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SiPMs for Belle II ARICH

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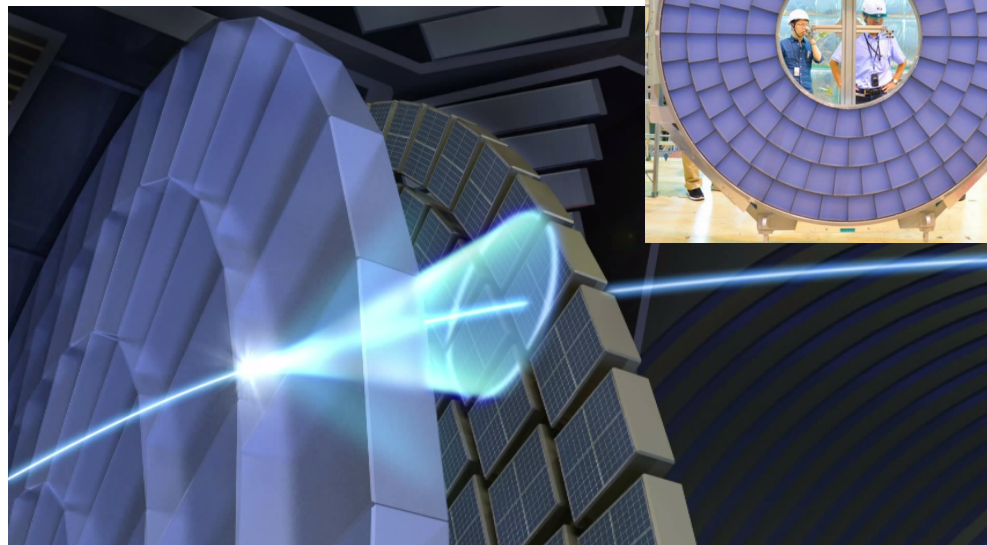
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Motivation



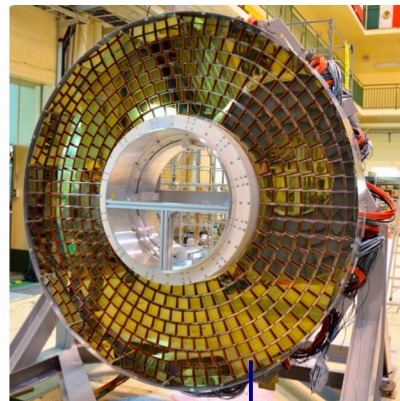
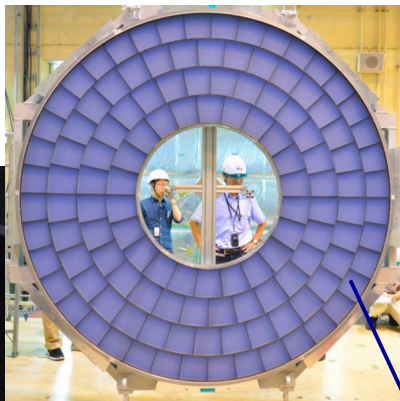
Belle II ARICH



Belle III ARICH ~ 2035

- Proposal: Increase the luminosity
- Higher backgrounds
- HAPD will not be able to operate

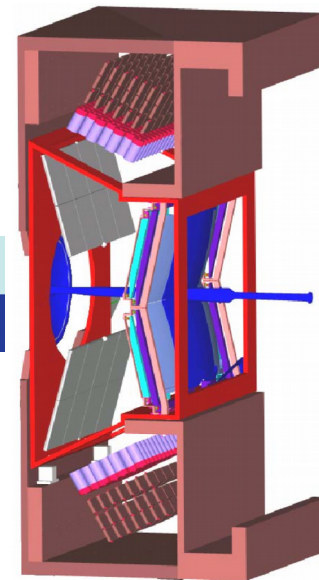
State-Of-The-Art



Aerogel radiator

420 Hybrid Avalanche Photodetectors (HAPD)

LHCb RICH1



Research and Development

- Search for new technologies
- Photodetectors with sufficient performance during a few years of data-taking, despite the accumulation of radiation damage.

neutron radiation hardness (3×10^{12} neq/cm² by detector end-of-life)

- Candidates: MCP-PMT & SiPMs

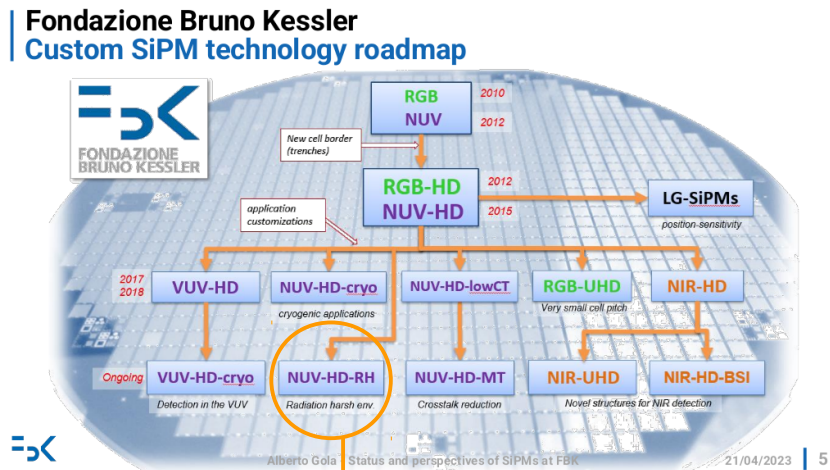
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Objectives

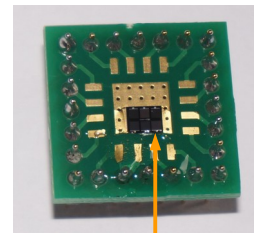
- Develop a setup for **SiPM characterization** at room temperature and at different controlled temperature steps down to liquid nitrogen before and after irradiation.
 - Current-voltage characteristics (I-V curve)
 - Threshold scan (Dark count rate)
 - Waveform analysis
 - Signal shape
 - Pulse height distribution
 - Charge distribution
 - Single photon timing resolution (SPTR)
- Carry out preliminary annealing studies after irradiation.

Characterization of 6 Samples (**NUV-HD-RH**) developed by FBK
TOTAL: 18 SiPMs (Presenting results for 6 **UHD-DE** SiPMs)

Specific task



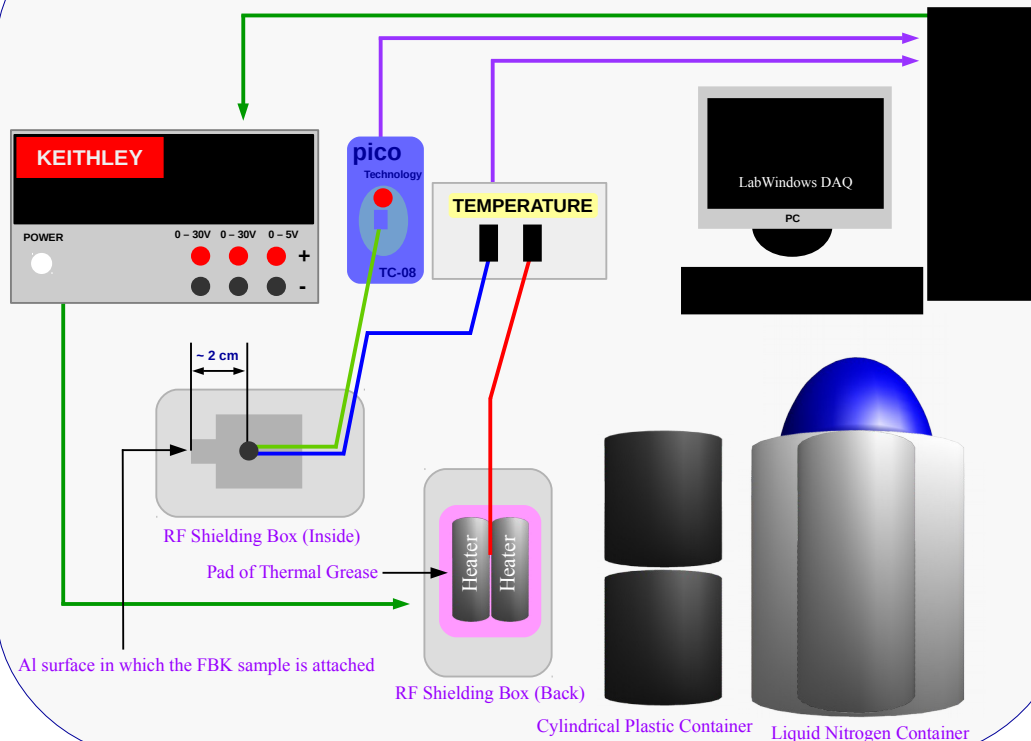
1 x 1 mm²
15 μm



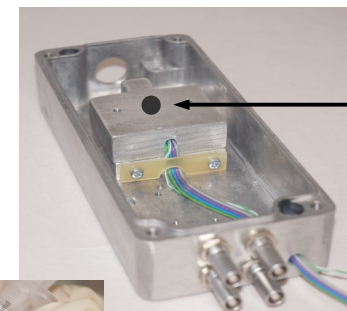
Temperature stabilization

How to stabilize the SiPM temperature ?

Schematic temperature stabilization

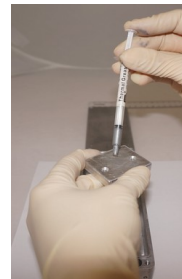


RF Shielding Box

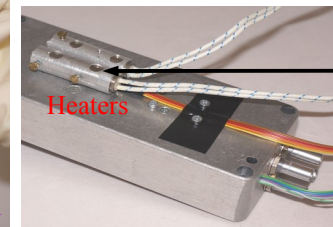


Temperature Sensors:
Picolog Sensor
PT 100 Sensor 1

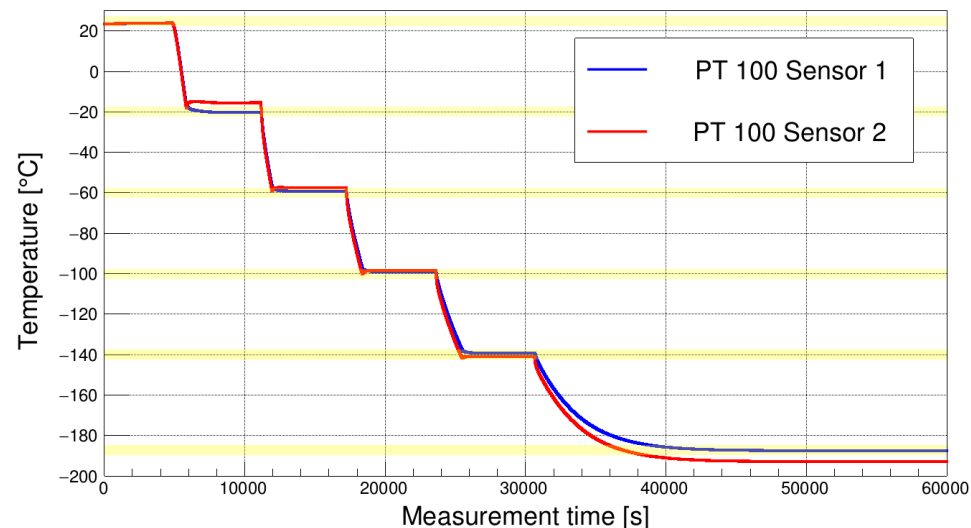
PT 100 Sensor 2



Thermal paste application



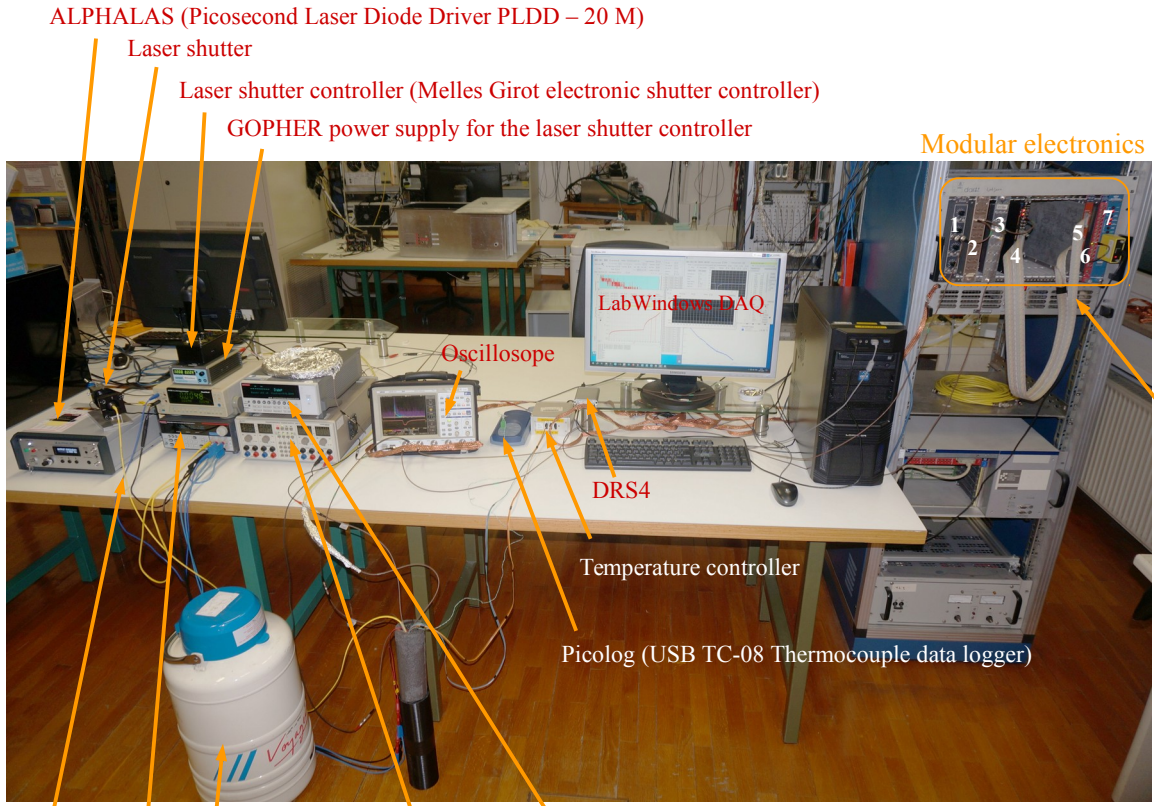
Heaters



● The temperature can be stabilized between 25 °C and -187 °C.

● Temperature stabilization inside better than ± 5 °C of the set temperature.

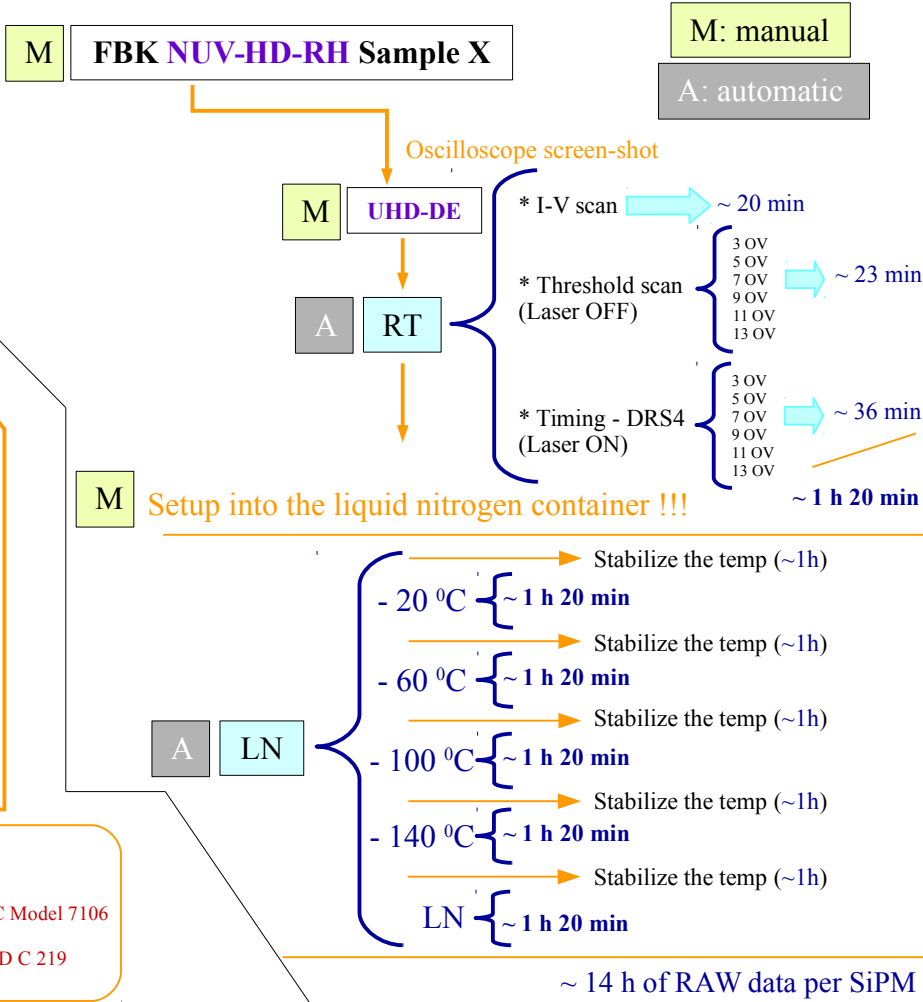
Overview of the setup



- Optical fiber
- Liquid Nitrogen Container
- KEITHLEY 6517B ELECTROMETER
- HAMEG power supply for the pre-amp of the custom electronics board
- KEITHLEY power supply for the heaters

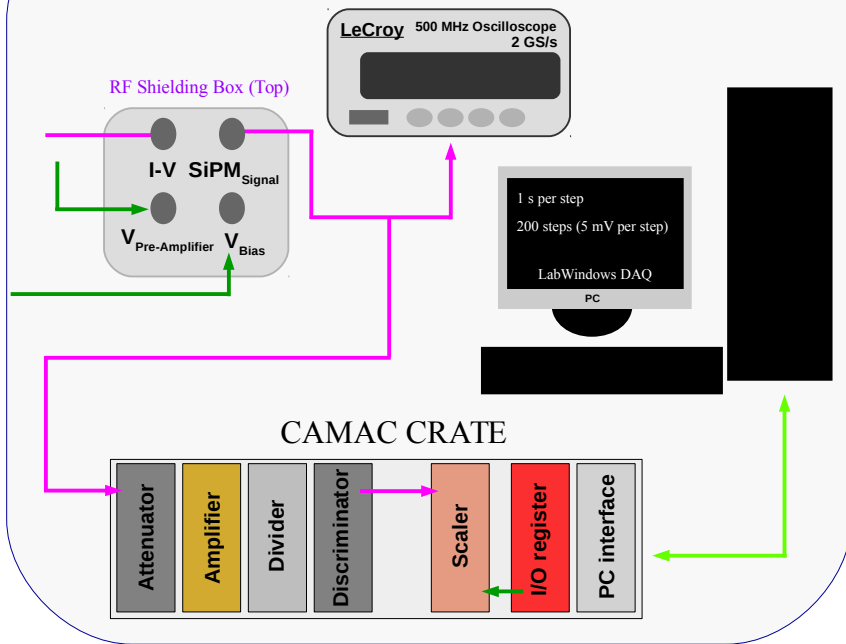
- Modular electronics**
1. Philips Quand rotary Attenuator Model 804
 2. ORTEC Octal Fast Timing Amplifier Model FTA820
 3. Octal divider
 4. Phillips Scientific 16 Channel discriminator latch CAMAC Model 7106
 5. C.A.E.N 16 Ch ECL Scaler MOD C 257
 6. C.A.E.N: 16 Ch Universal Programmable I/O register MOD C 219
 7. Lecroy PC interface

Measurement protocol



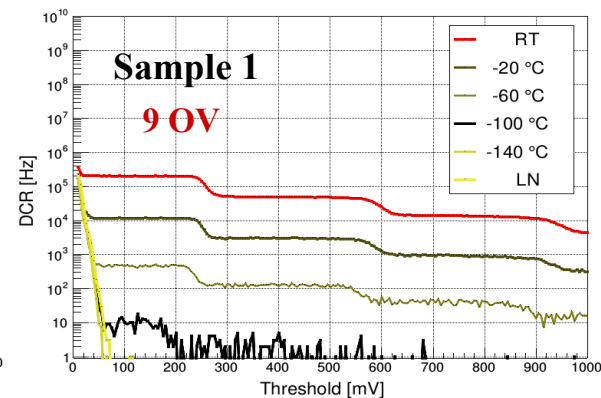
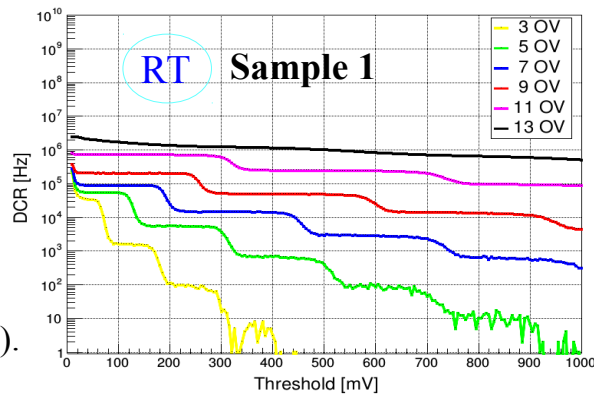
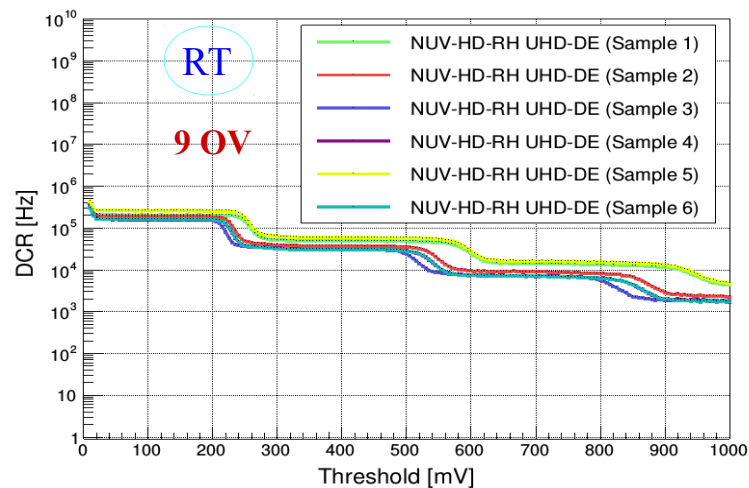
Threshold scan (Dark count rate)

Schematic Threshold scan measurements



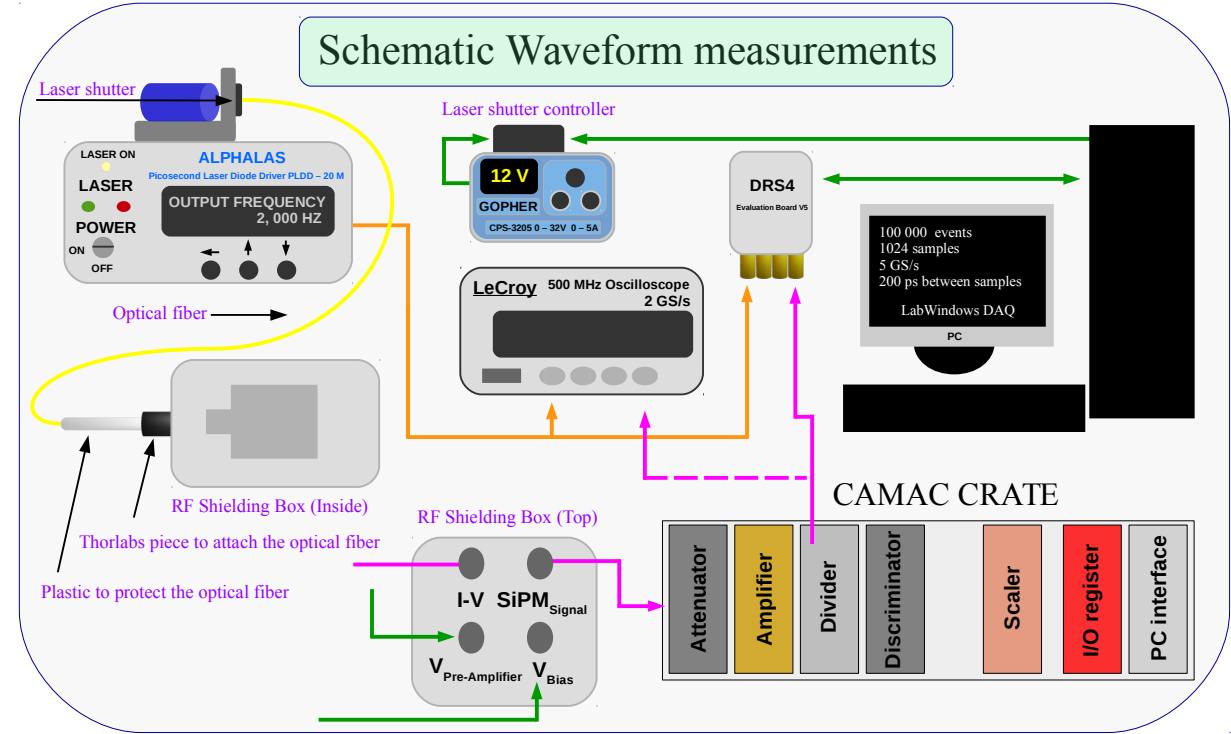
- 6 NUV-HD-RH UHD-DE SiPMs were characterized.
- The DCR increases with the increase in the overvoltage (OV).
- The DCR decreases with the decrease in temperature.

SiPM characterization before irradiation

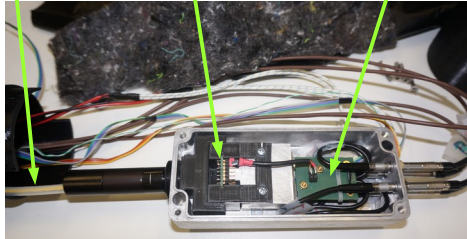


Results shown for Sample 1 are representative for the other 5 Samples

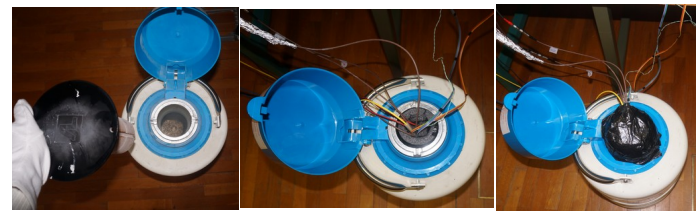
Waveform analysis



Optical fiber NUV-HD-RH UHD-DE SiPM Custom electronic board

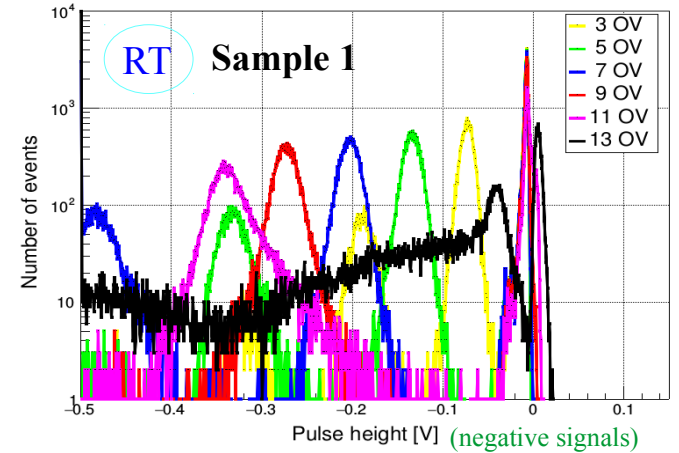
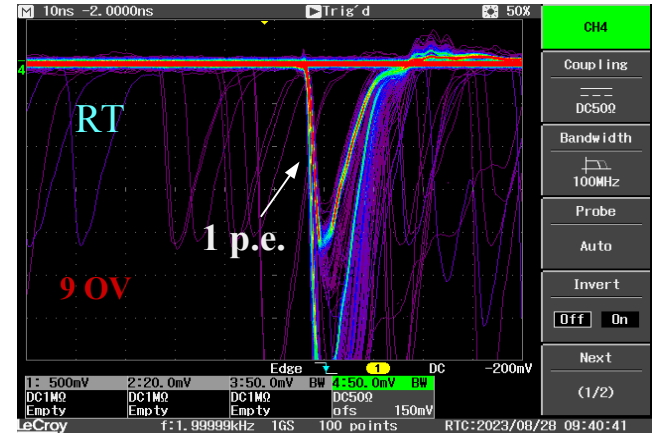


Setup into the liquid nitrogen container



SiPM characterization before irradiation

Signal shape & Pulse height distribution

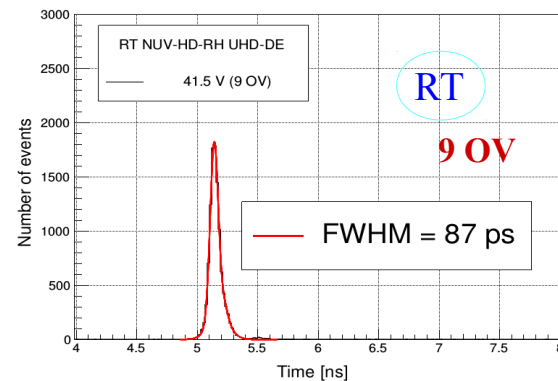
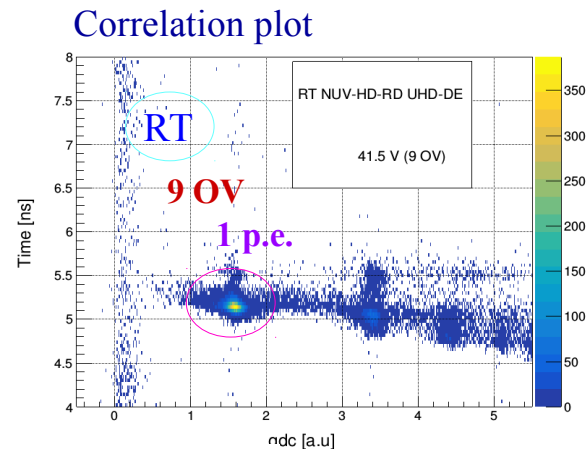
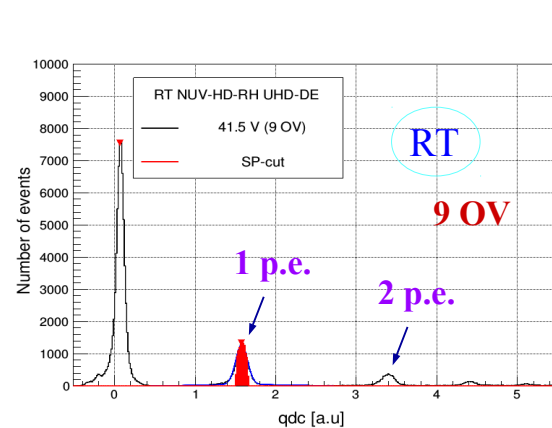
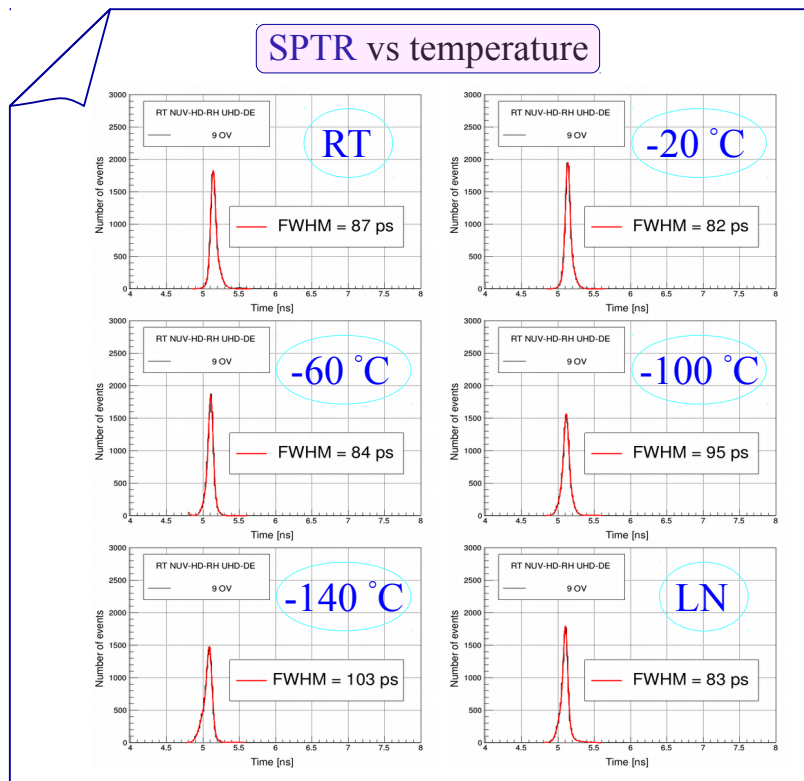


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Waveform analysis

SiPM characterization before irradiation

Charge distribution & Single photon timing resolution (SPTR)



- The **SPTR [FWHM]** values has no temperature dependence.
- The shape of the timing distribution is not always symmetric. Noise contribution could not be completely removed and it moves relative to the main peak randomly (in regards to temperature, Sample, and time).

- Single photon cut in the qdc distributions was always applied.
- An **SPTR < 100 ps [FWHM]** was measured.

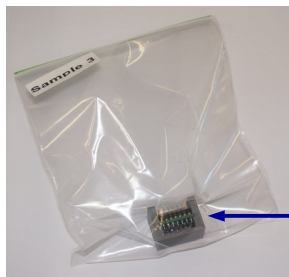
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Irradiation of the Samples

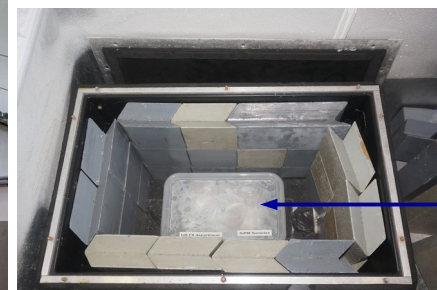
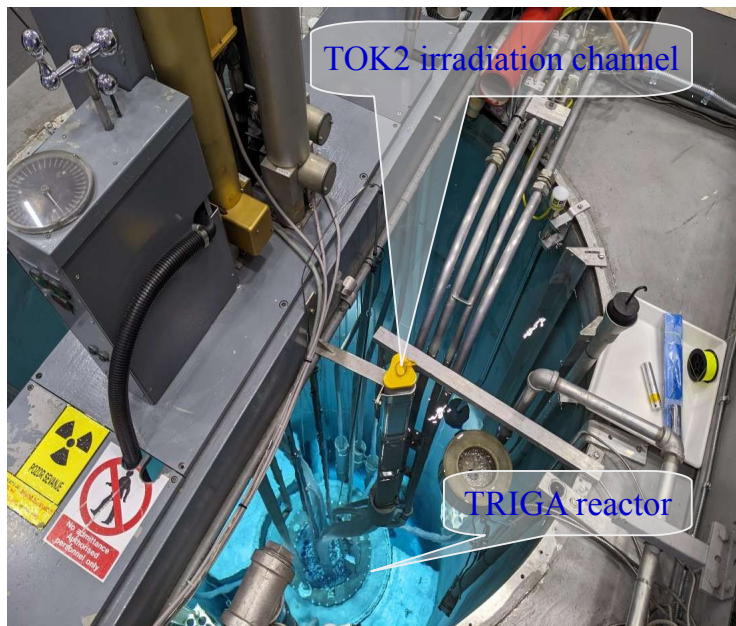
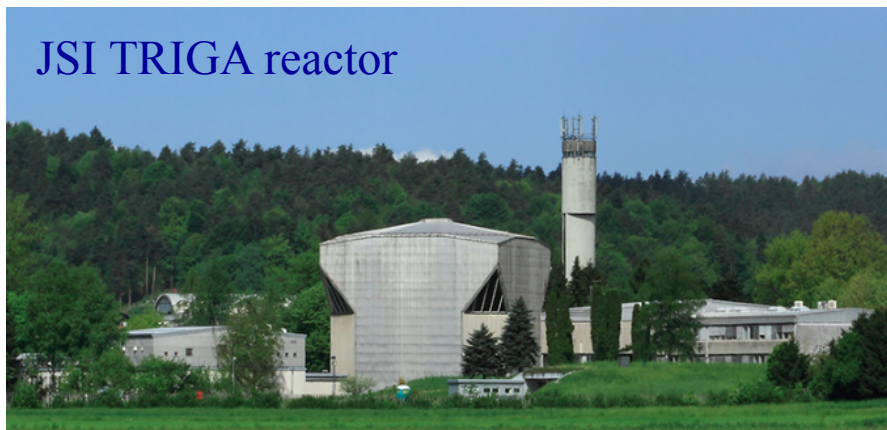
Preparing the Samples



The Samples were protected, avoiding contact between the SiPMs structures and the plastic bag.



JSI TRIGA reactor



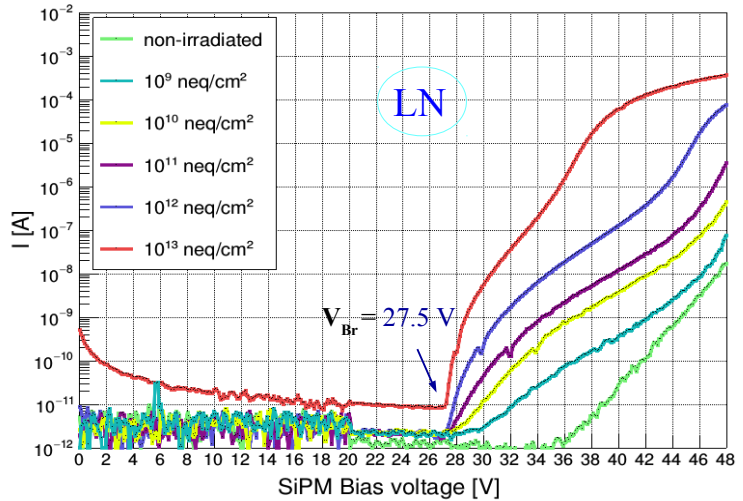
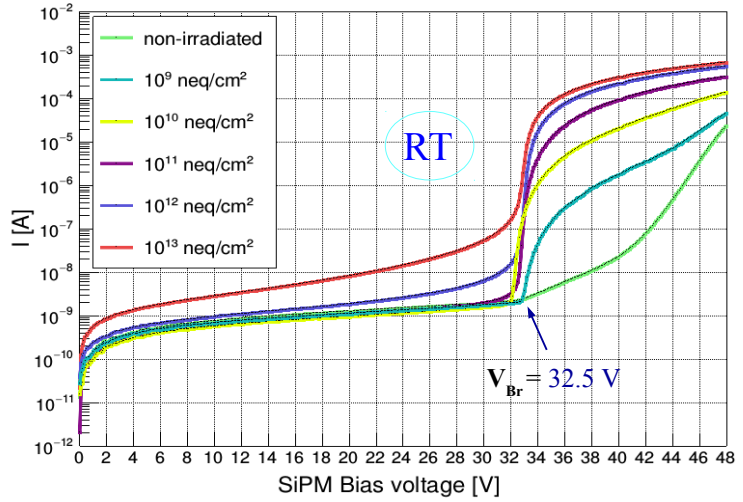
Irradiation 2/10/2023

Target [neq/cm ²]	Sample
10 ⁹	6
10 ¹⁰	5
10 ¹¹	4
10 ¹²	3
10 ¹³	2
Non-irradiated	1

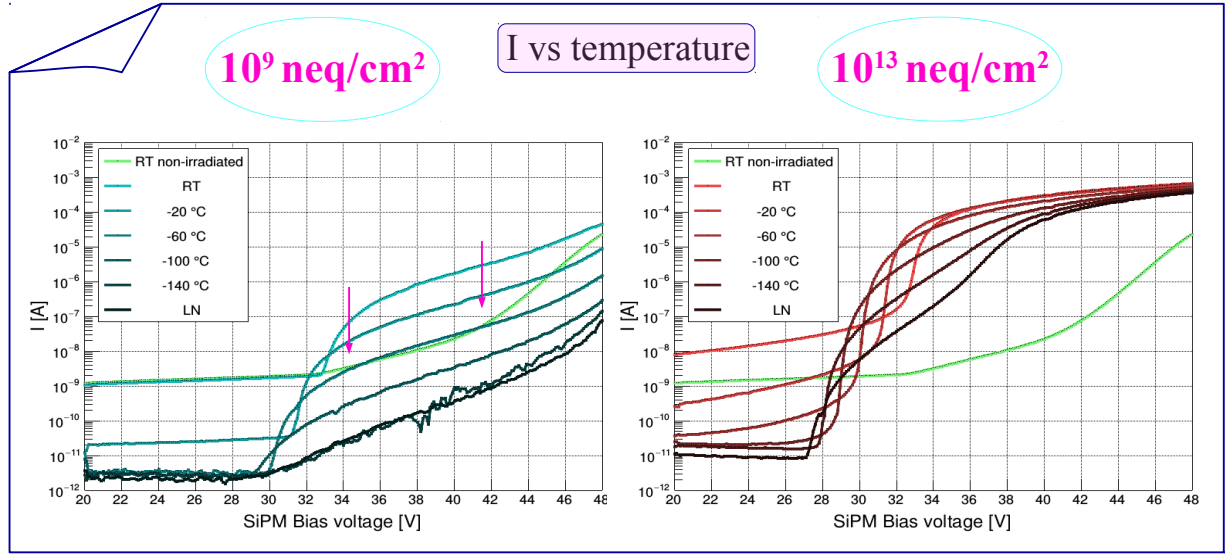
While waiting for re-characterization after irradiation, the Samples were placed inside a freezer (~ -25 °C).

Current-voltage characteristics (I-V curve)

SiPM characterization after irradiation

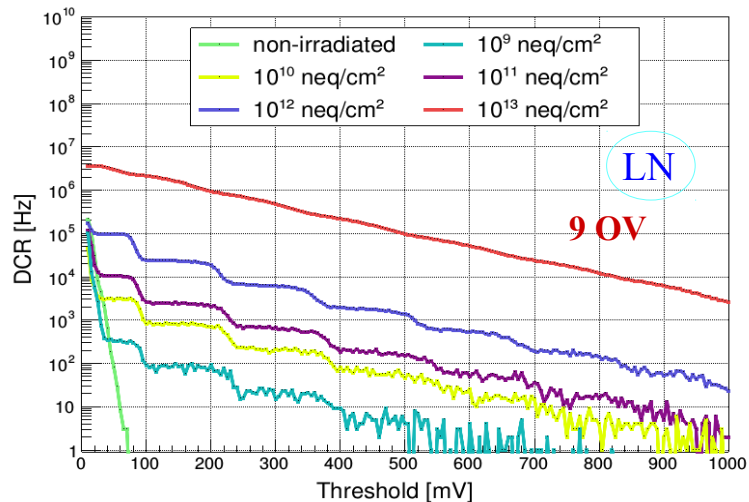
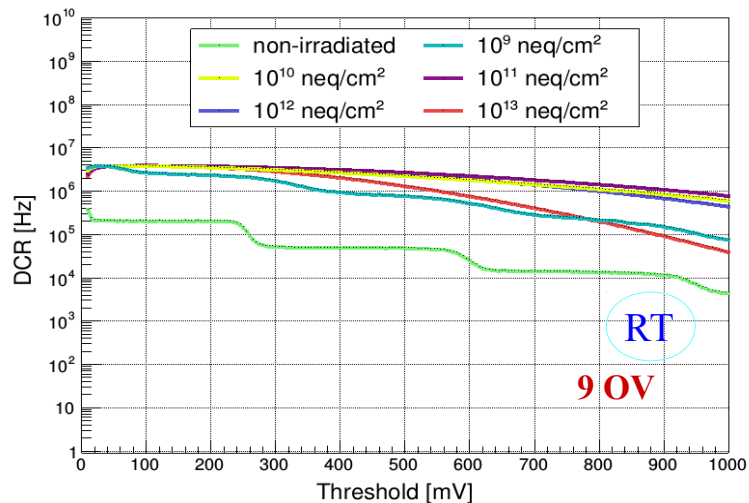


- 5 NUV-HD-RH UHD-DE SiPMs were characterized.
- The shape of the I-V curves depends on the irradiation level at any temperature step.
- The V_{Br} at RT remained at 32.5 V.
- The V_{Br} shifts to lower values with the decrease in temperature.
- The V_{Br} in LN is at 27.5 V.
- Cooling irradiated SiPMs can match the I before irradiation until 10^{12} neq/cm^2 .

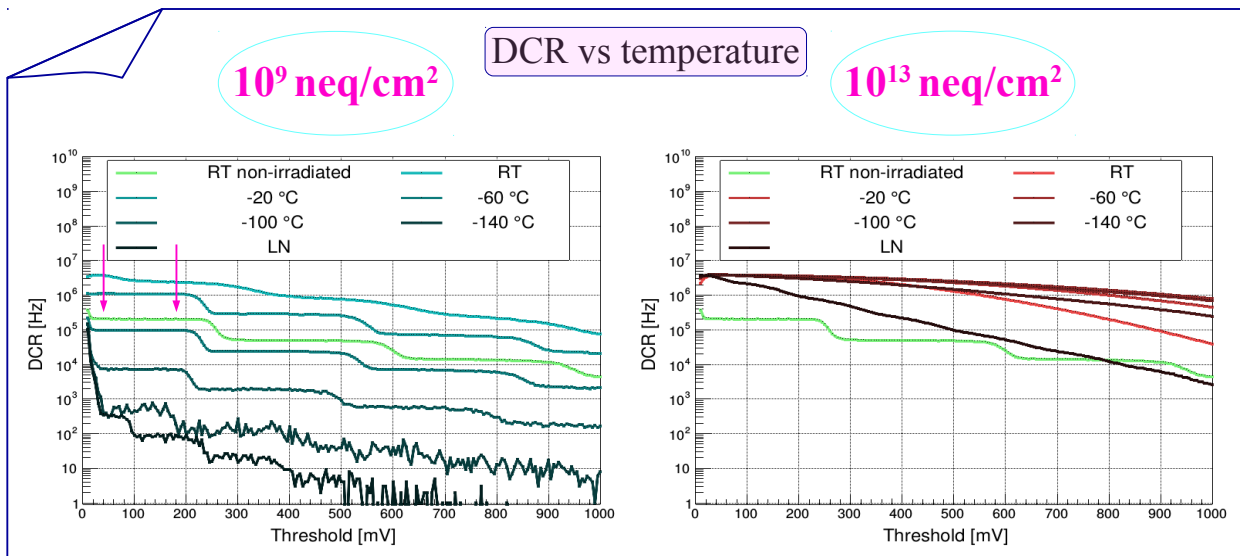


Threshold scan (Dark count rate)

SiPM characterization after irradiation



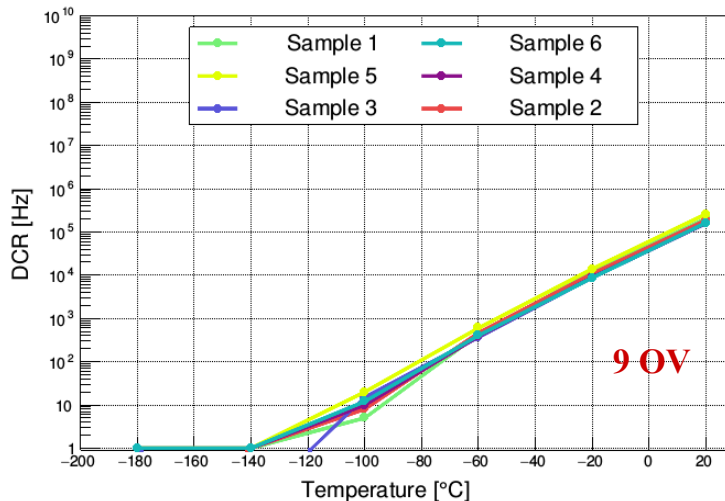
- 5 NUV-HD-RH UHD-DE SiPMs were characterized.
- The shape of the threshold scans in LN are fully dependent on the irradiation level.
- Cooling irradiated SiPMs can match the DCR before irradiation until 10^{12} neq/cm².



Threshold scan (Dark count rate)

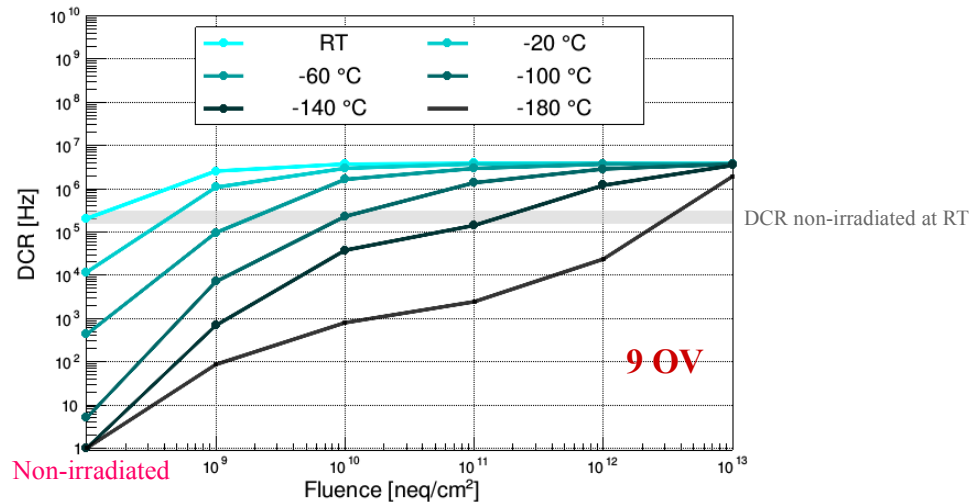
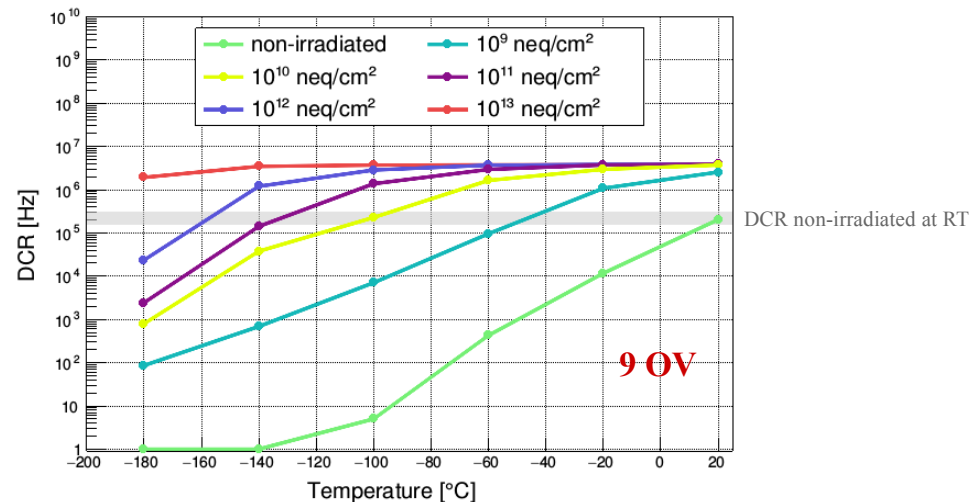
- DCR was measured at single photon level (0.5 p.e.).

SiPM characterization before irradiation

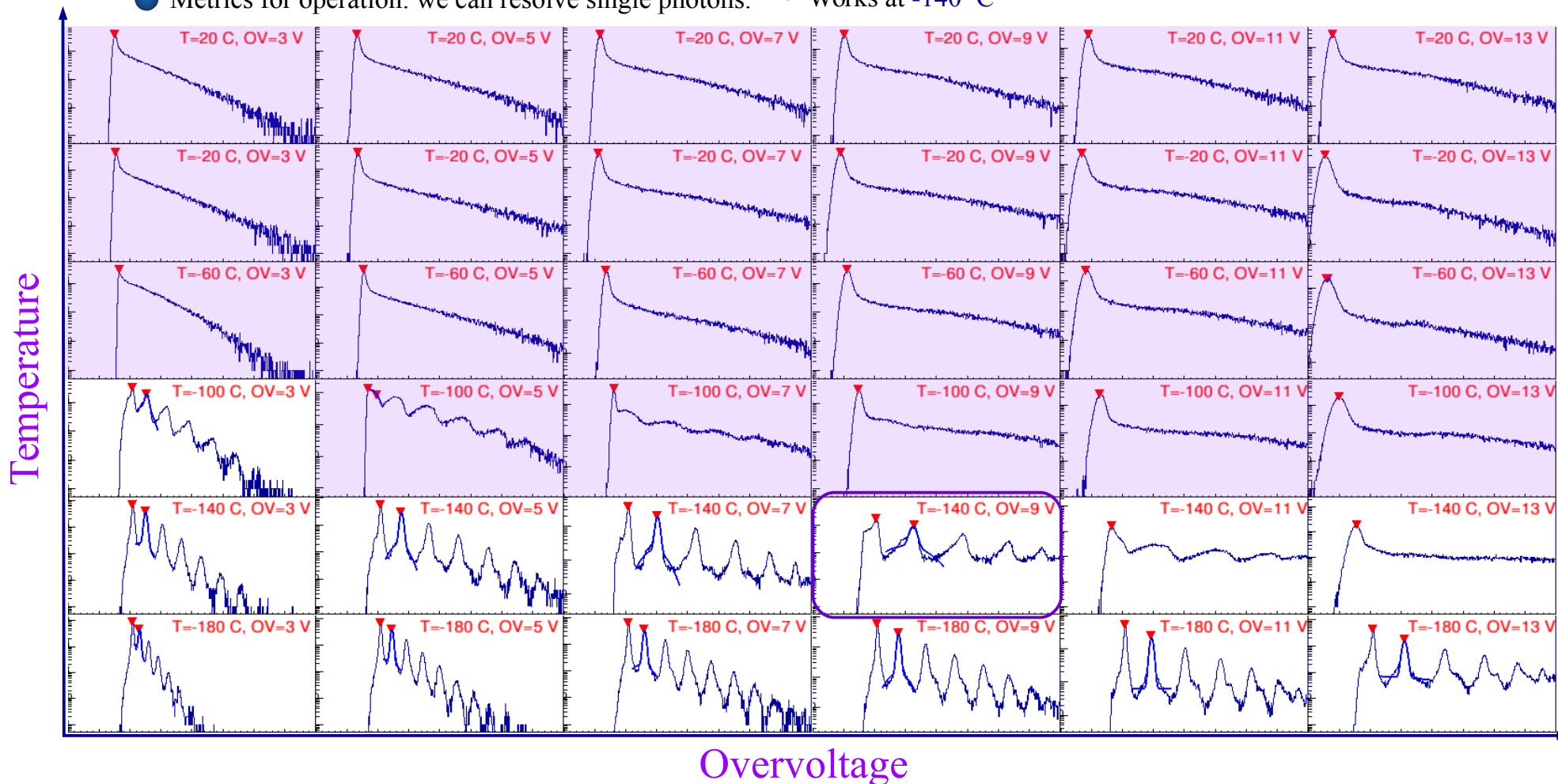


- Before irradiation DCR of all 6 **NUV-HD-RH UHD-DE** SiPMs decreases with temperature.
- Plot of DCR vs temperature at different fluences shows how much cooling is needed to get the same DCR as RT no-irradiated.
- Plot of DCR vs fluences at different temperatures shows how is the maximum fluence possible at certain cooling level.

SiPM characterization after irradiation



● Metrics for operation: we can resolve single photons. → Works at $-140 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

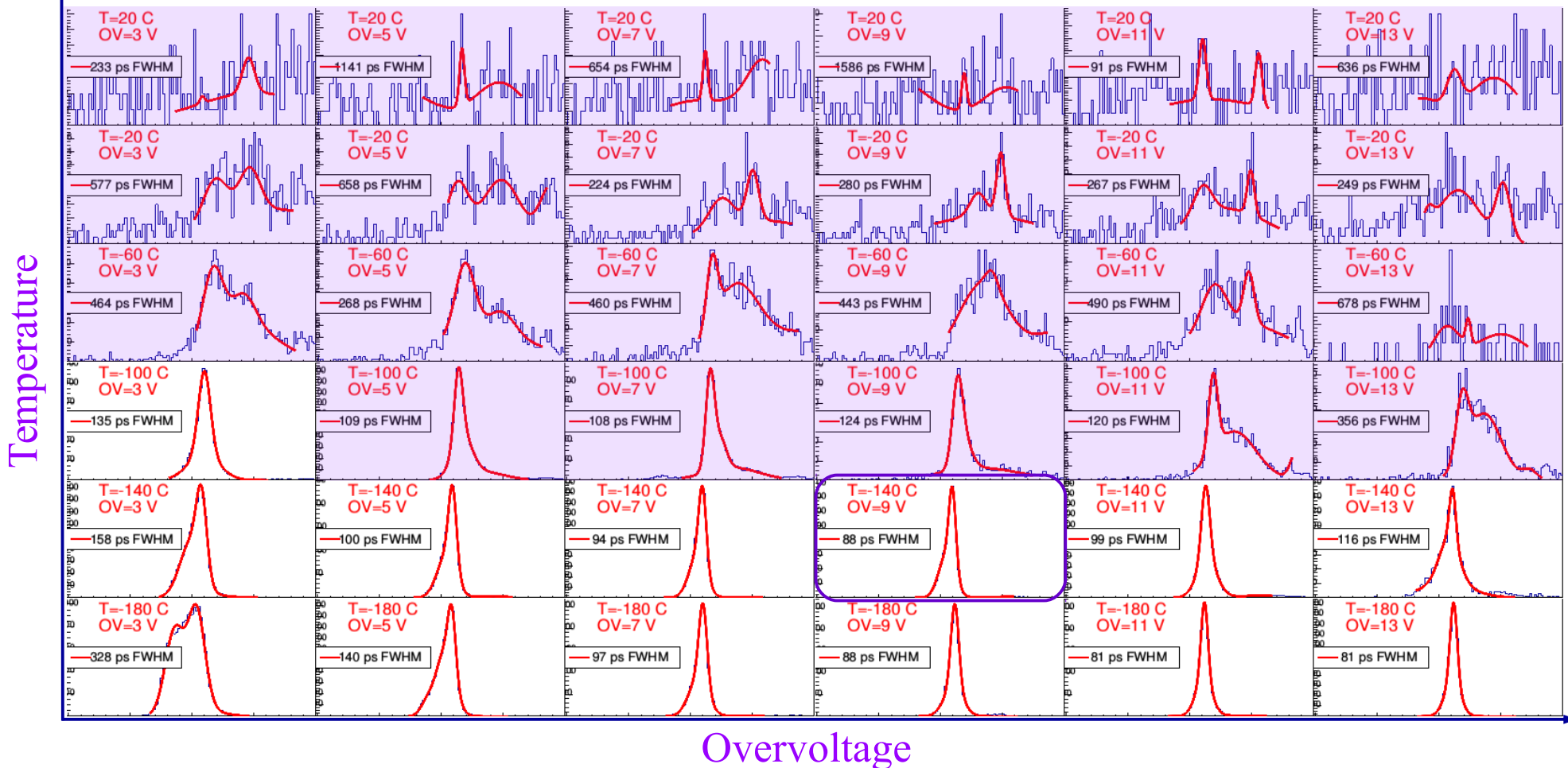


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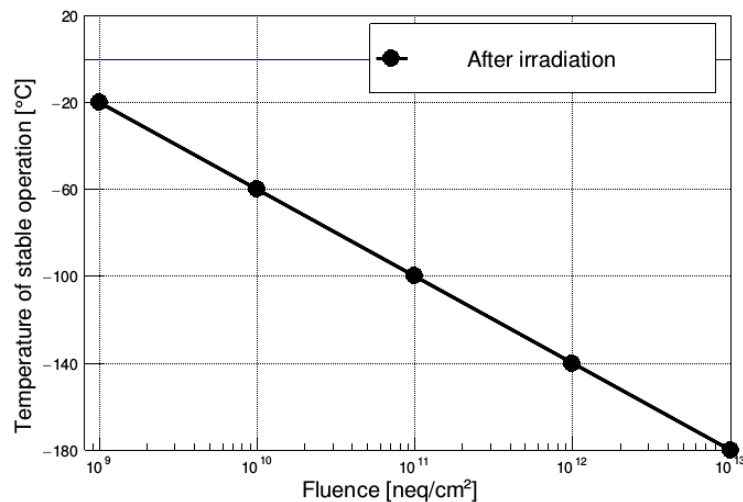
SiPM characterization after irradiation

SPTRs at 10^{12} neq/cm²

● SPTRs at 10^{12} neq/cm², if metric from previous slide is used.

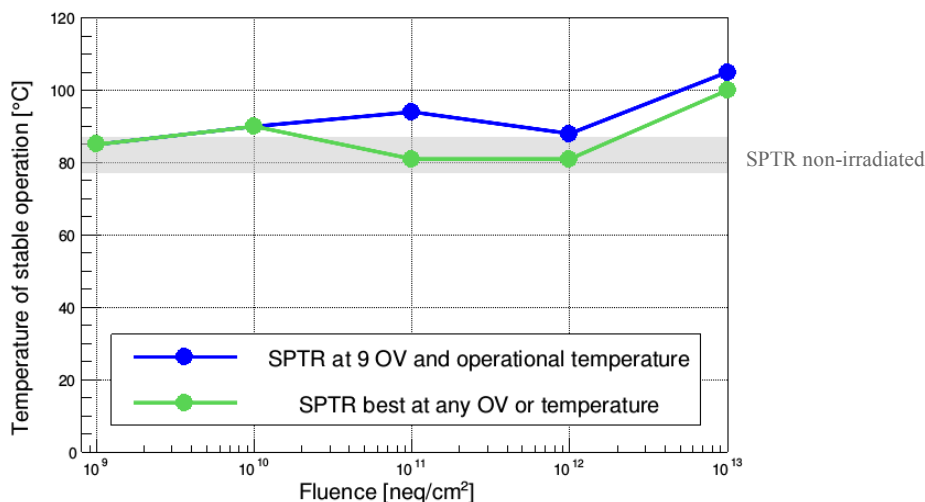


- The temperature of stable operation for the SiPMs after irradiation was defined to be when single photon cut is possible at **9 OV**.



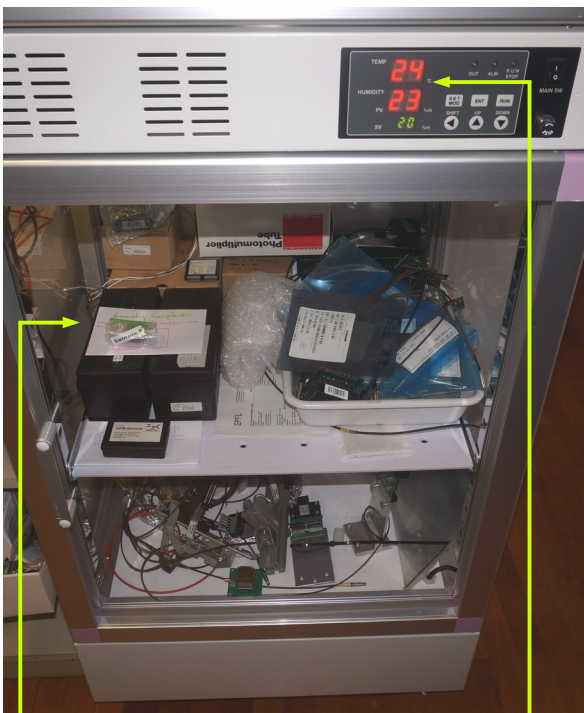
- By **10¹³ neq/cm²** colling to LN is necessary.

- SPTR [FWHM]** of the SiPMs after irradiation.
- Best **SPTR [FWHM]** at any **OV** or temperature is also shown.

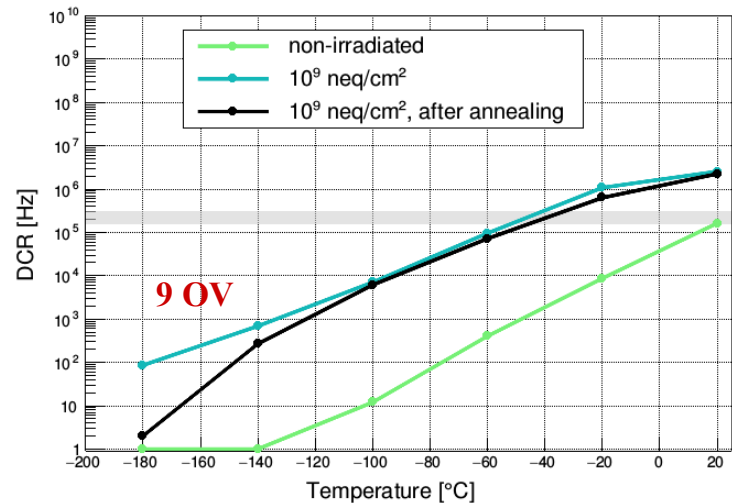
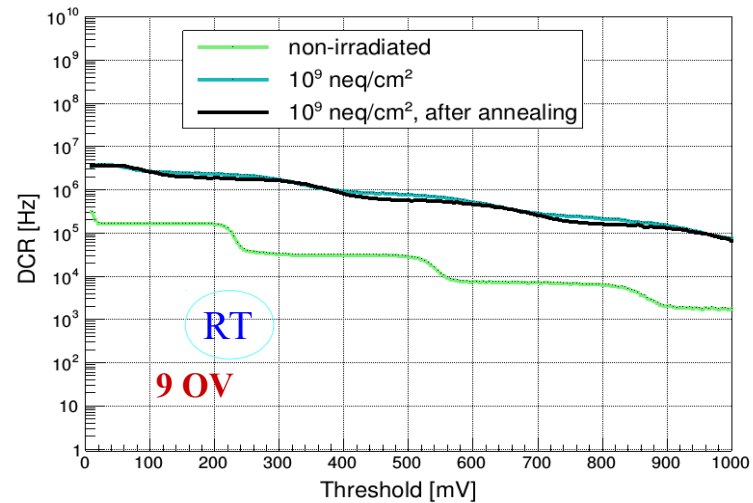
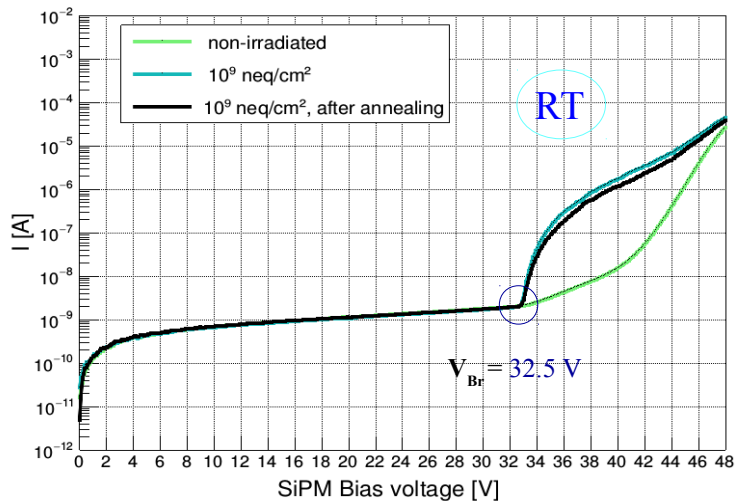


- SPTR [FWHM]** does not seem to be affected by irradiation as long as single photon cut is possible, at least until **10¹³ neq/cm²**.

Annealing studies after irradiation



Sample 6 was annealed at RT for 1 month



- After annealing Sample 6 for 1 month at RT, very small improvement was observed.
- **SPTR [FWHM]** was not changed.
- Next step: Annealing at high temperature.

Conclusions

- 6 **NUV-HD-RH UHD-DE SiPMs** were characterized before and after irradiation up to **10^{13} neq/cm²**.
- DCR increased with irradiation level.
- **SPTR** not degraded by irradiation, as long as single photons could be resolved.
- Cooling to certain level allowed irradiated **SiPMs** to operate well again.
- By **10^{13} neq/cm²**, cooling to ± 180 °C needed.
- Annealing at room temperature for 1 month only slightly improved performance (only sample irradiated at **10^9 neq/cm²** measured so far).



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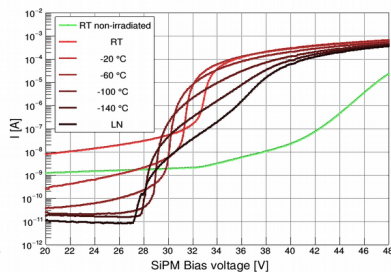
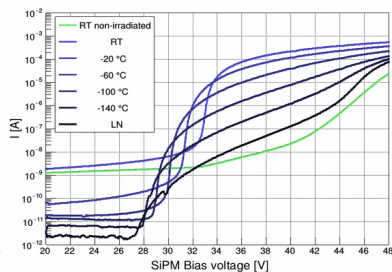
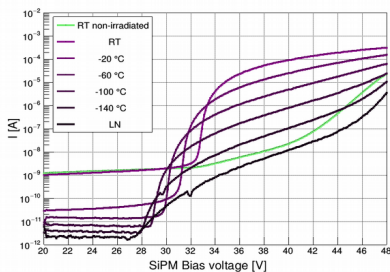
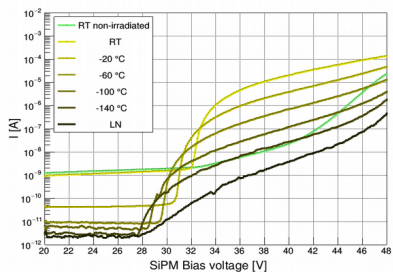
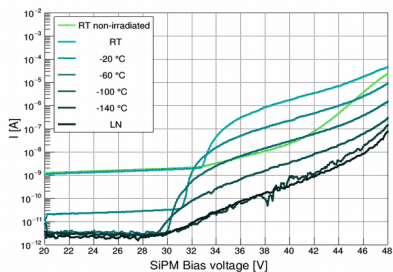


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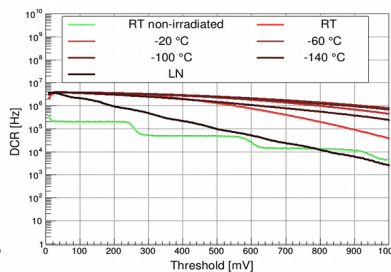
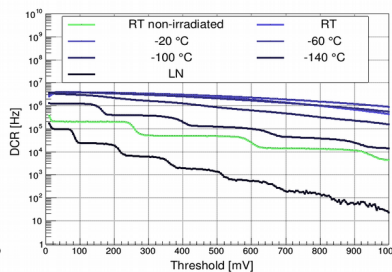
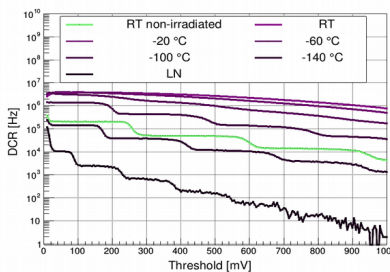
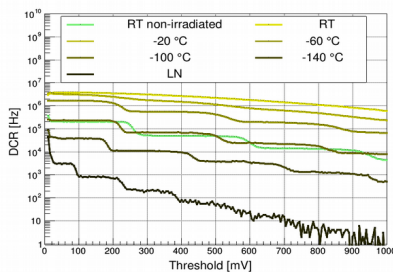
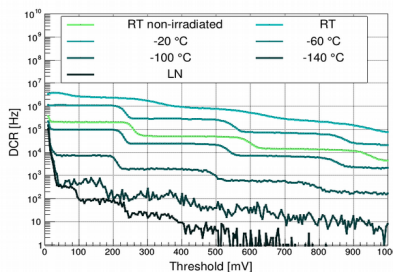
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10^9 neq/cm² 10^{10} neq/cm² 10^{11} neq/cm² 10^{12} neq/cm² 10^{13} neq/cm²

I vs temperature

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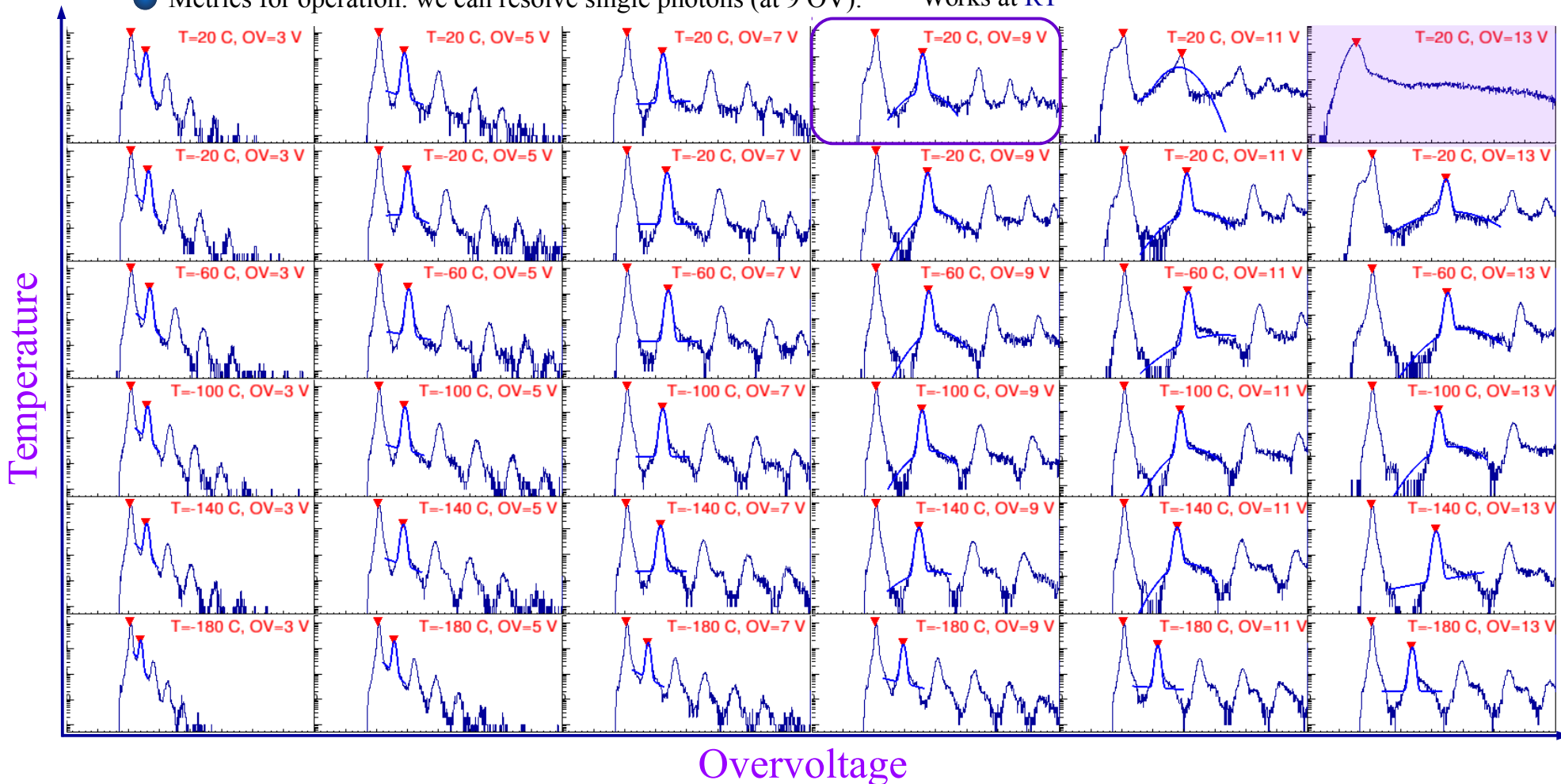
DCR vs temperature



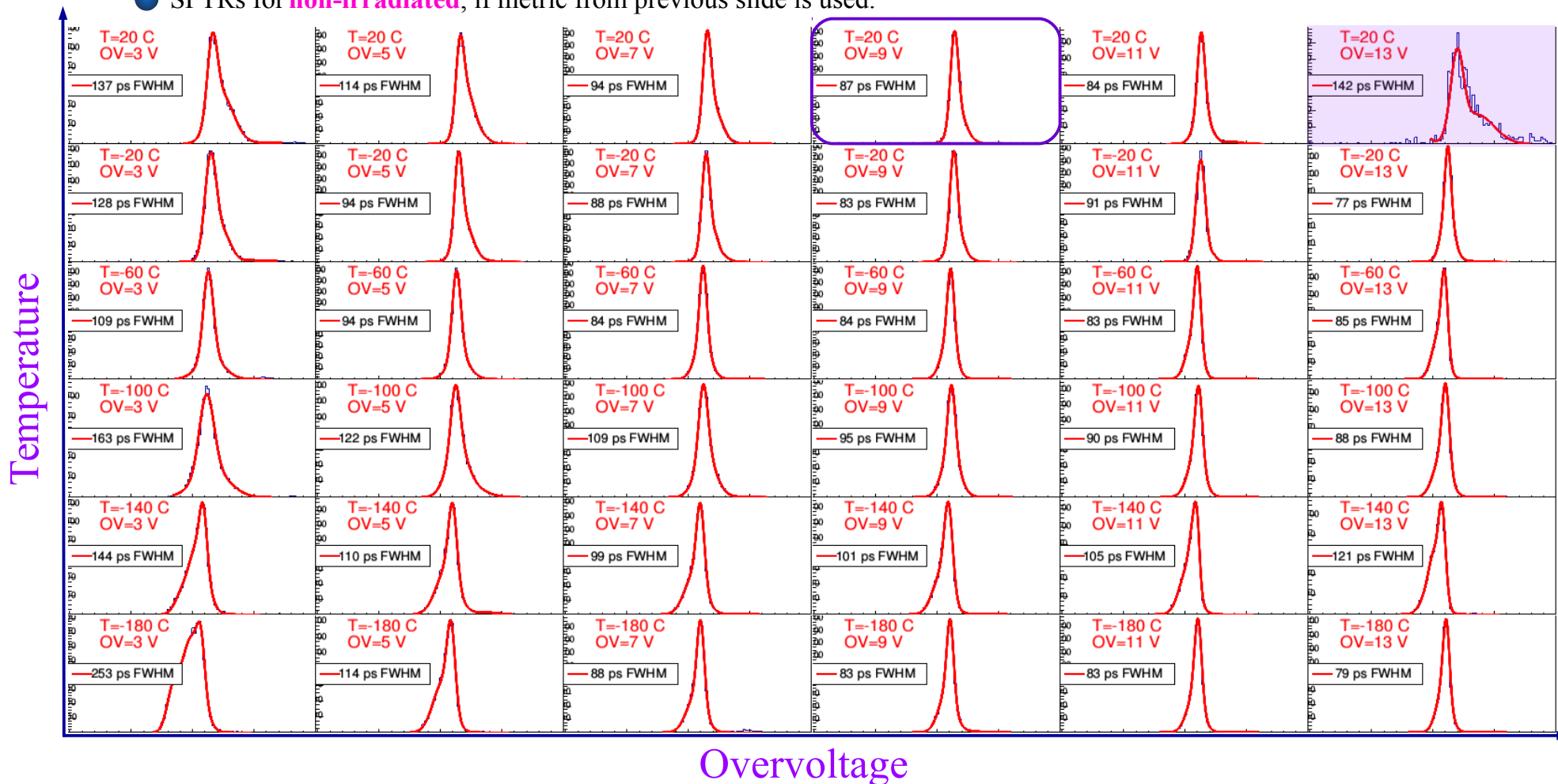
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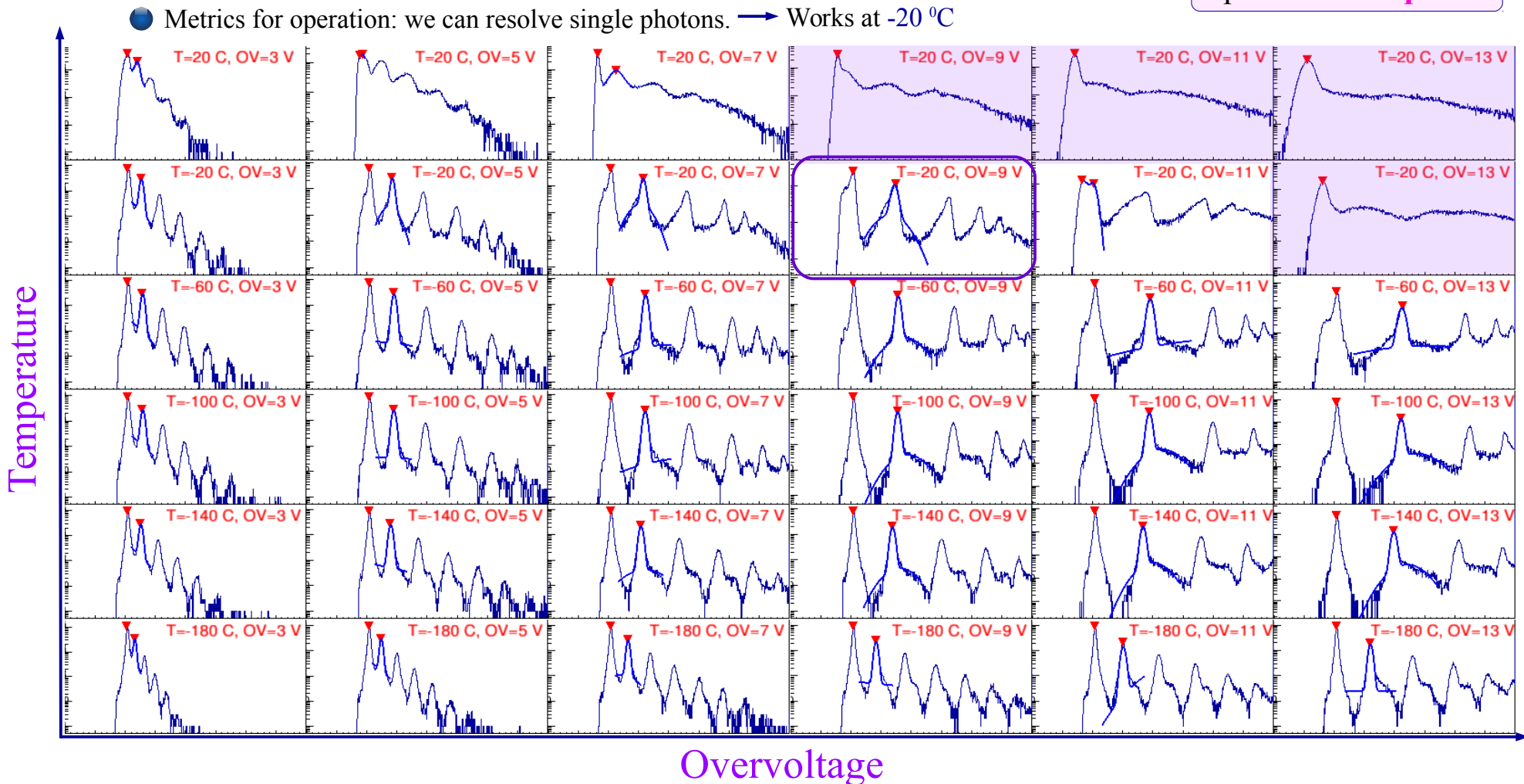
qdc's, **non-irradiated**

● Metrics for operation: we can resolve single photons (at 9 OV). → Works at RT

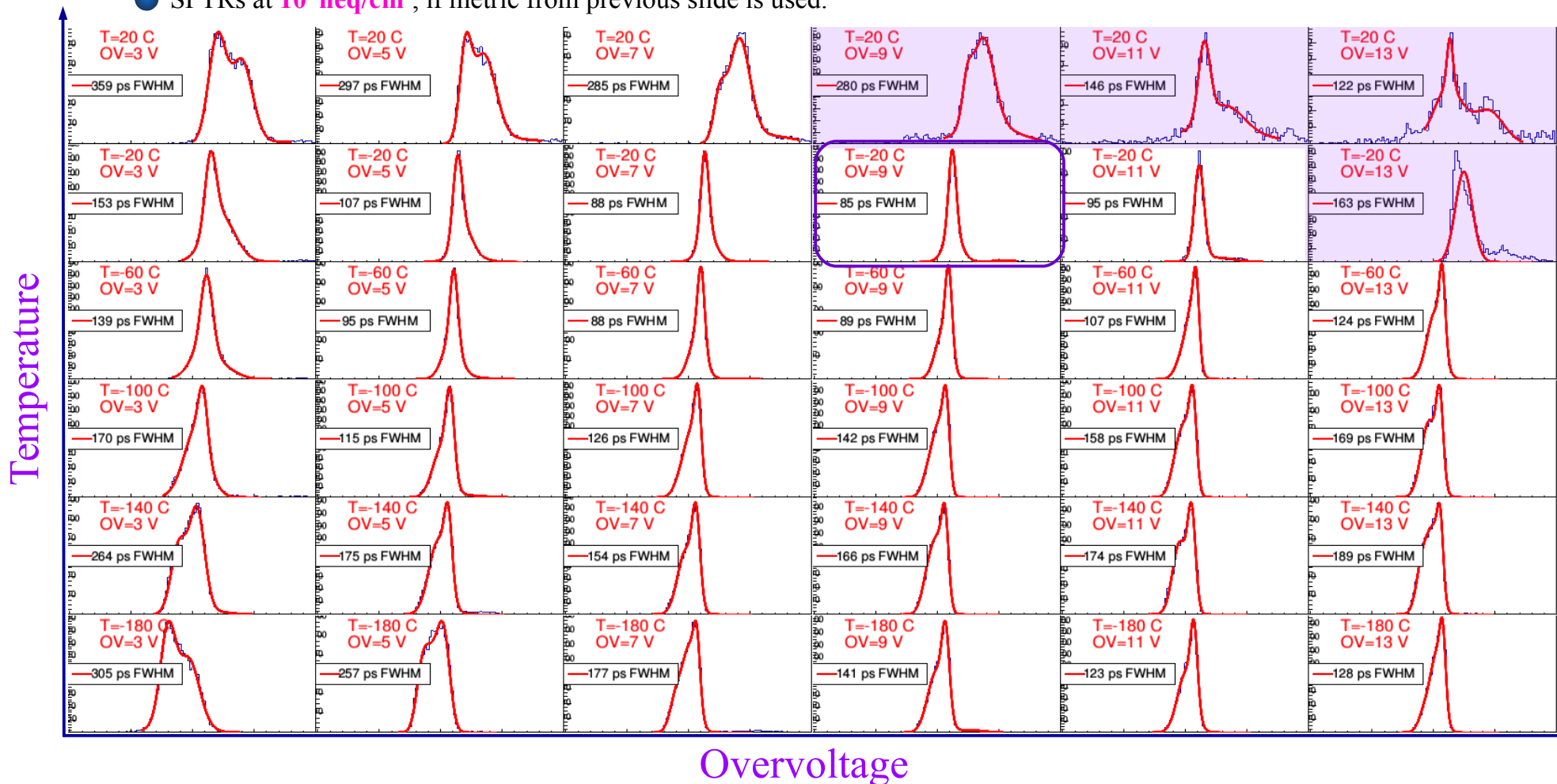


● SPTRs for **non-irradiated**, if metric from previous slide is used.

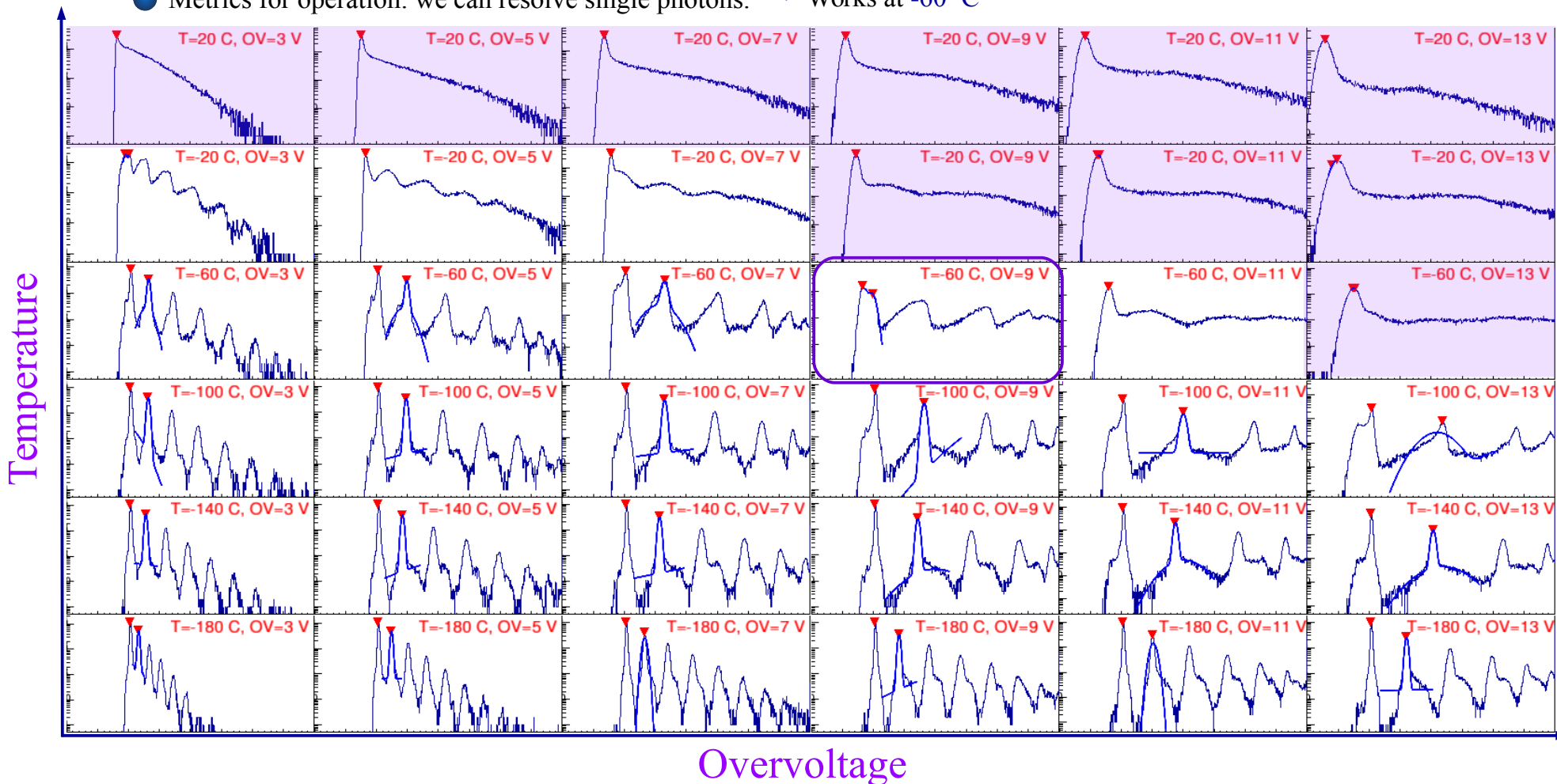




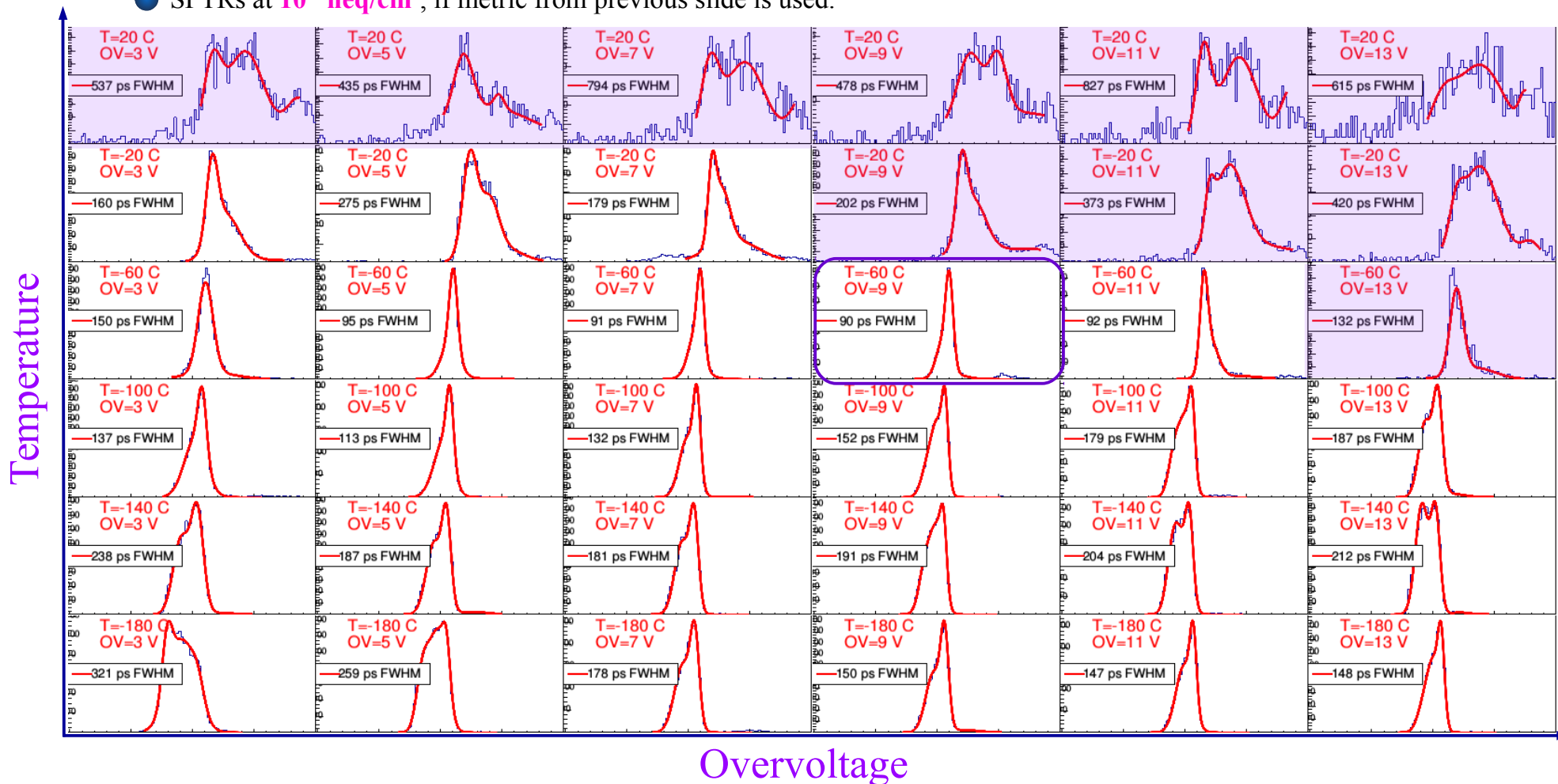
● SPTRs at 10^9 neq/cm^2 , if metric from previous slide is used.



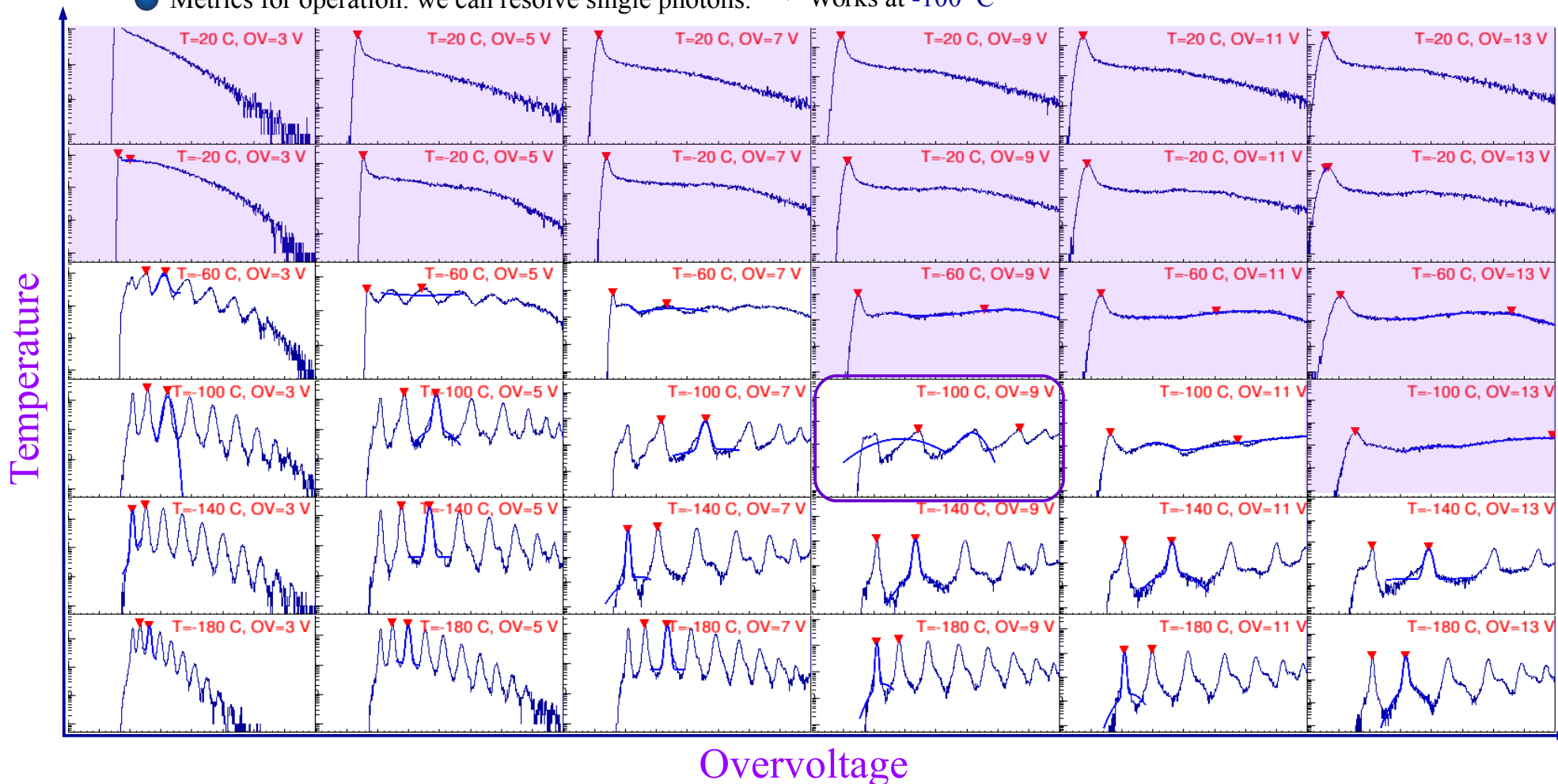
● Metrics for operation: we can resolve single photons. → Works at -60 °C



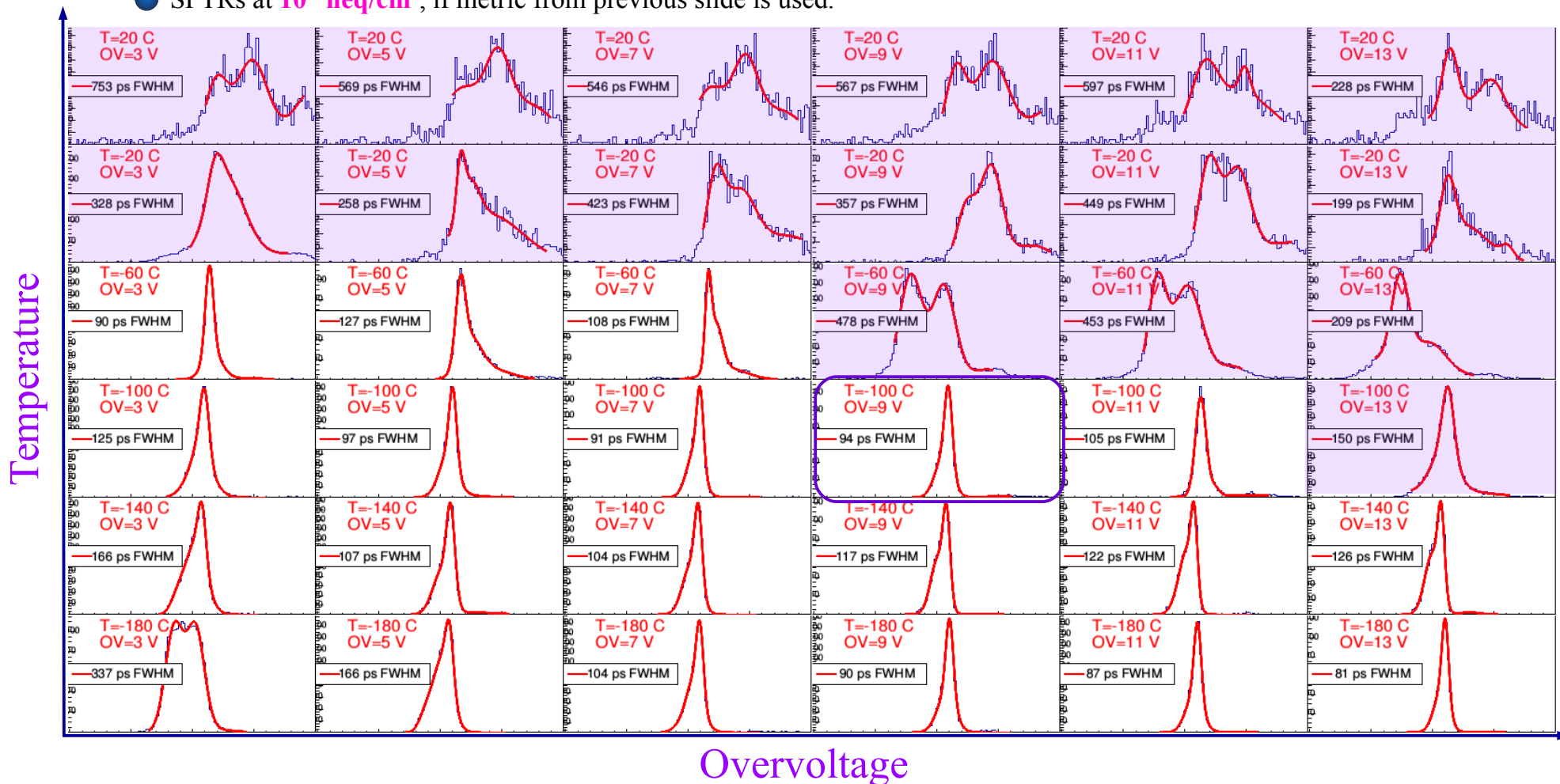
● SPTRs at 10^{10} neq/cm², if metric from previous slide is used.



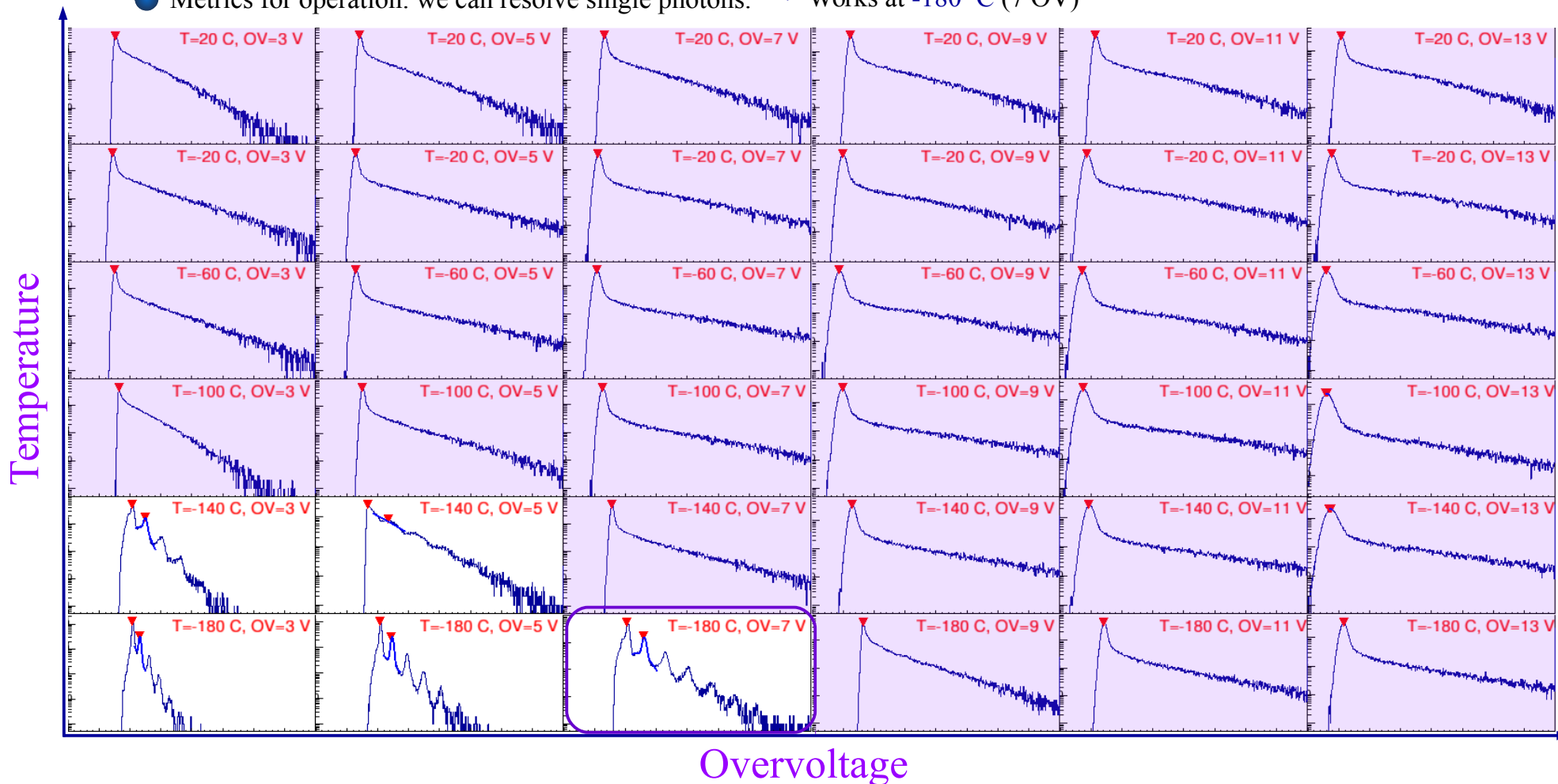
● Metrics for operation: we can resolve single photons. → Works at -100 °C



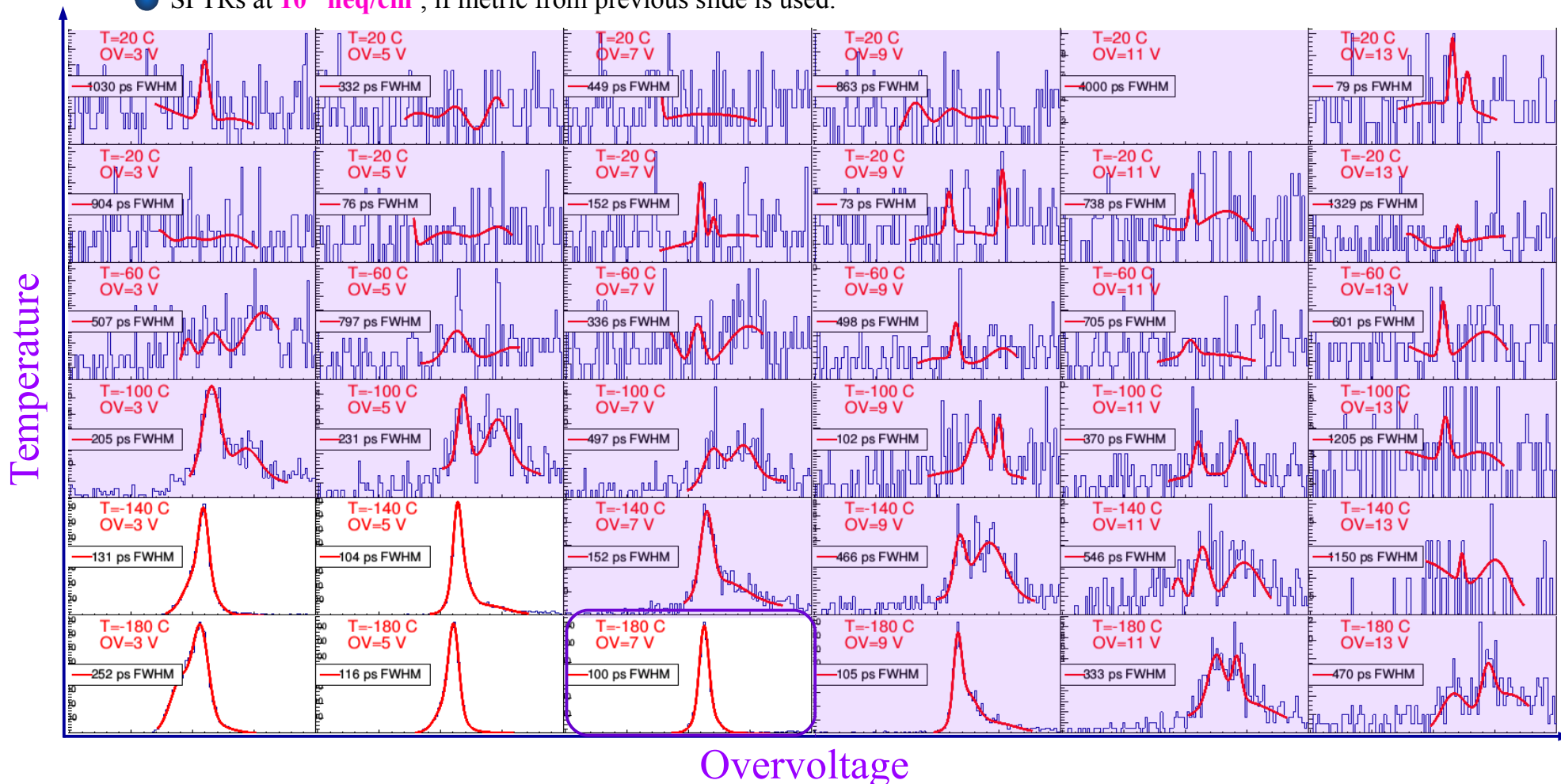
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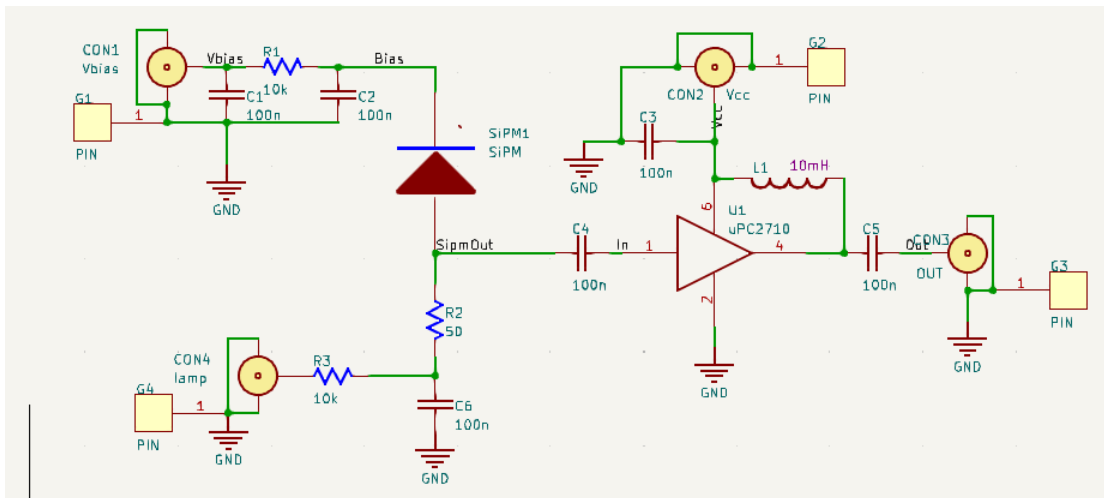
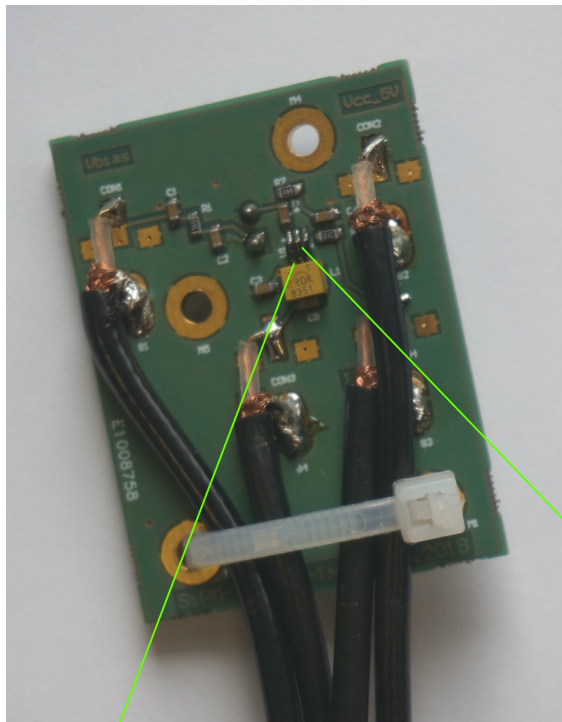
● Metrics for operation: we can resolve single photons. → Works at $-180 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (7 OV)



● SPTRs at 10^{13} neq/cm², if metric from previous slide is used.



Custom electronic board used for these measurements



DATA SHEET

NEC BIPOLAR ANALOG INTEGRATED CIRCUIT
 μ PC2710TB

5 V, SUPER MINIMOLD SILICON MMIC
MEDIUM OUTPUT POWER AMPLIFIER

DESCRIPTION

The μ PC2710TB is a silicon monolithic integrated circuit designed as PA driver for 900 MHz band cellular telephone tuners. This IC is packaged in super minimold package which is smaller than conventional minimold.

The μ PC2710TB has compatible pin connections and performance to replace μ PC2710T of conventional minimold version. So, in the case of reducing your system size, μ PC2710TB is suitable to replace μ PC2710T.

This IC is manufactured using NEC's 20 GHz fr NESAT™ III silicon bipolar process. This process uses silicon nitride passivation film and gold electrodes. These materials can protect chip surface from external pollution and prevent corrosion/migration. Thus, this IC has excellent performance, uniformity and reliability.

FEATURES

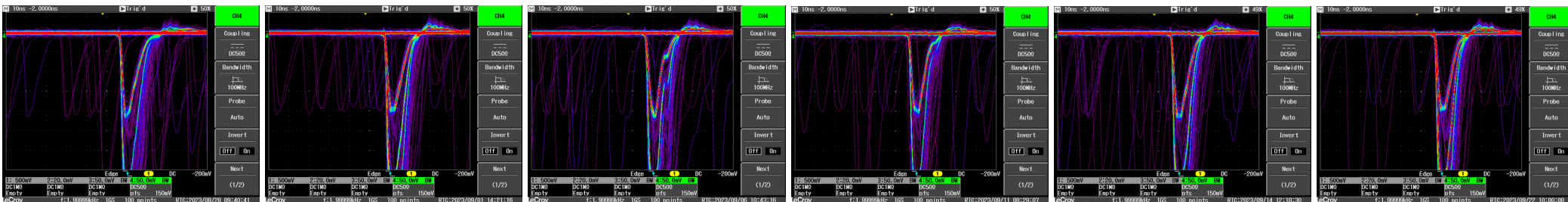
- High-density surface mounting
 - Wideband response
 - Medium output power
 - Supply voltage
 - Power gain
 - Port impedance
- : 6-pin super minimold package
 - : $f_0 = 1.0$ GHz TYP. @ 3 dB bandwidth
 - : $P_{out} = +13.5$ dBm TYP. @ $f = 500$ MHz with external inductor
 - : $V_{CC} = 4.5$ to 5.5 V
 - : $G_p = 33$ dB TYP. @ $f = 500$ MHz
 - : Input/output 50 Ω

The pre-amplifier is on the board itself.

6 SiPMs before irradiation

9 OV

RT



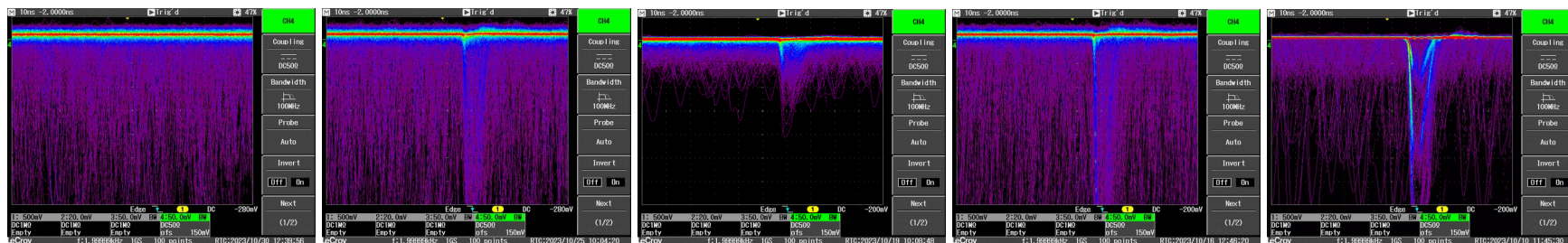
10^{13} neq/cm²

10^{12} neq/cm²

10^{11} neq/cm²

10^{10} neq/cm²

10^9 neq/cm²



Wrong OV

After annealing

