

# Fast Timing detectors: QUARTIC

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For PU rejection at high Luminosity



Most events with X (e.g. JJ) & two forward protons are pile-up: (p + X) & (Y + p)

Precision proton timing  $\rightarrow$  z(vertex) IFF (p + X + p)

$$\sigma(\Delta t) = \sqrt{2} \cdot \sigma_t$$

$$z_{pp} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot c \cdot \Delta t$$

$$\sigma(z_{pp}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot c \cdot \sqrt{2} \sigma_t = c \cdot \frac{\sigma_t}{\sqrt{2}} = 2.1 \text{ mm for } \sigma_t = 10 \text{ ps}$$

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## Requirements:

- 1) Excellent time resolution ( $\sigma(t) \sim 10$  ps)
- 2) Edgeless on beam side ( $\Delta x < \sim 200$   $\mu\text{m}$ )
- 3) Radiation hard close to beam ( $\sim 10^{15}$  p/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- 4) Fast readout (25 ns crossings) --- & trigger signal
- 5) Segmentation (multi-hit capability)

Baseline for PPS (CMS&TOTEM) project with CMS:

Cherenkov detectors with quartz radiators:  
Angled-bar QUARTIC and L-bar QUARTIC  
Light detected by MCP-PMTs or Silicon PMs (SiPMs)

Faster and better Q.E.  
but lifetime issues

Small, cheap, but slower  
and radiation issues

## News on Quartic timing detectors

Designed & tested “quartz” bar Cherenkov detectors for timing:  
Angled-bar QUARTIC with MCP-PMTs, adopted by ATLAS AFP as baseline  
L-bar QUARTIC with SiPMs, baseline for PPS

### **Quartz Cherenkov Counters for Fast Timing: QUARTIC**

M.G. Albrow (Fermilab), Heejong Kim (Chicago U., EFI), S. Los (Fermilab), M. N. M. (Fermilab), A. Zatserklyaniy (UC, Santa Cruz). Jul 2012. 24 pp.

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L-bar QUARTIC designs different for Moving Beam Pipe and Roman pot mechanics.  
At Fermilab have concentrated on MBP design.

Q-20 bar module with 15mm (x) by 12mm (y) in 3x3 mm<sup>2</sup> elements made

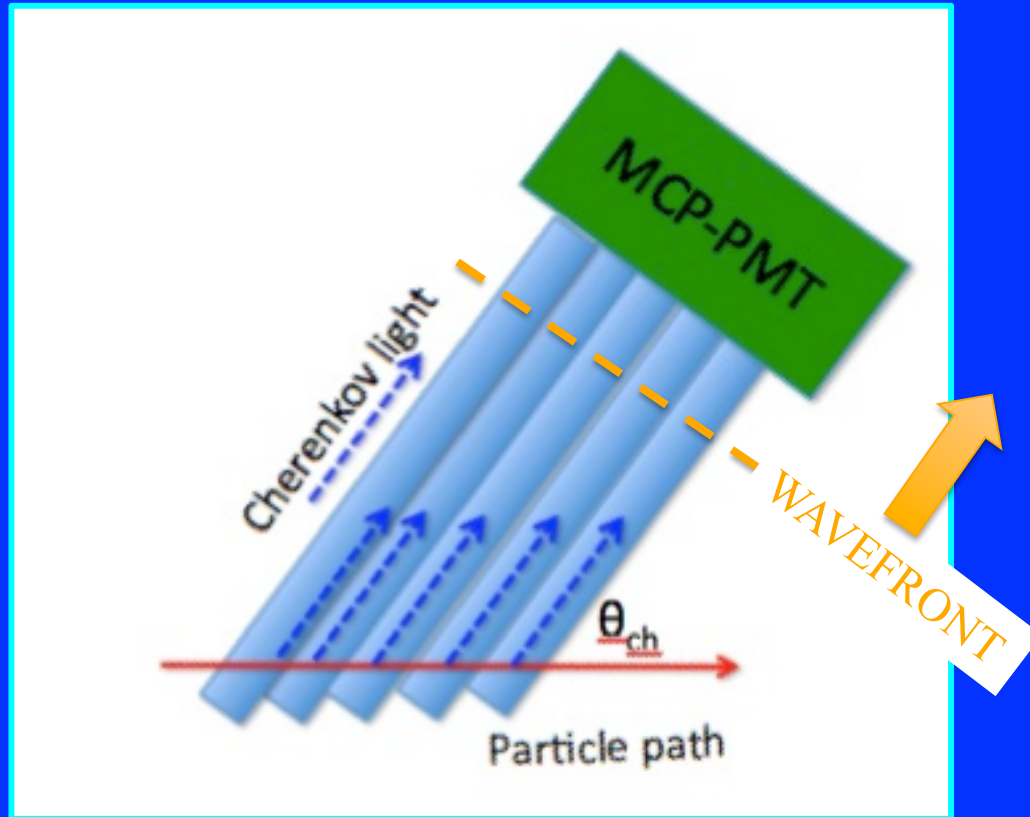
Beam tests at Fermilab test beam (Dec 2013+Jan 2014).

We have learnt how to solve known issues (edgelessness, granularity, cross-talk, SiPM assly) and will learn:

- (a) Sapphire vs quartz
- (b) R-bar length dependence for 20 mm to 55 mm
- (c) Any cross-talk between bars?
- (d) Is light in light-guide bars useful?
- (e) monitoring SiPMs with LED or PiLas laser schemes.

# Angled multi-bar QUARTIC. Multi-anode or single anode

Developments with AFP, Andrew Brandt et al. This is AFP baseline, not excluded



Cherenkov light cone  $\theta_{ch} = 48^\circ$ ,  $360^\circ$  in  $\Phi$   
Direct light propagates as wavefront – isochronous  
Light emitted at “wrong”  $\Phi$  ... longer path or exiting

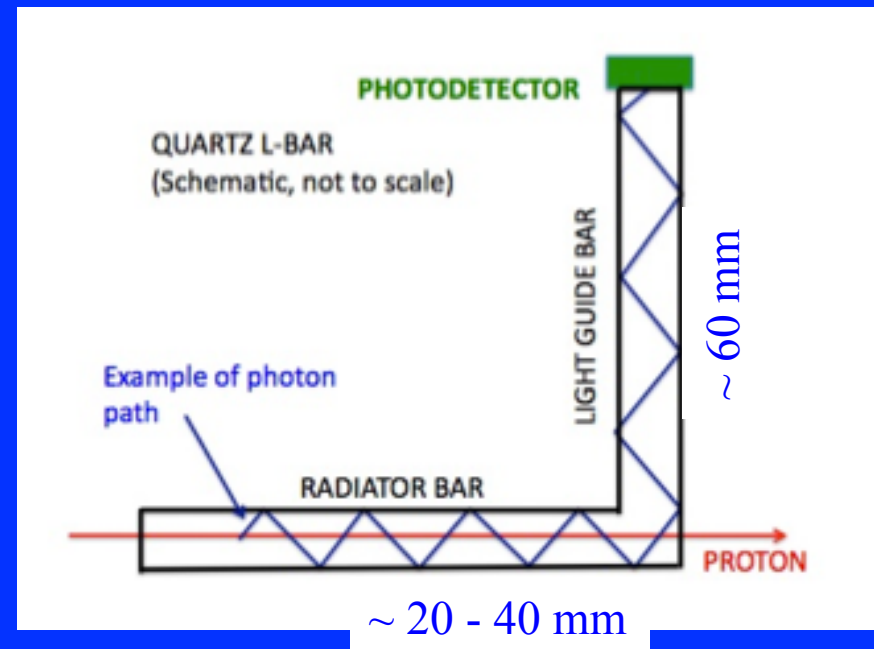


## L-bar QUARTIC principle

All Cherenkov light is totally internally reflected along radiator bar and about 66% goes promptly along light guide to SiPM or segmented MCP-PMT. No light “leaks out”.

**If conditions satisfied:**

- 1) protons are parallel to radiator
- 2)  $n$  (refractive index)  $> \sqrt{2}$   
so TIR maintained in LG-bar



Radiator close to beam while photo-detector remote (and may be shielded)

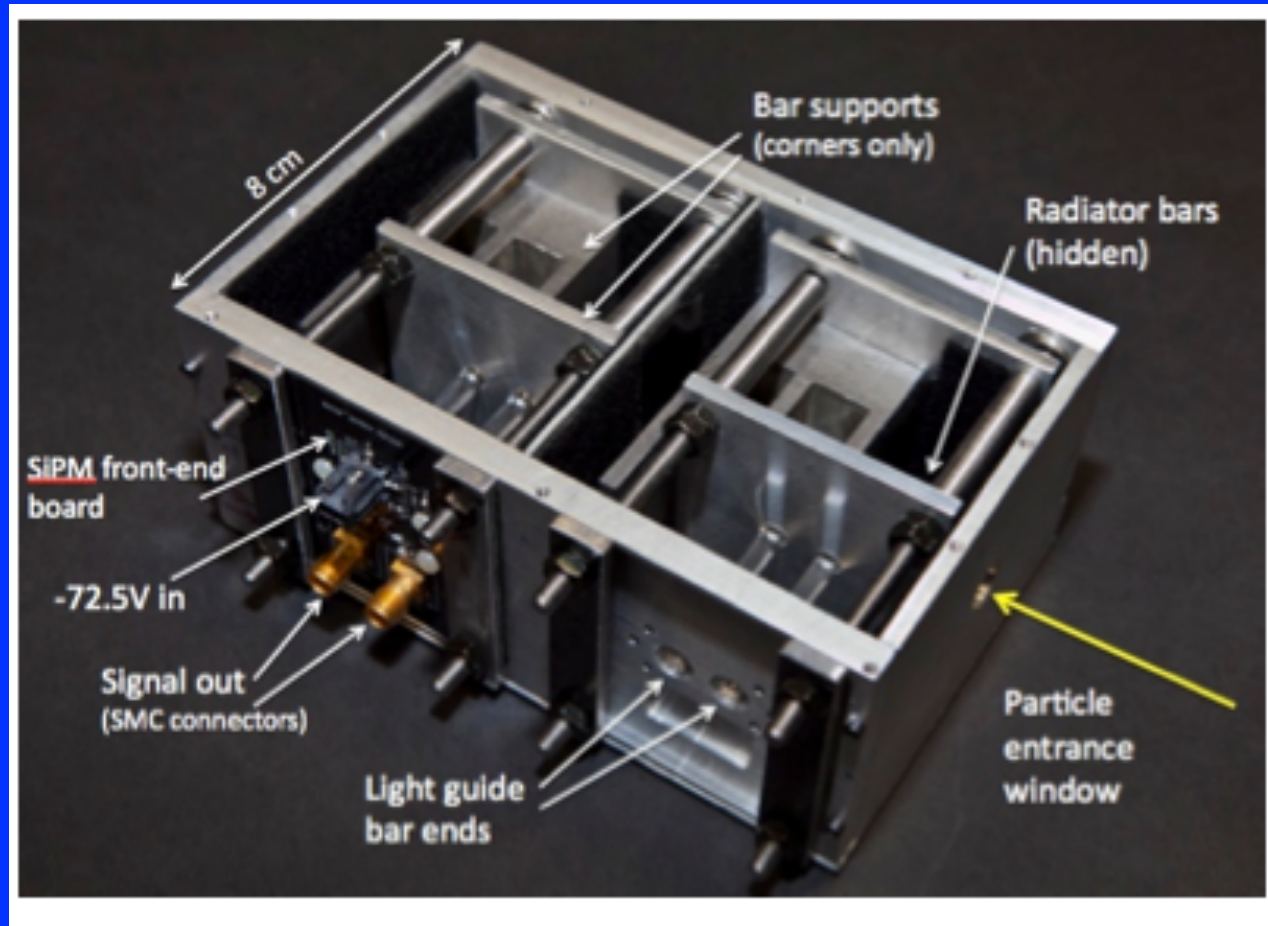
**NO MIRRORS**

Hodoscope of 3mm x 3mm independent elements

Repeat 4 times in depth for x2 improvement (timetrack): material concern

Finer segmentation eg 2x2 mm<sup>2</sup>, even 1x1 mm<sup>2</sup>, possible in principle

Test beam modules made: Four in-line radiators, 3 cm and 4 cm



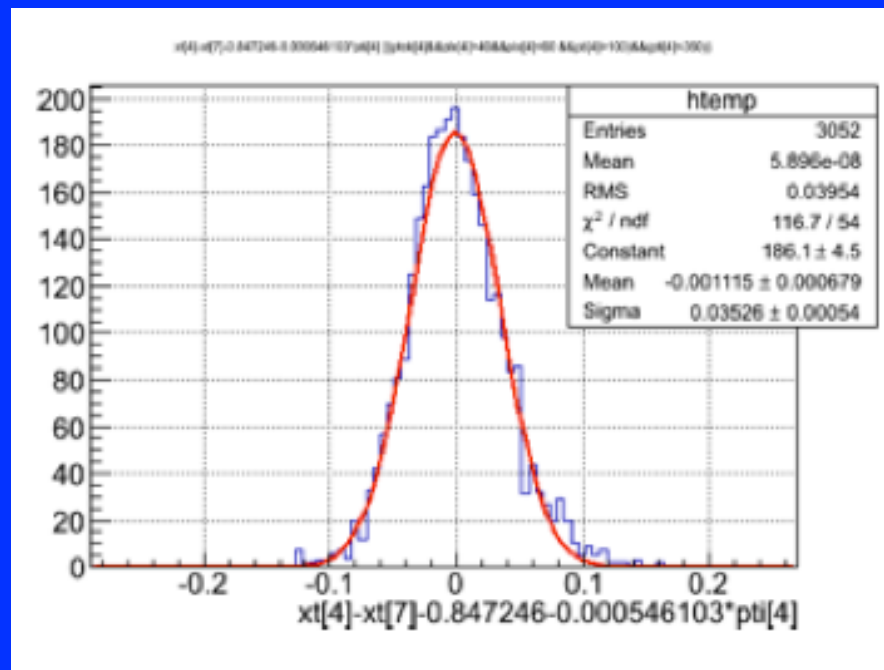
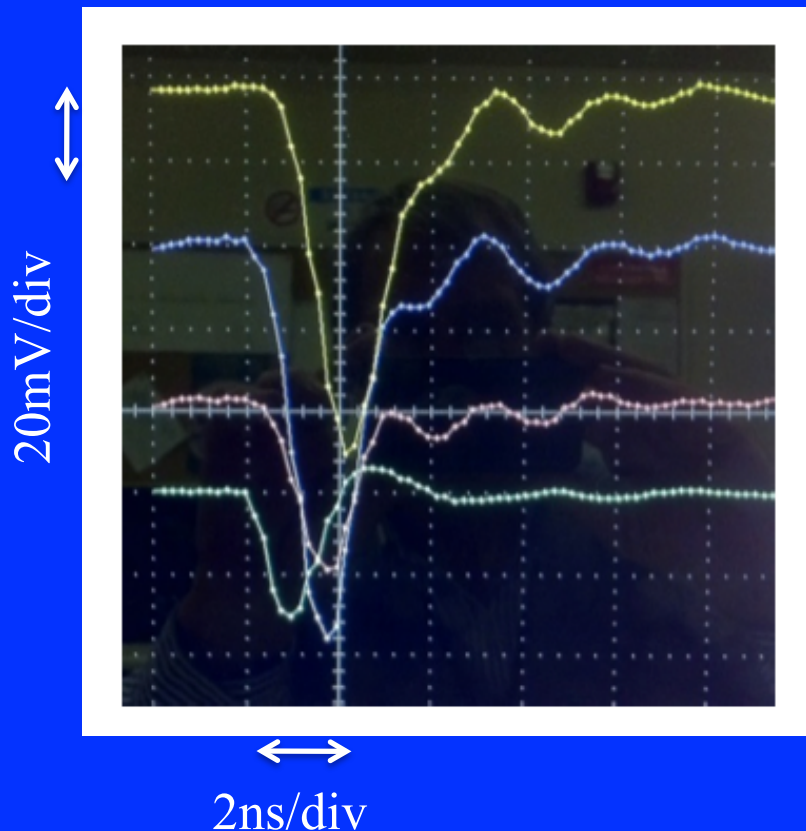
Beam tests 2012 at Fermilab, 120 GeV p's, 2mm x 2mm

Since 2005:

**Quartz Cherenkov Counters for Fast Timing:  
QUARTIC** MGA et al., 2012 JINST 7 P10027

Typical event (120 GeV proton) in 3 radiator bars  
 and (bottom) PMT240 in line. 200ps/sample, DRS4 scope  
 Signal rise times  $\sim 800$  ps

$\Delta t$  (30mm bar – PMT240)



$\sigma(t) = 31$  ps for 30 mm bar  
 Four-in-line  $\rightarrow 15$  ps

**Expected improvements: sapphire bars (+30%) & faster SiPMs (30%?)**

## Good features of SiPMs with several modules in-line:

Many measurements – “timetrack” – robust – self calibrating  
Resolution and offsets of each detector monitored by data.

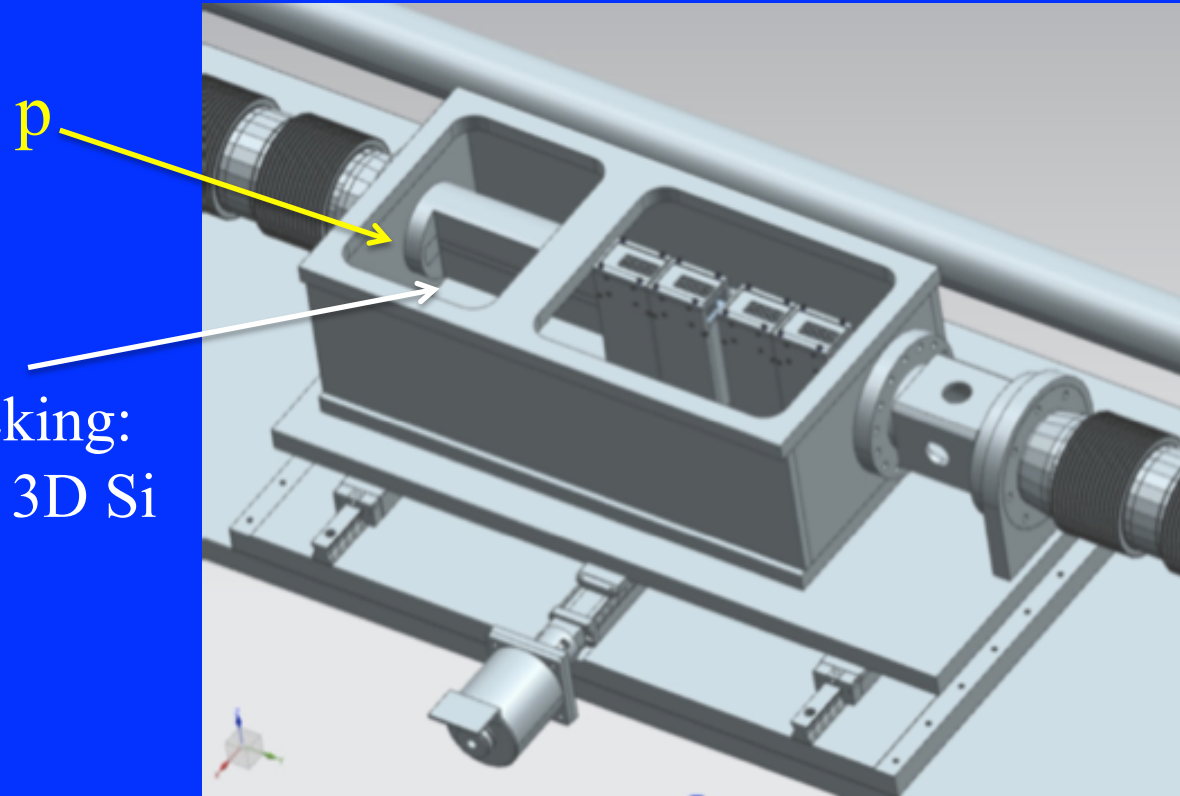
Demands on electronics less:  $\sigma = 25$  ps/ bit HPTDC could be used.  
Existing HPTDC adequate, but next version should get to  $< \sim 10$  ps  
Quad threshold discriminator development: Jin-Yuan Wu (Fermilab)

Cheap:  $\sim < \$80$  each (just detector) = \$16K for 200 devices.  
Can be quickly exchanged (“cartouche”, or drop-in design)  
Low voltage ( $\sim 30$ -70V) gives gain  $\sim 10^6$

CMS gets 10,000’s for HCAL.

[MCP-PMT with 24 anode pads matching bars: interesting alternative ... would like \$ for development]

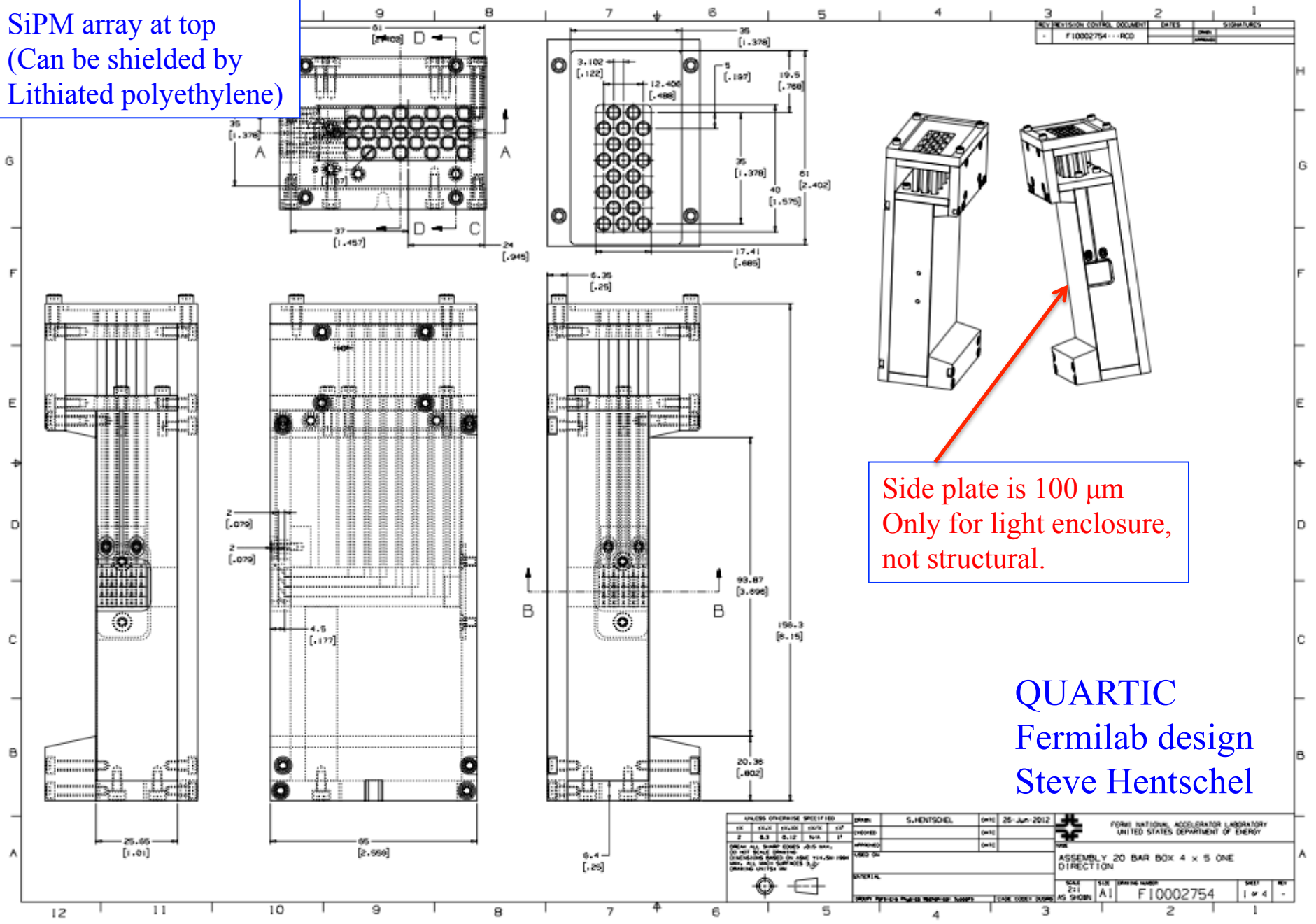
# Arrangement of four QUARTIC modules with moving beam pipe



Space for tracking:  
2+2+2 planes 3D Si



SiPM array at top  
(Can be shielded by  
Lithiated polyethylene)



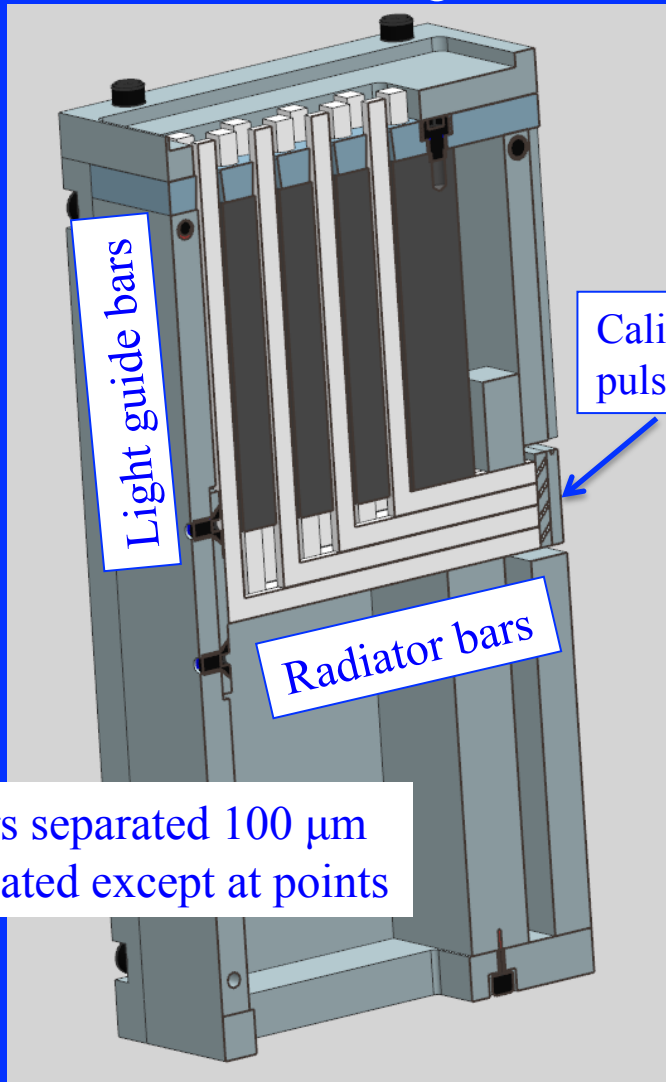
Side plate is 100  $\mu\text{m}$   
Only for light enclosure,  
not structural.

QUARTIC  
Fermilab design  
Steve Hentschel

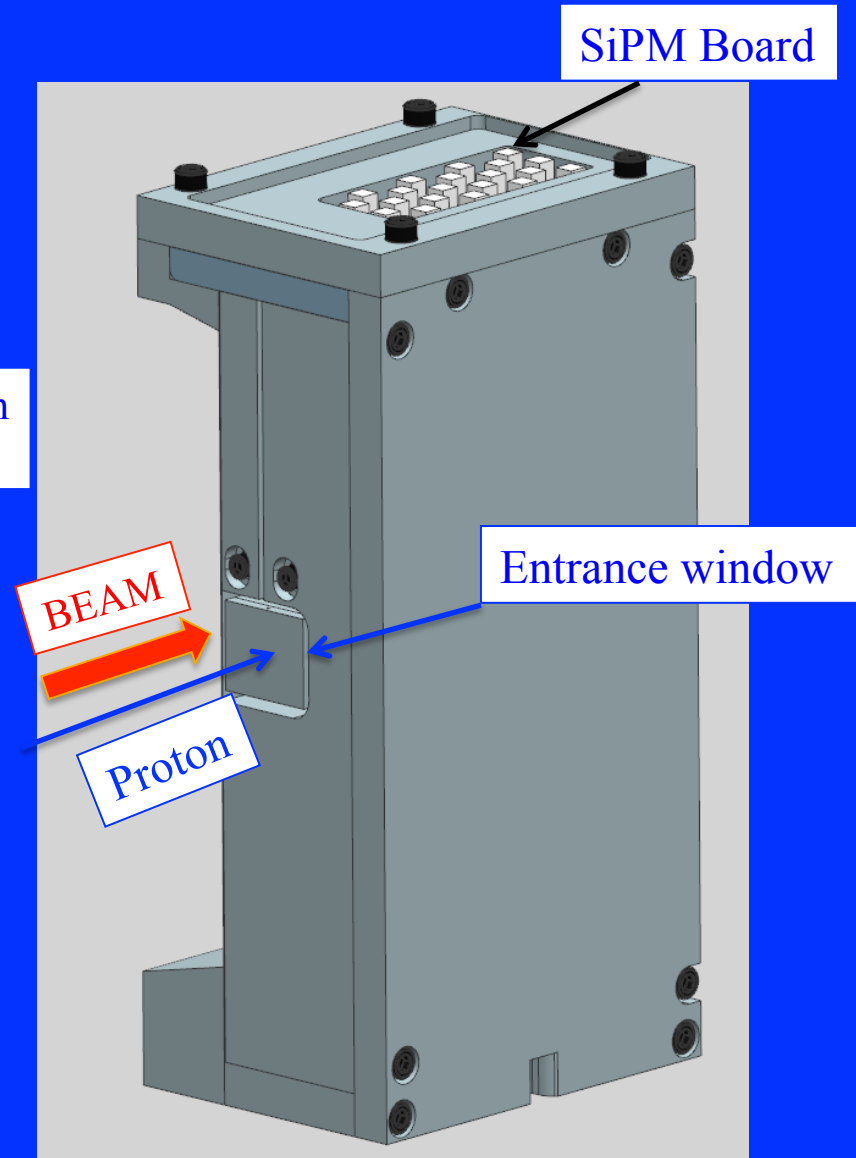
# QUARTIC: L-bar design, 4x5 ( $\rightarrow$ 6) channel Module

Increasing x-coverage (hor) unlimited (only cost) – Want to minimize y-coverage (12mm – 9mm?)

Vertical slice through:



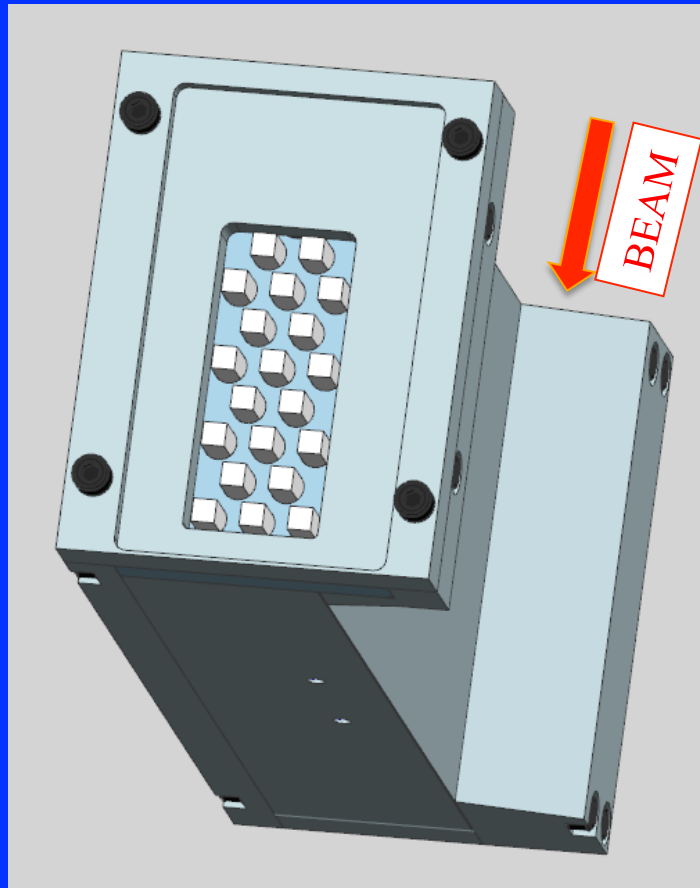
Bars separated 100  $\mu\text{m}$   
isolated except at points



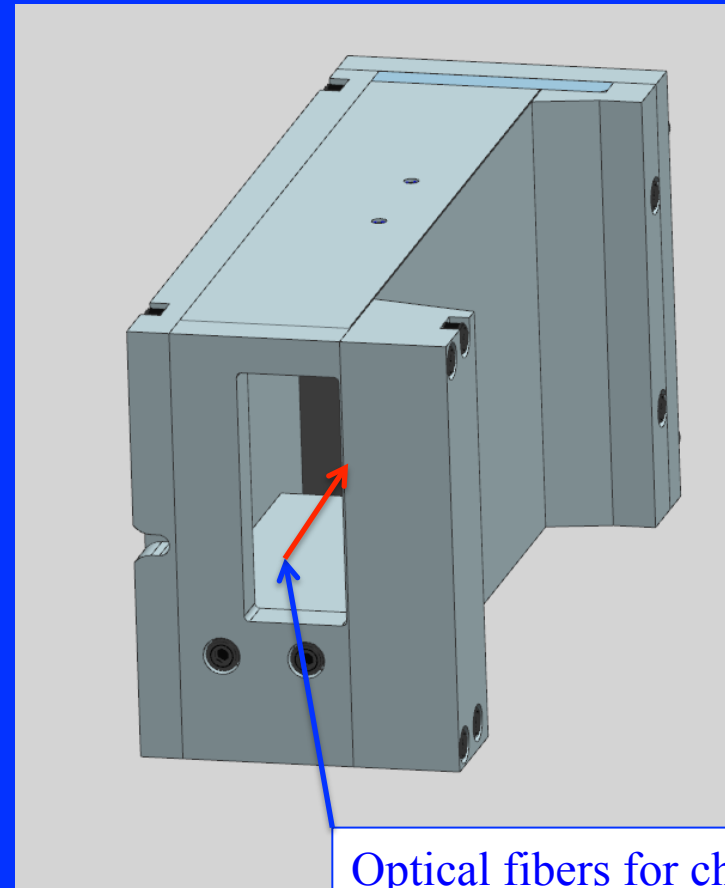
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20-channel Module made for Dec-Jan beam tests

Top view, SiPM array



Bottom view, Calibration window



Optical fibers for check of light-guide bars + SiPMs

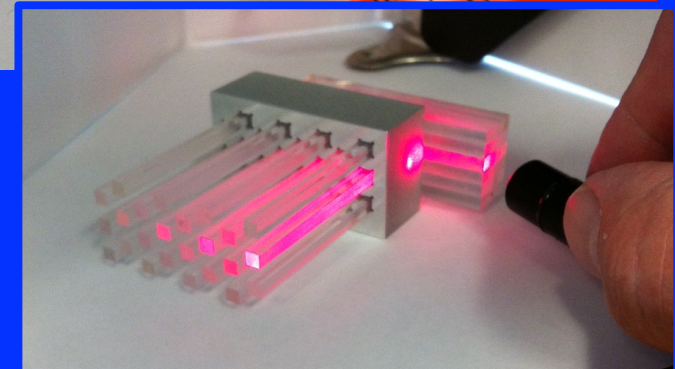
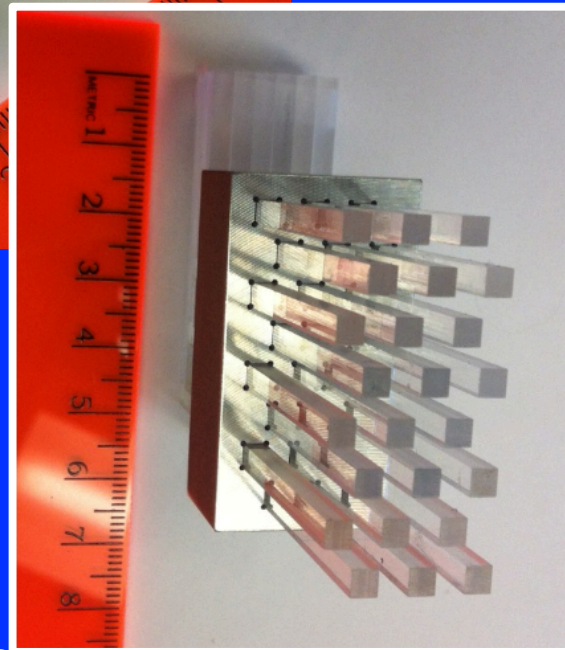
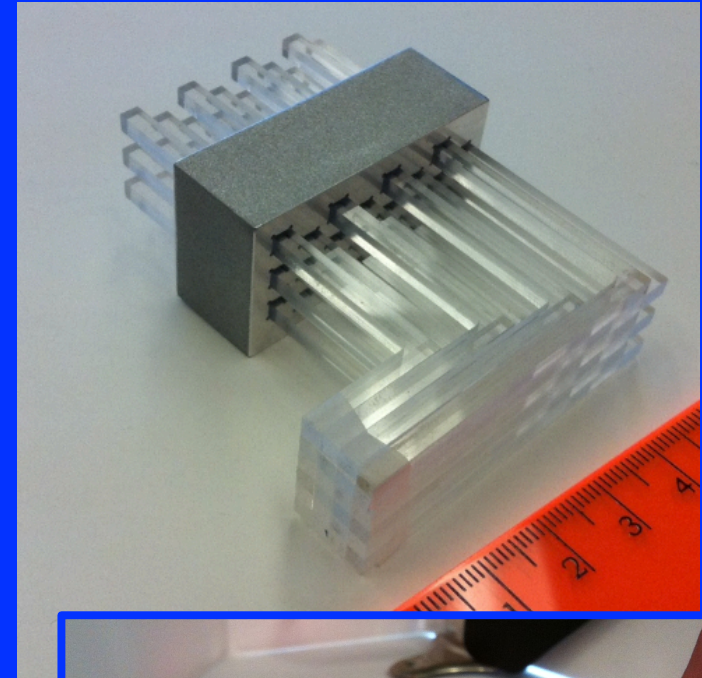
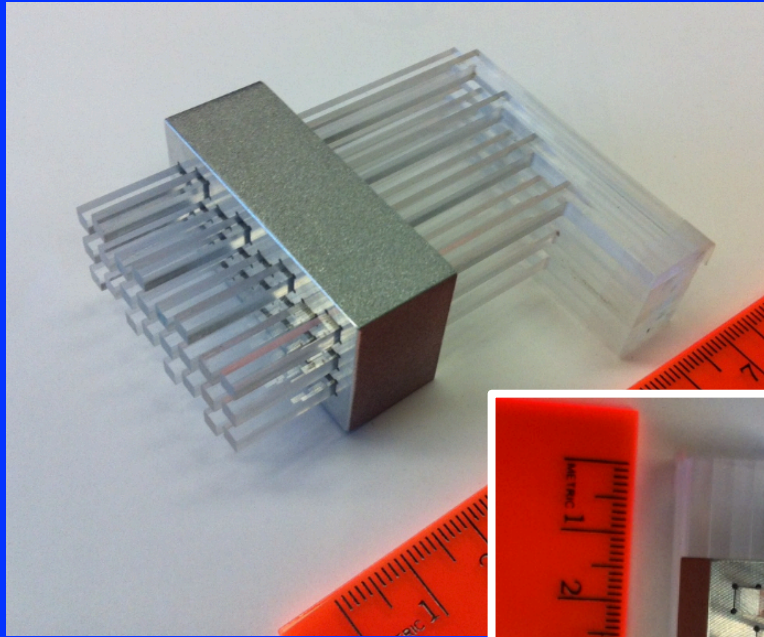


Test assembly (with plexiglas bars).

100  $\mu\text{m}$  spacing between adjacent bars.

Precision block is a “jig”, removed after front of array glued to black plate

Module #1: 4 columns quartz and 2 columns sapphire.

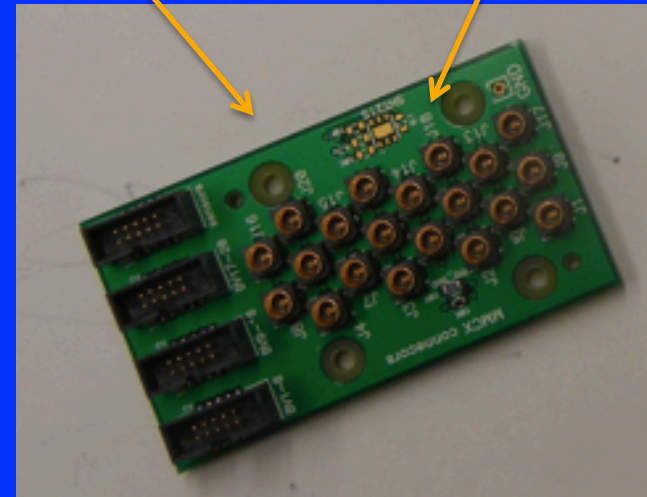
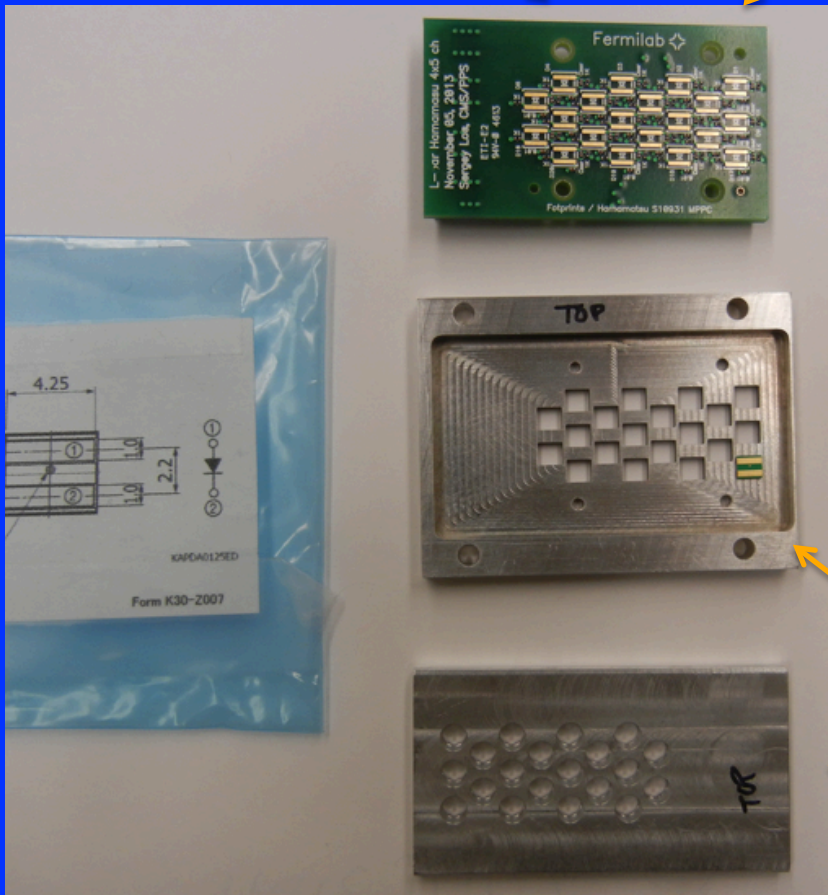
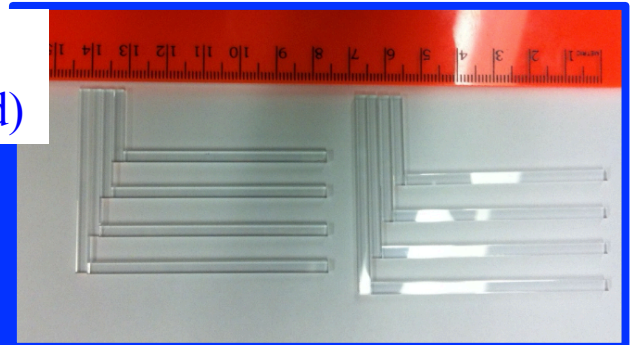


Sapphire bars (glued ...  
need to be fused/machined)

Pressure contacts to SiPMs  
through F-B conducting film

20-channel SiPM readout board

Signal cable connectors



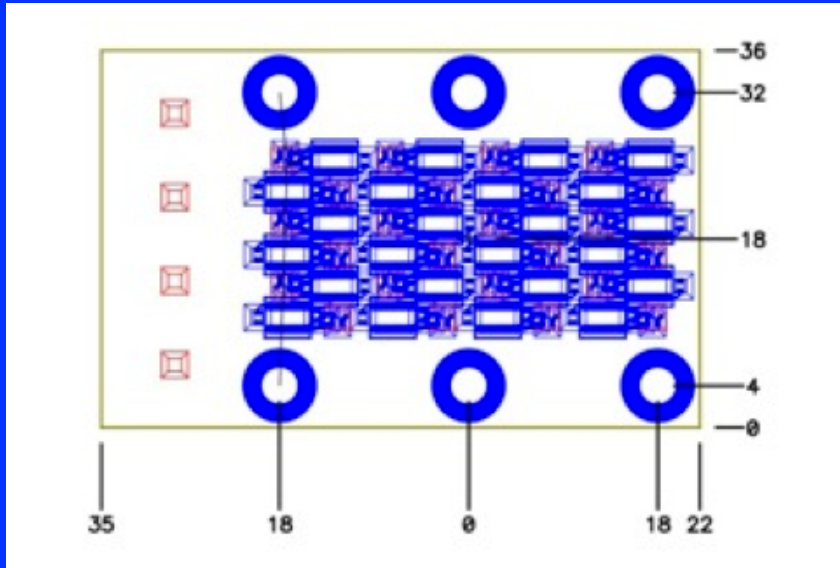
SiPMs drop in rectangular holes

Round-hole plate (countersunk holes)  
aligning bars to SiPM assembly



## Configuration of SiPMs on board.

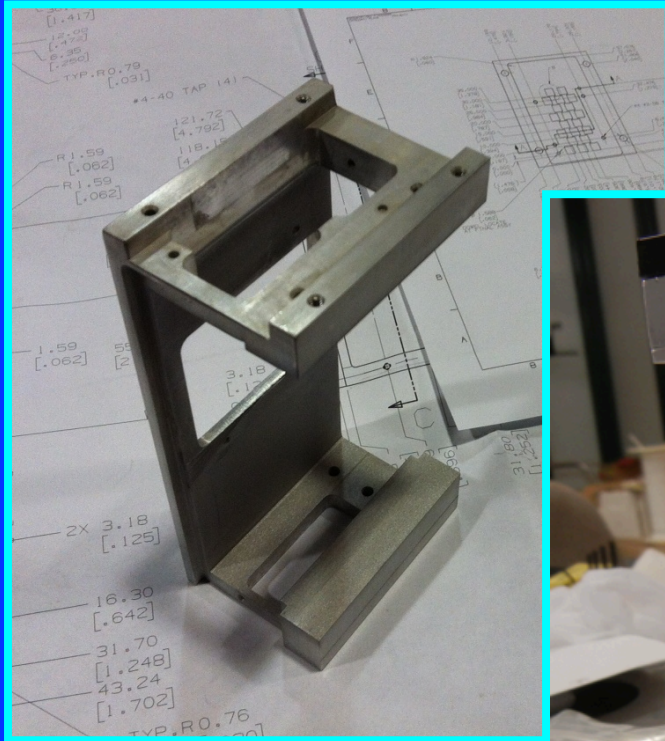
An MCP-PMT with this anode pattern could replace this, iff lifetime issues (# photoelectrons  $\rightarrow$  ion feedback) solved



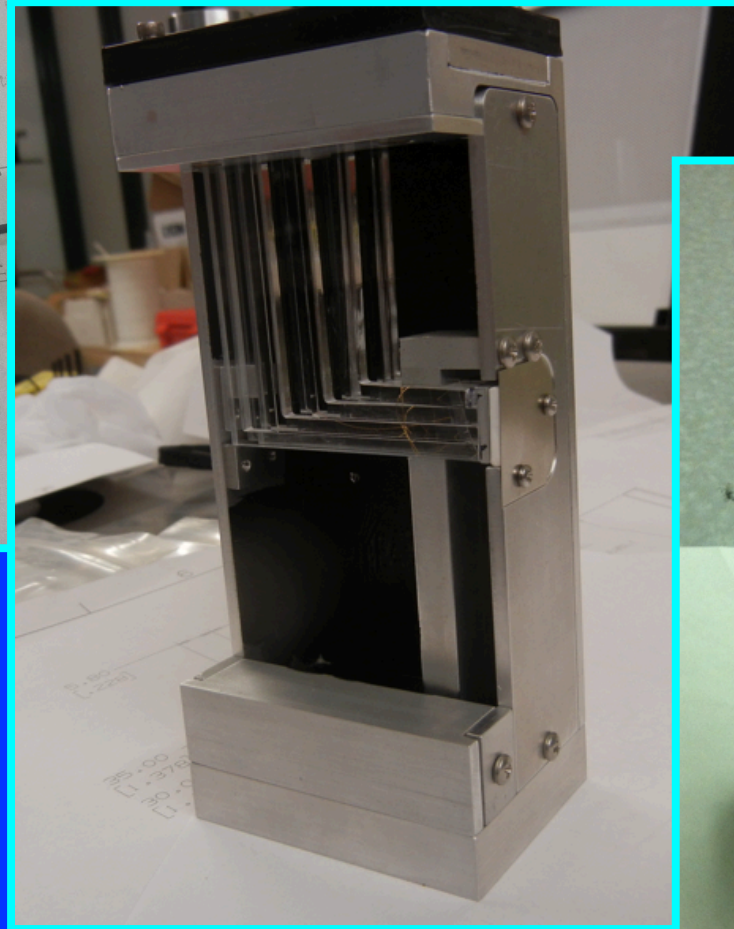
SiPM readout board (Sergey Los).

Individual SiPM V(72V) and leakage current monitor,  
temperature control and readout (fast OR o/p can be added)

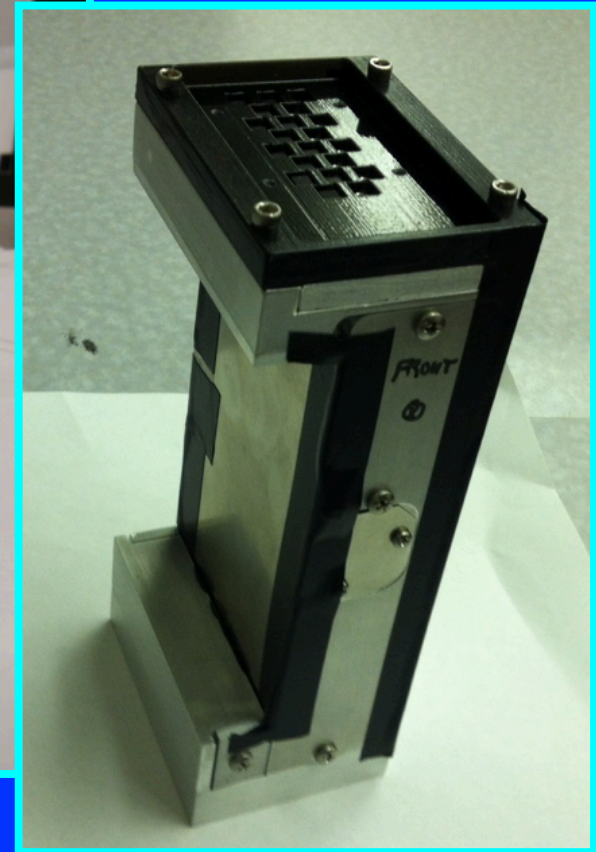
Box machined (electro-erosion) from one Al. block  
(Could be 3D-printed)



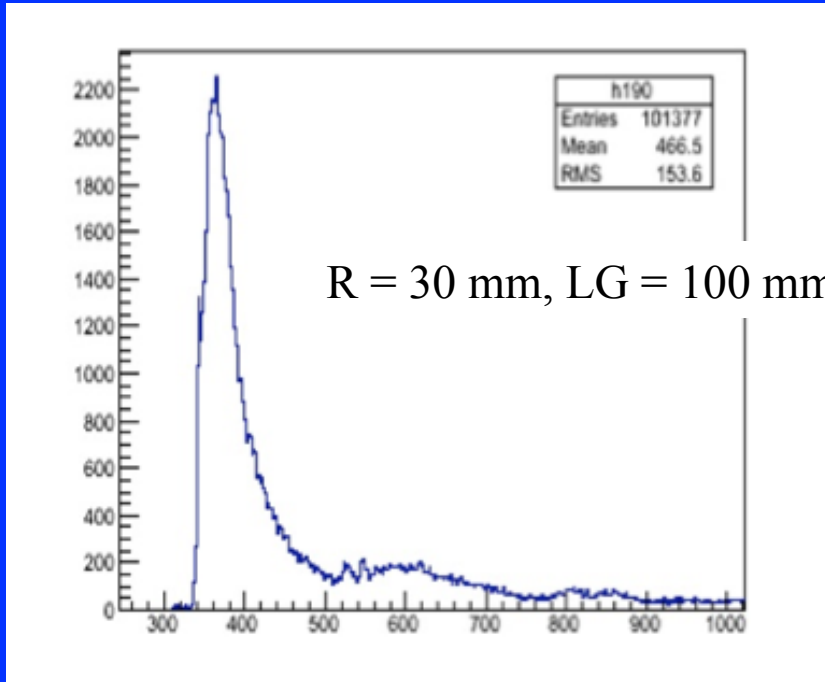
With L-bars assembled



Before SiPM insertion  
(Black plate is 3D-printed)

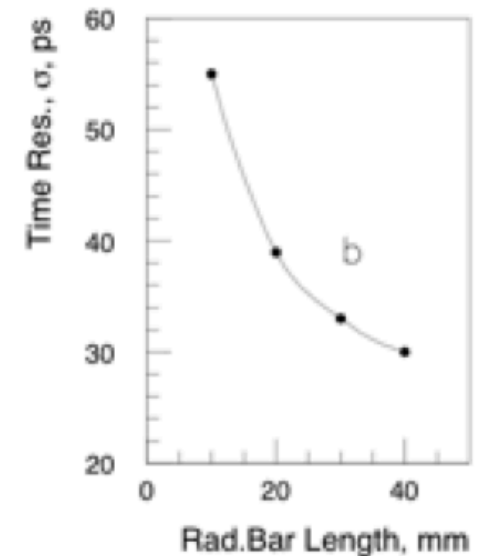
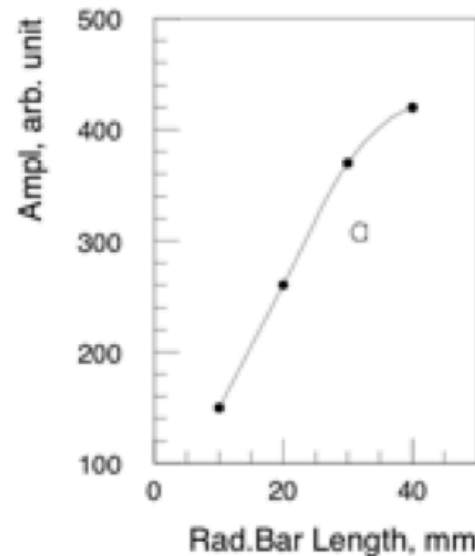


# GEANT simulation (Vladimir Samoylenko): photoelectron time distribution



Time resolution actually improves with radiator length up to 40 mm.  
“More light beats more spread”

↑  
Light back to front and back again. (Will have absorber at front end of bars)



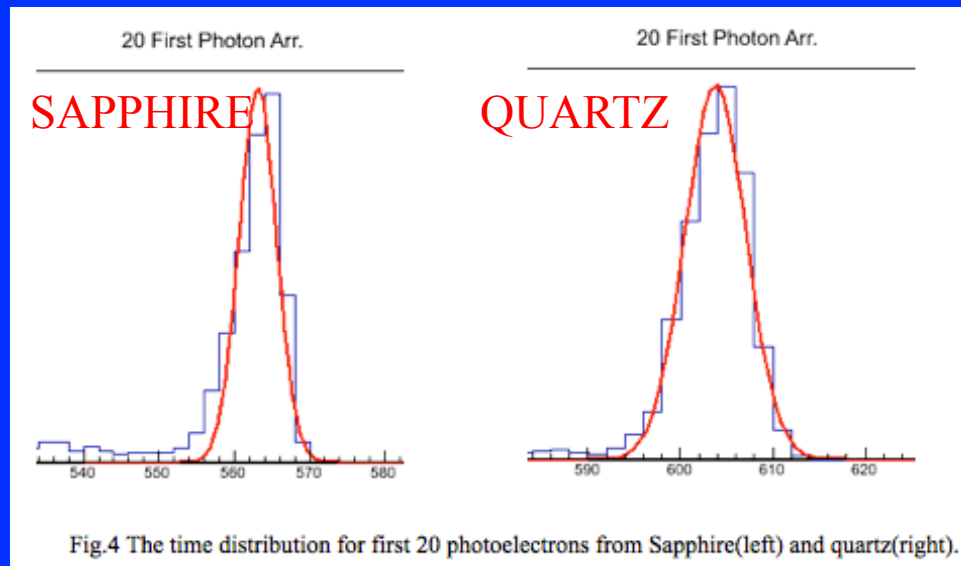
## Developments

We have the design achieving requirements, but  $\sigma(t) = 15$  ps with 4 modules.  
Good, but any improvement is useful  
Before full production, & in parallel with Module #1 assembly  
and testing, study of two possible improvements:

Radiator bar material:

Sapphire  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  replacing quartz? Higher  $n(\lambda) = 1.75 - 1.80$

> More Cherenkov light /cm but more chromatic dispersion, absorption, surface quality etc  
to be studied. GEANT (v. preliminary) ... need beam tests



SiPMs: faster (better single photon  
time resolution SPTR) are made.  
E.g. HAM S12652-050C is better  
(Used S10931-050P)  
**Big markets, e.g. ToF-PET so  
rapid developments**



## Status, March 2014

Detector with  $5 \times 4 = 20$  bars  $3\text{mm} \times 3\text{mm}$  constructed.

Hamamatsu S10931-050P SiPMs “dropped in rectangular holes”

$104 \mu\text{m}$  (4 thou”) wire separators.

$104 \mu\text{m}$  sideplate (distance radiator bar – outside)

3D-printed holder near read-out end.

Only  $3 \times 3 = 9$  quartz bars (Specialty Glass) (\$\$)

$2 \times 4$  Sapphire bars planned ... glued in L ... bad idea, some broke

Need cut in L-form, or invisibly fused. {V.Samoylenko}

Test beam  $120 \text{ GeV}$  p's at Fermilab, Dec 2013 & Jan 2014.

{MGA + A.Ronzhin, S.Los, A.Zatserklanyi, E.Ramberg}

MWPC telescope to project track to bars.

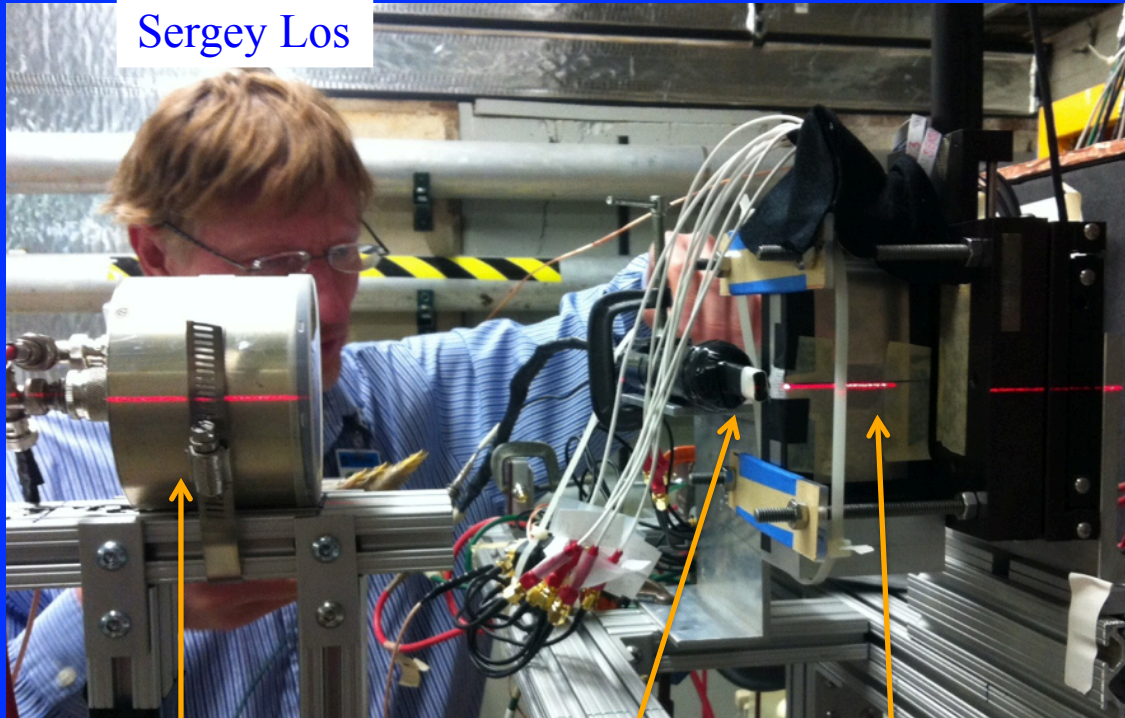
DRS-4 Waveform digitisers (200 ps sampling scope)

Analysis ongoing

More test beam at Fermilab end May 2014

# At Fermilab test beam, Dec-Jan 2014

Sergey Los

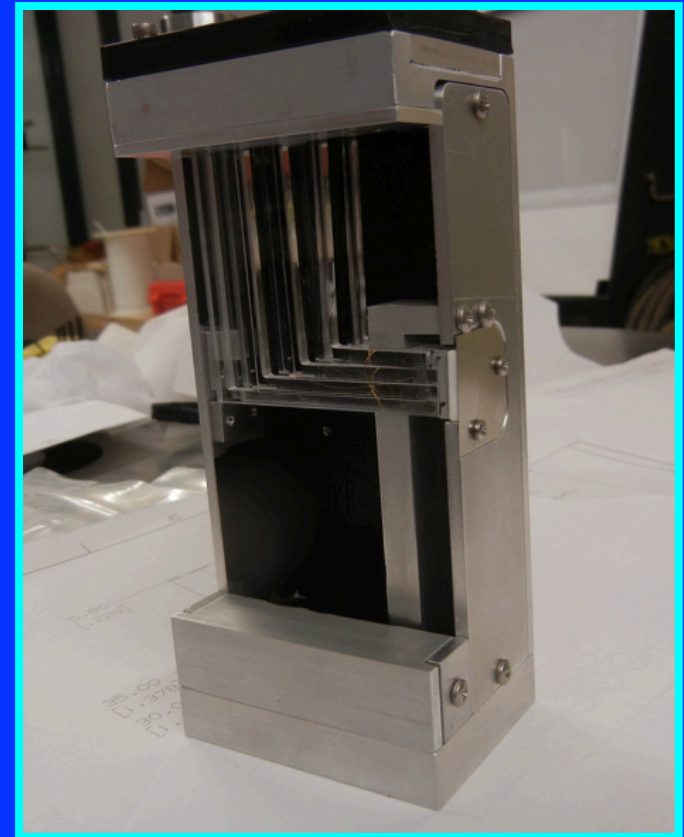


MCP-PMT240  
ref.time  $\sigma < \sim 10\text{ps}$

Trigger counter  
(scint.  $10 \times 10 \text{ mm}^2$ )

Q20 box on  
moving stage

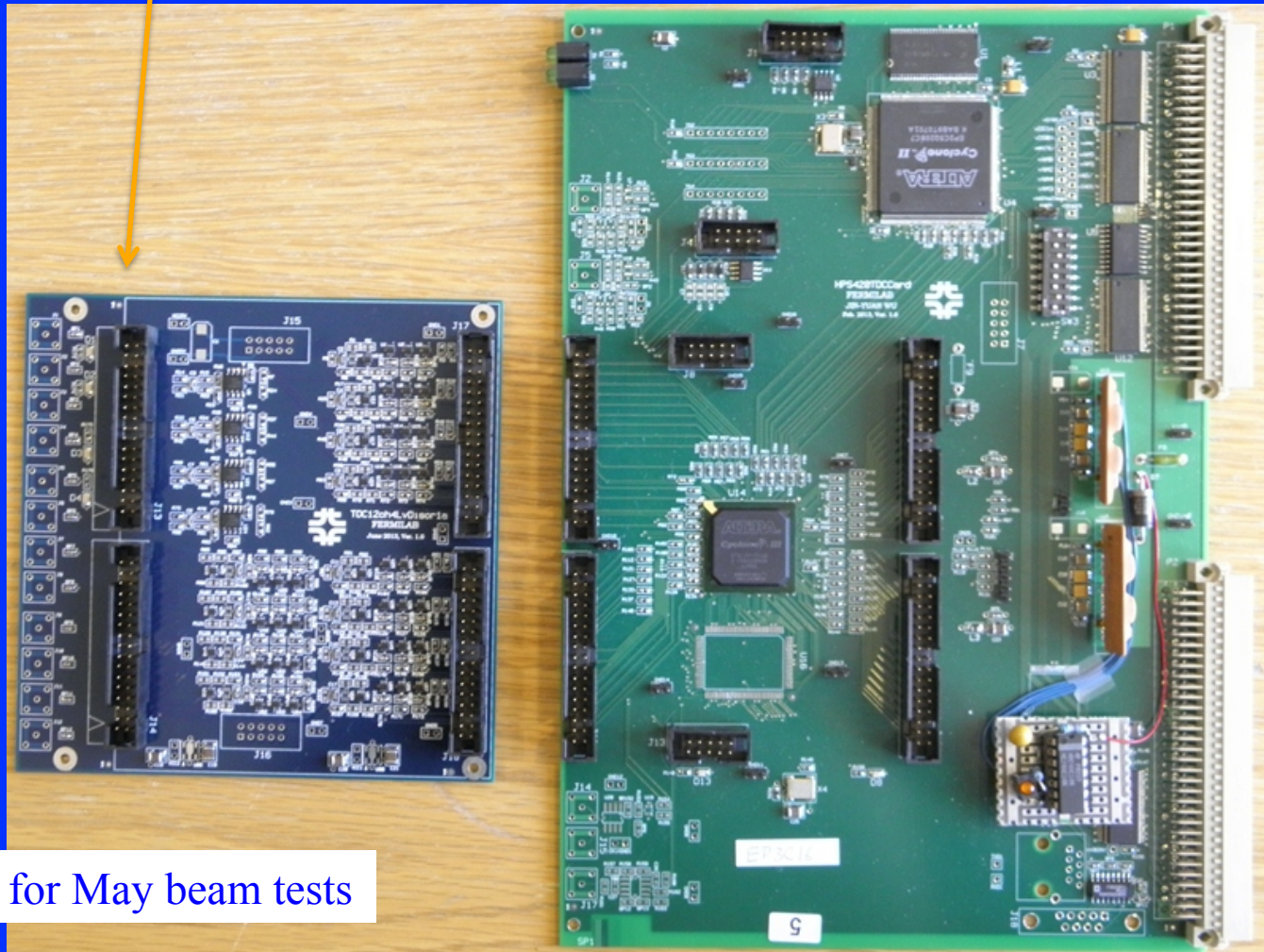
## Sideplate removed





## Quad-threshold discriminator board (Jin-Yuan Wu, Fermilab)

TDC board (8 times per signal, 4 programmable thresholds)  
4 times on rising edge & 4 on trailing edge.  
25ns capability. Resolution expected  $< \sim 10$  ps.



To be ready for May beam tests

### Comments:

IF time resolution is still best with longest (or shortest) radiator bars, a pair of modules can be “bars-up” and “bars-down” (in MBP scheme) so protons at all-y traverse same total radiator bar length.

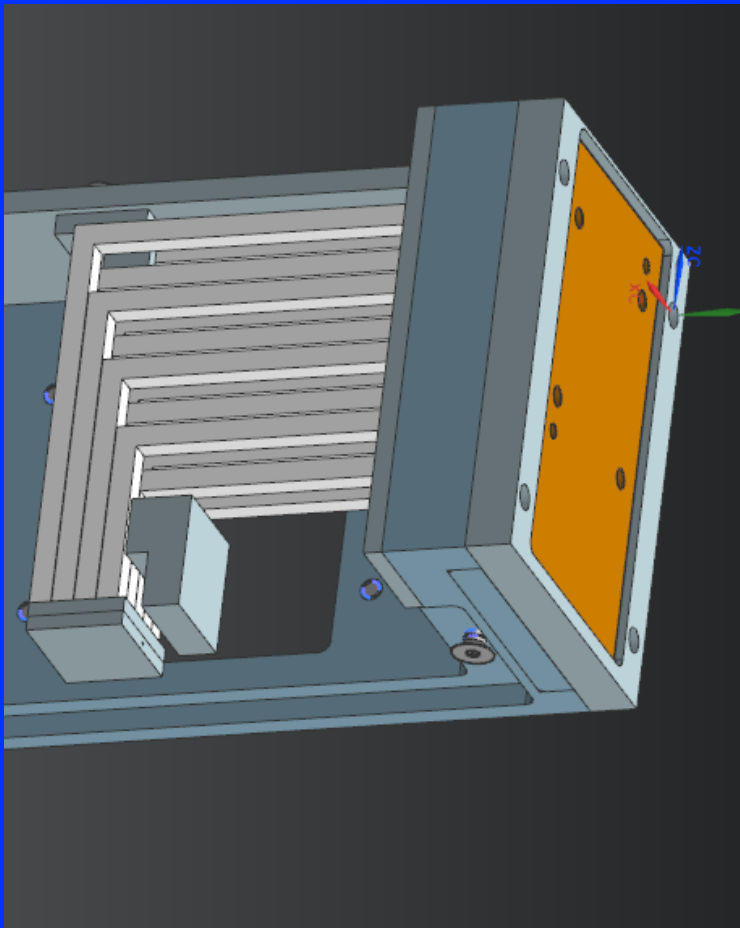
Design can be modified for finer x,y segmentation near beam if desired.  
E.g. replace 2x2 block of 3mm x 3mm bars with 3x3 block of 2mm x 2mm bars.  
Need experience with 2x2 mm<sup>2</sup> bars, even 1mm x 1mm ... very fragile?  
More reflections/cm  
Smaller SiPMs, faster.

Want to try with MCP-PMT with 3x3 mm<sup>2</sup> anode pads replacing SiPM array:  
Shorter Single photoelectron time spread, better QE in blue.

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[Photonis has a Planacon with 32 x 32 anodes of 1.7 x 1.7 mm<sup>2</sup>](#)

## Horizontal version of L-bar Quartic for Roman pots ?



Simply turned and with thin foil cover along bottom of bars (rather than side) area would be 12mm in x and 15mm in y.

y-coverage does not cost anything in z, but increasing x-coverage costs in z and gives larger differences in Radiator bar lengths. Already here, from 20 mm – 55 mm.

Also Light Guide bars get longer.

Can SiPMs be inside R-pot to keep short, and can they be surrounded by shielding?

**>> Need detailed study of Rad, shielding**

Beam tests will measure differences in timing performance vs R-bar length.

Closest to beam (densest part) has longest bars.

What is x,y area we need to cover (a) for high- $\beta$  runs for large  $\sigma$  physics w/TOTEM  
(b) for low- $\beta$  runs with high (full) luminosity ?

Can the same detector be good for both scenarios?

## Summary

Precision timing of protons ( $t_L - t_R$ ) essential for  $p+X+p$  at high pile-up. (Not for special low PU running)

Requirements are challenging but we have solutions:

Angled-bar QUARTIC with MCP-PMT (AFP baseline)

L-bar QUARTIC with SiPM array (CMS baseline) or MCP-PMT

**Four-in-line L-bar is baseline.** ~ Meets requirements but:

- 1) so far  $30 \text{ ps}/\sqrt{4} = 15 \text{ ps}$ . Improvements expected: faster SiPMs, better radiator (sapphire?), or custom multianode MCP-PMT.
- 2) Radiation “soft”, can shield n’s. Can replace  $> 1/\text{year}$ .

**Other solutions welcome ... if beam-tested!**

*Thank you*