

Study of cosmic ray impacts on cryogenic high sensitivity detectors

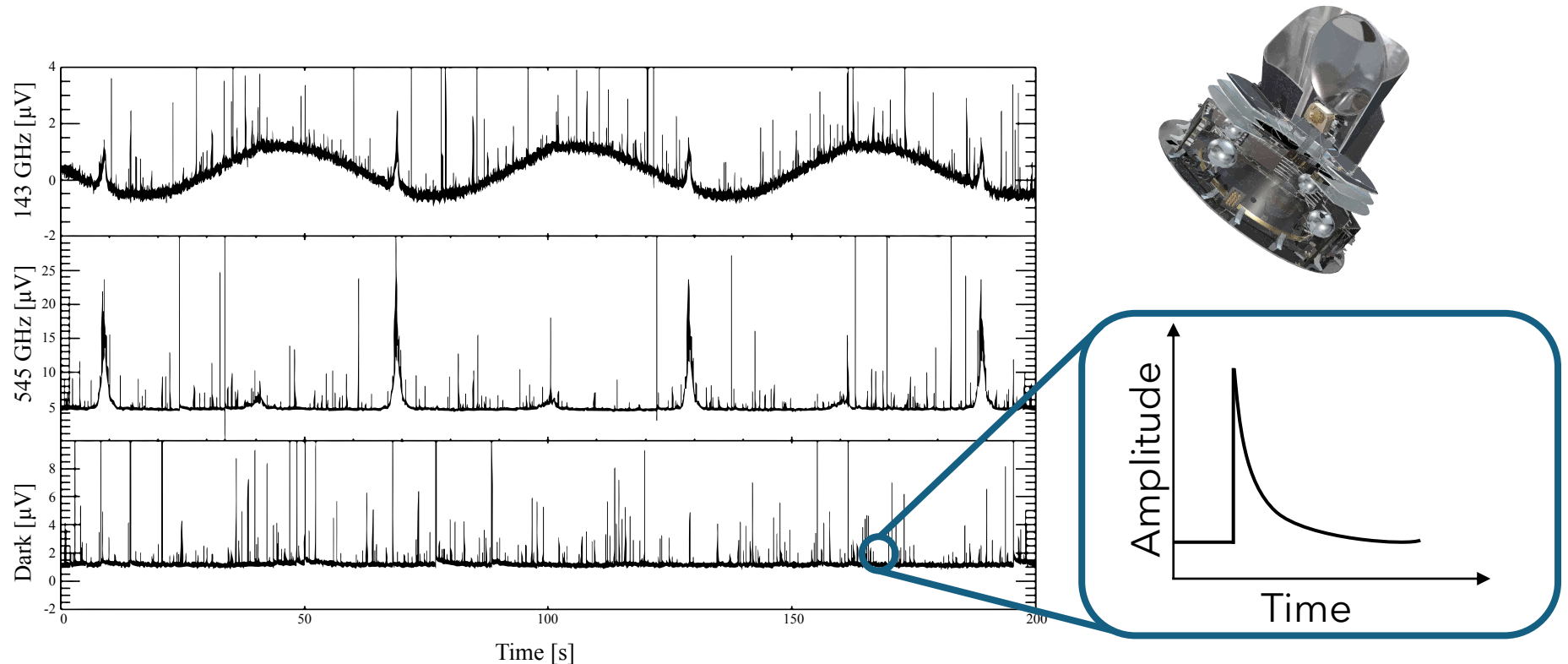
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Cosmic-rays problematic



Signals from Planck HFI's detectors (top : 143 GHz, middle : 545 GHz, bottom : dark)

- Impacts of cosmic-rays (CRs) on Planck bolometers (@ 100 mK)
 - several years of post-data treatment to clean data
- Few % of the data unusable even after glitches cleaning [A.Catalano et al. – 2013](#)

Cosmic-rays problematic



Ground-based experiments

- Altitude ~ 5000 m
- Duration = years

Some events captured on ACT [S.K.Nerval et al. – 2025](#)

Rare events, not much disturbing [Ferazzoli et al. – 2026](#) QUBIC

Balloon-borne experiments

- Altitude ~ 40 km
- Duration = 1-60 days

Sensitive to cosmic-rays [S.Masi et al. – 2010](#)

Numerous events → have to take into account [Masi et al. – 2019](#)
OLIMPO

Prepare the future

After Planck ?

⇒ IAS started to explore the impact of cosmic rays (SYMBOL) [S.L.Stever – 2019](#)

- CRs at L2 : mainly protons and α -particles $\sim$ GeV

---> Galactic origin

---> Solar origin

- Future CMB missions :

- ☐ Higher sensitivity
- ☐ Larger detection surface



More info on BISOU and FOSSIL :
---> see talks from Bruno, Valentin and Morgane

⇒ **There is a real need to characterize the impact of the CRs on detector prototypes**

DRACuLA

Detector **i**rradiation **C**ryogenic **f**acility for **A**strophysics : developed to study the impact of cosmic-rays on cryogenic detectors and part of focal planes

→ **Adaptable to particle accelerators w/ customize features**

→ **Excellent thermal stability :**

500 μ W of cooling power at 100 mK

+ 100 mK $\pm$ 11 μ K over 5 days [Besnard et al. – 2024](#)

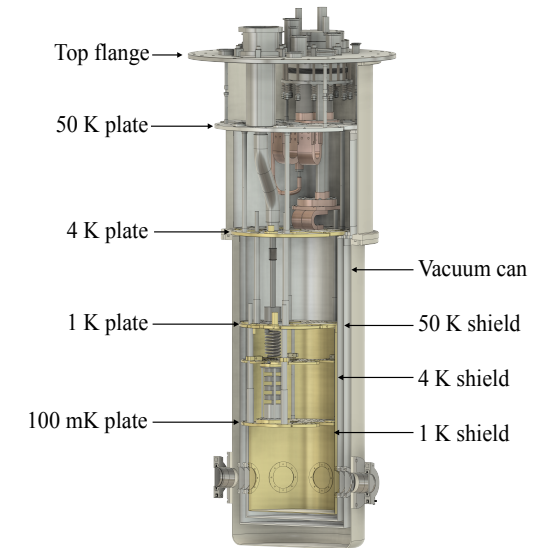
+ Handle exposure to energetic particles

→ **Various experiments possible :**

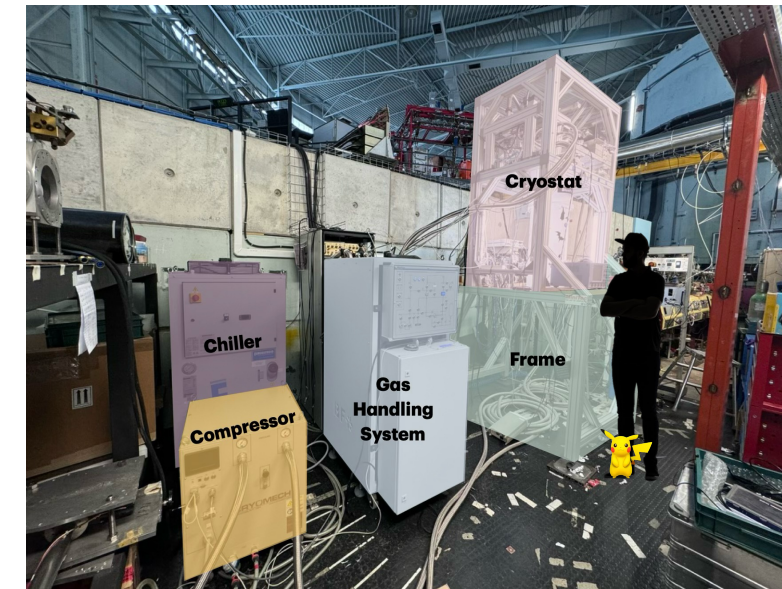
- Internal source irradiation
- Single event experiment
- Total dose irradiation

→ **3 irradiation campaigns :**

- 2022 : bolometers
- 2024 : TES
- 2025 : KIDs



Anatomy of DRACuLA



Components of DRACuLA installed in front of a beam line at TANDEM in ALTO – IJCLab, Orsay, France

Single event

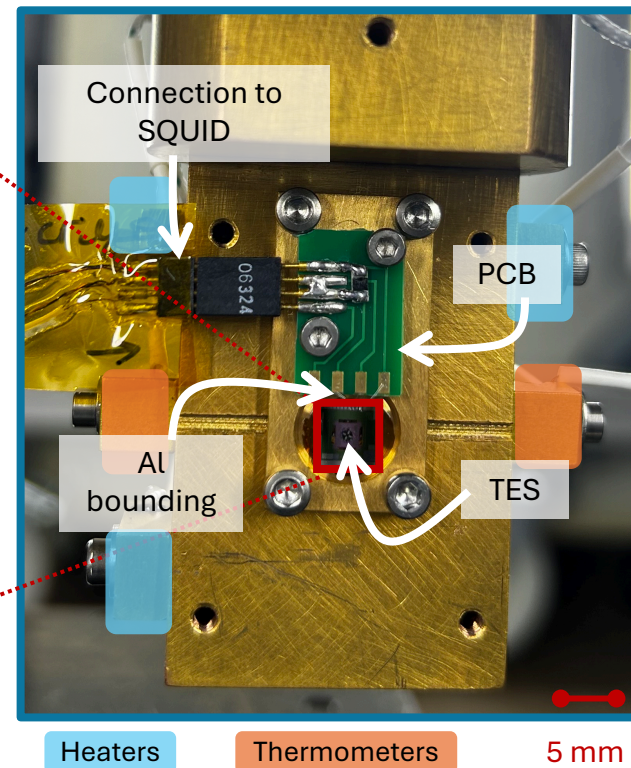
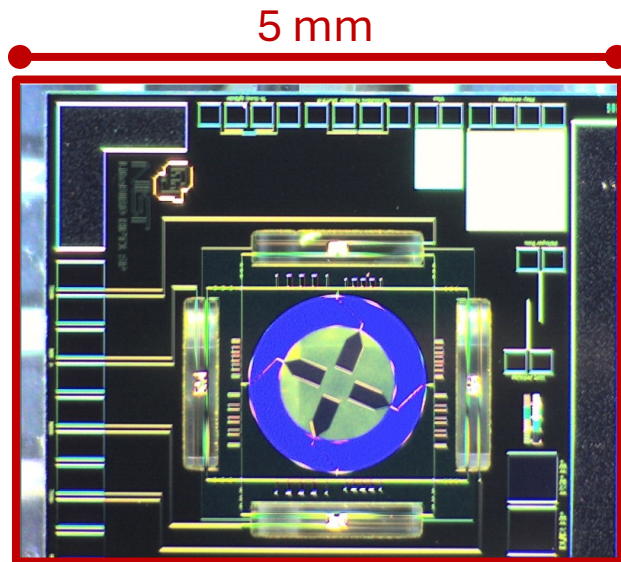


NIST

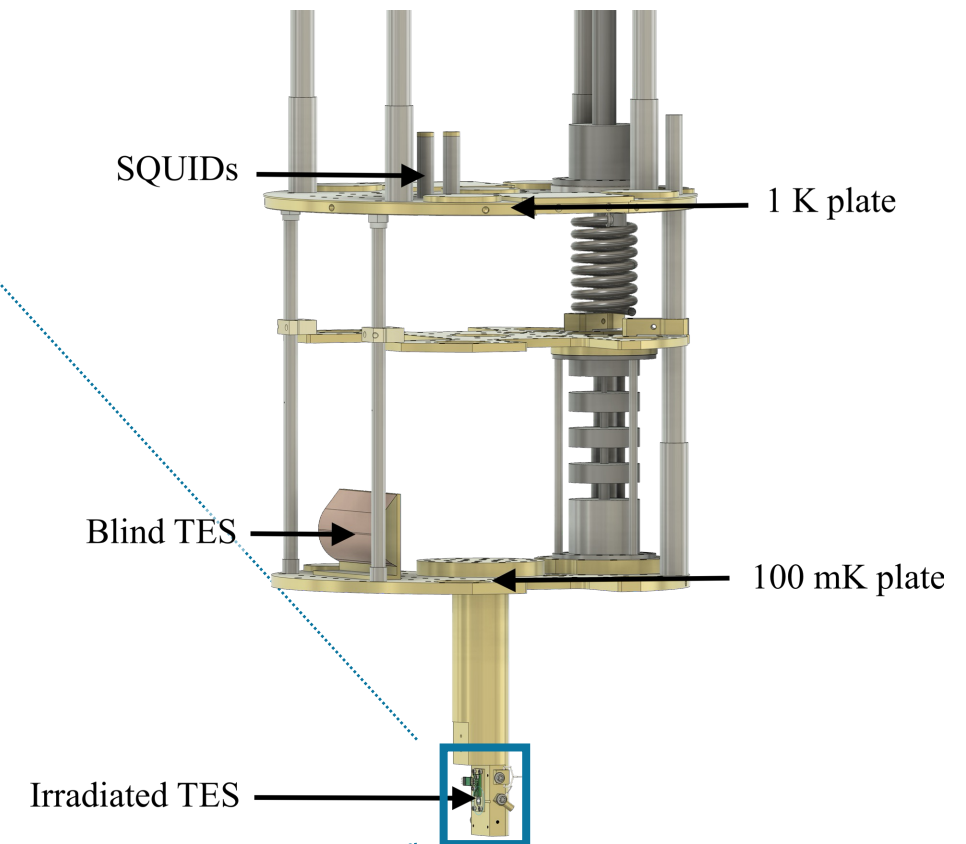


Characterization of TES (LiteBIRD)

- Prototype from NIST [M.Lueker et al. – 2009](#)
- Protons @ 18 – 22 MeV
- Blind detector



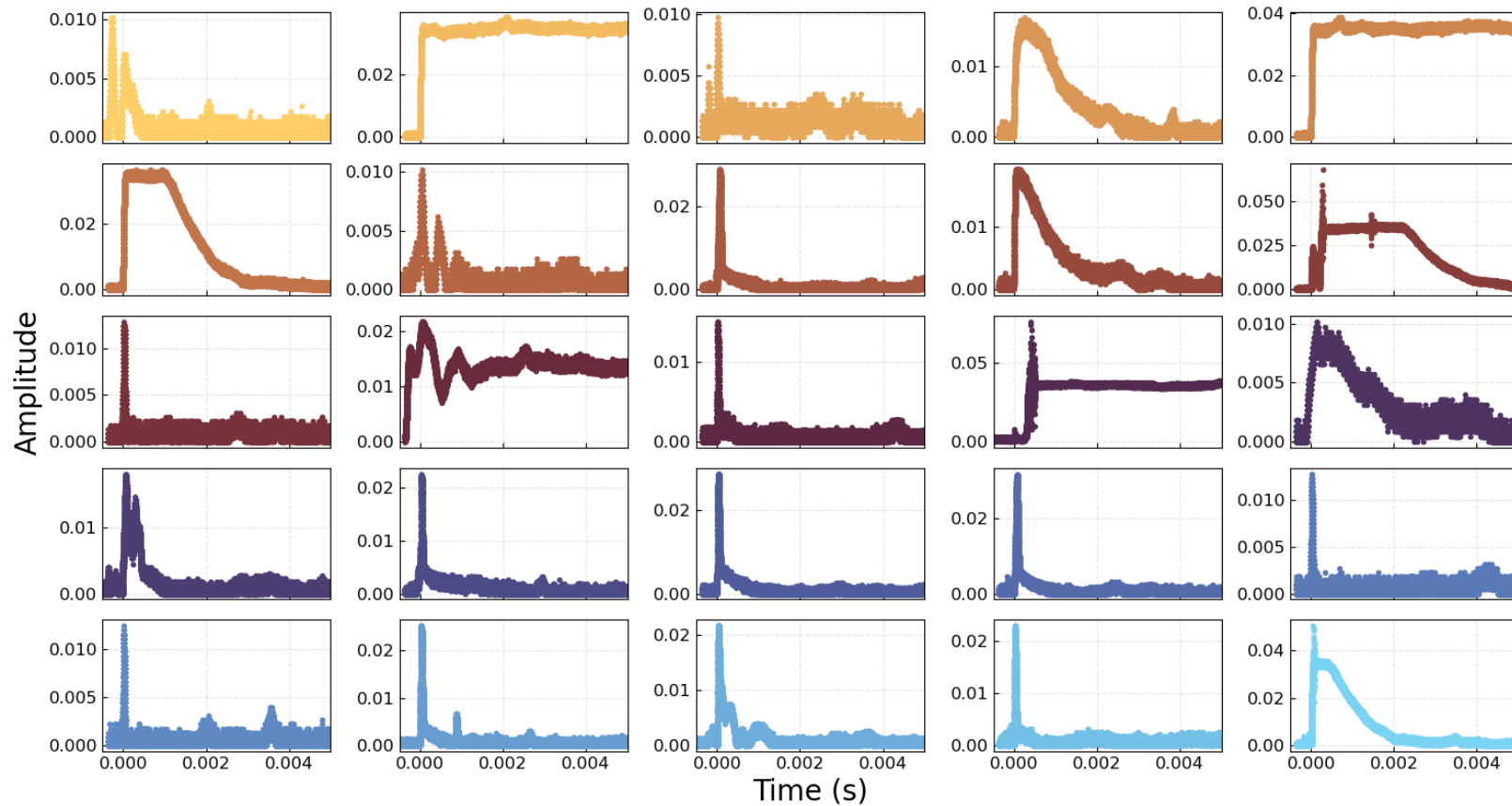
Experimental set-up



Single event

Alpha source (^{241}Am)

- @ 5.4 MeV : 150 events
- First measurements in the lab to ensure TES sensitive to CRs



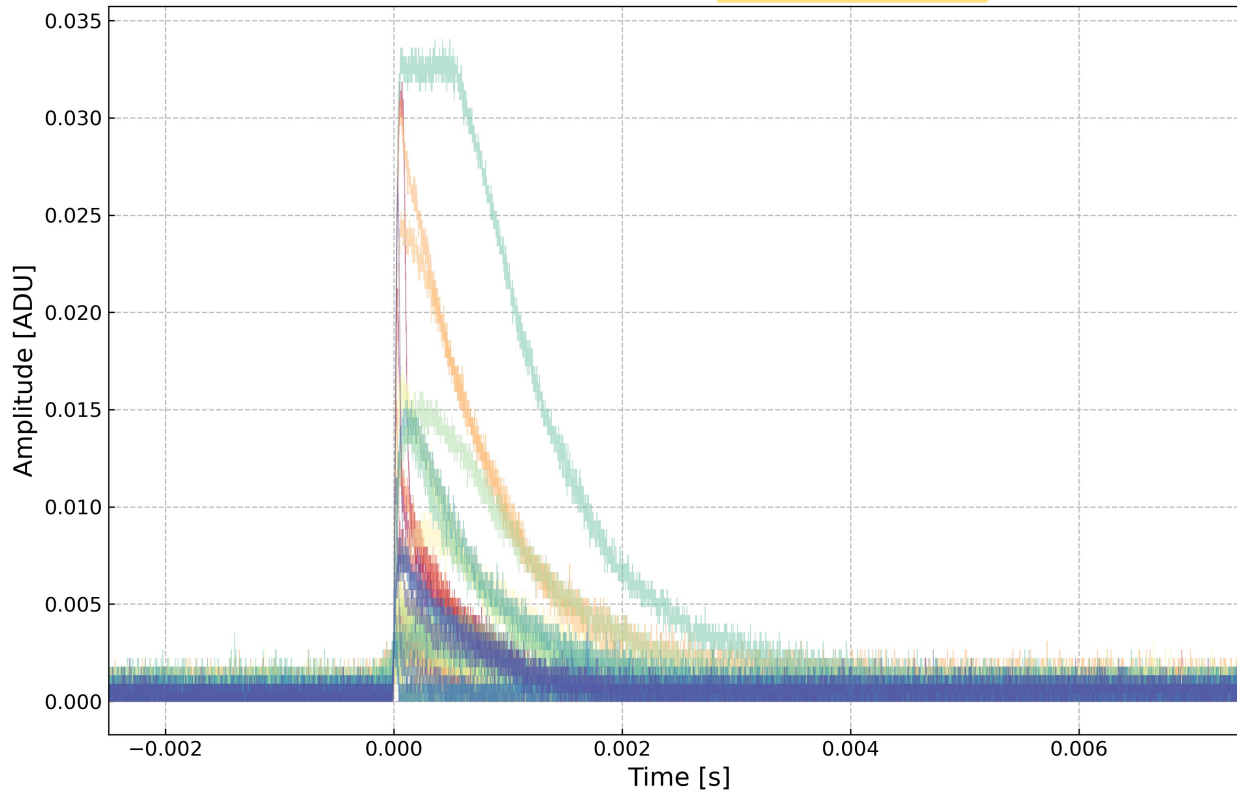
Single event

Irradiation with protons

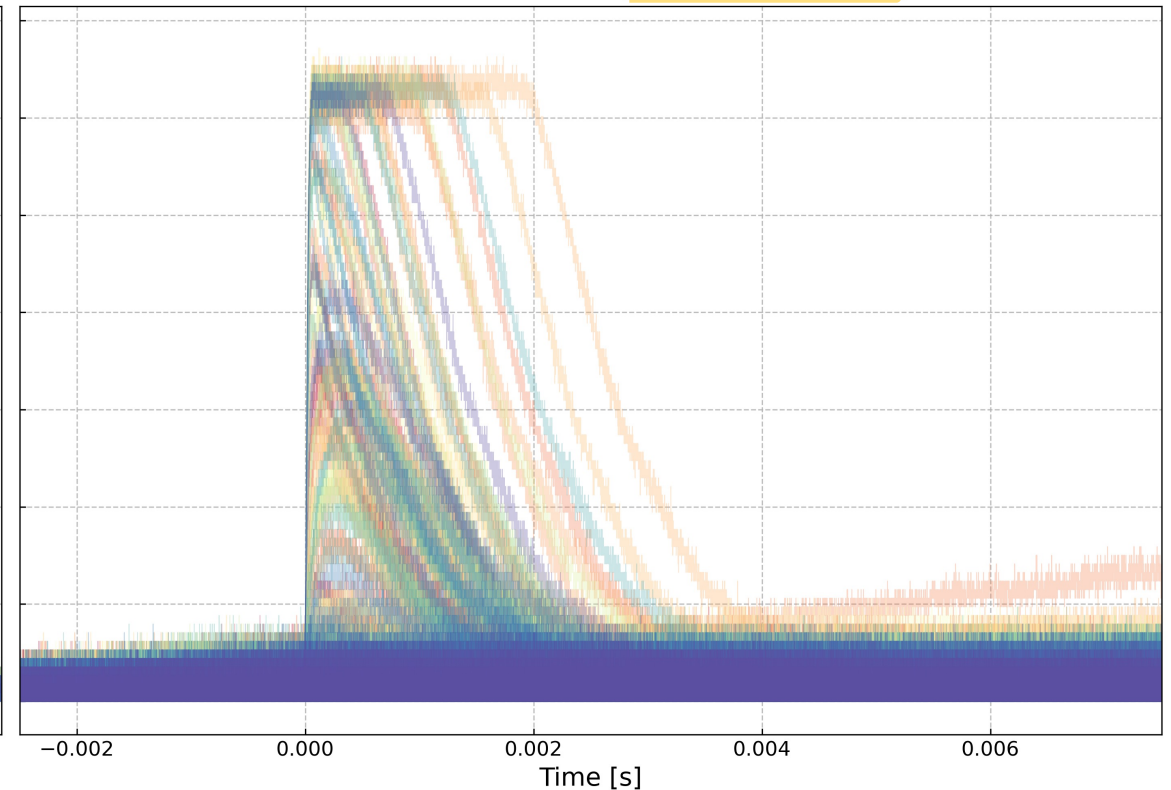
- 2x8 hours
- @ 18 MeV : 51 events
- @ 22 MeV : 2885 events

Coincident glitch = event detected by both TESs (blind and irradiated)

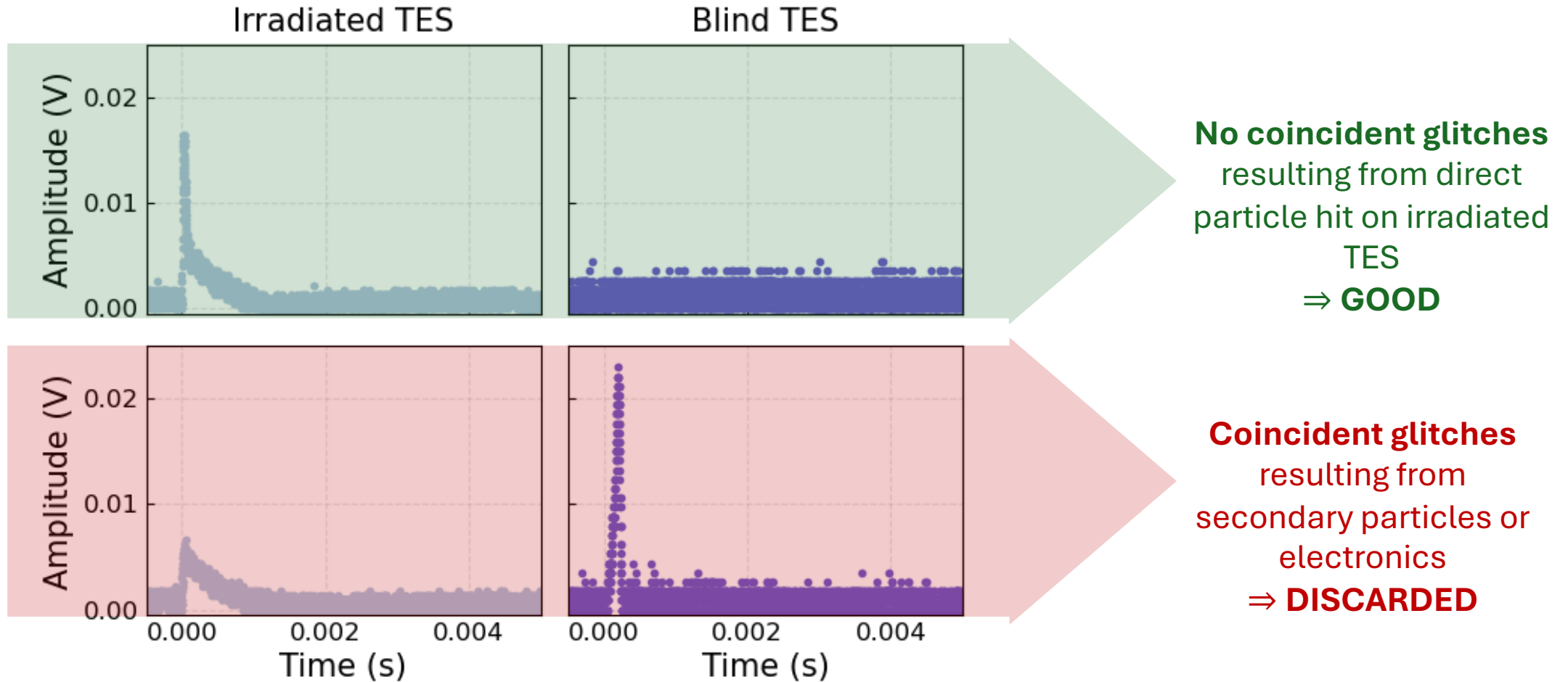
Glitches at 18 MeV TES 1 (**coincident excluded**)



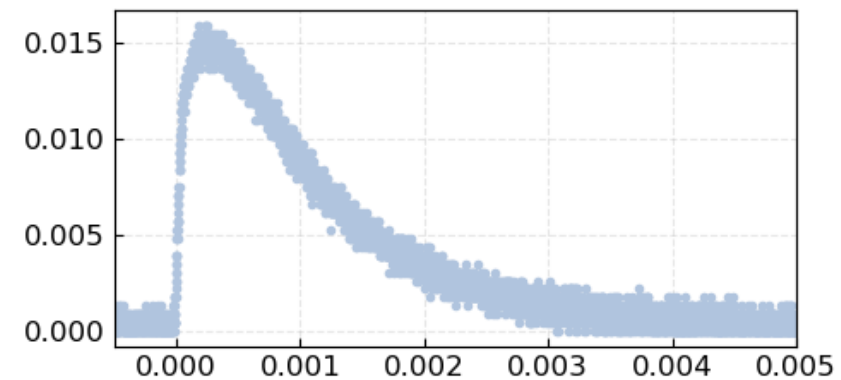
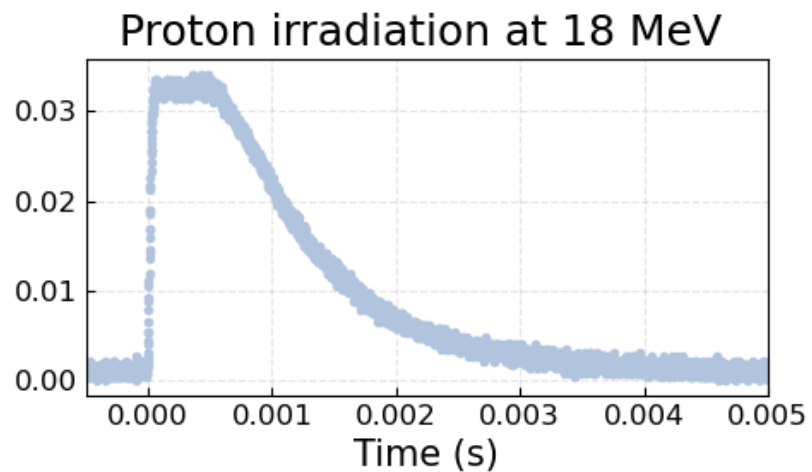
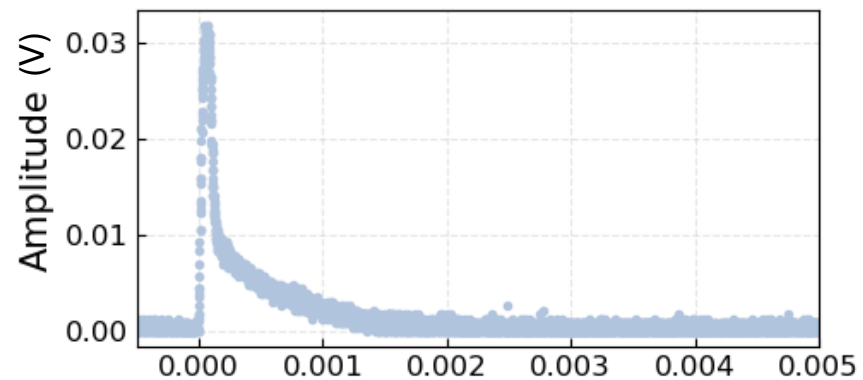
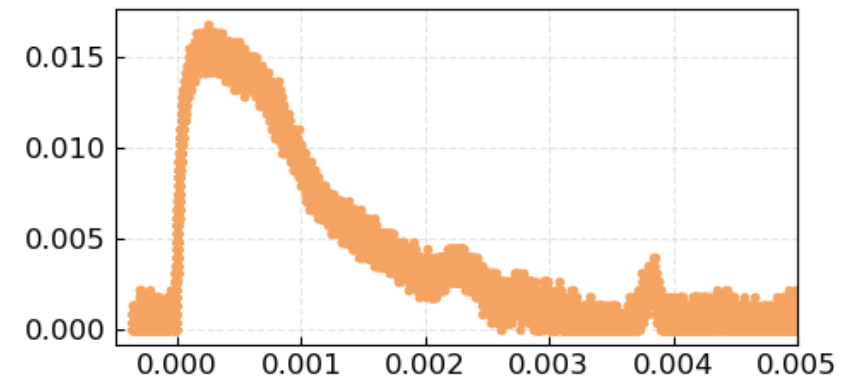
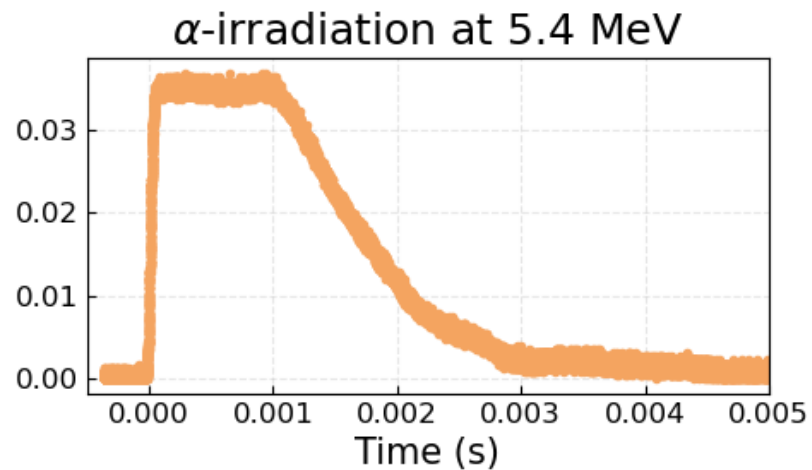
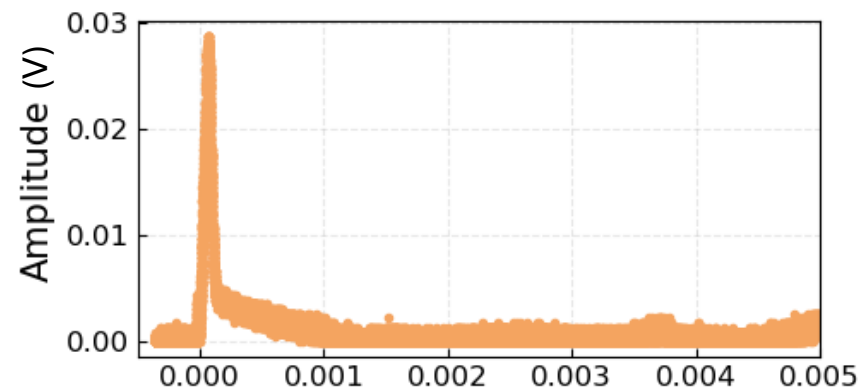
Glitches at 22 MeV TES 1 (**coincident excluded**)



Single event

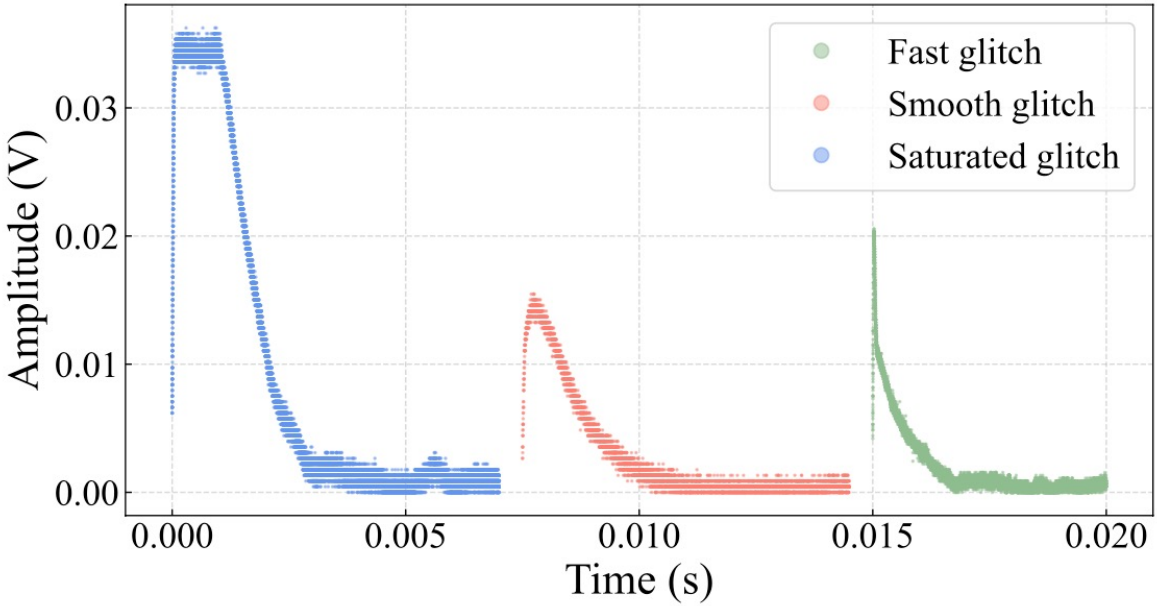
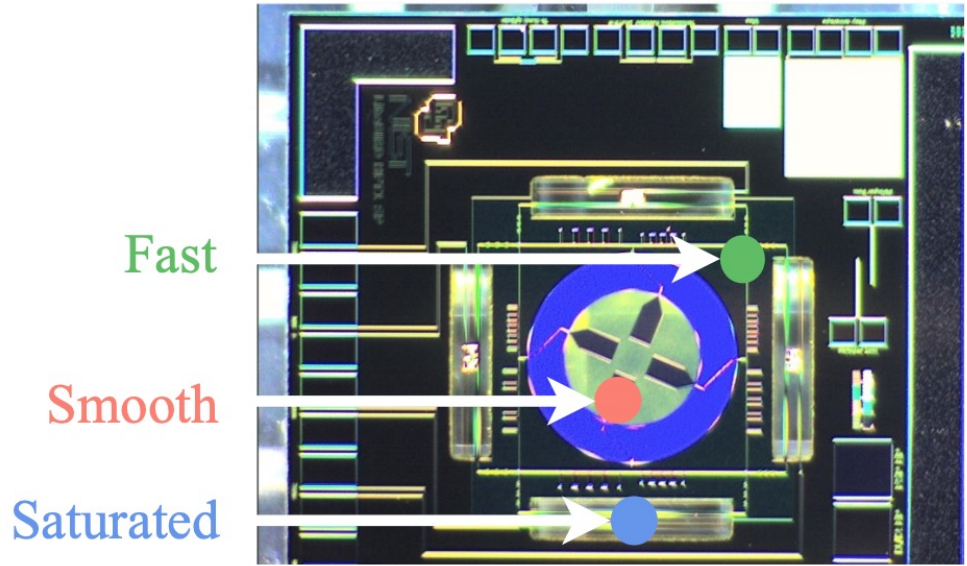


Pulse shapes



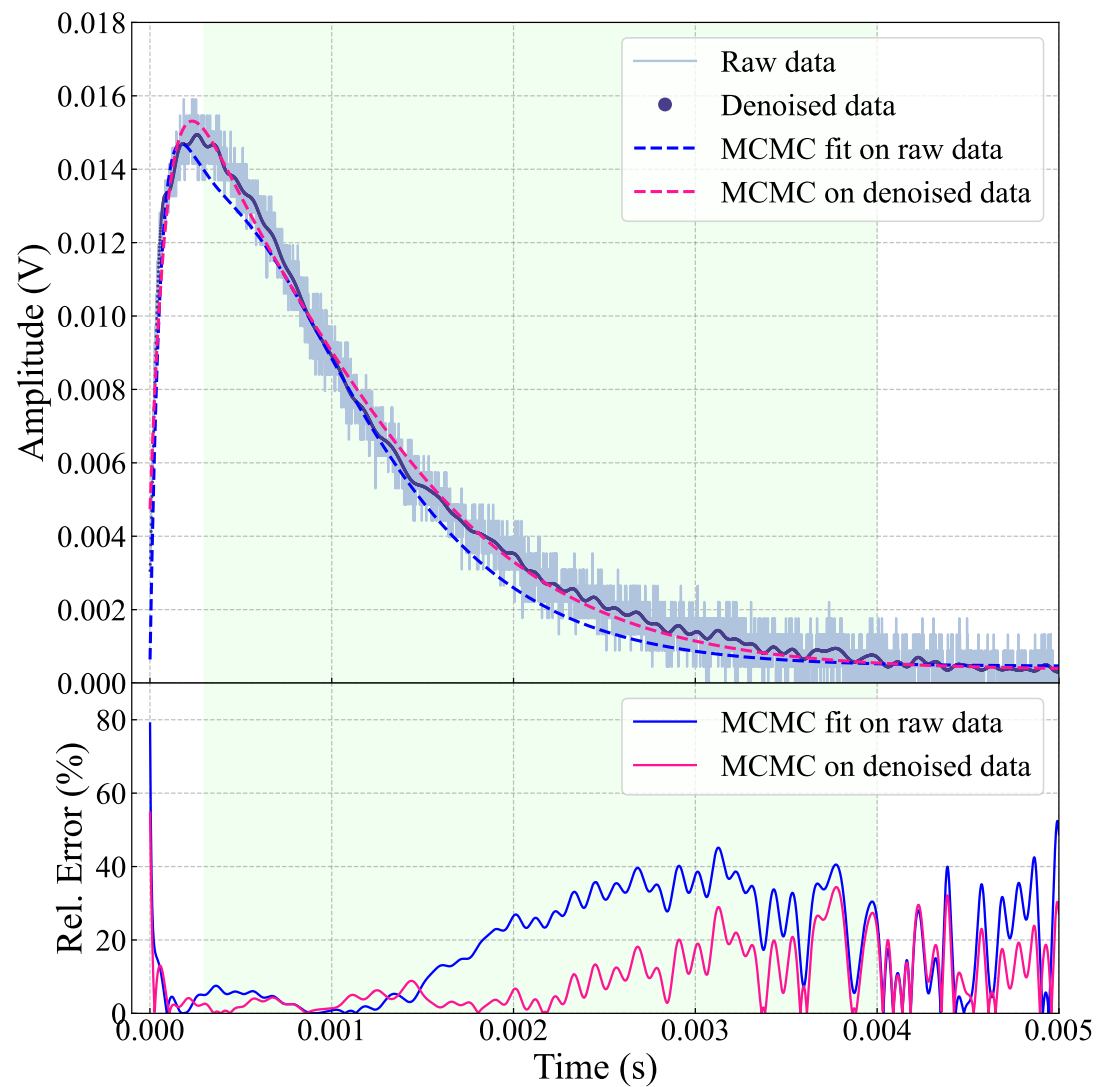
Pulse shapes

Shape	Hypothesis	5.4 MeV	18 MeV
Saturated	Direct hit on TES ?	500 μ s	480 μ s
Smooth	Hit on antenna ?	510 μ s	453 μ s
Fast	Somewhere in between ?	580 μ s	520 μ s



⇒ To be confirmed with further analysis and simulations → see talk from **Guillermo**

Pulse shapes



→ Goal : extract τ_{th}

MCMC fit on raw data

$$\tau_{th} = 485.76 \pm_{0.3}^{0.3} \mu s$$

MCMC fit on denoised data

$$\tau_{th} = 584 \pm_{0.32}^{0.35} \mu s$$
