

# The Cherenkov Detector for Proton Flux Measurement (CpFM) in the UA9 Experiment

## *Status & new developments for double-beam splitting*

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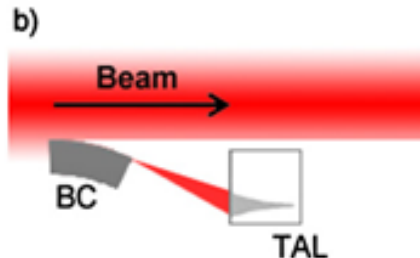
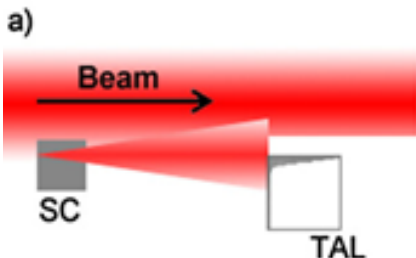
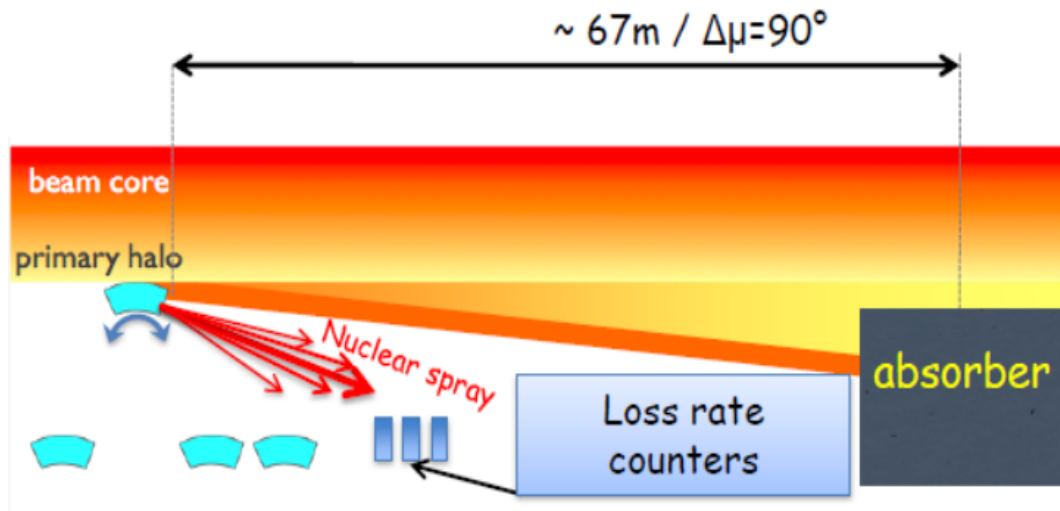
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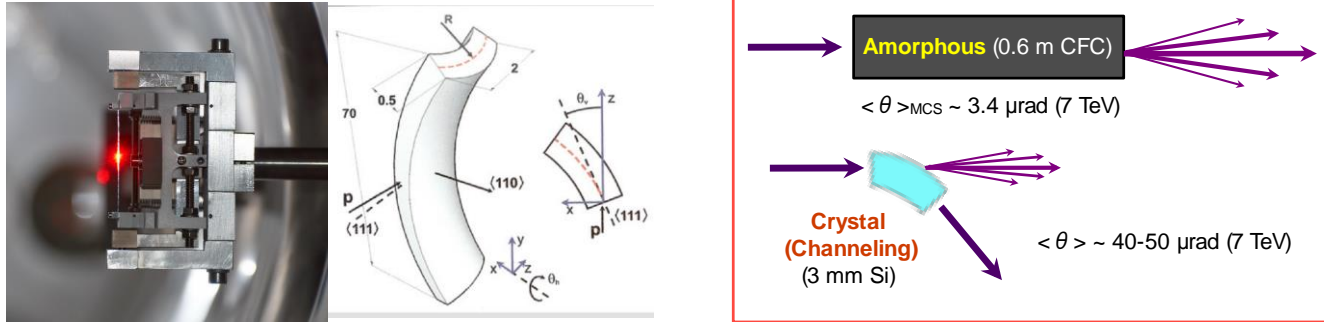
**Crystals collimation** which aims are to **improve the cleaning and reduce the impedance** is one of the R&D projects approved for the LHC collimation



- (a) Collimation scheme using a solid state primary collimator scatterer (SC).
- (b) Collimation scheme with a bent crystal (BC) as a primary collimator. **Halo particles are deflected and directed onto the absorber far from its edge**

## Investigate bent crystals as primary collimators in hadron colliders

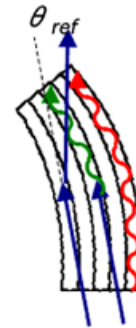
⊙ Bent crystals work as a “smart deflectors” on primary halo particles



⊙ If crystalline planes are correctly oriented, particles are subjected to a coherent interaction (channeling):

- ✓ large angle deflection also at high energy
- ✓ reduced interaction probability (e.g. diffractive events, ion fragmentation/dissociation)
- ✓ reduced impedance (less secondary collimators, larger gaps)

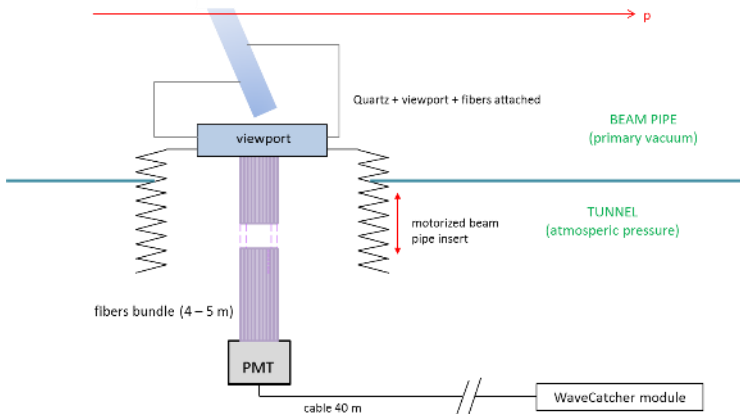
- ✗ small angular acceptance
- ✗ concentration of the losses on a single absorber



The UA9 Collaboration is investigating how to use bent crystals as primary collimators/deflectors:

- operational and machine protection concerns are considered in cooperation with the Collimation Team
- 3 installations (since 2014): SPS North Area (H8), SPS, LHC

- Cherenkov detector for proton Flux Measurement
- Main contribution of LAL to UA9 Experiment
- **Aim of the CpFM:** count the number of deflected protons with a precision of about 5% in the LHC environment (mean value over several bunches, with expected values between 1 and 200 p/bunch)

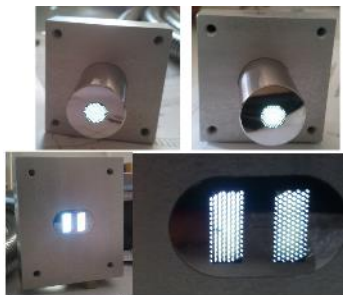


In vacuum, radiation hard detector:

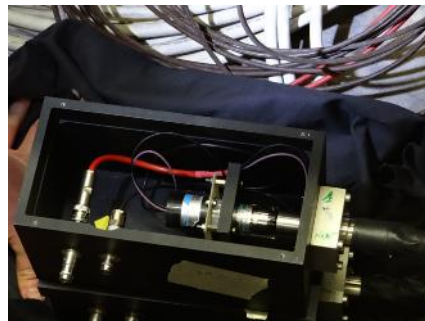
- interception of the channeled beam by a quartz radiator (retractable finger)
- emission of Cherenkov light readout by a PMT placed 1 m from the beam pipe (light brought by silica fibers)
- PMT amplified signal readout by the WaveCatcher module (3,2 GHz digitizer)
- 2 channels (one to measure the background)



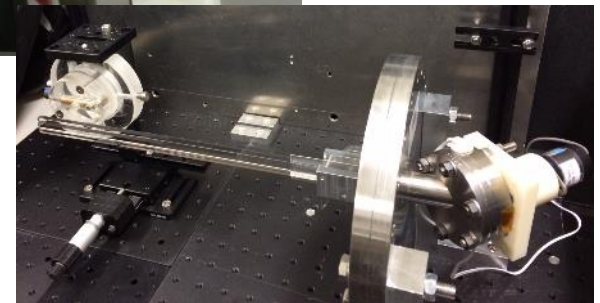
Fibres bundle



PMTs socket and housing

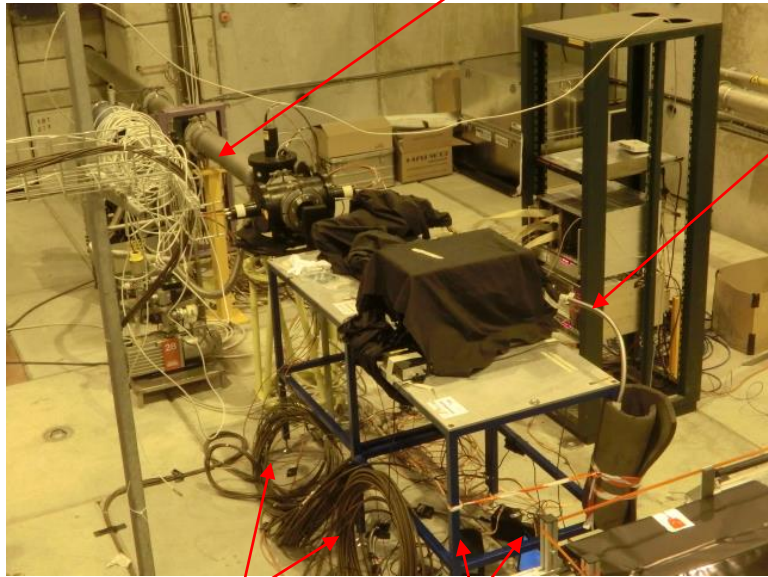


Quartz bars

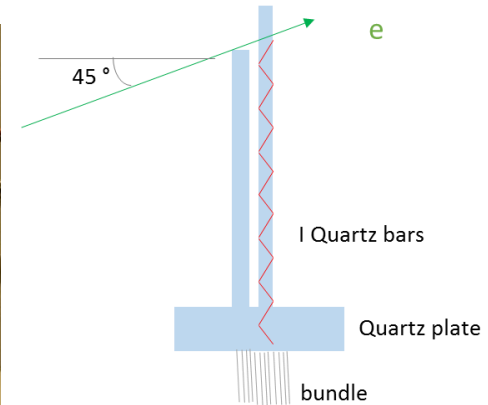
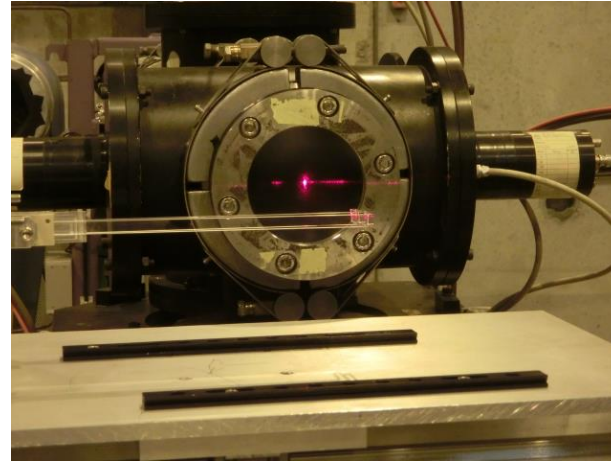


400 GeV/c  $p$  , 180 GeV/c  $\pi^+$

'I" bars + quartz viewport + bundle  
-> Need calibration

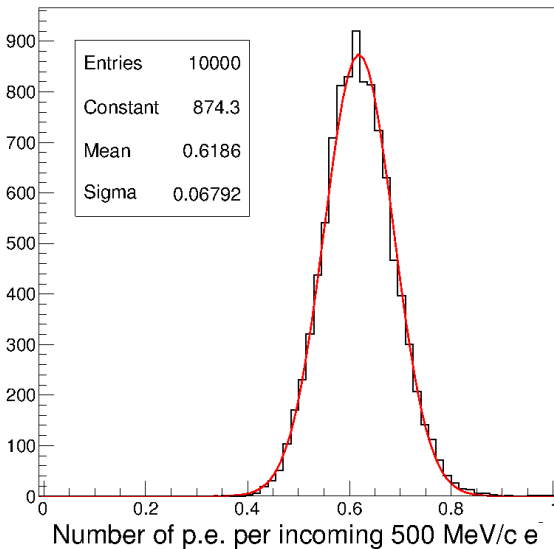


bundle



40 m cables

PMTs



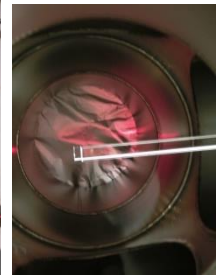
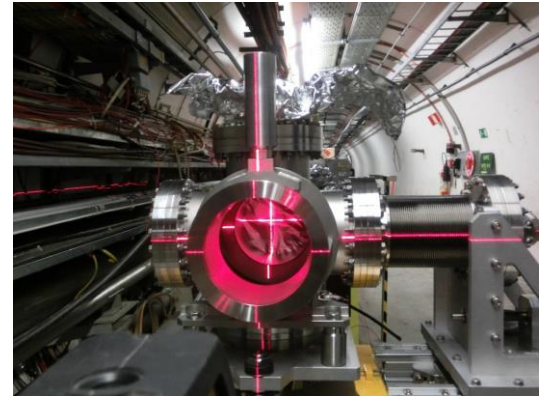
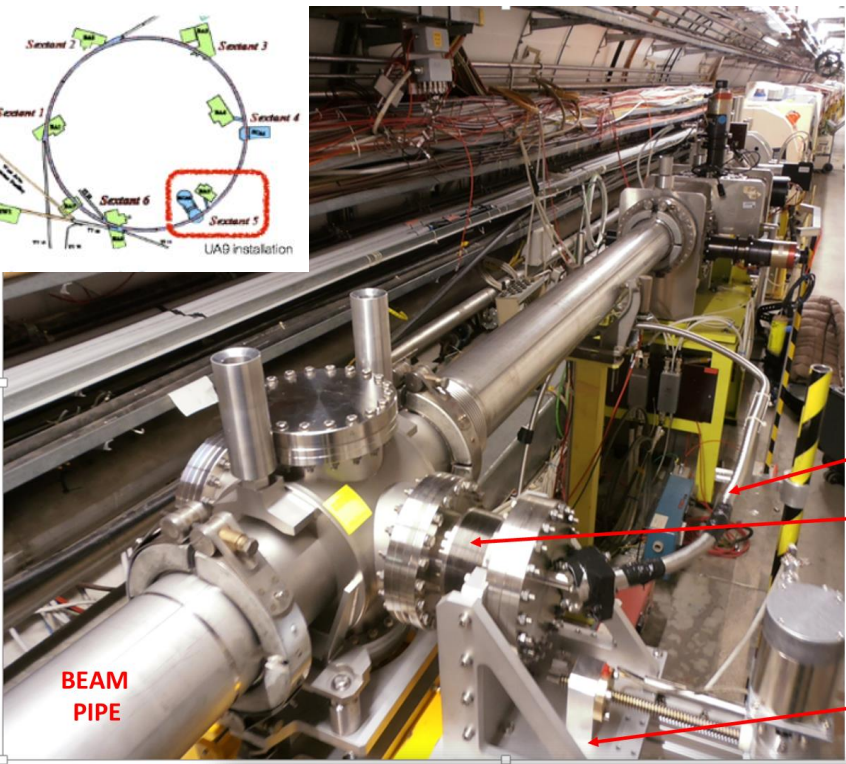
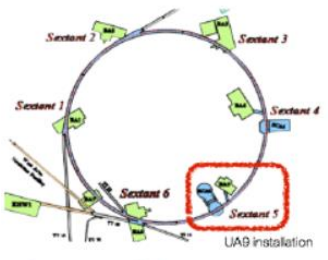
➤ Quartz window decreases the signal by a factor 2

➤ **0.62 p.e. per incoming electron** for the final configuration :  
**I bar + window + 4 m fibers bundle + PMT + 30 m cable + WaveCatcher**



**resolution = 15 % for 100 incoming electrons**

The CpFM was successfully installed on the SPS, 58 m downstream the crystal



alignment of the quartz bars

Fibers bundle

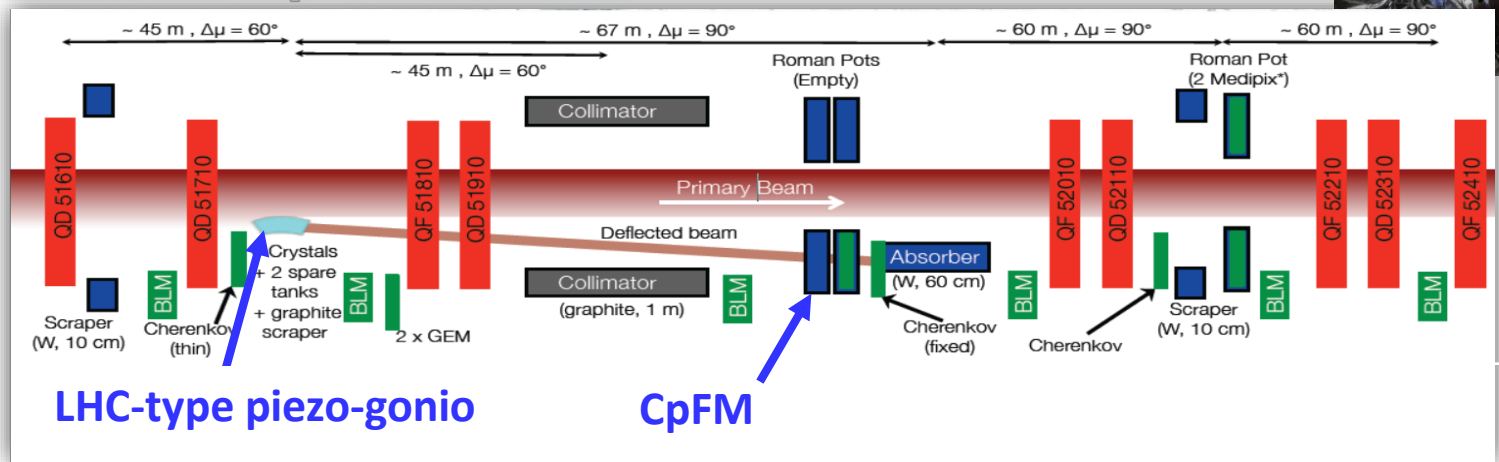
Inserting bellow

Motorized support of the quartz bars

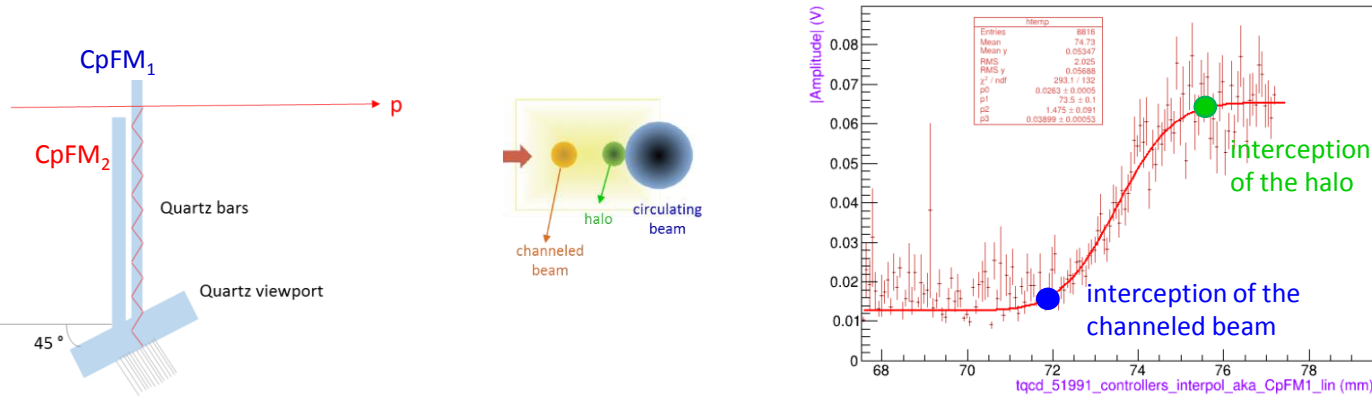
Quartz bars

flange

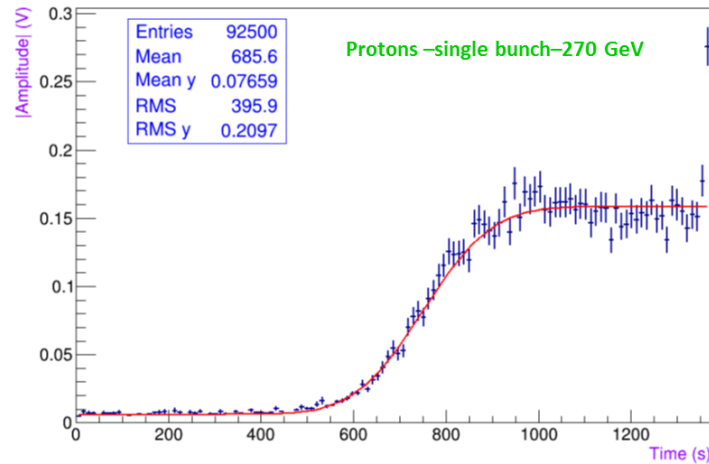
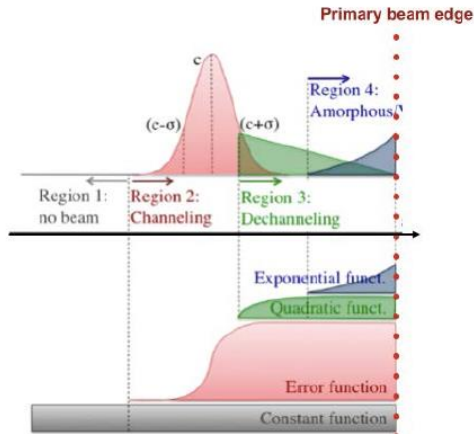
BEAM PIPE



## Linear scan: insertion of the bars in the beam pipe



CpFM amplitude distribution in the channeling region in **good agreement with the expectations**

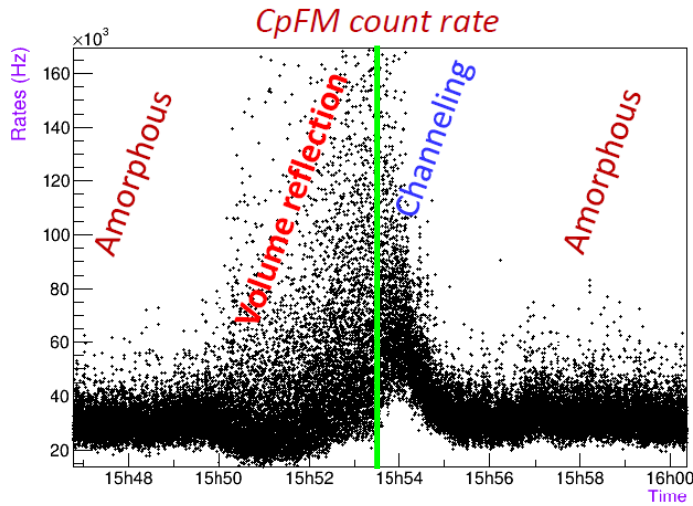


Fit of the amplitude distribution in the channeling region with an error function → its derivative corresponds to the Gaussian profile of the channeled beam.

→  $\sigma$  → angular spread of the channeled beam: **12.8  $\mu\text{rad}$ , in good agreement with the critical angle for 270 GeV proton (12,2  $\mu\text{rad}$ )**

# CpFM in operation

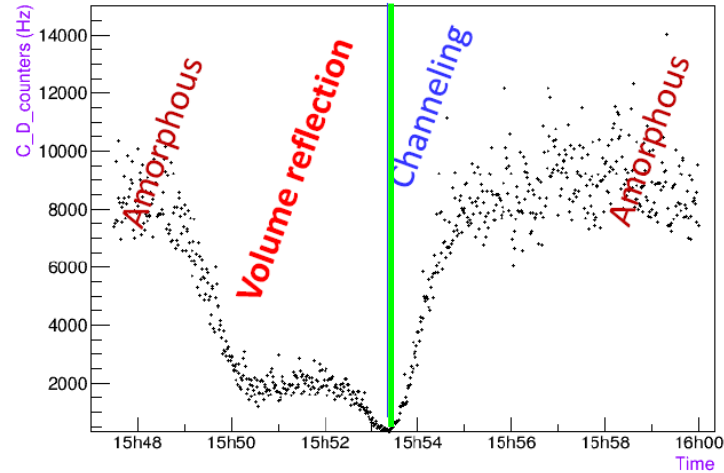
**Angular scan:** counting of the deflected proton when changing the angular orientation of the crystal (from 1800 to 900  $\mu\text{rad}$ )



max signal on CpFM



Losses measured by scintillators near the crystal



min losses on the scintillator

Channeling angle found at 1432  $\mu\text{rad}$

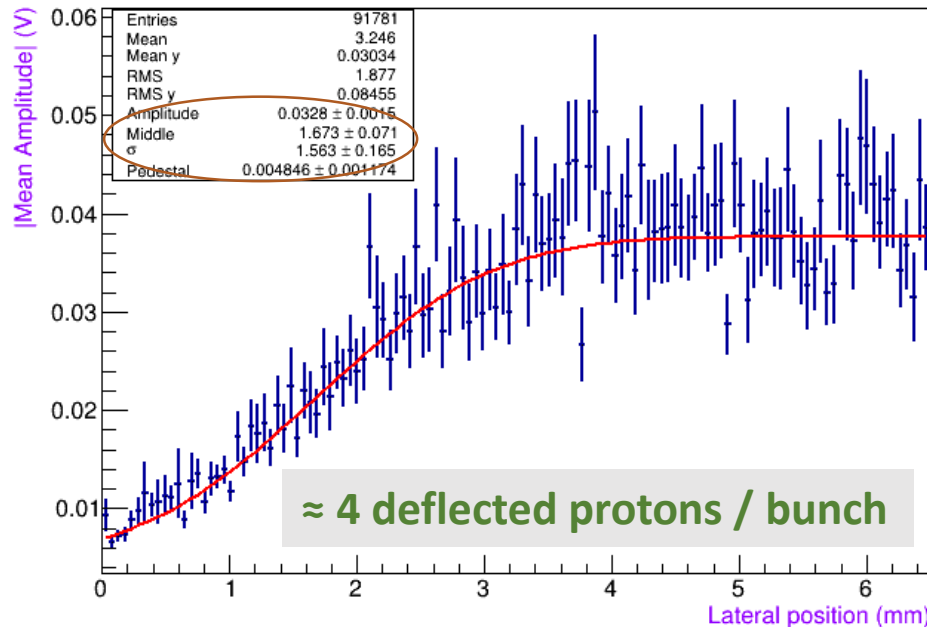
→ good agreement between the CpFM and the scintillator BLM



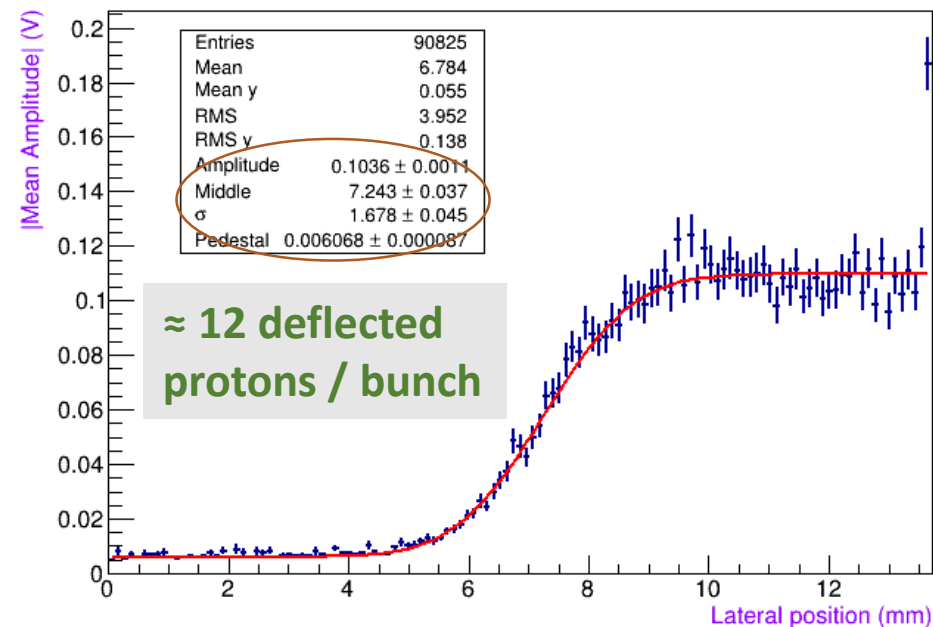
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## Uncertainties about the number of deflected protons!

Profile of amplitudes (CpFM1) vs position



Profile of amplitudes (CpFM2) vs position



### CpFM1:

- Amplitude:  $32.8 \text{ mV} \pm 1.5 \text{ mV}$
- Pedestal:  $4.8 \text{ mV} \pm 1.1 \text{ mV}$
- Center:  $1.67 \text{ mm} \pm 0.07 \text{ mm}$
- $\sigma = 1.56 \text{ mm} \pm 0.17 \text{ mm}$

$G_{\text{CpFM2}} > G_{\text{CpFM1}}?$

Distance: 5.57 mm

$\approx$

### CpFM2:

- Amplitude:  $103.6 \text{ mV} \pm 1.1 \text{ mV}$
- Pedestal:  $6.1 \text{ mV} \pm 0.1 \text{ mV}$
- Center:  $7.24 \text{ mm} \pm 0.04 \text{ mm}$
- $\sigma = 1.68 \text{ mm} \pm 0.05 \text{ mm}$

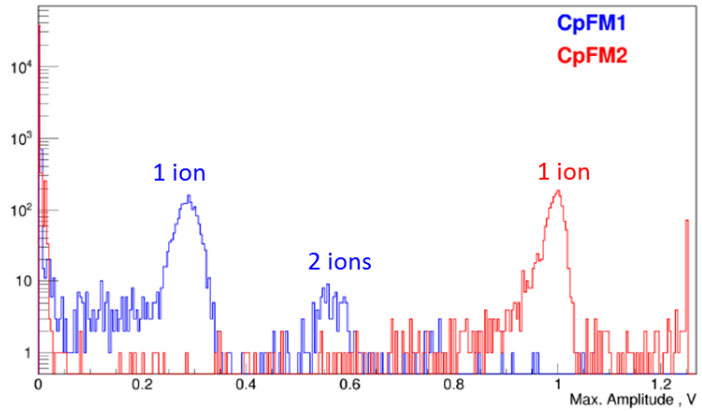
-> We should have the same number of deflected protons measured in the channeled beam!



# In situ calibration



With Pb ion beam



$CpFM1_{750V} = 271 \text{ mV}$   
 $CpFM2_{750V} = 995 \text{ mV}$

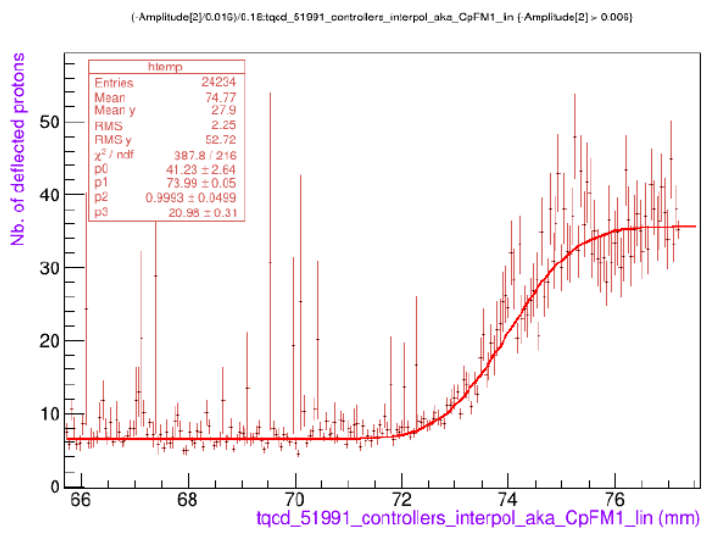
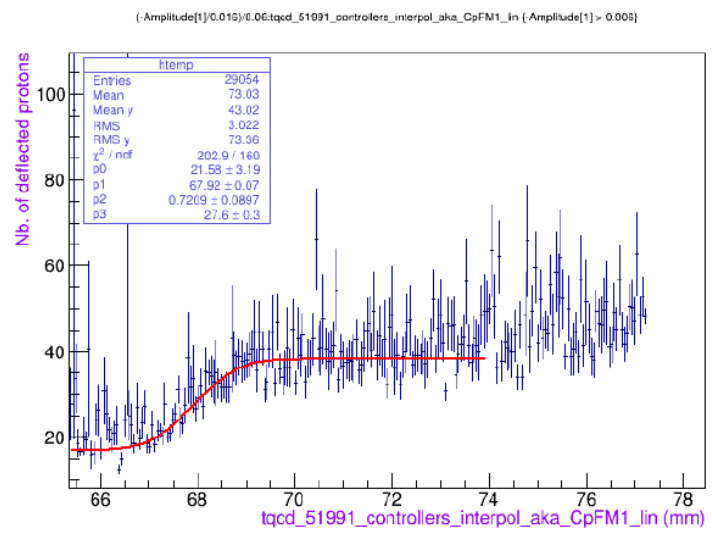
**Pb ions generates 6724 times more Cherenkov light than protons ( $Z^2$ )**

### Calibration coefficients:

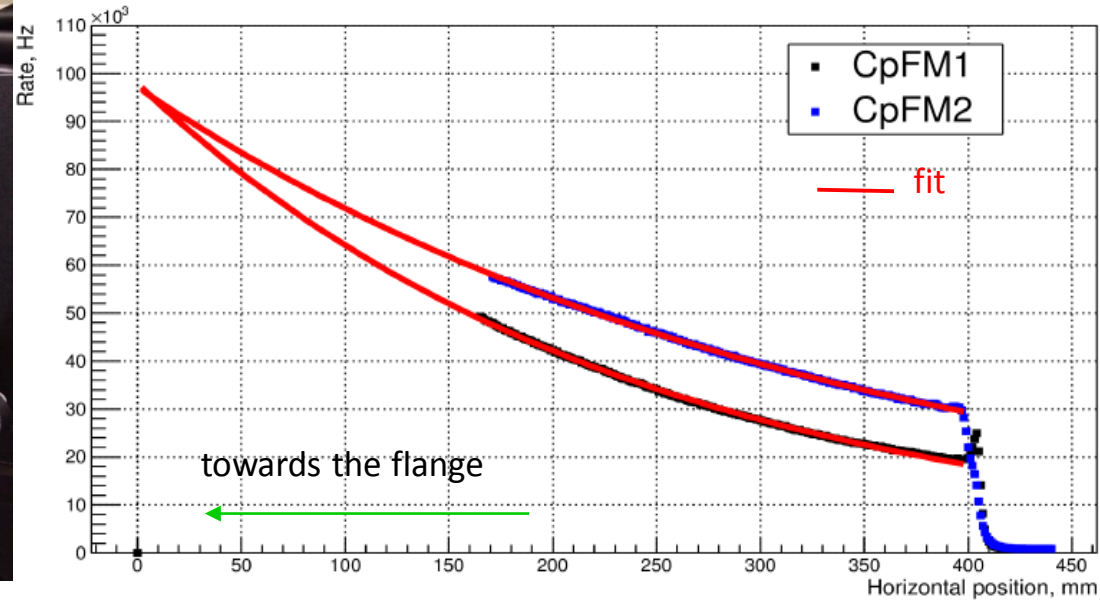
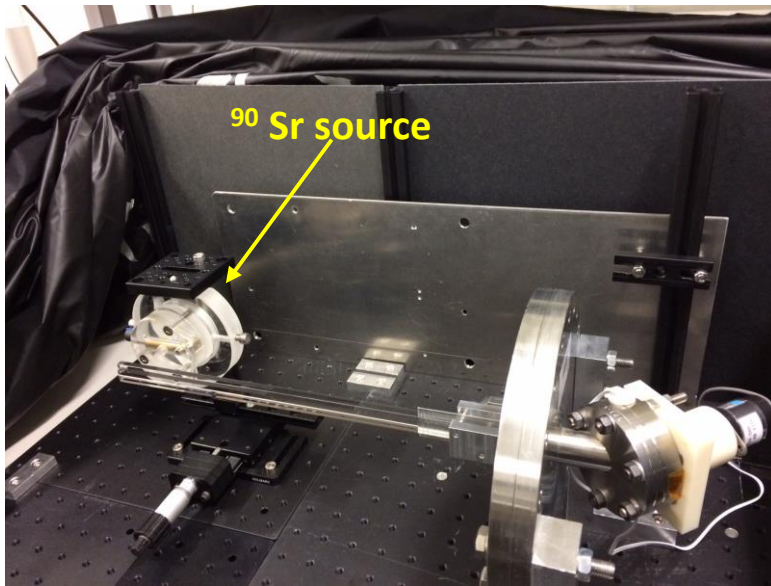
$CpFM_1$  : 0.06 pe/part. 10 times less than expected  
 $CpFM_2$  : 0.18 pe/part. 3,3 times less than expected

Factor 3  
 between the  
 2 channels

➔ Corrected number of deflected protons as a function of the position



## Tests of the quartz (TS Feb 2017)



Measurements performed with a  $\beta$  source shows that the **polishing quality of both quartz bars is not as good as expected and not the same**

→ factor 1.5 between them

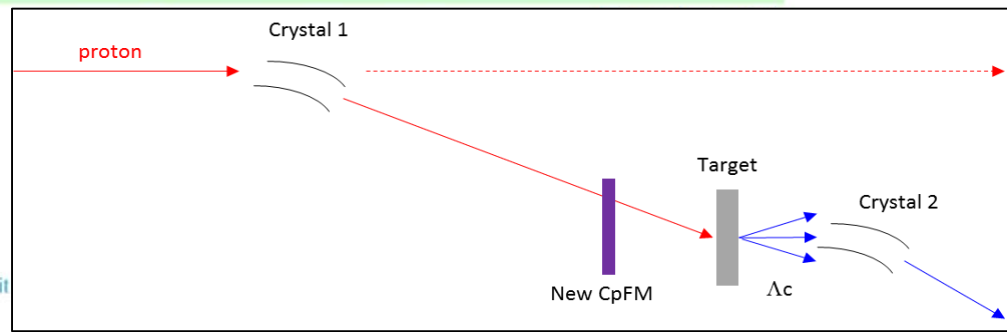
- ❖ Measurement of the magnetic moment of the charmed charged hadrons starting from  $\Lambda_c$
- ❖ To be installed in LHC, but tested in SPS (evolution of UA9 -> double crystal experiment)

## UA9: double crystal experiment - layout

- Schematic view of double crystal experiment:
  - deflect protons from LHC beam halo and send it to an internal target
  - bend particles produced in a target and send them into an experiment
- Setups under consideration:
  - Test the experimental scenario at the SPS
  - Export it into LHC in an existing detector for parasitic mode FT operation

Double crystal setup should allow magnetic and electric moment measurement

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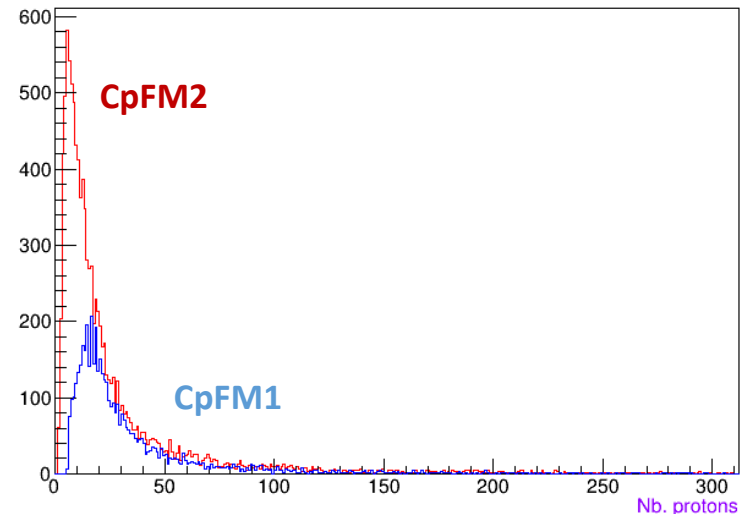
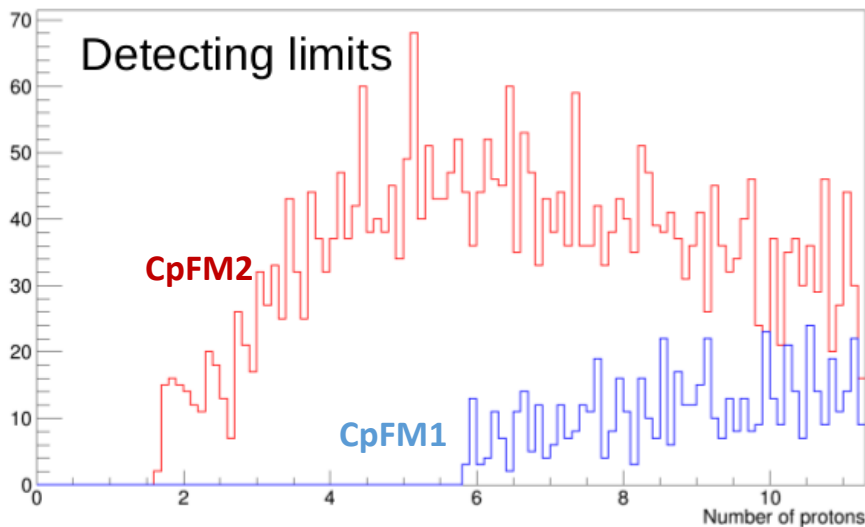


From Walter's presentation

- ✓ We could use direct coupling (PMT just disposed behind the viewport), no bundle
- ✓ “Simple” geometry for quartz radiators used (and low thickness) -> light production could be optimized with more complex geometries and better polishing quality. We need to have enough light to see a single proton for a range of 1-100 protons/bunch (detection threshold should be minimized)
- ✓ In old CpFM, one bunch every 23us (43 kHz), measure of 1/1000 by the WC (43 Hz) -> we loose the “history” of the extraction
- ✓ For the new CpFM: minimum 1 bunch every 23 us (measure at 43 kHz), maximum of 4 trains of 72 bunches (each spaced by 25 ns) every 23 us -> We should work at 40 MHz to measure each bunch

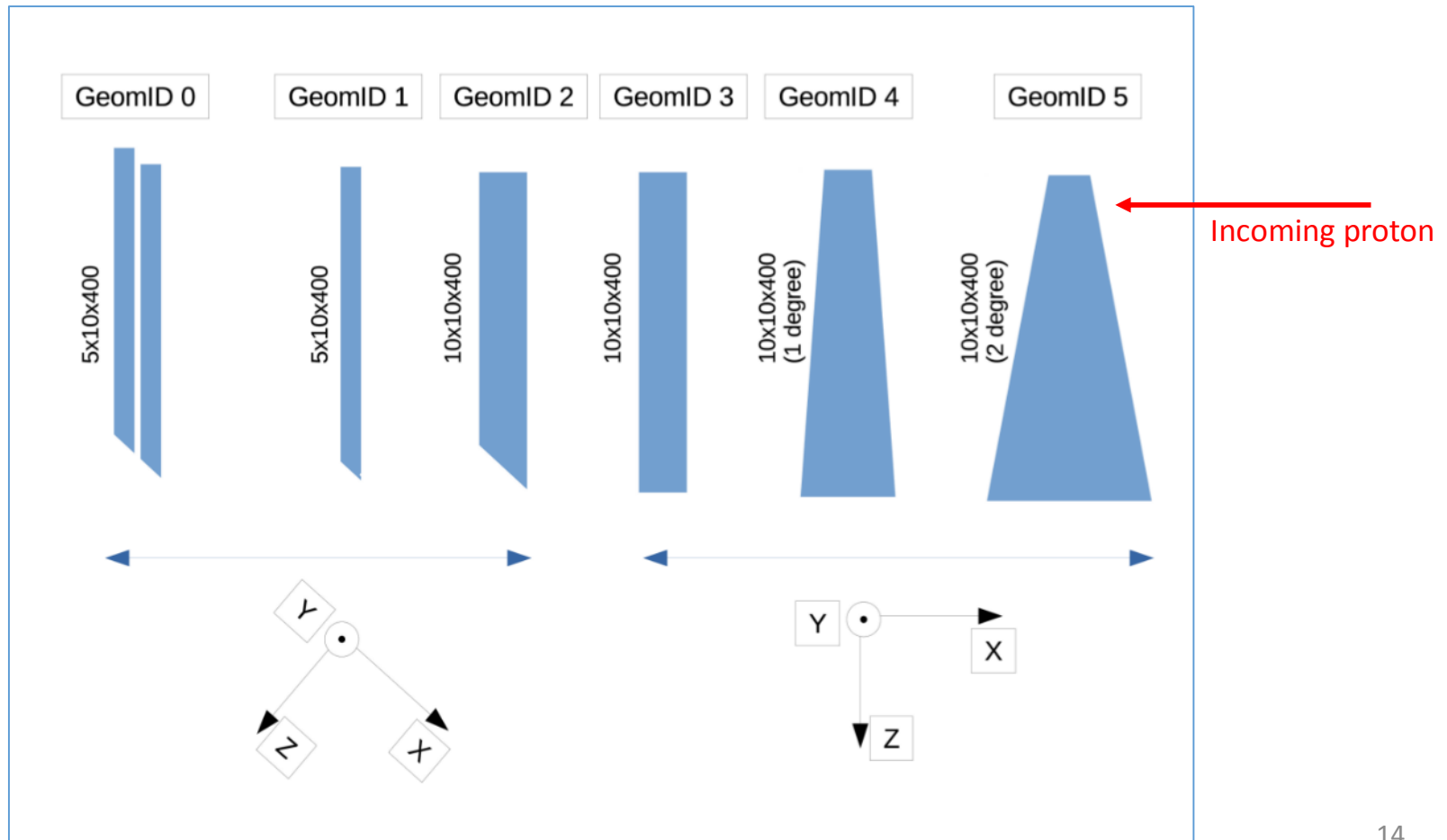
-> Development of a new electronics with charge extracted at 40 MHz with no dead-time (started at LAL – work in progress)

-> New crystals with improved quality & geometries for the Cherenkov radiator



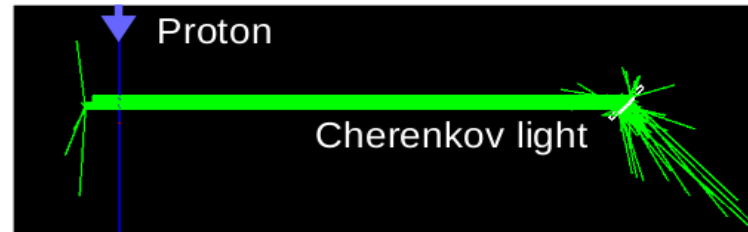
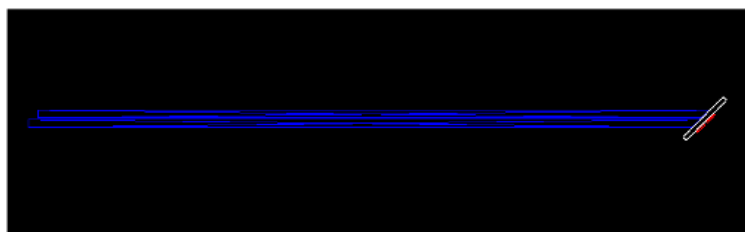
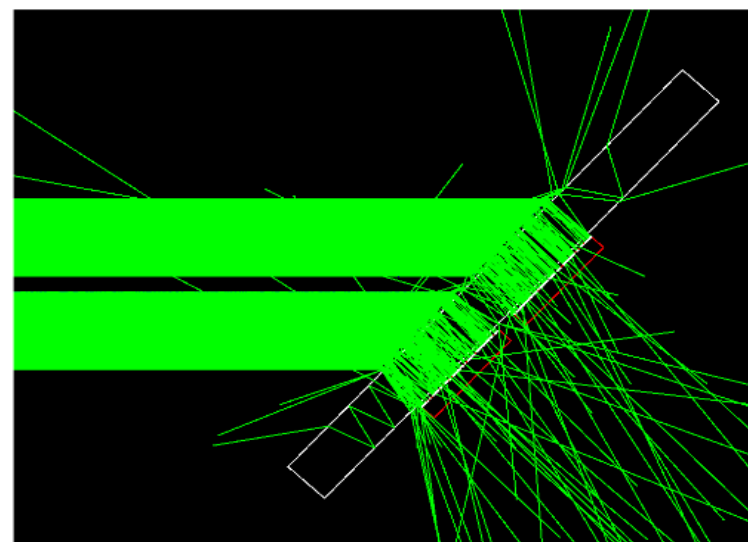
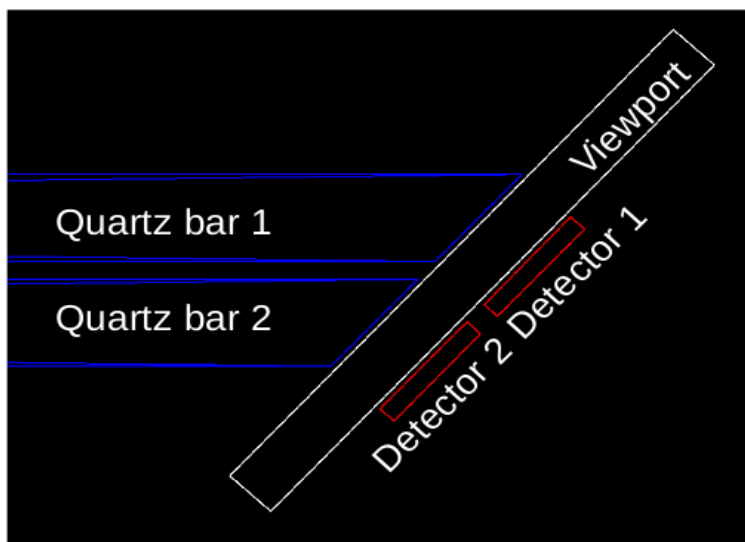
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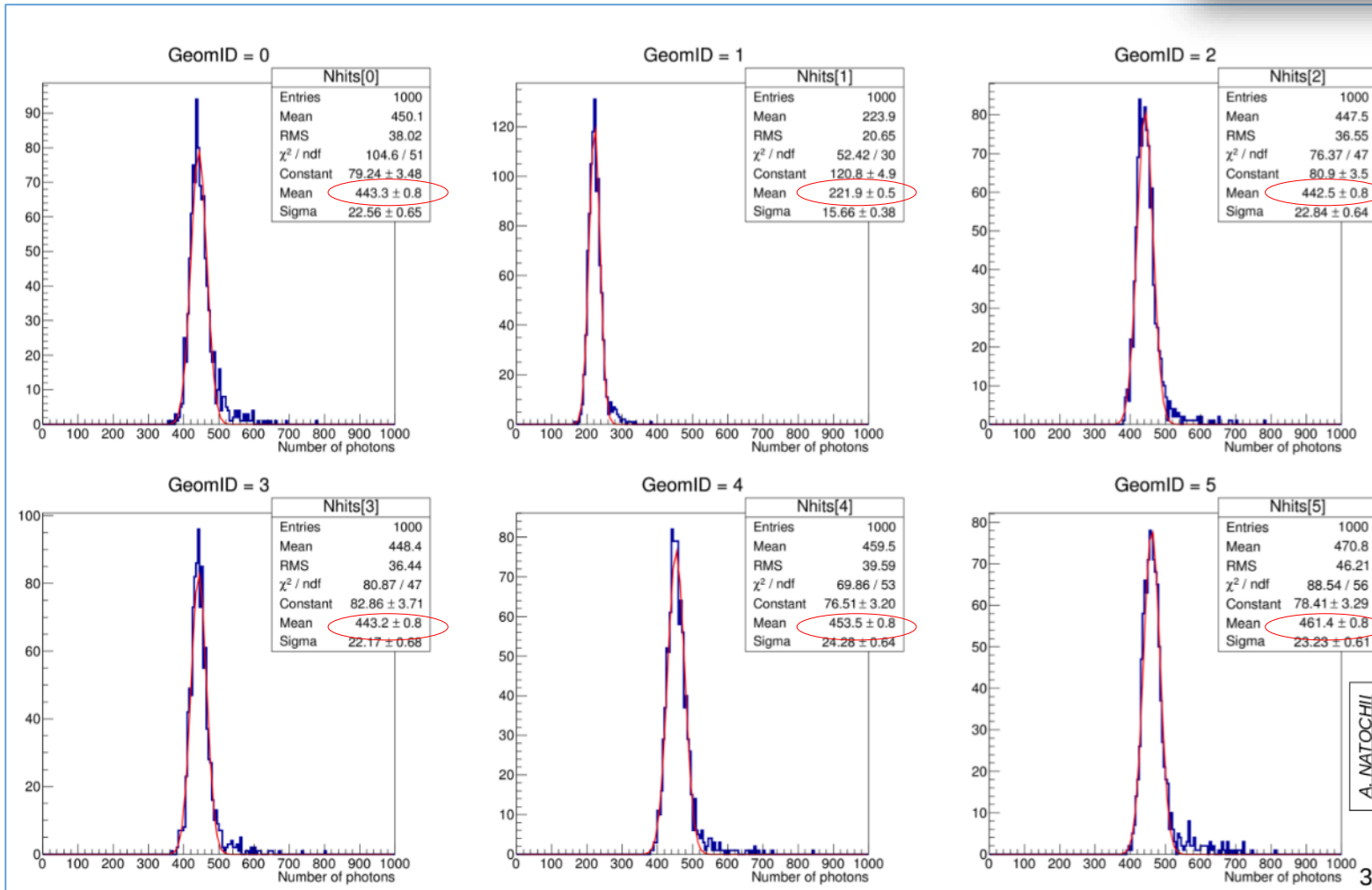
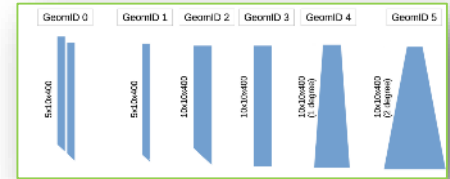
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- > For each proton, tracking of all Cherenkov photons generated.
- > Transportation (reflections, absorption, diffraction) & detection (or not) by a photodetector

- ✓ Distribution of the number of photons hitting the detection surface:
- ✓ ... between 443 and 461 photons / proton
- ✓ Nb. of reflections?



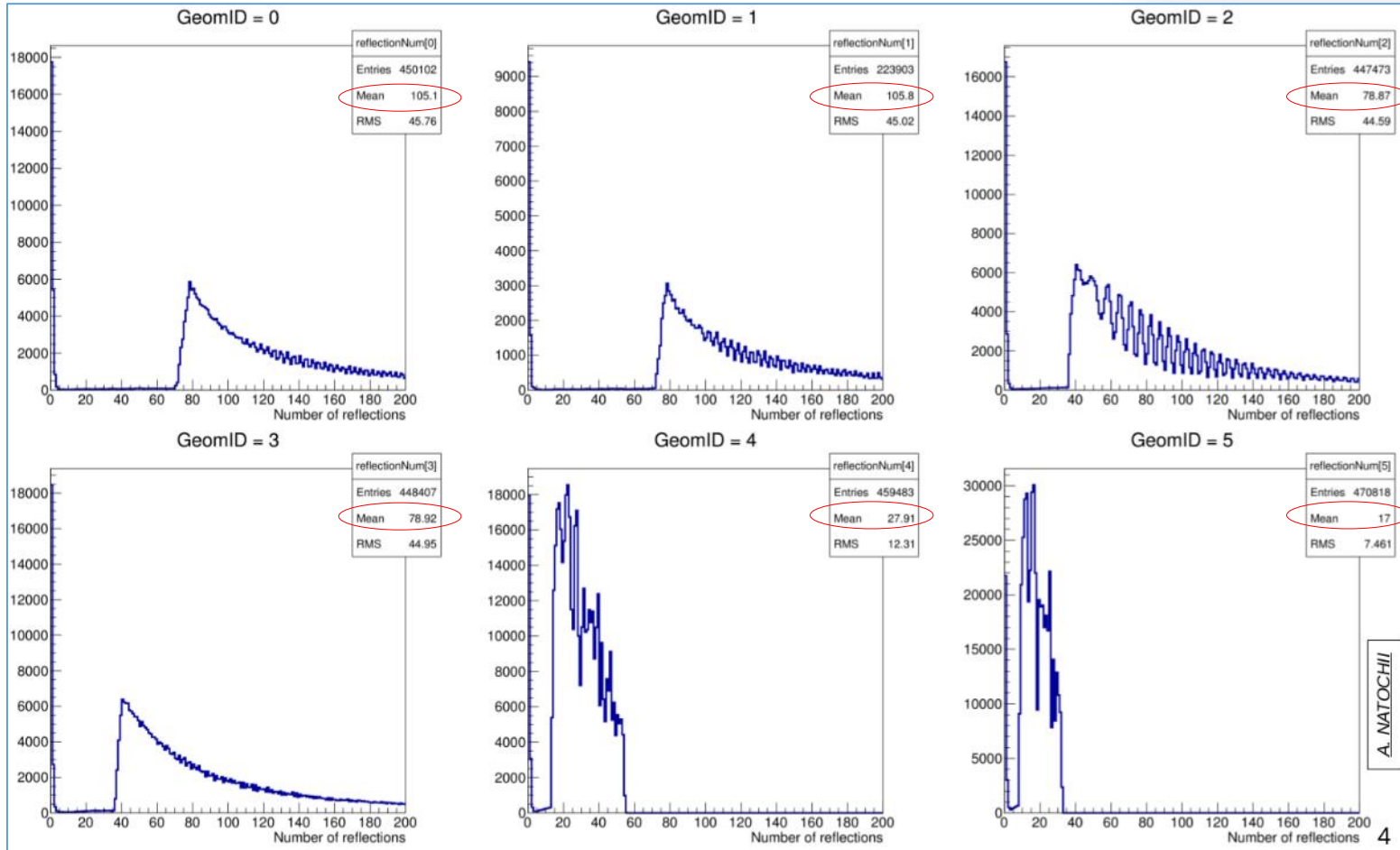
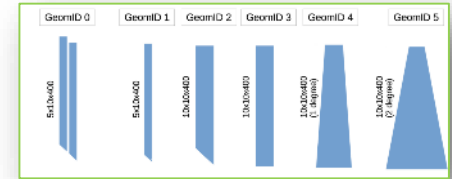
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- ✓ Distribution of the number of reflections for each Cherenkov photon:

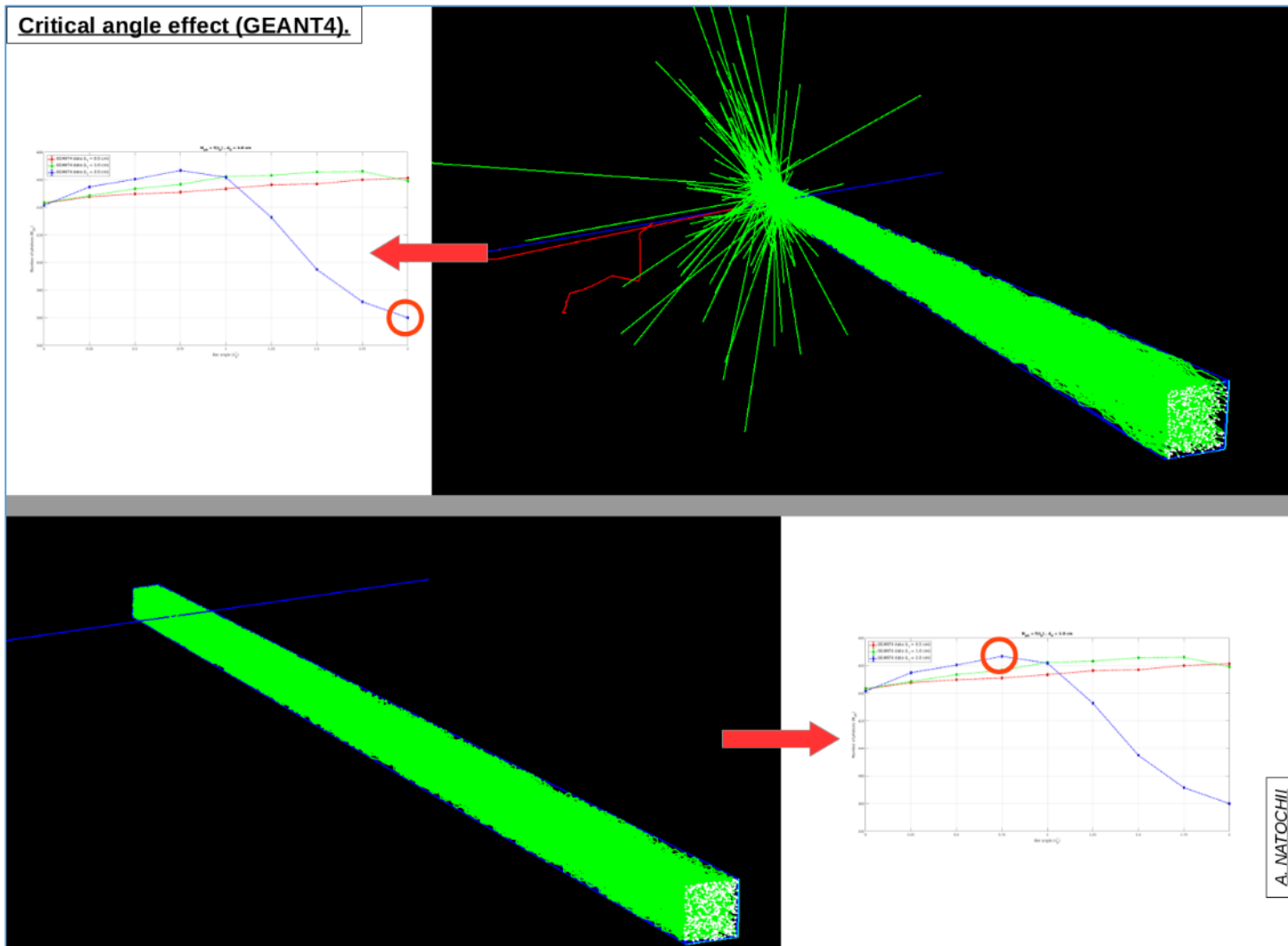


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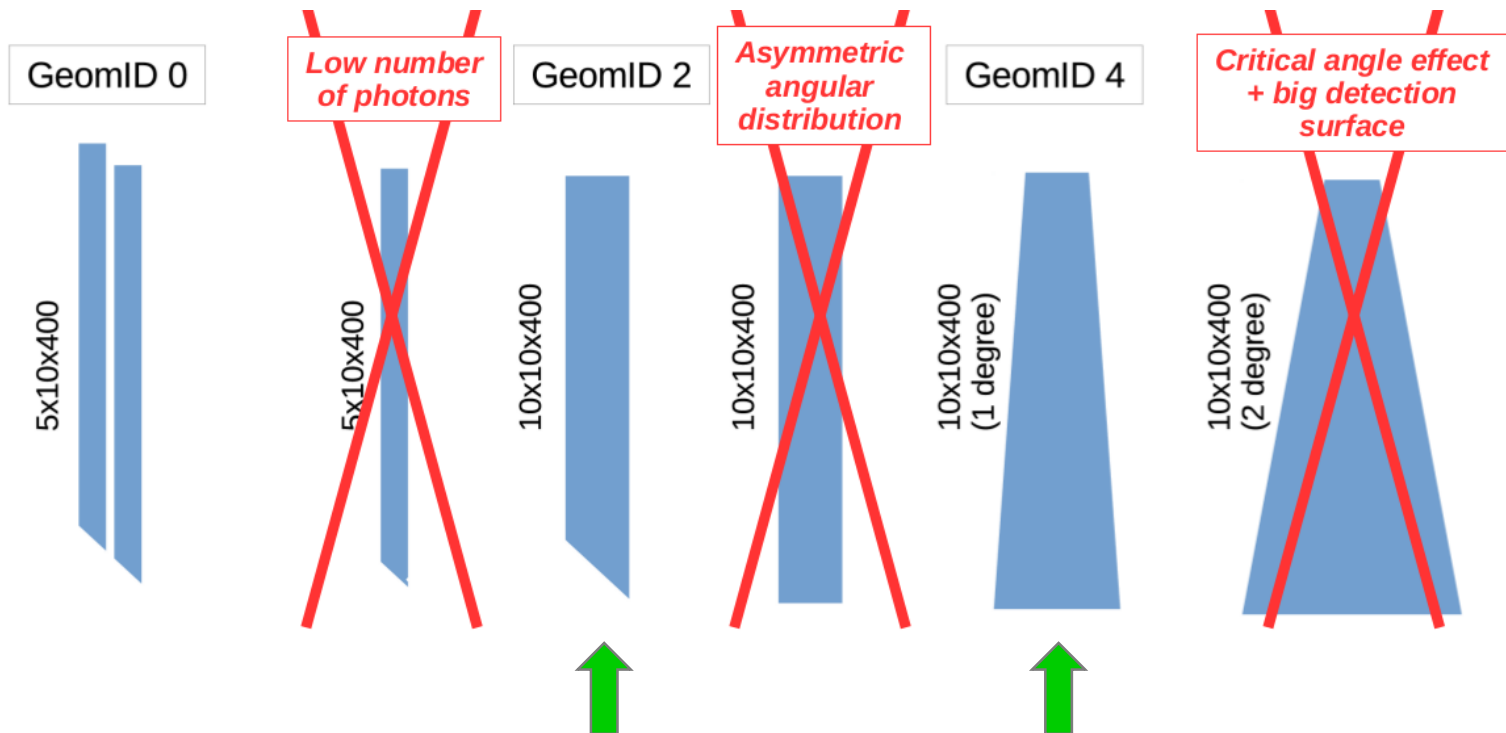
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- ✓ Example of critical angle effect:  $L_i = 2.0$  cm &  $\theta_b = 0.75^\circ$  or  $2^\circ \rightarrow$  refracted ray escaping from the detector volume



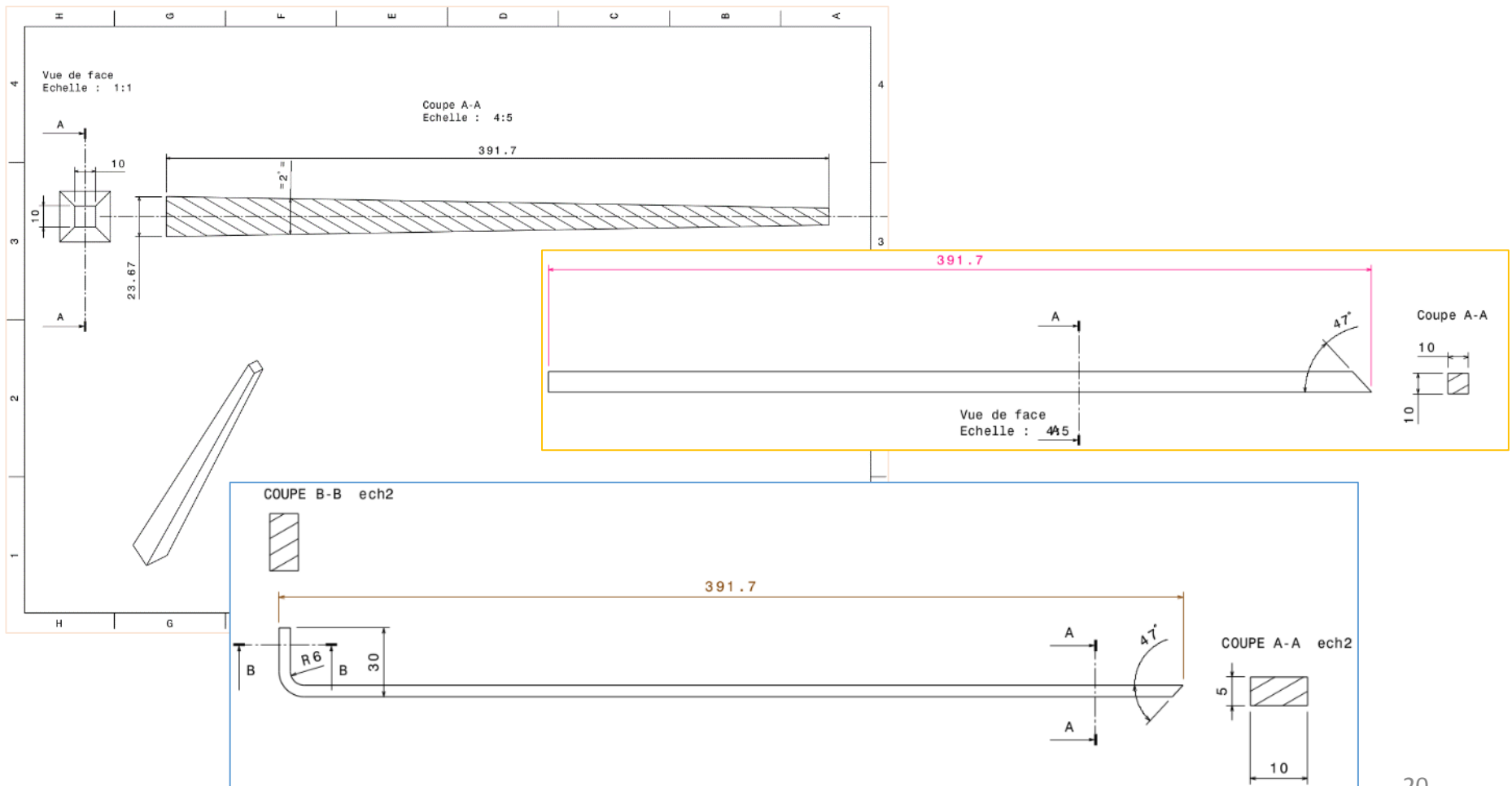
## ✓ Conclusions for the design of a new detector:

- **Geometry #0:** installed
- **Geometry #2:** more Cherenkov photons generated (compared to #1) and less reflections (compared to #0), adapted to the using of a fibers bundle
- **Geometry #4:** high number of Cherenkov photons produced, low number of reflections, photons focussed on a “small” surface ( $2.4 * 2.4 \text{ cm}^2$ ). Also, suitable for direct coupling.



✓ For the new CpFM, we decided to order:

- One “pyramid”-shape bar (geometry #4), to be used without bundle (direct coupling)
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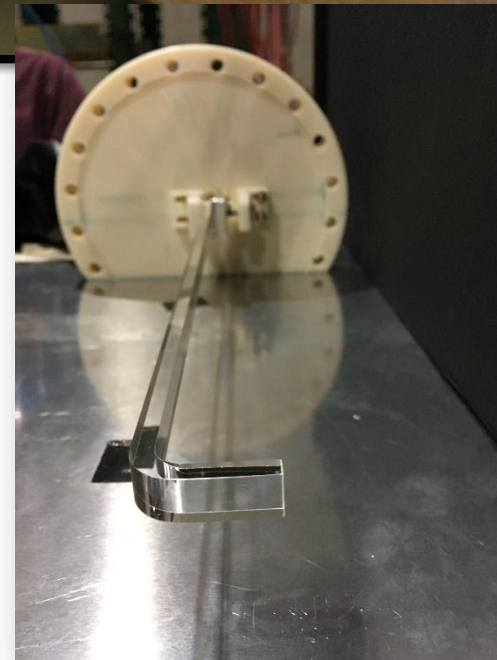
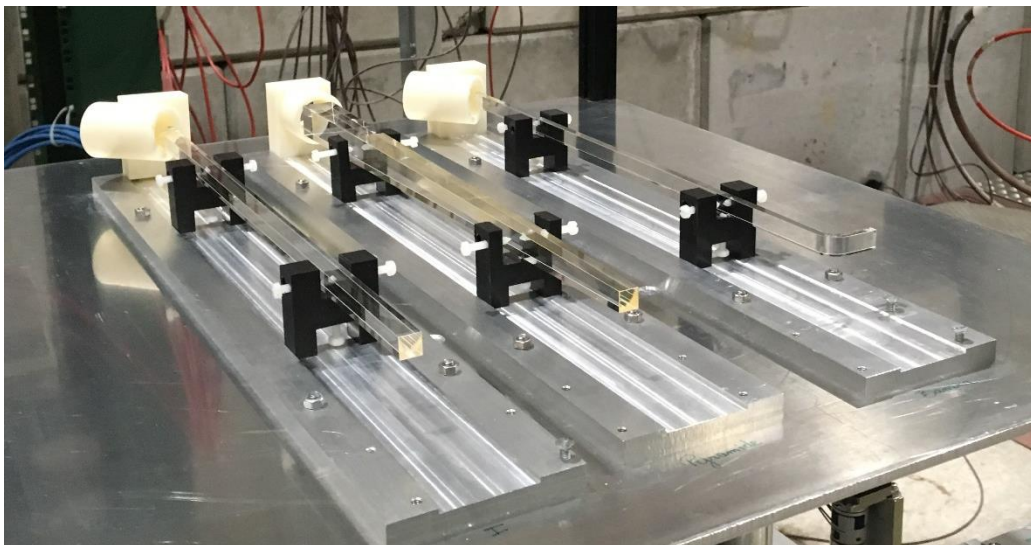
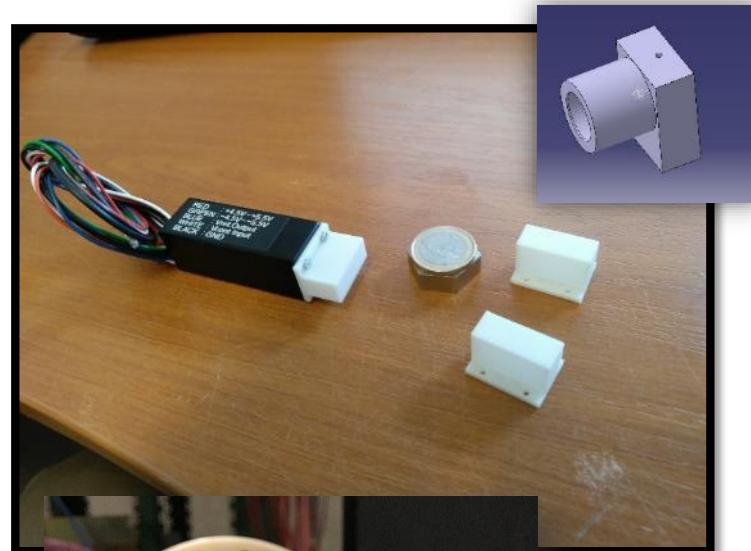
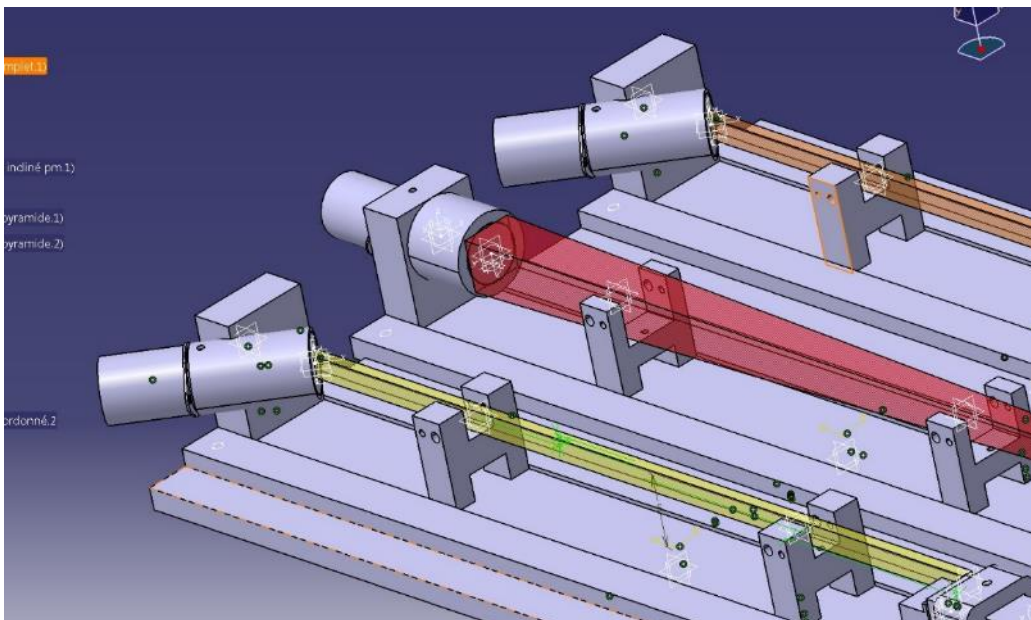


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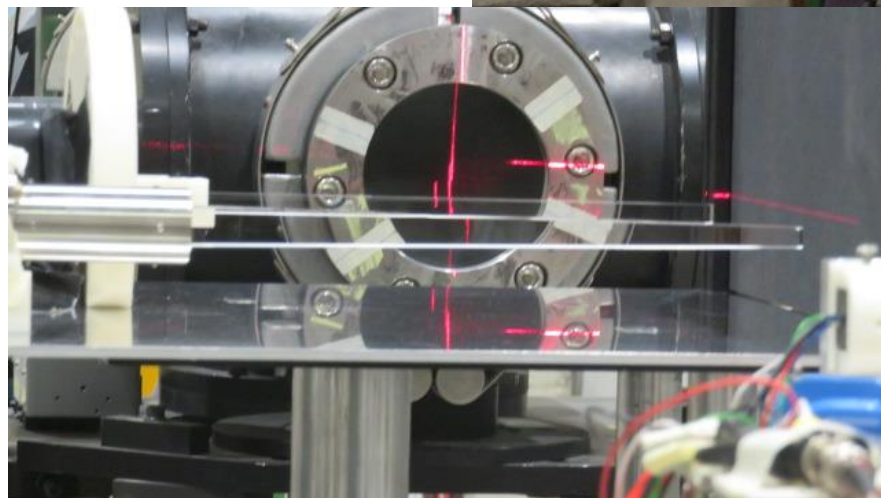
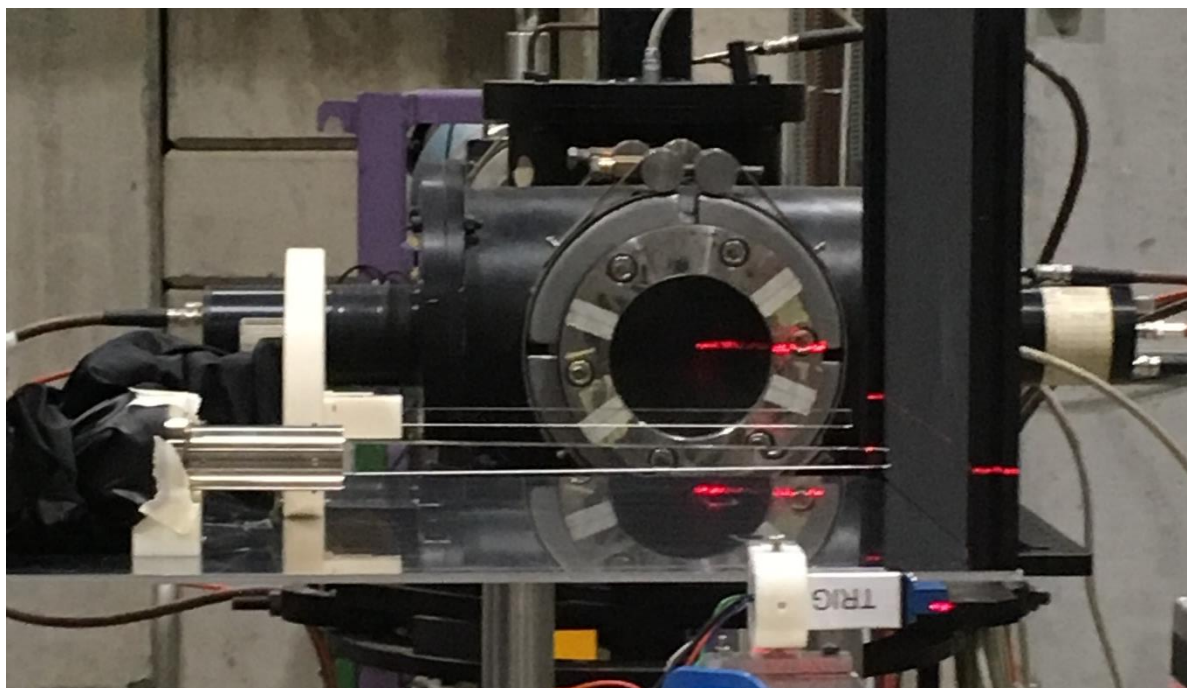
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- ✓ Mechanical pieces fabricated (holder, boards) or made with the LAL 3D printer (PMT holder, scintillator package)



- ✓ Not only characterization of quartz... But also complete calibration in the final configuration!



- ✓ **HUGE signal observed for all configurations:**
  - **900 mV / particle** (HT 1050V, maximum gain) for pyramid bar
  - **125 mV / particle** for "I" bar
  - **300 mV / particle** for "banana" bar
  - ***Reminder: before, from 1 to 4 mV / incoming particle at same PMT gain!***
  
- ✓ **Only 10% of light lost with the new setup (holder + flange ) for the pyramid bar (before: 50%)**
  
- ✓ **Perfectly suitable for the new CpFM (low threshold and 1-100 particles range)**
  
- ✓ **Almost ready to be installed in SPS (waiting for a new tank from CERN and the new electronics from LAL)**
  
- ✓ **Now: We'll take profit from this R&D to update the "old" CpFM with this new setup (-> To be done during the next winter technical stop)**