



CpFM for UA9

Cherenkov detector for proton Flux Measurements

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LAL proposal: Cherenkov proton counting detector



Initial idea belongs to the PNPI group and it had been already tested in SPS

Aim: count the number of protons with a precision of about 5% in the LHC environment (mean value over several bunches)

Constraints at the LHC:

- inside the primary vacuum (10^{-9} mbar) \rightarrow no degassing materials
- very hostile radioactive environment → radiation hardness of the detection chain
 → readout electronics at 300 m
- small place available → compact radiator inside the beam pipe

 → small footprint of the photodetector + cables + Inside the tunnel

Our proposal:

- > Radiator: quartz
- Photodetector: PMT or SiPM
- > Readout electronics: WaveCatcher

CpFM

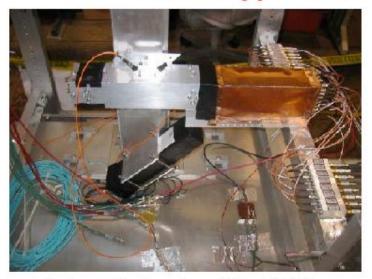
Cherenkov detector for proton flux measurements



The LAL expertise in Quartz Cherenkov Detector



Prototype of the DIRC-like TOF detector



- Two quartz bars connected to one Photonis MCP-PMT (8x8 channels, stepped face, 10 micron holes).
- Tube operate at -2.7kV (gain ~ 7.0x10⁵).
- 16 channels connected to the USBWC electronics. developed by LAL and CEA/IRFU electronics team.
- Amplifiers (40dB).
- Filters (600MHz bandwidth).
- Installed at SLAC CRT in Fall 2010.

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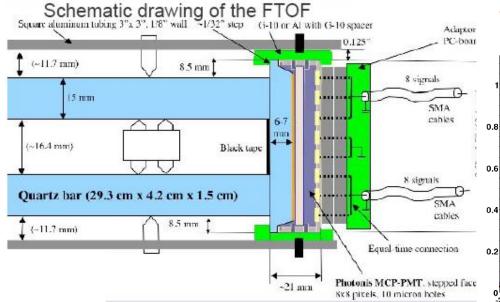
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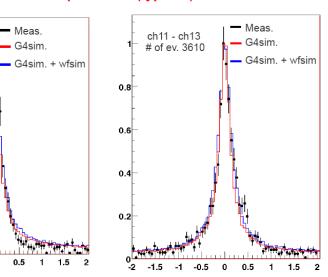
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Time difference between not neighbor channels connected to same quartz bar. (type L3)



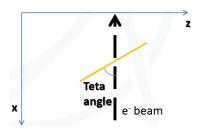


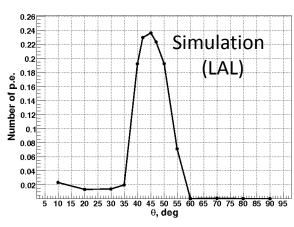
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Study of Quartz fiber at BTF:

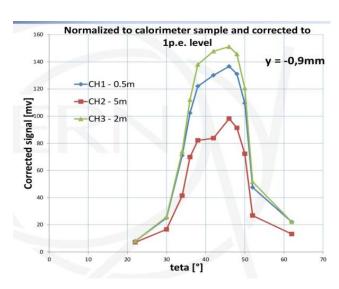
Simulation performed at LAL (L. Burmistrov)
Tests performed by the INFN team











Measurements @ BTF (INFN)



Detector testing devices at LAL



Optical Test benches for absolute calibration of photodetectors





Mapping MCP-PMT signal 4 channels

20 Y(mm)

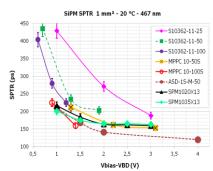
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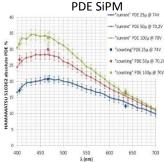
1.5 × 10⁻⁷

1.½ 10⁻⁷

5. × 10⁻⁸



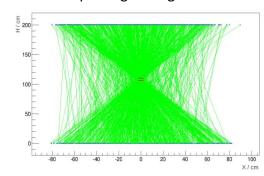
SiPM timing resolution



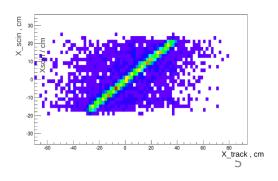
CORTO for the cosmic ray tests of detectors



Muons tracks passing through a detector



Scintillator image reconstruction

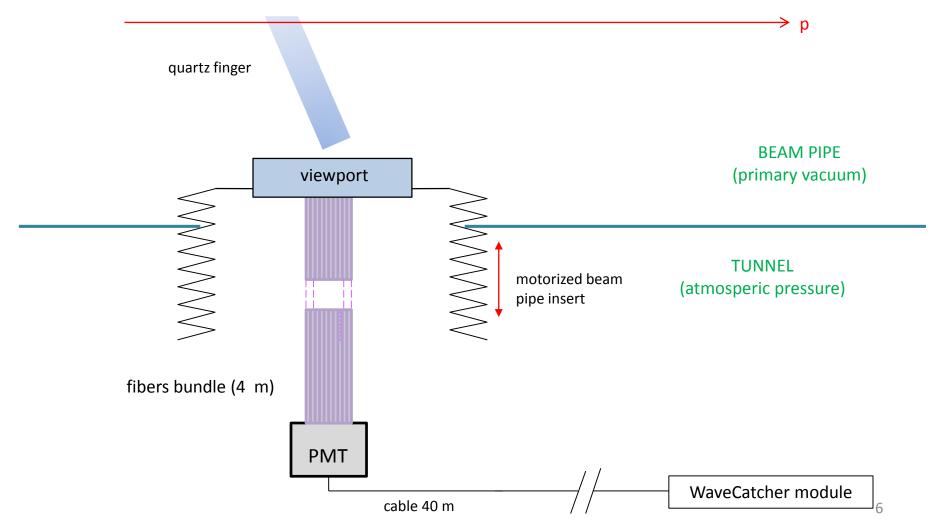




The CpFM concept for the SPS



- 1. interception of the channeled beam by a quartz radiator (retractable finger)
- 2. emission of Cherenkov light readout by a PMT placed 1 m from the beam pipe (light brought by silica fibers 4 m long)
- 3. PMT signal readout by the WaveCatcher module 40 m from this position





Radiation hardness of the CpFM components



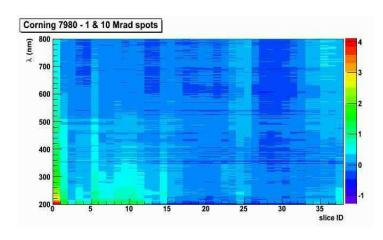
Radiation levels close to the pipe:

 γ dose = 10 Mrad/year

thermal neutrons fluence = 10¹⁴ n/cm²/year

protons fluence = 10^{13} p/cm²/year

Quartz radiation hardness



M. Hoek, RICH 2007





3 fused silica types (Corning 7980, Schott Lithosil Q0, Heraeus Suprasil 1) irradiated with 150MeV **proton** beam with dose levels: 100krad, 1Mrad and 10Mrad

→ No significant radiation damage observed in any fused silica sample

γ Irradiation (⁶⁰Co) with a dose of 11 MGy (1100 Mrad): stability of the samples Heraeus Suprasil Standard & Infrasil, Spectrosil A and B (Saint-Gobain) and Corning 7940



Our choice: Corning 7980 & Heraeus Suprasil

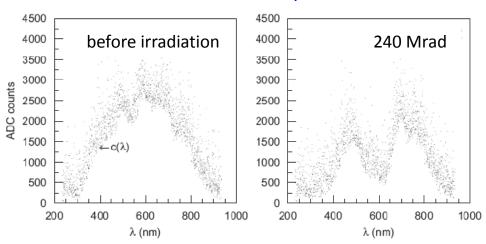


Radiation hardness of optical fibers



Studies of radiation hardness of fibers (WLS, pure quartz, ...): upgrade of ATLAS HCAL, ATLAS LUCID, upgrade of CMS Hadronic Endcap

Irradiation with protons



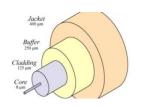
transmitted light spectra from a 1.25m of qq fiber

U. Akgun, CALOR 2008



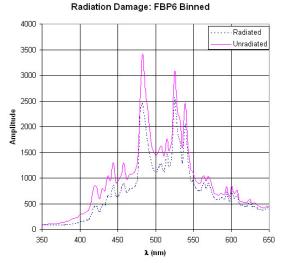
« Best » results with fiber with quartz core and quartz clad

Good candidate: LEONI all silica fiber:



core 600 µm attenuation @350nm <=0,06dB/m operational in 200-1200 nm range 18 rad/s (0.3 rad/s LHC worst)

Irradiation with γ and neutrons



P. Bruecken

FBP 600-660-710 spectra before and after irradiation: 17.6 MRad of n and 73.5 MRad of γ

Measurement after irradiation performed 10 weeks after it





Why not SiPM as the photosensor?



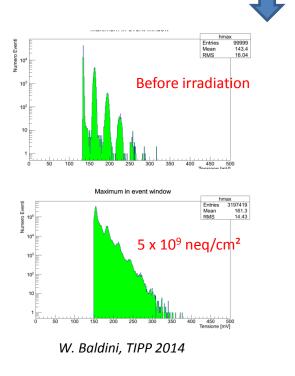
protons / neutrons bulk damages caused by

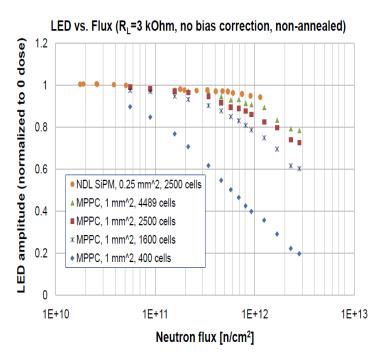
lattice defects

γ-rays, X-rays

creation of trapped charges near the Si-insulator interface

- ➤ increase of the dark current and the DCR
- ➤ change of the breakdown voltage
- >change of the gain and PDE dependence as a function of bias voltage





J. Anderson CALOR 2012

HAMAMATSU, KETEK and FBK SiPMs survive 10¹² n/cm² 1 MeV equivalent neutron flux (it was 10⁸ n/cm² 3 years ago) not enough for UA9



Effects of radiation on PMTs

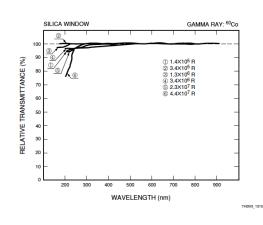


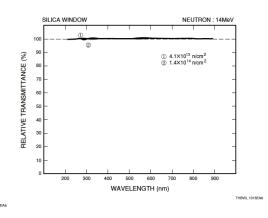
protons / neutrons /γ-rays
coloring of the glass
glass scintillation



- >deterioration of the borosilicate window transmittance but not for a fused silica window
- >increase of the dark current
- no important change of the gain and quantum efficiency

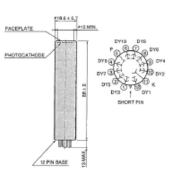
No variation of the transmittance of quartz window

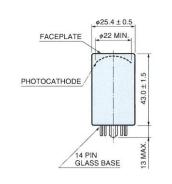




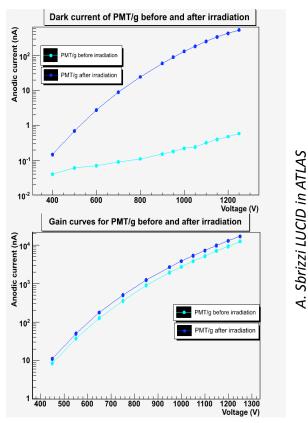
Our choices: Hamamatsu R762 & R7378A







HAMAMATSU R762



v: 60Co, E = 1.22 MeV Dose = 20±1 Mrad



The CpFM readout



The WaveCatcher boards and modules: 2 to 64-channel 12-bit 3.2GS/s oscilloscope-like digitizers, close to the picosecond level in timing precision

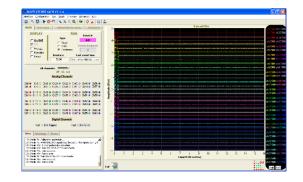
- Based on the **SAMLONG** Analog Memory ASIC
- Sampling rate ranging between 400 MS/s and 3.2GS/s.
- 1024 samples/channel
- 12 bits of dynamic range
- Small signal bandwidth > 500MHz
- Sampling time precision better than 5 ps rms at the system level
- Up to 64+8-channel synchronous system
- Advanced Oscilloscope-Like Software (Plug and Play)
- Embedded feature extraction: Baseline, Peak, Charge, CFD (TDC-like mode) ...
- Real-time channel hit rate measurement
- Data storage in ASCII and binary formats



The 8-channel desktop module



The 64-channel mini-crate

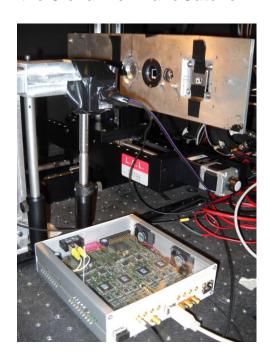




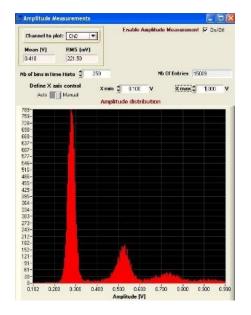
The CpFM readout



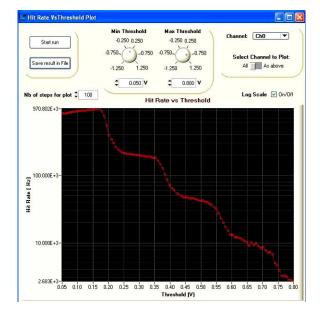
Characterization test bench for SiPMs @ LAL with the 8-channel WaveCatcher



Amplitude distribution performed by firmware measurement (< 30s).



Result of a hit rate vs amplitude plot. This type of measurement is automatically performed by the software.

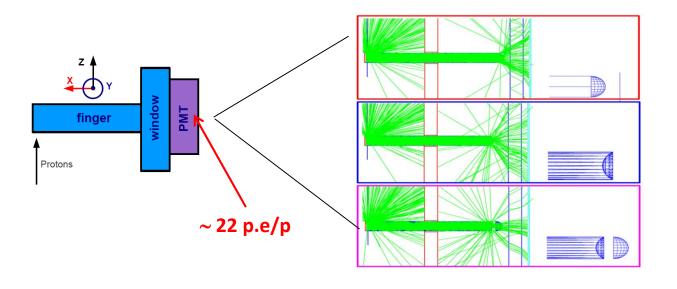


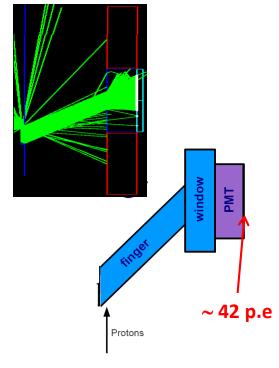


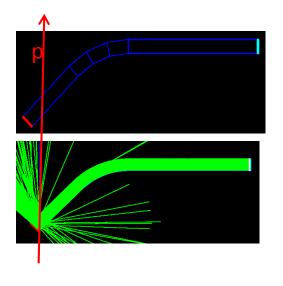
Quartz radiator geometries simulations



More than 10 geometries tested (Geant 4 simulations @ LAL)







Best result with an angle of 47 ° between the beam direction and the quartz radiator



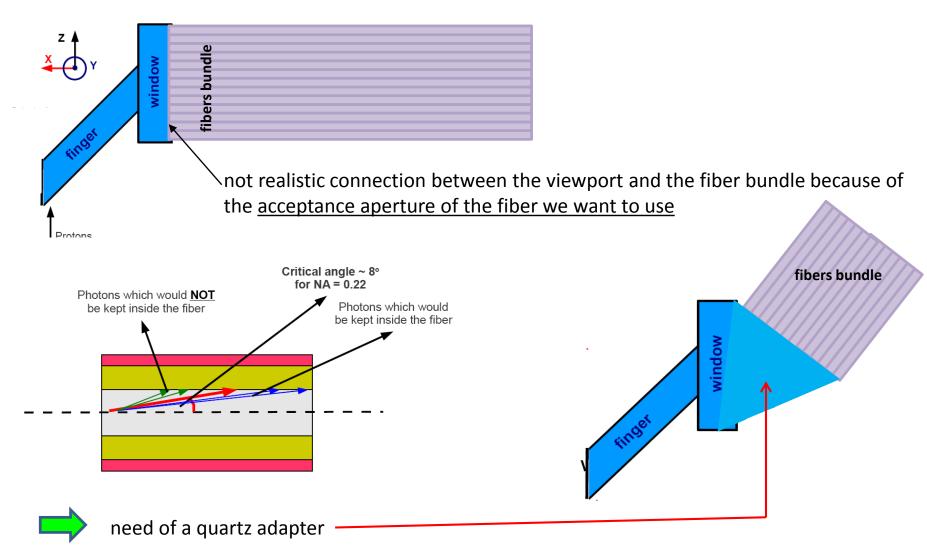
Which interface between the quartz radiator and the PMT?



▲ to the light transportation → simulation



Too much radiation to place the PMT close to the beam pipe → need of a (long) fibers bundle

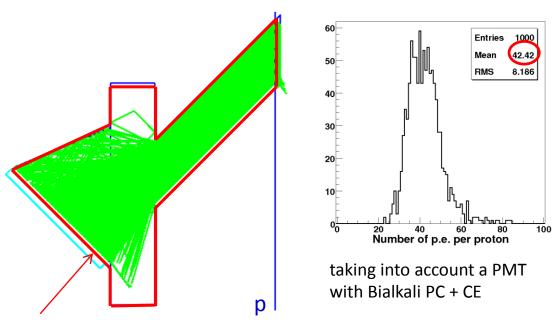




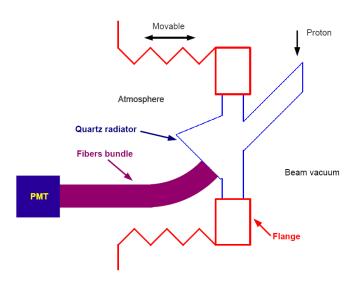
The "best" geometry



Quartz radiator + viewport + fiber adapter = single piece



≈ 42 p.e/proton



Fiber adapter to optimize the entrance of the photons inside the fibers

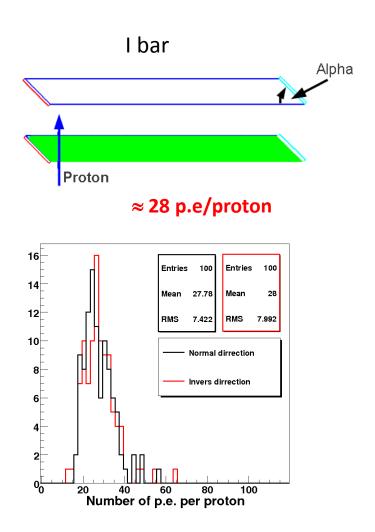
The quart piece <u>is</u> the interface between the vacuum inside the beam pipe and the atmosphere inside the tunnel

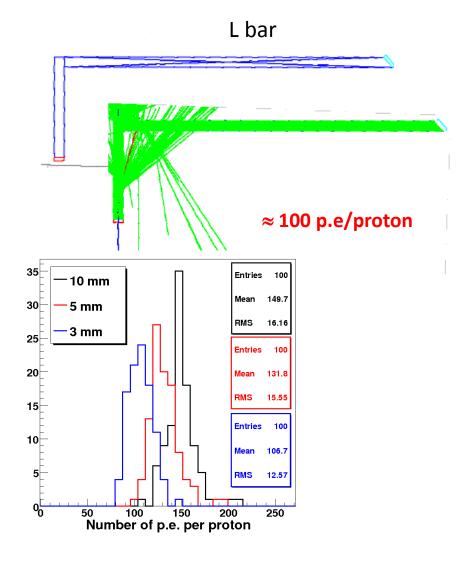
BUT the manufacturing + polishing of such a complicate piece is impossible (even by the specialized producers) → need of a simpler but efficient geometry



→ New geometries







- ✓ Less complicated to manufacture
- ✓ End of the radiator (toward the fibre bundle) cut at an angle of 47°

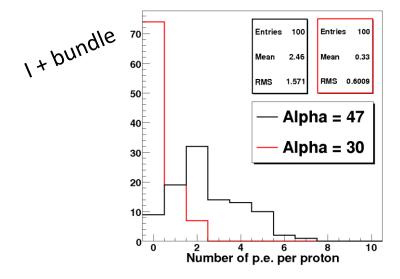


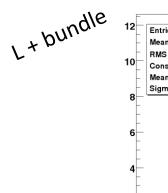
Loss factors

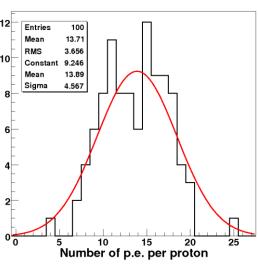


- ✓ Loss of light at the optical couplings (bars/window window/bundle bundle/PMT)
- ✓ Loss of the light in the fibers bundle (dead space between the fibers)
- ✓ Attenuation of the signal inside the coaxial cable

Part of the detection chain	Factor of loss
Passage through the Quartz window	50 %
Fibers bundle	30 %
Optical couplings	30 %
40 m coaxial cable	20 %







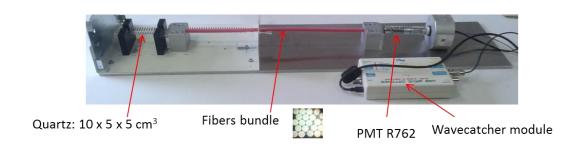


CpFM Beam tests at BTF (2013)

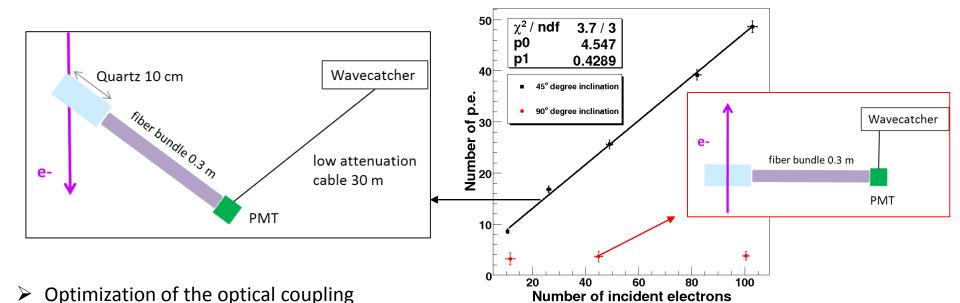


Objective 1: CpFM proof of principle

all the CpFM components chosen for the SPS



Quartz bar Quartz fibers PMTs (R762) Coaxial cable (40 m) Readout electronics



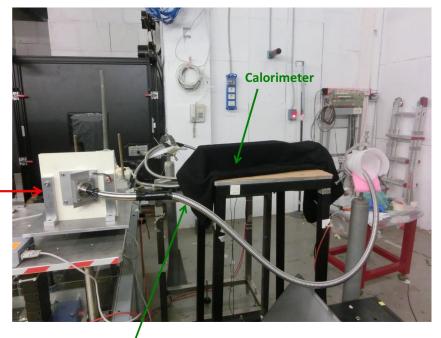
- ➤ Measuremement of the signal attenuation in the cable
- > Best results with 45 ° between the e- beam direction and the quartz bar



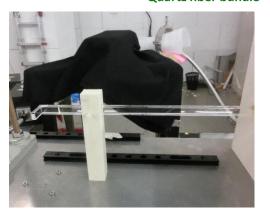
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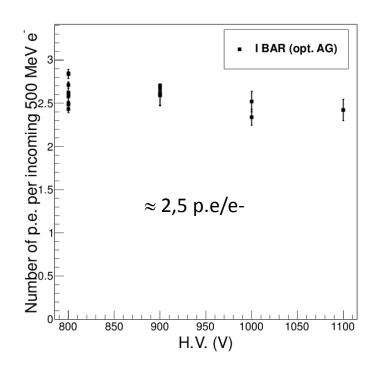
Objective 2: validation of the CpFM final configuration



Quartz fiber bundle







Simulation parameters: Q ϵ = 25 %, CE=80 %

13,7 p.e/p (for 30 mm) \rightarrow \approx 2,3 p.e/p for 5 mm



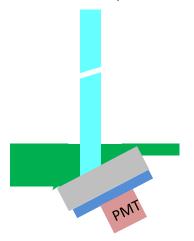
Simulation & measurements in agreement



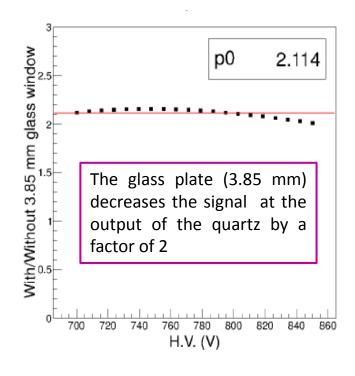
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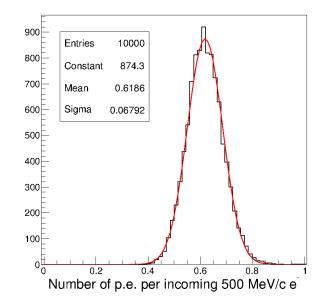


Simulation of a quartz window between the bar and the bundle









Conclusions:

- ► L bars not enough polished → using of I bar
- Quartz window decreases the signal by a factor 2
- > 0.62 p.e. per incoming electron

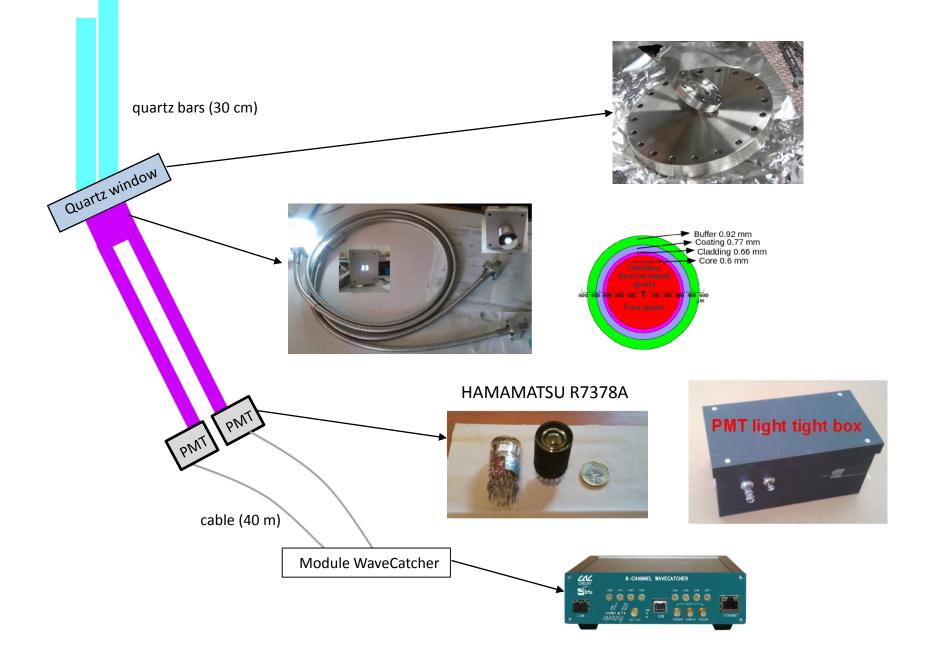


resolution =15 % for 100 incoming electrons



CpFM structure





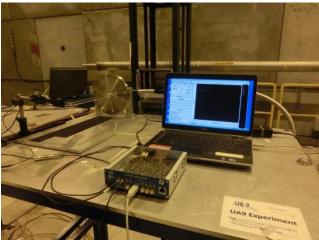


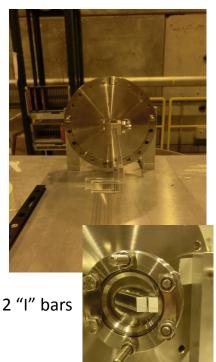
CpFM Beam Tests in H8 (2015)



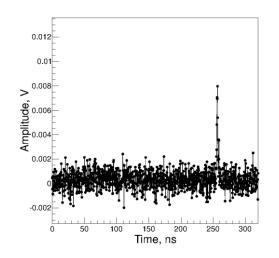
180 GeV/c π^+

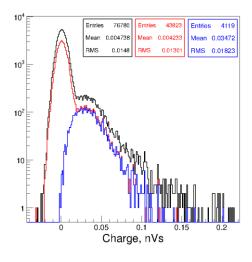






Tests performed with INFN & CERN teams





> 0.2 p.e. per incoming Pion

Need to performed other tests at BTF (where the beam can be controlled) to calibrate the chain → April 2015 with a copy of the CpFM



CpFM installation in SPS







Installation performed with INFN & CERN teams

- Tank and motorized support (INFN)
- 2 quartz bars inserted inside the SPS beam pipe
- Readout OK
- Waiting for beam!





Conclusion

- Cherenkov Detector in the primary vacuum = Challenging detector development
- Use of the LAL knowhow in the field of the Cherenkov detector simulation and readout electronics
- Installation of the CpFM in the SPS in January 2015
- Design of a new CpFM chain for UA9-SE