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# CIEMAT R&D on light readout for cryogenic neutrino detectors (WP9)

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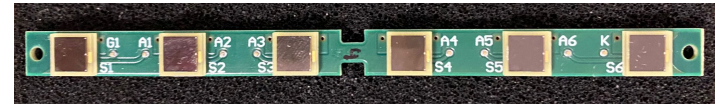
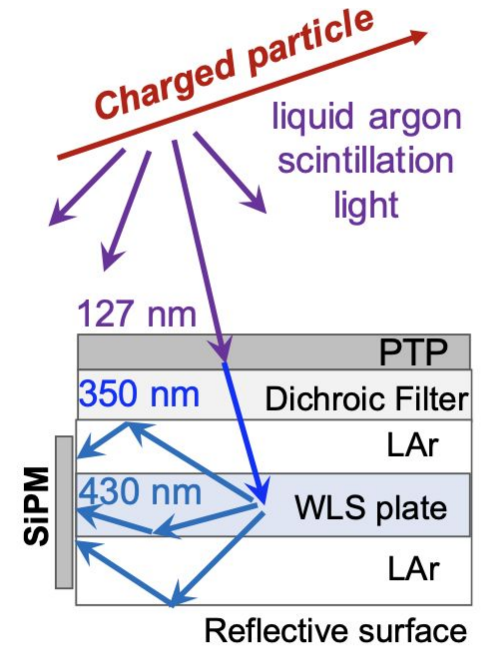
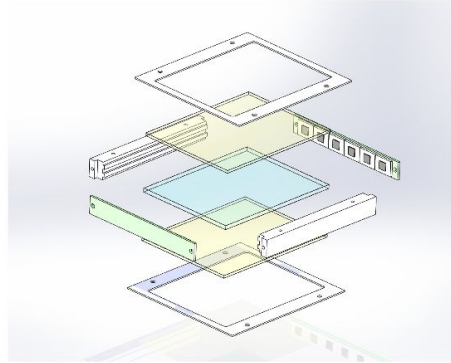
# Photon Detectors in LAr: X-ARAPUCAs

## Challenges:

- The emitted photons' wavelength is **127 nm (VUV)** and typically photosensors are not sensitive.
- **Large detection area** is needed, but available space is limited.

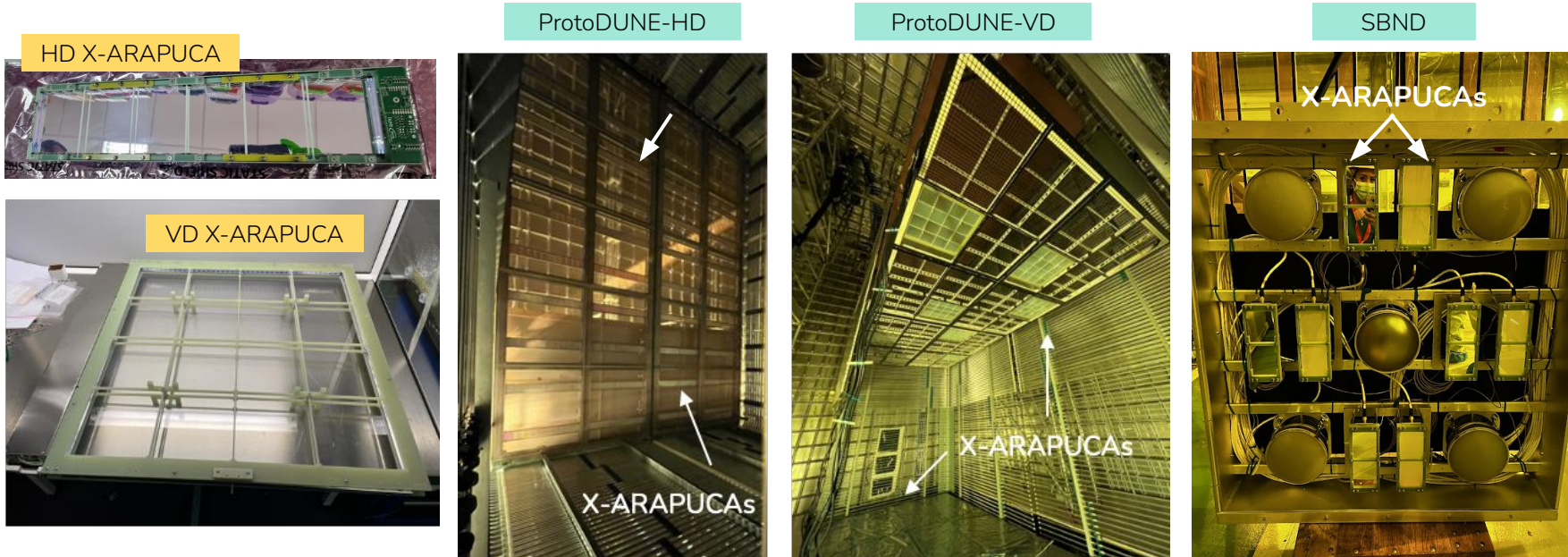
## X-ARAPUCA clever design:

- Traps the light and shift photons' wavelength to  $\sim 400$  nm.
- More light opens additional physics opportunities like calorimetry and triggering.



# Photon Detectors in LAr: X-ARAPUCAs

- **DUNE HD X-ARAPUCAs** (10x50 cm<sup>2</sup>): 6000 modules in DUNE FD, under commissioning in ProtoDUNE-HD.
- **DUNE VD X-ARAPUCAs** (60x60 cm<sup>2</sup>): 672 modules in DUNE FD, to be tested in ProtoDUNE-VD in 2024.
- **SBND X-ARAPUCAs** (10x24 cm<sup>2</sup>): 192 modules (visible and VUV sensitive), under commissioning.



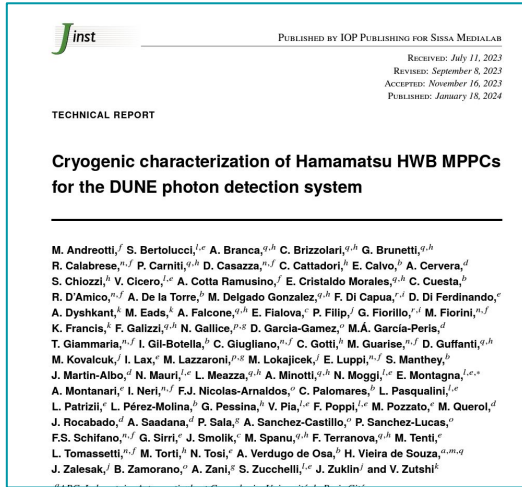
# CIEMAT main activities on light readout R&D

1. SiPMs
2. DUNE HD X-ARAPUCA photon detection efficiency (PDE)
3. SBND X-ARAPUCA PDE
4. DUNE VD X-ARAPUCA PDE
5. ProtoDUNE-VD
6. DAPHNE electronics

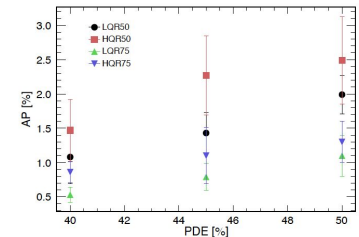
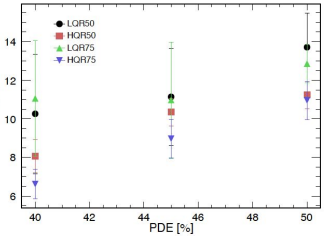
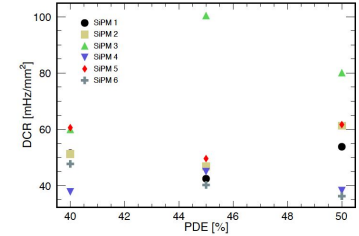
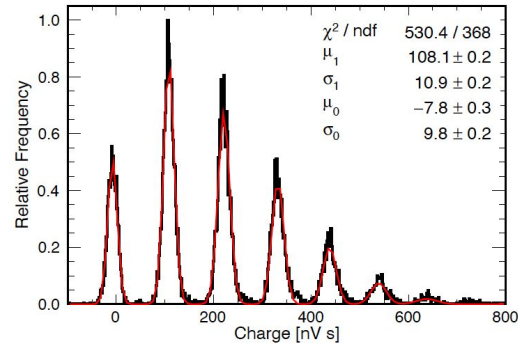
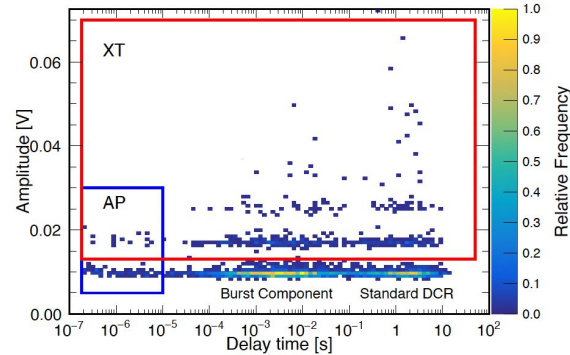
# 1. R&D related to SiPMs

# Publication of DUNE HPK SiPM characterization

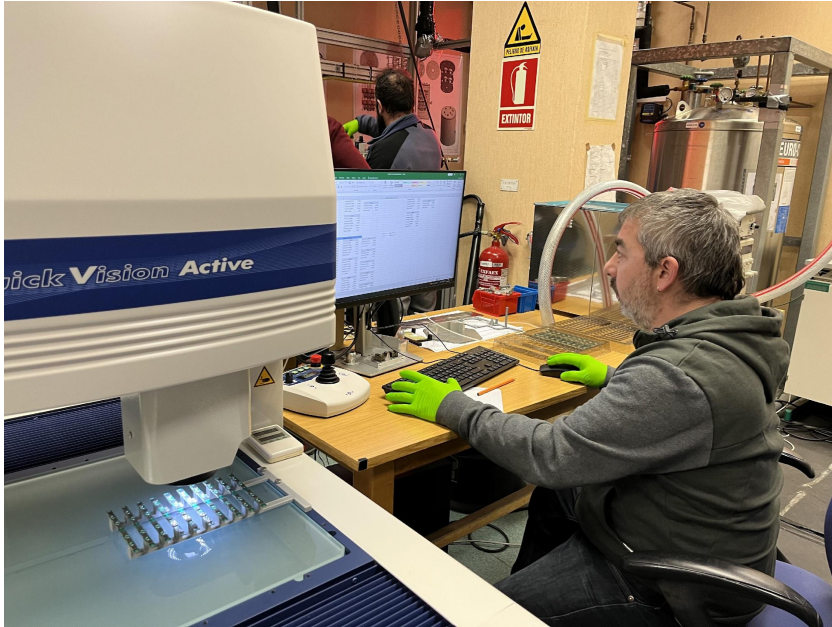
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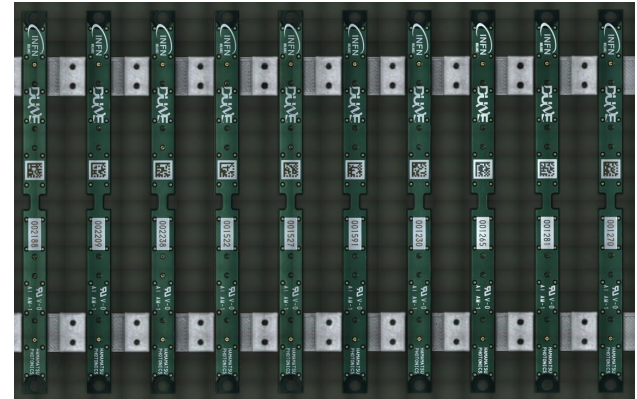
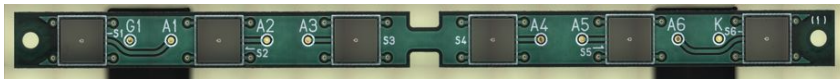
DUNE photosensor WG: CIEMAT, Czech Technical Univ, IFIC, INFN Bologna, Ferrara, Milano, Milano-Bicocca, Napoli, NIU, Campinas, Granada



# Production phase: Mechanical measurements of SiPM boards



- Measurements made with a **3D vision machine**. Model: QUICK VISION Active 404. Precision:  $\pm 1.5 \mu\text{m}$ .
- **HPK**: 723 PCBs measured (4338 SiPMs & 5784 Pins).
- **FBK**: 50 PCBs measured (300 SiPMs & 400 Pins).

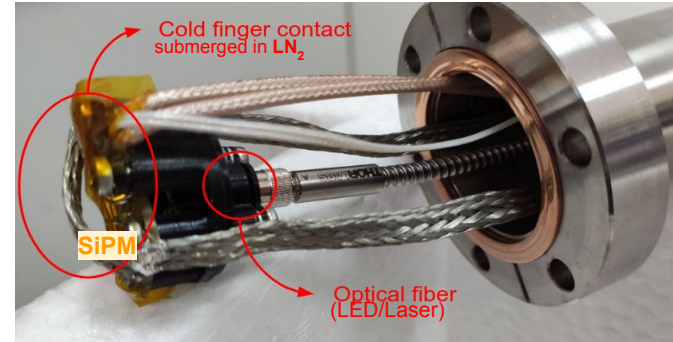


# Measurement of HPK VUV4 SiPMs PDE at CT

Measure the PDE at CT relative to the one provided by HPK at RT:

$$PDE_{CT} = \frac{PE_{CT}}{PE_{RT}} PDE_{RT}$$

**RESULT**      **CIEMAT Measurement**      **HPK Calibration**



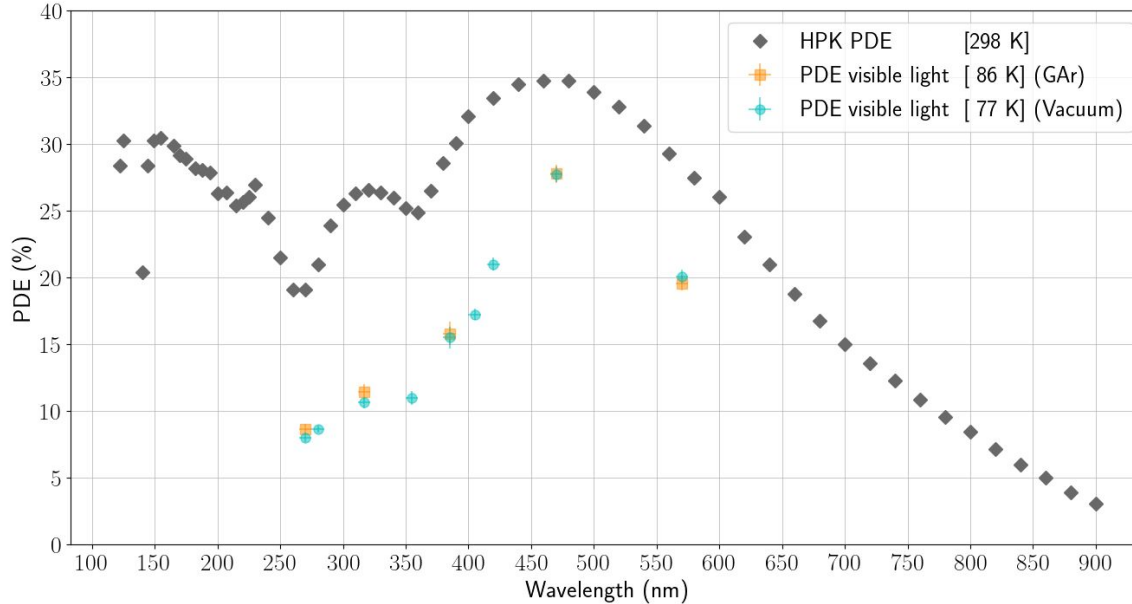
The procedure was:

1. **Gain calibration** measurements at RT for three different OV values.
2. **High-intensity light pulse** signal acquisition at RT for wavelengths between 270 – 570 nm.
3. **Cooldown** of the system to LN<sub>2</sub> temperature.
4. **Gain calibration** measurements at CT for three different OV values.
5. **High-intensity light pulse** signal acquisition at CT for wavelengths between 270 – 570 nm.



# Measurement of HPK VUV4 SiPMs PDE at CT

## RESULTS



- Two setups obtained compatible results showing a decrease in PDE for the Hamamatsu VUV4 SiPMs S13370 - 6075CN when operating at CT.
- The difference between PDE at different temperatures is also dependant on the wavelength: we can see less decrease in the PDE at CT for  $\sim$  [450, 480] nm.

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# Photon Detection Efficiency

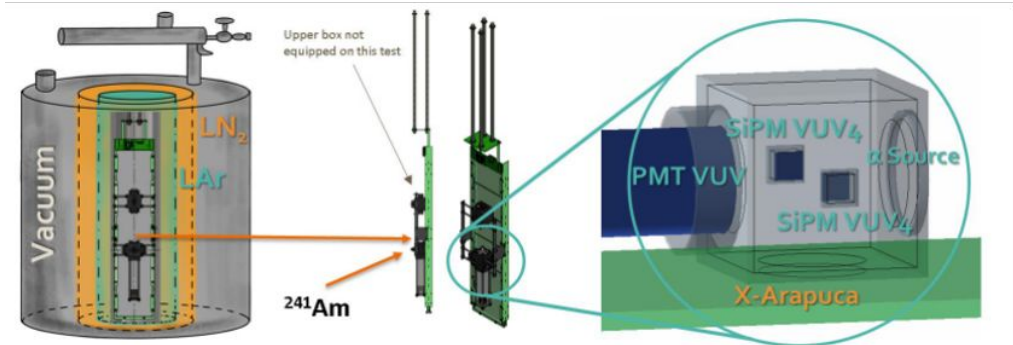
# PHOTON DETECTION EFFICIENCY MEASUREMENT

- **Reference parameter** for:
  - X-ARAPUCA design optimization.
  - **Data-MC comparison** in ProtoDUNE and DUNE.
- **Challenge:** need to be measured with VUV light and cryogenic temperature.
- **Method:** comparison of detected light with a reference sensor using an alpha source in LAr:

$$\epsilon_{\text{MAD}}(\text{XA}) = \frac{\#PE_{\text{u.a.}}(\text{XA})}{\#PE_{\text{u.a.}}(\text{Ref.SiPM})} \cdot \frac{\Omega_{\text{u.a.}}(\text{XA})}{\Omega_{\text{u.a.}}(\text{Ref.SiPM})} \cdot \epsilon(\text{Ref.SiPM}) \cdot f_{\text{corr}}$$

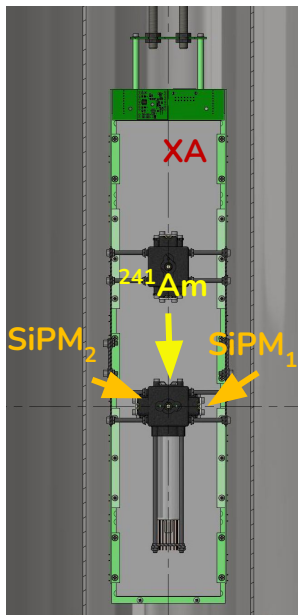
Developed different setups at CIEMAT to measure PDE of:

- FD1-HD X-ARAPUCAs
- SBND X-ARAPUCAs
- FD2-VD X-ARAPUCAs



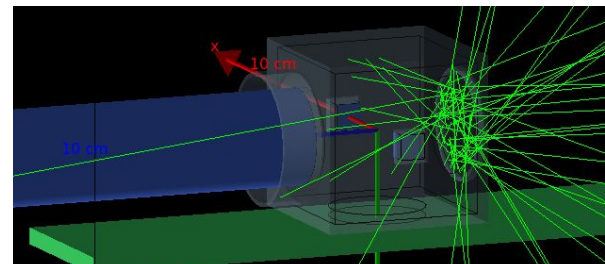
## 2. R&D related to DUNE HD PDE

# Final results of DUNE FD1-HD X-ARAPUCA detection efficiency



**Method (A):** reference SiPM comparison

$$\epsilon_A(\mathbf{XA}) = \frac{PE_{mm^2}(\mathbf{XA})}{PE_{mm^2}(\mathbf{SiPM})} \cdot f_{corr} \cdot \epsilon(\mathbf{SiPM})$$



**Method (B):** simulation based

$$\epsilon_B(\mathbf{XA}) = 100 \cdot \frac{PE(\mathbf{XA})}{\gamma_{expected}} \cdot f'_{corr}$$

Method	PDE % FBK + EJ (OV 4.5 V)	PDE % HPK + EJ (OV 3 V)	PDE % HPK + G2P (OV 3 V)
(A)	$1.34 \pm 0.24$	$1.59 \pm 0.29$	$2.13 \pm 0.38$
(B)	$1.61 \pm 0.12$	$1.86 \pm 0.15$	$2.50 \pm 0.21$

Publication in preparation

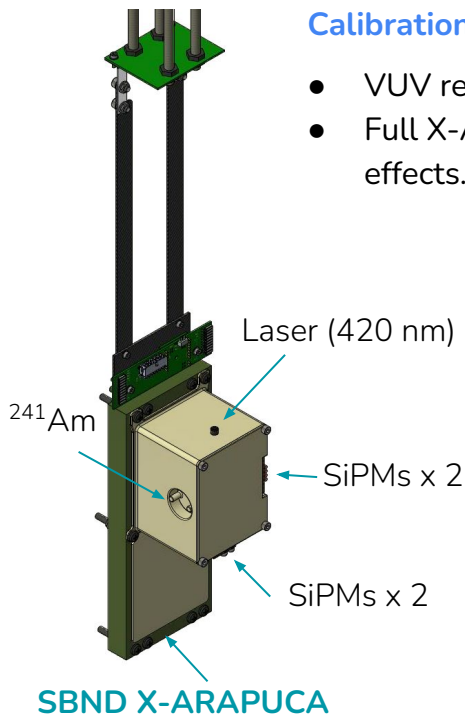
- Results from both methods in agreement
- 3 configurations tested: G2P plates present a higher efficiency

# 3. R&D related to SBND PDE

# SBND X-ARAPUCA Photon Detection Efficiency

## Calibration box

- VUV reference SiPM pairs in front of alpha-source and laser.
- Full X-ARAPUCA window coverage to eliminate shadowing effects.

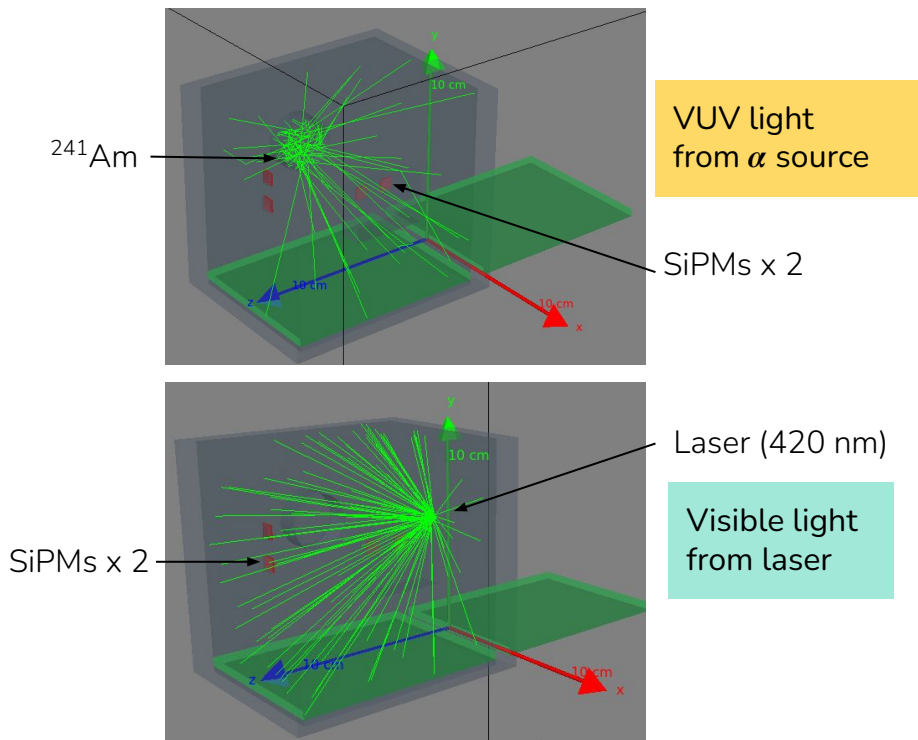


4 SBND X-ARAPUCA configurations tested		
SiPMs	WLS Bar	Filter
SensL	Eljen 286	pTP coated 400 nm cutoff
SensL	Eljen 280	450 nm cutoff (only visible light)
HPK	Glass to power (blue)	pTP coated 400 nm cutoff
HPK	Glass to power (green)	450 nm cutoff (only visible light)

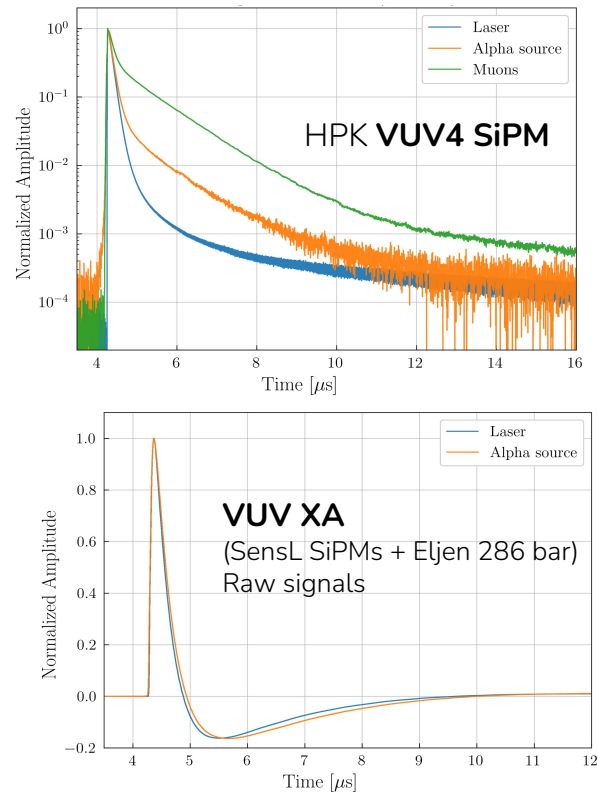


# SBND X-ARAPUCA PDE simulation and raw data

## G4 simulations of the setup



## Measured averaged waveforms



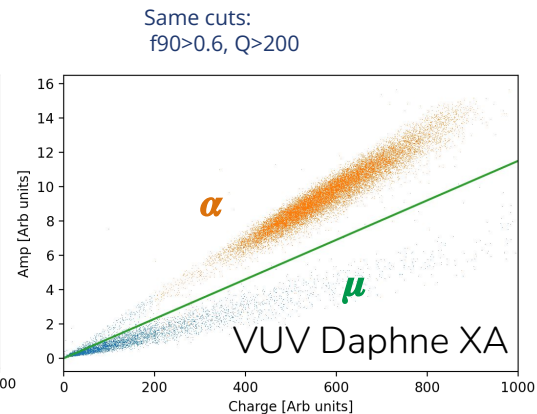
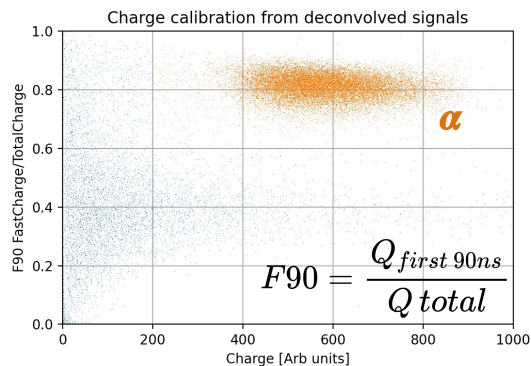
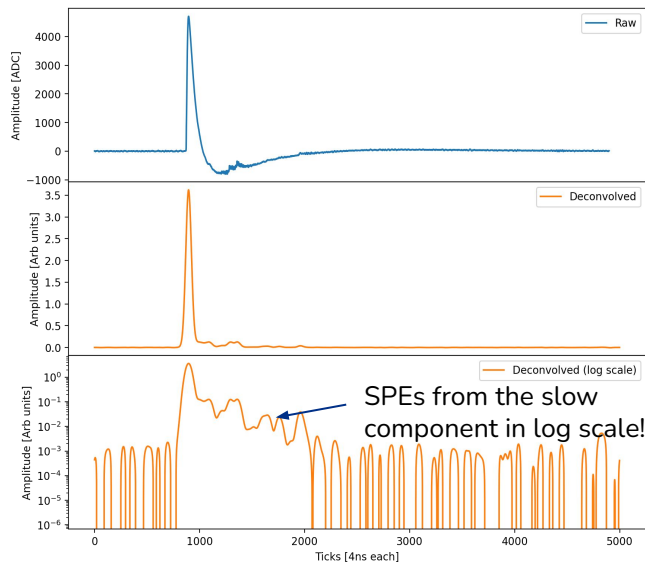


# SBND X-ARAPUCA deconvolution & particle ID

To remove overshooting and detector response, a combination of **deconvolution** and Gauss filtering of the raw signals was used.

Different particles have different contributions of fast and slow components of LAr scintillation light.

This can be used to perform **particle ID**.



# Results of VUV PDE measurement

- Calibration data was analyzed to estimate the **crosstalk probability** for both reference SiPMs and X-ARAPUCAs at different overvoltages
- From X-ARAPUCA and reference VUV SiPMs (with known PDE) charge ratio, we can determine the **PDE value for both VUV and TPB wavelengths.**

## HPK pTP X-ARAPUCA

OV [V]	PDE [%] at 127 nm	
2	1.97 ±	0.22
2.5	2.16 ±	0.25
3	2.28 ±	0.25

OV [V]	PDE [%] at 420 nm	
2	0.20 ±	0.01
2.5	0.23 ±	0.02
3	0.25 ±	0.01

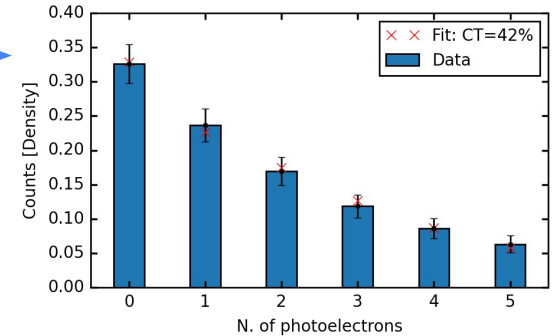
## SensL pTP X-ARAPUCA

OV [V]	PDE [%] at 127 nm	
3.25	1.27 ±	0.11
4.25	1.56 ±	0.14
5.75	2.19 ±	0.20

OV [V]	PDE [%] at 420 nm	
3.25	0.17 ±	0.01
4.25	0.19 ±	0.01
5.75	0.24 ±	0.01

Measured at average incidence angle of 40° (dichroic filter transmittance depends on incident angle). For VUV is not relevant as pTP re-emmits isotropically on the XA surface

SensL pTP X-ARAPUCA, OV 6 [V]

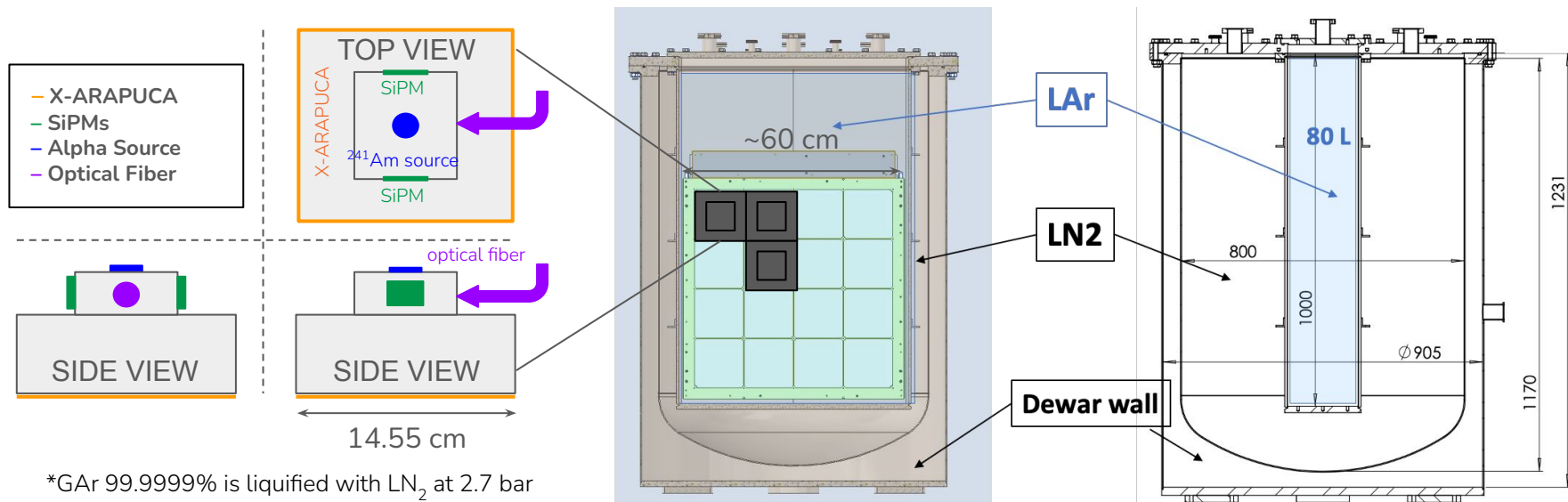


- Next data taking campaign with configurations of 450 nm cutoff (only visible light) in Spring 2024

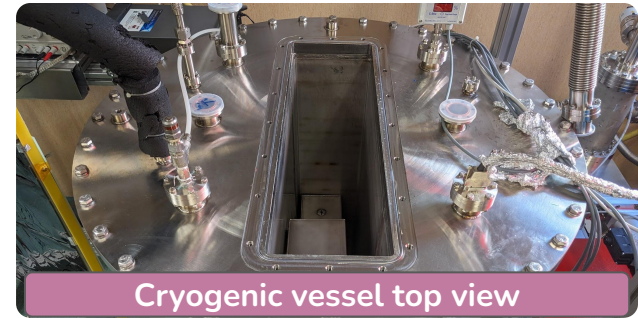
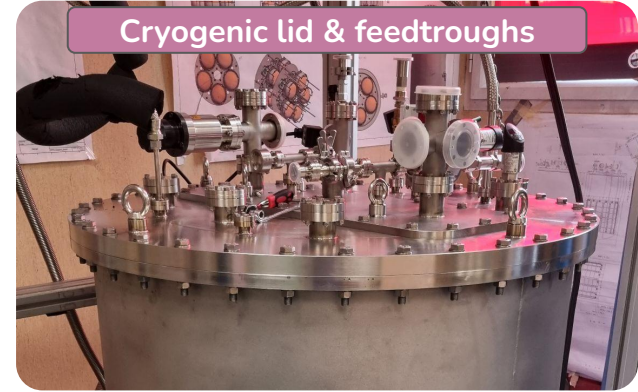
# 4. R&D related to DUNE VD PDE

# Setup for characterization of VD X-ARAPUCA modules at CIEMAT

PDE measured wrt. the known efficiency of reference VUV SiPMs in LAr\* with light from **three  $^{241}\text{Am}$  alpha sources** at the only **3 unidentical XA positions**.

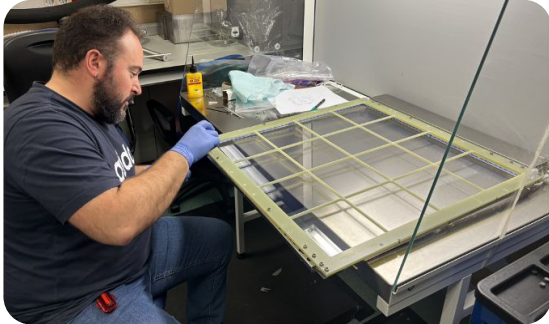
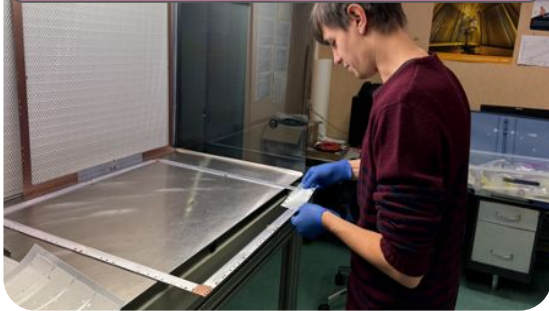


# Setup at CIEMAT: Vessel Assembly

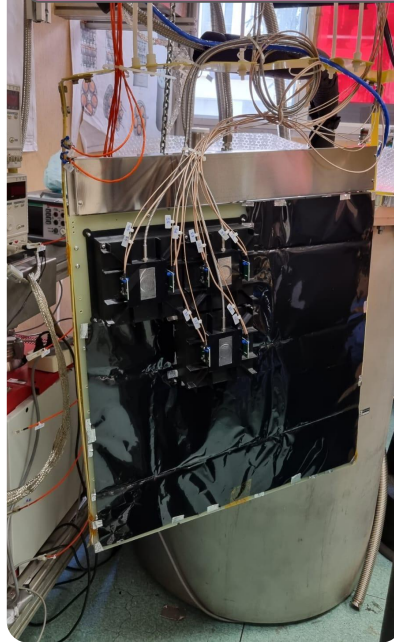


# Setup at CIEMAT: X-ARAPUCA Assembly & Insertion

XA assembly



Inserting the VD-XA in the vessel

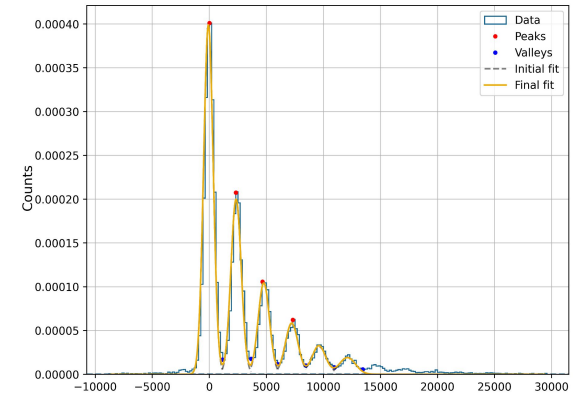


# X-ARAPUCA Gain and S/N

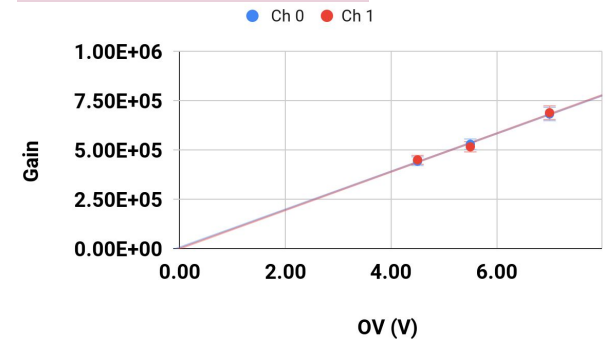
- Both XA-channels successfully calibrated.
- Same procedure followed for all 6 ref. SiPMs.

XA	Channel 0			Channel 1		
	Gain e <sup>-</sup>	DGain e <sup>-</sup>	S/N	Gain e <sup>-</sup>	DGain e <sup>-</sup>	S/N
7.0	6.8598E+05	1.54E+03	5.37	6.9381E+05	2.13E+03	5.86
5.5	5.2904E+05	9.28E+02	6.50	5.1812E+05	1.51E+03	7.24
4.5	4.4457E+05	1.29E+03	4.48	4.5059E+05	1.98E+03	4.54

XA - Channel 0



XA Channel Comparison

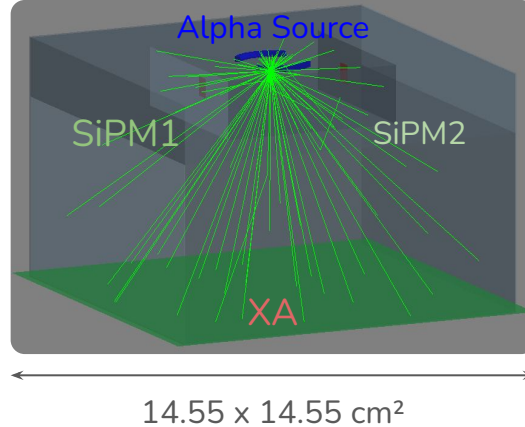


# Geometric Factor

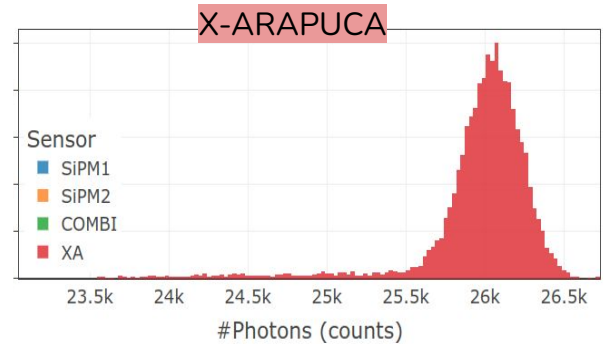
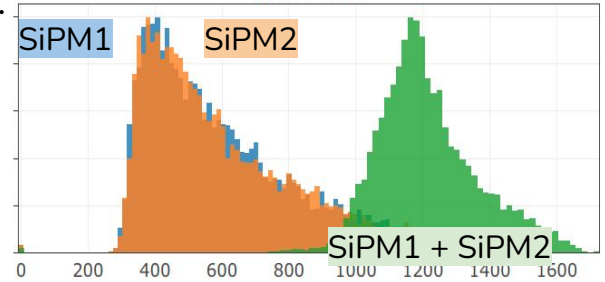
- Ratio of photons determined by standalone GEANT4 simulation.
- Accounts for the differences in sizes/positioning of ref. sensors.

$$f_{geom} = \frac{\Omega(Ref.)}{\Omega(XA)} = (0.047 \pm 0.009)$$

Sensor	MEAN Ph.	STD
XA (21170 mm <sup>2</sup> )	25995	312
SiPM (12 mm <sup>2</sup> )	1216	220

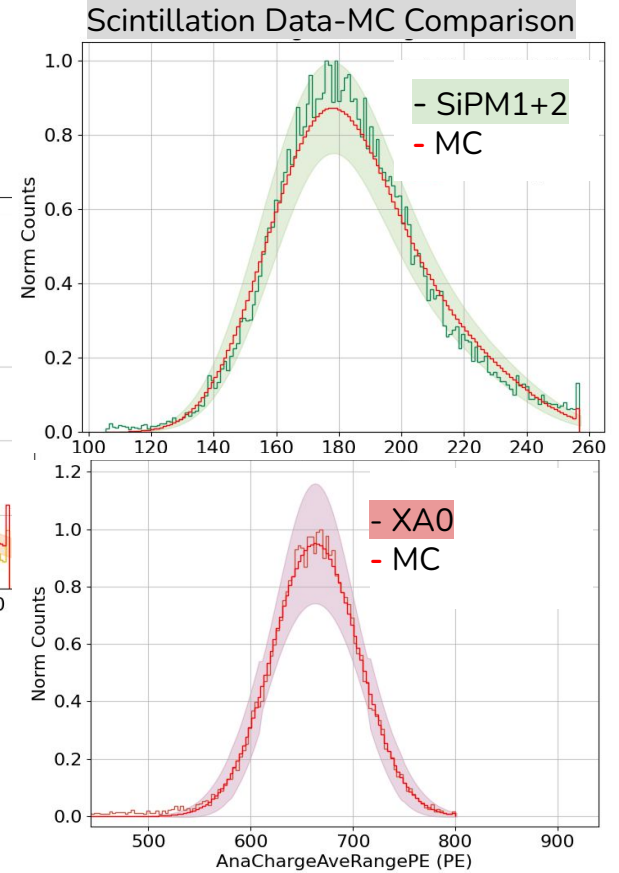
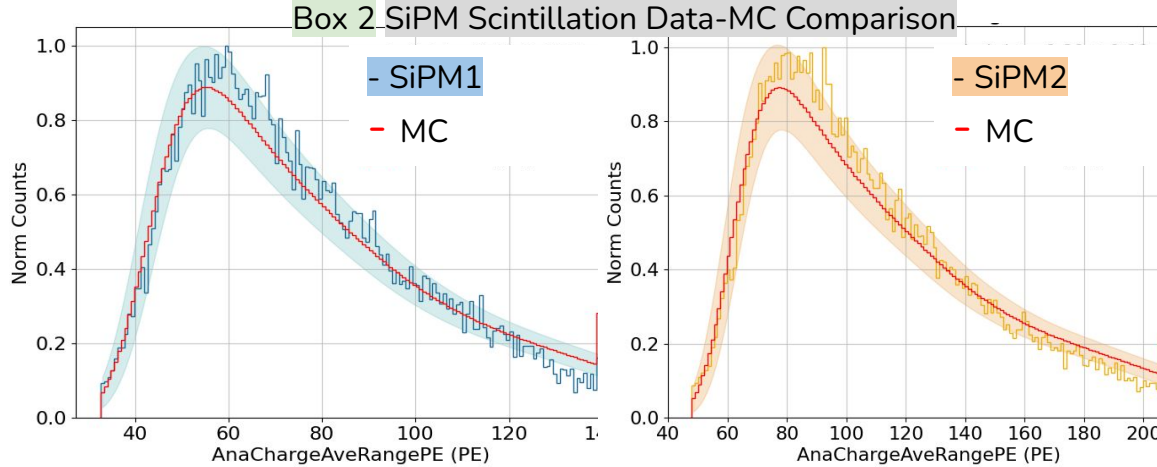


Photon distribution at sensors





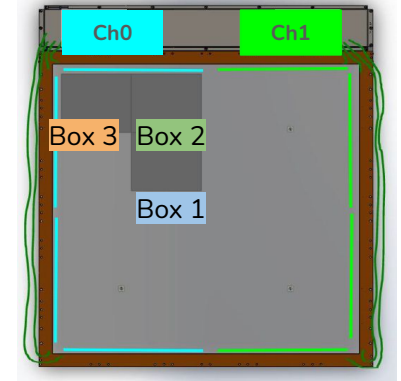
# Data-MC comparison



Fitting alpha scintillation light data with **simulation templates** provides good agreement → **Simulation reproduces experiment.**

# Preliminary VD X-ARAPUCA PDE results

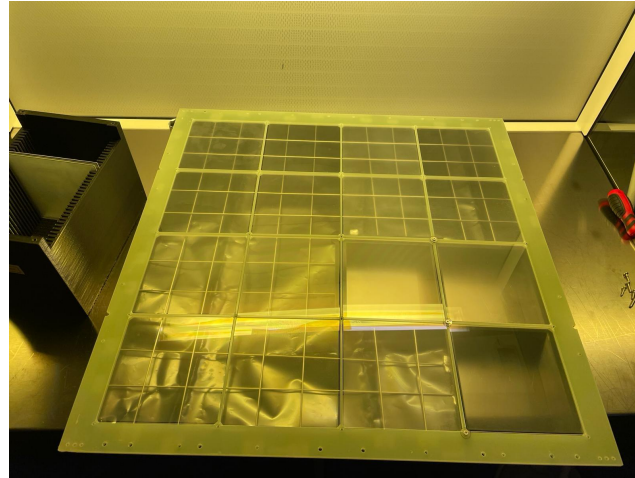
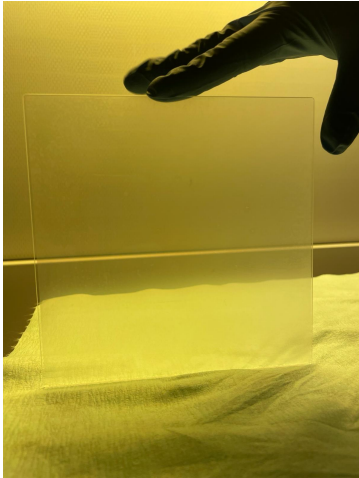
- **CIEMAT results VD-XA:**
  - Using geometric and Xtalk corrections.
  - 3 boxes representing all different positions.
  - FBK mounted SiPM boards.



	Box 1	Box 2	Box 3
OV	XA PDE	XA PDE	XA PDE
7	(3.4 - 4.2) %	(3.6 - 4.4) %	(3.7 - 4.6) %
4.5	(2.6 - 3.2) %	(2.7 - 3.4) %	(2.8 - 3.5) %
3.5	(2.4 - 2.9) %	(2.5 - 3.1) %	(2.6 - 3.2) %

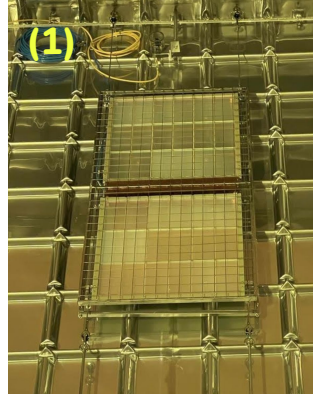
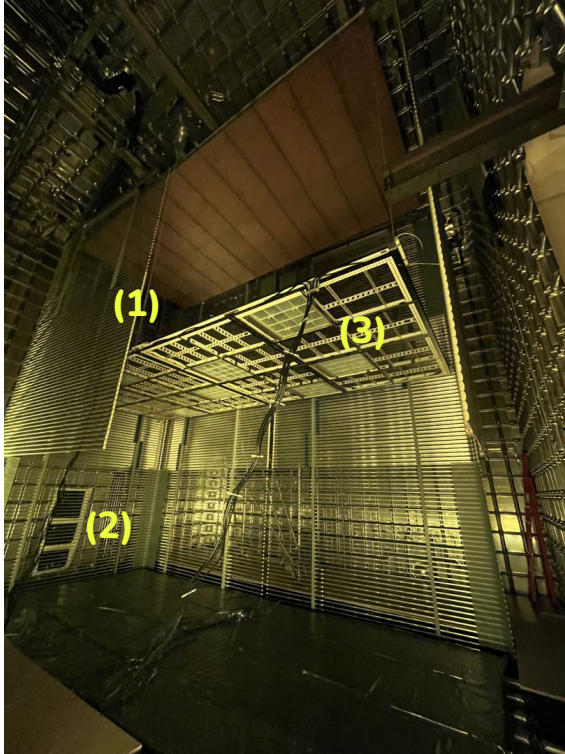
# Next measurement

- **Filter replacement** by pTP-coated substrates.
- Measurement taken in March 2024, analysis on-going.



# 5. R&D related to ProtoDUNE-VD

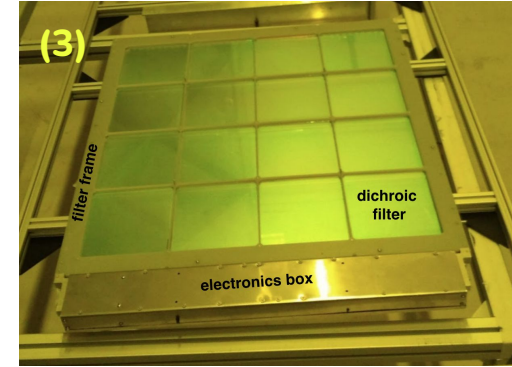
# Installation of Photon Detection System in ProtoDUNE-VD at CERN



top membrane  
X-ARAPUCAs



bottom membrane  
X-ARAPUCAs

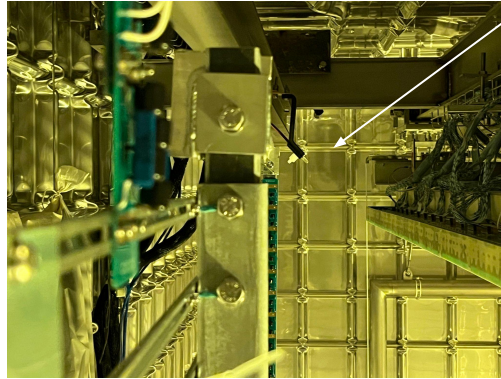


cathode X-ARAPUCA

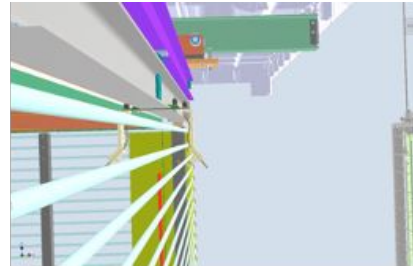
# Installation of light monitoring system in ProtoDUNE-VD at CERN

- 2 **monitoring-system kits** are installed at the top beams that support the field cage: 1-to-2 fiber bundle with endpoints attached at the support structure pointing one fiber towards the cathode X-ARAPUCAs and the other one towards the membrane X-ARAPUCAs.
- 2 monitoring-system kits to be installed at the bottom of the field cage.
- Fibers are **routed** towards the flange.
- Fibers are attached to the **flange**.

LED illuminated **fiber** pointing towards cathode X-ARAPUCAs



Flange

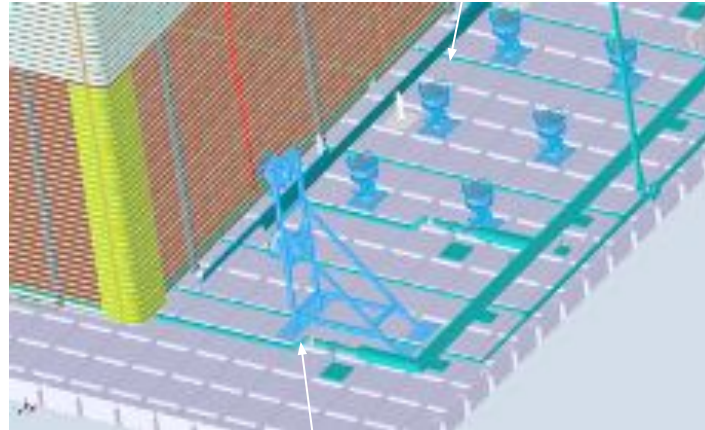


Fibers pointing towards cathode and membrane wall X-ARAPUCAs

# PMTs in ProtoDUNE-VD

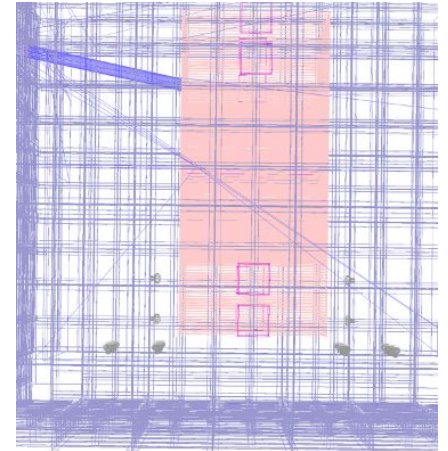
- Proposal for **installing 24 PMTs** from ProtoDUNE-DP in ProtoDUNE-VD, outside the field cage.
- **Physics goals:** photon detection efficiency measurement, study of LAr scintillation light with Xe doping and monitoring.
- Preparation for data taking with **DAPHNE** on-going.
- Installation in spring/summer 2024.

Study of light propagation in 6 m with vertical PMTs.



Measurement of photon detection efficiency with horizontal PMTs looking towards the field cage.

PMT geometry implemented in ProtoDUNE-VD simulation



# 6. R&D related to DAPHNE electronics

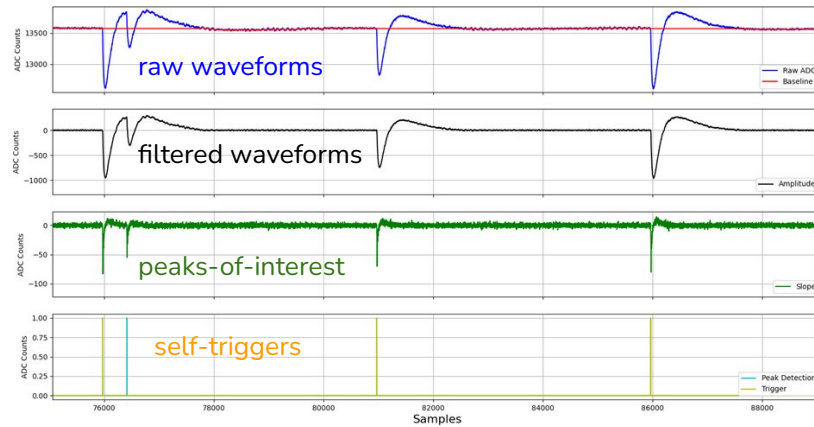


# PDS trigger development for DUNE

Developed algorithm for **self-trigger** (zero suppression) and **trigger primitive** calculation for DUNE PDS readout electronics (**DAPHNE**).

- Post-synthesis timing simulation performed and implemented in the device's FPGA.

## DUNE VD X-ARAPUCA waveforms



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..... DETECTED PULSE 15 .....
Time to Peak - 53
Pulse width - 249
Max Amplitude - 952
Charge - 119668
Number of Peaks - 1
Undershoot width - 1526
Number of Peaks in Undershoot - 1
..... DETECTED PULSE 16 .....
Time to Peak - 48
Pulse width - 245
Max Amplitude - 745
Charge - 91433
Number of Peaks - 1
Undershoot width - 1398
Number of Peaks in Undershoot - 0
..... DETECTED PULSE 17 .....
Time to Peak - 54
Pulse width - 245
Max Amplitude - 961
Charge - 120948
Number of Peaks - 1
Undershoot width - 1377
Number of Peaks in Undershoot - 0
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Trigger primitive values

# SUMMARY

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1. **SiPMs:**
  - Publication of DUNE HPK SiPM characterization, [JINST 19 \(2024\) T01007](#)
  - Mechanical measurements of SiPM boards with a 3D vision machine (Precision:  $\pm 1.5 \mu\text{m}$ ) in production phase.
  - Measurement of HPK VUV4 SiPMs PDE at CT, [arXiv: 2402.01584](#)
2. **DUNE HD X-ARAPUCA photon detection efficiency (PDE)** measured, publication in preparation.
3. **SBND X-ARAPUCA PDE** measured for VUV configurations.
4. **DUNE VD X-ARAPUCA PDE** measurement in two different configurations, analysis on-going.
5. **ProtoDUNE-VD:** installation of photon detection system and light monitoring system at CERN.
6. **DAPHNE electronics:** Developed algorithm for self-trigger (zero suppression) and trigger primitive calculation for DUNE PDS readout electronics.