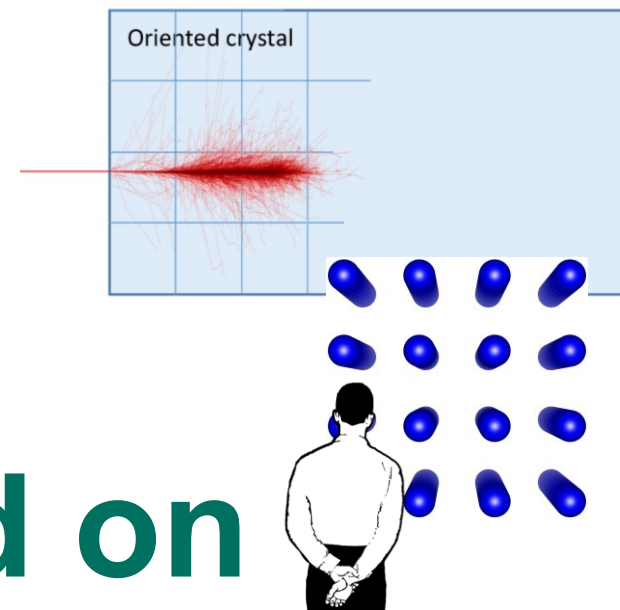
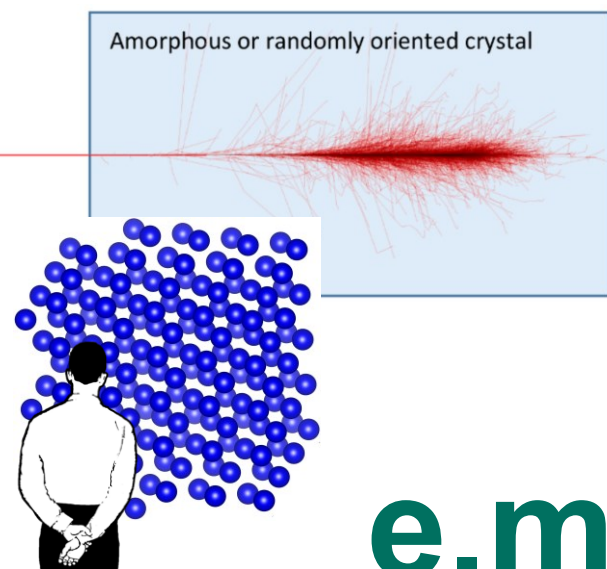


# Compact forward e.m. calorimeter based on oriented crystals



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# The INFN OREO experiment ORiEnted calOrimeter



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# Outlook

- ❑ Introduction to the strong crystalline field and electromagnetic shower modification in oriented crystals
- ❑ Experimental tests on PWO samples at CERN SPS extracted lines
- ❑ First prototype of an ORiEnted calORimeter
- ❑ Application in ultra-compact e.m. calorimeters for high-energy physics and astrophysics
- ❑ Summary and Conclusions

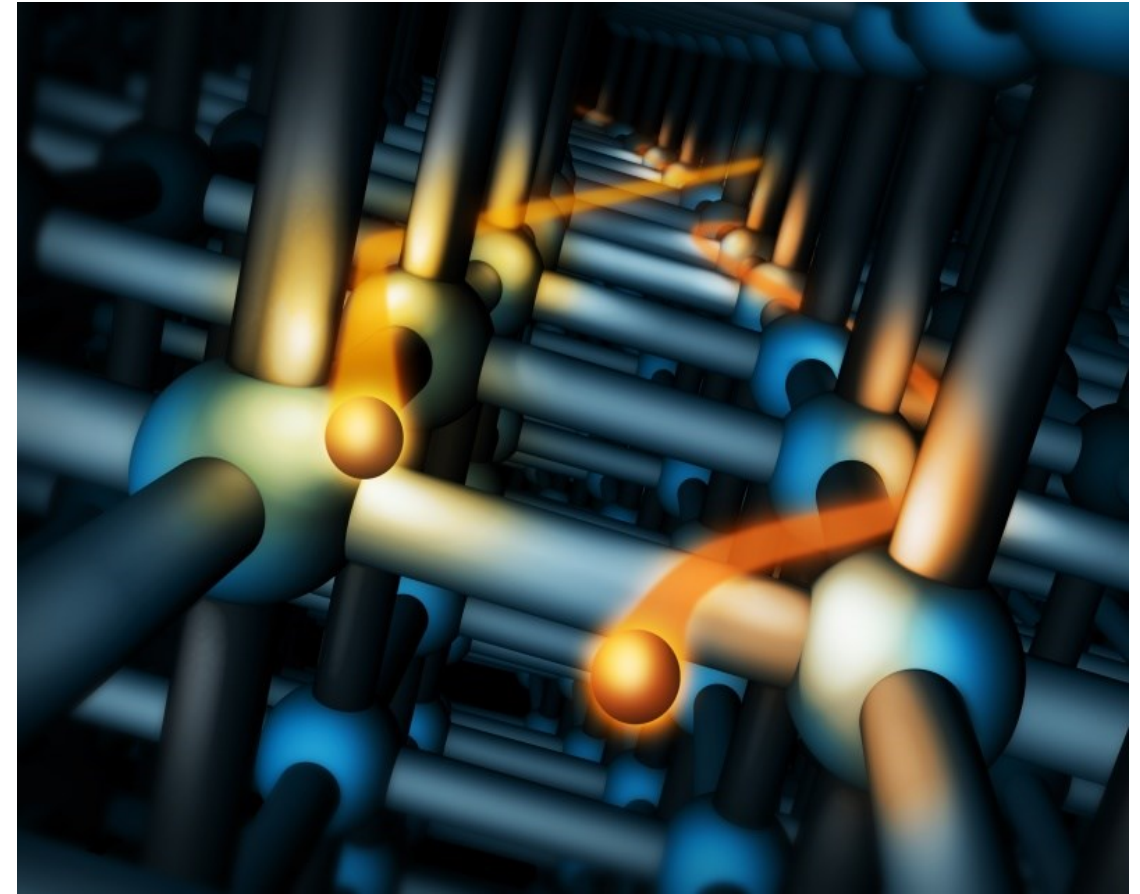
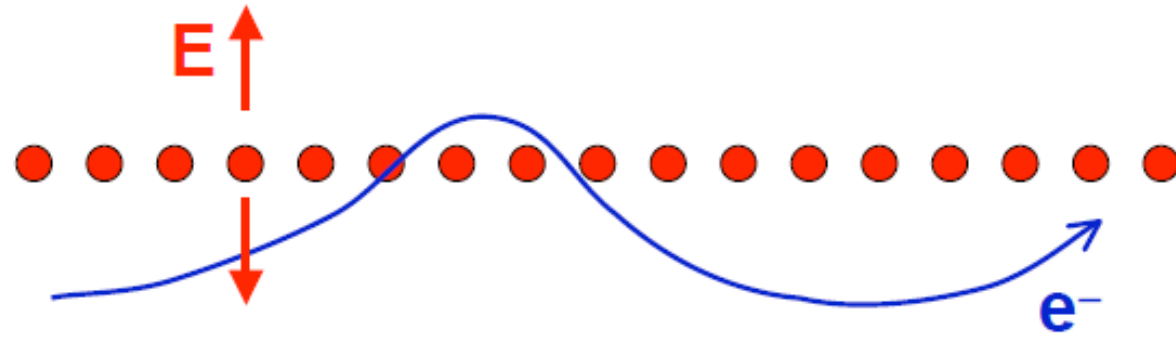
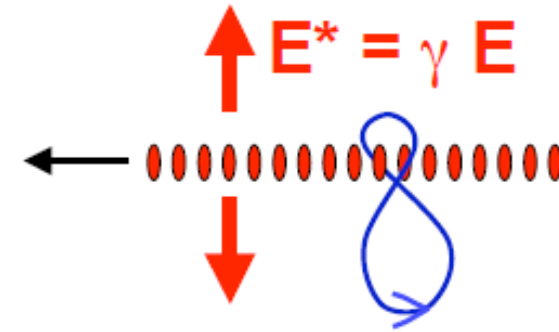


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# Strong electromagnetic field in oriented crystals



lab. frame



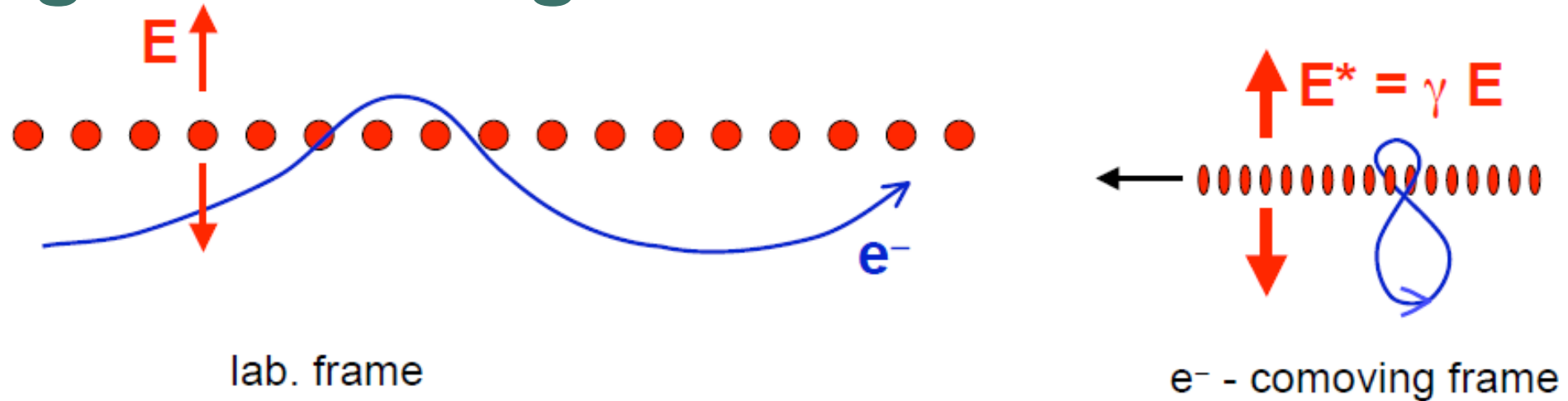
$e^-$  - comoving frame

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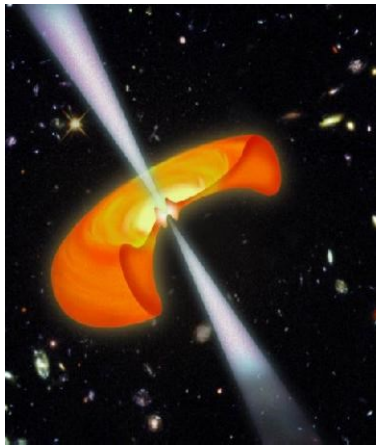
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At beam energies  $> 10$  GeV,  $E^*$  can reach the **Critical Schwinger QED field**:

$$E_0 = m^2 c^3 / e \hbar \simeq 1.3 \times 10^{16} \text{ V/cm}$$

above which electrodynamics becomes non linear



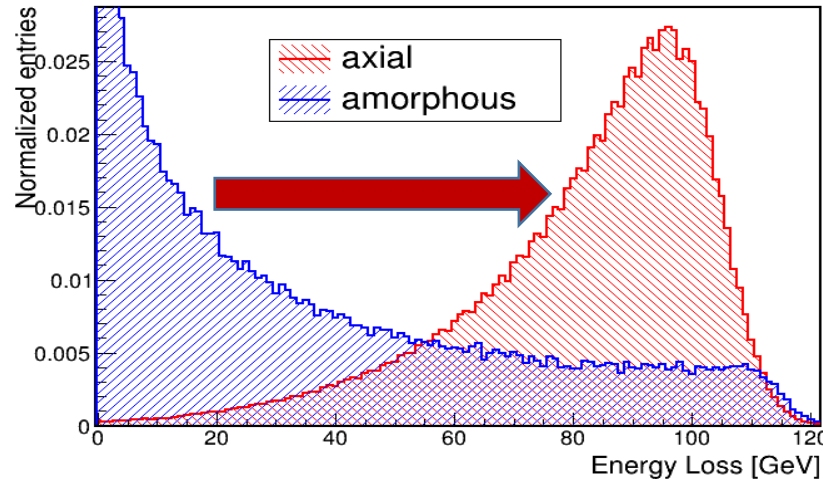
**Magnetars**  
 $B \approx 10^{10}$  T

# Radiation and pair production in axial alignment

Strong field regime

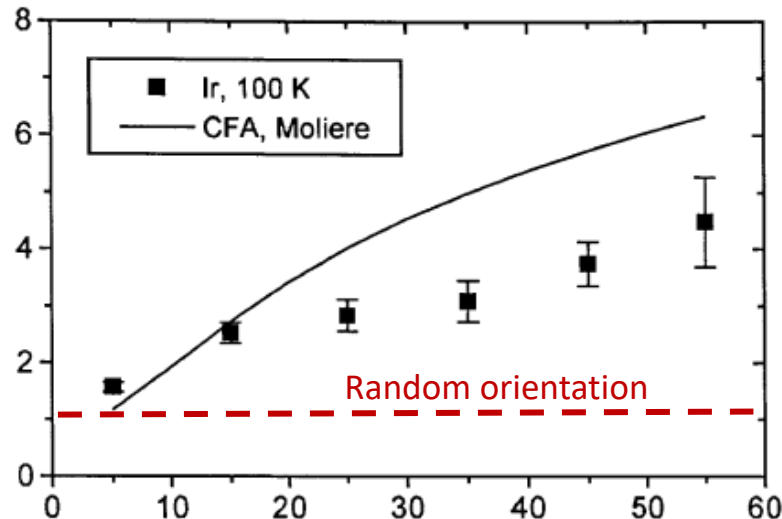
$$E^* \geq E_0$$

Radiative energy loss spectrum of 120-GeV  $e^-$  aligned with the  $\langle 110 \rangle$  axis of a 2.8 mm long Ge crystal



- ❖ *Radiation length reduction*
  - ❖  $X_0$  decreases with initial energy increase.
- ❖ *Angular range:*
  - ❖  $V_0/m$
  - ❖ few mrad up to  $0.5^\circ$ - $1^\circ$  of misalignment between particle direction and crystal axes;
  - ❖ Depends weakly on particle energy.

Enhancement of pair production in a 3 mm Ir crystal axially oriented – compared to random orientation  
Vs. photon energy



(NA48 exp. @CERN)

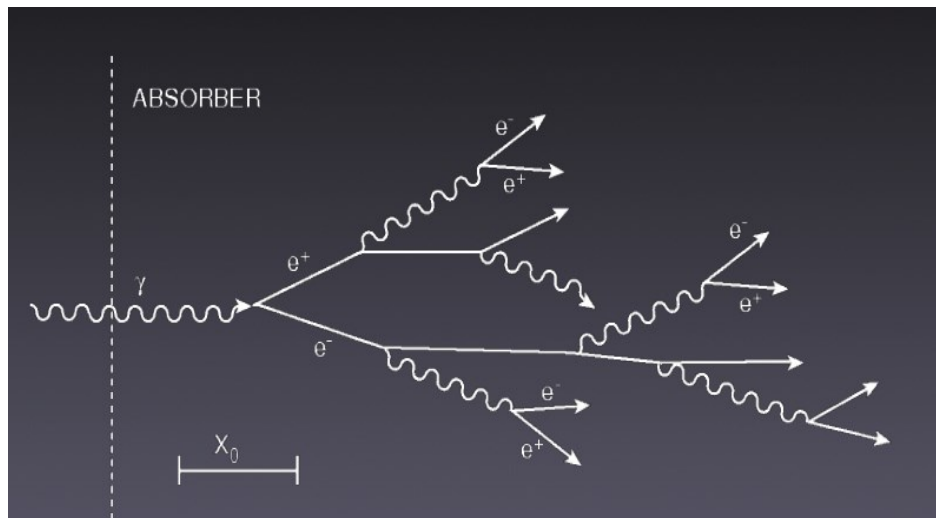
**Strong increase in the energy radiated by the electrons and in the pair production probability by high-energy photons!**

# Electromagnetic shower acceleration

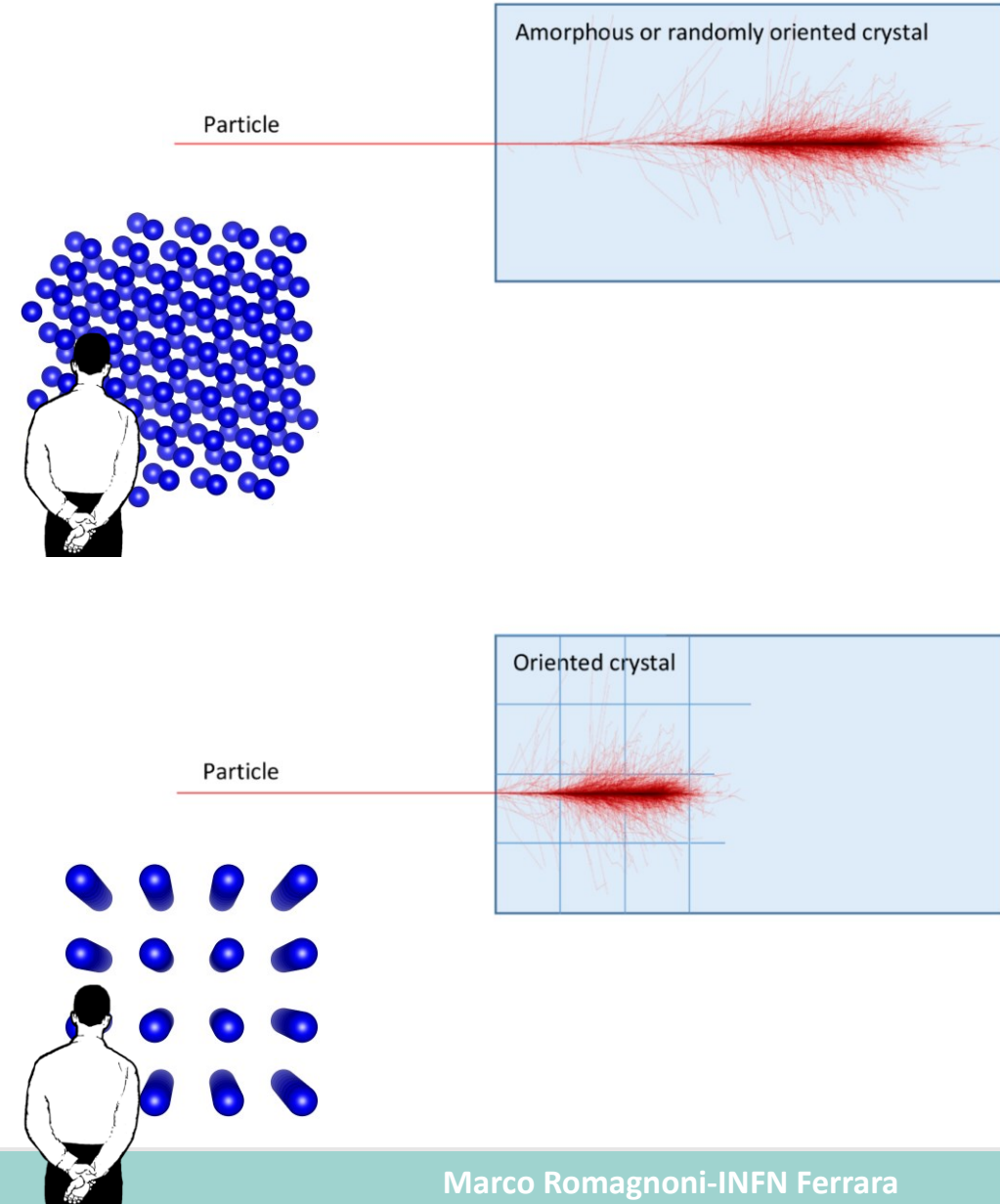
electromagnetic shower is way more compact

or equivalently

effective radiation length  $X_0$  is much shorter



***L. Bandiera et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 121 (2018) 021603***





# Novel idea: orienting an e.m. calorimeter

scintillators emitters commonly employed  
in HEP electromagnetic calorimetry:  
lattice effects are neglected

the input photon or electron/positron showers  
can fully develop in a much lower thickness with  
respect to the current state-of-the-art detectors,  
with the same light yield

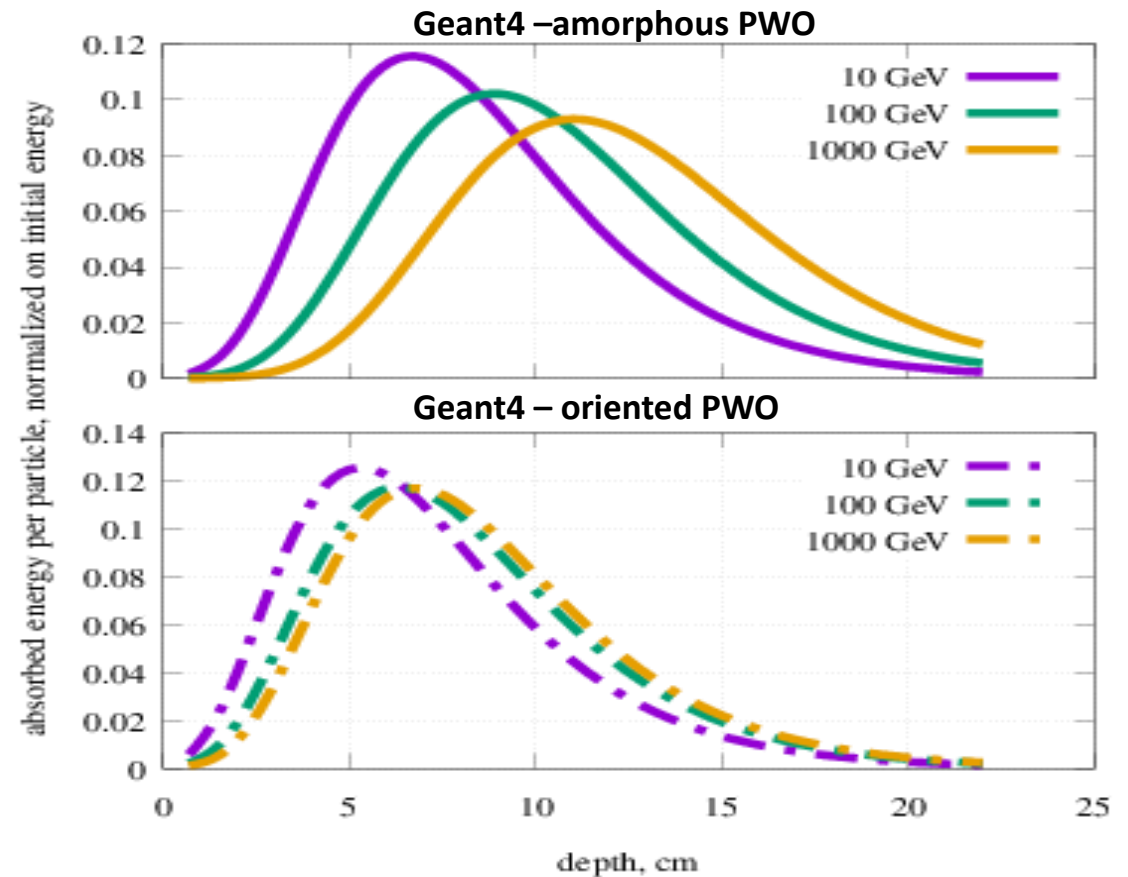
→ **Enhanced compactness**

→ **Cost reduction**

→ **better n/ $\gamma$  discrimination**

⇒ interesting for forward calorimetry in fixed-  
target HEP and space-borne experiments

*Simulation of the e.m. shower of HE electrons in a PWO crystal*

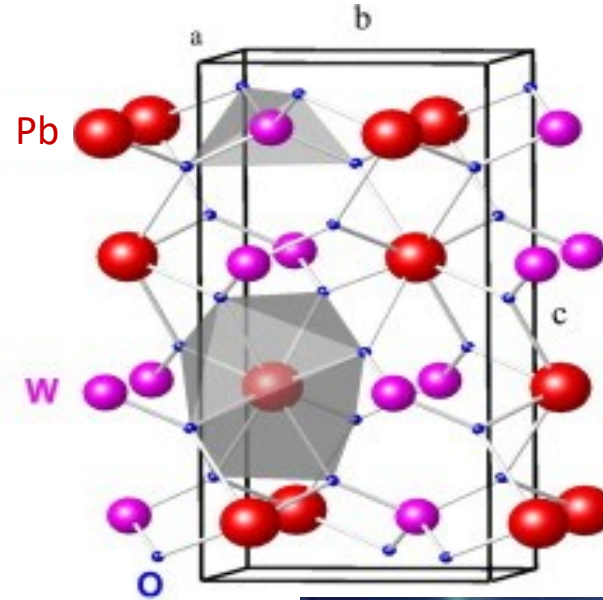


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# Crystal investigated: Lead tungstate ( $\text{PbWO}_4$ )

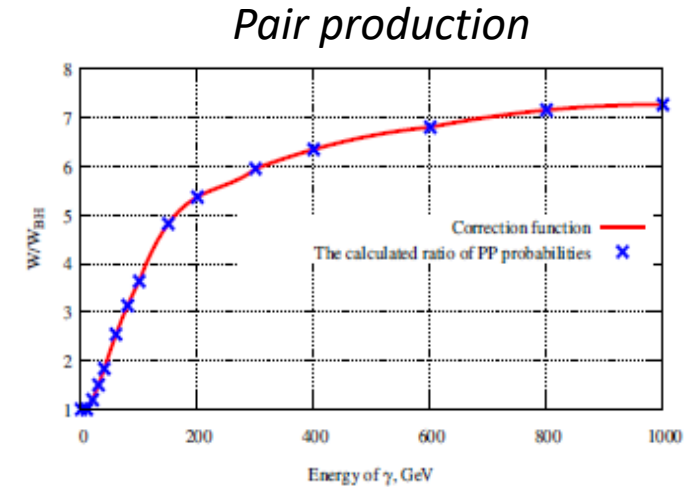
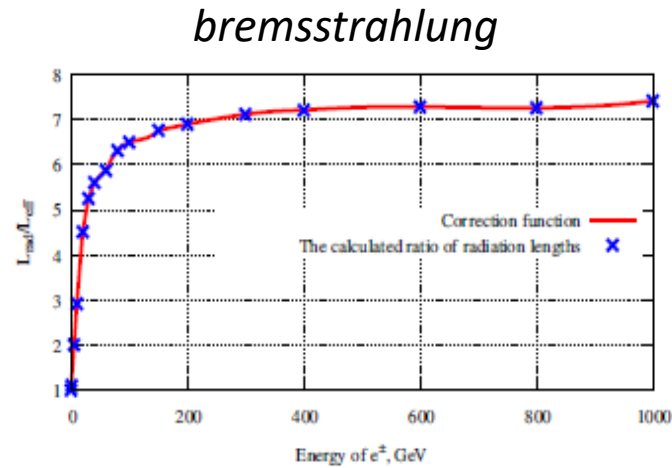
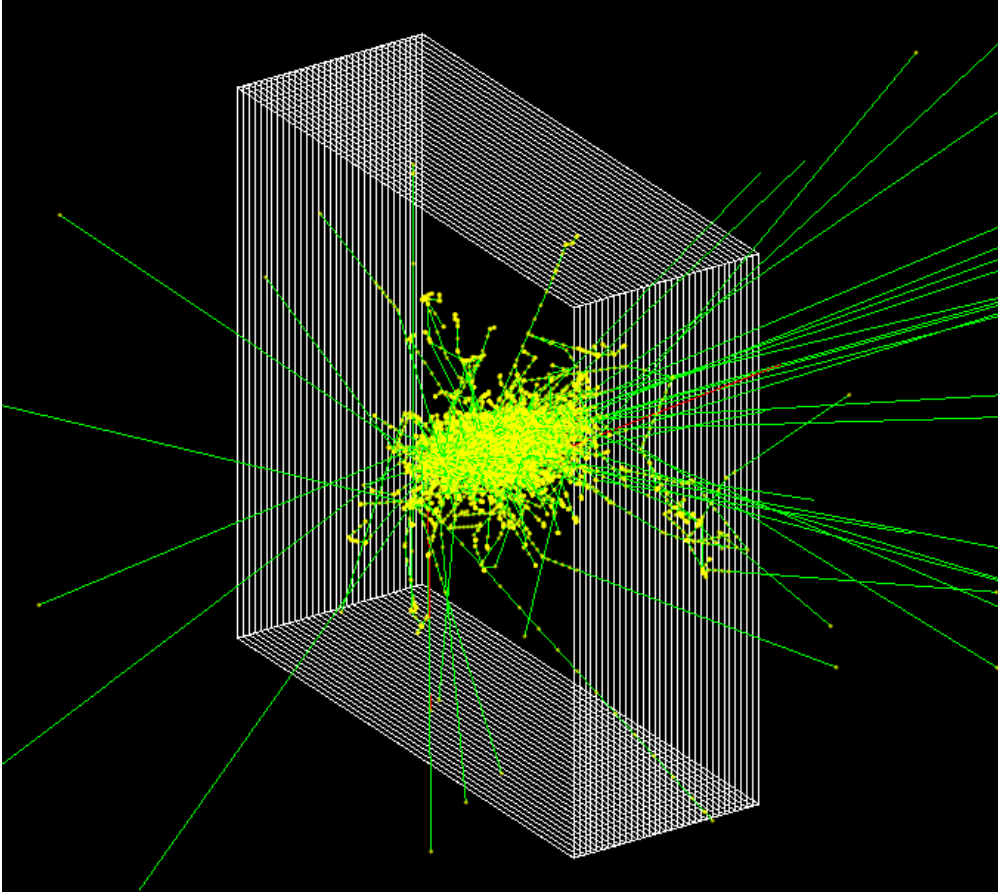
- scintillator, with well-peaked light emission in the blue
- optically transparent
- exploited by the CMS ECal  $\rightarrow$  well known
- high density, high  $Z$   $X_0 = 8.9 \text{ mm}$
- radiation hard
- cheap fabrication into big samples
- **good crystalline quality (mosaic spread 0.1 mrad)**
- axes properties



	[100]	[001]
interatomic pitch	5.456 Å	6.01 Å
$U_0$	~700 eV	~500 eV
SF threshold	~25 GeV	

**High-Z crystal for compact detectors**  
**Maximum of Strong Field within  $V_0/m \approx 1 \text{ mrad}$**

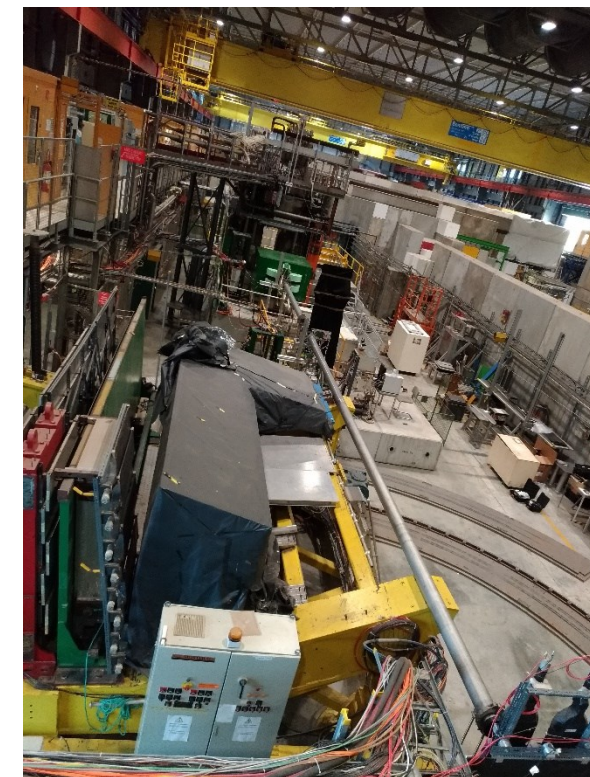
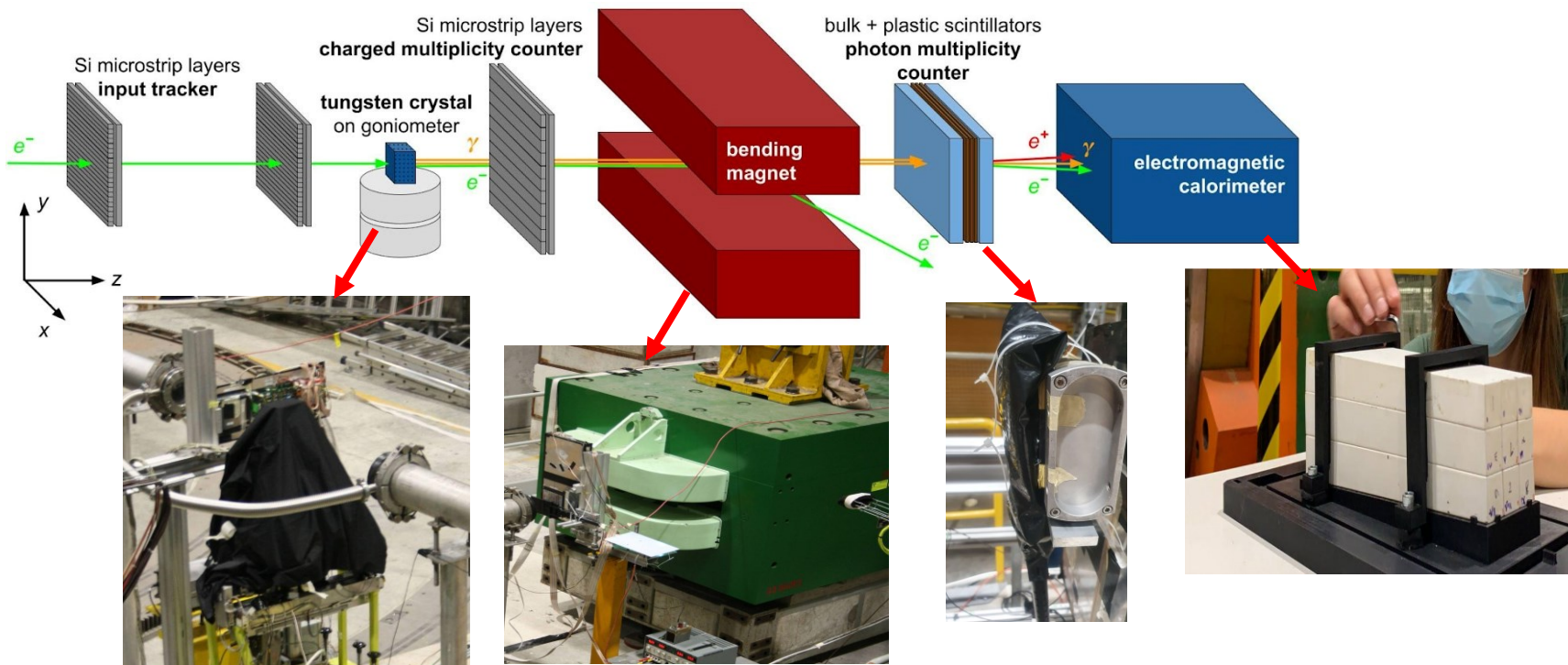
# Oriented crystals in Geant4 simulations



The electromagnetic shower is simulated using the **Geant4** toolkit in which the cross sections for **bremsstrahlung and pair production are rescaled** in agreement with full Monte Carlo including the strong field effects in crystals.

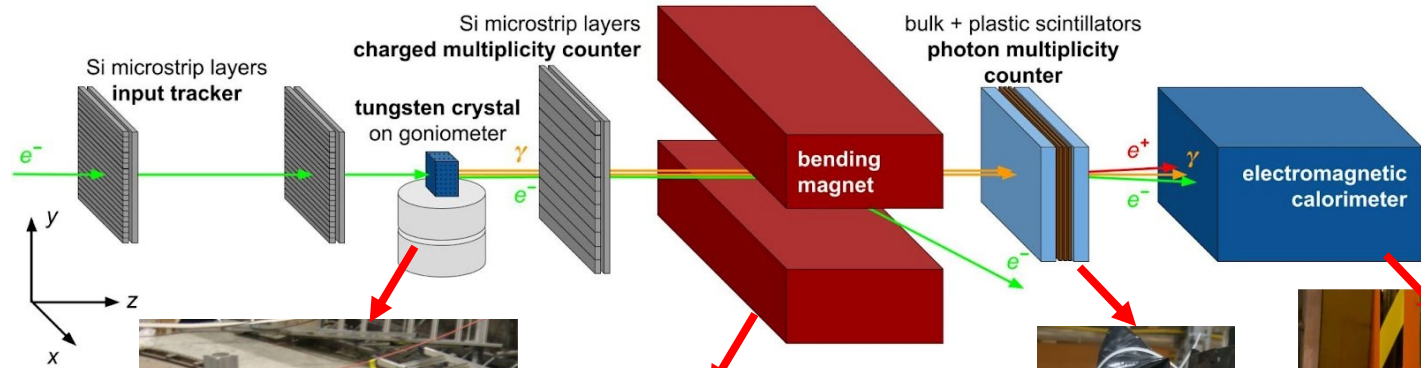
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# 1. Test on single oriented crystals @CERN SPS

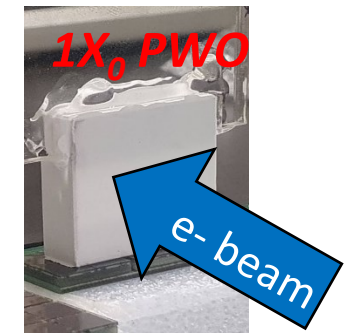
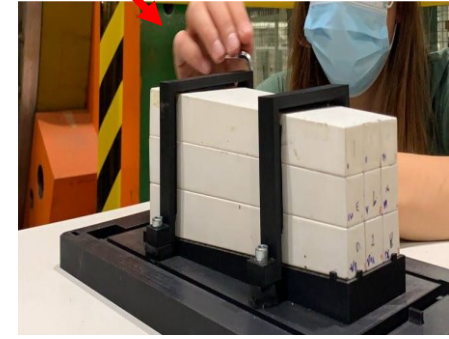
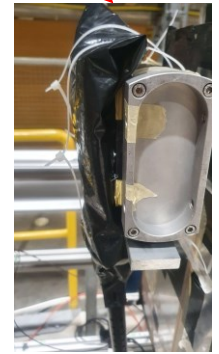
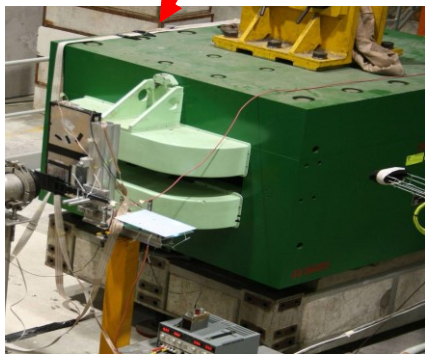
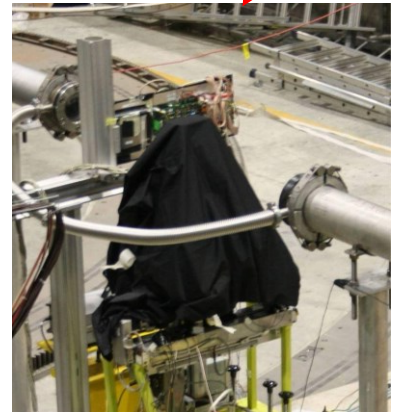


**$e^-$  &  $\gamma$  @ 10-120 GeV  
CERN SPS NA H2  
(Geneve, Switzerland)**

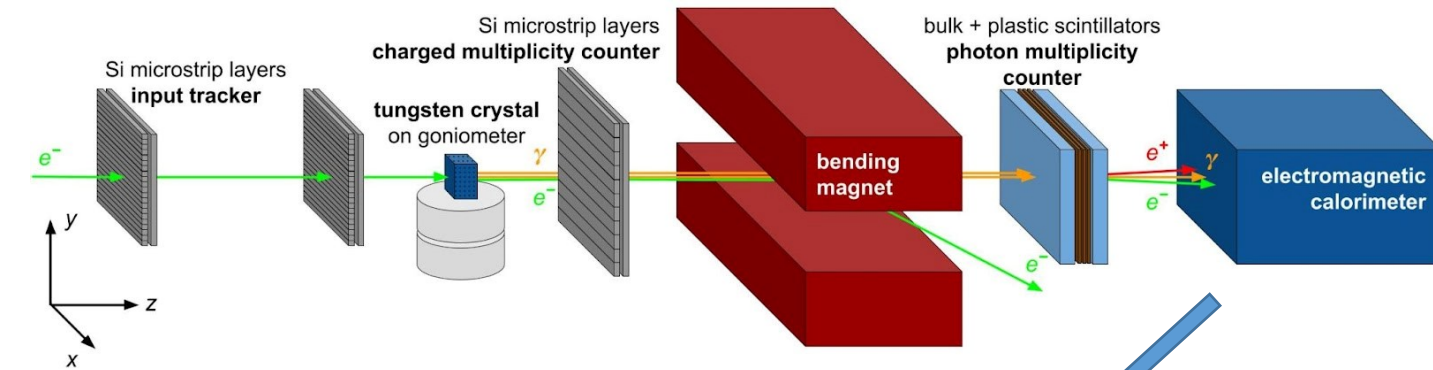
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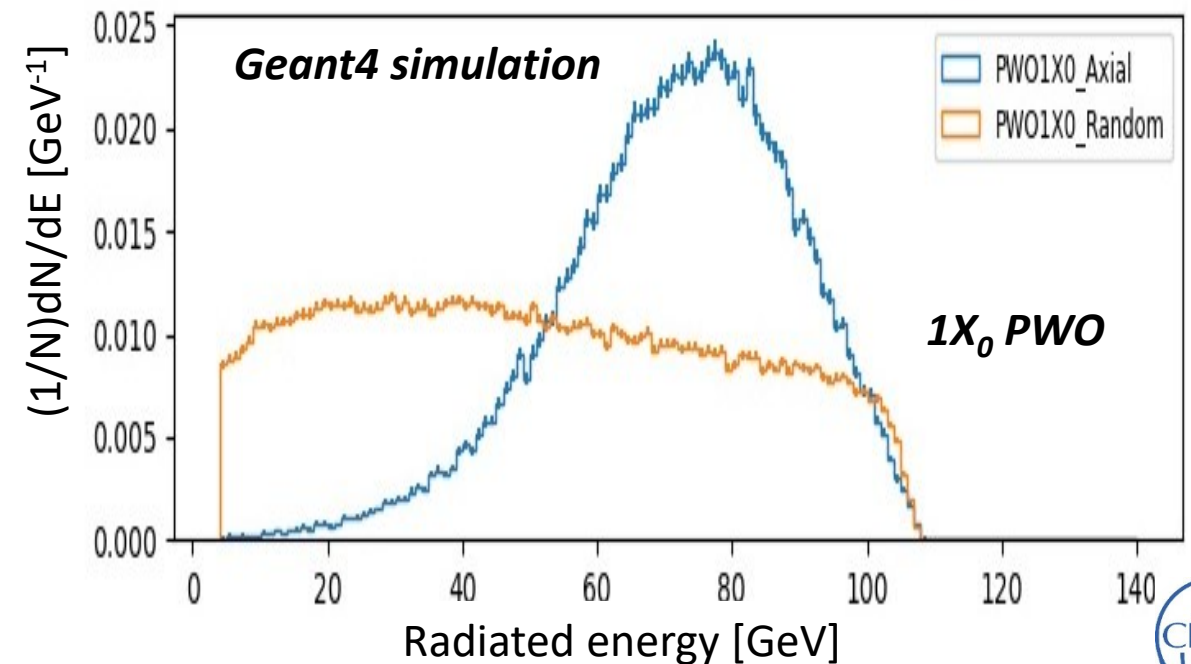
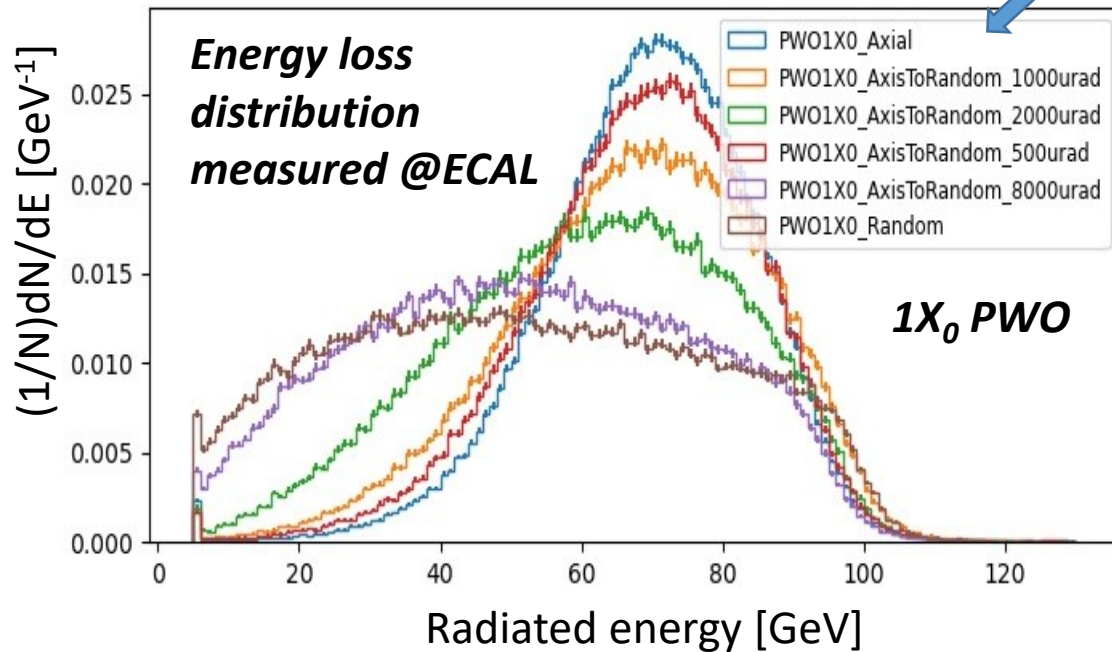
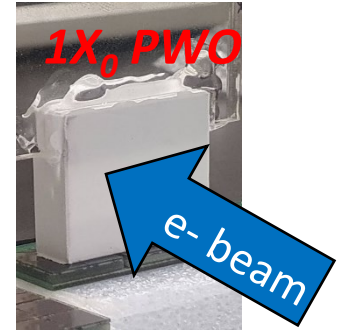
CERN SPS NA H2 beamline  
Beam:  $e^-$  @120 GeV  
Crystal: 1 & 2  $X_0$  PWO



# 1. Experiment & Monte Carlo – calorimeter data



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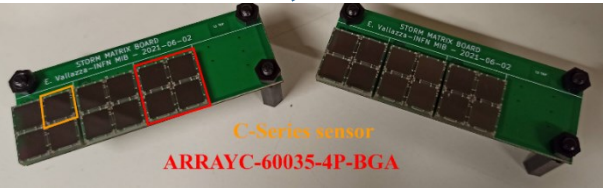
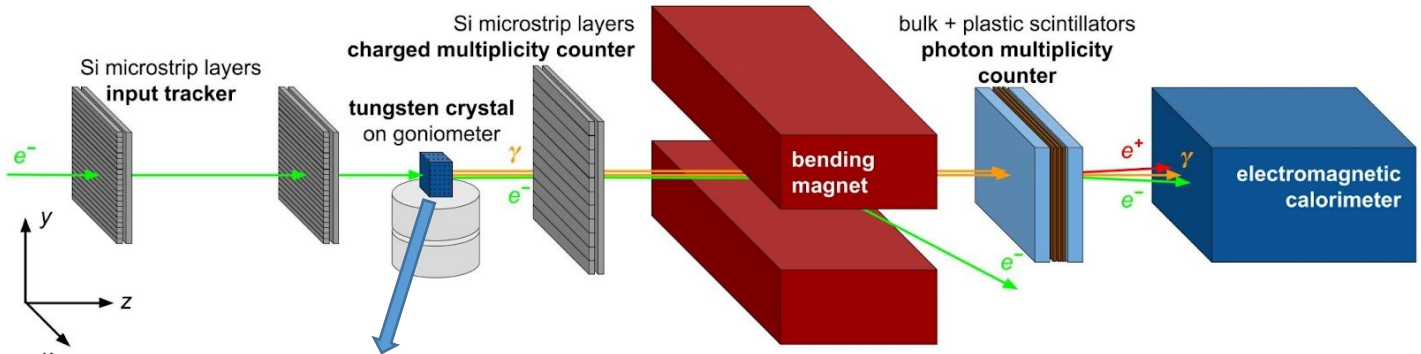


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North Area H2 line

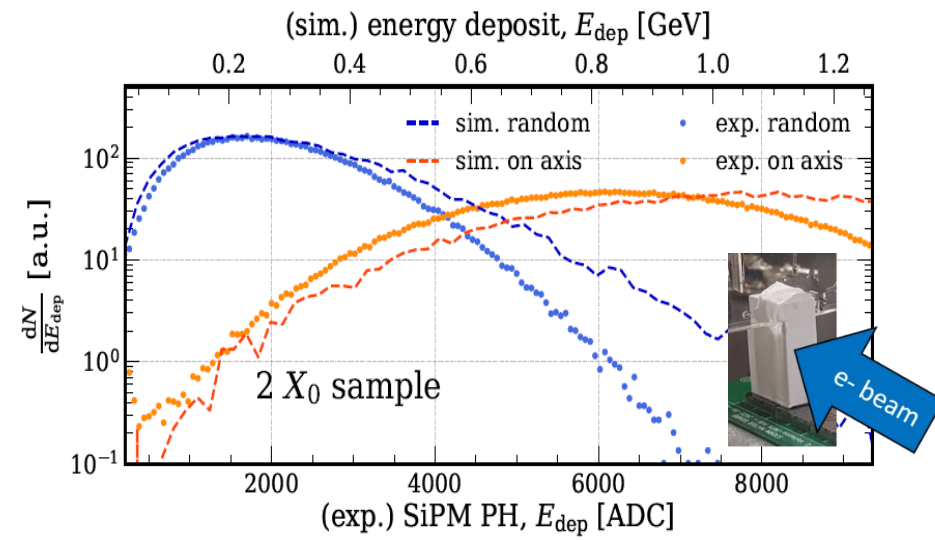
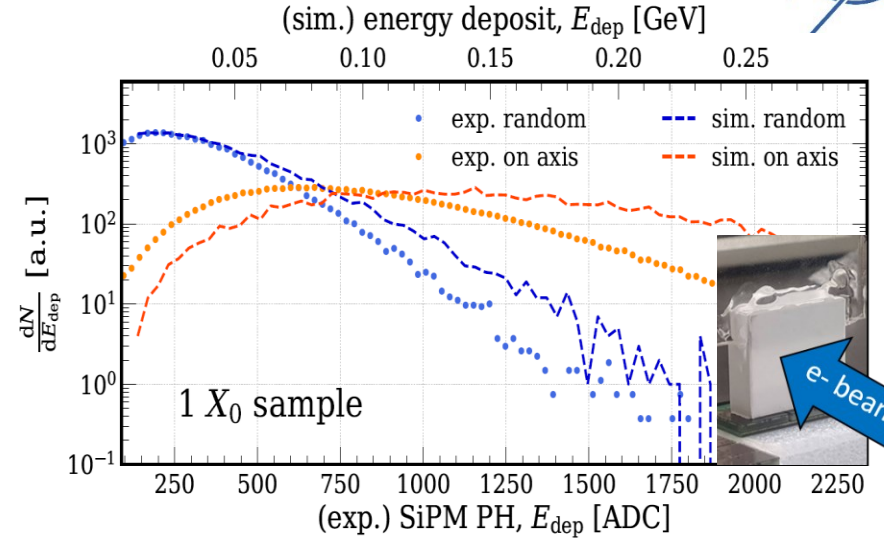


# 1. Experiment & Monte Carlo – scintillation light



A. Selmi, et al. NIM A 1048 (2023) 167948

Developed @INSULAB & INFN Bicocca

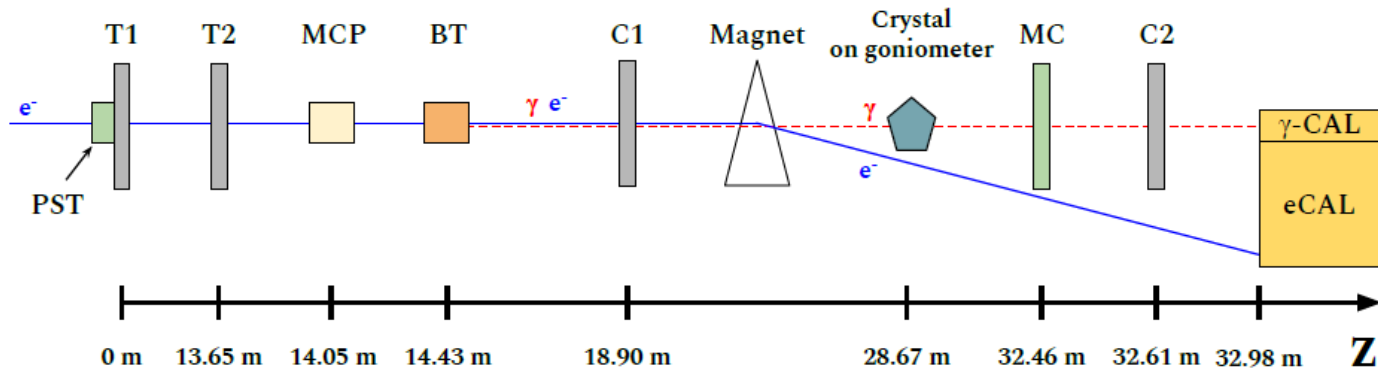


Thickness [ $X_0^{std}$ ]	Eff. thickness [ $X_0^{std}$ ]	Thickness enh. [%]	$\langle X_0^{app} \rangle$ [mm]	$\langle X_0^{app} \rangle$ [ $X_0^{std}$ ]
0.45	$0.745^{+0.223}_{-0.301}$	$165.48^{+49.51}_{-66.97}$	$5.380^{+3.657}_{-1.239}$	$0.604^{+0.411}_{-0.139}$
$\sim 1$	$1.520^{+0.256}_{-0.324}$	$151.98^{+25.65}_{-32.43}$	$5.858^{+1.589}_{-0.846}$	$0.658^{+0.178}_{-0.095}$
$\sim 2$	$2.923^{+0.329}_{-0.397}$	$146.17^{+16.45}_{-19.84}$	$6.091^{+0.957}_{-0.616}$	$0.684^{+0.107}_{-0.069}$

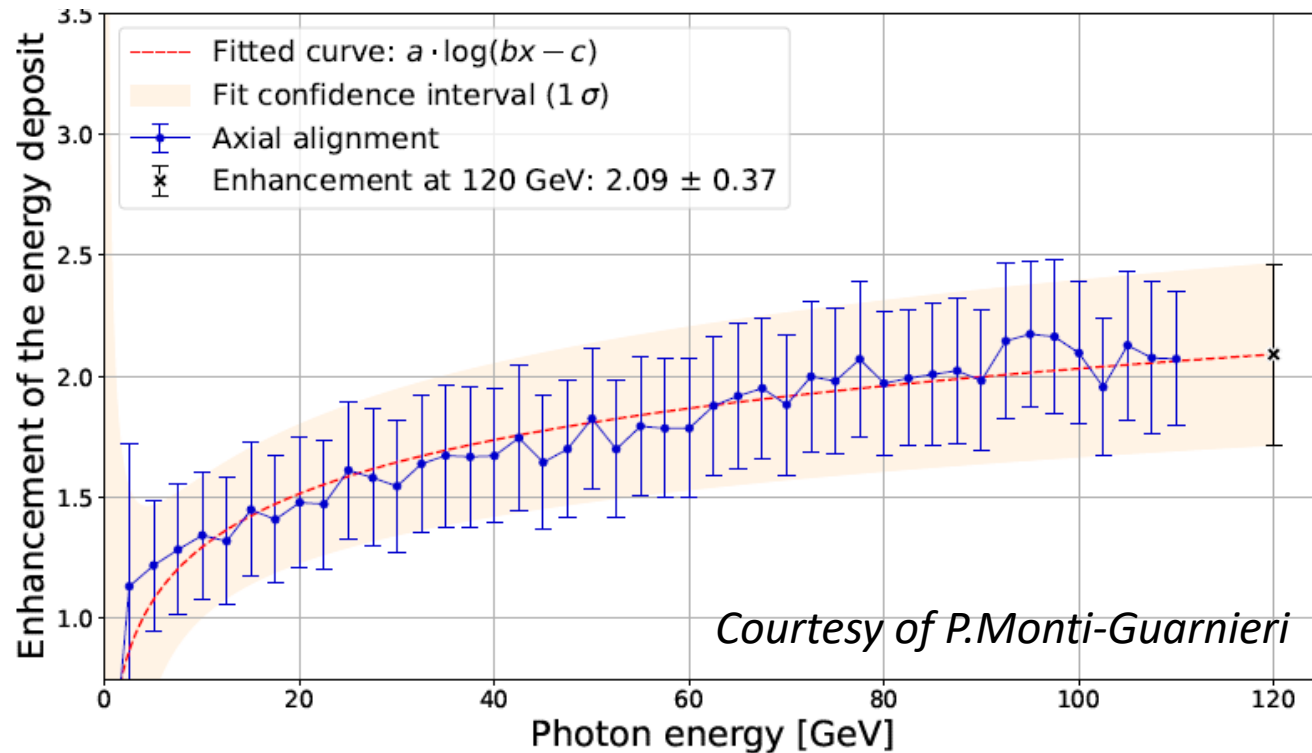
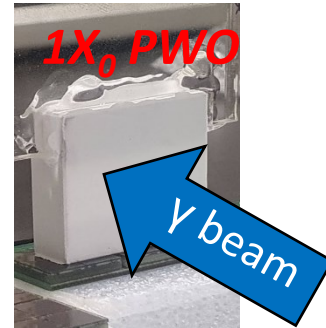
Effective thickness that a randomly oriented crystal should have to make the electrons lose the same amount of energy deposited on axis.

North Area H2 line

# 2. Experimental measurement with $\gamma$ @CERN SPS



CERN SPS NA H2 beamline  
 Beam:  $\gamma$  @5-100 GeV  
 Crystal: 1  $X_0$  PWO



*Enhancement of the energy deposited inside the crystal by the photon beam in axial orientation as measured by SiPM vs. the photon energy*

**Work done in collaboration with the HIKE/KLEVER & CRILIN team**



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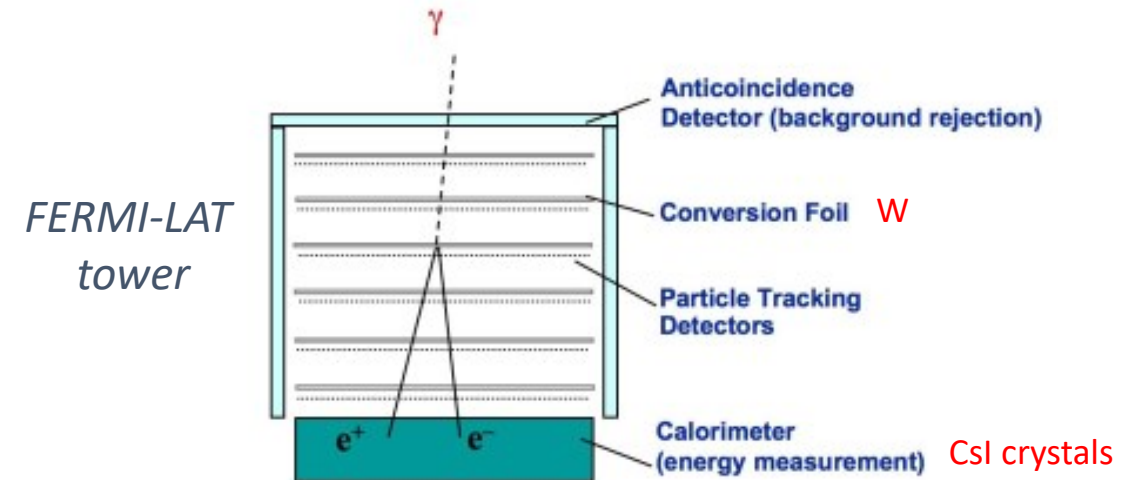
# Possible application of an ultra-compact calorimeter made of oriented crystals

## Particle Physics

- in **fixed-target experiments**, which are intrinsically forward, to realize compact electromagnetic calorimeters or preshower with reduced volume w.r.t. to the state-of-the-art (collaboration with the NA62/KLEVER experiment on rare kaons decay at CERN)
- in **dark matter search**, to realize compact active beam dump with an increased sensitivity to light dark matter, such as dark photons etc...

## Astroparticle

- **pointing a telescope towards a source**, thus measuring the spectrum of  $\gamma$ -rays with energy larger than 100 GeV can be completely contained in a quite compact volume, **reducing the necessary weight and cost.**



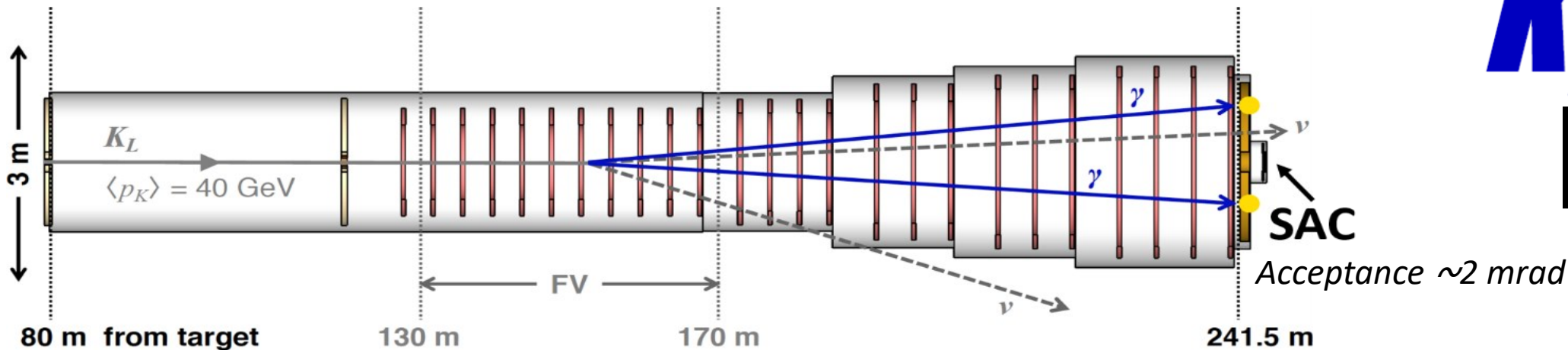
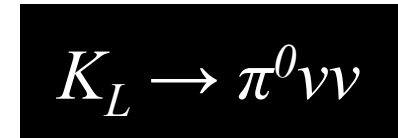


# The HIKE/KLEVER Small Angle Calorimeter



KLEVER is the last phase of HIKE, which is a proposed experiment in North Area @CERN as successor of NA62 in the same experimental area

# KLEVER



from  $K^+$  (charged – NA62 experiment) to  $K_L$  (neutral)  $\rightarrow$  new challenges

**High-performance e.m. calorimeter** is required for the reconstruction of the  $\pi^0$  coming from  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ , while any extra photons must be vetoed with very high efficiency!

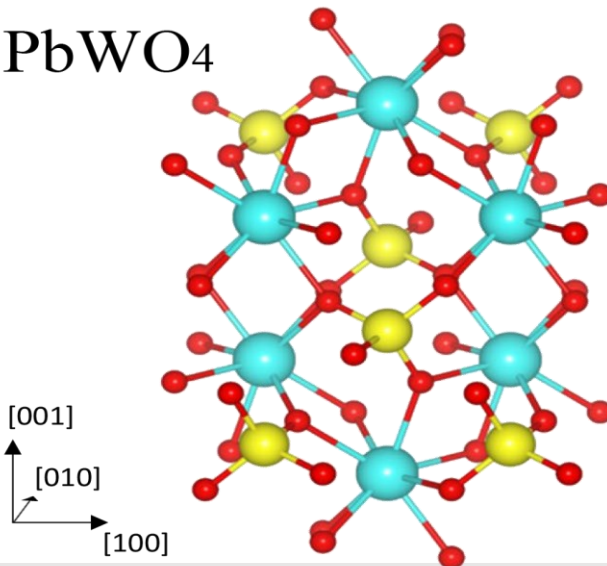
This performance must be attained **while maintaining insensitivity to more than 500 MHz of neutral hadrons** in the beam

# An ultra-compact SAC for HIKE/KLEVER with OREO technology

## Requirements:

- Smallest  $X_0/\lambda_{\text{int}}$  possible in order to provide maximum transparency to beam hadrons while maintaining high photon-conversion efficiency-  $\rightarrow$  **high-Z oriented crystals with reduced  $X_0$**
- Excellent time resolution  $\rightarrow$  **Cerenkov readout & ultrafast scintillation**

PbWO<sub>4</sub>

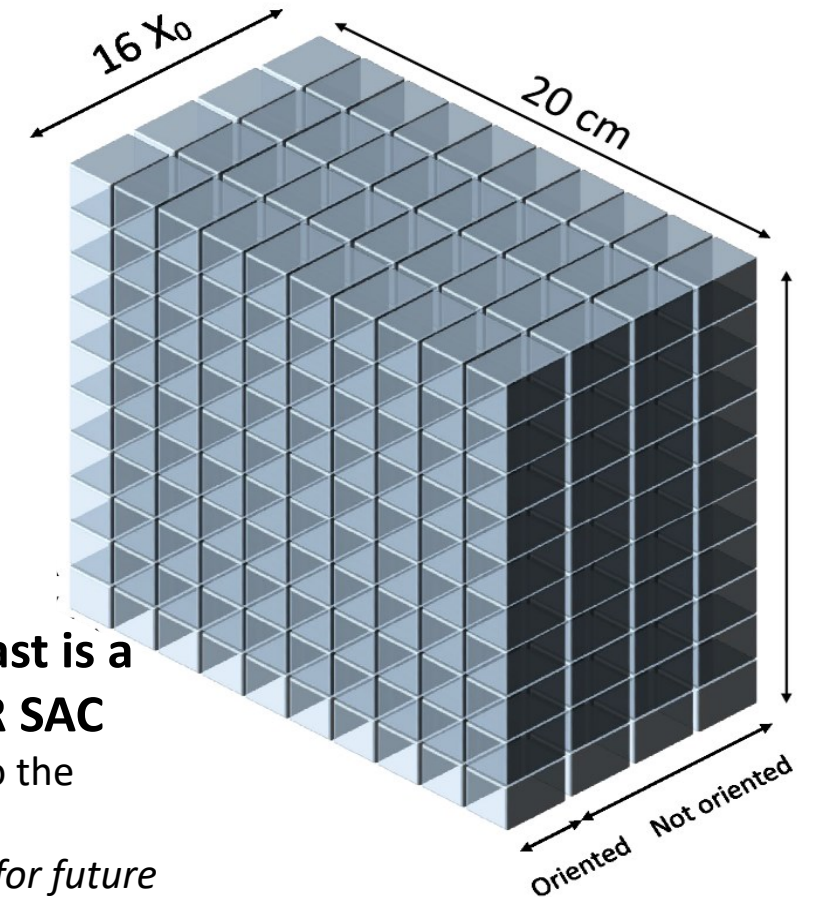


**A newly developed PWO-Ultrafast is a candidate for the HIKE/KLEVER SAC**

Scintillation decay decreased down to the subnanosecond (0.7 ns)

M. Korjik et al., *Ultrafast PWO scintillator for future high energy physics instrumentation*, NIM A, 1034 (2022) 166781

## POSSIBLE KLEVER SAC DESIGN



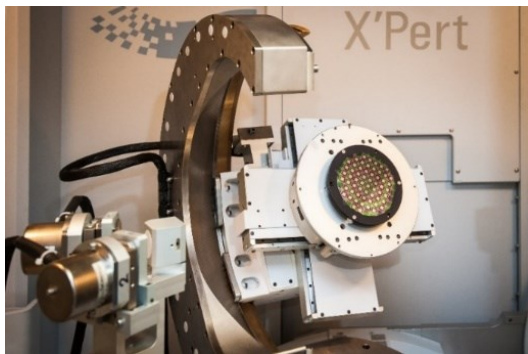
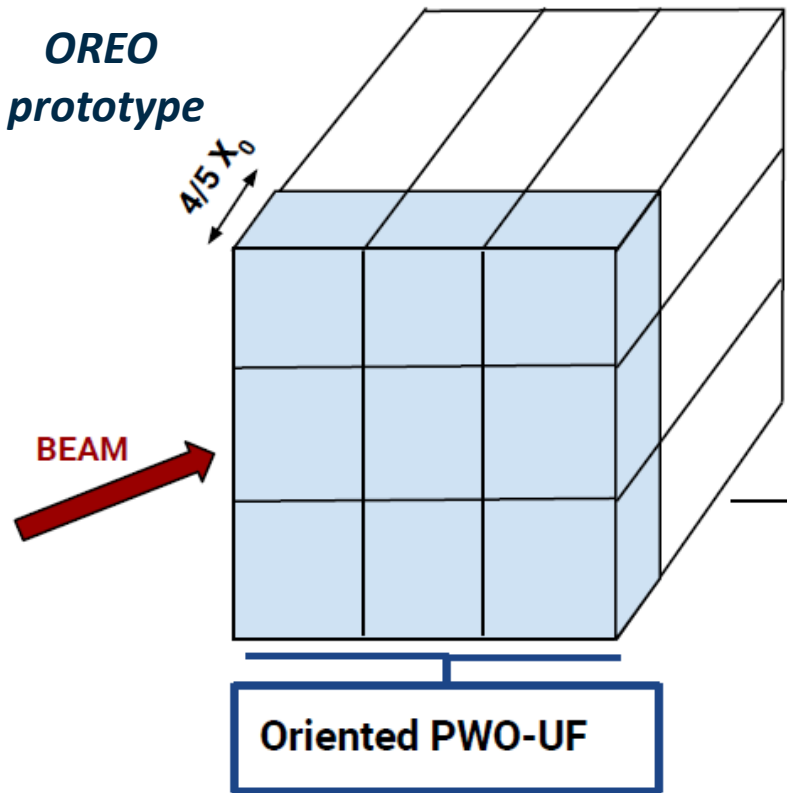
Transverse and longitudinal segmentation for a better n/ $\gamma$  discrimination



# The *ORiEnted calOrimeter* prototype

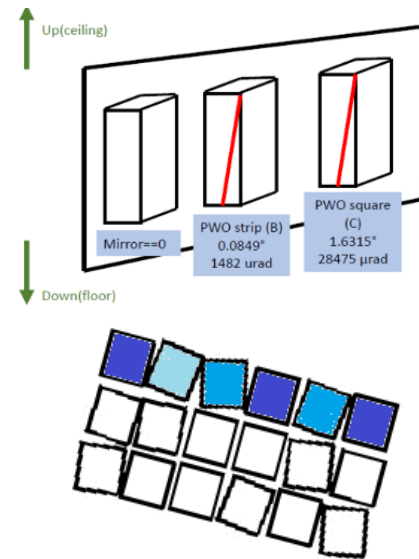
**Challenge:**

- Construction of an oriented layer of many crystals



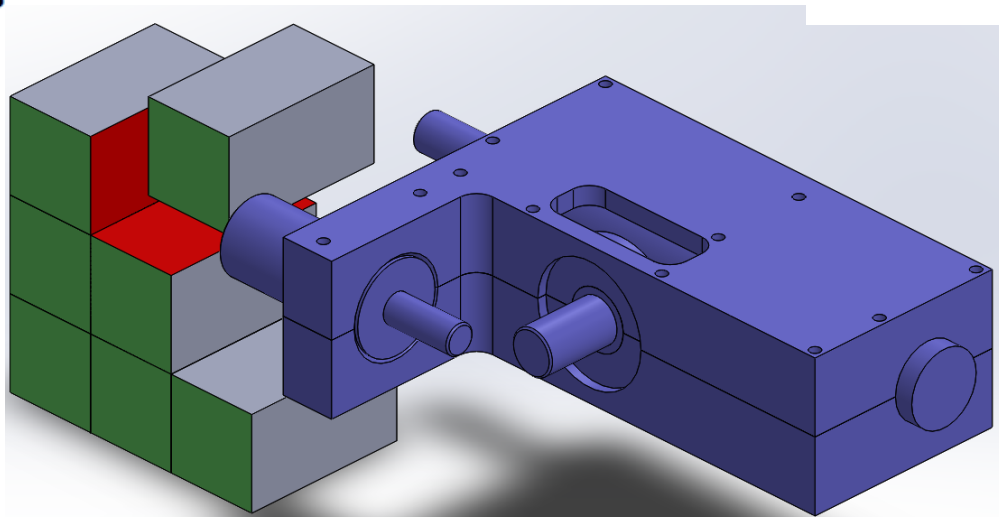
**HR-XRD measurement of**

- *Miscut angle*
- *Crystal mosaicity*



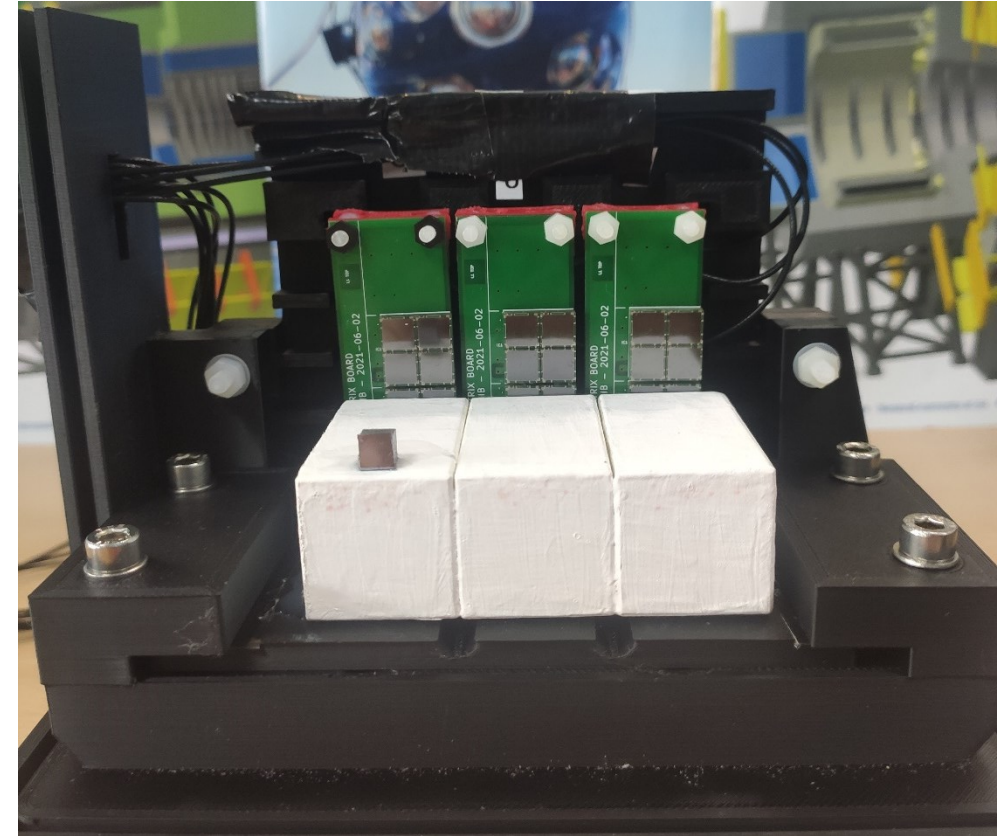
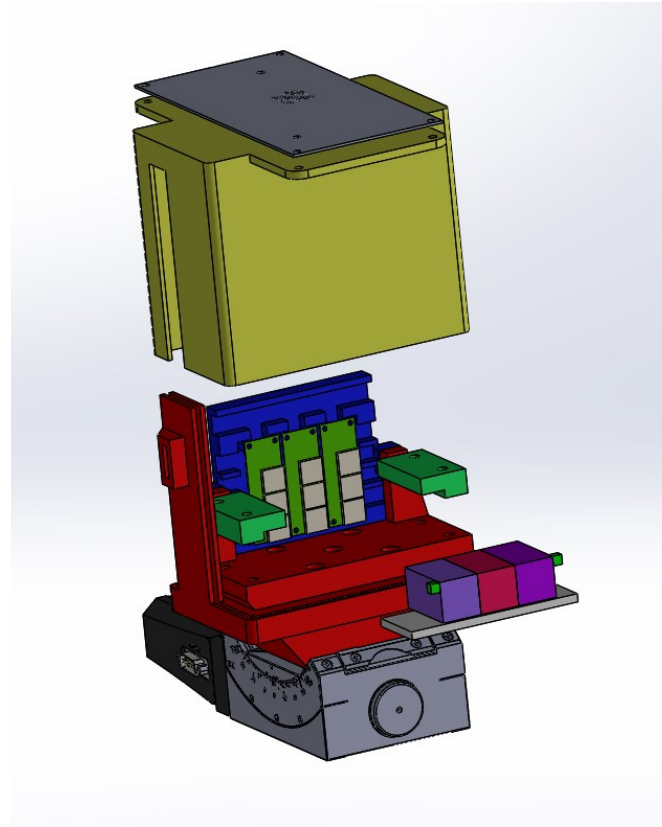
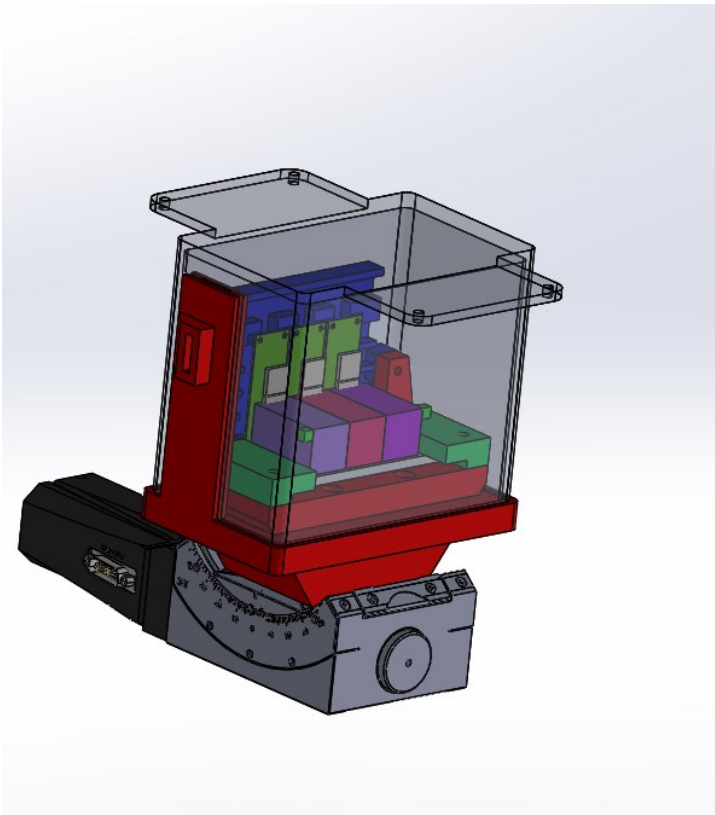
Amorphous crystals

Alignment of one crystal to another using laser interferometry





# The first 1x3 layer of the *OREO* prototype

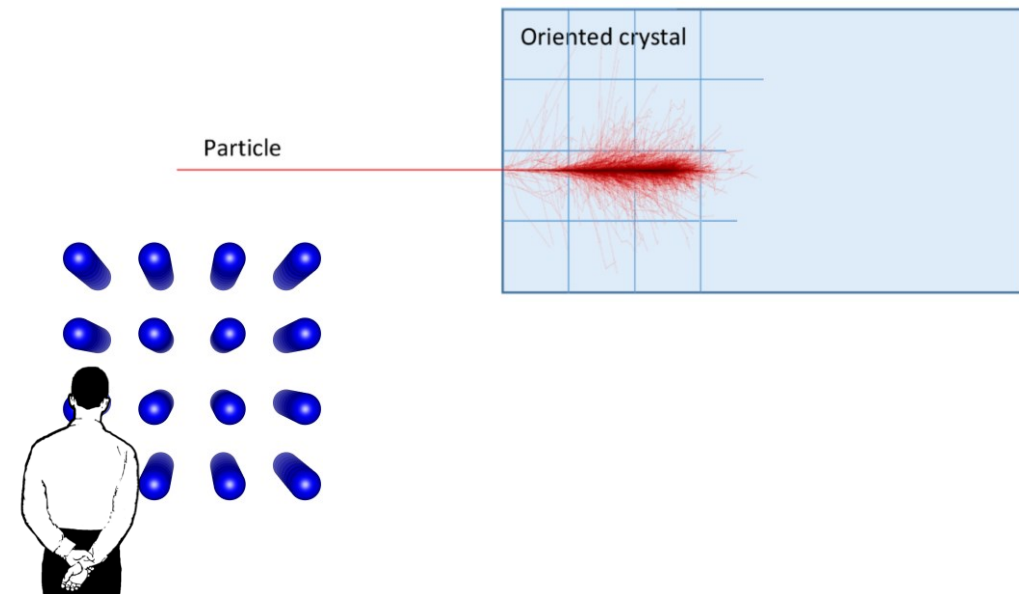
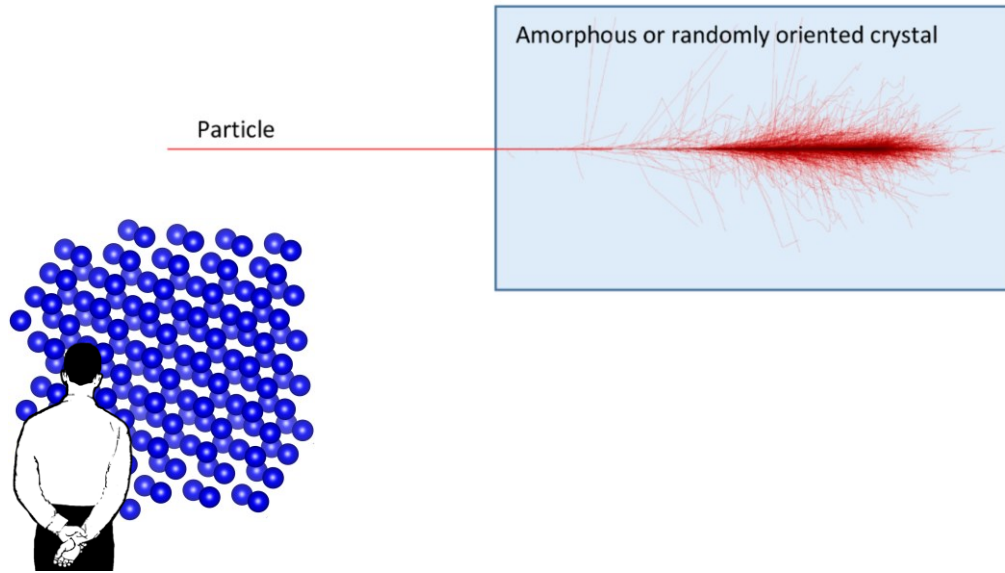


**Currently under test vs high-energy electrons at CERN PS&SPS extracted lines**

# Summary

**We introduced briefly...**

- **Strong crystalline field and e.m. shower acceleration in axially oriented crystal scintillators**
- **Experimental results with  $\text{PbWO}_4$  samples:**
  - Investigation of axial-to-random light emission vs crystal thickness
  - Comparison with Monte Carlo
- **Application in particle and astroparticle physics:**
  - Pointing strategy high-energy gamma telescopes
  - Beam dump and fixed target experiments -> HIKE/KLEVER Small Angle Calorimeter
- **First design of a fast and compact e.m. calorimeter based on oriented PWO-UF**



Thank you for the attention