

# Fast timing with diamond detectors for multi-purpose applications



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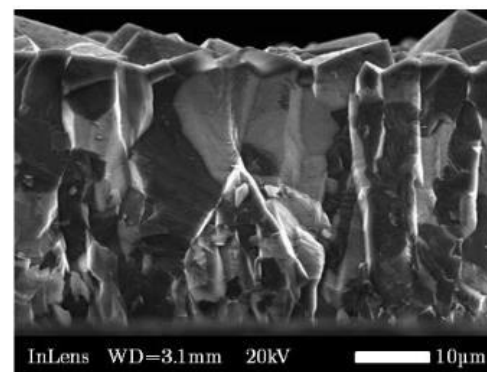
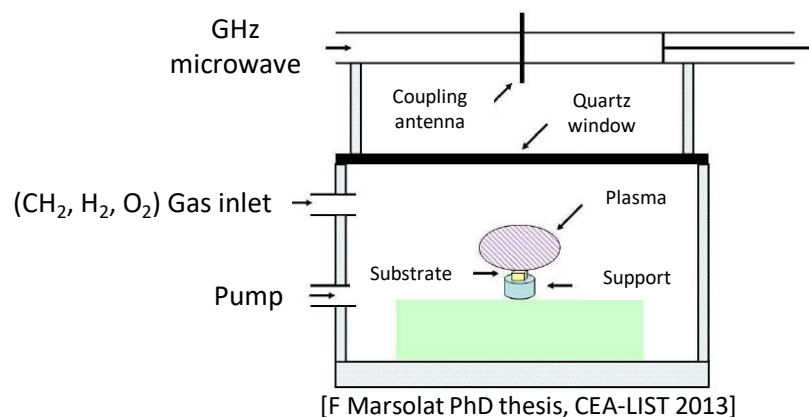
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## Synthetic diamond as radiation detector

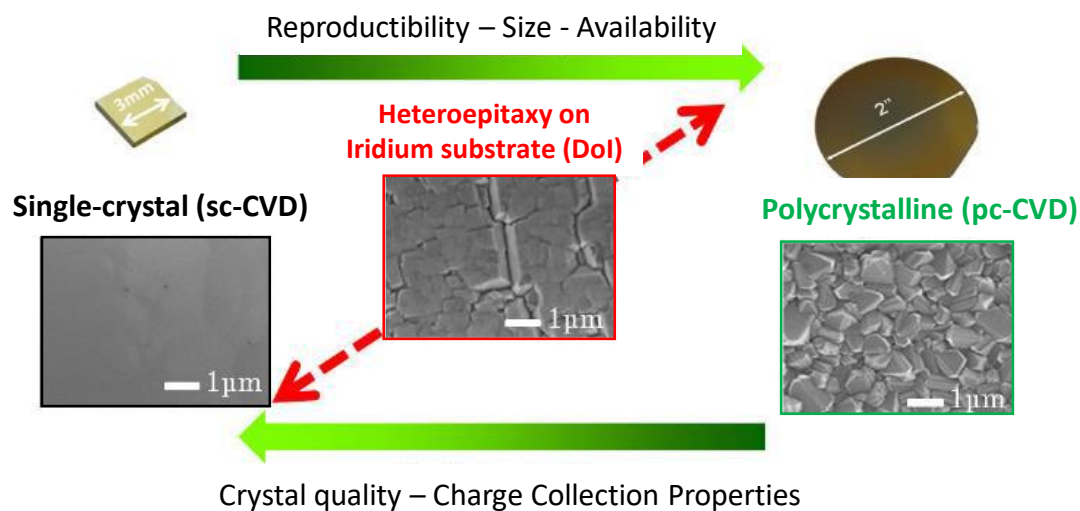
Wide-band gap intrinsic semi-conductor

### Growth process : Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD)



[N Vaissière PhD thesis, CEA-LIST 2014]

### Crystal structures



## Outstanding intrinsic properties

|                               |                      |                                     |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Resistivity                   | $> 10^{13} \Omega.m$ | → <b>Low leakage currents</b>       |
| Mean signal (MIP)             | $36 e^- / \mu m$     | → <b>Good Signal-to-Noise Ratio</b> |
| Band gap                      | 5.5 eV               | → <b>Radiation hardness</b>         |
| Threshold Displacement Energy | 43 eV                | → <b>Fast time response</b>         |
| Electron mobility             | $2000 cm^2/V/s$      | → <b>Tissue-equivalent</b>          |
| Hole mobility                 | $2400 cm^2/V/s$      |                                     |
| Atomic number                 | 6                    |                                     |

## Various applications

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Vertex tracking detectors in colliders

→ *withstand ultra-high fluences*

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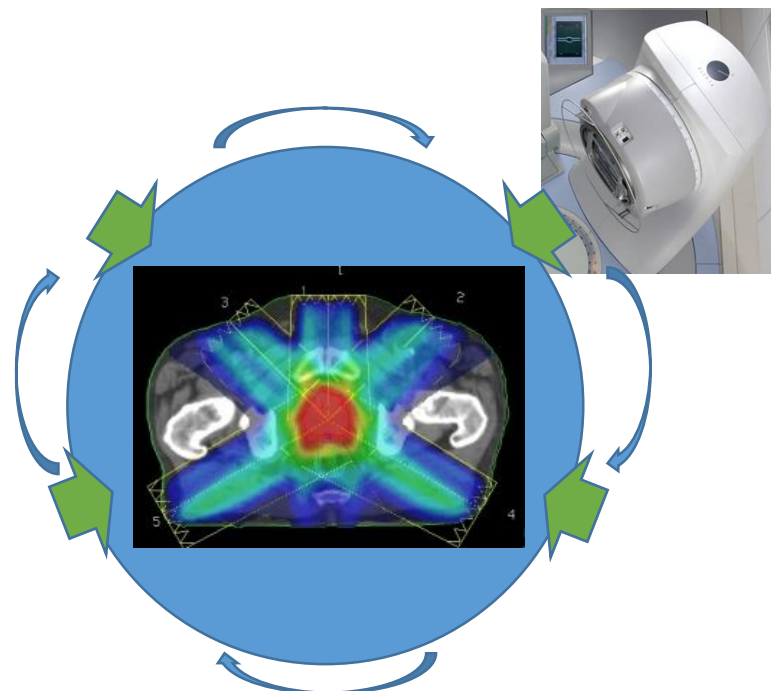
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## Radiotherapy

Treatment of cancer by means of ionising radiations

**Conventional X-ray radiotherapy :**

Treatment room



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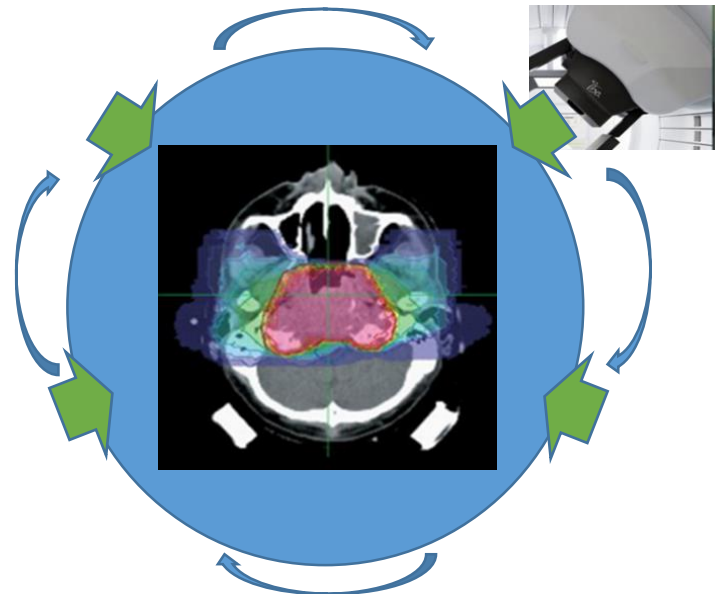
### Hadrontherapy:

Proton or light ion beams

### Ions production in cyclotron

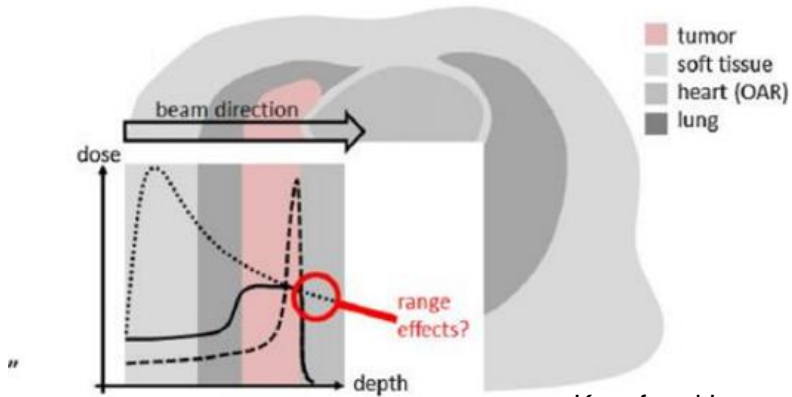


### Treatment room



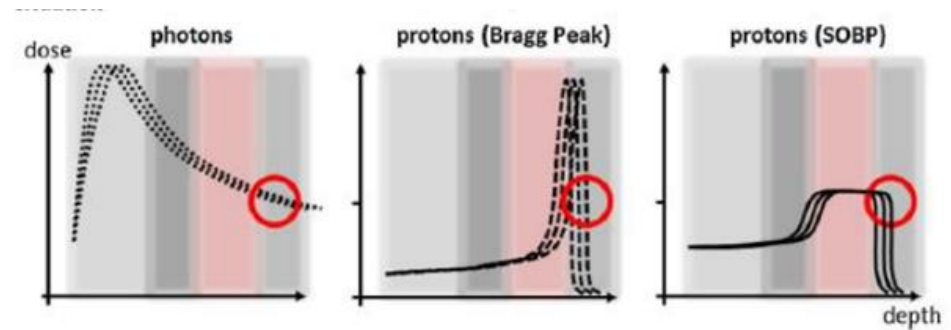
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### Ideal dose planification



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### Effect of change in tissue composition



Dose calculation, patient positioning,  
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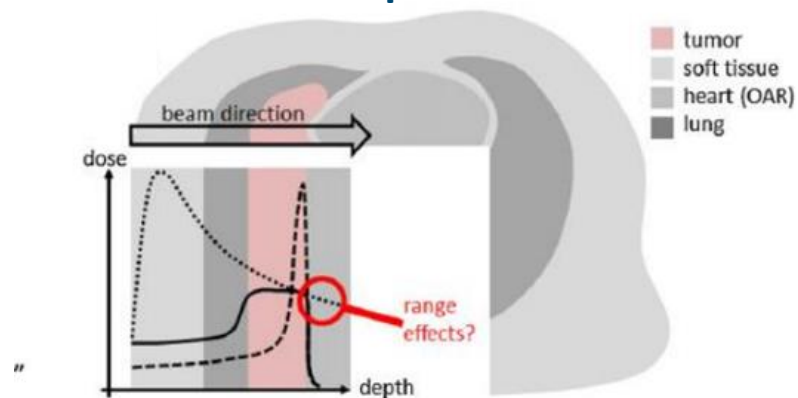
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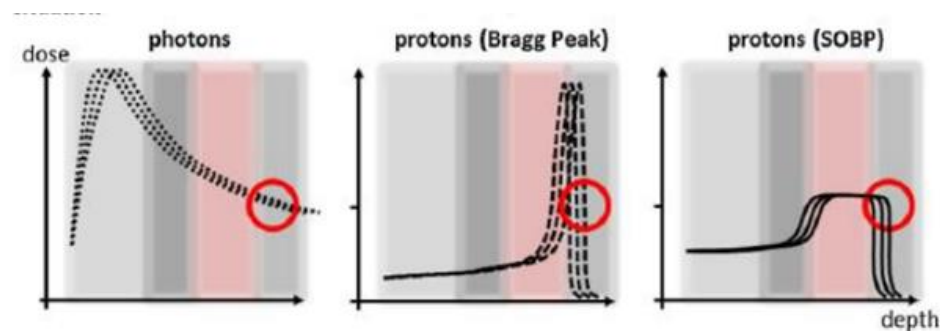
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CLaRyS Collaboration

LPSC, IPNL, CPPM, LPC Clermont, CREATIS, LIRIS, CAL

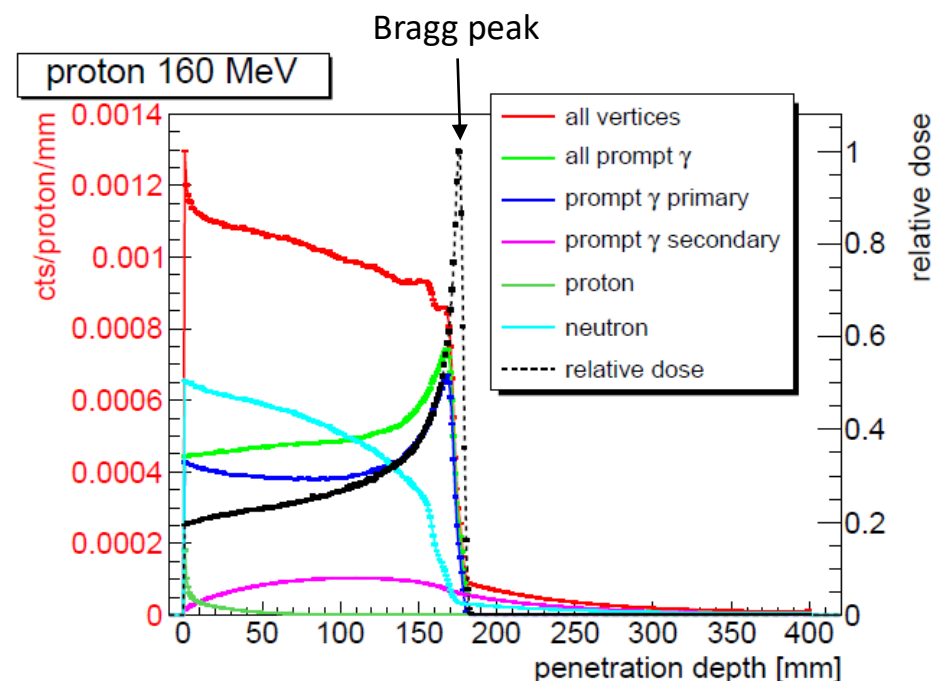
Contrôle en Ligne de l'hAdronthérapie par Rayonnements Secondaires

Develops various approaches of online ion range verification based on  
detection of secondary particles

## Prompt Gamma Imaging

Imaging of prompt gamma photons emission following inelastic collisions between incident ions and body nuclei

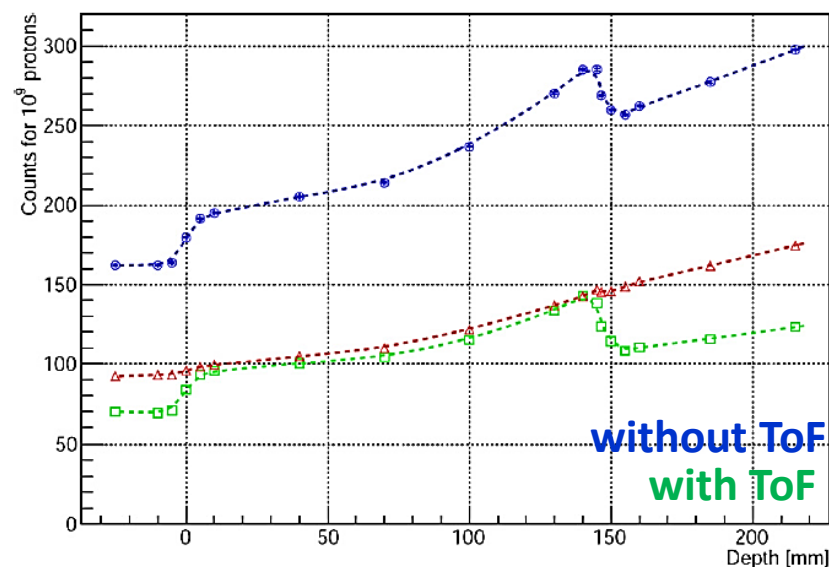
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### Experiment with 160 MeV protons on a PMMA target

Longitudinal profiles:

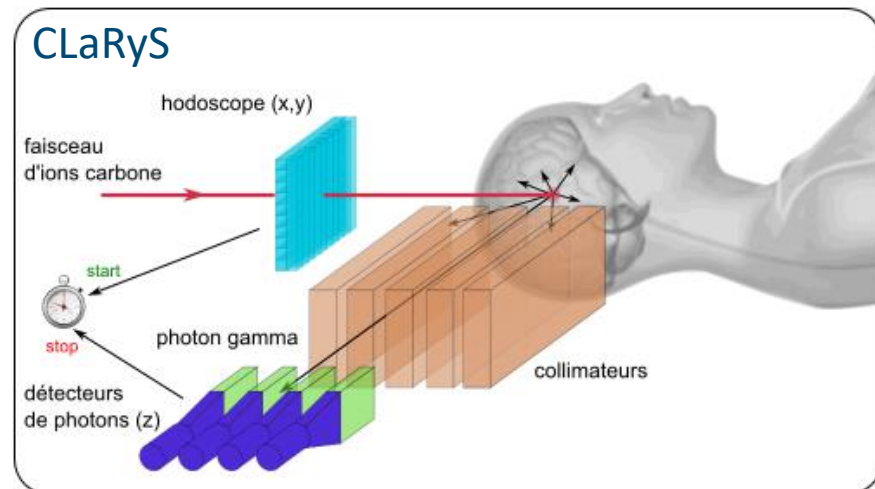


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## Prompt Gamma Imaging

### Prompt gamma detection system:

- Compton or multi-slit collimated camera

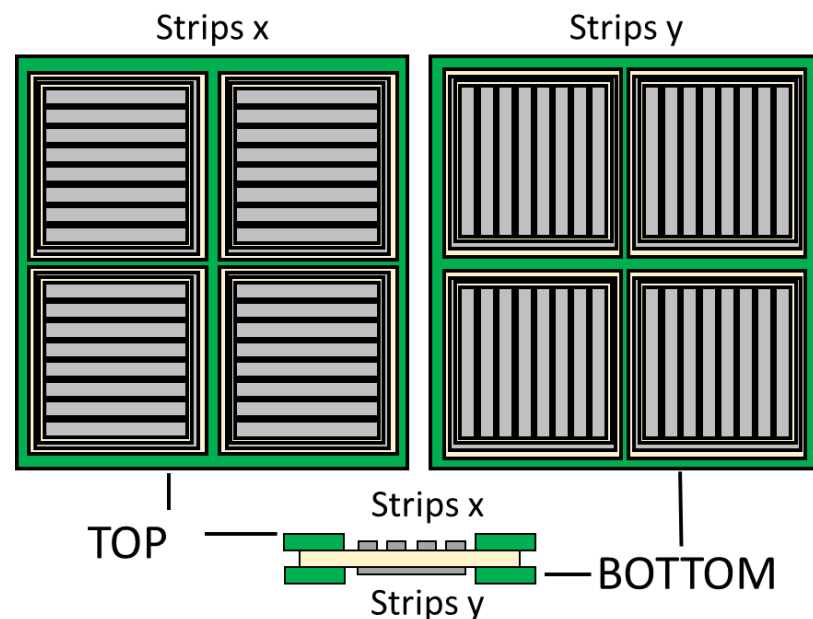


### Beam tagging hodoscope : LPSC MoniDiam project

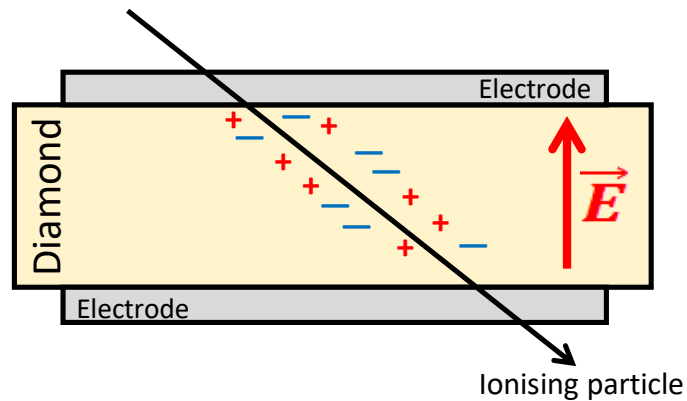
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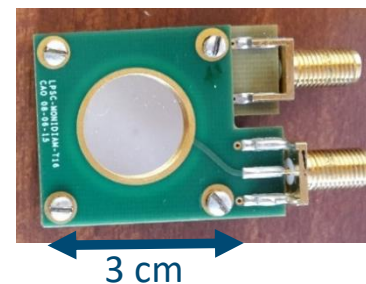
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- Count rate 10 MHz/channel
- Spatial resolution  $\approx 1$  mm
- Radiation hard



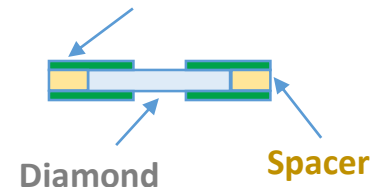
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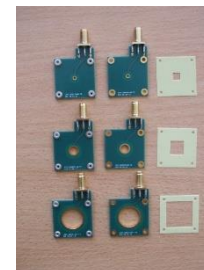
## Assembly



50Ω-adapted Printed Circuit Board



EM Shielding



## Readout electronics



## Fast current preamplifier by CIVIDEC

**Bandwidth:** 2 GHz  
**Gain:** 40 dB  
**Impedance:** 50 Ω

Alpha source :  $^{241}\text{Am}$  ( $\approx 5.5 \text{ MeV}$ )

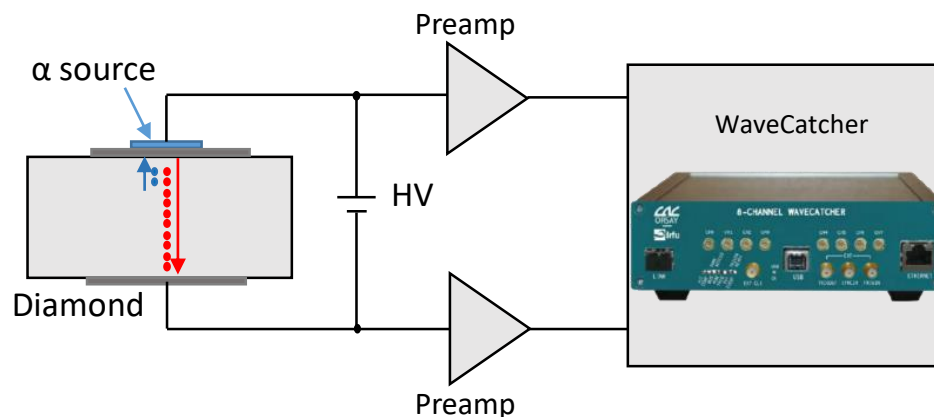
## Set-up

$\alpha$  range in diamond  $\approx 14 \mu\text{m}$

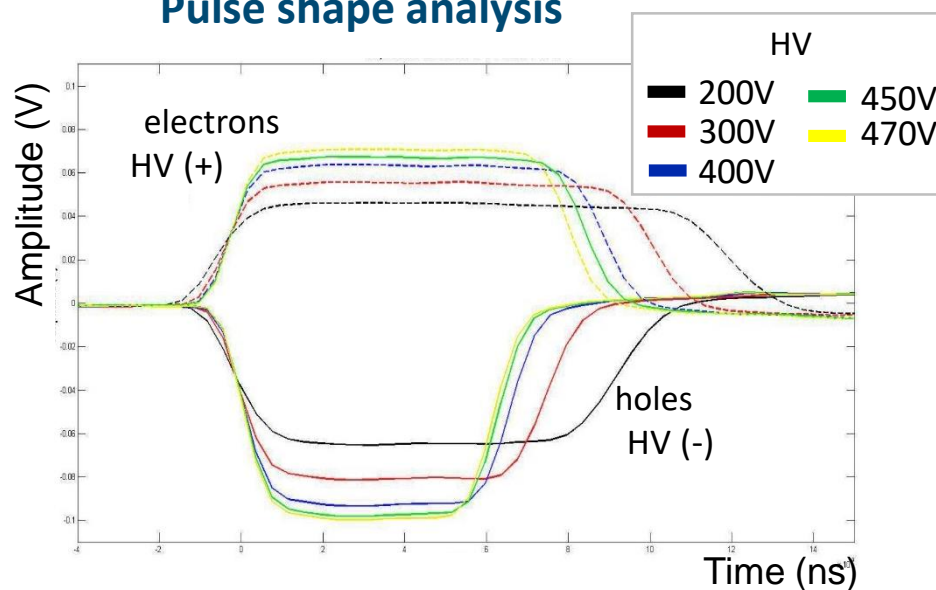
Diamond thickness =  $300 - 500 \mu\text{m}$

Study of the charge-carriers properties

Readout electronics : 2 CIVIDEC current preamplifiers

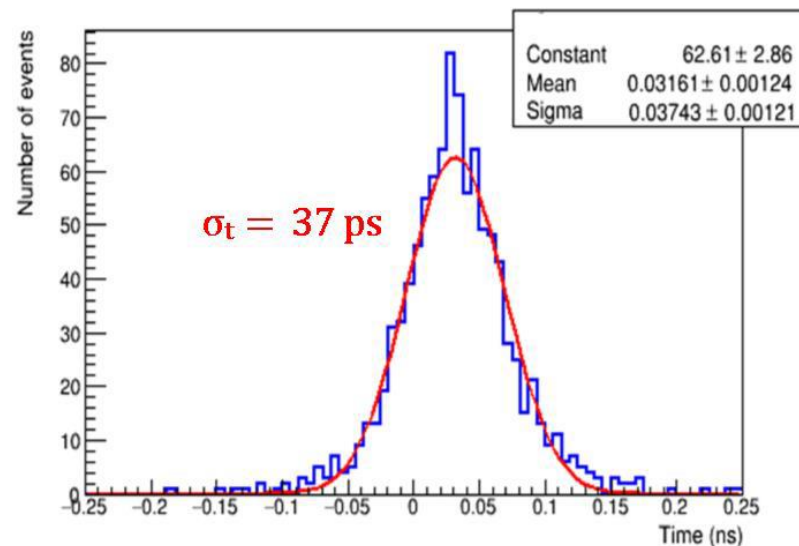


## Pulse shape analysis



scCVD sample :  $4.5 \times 4.5 \text{ mm}^2 \times 515 \mu\text{m}$

## Time resolution (offline Constant Fraction Discrimination)



pcCVD sample :  $20 \times 20 \text{ mm}^2 \times 500 \mu\text{m}$

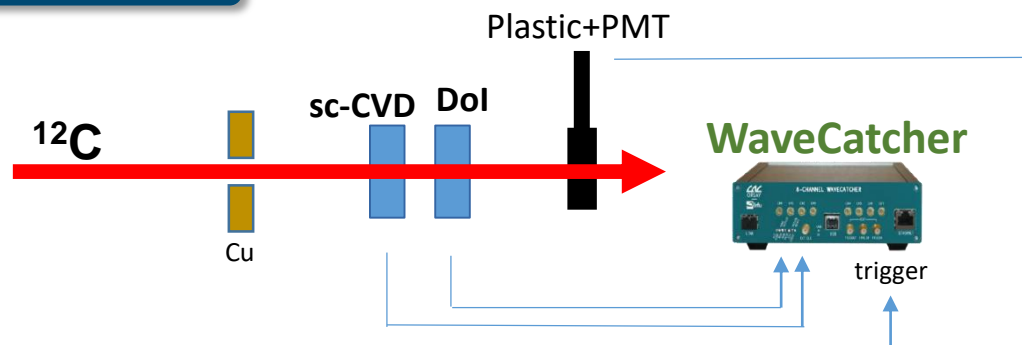
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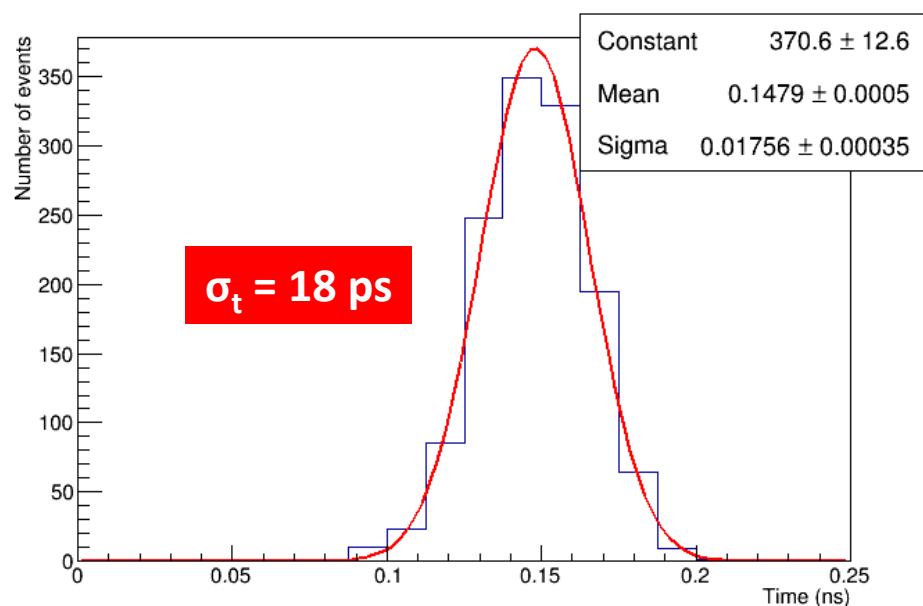
sc-CVD :  $4.5 \times 4.5 \text{ mm}^2 \times 515 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$

Dol :  $5 \times 5 \text{ mm}^2 \times 300 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$

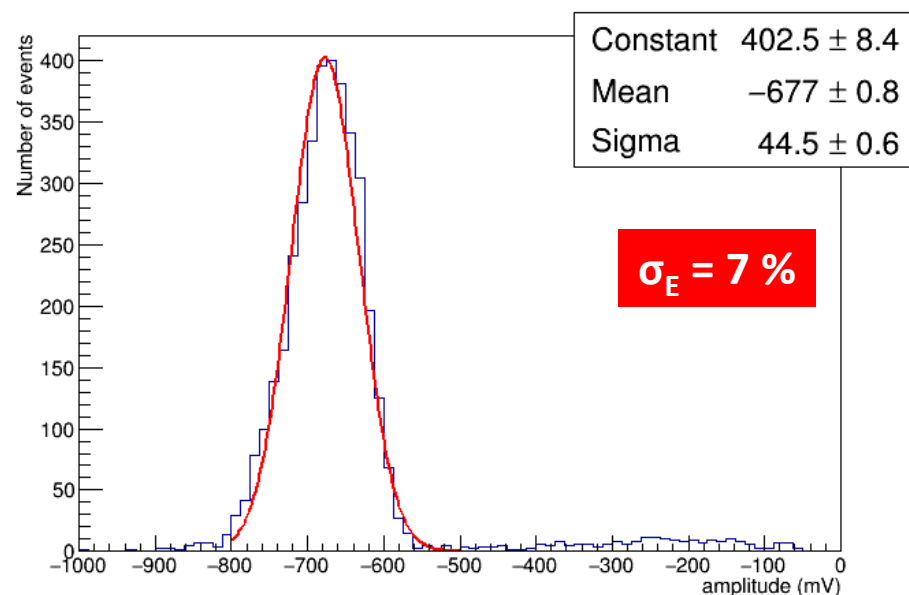
Trigger : Plastic scintillator set after the diamonds



### ToF resolution : sc-CVD vs Dol



### Energy resolution of the Dol sample



## Tests at ARRONAX with 68 MeV protons

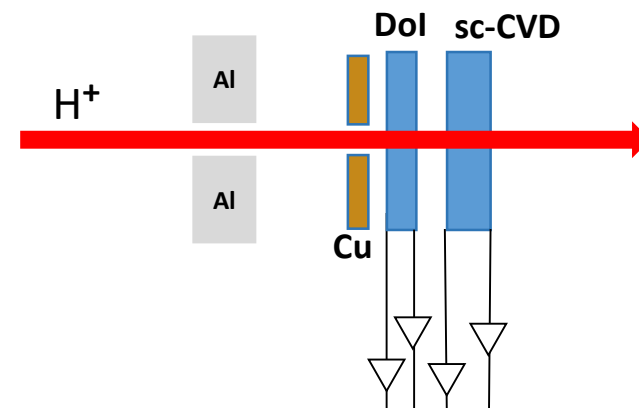


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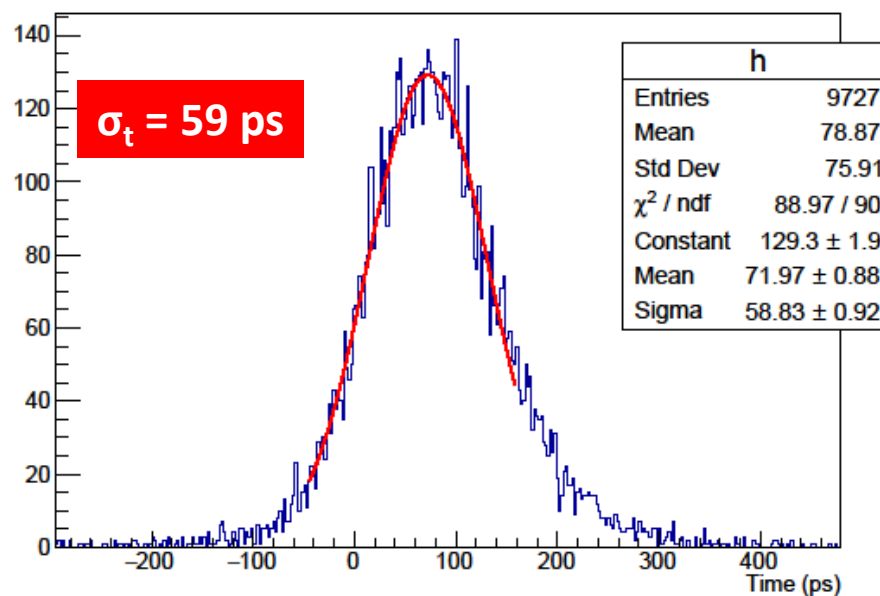
Readout electronics : 4 CIVIDEC current preamplifiers  
(Both faces of each diamond)



### ToF resolution

Trigger : coincidence between diamonds

### Dol vs sc-CVD (CFD 20%)



## Tests at ID21 X-Ray Microscopy beamline at ESRF

X-Ray micro-beam

$\emptyset$  spot : 1  $\mu\text{m}$

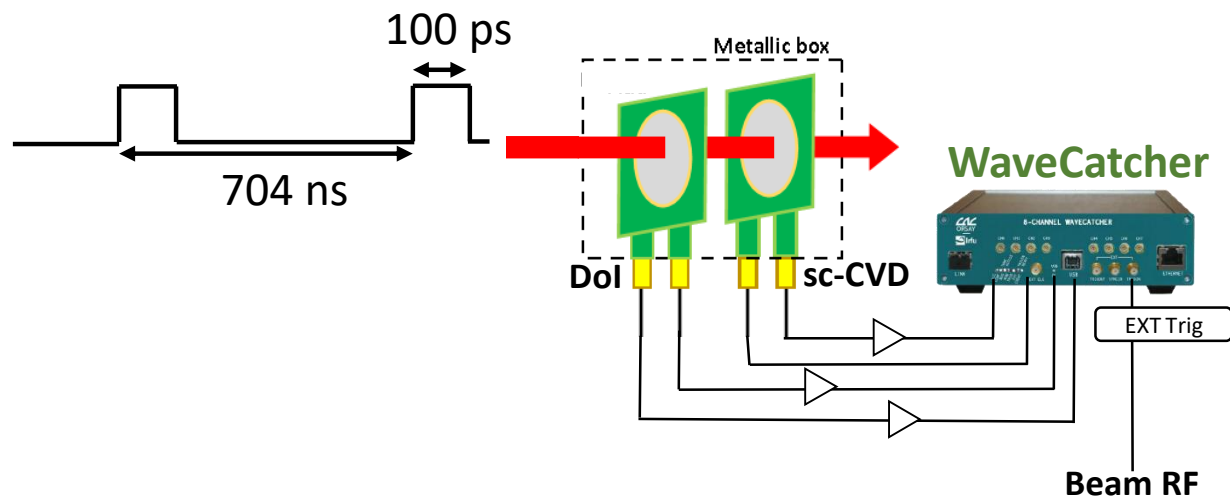
$E_{\text{photon}} = 8.5 \text{ keV}$

$\approx 1500$  photons/bunch

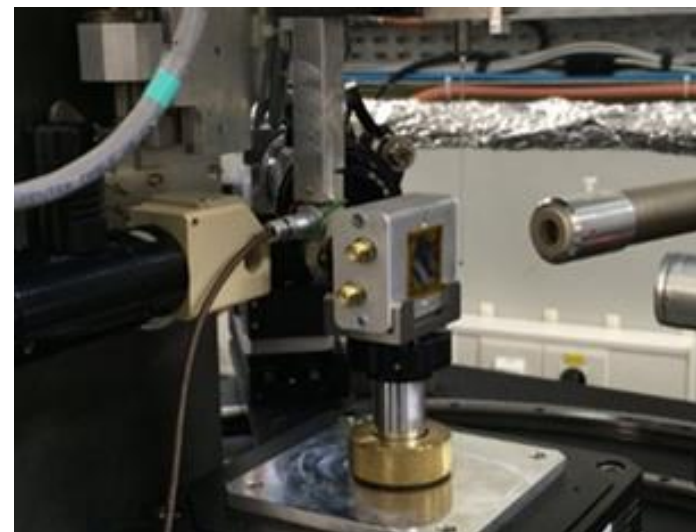
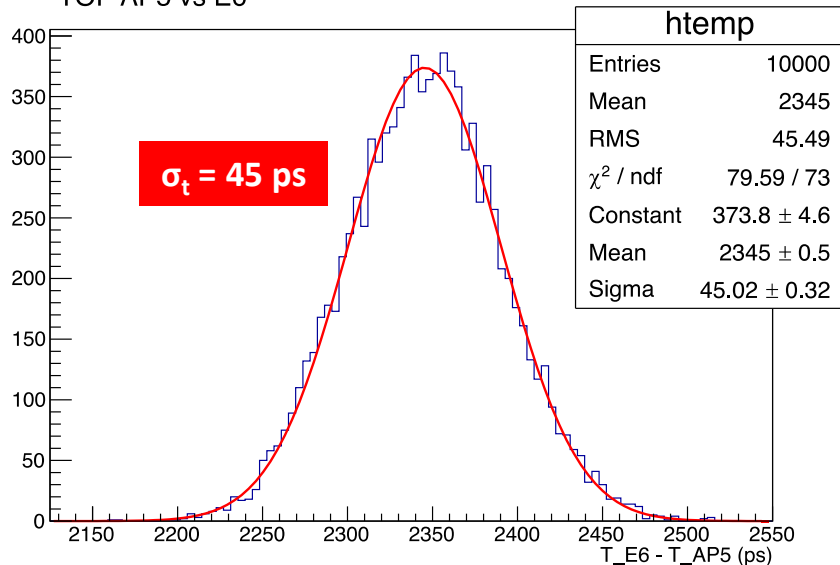
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### ToF resolution



TOF AP5 vs E6





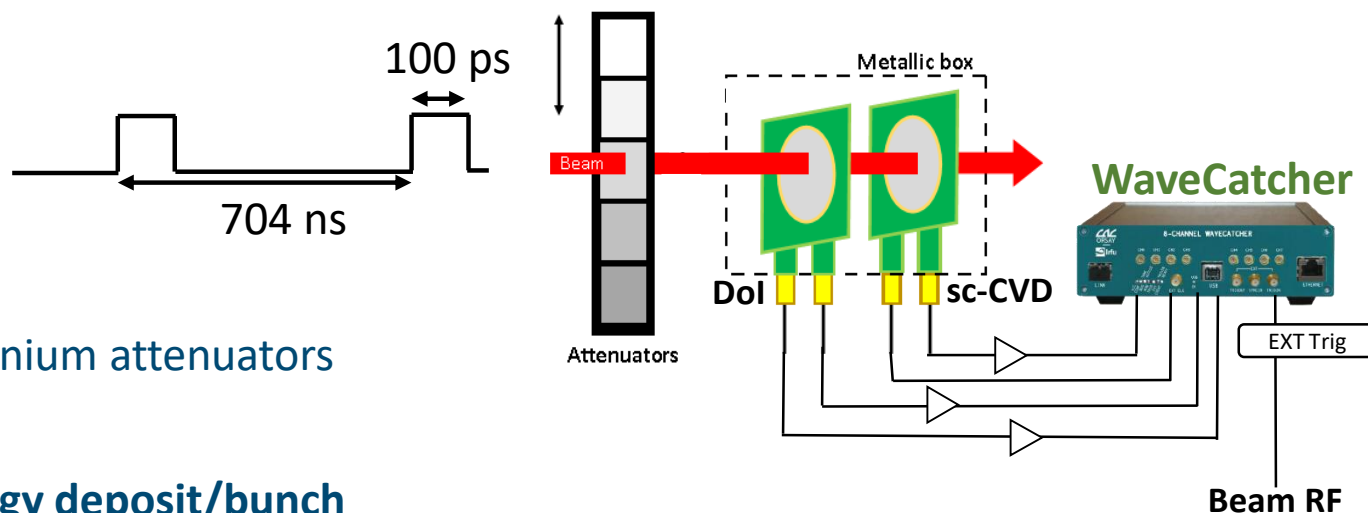
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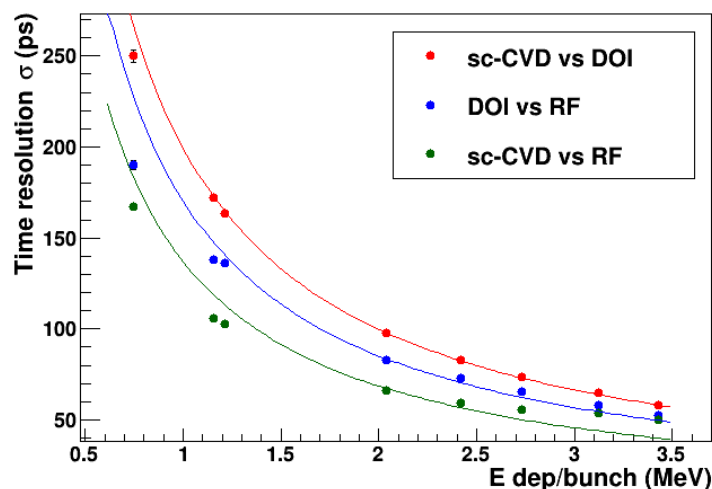
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Use of aluminum and titanium attenuators

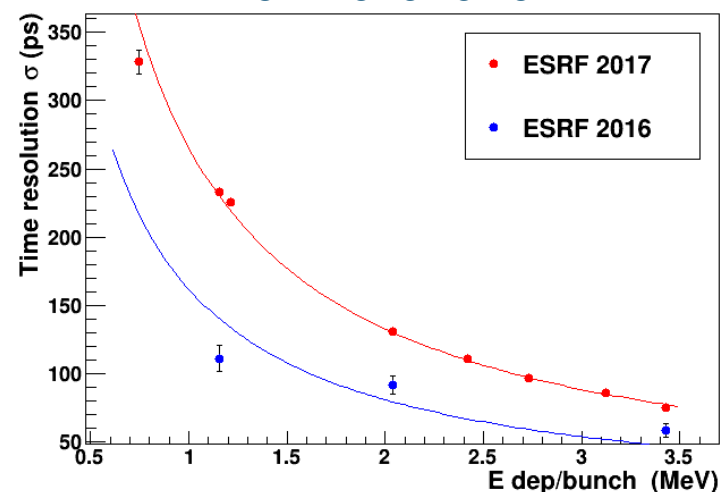


## ToF resolution vs Energy deposit/bunch

Sc-CVD vs DoI vs RF

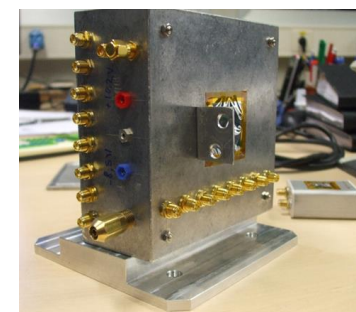
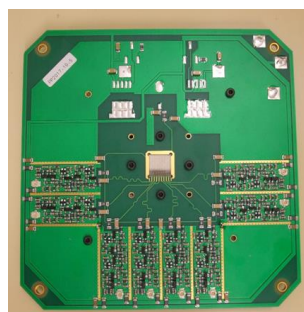
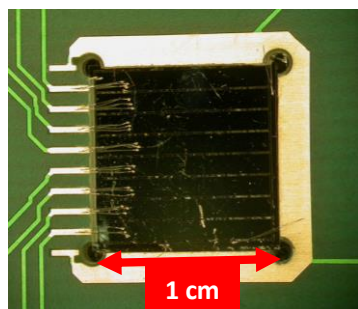
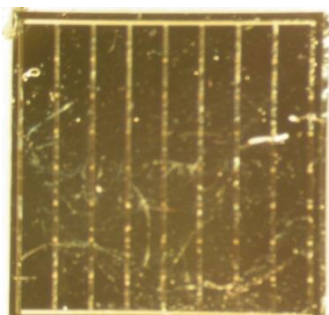
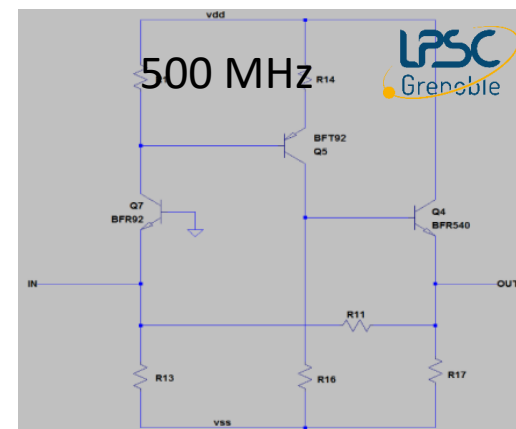
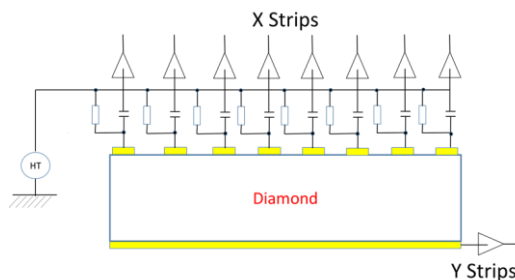
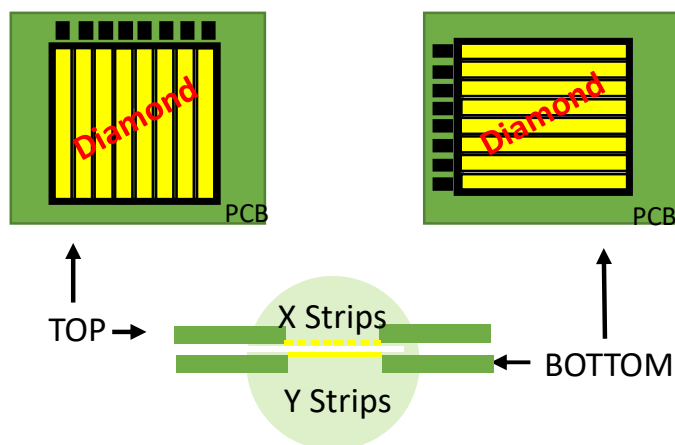


DoI : 2016 vs 2017



→ 2017 : Noisy environment

## Towards a beam tagging hodoscope : double-side stripped diamond samples



### NANOFAB platform @ Néel Institute Grenoble

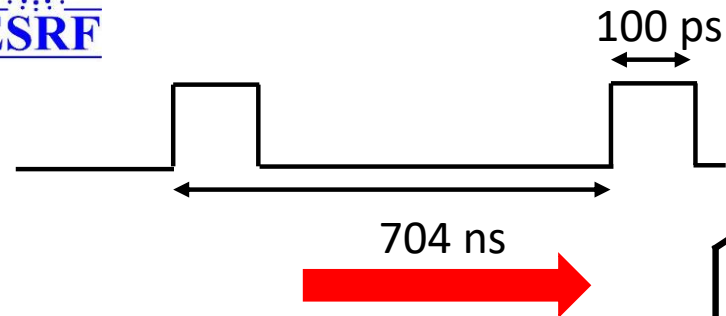
- 100 nm Al deposition by UV lithography
- Wire bonding

### LPSC Grenoble

- Design
- Current preamplifier
- Assembly

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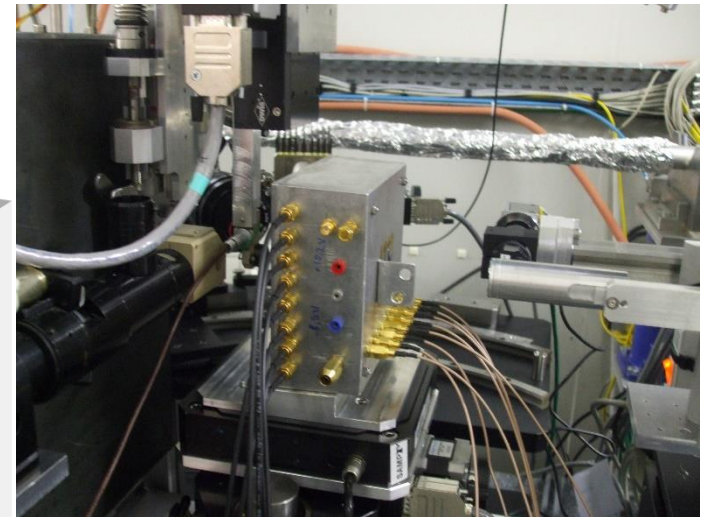
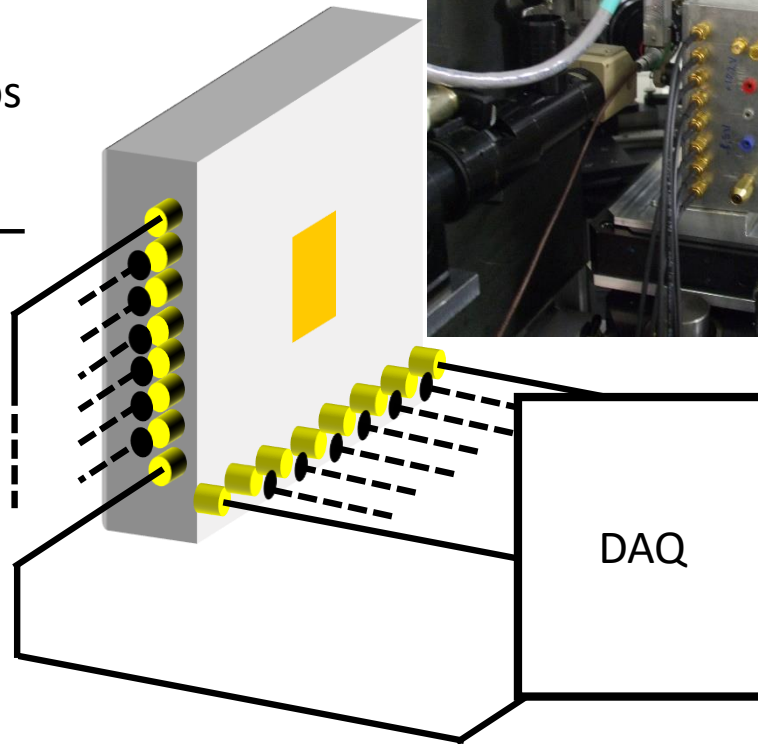
The box was positioned with micrometric reproducibility at the sample position of the micro-diffraction end station (in air) of the beamline



$\varnothing$  spot : 1  $\mu\text{m}$   
E = 8.5 keV

4 bunches mode

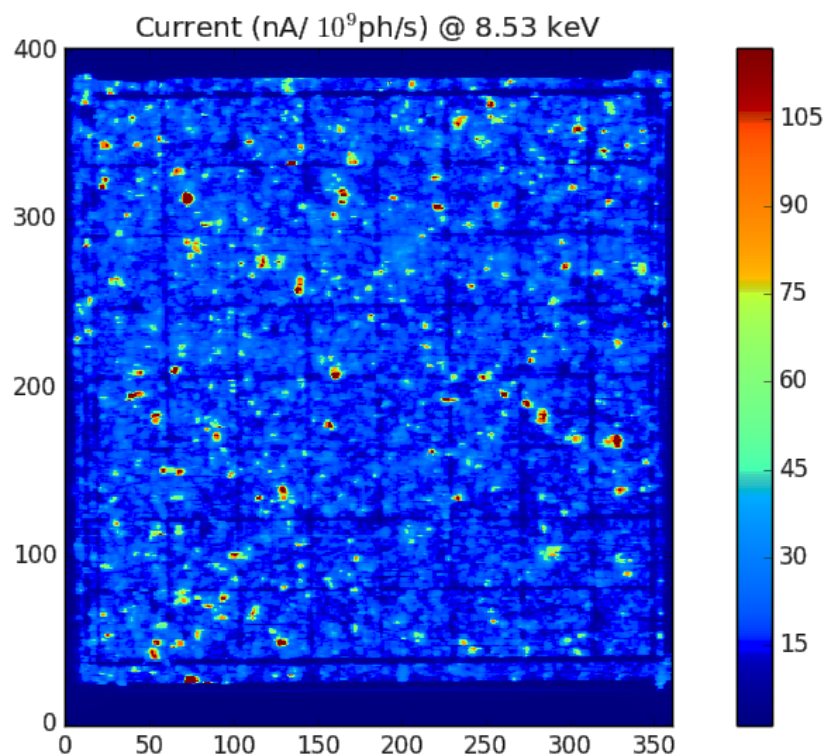
$\approx 1500$  photons/bunch  $\rightarrow$  4 MeV/bunch deposited in a 300 $\mu\text{m}$ -thick detector



## X-ray Beam Induced Current technique (X-BIC)

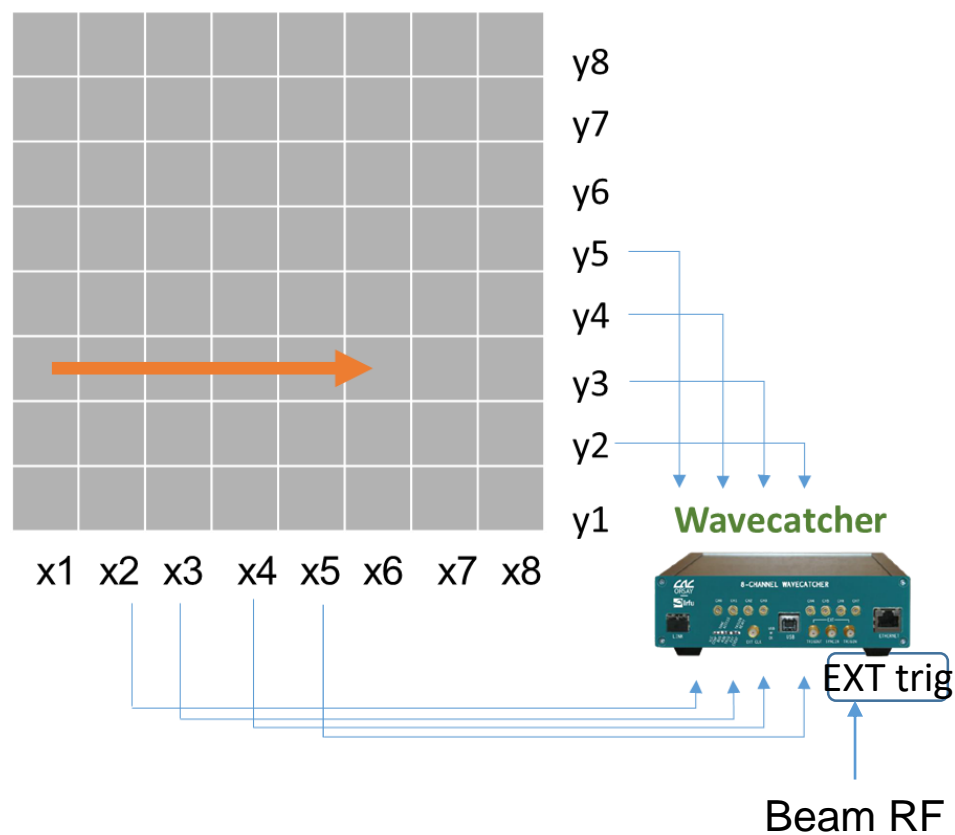
### Current mapping

#### Current integration mode



### TOF-XBIC scanning

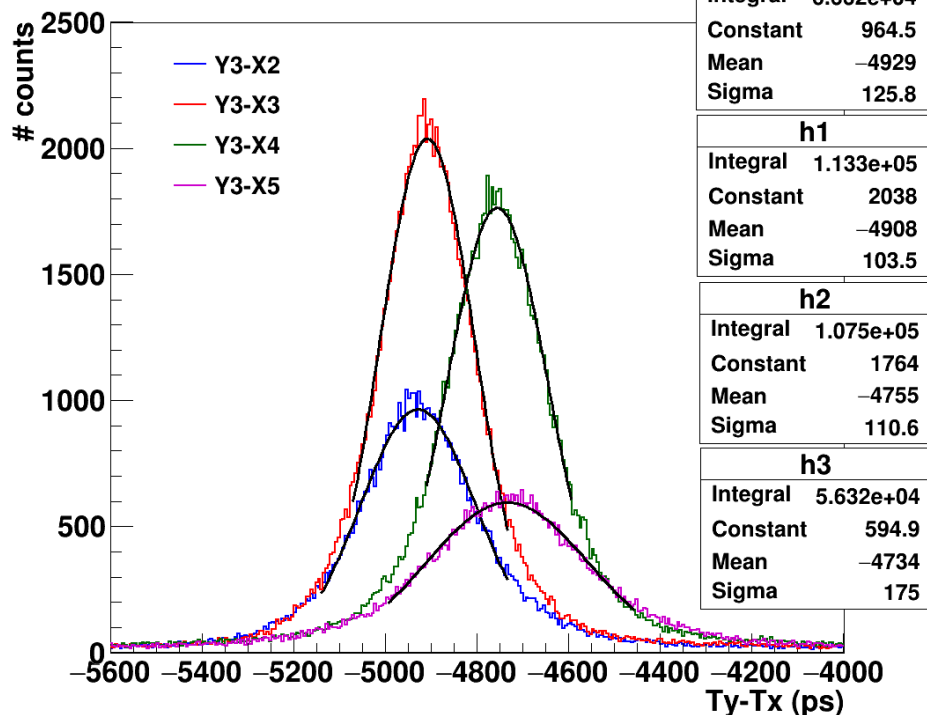
#### Scanning pitch : 100 µm



## Tests at ID21 X-Ray Microscopy beamline at ESRF : First results



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



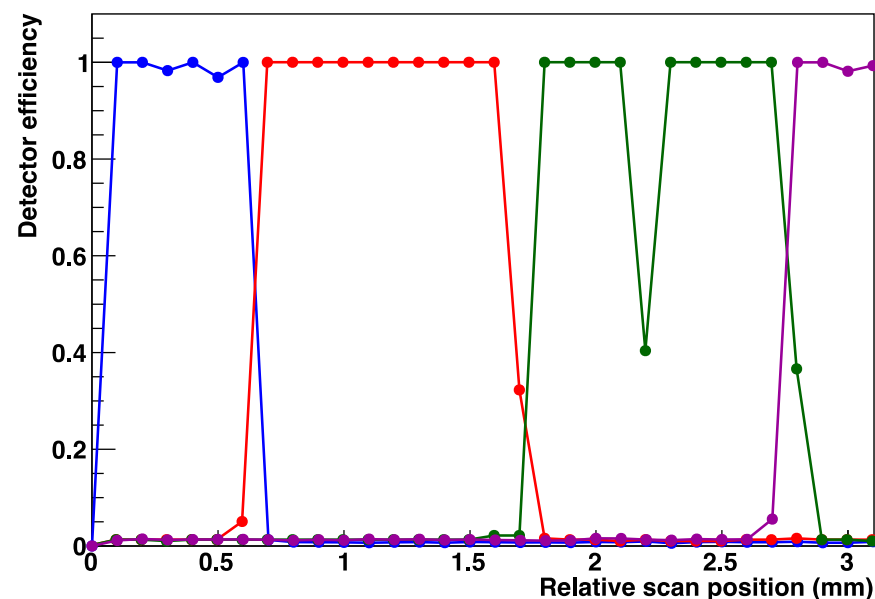
**Y3-X2 = 127 ps**

**Y3-X3 = 103 ps**

**Y3-X4 = 112 ps**

**Y3-X5 = 178 ps**

Scan along X strips



Efficiency relative to the RF signal


## Conclusions

- Diamond detectors : promising properties for particle tracking:
  - low noise
  - high time resolution
  - radiation hard



Time-of-Flight measurements under high radiation fields



- WaveCatcher : timing measurements well under its sampling period (  $\sigma_t = 18$  ps with  $^{12}\text{C}$  ions)
  - Development of double-side stripped diamond detectors:
    - 3.2 GHz sampling on 8 strips at the same time
    - First sample exhibits a good time resolution (at the level of 100 ps) on every scan point
-  WaveCatcher is essential in the ongoing characterization of our multi-channel sensors

# Thank you for your kind attention

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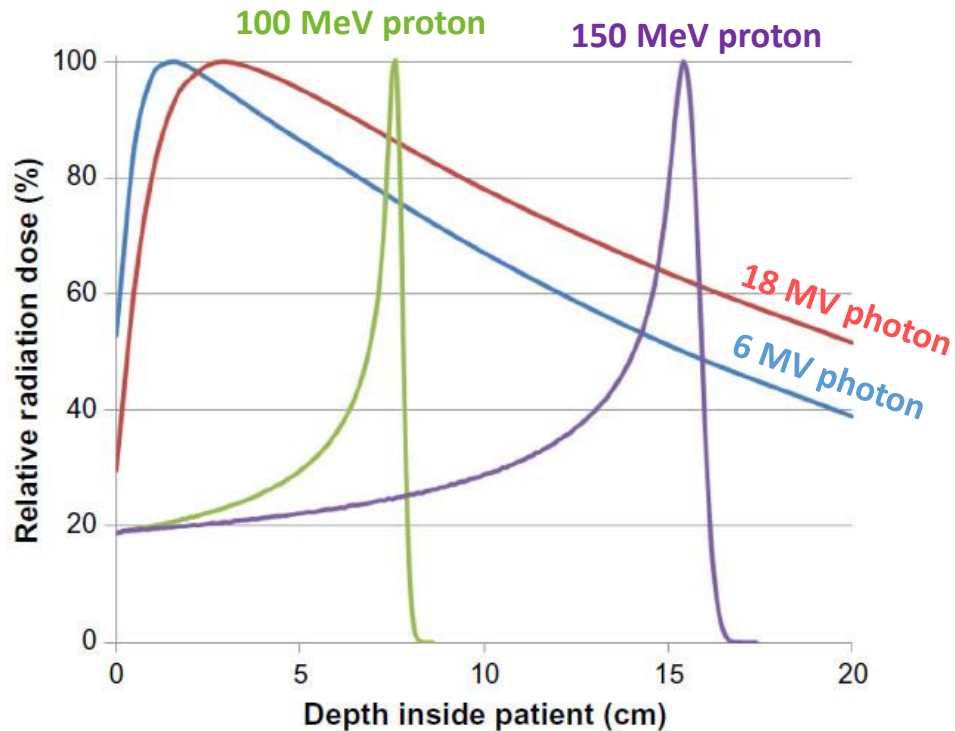
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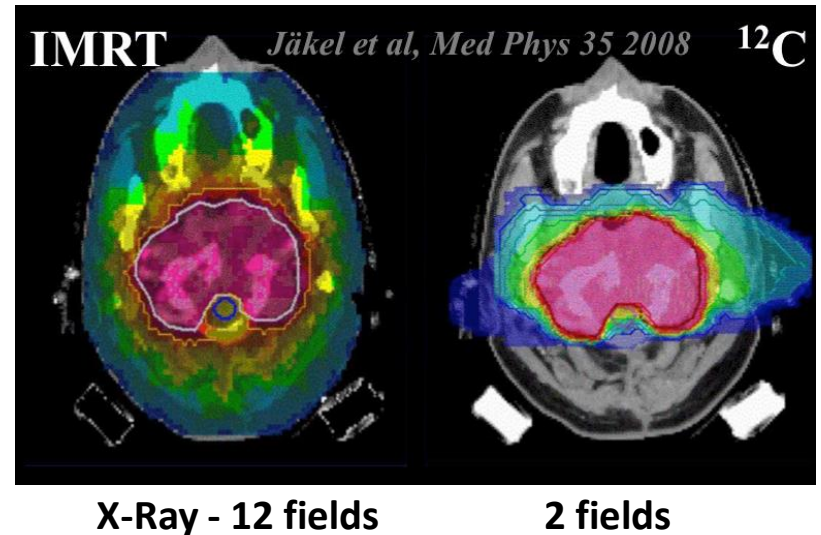


# Hadrontherapy

Radiotherapy by means of proton or light ion beams



Compared to conventionnal photon radiotherapy

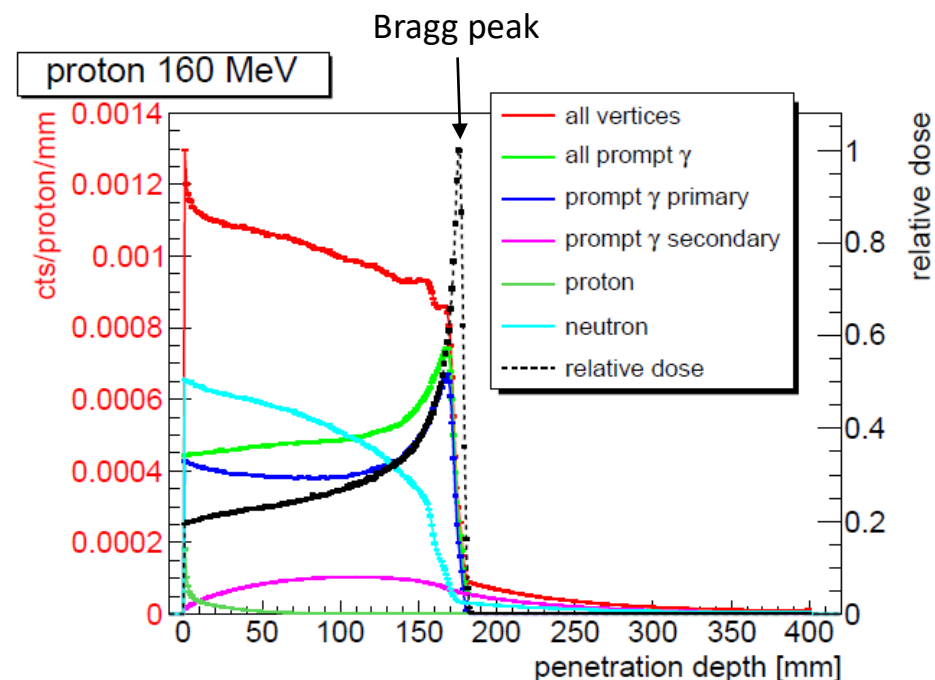


- Better organ-at-risk protection
- Treatment of deep tumors
- Ballistic targeting

## Prompt Gamma Imaging

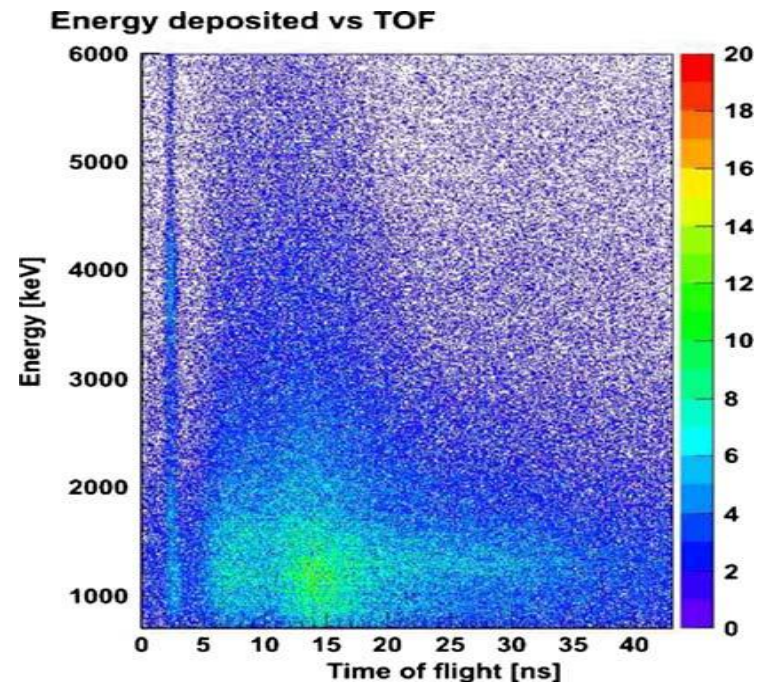
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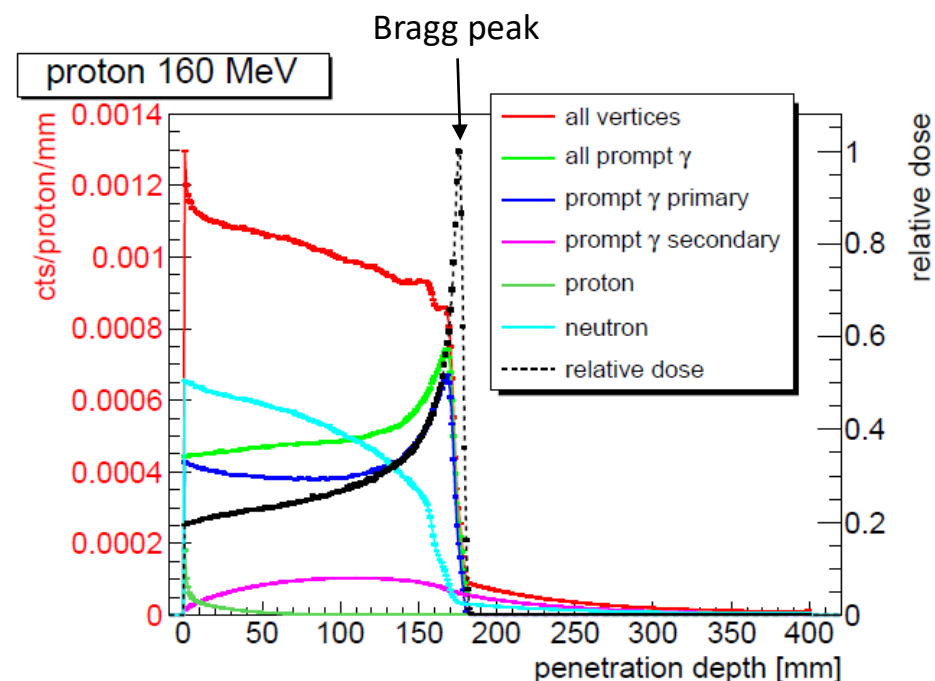


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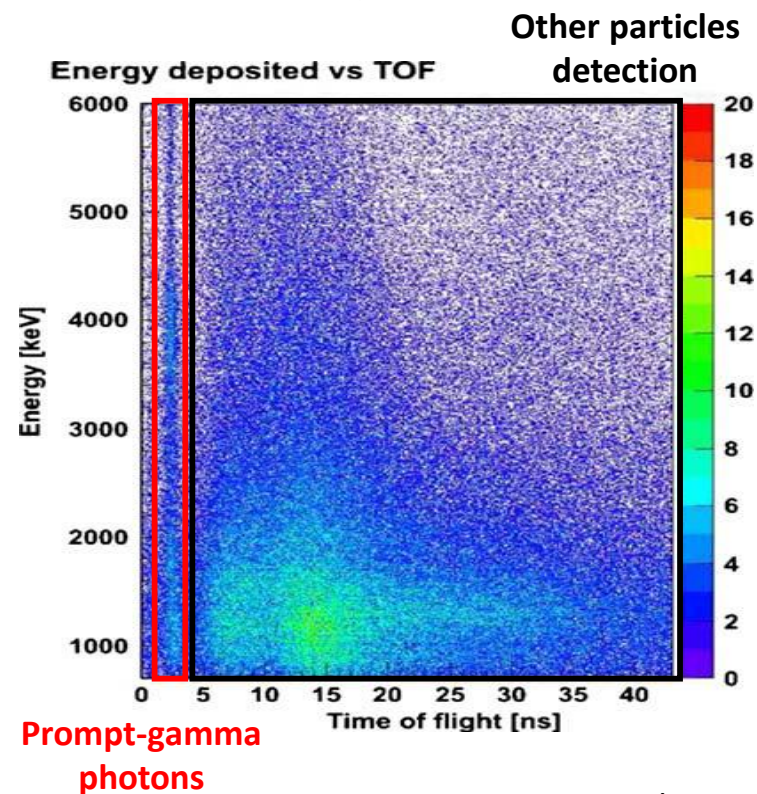
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## Development of a beam tagging hodoscope

### IPNL scintillating fiber hodoscope

- Time resolution  $\approx 1$  ns
- Count rate  $< 4$  MHz/PMT
- Fiber lifetime under clinical conditions : 1 year

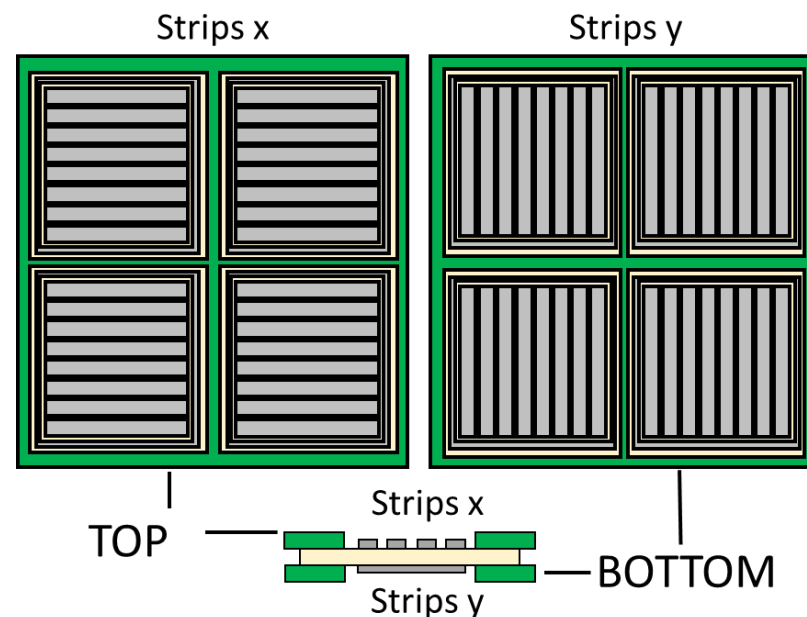


### LPSC MoniDiam project

#### Large area stripped diamond hodoscope

##### Foreseen features:

- Time resolution  $\approx 100$  ps
- Count rate 10 MHz/channel
- Spatial resolution  $\approx 1$  mm
- Radiation hard



Beta source :  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  ( $E_{\text{max}} = 2.28 \text{ MeV}$  | MIP)

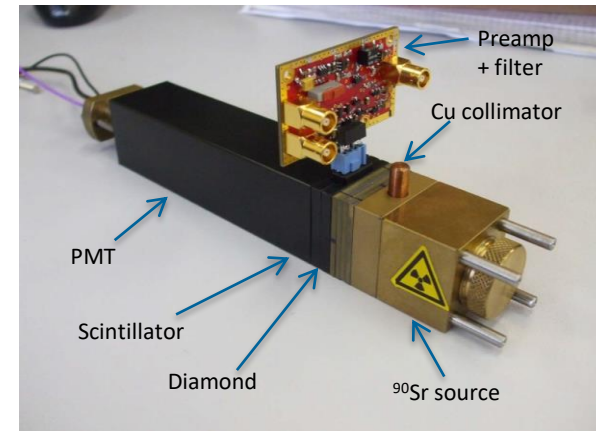
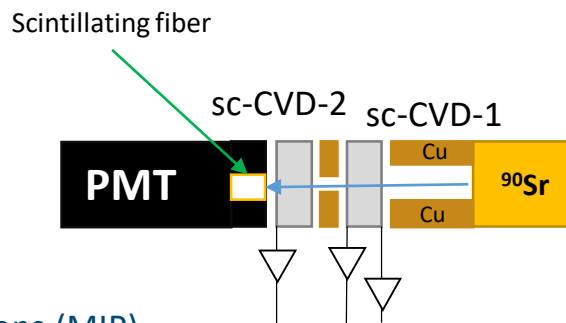
## Set-up

High activity  $\beta$  source : 47 MBq

Both sc-CVDs :  $4.5 \times 4.5 \text{ mm}^2 \times 515 \mu\text{m}$

PMT  $\rightarrow$  triggering on high energy electrons (MIP)

Readout electronics : CIVIDEC current preamplifiers



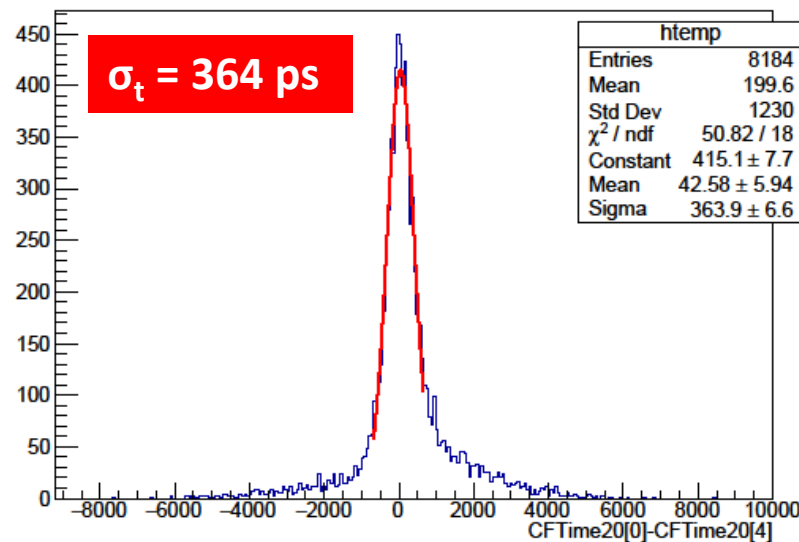
## ToF resolution

Using Offline Constant Fraction  
Discrimination (CFD 20%)

MIP = lowest energy deposit

Charge created in a  $500\mu\text{m}$ -thick diamond/MIP:  
1.8 fC

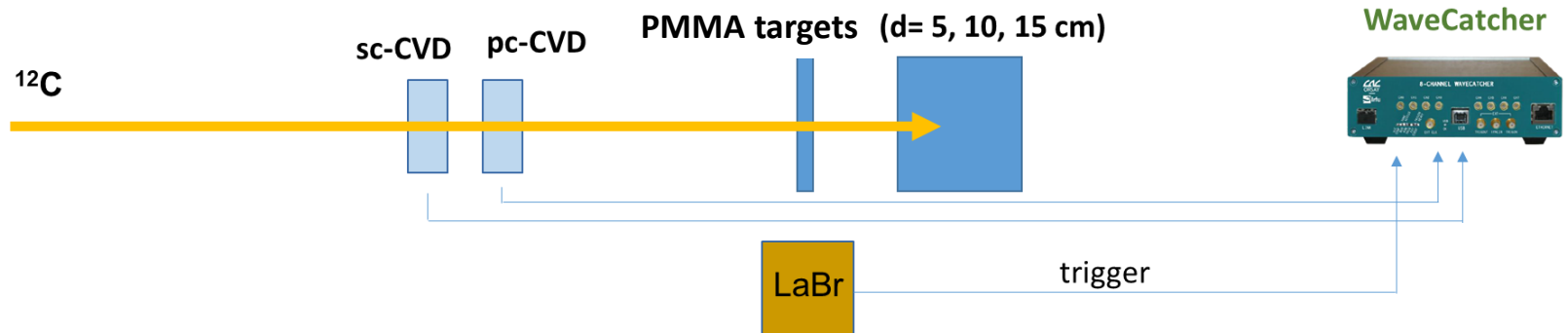
sc-CVD-1 vs sc-CVD-2



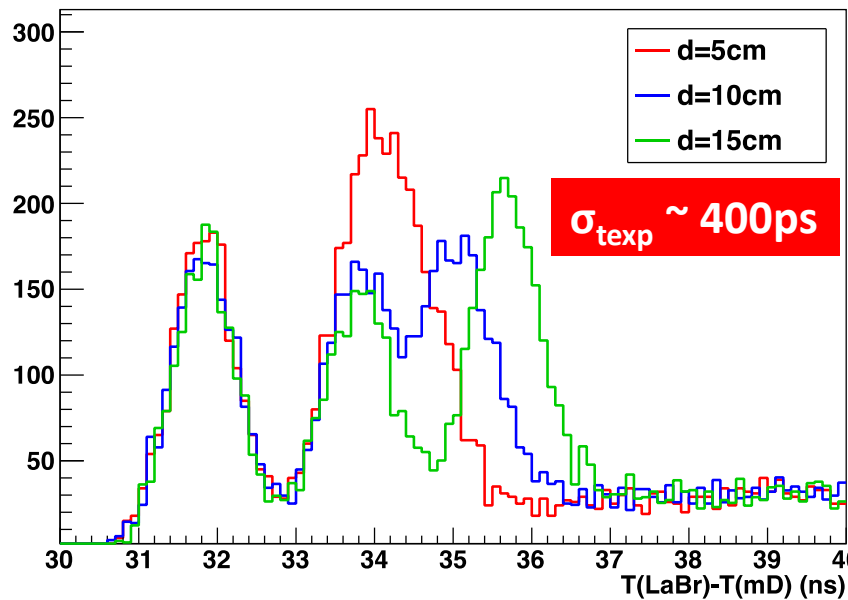


# Tests at GANIL with 95 MeV/u $^{12}\text{C}$ ions

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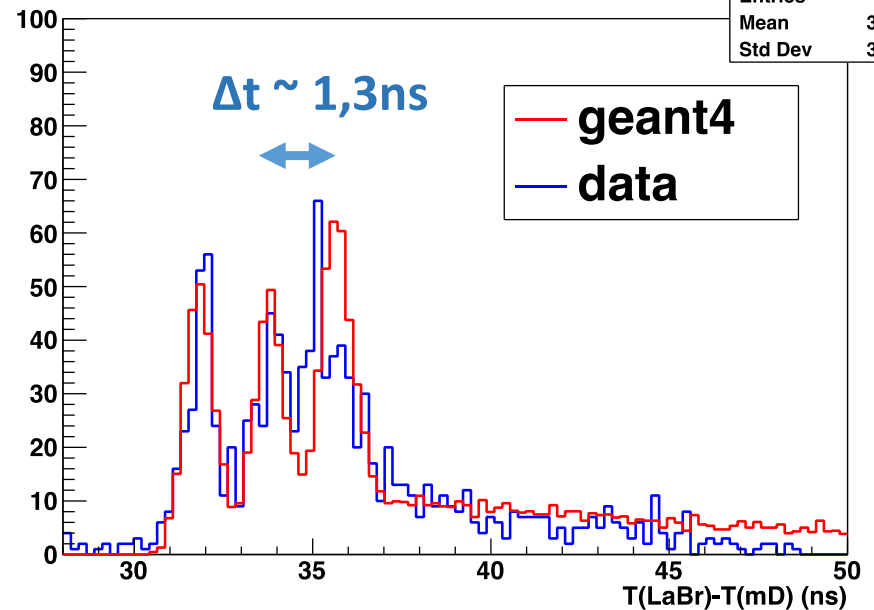
## G4 simulation: ToF (LaBr vs sc-CVD)



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## Actual result

Prompt Gamma Timing ( $d = 15\text{cm}$ )



| expPGT  |       |
|---------|-------|
| Entries | 1183  |
| Mean    | 35.74 |
| Std Dev | 3.769 |

## Main intrinsic properties of diamond compared to silicon

|   | Silicon                          | Diamond                            |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Density [g.cm <sup>-3</sup> ]   | 2.33                             | 3.52                               |
| Gap [eV]  | 1.12                             | 5.48                               |
| e <sup>-</sup> /h pair creation energy [eV]                             | 3.62                             | 13.1                               |
| Mean signal (MIP) [e <sup>-</sup> /μm]                                  | 89                               | 36                                 |
| Resistivity [Ω.m]   | 10 <sup>5</sup> -10 <sup>6</sup> | 10 <sup>13</sup> -10 <sup>16</sup> |
| Electron mobility [cm <sup>2</sup> . V <sup>-1</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1450                             | 1900                               |
| Hole mobility [cm <sup>2</sup> . V <sup>-1</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> ]     | 505                              | 2300                               |
| Thermal conductivity [W.cm <sup>-1</sup> . K <sup>-1</sup> ]            | 1.48                             | > 1800                             |
| Threshold displacement energy [eV]                                      | 25                               | 43                                 |
| Atomic number   | 14                               | 6                                  |

## Energy loss of 68 MeV protons in diamond (SRIM)

### TRIM parameters

| Target layers  | Input Elements to Layer  |
|--|--|
| <b>Density = 3.52 g/cm<sup>3</sup></b><br><b>Width unit = um</b> | Symbol : C (Name : Carbon)<br>Weight : default for Carbon<br>Damage/disp : 43 eV<br>Damage/Latt : default for Carbon<br>Damage/surf : default for Carbon |

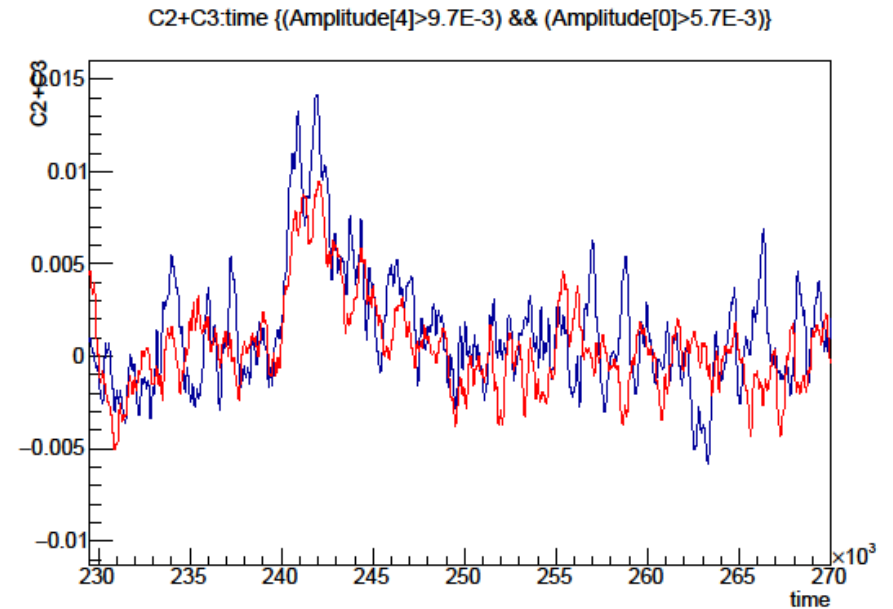
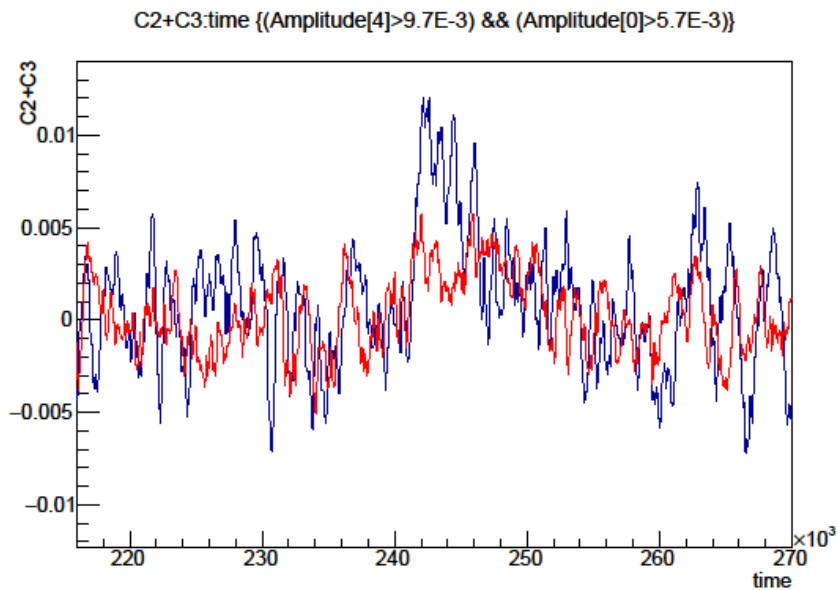
### TRIM results with 20k ions

| Diamond thickness (μm) | Energy loss (MeV) |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>300</b>             | 0.93 ± 0.10       |
| <b>515</b>             | 1.60 ± 0.13       |
| <b>600 (2 x 300)</b>   | 1.87 ± 0.14       |
| <b>815 (515 + 300)</b> | 2.55 ± 0.16       |
| <b>1030 (2 x 515)</b>  | 3.24 ± 0.18       |



Beta source :  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  ( $E_{\text{max}} = 2.28 \text{ MeV}$  | MIP)

### Typical signals observed



## Tests at ID21 X-Ray Microscopy beamline at ESRF : First results

