



# Large area diamond detectors for fast beam tagging applications in particle therapy

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# Motivation (1/5)

Need for in vivo ballistic control in particle therapy

## Uncertainty sources :

Dose calculation: Planification (from CT images, RBE), patient positioning, anatomic variations during treatment, moving organs/tumor

→ Margins

→ Beam incidences avoid OARs located straight behind PTV

## Strategies:

Planification: dual-energy or proton CT, Monte Carlo simulations

Online control: nuclear fragmentation products

- PET: a posteriori
- Prompt radiation:
  - Gamma (Review: [\[Krimmer et al, NIMA 878 \(2018\) 58-73\]](#))
  - protons (ions heavier than protons)

# Motivation (2/5)

## Time of Flight prompt-gamma imaging with 1D collimated camera

Prompt- $\gamma$  emission is correlated to ion range

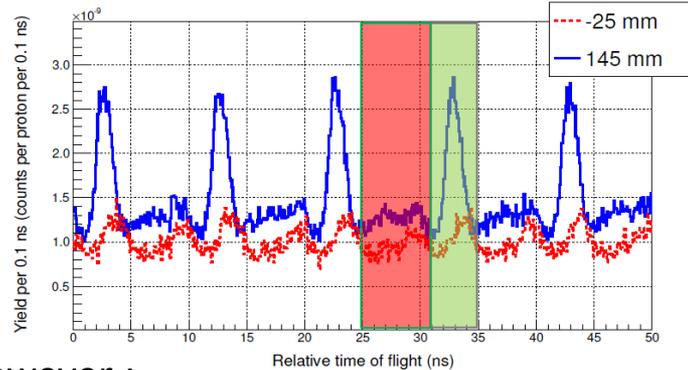
[Krimmer NIMA 2017]

TOF: reduction of neutron-induced background

➤ Synchronization with beam HF

Possible with Cyclotron proton beams (IBA-C230)

160 MeV protons in PMMA (Cyclotron)



However :

Phase changes with beam energy

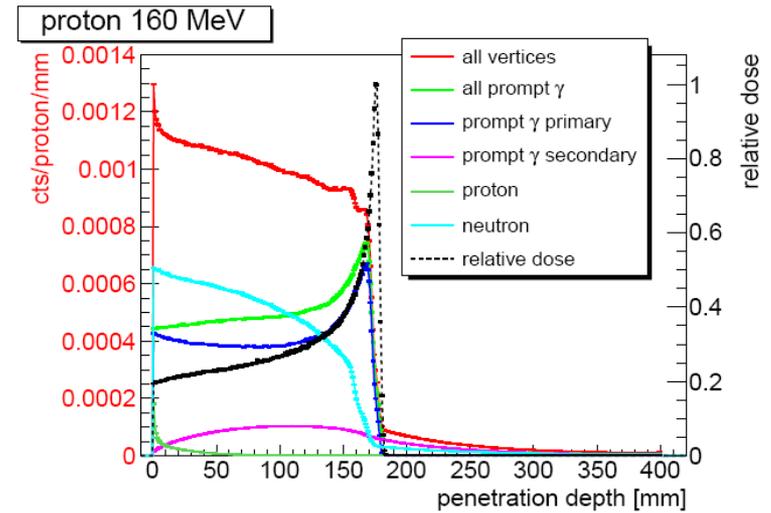
Limitations by bunch length (0.5 – 4 ns)

➤ Ion per ion tagging at  $10^7$ -  $10^8$  Hz

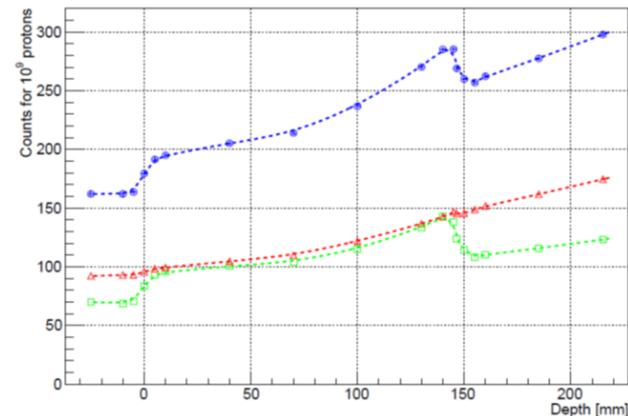
Carbon ions from synchrotrons (HIT, CNAO...): Microbunch duration >20 ns

Synchro-cyclotron proton beams (IBA S2C2): Nanobunch duration  $\sim 8$  ns ( $10^4$  p/bunch)

TOF  $\Rightarrow$  reduction to 1 proton/bunch necessary



[Roellinghoff PMB 2014]



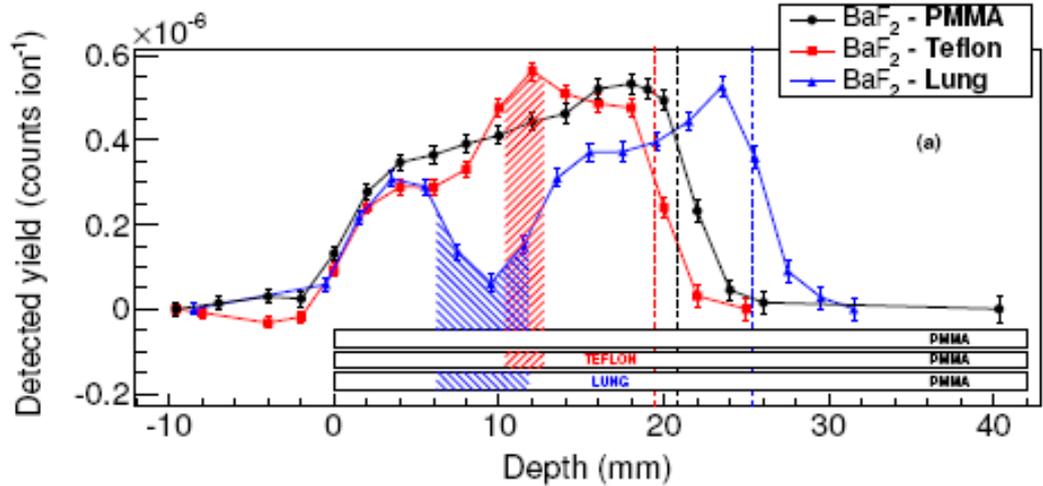
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## Spatial resolution issue

- Heterogeneities influence ion range and prompt-gamma yield

95 MeV/u carbon ions in PMMA  
2 mm collimation slit

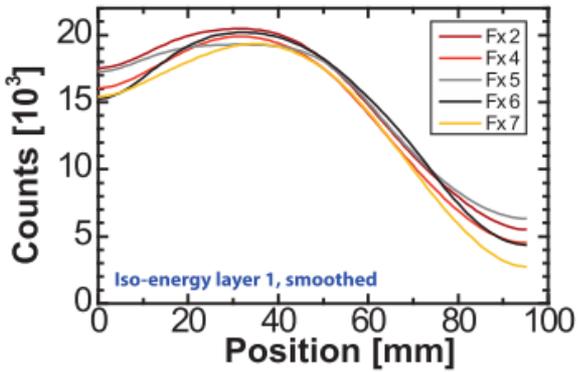
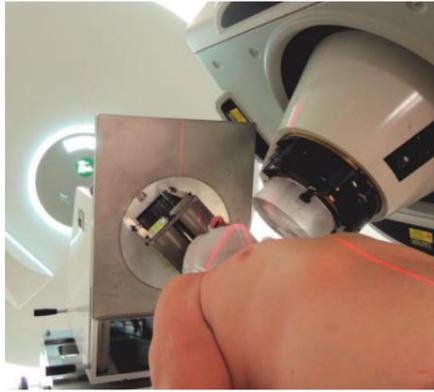
[Pinto Med Phys 2015]



- Gamma imaging: compromise between spatial resolution and efficiency (statistics issue)

Proposed solution by IBA:  
Knife-edge camera  
(~2 cm spatial resolution)

[Richter, RaOn 2016]



- Ultra-fast timing resolution will improve spatial resolution

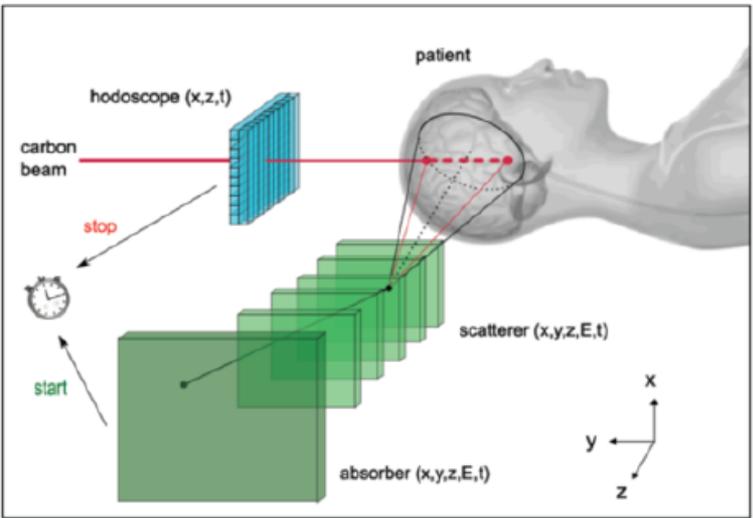
# Motivation (4/5)

## Compton imaging with beam hodoscope

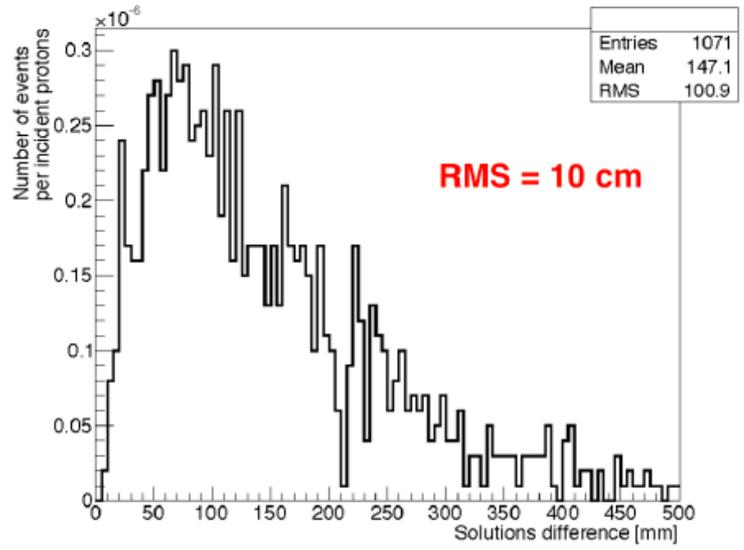
CLaRyS collaboration (IPN Lyon, CPPM Marseille, LPC Clermont, LPSC Grenoble)

Potentially higher detection efficiency than collimated devices

- Beam hodoscope: line-cone intersection



Distance between cone intersections



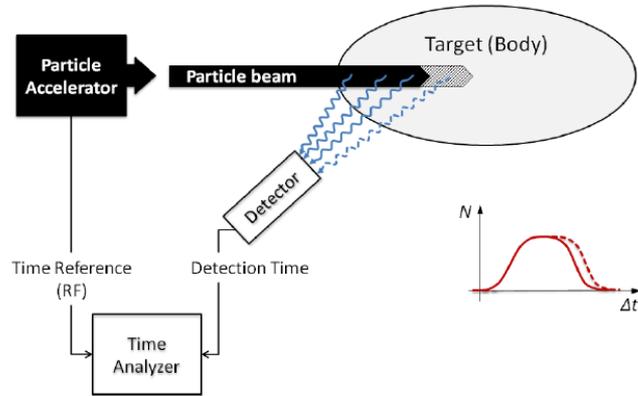
[Ley PhD 2015]

- TOF resolution < 500 ps → real time Compton imaging

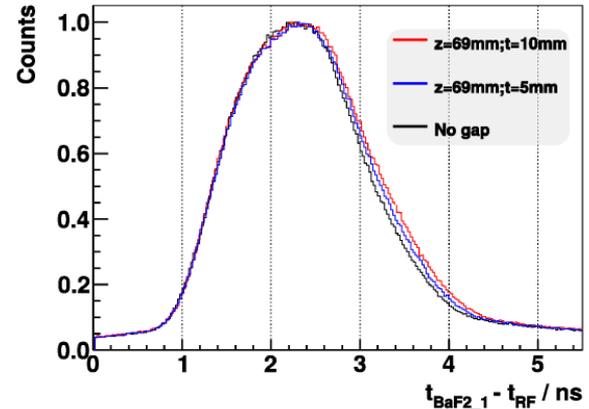
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## Prompt-gamma counting solutions

- Prompt- $\gamma$  timing



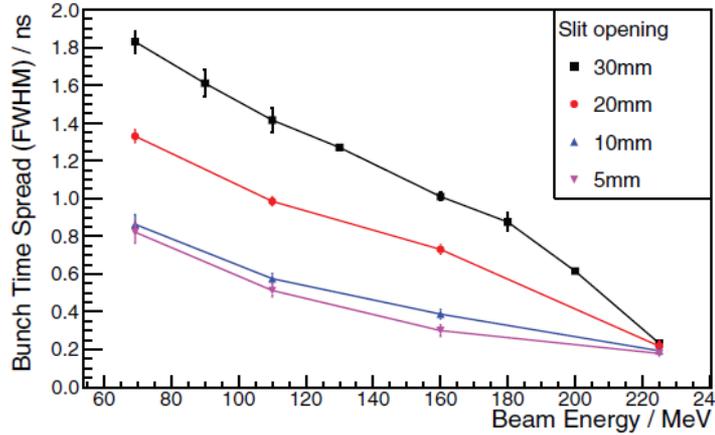
- Average time and shape related to proton range
- 5mm range shift measurable with single spot
- Requires high timing resolution (< 1ns)
- Limitations:
  - Cyclotrons
  - Bunch time spread



[Hueso-Gonzalez PMB 2015]

- Prompt- $\gamma$  Peak Integral [Krimmer APL 2017]

- 2-4 ns time window selection: PG issued from patient
- Yield depends on energy deposited, beam position



[Petzoldt PMB 2016]

- Both methods would benefit from fast and high-resolution beam-tagging system

# Beam tagging hodoscope development : LPSC MoniDiam project (within CLaRyS collaboration)

## Existing development (CLaRyS) :

Array of scintillating fibres coupled to multichannel photomultiplier tubes (PMT).  
Fast readout with  $\mu$ TCA acquisition under test.



## Limitations :

- Radiation hardness
- PMT count rate capability ( $10^7$  cps per PMT)
- Time resolution 500 ps – 1 ns

## Foreseen development :

MoniDiam : diamond based hodoscope and its dedicated integrated fast read-out electronics for 100 ps resolution

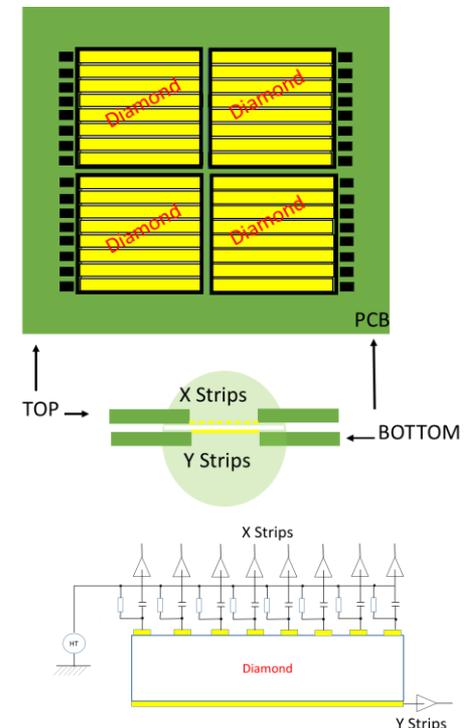
## Diamond Assets :

- Intrinsic radiation hardness
- Fast signal risetime enables timing precision of a few tens of ps
- Low noise

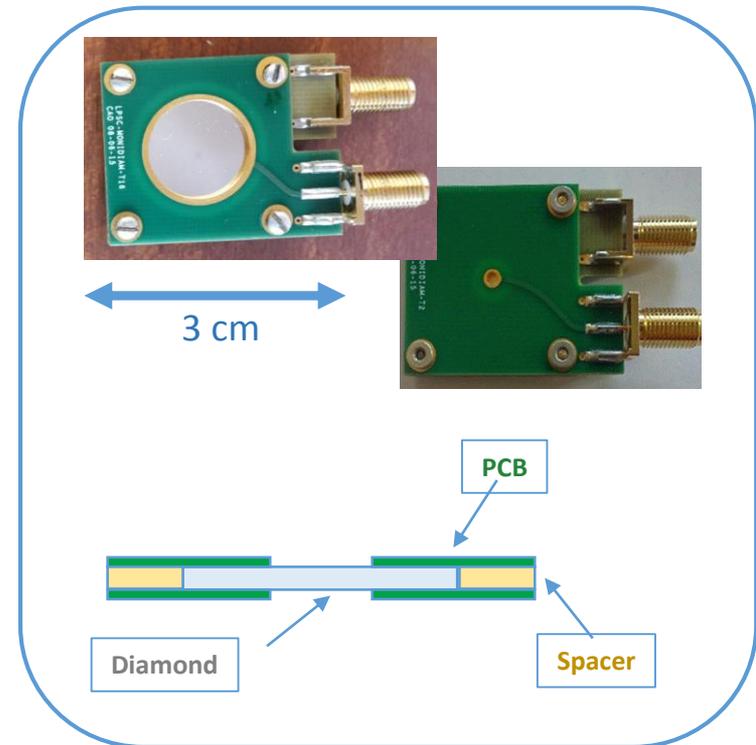
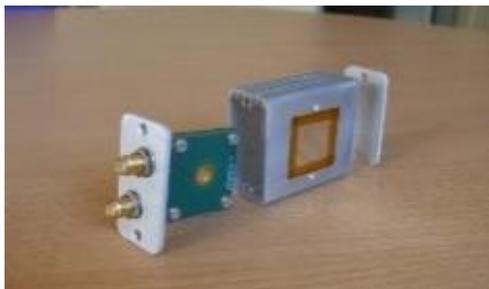
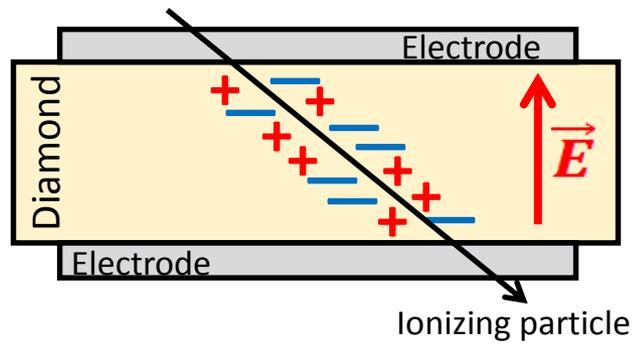
## Issues :

- Cost
- Availability of large area

**Solution :** Assembly of double-side stripped diamond, polycrystalline or DOI

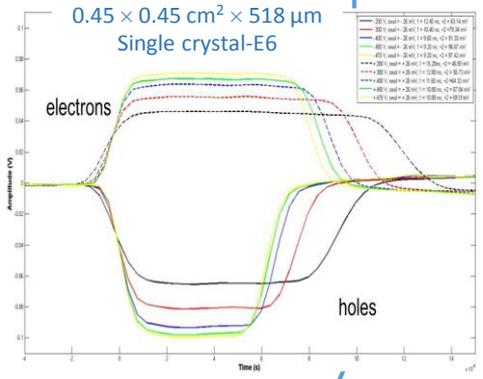
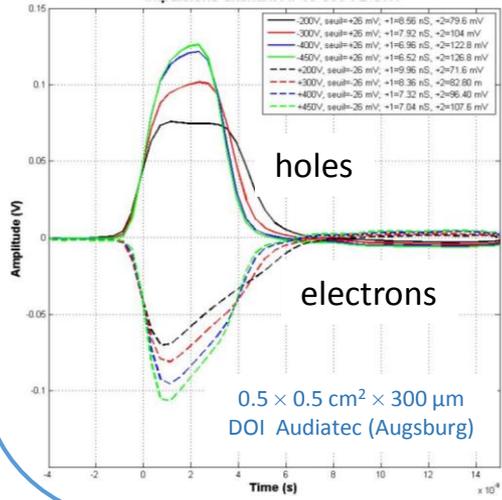
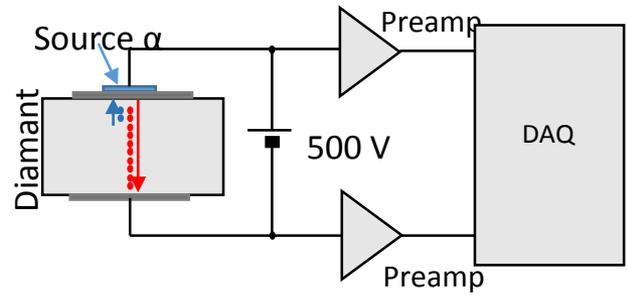


# First tests: single disk-shape metallized diamonds

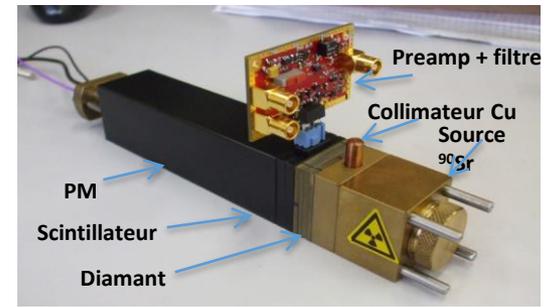


# Diamond detector characterization: test benches at LPSC

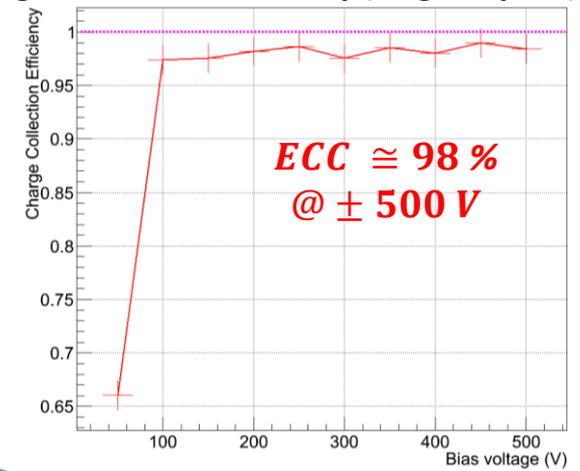
## Alpha source ( $^{241}\text{Am}$ – 5.4 MeV)



## Beta source ( $^{90}\text{Sr}$ )



## Charge collection efficiency (single crystal)



Data acquisition:



Wave catcher 500 MHz

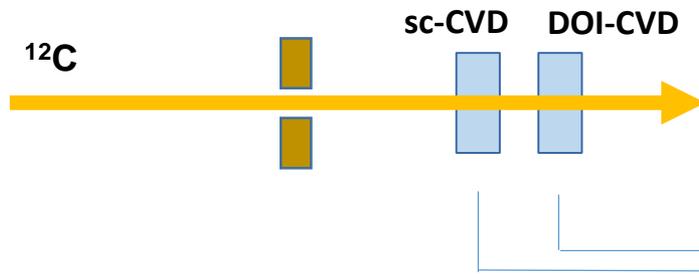
3.2 Gs/s, 8 channels



Wave-runner Lecroy 4GHz

40Gs/s

# Beam test at GANIL : 95 MeV/u $^{12}\text{C}$



Wavcatcher  
500MHz, 3,2Gs/s



## Monocrystalline :

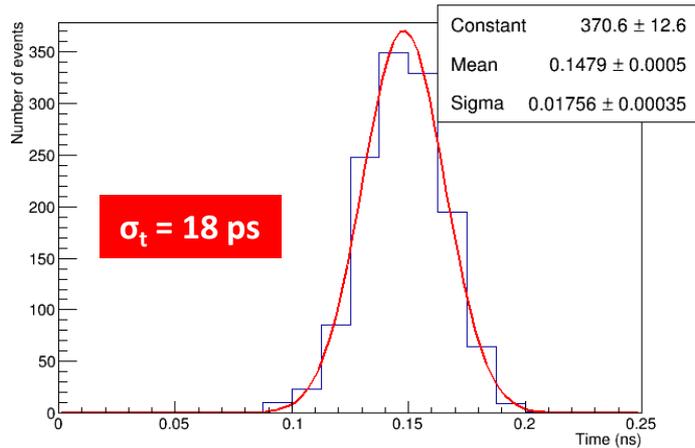
sc-CVD E6 + DBA III  
0.45 x 0.45 cm<sup>2</sup> x 518 μm

## Hetero-epitaxial :

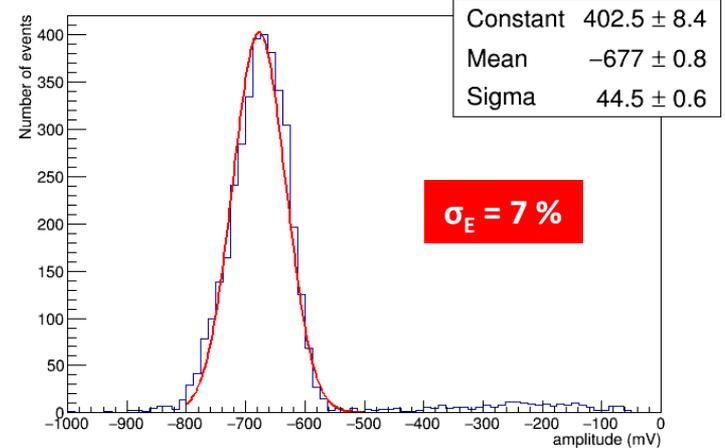
DOI-CVD Audiatec + Cividec C2  
0.5 x 0.5 cm<sup>2</sup> x 300 μm

Deposited energy ~40 MeV

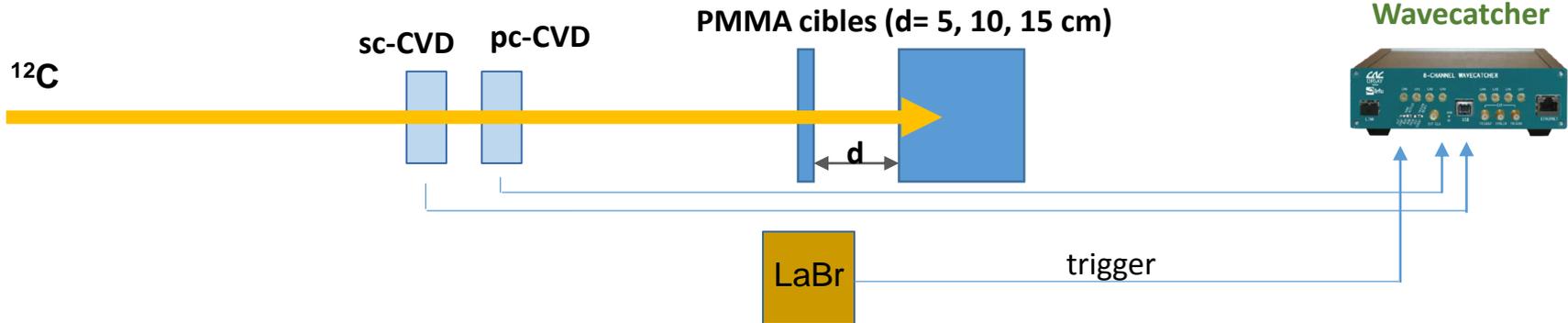
## Timing resolution Mono vs DOI



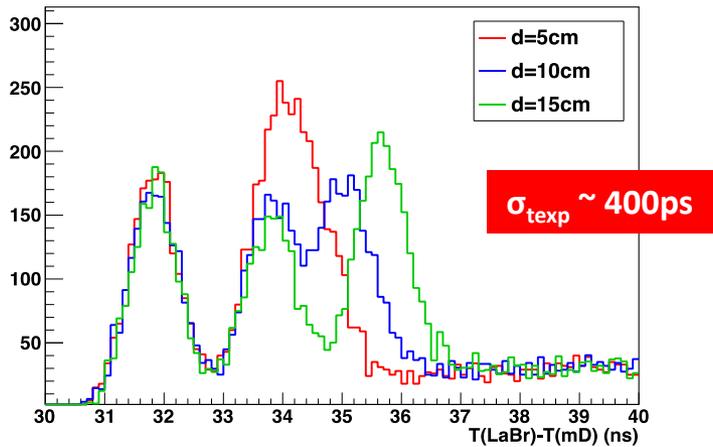
## Energy resolution DOI



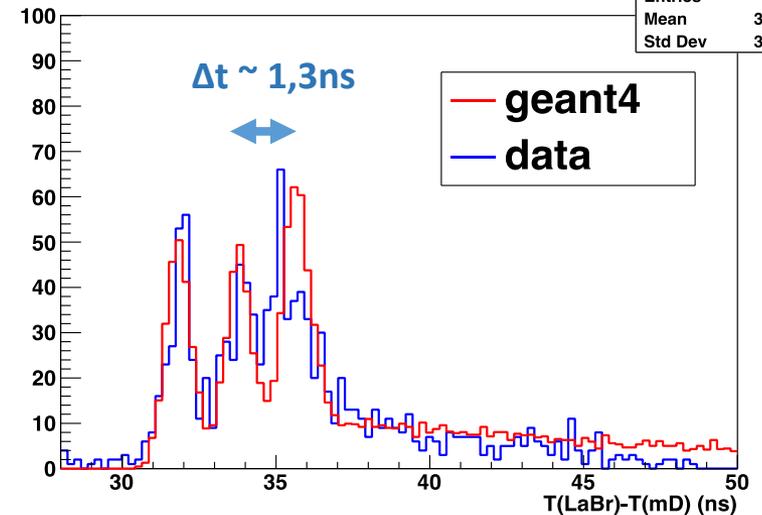
# Beam test at GANIL : Time of flight measurements



Simulation G4 :  
TOF distribution LaBr vs. sc-CVD E6

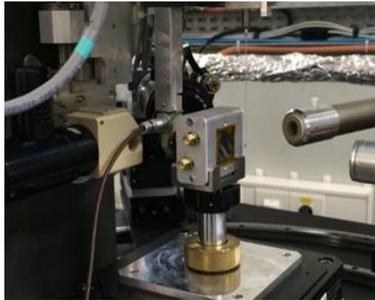


Prompt Gamma Timing (d = 15cm)

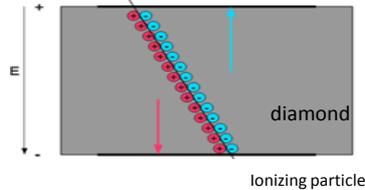


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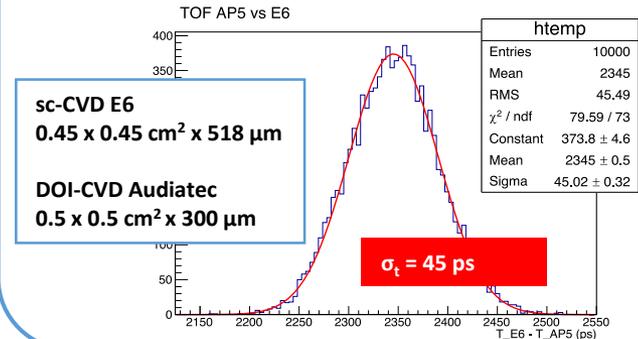
## Continuous energy deposit (0 to 4 MeV)



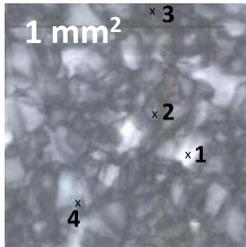
Spot  $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$   
 $\sim 1500$  photons/bunch  
 Bunch width = 100ps



## Timing resolution

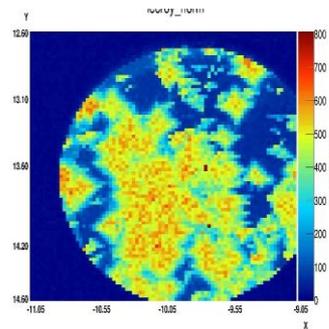
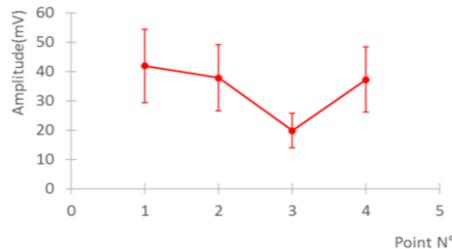


## Poly-crystalline



$10 \times 10 \text{ mm}^2 \times 500 \mu\text{m}$  pc-CVD

## Current response map



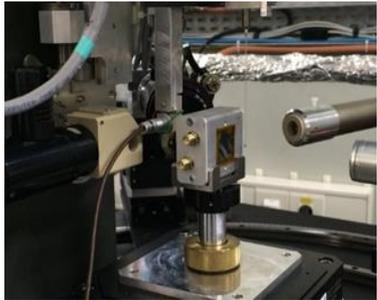
$5 \times 5 \text{ mm}^2 \times 300 \mu\text{m}$  DOI-CVD

## DOI

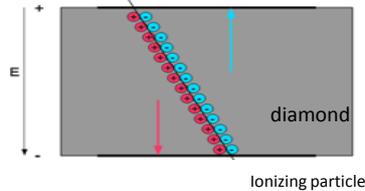
Non-homogenous response

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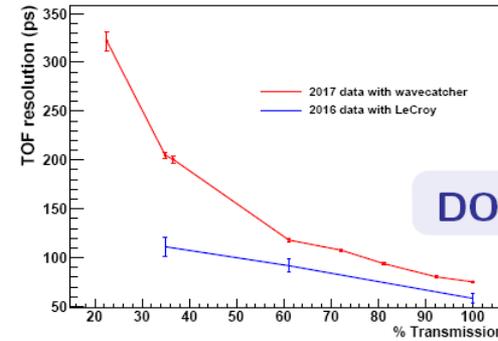
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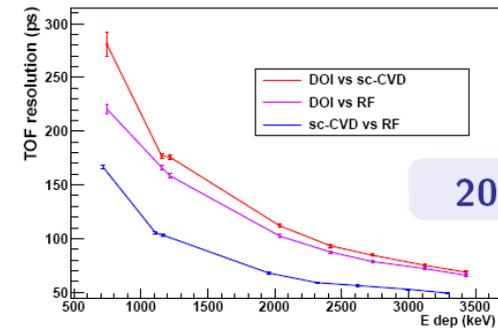


## Time resolution



DOI vs DOI

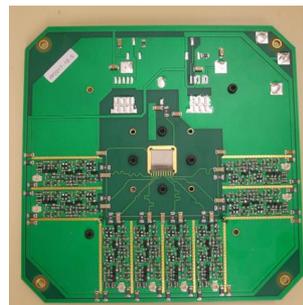
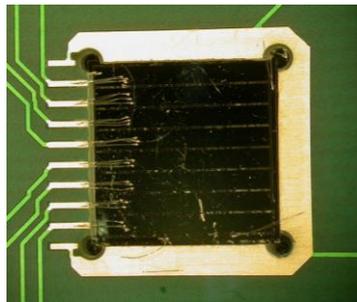
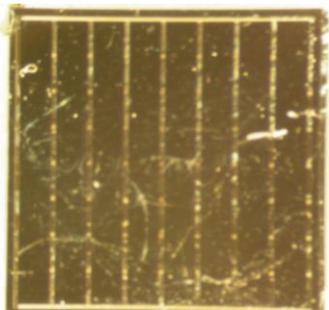
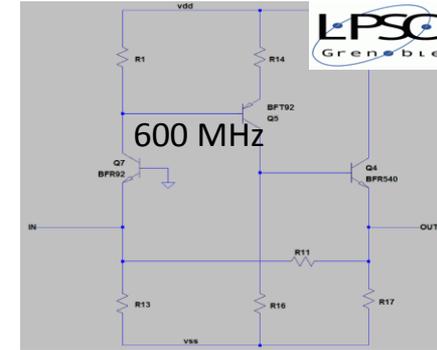
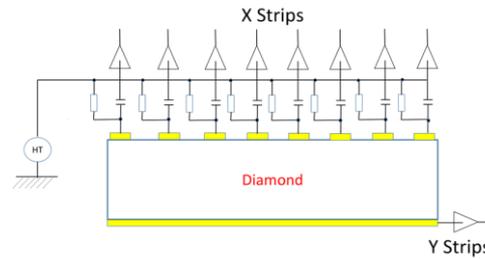
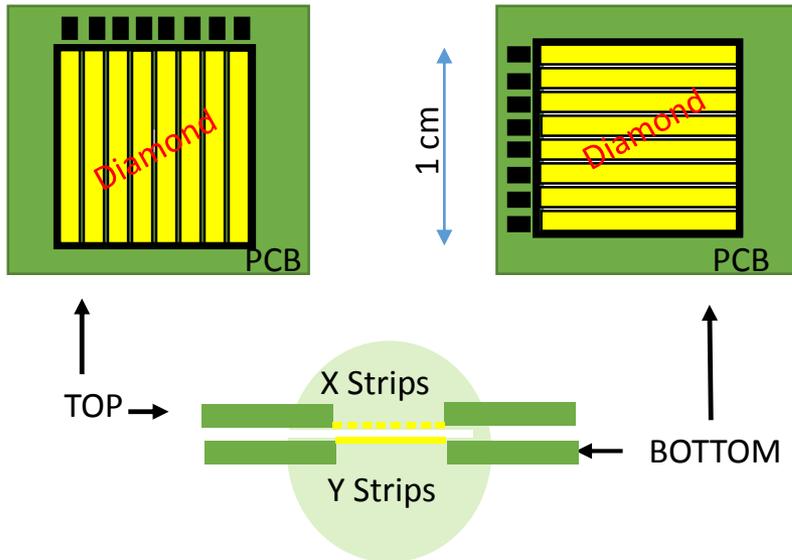
## TOF resolution: DOI vs sc-CVD



2017 data

Although noisy conditions in 2017  
100 ps resolution reasonable

# Stripped diamond characterization



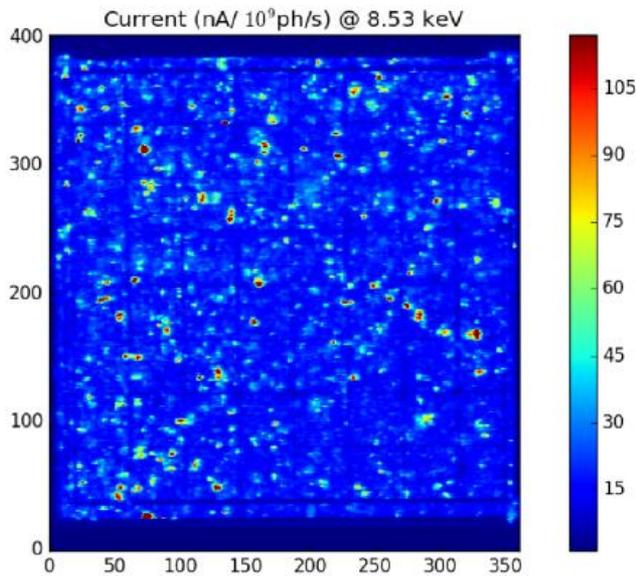
**NANOFAB Neel Institut Grenoble**  
 100 nm Al deposition by UV lithography  
 Wire bonding

**LPSC Grenoble**  
 PCB design  
 Current preamplifier  
 Detector assembly

# Beam test at ESRF : XBIC source at 8.5 keV

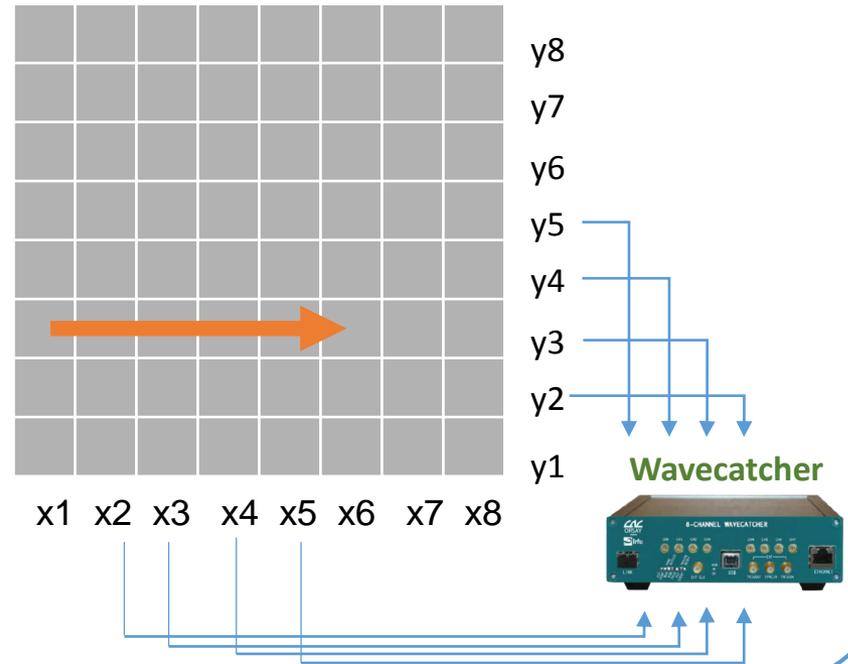
## Surface Analysis

Current-integration mode



1 × 1 cm<sup>2</sup> × 300 μm  
pc-CVD from Element 6

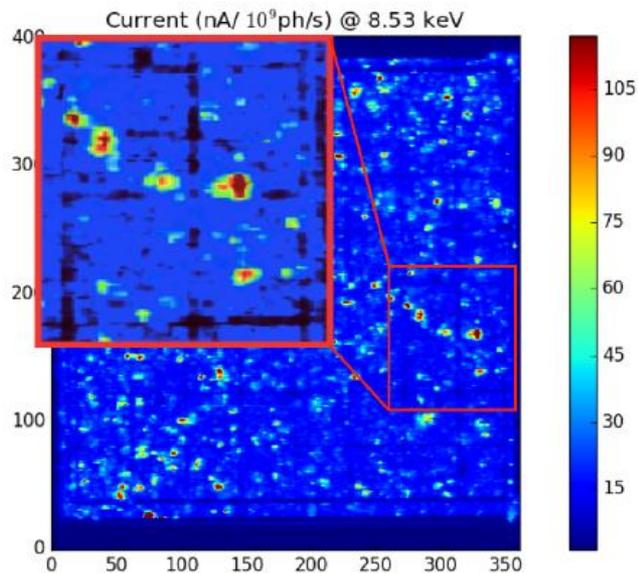
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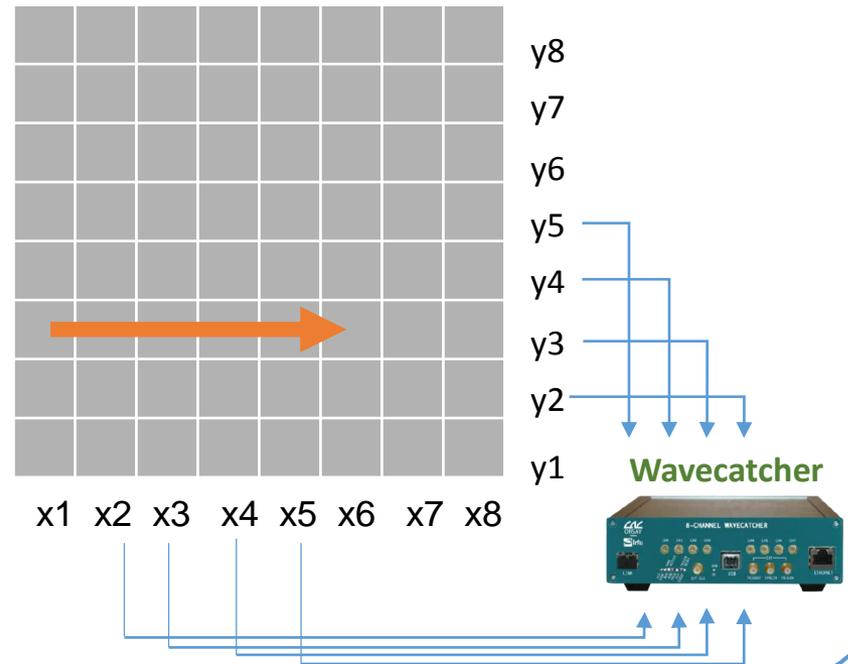
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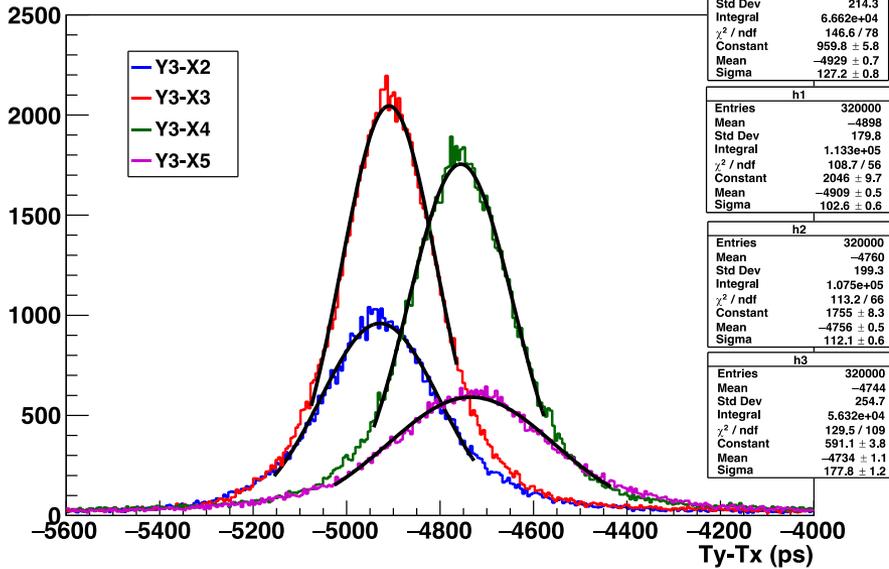


# First results



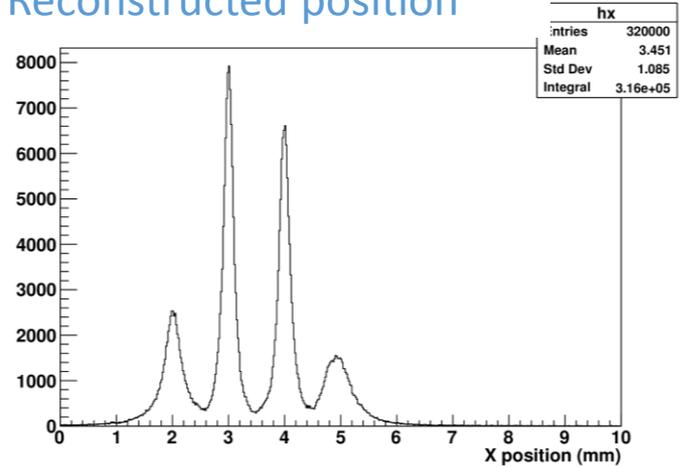
## Timing resolution

Time difference between Y3 and X signals: CF at 50%

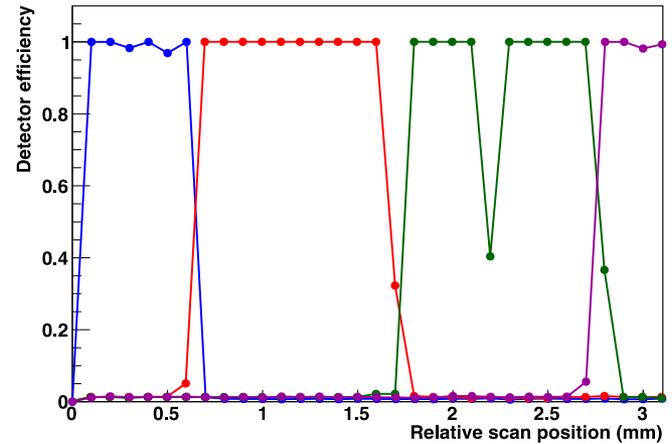


Best result:  $\sigma_t = 103$  ps

## Reconstructed position



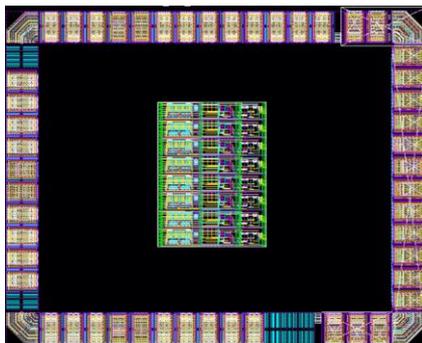
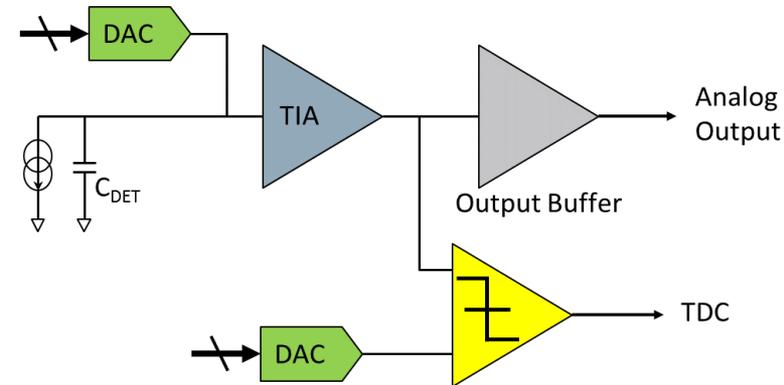
## Detection efficiency



# Front-End Electronics

- 130nm CMOS TIA + Fast Discriminator
  - Radhard technology
  - Wide bandwidth, Low noise TIA
  - 8 channels, submitted January 2018

TIA Parameters	Value
$A_0$	> 60 dB
$F_{-3dB}$	1.2 GHz
$Z_{in}$	20 – 50 $\Omega$
$V_{n,out}$ (output noise)	< 1 mV <sub>RMS</sub>
Input Dynamic range	3 $\mu$ A – 120 $\mu$ A (<1% linearity)



1.485 x 1.2 mm<sup>2</sup>

# Conclusion

- Characterization of the performances of small and medium size detectors with sources, ions, and synchrotron
- Multi-strip detectors: a first prototype of 1 cm<sup>2</sup> has been developed and tested with discrete electronics
- Micro-electronics readout under development (technical collab. with LPC-Caen)
- Framework:
  - Local: ESRF, NEEL, ILL:
    - local pole for detector and electronic devices
    - crystal processing and characterization
  - National: LSPM, IPHC, CEA-LIST and CLaRyS collaboration (+CAL-Nice, Arronax...)
  - International: RD42

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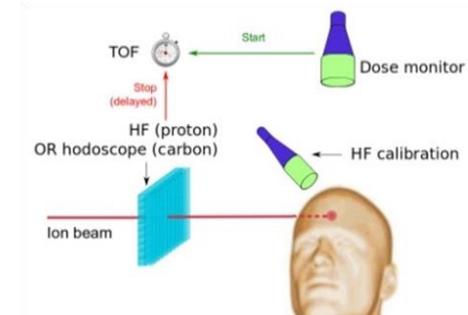
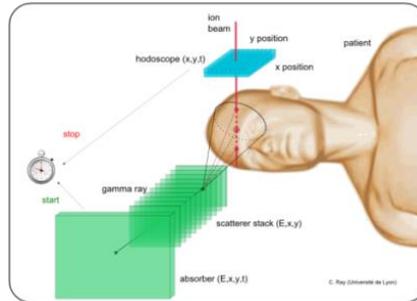
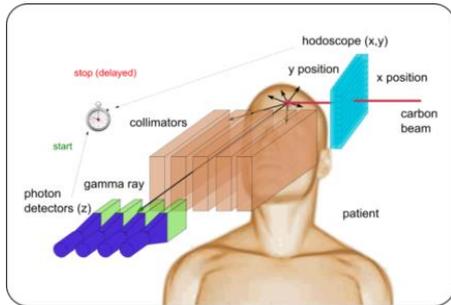


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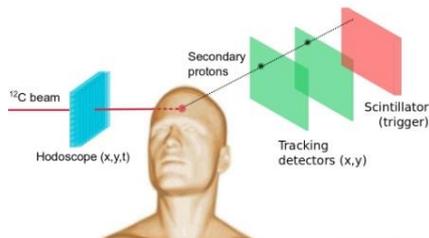
# Spares

# Hodoscope faisceau : un outil commun d'étiquetage spatial et temporel

- Gamma prompts (détection avec temps de vol)



- Imagerie de vertex protons secondaires



- Radiographie protons

