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Task 8.4.1

Innovative SiPM and future applications in PID Detectors

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Use of SiPM sensors for light detection in new generation of PID detectors

- Detection of **single photos**
 - Ring Imaging Cherenkov detectors – use of SiPMs in highly irradiated environments
- Detection of **many photons**
 - Calorimeters – gain stabilization - linearity

Task divided to cover different use cases:

- CALICE Analog Hadron Calorimeter
- LHCb RICH
- Belle II Aerogel RICH + Time-Of-Propagation

Task 8.4.1 - Innovative SiPMs and future applications in PiD Detectors

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SiPM test for the Belle II barrel PID detector upgrade

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Task 8.4.1 Subtask multi channel readout and adaptive power supply

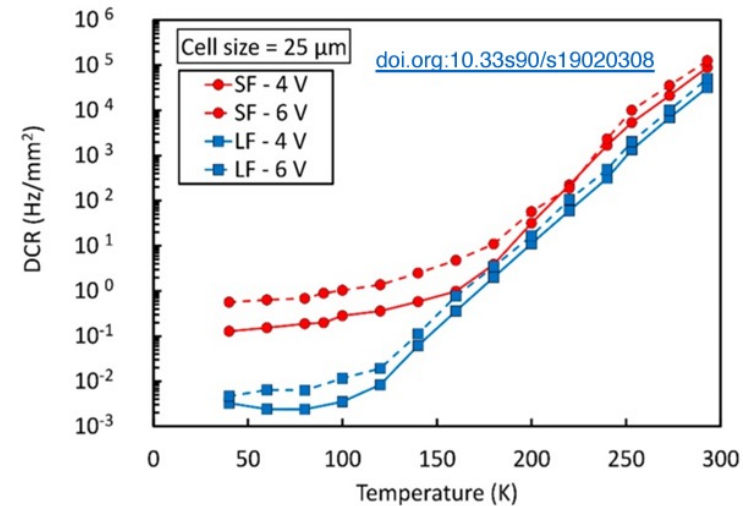
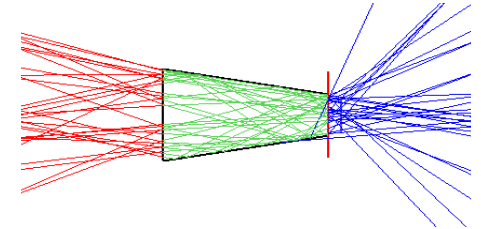
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Goal : Improve robustness under neutron irradiation, while maintaining low cost, high efficiency & good time resolution

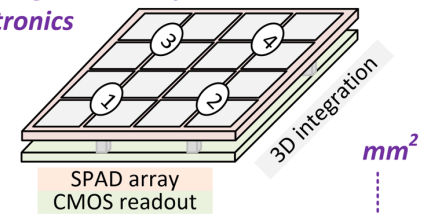
- Development of SiPMs with improved radiation resistance
 - In collaboration with FBK: Review the production process, change of the design and production
- Systematic study of neutron irradiated SiPMs at different temperatures
 - Study the dark-count noise performance at different temperatures



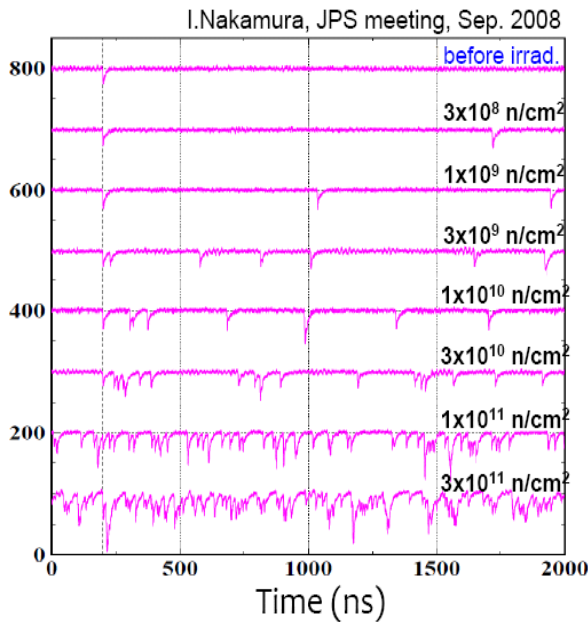
How to mitigate degradation of SiPM signal during the irradiation?

- **Boreated Polyethylene shielding**
- Smaller sensor size: **light collection – focus photons on smaller sensitive area**
- Operation at **lower temperatures**: DCR doubles every 8 deg., -20 °C .. -100 °C
- **Annealing** – recover operation
- **Use of fast / integrated electronics**
- **Change of internal design of SiPMs**

3D integration to hybridize sensor and electronics



Degradation of signal baseline when irradiated



- Systematic study of neutron irradiated SiPMs at different temperatures
 - White paper of measurement protocols for different operating conditions
 - Comparison of SiPMs of different producers
 - Optimization of a SiPM design
 - Define the operation limits for different use cases



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Milestone

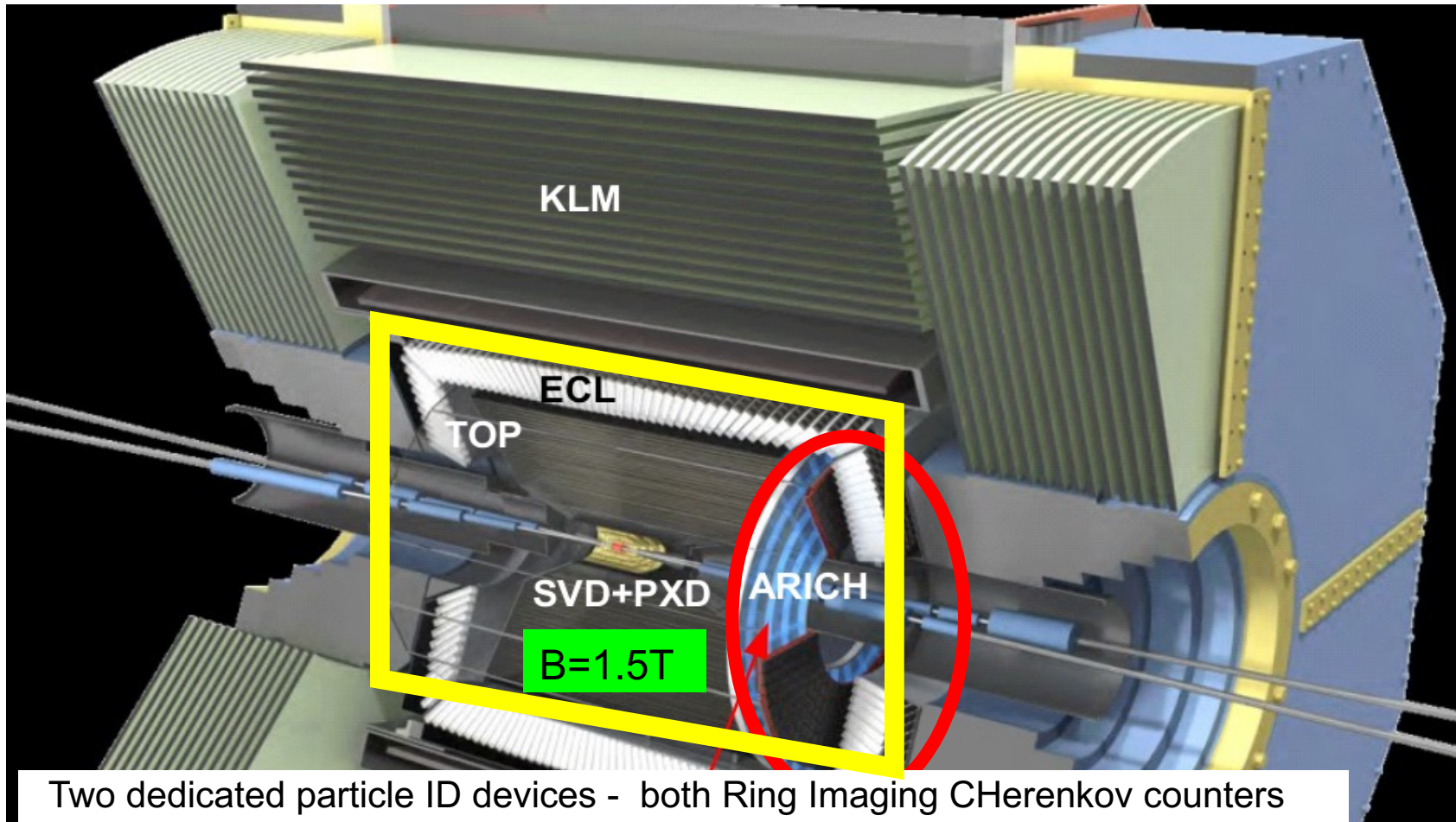
Completed

- Number: MS33
- Due: M18
- Definition of SiPM requirements and performance studies with simulations of different use cases.
- Type: Report to StCom
- Lead: JSI

Deliverable

- Number: D8.3
- Due: M44
- Qualification of neutron irradiated SiPMs at different temperatures.
- Lead: JSI

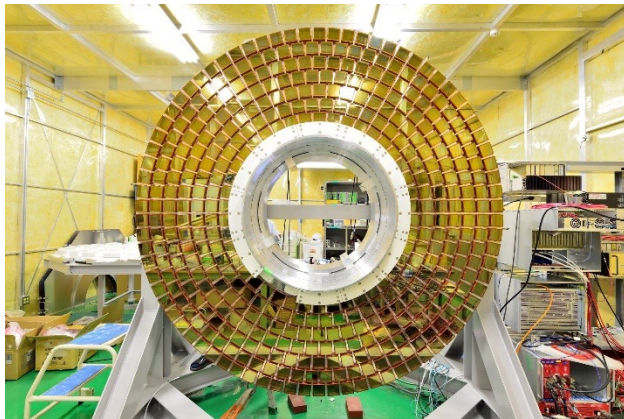
Application	ARICH@BelleII	TOP@BelleII	RICH@LHCb
Sensor size	5 mm	6 mm	1 / 3 mm
Single photon sensitivity	+	+	+
Low DCR	+	+	+
Peak PDE	Blue	Green	Green
SPTR (ps)	50	50	100
Operating T(deg. C)	-20 .. 20	20 (in contact with quartz bars)	-100 (Gas vessel @ 20 deg. C)
Light focusing	+	-	+
Area to cover	4.5 m ²	0.4m ²	1m ² /9m ²
Fluence neq/cm²	10¹²	10¹¹	3x10¹³
Trigger rate	30 kHz	30 kHz	40 MHz
Phot. incident angle deg	0-30	0-90	0-10
Start	2035	2028	2033



Two dedicated particle ID devices - both Ring Imaging CHerenkov counters

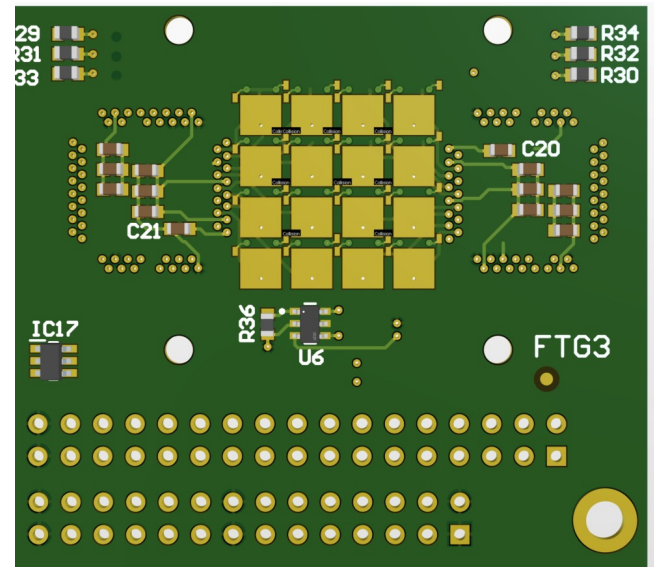
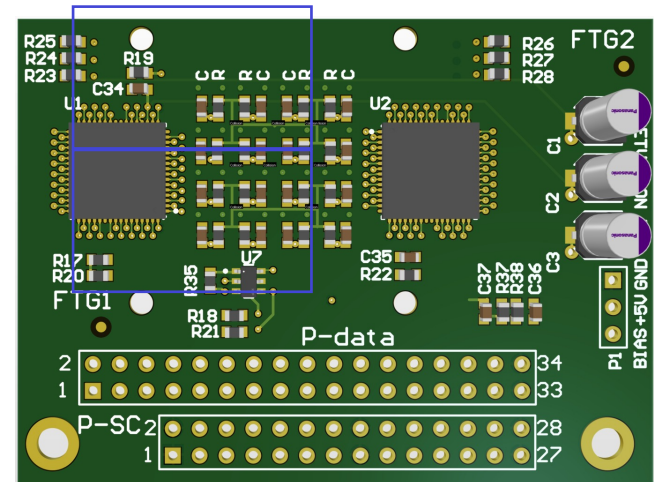
- Barrel: imaging **Time-Of-Propagation (TOP)**
- End-cap: **Proximity focusing Aerogel RICH (ARICH)**

- Replace the HAPDs which are currently in operation
- Design of a test module with individual SiPMs



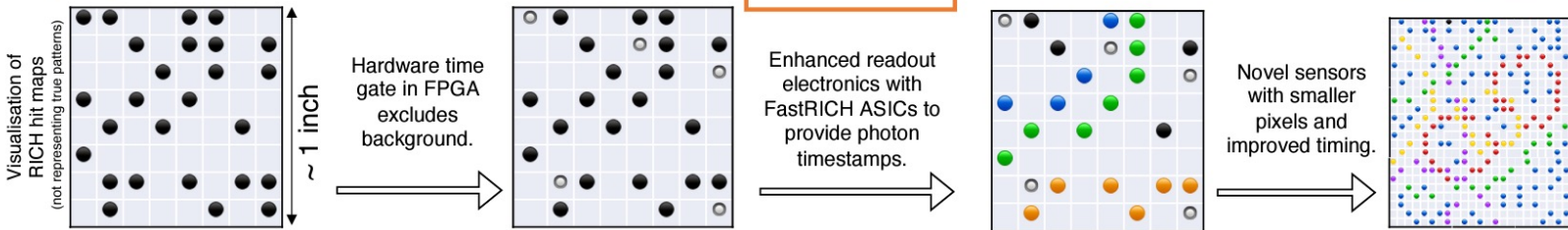
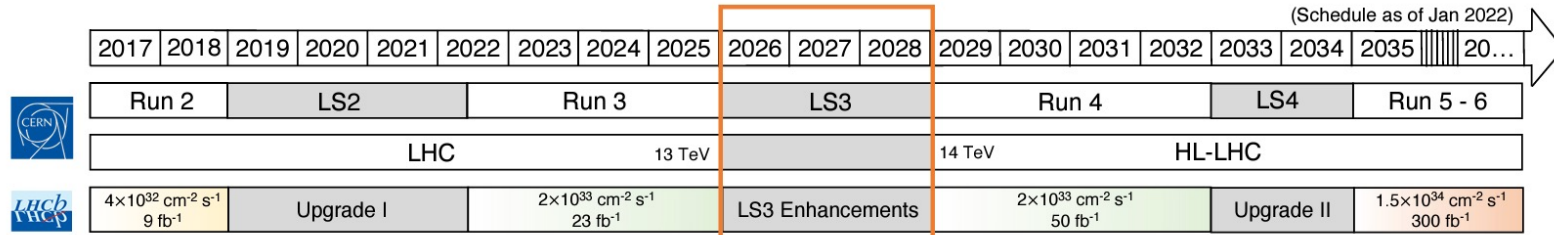
Focusing aerogel radiator

Photon detector

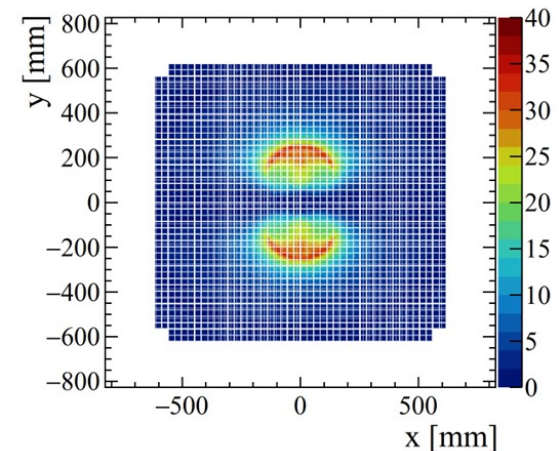


Evolution of the RICH photon detector: **LS3 enhancements**

Relatively long period of LS3 central to the RICH evolution.



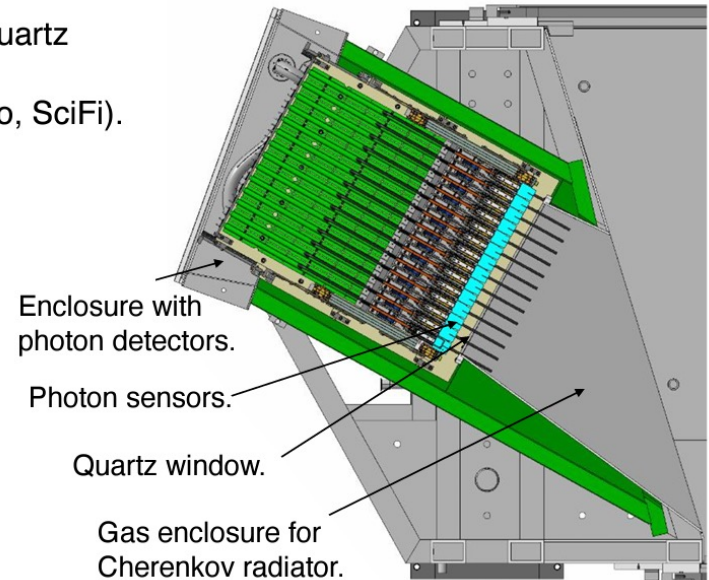
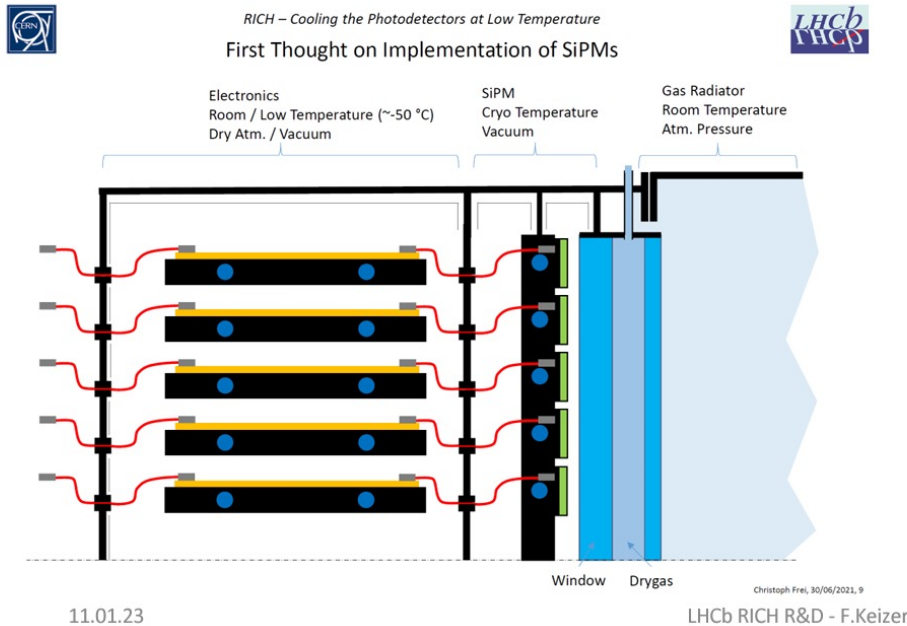
- LS3 / Run 4 : focus on **FastRICH** readout electronics with fast timing and wide input dynamic range.
- LS4 / Run 5 : focus on **sensor technology**. Fast-timing is essential for the luminosity challenge after Upgrade II.



Low temperature / cryogenic cooling of photon detectors [1/2]

R&D into compact vessel structures has started and several meetings held with the cryogenics experts at CERN (TE-CRG-CI).

- One of the ideas could be to use two specially-coated quartz windows separated by a vacuum.
- Exploring synergies with other LHCb sub-detectors (Velo, SciFi).



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Detailed design of a demonstrator cryostat for R&D is progressing well.

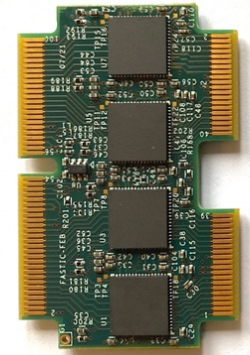
Small-scale cryostat for test beam and pulsed laser studies, addressing key challenges such as:

- RICH entrance window, avoiding condensation, low absorption in the optical (blue/green) range and for example a coating for infrared reflection.
- Thermal coupling of the SiPM and its substrate to a cold (liquid nitrogen) plate in vacuum.
- Routing of analogue (single-photon) signals from the sensor to readout ASIC (along transmission line), maintaining its fast-timing characteristics.
- CTE (coefficient of thermal expansion) mismatches.
- Operation of electronics (including the FastRICH ASIC and IpGBT/VTRX+ chips) at cryogenic and/or room temperatures, and how this affects the thermal coupling back into the sensors.
- (Timing) performance of SiPMs at a range of (low) temperatures.

FastIC and FastRICH ASICs

The Fast Integrated Circuit (**FastIC**) is an ASIC designed in 65 nm CMOS technology by the University of Barcelona (**ICCUB**) and **CERN-EP-ESE**.

- 8-channel chip with **wide input dynamic range** (5 uA to 25 mA) for pos/neg signal polarities.
- Fast discriminator (~ 30 ps jitter).
- **Not** designed to be specifically **radiation hard**.



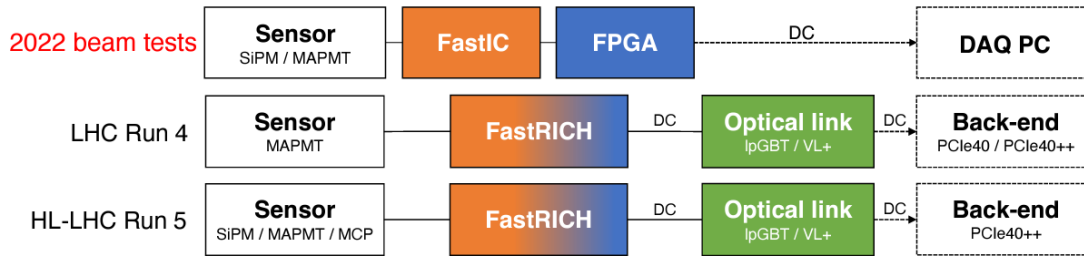
RICH front-end board with FastIC ASICs.

Next-generation **FastRICH** is based on the FastIC and **specific requirements of the RICH detector**.

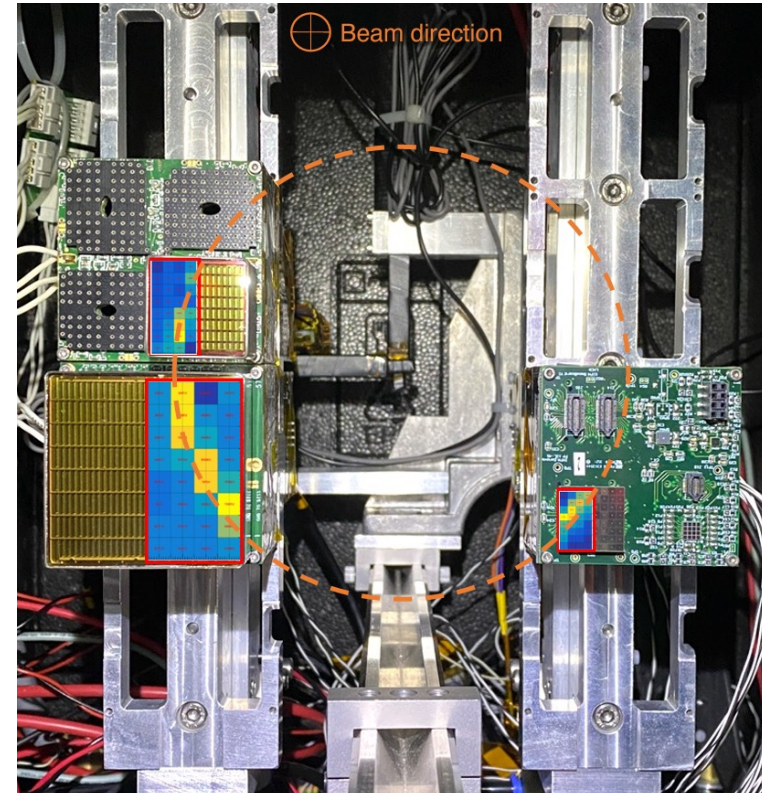
- 16-channel chip with additional **digital signal processing**.
- **TDC** with ~ 25 ps time bins and 40 MHz readout rate.
- **Hardware shutter time** (configurable) to limit the timestamp range to ~ 1 to 2 ns.
- **Constant-fraction discrimination** (CFD) to reduce data throughput.
- **Zero-suppressed** output over configurable number of output links to IpGBT.
- **Radiation hard** by design (~ 10^{13} n_{eq}/cm² and ~ 5 kGy).
- **Compatibility with IpGBT/VTRX+** and the architecture of the Run 4 and Run 5 DAQ.

FastRICH design is ongoing (CERN-ICCUB) with the analog parts far advanced.

- Development and testing of a prototype readout chain with fast-timing information.
- The FastIC - predecessor of the FastRICHfor LS3.
- The FastIC ASIC coupled to 8x8 ch. Arrays of SiPMs/MAPMTs and read out by a TDC-in-FPGA.
- Integration with IpGBT



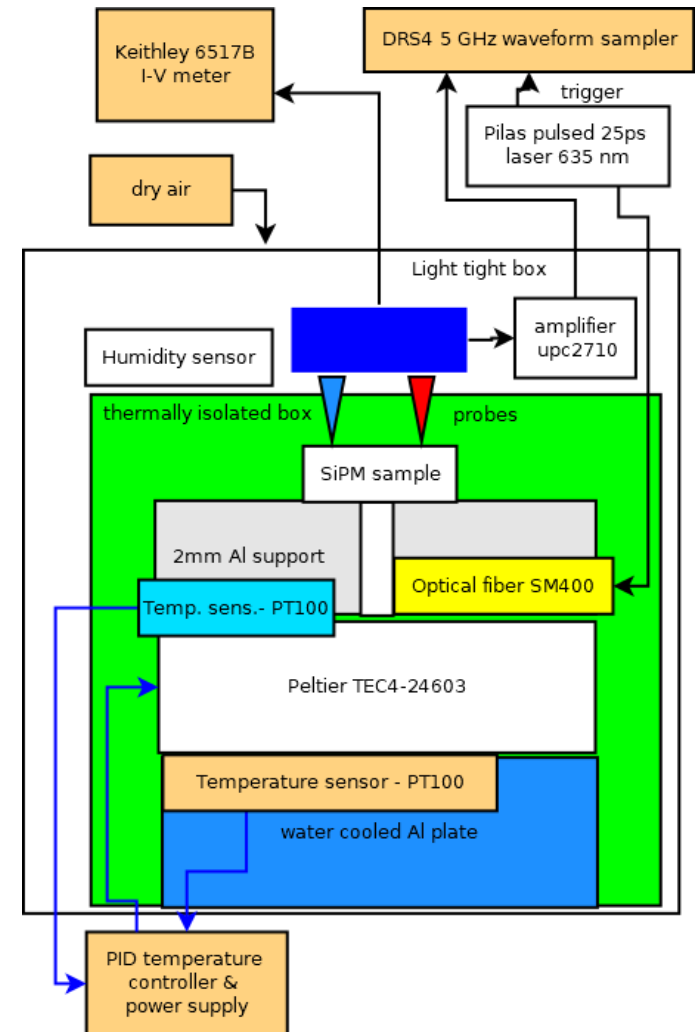
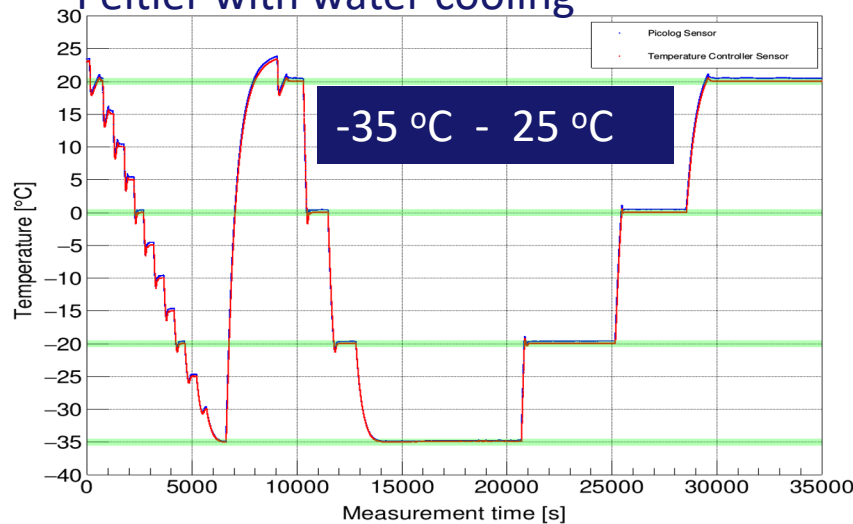
- Next beamtests: June & September 2023

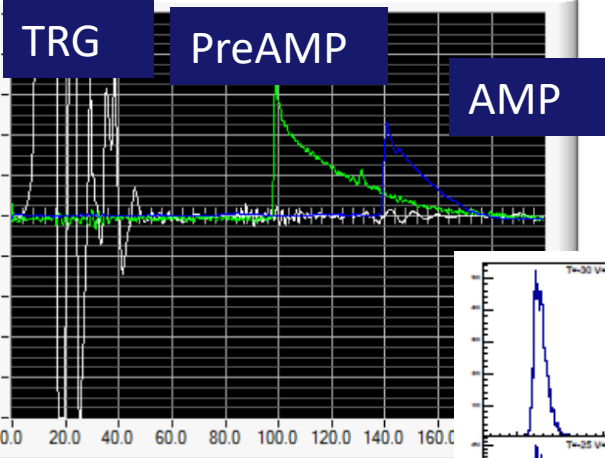


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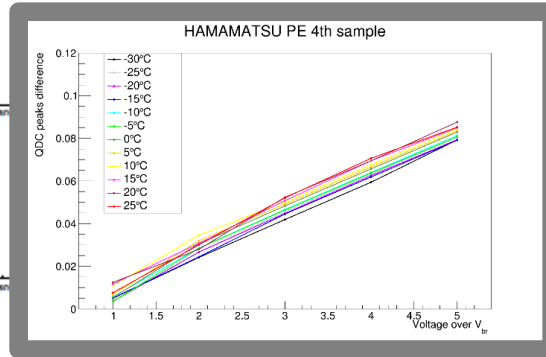
- IV curves
- Waveform acquisition with DRS4
- DCR with NIM counter
- Optimization of an amplifier for the measurements

PID temperature controller:
Peltier with water cooling





Accumulated charge distributions:
Clear separation of single photon signals in all samples



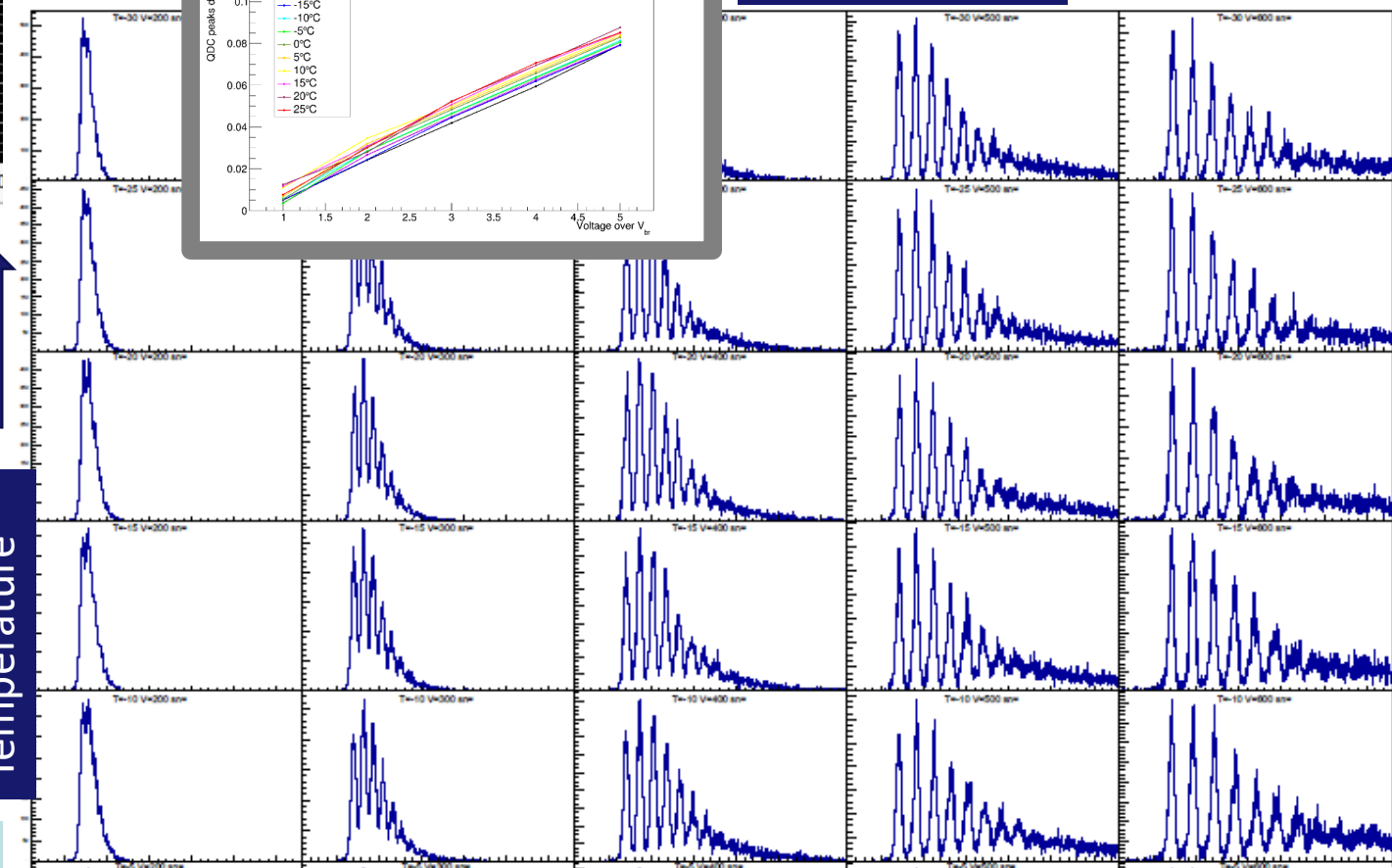
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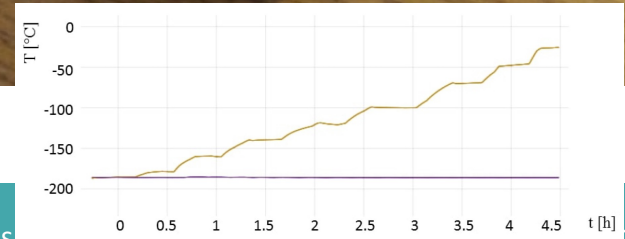
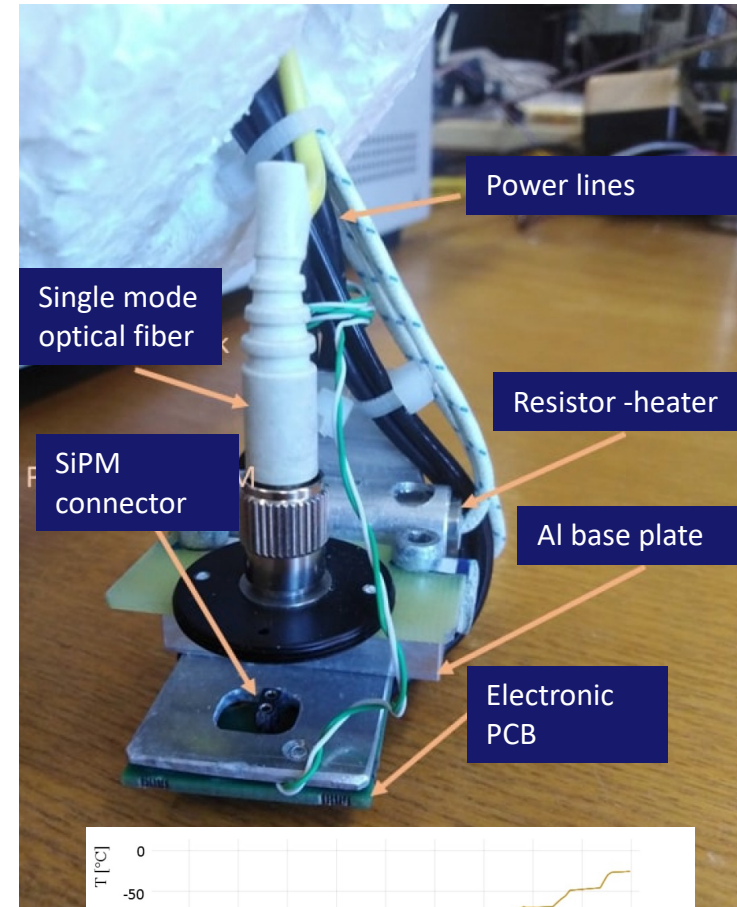
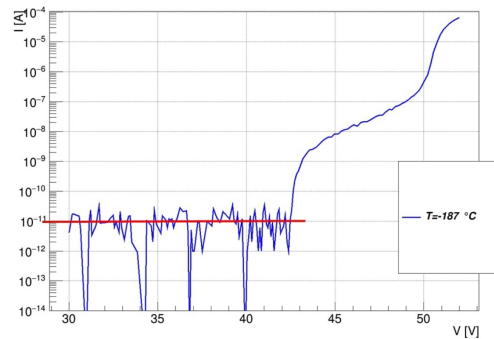
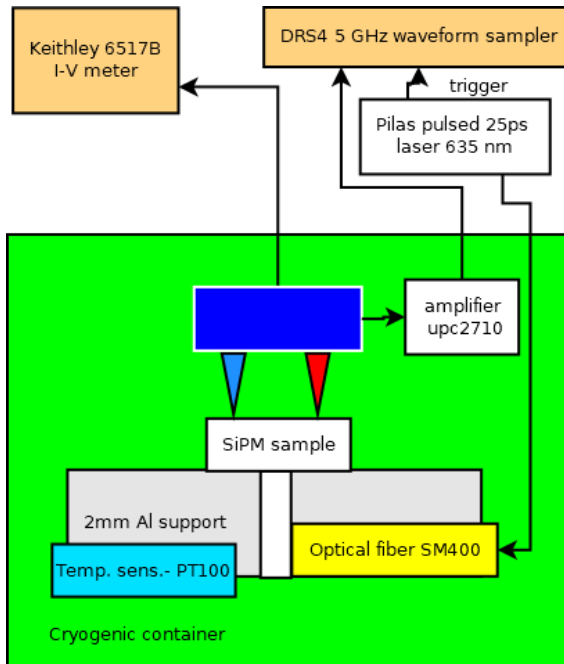
Fitting of the waveforms with superposition of signals and extracting timing



Temperature



- Characterization of SiPMs in Dry Cryogenic container
- Isolated setup and heater allows to measure SiPM in the range from -196 °C to -20 °C



- *Current work:*
 - *Analysis and review of the data on currently available FBK SiPM technologies, including NUV-HD-RH and new variants Define suitable testing procedures for future measurements in collaboration with AIDA innova partners*
- *Plan:*
 - *Study / modeling of the effects of radiation damage on SiPM characteristics, under different sources of radiation.*
 - *Design an optimized SiPM run*
 - *Fabricate SiPMs in FBK clean-room – in Q3/Q4 2023.*
 - *Characterize the newly produced SiPMs.*

The goal of the task is to study and define the

- ***best procedures for the measurement of SiPM characteristics*** during / after irradiation.
- Make the results of different groups comparable

- Single SiPM measurements:
 - Dosimetry measurements of the neutron fluxes in the TRIGA reactor (JSI)
 - Online monitor + calibration with spectroscopy measurements
 - Procurement of SiPMs from different producers focusing to small samples (1 mm² not easy to obtain)
- Timing measurements:
 - High power Amplifiers – Comparing performance of different amplifiers for single channel measurements.
 - Low power multi channel readout for arrays of SiPMs
 - CERN SPS Beam-tests of FastIC + SiPM : analog and digital board designed
 - FastIC integration in the measurement chain for irradiation measurements (JSI) – board under test
- Study of irradiated samples and preparation of infrastructure for a dedicated SiPM run foreseen in Q3/Q4 2023 (FBK)