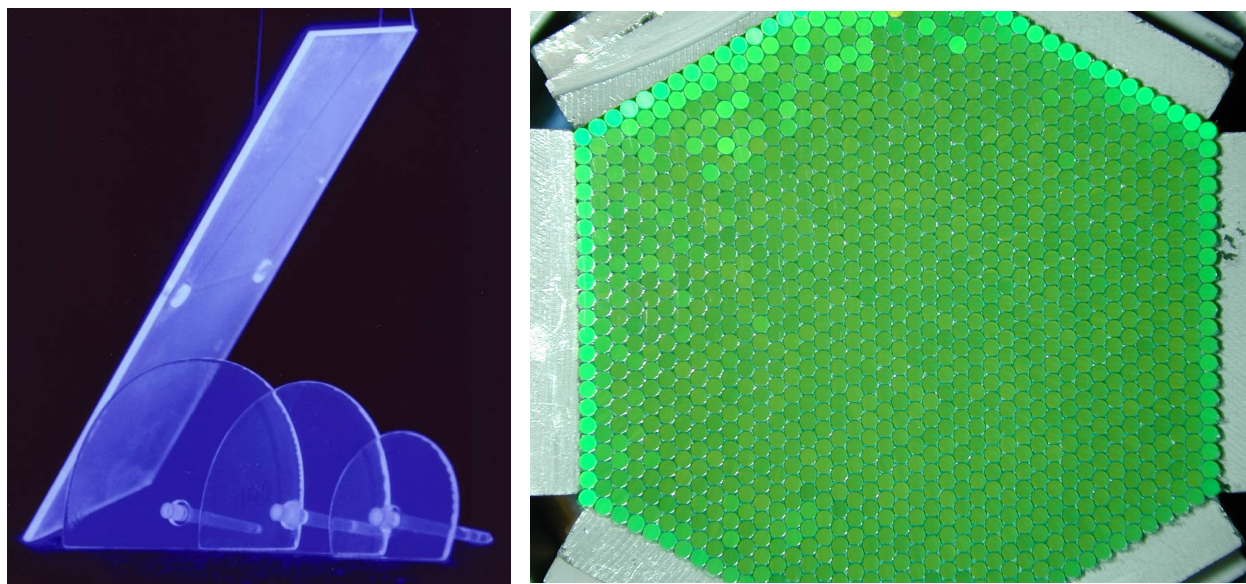


LOMaC

Laboratory of optics and scintillating materials



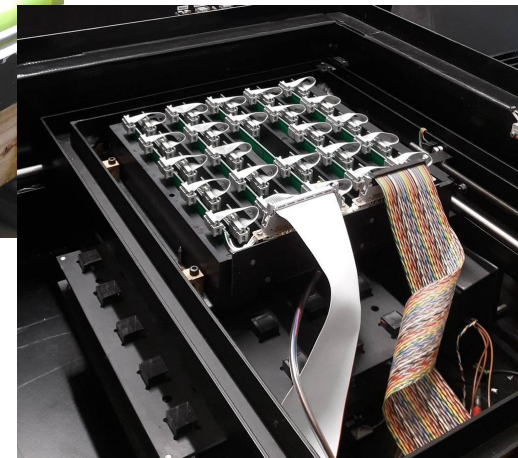
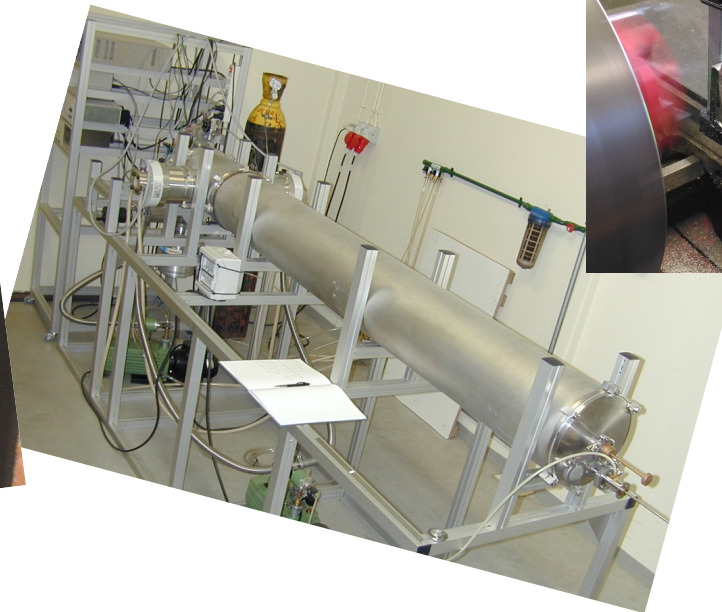
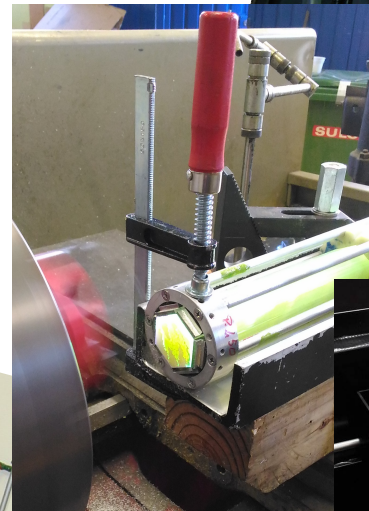
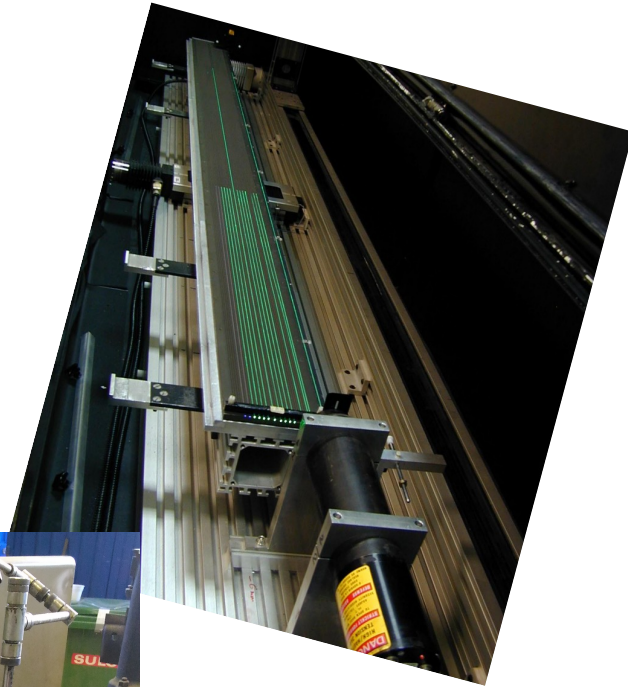
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LOMaC facilities

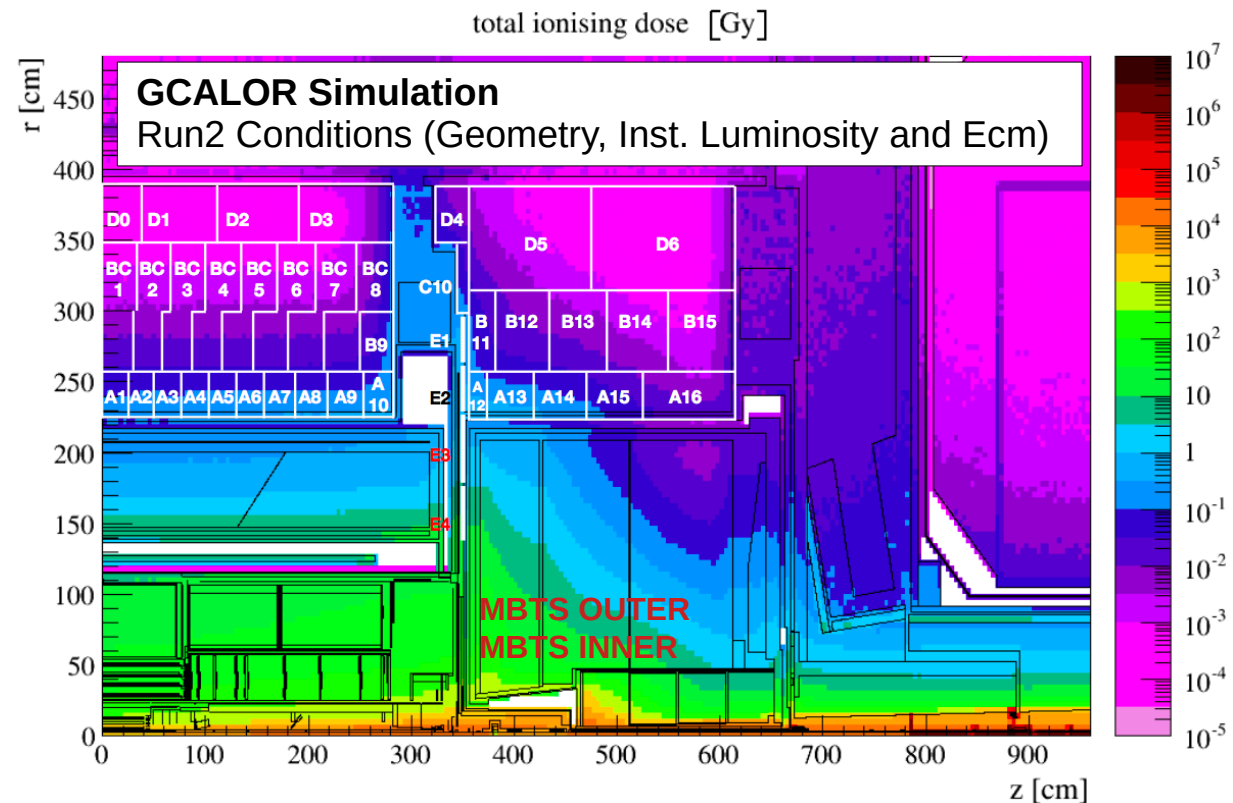
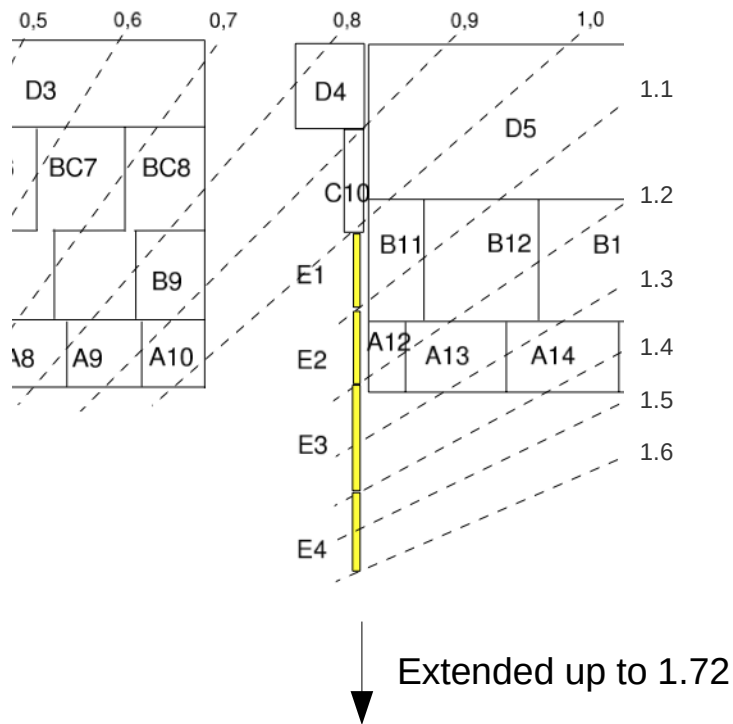
- What instruments do we have in the laboratory?
 - Dedicated test benches
 - Optical characterization of Optical fibers (Fibrometer)
 - Optical characterization of Scintillators (Tilemeter)
 - PMTs characterization
 - Sputtering setup for top aluminization of fibers
 - Oven for accelerated natural ageing
 - Milling machine (to be repaired/replaced)
 - Lathe machine (recommended maintenance)



LOMaC activities

- Relocation of instruments:
 - @LIP
 - Tilemeter, Mono-fibrometer, PMT test bench
 - Sputtering machine → to install at room 120
 - @FCUL
 - Fibrometer
- Fibers for TileCal Phase I Upgrade
 - Gap+Crack counters
 - MBTS (Minimum bias trigger scintillators) counters
- Setup PMT test bench
- Scintillators for future detectors (Exploratory)
- Collaboration with other groups
 - Dosimetry
 - Nuc-Ria
- Education and Outreach

Optics Upgrade



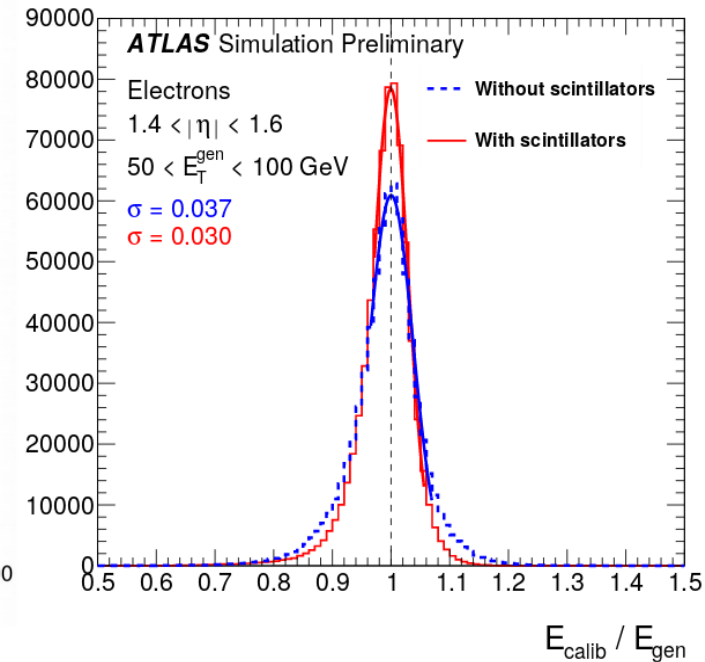
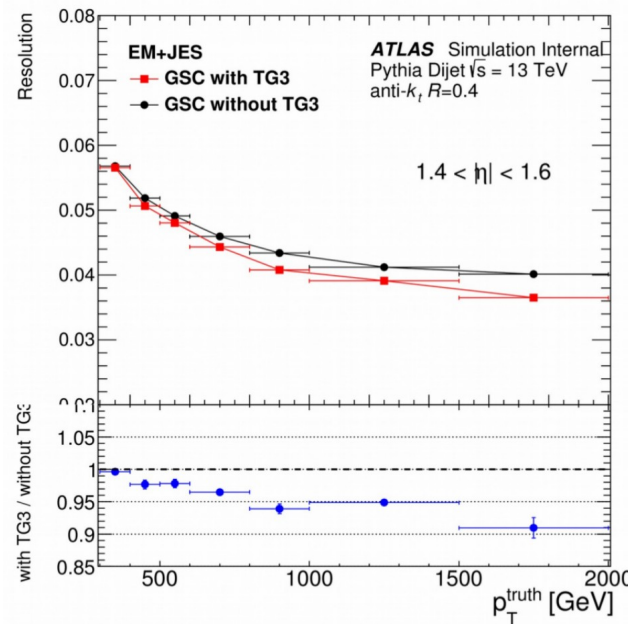
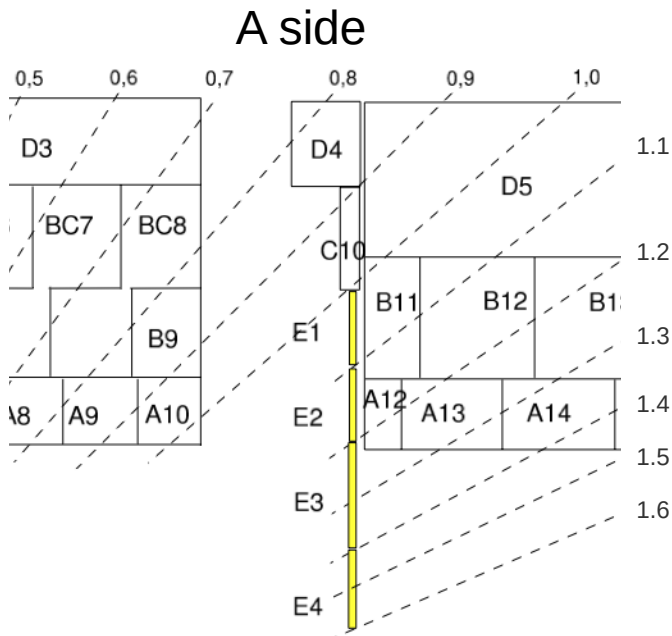
E scintillation counters and **MBTS** scintillation counters accessible and replacement scheduled in ATLAS Upgrade calendar: LIP/ATLAS responsible for the preparation of the optical fibers.

PMTs replacement for A cells (800 units) during LS3

Revision of ALL PMT status prior to HL-LHC during LS3

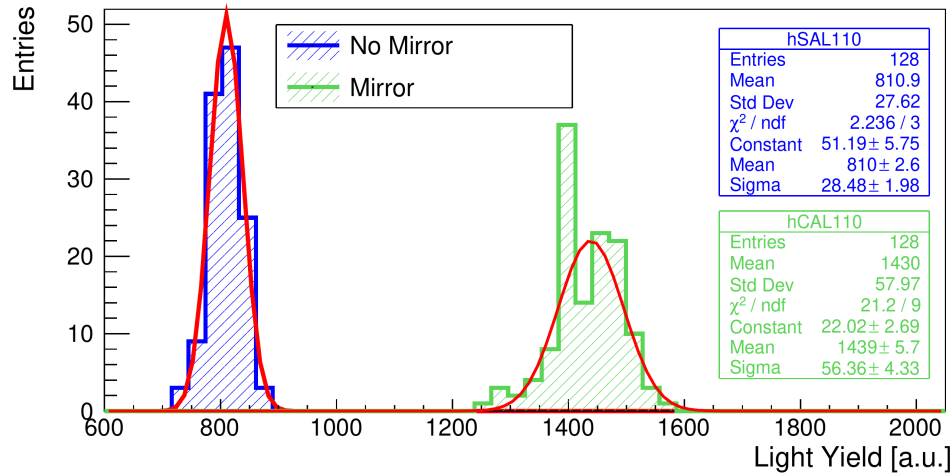
Gap/Crack counters

- Motivation
 - e/gamma and jet energy reconstruction, Fake Jets Rejection



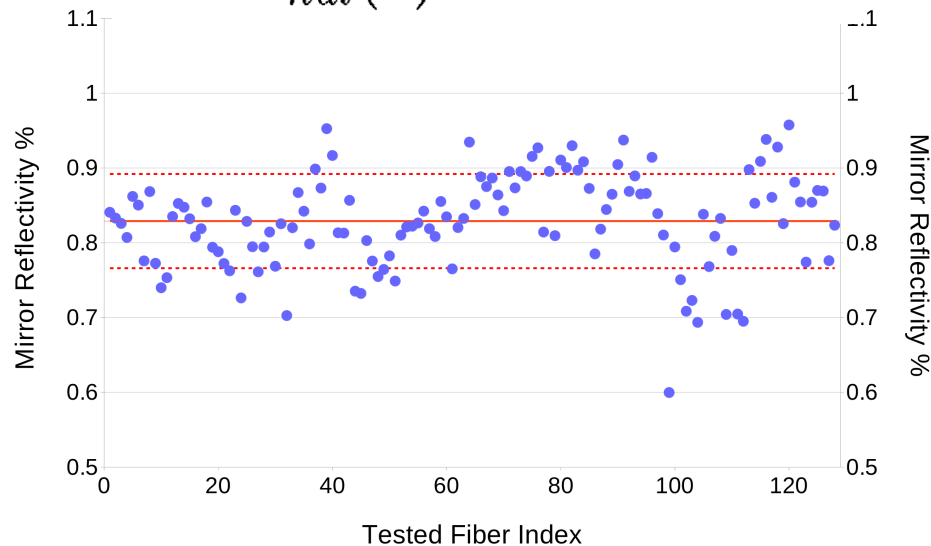
- GAP-CRACK scintillators and fibers
 - (2019-2020) Same type of scintillators and fibers
 - (2025-2026) Radiation Hard scintillators and fibers, and PMTs

Fibers preparation: Gap/Crack

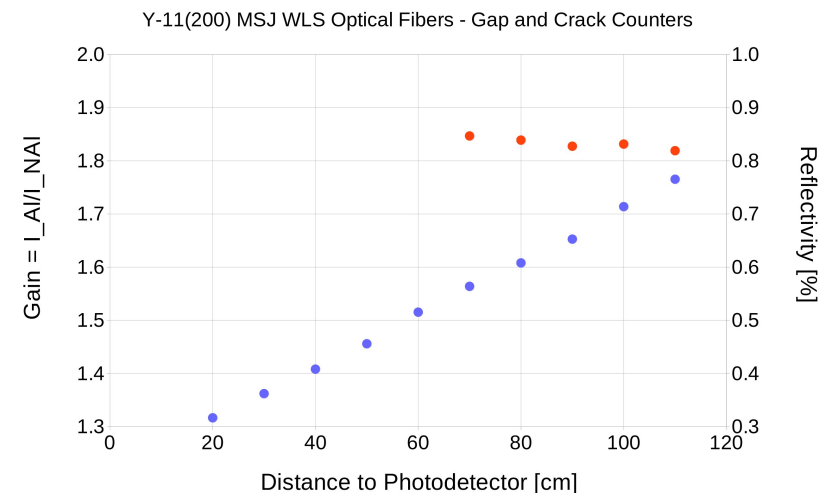


- About 2500 WLS Y-11 fibers prepared
- Close to mirror (~10 cm):
 - LY RMS : **3.8%** (Non-AL) **4.7%** (AL)
 - <Gain> : **1.77 +- 3.23%**
 - Reflectivity : **82% +- 8.5%**

$$R = \left[\frac{I_{al}(x)}{I_{nal}(x)} - 1 \right] \cdot e^{2 \cdot \frac{L-x}{l_{att_{long}}}}$$

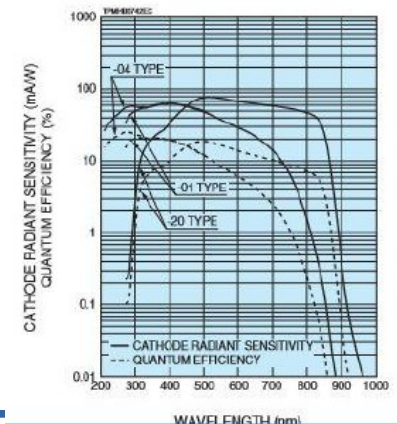
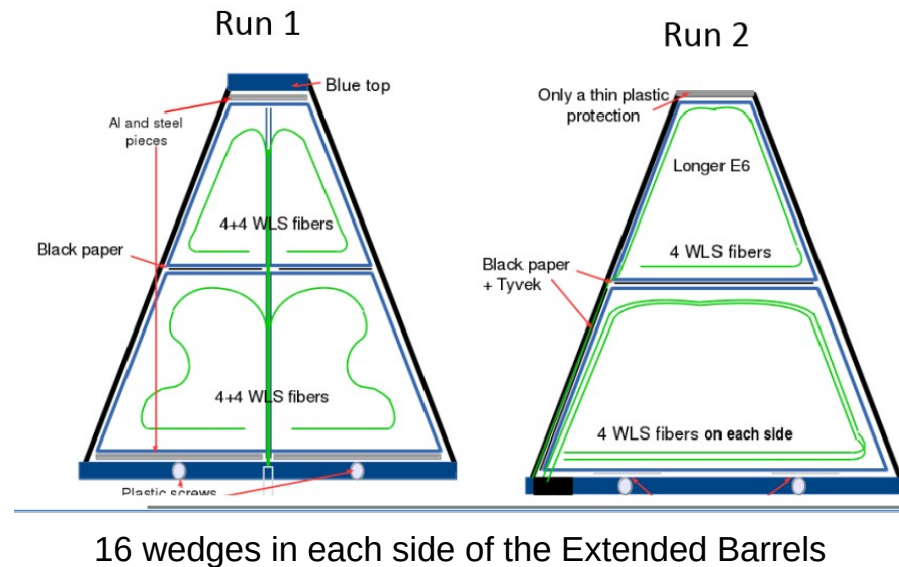
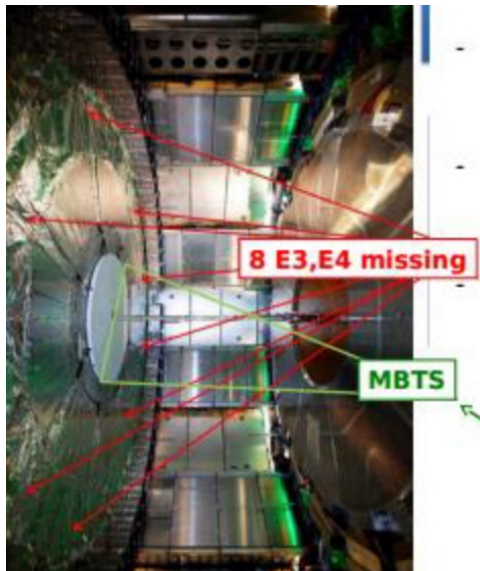


Quality control of WLS optical fibers for the TileCal Upgrade



MBTS

- Trigger: Low luminosity runs (→ ALFA detector), vdM scans, Heavy Ion program
- After Run 1 readout configuration updated increasing light collection
- During run 2 response goes down to 1%/10% (inner/outer)



- After Run 2 **BLUE/GREEN** scintillator in **OUTER/INNER** counters
 - **PS + PTP + POPOP** → **PS + PTP (paraterphenyl) + BBQ (Benzimidazo-Benzisochinolin-7-on)**
 - **WLS Y-11 fibers** **WLS O-2 fibers**
 - **INNER NEW** PMT Hamamatsu (R7600-20 ERMA) with new 3-in-1 card/HV divider.
 - **OUTER NEW** PMT Hamamatsu (R11187) with improved performance

Fibers preparation: MBTS

- We had a total of ~300 fibers of each color Y-11 MSJ and O-2 MSJ
- 10 % (~32) were used in quality control for each color

O-2

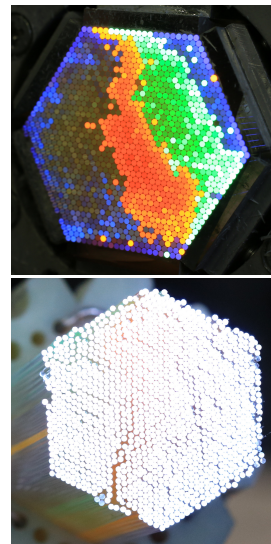
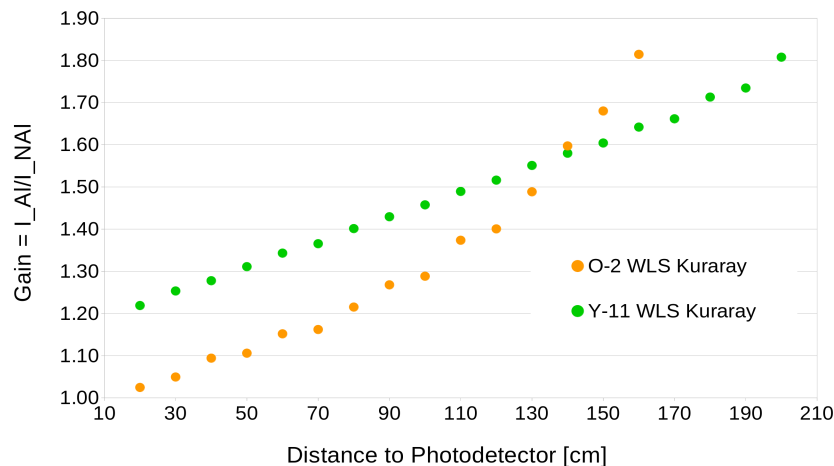
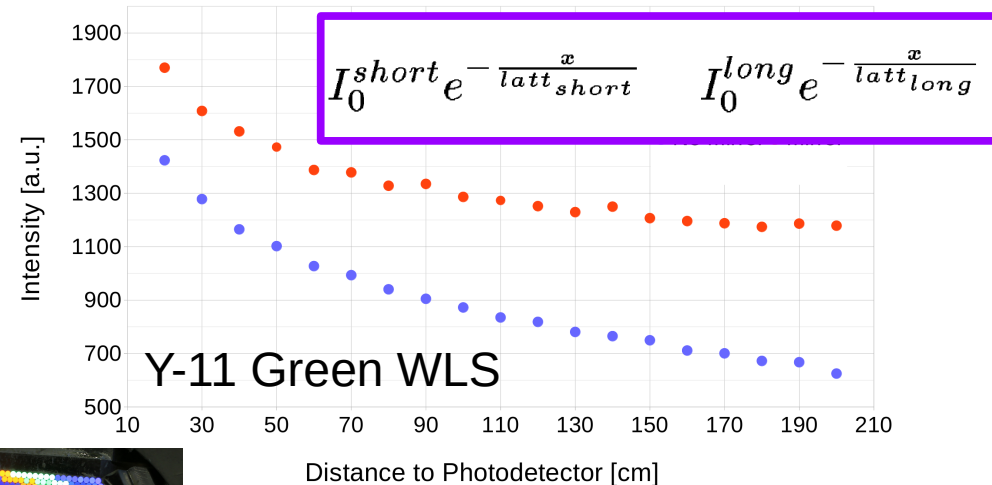
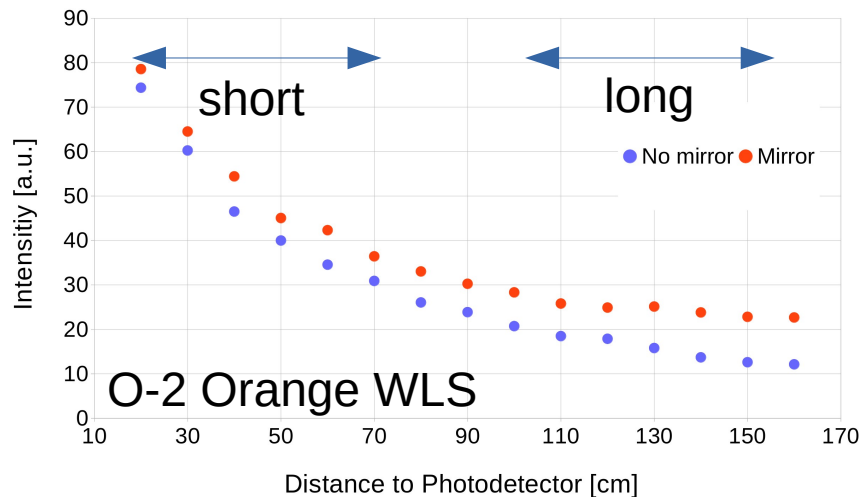
Lat_{short} 65+-2 cm (Mirror) 56+-1 cm (NO Mirror)

Lat_{long} 223+-26 cm (Mirror) 105+-3 cm (NO Mirror)

Y11

Lat_{short} 203+-9 cm (Mirror) 144+-6 cm (NO Mirror)

Lat_{long} 981+-104 cm (Mirror) 365+-15 cm (NO Mirror)



$$R = \left[\frac{I_{al}(x)}{I_{nal}(x)} - 1 \right] \cdot e^{\left[2 \cdot \frac{L-x}{latt_{long}} \right]}$$

- Reflectivity (16 fibers)
 - R = 78 +- 6% **Y-11 Green**
 - R = 82 +- 10% **O-2 Orange**

PMTs Test Bench

- Joining the Tilecal effort of **QC of PMTs in Upgrade Phase 2**.
 - Tilecal will buy ~1000 new PMTs to replace most damaged ones
 - requalify on the fly some PMTs during the LS3.
 - Participating institutes: Bratislava, CERN, LIP, Pisa
- Strategy for assembly and upgrade of the testbenches discussed in a meeting at Lisbon
- LIP PMT testbench currently is the only one (almost) operational and will be used as guide for the other setups
- Continuation of tests, maintenance and recovery envisaged for next couple of years



Fibers, Scintillators and PMTs for the ATLAS Upgrade

ATLAS Upgrade (2019-2020) for Run3

- 2018: concluded fiber preparation for Gap+Crack counters
- 2019: additional request to prepare fibers for MBTS also concluded
- Current status: Gap/Crack and MBTS installation concluded in 2019
- Pit closing in March **2021**

ATLAS Upgrade (2025-2026) for HL-LHC

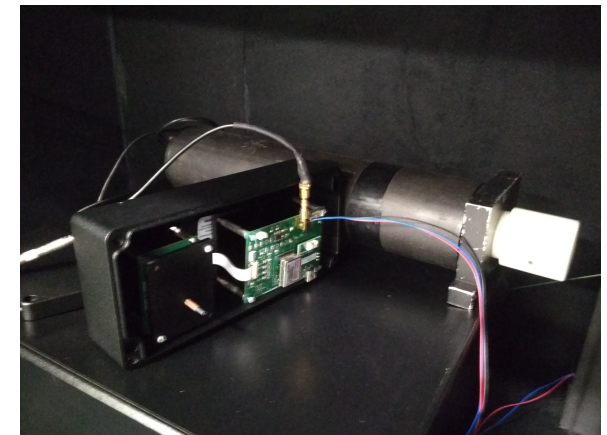
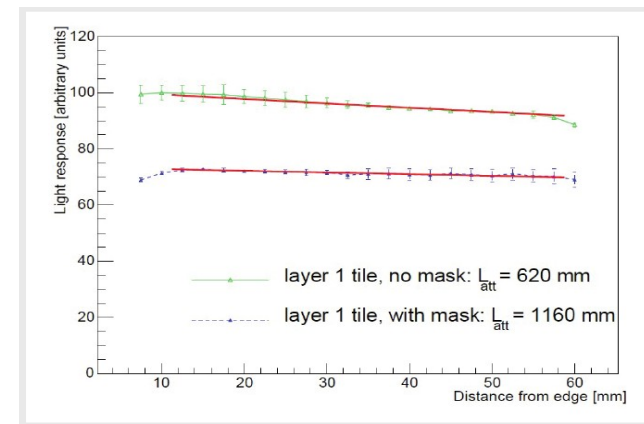
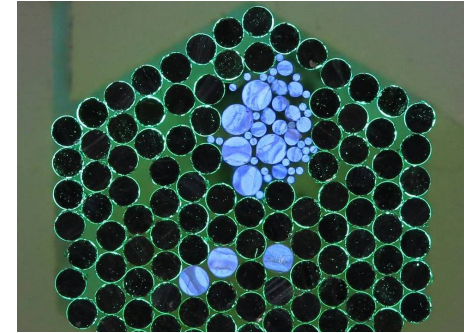
- **Current option** goes to replacement of Scintillators, fibers and PMTs
- Need to be optically characterized (individually and assembled) and evaluate radiation hardness
- **Characterization and rad hard studies of new** scintillators, WLS fibers, and PMTs

Natural Aging studies revision

- Past data has been reviewed
- New set of measurements were done
- Plan is to continue with these measurements this year
 - Using the current used set of fibers coming from TileCal construction
 - Add new fibers from the upgrades produced in the last couple of years

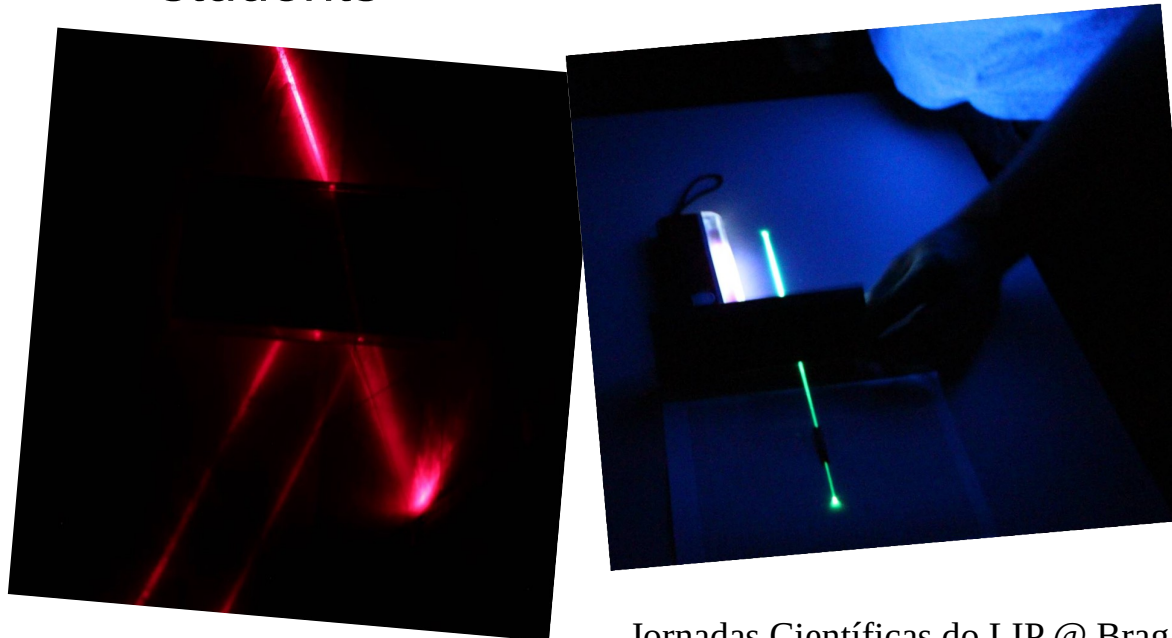
Future Prospects

- Applications to Dosimetry:
 - Preparation of table to characterize ribbons of fibers
 - Proton beam monitoring, small volumes dosimeter
 - Participation in submitted project FCT/UTA Call
- Particle Tracking:
 - Tracking of particles for R³B → Beatriz Pereira poster
 - Participation in projects in this next call PTDC Call
- Scintillators and fibers for future detectors
 - **Exploratory** studies continued at LOMaC
 - Start by the simplest and with available material
 - Measure basic characteristics response, uniformity for top aluminized optical fibers, tiles and their combinations; Radiation hardness; Input to HCAL/FCC simulation
 - SiPMs assembled and preliminary measurements done



Outreach and education

- Summer Schools for MSc students
- Curricular Internships
- Visits from schools
- Peddy-paper
- ‘Ocupação científica de jovens nas férias’
- Introduce concepts of scintillation and optical fibers detectors to FCUL graduation students



Summary

- LOMaC installation
 - Partially assembled at LIP in ground floor
 - Fibrometer still at FCUL
- Optical components preparation
 - Preparation of fibers for the ATLAS Upgrade Phase-I
 - Exploratory studies for the hadronic calorimeter FCC
 - Natural aging reviewed
- ATLAS Upgrades near future work at LOMaC:
 - fibers, scintillators and PMTs
- Participation in other projects envisaged: Dosimetry and Nuc-Ria groups
- Outreach activities are a pleasant and repeated practice on the year by year work at LOMaC