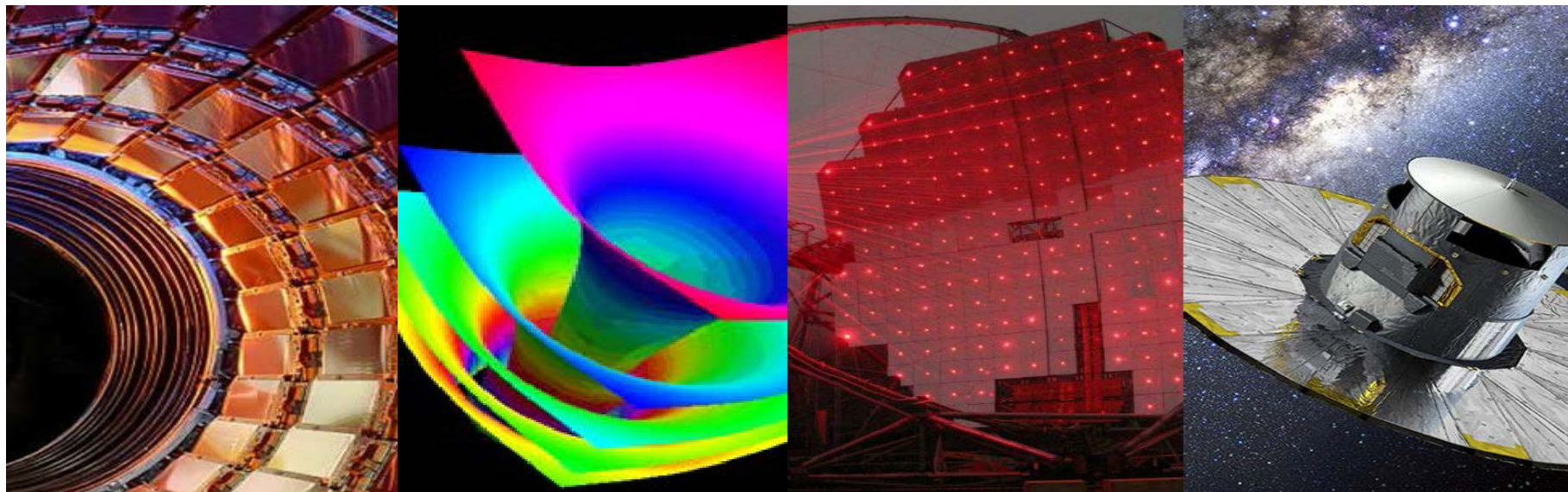




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# ICCUB Detector R&D

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*Instrumentation for the future of particle, nuclear and  
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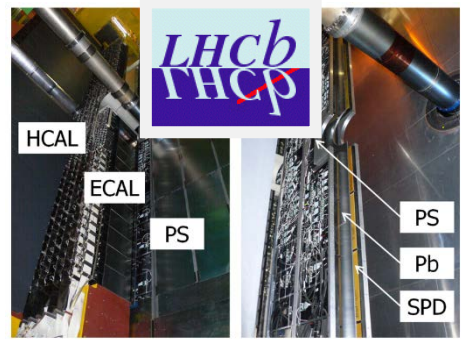
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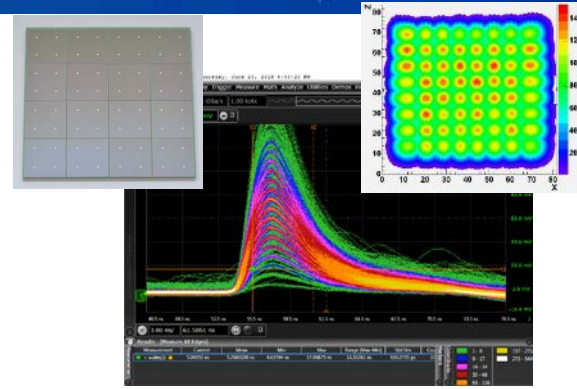
# Introduction: R&D on detector technology



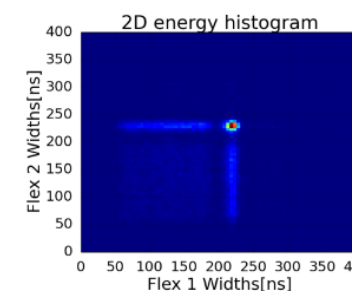
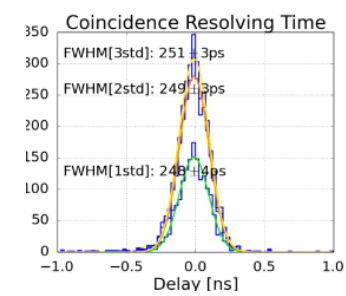
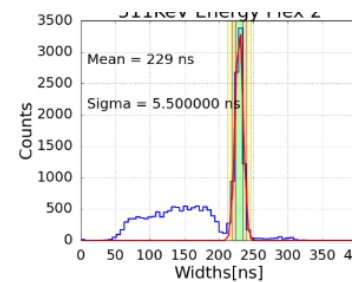
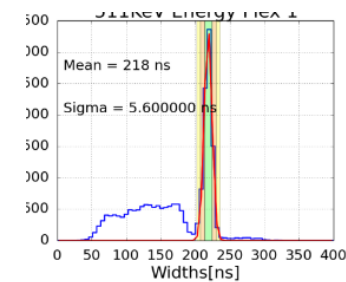
Telescope cameras



Particle detectors at CERN



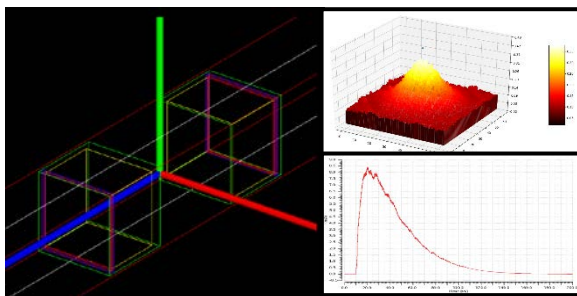
Single-Photon Sensors



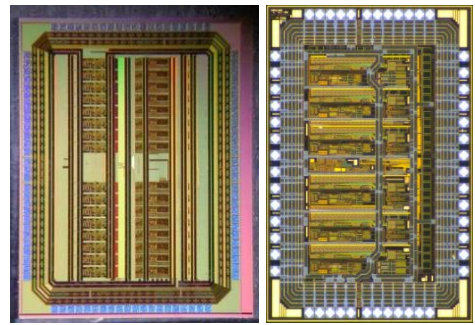
Positron Emission Tomography with Time-of-Flight (ToF-PET)



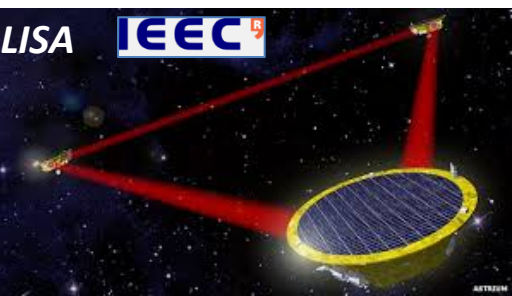
Axion and Dark Matter searches



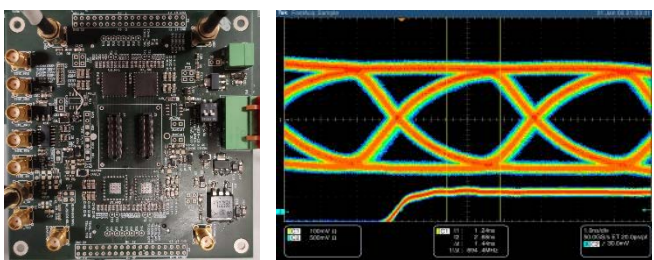
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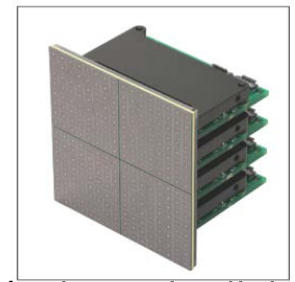
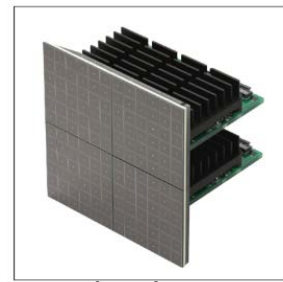
Microelectronics (Chip Design)



Space missions



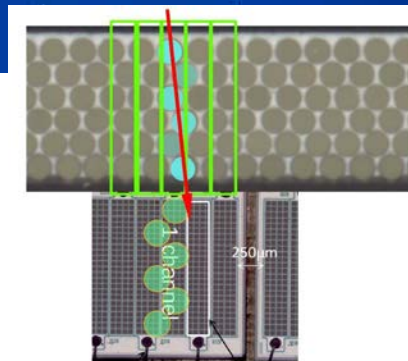
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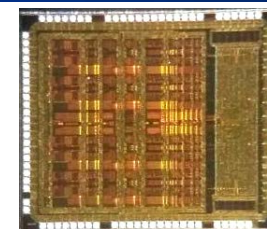
Medical Imaging (industrial collab.)

# Expertise and main achievements

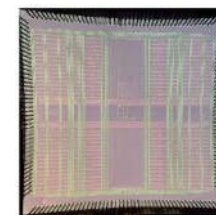
- Our main R&D activities are on:
  - Single Photon Sensors
  - Integrated readout electronics (ASICs)
- Main achievements:
  - Readout of LHCb calorimeters and SciFi trackers
    - Photosensor selection and optimization with industry
    - ICECAL and PACIFIC ASICs
      - PACIFIC in collaboration with IFIC, Univ. Heidelberg and LPC
  - Cameras of LST and MST telescopes of CTA
    - Optimization of photosensor for single pe resolution at very low gain
    - Three different ASICs: PACTA, ACTA and L0 triggers
  - Scientific and industrial collaborations with industry
    - SiPM modules for ToF-PET
- More than 50,000 produced for LHCb and CTA
  - Quality control of mass production with a robotic system developed in-house



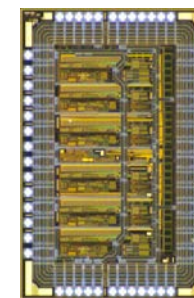
SciFi (LHCb)



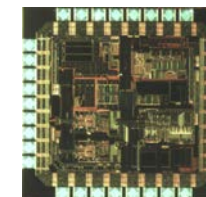
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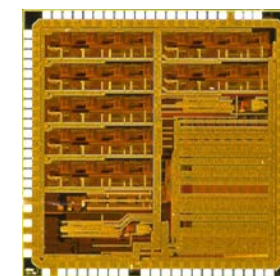
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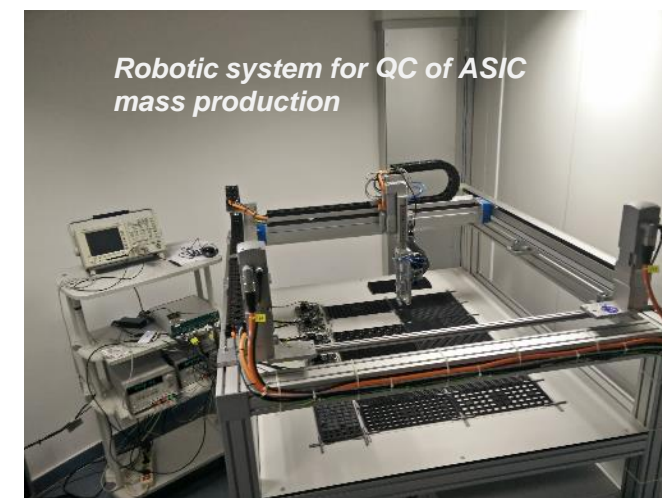
ACTA (CTA)



PACTA (CTA)



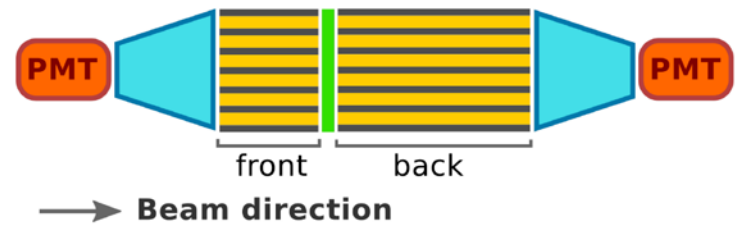
L0 Trigger (CTA)



# DRD: LHCb ECAL Upgrade II

- Calo upgrade II for LHC LS4
  - Replace inner modules with new radiation hard technology
  - Picosecond timing:
    - Optimized light generation and collection
    - Dual side readout
    - New photosensors
    - New FE electronics

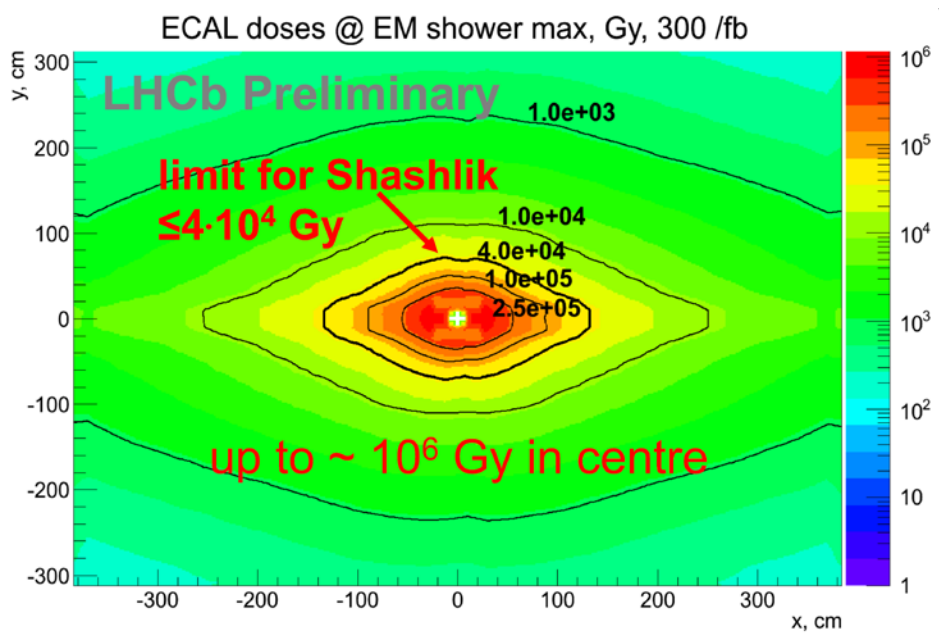
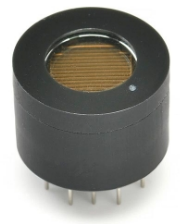
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  - Pure tungsten absorber with 19 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
  - garnet crystal fibers
  - 9 cells of 1.5x1.5 cm<sup>2</sup> (RM ≈ 1.45 cm)
  - 4+10 cm long (7+18 X<sub>0</sub>)
  - Reflective mirror between sections



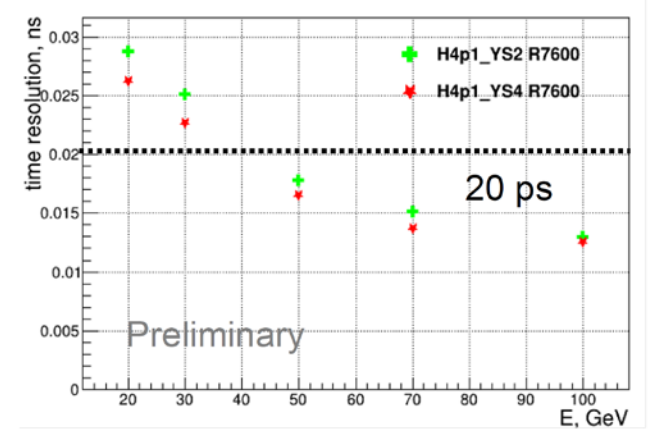
R11187 (TILECAL), R7600U-100



R14755U-100



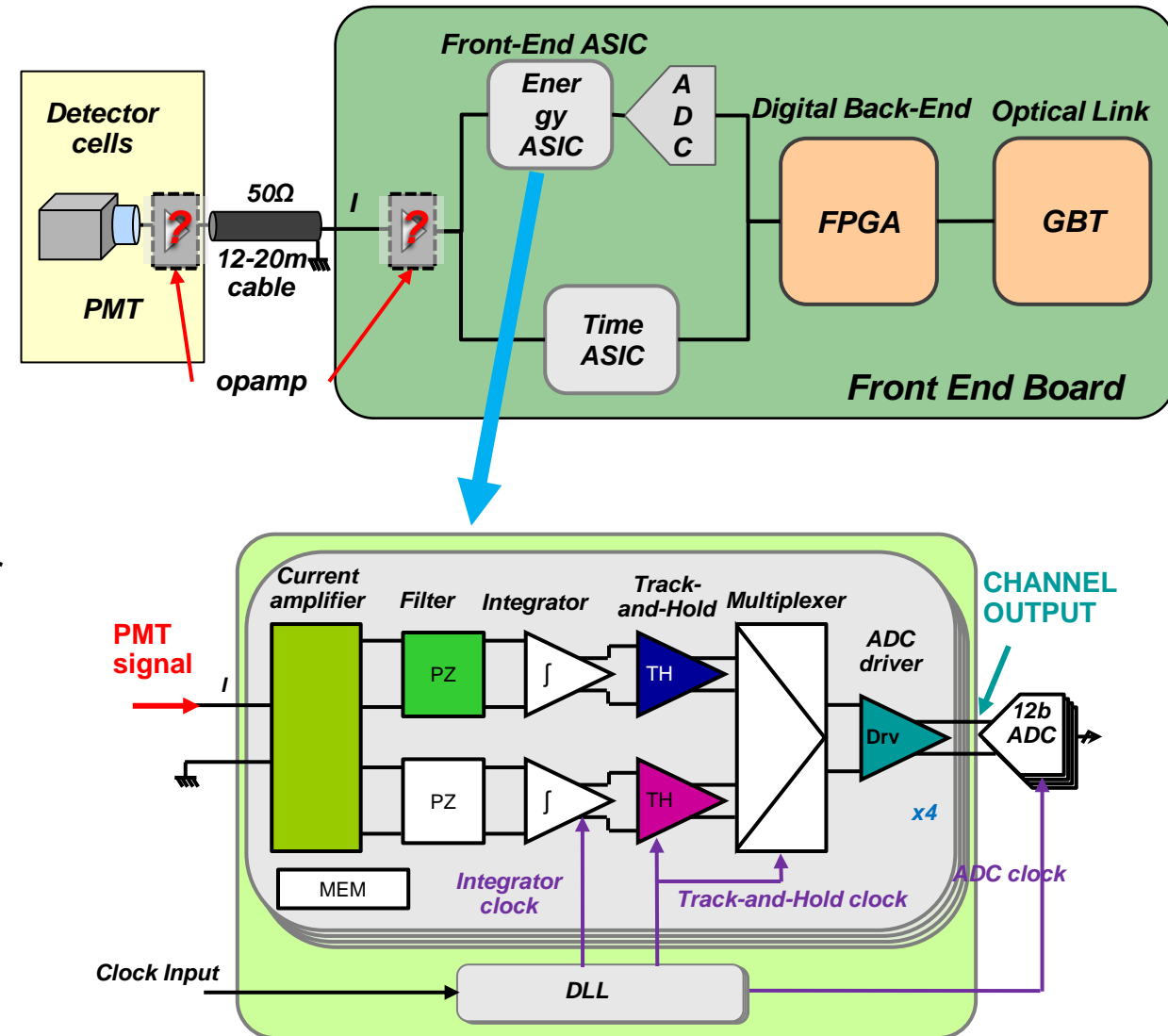
Double-sided readout (CERN SPS 2021)



# DRD: LHCb ECAL Upgrade II readout electronics

- ASIC/chipset in TSMC 65nm with separate energy and timing processing paths
- Amplifier + Shaper circuit included on the PMT base or FEB under consideration to compensate cable attenuation, improve SNR, if necessary, and reduce spill-over effort
- Energy path ASIC
  - time-interleaved double channel scheme for integrator recovery
  - dynamic range: more than 15 bits (bigain)
  - fully differential to improve noise rejection,
  - Internal digitization is under consideration

*Collaboration with IFIC, UPC, several IN2P3 groups (IJCLAB, LPC,...) and CERN*



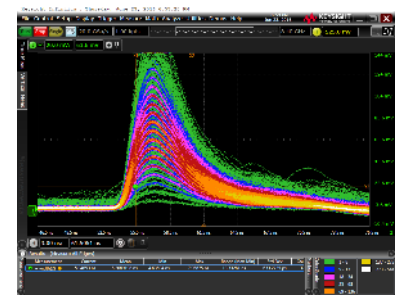
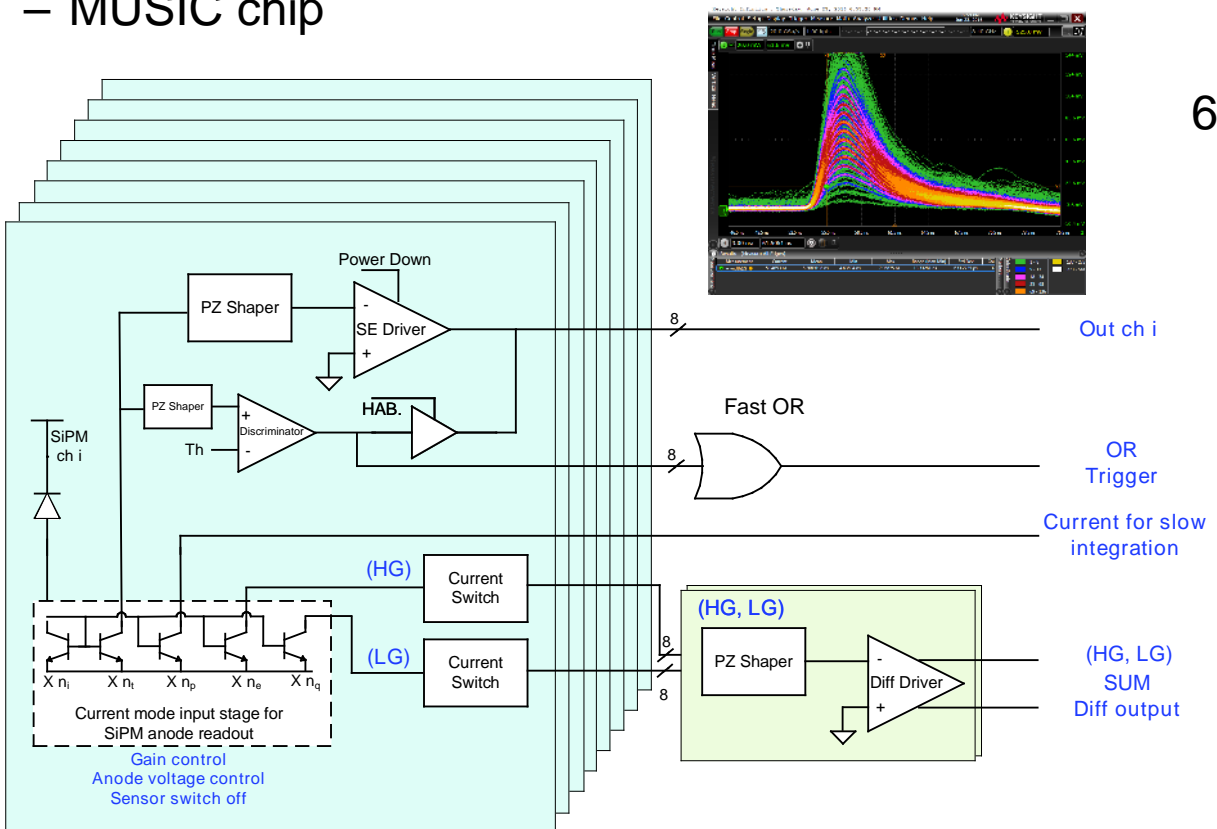
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# DRD: solid state cameras for Cherenkov Telescopes

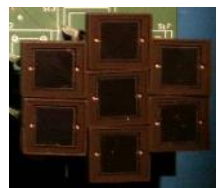
- Current MST and LST cameras are based on PMTs
- SST cameras and upgrades for MST and LST: SiPMs
- We have started R&D for SiPM cameras

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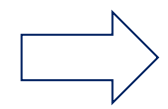
– MUSIC chip



7 x SiPM  
6x6 mm<sup>2</sup> each



1 x PMT  
18 mm diameter



Other applications, e.g. SHiP, ToF detectors

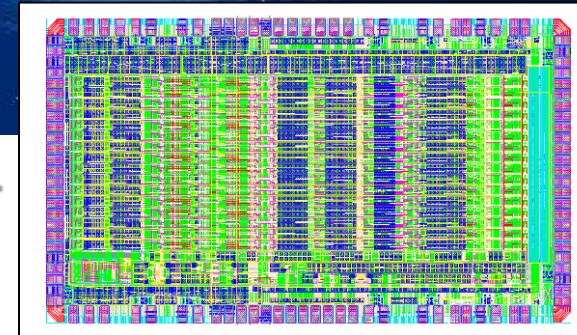
Collaboration with IFAE, UPC and University of Geneva

# DRD: detectors for space applications

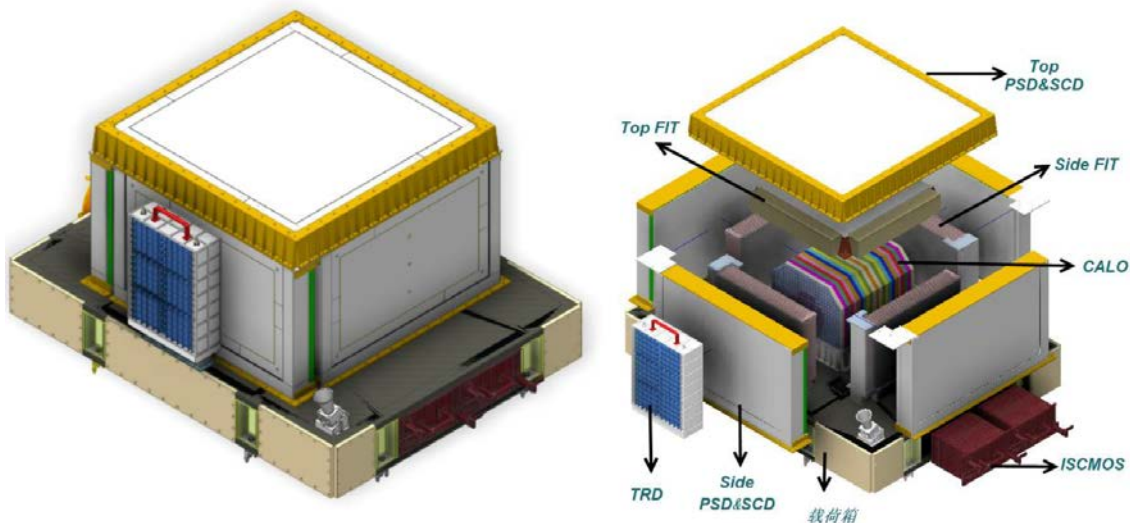
## BETA ASIC for multiple space applications: fiber tracker, calorimeter, ToF, RICH, scintillators..

- ✓ Channels: 16 (FIT version: 64 ch)
- ✓ Event rate : 10 kHz max
- ✓ Configurable preamplifier gain: 4 bits
- ✓ Tunable shaping time: 230 ns to 1.5 us
- ✓ Trigger output: < 250 ps time resolution

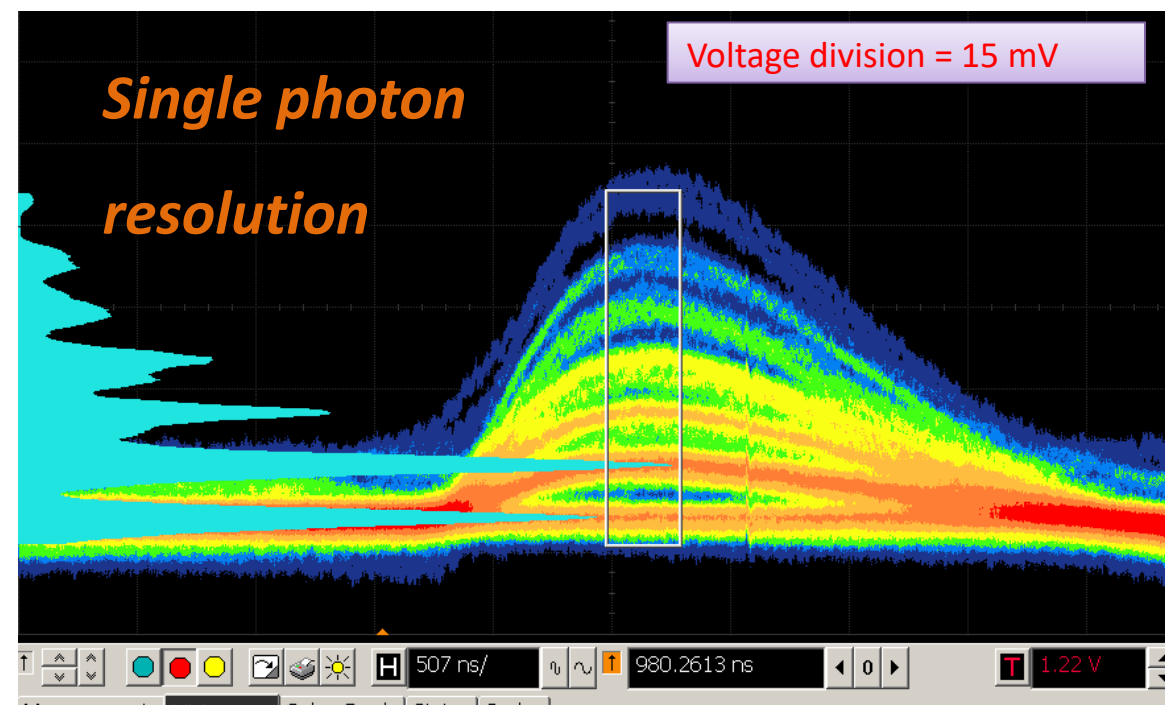
- ✓ Single photon resolution: SNR >10
- ✓ Dual path: automatic gain switching
- ✓ On chip ADC: Wilkinson11 bit + 1bit (path sel)
- ✓ Dynamic Range : 15 bit
- ✓ Slow Digital Control : I2C
- ✓ Power Budget : <1 mW/ch



16 ch - 130 nm CMOS – 7 mm<sup>2</sup>



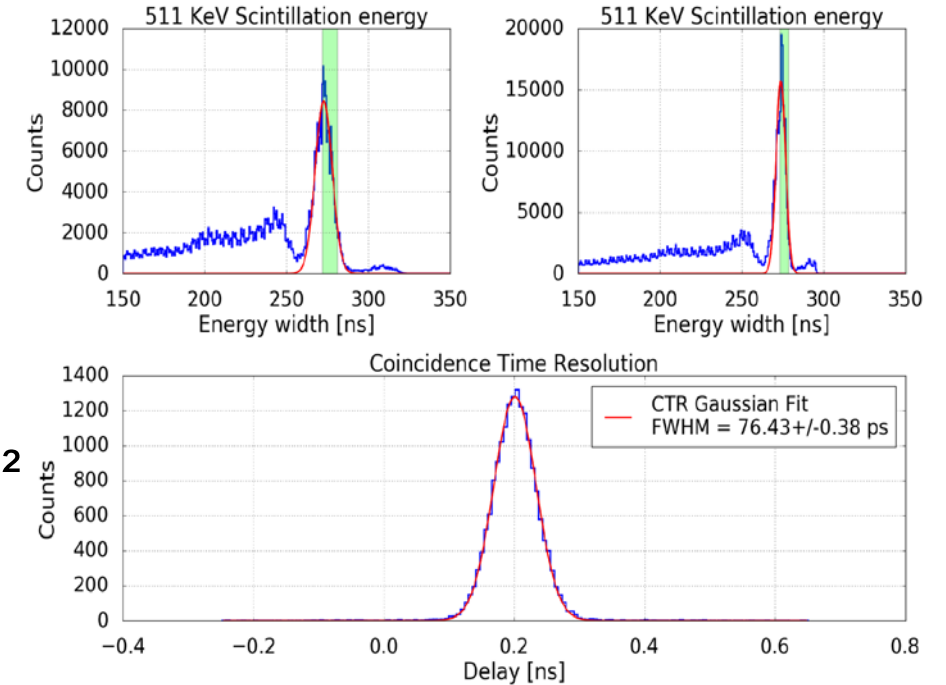
HERD is a flagship scientific experiment on the Chinese Space Station (CSS)



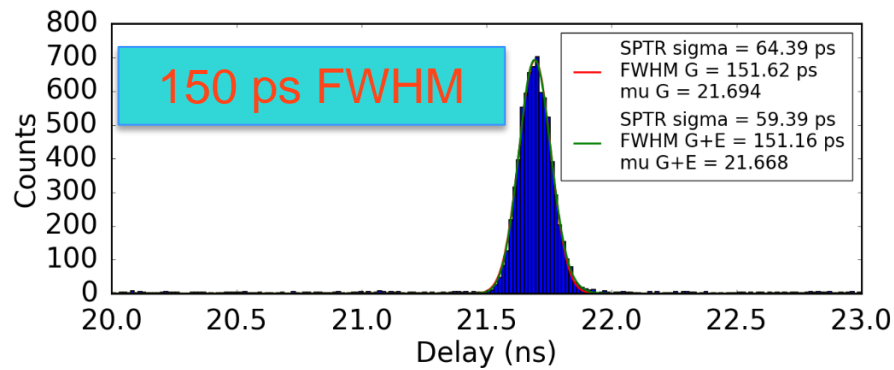
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# DRD: FastIC Front End ASIC

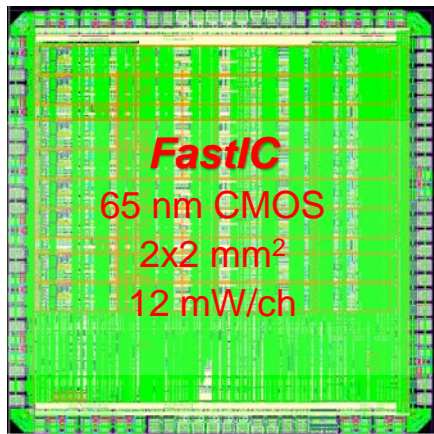
- **FastIC** current mode FE ASIC
  - Applications in HEP (RICH, ToF) and industry (medical imaging, LIDAR, etc)
    - Example: PDC2021-121442-I00 (FPA)
- Readout of sensors with intrinsic gain
  - SiPMs, PMTs, MCPs
- New version with embedded 25 ps TDCs
  - **FastIC+**
- A dedicated version for LHCb RICH upgrade
  - **FastRICH (LS3)**
- **Sensor:** FBK-NUVHDLFv2b 3x3 mm<sup>2</sup>, 40 pixel pitch.
- **Crystal:** LSO:Ce Ca 0.2% of 2x2x3 mm<sup>3</sup>.



## SPTR with FBK-NUVHDLFv2b 3x3 mm<sup>2</sup>



**CTR = 76 ps FWHM**



Collaboration of the ICCUB (Univ. Barcelona) and CERN-MIC

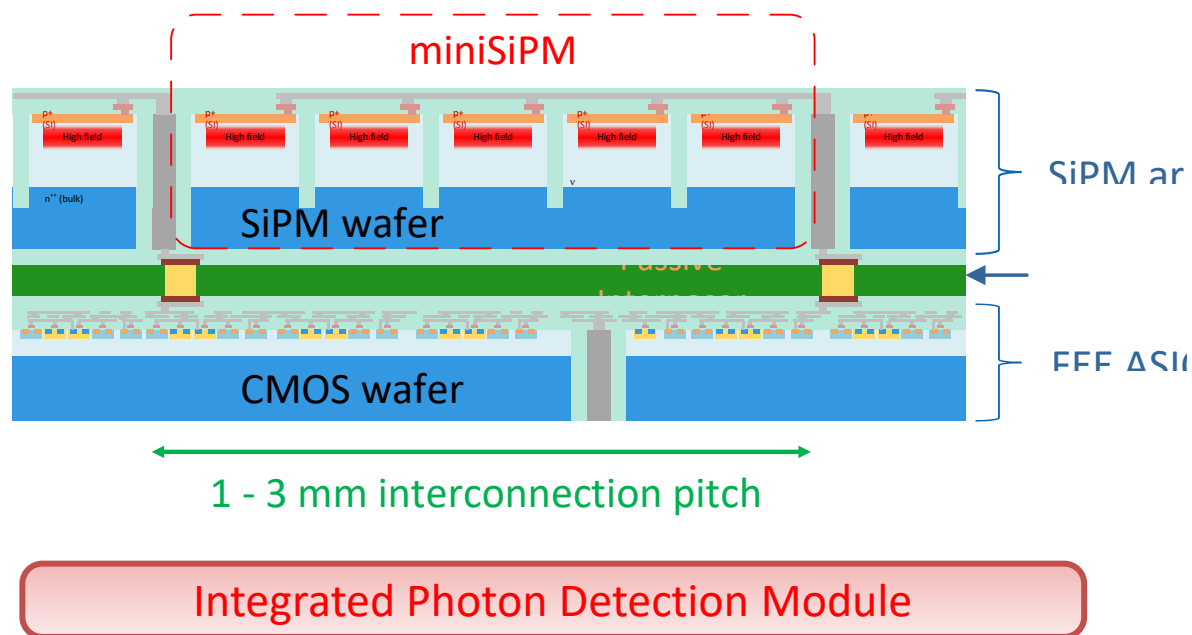
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# DRD: towards a hybrid solid state photosensor for ps timing

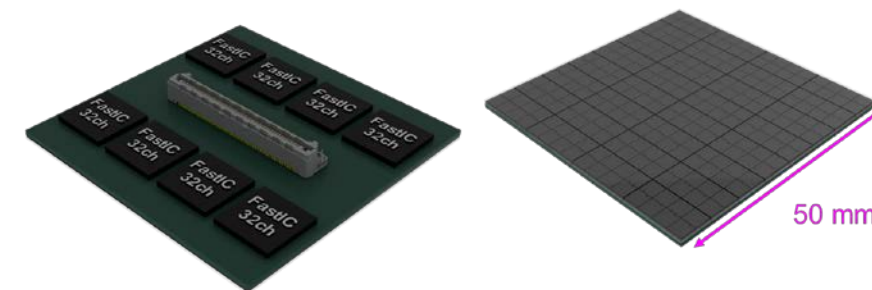
- 2.5D and 3D Integration
  - Photon Detection Module (PDM) in which SiPMs with TSVs down to 1 mm pitch
  - Connected to the readout ASIC on the opposite side of a passive interposer
- Goal: exploit the ultimate SPAD performance at system level
  - 10 ps for single photons



## FastIC 32



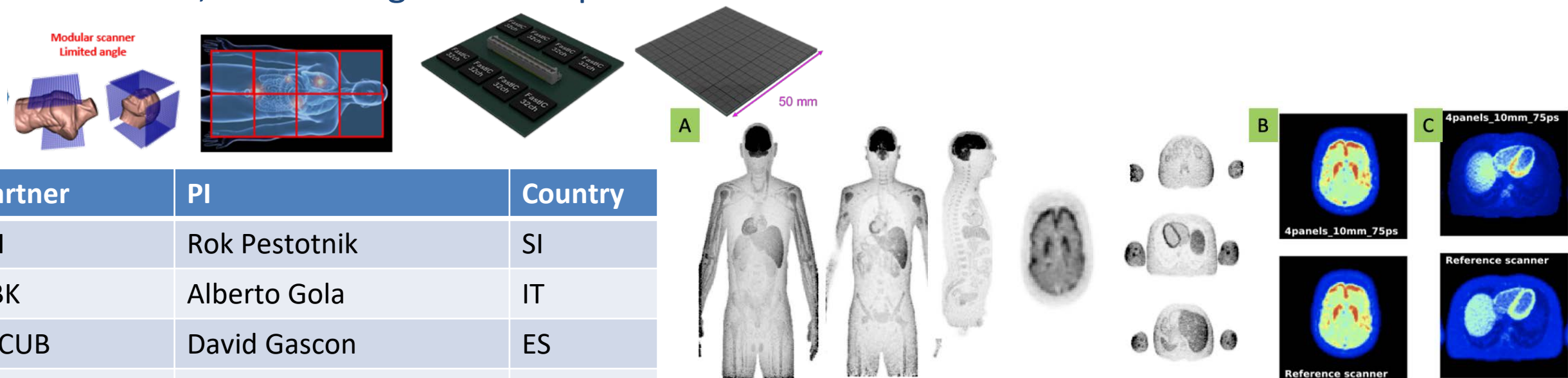
First step will be a PDM based on FastIC32:



Hybrid SiPM module being developed for ultimate timing performance in ToF-PET

# DRD: a new ToF-PET scanner concept with solid state PDM

- The **PETVision** Project was approved! Call: **Horizon EIC 2022 Pathfinder-open**.
  - 5-year project starting in September 2023
- The aim of PetVision is to leverage on 3D / 2.5D integration techniques to build a modular ToF-PET scanner, with next-generation performance and affordable cost.



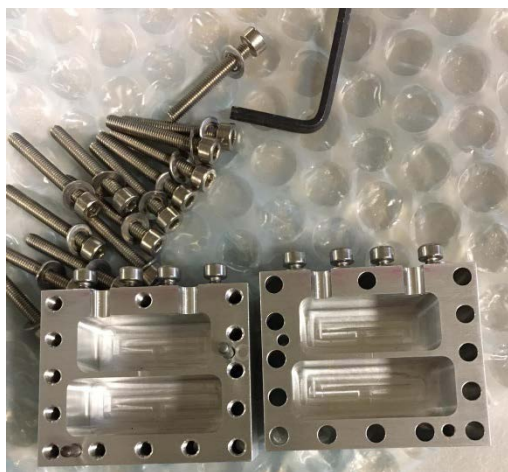
*Simulation of the capability of the proposed planar TOF PET imager:*

Reconstructed Image (3mm slices) of an XCAT digital phantom acquired by two  $120 \times 60 \text{cm}^2$  panel detectors (above and below the patient) assuming 100 ps TOF resolution and 10 mm scintillator thickness (A) and with small 4 panel system used to image head (B) and torso (C)

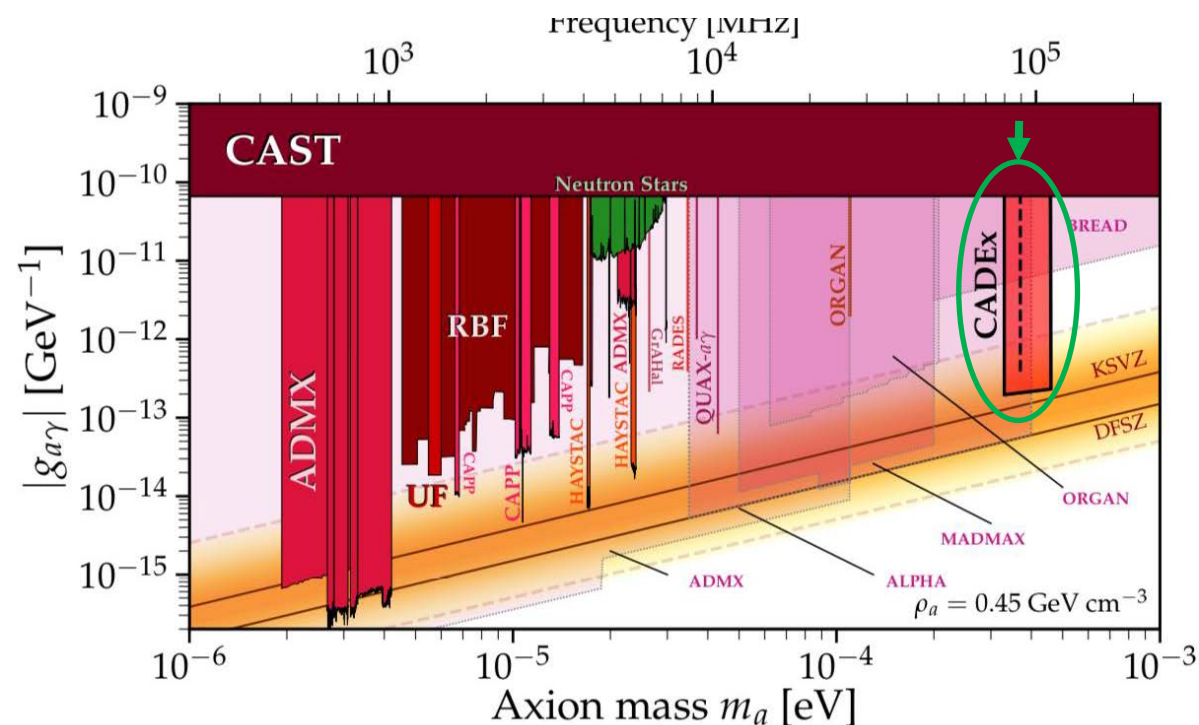
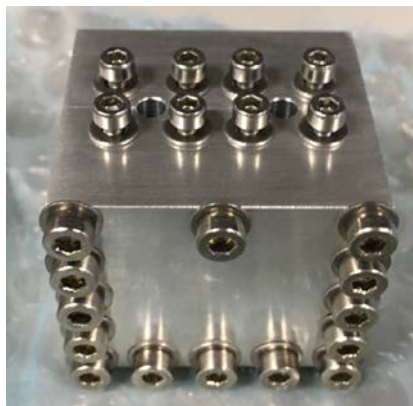
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FBK	Alberto Gola	IT
ICCUB	David Gascon	ES
Oncovision	Jorge Alamo	ES
CSIC	Jose Maria Benlloch	ES
TUM-MED	Wolfgang Weber	DE
MGH	Georges El Fakhri	USA

# DRD: Axion searches

- ICCUB is involved both in helioscope and haloscope @ IAXO
- R&D on RF cavities
  - RADES collaboration: searches ~8 GHz
  - Experiments hosted at CERN in the past, now planning for LSC, IAXO and others.
  - R&D on detectors based on qubits (Takis Kontos, CNRS/ENS).
  - Also KIDs detectors at 90 GHz in CADEx.



*Cavity for qubit*



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# Summary

- Our main R&D activities are on:
  - Single Photon Sensors
  - Integrated readout electronics (ASICs)
  - Hybrid solid state photo-detectors based on vertical integration
  - Picosecond detectors and electronics
- For photosensor and readout ASICs there's a strong synergy with
  - DRD3 (Solid State)
  - DRD4 (Photodetectors and PID)
  - DRD6 (Calorimetry)
  - DRD7 (Electronics)
- Personnel involved solid state photosensor and readout ASICs :
  - Faculty (physics and electronics): 4 permanent FTEs
  - Engineers: 5 permanent FTEs
  - Post-doc and non permanent engineers: currently 5 FTEs
- Personnel involved in DM axion searches based on quantum technologies (DRD5):
  - Faculty: 1 FTE
  - Engineers: 1 FTE

# Thanks a lot for your attention !!!

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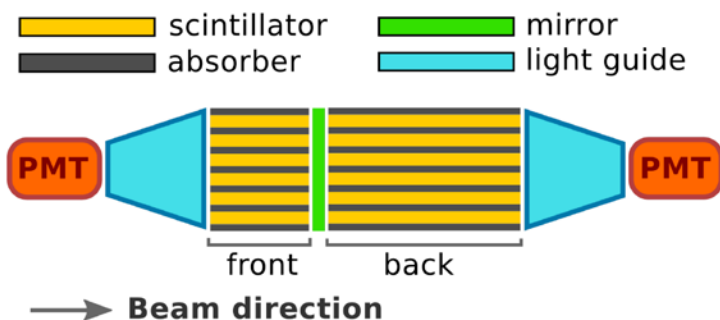
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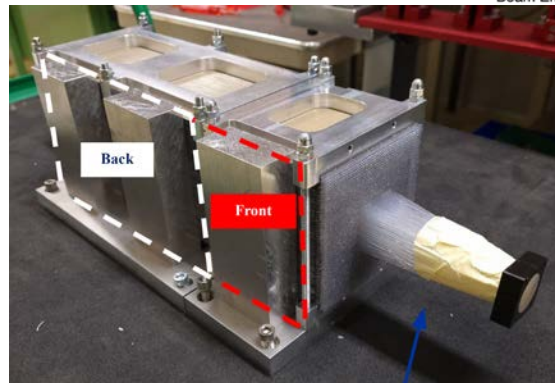
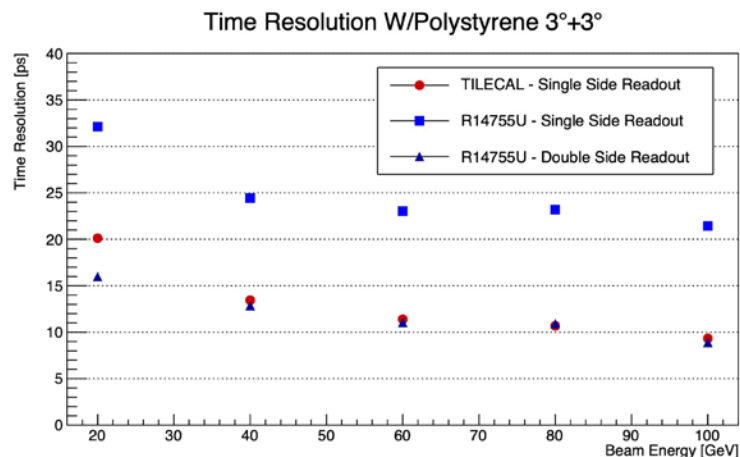
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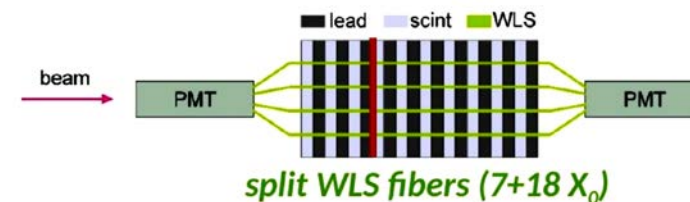
## SpaCal-Pb prototype module

- Pb absorber + polystyrene fibers
- 9 cells of 3x3 cm<sup>2</sup> (RM ~ 3 cm)
- 8+21 cm long (7+18 X<sub>0</sub>)
- Reflective mirror between sections
- Kuraray SCSF-78 fibres (1mm)



## Shashlik prototype

- in outer part of ECAL and provide timing information
- Split WLS fibers (7+18 X<sub>0</sub>, mirrored fiber ends)
- Kuraray WLS YS2 and YS4



## Double-sided readout (CERN SPS 2021)

