

# AHCAL Status

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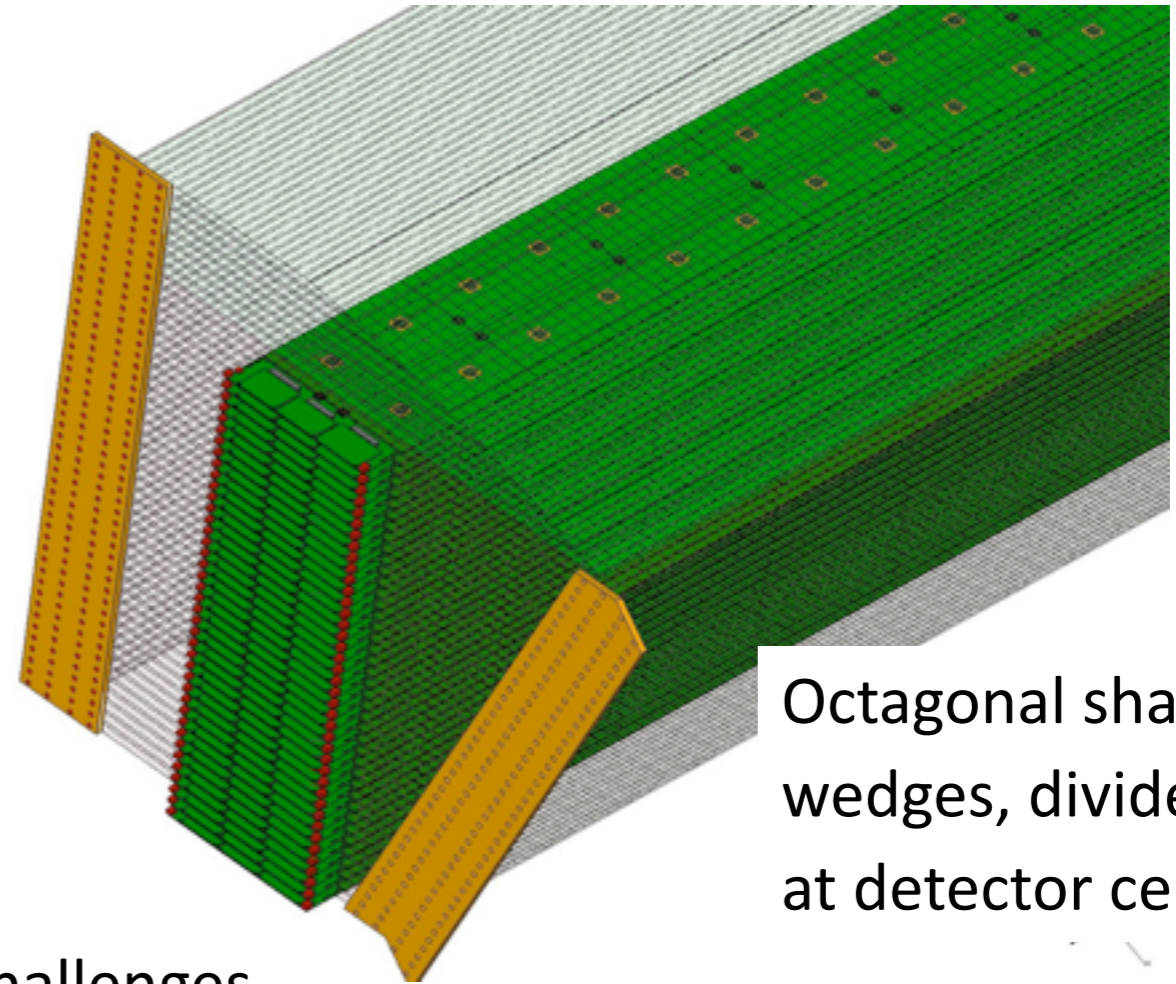
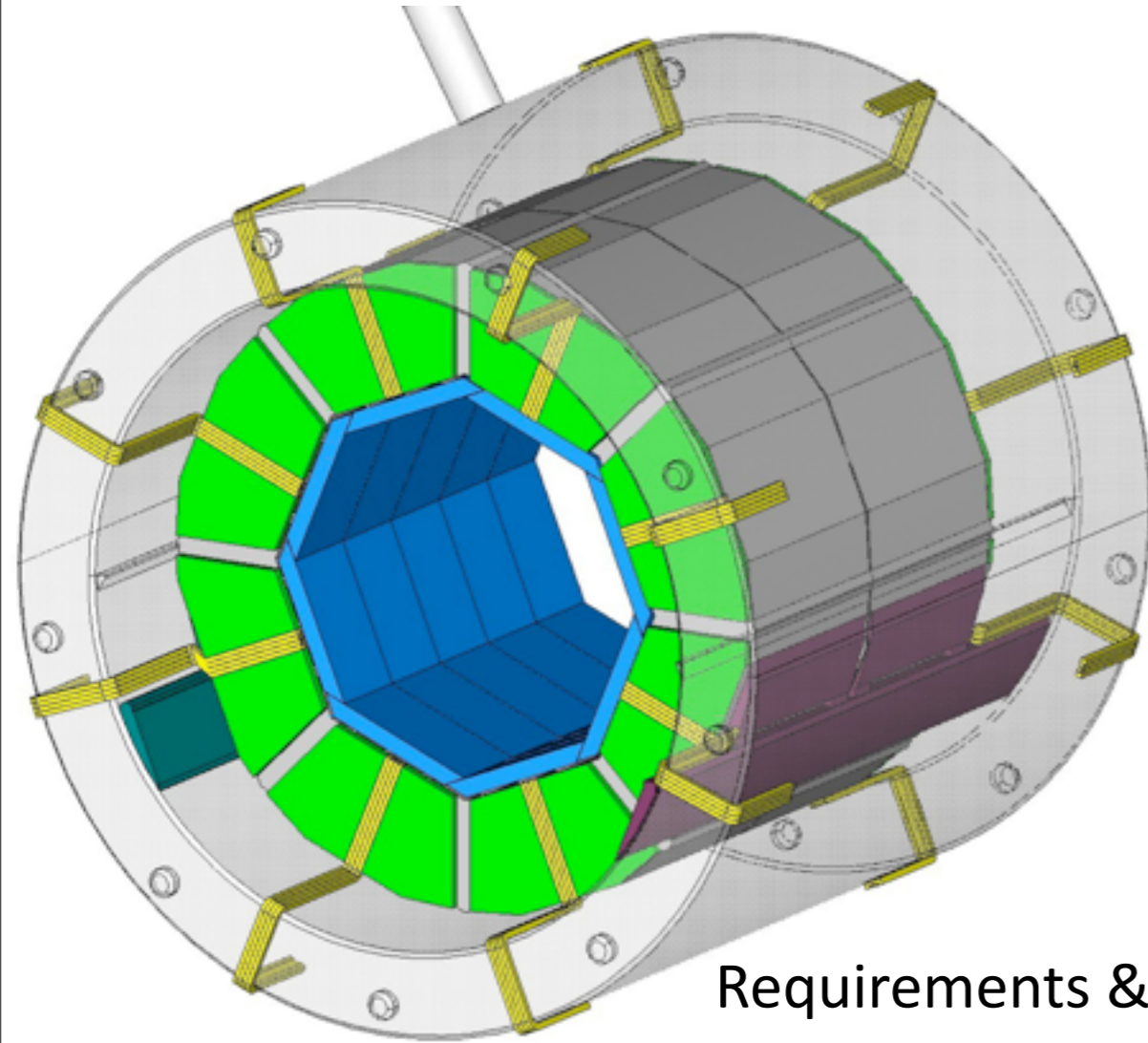
# Outline

- Towards a technical demonstrator for the analog HCAL
  - The AHCAL in the DBD
  - Scintillator tiles & electronics
  - First test beam results
  - Mechanical studies
  - Simulation in ILD
- Highlights from the physics prototype
  - Understanding details: temperature, non-uniformities
  - Electromagnetic performance
  - Validation of shower models and PFA performance
  - Energy resolution for hadrons
- Summary

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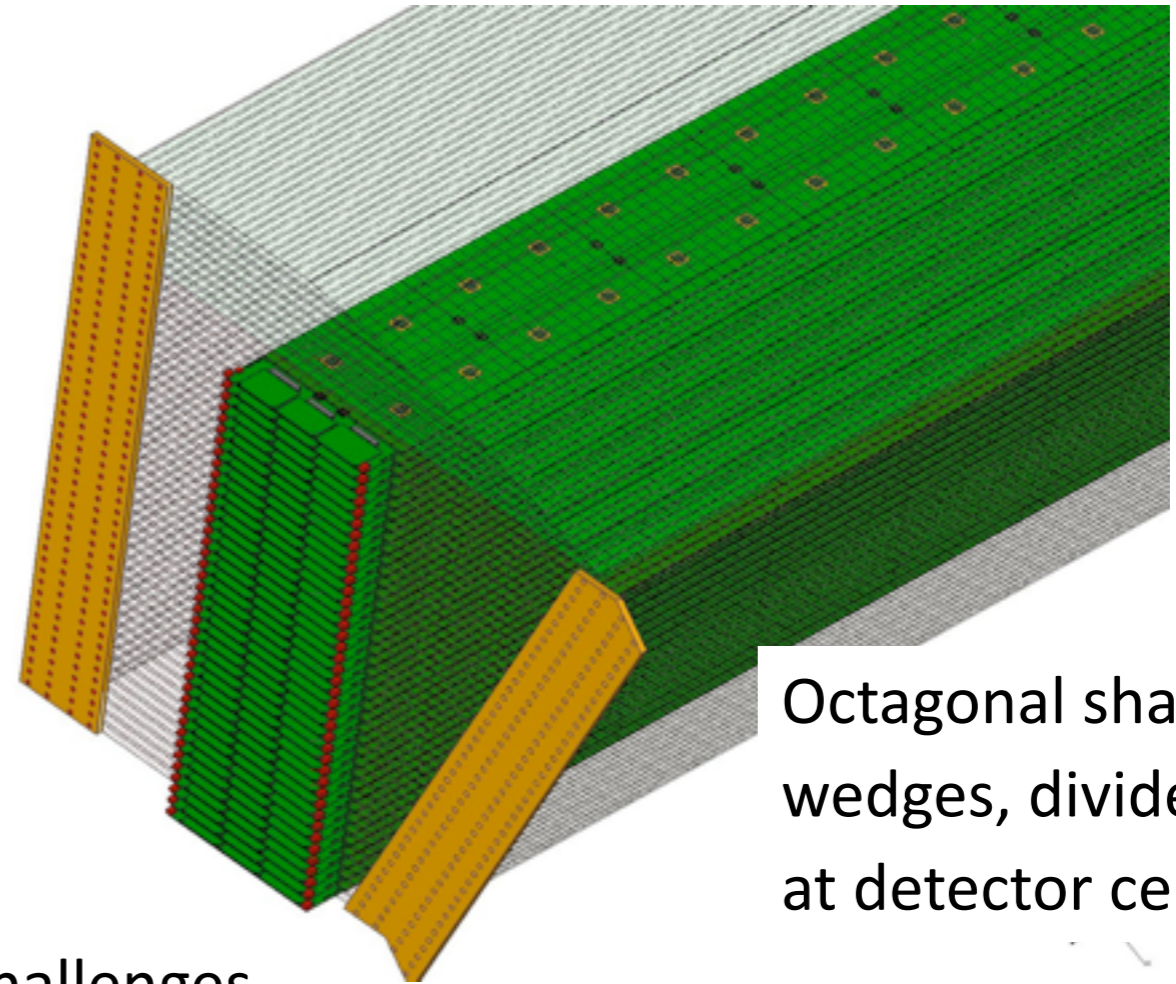
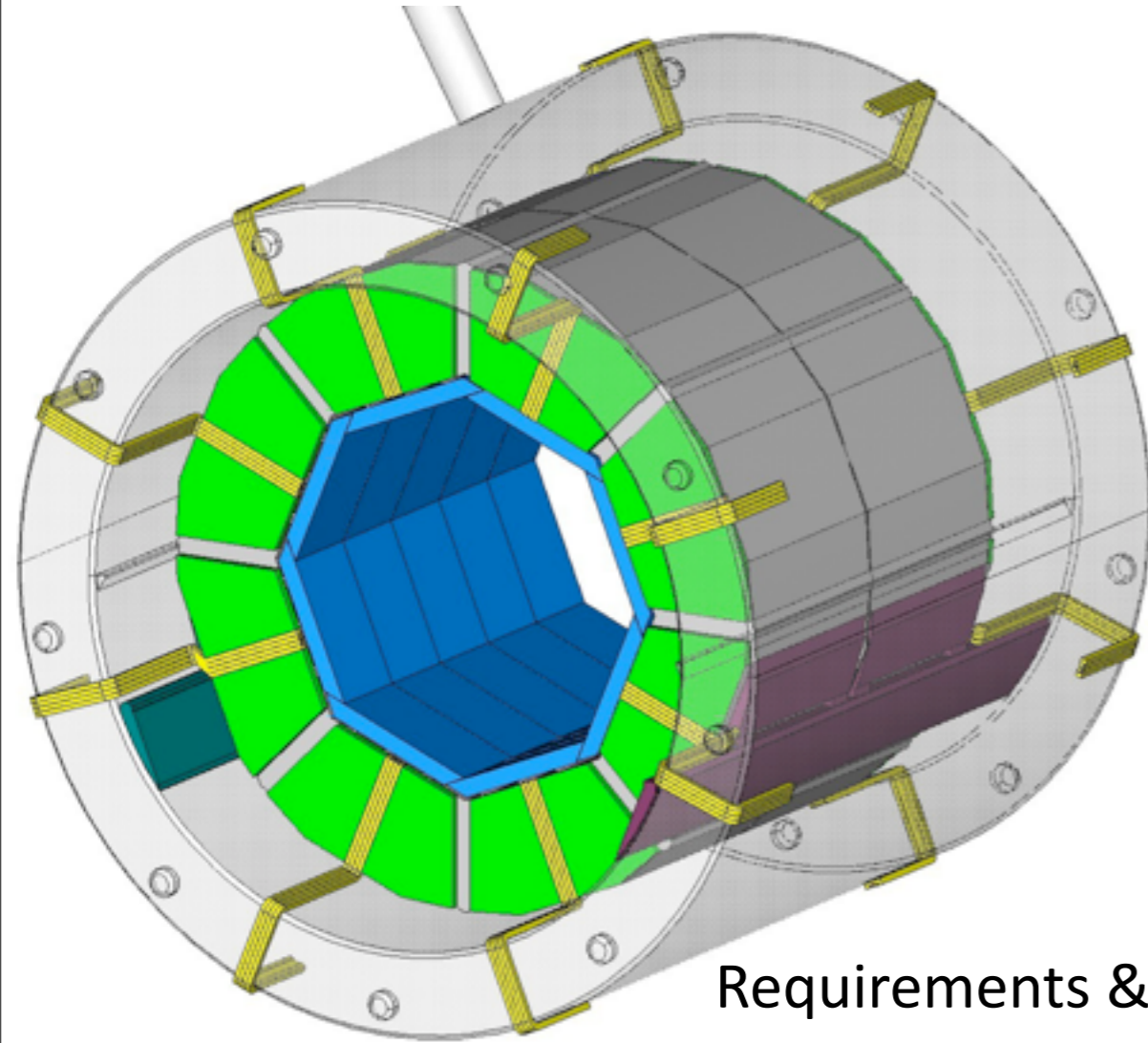
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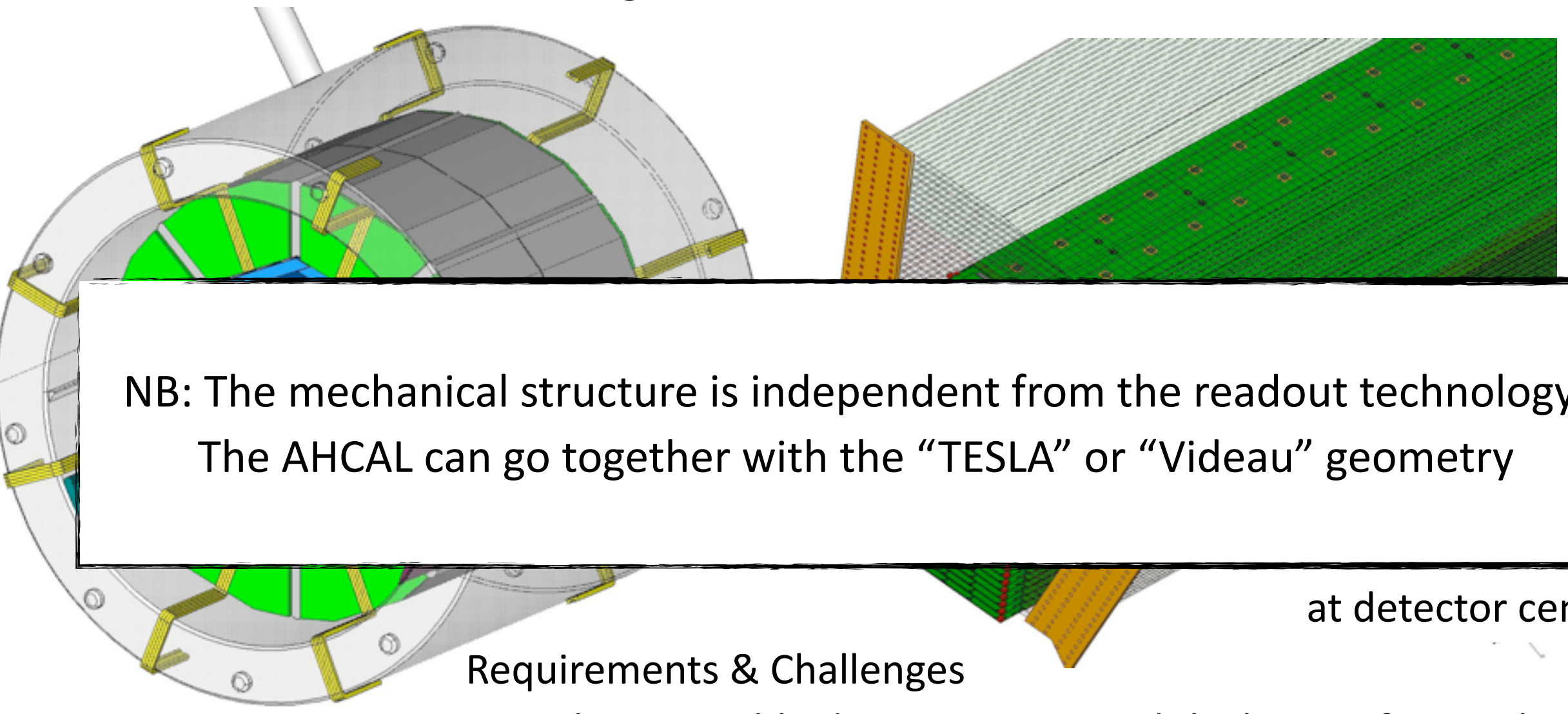
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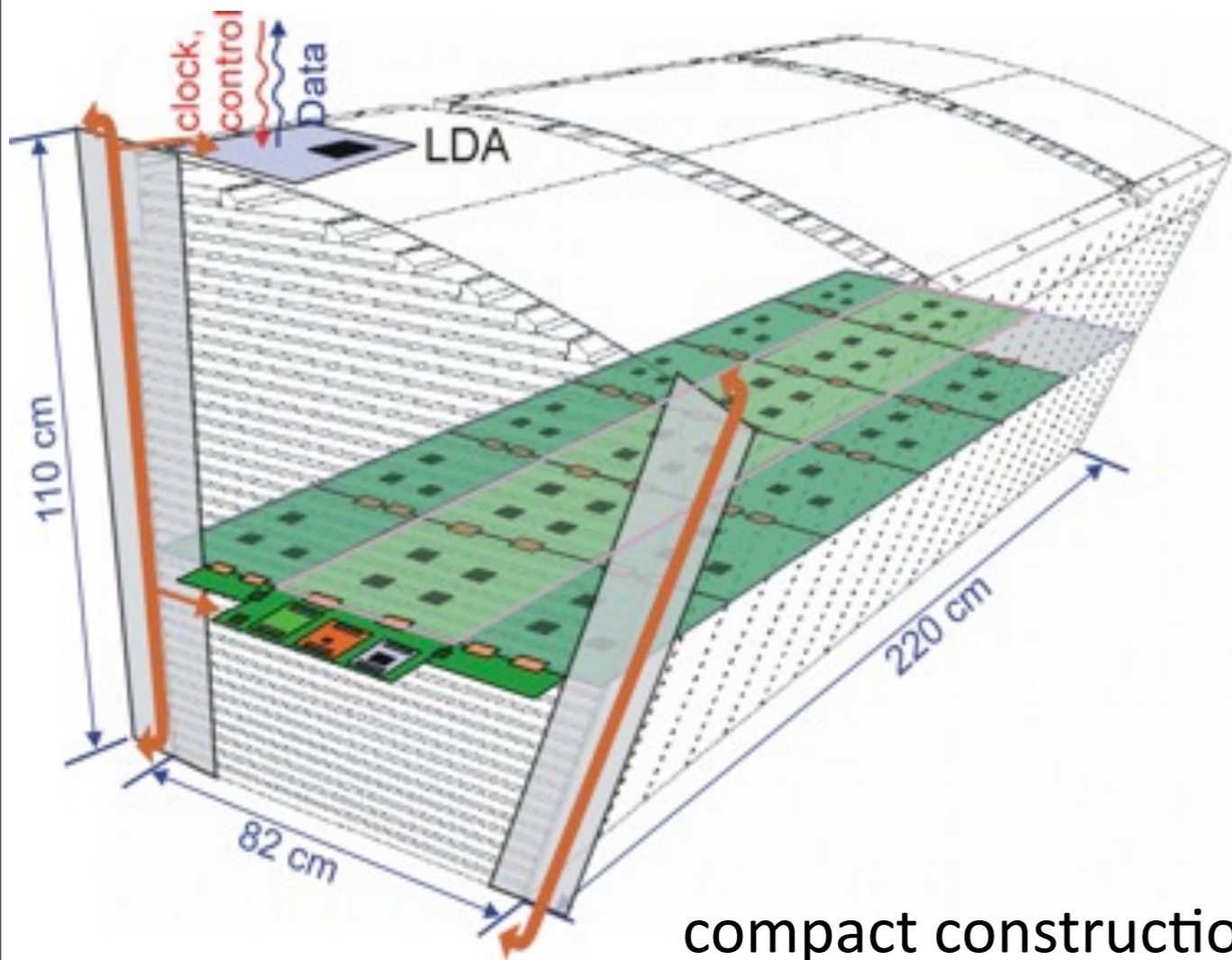
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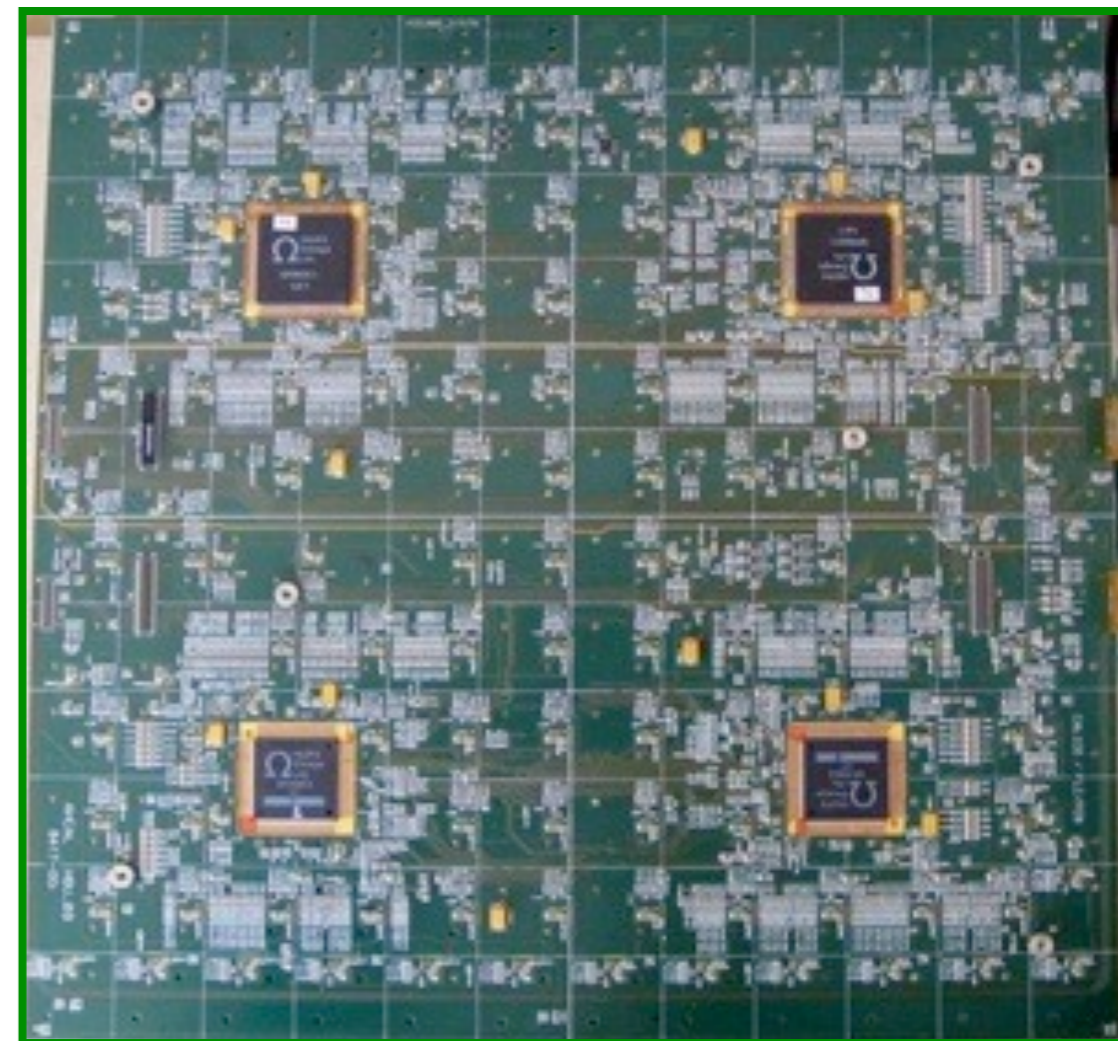
- Based on SPIROC ASIC, powerpulsing to eliminate need for active cooling



compact construction:  
Minimized gaps, ASICs  
embedded in PCB

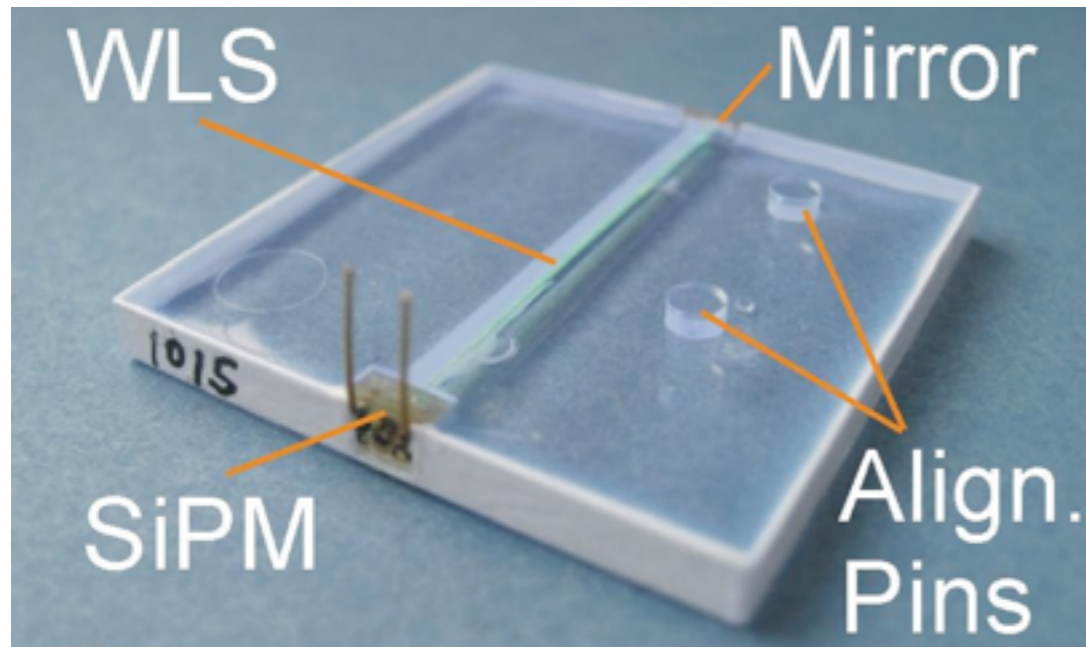
width of board and scintillator tiles can be adjusted  
in 1 cm steps to accommodate changing layer width

- Individual electronic boards (HBUs) with 144 channels, interconnected to form active layers

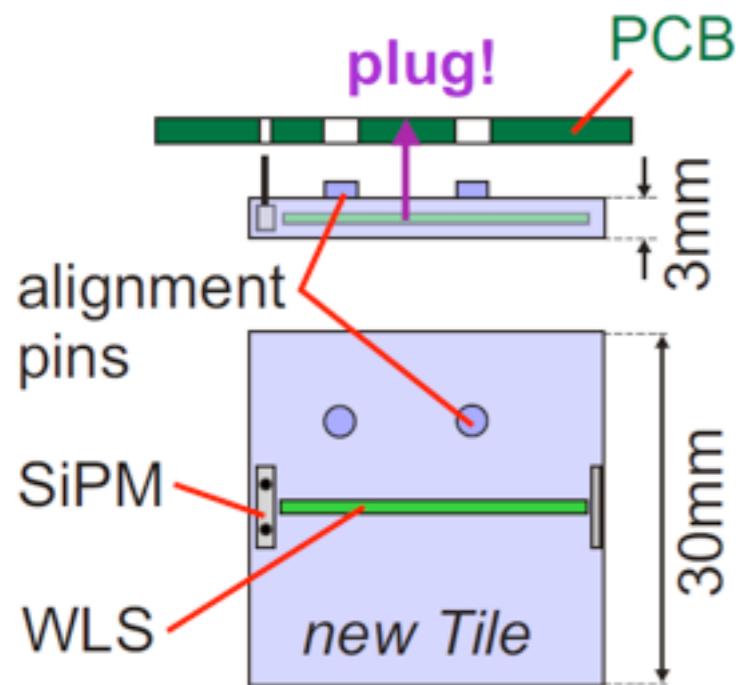
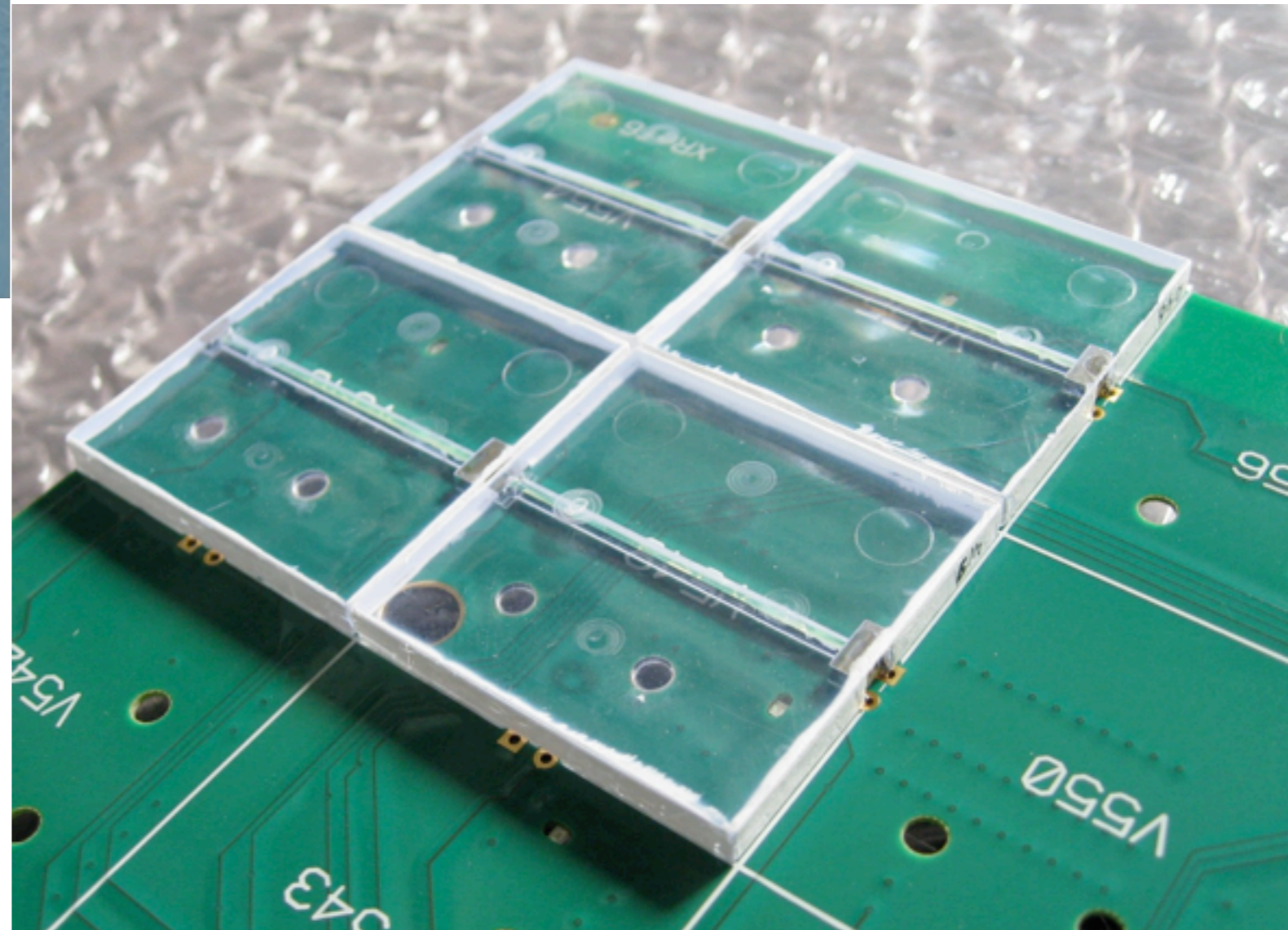


# The Scintillator Tiles

- 3 x 3 x 0.3 cm<sup>3</sup>, molded tiles with embedded WLS fiber and SiPM



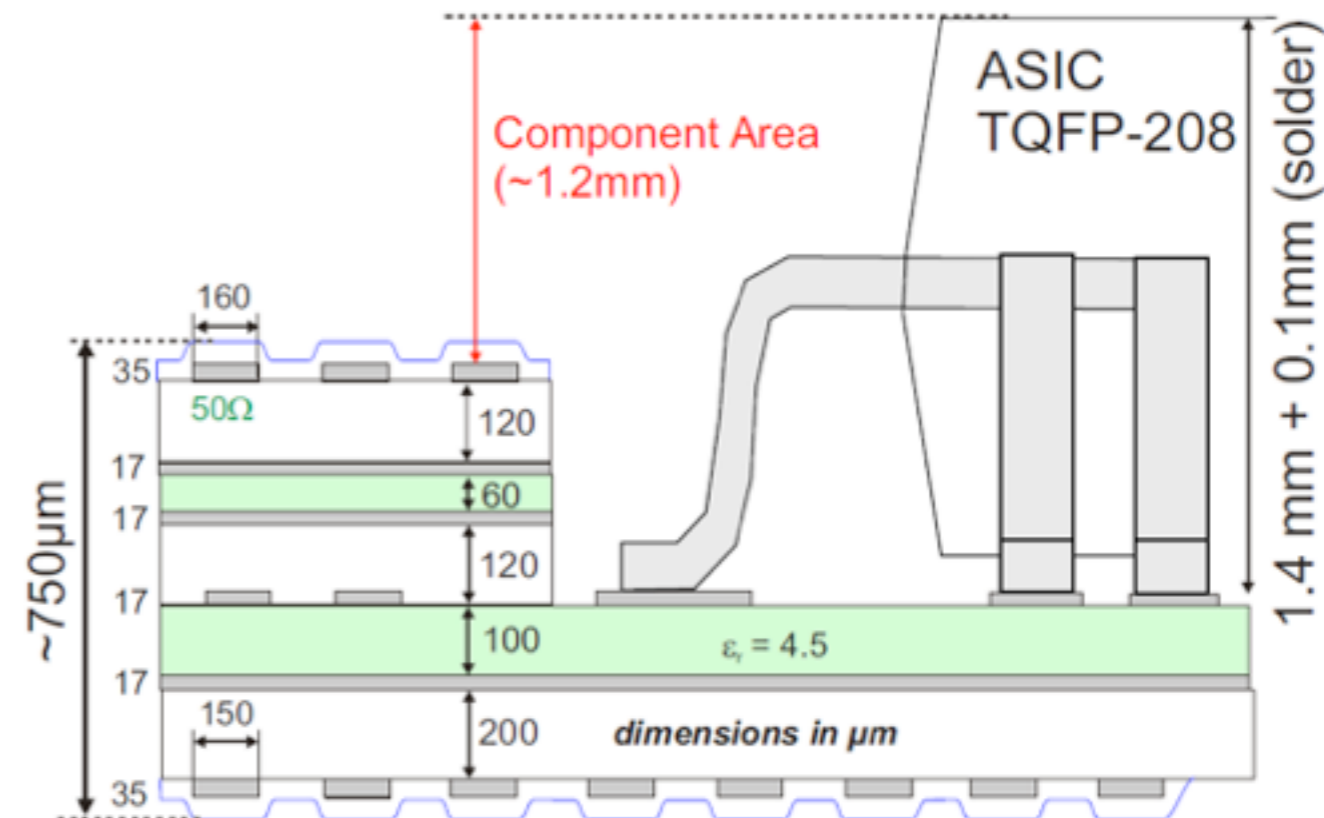
- From a sample of 450 tiles:  
15 ± 2 detected photons / MIP





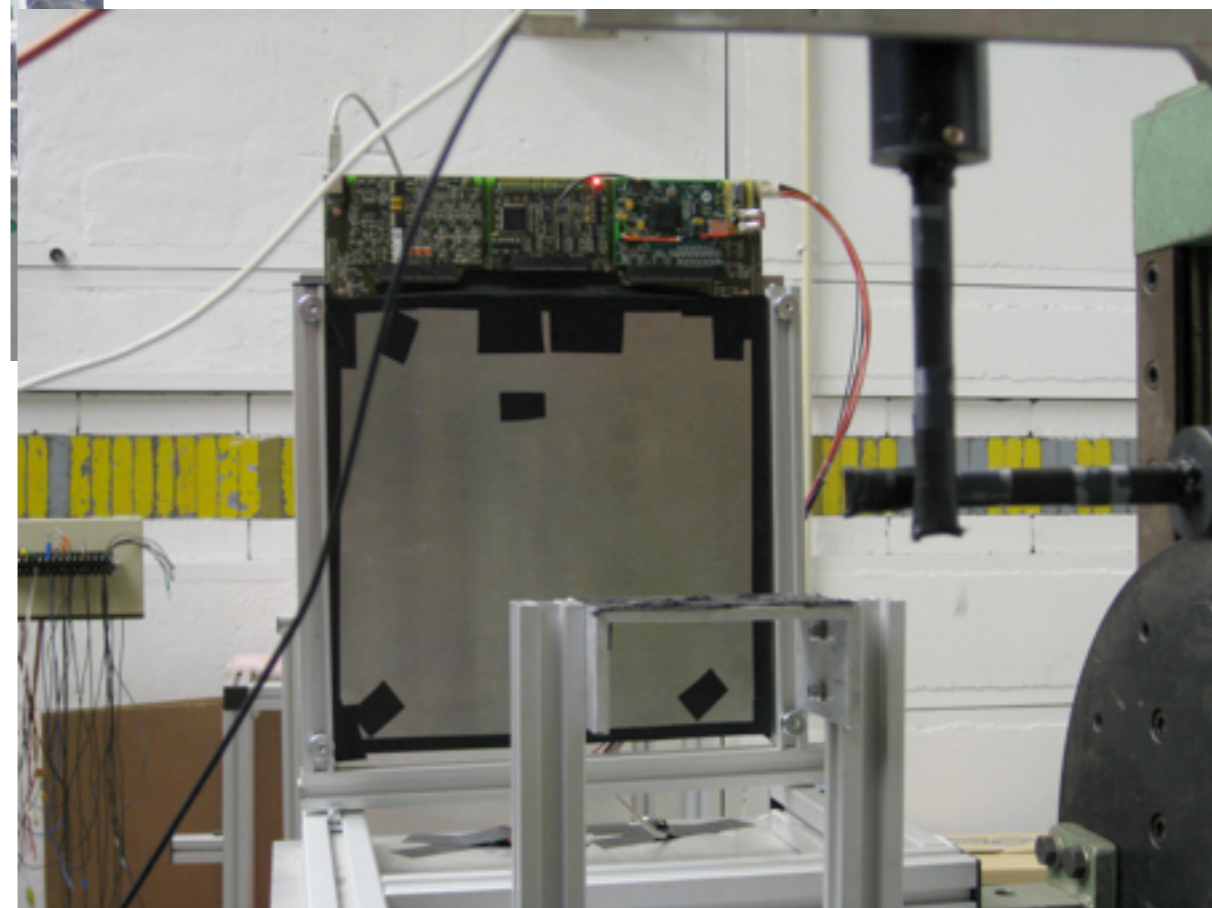
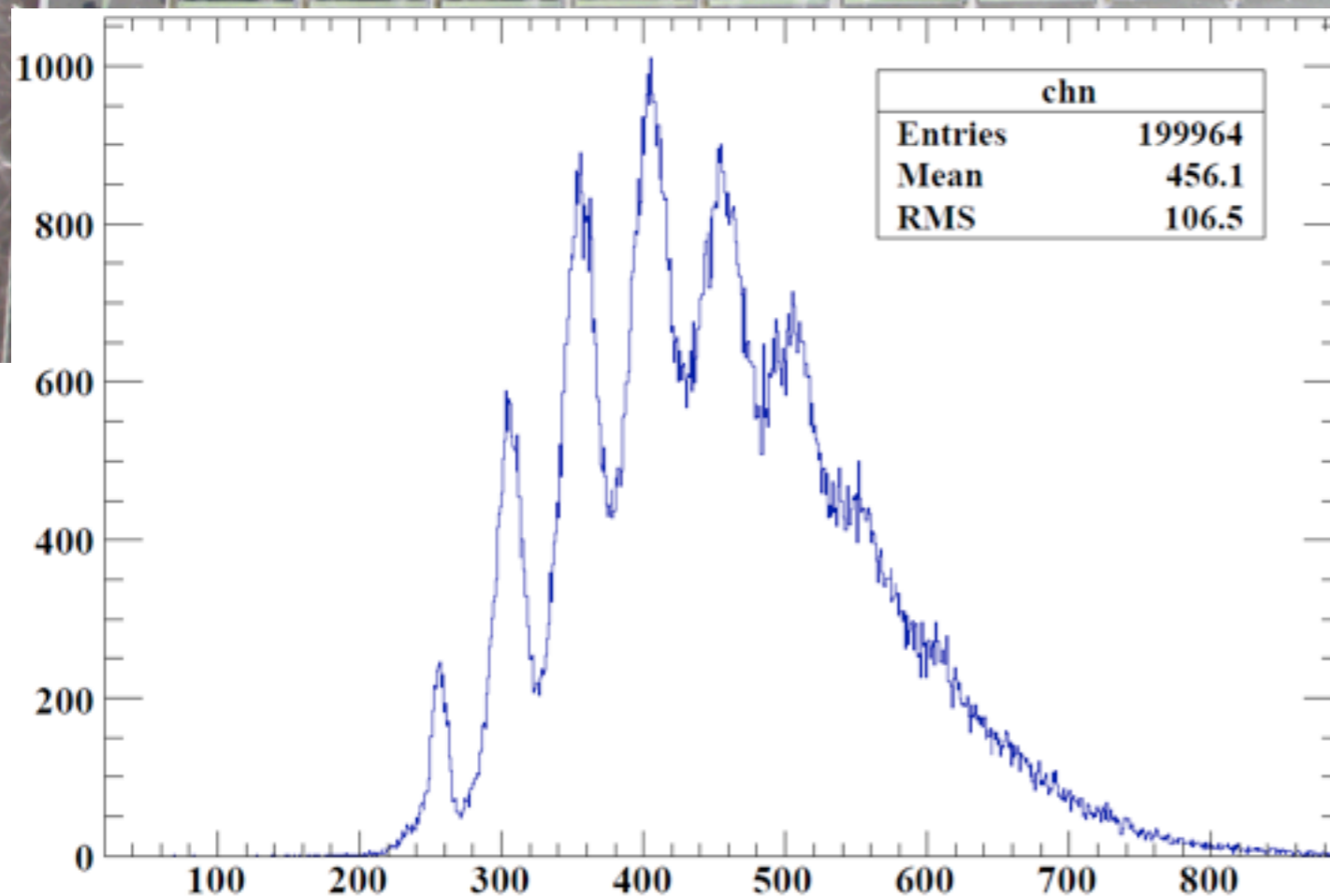
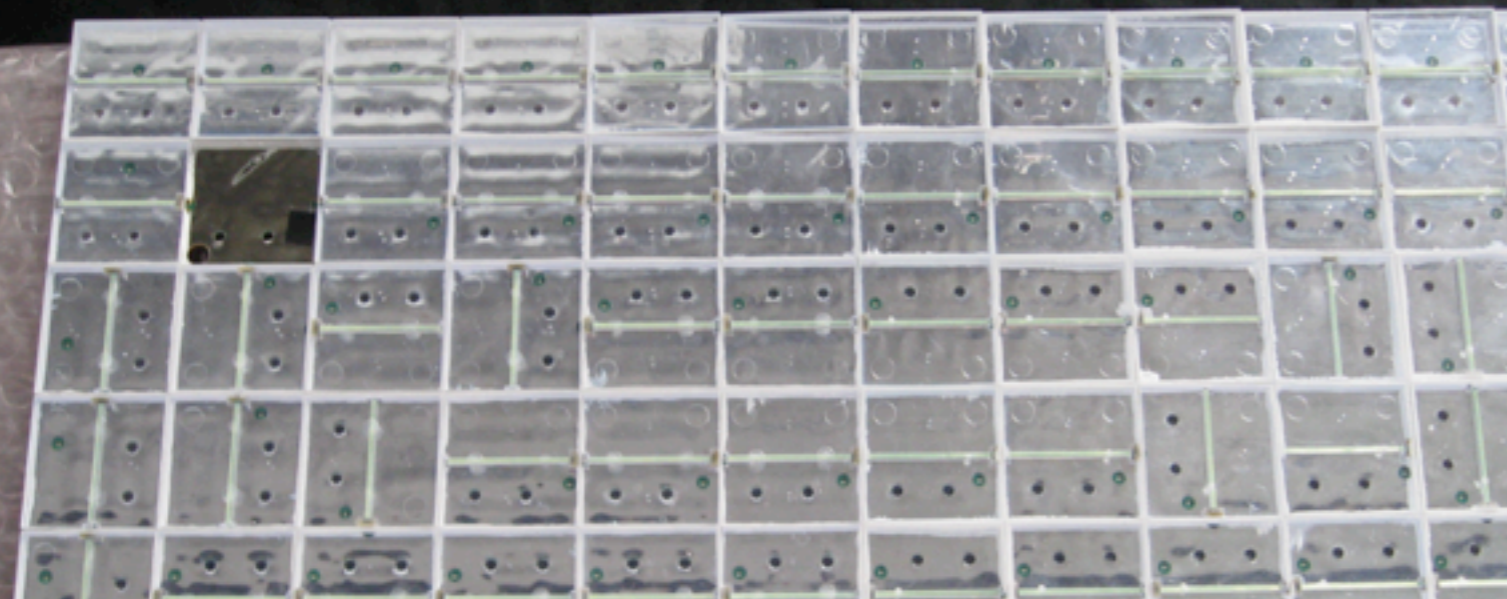
# The Readout Chip: SPIROC2b

- The heart of the new electronics:  
SPIROC2b, designed by OMEGA/IN2P3
- 32 channels, independent bias voltage control for each channel
- Power pulsing:  $25 \mu\text{W}/\text{channel}$
- Auto-trigger mode
- Time stamping capability
- Chip installed in cut-out in PCB to minimize layer thickness
- Thorough tests already performed, further improved version (SPIROC2c) on the way



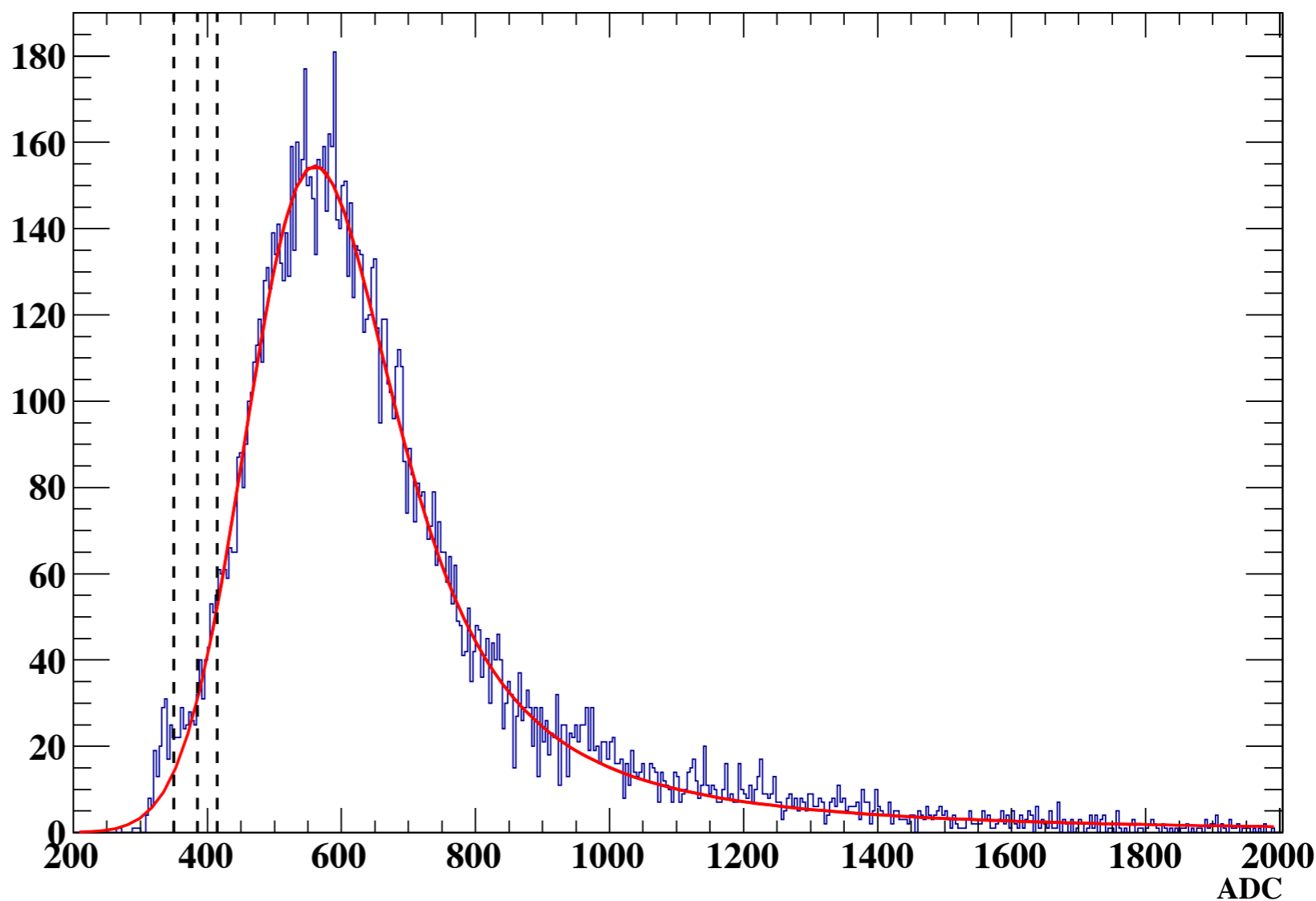
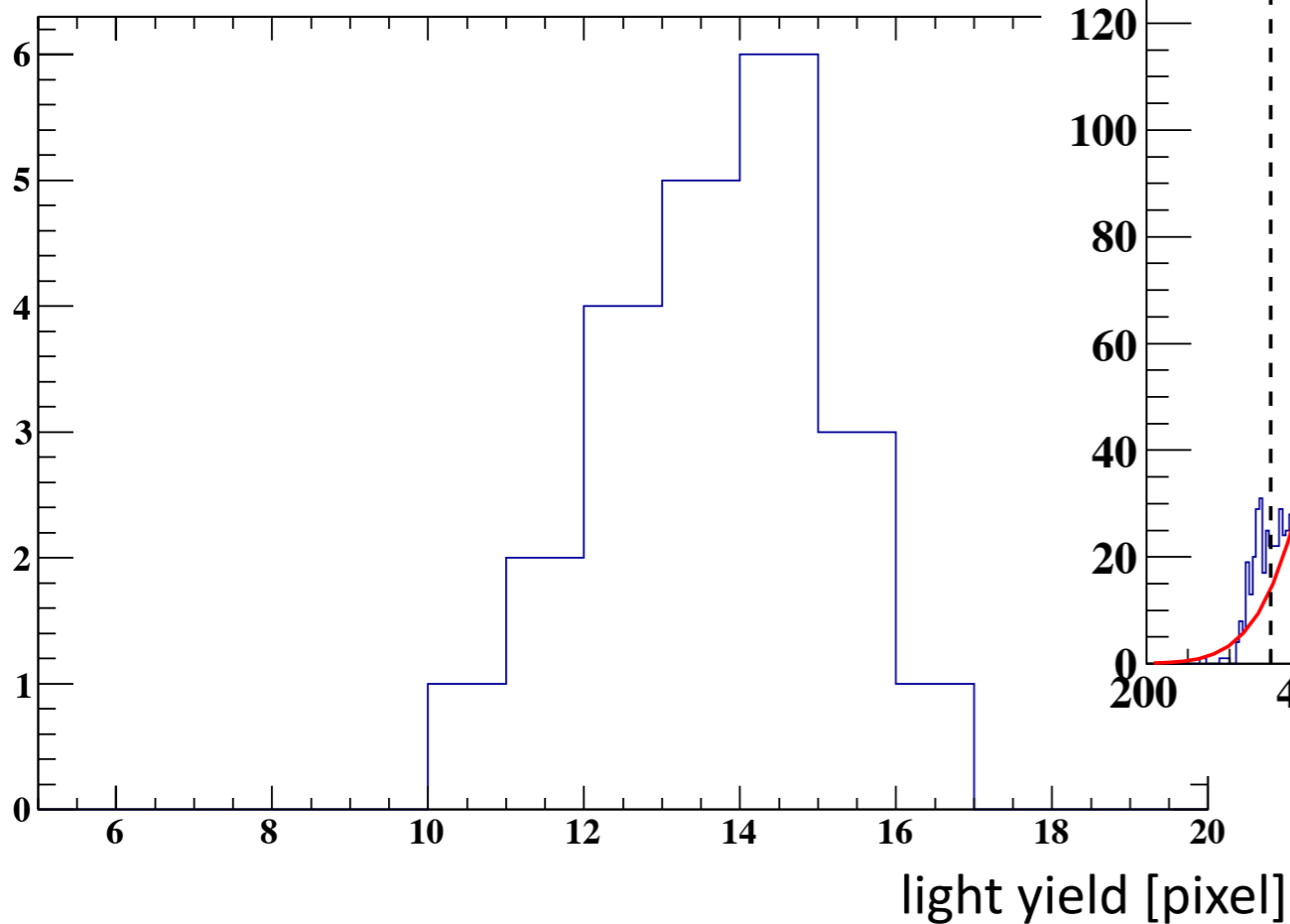
# First Results in Beam

- 1 HBU with 70 tiles in the DESY test beam: Test response to MIPs with 2 GeV electrons
- Good single photon spectra observed with LED system!



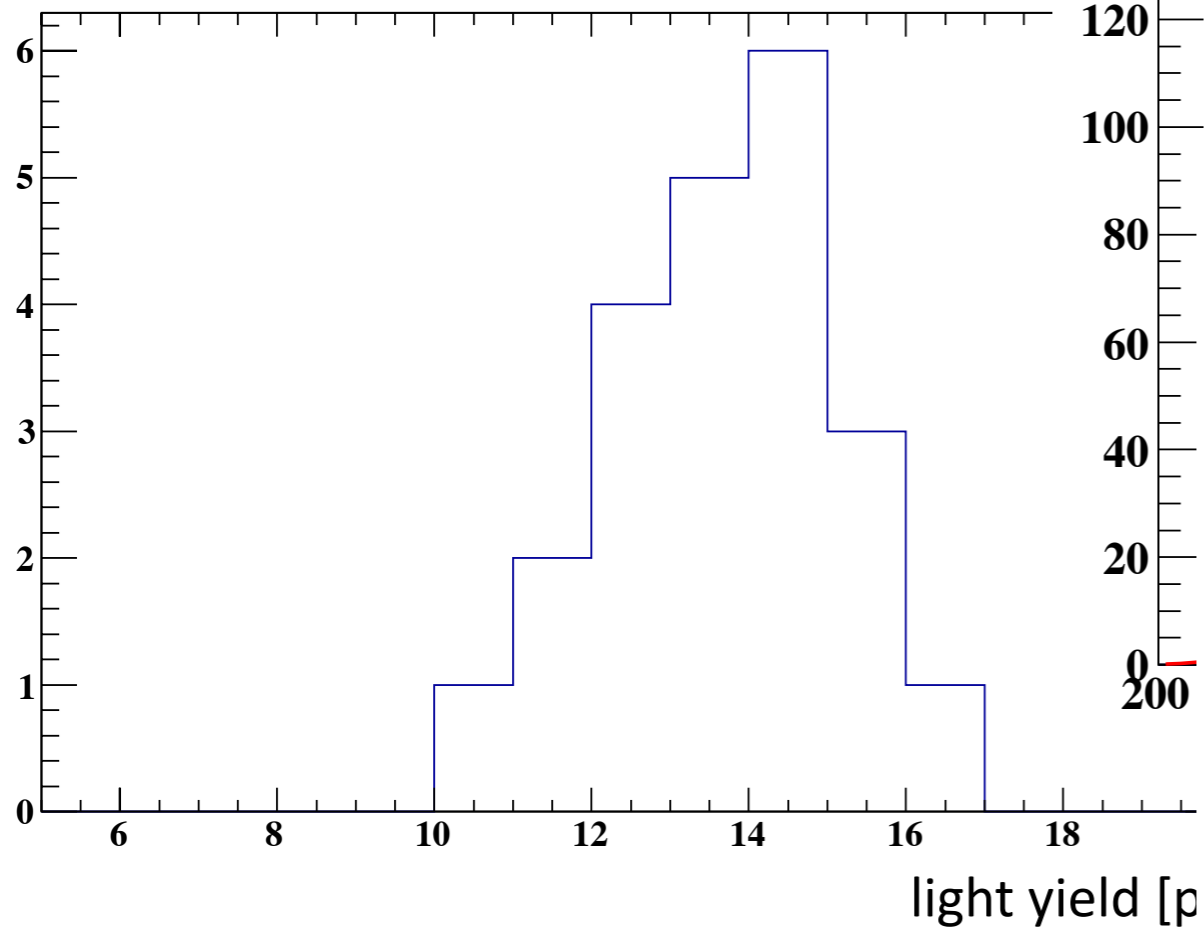
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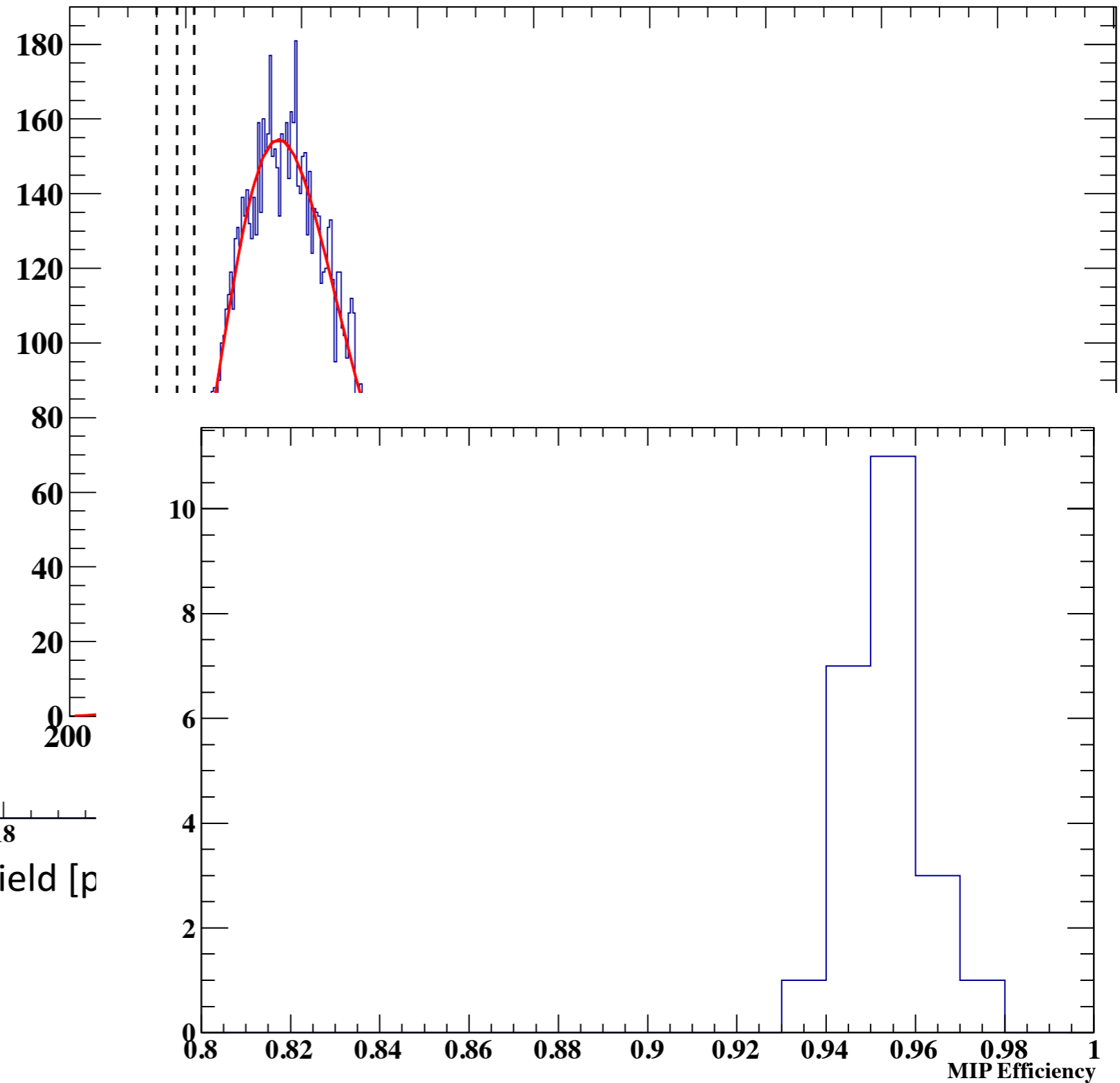


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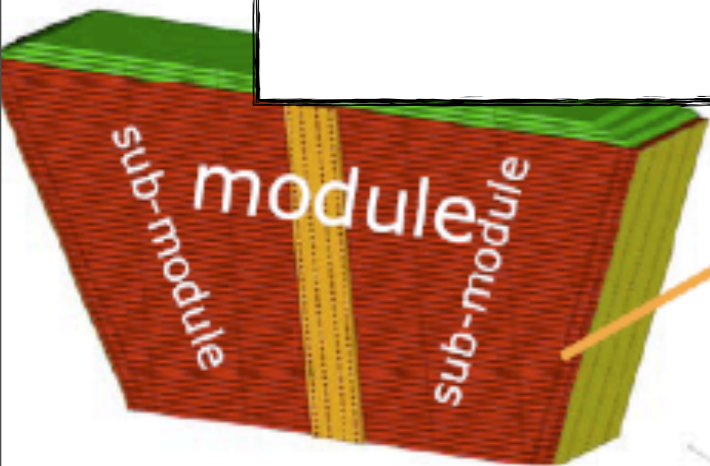


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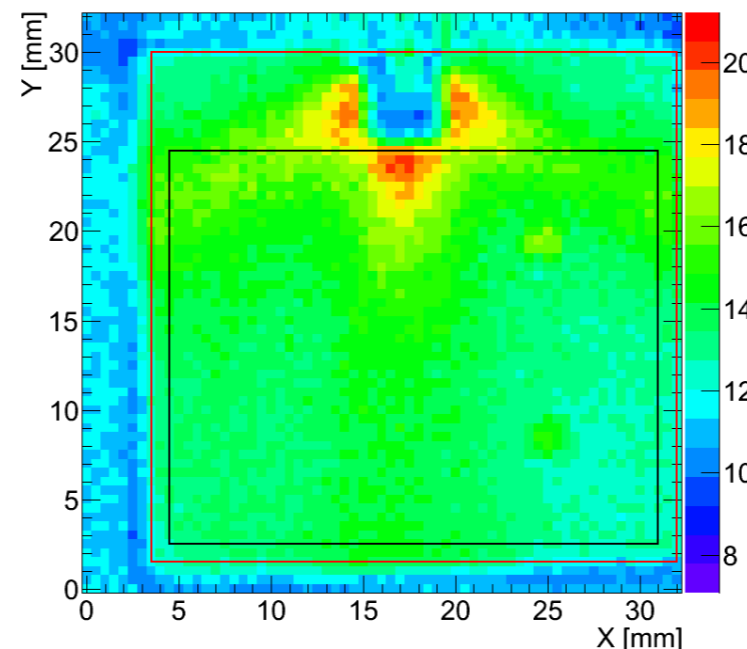
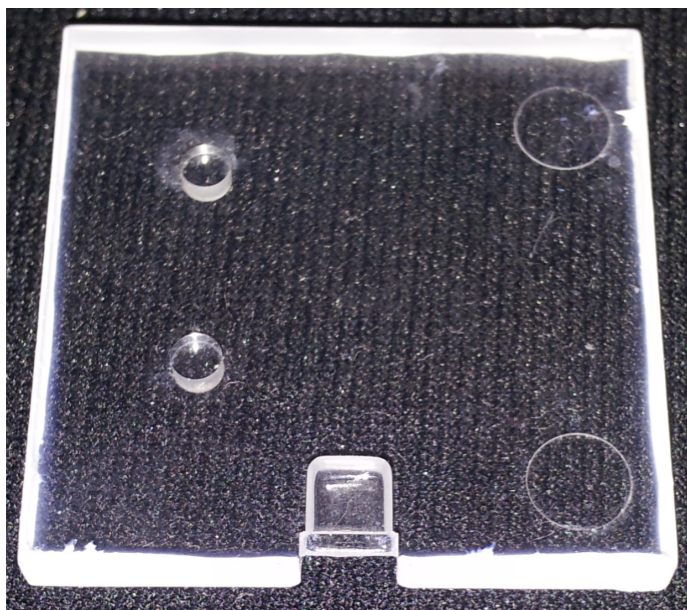
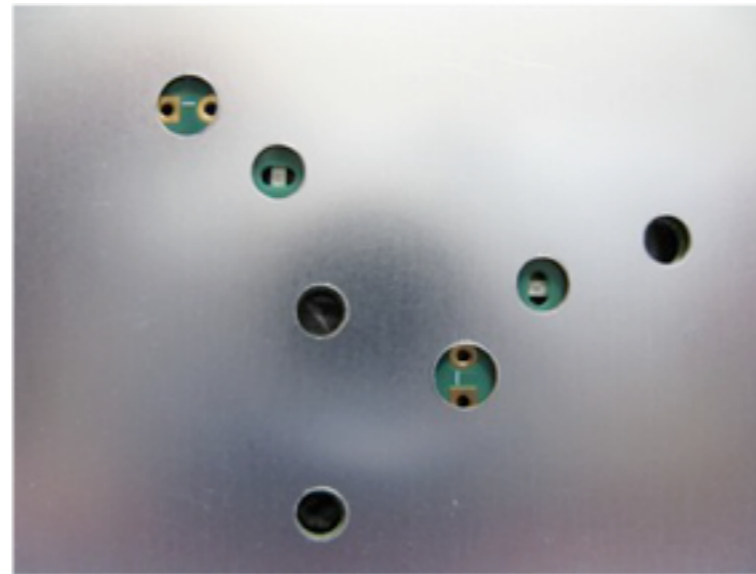
The design works in reality, with real steel,  
not just in SolidWorks or AutoCAD!



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# Cost and Industrialization

- Progress towards establishing a real mass production:
- Reflector foils produced by automated laser cutting
- Molding of scintillator tiles, also with fiberless coupling, chemically matted sides

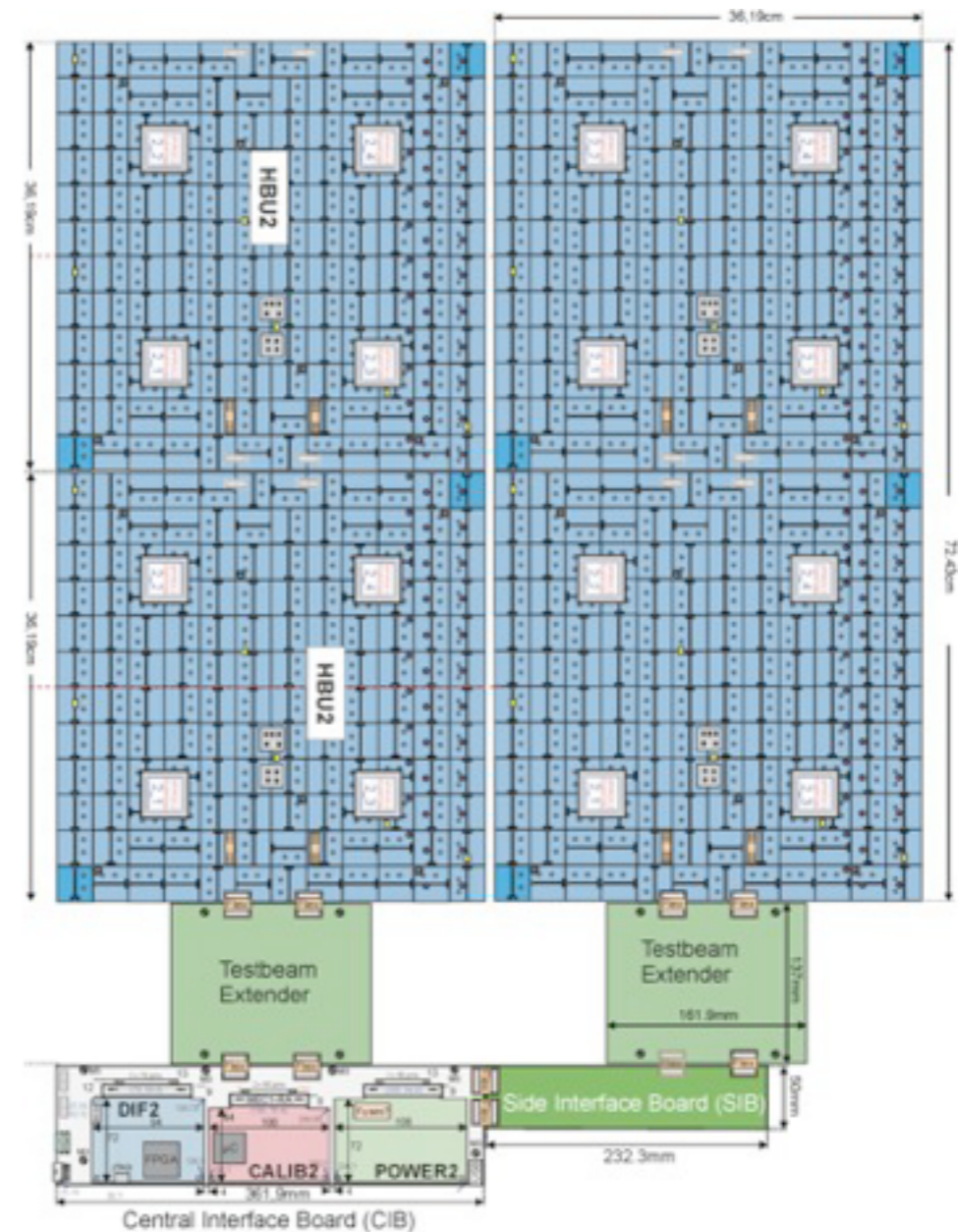


First tests show already promising results for light-yield and uniformity

- Cost for photon-sensor under control:  $\sim 1$  USD/SiPM for Million-Channel systems

# Next Steps / R&D Issues

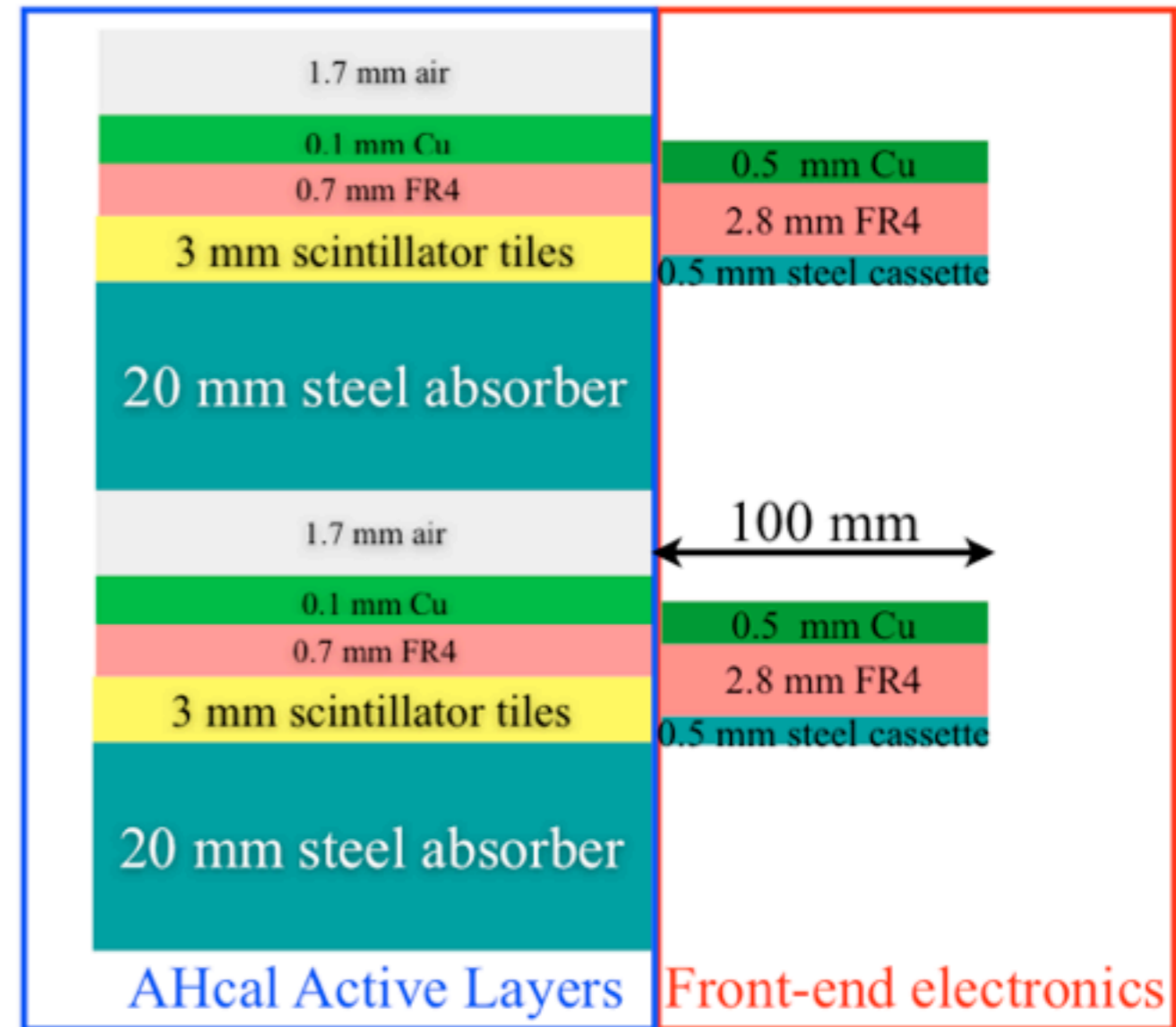
- Preparing for a hadron test beam with one layer (4 HBUs)
  - Measure time-structure of showers (increase coverage compared to T3B, see next talk)
- Test of a full slab in absorbers to assess thermal and mechanical behavior
- Longer vision:
  - Multiple layers, for example an EM tower with new absorber structure in beam
    - Full demonstration also of online SiPM gain adjustment and zero suppression
  - Full modules / layers with fiberless readout
  - Potentially a full second generation HCAL





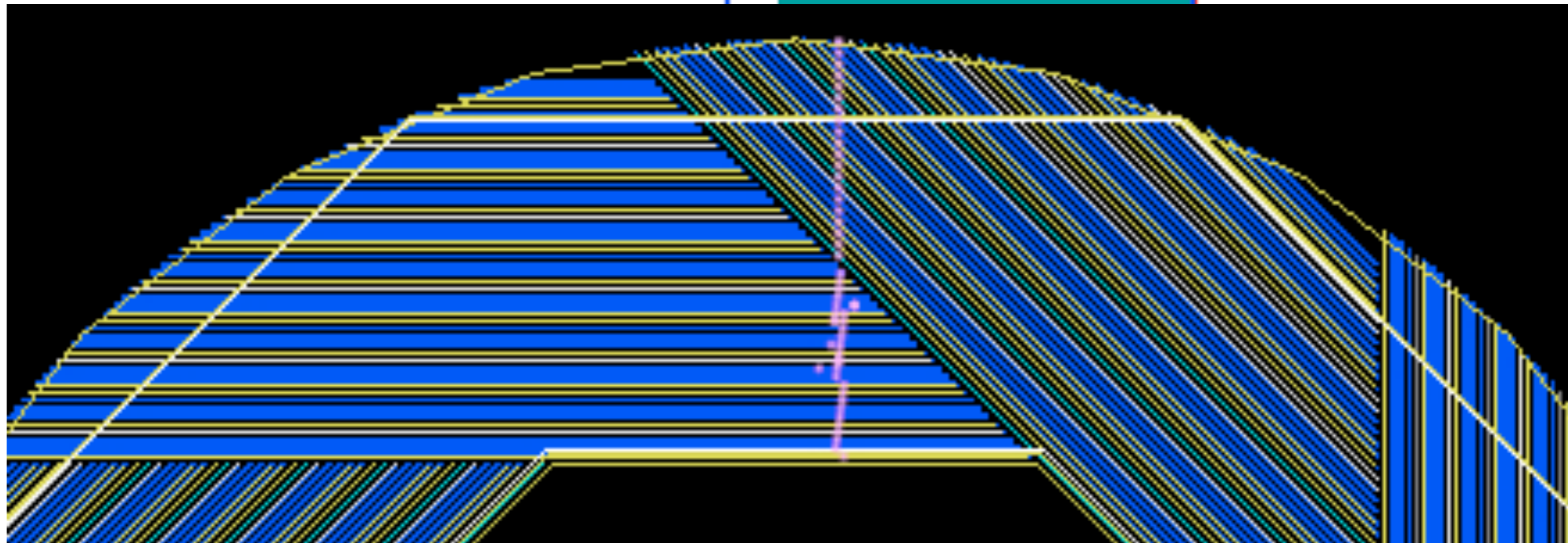
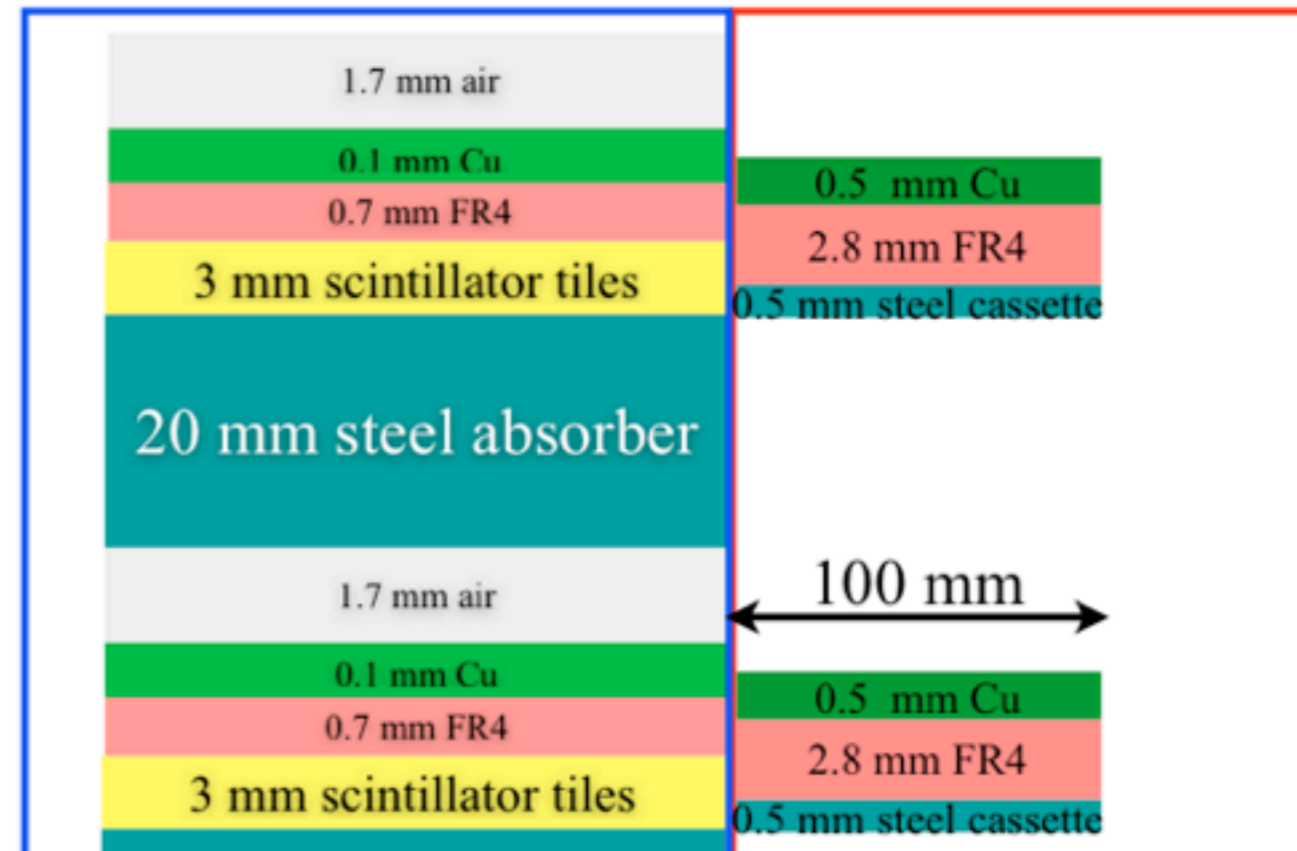
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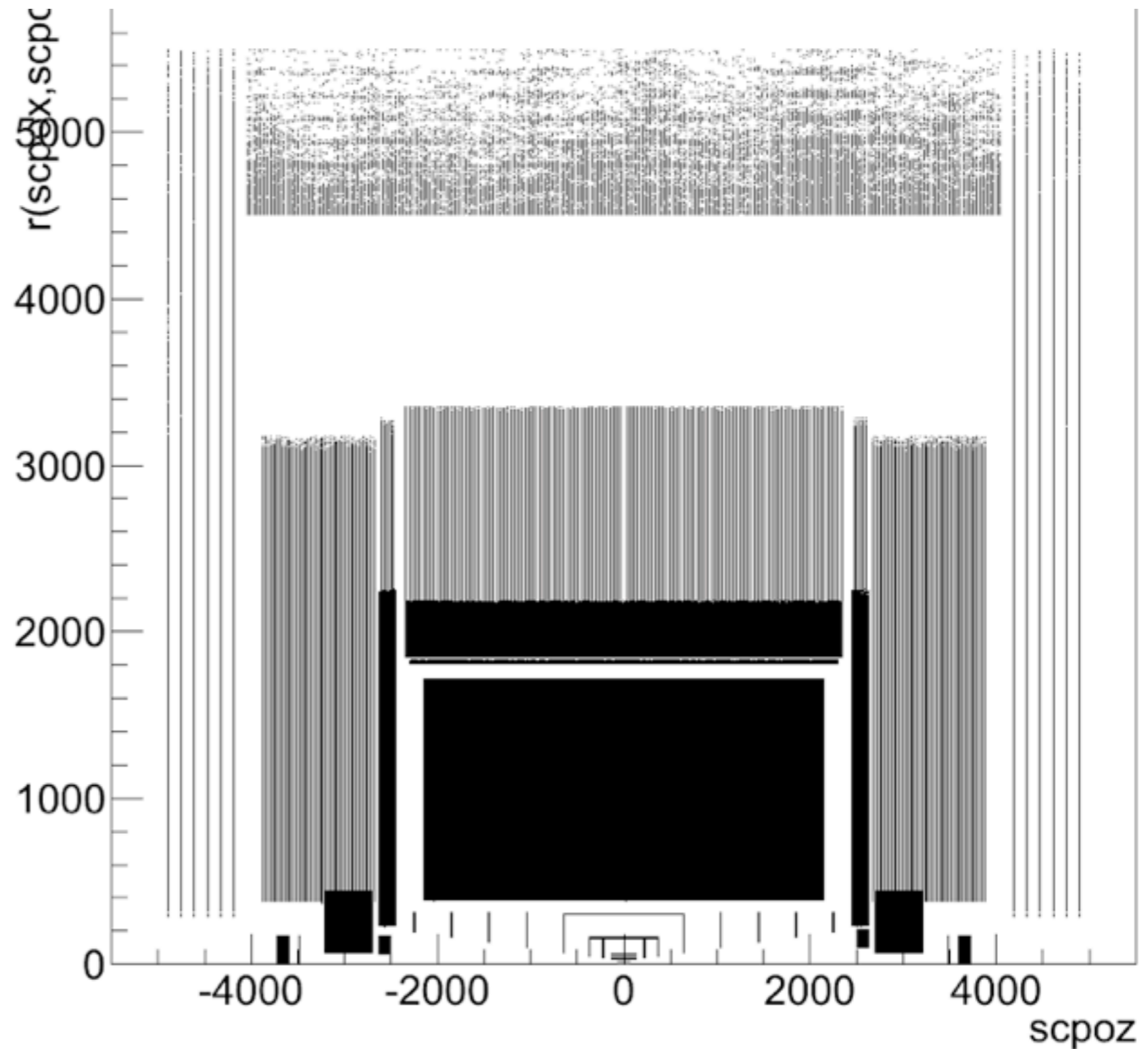
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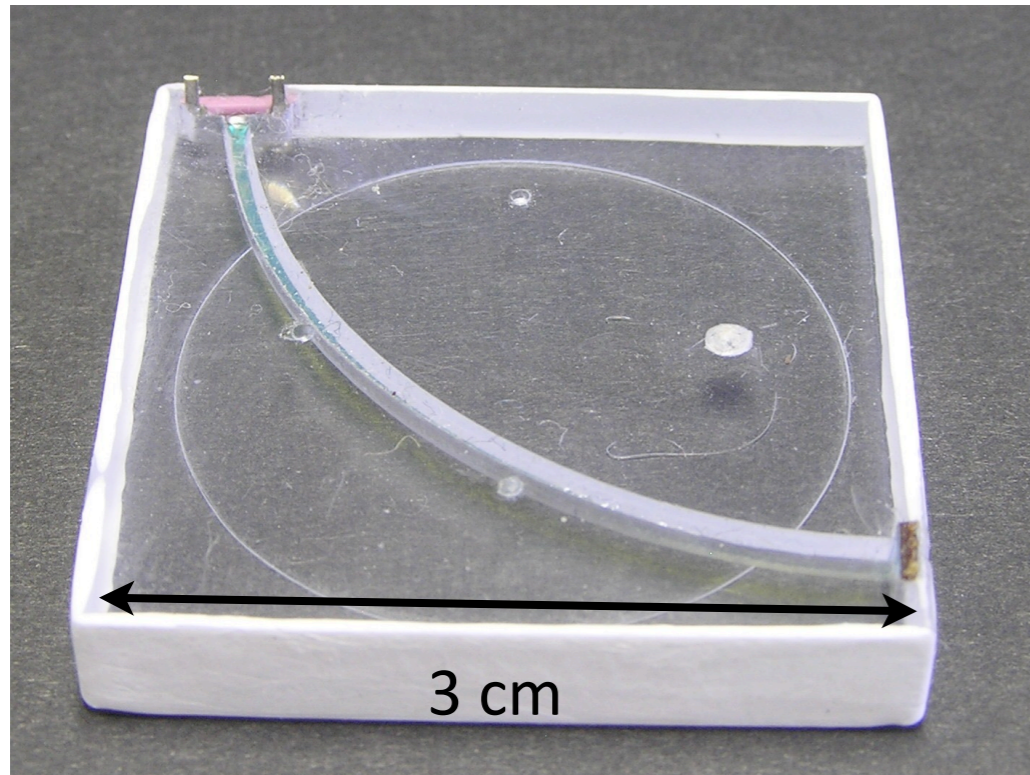
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# The Basis: Highlights from the Physics Prototype

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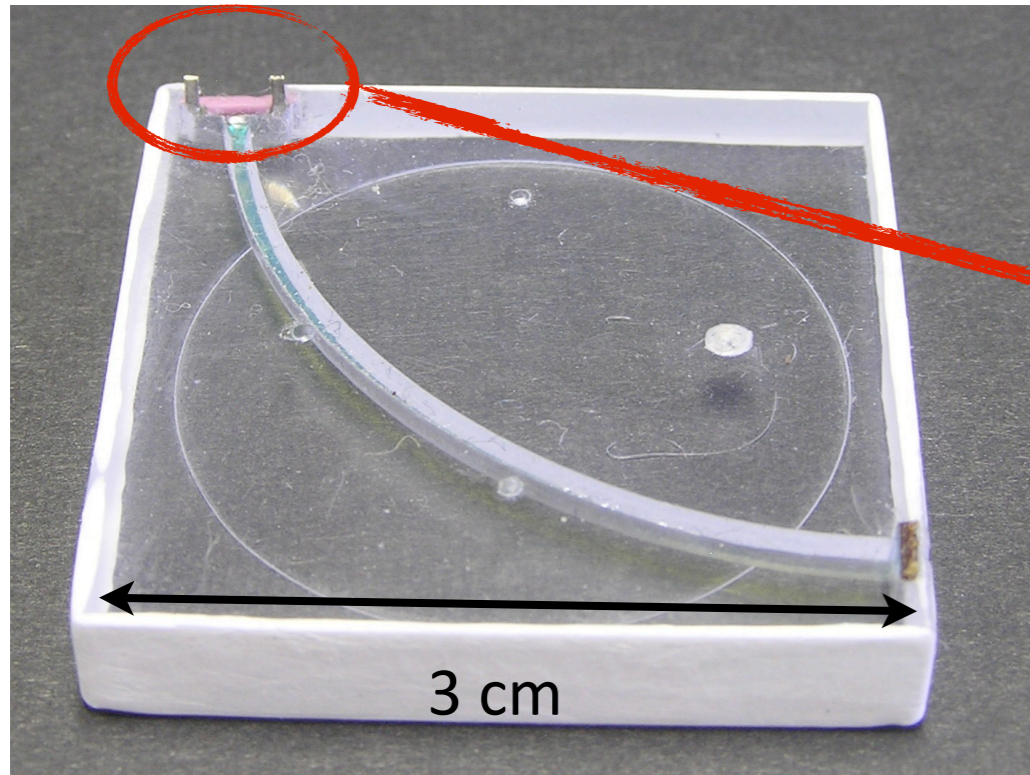


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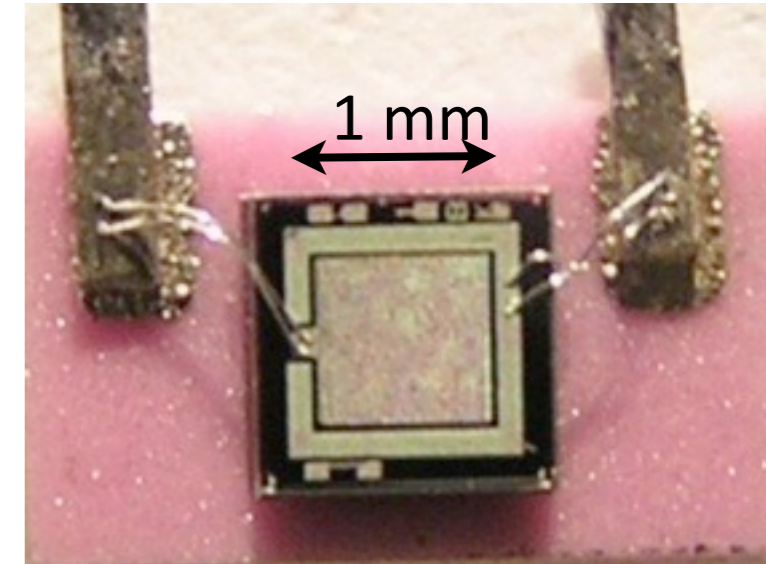
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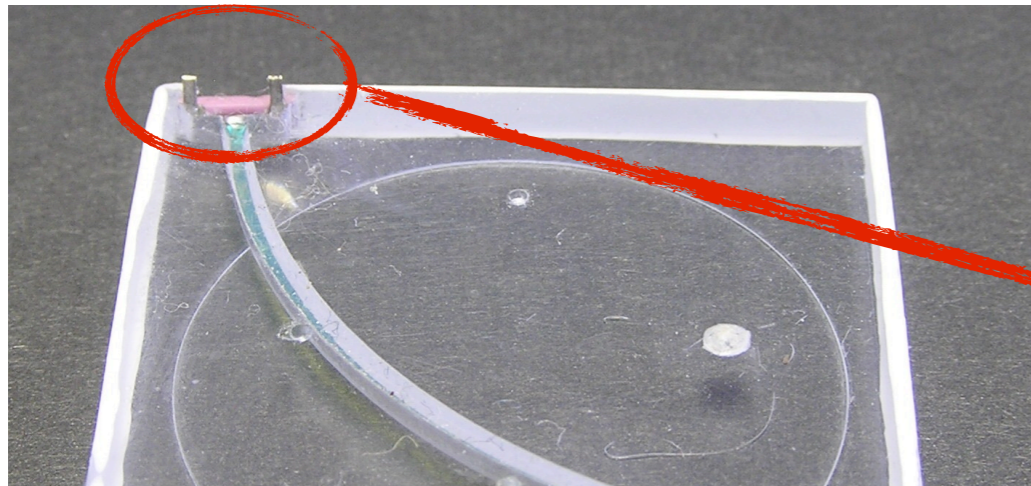
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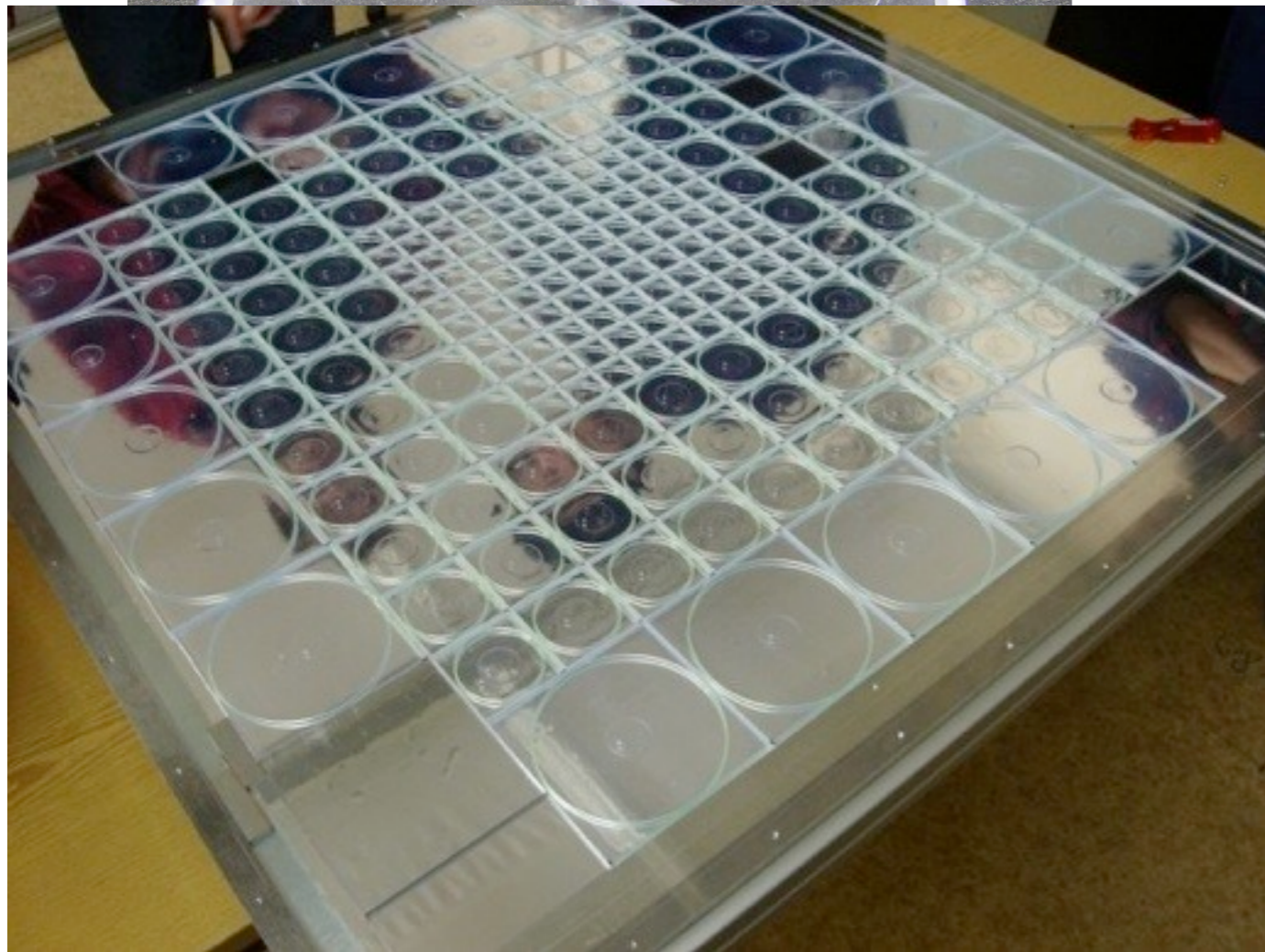
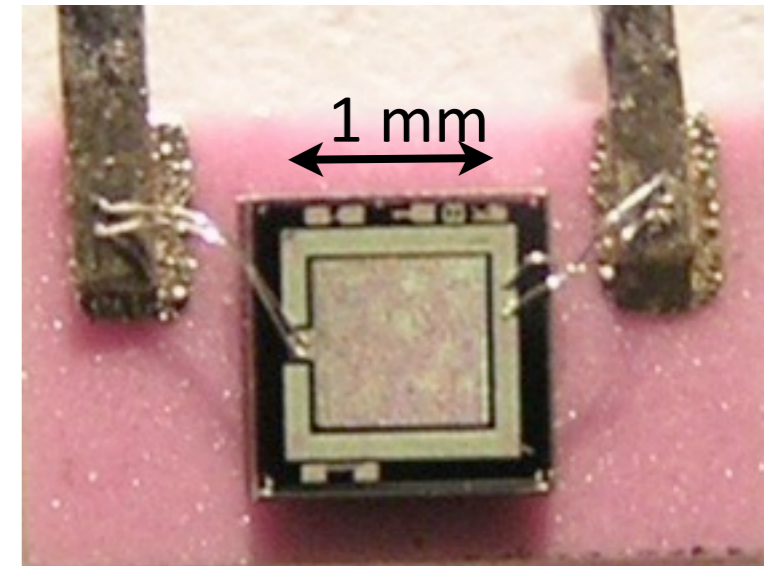
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- Active layers: 90 x 90 cm<sup>2</sup>  
212 scintillator tiles (100 in high  
granular core)

# The AHCAL Physics Prototype

- Remember: The AHCAL was constructed in 2005/6 (first ideas from 2003):  
The first large-scale use of SiPMs in HEP world-wide!

The CALICE AHCAL has been at the front of the global trend towards SiPMs  
Now many other users: T2K, various medical imaging projects, CMS upgrades,...

- The technology is extremely robust:

The AHCAL active elements have completed 6 years of data taking

- 2006 & 2007: CERN
- 2008 & 2009: FNAL
- 2010 & 2011: CERN

Many trips with disassembly & reassembly of the calorimeter:

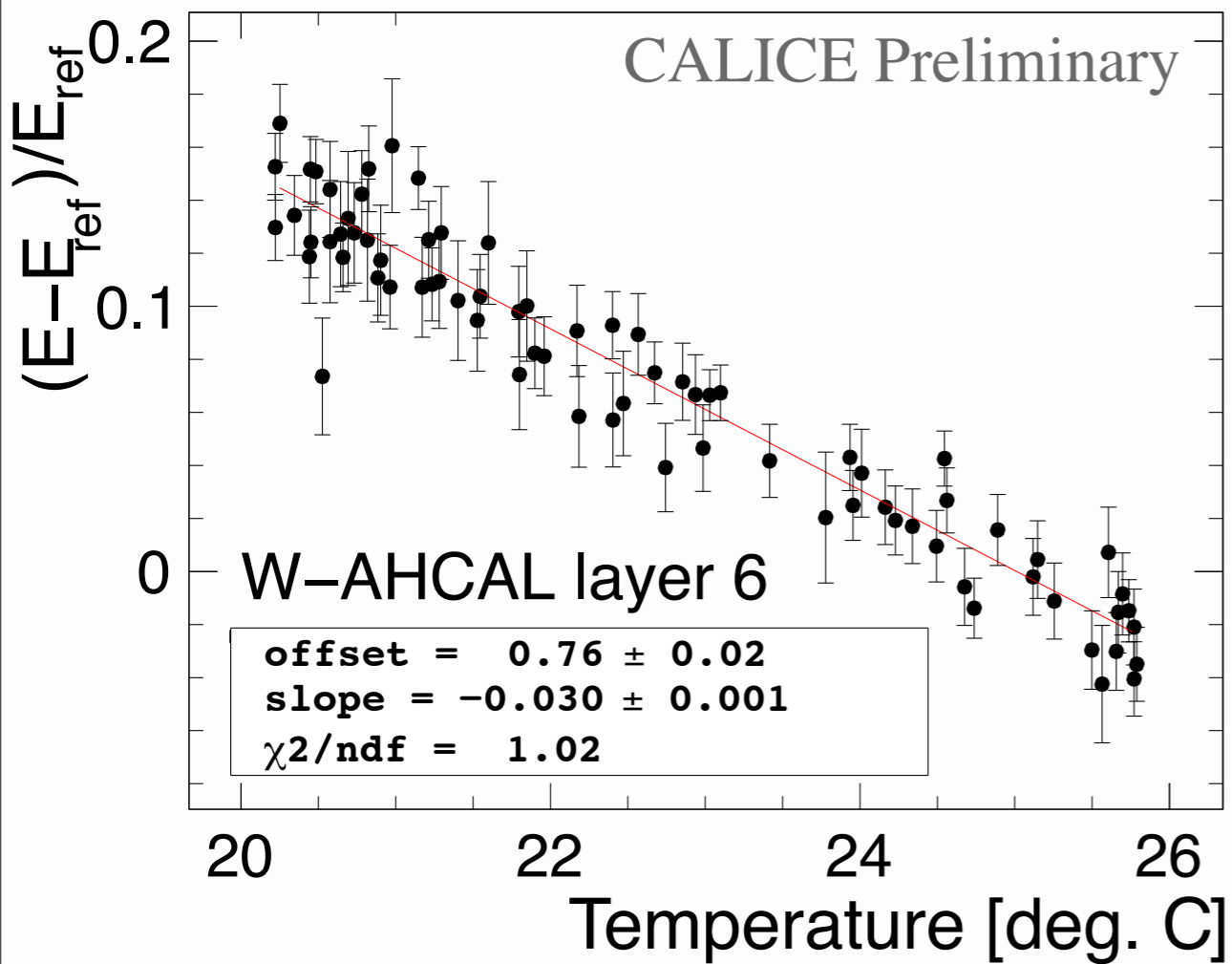
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... and the SiPMs survived without problems!



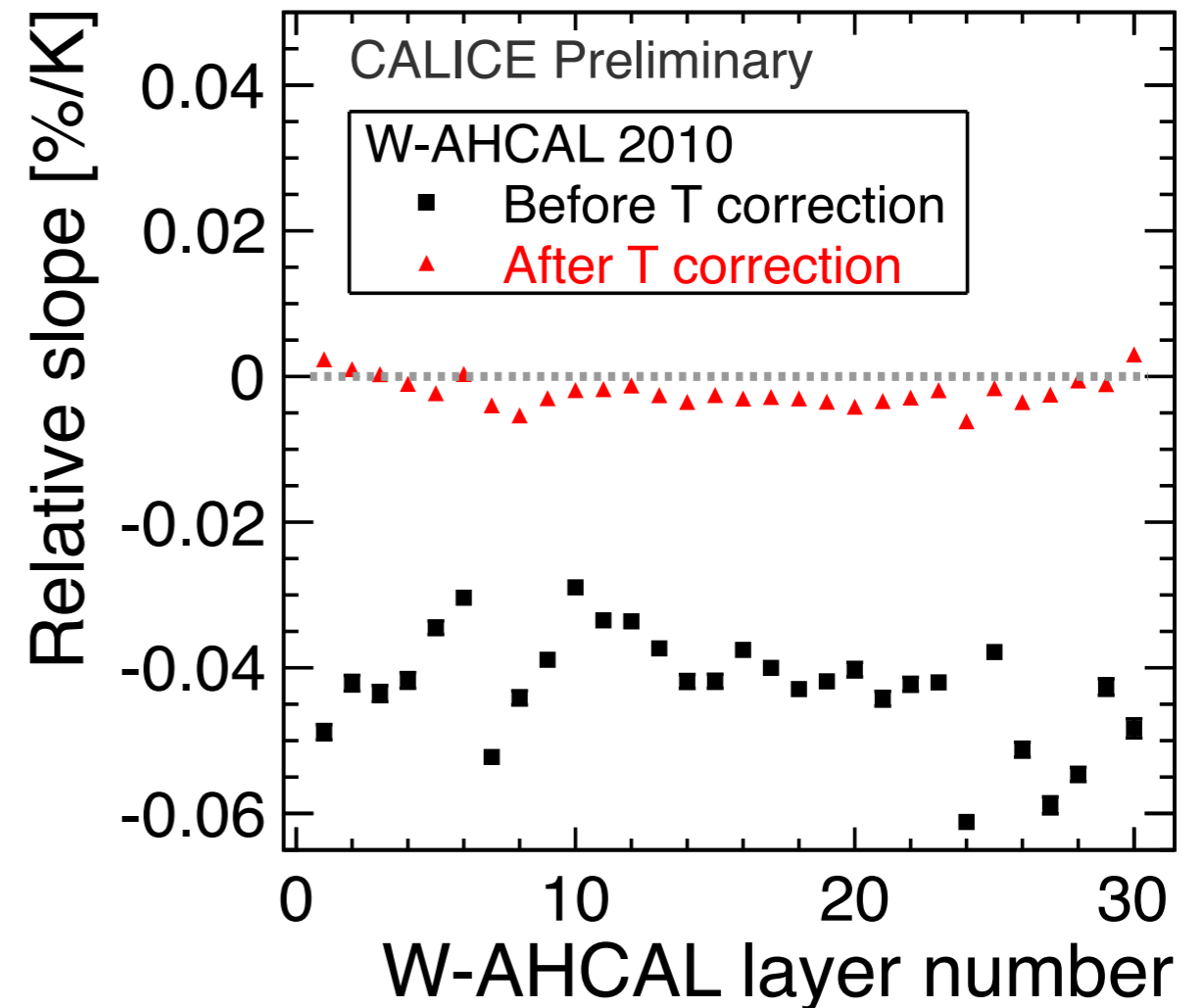
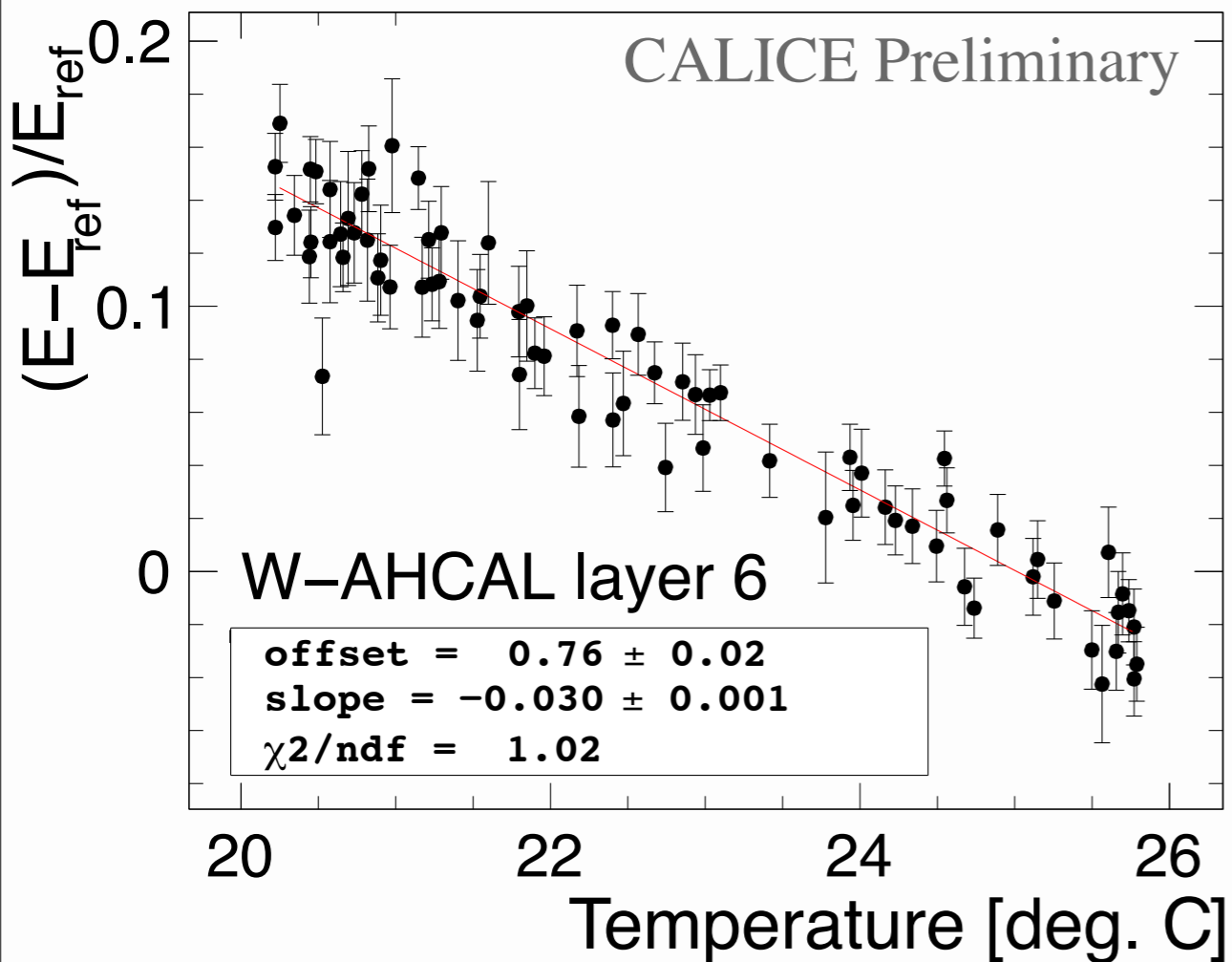
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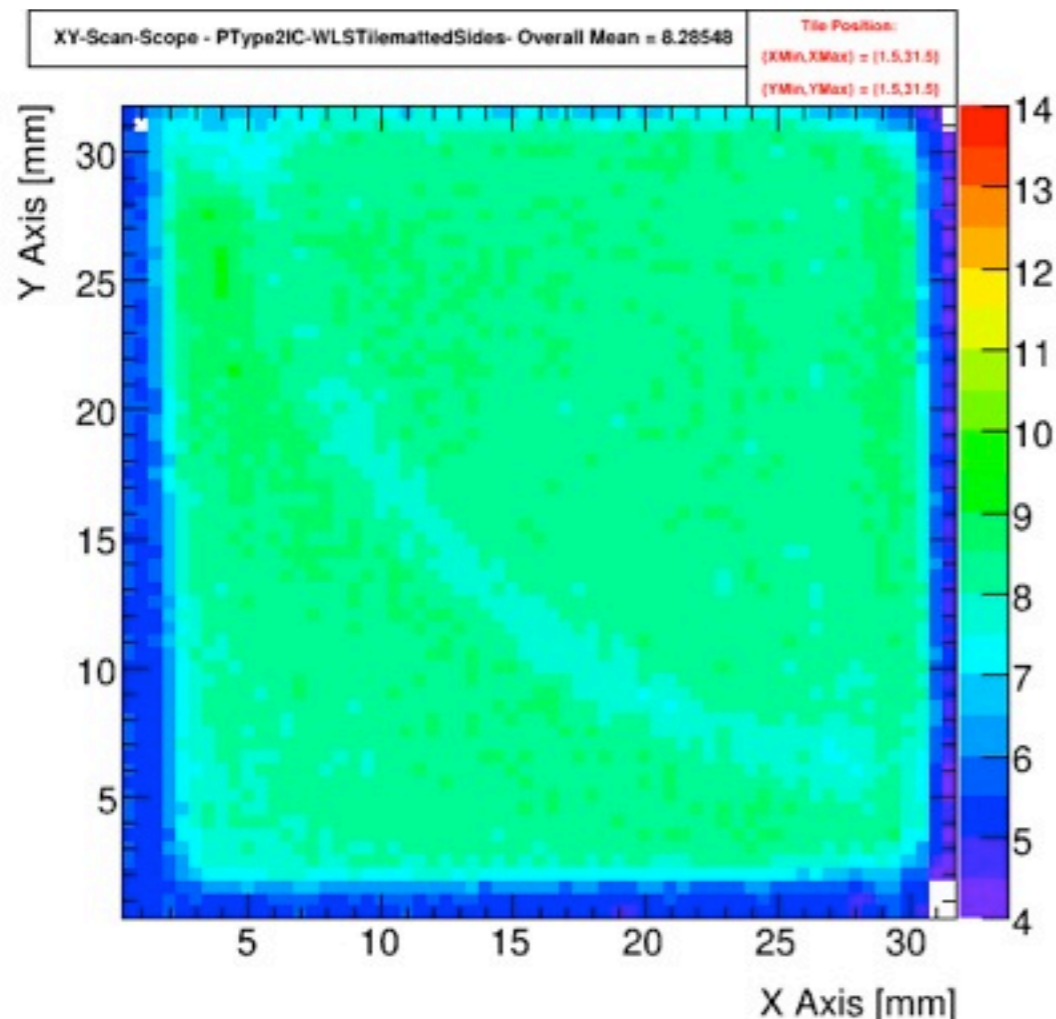
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- With temperature monitoring (or using the intrinsic self-calibration of the SiPM, successfully demonstrated for T3B), this dependence can be corrected for to high accuracy over a temperature range far beyond what is expected in ILD

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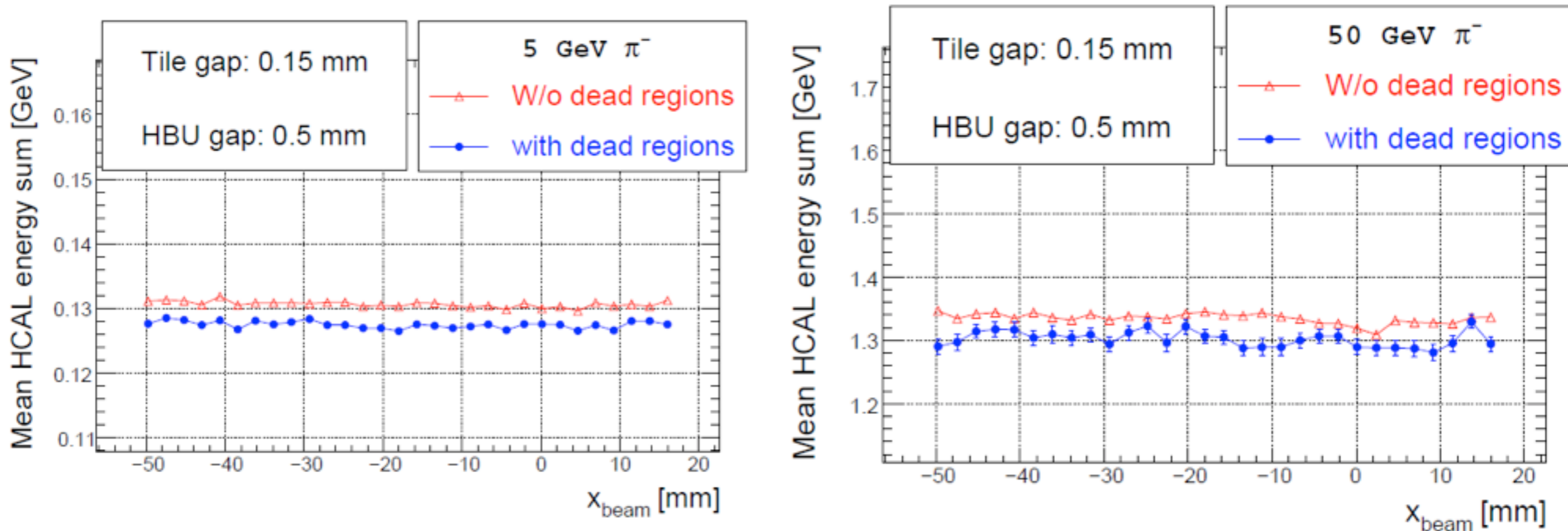
- The performance of the AHCAL technology was investigated very detailed on a microscopic level - far beyond what is needed for a hadron calorimeter
- Prominent example (surprisingly still leads to misunderstandings):  
non-uniformities



The response of the AHCAL tiles depends on the position of the particle:  
~ 10% reduction of signal on WLS fiber  
loss of signal in gaps between tiles, 50  $\mu\text{m}$  - 100  $\mu\text{m}$   
dead space between tiles (tolerances, chemical etching of tile sides)

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- Impact of non-uniformities on energy reconstruction: detailed simulation studies (including SiPM & scintillating fiber effects!)



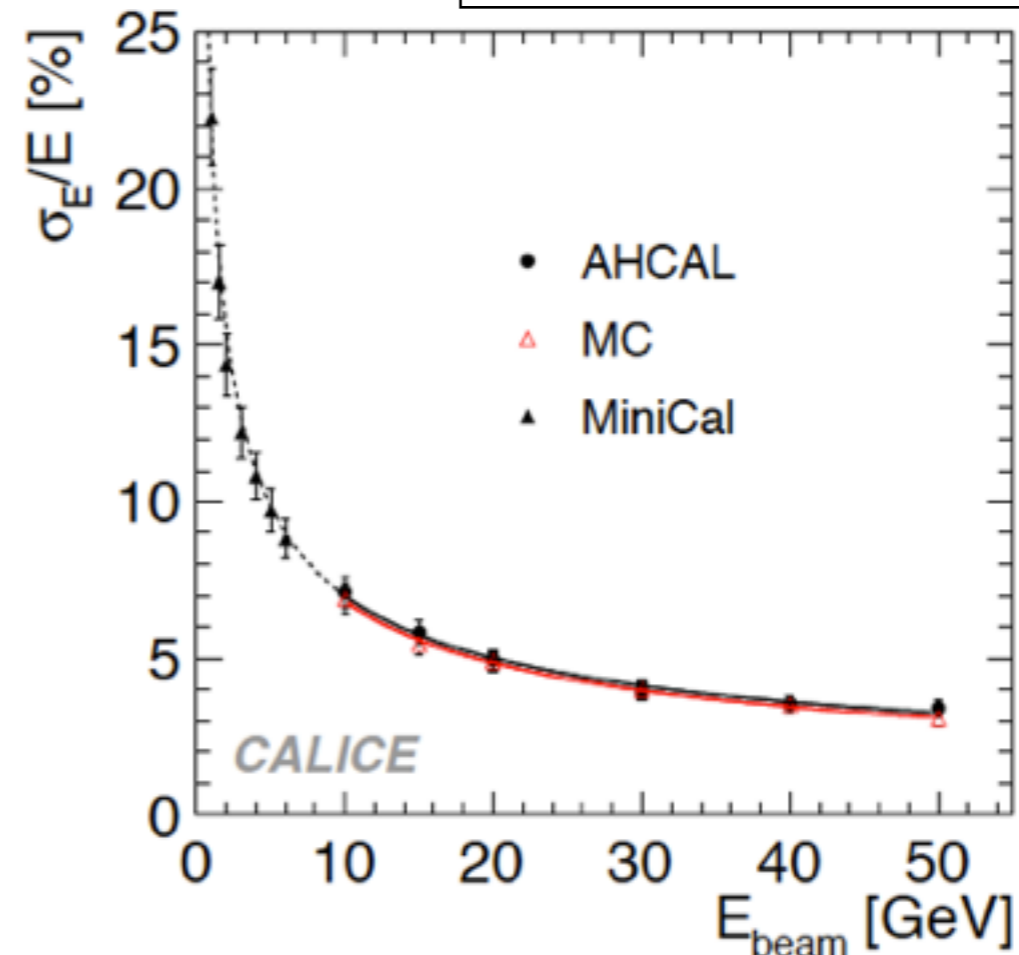
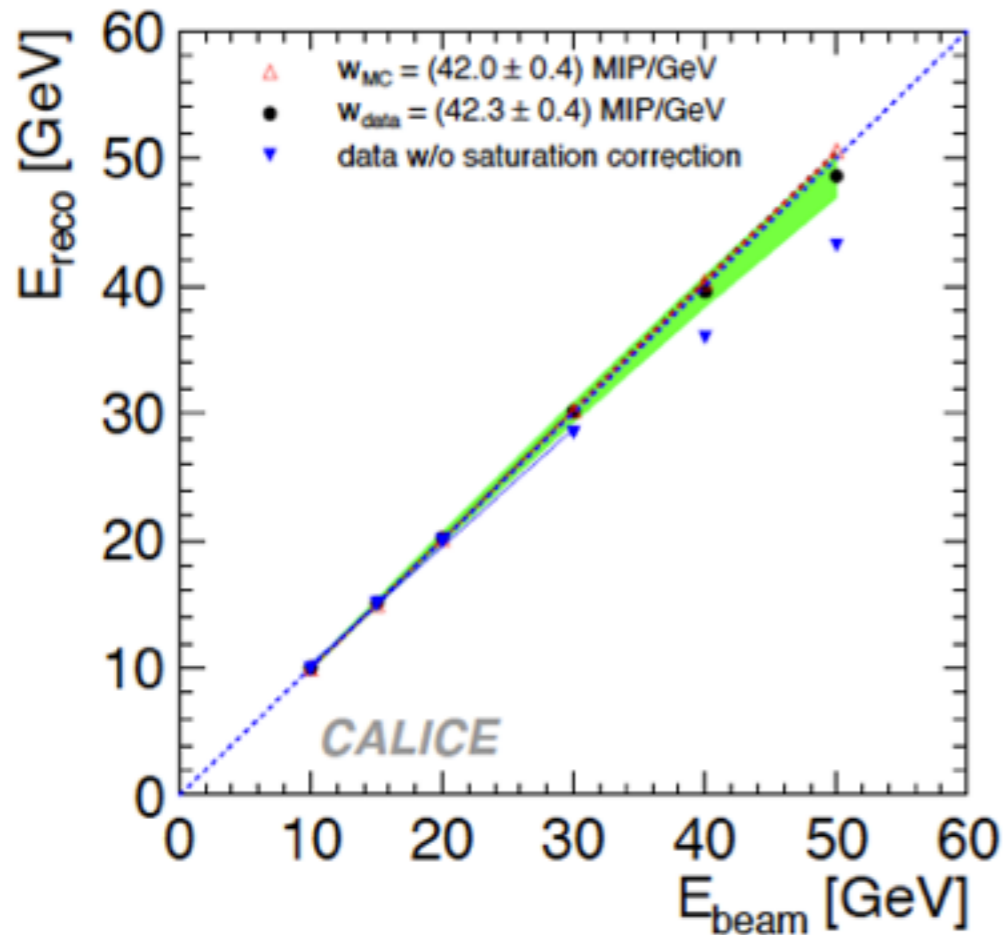
- Neither tile nor HBU boundaries affect the energy reconstruction for hadrons (even more true for smaller response variations within the tile area)
  - Only effect of non-uniformities: Overall lowering of response: just calibration!

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arXiv:1006.3662

# Electromagnetic Performance of the Prototype

- The performance for electrons and positrons provides a detailed validation of the simulation model of the AHCAL

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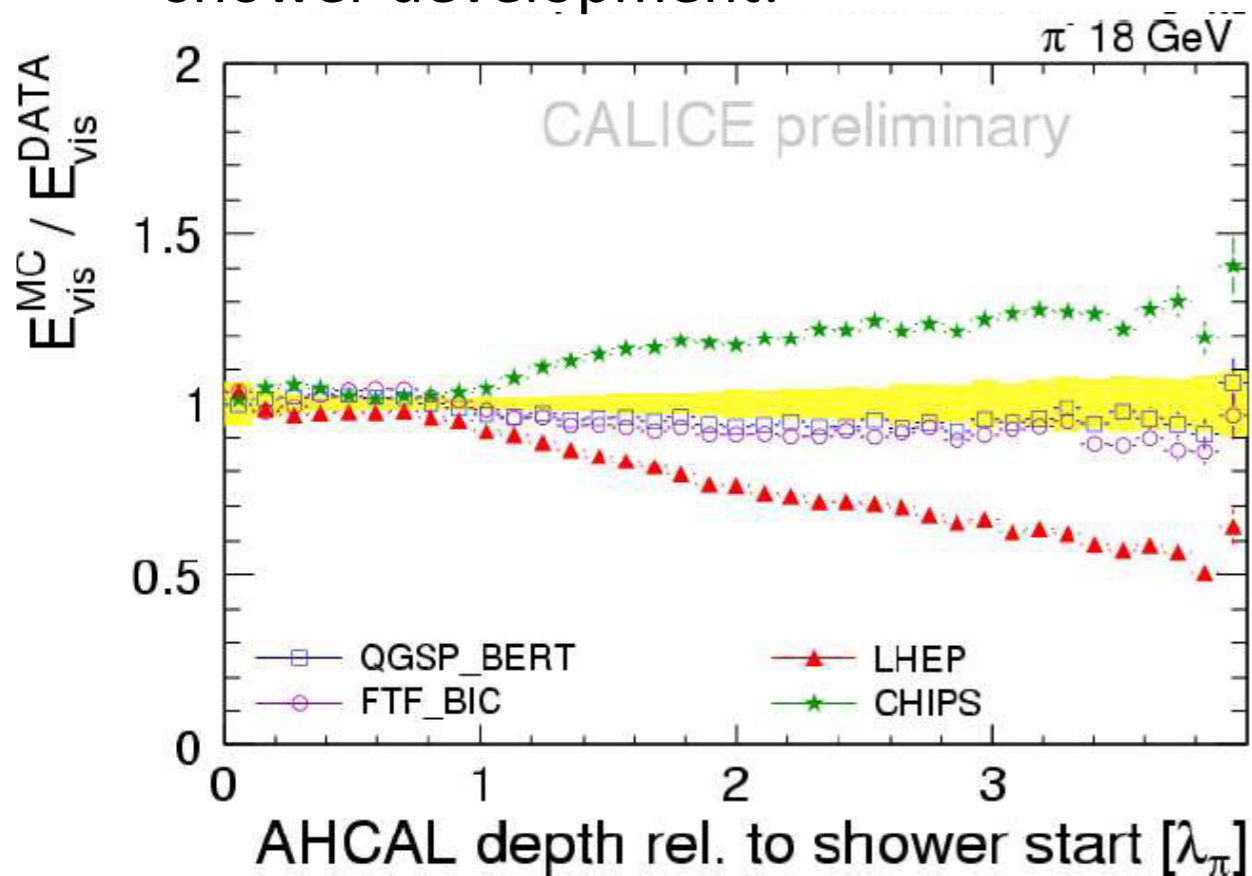


- Spectacular agreement, no surprises: AHCAL geometry description, simulation and digitization in excellent shape (no inclusion of non-uniformities necessary!)
- Energy resolution  $22\%/ \sqrt{E}$ : Non-uniformities and cell-to-cell calibration uncertainties have no influence on hadronic measurements!

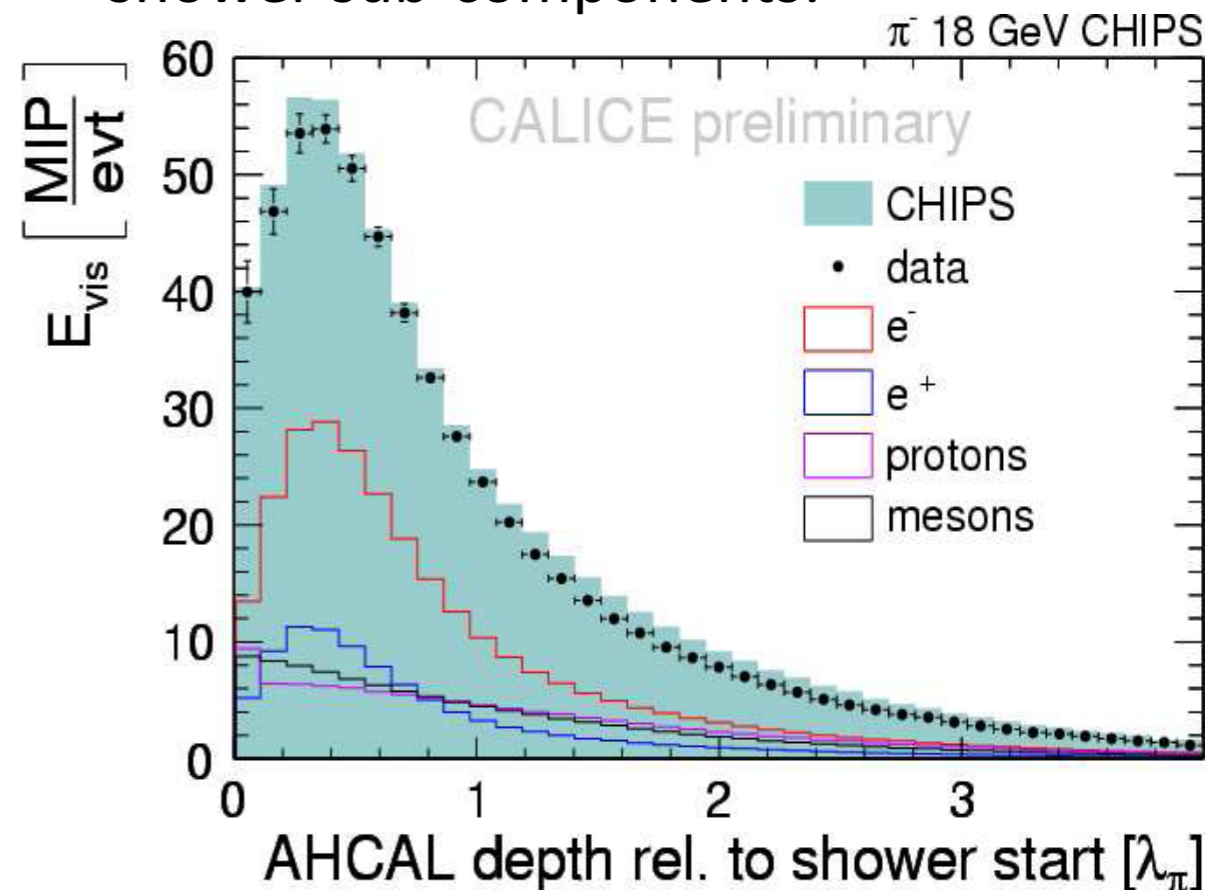
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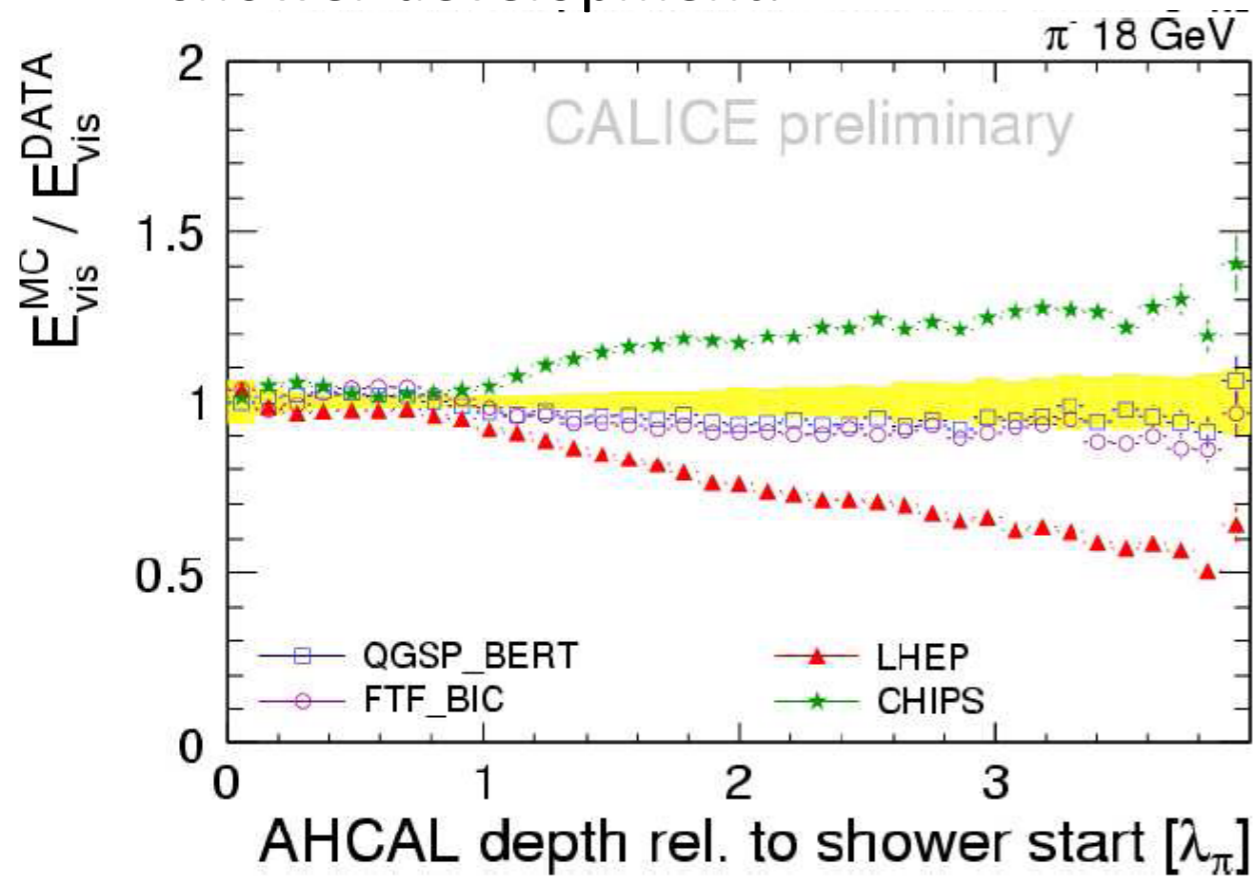


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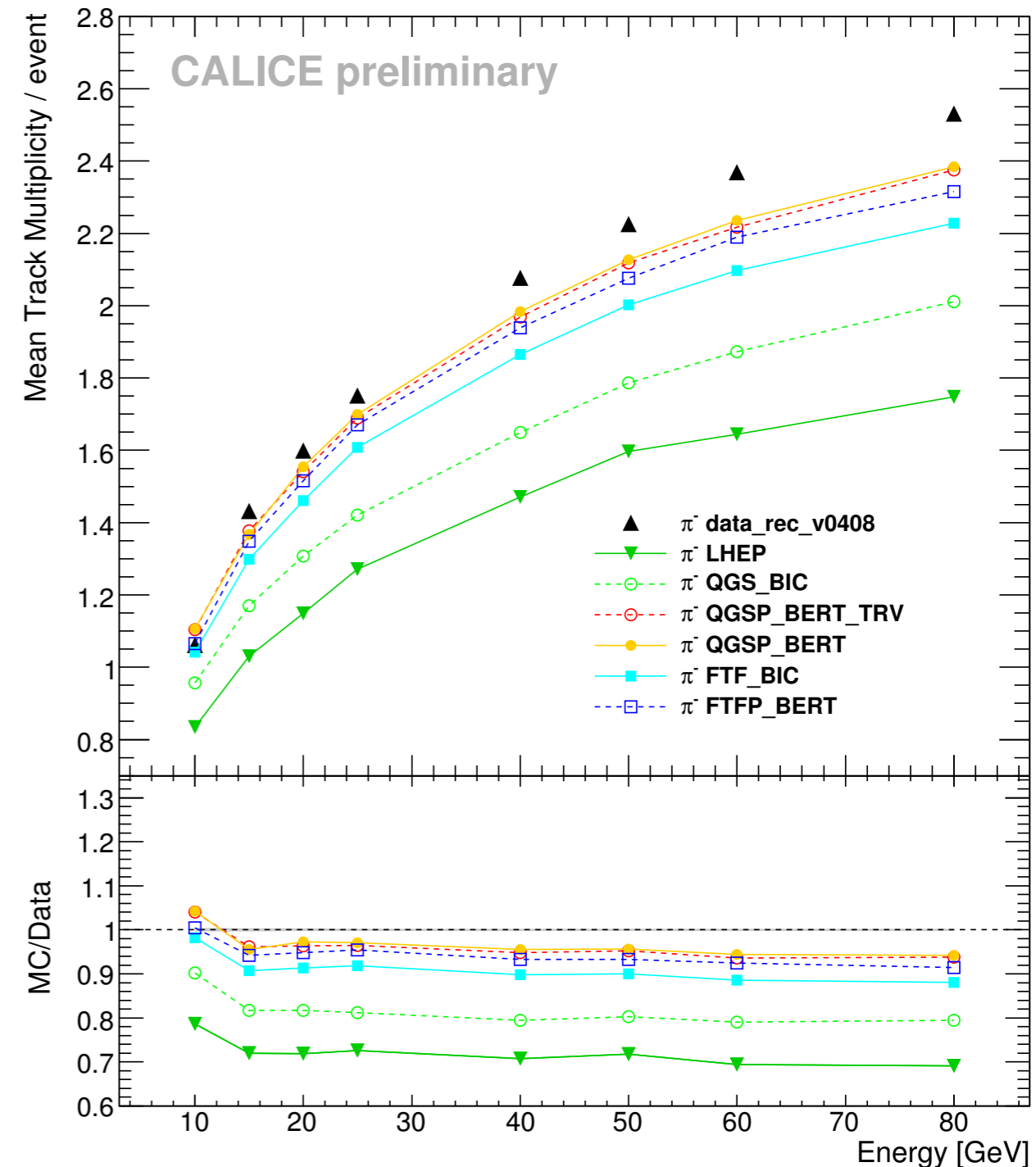
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# PFA Performance: Level of Realism?

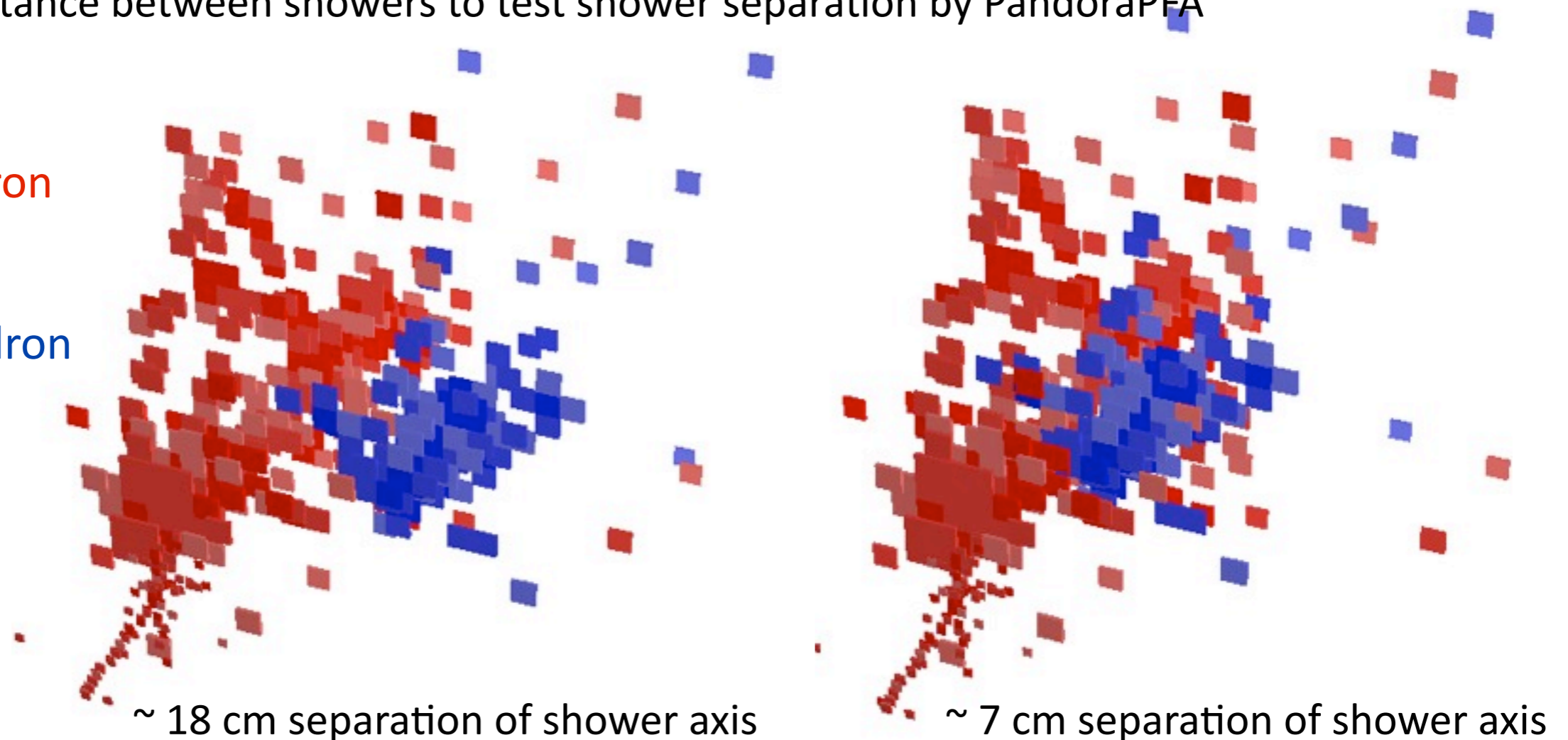
- A key question: Can we trust the PFA performance predicted by full simulations with an analog HCAL?

Test it!  $\Rightarrow$  Use real hadronic showers recorded with AHCAL, map them into ILD

- Take one shower as a charged hadron (with tracking information), one shower as a neutral hadron (remove hits before the shower start)
- Vary distance between showers to test shower separation by PandoraPFA

30 GeV  
charged hadron

10 GeV  
“neutral” hadron

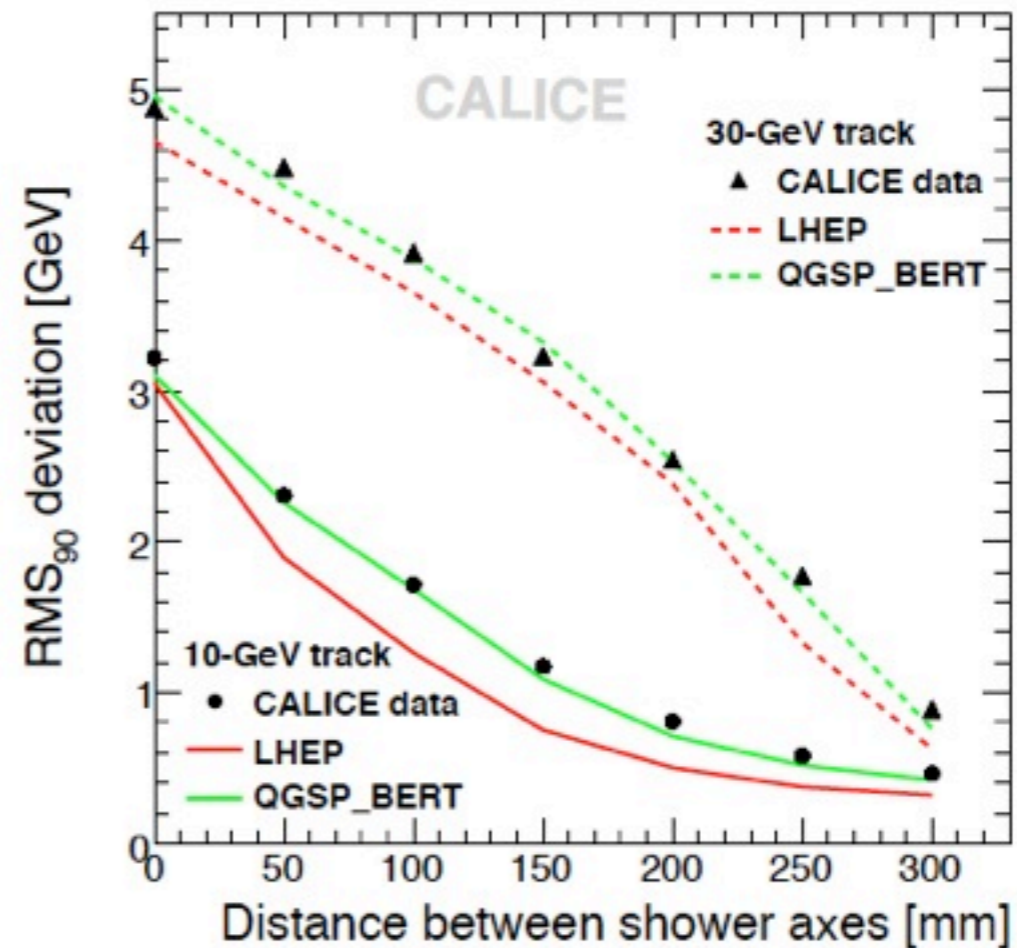
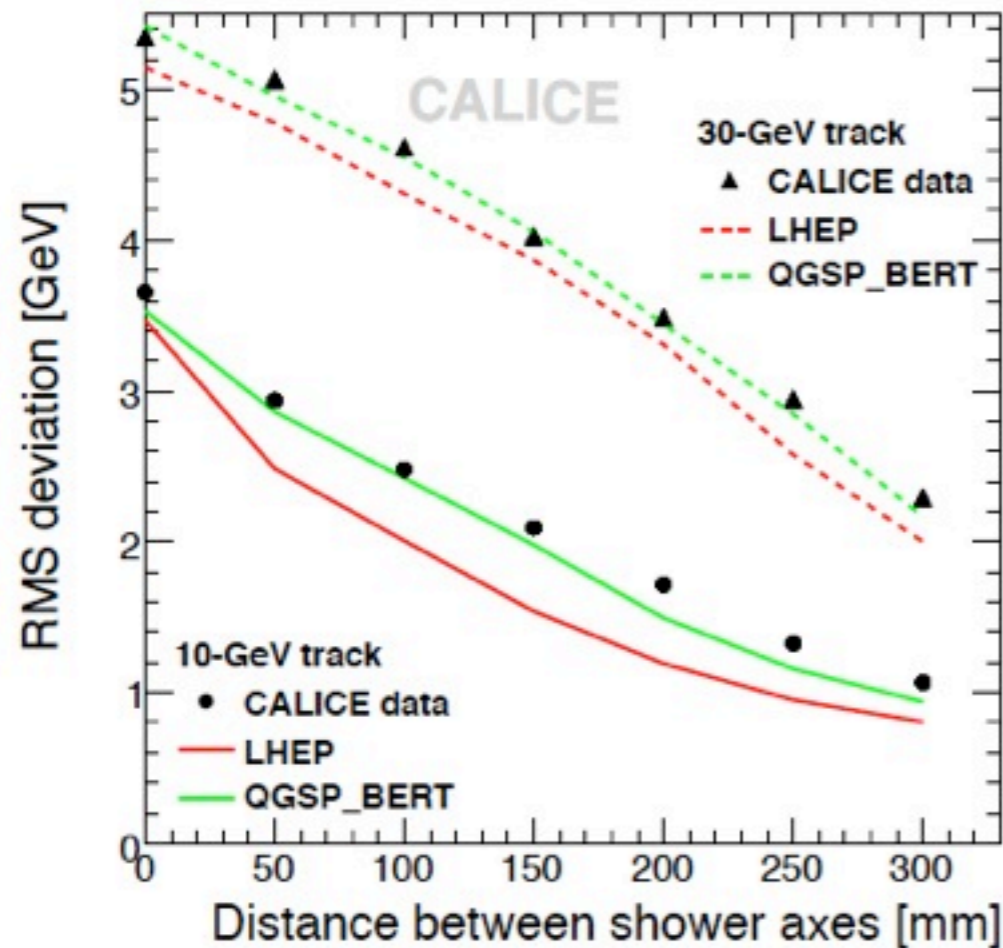




# Shower Separation: Energy & Distance

- Energy recovery for neutral hadron close to a 10 (30) GeV track
  - ~ 15 cm distance required to provide energy association comparable to hadronic resolution of calorimeter

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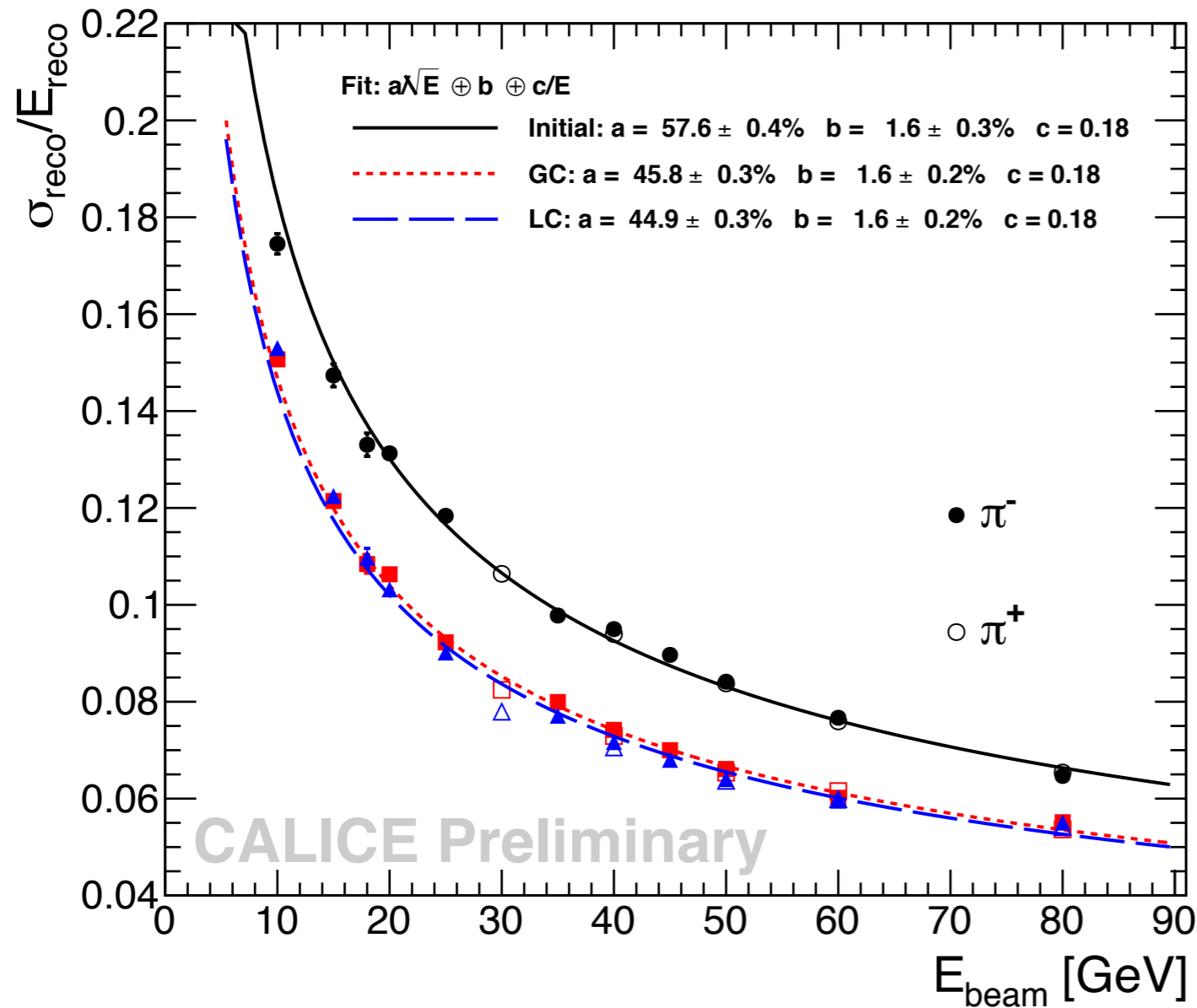


Note: Performance reduced compared to PFA in a real Experiment: No magnetic field, mapping of cells, ...

Key point: Validation of simulations - PFA for AHCAL works as expected from simulation  
we can trust our full detector simulation!

# Energy Reconstruction & Software Compensation

- The AHCAL is non-compensating:  $e/\pi \sim 1.3$  (energy dependent)
- High granularity provides detailed information that can be used for software compensation: Can be done on local (cell) or global (cluster) level



Resolution of  $45\%/ \sqrt{E}$  with small constant term for pions *in data*  
 Linear energy reconstruction within 1.5% over the full energy range from 10 GeV to 80 GeV

Simulations with QGSP\_BERT predict  $\sim 10\%$  better energy resolution (both with and w/o SC), in agreement with observations by LHC experiments

paper draft circulating in CALICE, submission imminent

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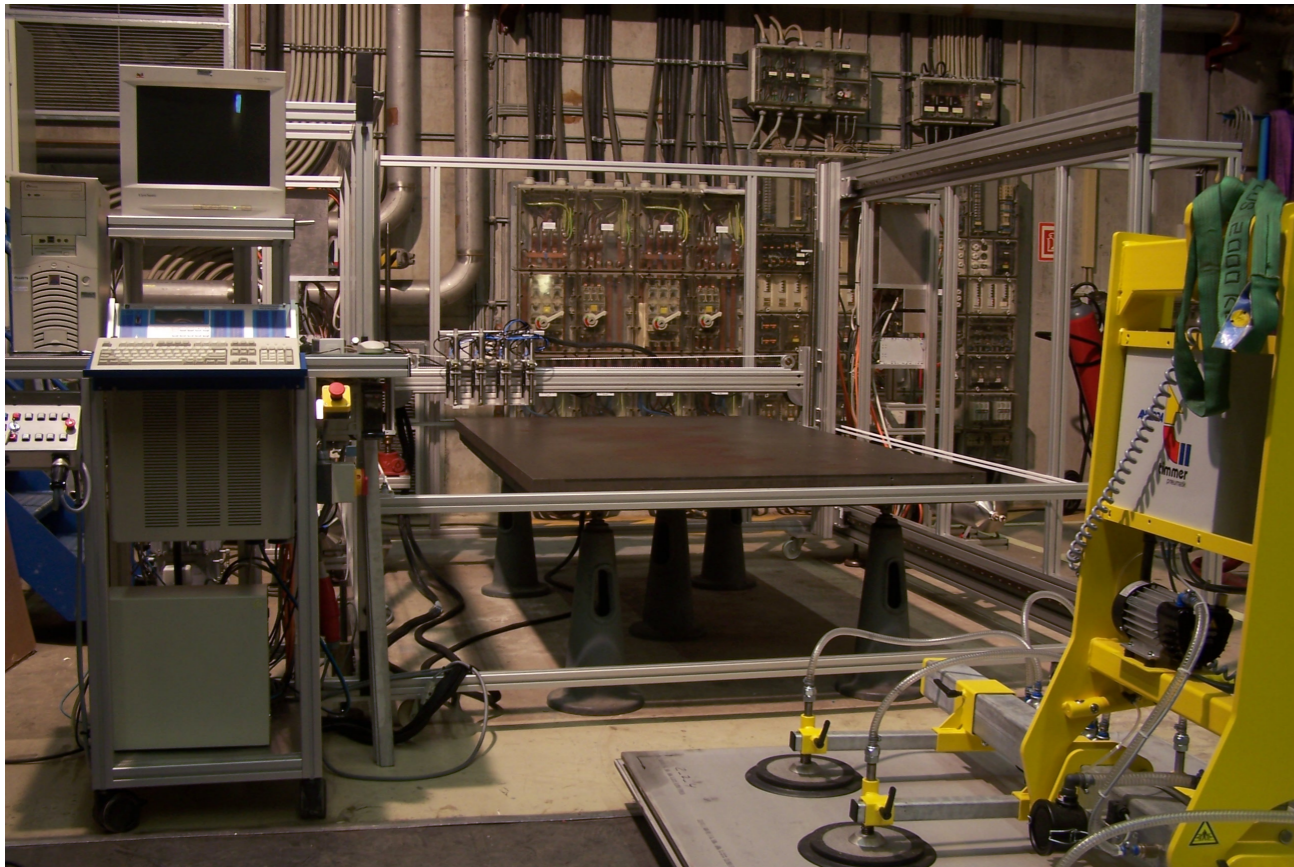
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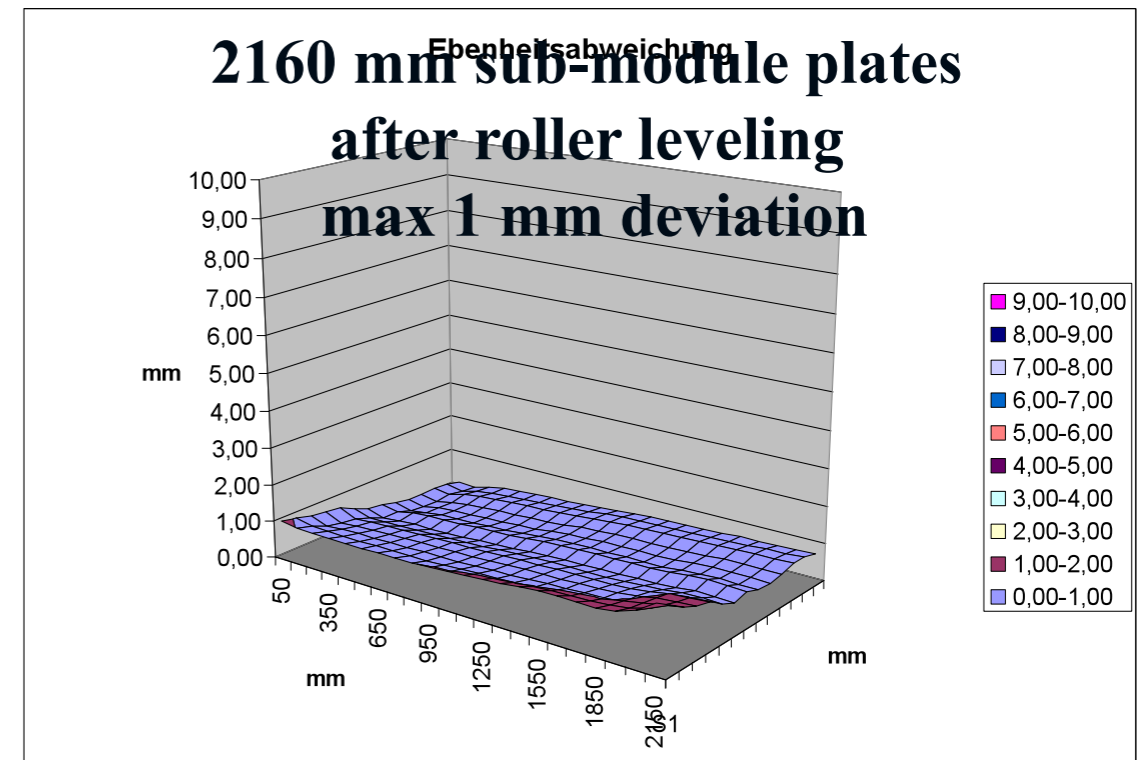
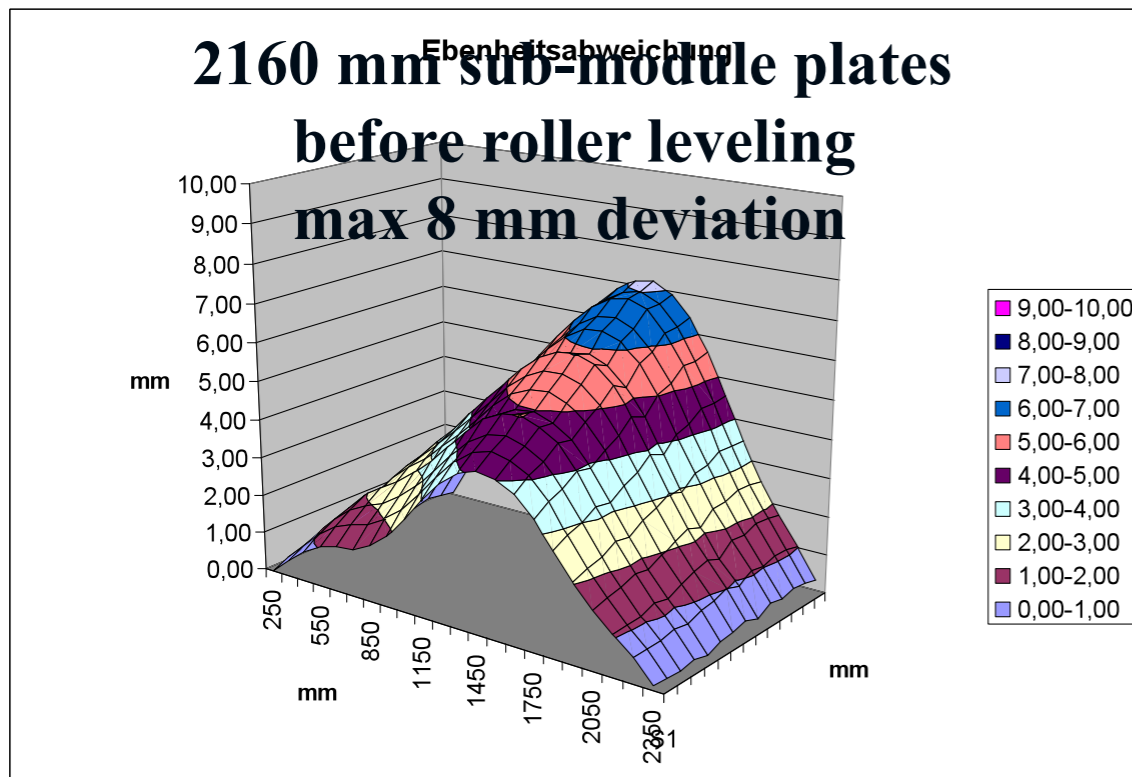
# Steel Structure: Achieving the required Flatness



- At DESY: Facilities for precise measurement of large steel plates

Specifications for purchased steel:

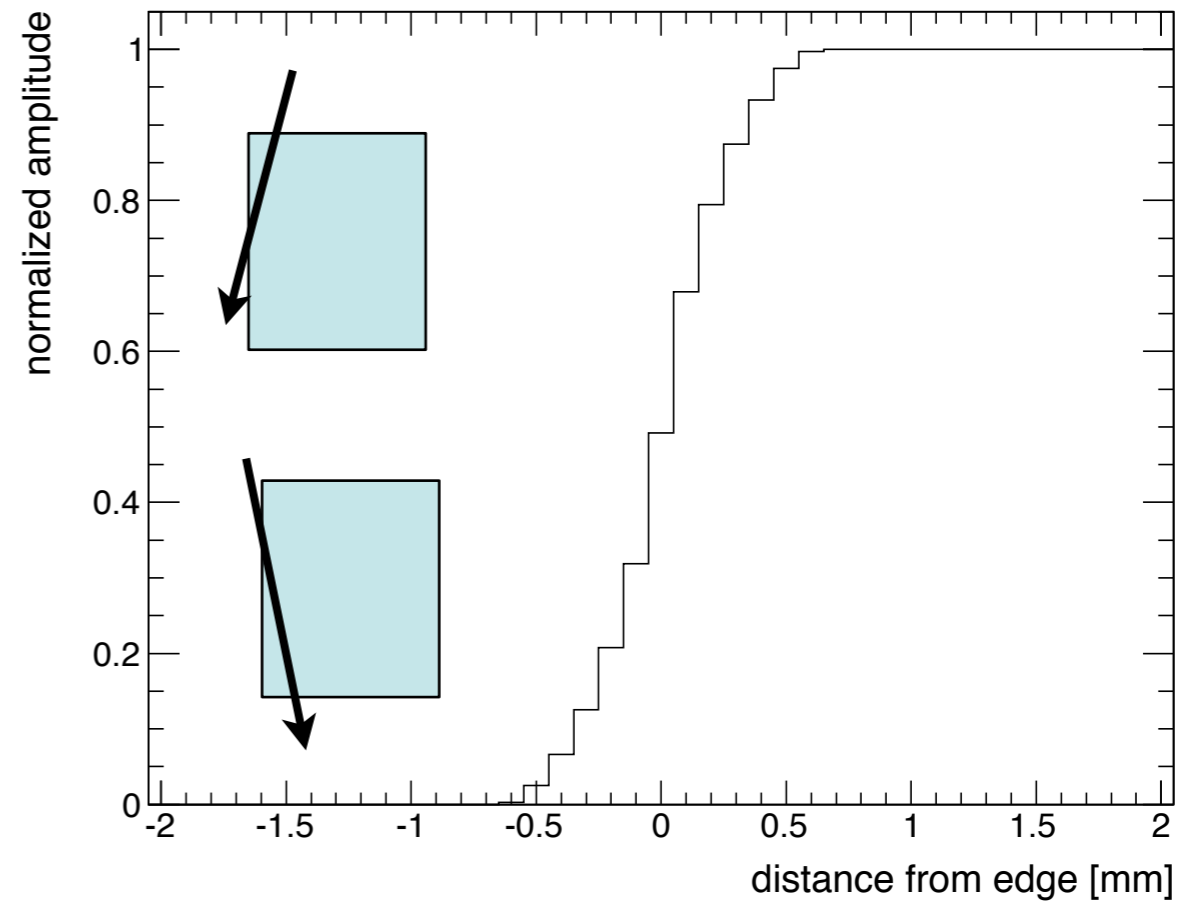
- thickness  $-0.3 + 1.6$  mm
- flatness:
  - < 10 mm over 1 m
  - < 13 mm over 2 m



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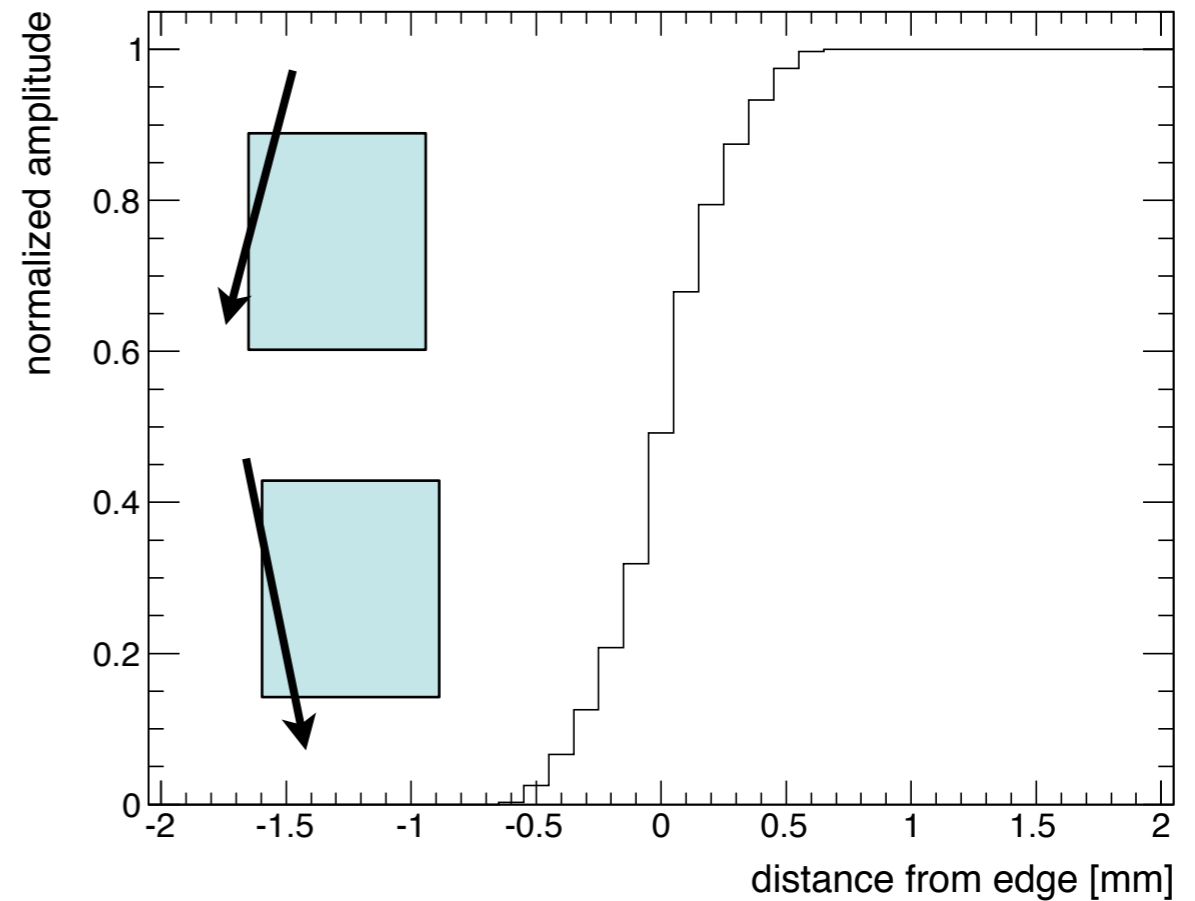
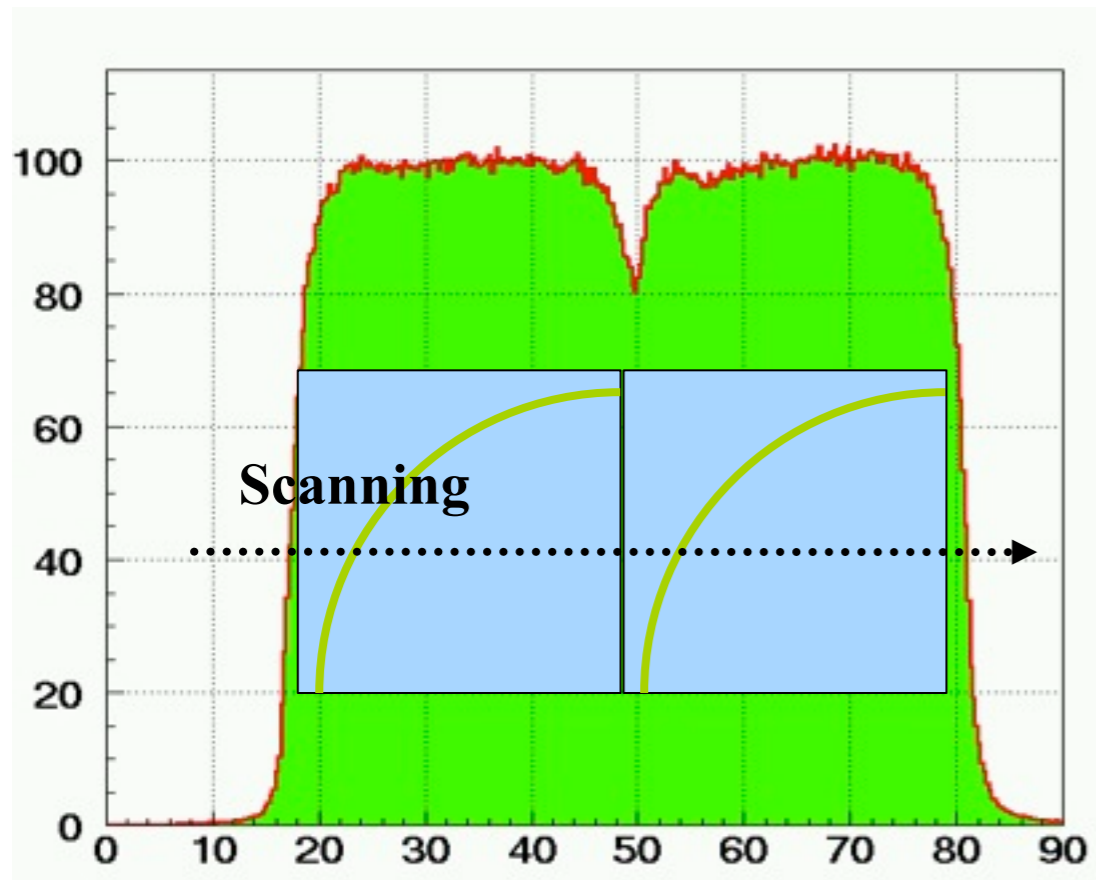
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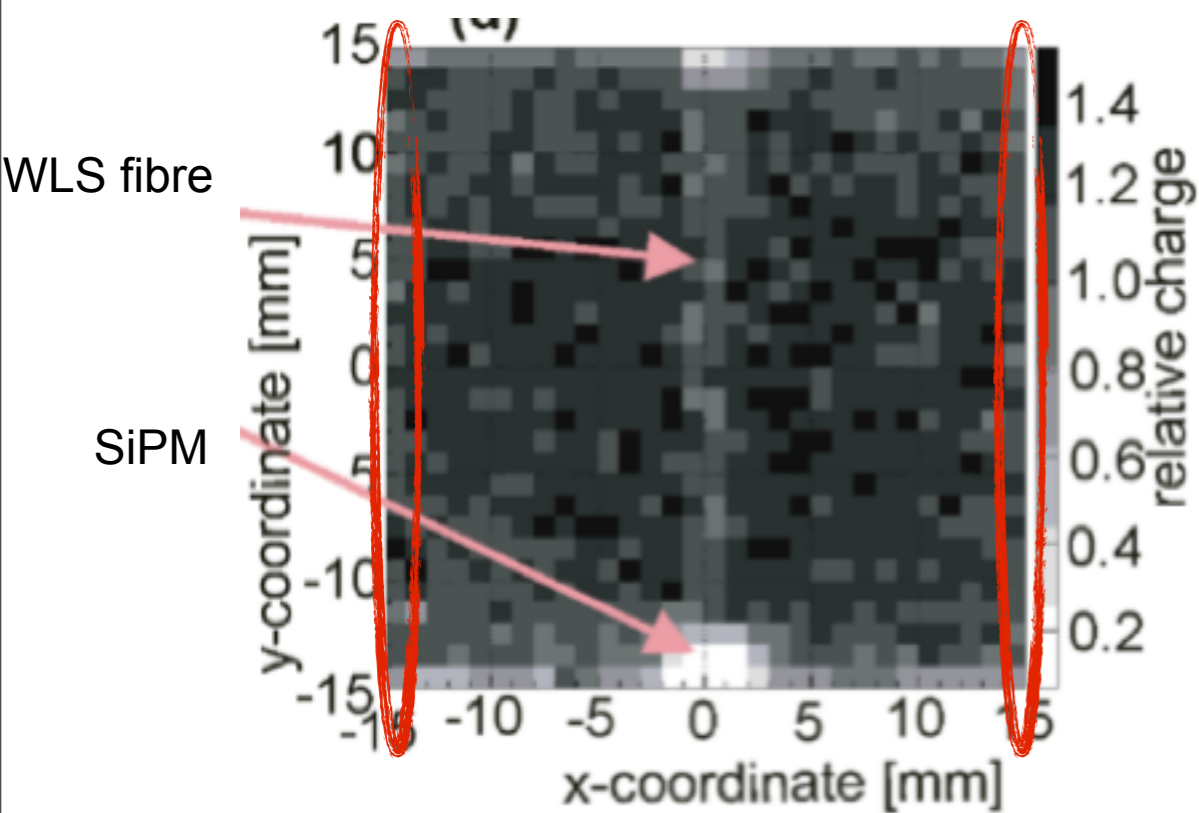
- scanning over two tiles with both tiles read out: signal loss at edge (resolution!), overall  $\sim 2\%$  signal loss taking the full tile area
- observation consistent with  $50\ \mu\text{m} - 100\ \mu\text{m}$  dead area between tiles due to air gap, chemical treatment of edge



# Non-Uniformities: Details

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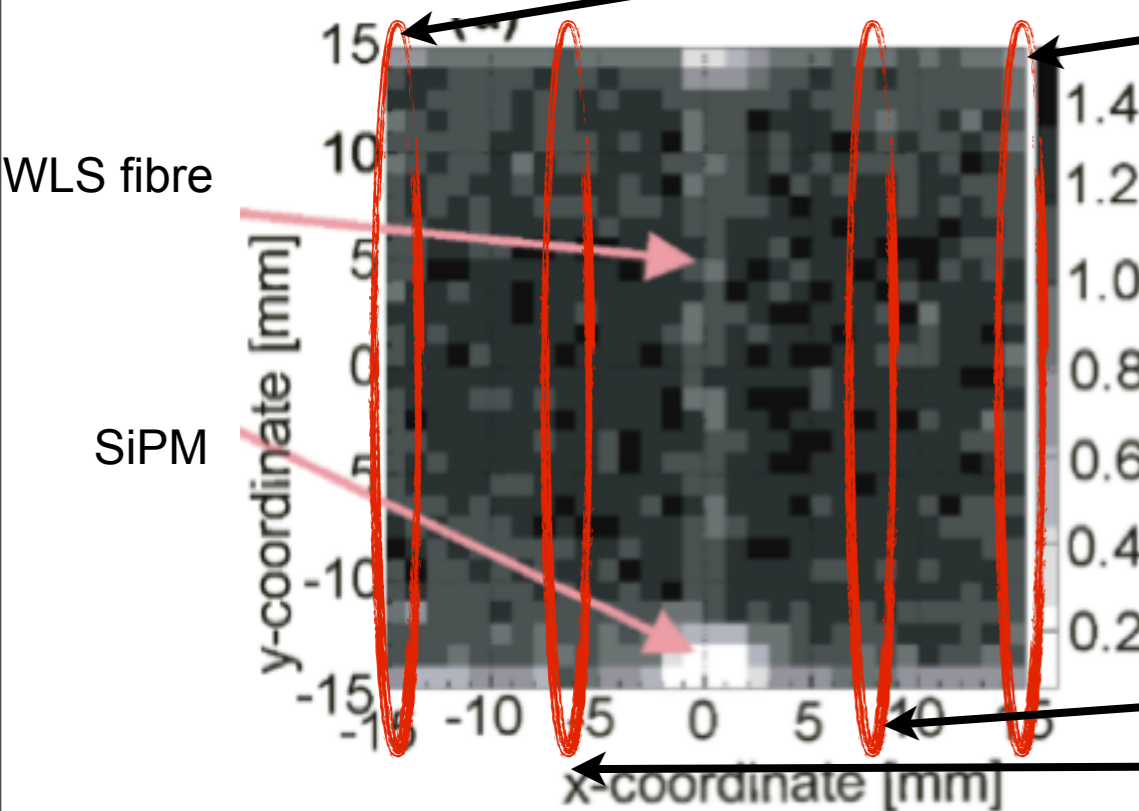
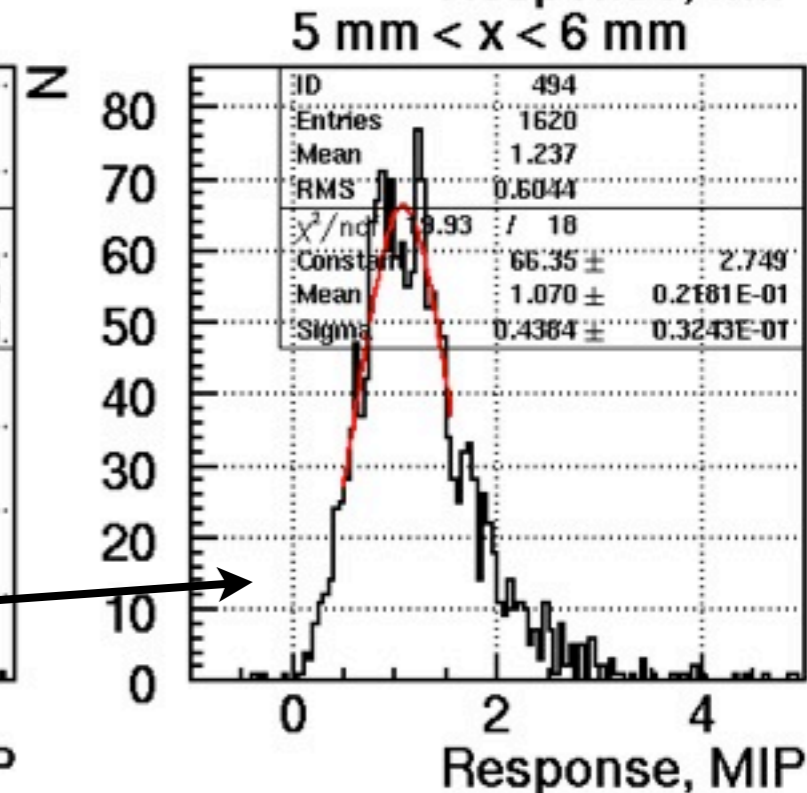
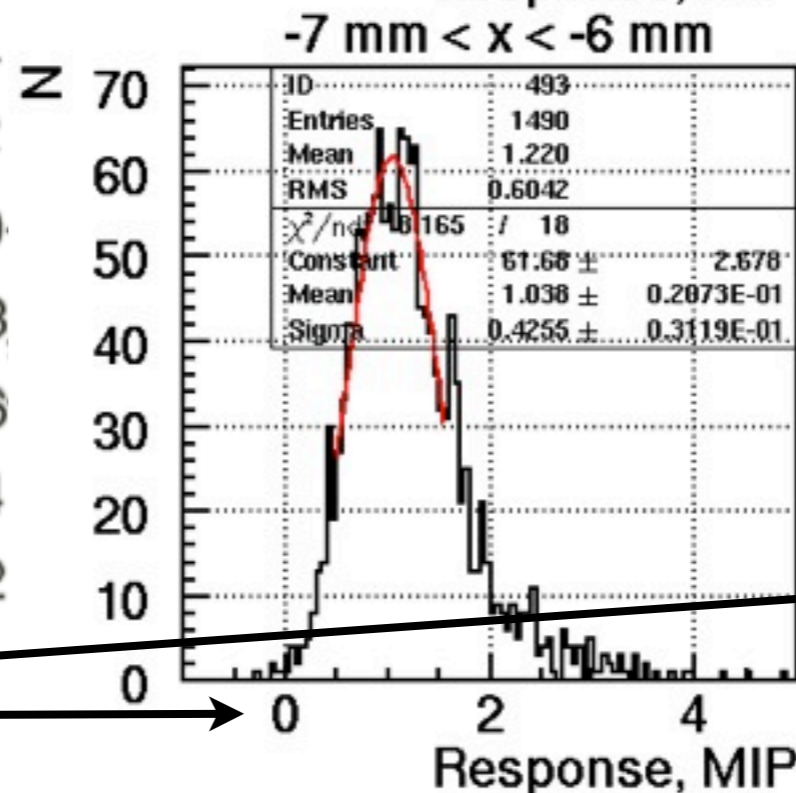
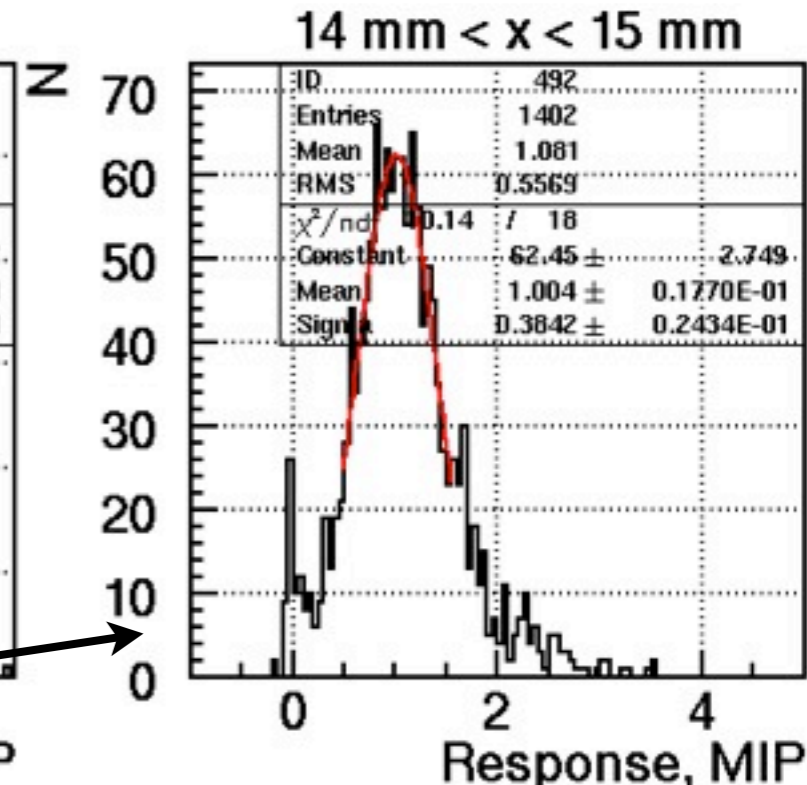
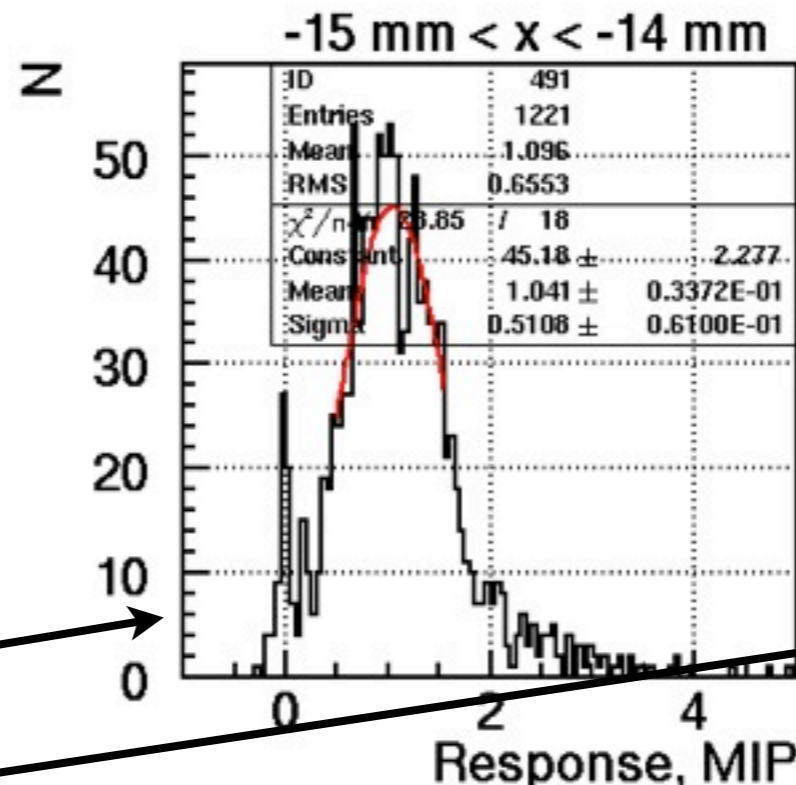
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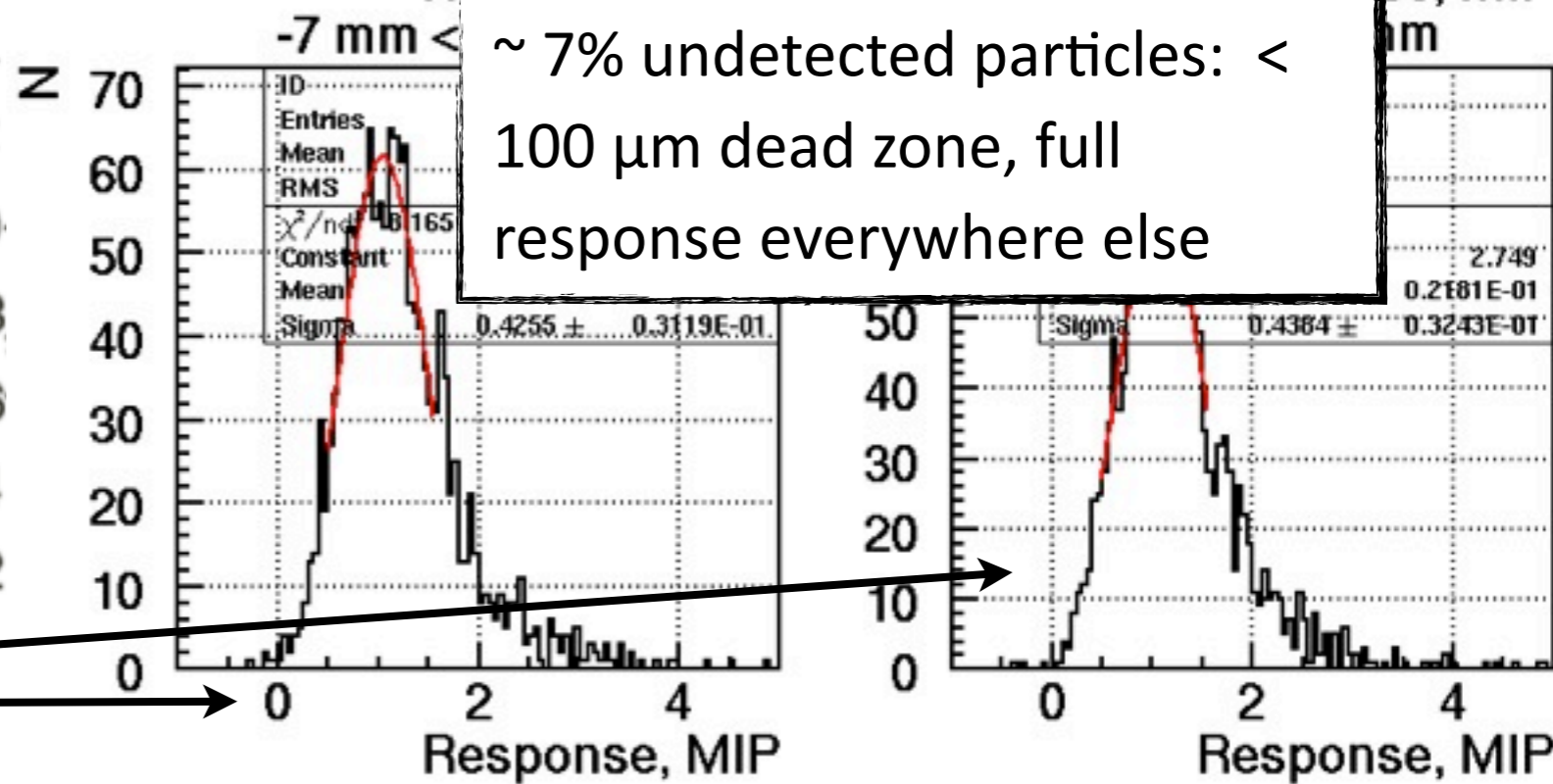
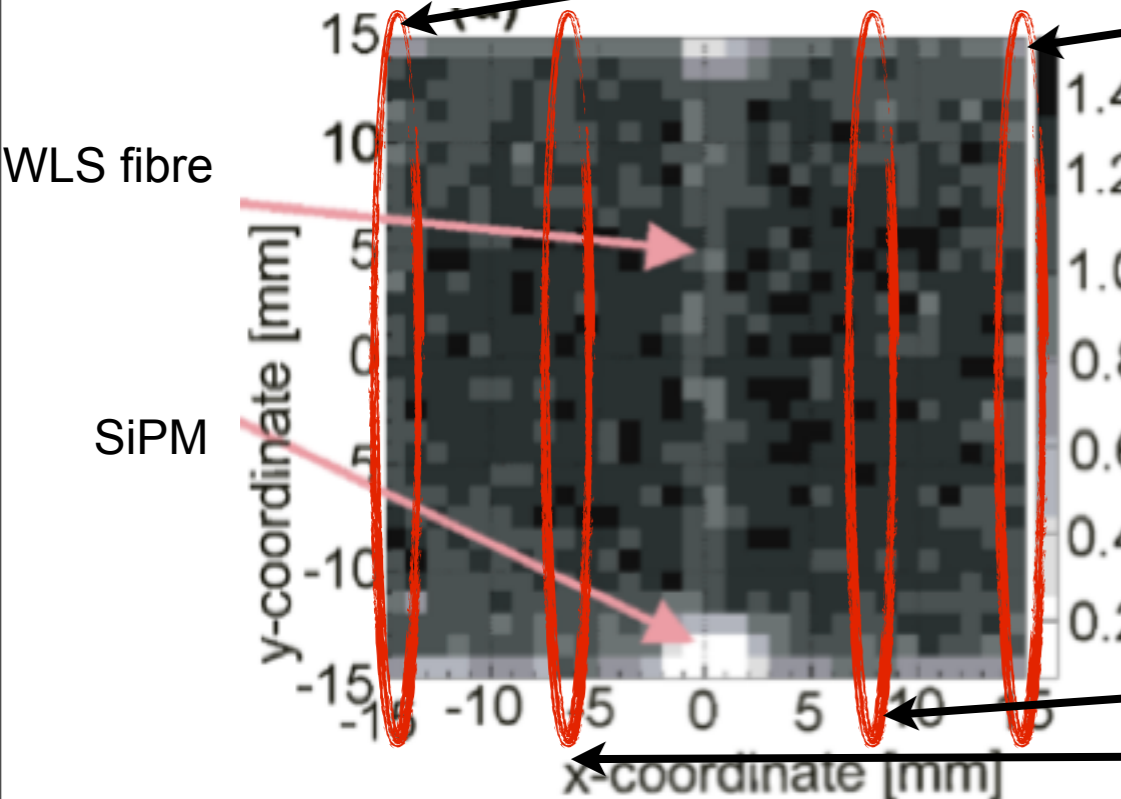
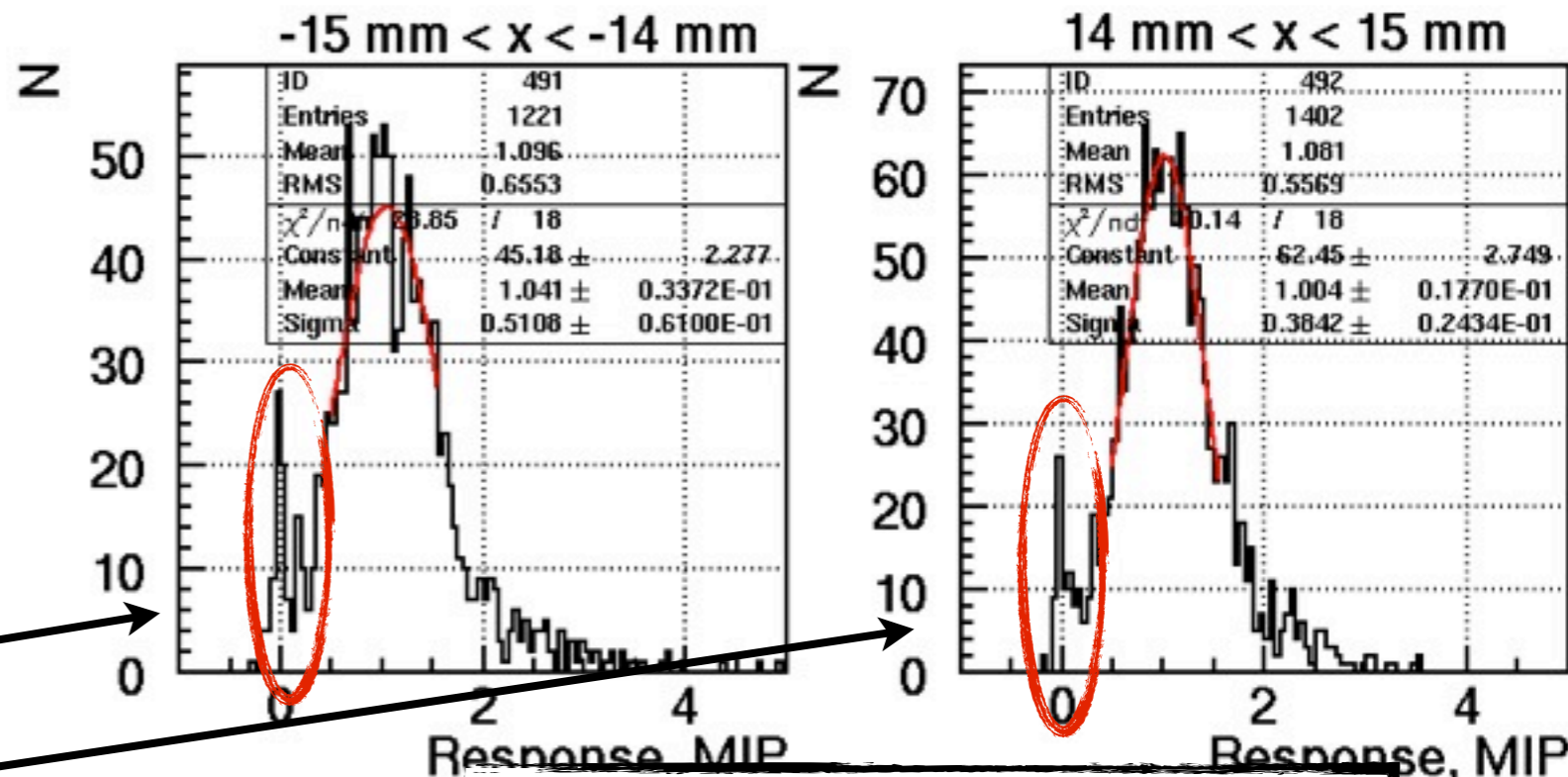
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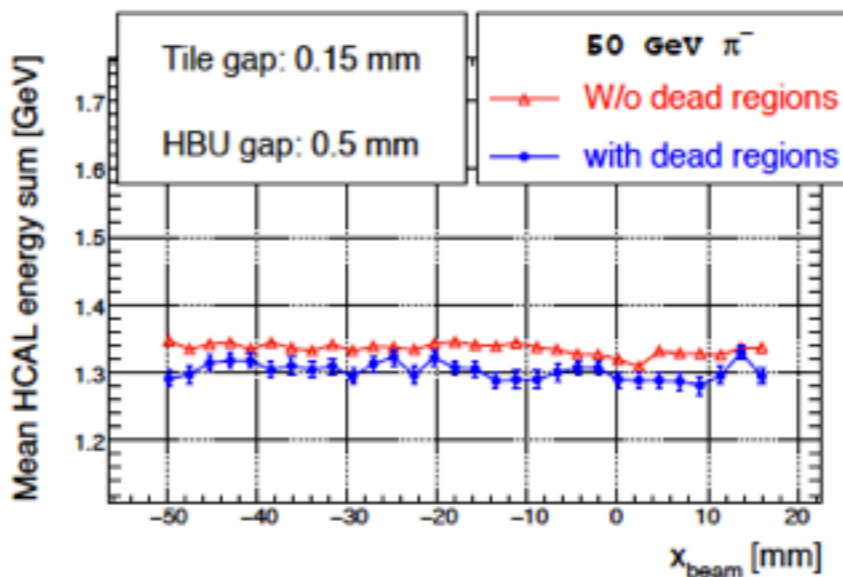
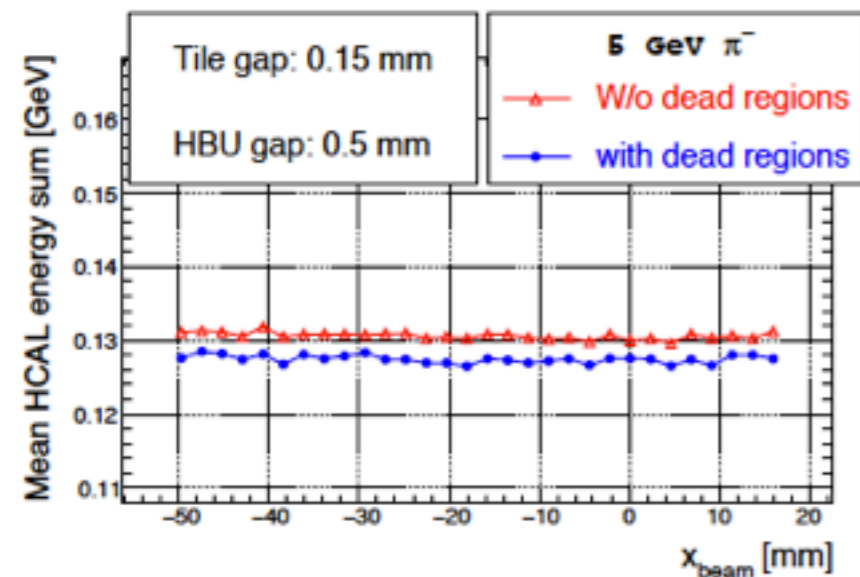
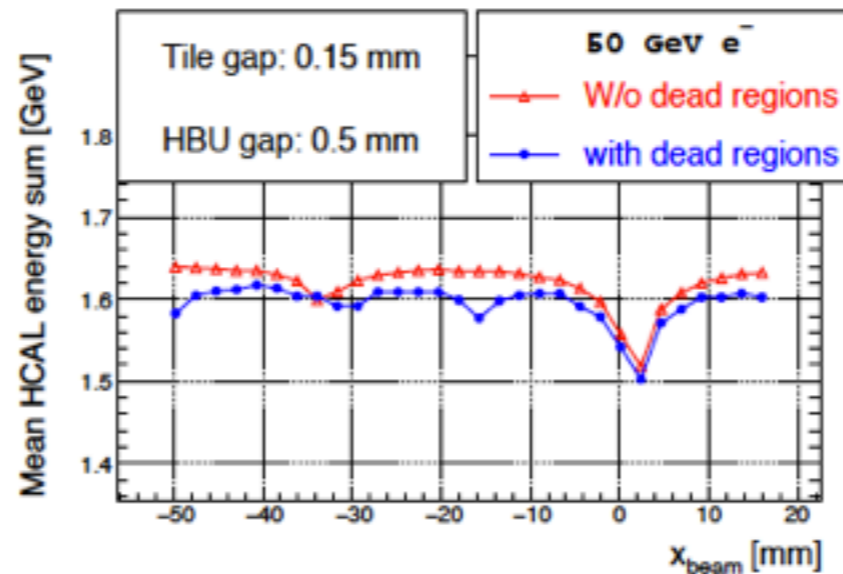
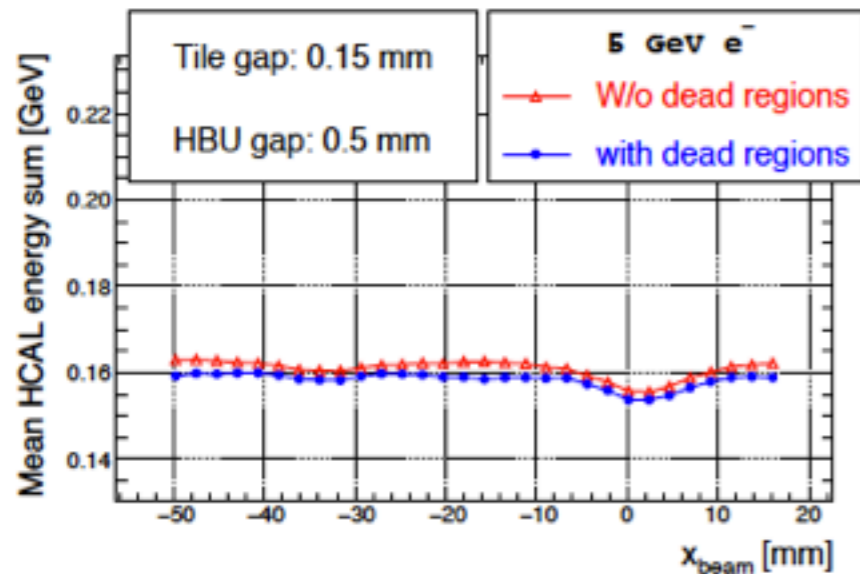
~ 7% undetected particles: < 100 μm dead zone, full response everywhere else

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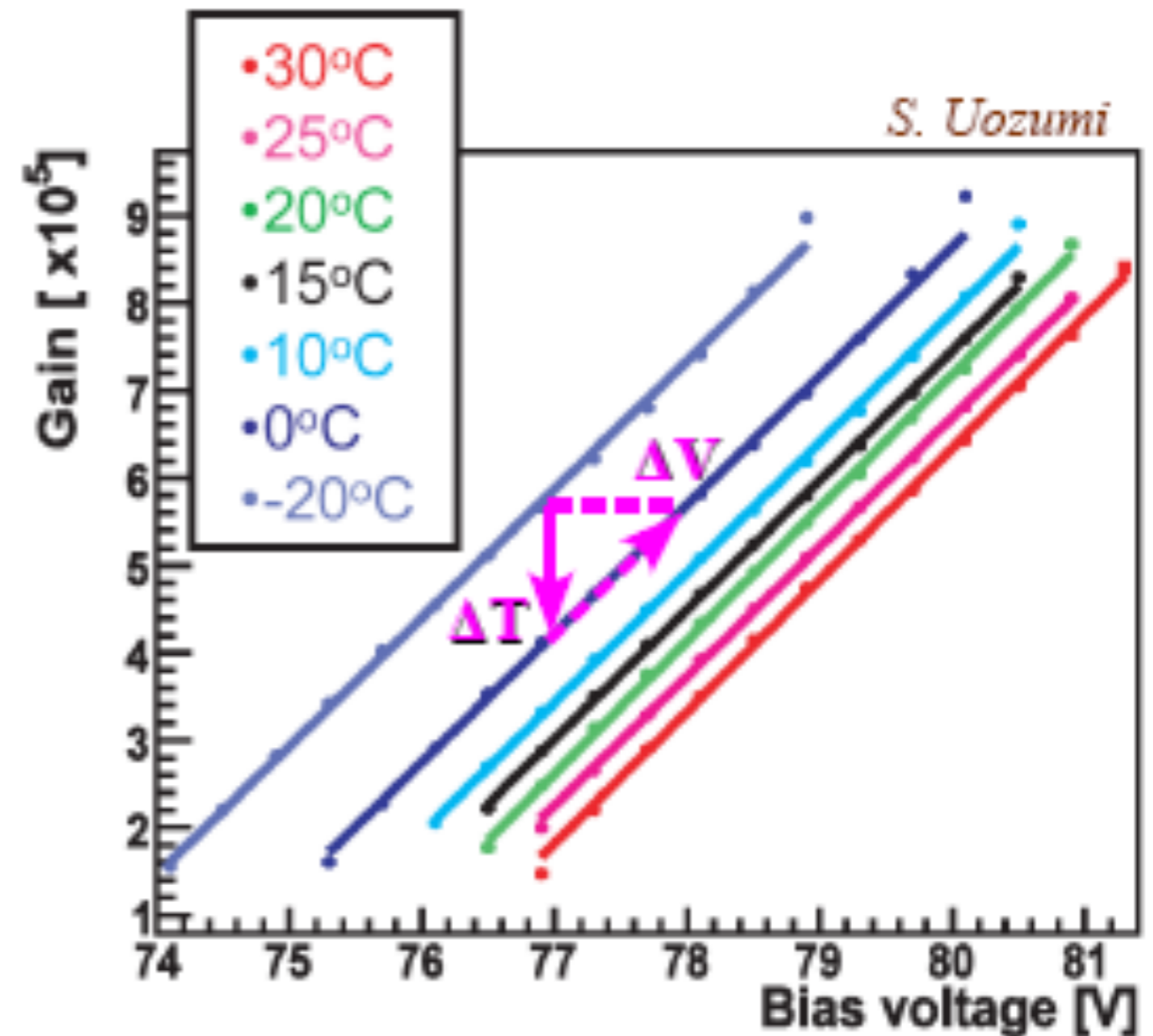
Detailed studies show some effect at HBU gaps for electrons (almost no effect at tile gaps)

No effect (beyond overall scale) for hadrons

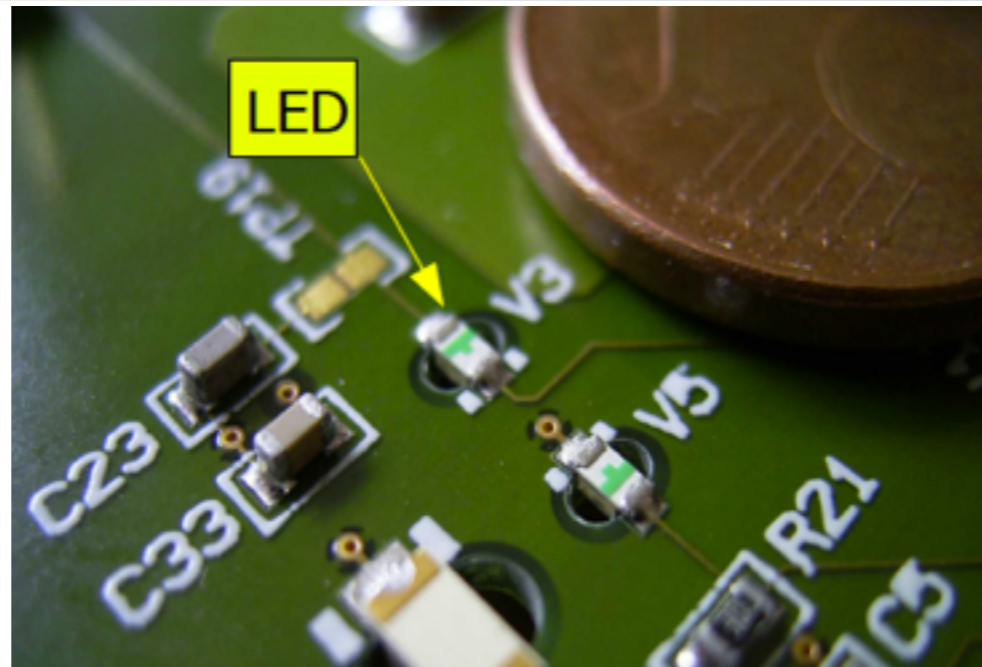
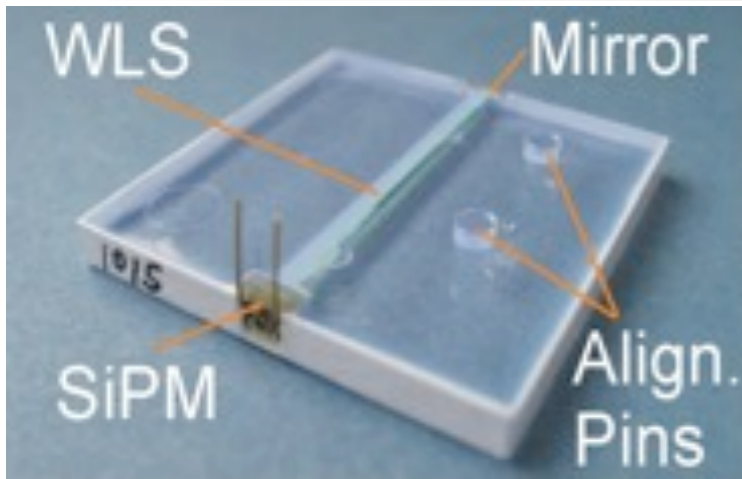
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# Open R&D Issues: Online Gain Stabilization

- New electronics provides online zero suppression: Requires online stabilization of the photon sensor gain
  - Automatic gain adjustment based on temperature provided by the SPIROC
  - Monitoring of gain already established with built-in LED system
- To be demonstrated with upcoming prototypes:
  - Performance in large-scale systems
  - Full test with particle showers (em, potentially also hadronic)



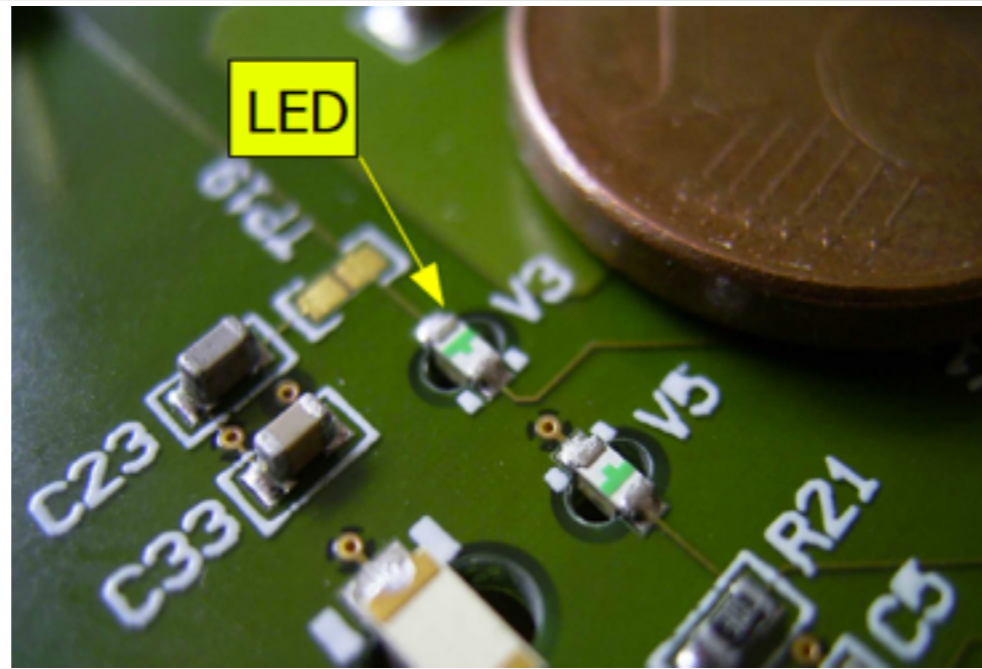
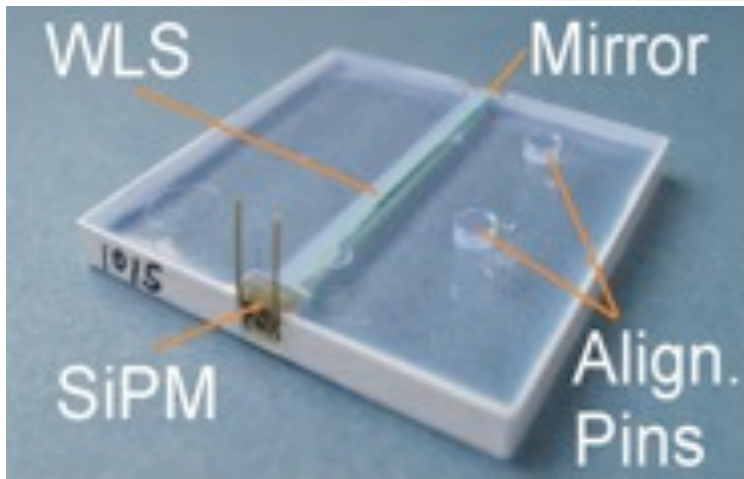
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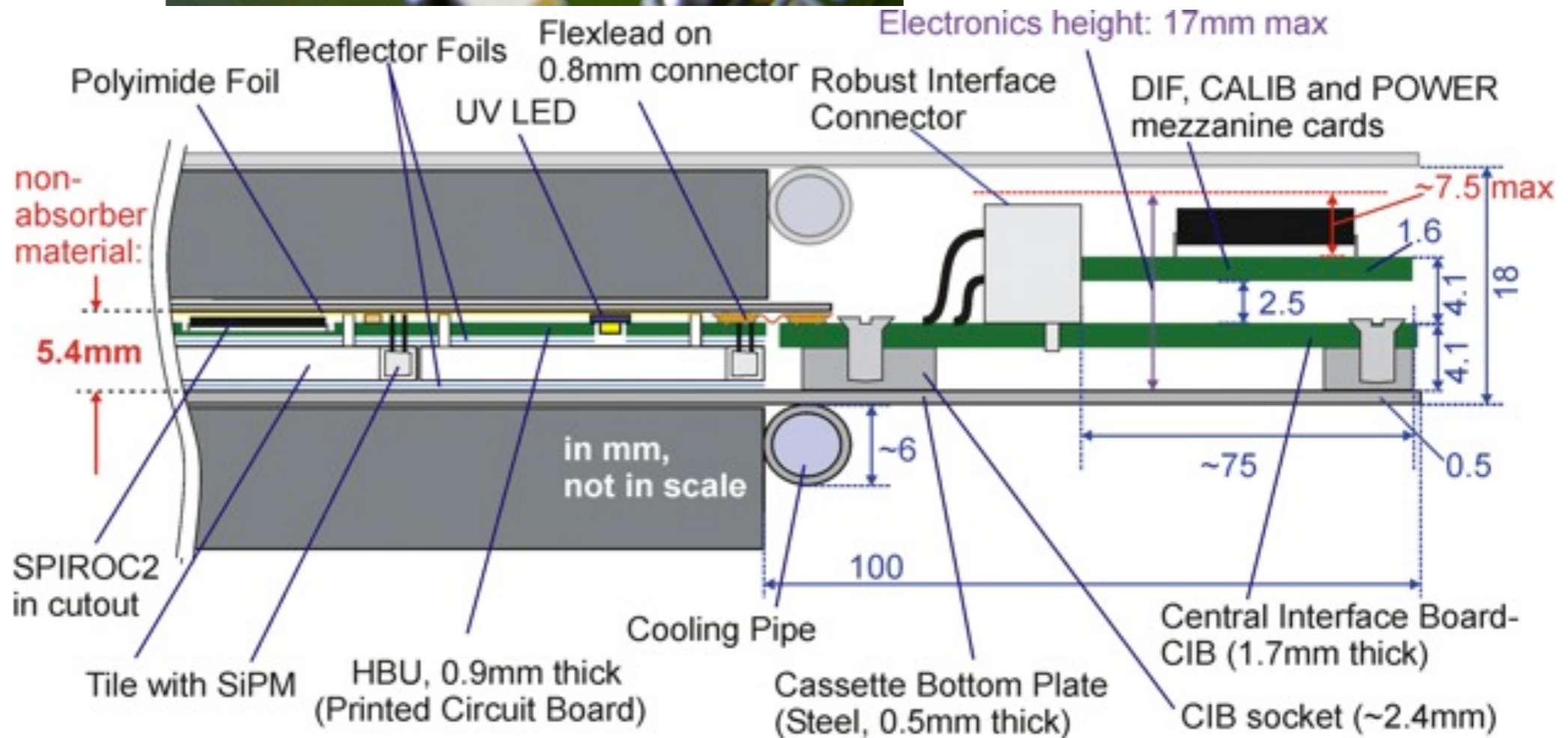
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# 5 mm vs 3 mm: Resolution

- Quick simulation study to compare energy resolution for hadrons for AHCAL with 5 mm and 3 mm thick scintillator
  - 2 cm absorber, 2 mm PCB, scintillator
  - no ECAL in front, “infinite” thickness: 100 layers, 0.5 MIP reconstruction cut
  - QGSP\_BERT, pi-
  - Resolution given as RMS90/Mean

	5 mm	3 mm	3 mm / 5 mm
10 GeV	12.1%	13.0%	1.07
20 GeV	8.7%	9.2%	1.06
50 GeV	5.6%	5.7%	1.02

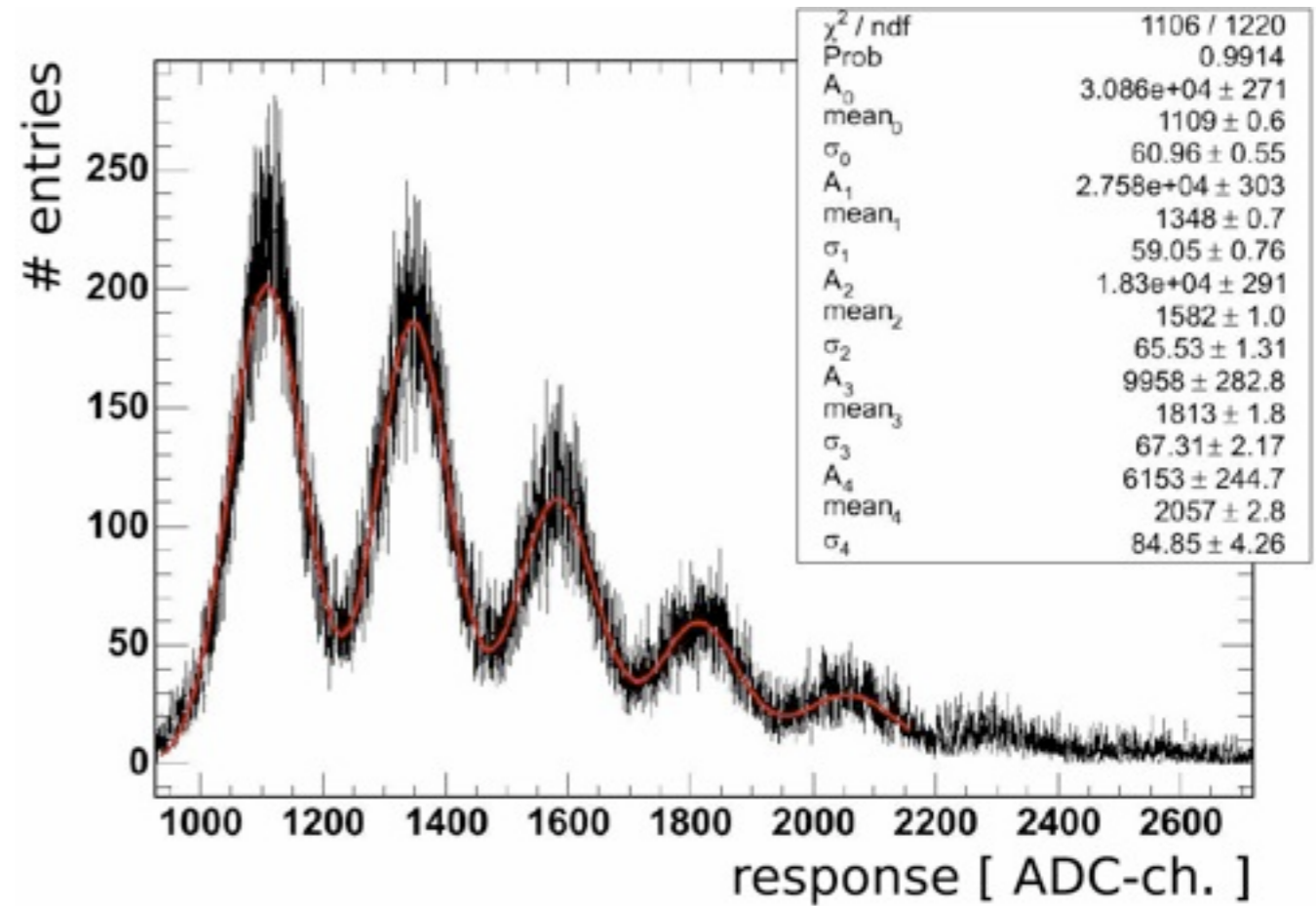
NB: In the ILD detector, the effect will be smaller due to the unchanged ECAL!

# Calibrating the Detector

- Actually it is very easy: Per cell, we need
  - A MIP constant (determined with muons)
  - The saturation scale (can be determined on the test bench)
  - The gain (needed for saturation correction, can also be used for temperature corrections!)
- Global factors in addition: Calibration to the em scale, e/pi ratio to get hadronic scale
- The required precision for a hadronic calorimeter is actually very moderate!
- For the physics prototype, we push far beyond those requirements to
  - Fully understand all aspects of high granular calorimetry with SiPM readout
  - Also provide excellent performance for electromagnetic showers

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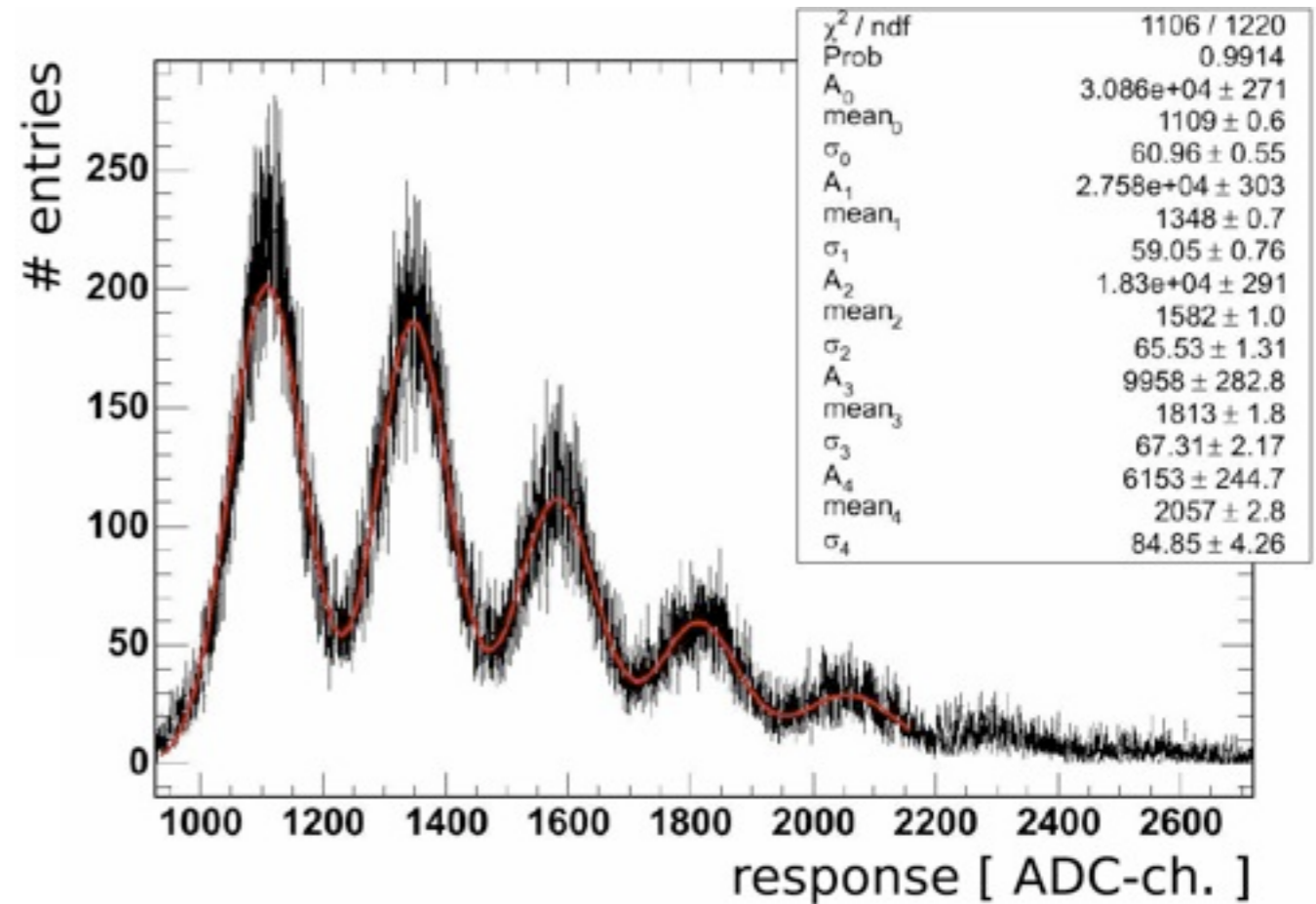
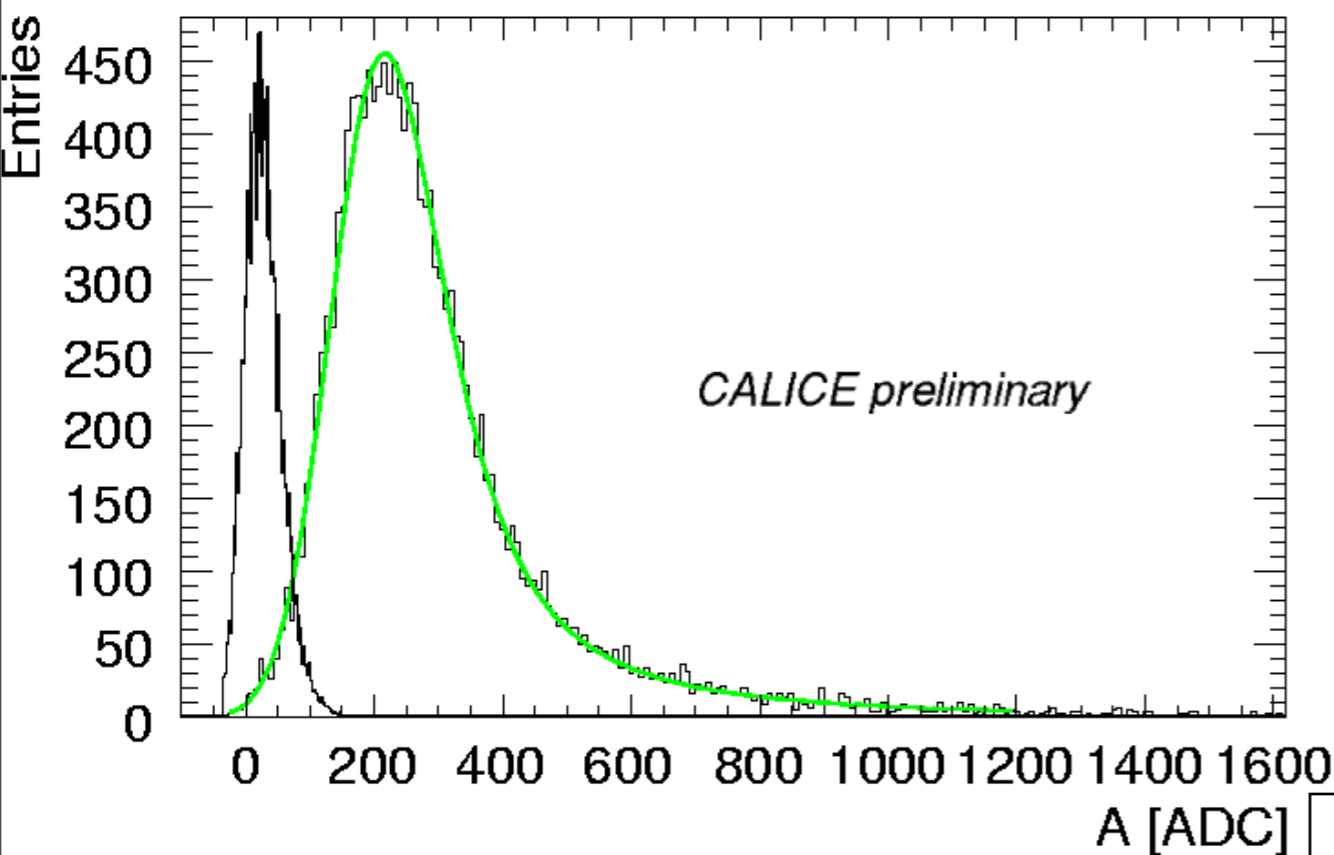
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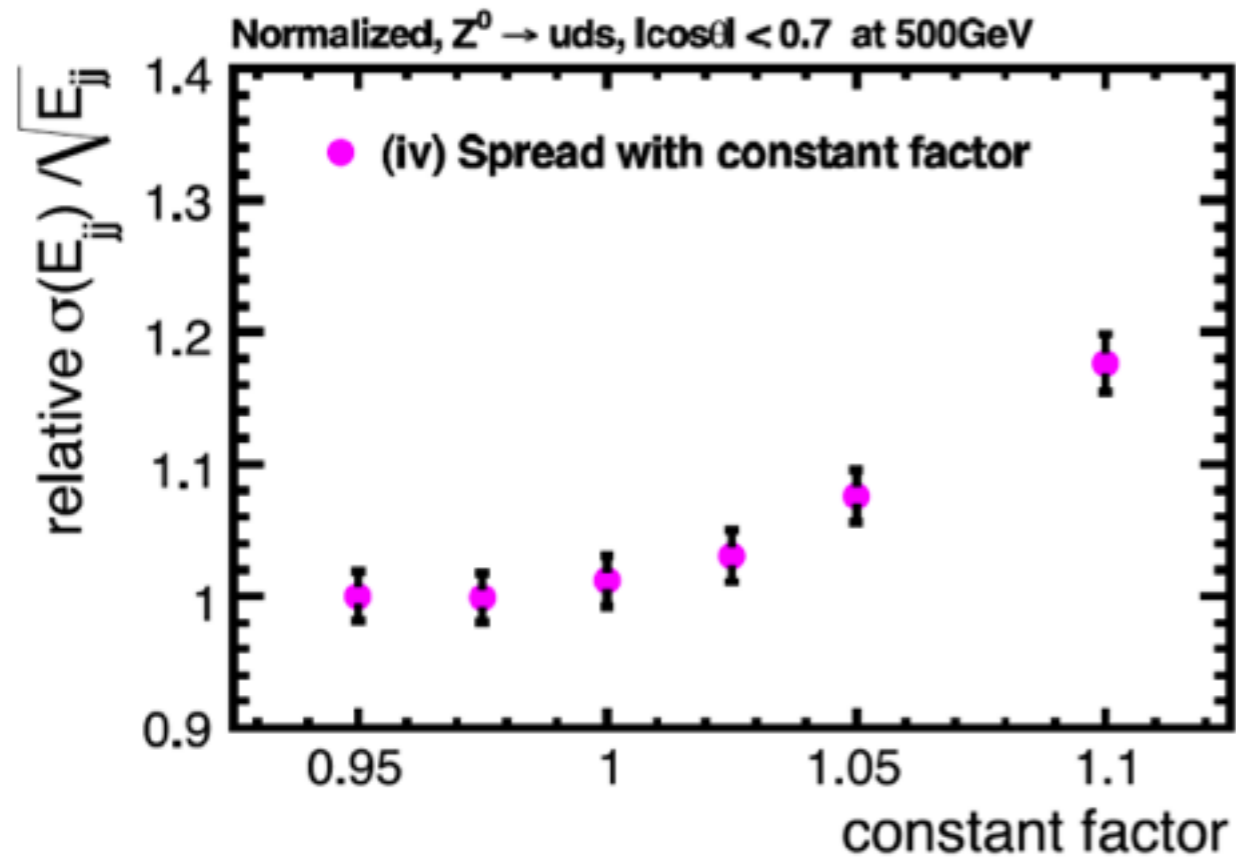


- MIP-Calibration with Muons
  - Complete detector illuminated with high energy muons
  - equalization of response of all cells by matching the MPV position

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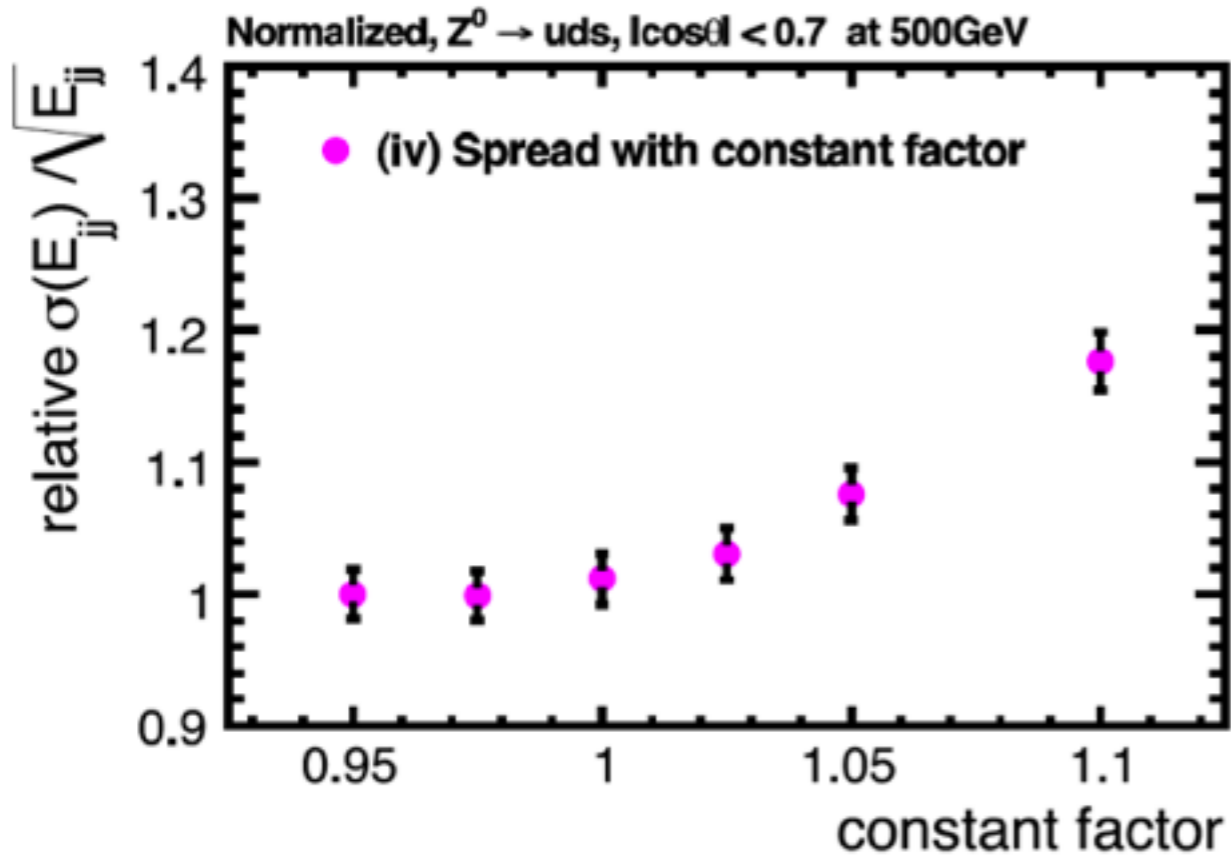


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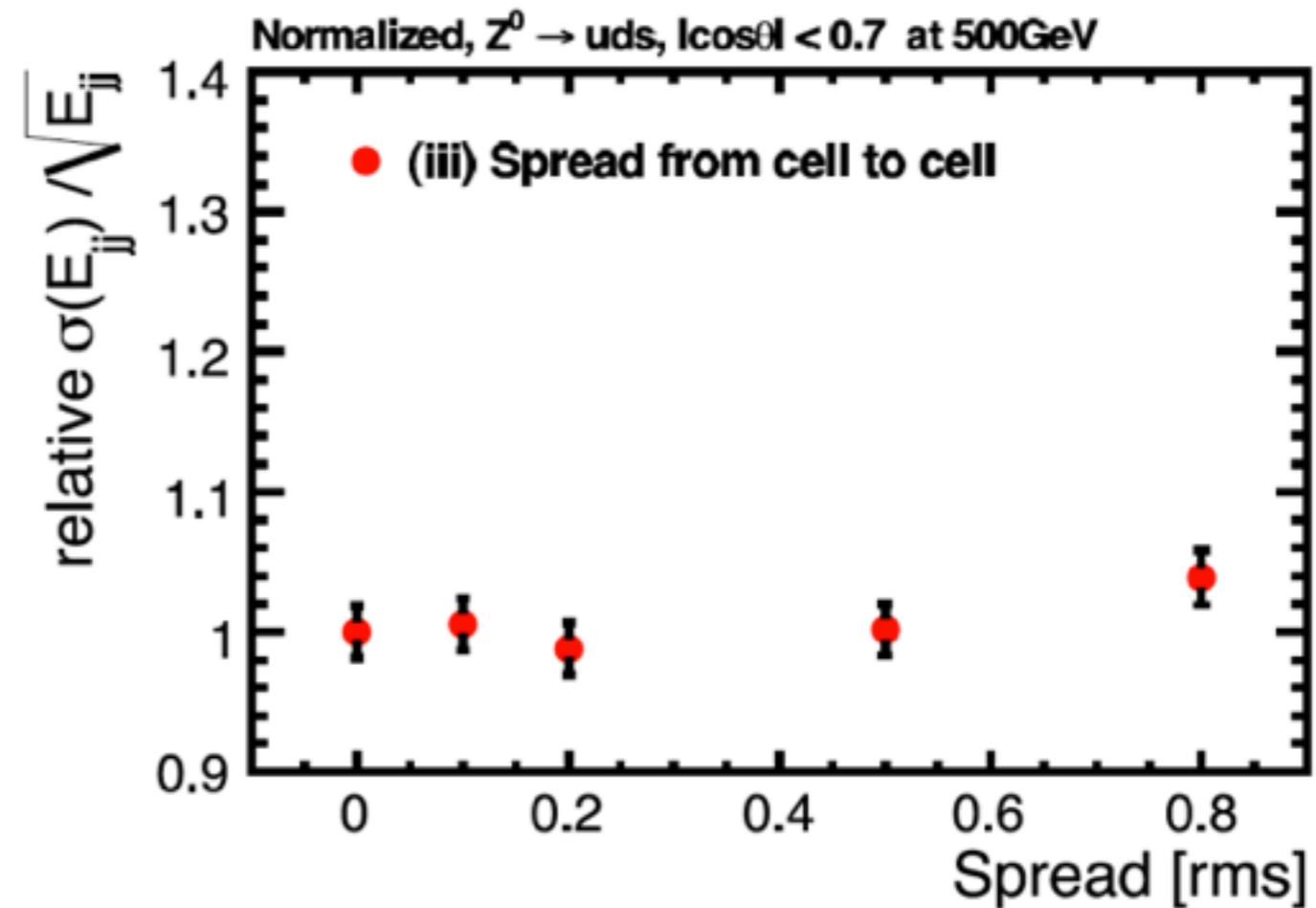


Statistics saves you: Large cell-to-cell variations can be tolerated, since many cells contribute to the signal.

Requirement here is not set by resolution, but by possibility for calibrating in groups

Expected requirement:  $\sim \pm 10\%$

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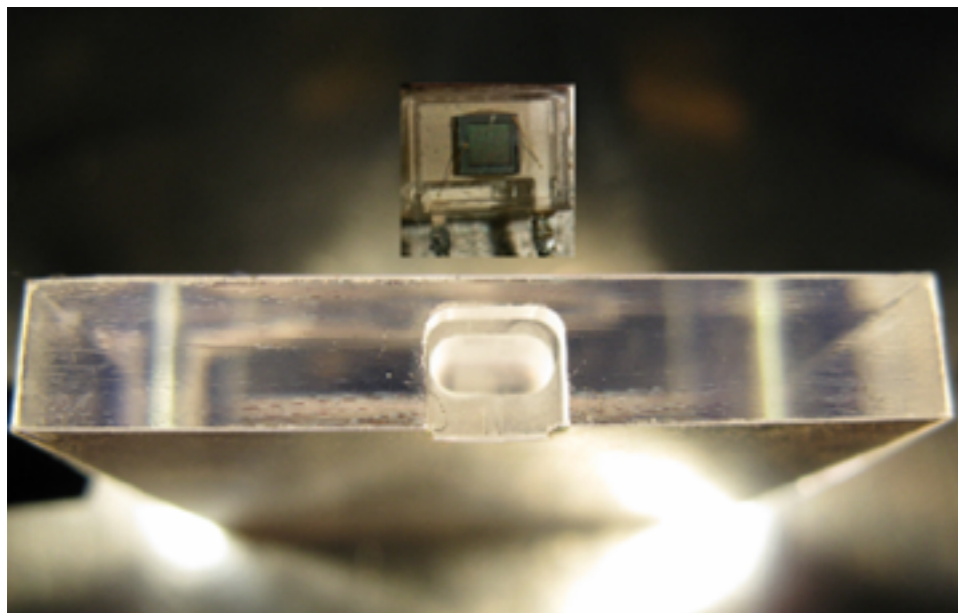
# Alternative Options for Scintillator Tiles: Direct Readout

- Current commercial SiPMs (Hamamatsu MPPC, ...) have their sensitivity maximum in blue spectral range: No need for a WLS fiber
- Reduced mechanical complexity: no fiber to integrate

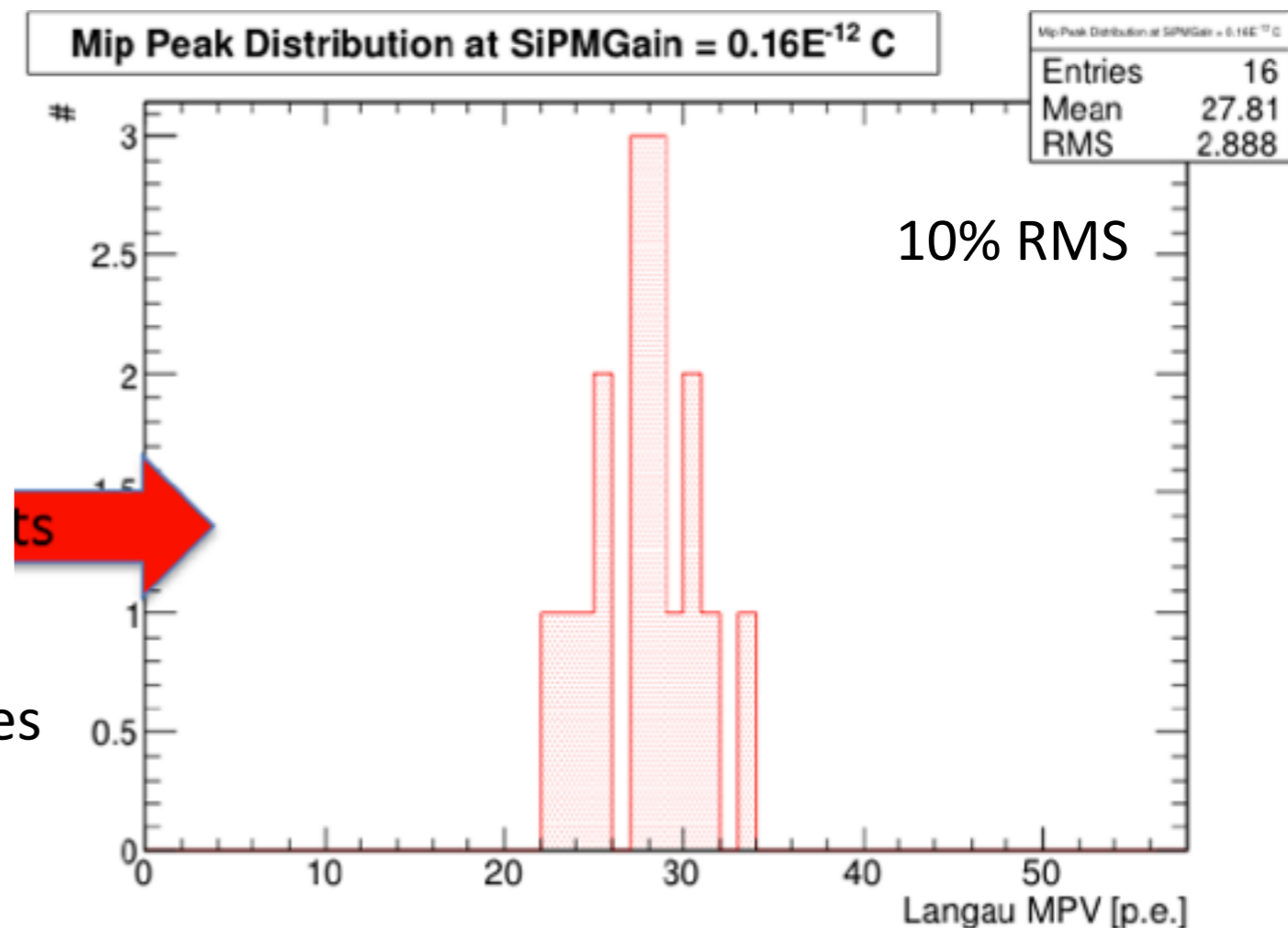
Relaxed tolerances: No alignment of SiPM wrt fiber

Strategy: Reduce scintillating material close to photon sensor, diffuse light in air gap

Coupling at bottom face (low signal): NIM A605, 277 (2009), at side: NIM A620, 196 (2010)

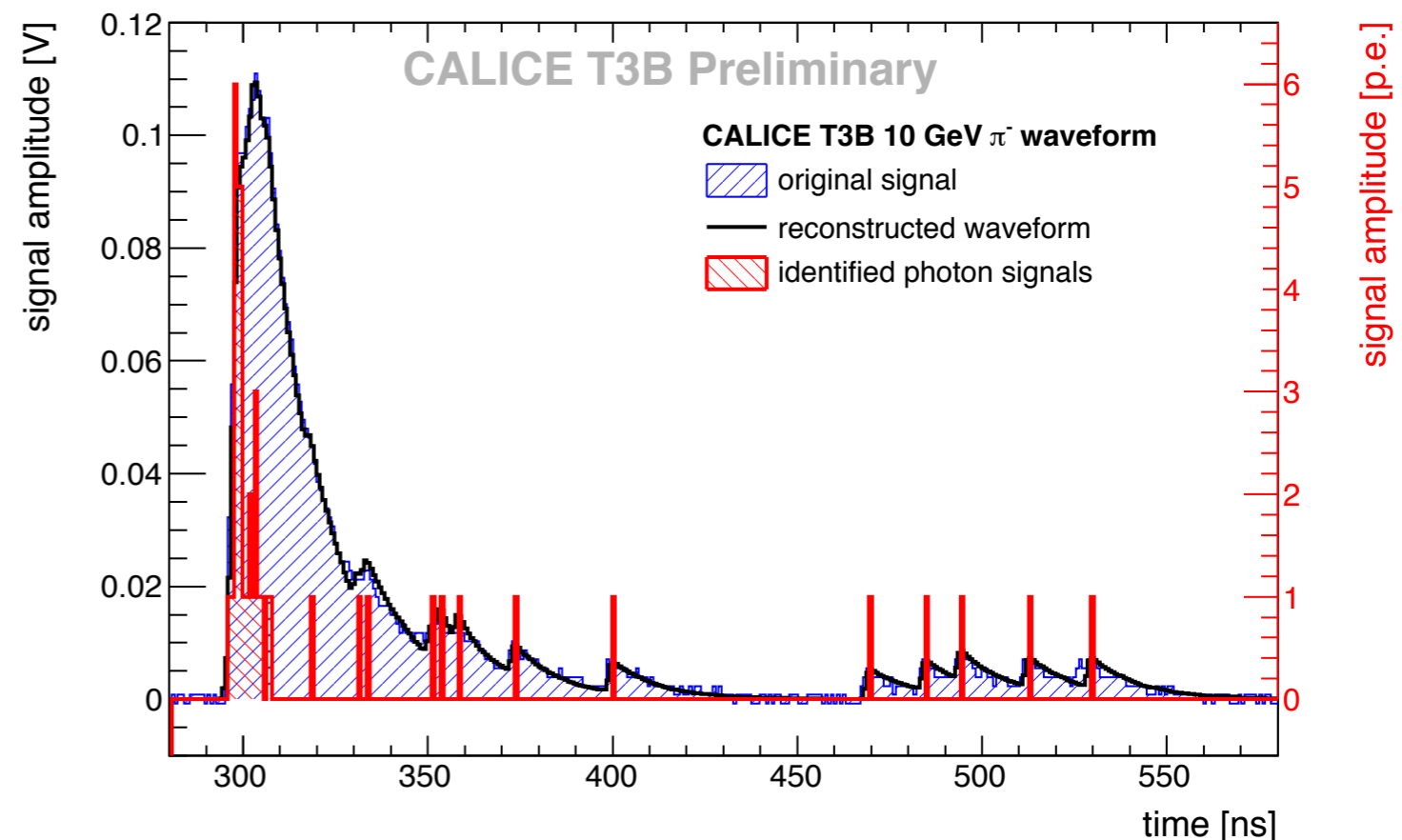
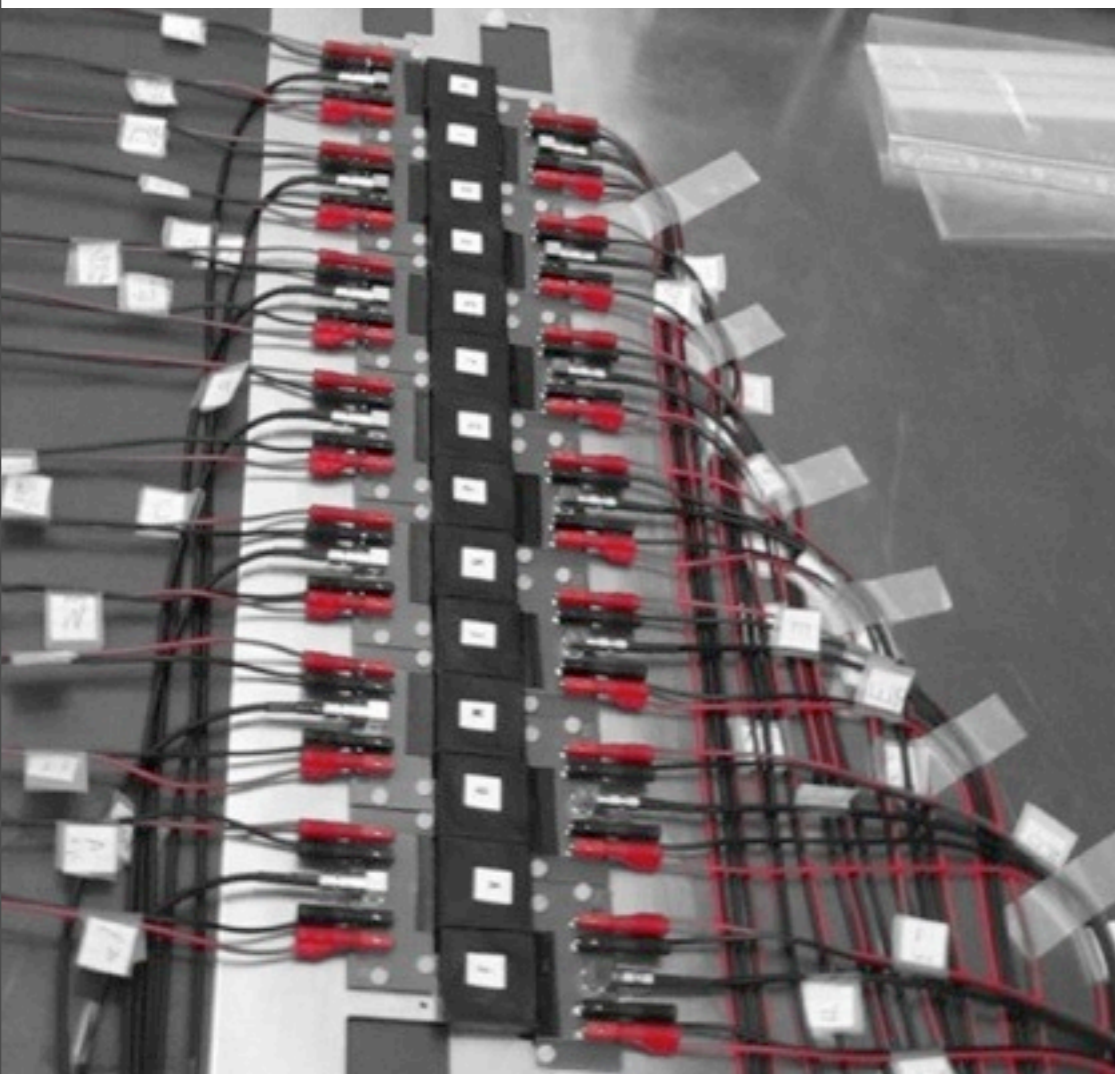


Light yield distribution of 16 hand-drilled tiles  
expect even better uniformity  
with mass-production techniques



# T3B - Pushing the Possibilities of SiPM Readout

- Runs currently together with the Tungsten analog HCAL, at a depth of  $4 \lambda$ 
  - 15 scintillator cells (direct coupling), read out with fast digitizers over  $2.4 \mu\text{s}$  with 800 ps sampling
  - Identify the time of arrival of each photon on the SiPM - Measure time structure of response by averaging over many events



Signal on one tile, decomposed into individual single photon signals