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**‘Development of a P-Terphenil beam monitor for the far detector of T2K (Super-Kamiokande) Linac calibration’**

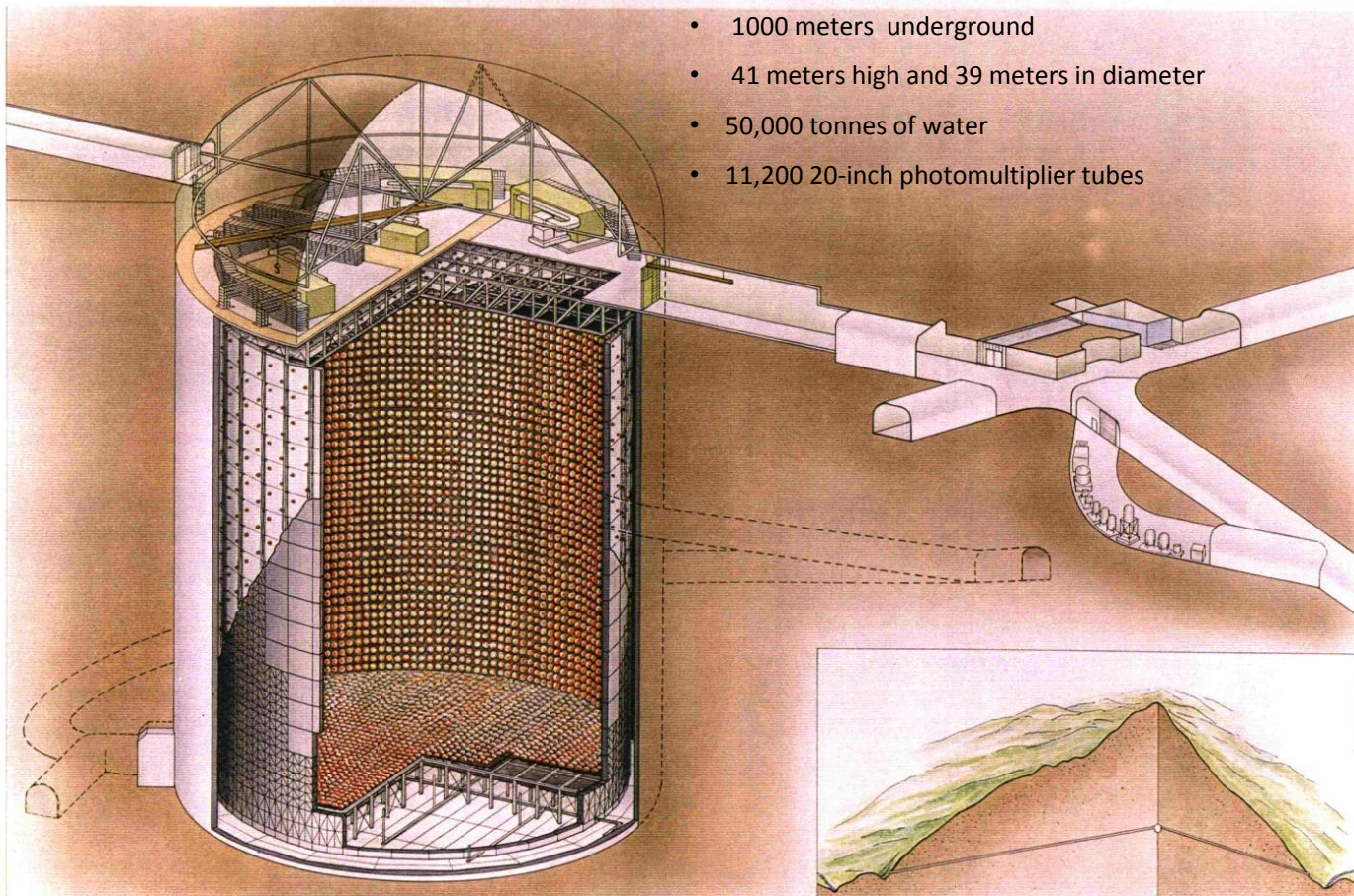
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# Outline

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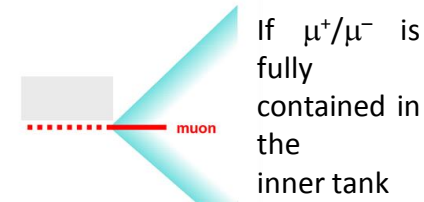
# Super-Kamiokande

- 1000 meters underground
- 41 meters high and 39 meters in diameter
- 50,000 tonnes of water
- 11,200 20-inch photomultiplier tubes

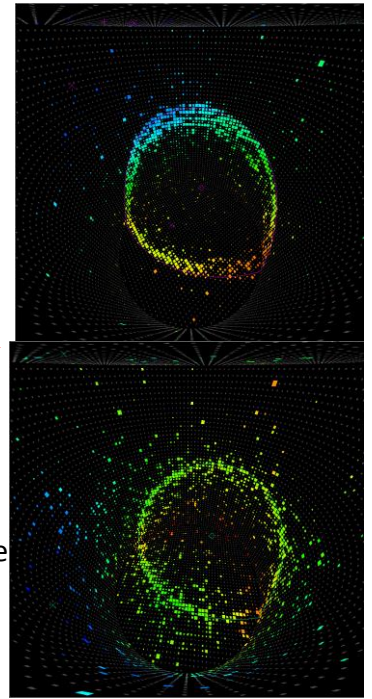
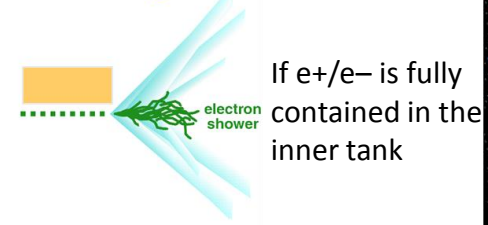


Physics topics in Super-Kamiokande:

- 1) Long baseline neutrino oscillation
- 2) Solar neutrino
- 3) Atmospheric neutrino
- 4) Neutrinos from supernova burst
- 5) Nucleon decay
- 6) Massive neutrino dark matter search
- 7) Gamma-ray burst search



Cone vertex and # of PMT and total charge collected used for measuring  $E_{vis}$



Measure Cherenkov rings produced by  $e^\pm$  and  $\mu^\pm$

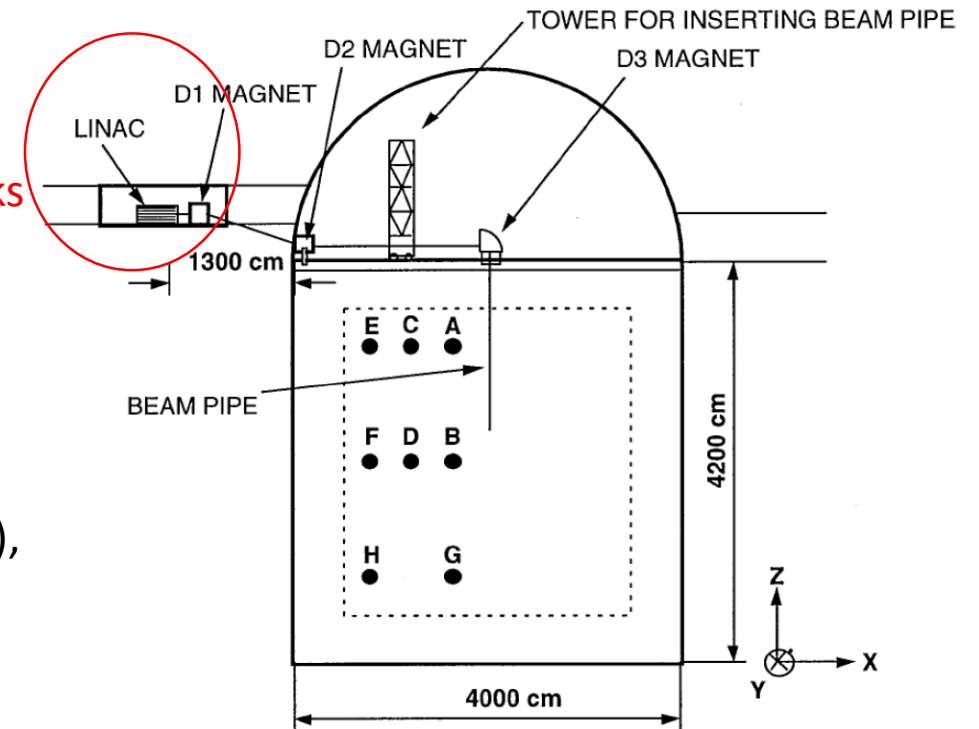
# Super-Kamiokande Calibration

## Needed for:

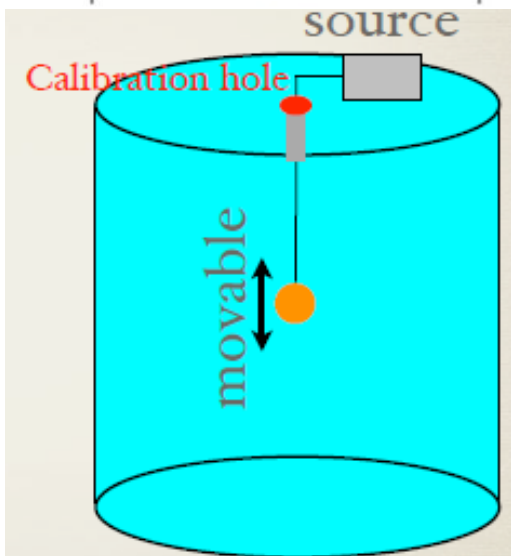
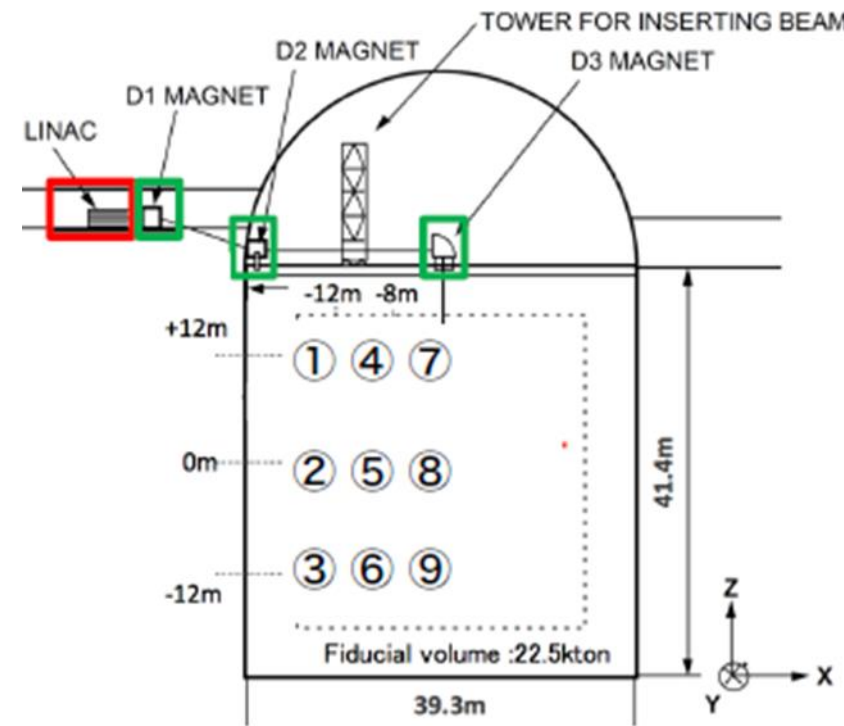
- 1-Estimation of the number of photo-electrons and of the arrival timing on each PMT.
- 2-Understanding the water quality in detail.
- 3- Estimating of the uncertainty of reconstruction, such as energy, position, direction etc.
- 4-Monitoring the long term stability for PMT gain.

Use electron LINAC: “The LINAC festival” is held once per year, takes ~4weeks

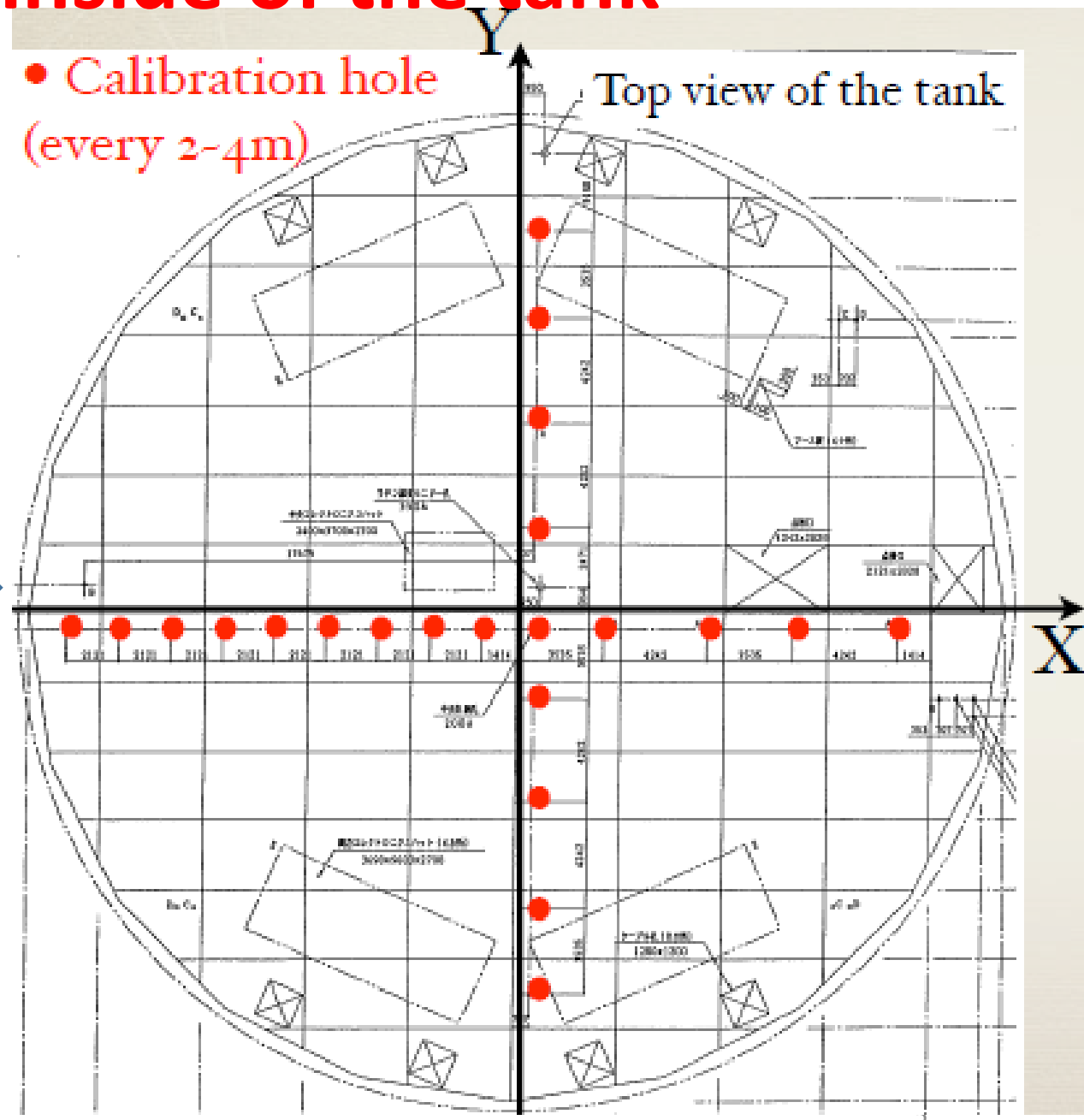
- tunable energy (4~18MeV)
- Known direction
- individual triggered single electron
- Mono-energetic electrons are selected from this spectrum
- A 1 mm thick, 24 mm diameter plastic scintillator (the “trigger counter”), mounted 17 mm above a titanium window and supplies a trigger signal



# Access to the inside of the tank

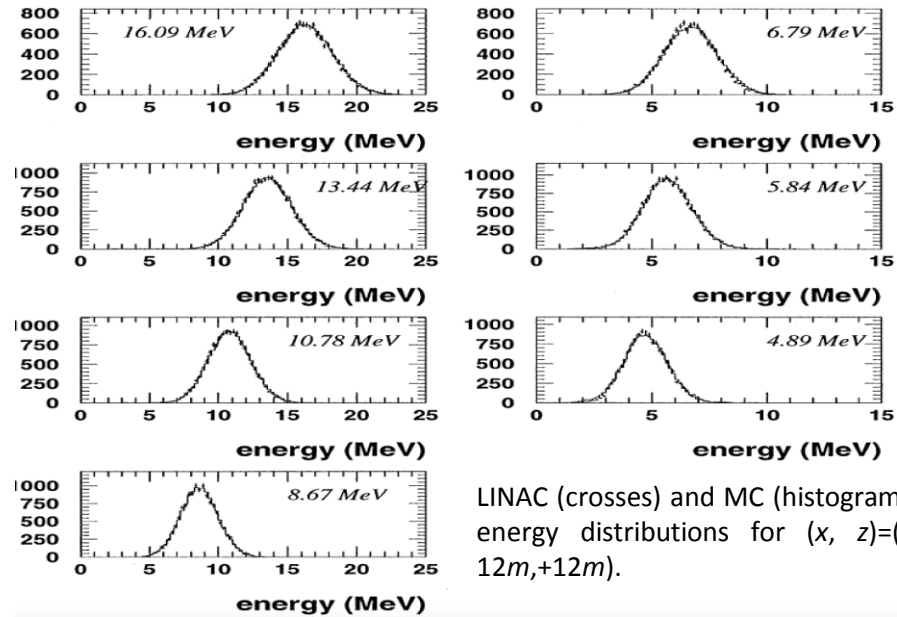


- Calibration hole (every 2-4m)



LINAC positioning in relation to the tank and data collecting

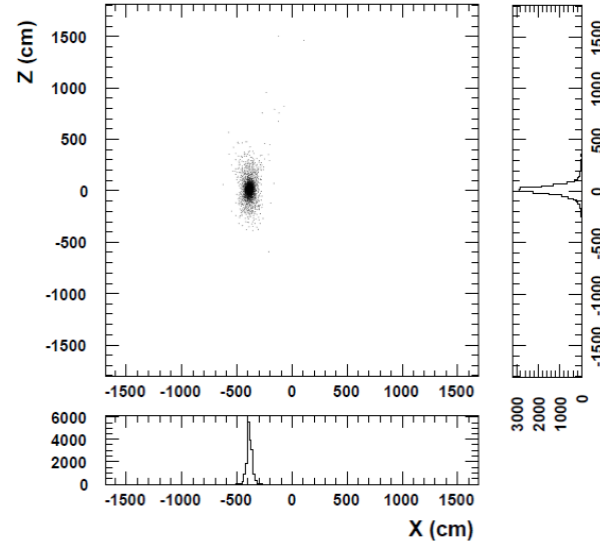
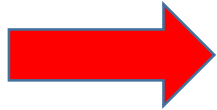
Takes about one month for a “complete” detector scan and ~6 people working:  
9 positions, 5-7 beam momenta



-takes about 0.5-1 days to **install/align beam pipe**, about 0.5 days to vacuum  
-takes about 3h to take one measurement for each beam momentum: 1.5h to tune the beam, 1h to take data (assuming 60Hz bunch frequency), 0.5h to take control samples for backgrounds and measure beam momentum in Ge detector

# Results for the year 2018 calibration campaign

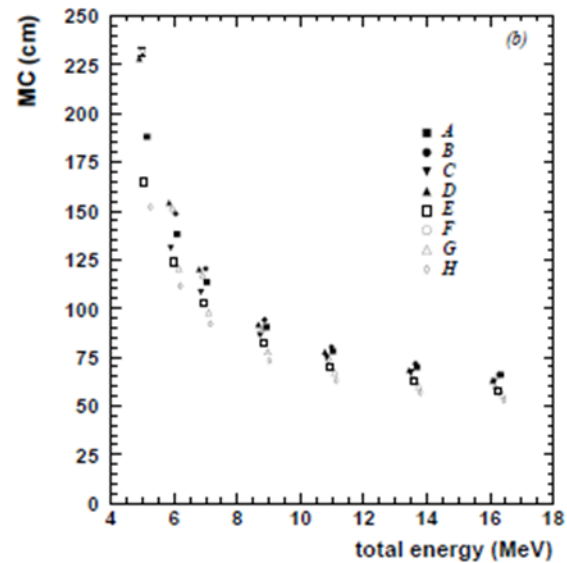
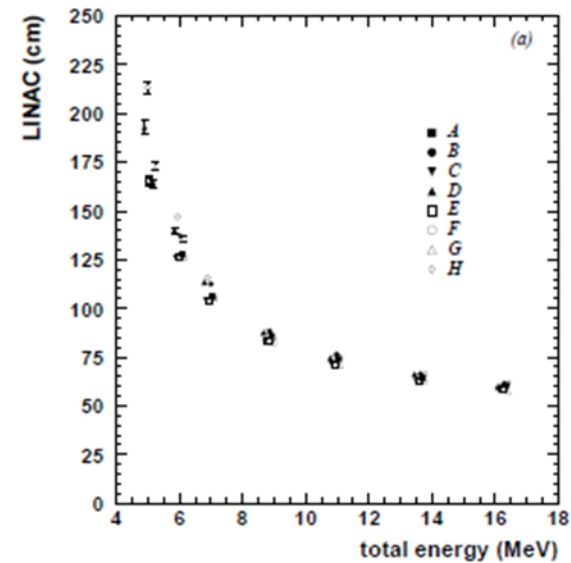
2017	Position[cm]			Target beam energy [MeV]					
	x [cm]	y [cm]	z [cm]	5	6	8	12	15	18
①	-1237	-70.7	1197	●	-	●	●	●	●
②	-1237	-70.7	-6	●	-	●	●	●	●
③	-1237	-70.7	-1209	●	●	●	●	●	●
④	-813.1	-70.7	1197	●	●	●	●	●	●
⑤	-813.1	-70.7	-6	●	-	●	●	●	●
⑥	-813.1	-70.7	-1209	●	●	●	●	●	●
⑦	-388.9	-70.7	1197	●	●	●	●	●	●
⑧	-388.9	-70.7	-6	-	●	●	●	●	●
⑨	-388.9	-70.7	-1209	●	-	●	●	●	●



The analysis of this last calibration data outlet is almost completed, but a first estimate has made it possible to evaluate THE **VERTEX POSITION RESOLUTION** depending on an energy scale position:



Position vertex a  
(x,z)=(-4m,0m), beam  
energy to 15MeV/c

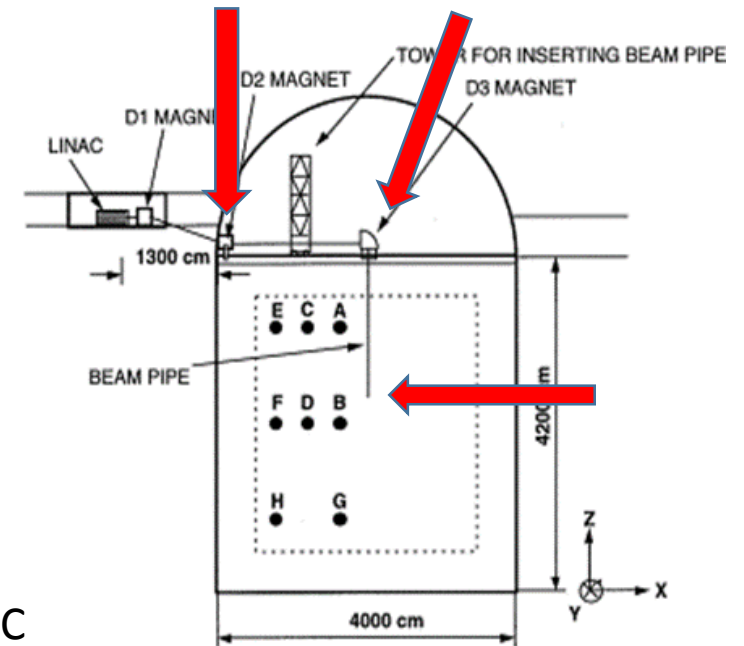


Vertex position resolutions of (a) LINAC and (b) MC.

Total energy (MeV)	Vertex resolution(cm)
5	121±21
6	133±8
8	108±5
12	73±2
15	65±2
18	50±2

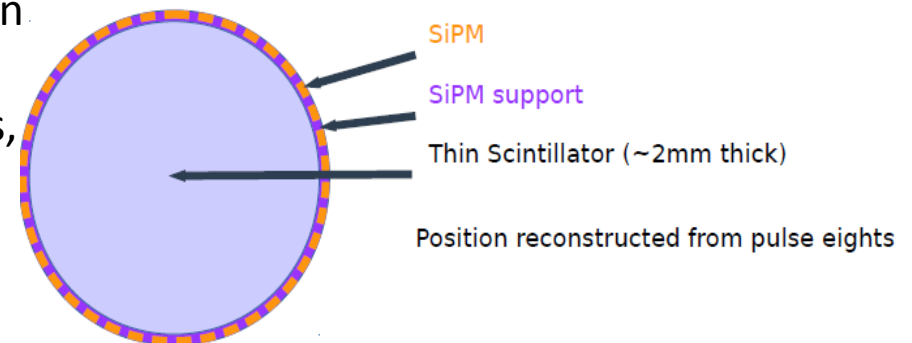
# P-Terphenyl beam monitors for the SK Linac calibration

3 position-sensitive devices to provide a complete characterization of the beam shape and position in real-time!!!



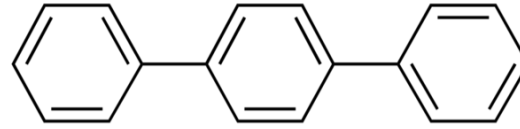
## List of requirements for a position-sensitive device to be installed in the SK LINAC

- Position resolution:  $\sim 1\text{mm}$
- Moved in and out the beam by a remotely-operated manipulation system, even when mounted in the final (underwater) vertical section
- Amount of material in the beam equivalent to the one of the present monitors, and possibly less
- Minimal cabling for power and data
- Larger active area ( $\sim 2\text{cm}$  diameter)





# Why P-Terphenyl?



**C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>**

Organic scintillators fast decay time and their low Z, while inorganic for high light yields



a para-terphenyl based detector has a mix of properties of the two categories that can be optimal for energy and position measurements of low energy charged particles.

- 1) P-terphenyl is an aromatic hydrocarbon isomer, formed by three benzene rings in ortho position.
- 2) P-terphenyl is an organic material commonly used as a dopant for organic scintillators.
- 3) Pure terphenyl is a white crystalline solid, insoluble in water.
- 4) Crystals of this material have a LY that strongly depends on the doping: LY can be significantly increased at the cost of shortening the Light Attenuation Length ( $\lambda$ ).

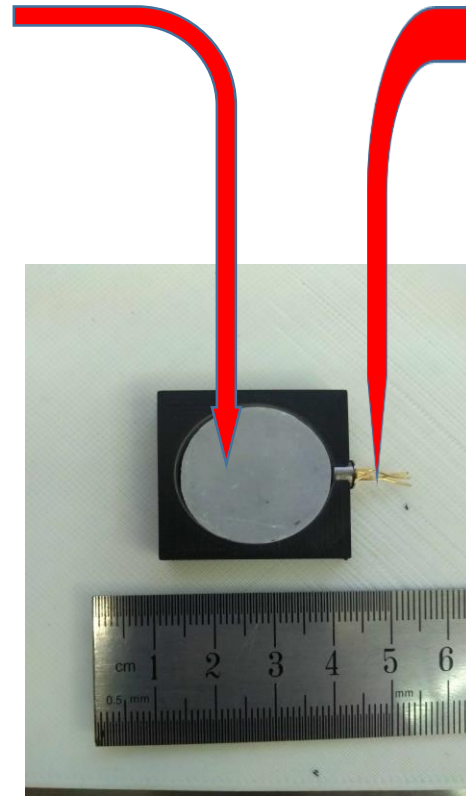


**LY and  $\lambda$  parameters are crucial**

# Research activity: experimental measurements (1)

## P-Terphenil characteristics

- Density 1.23 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- HC ratio 0.778
- Luminescence max 420 nm
- Refractive index 1.65
- Light yield 27,000 ph/MeV
- Decay time 3.7 ns



## SiPM (MicroFC 10035 X18)

- TO-18 Packaged SiPM
- 1x1 mm size
- 576 microcell of 35um (fill factor 64%)
- Temp stability 21.5mV/°C
- Breakdown voltage ~24.65V
- Bias over-voltage 1-5 V
- Wavelength 300-800nm, peak 420nm
- PDE 31%-41%
- Gain 3 10<sup>6</sup>
- Dark current rate 30KHz (<96KHz)

A monocrystal P-Terphenil disk, 26mm diam, 4mm tick read by a 1x1mm SiPM

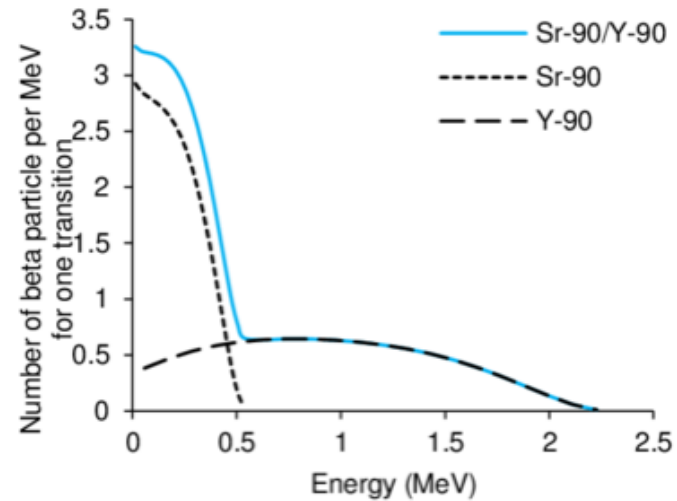
# Research activity: experimental measurements (2)

## Sr90-Y90 radioactive source

74 KBq nominal

Sr90 end point:  $E_{kin}=0.53$  MeV,  $g=2.05$ ,  $E=1.05$  MeV

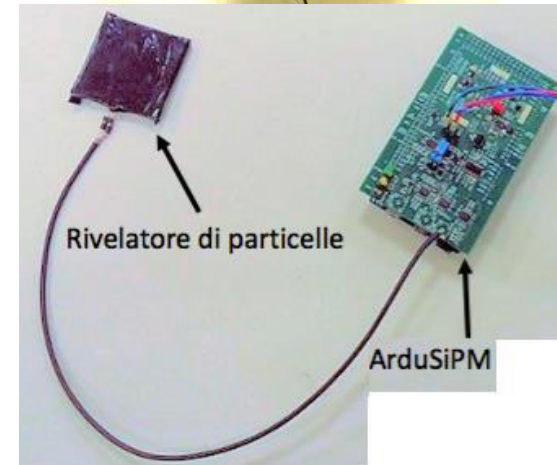
Y90 end point:  $E_{kin}=2.23$  MeV,  $g=5.37$ ,  $E=2.74$  MeV



## ArduSiPM INFN Roma

readout&control

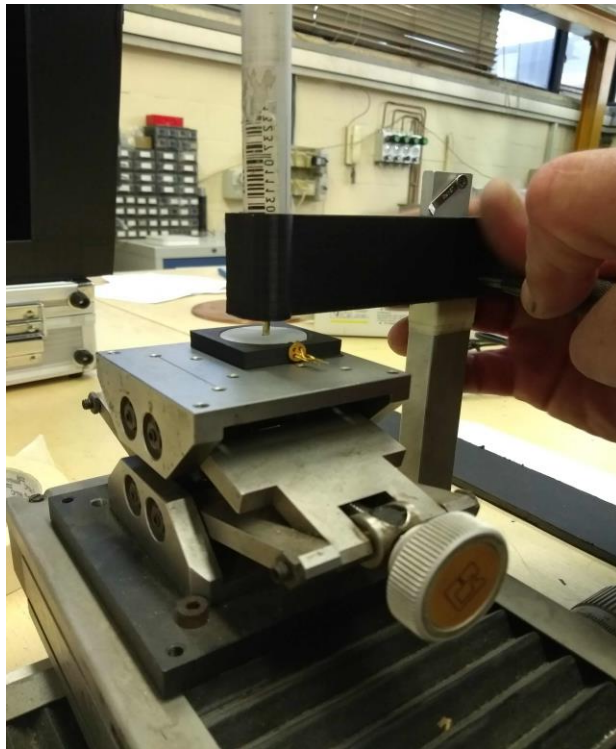
bias setting and preamp



# Research activity: experimental measures (3)

## Stage

An XY micrometric stage, adjustable in Z to move the detector



## Black box

A Black box with a LEMO feed-through  
XxYxZcm (inner)



# Research activity: experimental measurements (4)

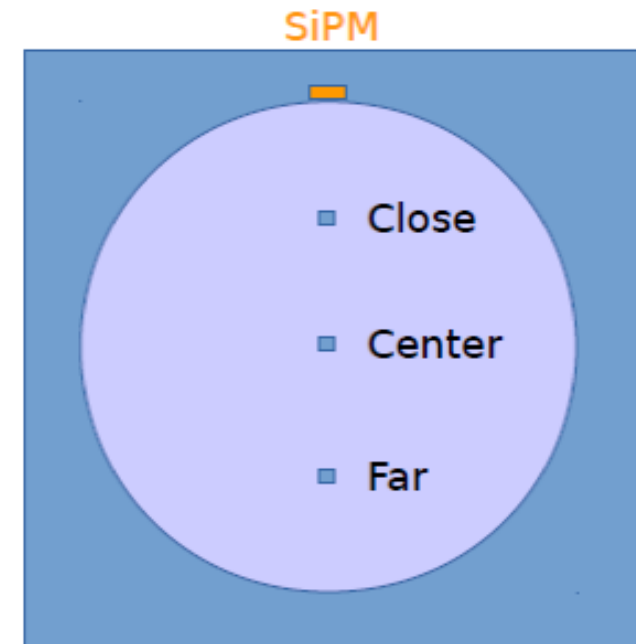
We took data with 1mm-, 3mm-, 4mm-thickness disks to find the best detector performance!!!

**Data points taken at three distances:**

Source at 0,05mm over the scintillator

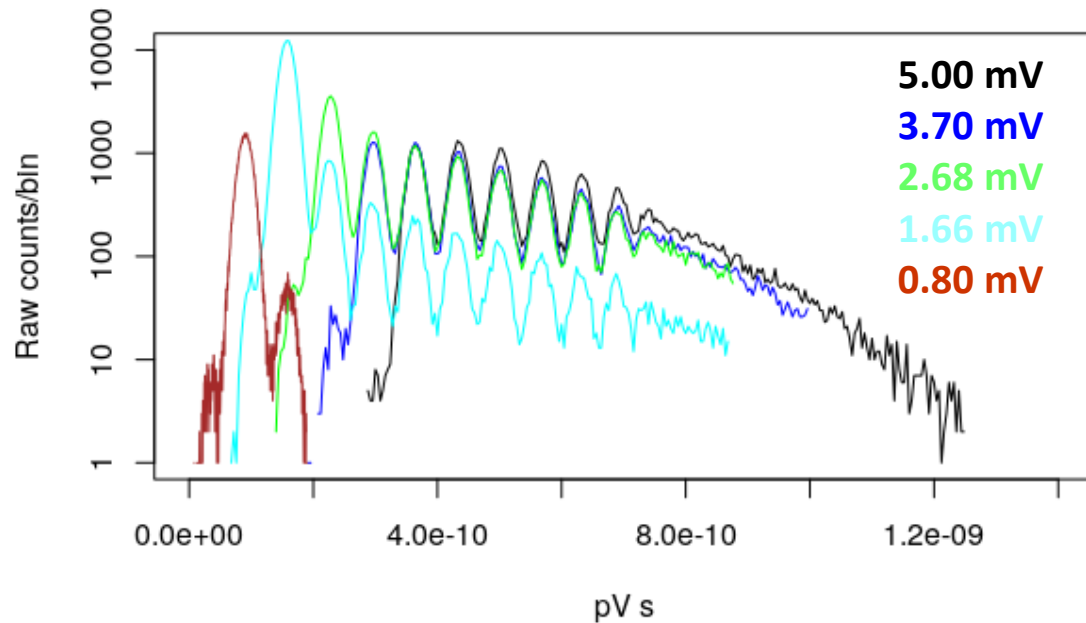
Close = Center - 7mm

Far = Center + 7mm



# Research activity: experimental measurements (5)

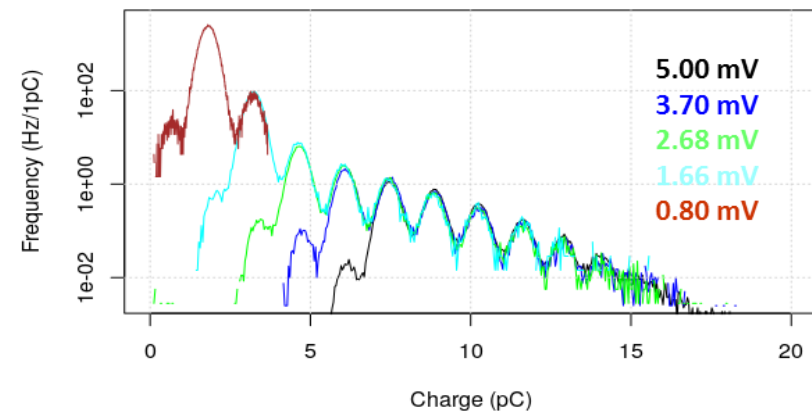
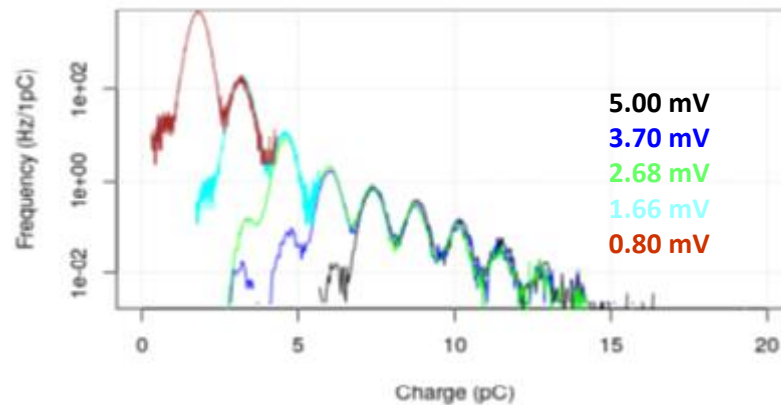
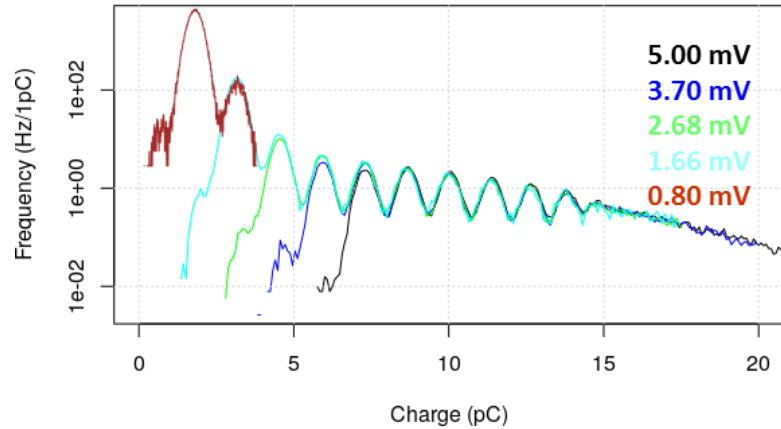
For a 4mm-thick p-therphenil disk



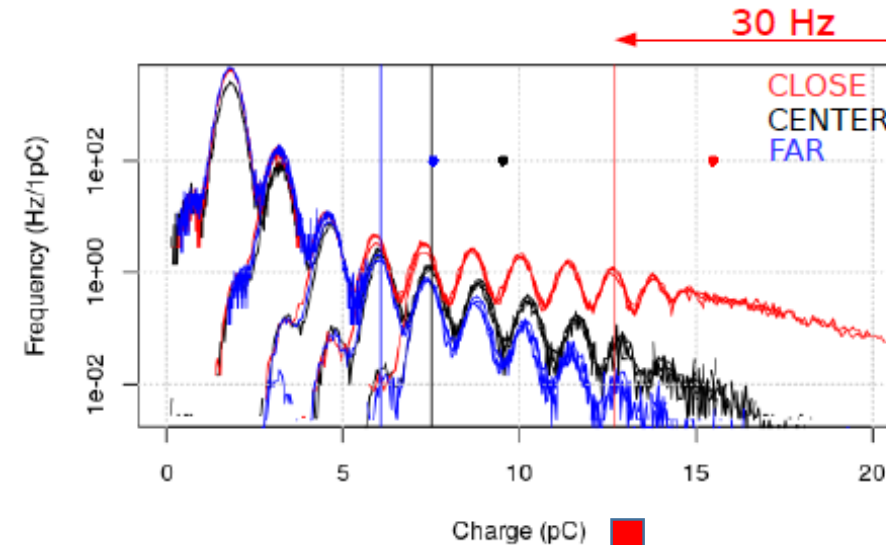
RAW COUNTS: Close position to SiPM

Raw Amplitude • Time integral counts from scope (pV • s)  
→ transform to Charge (pC)  
→ use counts integral of the dataset at highest threshold (5 mV, black histogram, for which the frequency was measured) to normalise counts to frequency  
→ use the integral in the overlapping ranges to normalise datasets taken at different thresholds

# Research activity: experimental measurements (6)



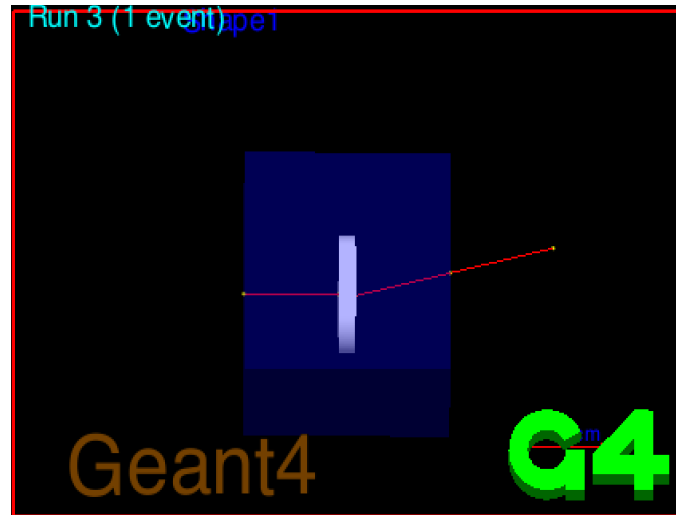
Compute the average charge for the upper tails of each distribution corresponding to 30Hz (arbitrarily chosen)



	Average 30Hz
CLOSE	15.48
CENTER	9.53
FAR	7.56

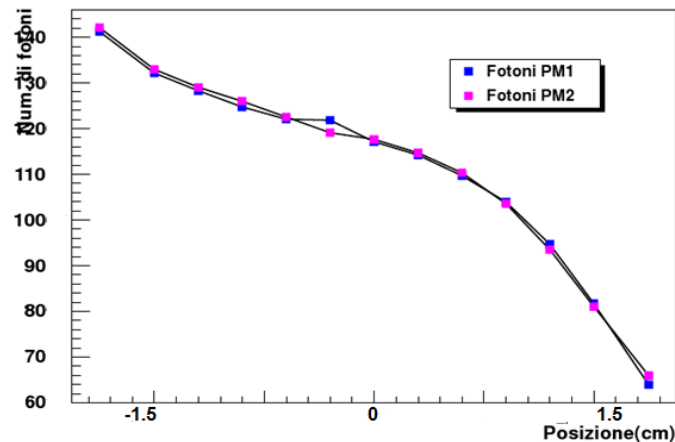
The attenuation length  $\lambda$  for p-terphenyl is of the order of one cm, compatible with the size of the new monitors for the calibration of SK, verifying that a scintillator disc of this new material (p-terphenyl) and with this geometry can be used for our purposes!!!

# Detector simulation (1)



- 1) Geometry
- 2) New Material (p-terphenil)
- 3) Beam (e- from 4 MeV to 18 MeV)

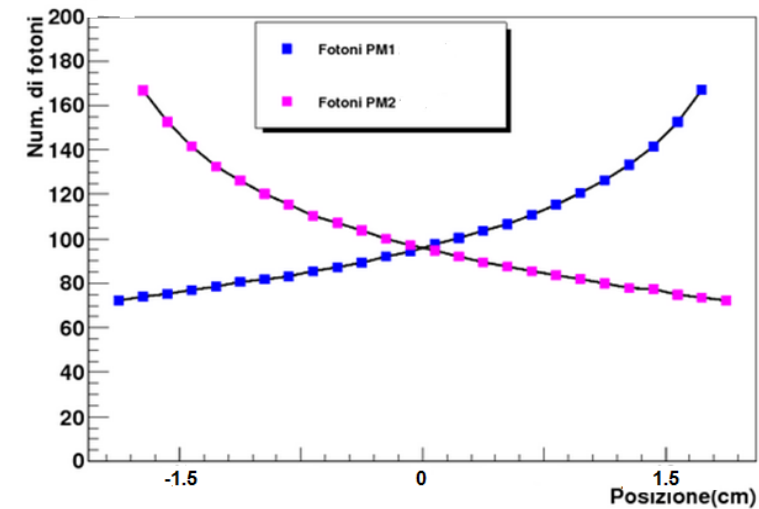
Simulazioni sovrapposte



Number of photons for position

Beam energy 5 MeV, in CLOSE position (near the SiPM)

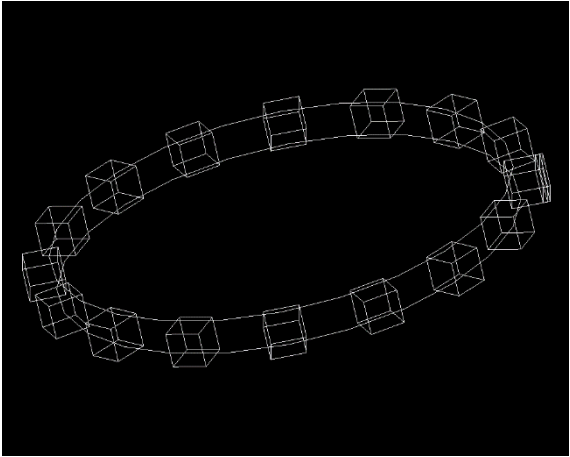
Simulazione R=0.005 Riflettività=90%



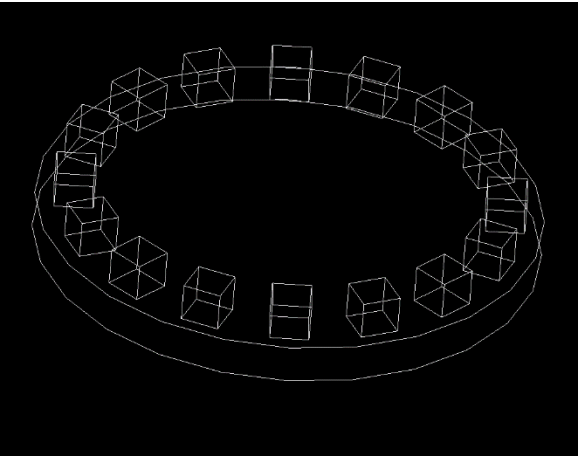
Number of photons revealed by two SiPM as a function of the source position depending on the value of the roughness  $R=0.005$  and reflectivity=90%.



# Detector simulation (2)

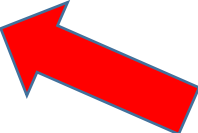


Configuration SIDE



Configuration UP

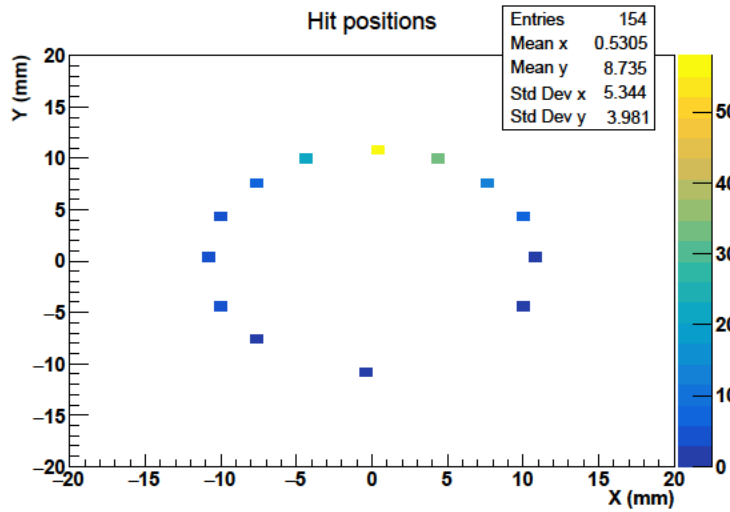
POSIZIONE SIPM	N°SIPM	SPESSORE SCINT (mm)	DIAMETRO SCINT (cm)
SIDE	12-16	1-2-3-4-5	2.6
UP	12-16	1-2-3-4-5	2.6



**Simulation codes and measurements on a series of discs of sparkling material of different thicknesses, diameter and light collection characteristics, in order to optimize the desired performances!!!**

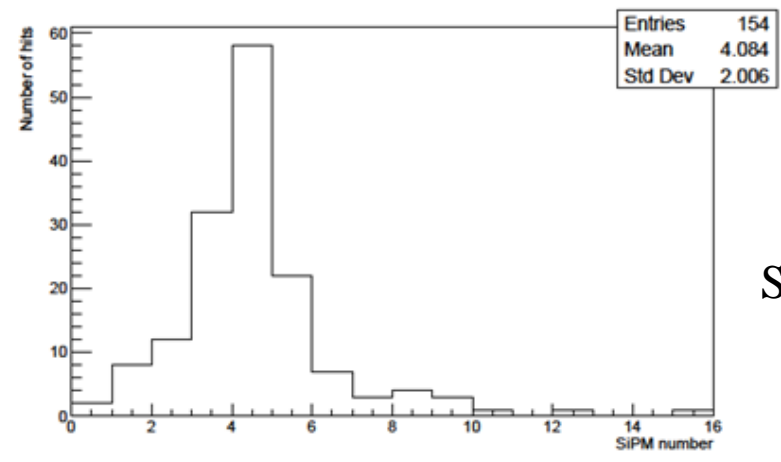
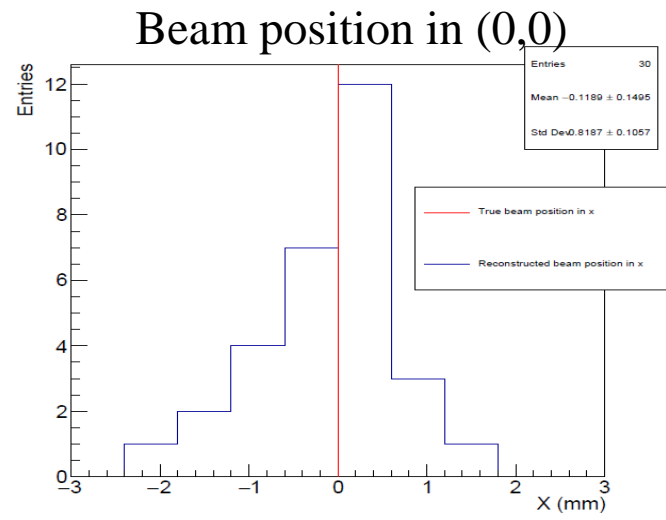
# Detector simulation (3)

30 simulations for each energy and for each beam position



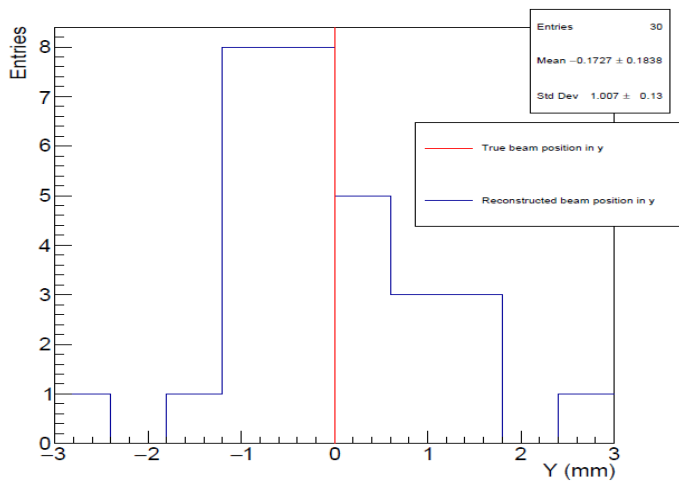
Number of photons into 16 SiPMs (configuration UP)

Reconstruction position in x and for 30 simulations  
resolution in  $x=0.84\pm 0.15$  mm



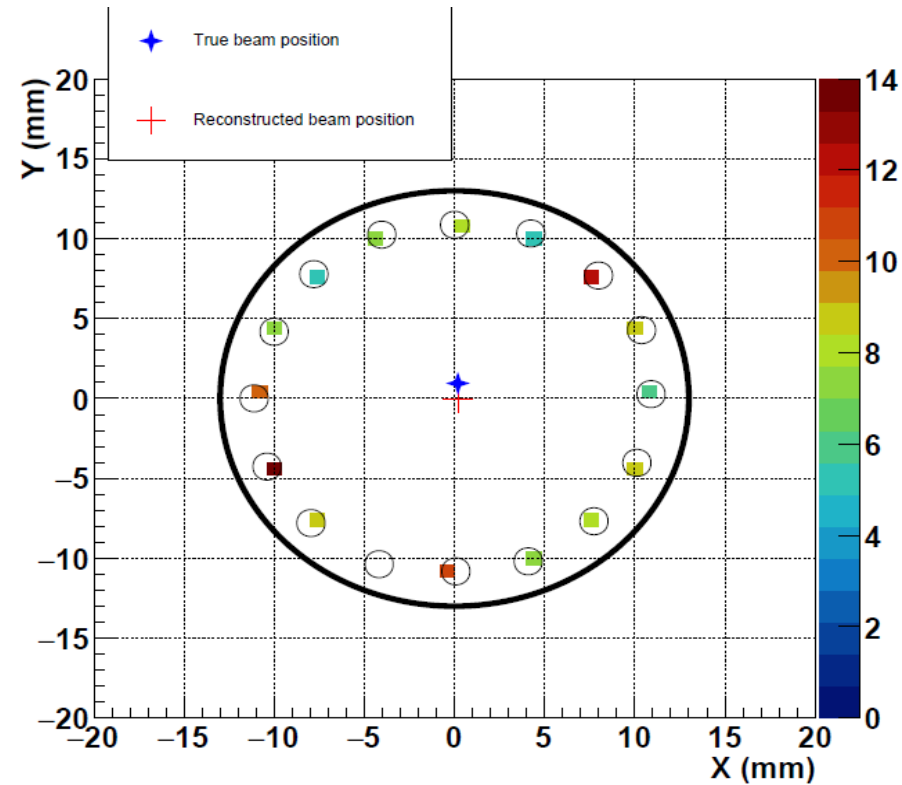
Number of hits in 16 SiPMs(configuration UP)

Reconstruction position in y and for 30 simulations  
resolution in  $y=1.04\pm 0.18$ mm



# Detector simulation (4)

$$X_{\text{rec}} = (w_1 X_1 + w_2 X_2 + \dots) / (w_1 + w_2 + \dots)$$

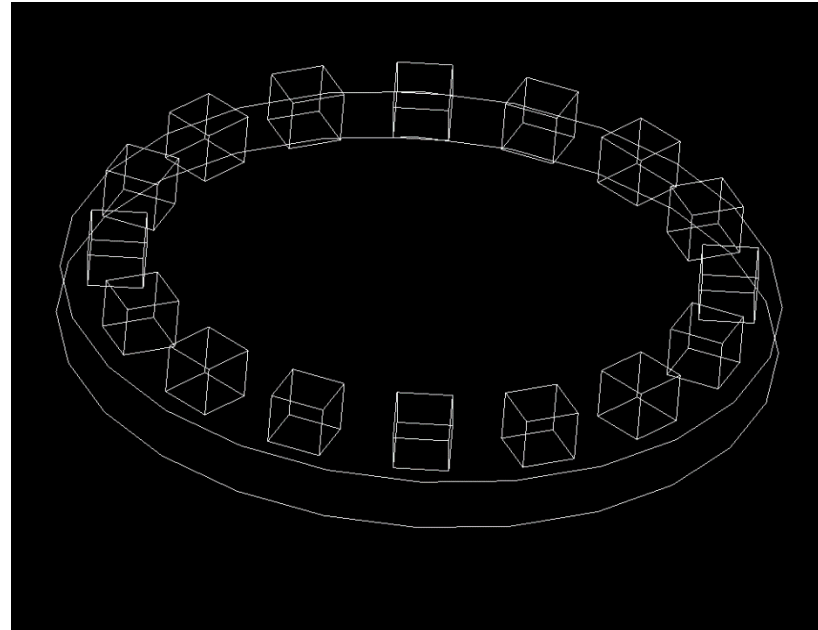


**Resolution on beam position:  $1.34 \pm 0.24$  mm**

# Conclusion

## THE BEST CONFIGURATION

- 1) A monocrystal P-Terphenil disk
- 2) Thickness 5mm
- 3) Diameter 2.6cm
- 4) 16 SiPMs
- 5) Configuration UP



**POSITION ERROR**  
**~ 1mm**

A possible timeline is:

- 1) test of a first prototype with radio-active sources and a low-energy electron beam
- 2) construction of the additional beam monitors and associated mechanics
- 3) The 3 final beam monitors for the installation in the SK LINAC

# PhD schools and publications (2016-2017)

1. VII International Course "Detectors and Electronics for High Energy Physics, Astrophysics, Space Applications and Medical Physics" INFN National Laboratories of Legnaro, 3-7 April 2017

2. XIV Seminar on "Software for Nuclear, Subnuclear and Applied Physics", ALGHERO, 4-9 June 2017

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