

# ePIC Backward EM calorimeter (EEEMCAL) status

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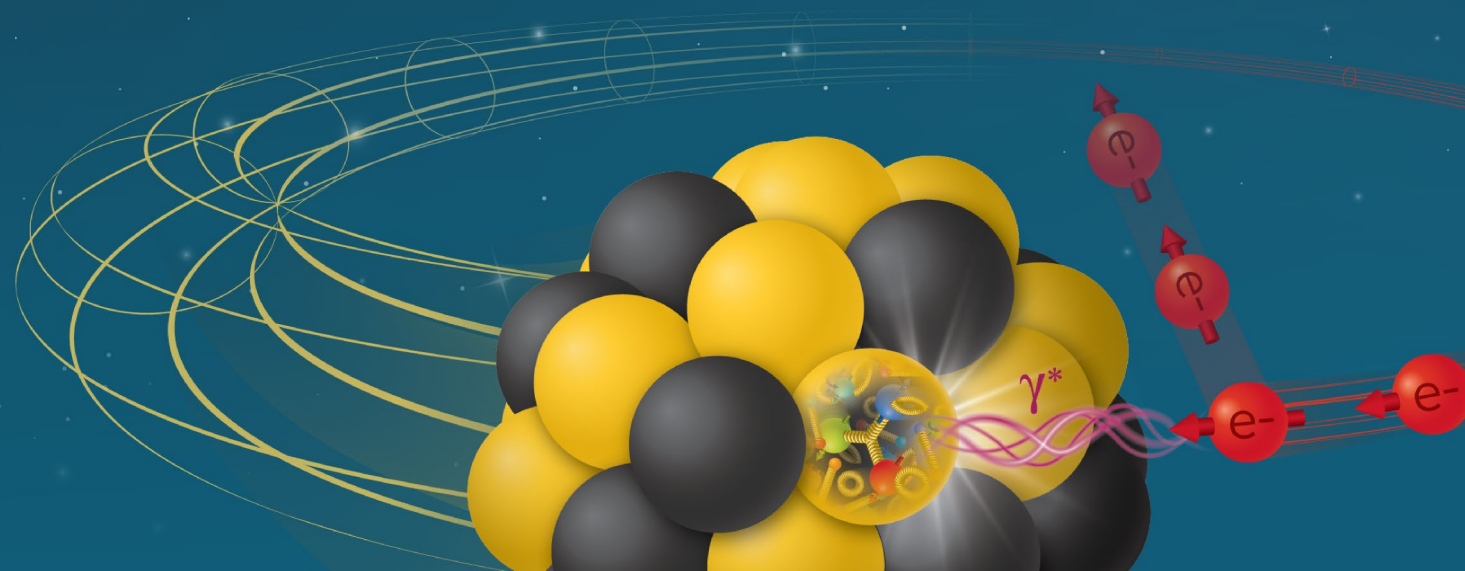
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Electron-Ion Collider



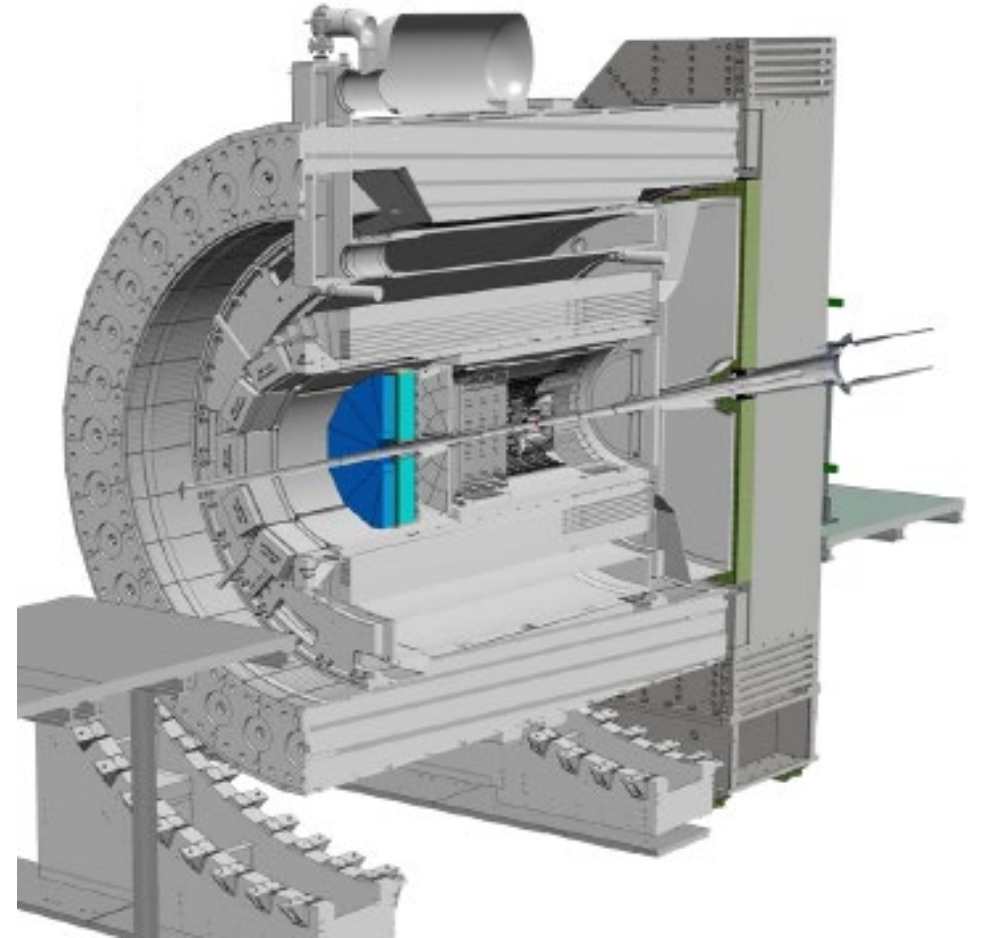
# Charge Questions

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- Is the design of the ePIC detector and its sub-systems appropriate and progressing well?
- Are the remaining work and technical, cost and schedule risks adequately understood? Are there opportunities?
- Will the detector be technically ready for baselining by late 2025?
- Are the detector integration and planning for installation and maintenance progressing well? Are there areas where further ideas should be pursued?
- Will the detector be ready for start of construction by late 2026?

# EEEMCAL Major Components

- ❑ **Radiator** consisting of scintillating **lead tungstate (PWO)** crystals and a thin reflector wrapping. The physics requirements for electron identification and detection dictate the main requirements for the radiator.
- ❑ **Photosensors** consisting of **multi-pixel photon counters (MPPC)** grouped into an array to maximize the surface coverage of the PWO blocks.
- ❑ **Mechanical structure**, including installation fixtures and a cooling system providing thermal stabilization, which is important for crystal performance.
- ❑ **Signal Processing/DAQ** providing the front-end electronics to transmit the signals to the data analysis modules.
- ❑ **Simulations/Software** providing the software libraries and infrastructure foundation for extracting the physics from the detector.



# EEEMCAL Status Summary

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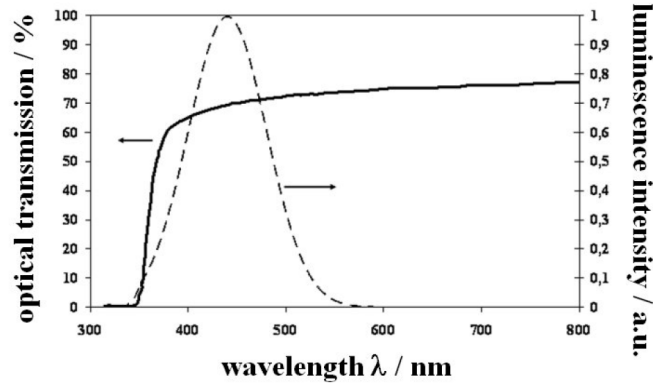
- ☐ FDR PWO crystals – completed
- ☐ FDR MPPC – completed
- ☐ Detailed mechanical design – approaching 80%
- ☐ Front End Readout – at different stages
- ☐ Engineering article test runs – multiple prototype beam tests completed, engineering articles complete and last phase of beam tests ongoing
- ☐ CD3A QA on PWO crystals – first (140) articles passed QA
- ☐ Assembly and Installation planning - ongoing

## Items for 2025

- ☐ EEEMCAL FDR – plan for this Fall after completion of further scheduled DESY and JLab beam tests
- ☐ Finalize mechanical design
  - ☐ Finalize front-end electronics (FEE) and associated cooling design
  - ☐ Final cooling implementation depends on final beam tests for FEE readout choice
- ☐ Continue CD3A (and in 2026+ also CD3B) QA on PWO crystals



# PWO Specifications



- ❑ Smaller decay time – fast timing
  - LY (100ns)/LY(1 $\mu$ s) specification
- ❑ Optimizing the light yield relies on crystal transmittance in the near UV region
  - longitudinal transmittance specification
  - Transmittance spectrum in agreement with photosensor curve
- ❑ Require homogeneous collection of scintillation light along the crystal
  - specification on transverse transmittance
- ❑ Mechanical specifications important for assembly, e.g., to minimize gaps
- ❑ Raw materials used impact crystal performance – QA with vendor

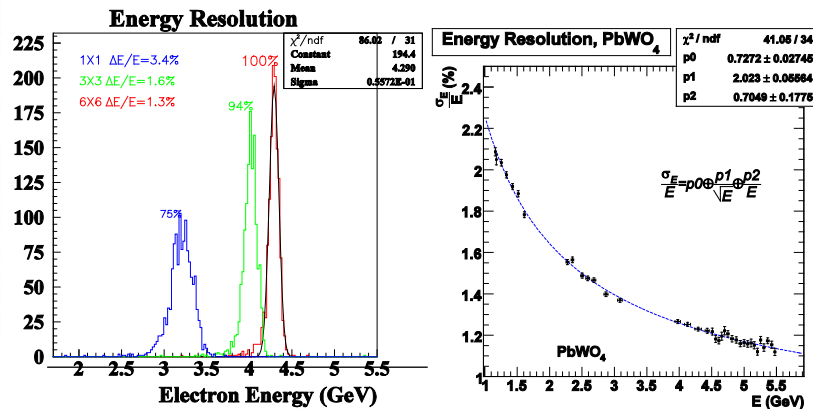
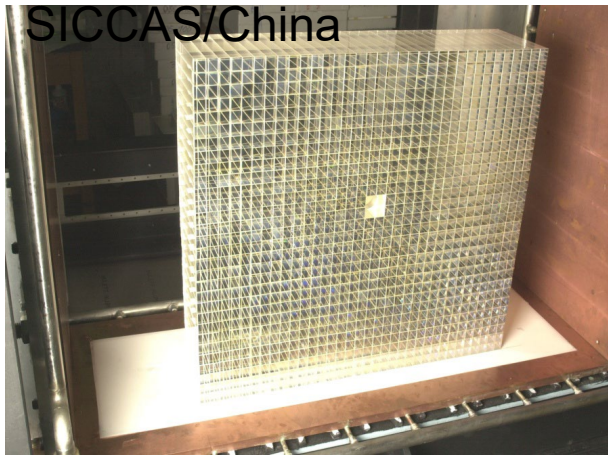
PbWO<sub>4</sub> specifications are similar to those achieved for JLab Projects (NPS, FCAL)

Parameter	Unit	EEEMCAL Required	Q&A Inform. Source
Light Yield (LY) at RT (for all sides polished crystals)	pe/MeV	≥15	Test with $\gamma$ -source
LY(100ns)/LY(1 $\mu$ s)	%	>90	Test with $\gamma$ -source
Longitudinal Transmission at $\lambda$ =360 nm at $\lambda$ =420 nm at $\lambda$ =620 nm	% % %	≥35 ≥60 ≥70	Optical Measurement
Transverse Transmission and LY uniformity along crystal	%	10	Optical Measurement
Inhomogeneity of Transverse Transmission $\Delta\lambda$ at T=50%	nm	≤5	Optic. Measure.
Induced radiation absorption coefficient $\Delta k$ at $\lambda$ =420 nm and RT, for integral dose >100 Gy	m <sup>-1</sup>	<1.5	Irradiate with different sources
Mean value of dk	m <sup>-1</sup>	≤1.0	Test
Tolerance in Length	$\mu$ m	≤±0,-100	Measure.
Tolerance in sides	$\mu$ m	≤±50	
Surface polished, roughness Ra	$\mu$ m	≤0.02	Vendor
Tolerance in Rectangularity (90°)	degree	≤0.1	Measure.
Purity specific. (raw material)			Vendor
Mo contamination	ppm	<10	Vendor
La, Y, Nb, Lu contamination	ppm	?	5 Vendor


# Crystal Beam Test Campaigns at JLab

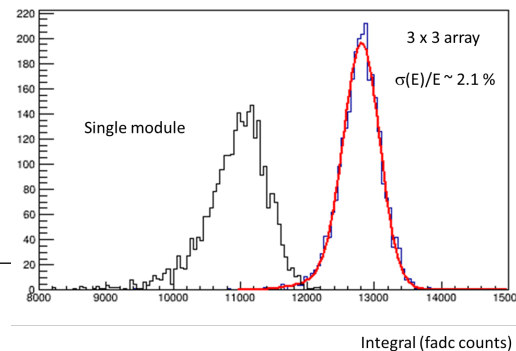
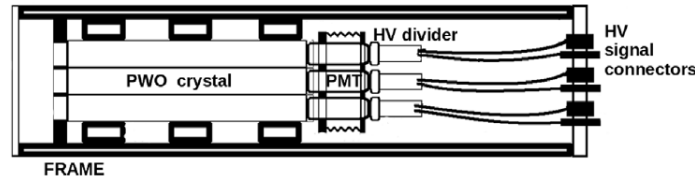
HyCal (pre-2014)  
1152 PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals  
(PWO-I)

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## Electron-Ion Collider

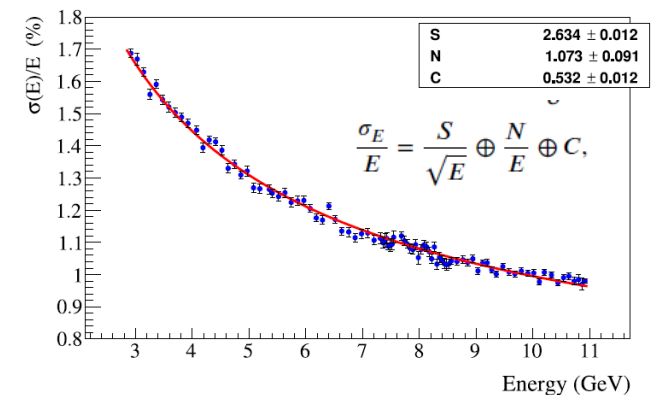
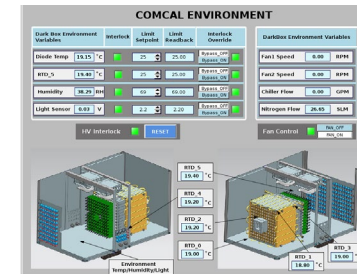
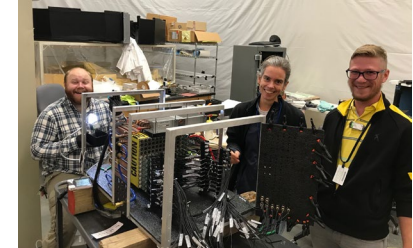
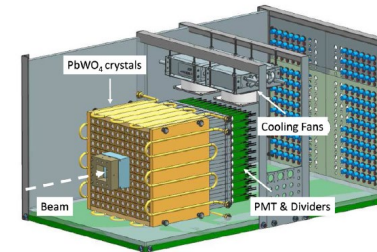
3x3 prototypes (2018/19)   
9 PbWO<sub>4</sub> (PWO-II) crystals  
CRYTUR/Czech Rep.



12x12 prototypes (2019)  
144 PbWO<sub>4</sub> (PWO-II)  
crystals  
CRYTUR/Czech Rep/



ComCal  
/FCAL

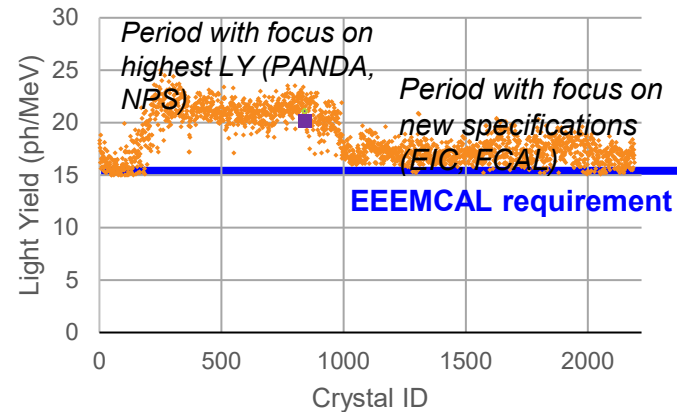


# PWO Quality Assurance Protocol

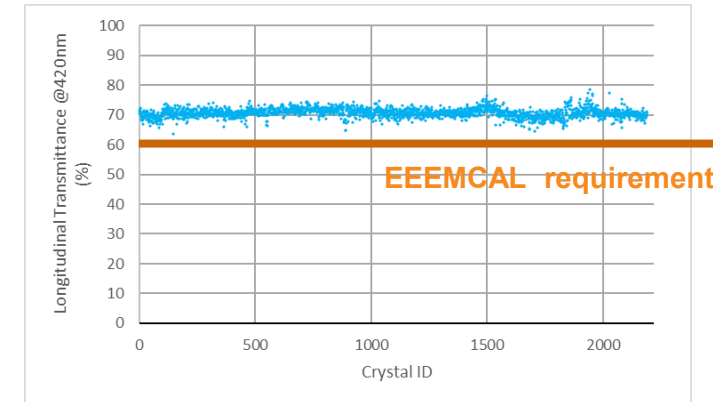
- ❑ PWO crystals are CD3A item
- ❑ **First articles (140 crystals) passed QA**
- ❑ Additional 110 crystals arrived at JLab end of May 2025 awaiting QA
- ❑ The QA builds on the process developed for NPS and consists of:
  - 2 step visual inspection
  - mechanical dimension measurement
  - light yield measurement
  - Kinetics
  - transmittance measurement
  - induced radiation absorption coefficient.

Characterization results of CRYTUR produced crystals (2017 – present)

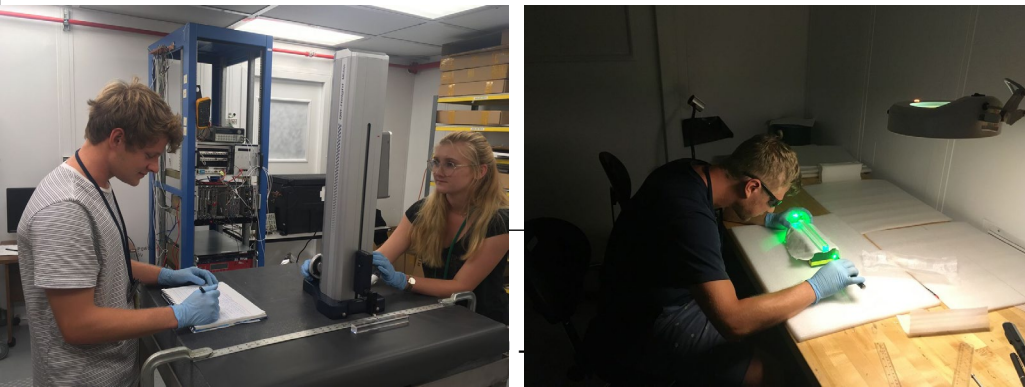
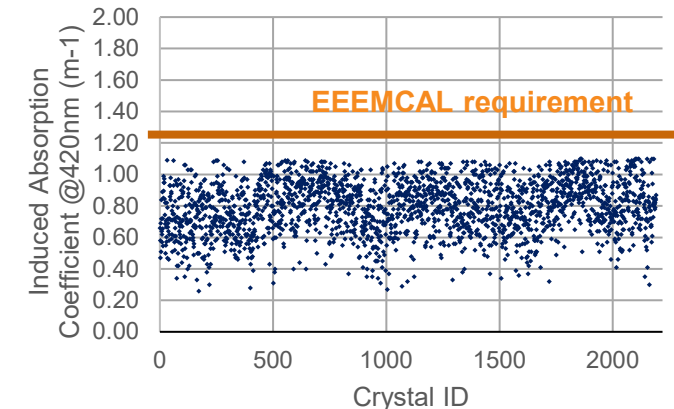
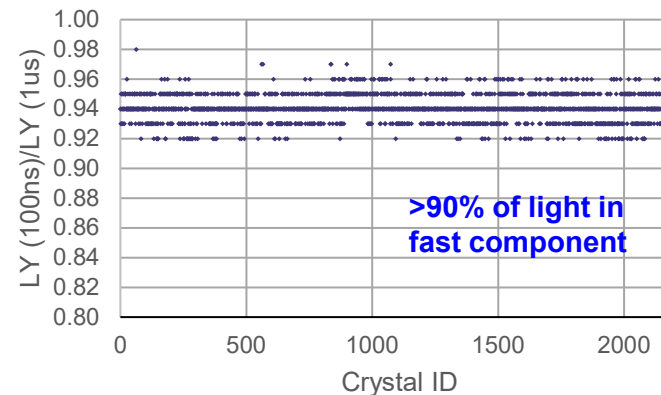
Light Yield (LY)



Longitudinal Transmittance



Kinetics

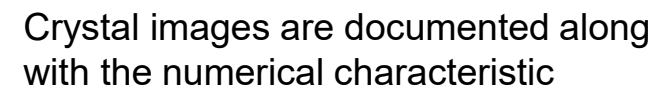




Crystal quality assurance results are documented in a central location with a [master spreadsheet](#)

## NPS Crystal+PMT+Cable module map

## Crystal characterization results



# Mechanical Design Overview

## Physics Considerations

- Distance interaction point/EEEMCal = 174 cm
- Minimize the material & space between crystals
- Be as close as possible to the beampipe
- Optimize radiation lengths in front of the detector as possible, e.g., material budget is a consideration for the pFRICH (not shown)

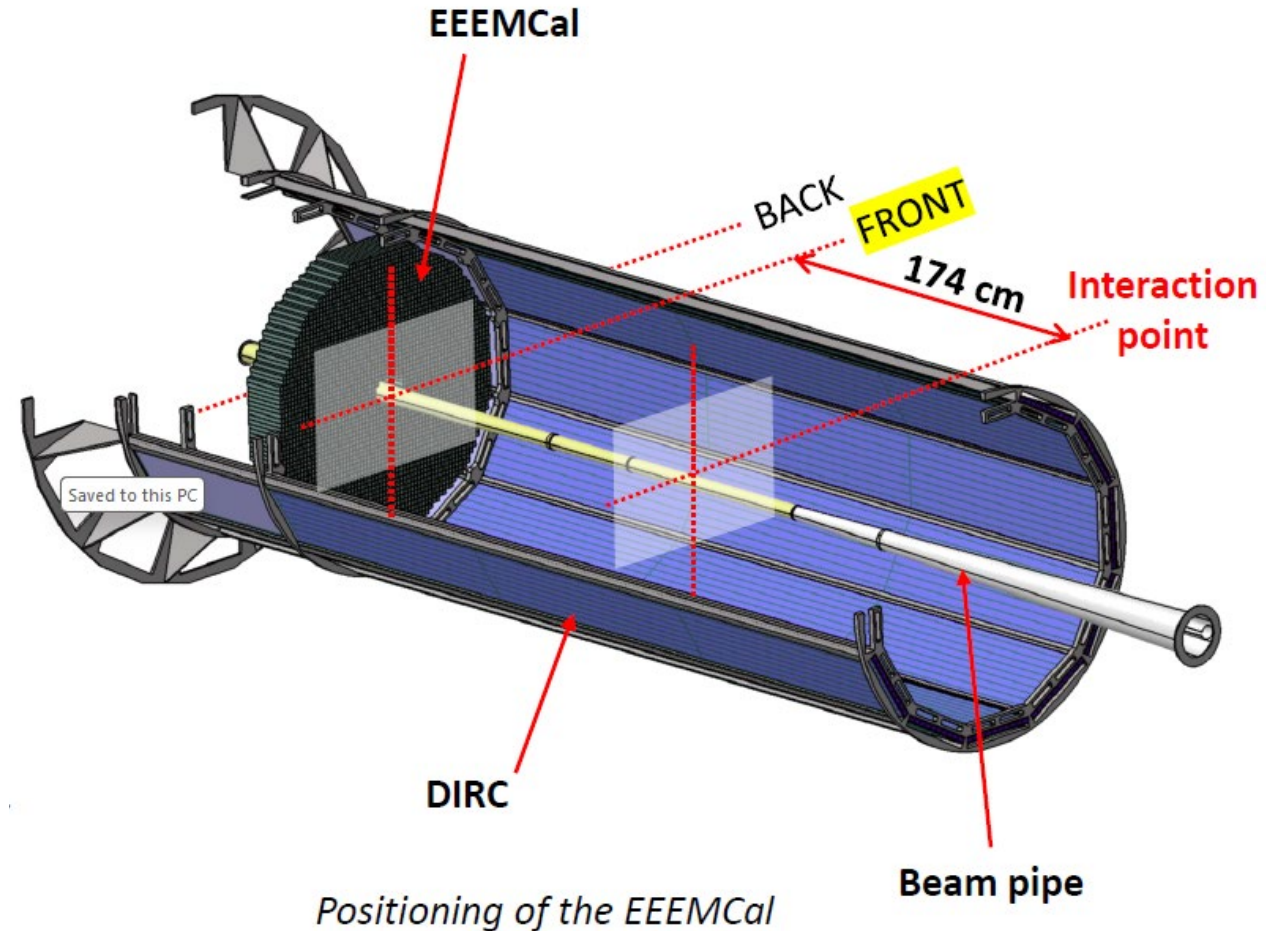
## Thermal Considerations

- Good stability of the room temperature around 23°C
- Temperature stability for crystals to within 0.1°C
- About 1500 W to dissipate

## Installation Considerations

Removing the detector in one block

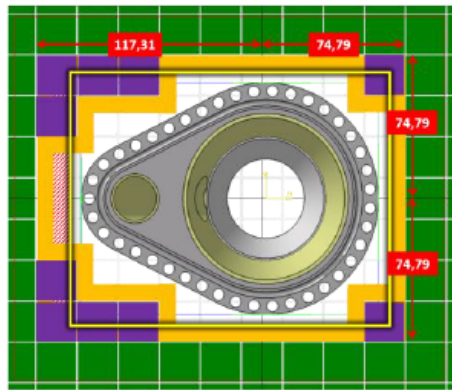
Respect clearance between beam pipe and the DIRC





# Crystal Configuration

Crystal configuration is defined  
Main clearances are defined

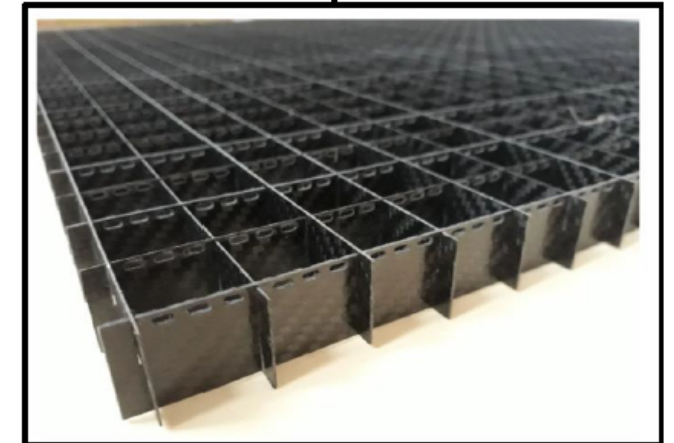
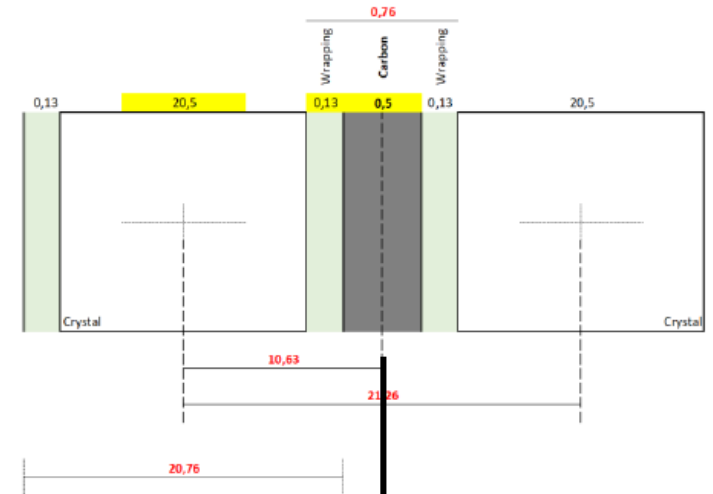


- Mechanical structure + cooling
- Dead area
- Additional crystals in the corners
- Clearance

2740 crystals

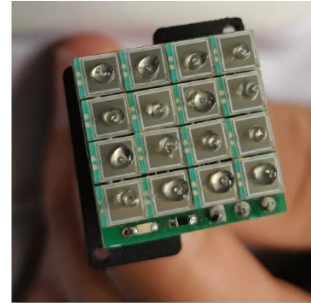
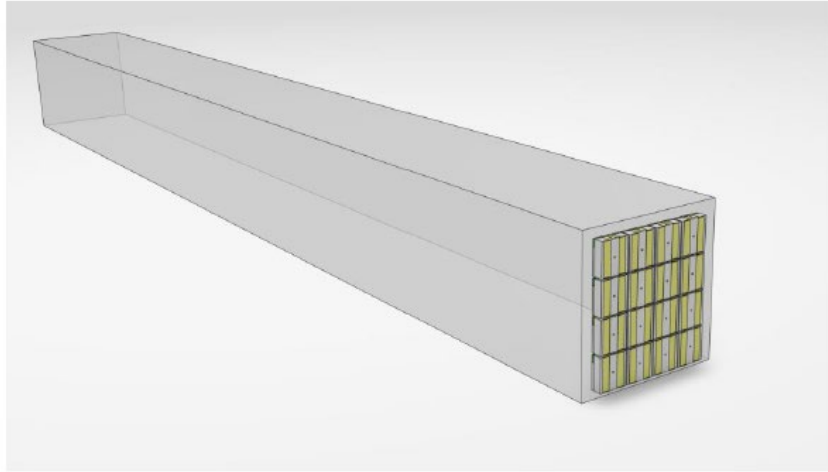
## Crystals:

- Material: PWO ( $\text{PbWO}_4$ )
- Size=  $20.5^{+0-0.5} \times 20.5^{+0-0.5} \times 200 \text{ mm}^3$
- Mass= 0,7 Kg ( $8,28 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ )
- Reflector: ESR<sup>®</sup> (3M) VM2000 =  $0.65 \mu\text{m}$
- Light insulation: Tedlar<sup>®</sup> =  $0.65 \mu\text{m}$
- Carbon plate= 0.5 mm

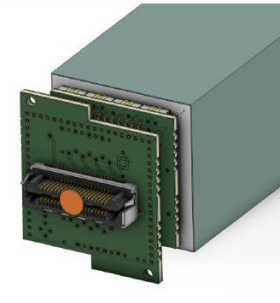


Carbon plate (NPS calorimeter)

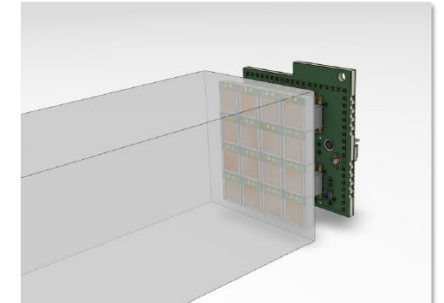
# MPPC Configuration and Coupling to Crystal



Optical grease



Daughter board – PCB connectors



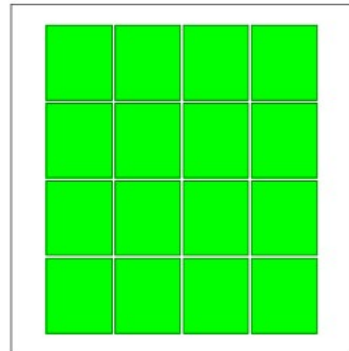
Assembly Crystal + PCB

## MPPC

- ❑ Active surface 3mm x 3mm
- ❑ External size: 4.35mm x 3.85mm
- ❑ Reference: S14160-3015PS
- ❑ 16 MPPC per crystal → 43840 MPPC
- ❑ Space between MPPC: 0.2mm
- ❑ Surface covered by MPPC: ~34%

Choice of MPPC done

Active surface SiPM		34,27 %
Distance SiPM / Cristal	H	1,250 mm
Distance SiPM / Cristal	L	2,250 mm

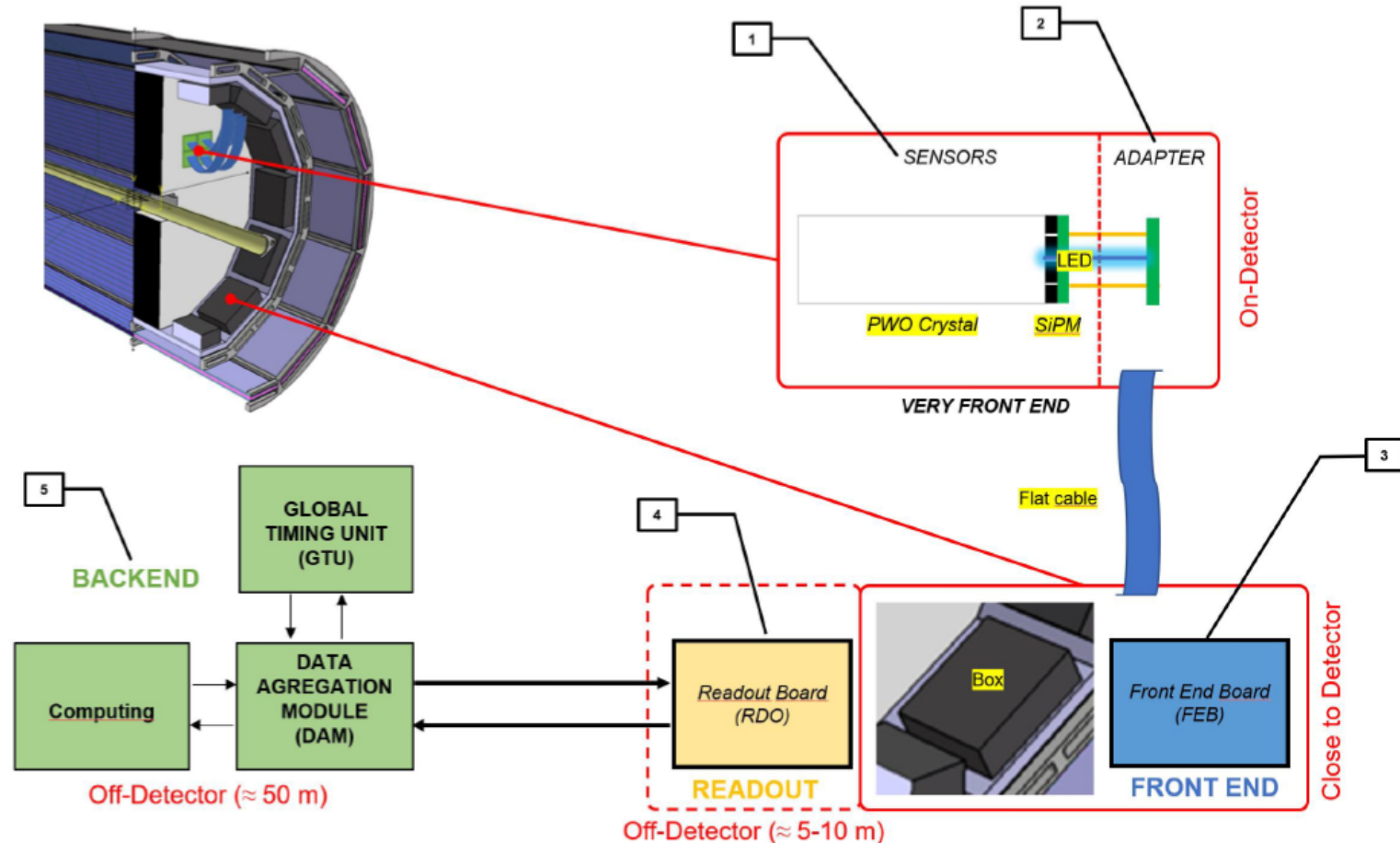


## ❑ Coupling to Crystal (Very Front End)

- ❑ 4x4 MPPC coupled with optical grease
- ❑ 1 PCB with the MPPC welded
- ❑ 1 PCB with the output connector plugged on the PCB MPPC

# Readout/DAQ Overview

Work on FEE ongoing  
Location of power depends on FEE

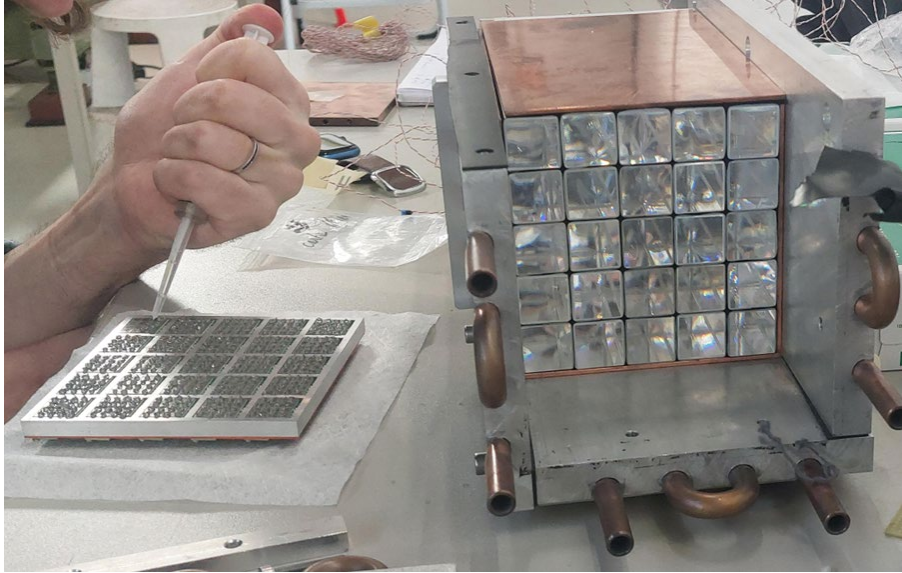


## To keep in mind:

- Location of the power: into the FEB & the RDO
- No power on the very front end (+10W for SiPM after one year)
- Current discussion on the design of the FEB

n°	Designation	Description	In charge
1	SENSORS	SiPM	CUA, collaboration
2	ADAPTER	PCB SiPM	IJCLab, OMEGA
3	Front End Board (FEB)	ASIC	Onkrige, LLR, OMEGA
4	Readout Board (RDO)	FPGA	BNL, LLR
5	BACKEND	GTU, DAM, Computing	BNL

# DESY beam test (spring 2025)



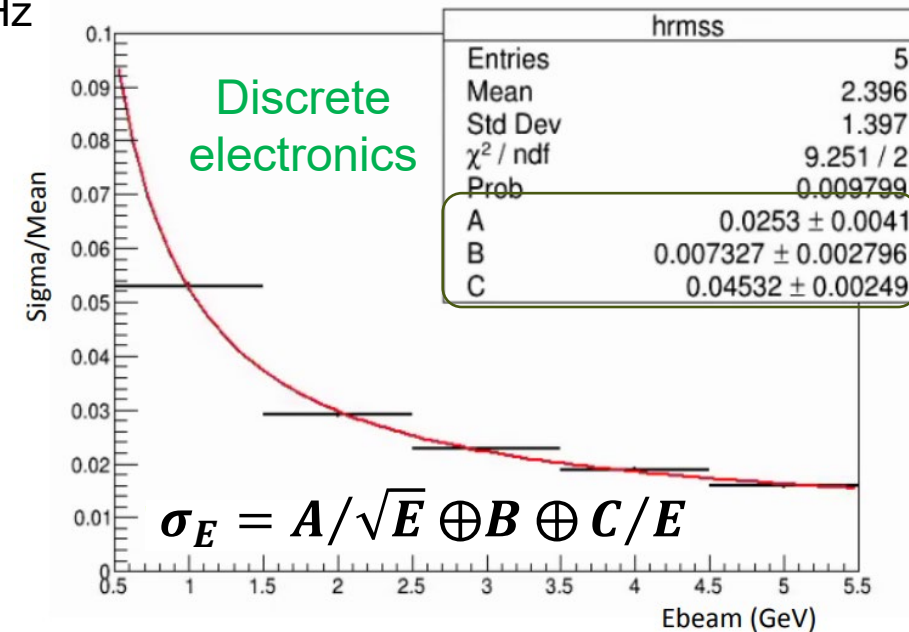
- 25 PWO crystals from CRYTUR
- SiPM readout
- Cooling and temp control
- 1 – 5 GeV electron beam through a 2x2 mm<sup>2</sup> collimator
- Triggered by 2 scintillators
- Typical DAQ rates: ~50-100 Hz

Two readout option tested:

- Readout with H2GCROC3b chip
- Preamplifier board & CAEN V1725S 14-bit 250MS/s digitizers

- Successful readout of all 400 channels with both set of electronics
- Significant noise (1/E) term in the energy resolution not yet understood:
  - Likely PS instability due to large capacitance of sensors
  - H2GCROC3b electronics suffered some additional issues (eg. poor grounding in some adaptor boards)
  - Potential light leaks or beam energy spread (under investigation)

Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> campaign at DESY this Fall with improved setup



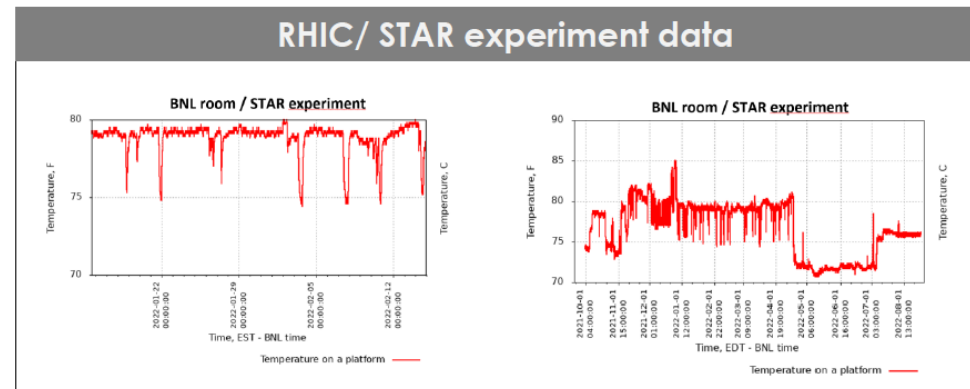


# Cooling Overview and Requirements

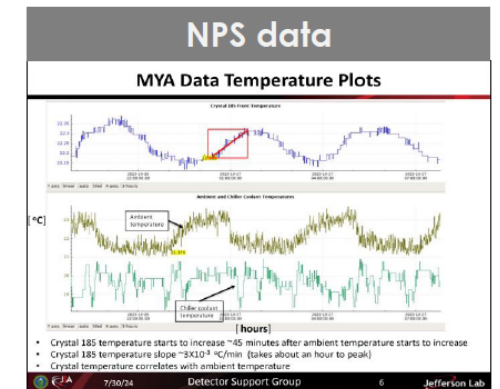
Cooling environment is known

## 3 main parameters for the sizing:

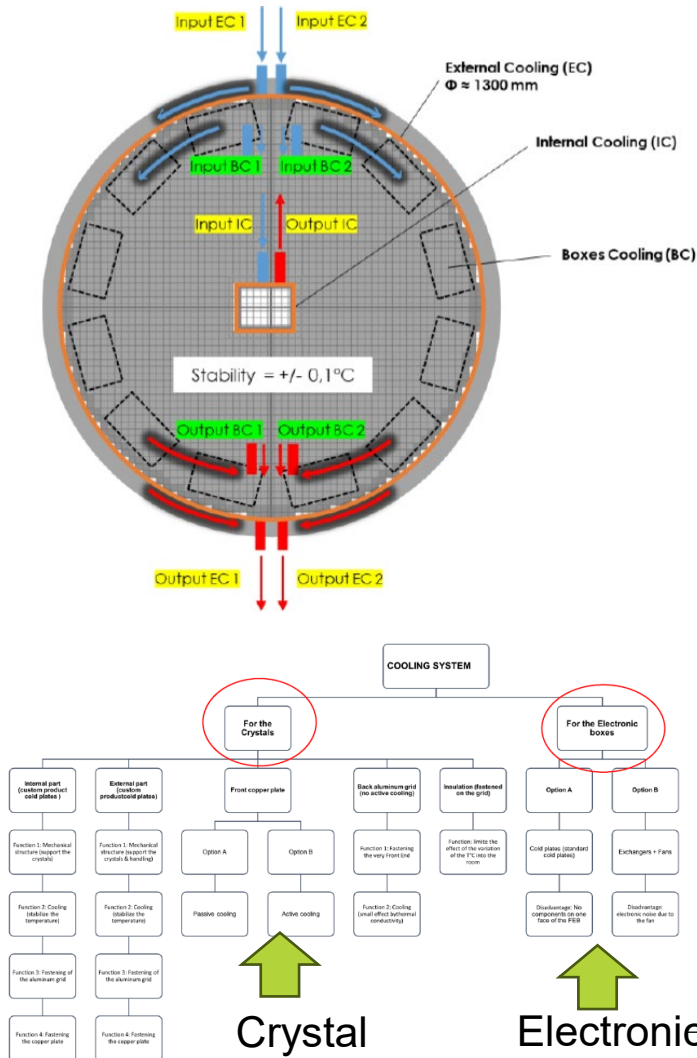
- The amplitude of the temperature variations in the experimental hall →  $\Delta T = 3^\circ\text{C}$
- The frequency/period of the temperature variations in the experimental hall → 6 hours < T < 12 hours
- The location of the power to dissipate → Power on electronic boxes



Temperature evolution / Long period



Temperature evolution / Short period



## 2 main objectives:

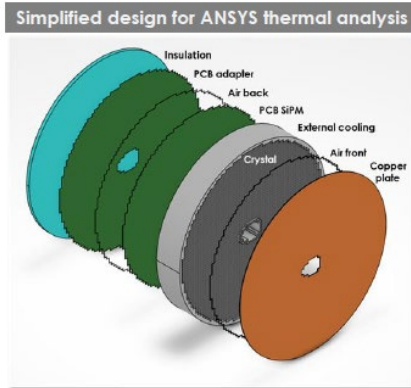
- Stabilize the temperature of the crystals to within  $0.1^\circ\text{C}$
- Dissipate the power of the FEB (& RDO)  $\approx 1500\text{ W}$



# Thermal Simulations

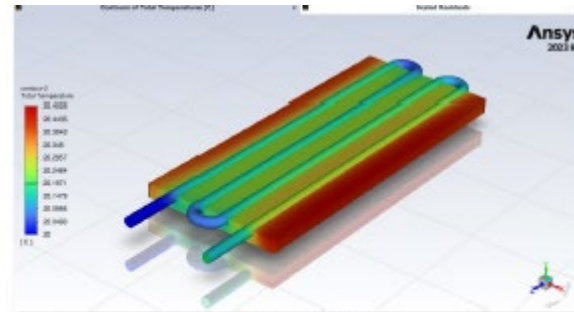
Thermal simulations with advanced design available

## Simple Model

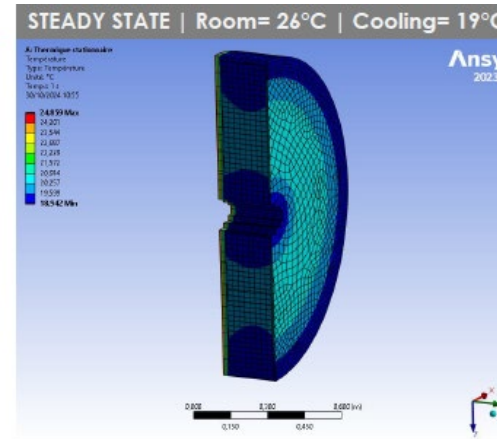


Check impact of room temperature variation and insulation

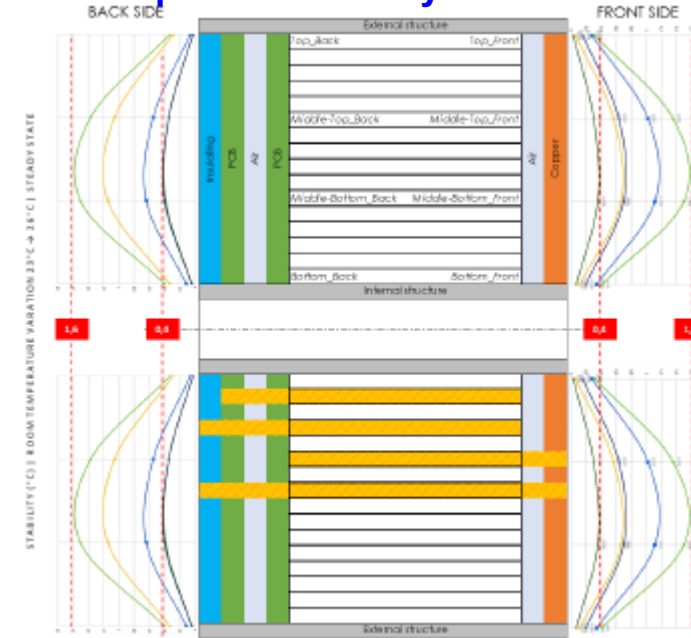
## Steady State



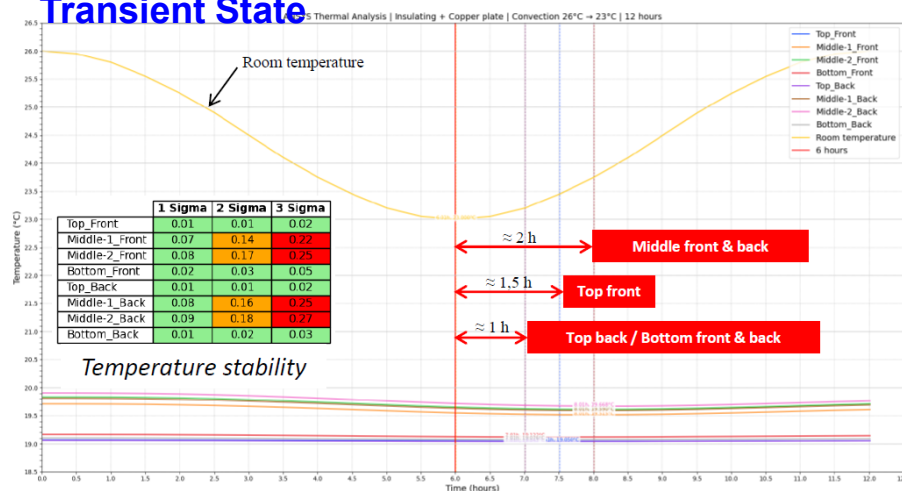
External and internal cooling at the same temperature



## Compare two Steady States



## Transient State

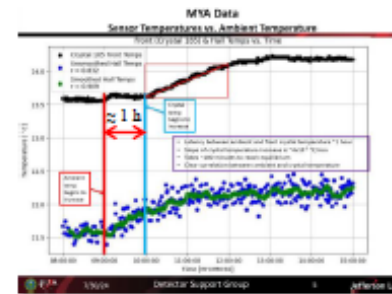


## Results:

- $\Delta T$  (stability) < 0,1°C
- 1 hour < Shift (inertia) < 2 hours
- In accordance with the NPS data

### Model:

- 26°C → 23°C in 6 hours
- T= 12 hours
- Start from the steady state at room= 26°C



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### Model:

- 1<sup>st</sup> simulation: Steady state with temperature room= 23°C
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> simulation: Steady state with temperature room= 26°C
- Comparison (worst case)

### Results:

- Without insulation:  $\Delta T$  (stability) = 1,6°C
- With insulation (foam, air and copper):  $\Delta T$  (stability) = 0,4°C

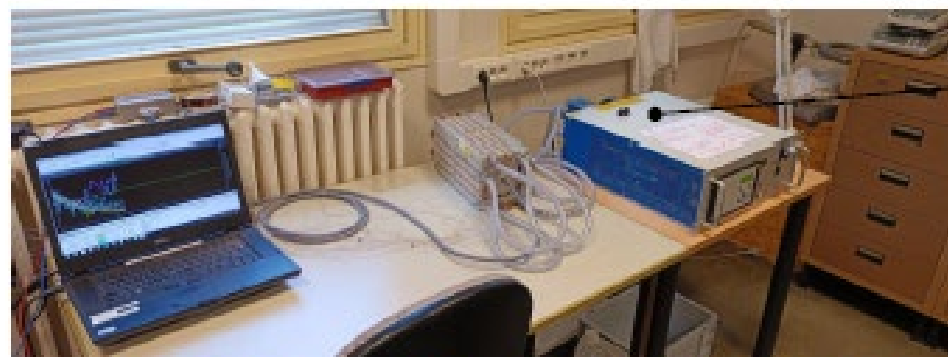
## Room= 19°C – 27°C | PCB= ON, OFF &amp; Cycle | Cooling= ON &amp; OFF

**Van der Made Puls ETC**

ProSeal\_PIC-SPR  
ProSeal\_BasePIC-SPR  
ProSeal\_PIC  
ProSeal\_Plate  
ProSeal\_Cover  
ProSeal\_Casing

4 standard cold plates

Possibility to put 25 crystals



### Setup of the thermal with prototype 5x5 (with cooling)

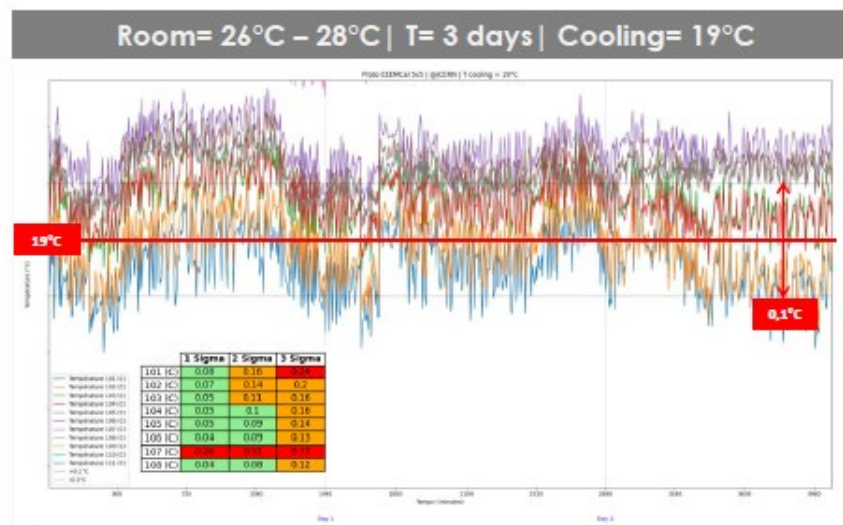
Chiller  
Stability = +/- 0,1°C

Without cooling  
Stability =  $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$

With cooling  
Stability =  $\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$

[illegible]

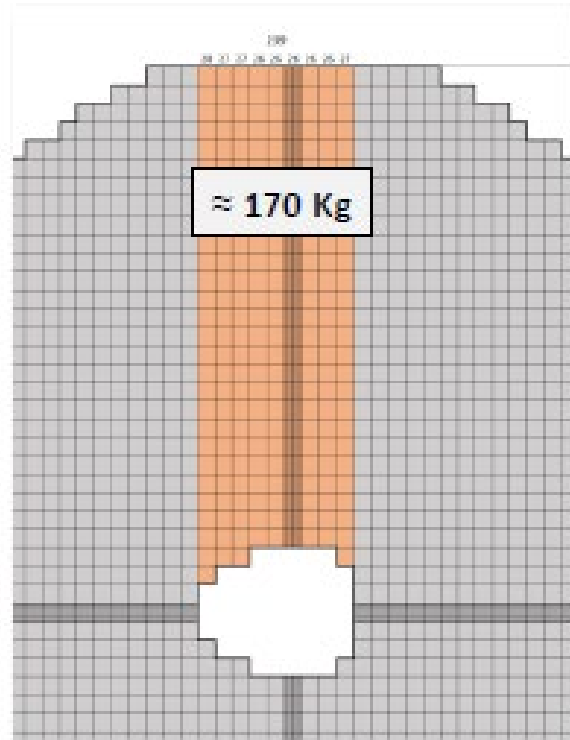
- Temperature stability under  $\pm 0,1^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Problem on one sensor (107, out of use)



*Evolution of the temperature of the crystals during the beam test at CERN*

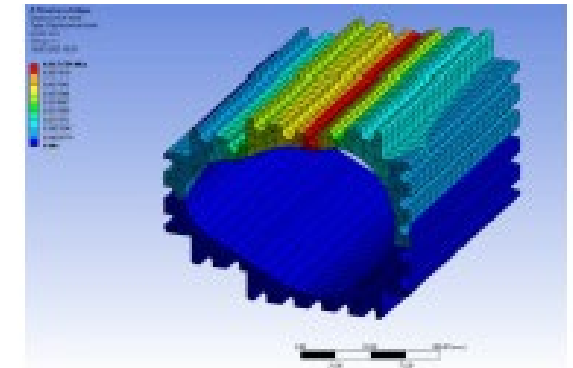
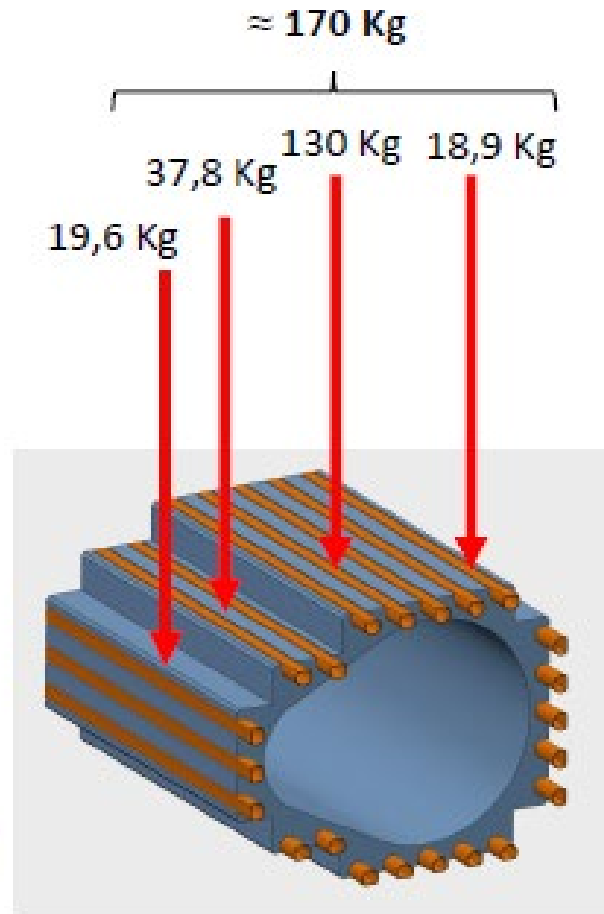


# Mechanical Design – Internal Structure

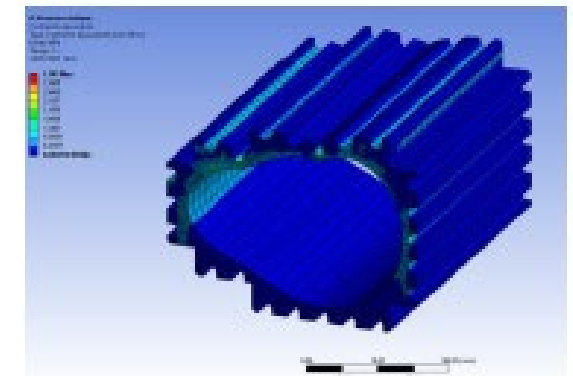


## FEA (Finite Element Analysis) Model:

- 239 crystals stacked on the internal structure
- Without copper tubes for the FEA



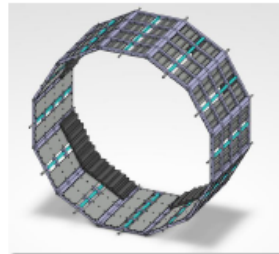
Displacement < 0,01 mm



Stress < 3 Mpa



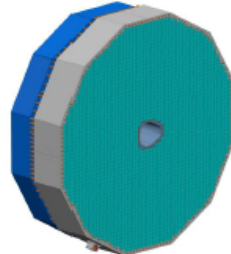
# Mechanical Design – External Structure



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Assembly of rings and plates

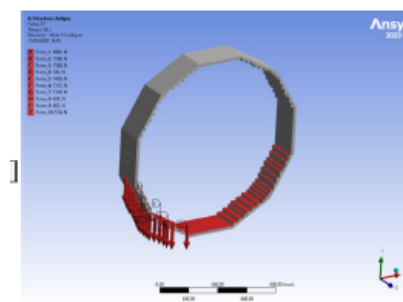
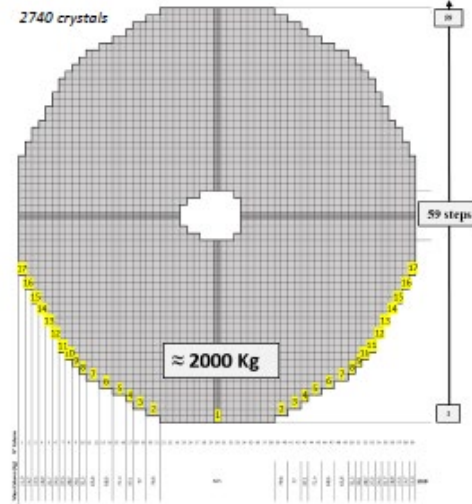
-	+
Assembly	Cheap
Cooling	
Stress & Deflection	



2024

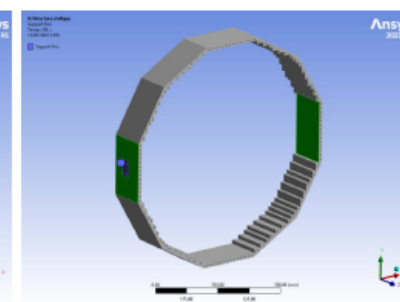
Monobloc

-	+
Expensive	Cooling
Production	Stress & Deflection
Corrosion	No assembly



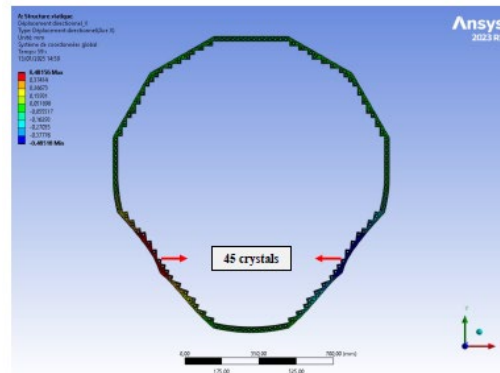
FEA Model:

- 1 face at the center  
→ 665 Kg
- 16 other faces on both sides  
→ 626,5 Kg x2 (11,9 kg to 79,8 Kg)
- 59 steps to check the deflection during the assembly

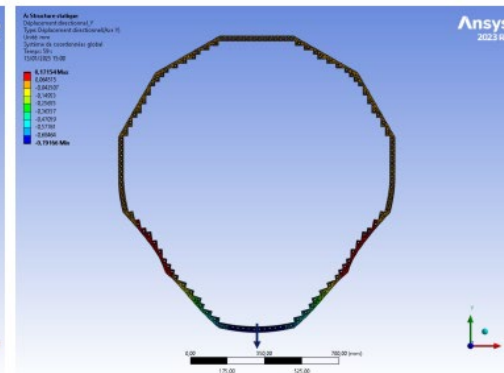


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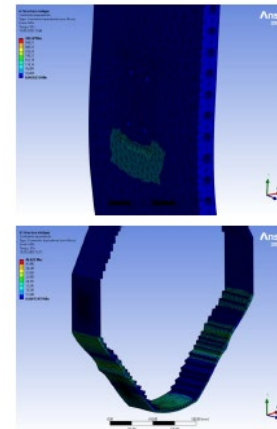
- Worst case: fastened at 3 and 9 o'clock
- The way to fasten the structure increase the results in terms of stress



Displacement X < 0,5 mm



Displacement Y < 0,8 mm



Small surface  
→ Stress= 342 MPa

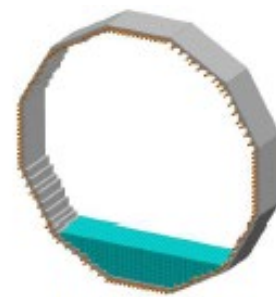
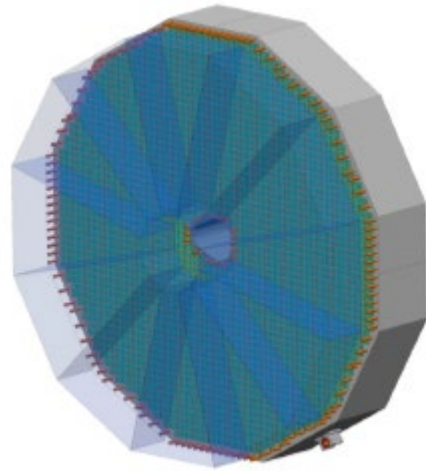
Large surface  
→ Stress= 47 MPa

## Results:

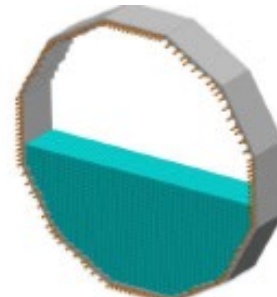
- Displacement X < 0,5 mm → No stress on the crystals (45 crystals +0,025)
- Displacement Y < 0,8 mm for the worst case
- Displacement Y = 0,36 mm for step 26 (just before the assembly of the internal structure)
- Stress: Optimization required

Results of FEA are encouraging  
Perform FEA simulation with advanced design  
Choose means of production for structures  
(machining or foundry)

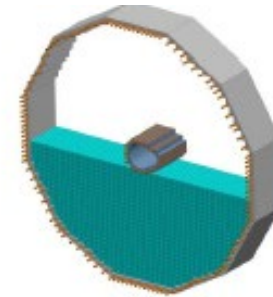
# Mechanical Design – Assembly



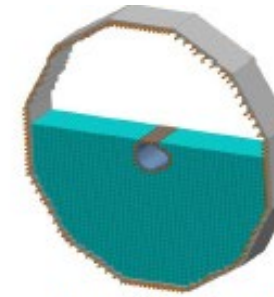
Start of the assembly of the crystals



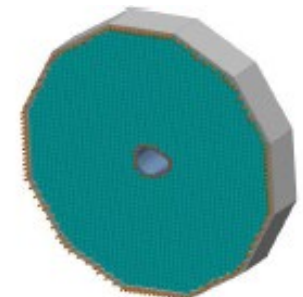
Control before the assembly of the internal structure



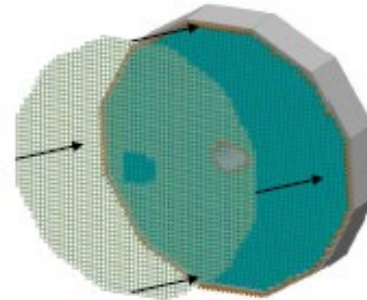
Positioning of the internal structure



Control after the assembly of the internal structure



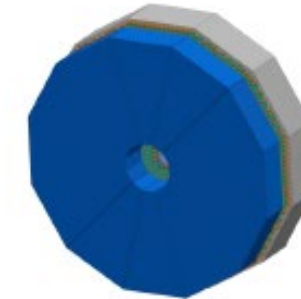
End of the assembly of the crystals



Fastening of the grid



Optical coupling between the SiPM PCB and the crystal.  
Quality control by the other side (front)



Assembly of the electronic boxes + insulation (back) and copper plate (front)



Ready to:  
Cabling, tubing  
INTEGRATION

## List of materials to install:

- Crystals
- Mechanical structures (internal & external)
- Grid (fastening of the PCB)
- Copper plate, Insulation
- Cooling
- Electronic boxes, Cables

## Geographical location:

- Crystals → USA
- Mechanics, cooling → France
- Electronics, cables → France (a priori)
- Transport by plane in flight-cases

## Options considered for the assembly:

- Pre assembly without crystals @IJCLab (Orsay, France)
- Assembly @Jlab or/and @BNL

Procedure ongoing

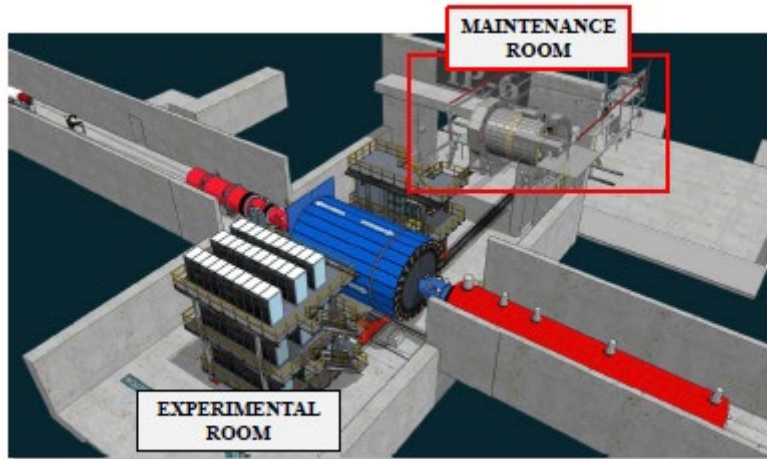
Depends on very front-end and FEB

Assembly test at IJCLab

Still deciding on the final assembly at JLab or BNL



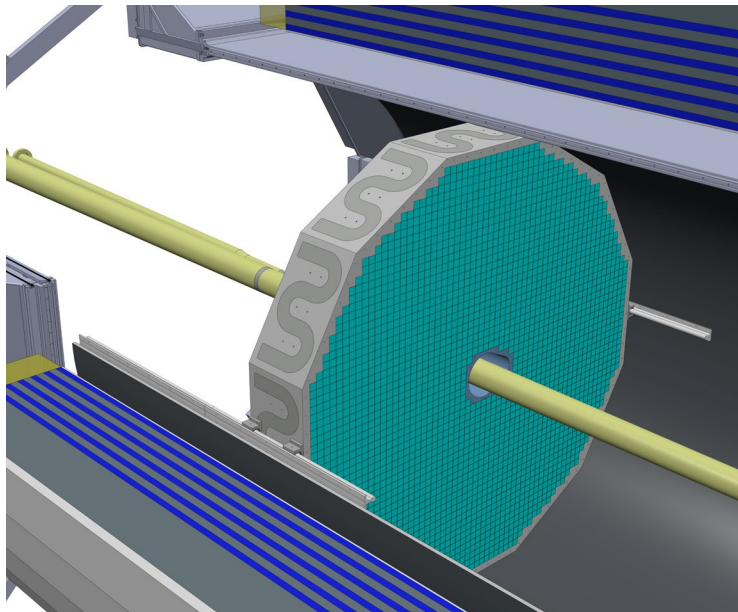
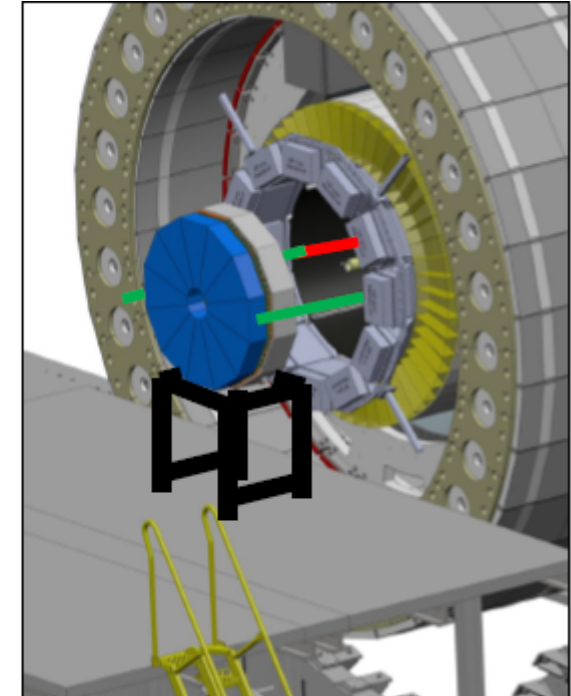
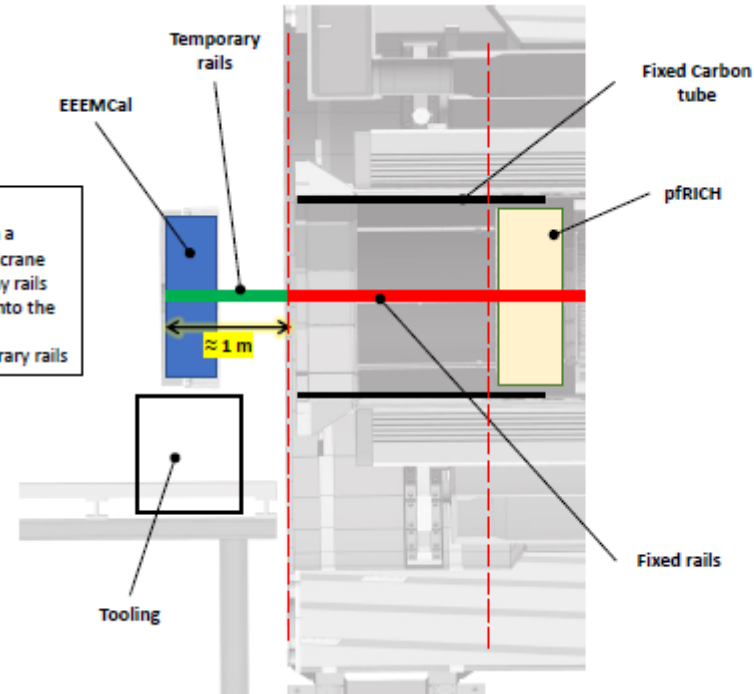
# Mechanical Design – Installation



Overview of the experimental and maintenance rooms

## Steps:

- Put the detector on a tooling with bridge crane
- Fasten the temporary rails
- Slide the detector into the carbon tube
- Remove the temporary rails



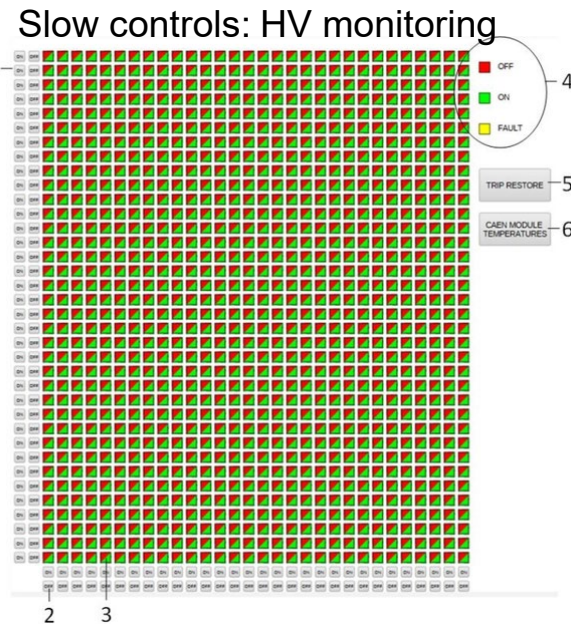
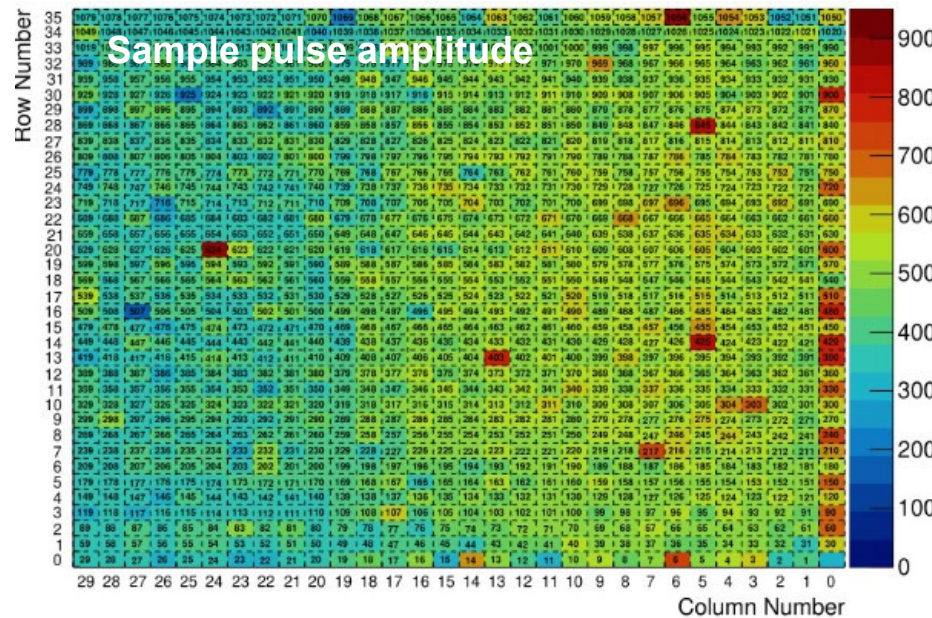
Backward ECAL fixed with rails to the GST (global support tube) in carbon fiber and showing the external cooling structure planned with FSW technology

Define positioning of the rails for insertion of detector  
Study handling of the detector  
Services depend on FEB and cooling

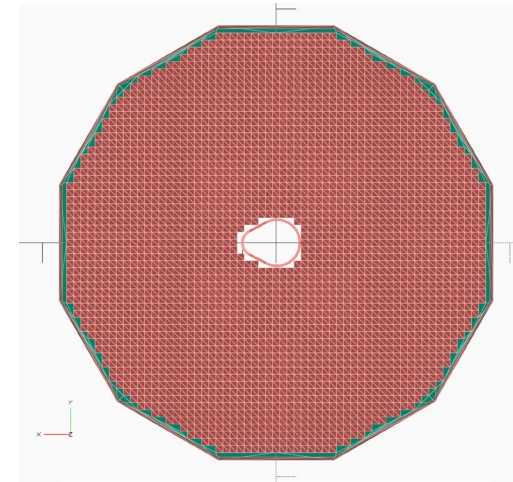


# Software/Simulation Development

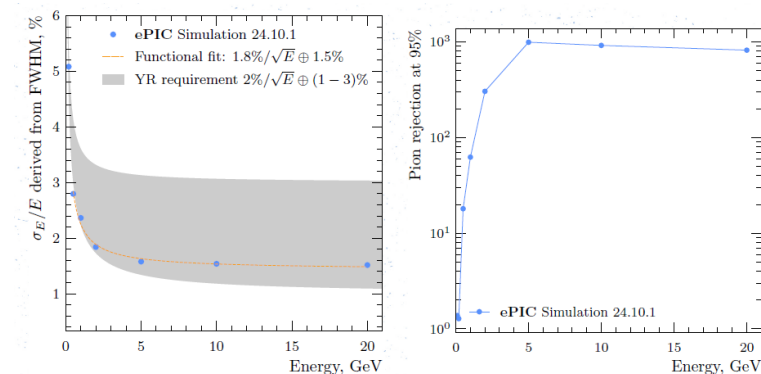
- ❑ Software builds on experience from JLab projects (e.g., HYCAL, FCAL, NPS, etc.)
- ❑ Anticipated to follow a similar workflow



EEEMCAL in ePIC simulation framework



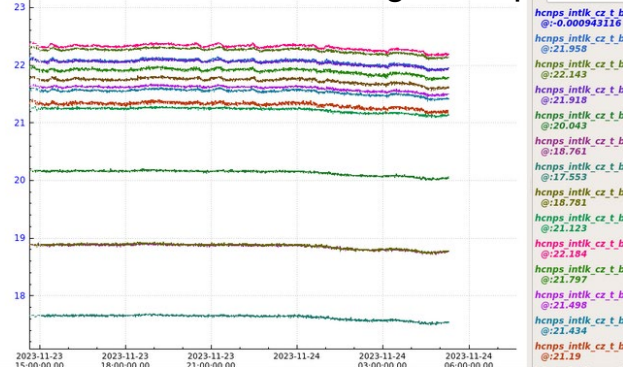
EEEMCAL performance



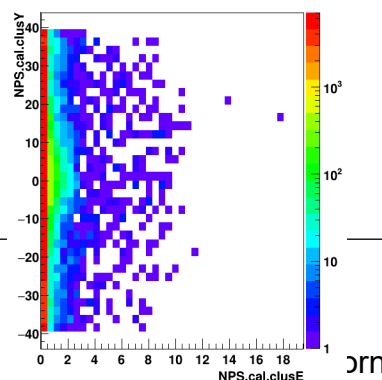
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Online diagnostic plots

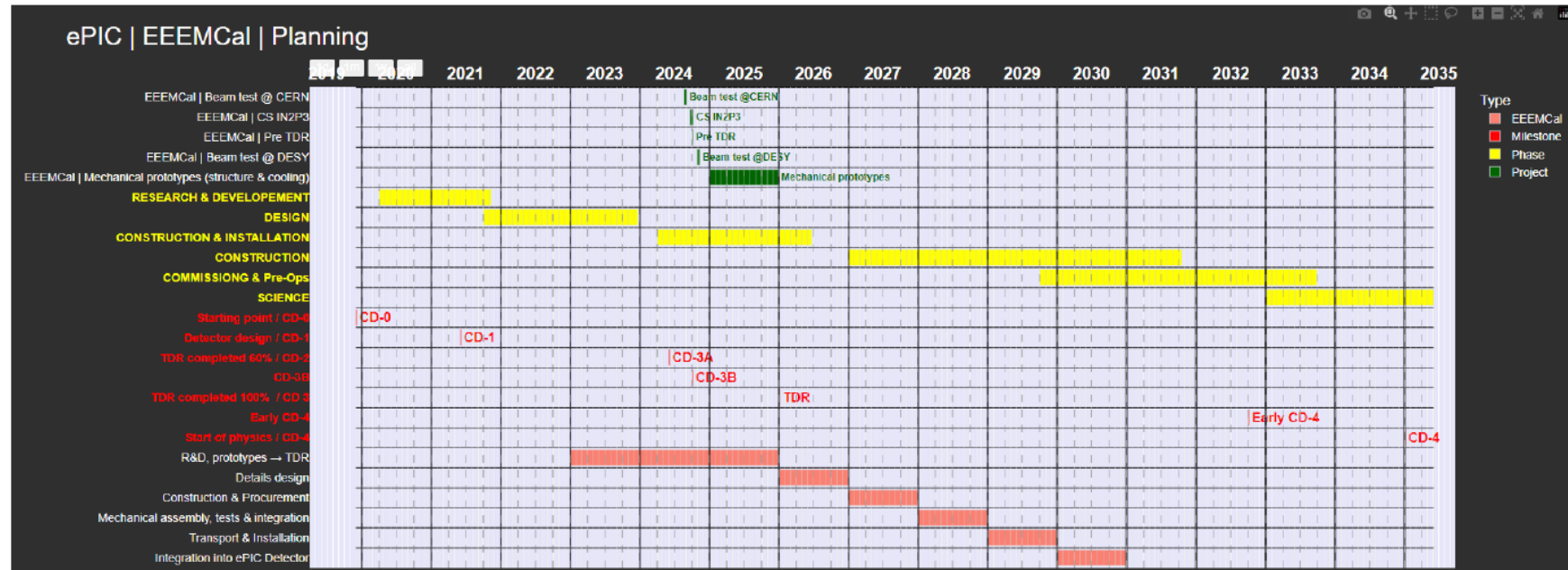


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# Organization and Development Overview

Item	Institutions
Crystals	CUA, UKY, JMU, MIT
MPPC	ACU, OU, Lehigh, FIU
Mechanical	IJCLab-Orsay
Signal Processing	IJCLab-Orsay, OU, ACU
Simulations and Software	AANL, UKY, AU, W&M



## Front-End Board (FEB)

- Location of the power to dissipate
- Better estimation of the cables needed
- Design of the FEB

## Mechanical design:

- Internal structure + cooling
- External structure + cooling
- FEA simulation with advanced design
- Thermal simulation with advanced design

## Installation requirements

- Clearances
- Location of the rails for the assembly
- Services

# Summary

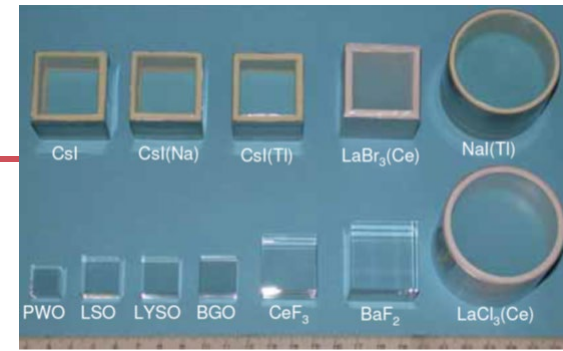
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- ❑ Design of EEEMCAL is nearing 90% completion.
- ❑ Crystal first (140) articles have passed QA
- ❑ Remaining technical work in FEE is progressing well and expected to reach 90% mark soon
- ❑ Thermal simulations complete
- ❑ Multiple prototype beam tests completed, engineering articles complete and last phase of beam tests ongoing
- ❑ Last aspects of integration (FEE and associated cooling) need to be finalized after test beam completed
- ❑ Still deciding on final assembly at JLab or BNL
- ❑ EEEMCAL is on track to be technically ready for baselining at the end of the year





# Context for PbWO<sub>4</sub> Specifications



In general, for high-precision electromagnetic calorimetry, the following are of relevance:

- Smaller radiation length for smaller longitudinal size
- Smaller Moliere radius allowing higher granularity
- Smaller decay time
- Better energy resolution. Larger number of photoelectrons per MeV to reach higher resolution
- Smaller constant term contribution to energy resolution, mainly due to non-uniformity and gaps, to readout and noise. → for sensitivity checks need tests with detector prototypes in beam
- Reasonable temperature dependence to light yield
- Higher radiation hardness (EM and/or hadron fluences)

Parameter =====	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Rad. Length (cm)	Moliere Radius (cm)	Decay time (ns)	Light Yield (γ/MeV)	dLY/dT (%/°C)	Rad. Hard. (krad)
Material							
NaI(Tl)	3.67	2.59	4.13	245	41000	-0.2	1-2
CsI(Tl)	4.51	1.86	3.57	1220	60000	0.4	1
CsI	4.51	1.86	3.57	35 6	1600 400	-0.6 -1.4	1
BaF <sub>2</sub>	4.89	2.03	3.1	650 0.9	16000 2000	-1.9 0.1	>50
CeF <sub>3</sub>	6.16	1.70	2.41	30	2800	~0.1	>100
(BGO)	7.13	1.12	2.23	300	8000	-0.9	>1000
Bi <sub>4</sub> Ge <sub>3</sub> O <sub>12</sub>					4000	-1.6	(recovery)
(PWO) PbWO <sub>4</sub>	8.3	0.89	2	30 10	40 240	-2.5	>1000
SciGlass	3.7-4.5	2.2-2.8	2-3	20-50	500-2000	None	>1000

PbWO<sub>4</sub> meets the requirements of an extremely fast, compact, and radiation hard scintillator material providing sufficient luminescence yield to achieve good energy resolution.

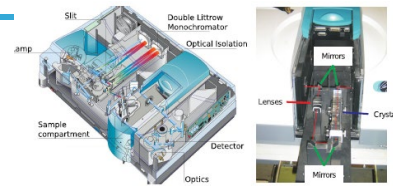
# QA facilities at Universities

## Optical Transmittance (L/T)

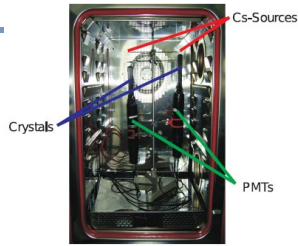
## Crystal light yield and timing

## Radiation Hardness and recovery

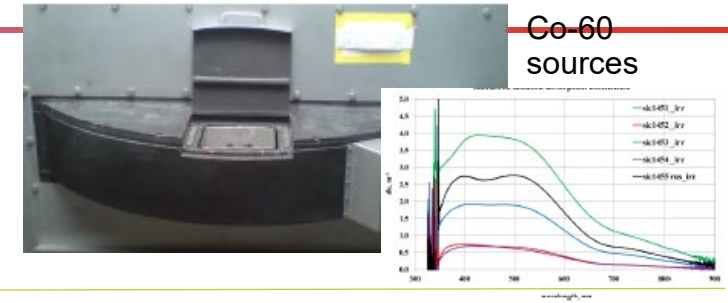
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Modified Varian Cary 5000 spectrometer

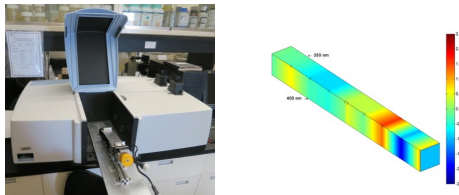


Cs-137 source and calibrated 2-inch PMT (Hamamatsu R2059-01) with QE(420nm)=24%.



Co-60 sources

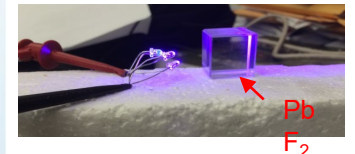
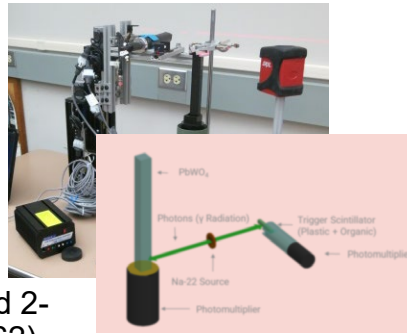
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Perkin-Elmer Lambda 950 spectrometer

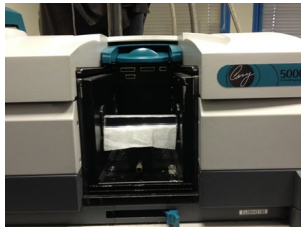


Na-22 source and 2-inch PMT (XP2262)

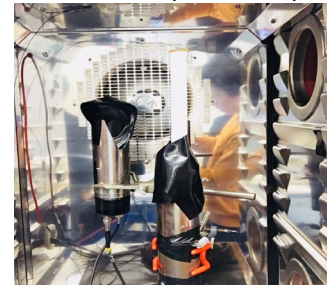


x-ray irradiation system (Faxitron CP-160)

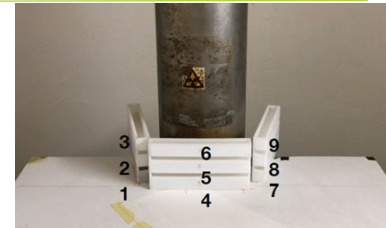
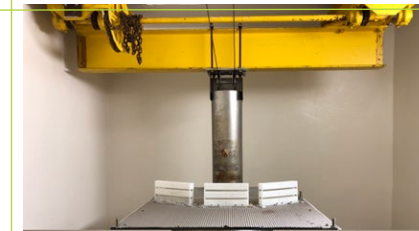
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Varian Cary 5000 spectrometer



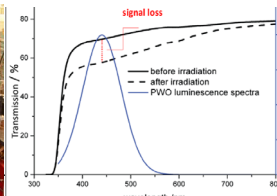
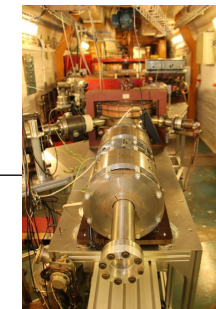
Cs-137 source and 2-inch PMT



Co-60 source, 222 TBq, simultaneous irradiation of nine crystals/water; different dose rates possible

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Electron-Ion Collider

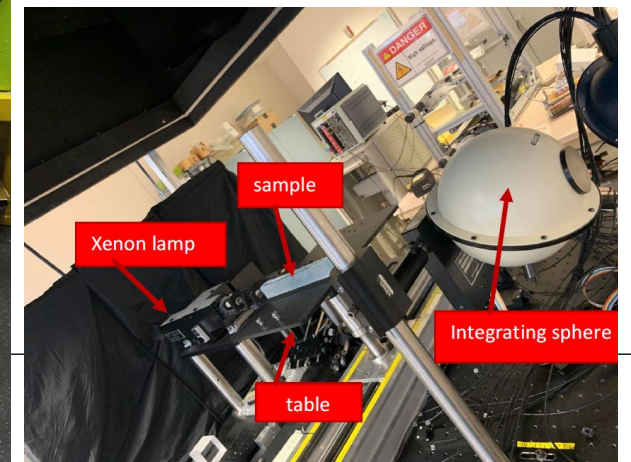
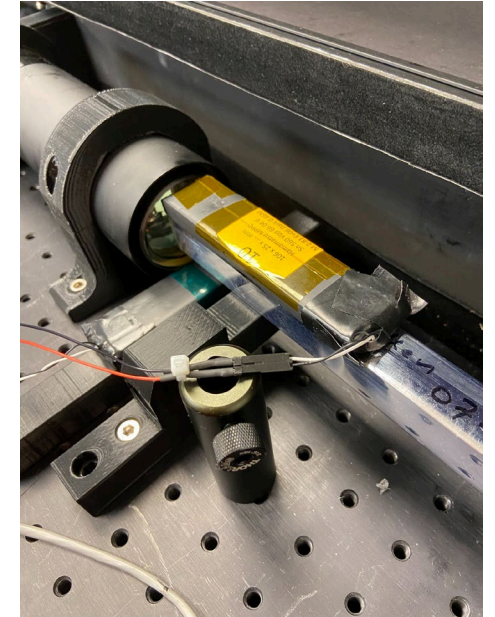


Electrons  $5.5 \text{ MeV} < E_e < 16.6 \text{ MeV}$ ; adjust beam intensity to illumination with g rays (Co-60, 30 Gy)



# JLab crystal test facility for $\text{PbWO}_4$ QA and prototype

- ❑ Dedicated cleanroom facility for crystal characterization
  - Mitutoyo QM - for mechanical dimensions measurements. Precise to 1 micron.
  - Crystal Light Yield measurements
  - Optical transmittance with integrating sphere
  - Radiation hardness in beam
- ❑ Beam test facility with tagged photon beam up to 4-5 GeV
  - Technique demonstrated successfully for NPS can be adapted for EIC prototype tests

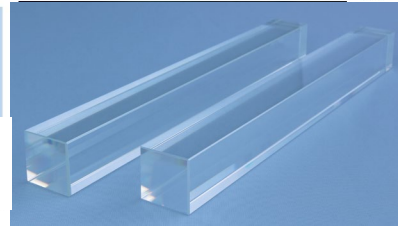




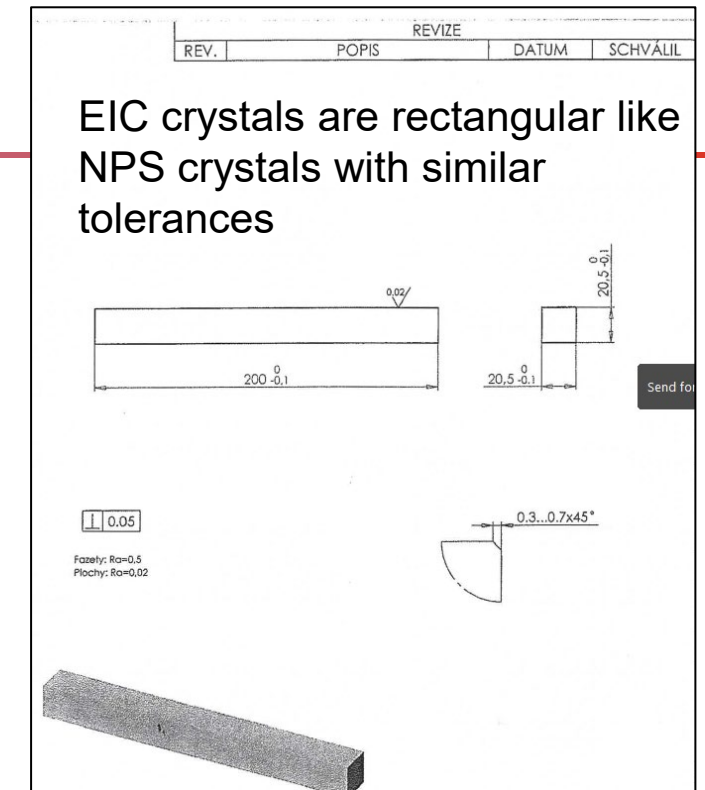
# PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystal production for JLab Projects

## Production of PWO crystals at CRYTUR – Turnov, Czech Republic

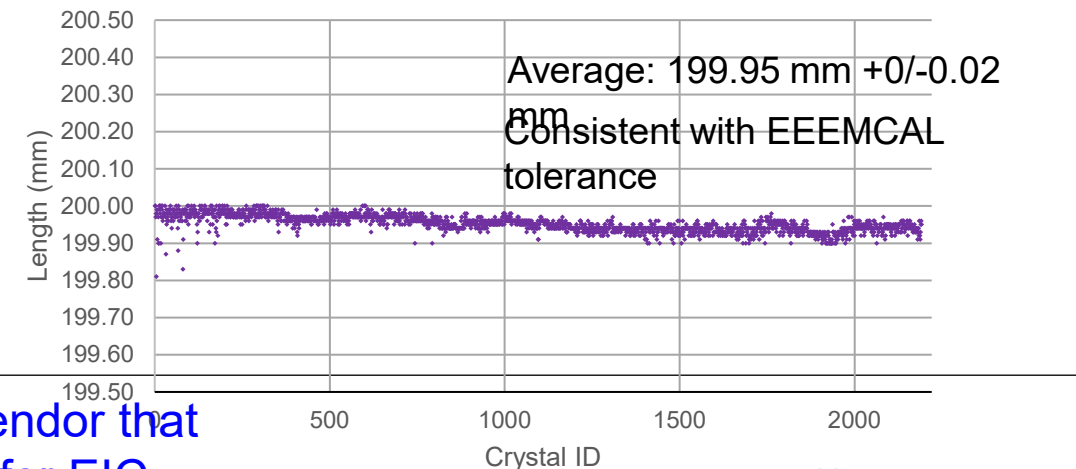
- long tradition in the production of inorganic scintillators. Restart of PWO production in 2014
- production based on Czochralski technology



- ❑ ~2190 PWO crystals delivered continuously for projects at JLab since 2017
- ❑ Crystals used for both NPS and FCAL-2
- ❑ All 1100 NPS crystals for NPS passed the NPS quality assurance tests (similar for FCAL-2)



Length uniformity of CRYTUR crystals (2017 – present)



Electron-Ion Collider CRYTUR is a well established and tested vendor that can deliver crystals of the quality needed for EIC