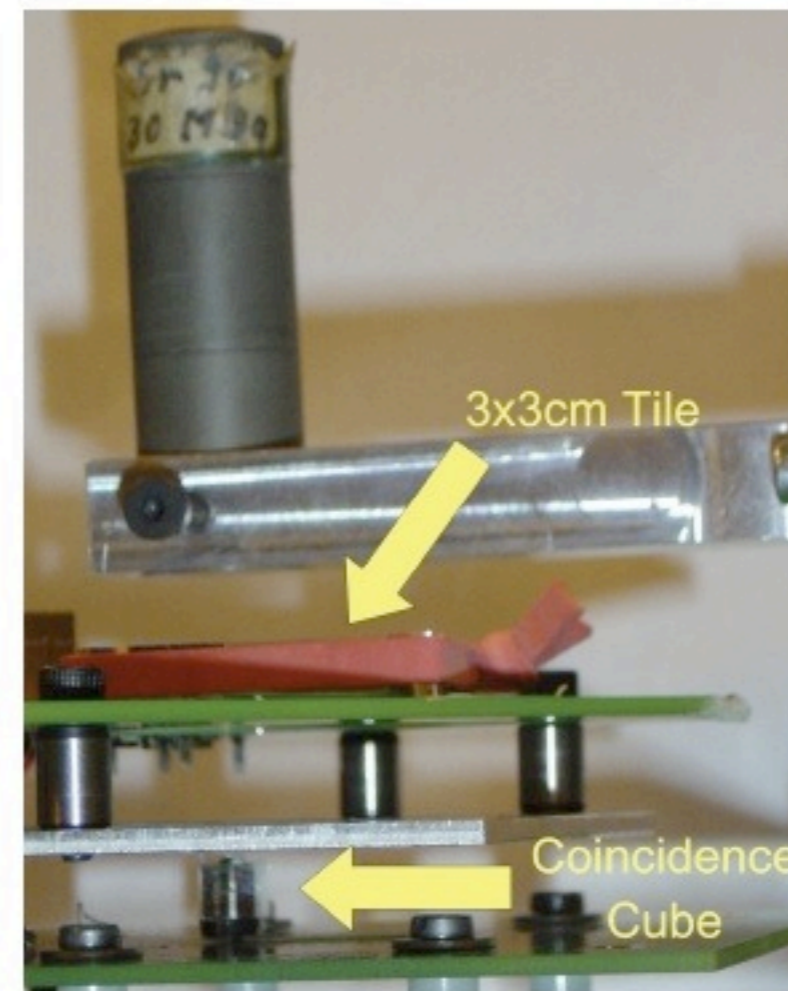
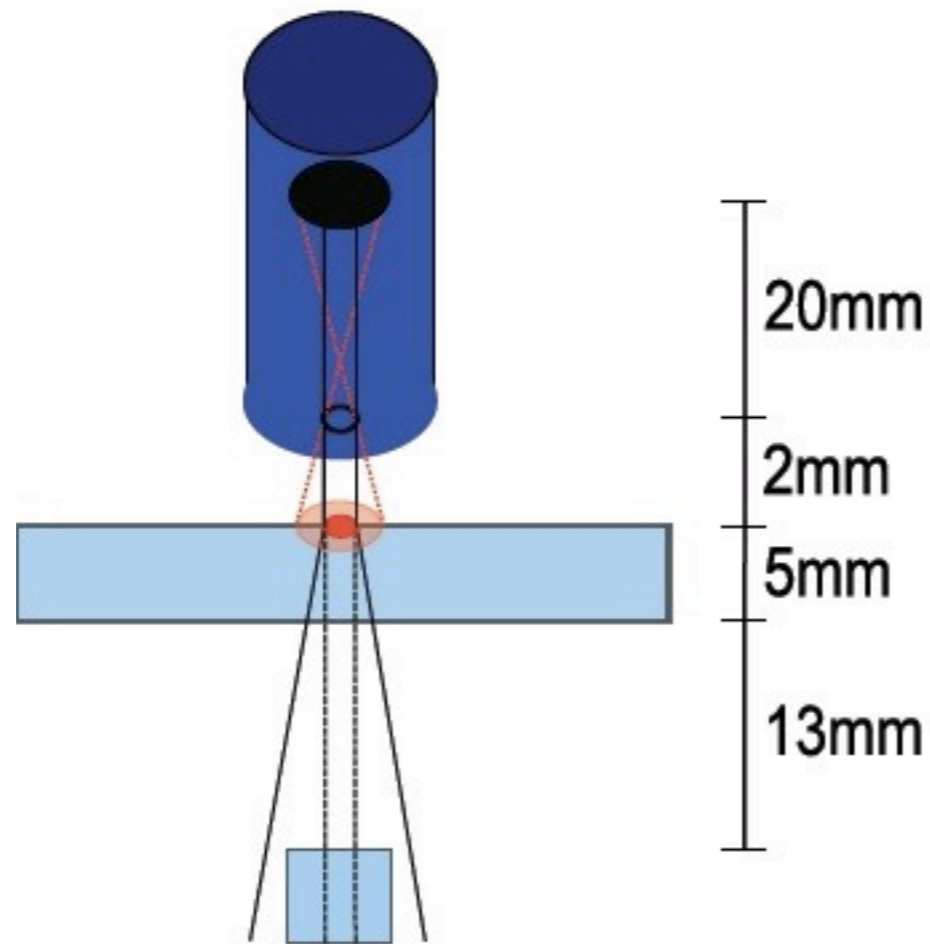


# Motivation / Overview

- Blue sensitive SiPMs: In principle no WLS fiber is necessary
  - Potentially much simplified tile mechanics
  - But: The fiber also helps with the light collection: Uniformity of the tile response
    - ▶ Special tile geometries could solve this issue!
  
- Today:
  - Setup to measure tile response in detail
  - A look at why uniformity is important
  - Ways to improve the tile uniformity

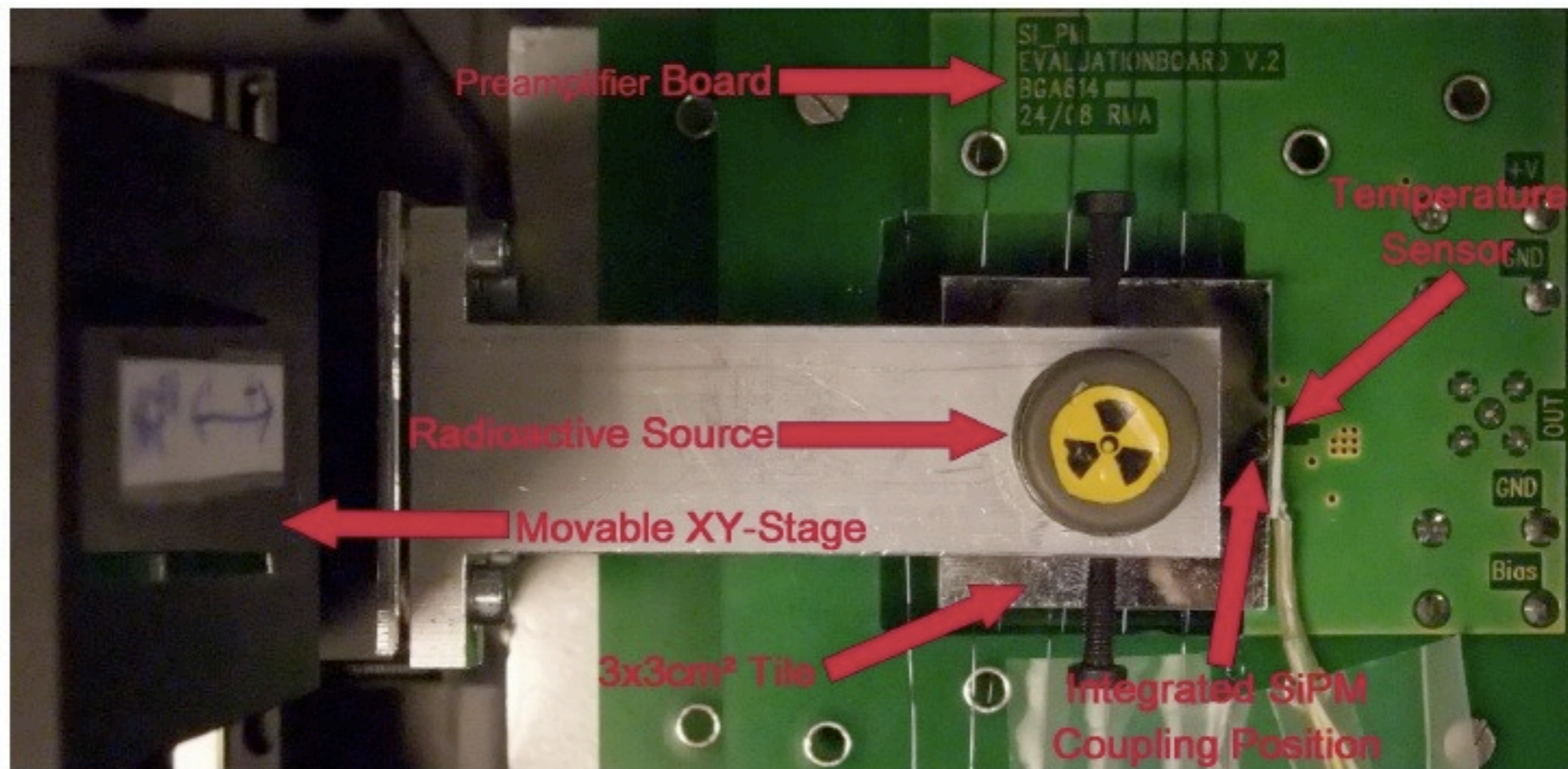
# Measurement Technique: Scanning with a Source

- For a fast study of many different geometries: Lab measurements, without access to a beam
  - ▶ Use  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  source, electrons with an energy of up to 2 MeV, enough to penetrate more than 1 cm of scintillator



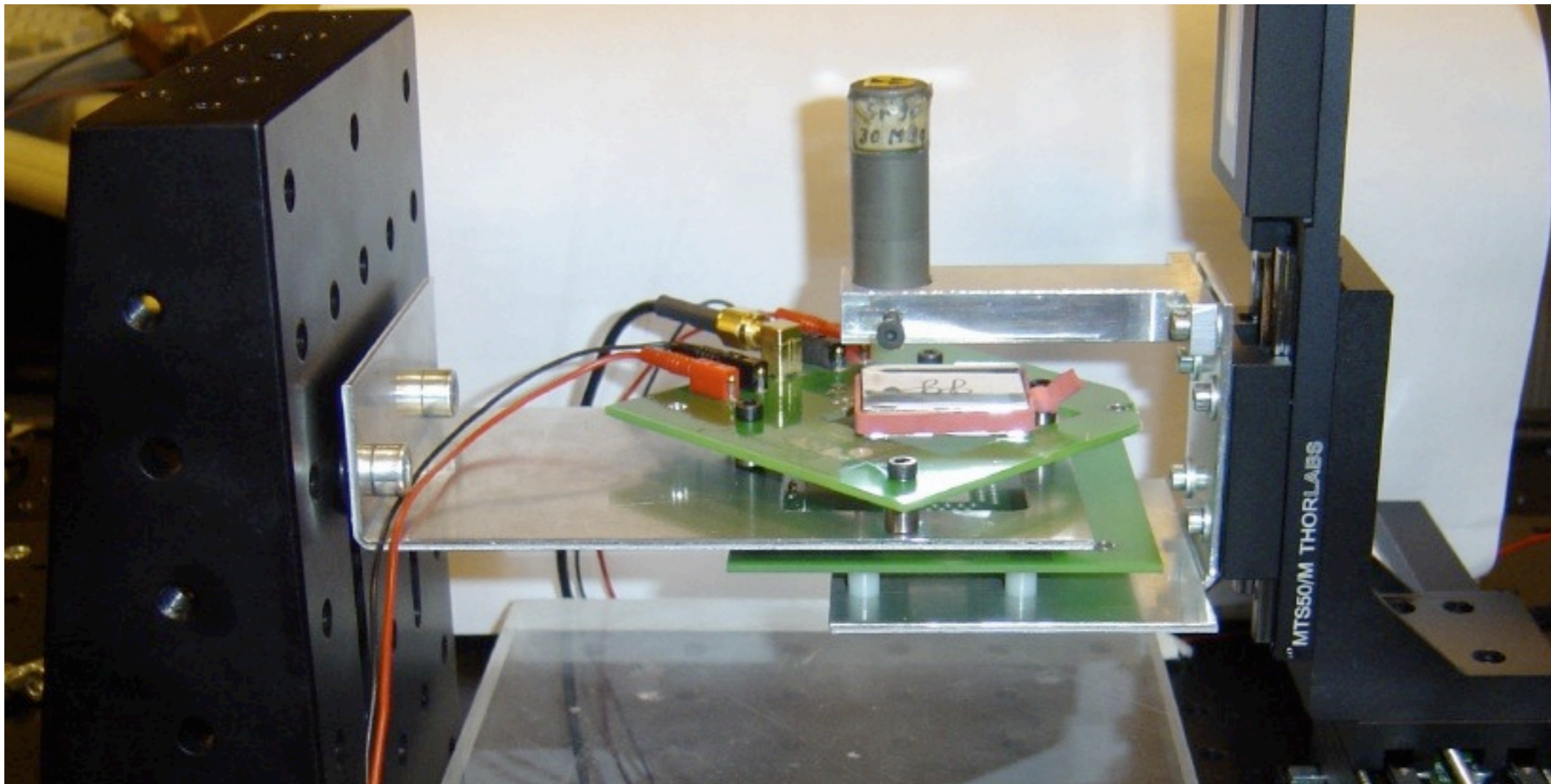
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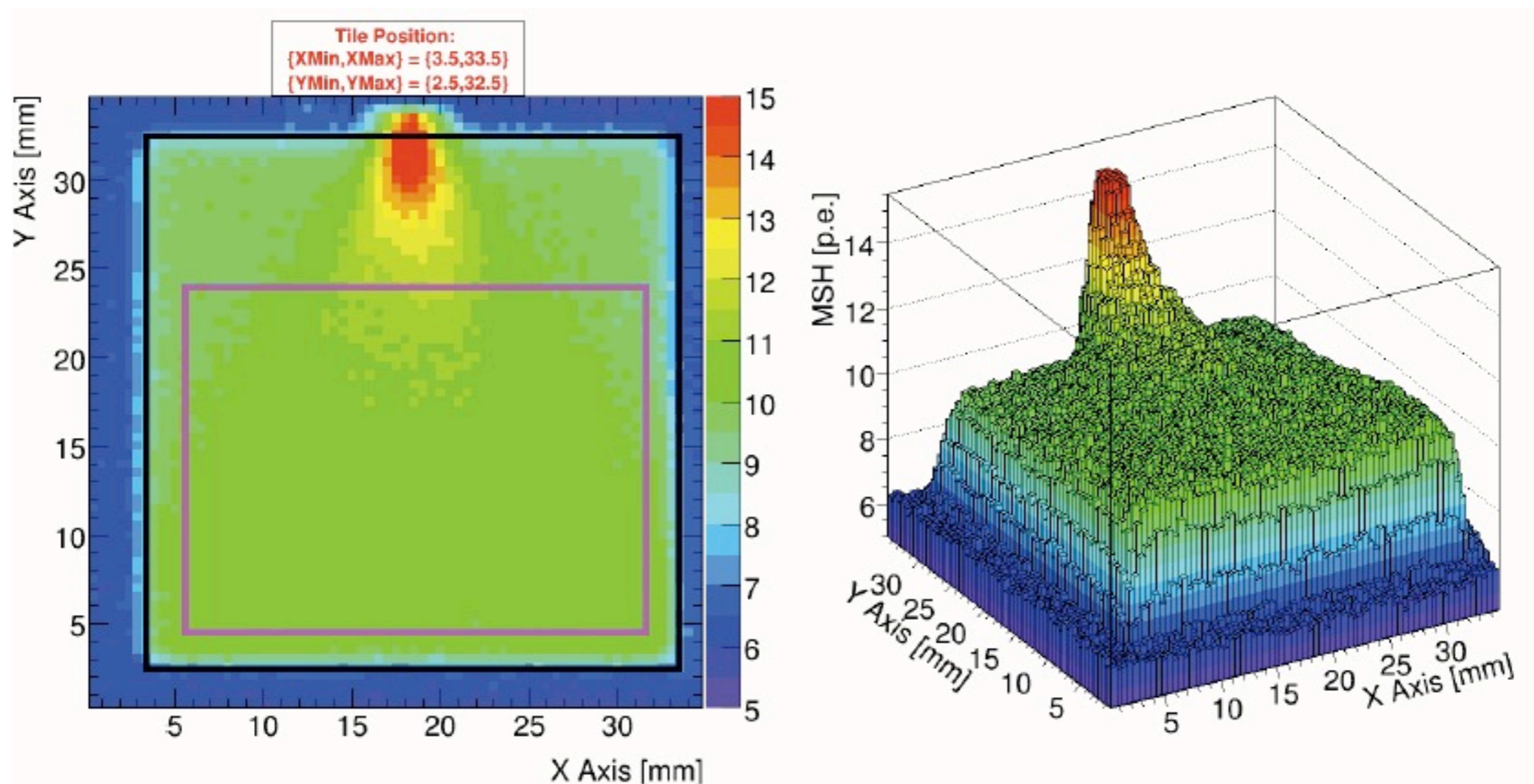
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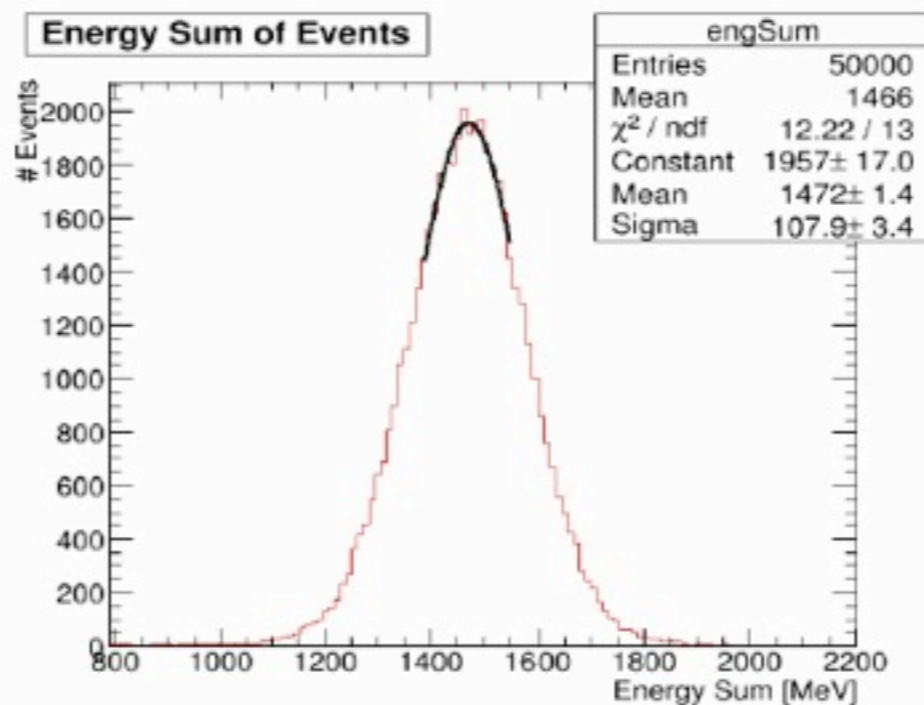
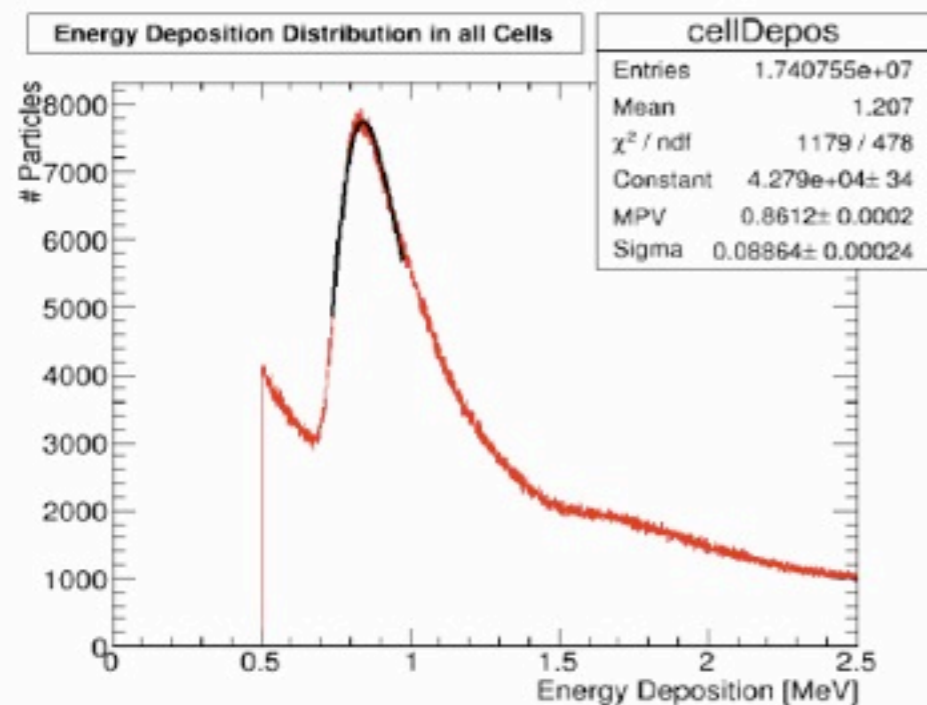
- Just take a SiPM and stick it to the side of a piece of scintillator

The problem: Very non-uniform response: Large signal close to the SiPM, then a quick fall-off towards the edges

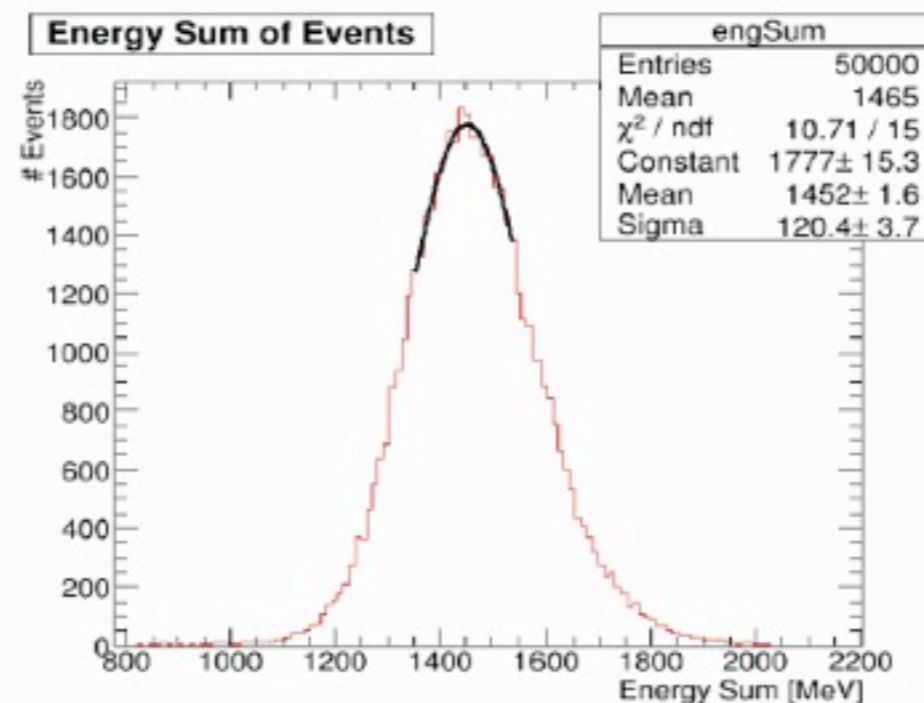
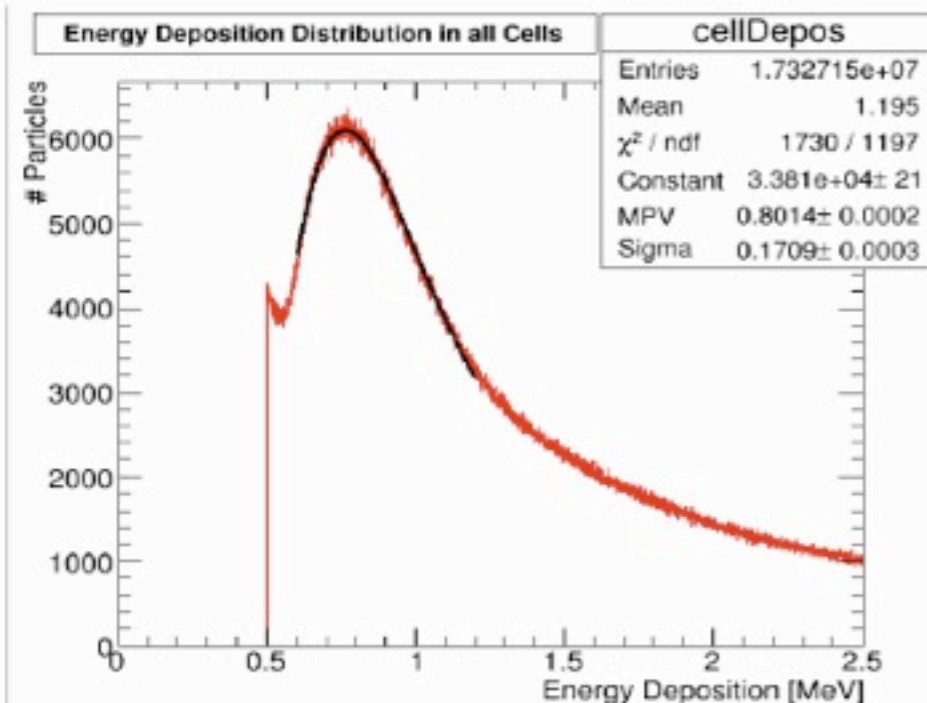


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- G4 simulation of 45 GeV pions on a CALICE-like HCAL

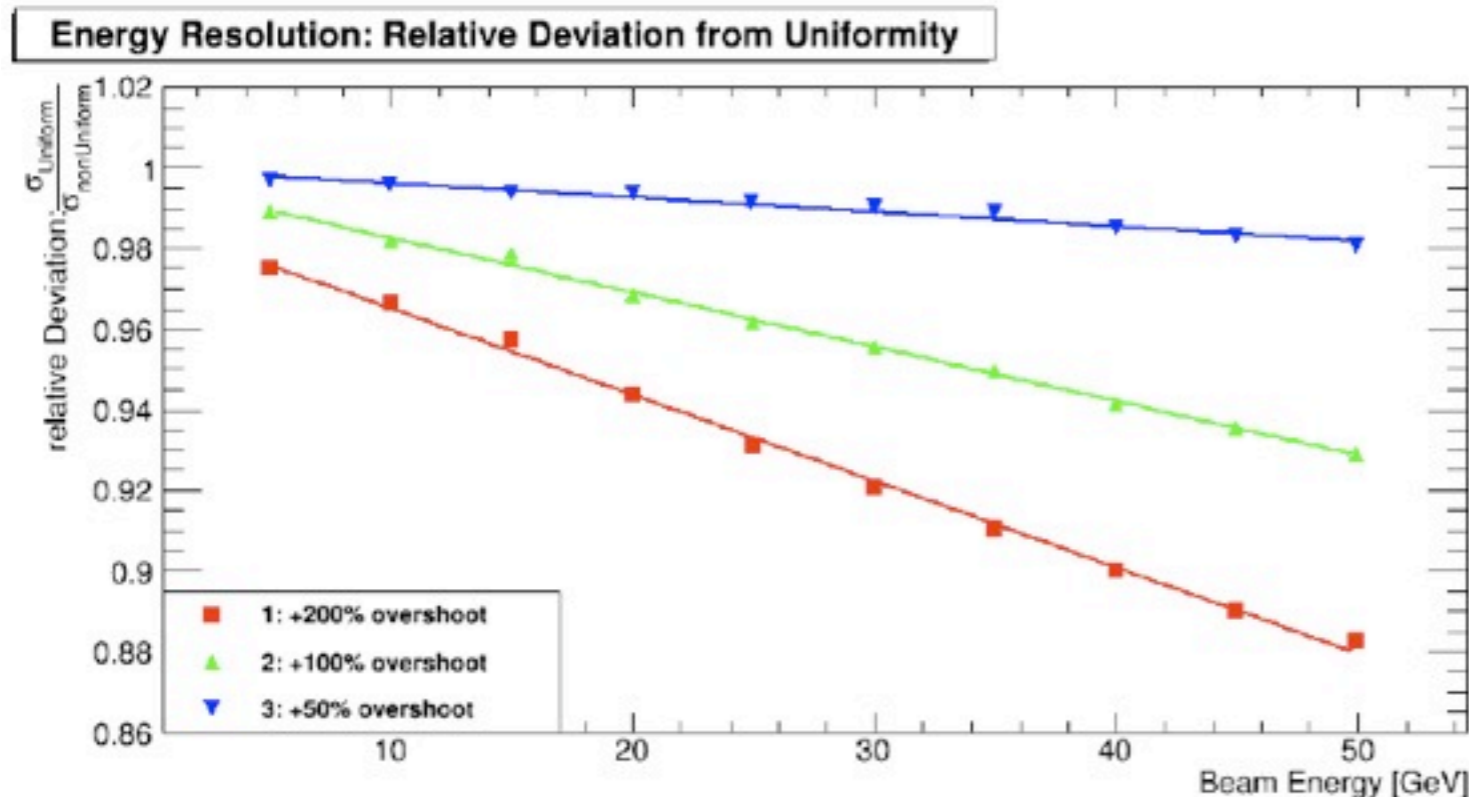
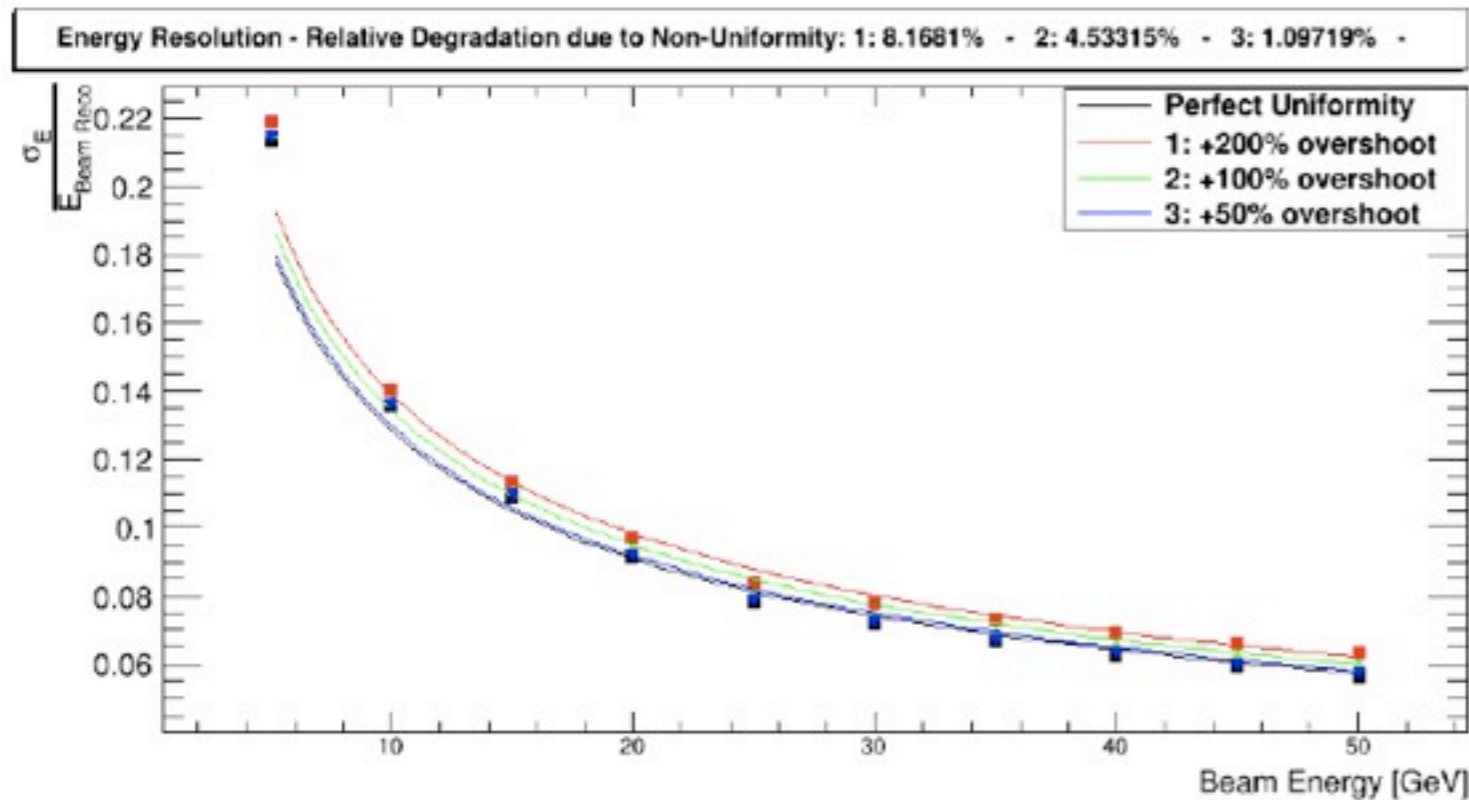


perfect uniformity



non-uniformity for direct coupling (5 mm tile) x 4

# Why is it bad? Energy Resolution



- Reduced energy resolution with non-uniform readout
- Effect grows with energy (naively not expected)
  - Reason: correlation between layers from longer-range particles
- ▶ Rotating of cells by 90 deg from one layer to the next helps
  - ▶ Might not be an issue in a cylindrical detector in a magnetic field...



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Studied dimples on the side and on the bottom

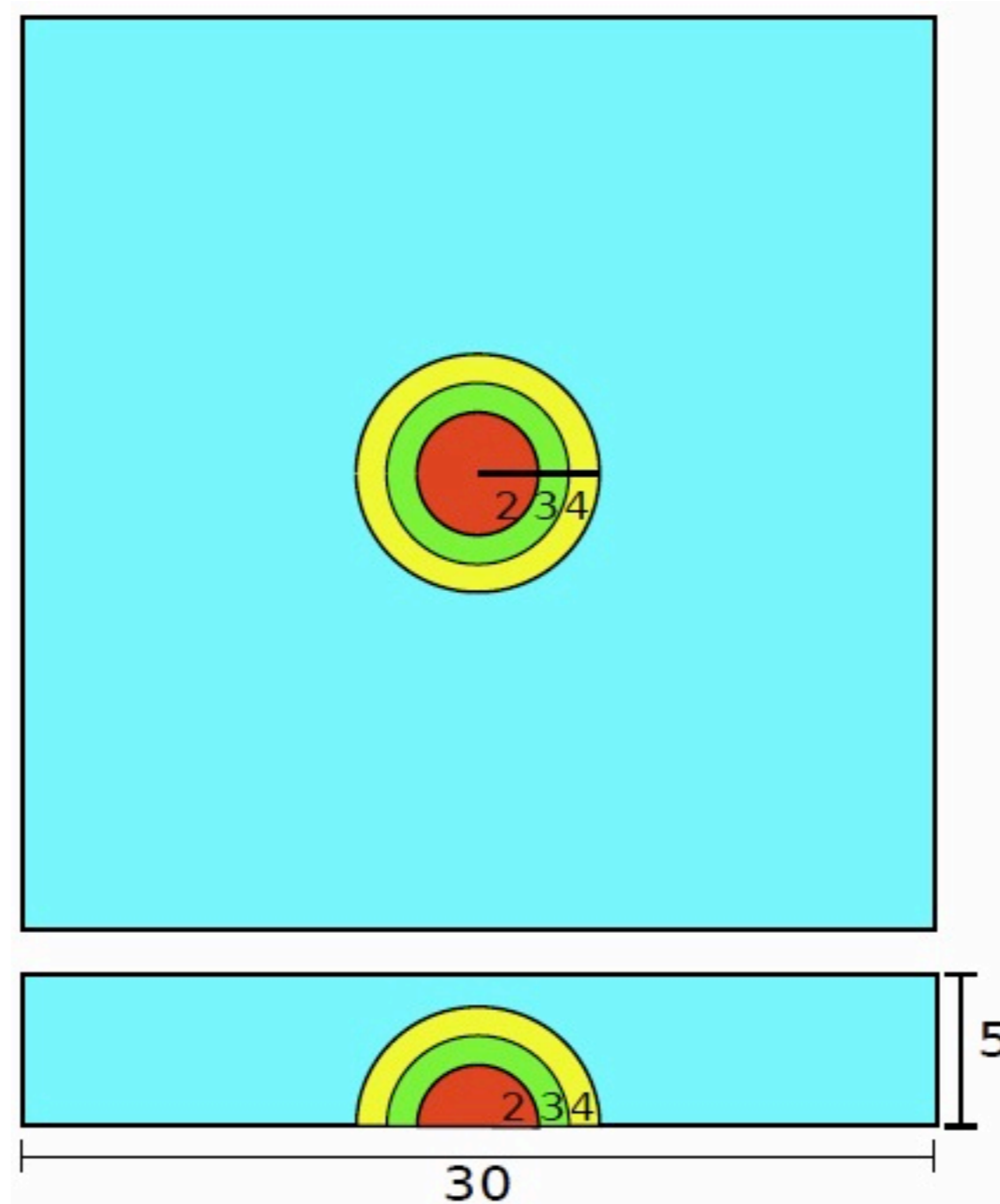
Also played with surface treatment

- none
- mattening (sanding)
- reflective foil (this works best, not very surprisingly...)

In total: 45 tiles investigated

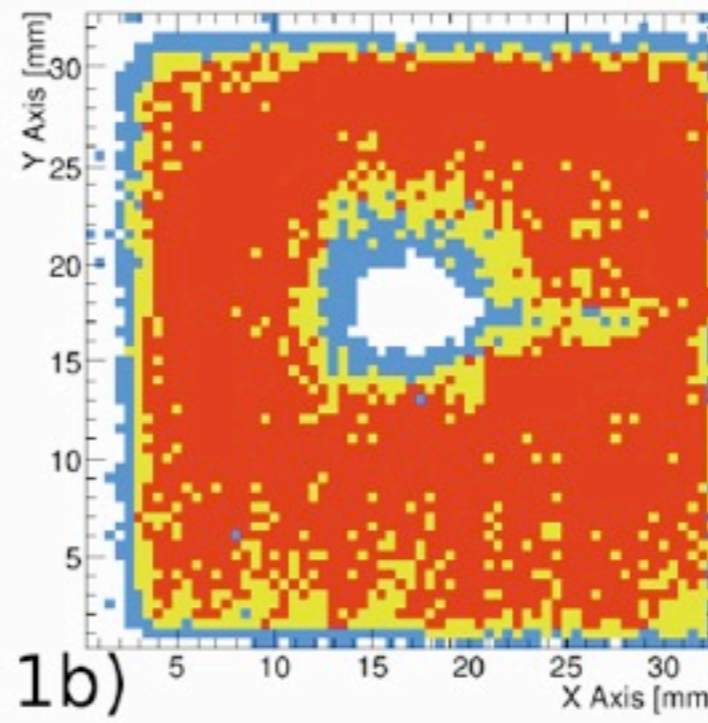
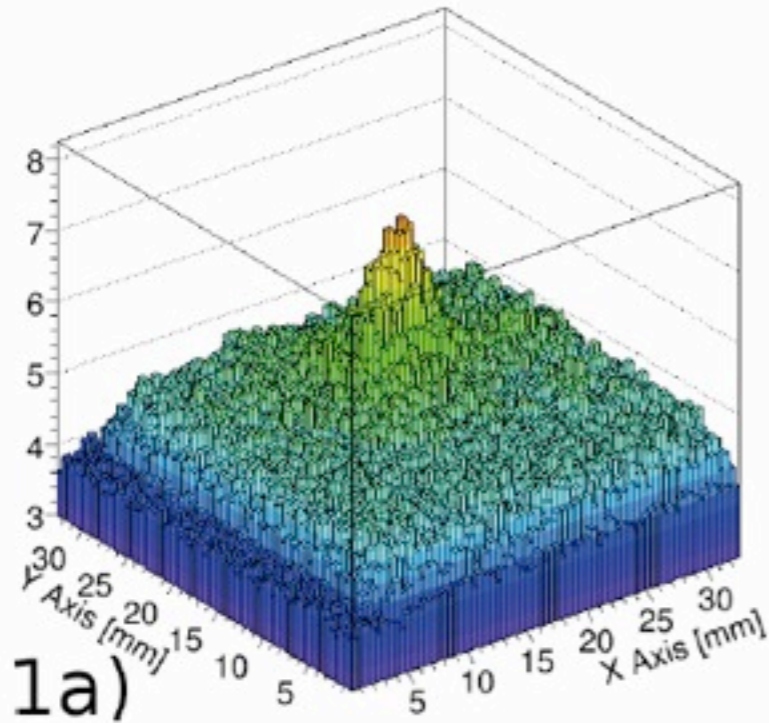
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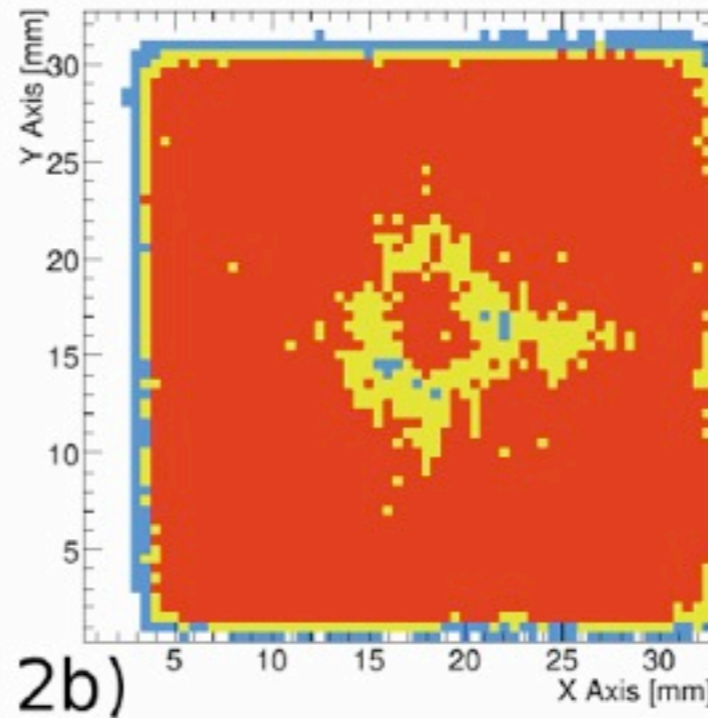
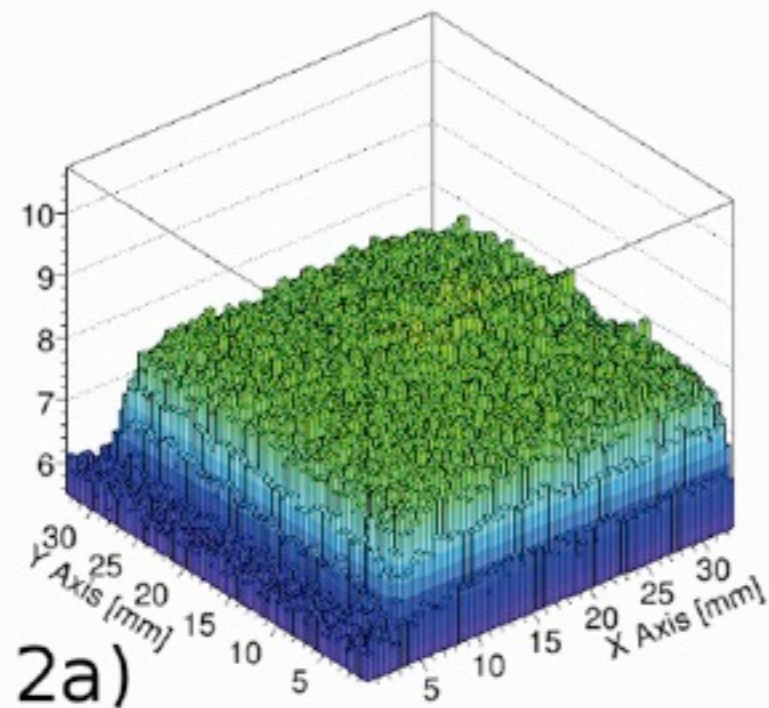
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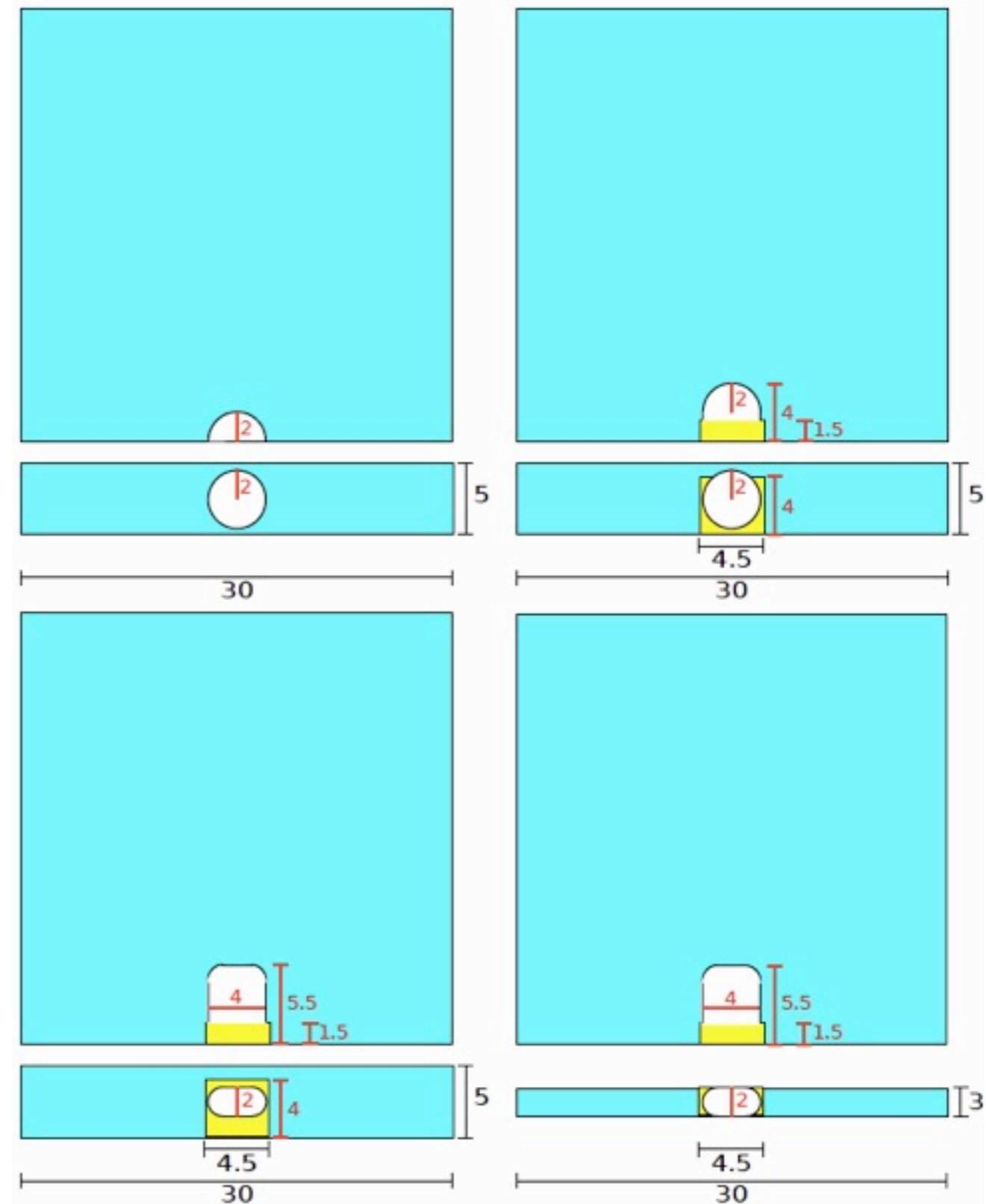
Significant improvement  
of uniformity:  
83% within 5% of mean  
95% within 10%

... but low overall signal!



# Side Dimple

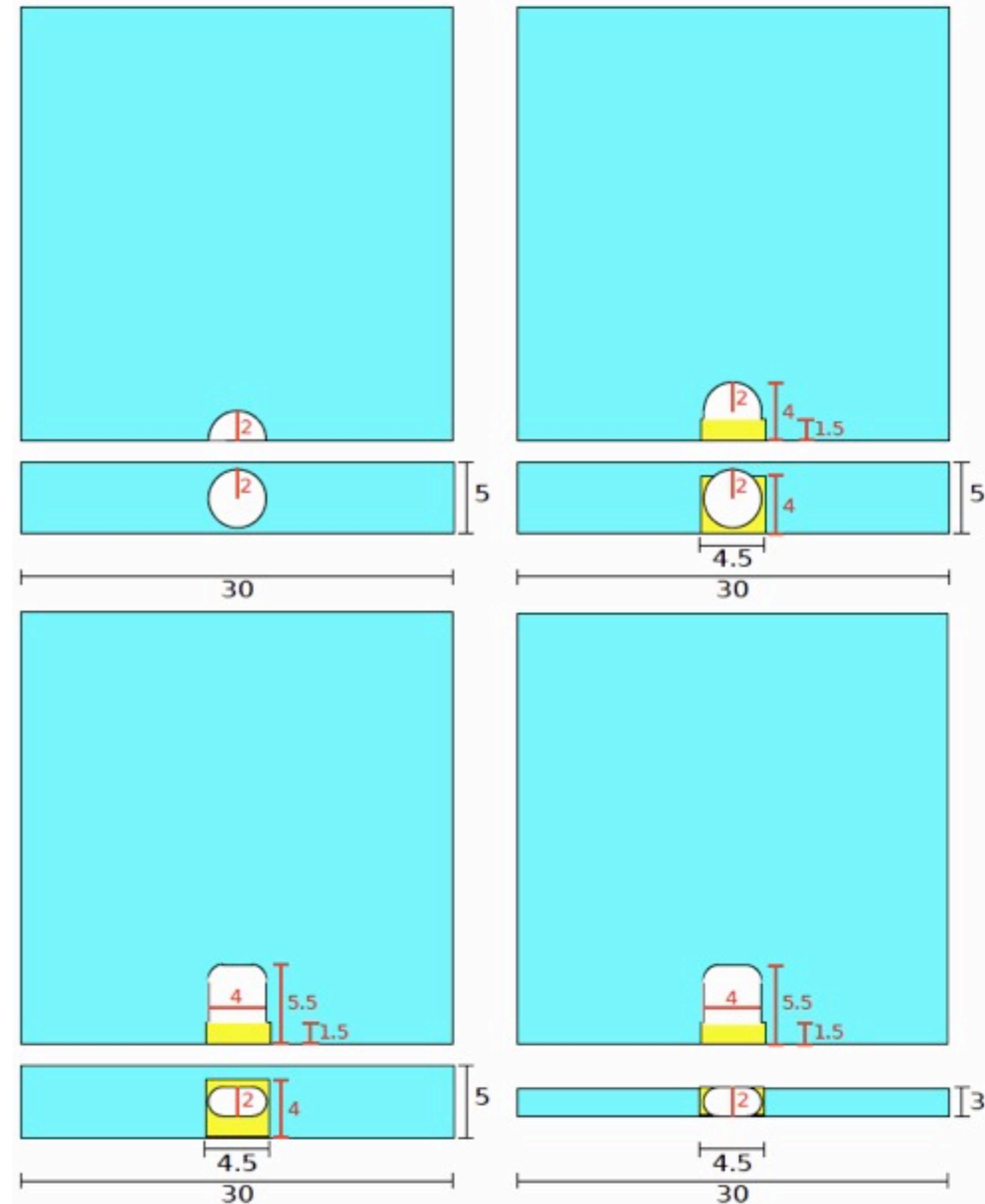
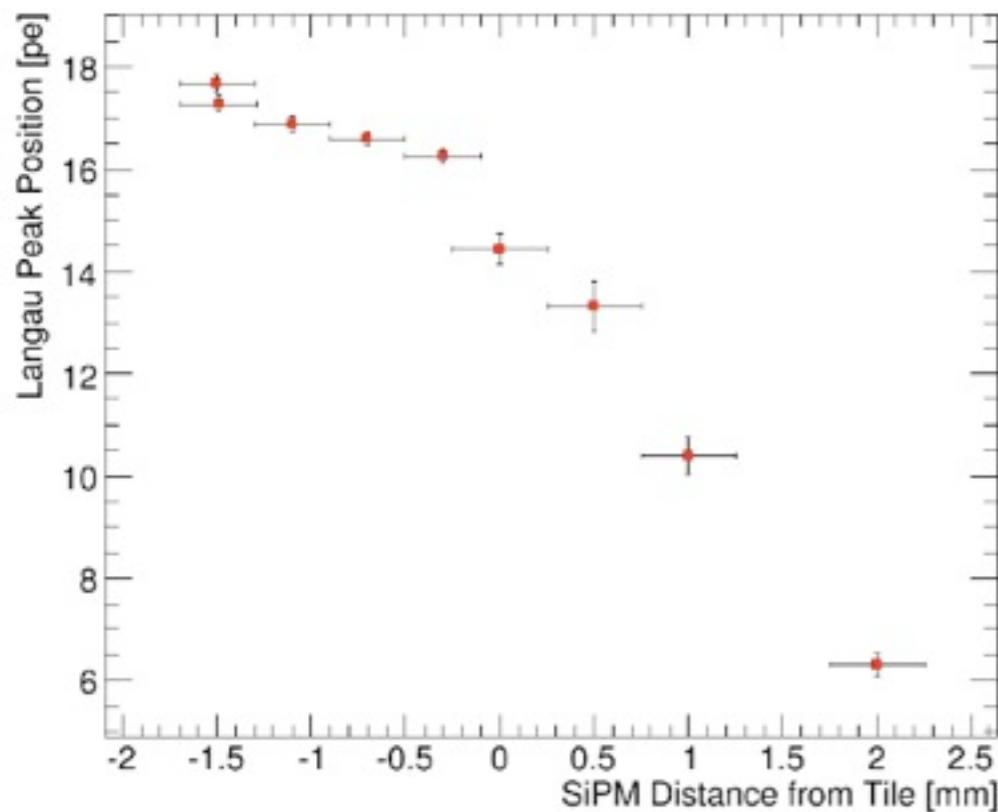
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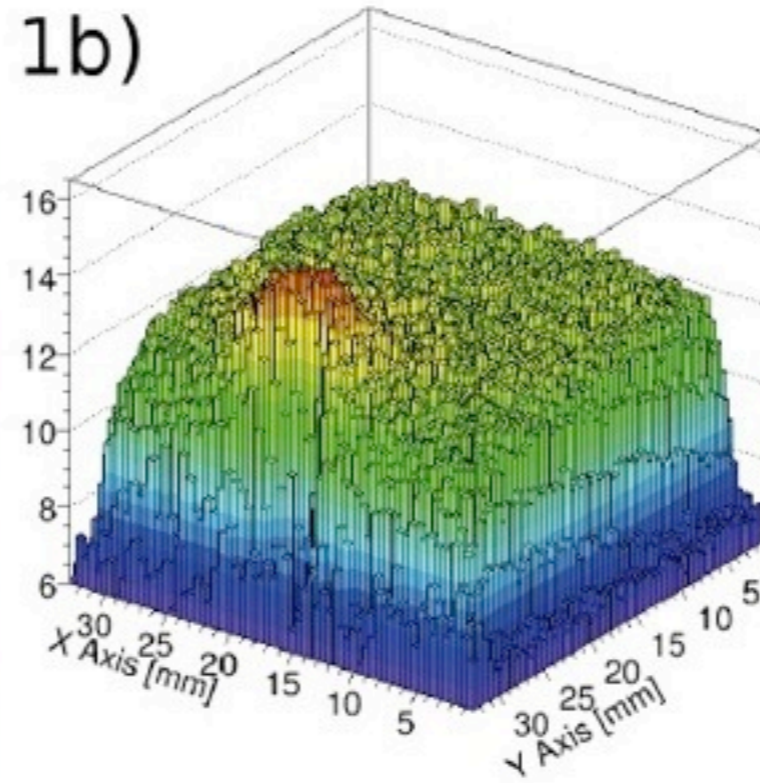
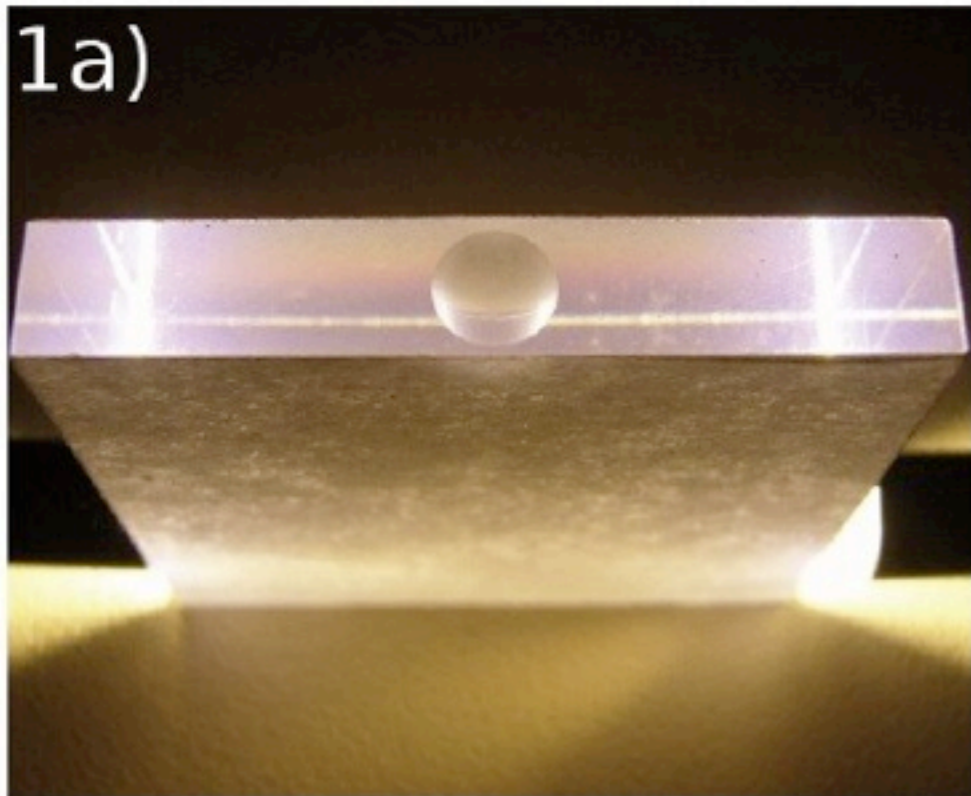
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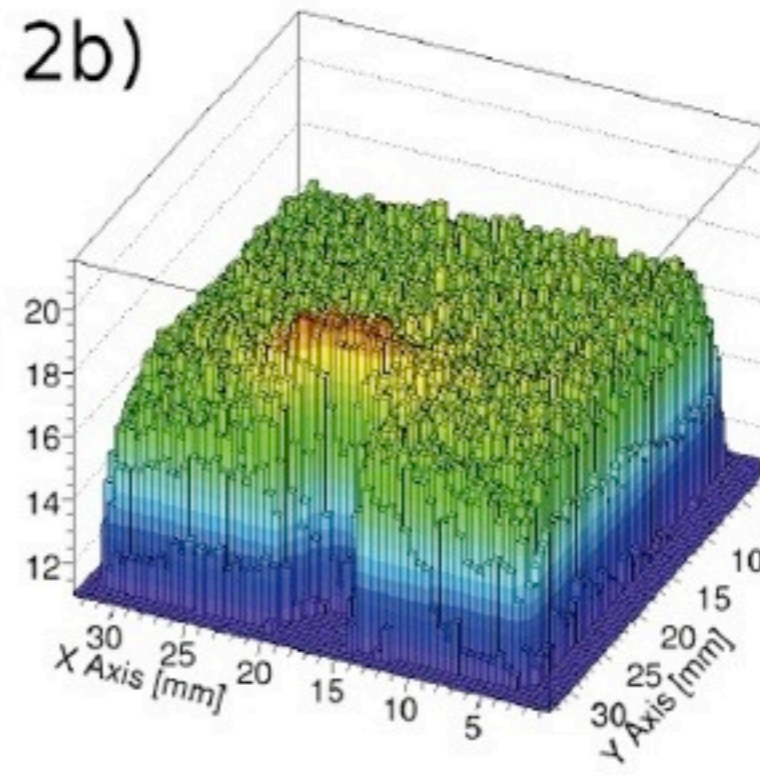
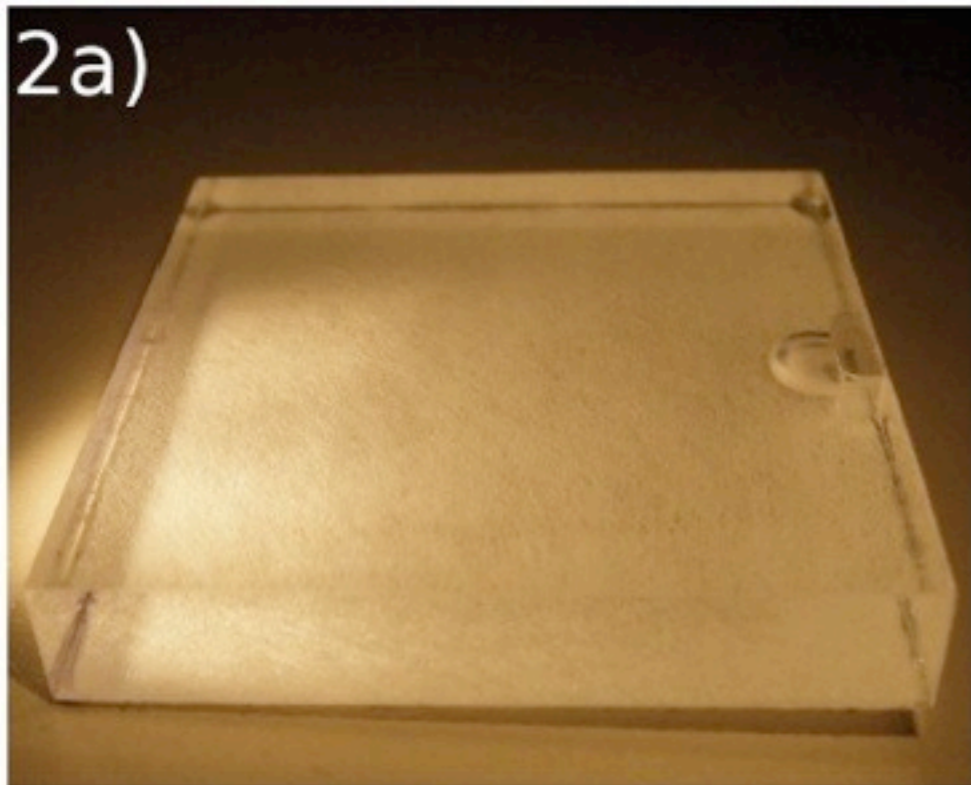
Signal vs SiPM distance from tile edge:



# Side Dimple: Results



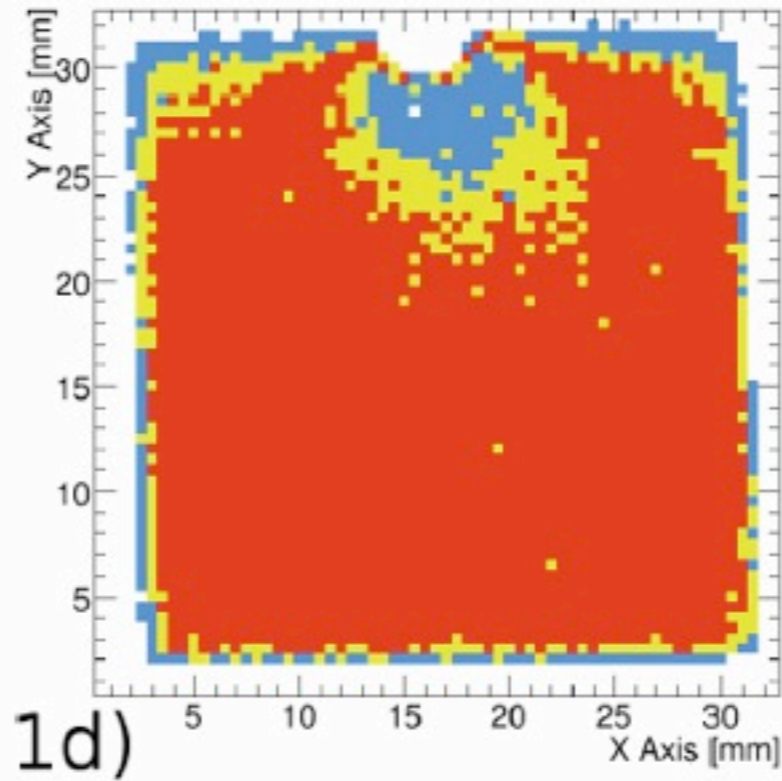
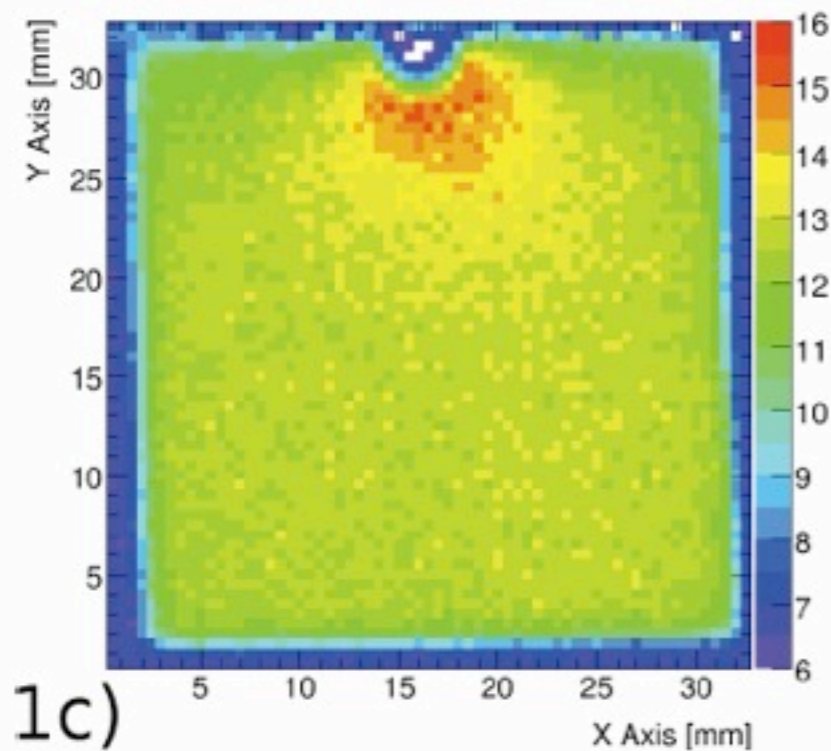
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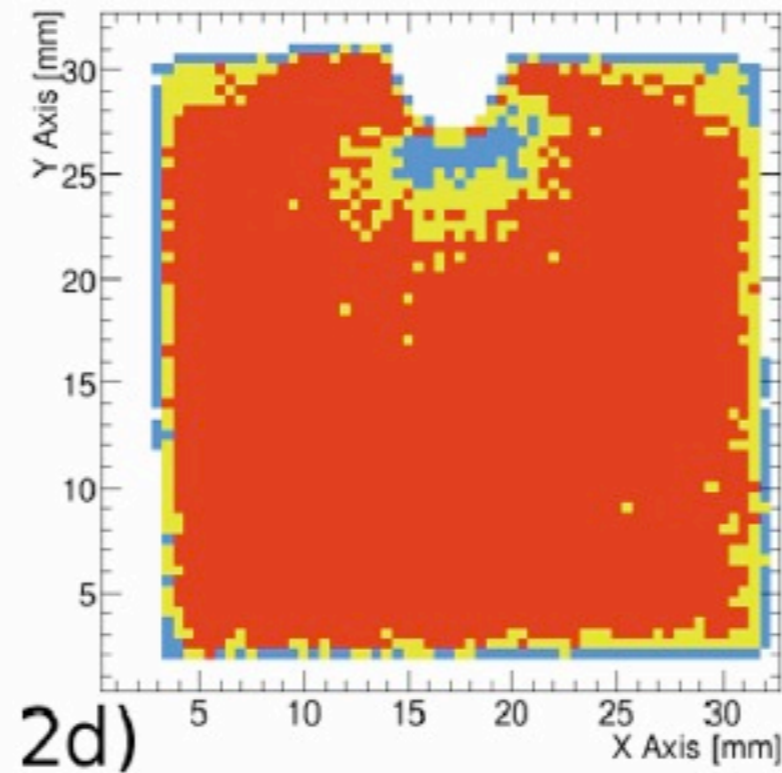
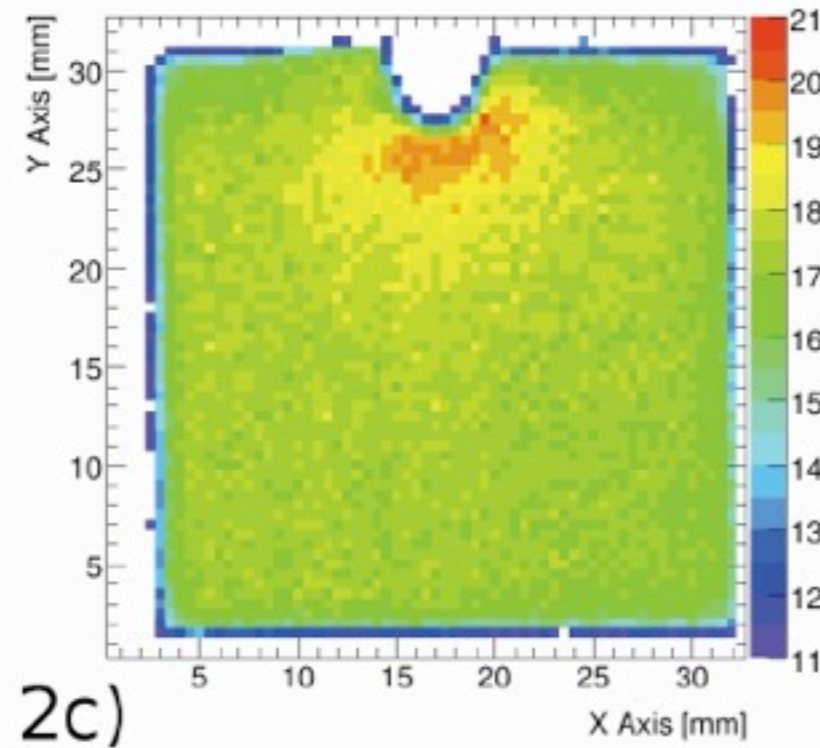


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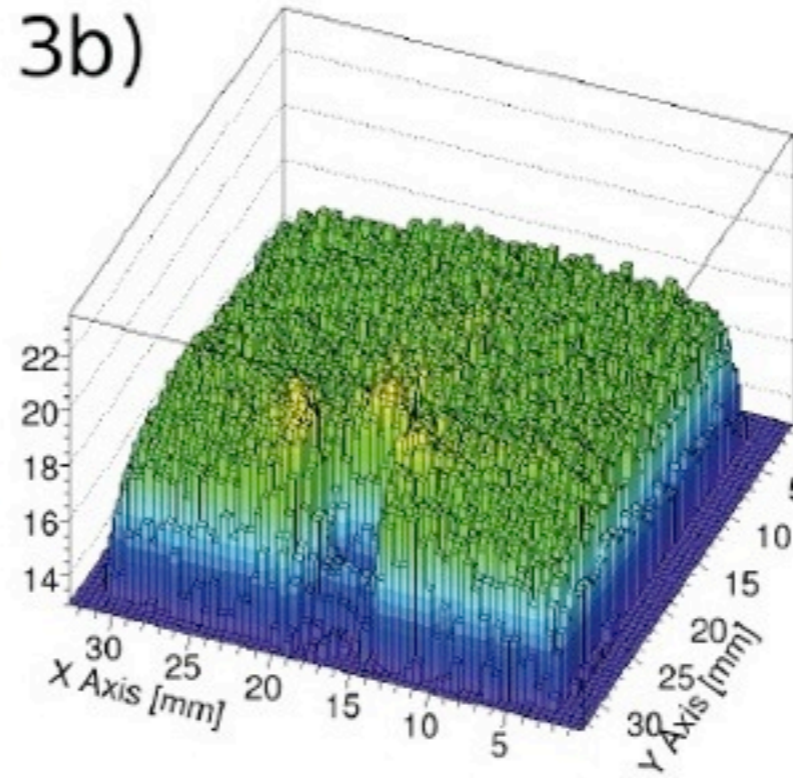
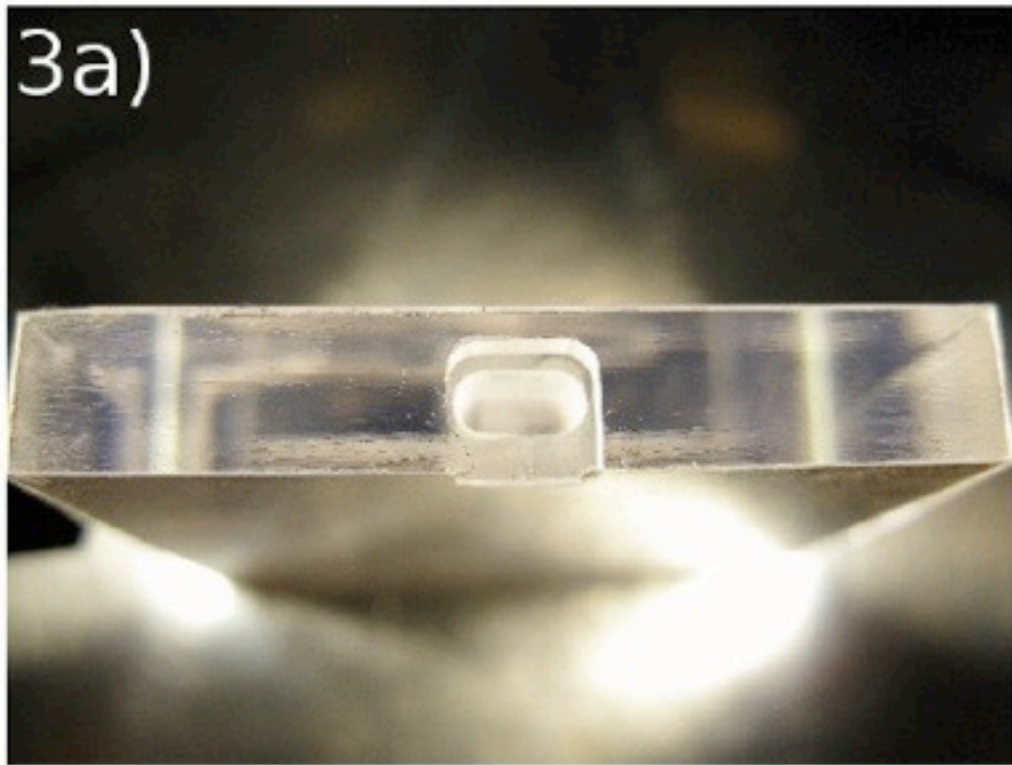
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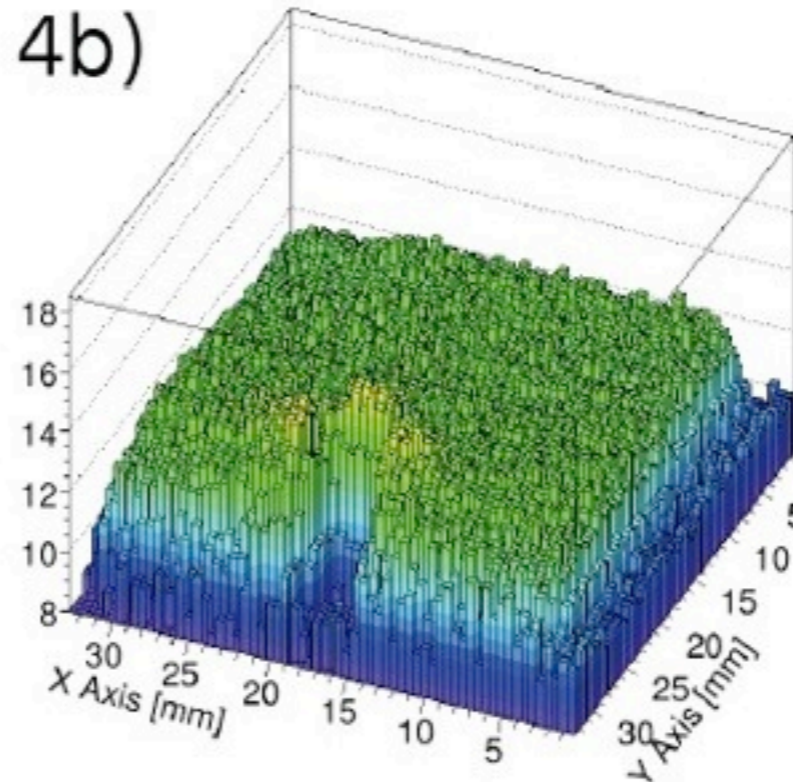
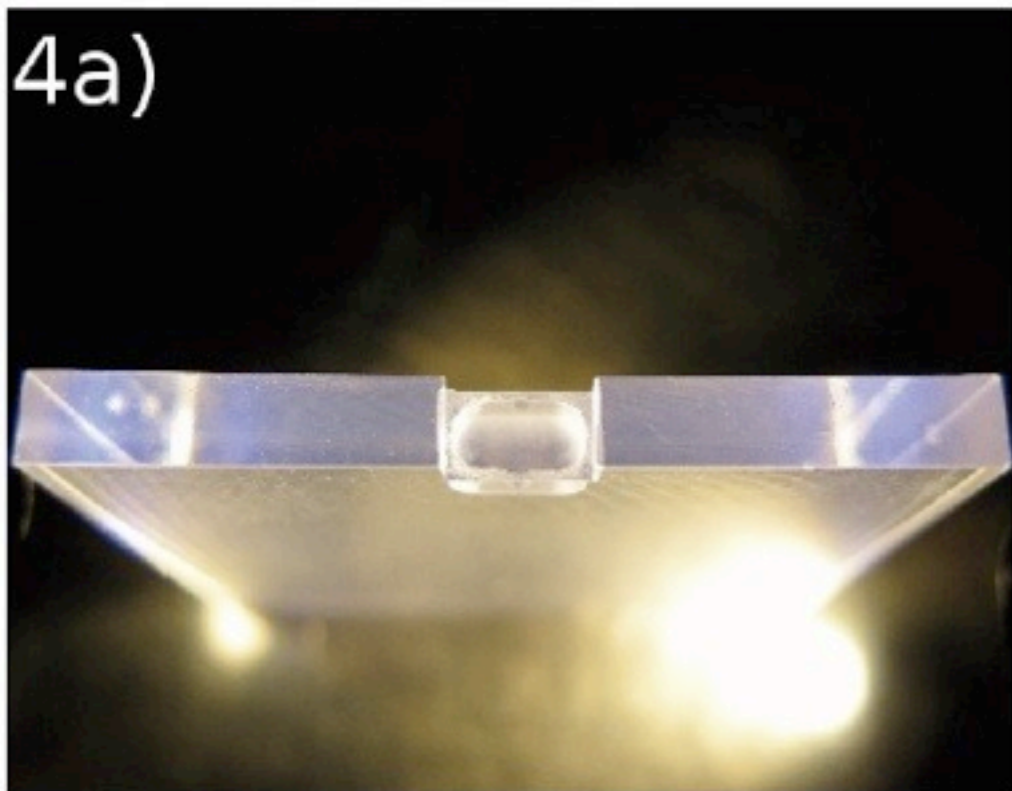


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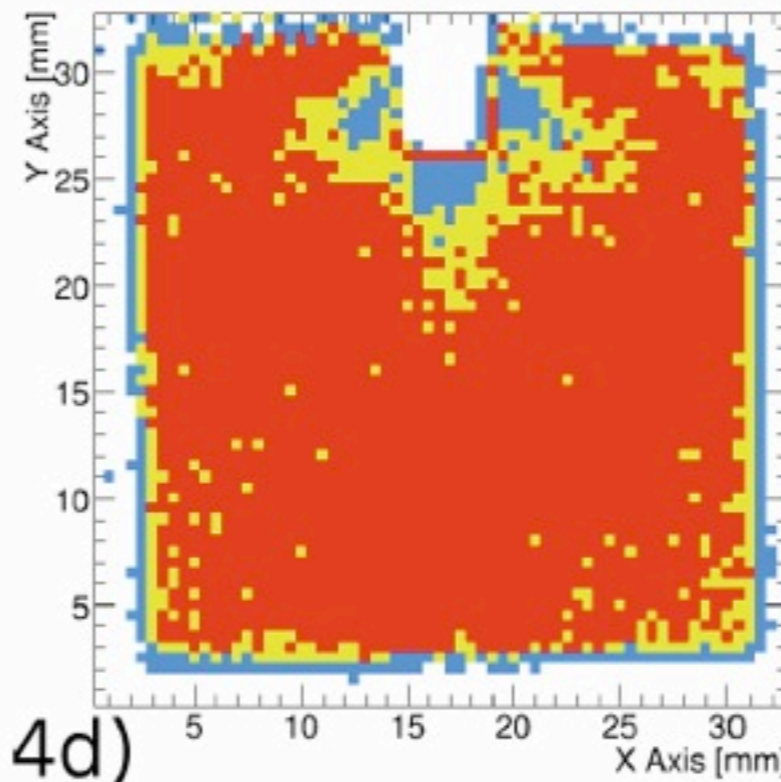
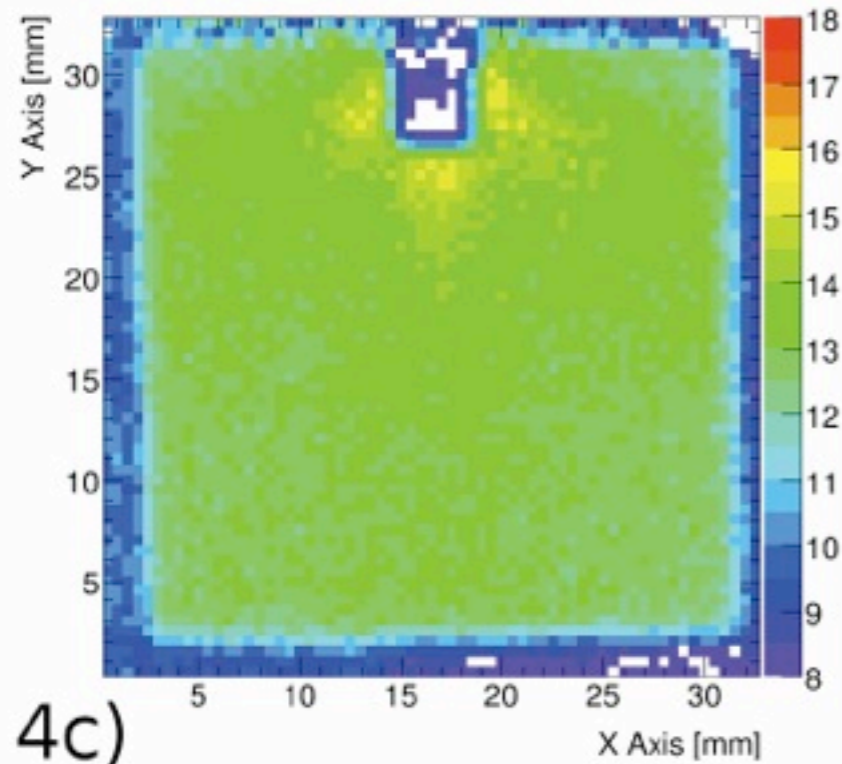
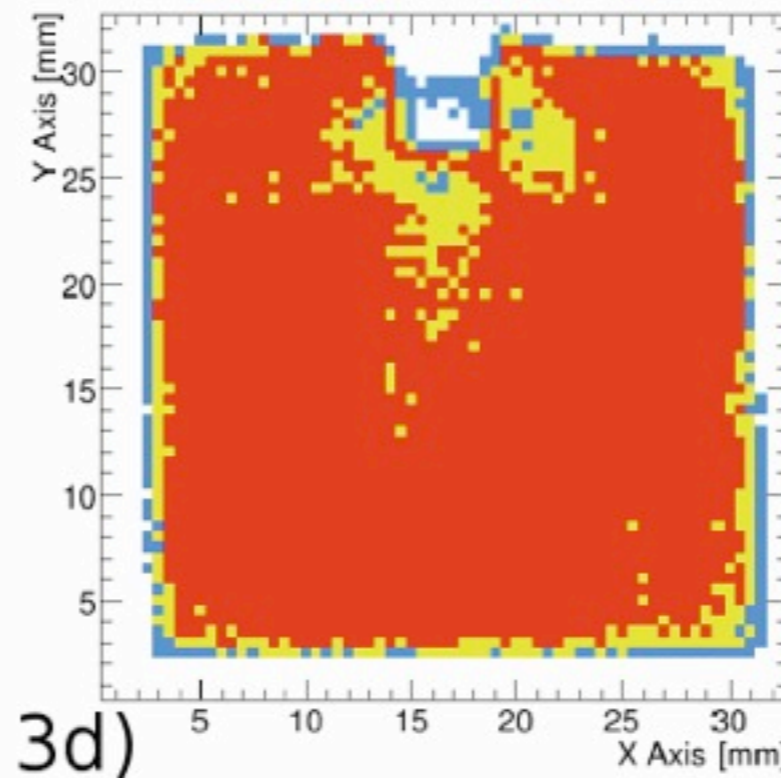
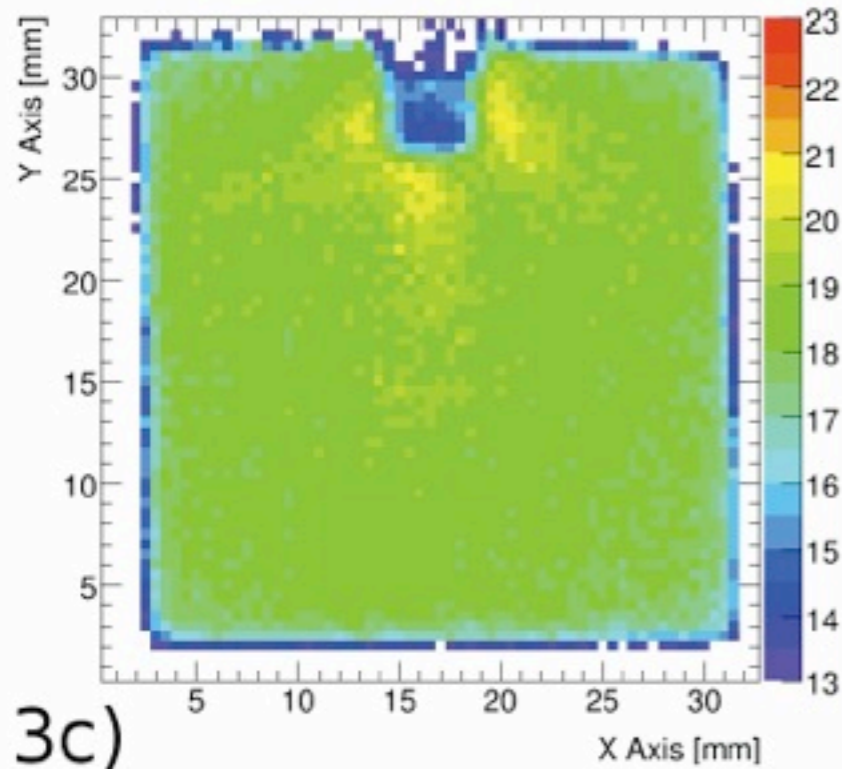


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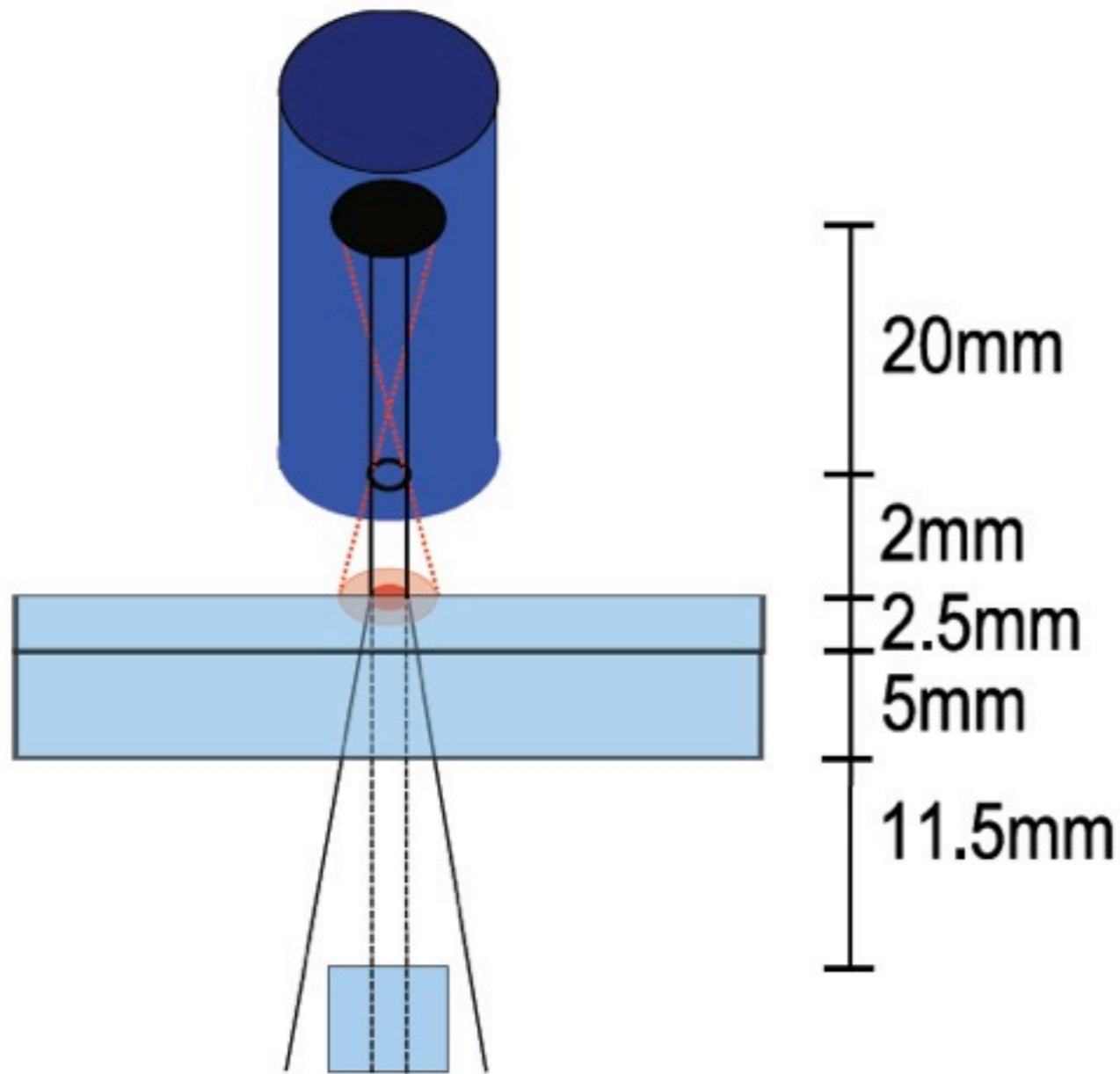
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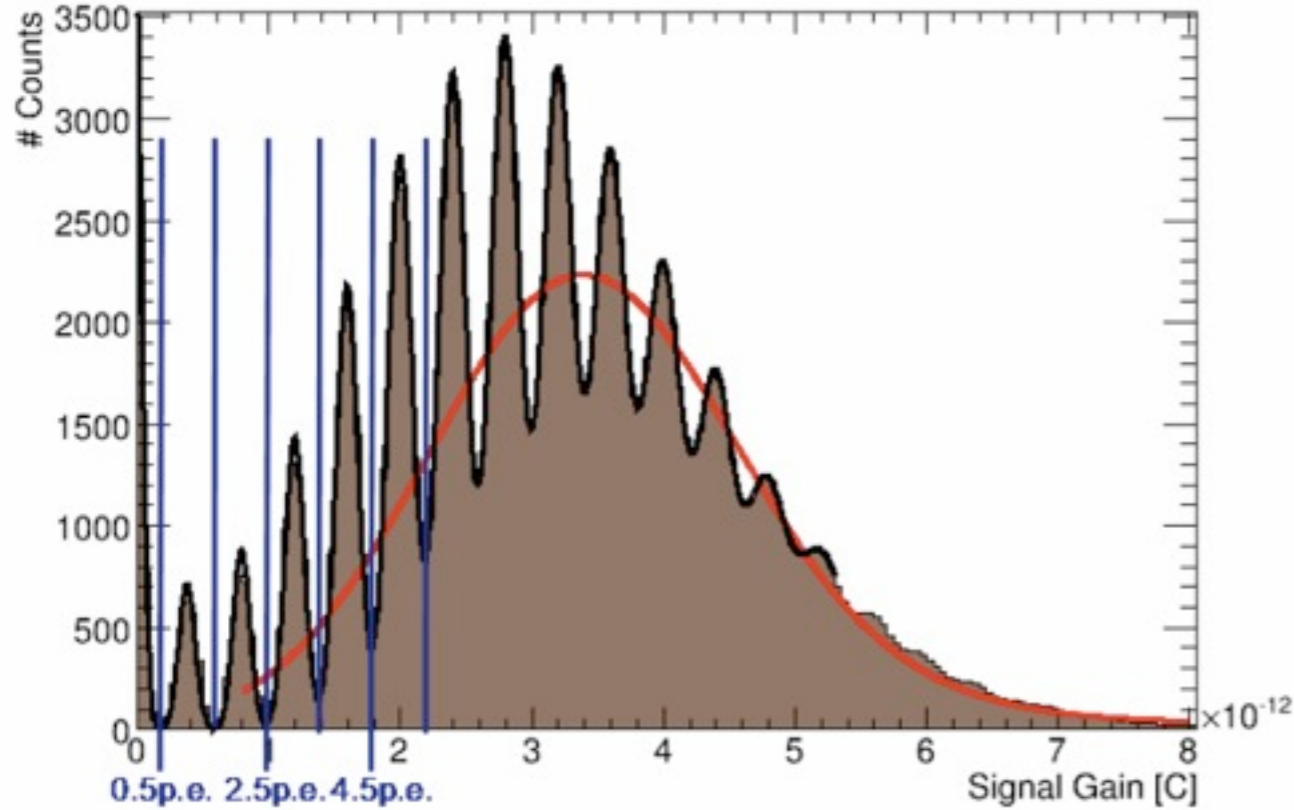
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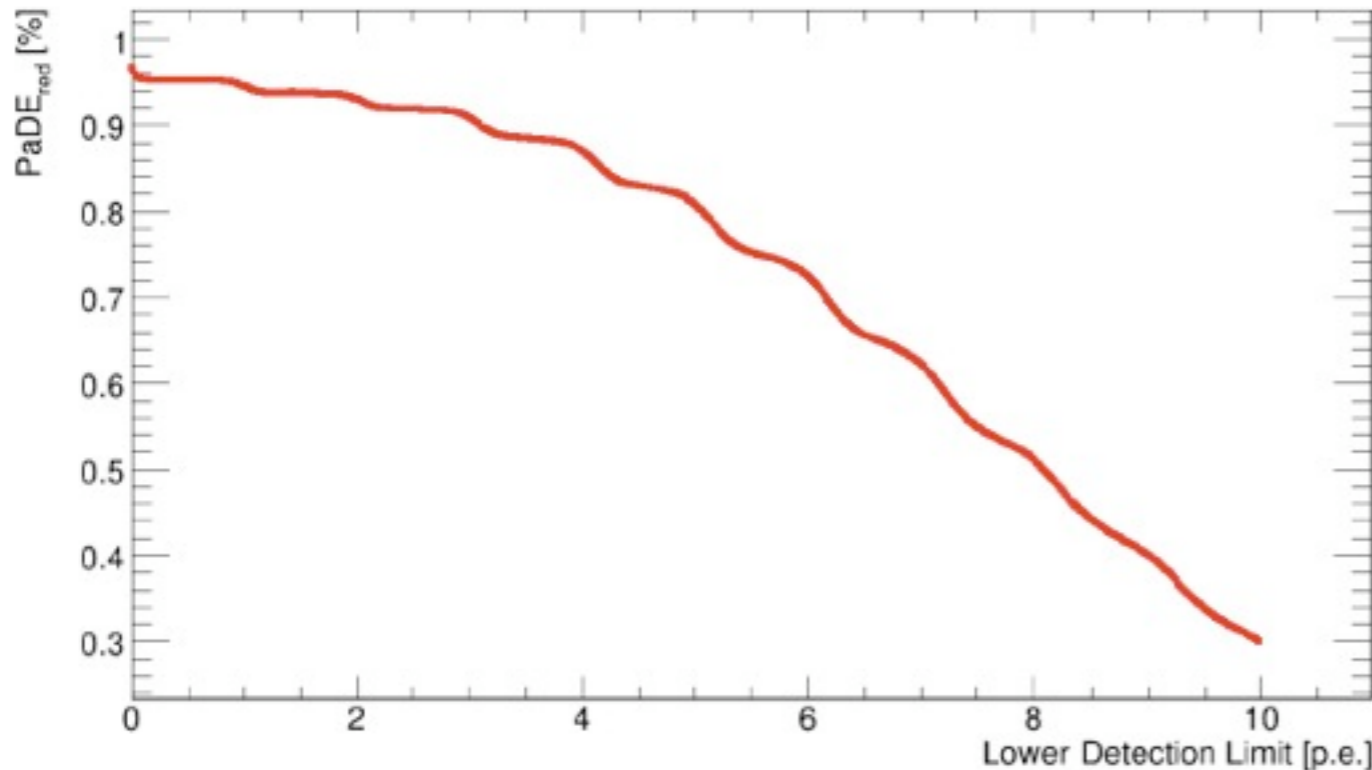


- Study detection efficiency for throughgoing electrons depending on threshold
  - At the range limit of the highest energy electrons: Low rates!

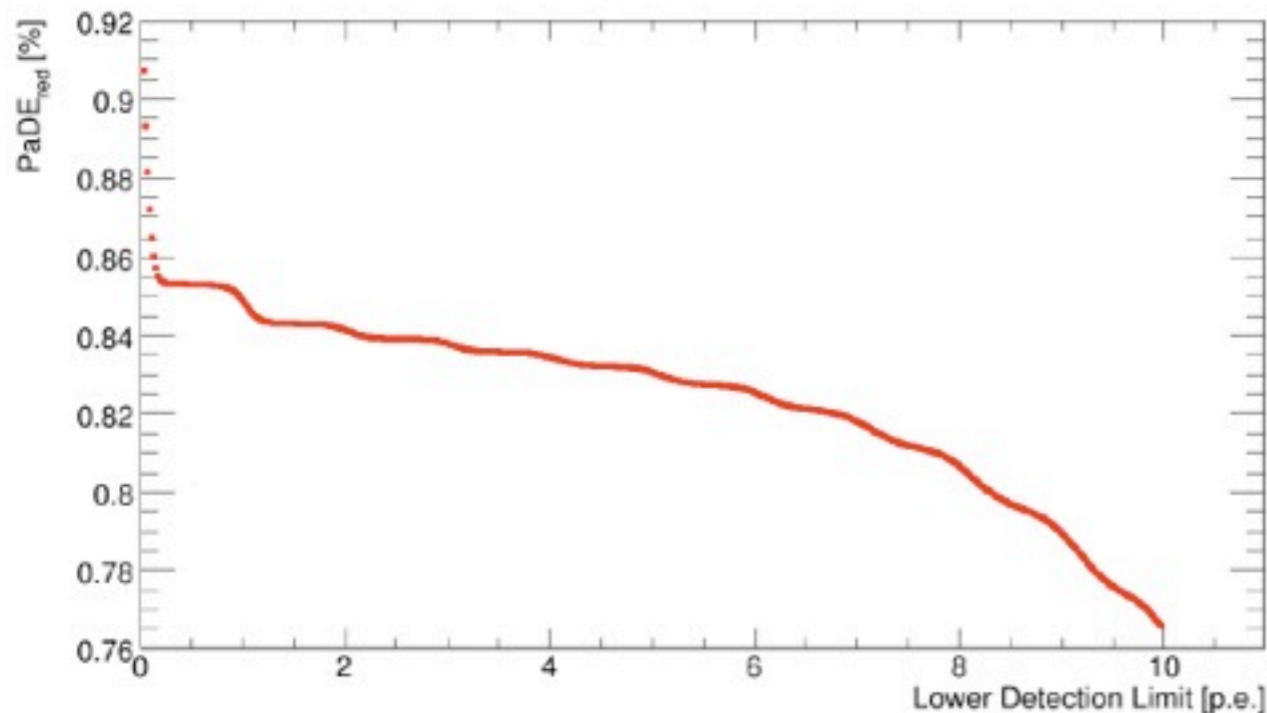
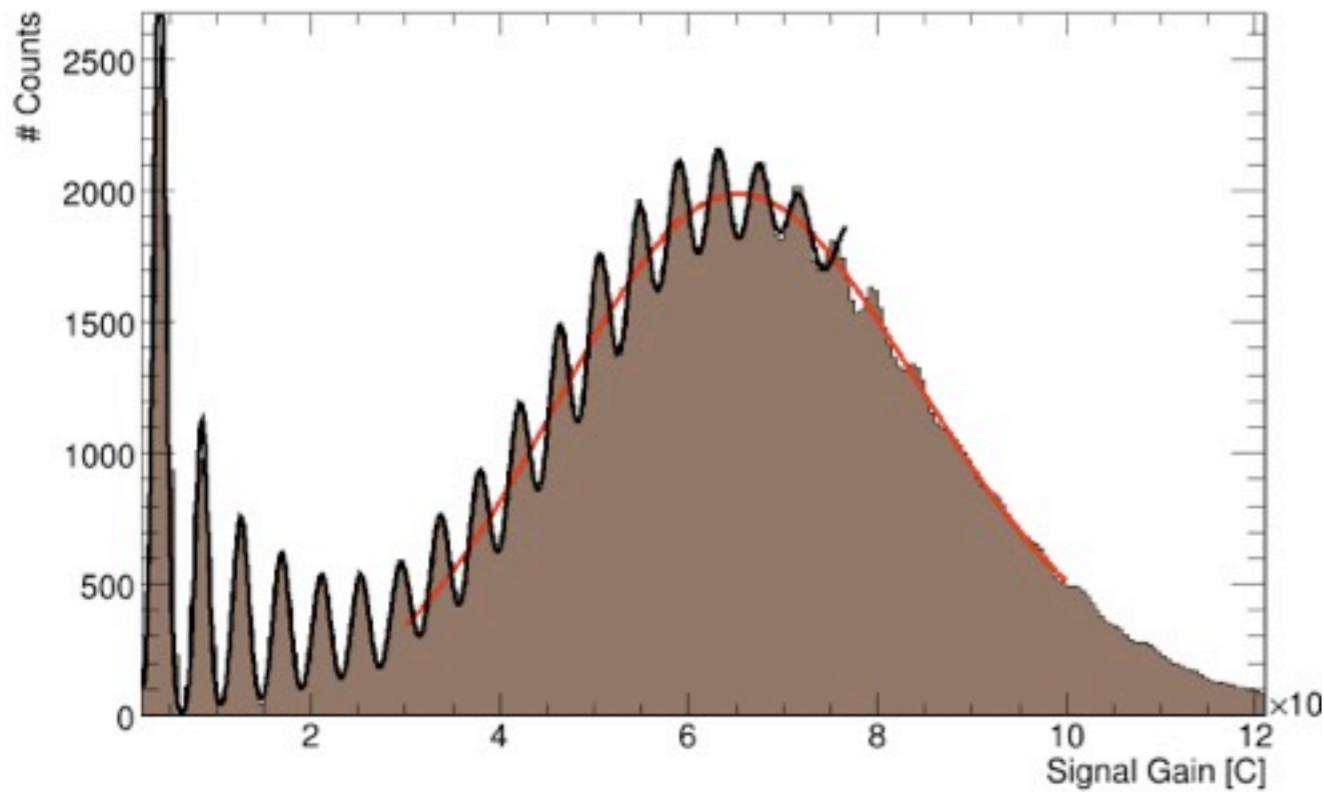
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- High efficiency, extended plateau: very good signal / noise separation ( $< \sim 3\%$  reduction with a 6 Photon cut)
- large offset due to fake coincidences: significantly reduced signal rate due to changed geometry

# Conclusions

- Blue sensitive SiPMs make a WLS fiber in each cell obsolete (assuming good uniformity of the cell response can be reached by other means)
- Good uniformity is important: Improves energy resolution, enables calibration
- Specialized tile geometries, with a dimple in the tile side and an embedded SiPM have been studied with a  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  source
  - High signal for “MIPs”
  - Good uniformity
  - High efficiency
- Such tiles can in principle be used in the next generation prototype, investigating mass production possibilities

# Direct Coupling Simulations

François Corriveau and Alexandra Thomson

*IPP/McGill University*



CALICE Collaboration Meeting,  
Lyon, France

18 September 2009

- Direct coupling (see talk by Frank Simon)
- **Standalone simulation**
- **GEANT4 simulation**
- **Results**
- Outlook



# GEANT4 vs Standalone MC

**Standalone** simulation by F.Corriveau, Z.Niu (2008) and A.Thomson (2009)

- Straightforward C++ code
- Beam description, ionisation, light emission
- Light propagation, reflection/absorption
- Several parameters available for understanding and tuning
- Histograms handled through ROOT

**Geant4** code provided by V.Saveliev (Obninsk), developed by A.Thomson

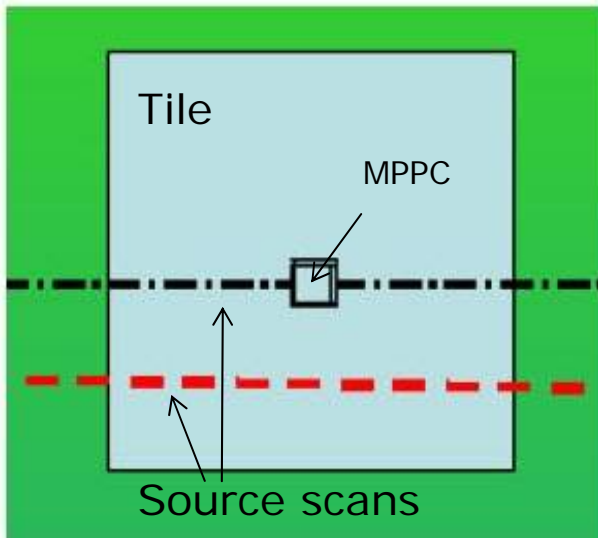
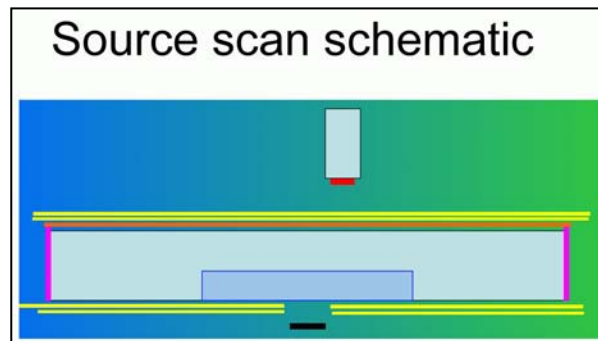
- Setup done at McGill under Scientific Linux
- Tile geometry and properties provided as input, more flexible
- GEANT handles the physical processes, histograms through ROOT
- Many parameters (e.g. surface properties) are somewhat confusing
- Very useful to have both simulations programs vs actual data

# Standalone Results

The MPPC is located in the center of the bottom face

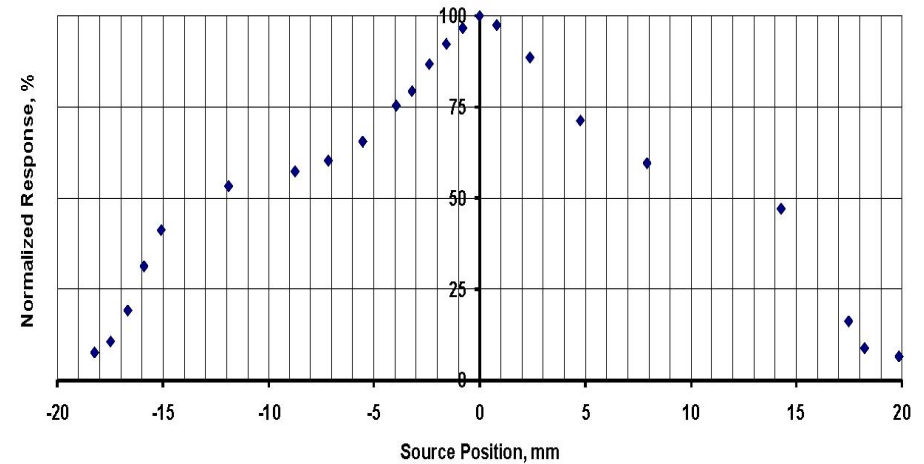
30x30x5 mm<sup>3</sup> tile

Measurement from NIU (V.Zutshi et al.)

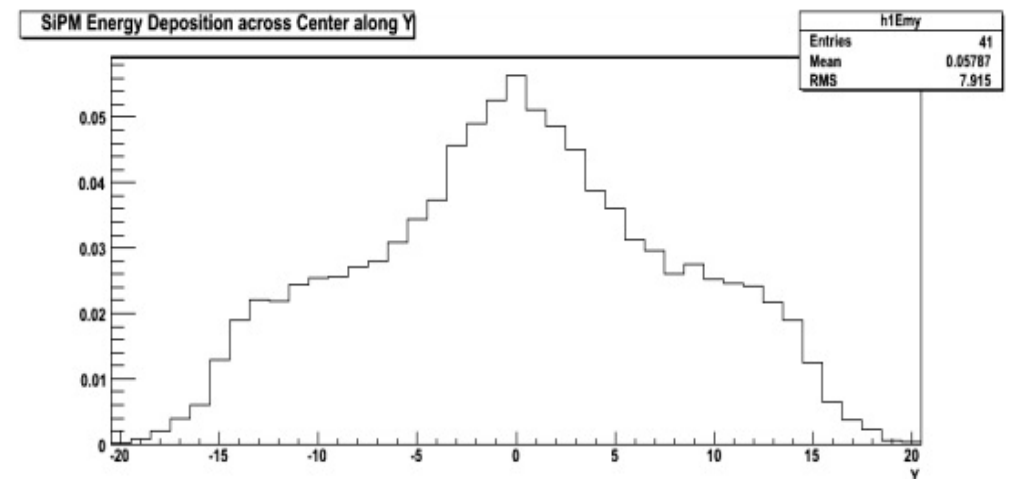


as shown last year in Manchester

Scan Across Green Square Cell with White Paint

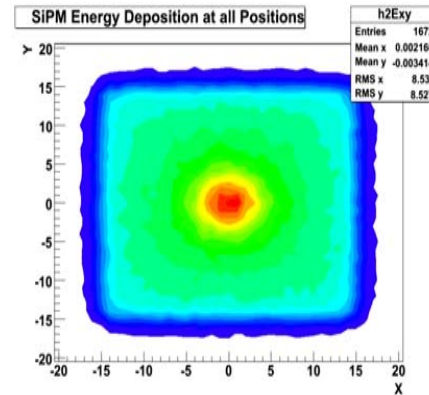
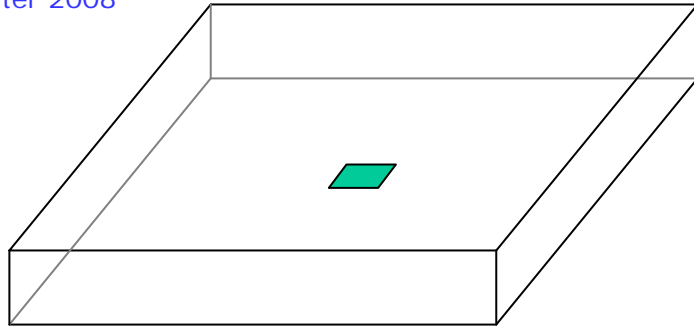


Simulation



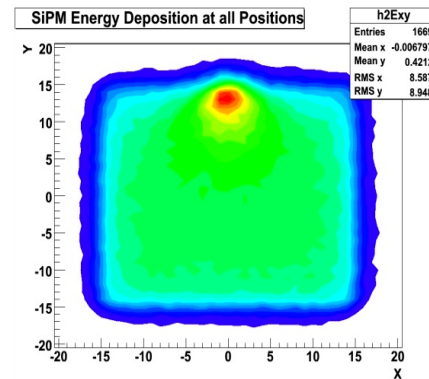
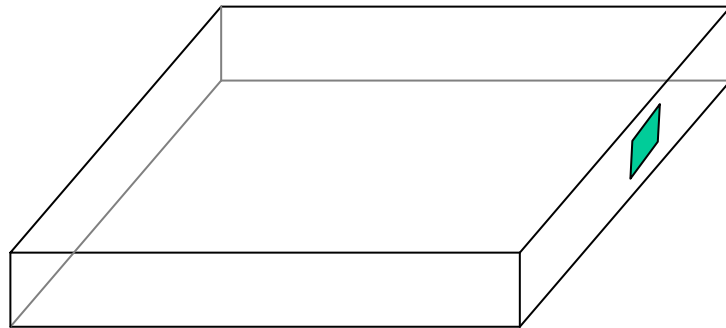
# 2008 Configurations

Manchester 2008

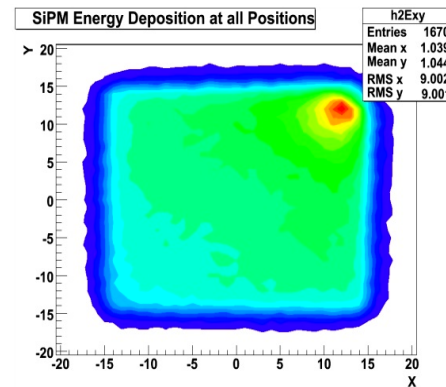
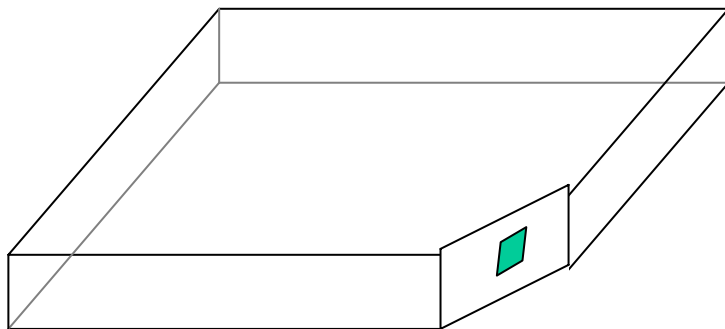


Fraction of light collected:

0.49%



0.62%

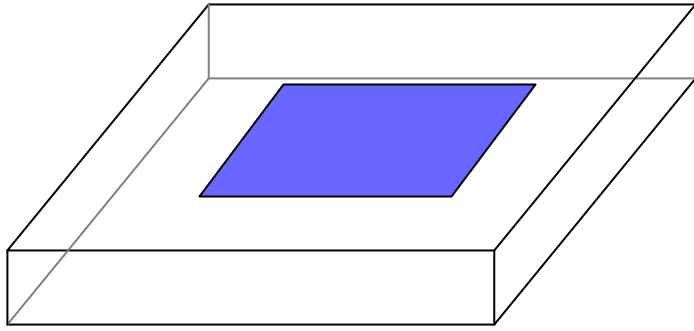


0.65%

Still, uniformity  
not achieved

.. and numerous variations in position, sizes, tuning of attenuation, threshold, surfaces, beam, etc..

# Absorbing Patch

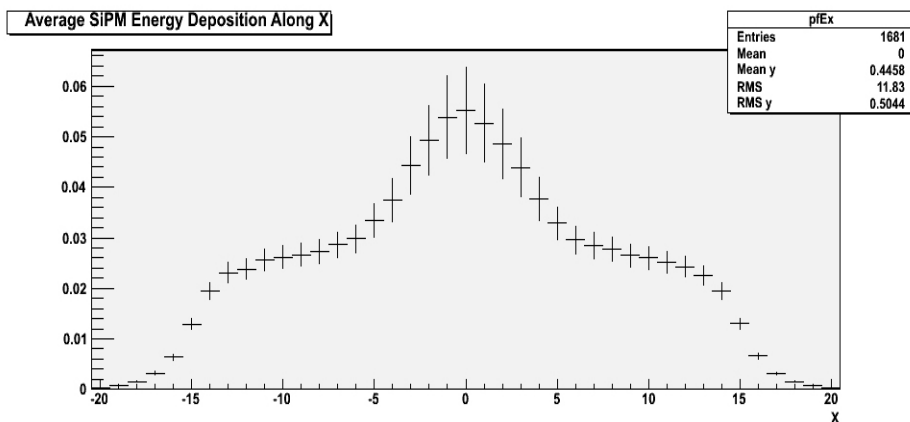


0.34%

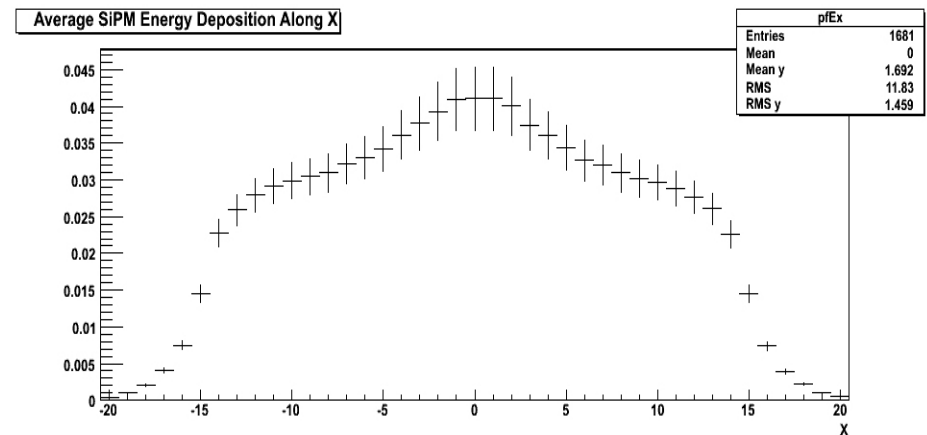
Absorbing patch of various sizes and reflectivities located on top of the tile, above the position of the Si-PM.

The result was the opposite of the naive expectations, since the light produced further away was cut even more than the "central" one through repeated reflections.

with 7x7mm<sup>2</sup> patch



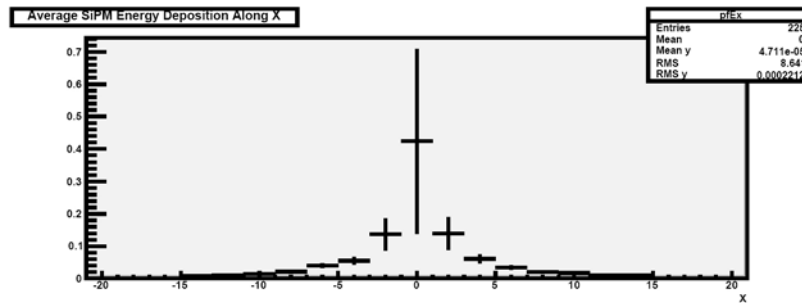
without patch



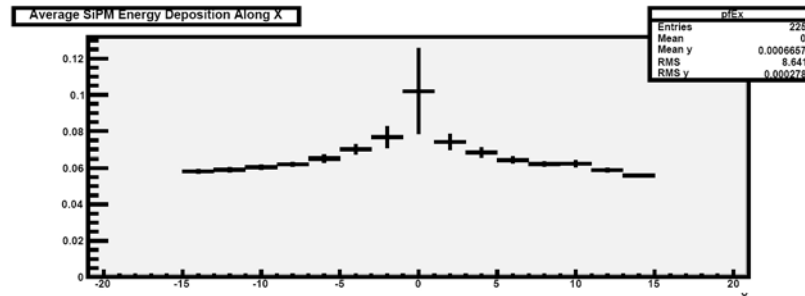
average distributions across full tile for 90% patch absorption

# GEANT – Types of Surface

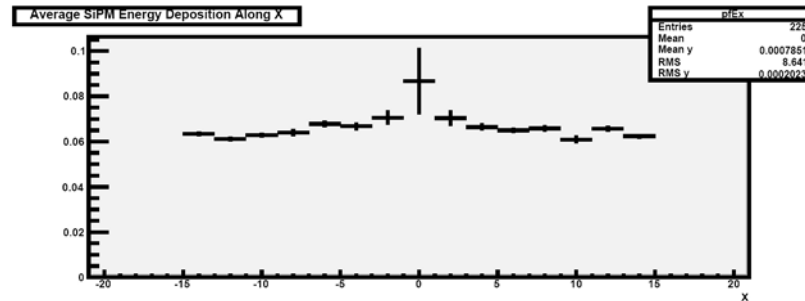
“polished”



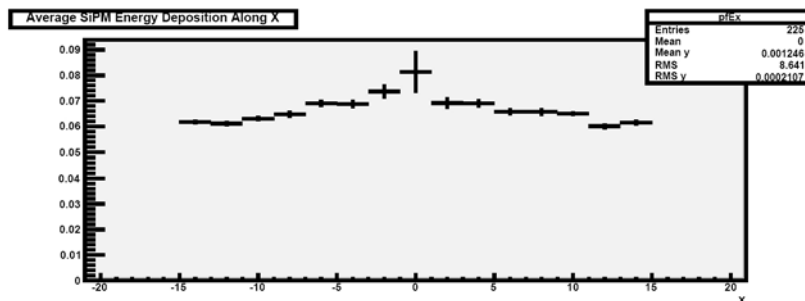
default



“ground frontpainted”



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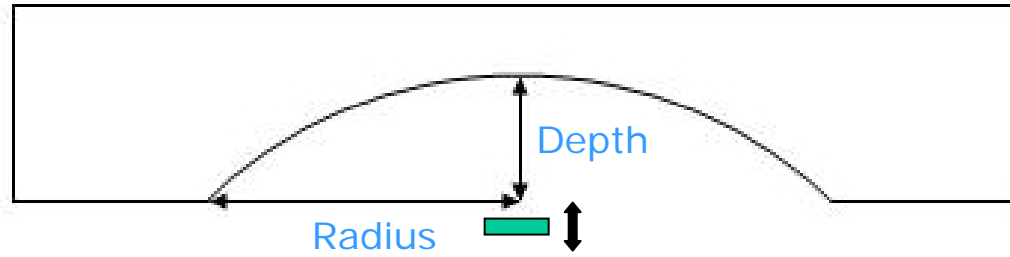
poor GEANT documentation on surface types

not included yet: smearing due to source

very large differences observed

need more sets of measurement data to tune the simulation

# Spherical Cutout

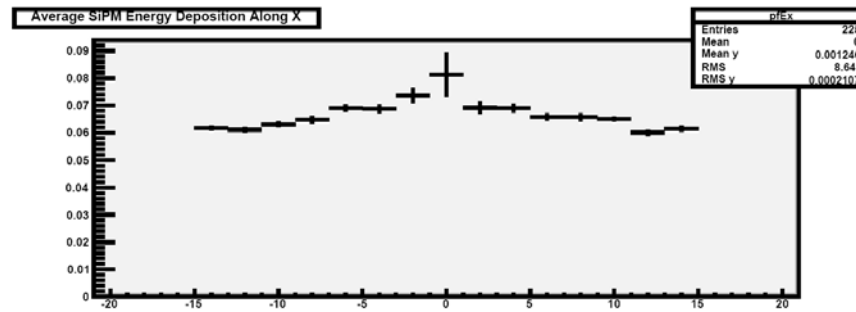


Special example		GEANT Simulation			Standalone
Radius [mm]	Depth [mm]	Deposited Energy [MeV]	Detected Energy [MeV]	Fraction Detected	Fraction Detected
	0	17.90	0.1766	0.987%	1.182%
10	1	17.30	0.0583	0.337%	0.017%
10	2	16.64	0.0585	0.352%	0.020%
10	3	15.89	0.0568	0.358%	0.019%

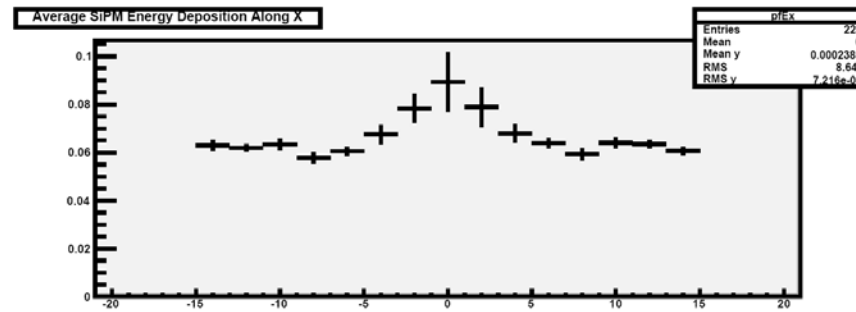
Standalone: large variations due to arbitrariness of the threshold parameter

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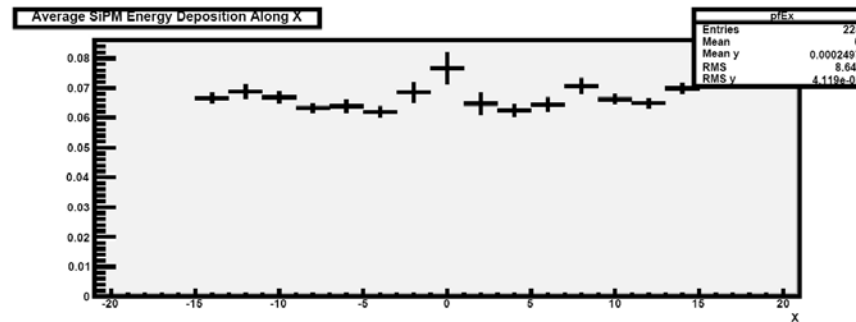
depth = 0 mm



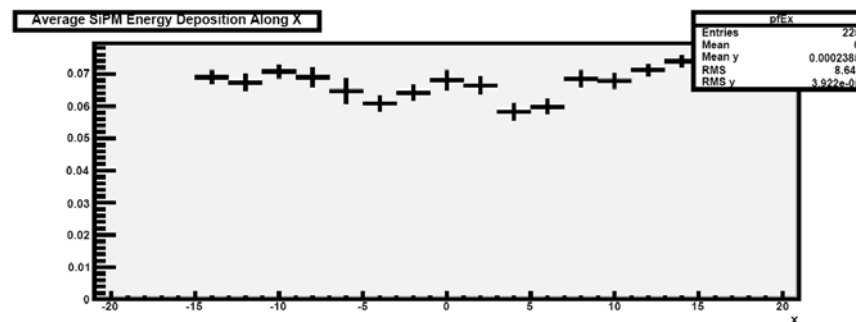
depth = 1 mm



depth = 2 mm



depth = 3 mm



(radius = 10 mm)

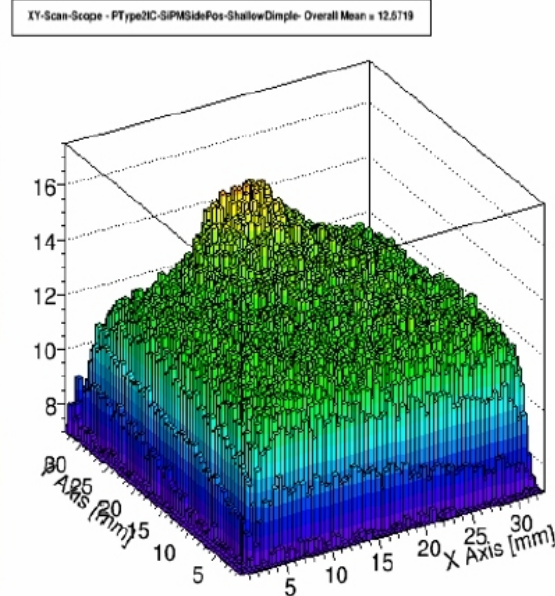
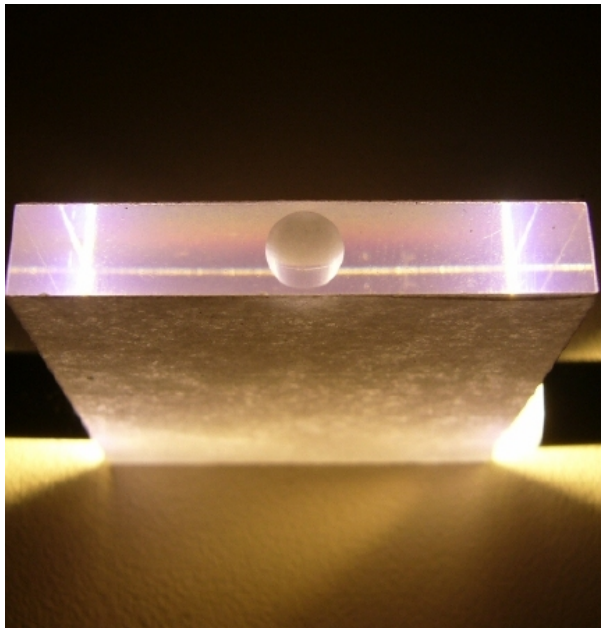
less energy deposition and higher losses due to geometry

other tunings not yet done

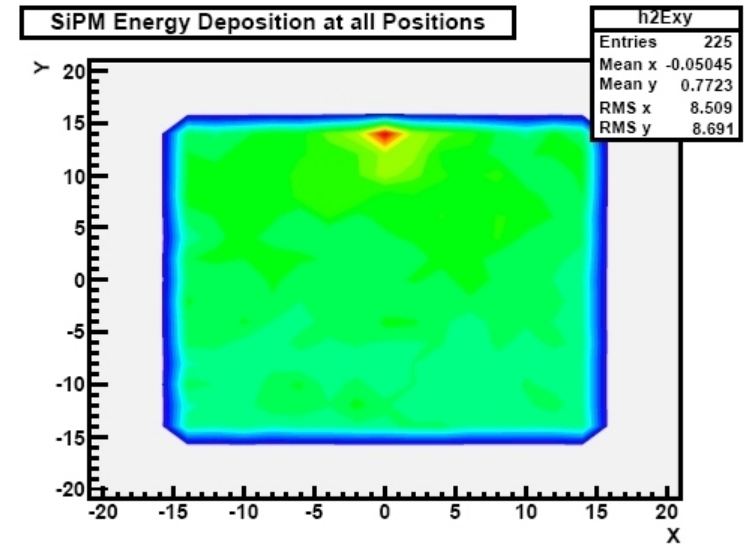
optimal depth around 2.5 mm

# GEANT - Side Cutout

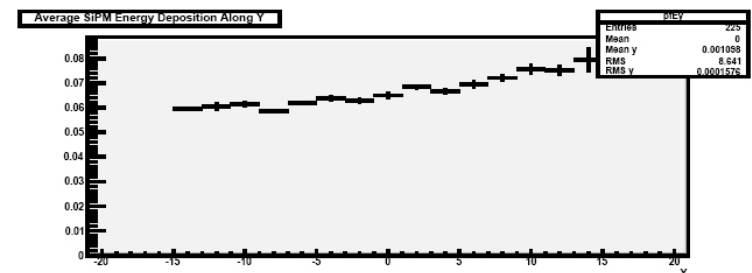
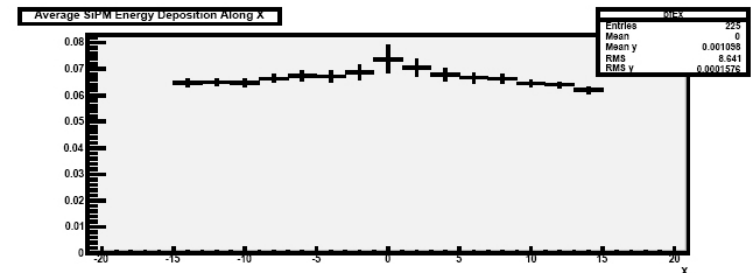
From C. Solner, July 2007:  
2mm spherical dimple



still non-uniformities



Our GEANT simulation: energy deposition and average profiles





# Summary

- More than 200 different variations in many configurations tested with each of the standalone and GEANT simulation programs, some overlapping
- The simulations reproduce the general features of the available measurements (NIU, Regina, MPI Munich)
- Both simulations contain a too large number of loosely defined parameters
- Eagerly awaiting the release of the full data for tuning the simulation programs and have real predictive power in other configurations