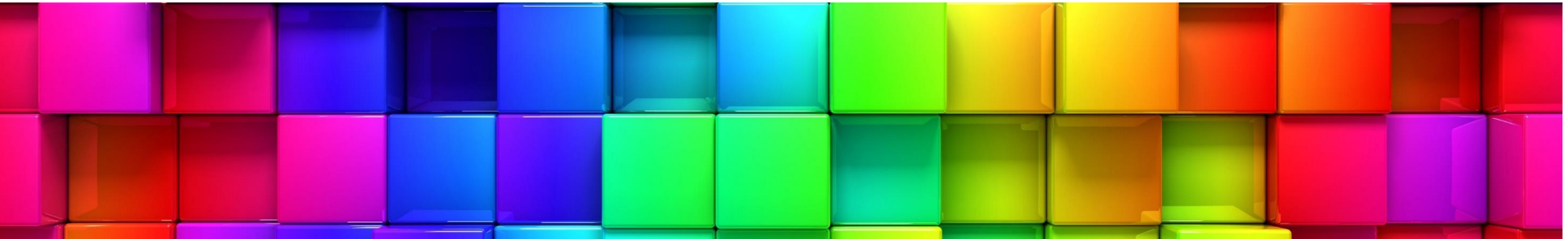


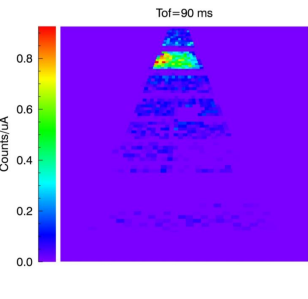
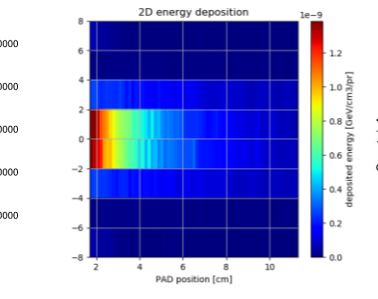
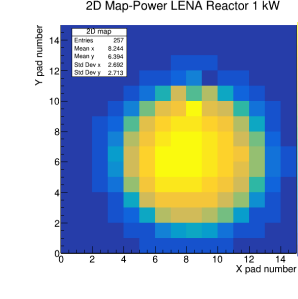
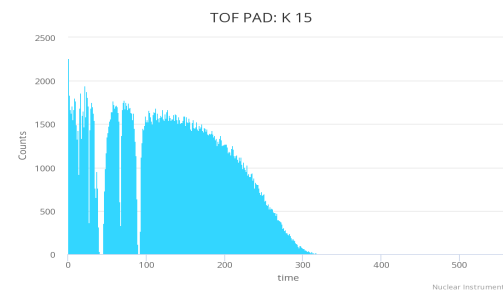
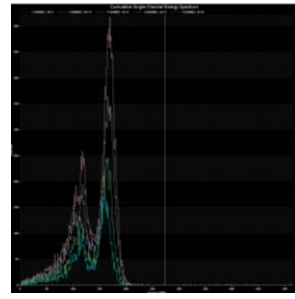
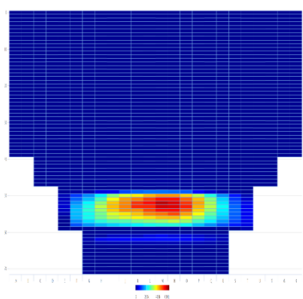
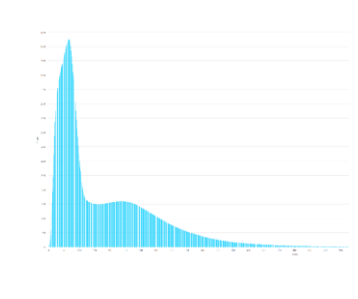
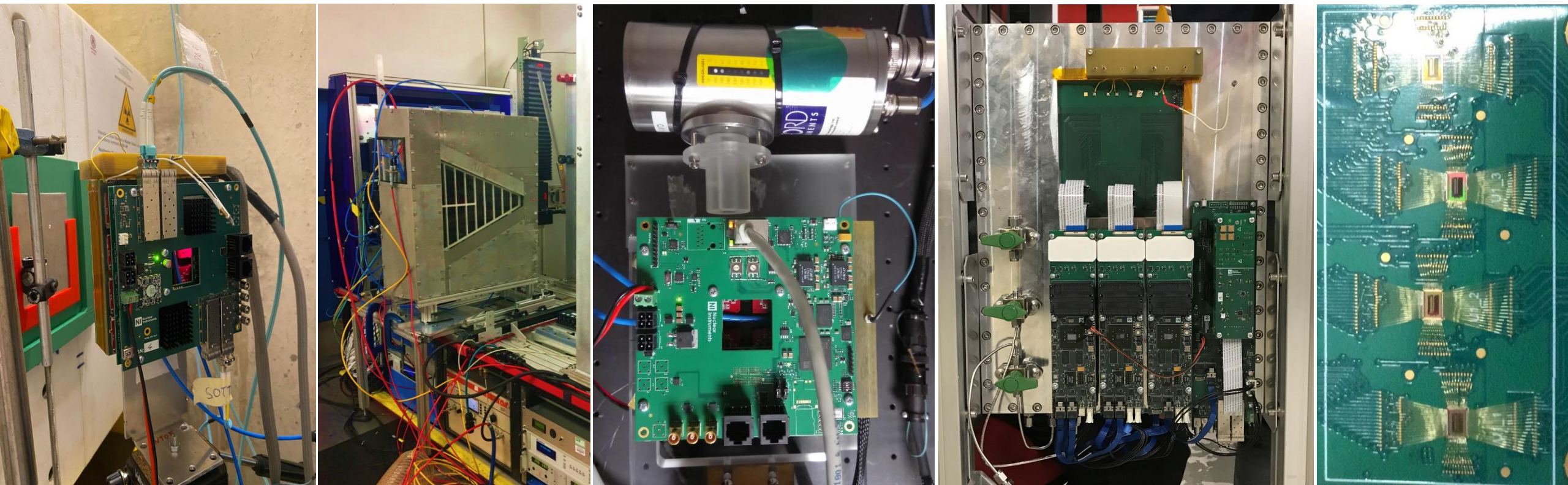
Readout systems for GEMINI CHIP

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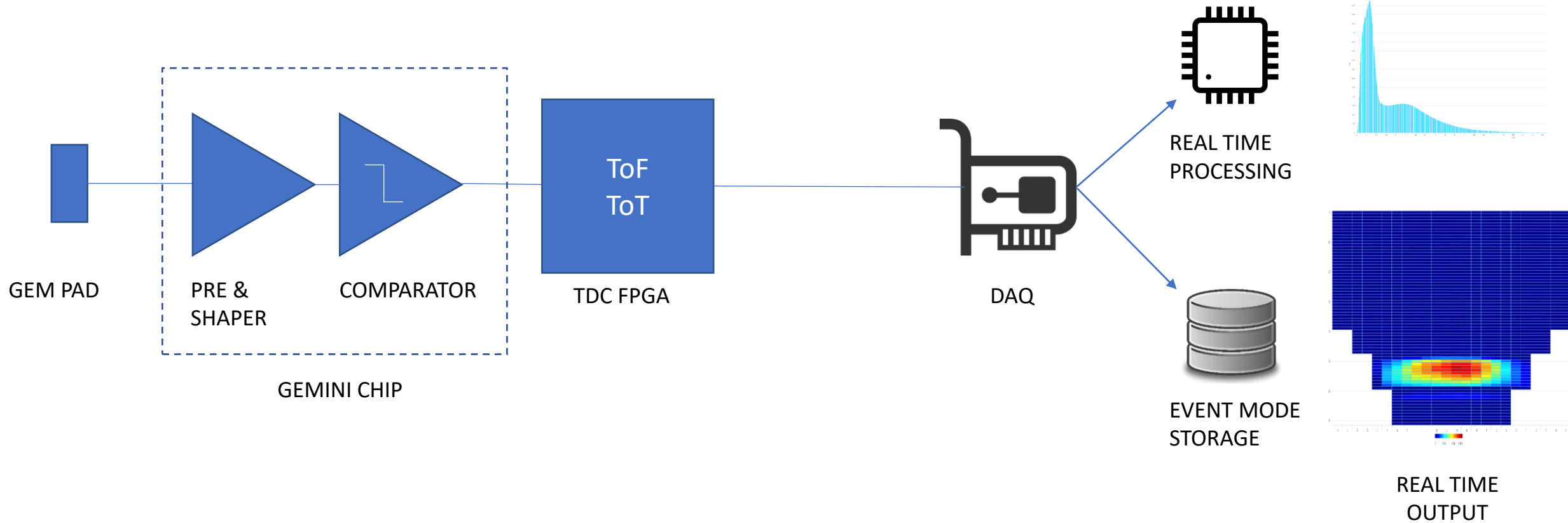


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Readout system for GEM/TH-GEM/MICROME GAS/MSGC



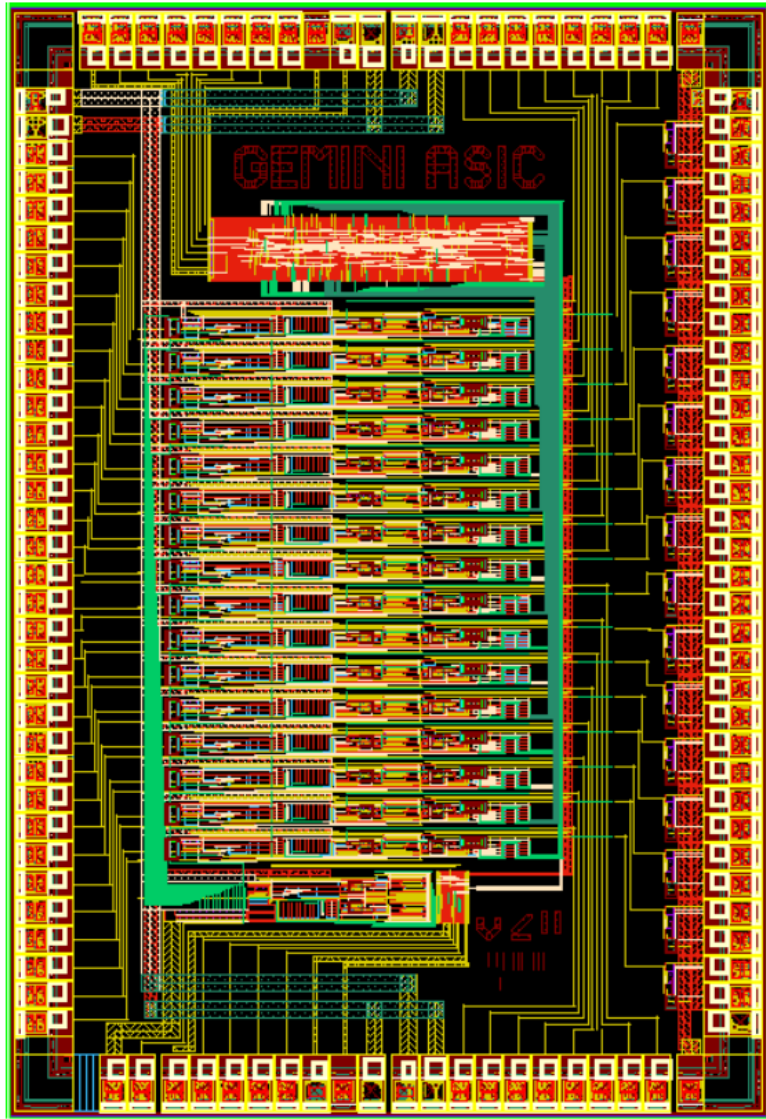
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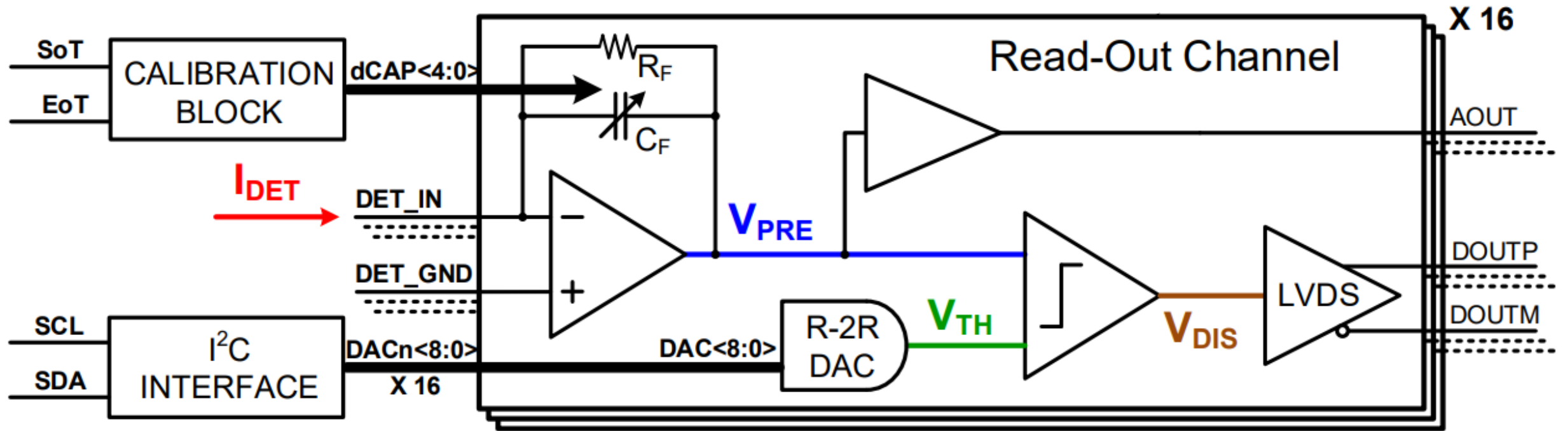
GEMINI CHIP AND CARRIER BOARDS

GEMINI CHIP



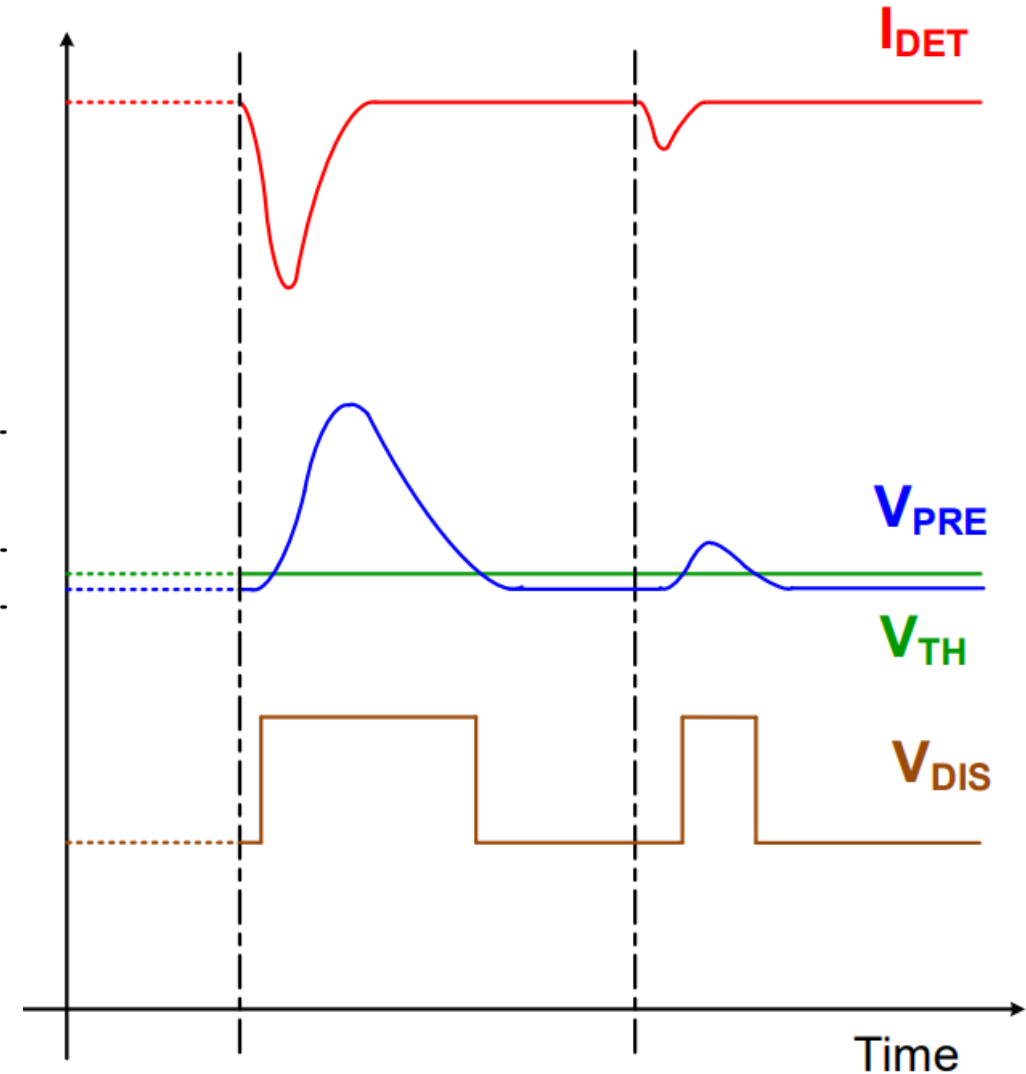
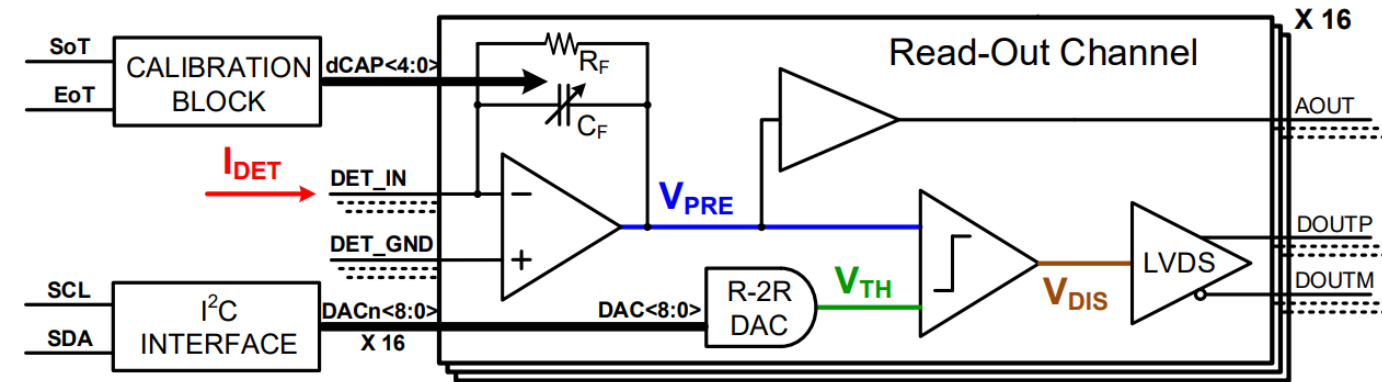
| Parameter | Value |
|----------------------------|--|
| CMOS Technology | AMS IBM 180 nm |
| # of Channels | 16 |
| Max. Pixel Capacitance | 40 pF |
| Max. Count Rate | 5 Mcps |
| Sensitivity | 2.5 fC |
| Power Consumption | 2.7 mW/ch (With LVDS Driver: 10.7 mW/ch) |
| Analog Outputs | Preamp Output (for each channel) |
| Digital Outputs | LVDS Event Detection (for each channel) |
| Max. Digital Output Jitter | 6.2 ns |
| Q-V Gain | 1 mV/fC |
| Dynamic Range | From 30 fC to 500 fC |
| CSP Common Mode Voltage | 1 V |
| Reset Mode | Event-Triggered or External |

GEMINI CHIP



<https://indico.cern.ch/event/697988/contributions/3055898/contribution.pdf>

GEMINI CHIP



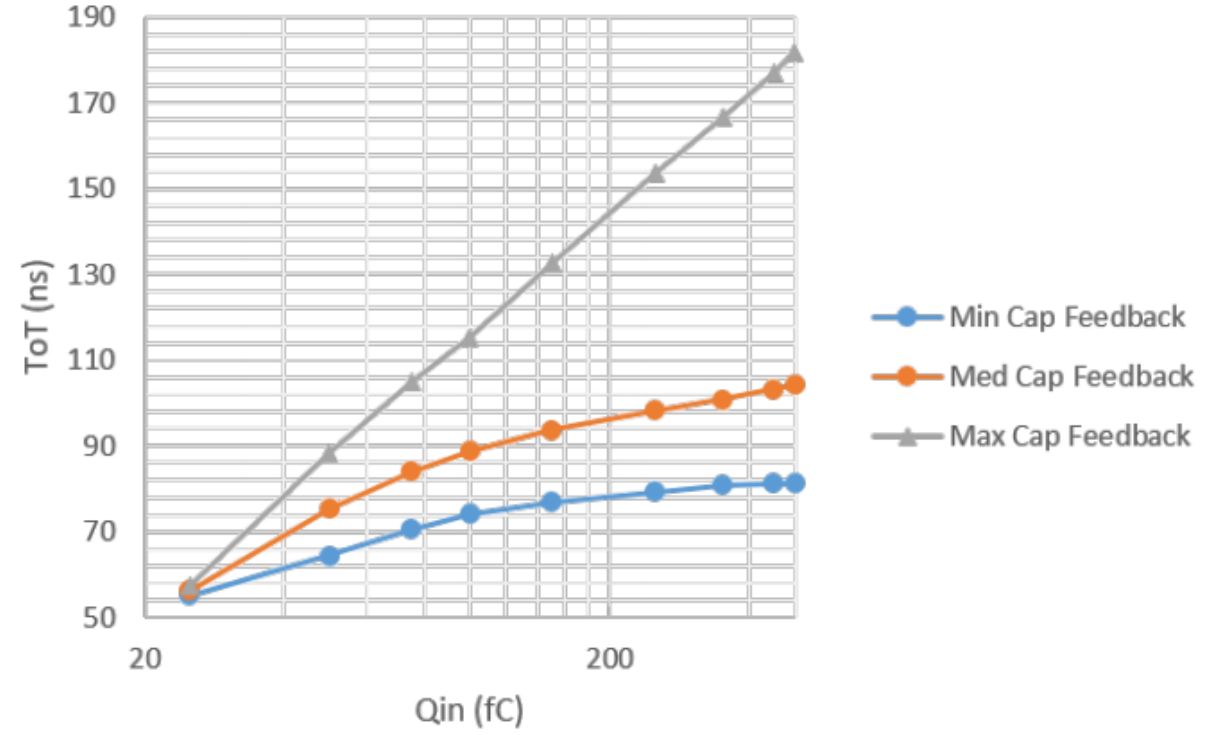
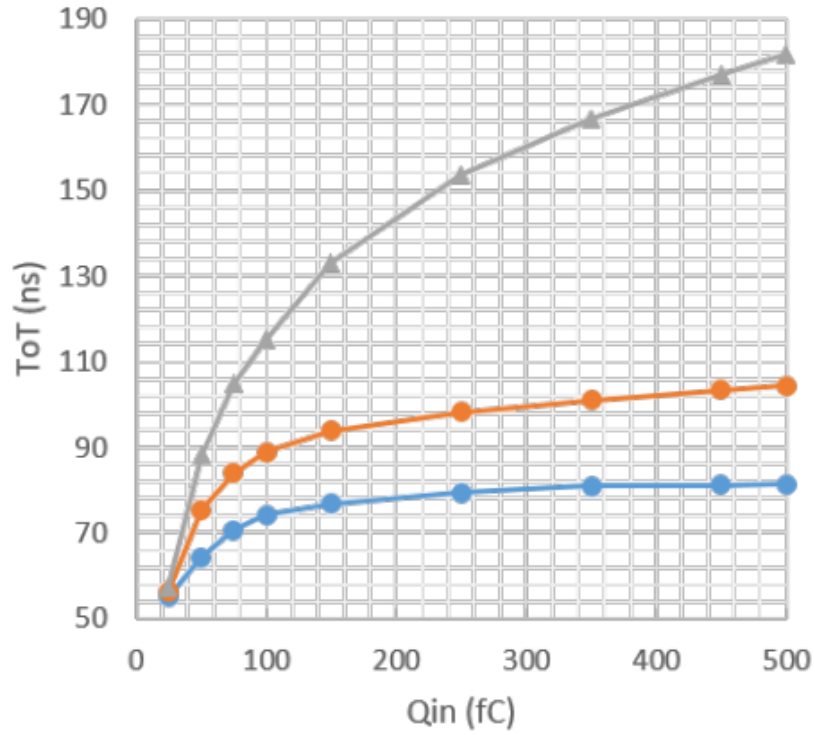
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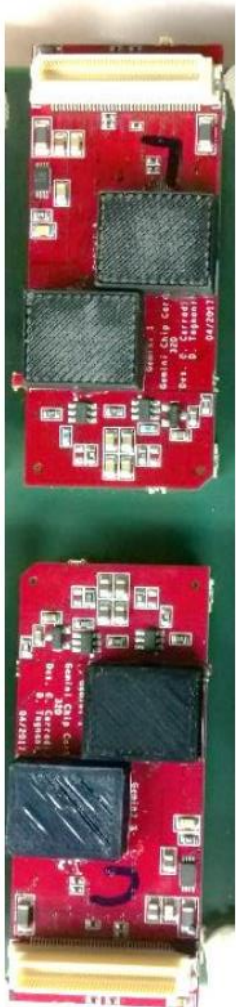
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GEMINI CHIP



GEMINI ASIC BOARD



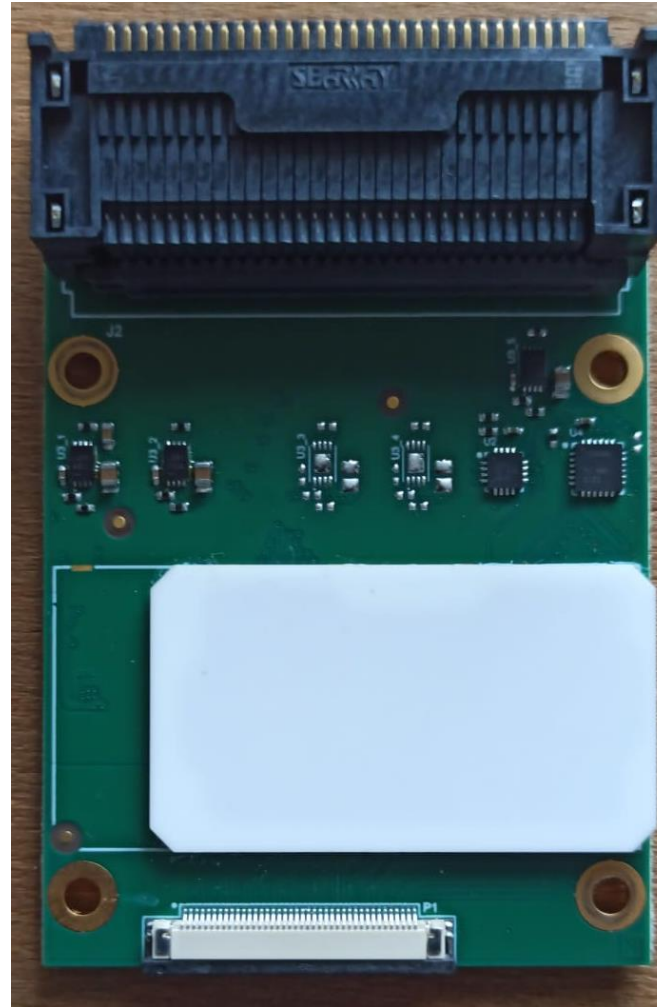
32-D

2 ASIC x BOARD



64-D

4 ASIC x BOARD



32-A

2 ASIC x BOARD (32Digital+32Analog)

LVDS/ANALOG OUTPUT

POWER

VOLT.
REF

CLOCK
PORT
EXP.

ASIC

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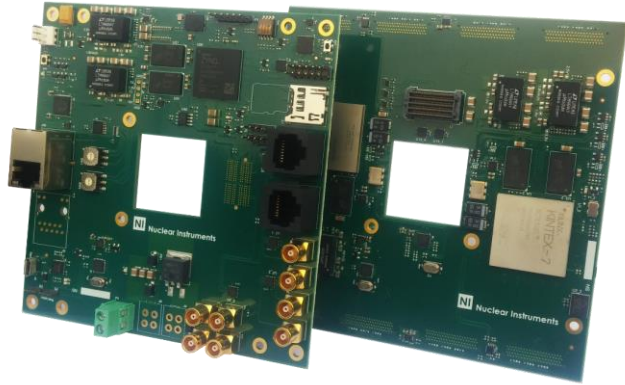
GEM CONNECTOR



FPGA READOUT FOR GEMINI BOARD

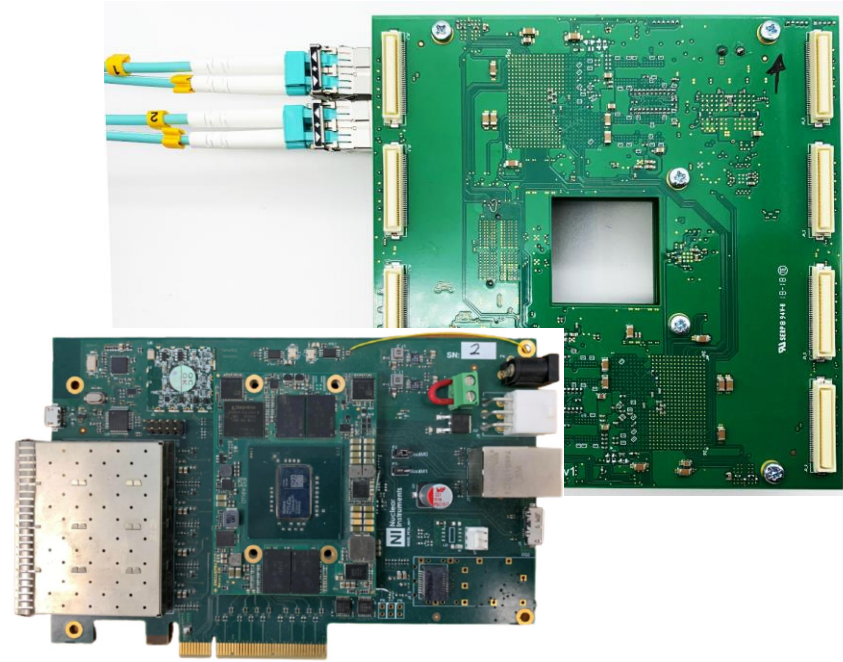
Scalable solutions for large area GEM detector

PORTABLE SYSTEM



- 256 channels Board
- Ethernet readout

ULTRA HIGH RATE



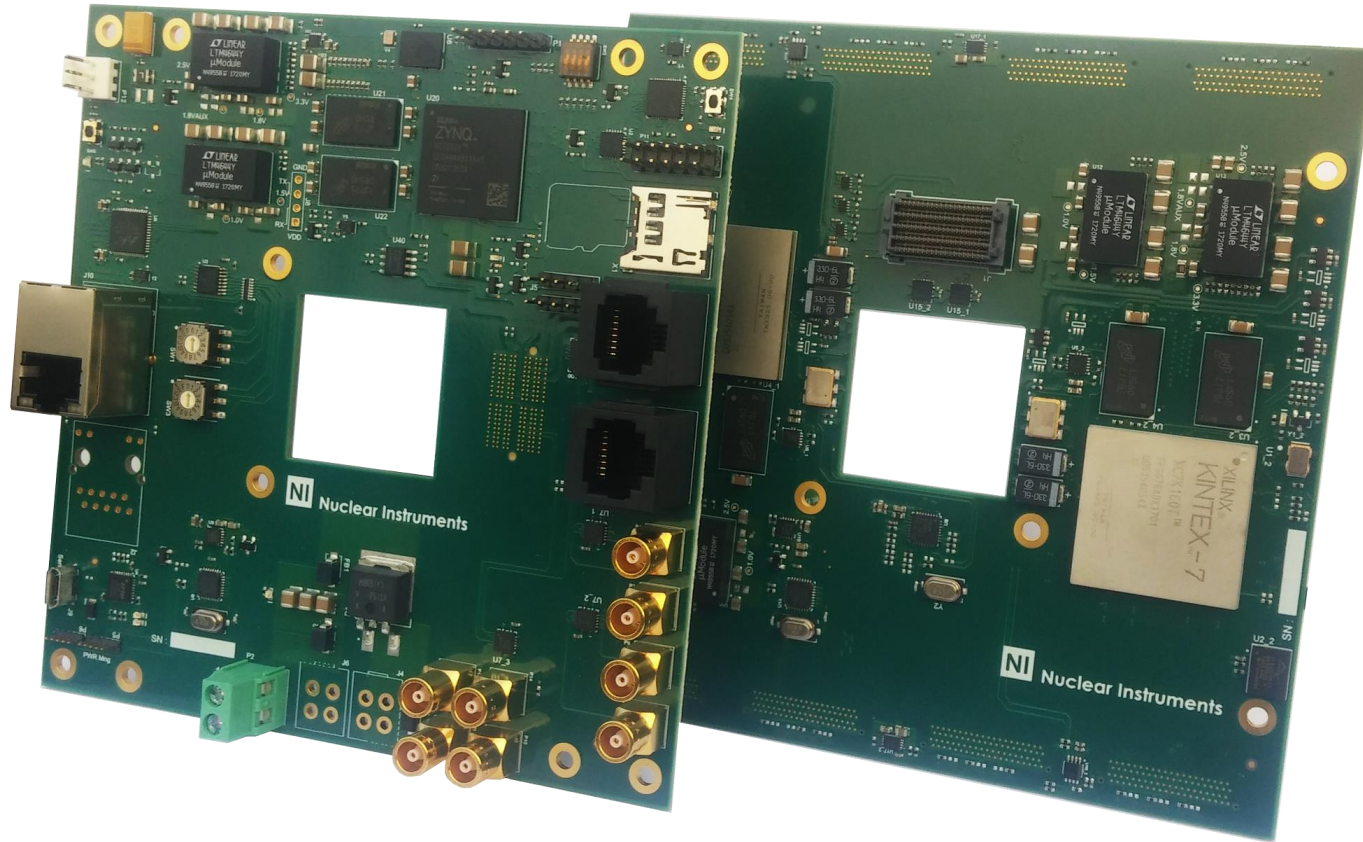
- 256 channels per board, no limit to total number of channels
- Operate in parallel and daisy chain
- Ultra high rate: 625 Mevent/s per board
- PCIe readout via optical link

SCALABLE SOLUTION FOR HIGH CHANNEL COUNT



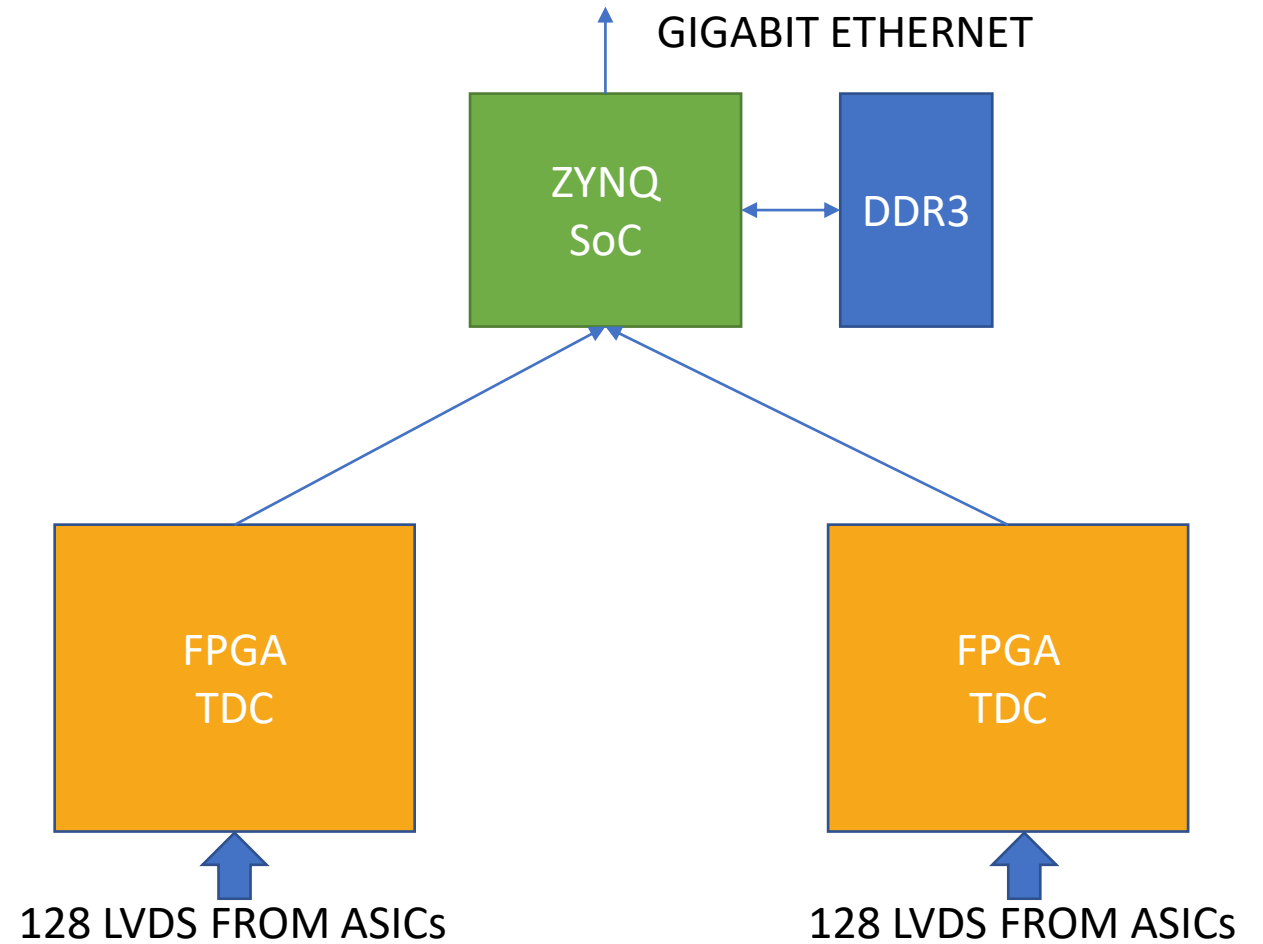
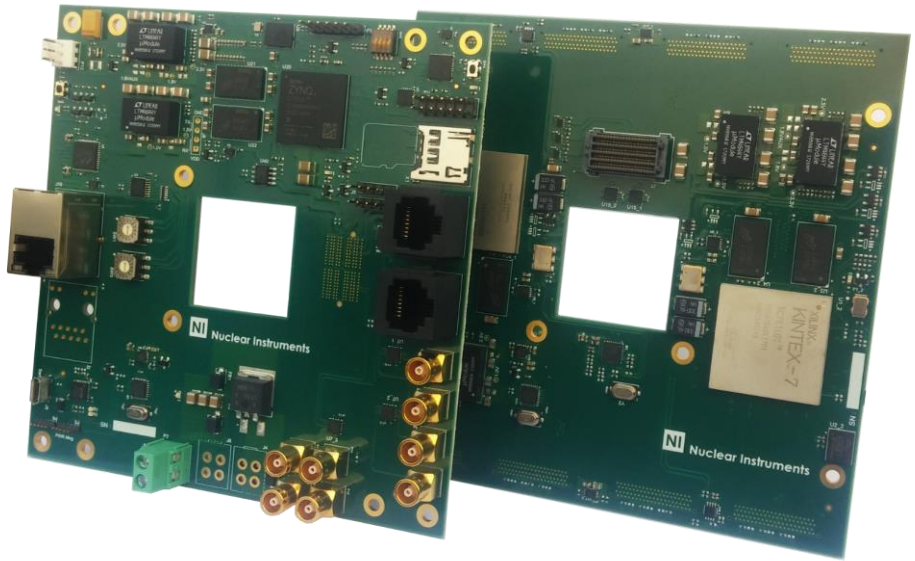
- 64 channels per board, no limit to total number of channels
- Operate in daisy chain
- Ultra high rate: 100 Mevent/s per link
- Compact form factor for (5cm width)
- Ideal to cover large area detector with reduced cabling

GEMINI 256 – ETHERNET READOUT

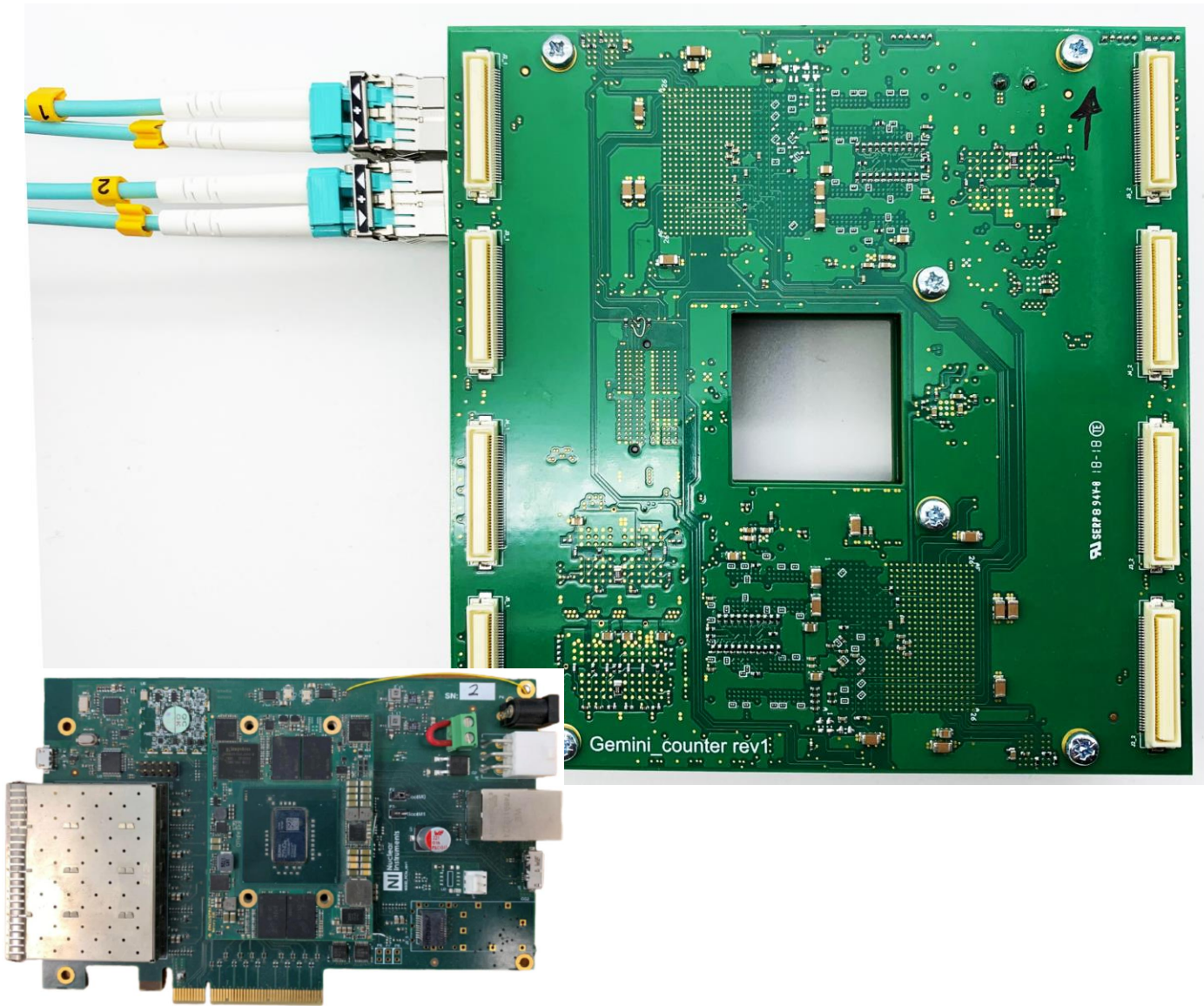


- Stand-alone unit
- Easy to interface to any PC/LAPTOP
- Single Ethernet cable
- Possibility to sync with external T0
- Windows full-featured software
- Up to 8 Mcps on full detector
- Low cost system (just the board)
- List Readout mode
- ToT, ToF and channel indexing

GEMINI 256 ETHERNET

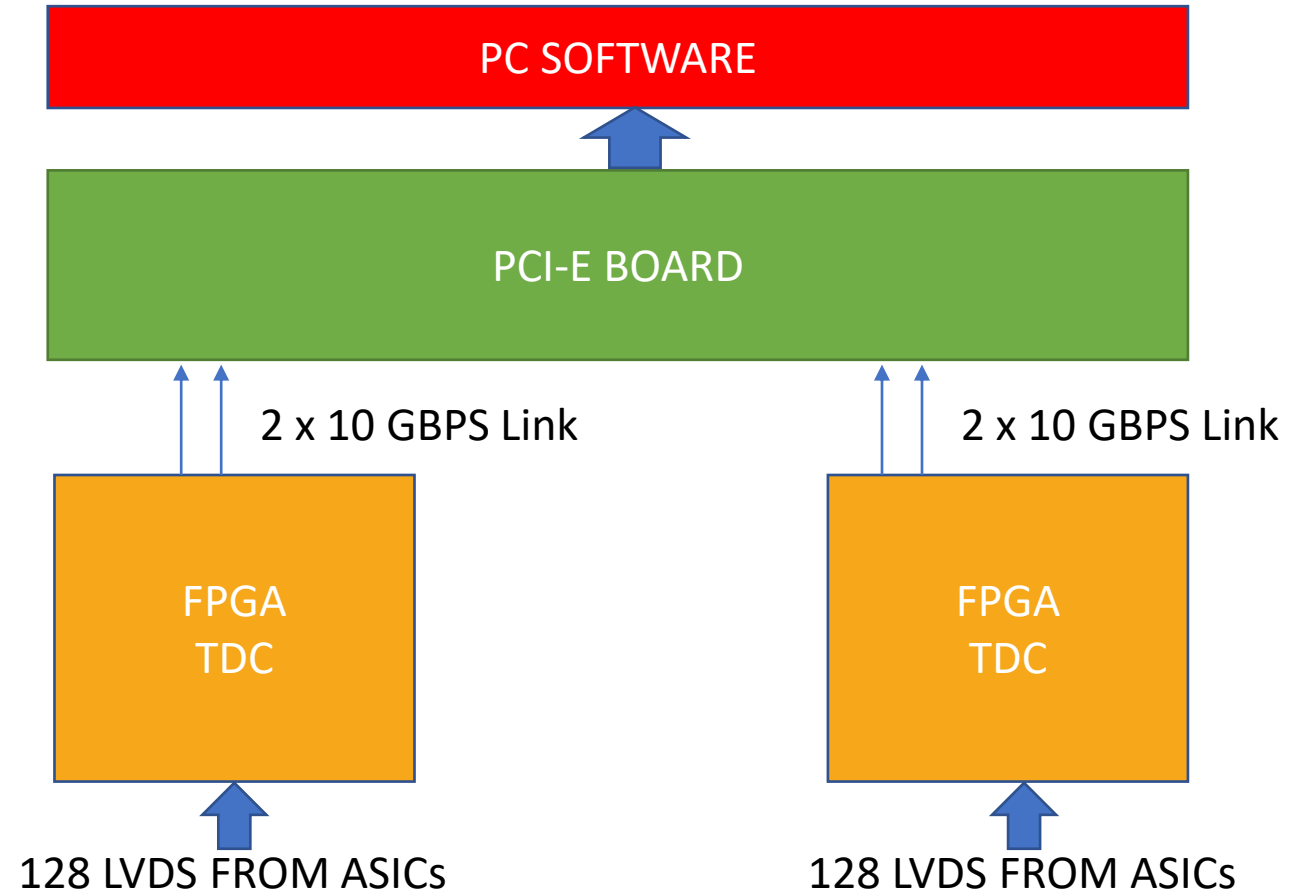
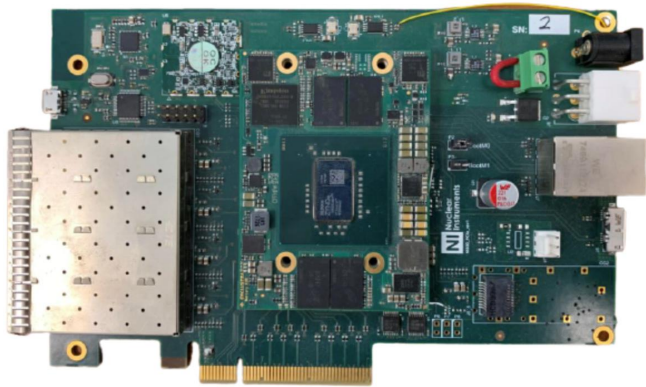
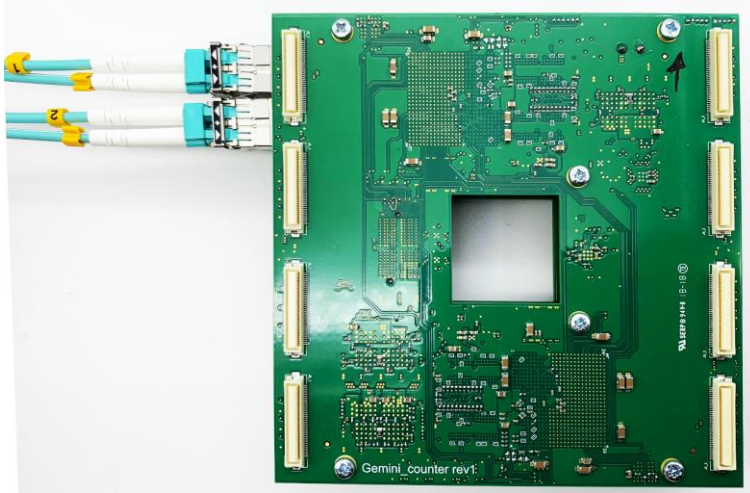


GEMINI 256 – FIBER READOUT



- Designed for high-performance
- 4x optical link @ 40 Gbps
- Tested at 400 Mevent/s per board in list mode
- PCI-E readout board
- ToT, ToF and channel indexing
- Synchronization between multiple board
- Hardware accelerated online monitor

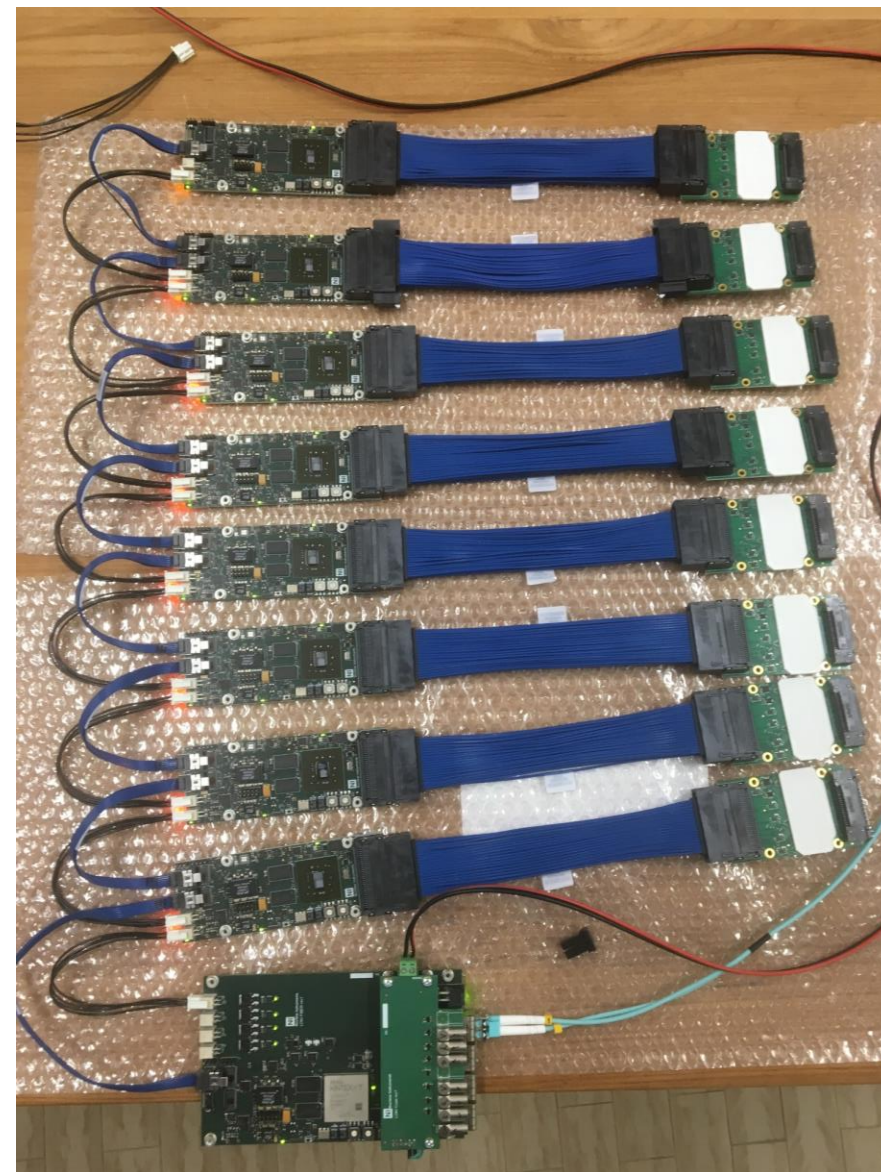
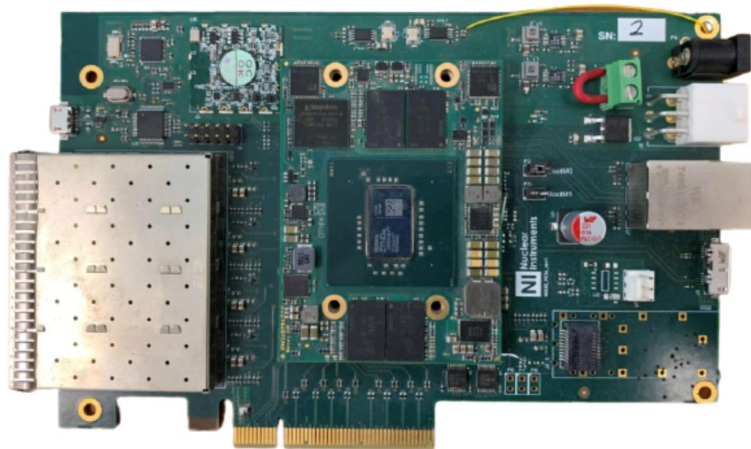
GEMINI 256 FIBER



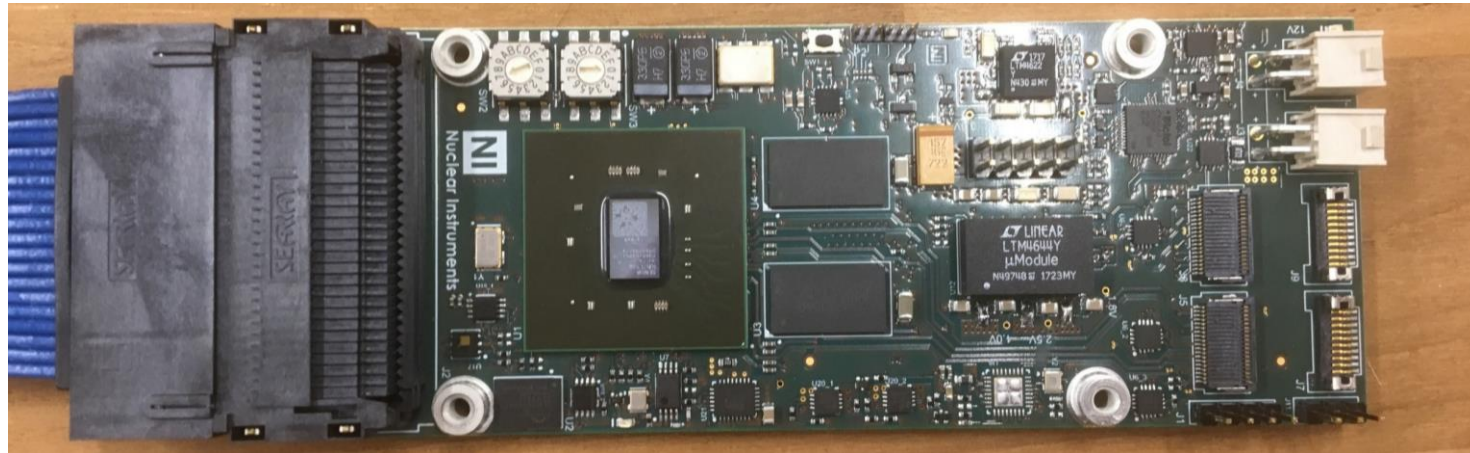
GEMINI 64 – DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM



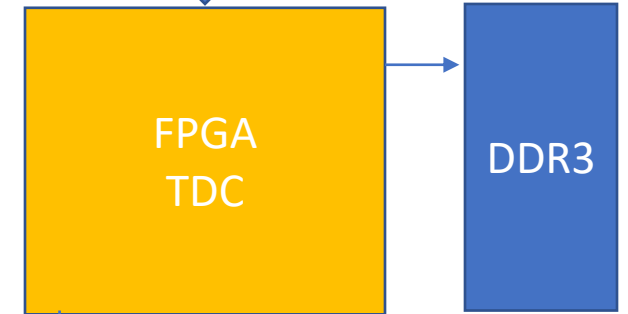
- Designed for very large area detector 1000+ (no upper limit channel)
- Timestamp synchronization
- Copper-Fiber mixed solution
- Intrinsic daisy chain
- Hi-speed (>125 Mcps) per daisy chain
- Remote upgrade and system load monitor
- Realtime online monitor in the readout PCIE DAQ



GEMINI 64 – TDC FPGA BOARD



64 LVDS FROM ASICs



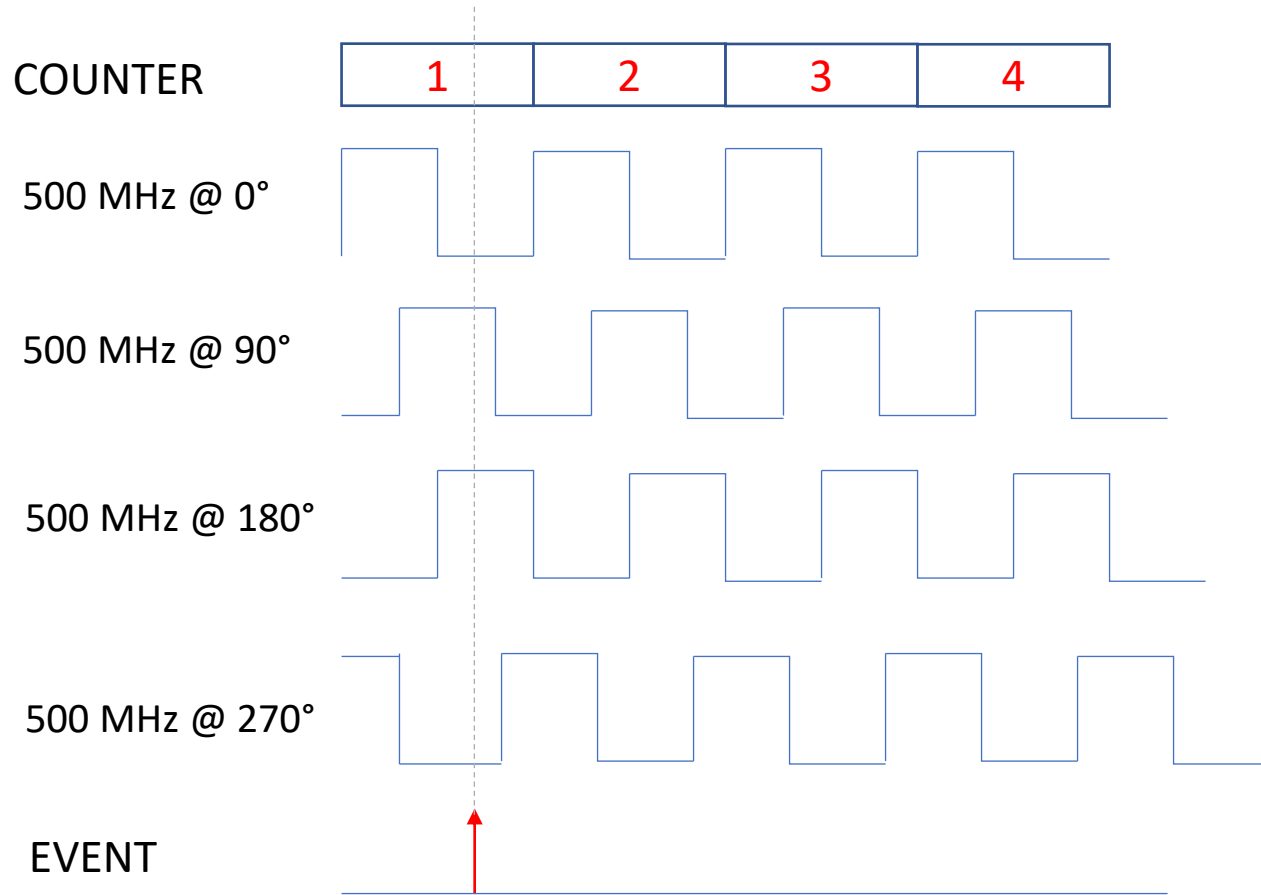
19 Gbps

3 lanes
downlink

3 lanes
uplink

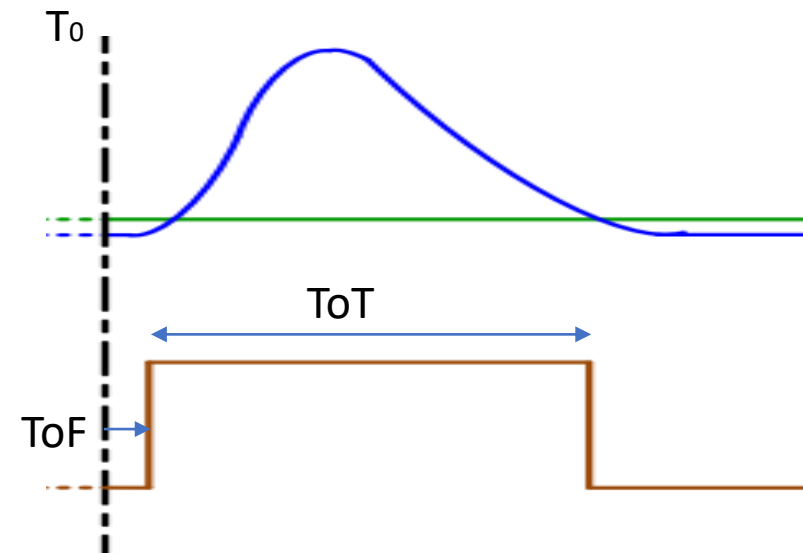
DAISY CHAIN

4 PHASE TDC

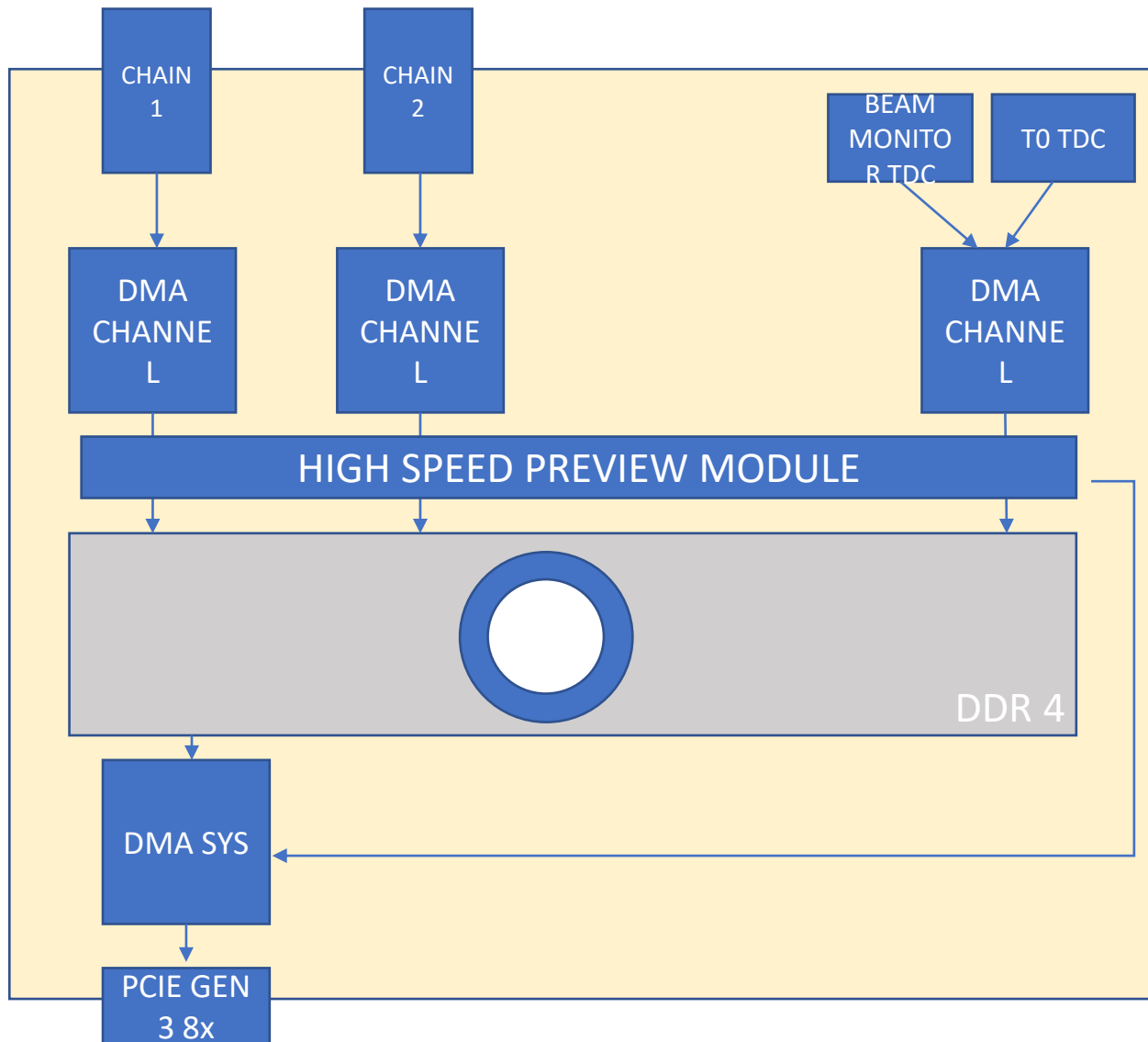


$$T_{out} = (2 * 2ns) - 0.5ns = 3.5ns$$

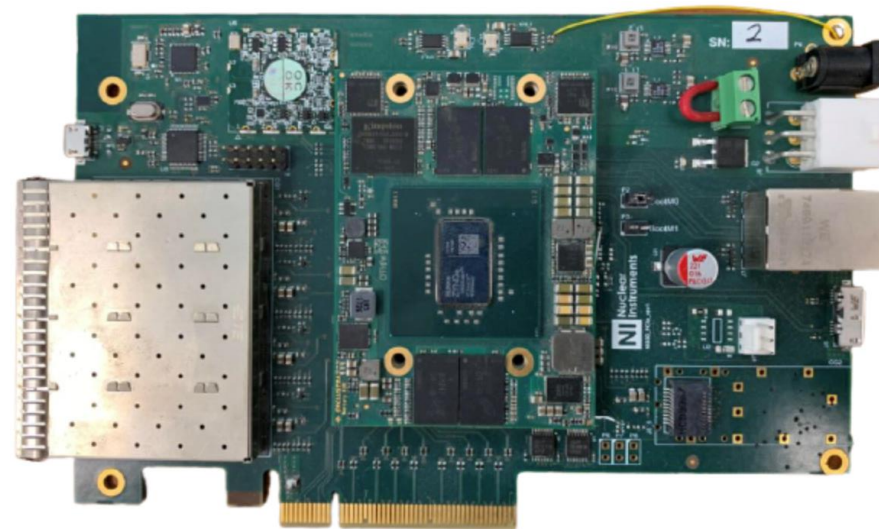
500 ps RESOLUTION WITH 500 MHz clock AND 4 PHASE



PCI-E DAQ FIRMWARE FOR HIGH RATE



- Up to 600 Mcps per PCI-E board
- On line monitor, hardware accelerated:
 - TOF/TOA (Time of flight spectrum on all channels)
 - TOT (Charge spectrum on all channels)
 - Imaging





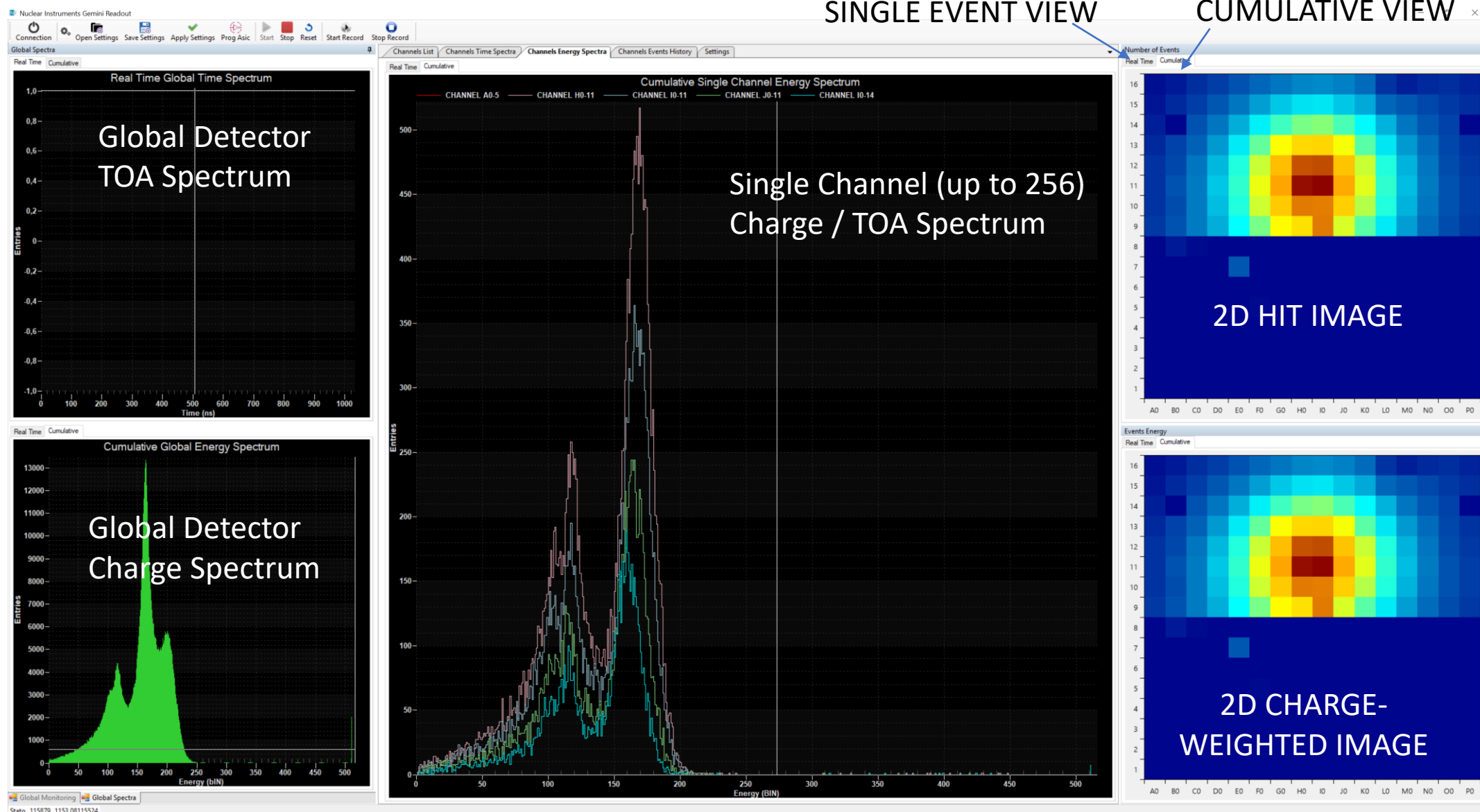
ONLINE MONITORING SOFTWARE

GEMINI READOUT

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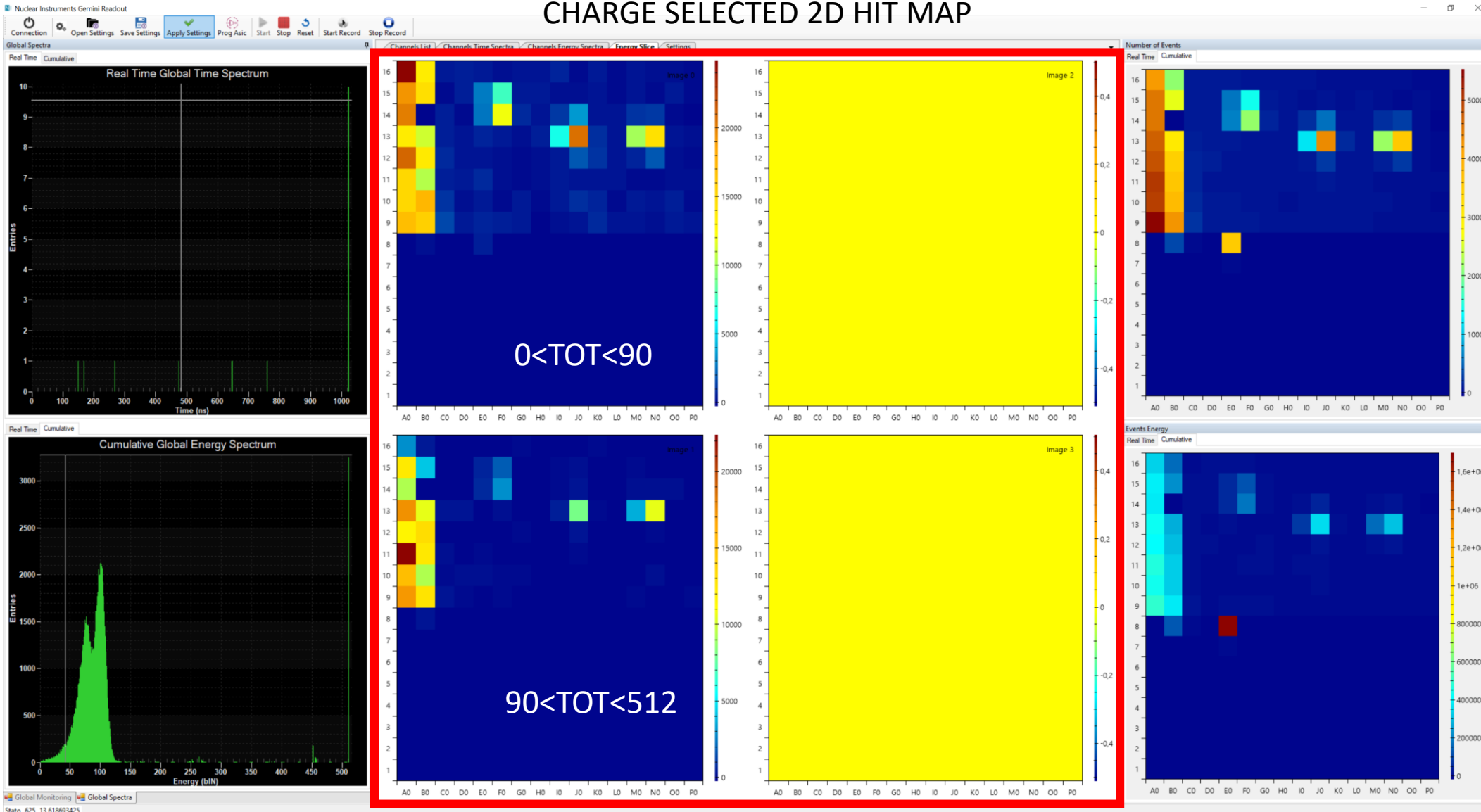
- Laboratory version (Windows)
- Experiment version (Linux)

LAB SOFTWARE – Real Time Monitor



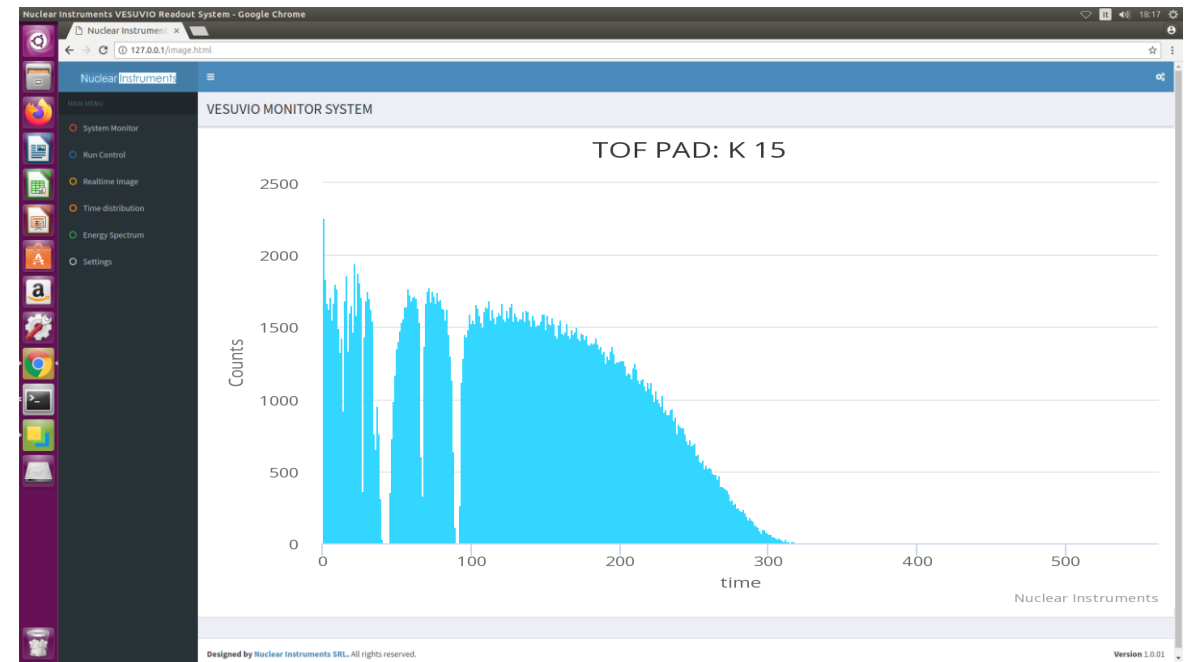
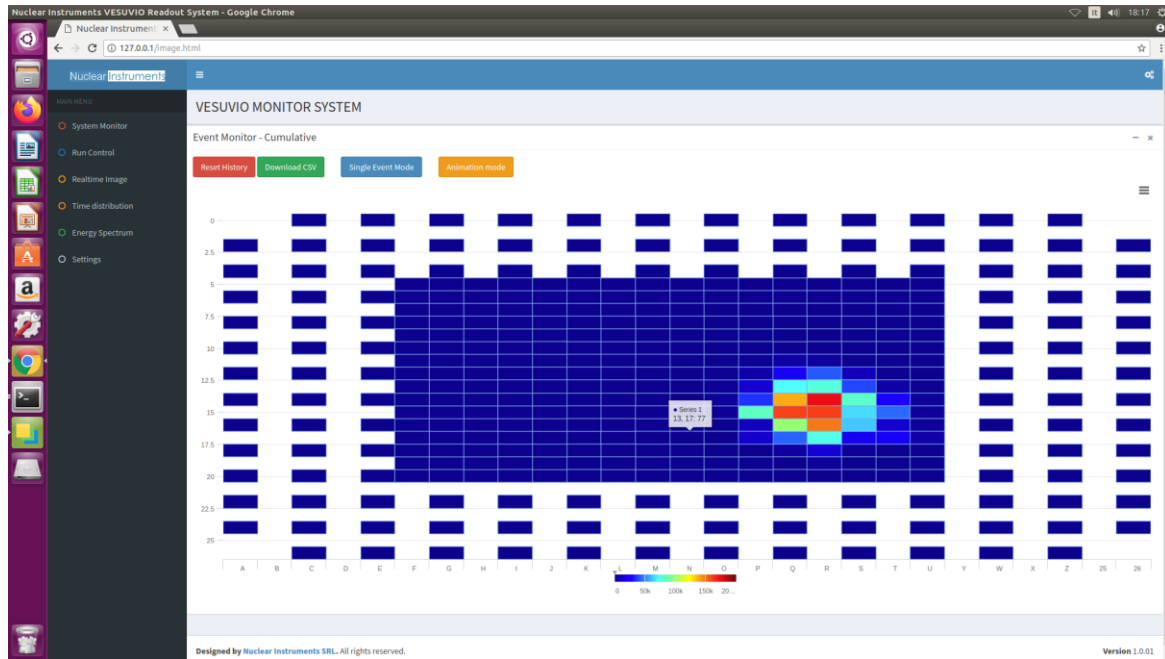
LAB SOFTWARE – Real Time Monitor

CHARGE SELECTED 2D HIT MAP



Usefull for localization of radioactive waste hot spot by radionuclide

SCALABLE WEB BASED READOUT SOFTWARE FOR EXPERIMENT



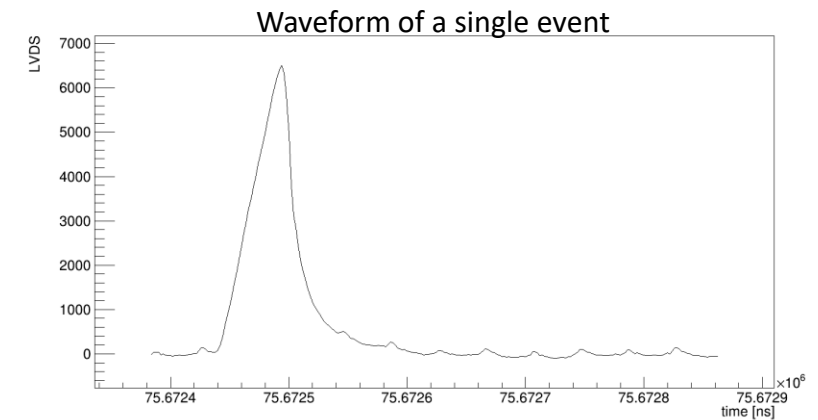
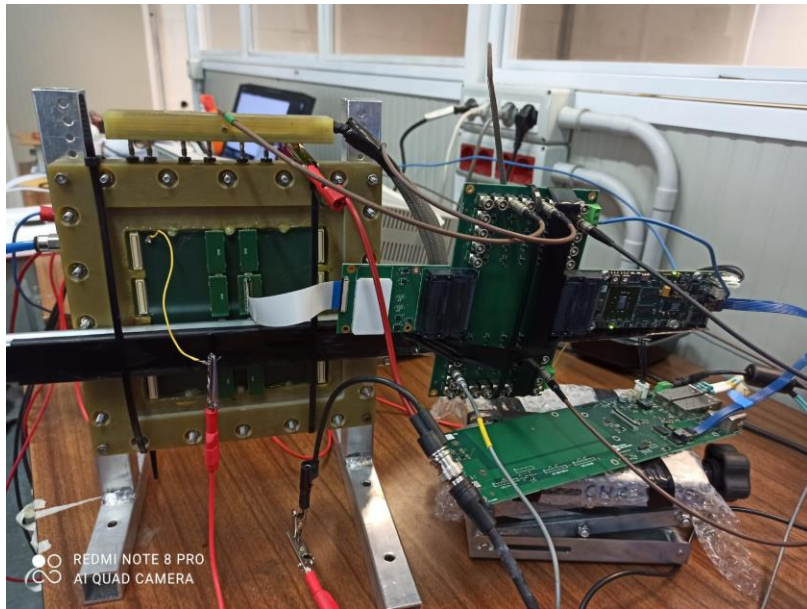


TOT CHARACTERIZATION

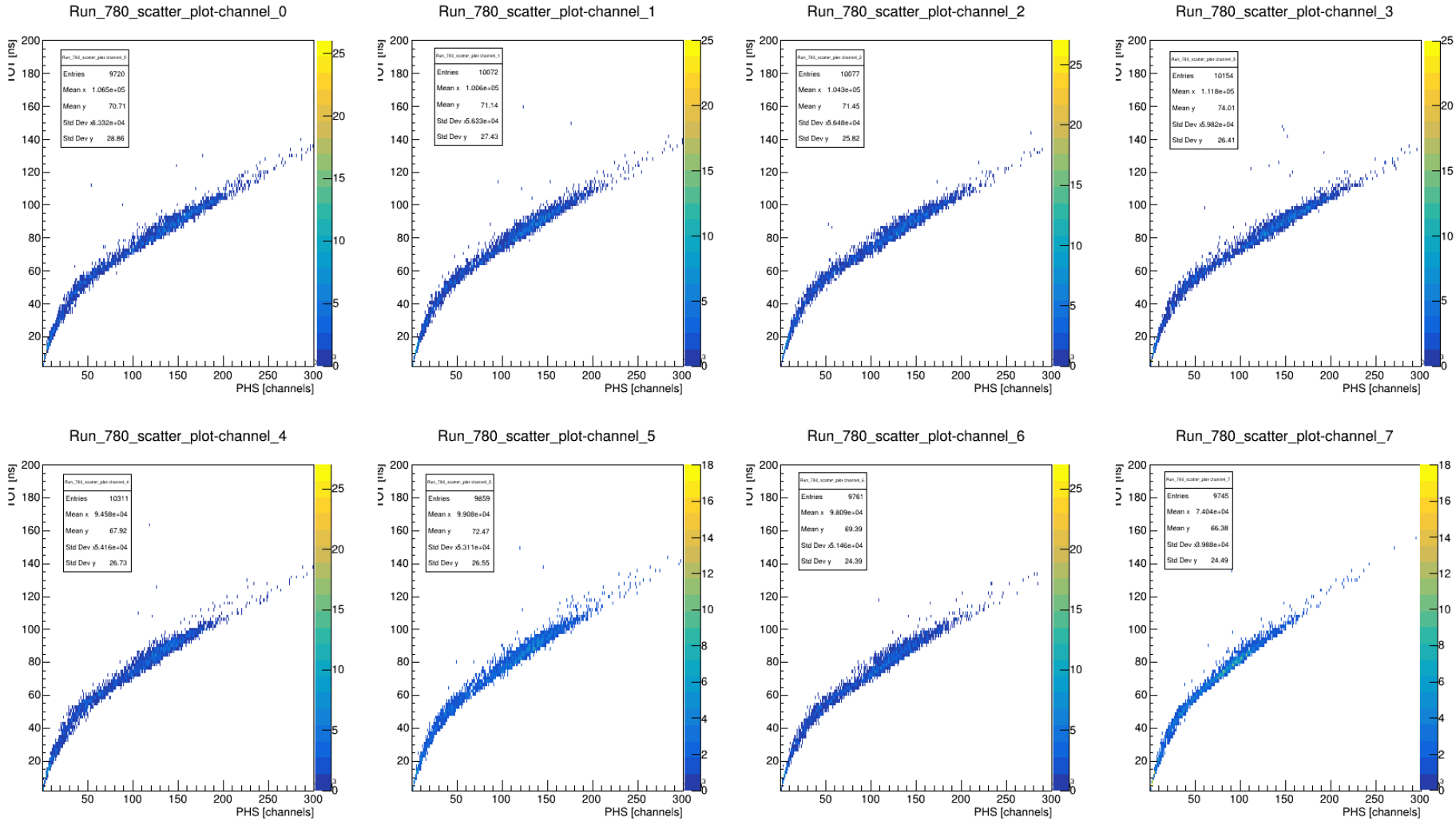
ToT vs PHA characterization

GEMINI 32A

- Comparison between TOT spectra and Pulse Height (PH) Spectra.
- The analog signal of 8 channels from GEMINI is read by CAEN module.
- Use of GEM detector with Aluminium GEM foils, irradiated with a RX source at ISTP-CNR.



ToT vs PHA characterization



GEMINI 32A



TOT vs CHARGE
CALIBRATION
CURVE



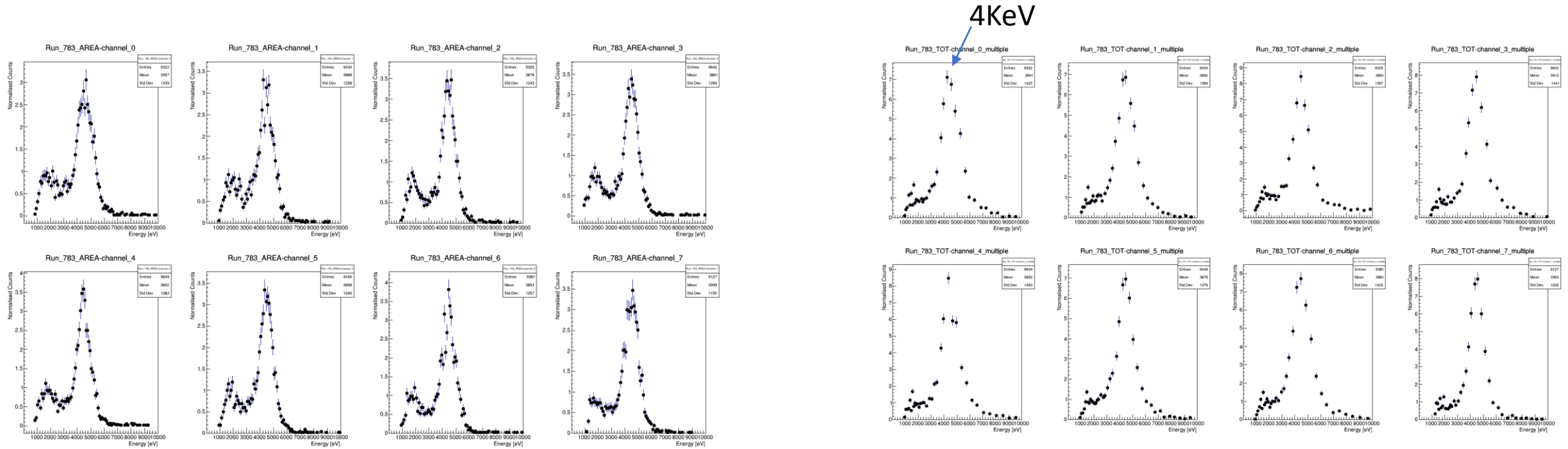
GOOD MATCH BETWEEN
DIFFERENT CHANNELS
AND ASICS



APPLICABLE TO ALL
32D AND 64D

ToT vs PHA characterization

Energy spectra of a Titanium target, obtained both in TOT and Pulse Height mode.



Pulse Height spectra obtained with the use of CAEN QDC – DT5630B

TOT Spectrum using Gemini Readout Board

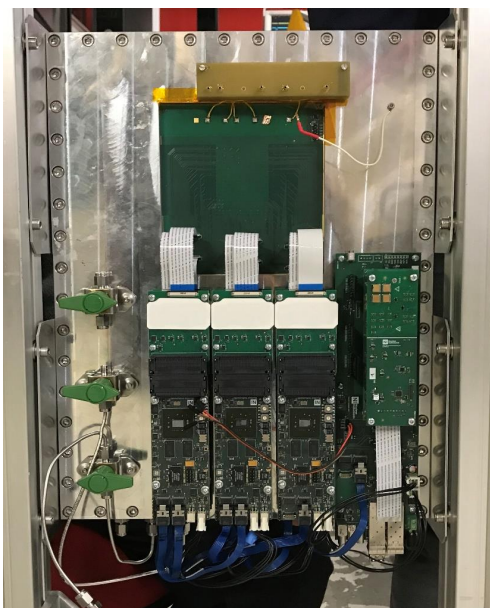


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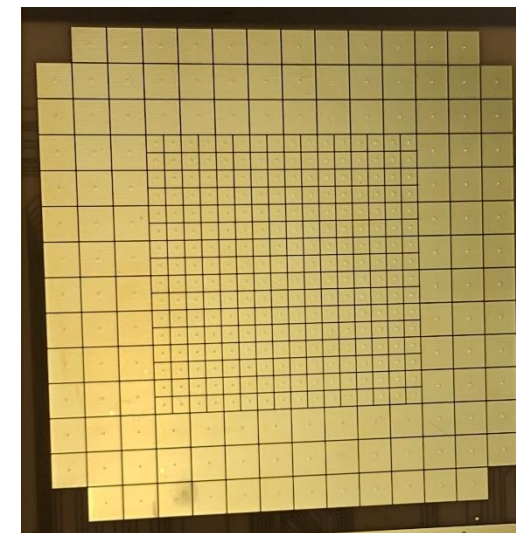
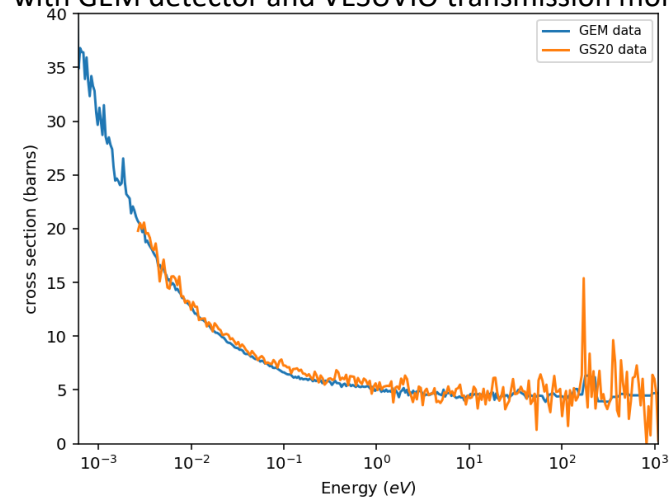
ISIS VESUVIO TRASMISSION BEAM MONITOR

GEMINI 64D

- 16 detecting channel for each ASIC
- GEMINI ASICS can operate in ToT and ToA mode at the same time.
- DAQ is made of a custom FPGA and a Linux server.
- Test made at the **VESUVIO beamline at RAL/ISIS**.
- GEM detector located in trasmissione position.
- Study of thermal and epithermal neutron cross section of samples.
- Permanent installation integrated in the Vesuvio readout system based

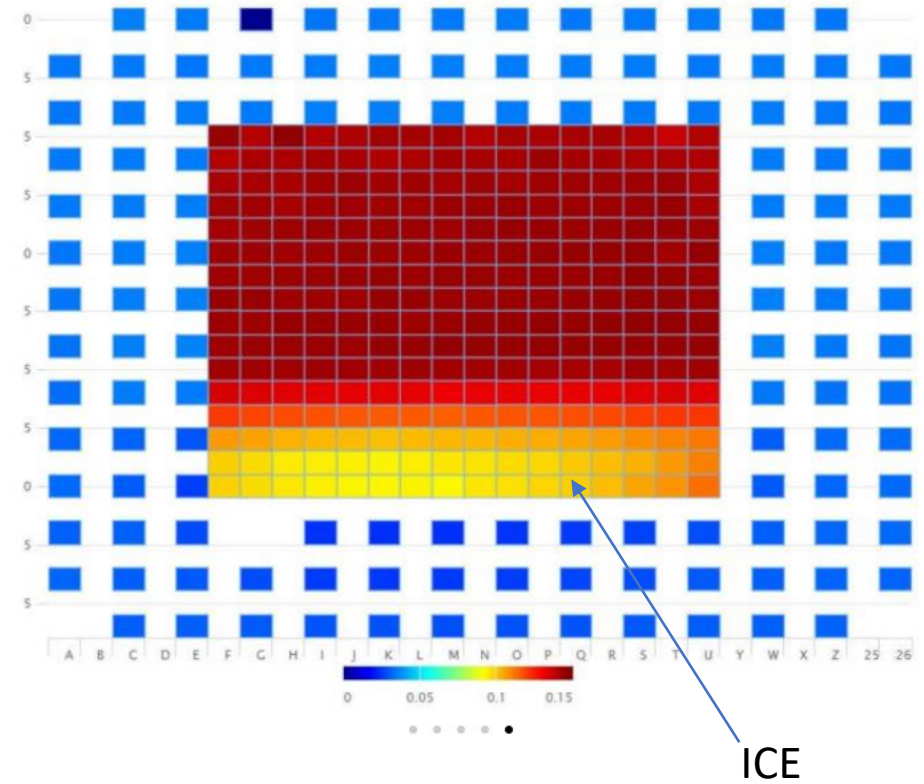
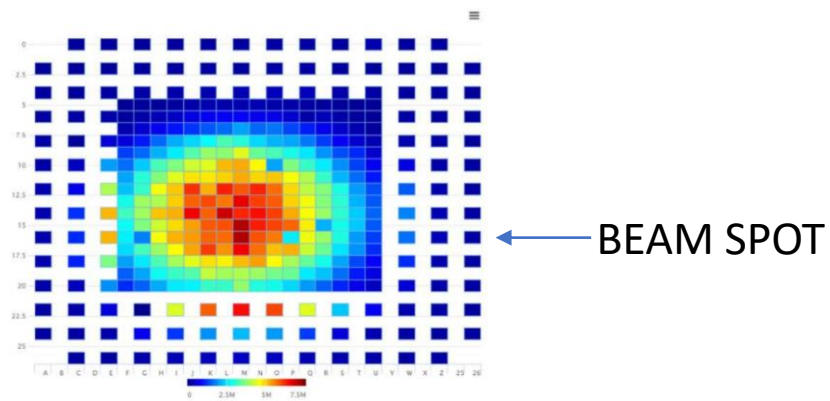
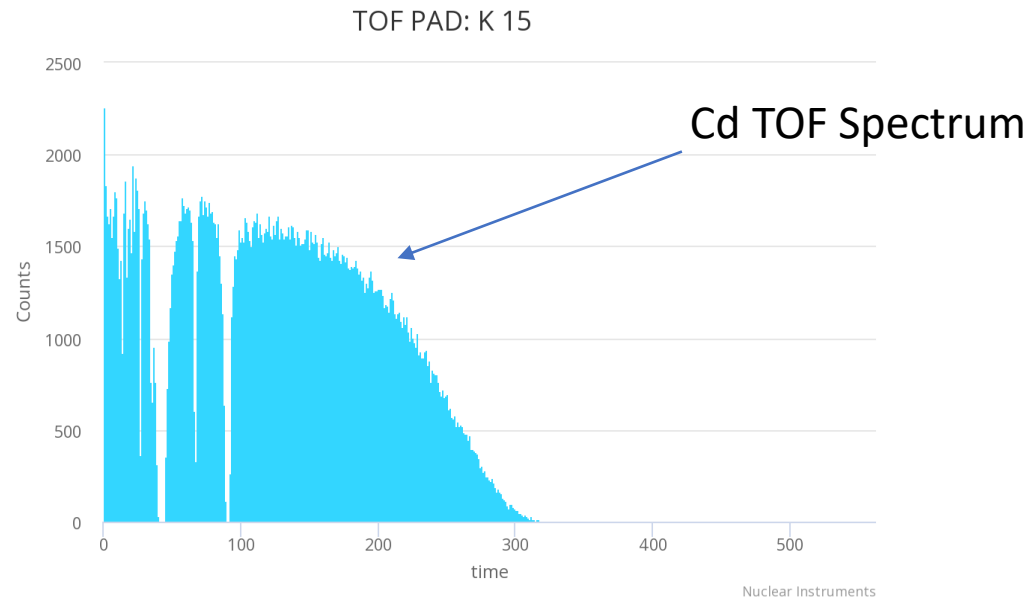


Thermal neutron cross section of a Vanadium sample obtained with GEM detector and VESUVIO transmission monitor



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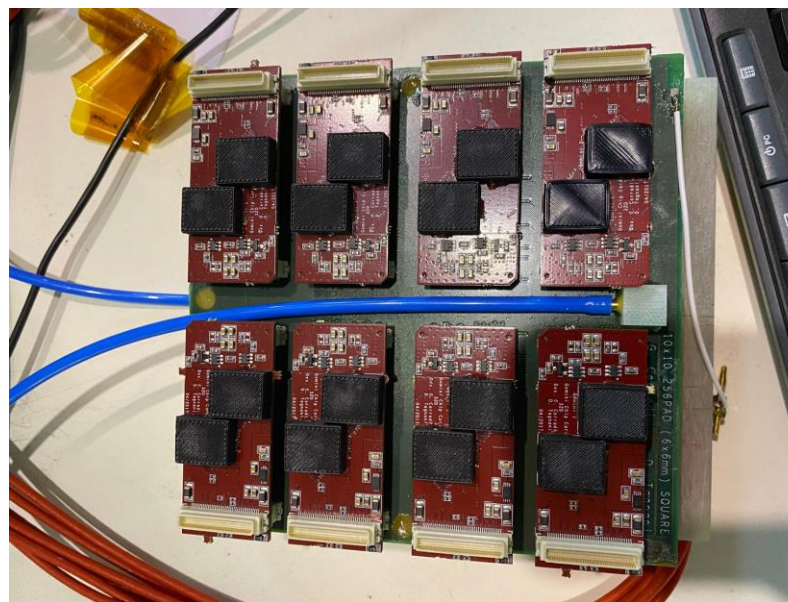
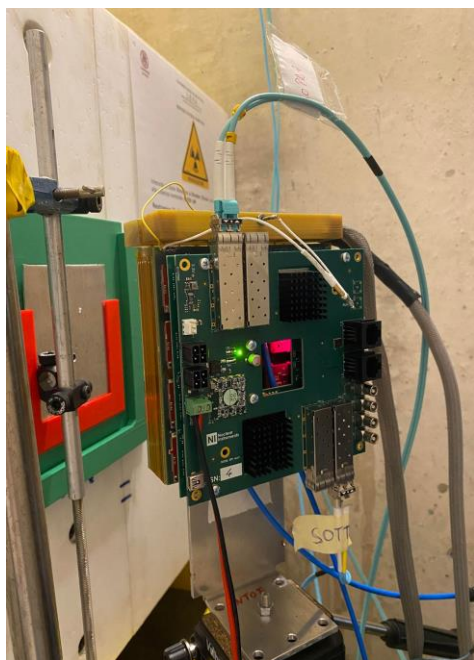


Online data from the web interface based monitor software

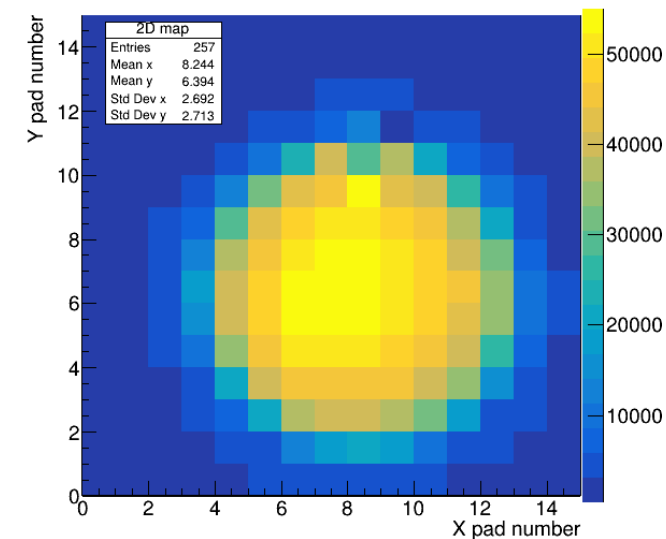
MULTI-BOARATED GEM DETECTOR FOR L.E.N.A. REACTOR

GEMINI 32D

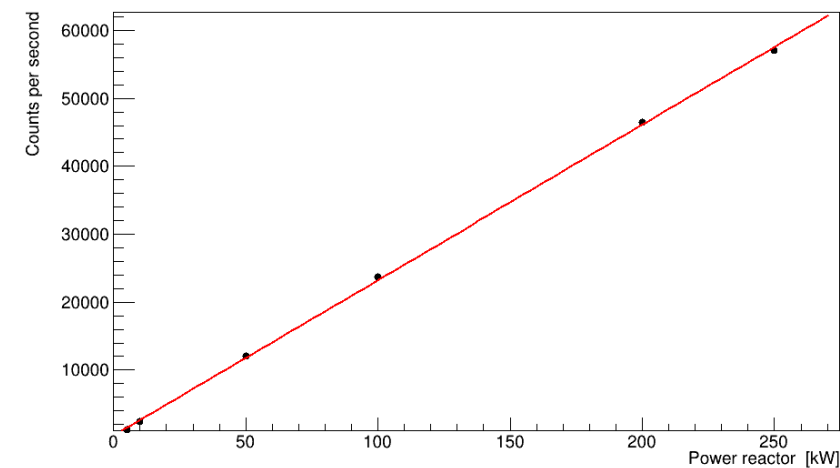
- Study of multi-boron GEM detector (triple GEM detector plus three GEM foils coated with ^{10}B).
- Test at LENA reactor (Pavia).
- Maximum power of reactor: 250 kW.
- Thermal neutron flux of $10^6 \text{ n/s}\cdot\text{cm}^2$



2D Map-Power LENA Reactor 1 kW



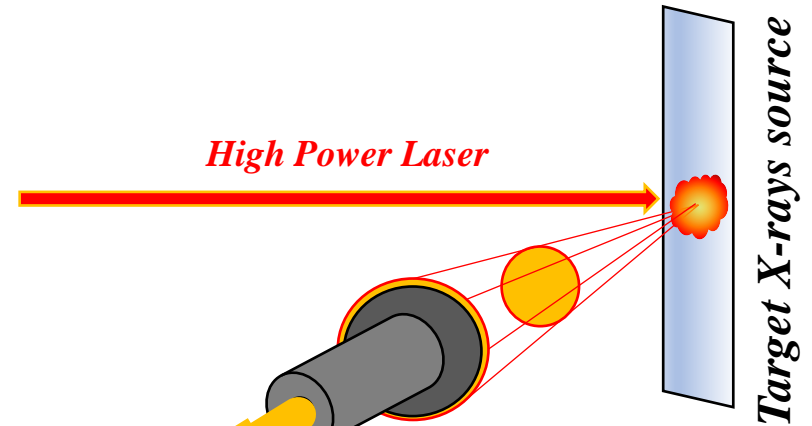
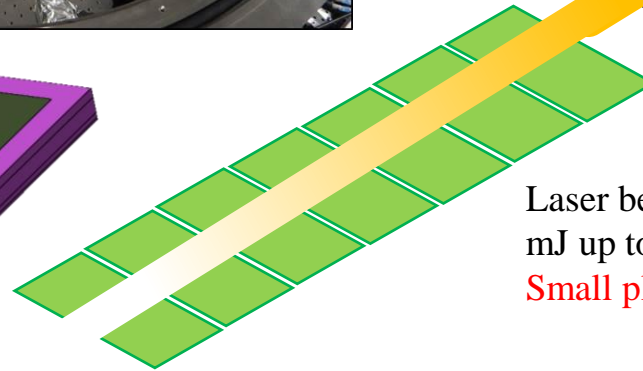
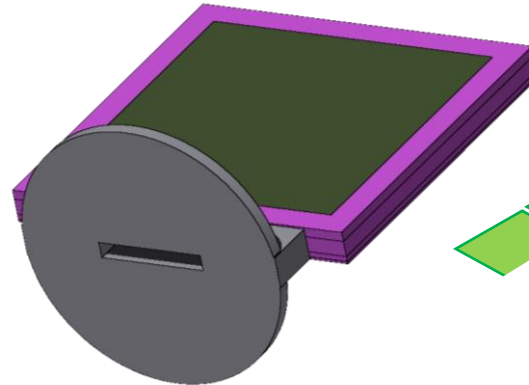
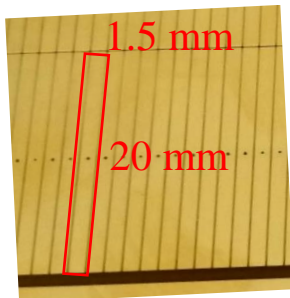
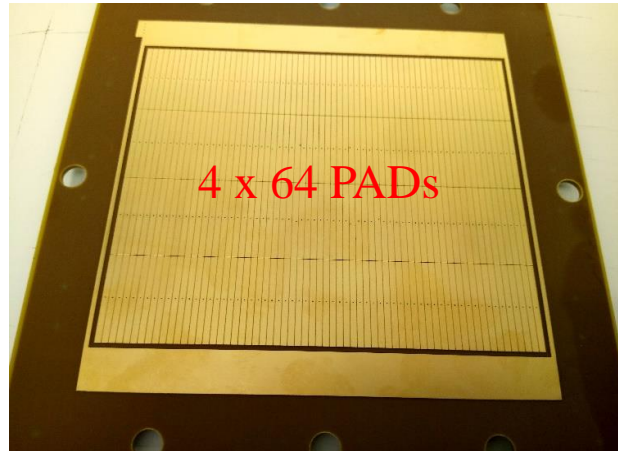
Power scan of LENA reactor



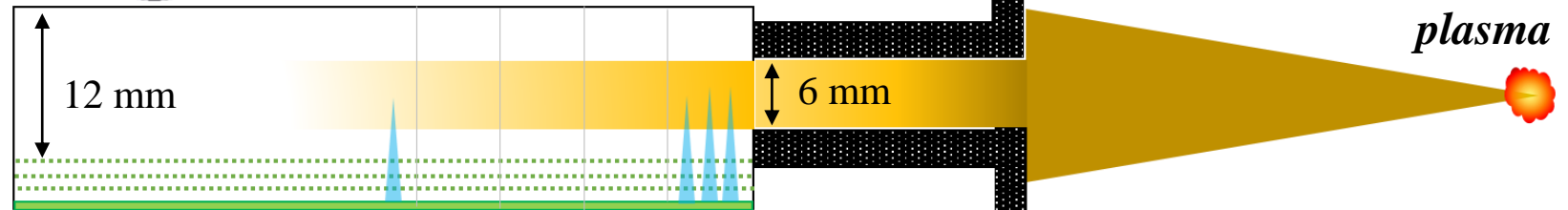
SIDE-ON GEM detector for X-ray spectroscopy on Laser Produced Plasmas

A measure of the X-rays spectrum from the laser induced plasma is important to calculate plasma temperature and other parameters

Measure cannot be performed in counting mode because because X-rays are concentrated in burst which lasts as the laser pulse (from few tens of fs to few ns)



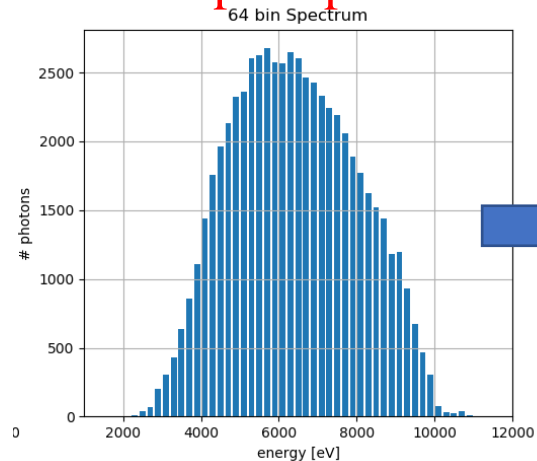
Laser beam energies can range from few mJ up to tens of kJ.
Small plasmas rea induced (mm to mm).



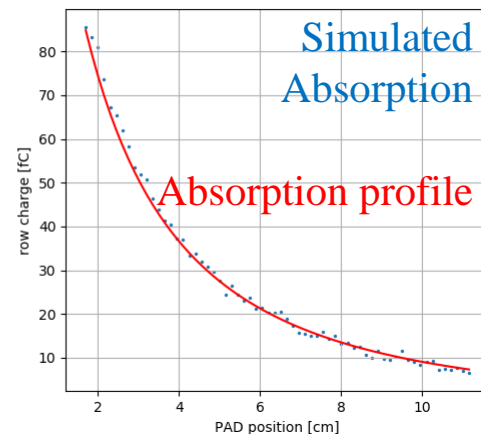
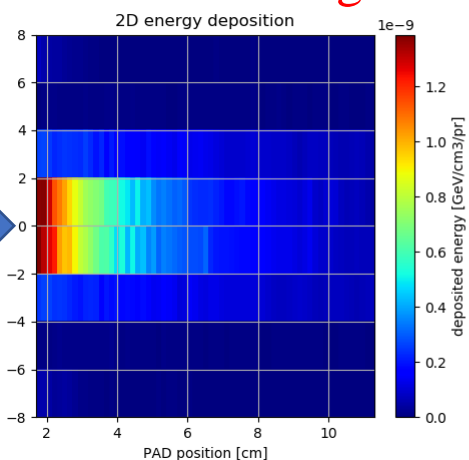
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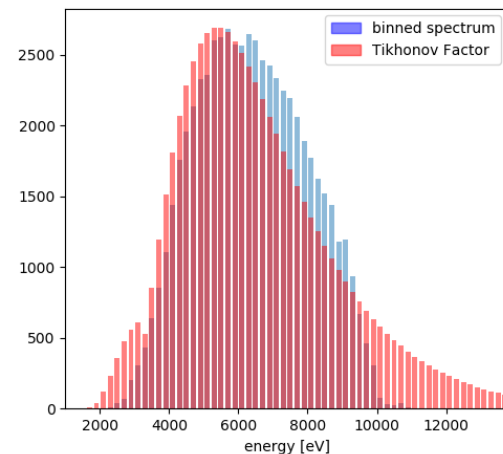
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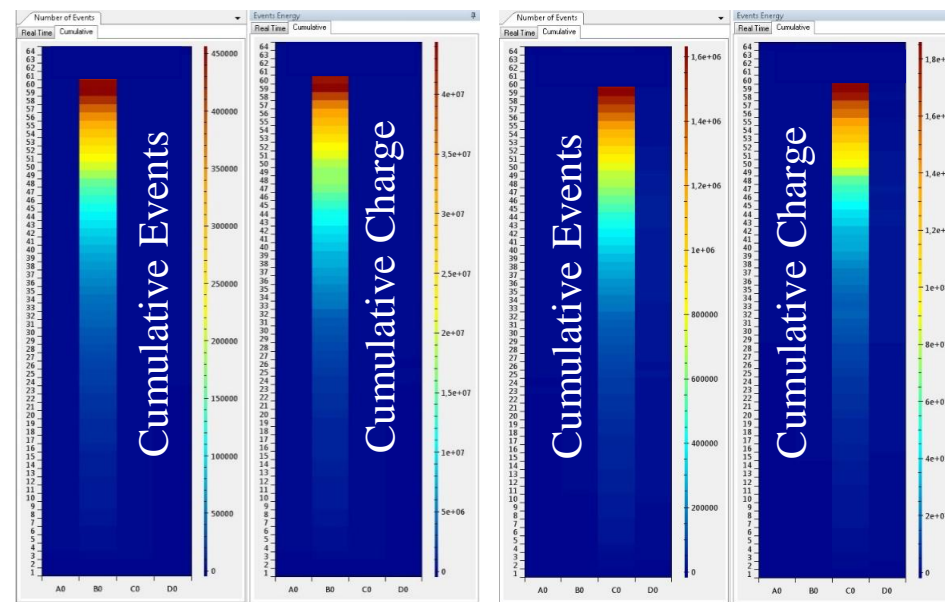
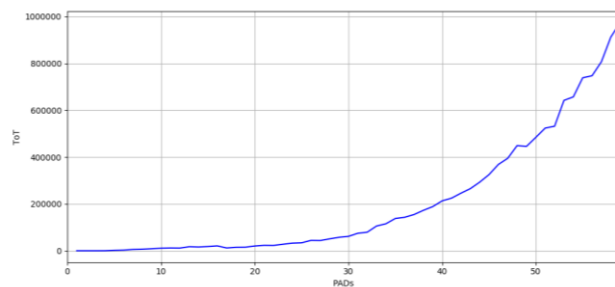
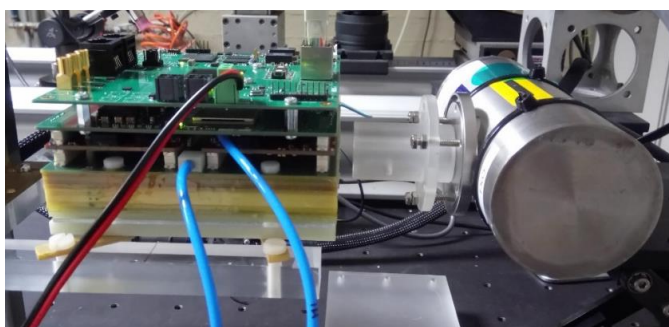
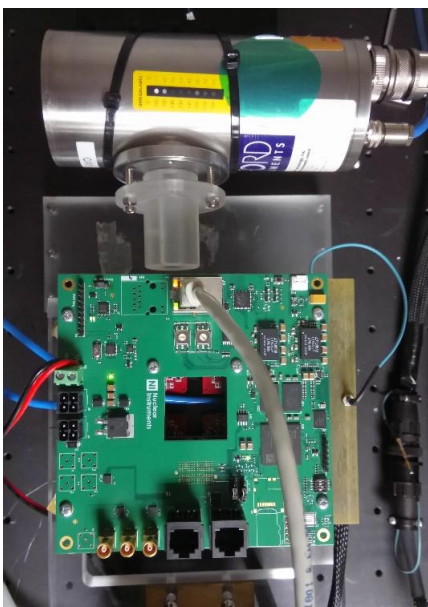
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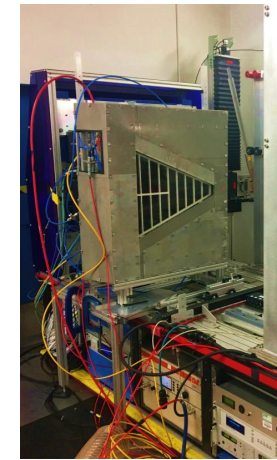
Spectrum Reconstruction



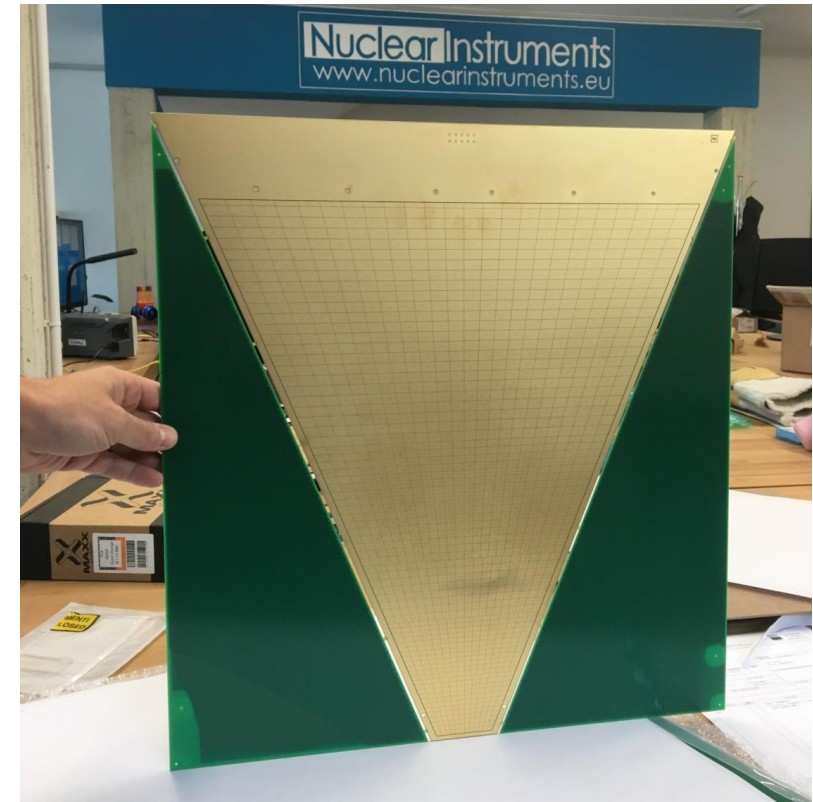
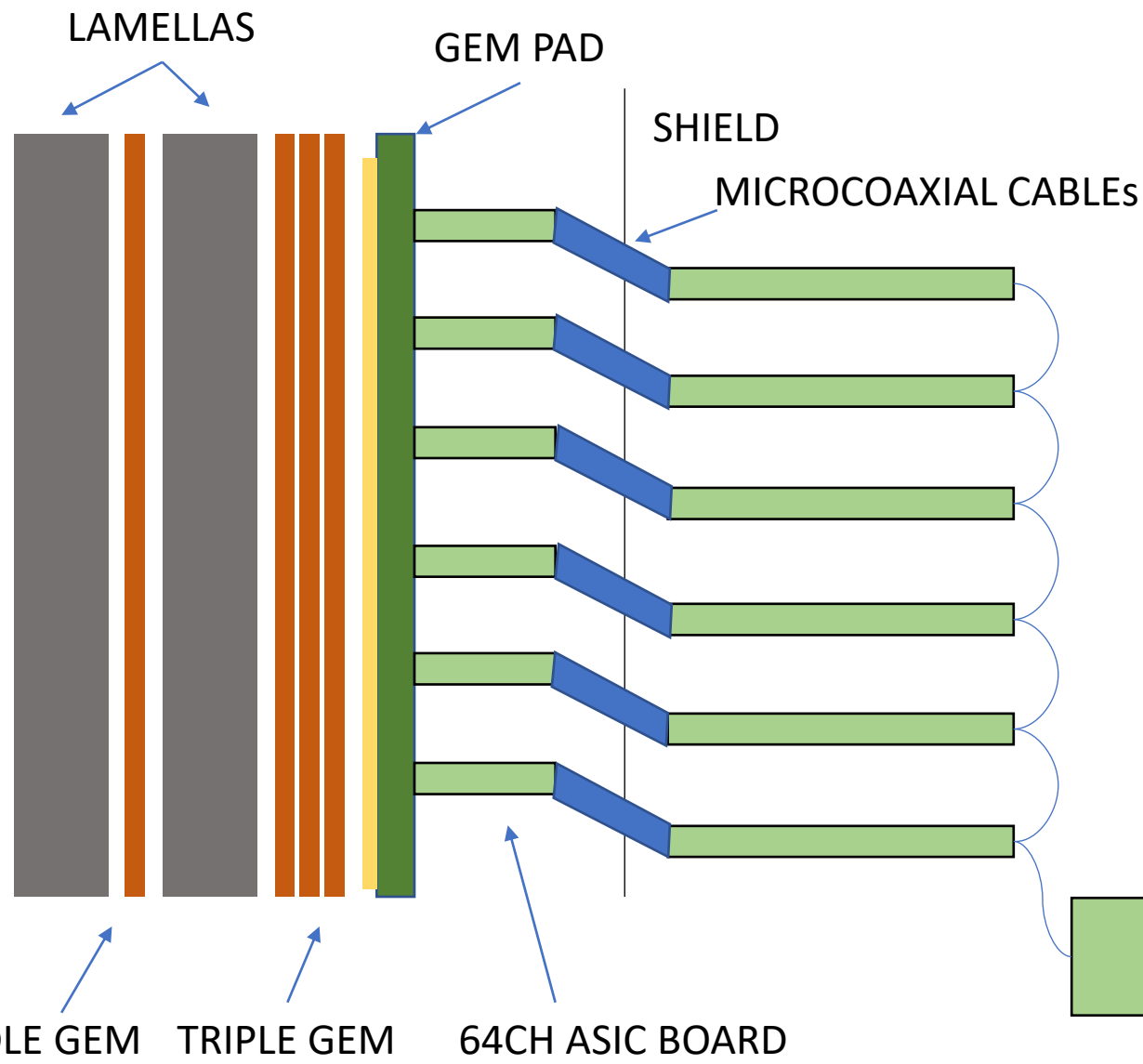
Preliminary Lab Tests



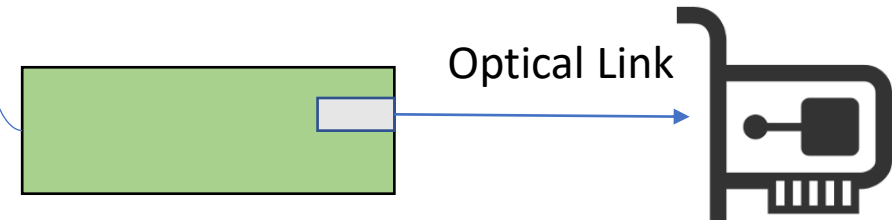
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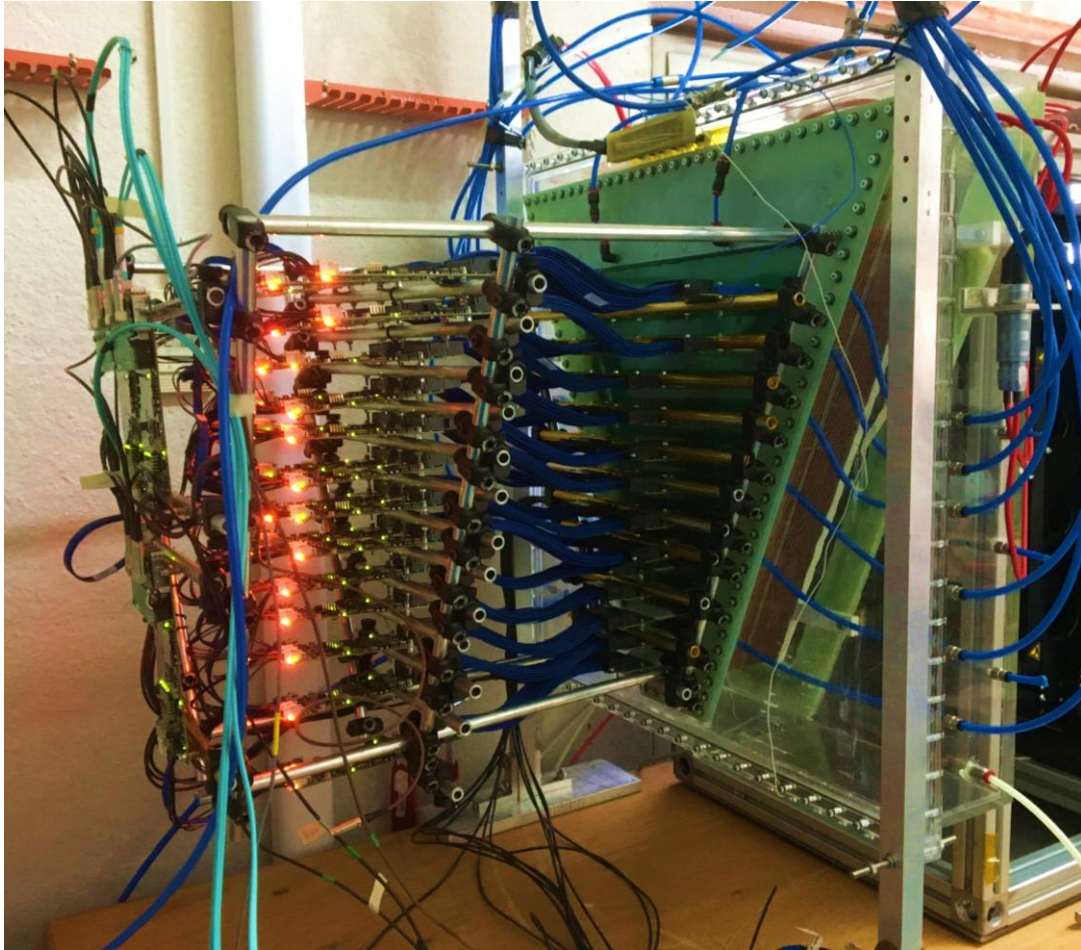
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NEUTRONS



* Tested on LARMOR SANS – ISIS STFC



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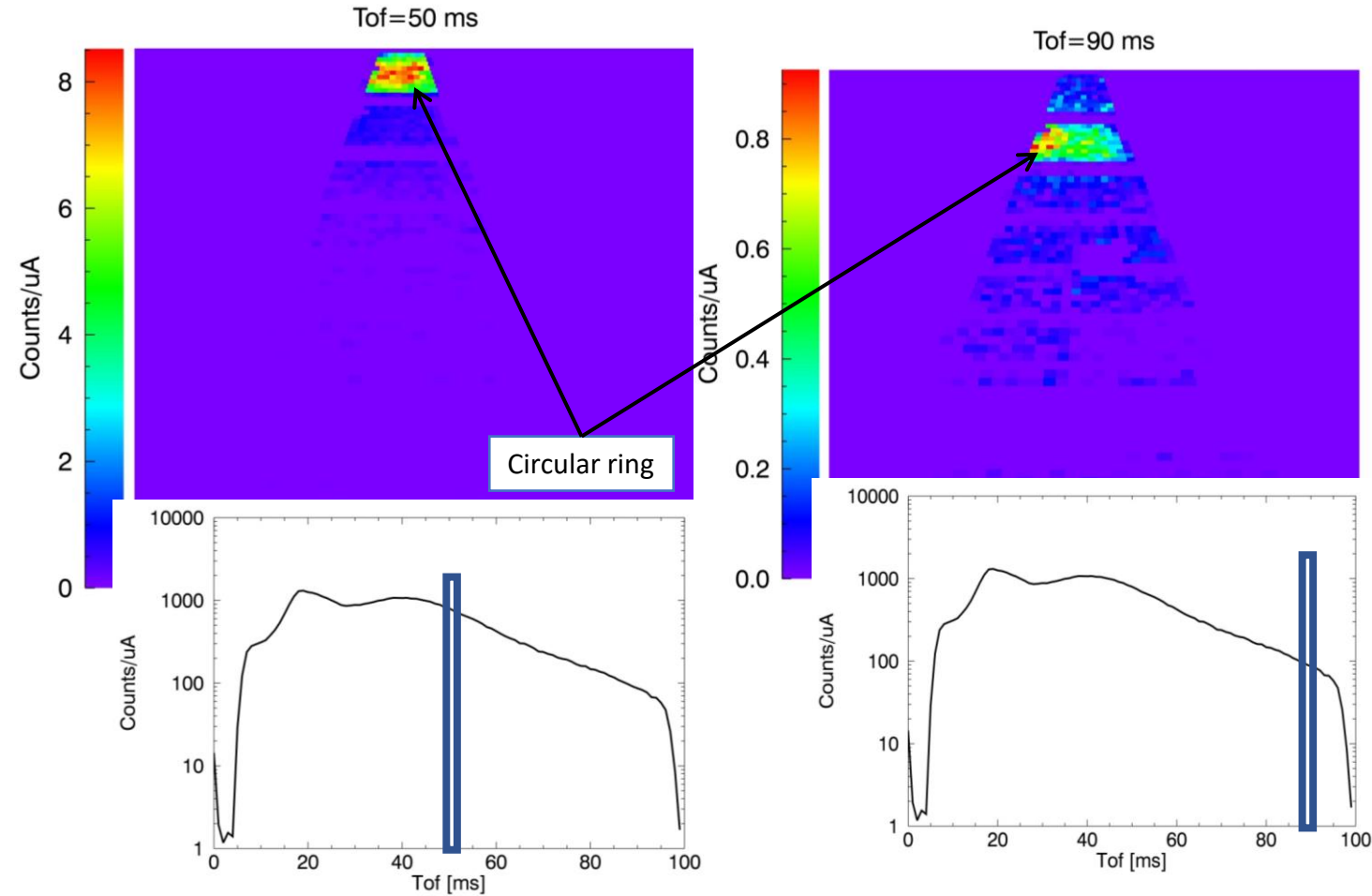


READOUT HIGHLIGHTS:

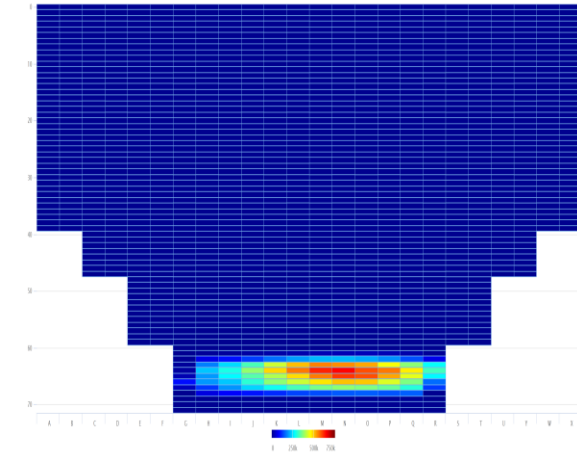
- Based on dedicated GEMINI chip capable to operate at very high rate (up to 5 MCPS per channel)
- Scalable to unlimited number of channels (1496 in current config)
- System distributed across several FPGA capable to measure position of interaction ToF and amplitude of the signal (Time over threshold)
- Up to 110 Mcps on a single board (tested @ MLZ reactor at 25 Mcps)
- 10 Gbps multiple Optical link to connect the detector to DAQ
- DAQ system based with FPGA accelerator for realtime event reconstruction.

Borated lamellas Triple-GEM detector for SANS for NSS

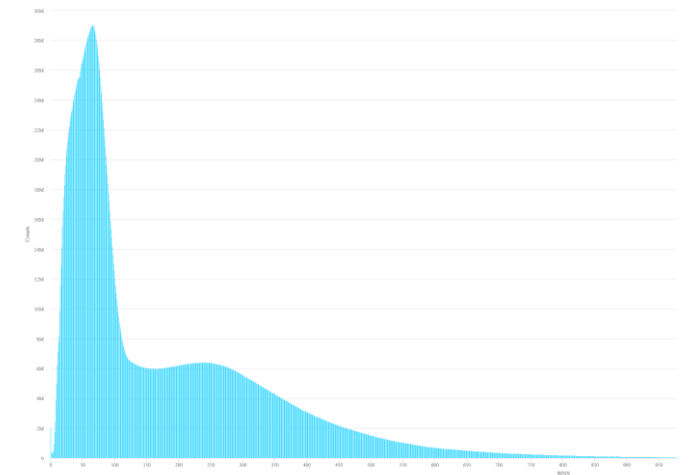
TIME RESOLVED SANS → Larmor/ISIS



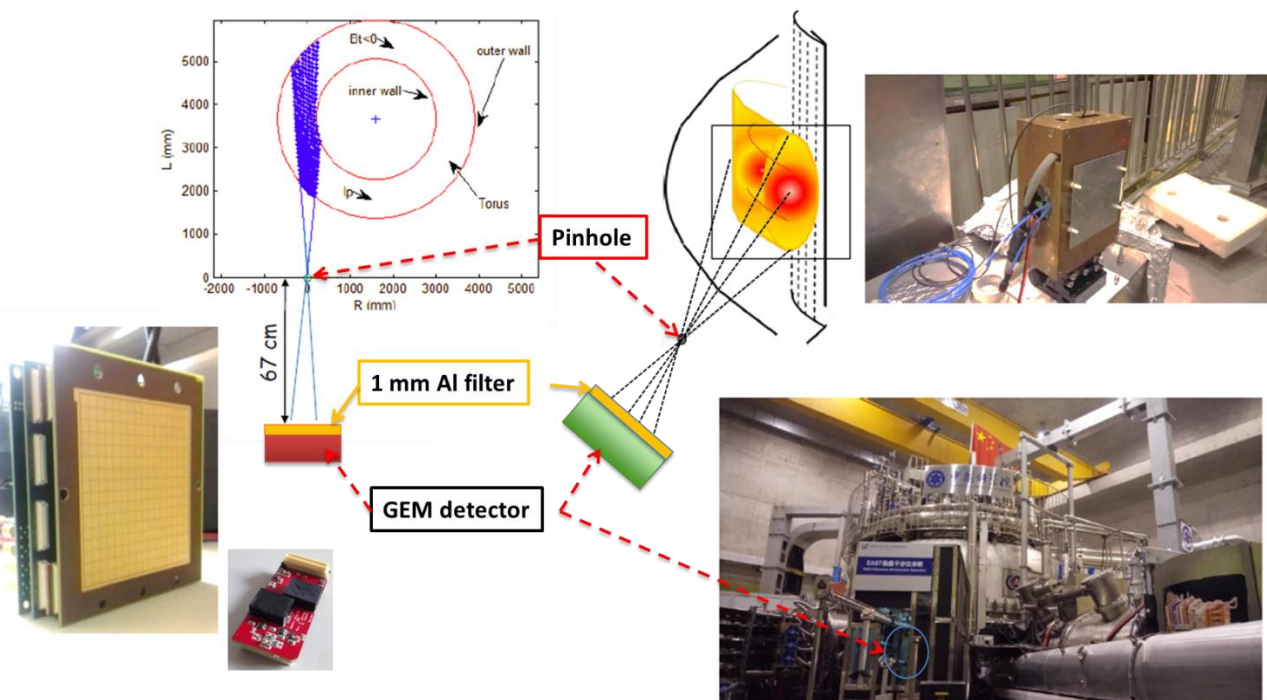
2D – Detector Plot (FRM II Reactor)



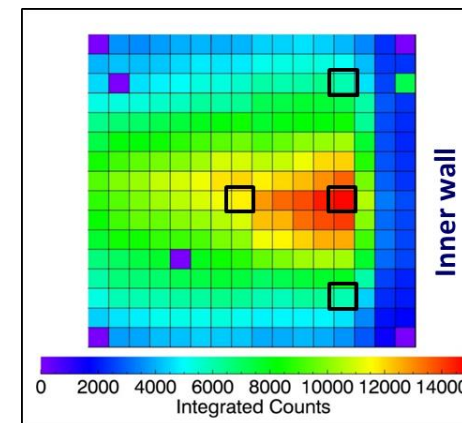
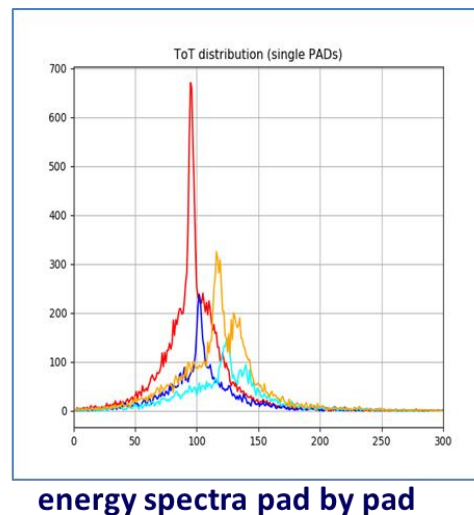
ISIS NEUTRON TIME OF FLIGHT SPECTRUM (EMMA)



X-rays Monitor for plasmas in EAST tokamak



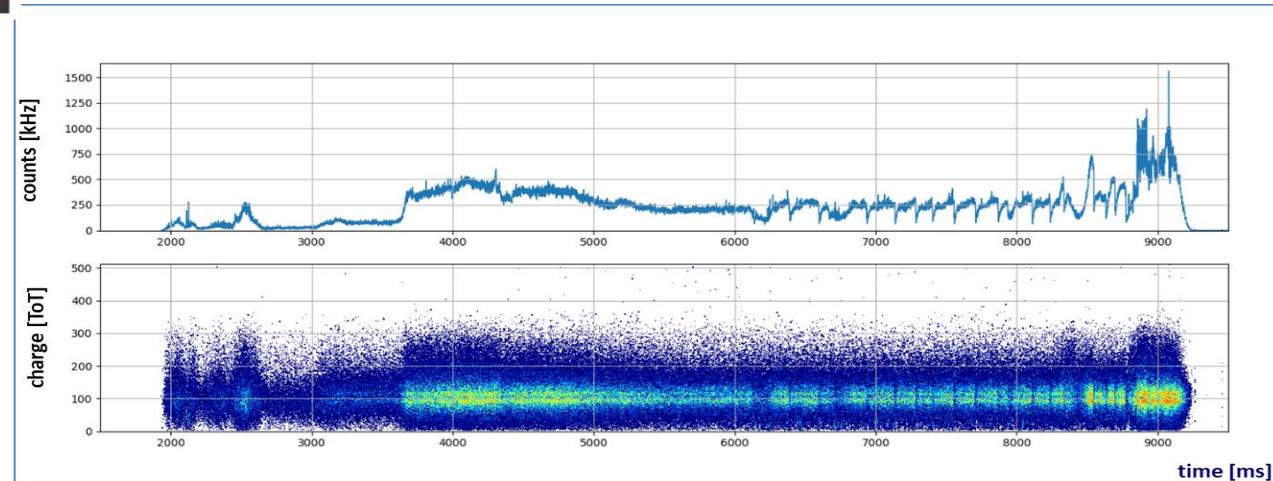
Plasma Profile reconstruction using Soft X-Rays



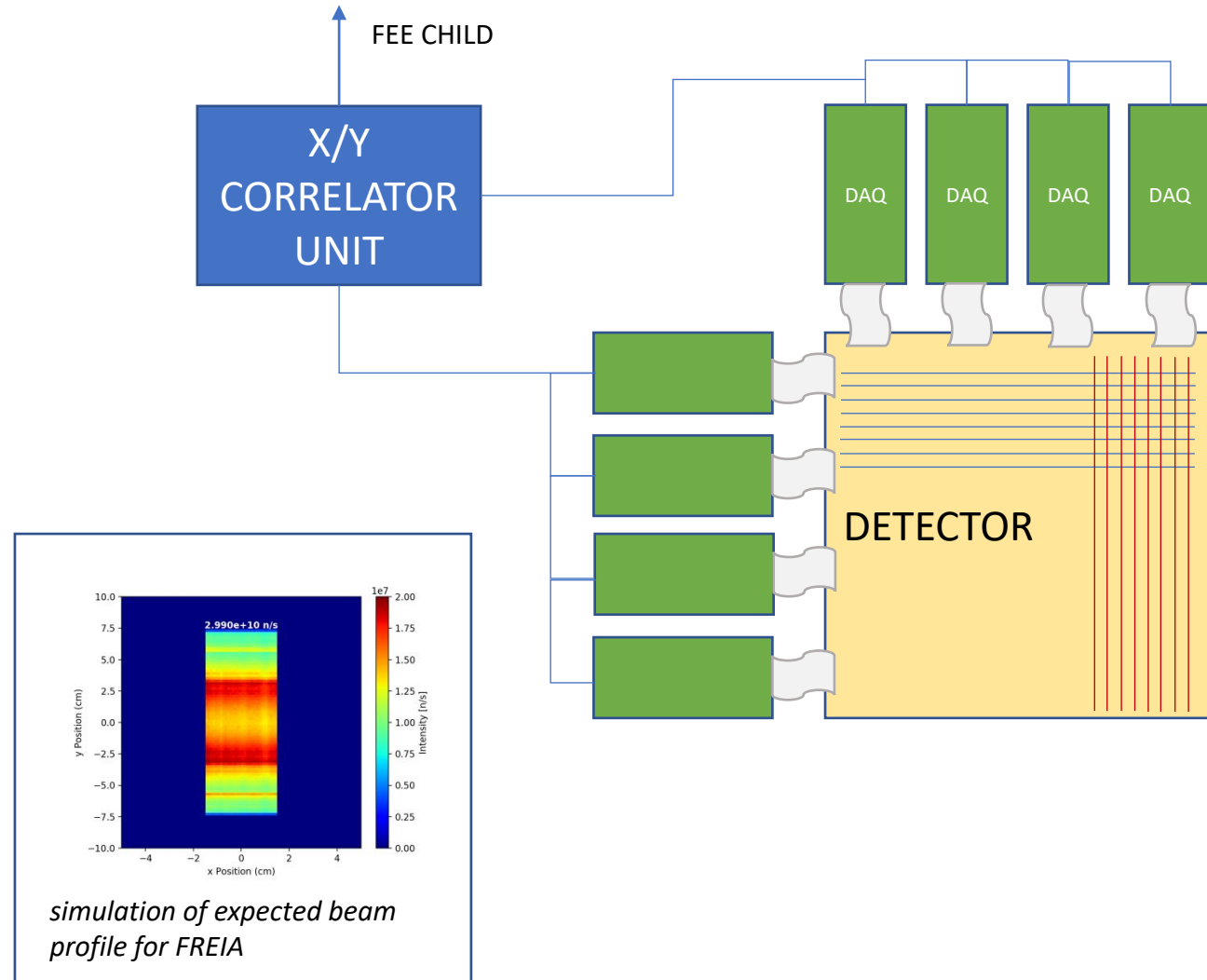
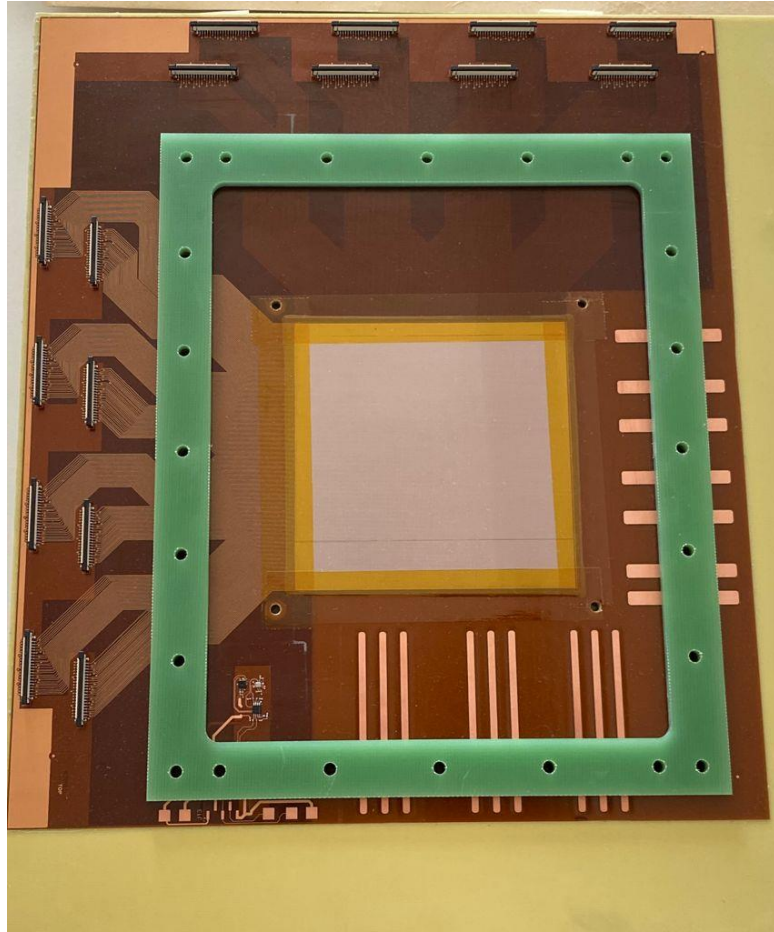
In collaboration with:



EAST
Hefei, China



Neutron beam monitor based on GEM strip detector for ESS (RD51 common project)





CONCLUSIONS

Conclusions

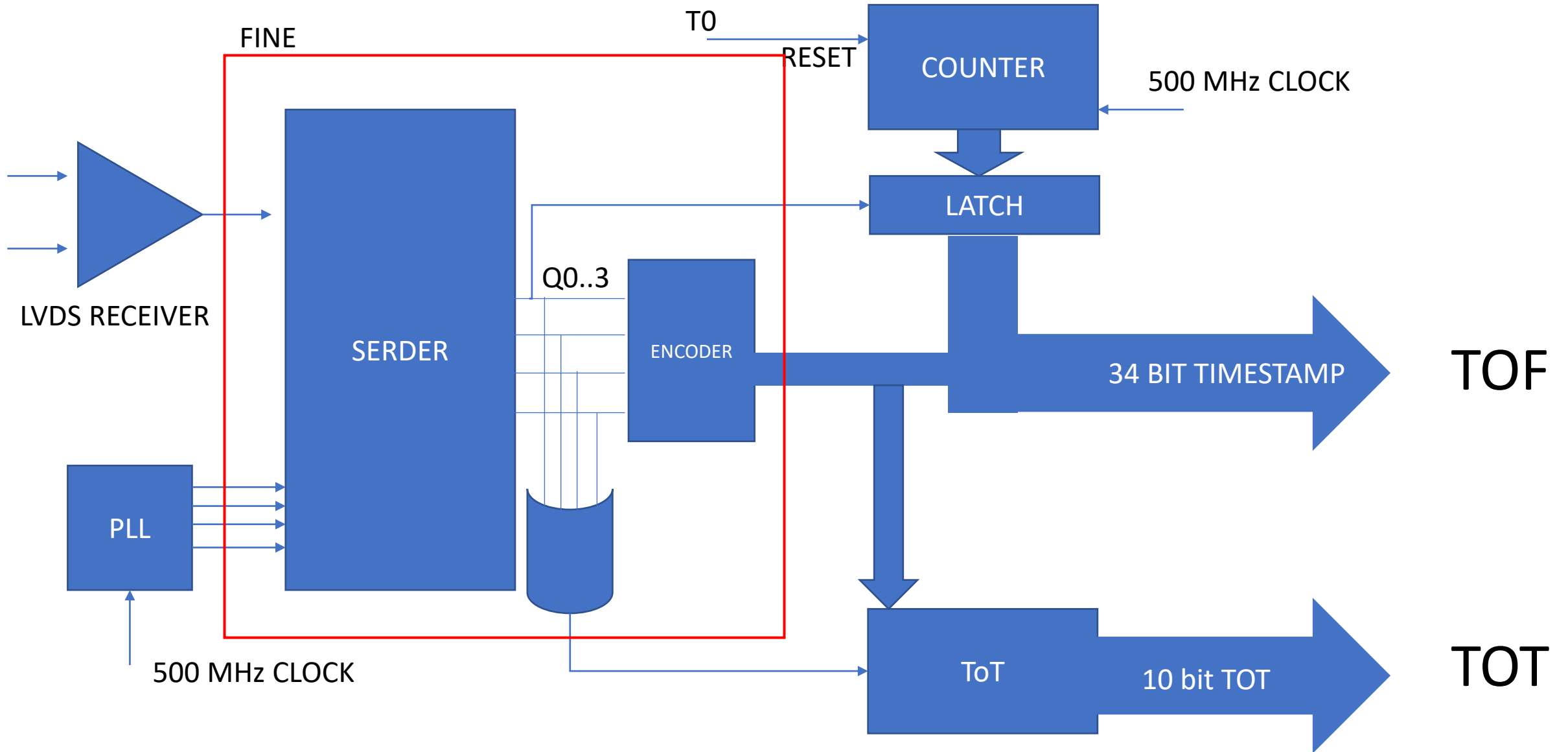
- Gemini chip has been widely tested and fully characterized in charge and time
- 0.5 ns time resolution
- 2k chip already produced and in stock by the Gemini collaboration
- Few carrier board already designed: 32D/64D/32A
- Readout system for both laboratory and experiment
- Readout solution based on ethernet or dedicated optical fiber from 8MCPS to 600MCPS
- Already used in several application beyond high physics
- Commercial Company support for full system customization and experiment long term support (Nuclear Instruments)

Looking for founding for the desing of a fully digital new chip
integrating actual GEMINI front-end, TDC and fast readout

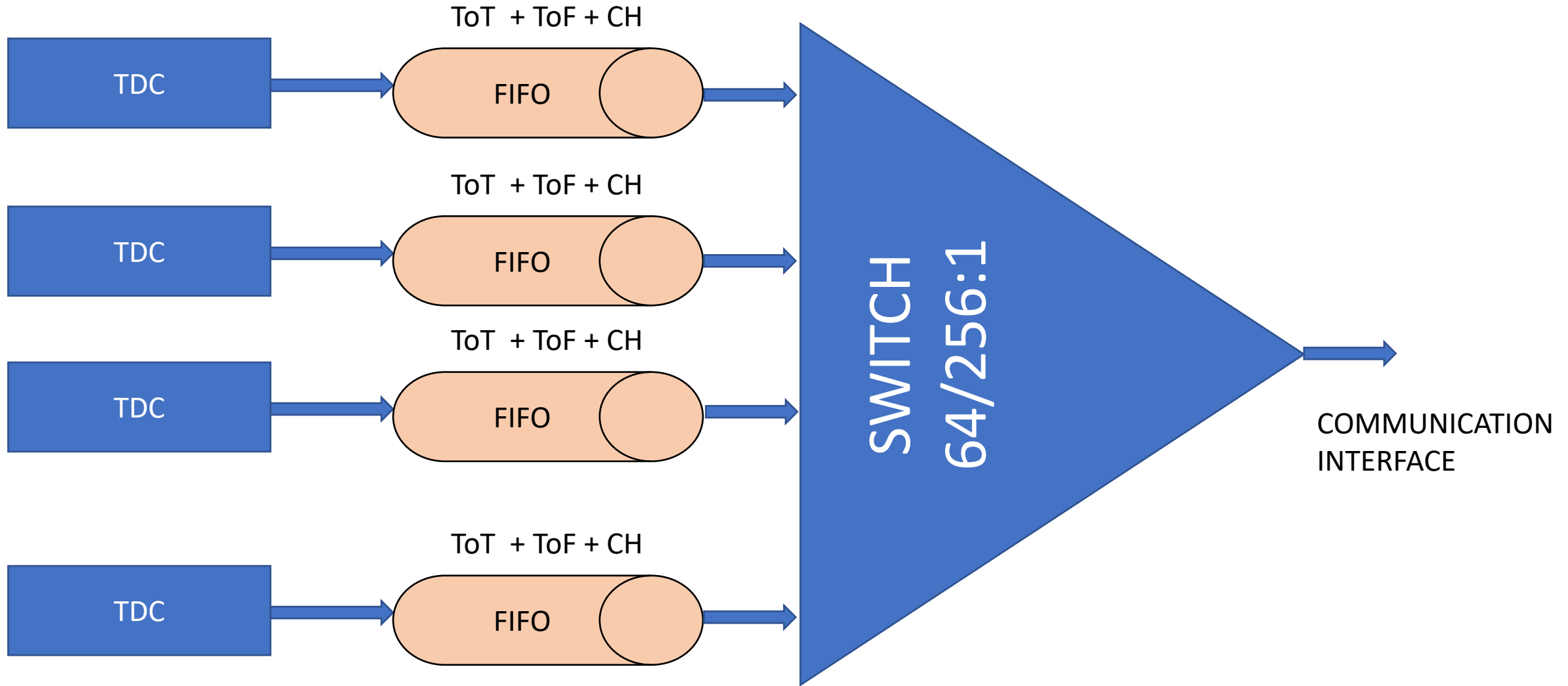


BACKUP SLIDES

4 PHASE TDC – FINE + COARSE

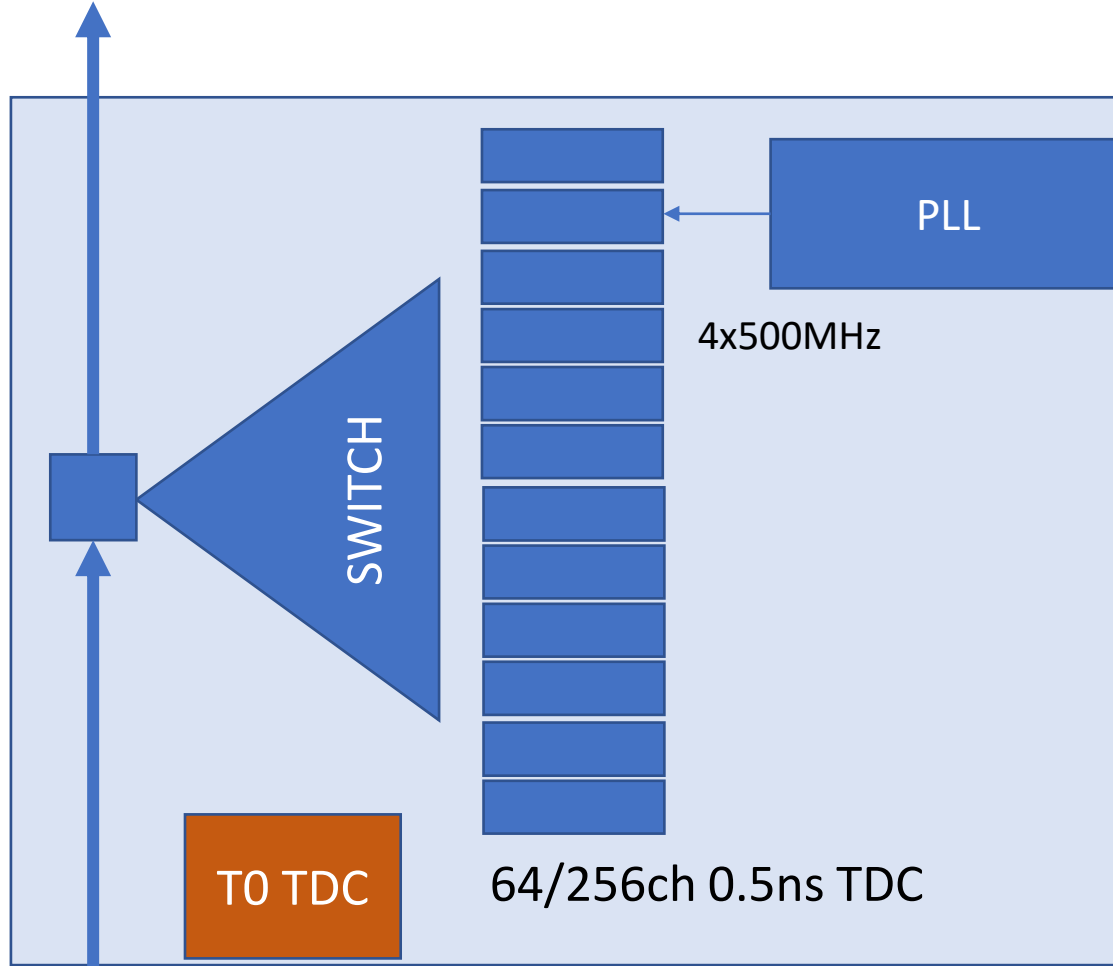


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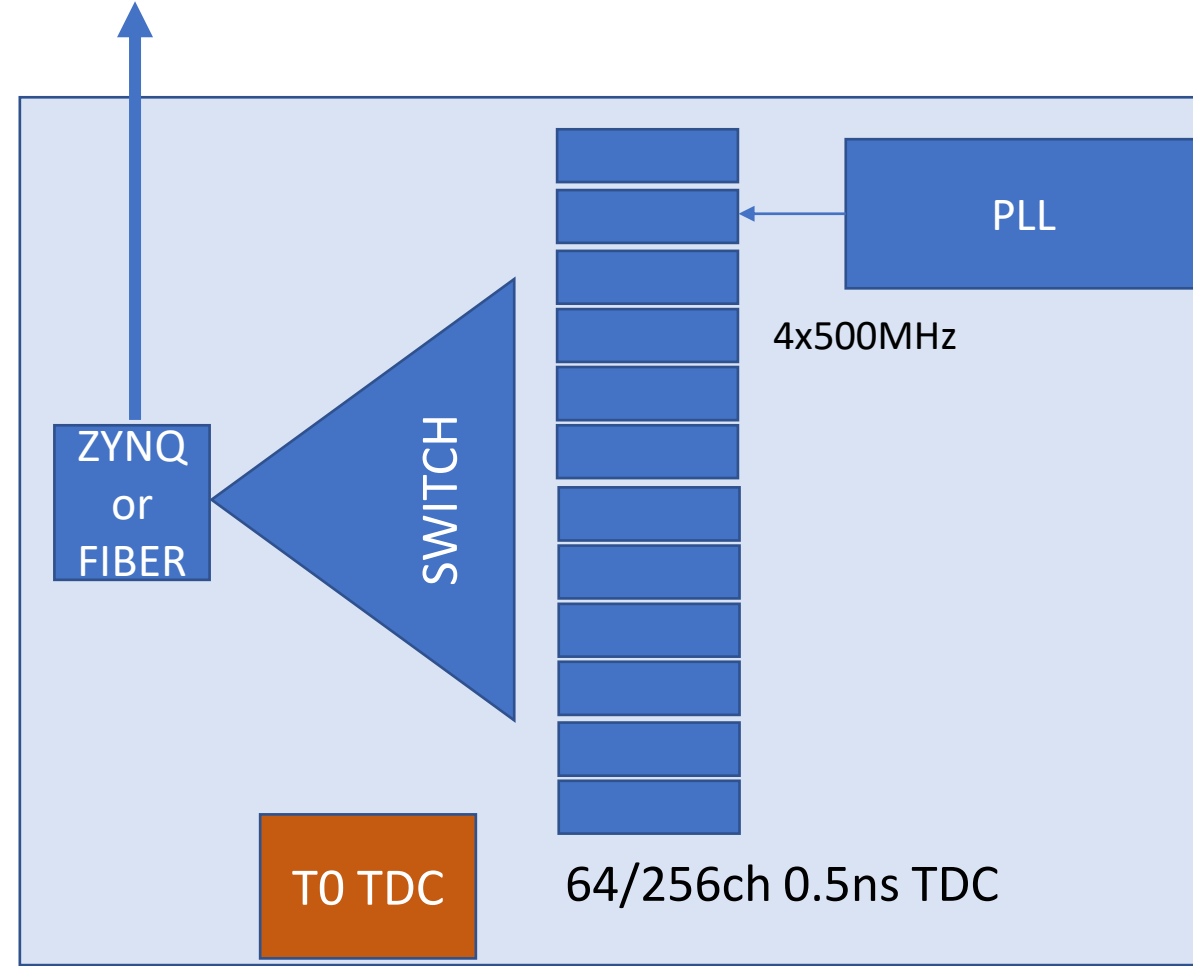


TDC FPGA BOARD

DATA TO BOARD IN CHAIN

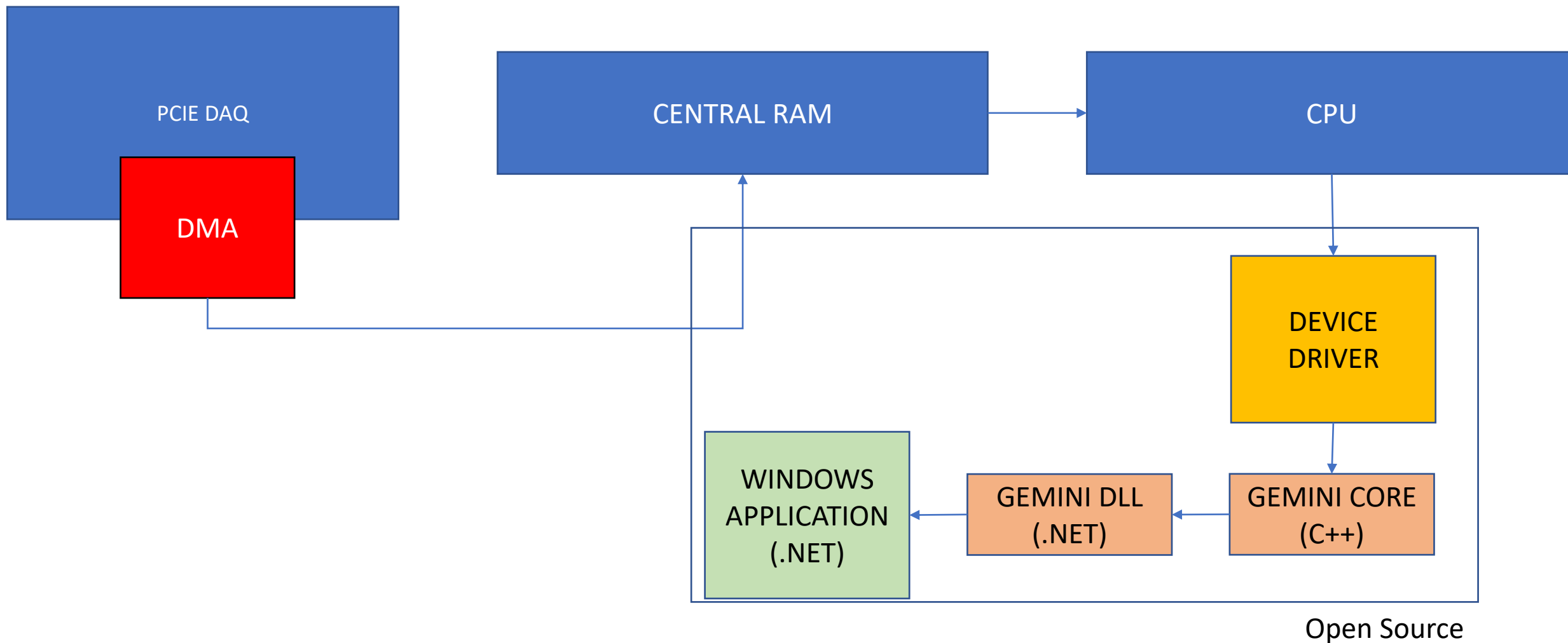


ETHERNET/DATA TO DAQ

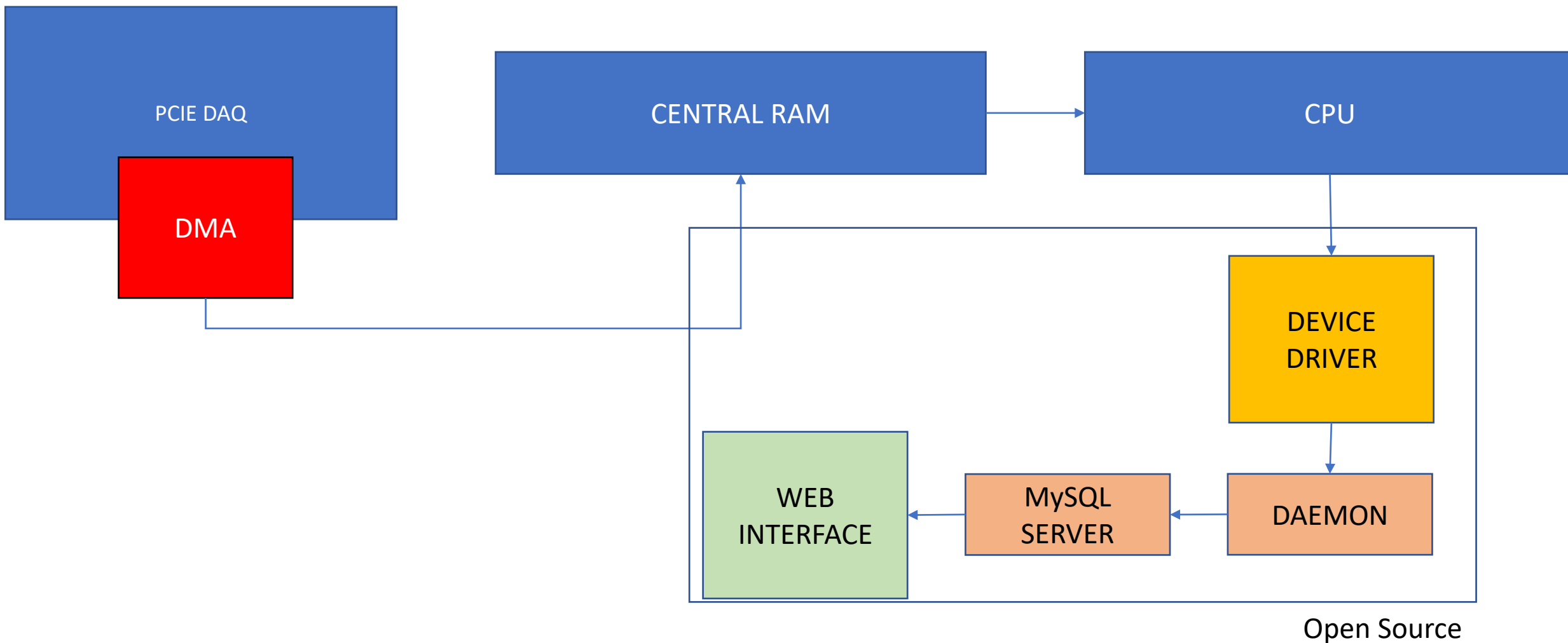


DATA FROM BOARD IN CHAIN

GEMINI 256 – WINDOWS BASED SYSTEM



GEMINI 64 – LINUX BASED SYSTEM



Applications: Boron coated Triple-GEM

