

Test Beam Characterization of a Digital SiPM in 150 nm CMOS Imaging Technology

Towards 4D-Tracking with High Gain Silicon Detectors

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Introduction

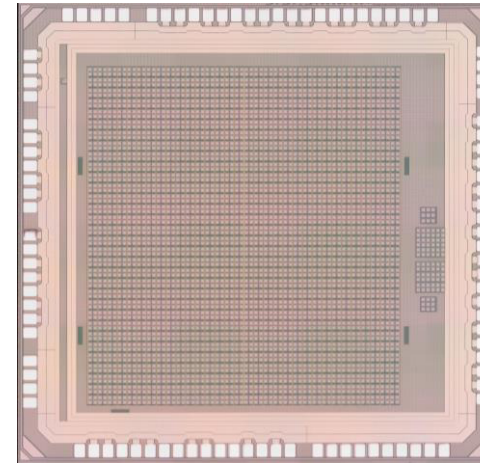
4D-Tracking with a digital SiPM

DESY Digital SiPM

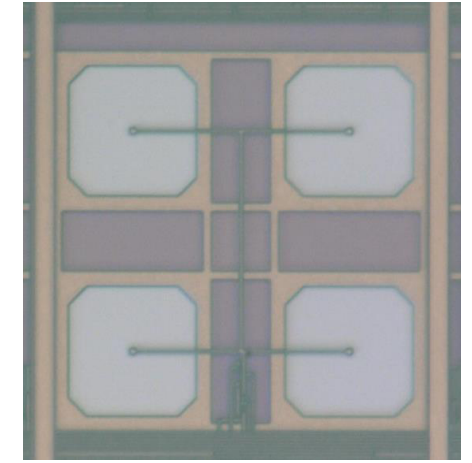
- Active area: 2.2 x 2.4 mm²
- Pixel pitch: 69.6 x 76.0 μm² (Binary resolution ~20 μm)
- Sensor Thickness: 280 μm (Standard for LF's MPW run)
- 4 shared 12-bit TDC (<100 ps binning)
- SPAD timing is intrinsically good (Geiger mode)

4D-Traking

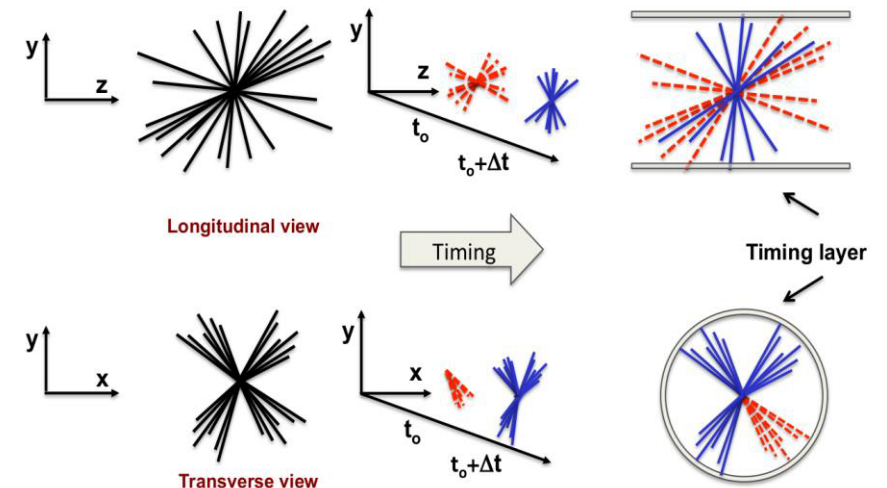
- Trackers able to perform the concurrent measurements of the spatial and temporal coordinates in MIP detection
- Key R&D for future high-energy physics experiments
- Needed in high pileup conditions to assign tracks to events



Microscope picture of the Chip



Digital Pixel: 4 SPAD Structure



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Test Beam Setups

DESY-II Test Beam Facility

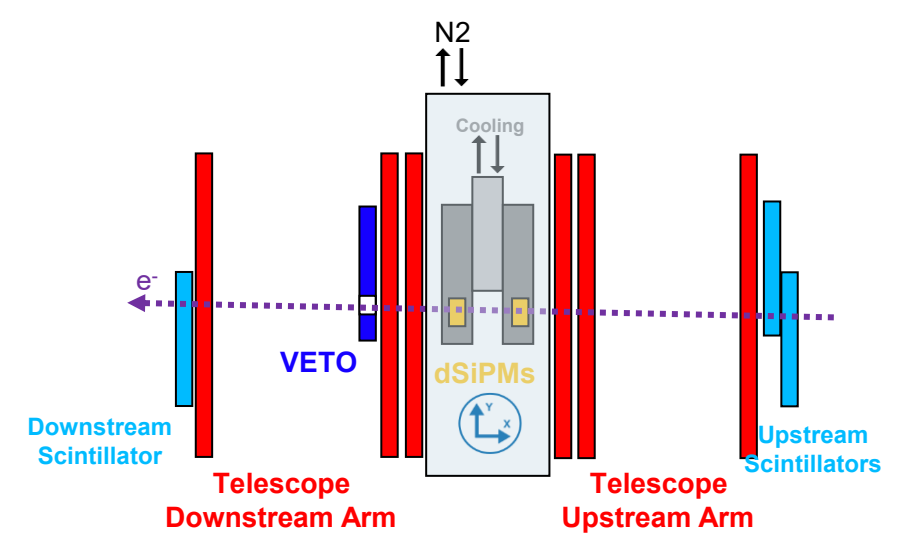
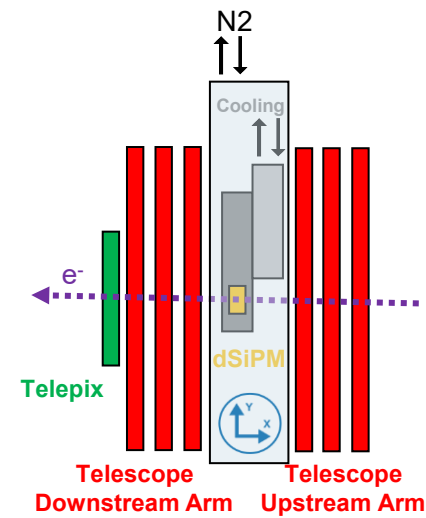
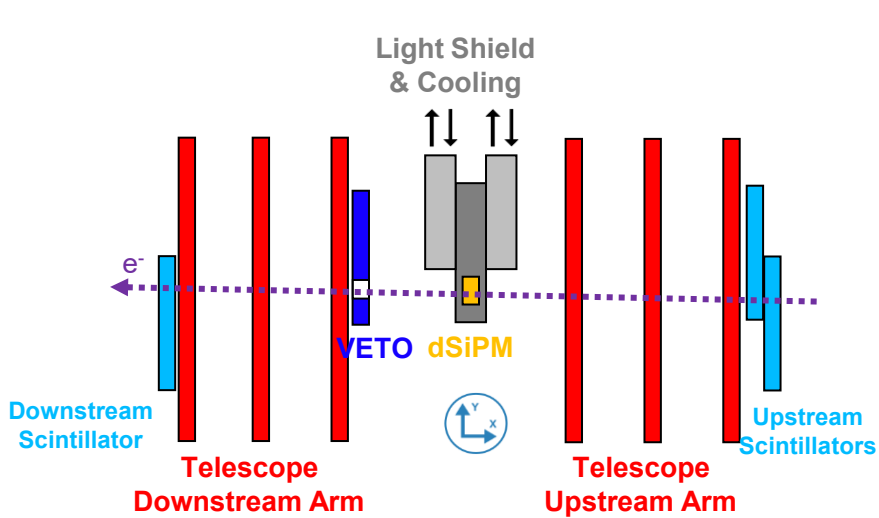
May 2022



October 2022



March 2023



Test Beam Setups

DESY-II Test Beam Facility

May 2022

- **Goal:** Implementation of dSiPM in a TB setup, hardware & software tests
- **1 DUT** on XYstage + **Mimosa Telescope**
- **Active cooling** stable at $\sim 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ on chip
- Trigger with scintillators + PMT + VETO

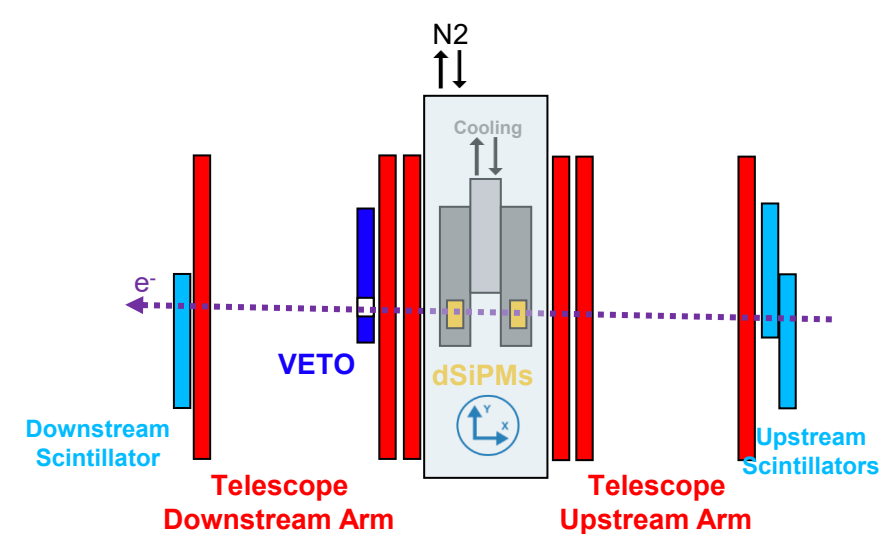
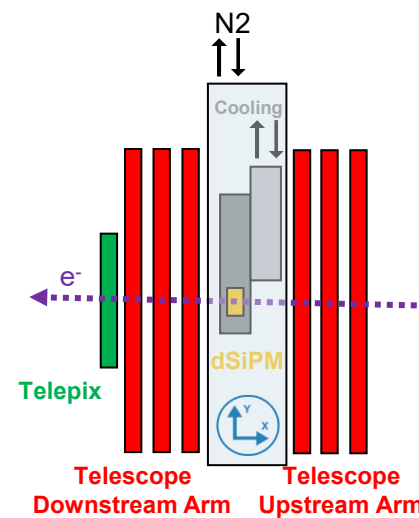
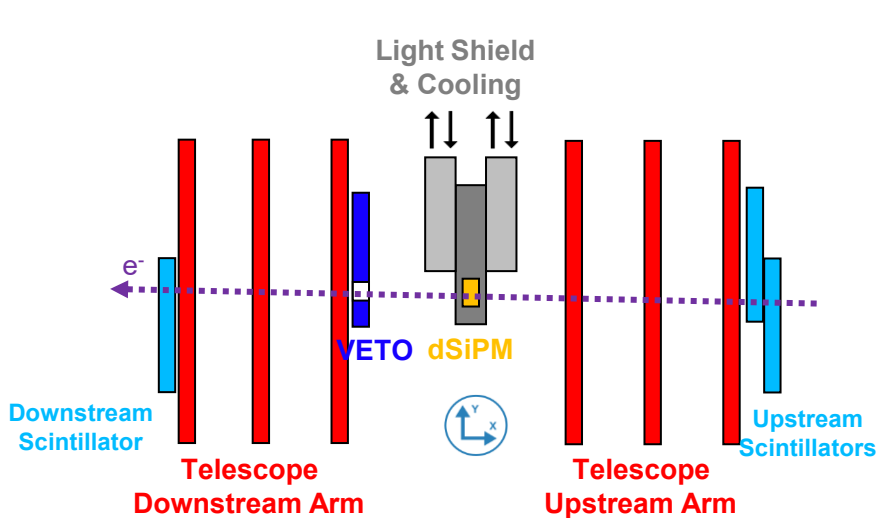
October 2022

- **Goal:** Improve cooling, temperature scans in TB, evaluation of efficiency & spatial resolution
- **Active cooling** down to $\sim 0^{\circ}\text{C}$ on Chip
- Better **trigger coverage** using Telepix

See Arianna_BTTB11 Talk

March 2023

- **Goal:** dSiPM time resolution studies, further investigations of efficiency & spatial performances
- **2 dSiPMs aligned**
- Active cooling down to -5°C on chip

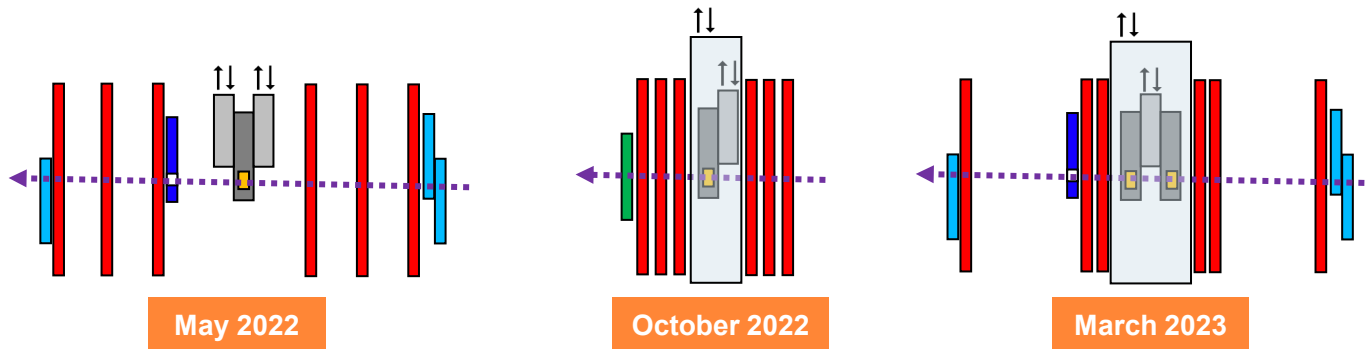


Telescope Geometry

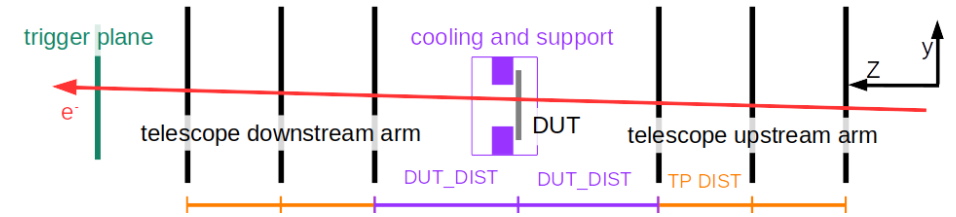
Maximization of the Track Resolution

Simulation of the Track Resolution at DUT z-Position

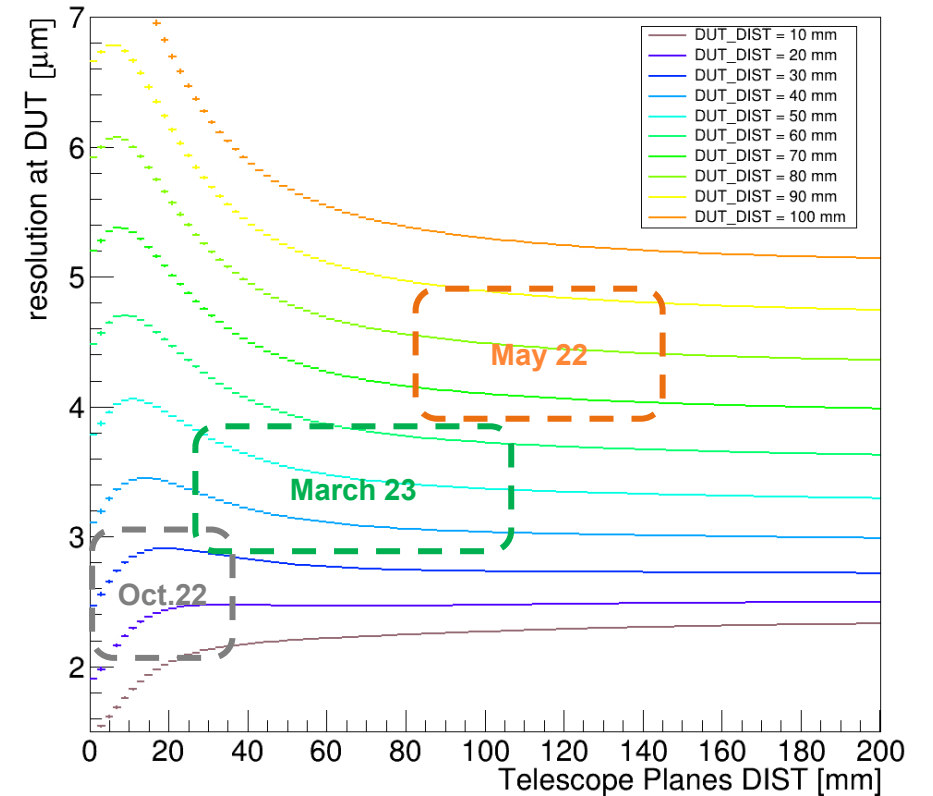
- Evaluated using GBL **track resolution calculator** [DOI 10.5281/zenodo.48795](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.48795)
- All **scattering materials** included in the simulation (silicon, protections, etc)
- The simulation tool provides an estimate of the **expected track resolution**



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanical limit on DUT_DIST • Opted for long arms • Estimated GBL resolution:
~ 5 μm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small DUT_DIST • Opted for short arms • Estimated GBL resolution:
~ 2-3 μm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Material Budget • Opted for a hybrid solution • Estimated GBL resolution:
~ 3-4 μm |
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MIMOSA_Telescope + dSiPM Track Resolution at DUT



Trigger Plane

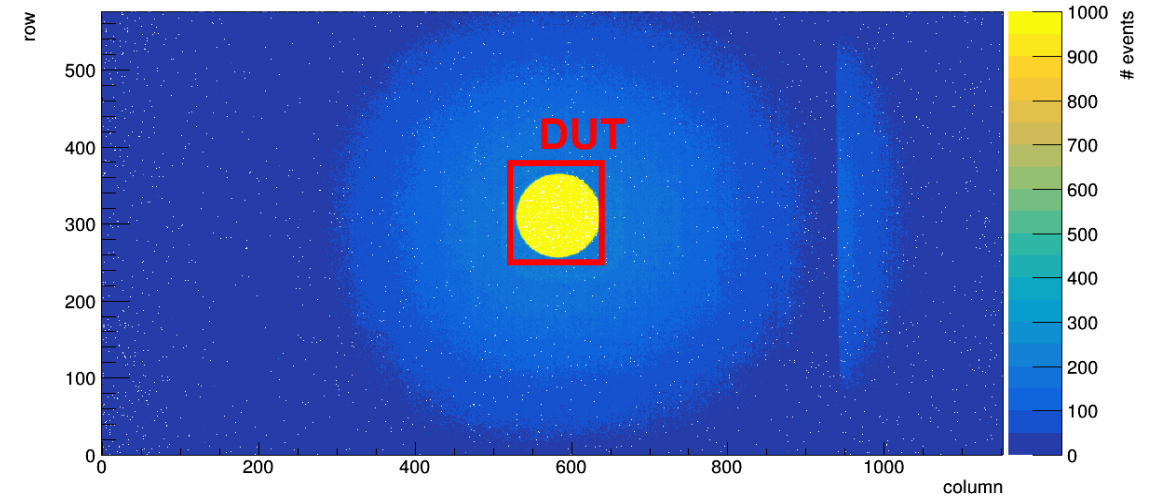
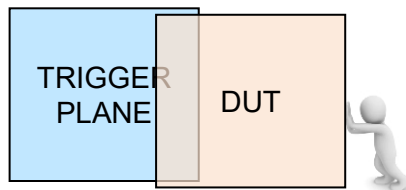
Scintillators & Telepix

Making the Most of Beam Time

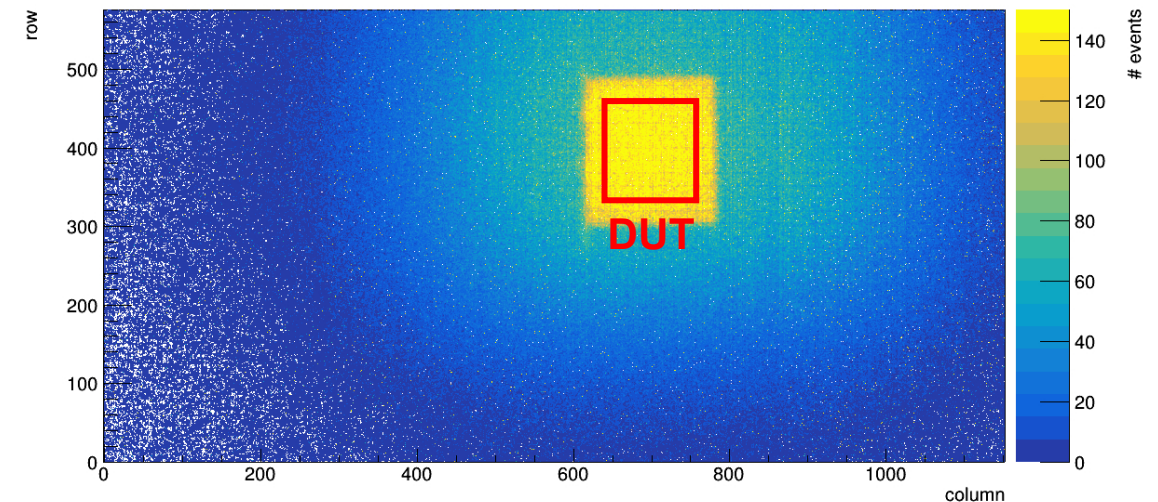
- Maximize **event rate** on DUT (trigger not too small & efficient)
- Minimize unnecessary **Event Storage & dead time** due to busy of detectors (trigger not too big)
- Trigger plane as **close** as possible to the DUT (especially with low momentum beam)
- Perform a good relative **alignment** of DUT & Trigger plane

DSiPM TBs Trigger Approach

- Scintillator scheme + veto (May 2022 & Mar 2023)
 - Circular trigger region of **~2 mm diameter**
- Telepix plane with mask (October 2022) [See Arianna BTTB11 Talk](#)
 - Trigger region of **~3.0 x 3.4 mm²**



Hitmap on the Telescope reference plane using Scintillators + VETO as trigger



Hitmap on the Telescope reference plane using Telepix ROI as trigger

DUT & Trigger Alignment

Material Budget Imaging

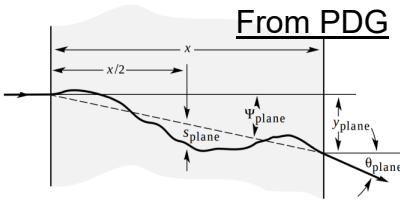


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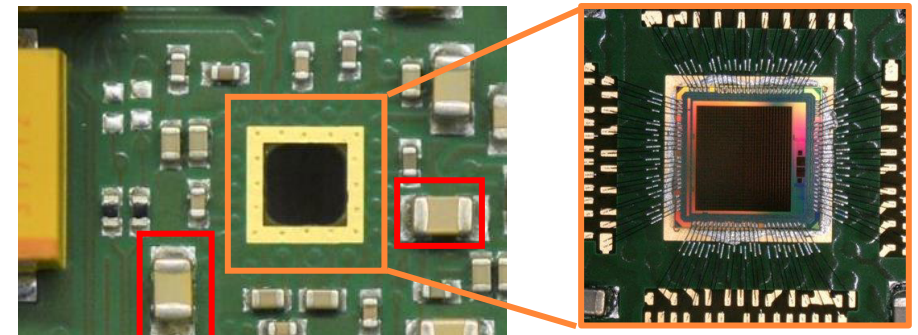
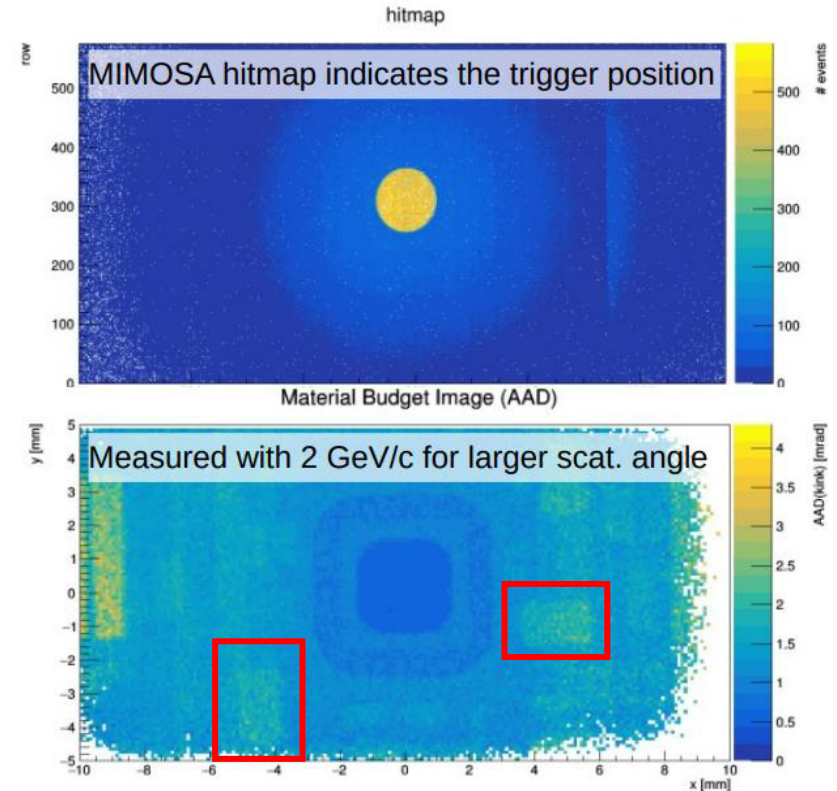
Material Budget Imaging (MBI)

- Scattering angle is proportional to the thickness of the scattering medium in radiation lengths $\theta_{plane} \propto \frac{x}{X_0}$
- The MBI can be used to align trigger & DUT with high accuracy



Evaluation of MB Using Corryvreckan

- Set **low particle momentum** to maximise multiple Coulomb scattering
- Use the **straight line** approximation for tracks in the two arms of the beam telescope (**TrackingMultiplet**)
- Evaluate the material budget at the DUT z-position using the **widths of the scattering angle** distribution (**AnalysisMaterialBudget**)
- The material budget image obtained in Corry global coordinates



Chipboard (back)

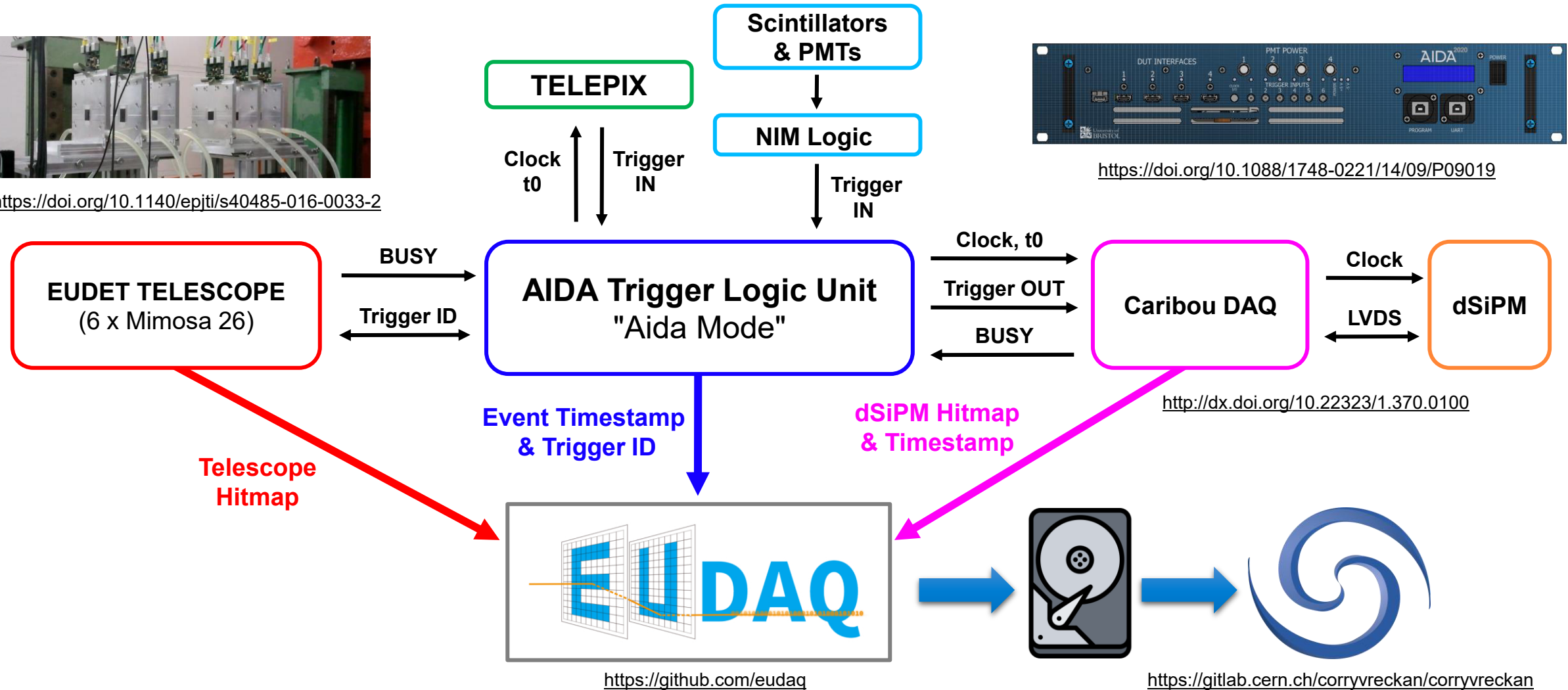
Chip glued & bonded (front)

DAQ System in Test Beam

AIDA TLU Core



<https://doi.org/10.1140/epjti/s40485-016-0033-2>



Analysis Chain

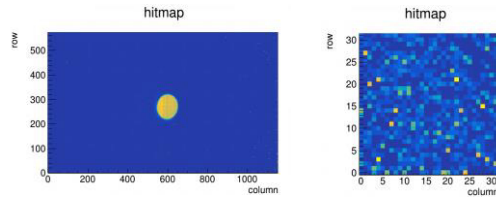


Using Corryvreckan



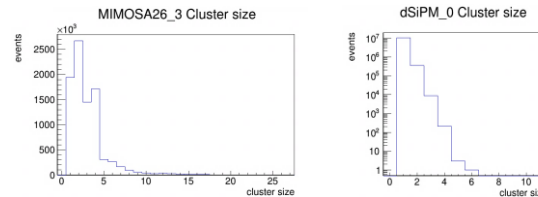
Data Decoding

Raw Telescope & dSiPM data are decoded into an accessible format



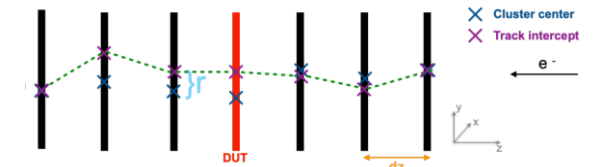
Clustering

Clusters of hits in the reference telescope and DUT are identified



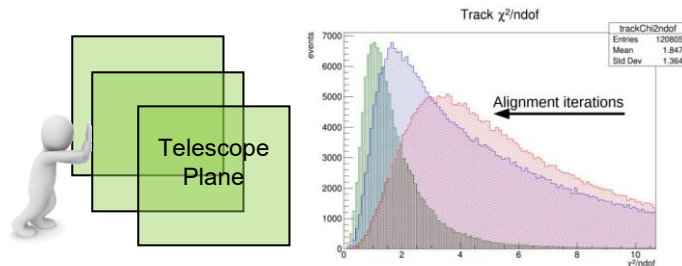
Tracking

Tracks are reconstructed using telescope clusters + spatial & temporal cuts



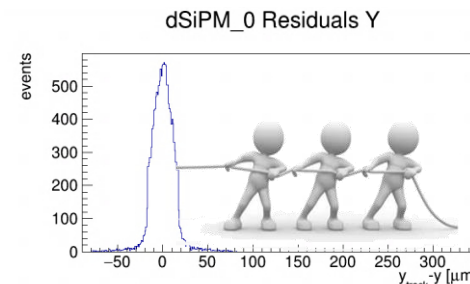
Telescope Alignment

Software translations and rotations of the telescope planes are performed



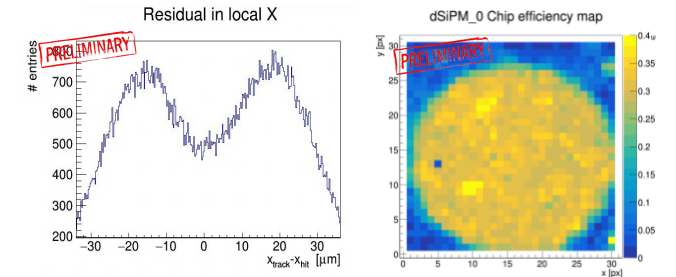
dSiPM Alignment

Translations and rotations of the DUT are performed to minimize unbiased residuals



DUT Association & analysis

DUT clusters are associated with tracks & its MIP detection response is analyzed



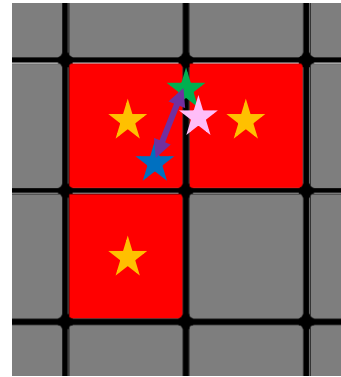
Spatial Residuals

Not Gaussian

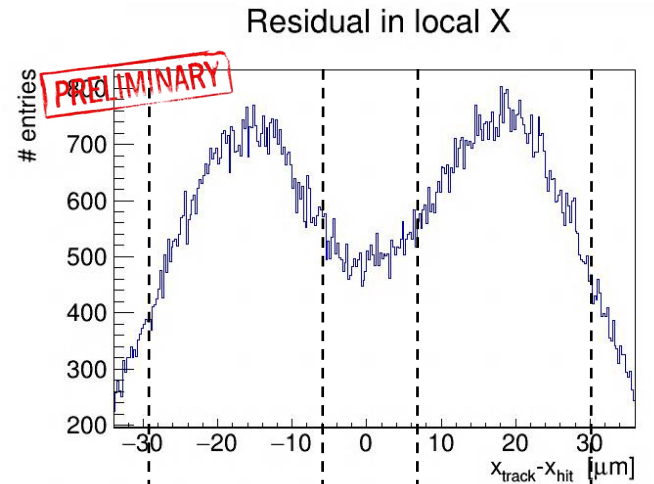


DSiPM Spatial Residuals

- Defined as the difference between Cluster position in DUT and interpolated track in the same z-position
- Double-peak structure** due to inefficient in-pixel regions
- Proves **pixel scale resolution** of the dSiPM $\mathcal{O}(pitch/\sqrt{12})$



Real Track
Hit
Cluster
Cluster Position
Track Intercepts
Spatial Residual



How to deal with non-Gaussian residuals in Corry

- Standard [AlignmentDUTResidual] in Corry does not work properly
- Expect a Gaussian distribution of spatial residuals
- Redefinition of spatial residual** in [AlignmentDUTResidual]:

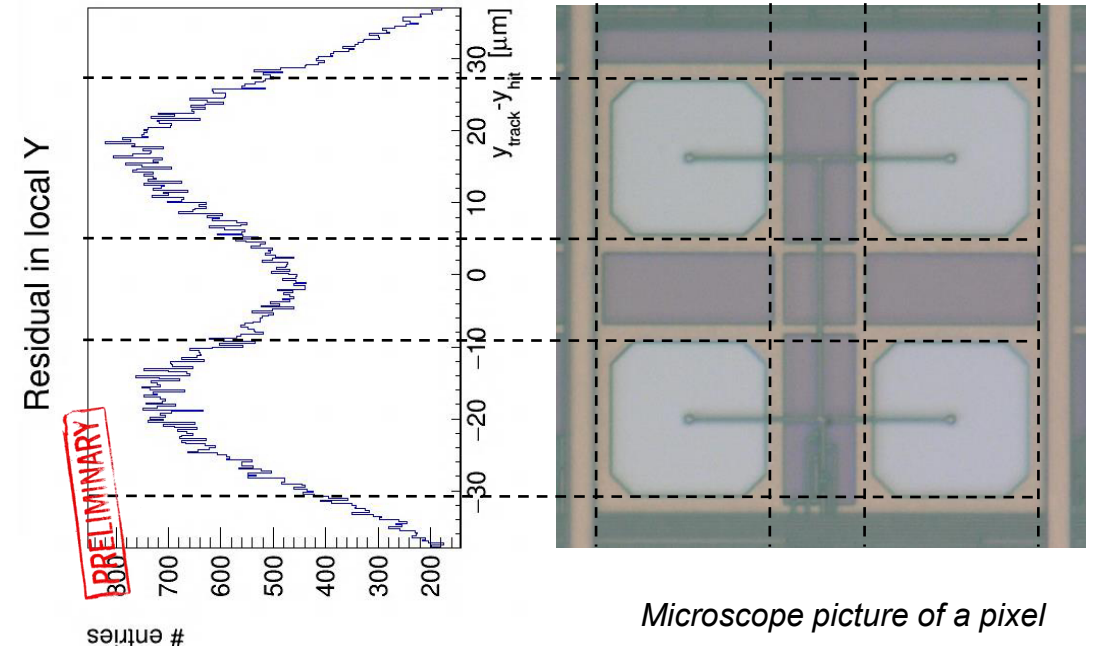
$$Residual_{x/y} = TI - CP$$



$$Residual_{x/y} = \left(|TI - CP| - [0] \right) \times sign(TI - CP)$$

Corryrekan Merge request !597

TI = Track Intercepts, CP = Cluster Position
[0] = 17.6 μm in x & 19 μm in y



Microscope picture of a pixel

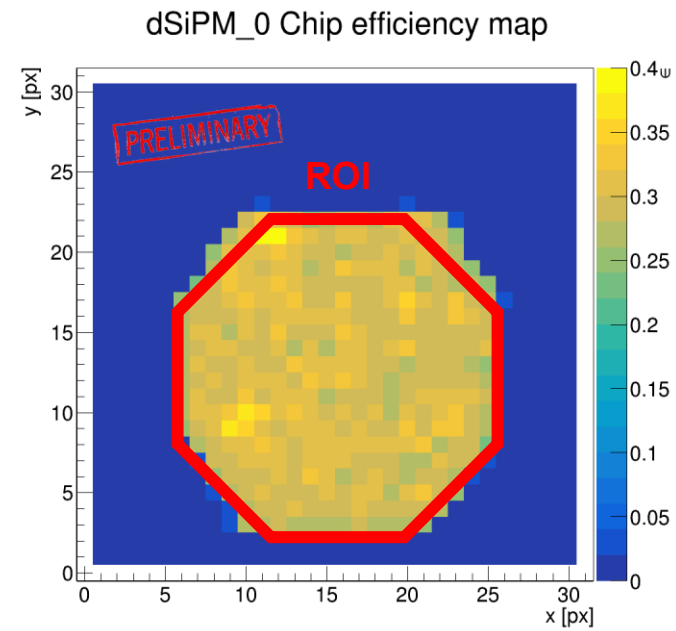
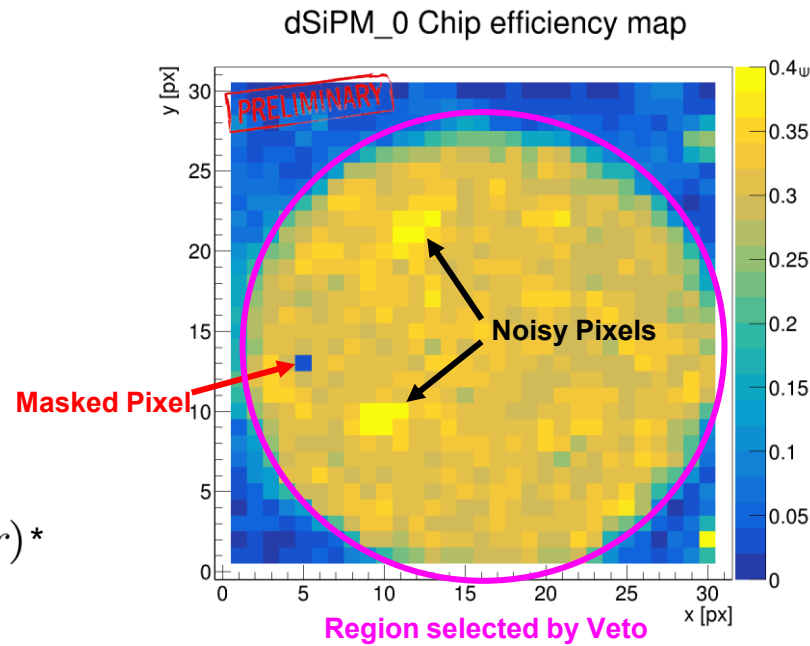
Efficiency

In MIP Detection



Chip Efficiency

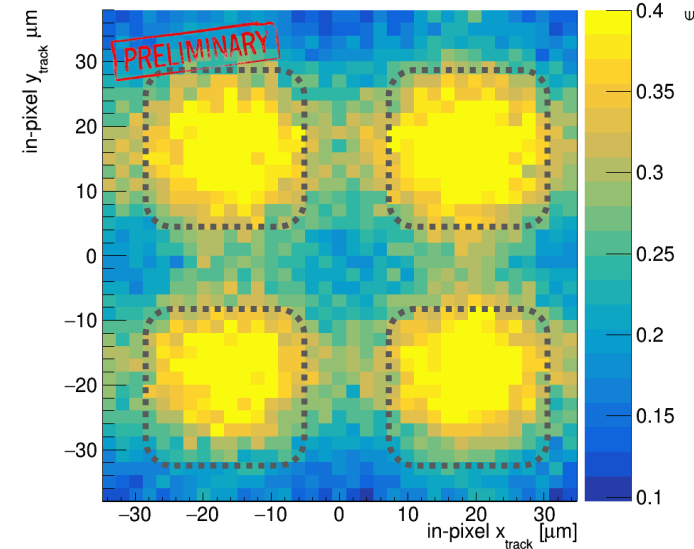
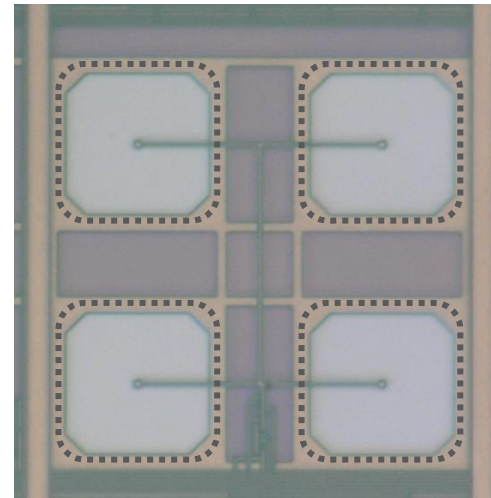
- **Trigger** circular shape is visible
- **Noisy & masked** pixels are visible
- For efficiency study a **Region of Interest** is used
- Chip total **Efficiency in MIP detection** $\mathcal{O}(\text{fill factor})^*$



In Pixel Efficiency

- Evaluated in the ROI
- The efficient area can be associated with the **SPAD position**
- **Track resolution** affects reconstructed shapes
- Track resolution at the DUT $> 5 \mu\text{m}$ (es from May 22 TB)
- Efficiency $\mathcal{O}(\text{fill factor})^*$

*Impact of noise & systematics under investigation



Time Residuals

Promising Results



Time Residuals

- Defined here as the difference between the track time stamp (TLU+trigger) and the hit time stamp (dSiPM TDCs)
- Time **correlation** between dSiPM hit & associated tracks confirmed
- **Width** dominated by trigger reference time resolution

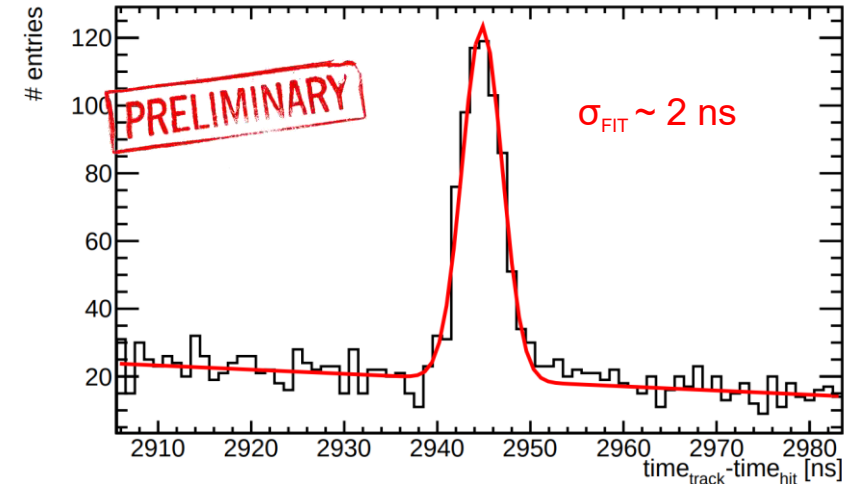
Test Beam October 2022

- Time track sampled by TLU time to digital converter
- Trigger was given by **Telepix** (distribution with **~ 2ns**)
- Time residual distribution dominated by the reference time resolution

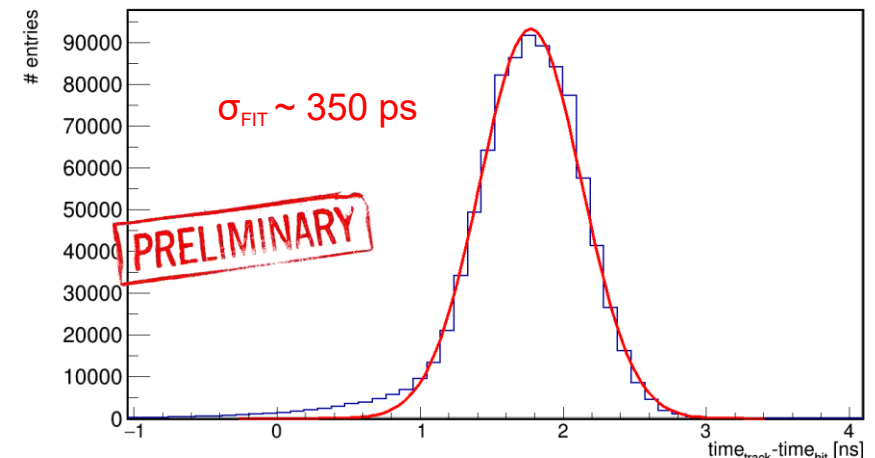
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- Trigger was given by **scintillators + PMTs + veto**
- Time residual distribution with **~350 ps**
- Ongoing data analysis for dSiPM resolution evaluation

$$\sigma_{\text{FIT}}^2 = \sigma_{\text{TLU}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{Telepix}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{dSiPM}}^2$$



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Summary

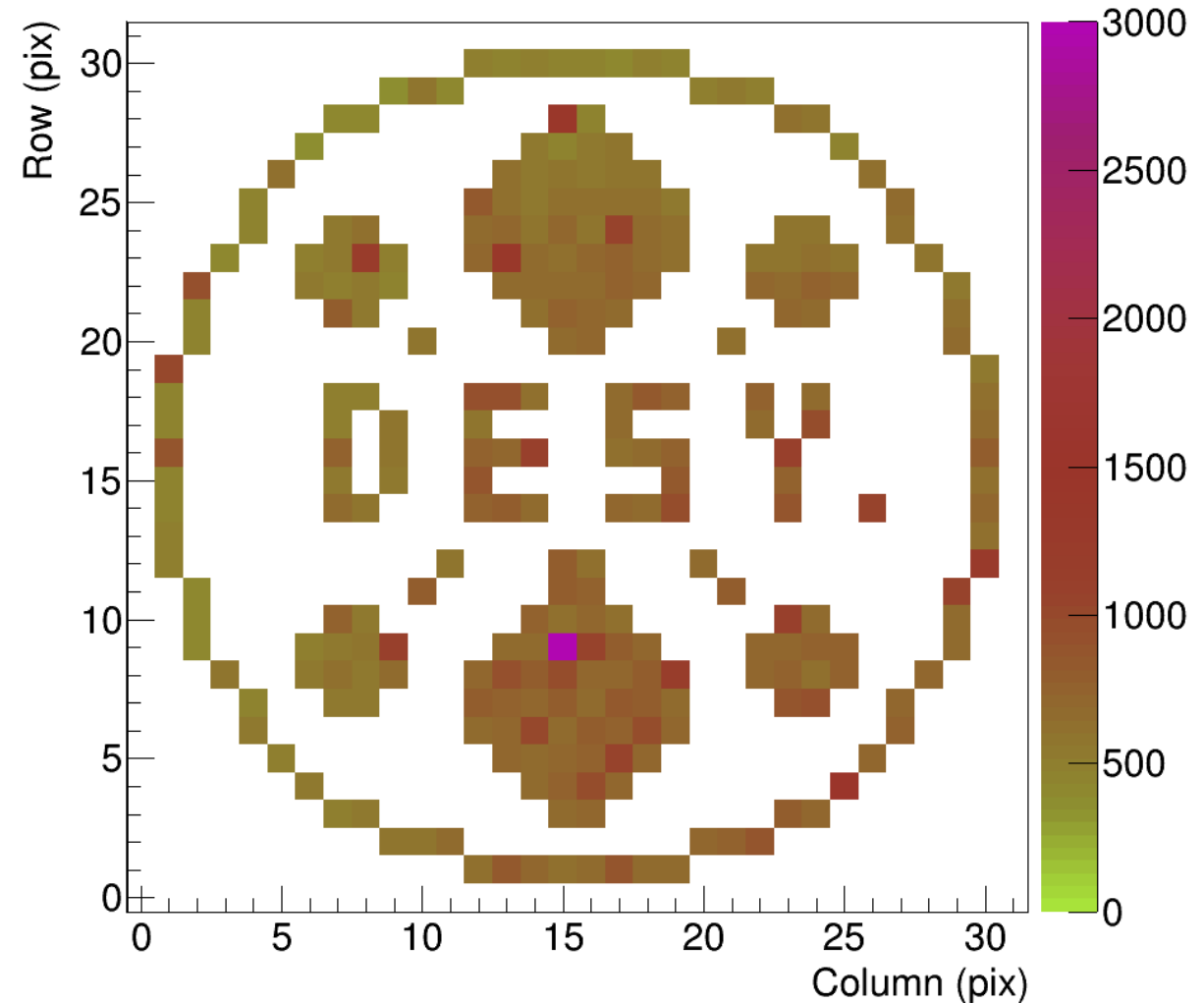
A promising R&D project

Results from Test Beam

- DESY dSiPM was successfully **integrated in DESY-II** test beam setup
- **Three different TBs** already carried out with continuous hardware & software improvements
- **Material Budget Imaging** technique used for DUT alignment in high noise condition
- Pixel scale **spatial resolution** proved & **efficiency** $\mathcal{O}(\text{fill factor})$

Ongoing studies

- Evaluation of **systematics & noise** effect on results
- **Timing performances** of the prototype are currently being studied using test beam data and laser setup
- Investigation of possible solutions to **improve efficiency**
- Ongoing research of **possible applications**



Dark Events Hitmap whit DESY logo Mask applied

Thank you.

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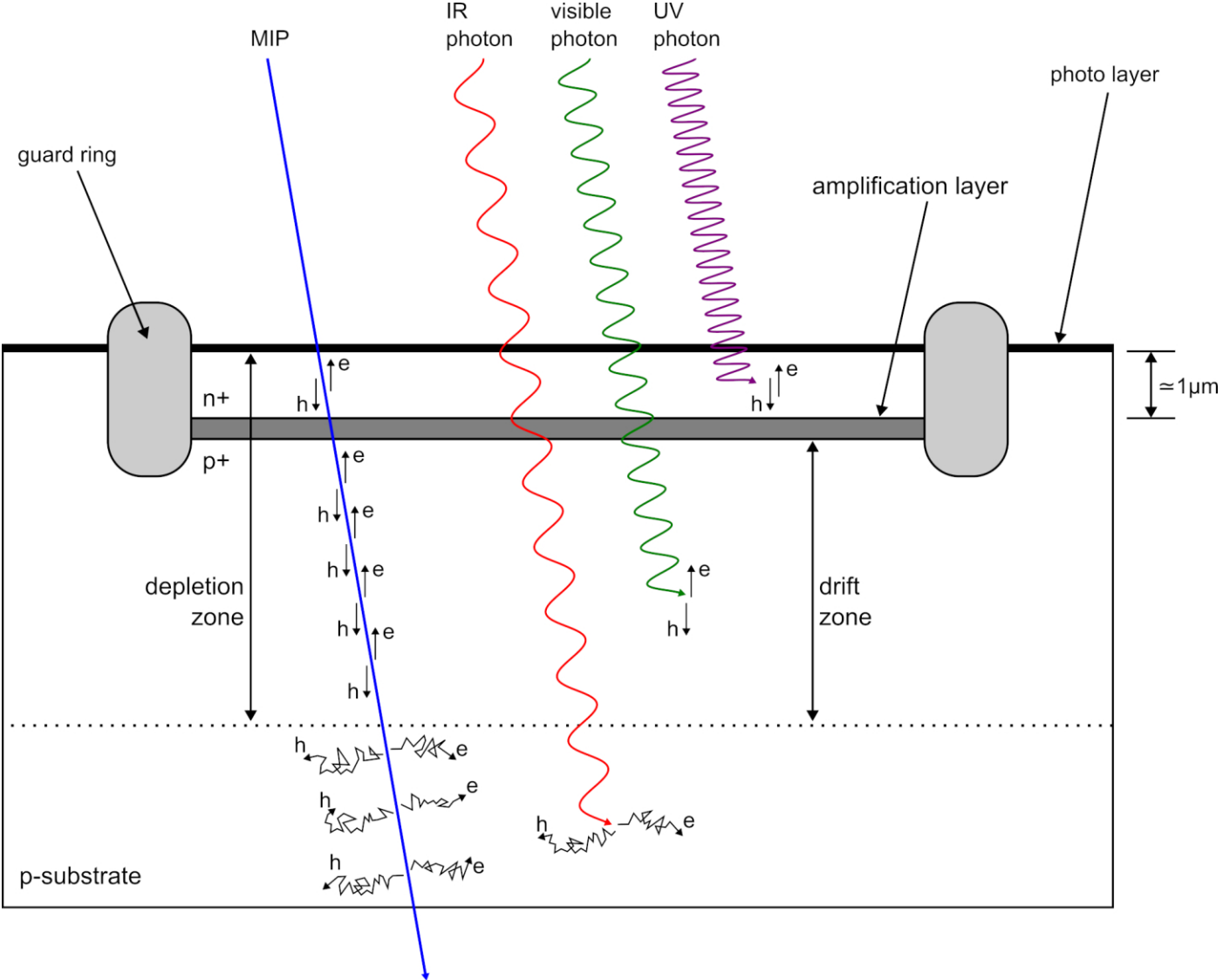
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The measurements leading to these results have been performed at the Test Beam Facility at DESY Hamburg (Germany), a member of the Helmholtz Association (HGF).

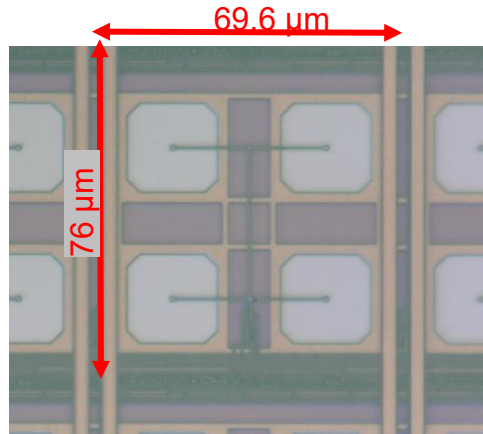
SPAD & MIP detection

Electron-hole production in all the path

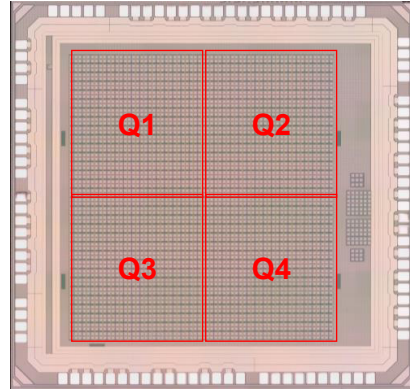


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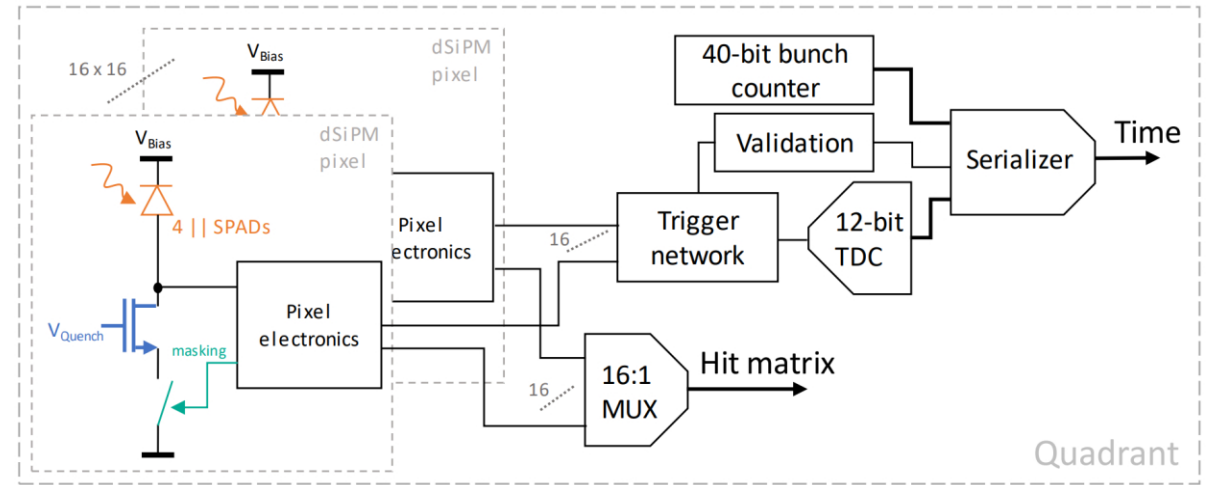
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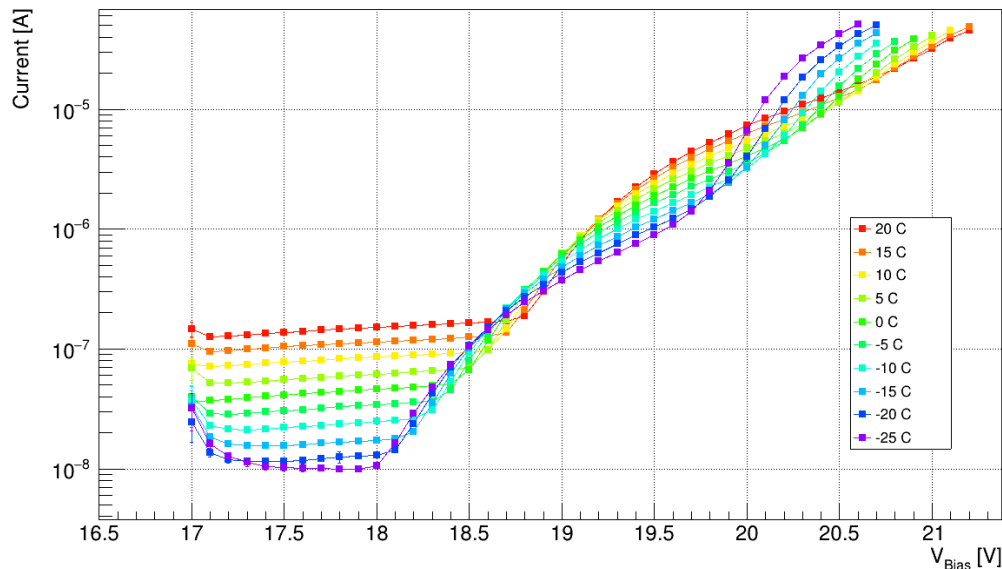
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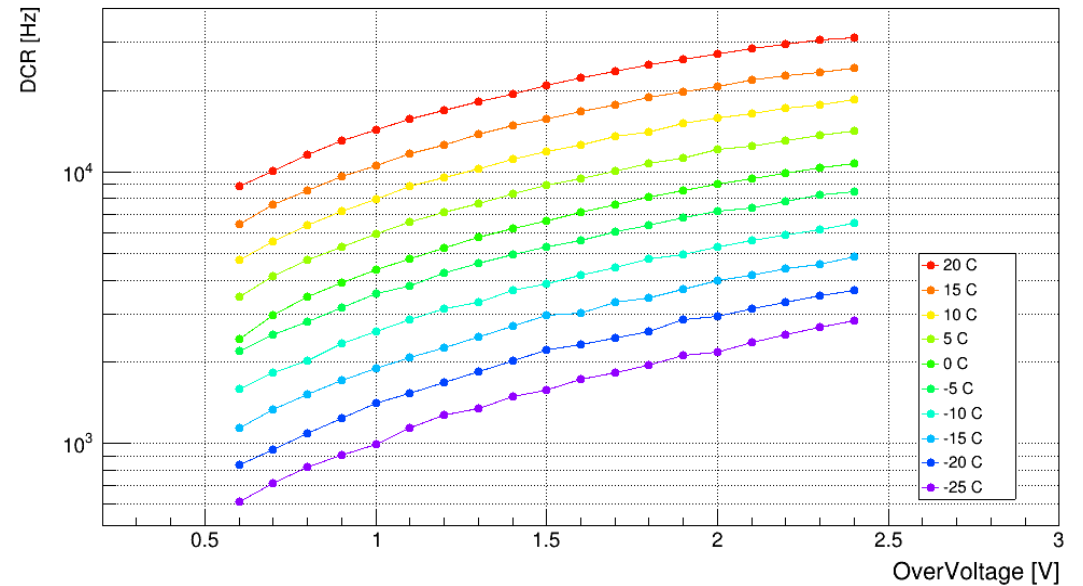
Microscope picture of the Chip



Readout concept of a 16-by-16 pixel unit (Quadrant)



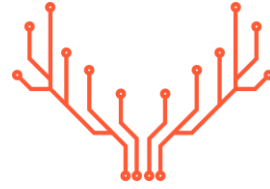
IV curves (Full Matrix), Temperature Scan



Dark Count Rate (per pixel), Temperature Scan

DAQ Chain

Caribou System



Caribou

- Versatile readout system developed by CERN, BNL, DESY and University of Geneva
- Allows fast, simple and Low-cost implementation & tests of sensors
- Already used for ATLASPix, CLICTD, DPTS, FASTPIX, etc.

SoC Board

- An embedded CPU runs DAQ and control software
- An FPGA runs custom hardware for data handling and detector control

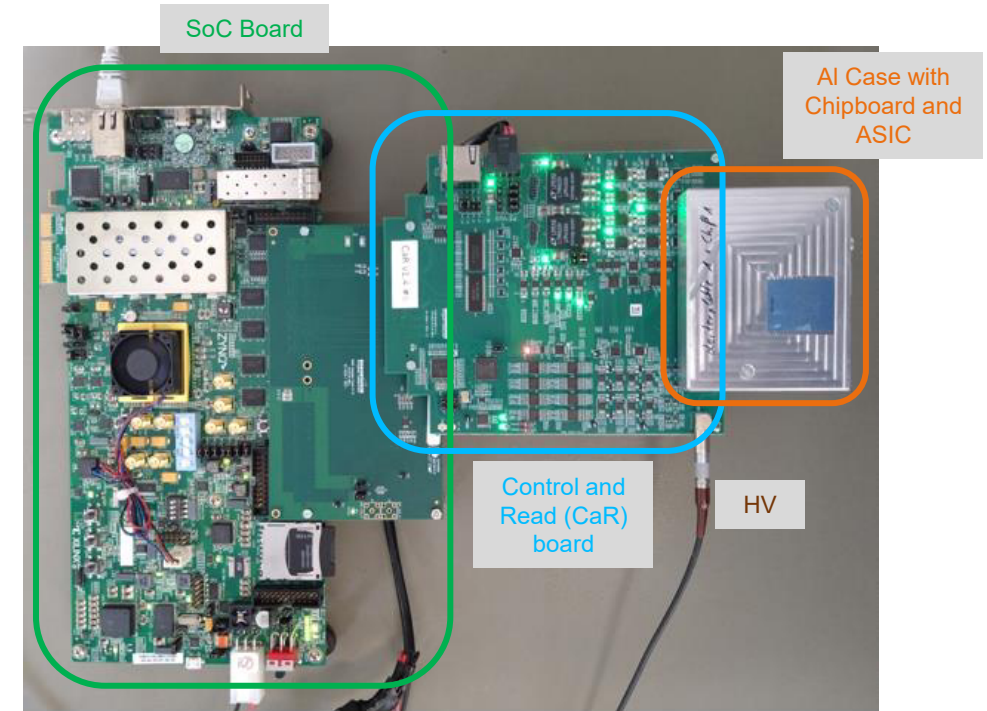
Control and Readout (CaR) Interface Board

- Provides physical interface from the SoC to the detector chip
- Contains all peripherals needed to interface and run the chip: power supplies, ADCs, voltage/current references, LVDS links, etc.

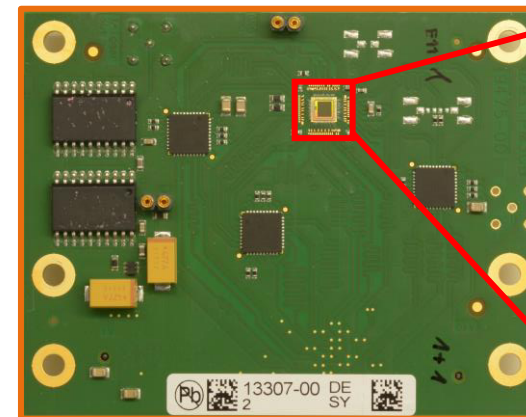
Chip Board

- Passive & detector-specific components only
- DSiPM here glued & bonded
- Enclosed in Aluminum case that acts as heat sink and light shield

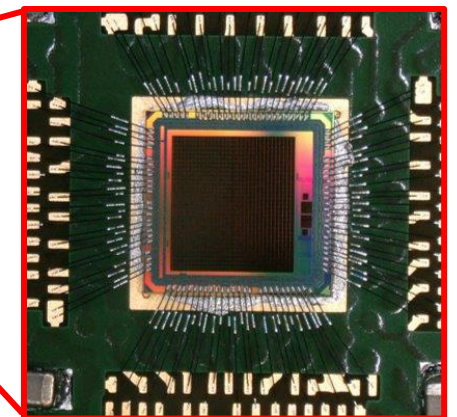
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Caribou DAQ System



Chip Board



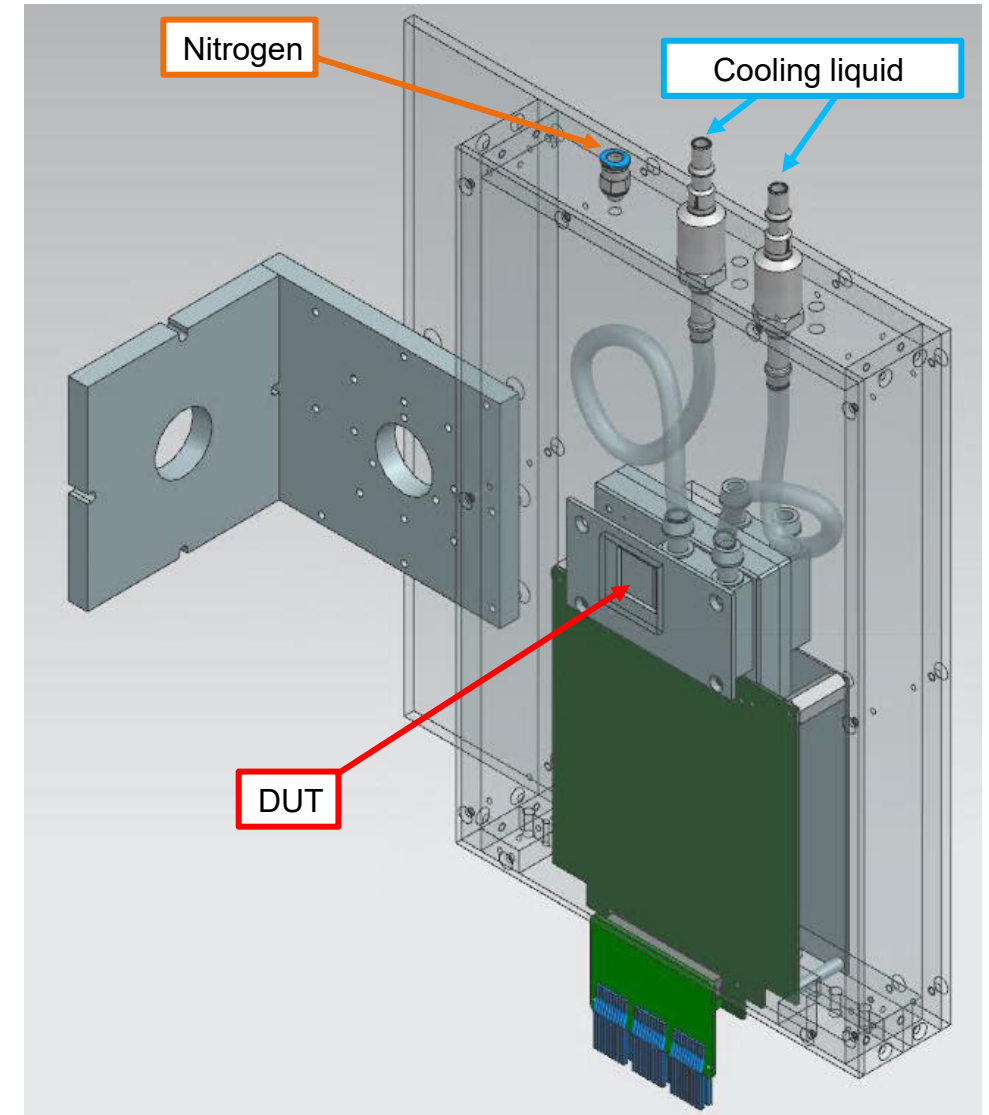
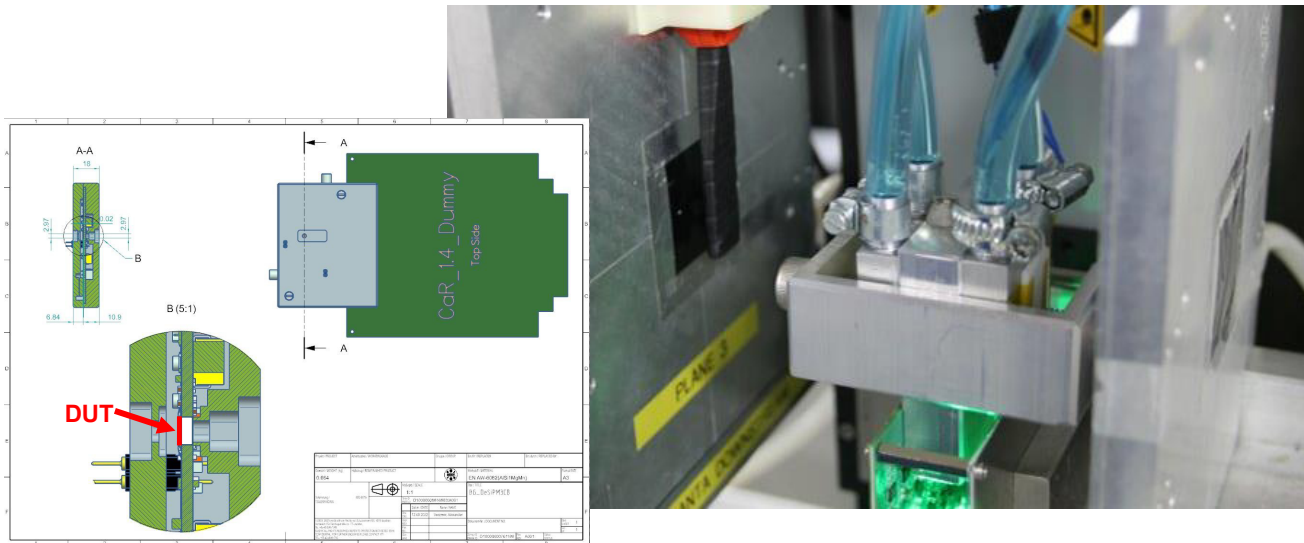
Chip Glued & Bonded

Cooling

Silicon oil + N2 dry Box

Cooling components

- Aluminium case that acts as heat sink and light shield
- Active cooling with Silicon oil down to $\sim -5^{\circ}\text{C}$ on chip
- Plastic Box filled with N2 to avoid condensation
(Nitrogen available in all DESY-II Test Beam lines)



DUT & Trigger Alignment

Material Budget Imaging

DUT- Trigger alignment With high Dark Count Rate

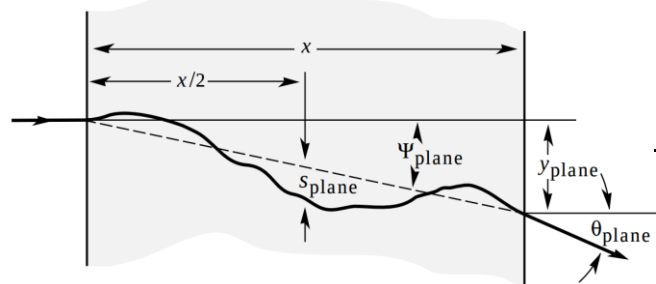
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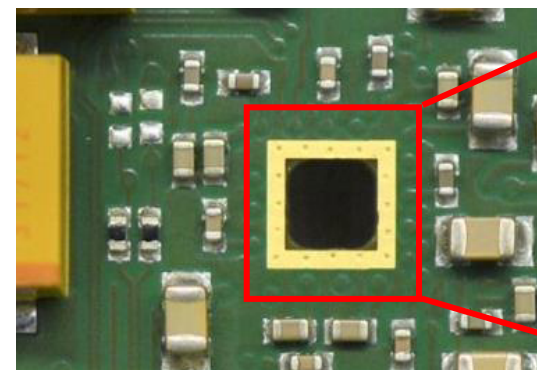
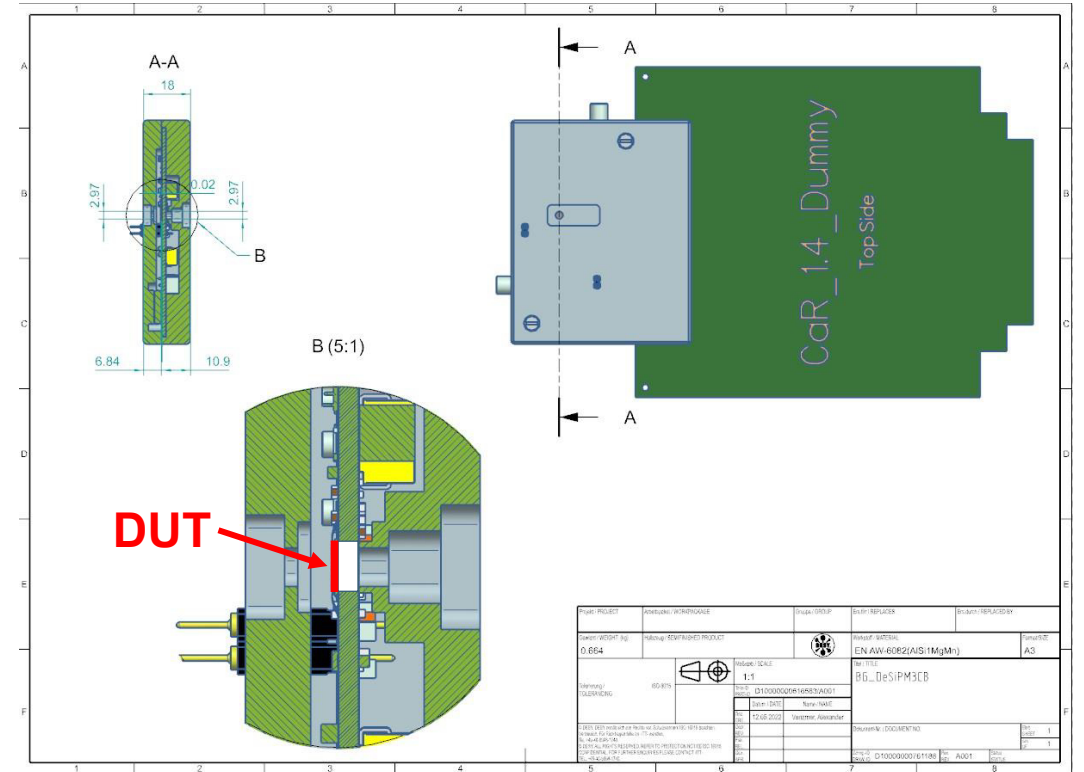
- Material Budget is minimized in the position of the DUT
- Evaluation of MBI measuring the Scattering angle:

$$\theta_0 = \frac{13.6 \text{ MeV}}{\beta_{cp}} z \sqrt{x/X_0} \left[1 + 0.038 \ln(x/X_0) \right]$$

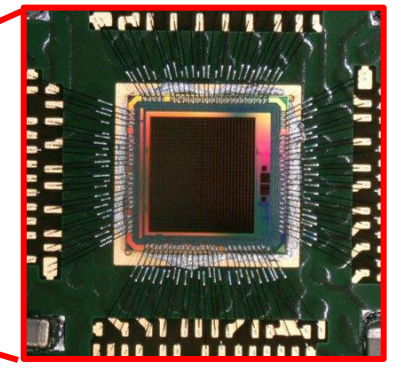
Thickness of the scattering medium in radiation lengths



From PDG



Chip Board (Back)



Chip Glued & Bonded (Front)