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WP6 activities: Irradiation Tests

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Goal: driving knowledge and technology developments in both different branches of research and several industrial applications

- A key point: study of radiation-hardened detector components

→ The high level of irradiation dose and neutron flux foreseen at Mu2e-II required an extensive irradiation campaign at the HZDR facility to design analog and digital electronics, photo-sensors, optical fibres, crystals resistant to unprecedented radiation levels

Irradiation tests completed in March 2024

second aspect: study of full detector systems in harsh background condition

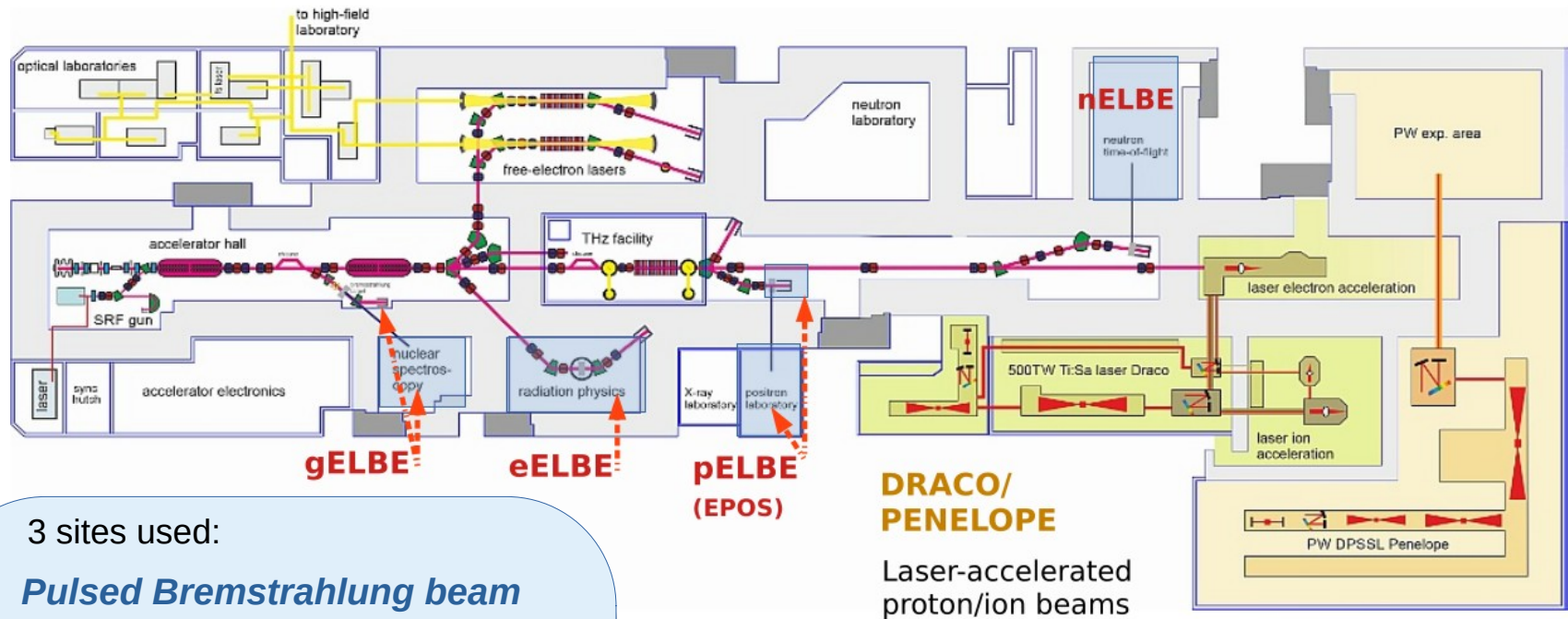
Irradiation tests completed in 2022

- Inter-multidisciplinary technology transfer: need of pushing frontier technology to fundamental research advancements (laser-plasma science, medical applications, safety research)

Activity of Task 6.3 starts in 2024!



Contribution of the ELBE Center for High Power Radiation Sources to Mu2e



DRACO/ PENELOPE

Laser-accelerated
proton/ion beams

3 sites used:

- ◆ **Pulsed Bremsstrahlung beam** in the gELBE experimental cave
 $\sim 2.5 \times 10^7 \gamma \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 @1 μA e- beam current, $E_e=15 \text{ MeV}$
- ◆ **High-dose site** along the gELBE beamline for TID studies
 1-2 order of magn. higher γ rate
- ◆ **Neutron irradiation site** outside the EPOS cage
up to $10^{12} n_{1\text{MeV}} / \text{cm}^2$ in one day

ELBE ("Electron Linac for high Brilliance and low Emittance") is based on a superconducting linear accelerator, which accelerates electrons to energies in the interval **[5, 40] MeV** at a beam current of up to **1 mA**

- Guiding the electron beam on suitable targets allows the production of secondary radiation:
- in addition to **electrons**, intense **photon, positron and neutron beams** are available to the users in dedicated caves
 - a unique feature: **pulsed beams**, with a pulse width between 10 ps and 1 μs , a repetition rate of 26 MHz/ 2^n ($n=1, \dots, 7$) and a charge load up to $\sim 77 \text{ pC/pulse}$.

1) Irradiation of crystal and electronics components for Mu2e-II at gELBE

(October 2023)

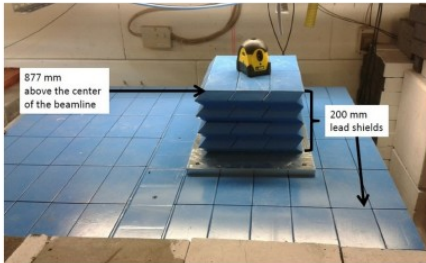
- Crystals: LYSO, BaF₂, LaBr₃ and other components
- Request on integrated absorbed dose: 500 krad (1 Mrad as optimal goal) [in Si: 5 kGy / 10 kGy]



Irradiation of Sample 1 of LaBr₃ completed in March 2024 with 2 parasitic irradiation

RPL Glas dosimeters sent to CERN for integrated dose measurement

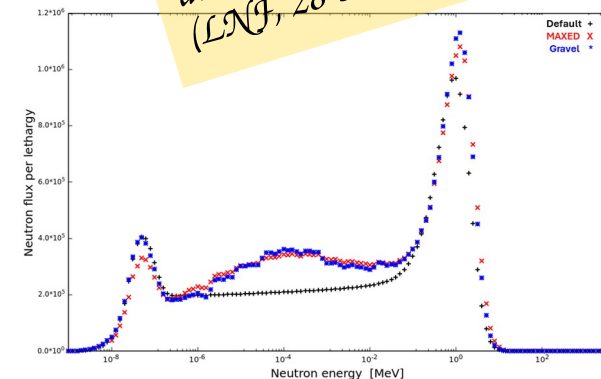
2) Spectral characterization with a Bonner Sphere Spectrometer of the Neutron Irradiation area for radiation hardness studies at the EPOS facility



- The EPOS neutron irradiation area has been well characterized only via Monte Carlo from 2016 simulation: $\sim 1.5E^6$ n/cm² per s @ 10 uA

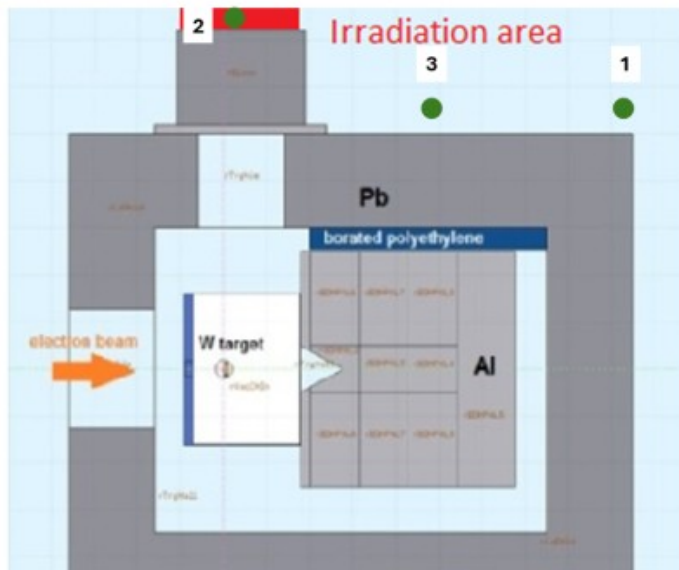
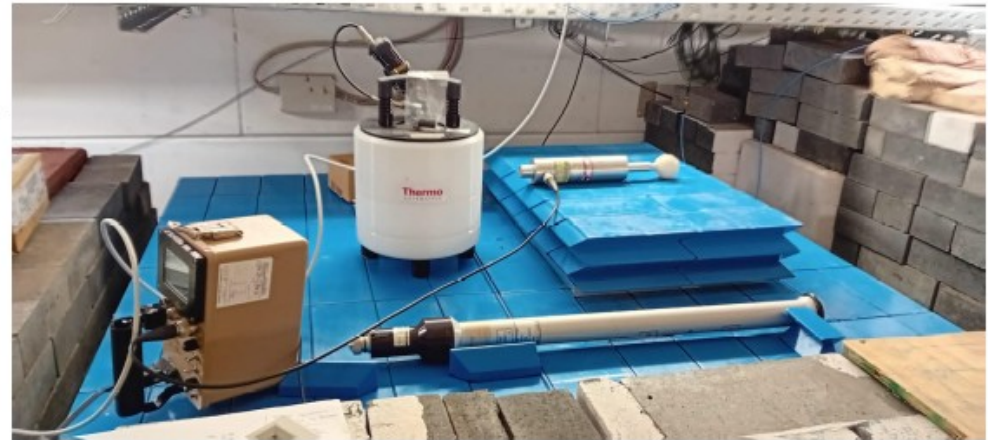
Measurements have been done in 3 dedicated shift system of Bonner spheres (INFN-LNF RP group)

Results presented at SATIF-16 (LNF, 28-31 May 24)

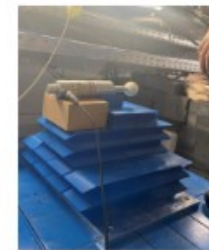


Neutron characterization at the pELBE facility

The complete characterization was performed for three different points placed on the pELBE lead roof under the same irradiation conditions, using the BSS of INFN Frascati National Laboratories.



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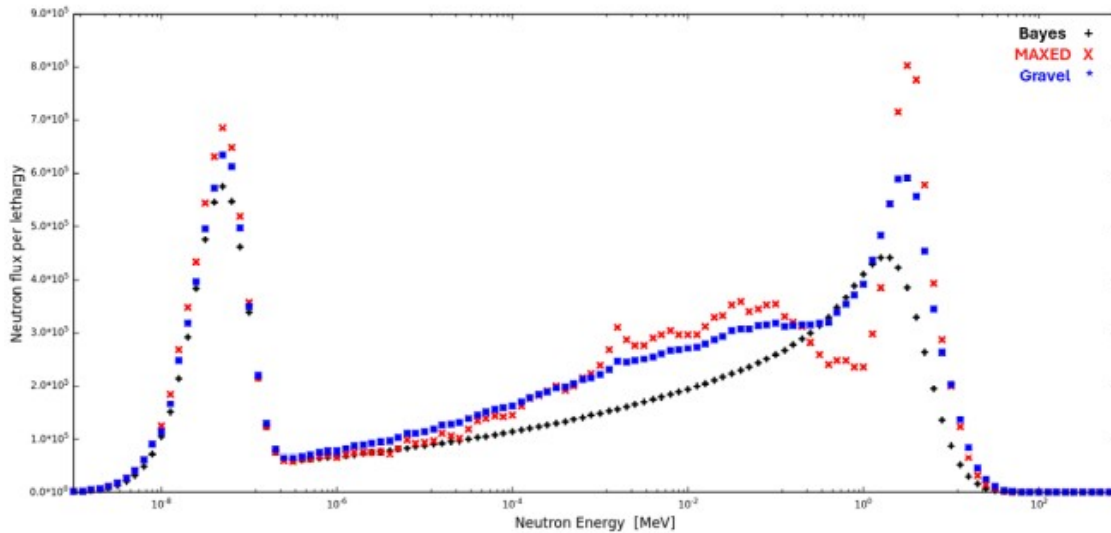
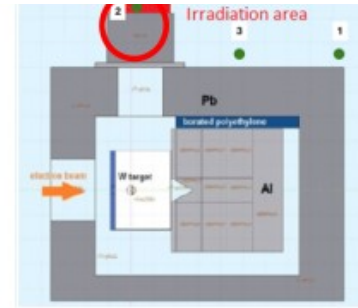


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| Irradiation conditions | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Energy [MeV] | 34 |
| Mean current [nA] | 2 |
| Neutron Flux [n/ cm ² /s] | 3 x 10 ⁵ |
| Irradiation time [s] | 40-60 |

Unfolding methods adopted

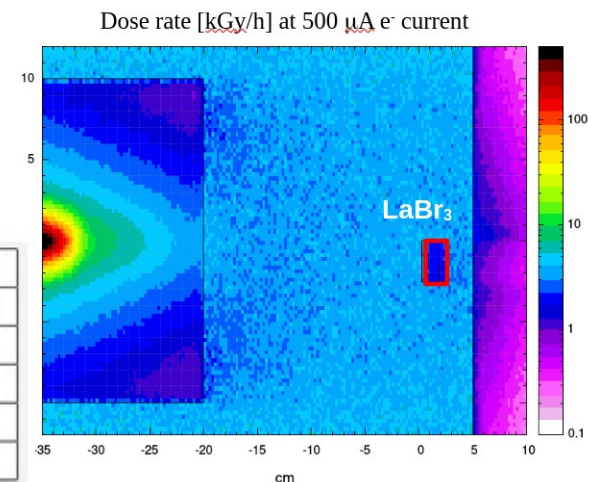
Point 2



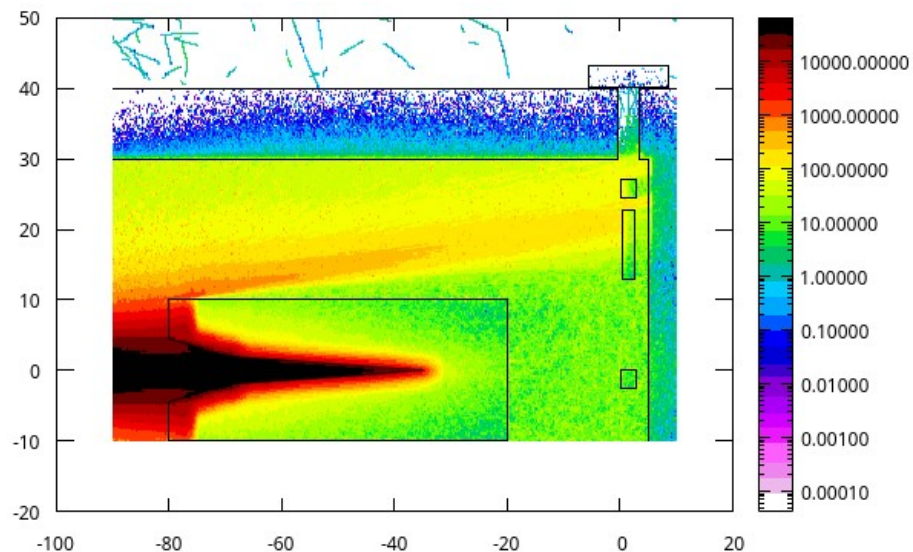
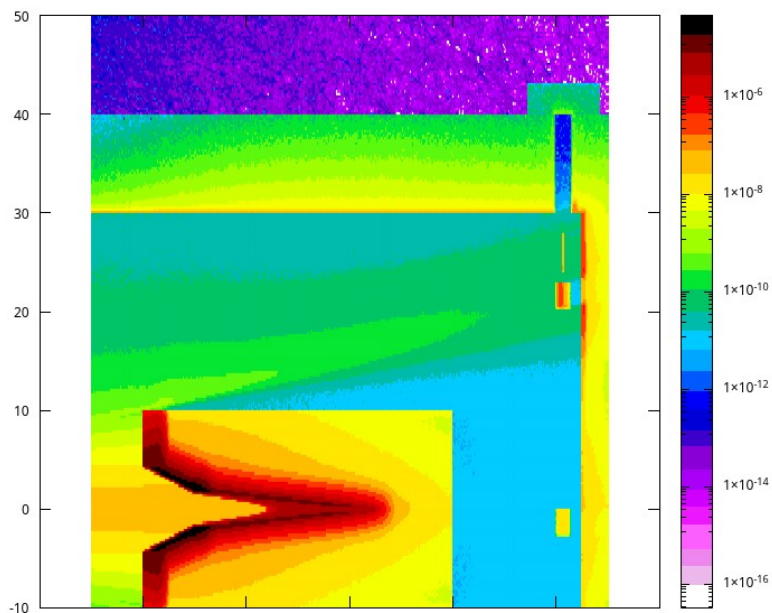
| Sphere | Point 2 [cnt] |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| 2" | $(2.222 \pm 0.004) \times 10^5$ |
| 2,5" | $(4.499 \pm 0.007) \times 10^5$ |
| 3" | $(5.291 \pm 0.008) \times 10^5$ |
| 3,5" | $(6.269 \pm 0.009) \times 10^5$ |
| 4" | $(6.746 \pm 0.008) \times 10^5$ |
| 4,5" | $(7.036 \pm 0.008) \times 10^5$ |
| 5" | $(6.849 \pm 0.008) \times 10^5$ |
| 7" | $(4.983 \pm 0.007) \times 10^5$ |
| 8" | $(4.171 \pm 0.006) \times 10^5$ |

Beamtime results of the last campaigns in a glance

Testing radiation damage to new crystals for Mu2e-II at gELBE



| | CsI | LYSO | BaF ₂ | PbF ₂ | CRY18 | GAGG | LaBr |
|------------------------------|------|-------|------------------|------------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Light Yield (γ /MeV) | 1700 | 33200 | 13000, 1700 | \sim 20 | 30000 | Up to 50000 | 63000 |
| Wavelength [nm] | 310 | 420 | 300,220 | - | 425 | 520 | 380 |
| Decay time [ns] | 26 | 40 | 600,0.9 | - | 45 | 90 | 16 |
| Density [g/cm ³] | 4.51 | 7.4 | 4.89 | 7.77 | 4.5 | 6.63 | 5.08 |
| Radiation length [cm] | 1.86 | 1.14 | 2.03 | 0.93 | 2.74 | TBA | 1.88 |

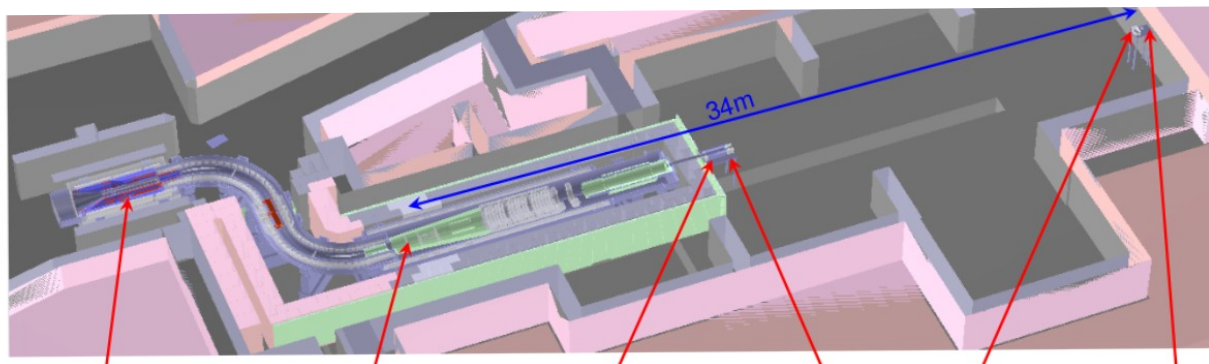


Normalization of signal events: the Stopping Target Monitor

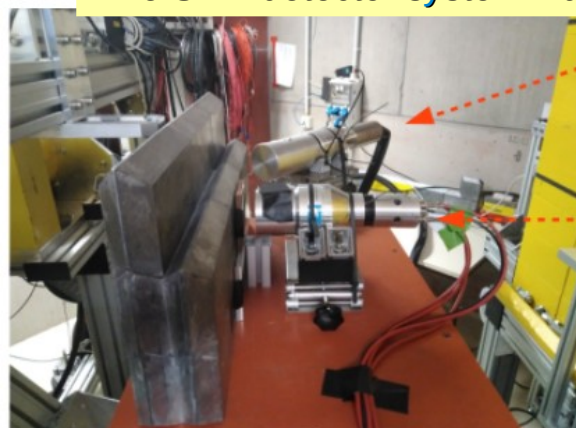
Goal: monitoring the muon capture rate in Aluminum at the 10% level

Detector system: High Purity Germanium detector + LaBr_3 detector

LaBr_3 has worse energy resolution, but can sustain higher rates

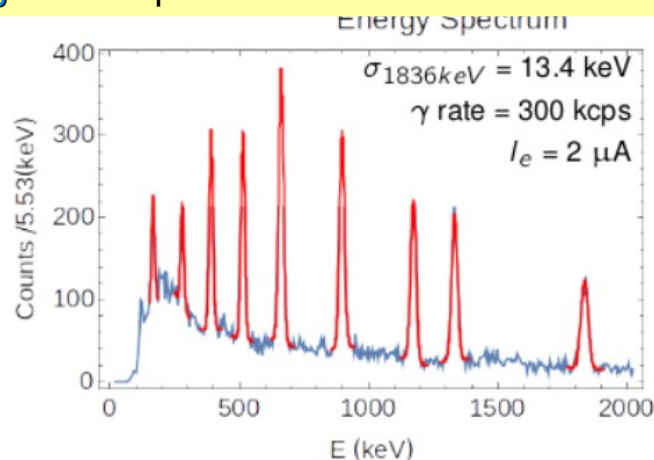


The STM detector system was tested at gELBE in pulsed beam conditions similar to Mu2e



HPGe

LaBr_3



LaBr_3 can handle data taking at twice the expected photon rate
Pulse frequency: **813 kHz**

HPGe test of energy resolution, radiation damage and sustained rate
Energy resolution between **3 keV** and **6 keV**

LaBr3 response to a set of radioactive sources that mimic the X- and γ -ray signals in Mu2e

Conclusion

- ◆ In 2023/2024 we concluded a bunch of Irradiation Campaign at ELBE
- ◆ **The ELBE** High Power radiation sources at **HZDR** contributed to the Mu2e effort with several beamtime campaigns:
 - to *optimize the detector design of the Stopping Target Monitor (STM)*, which will provide the normalization of the final measurement by measuring the total number of muon captures
 - to *study radiation hardness of crystals and electronics* for the Calorimeter system
- ◆ We are ready to write the **Deliverable due for October 2024**, with the aim to write a Summary Paper with all the Irradiation Tests performed at ELBE for Mu2e