

60 GHz Technology and Possible Applications in HEP

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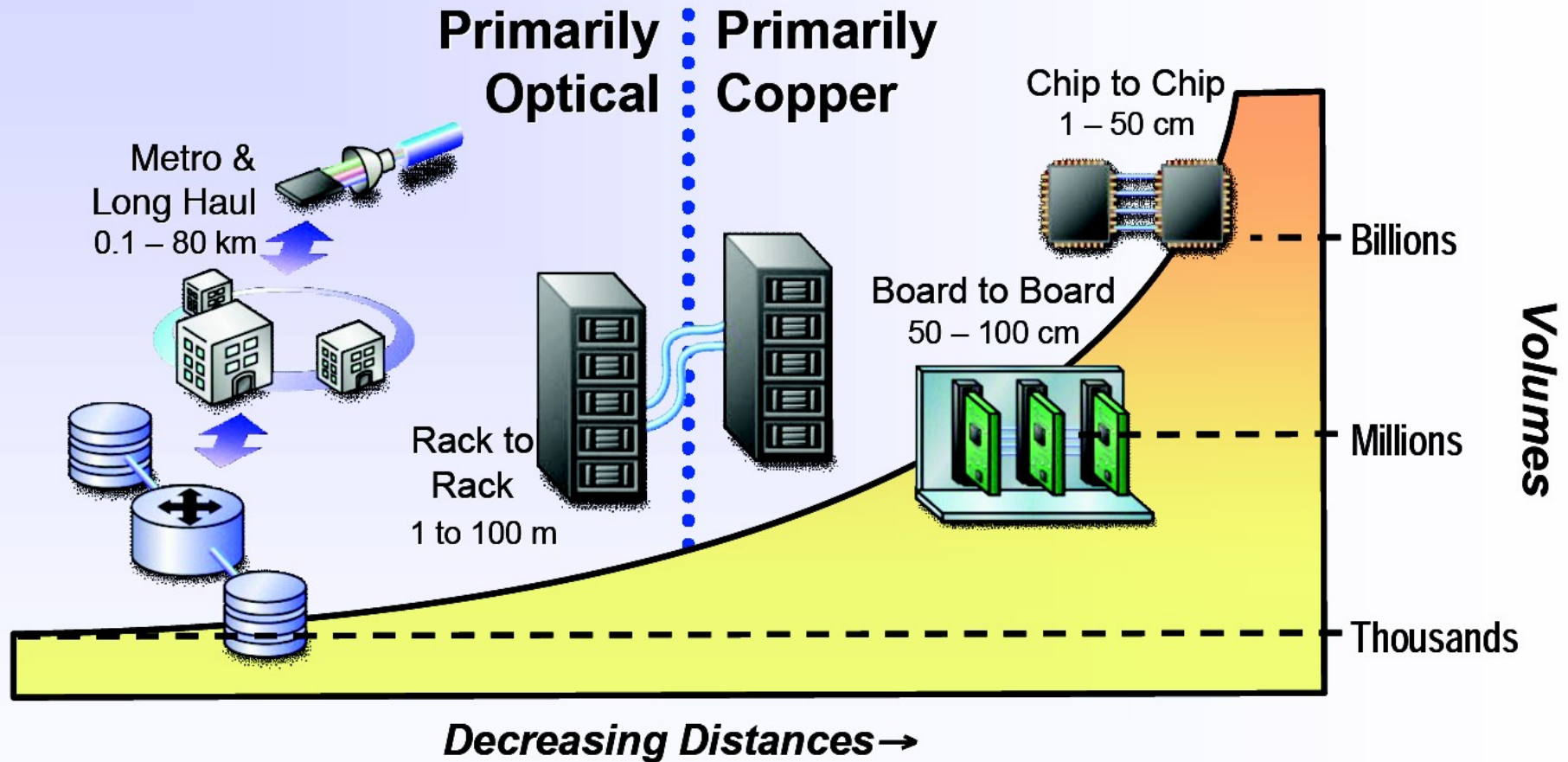
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Overview

- **Introduction to 60 GHz technology**
- **Motivation to use 60 GHz in HEP**
 - ATLAS Track Trigger
- **Studies and Results**
 - Simulations
 - Hardware Tests
- **Heidelberg 60 GHz Transveiver Chip**
- **Future Applications**
 - FCCee?

Today's High Speed Interconnects

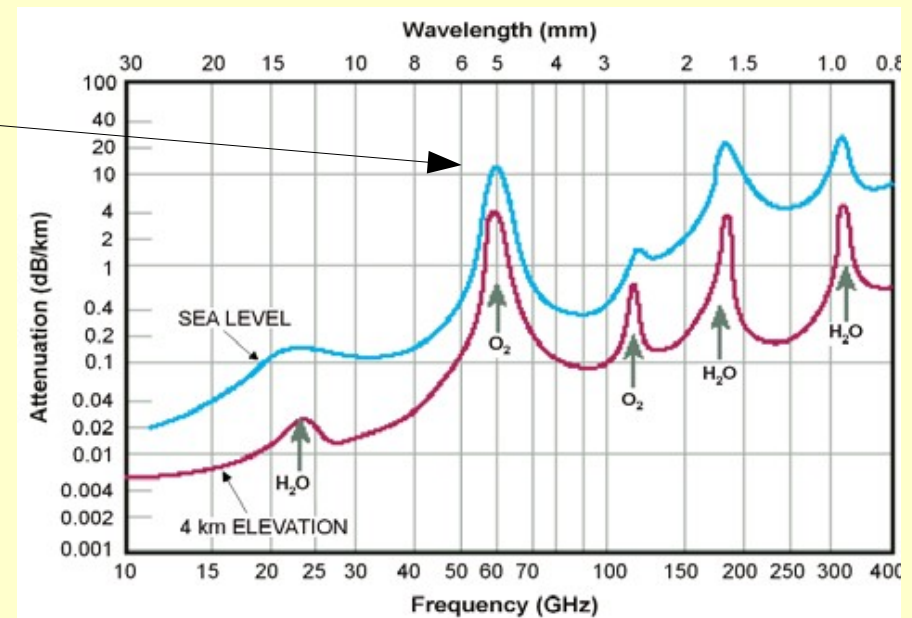


Courtesy of Mario Paniccia, Intel

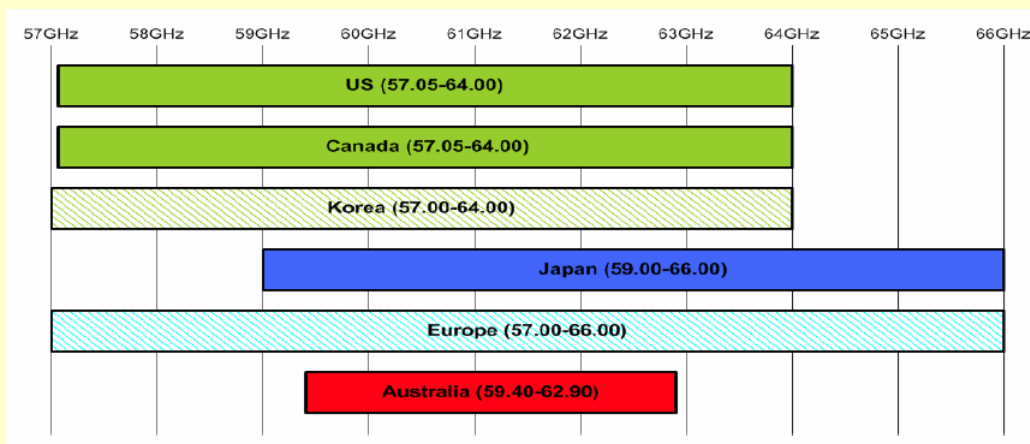
typical detector size ~ 100m

60 GHz Band

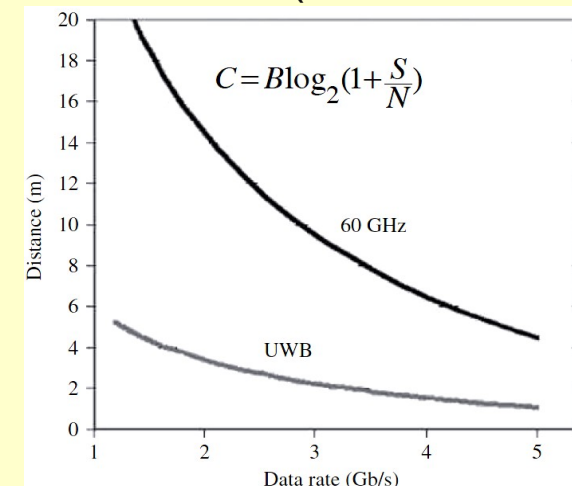
- O₂ absorption at 60 GHz
- large damping over 10m
- unlicensed band 57-66 GHz
- ~ 9 GHz (officially) usable
- multi Gbit/s data transfer
- mm-waves → small antennas!



license free bands:

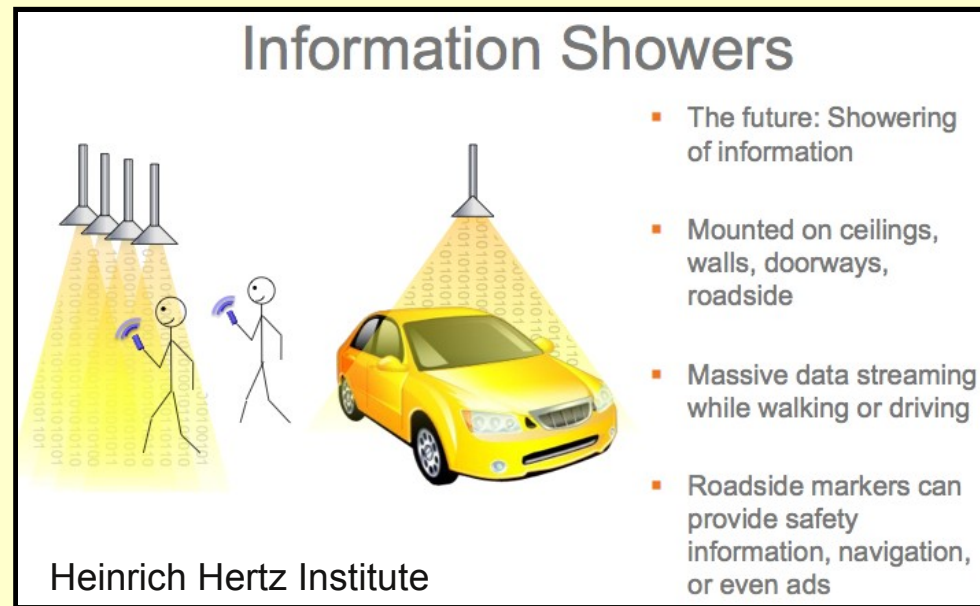


maximum bit rate (Shannon-Hartley)



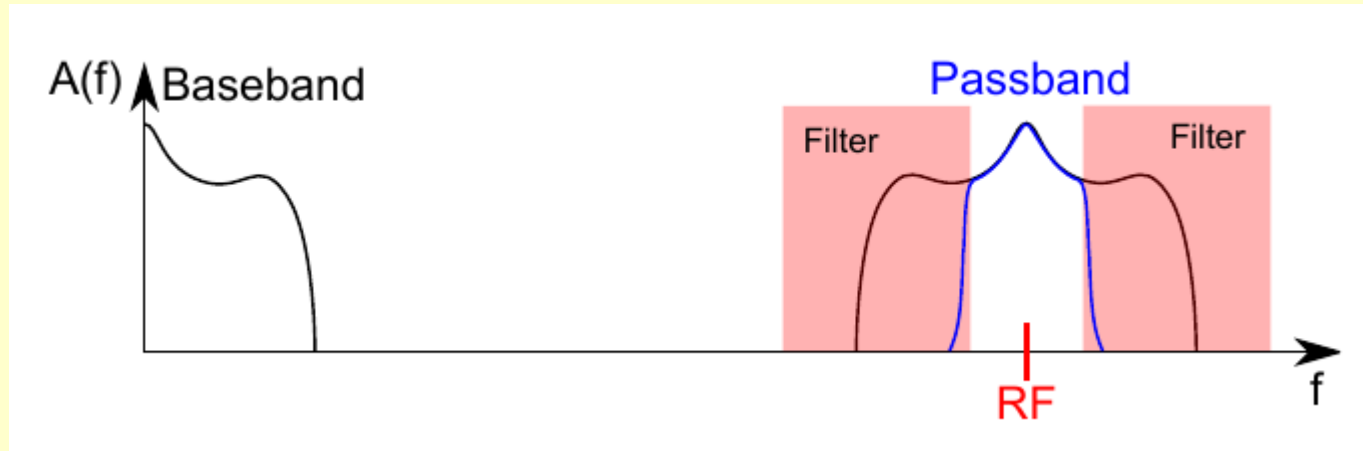
Interests in Industry

- uncompressed video (HDMI → 2 Gb/s)
- airplanes: wireless media system → weight
- home media market → wireless (video, games)
- data kiosk (video, games)
- safe wireless (short range)



Wireless Transmission

Principle:

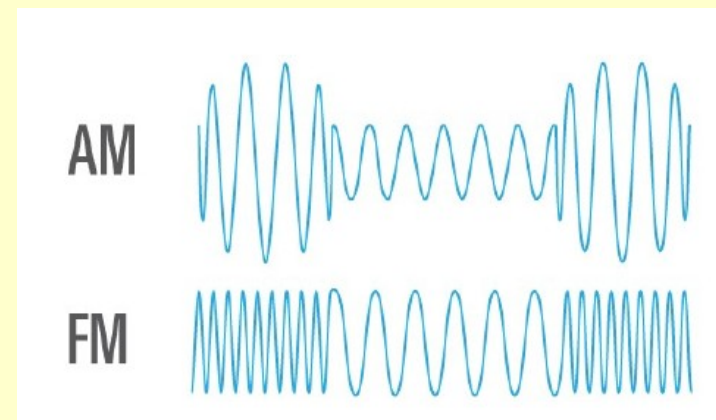


baseband ~ 9 GHz

carrier frequency 60 GHz (RF)

Modulation Schemes:

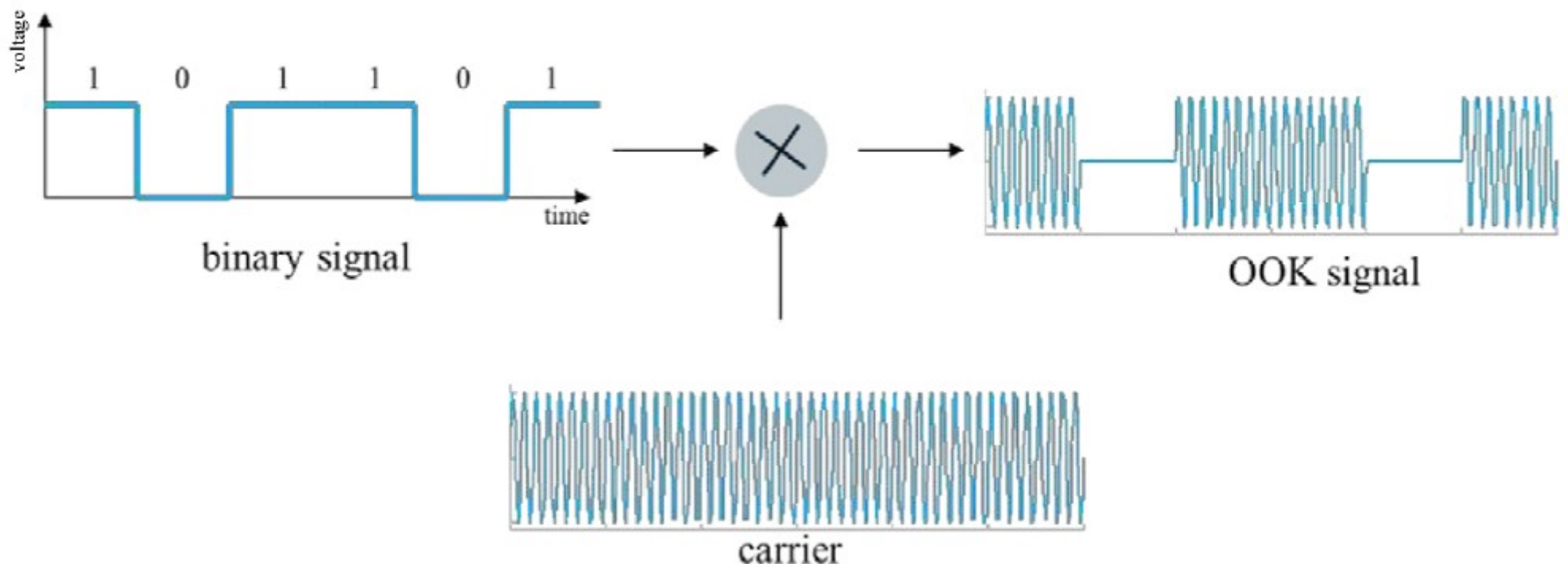
- amplitude modulation (AM)
- frequency modulation (FM)
- phase shift keying (PSK)



Modulation Schemes: On-Off Keying (OOK)

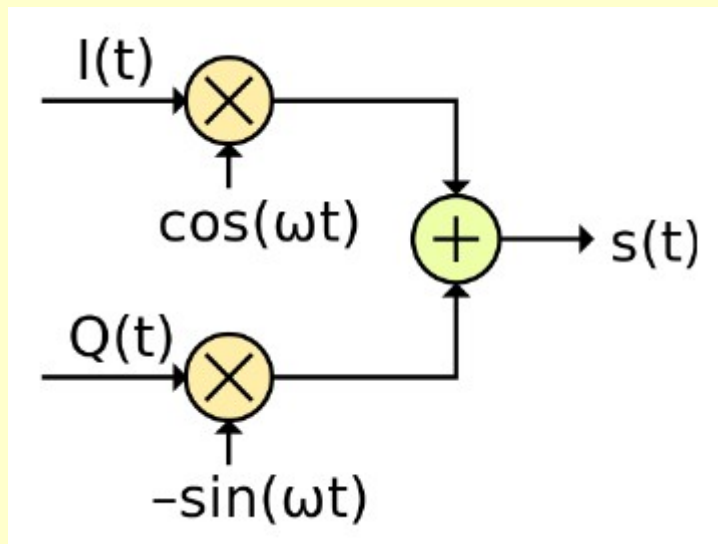
simplest scheme:

- no large baseband circuitry
- low power consumption
- non-coherent demodulation (clock detection)
- spectral efficiency 0.5 bit/s/Hz



Modulation Schemes: IQ Modulation

IQ modulation:

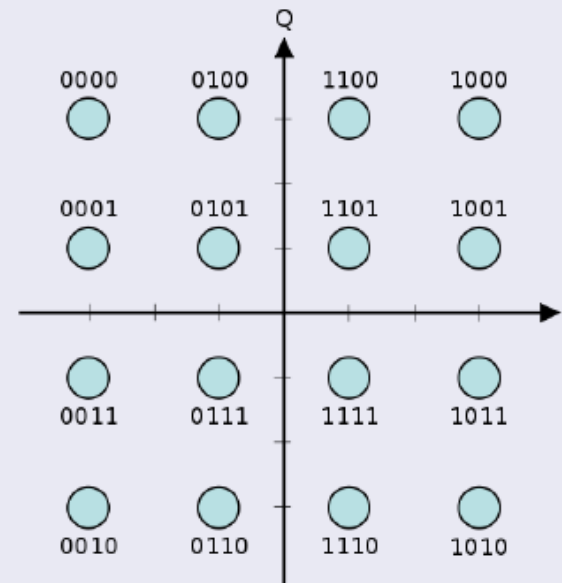


Requirements:

- coherent modulation*
- ADC baseband circuitry
- high signal to noise

* = receiver needs same clock as receiver

16-Quadrature amplitude modulation
(16-QAM, 4 bit/s/Hz)



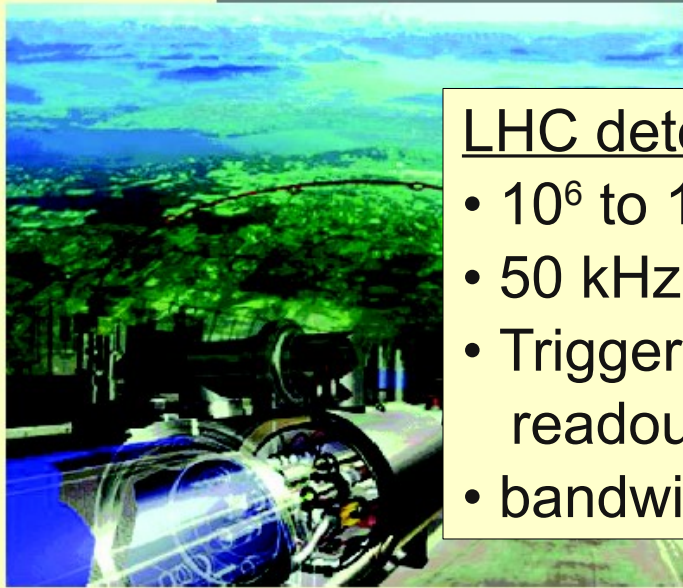
spectral efficiency = 2 bit/s/Hz

Motivation

Why 60 GHz in HEP?

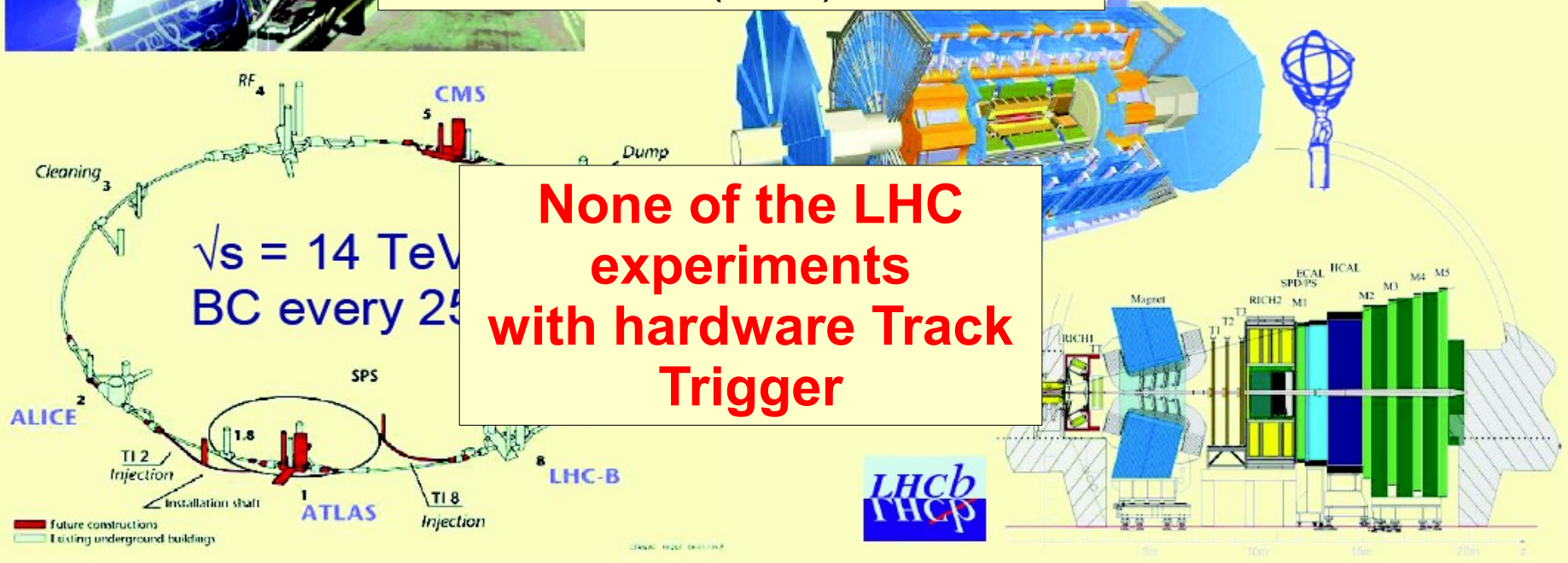
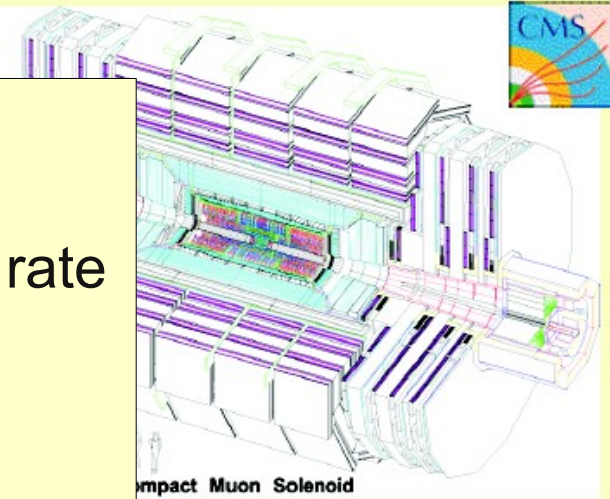
- high bandwidth
- small form factors (small chip+antennas)
- no connectors (failures)
- low mass
- low power (transmission over short distances)
- high flexibility (readout topology)

Technology Frontier LHC

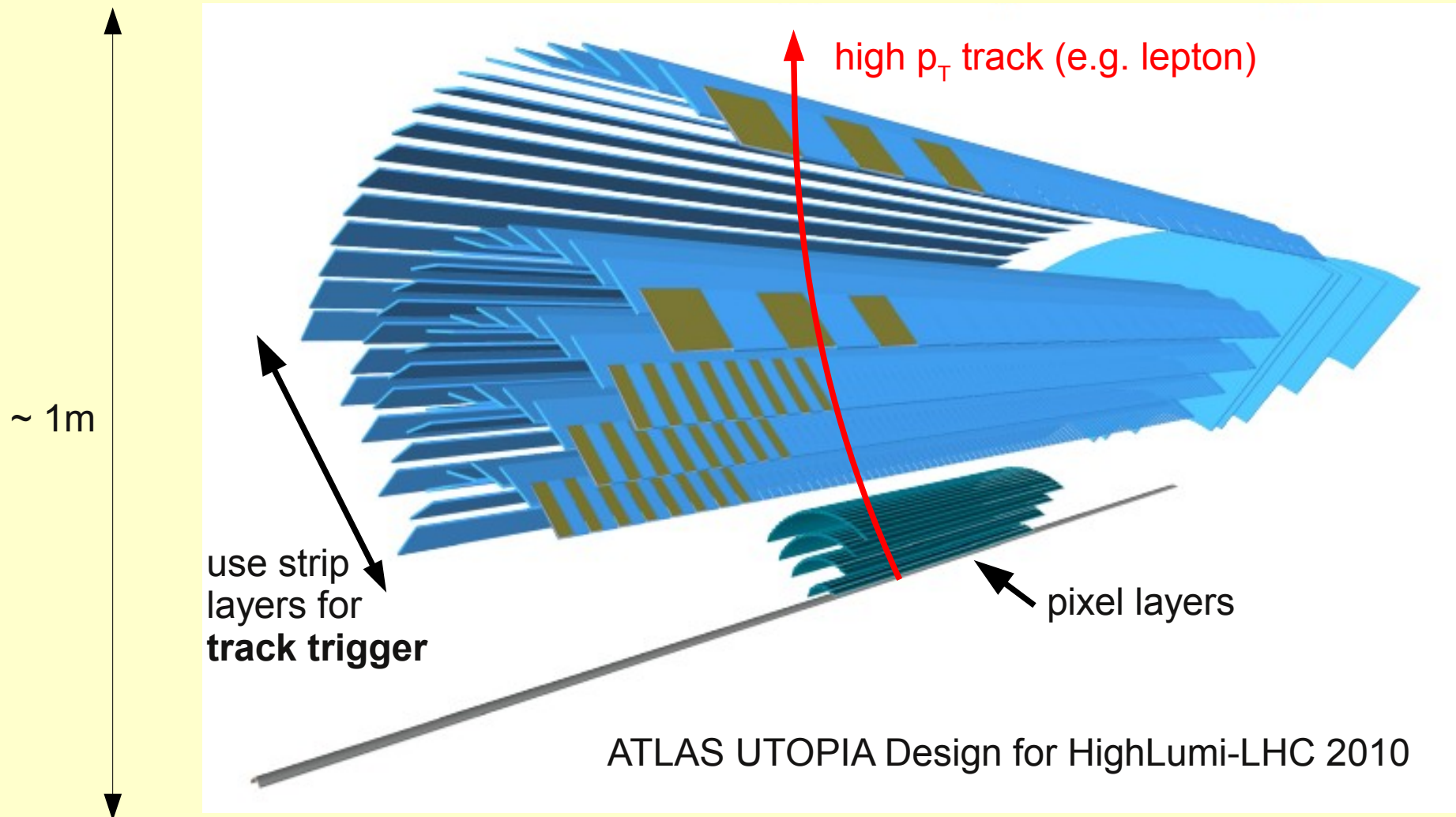


LHC detectors:

- 10^6 to 10^8 channels
- 50 kHz to 1 MHz readout rate
- Trigger system limited by readout bandwidth
- bandwidth $O(\text{Tb/s})$



Self Seeded Track Trigger Concept



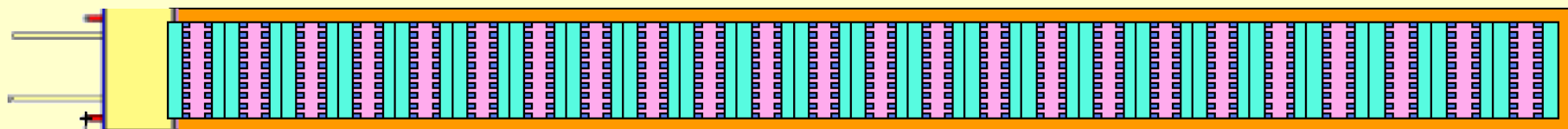
The “First Meter” Bottleneck (ATLAS)

Upgraded ATLAS Barrel Strip Detector

Stave design of stacked strip layers:

p-type sensors / n-side readout

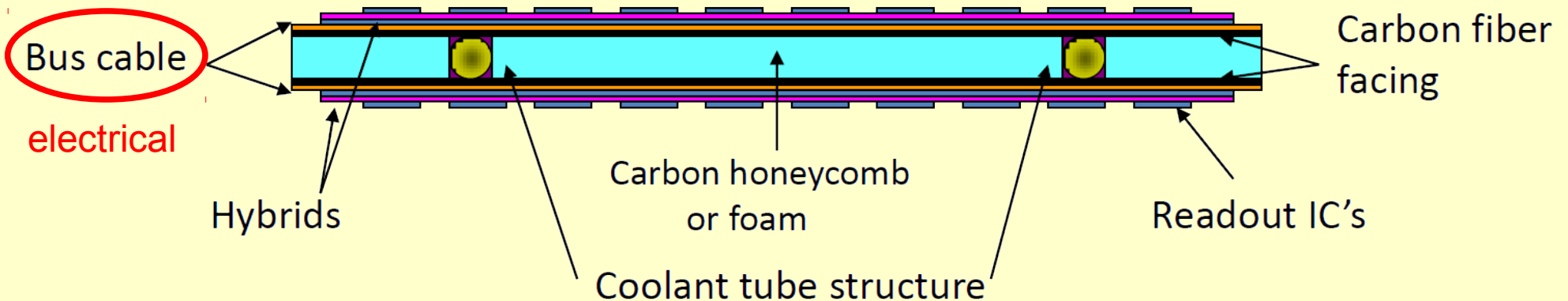
→ 160 Mbps per controller



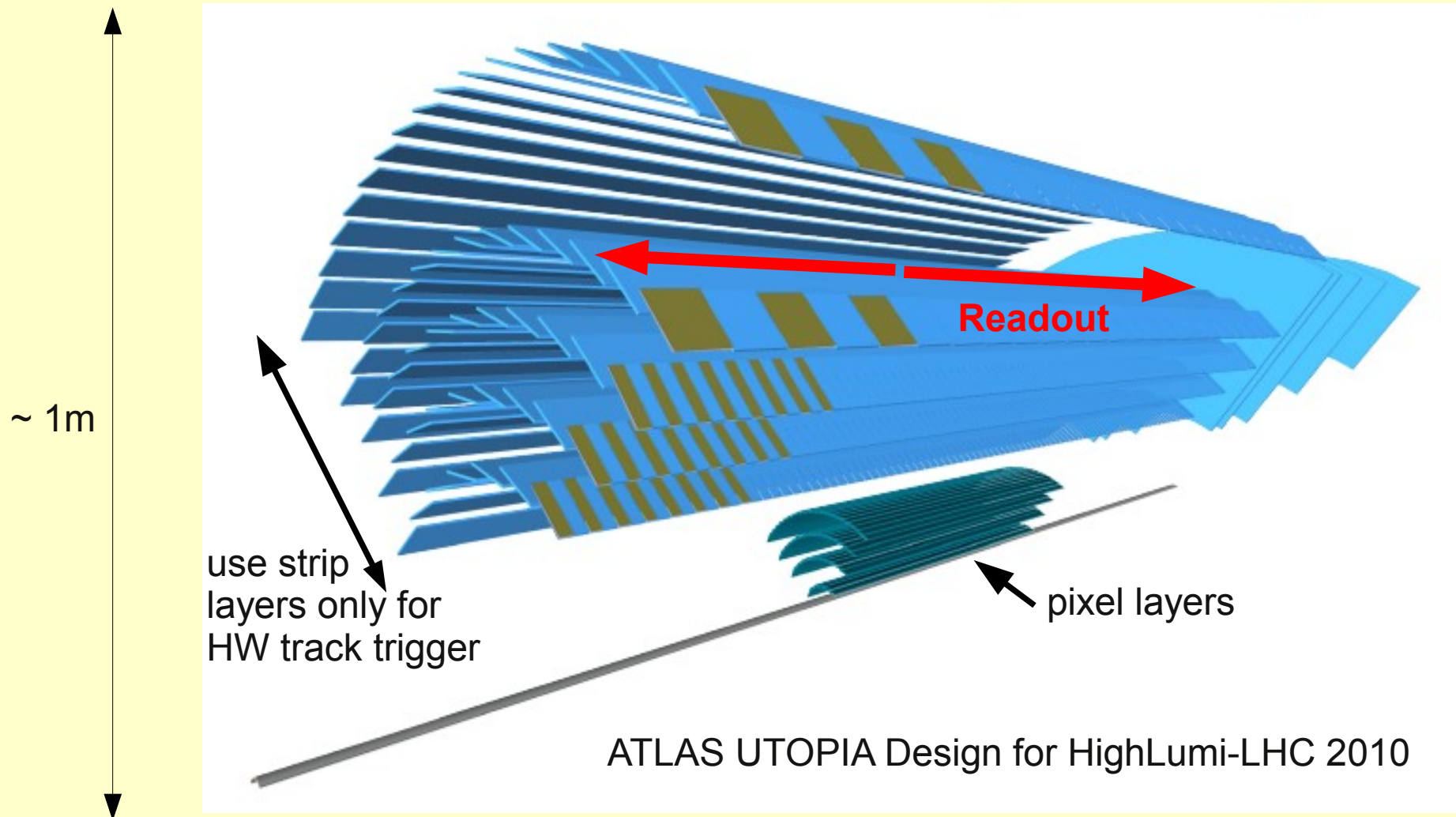
Bottleneck

Readout over bus

cross section:



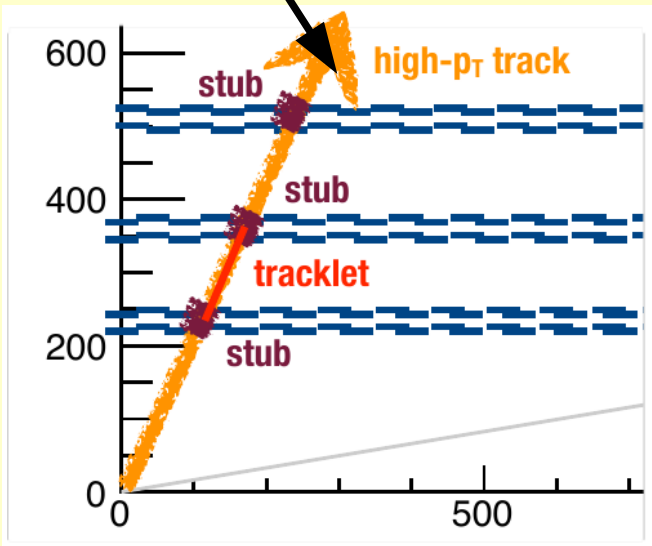
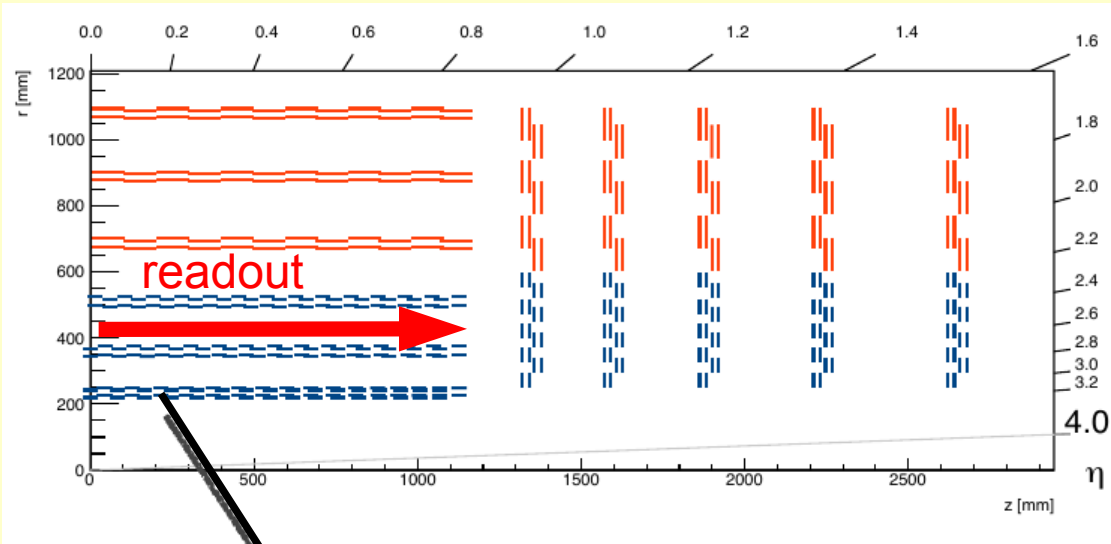
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→ additional cables (material) required for hardware track trigger

The “First Meter” Bottleneck (CMS)

CMS Upgrade Detector



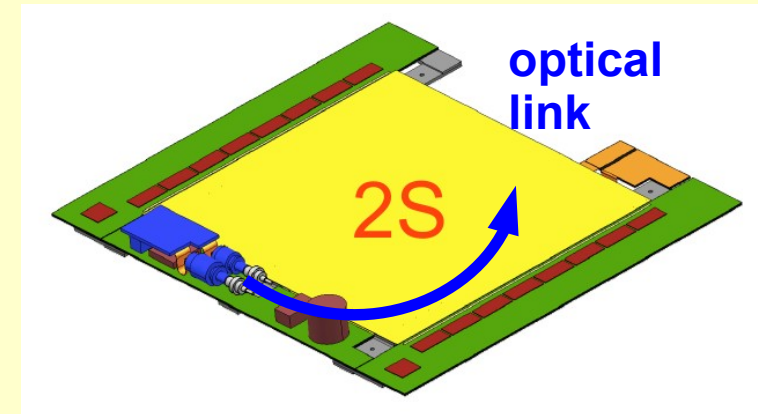
- coincidences define stubs
- stubs define tracklet

$O(10000)$ links!

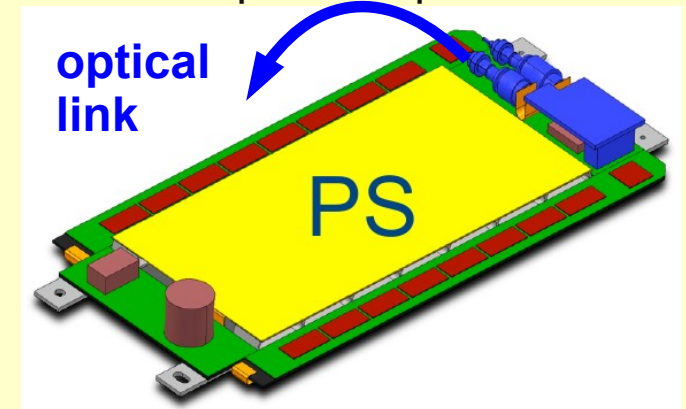
one of main issues: power consumption!

Different Modules:

2 strip module (stacked)



stacked pixel-strip module



Critical Parameters

The frontend readout data rate can be characterised by 3 numbers:

Gbps / cm²

Gbps / g

Gbps / W

new technologies will further improve these numbers up!

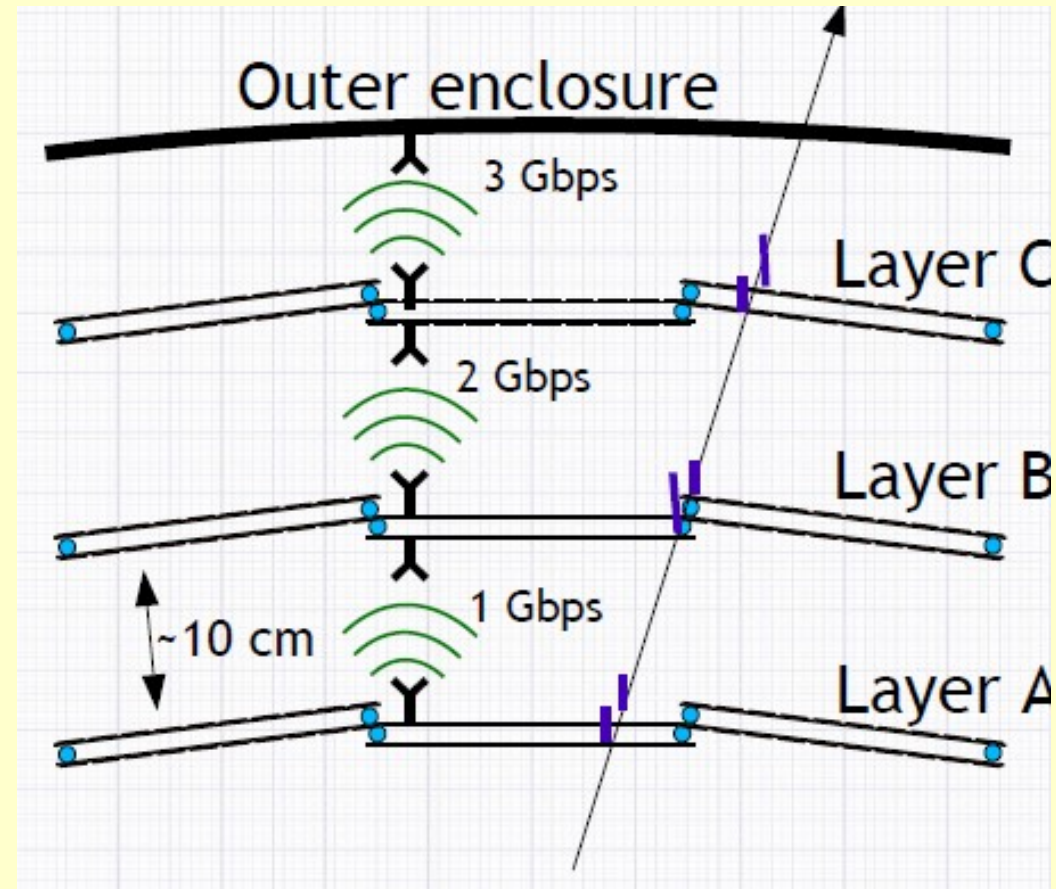
New Concept: Vertical Readout!

Concept

- use 60 GHz wireless for readout
- read out hits along path of tracks
- topology would allow for **local** trigger processing at the frontend
- avoids lot of extra material

Challenges:

- power consumption
- bandwidth
- directional antennas
- noise (reflections)

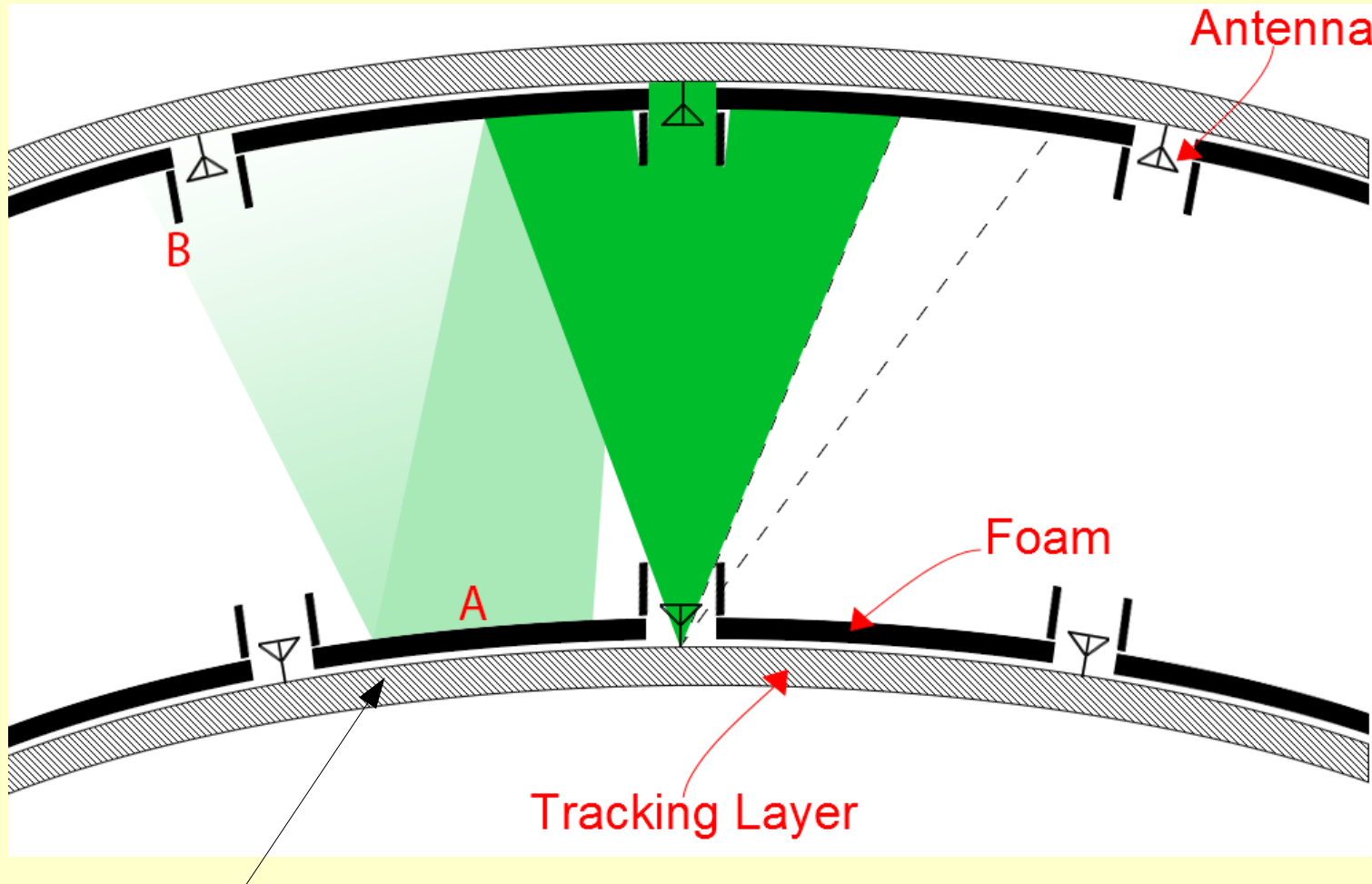


idea by R.Brenner (Uppsala)

Simulations

Noise by reflections:

→ simulated using ray-tracers on GPUs (bachelor thesis Th. Hugle, Heidelberg)

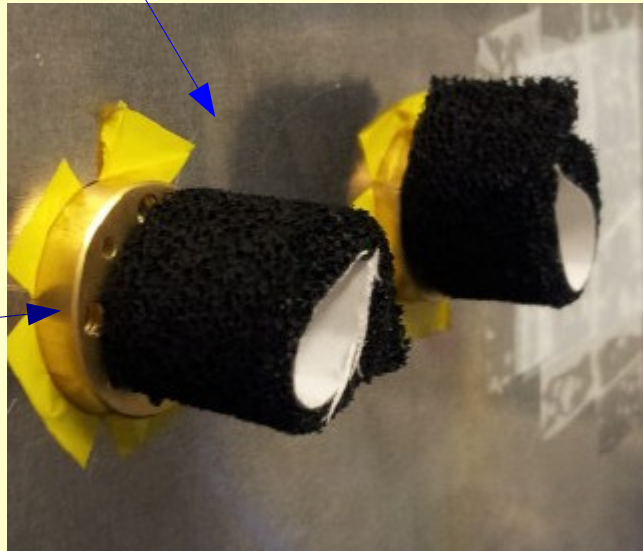
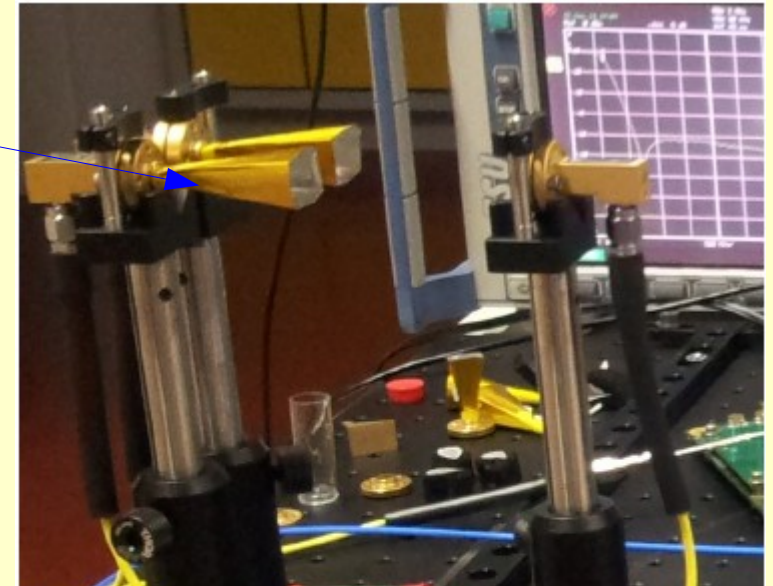


shielding by carbon-foam absorber

Antennas

Different antenna types tested in Heidelberg:

- (massive) brass horns
- self made aluminised thin kapton horns
- only shielding pipes (carbon foam)

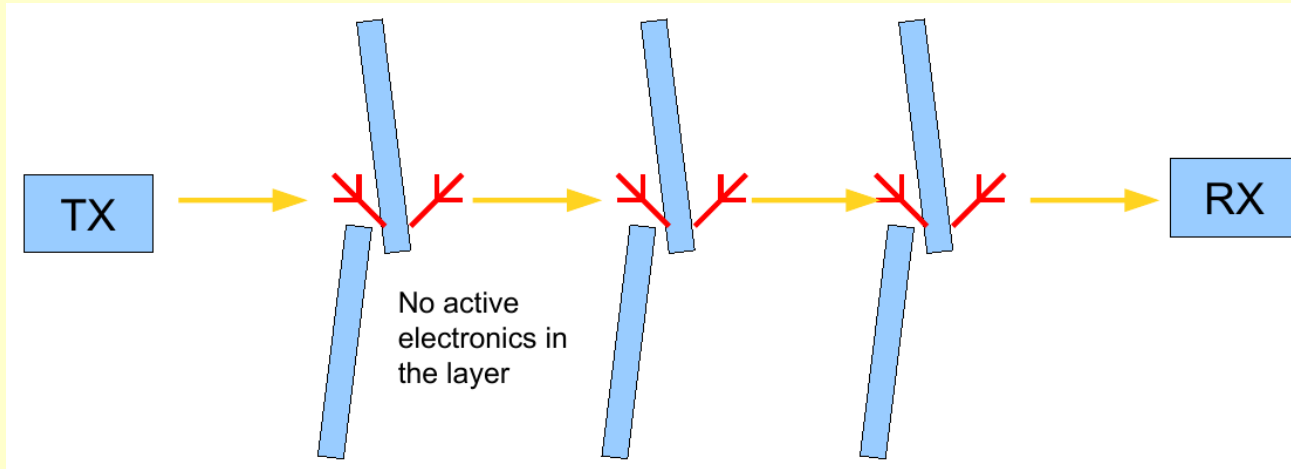


carbon foam
put on
wave guide

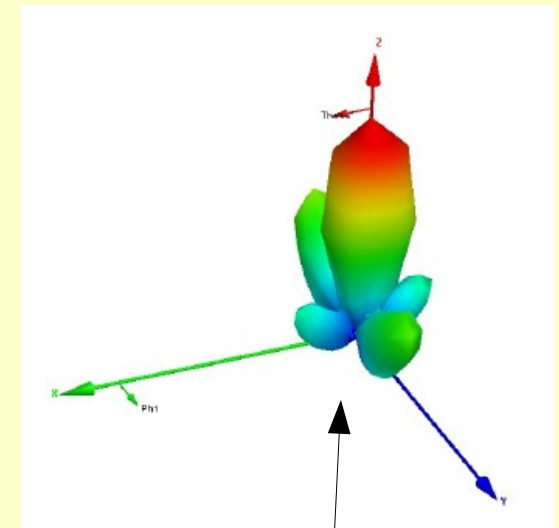
→ no real antenna (no amplification)

Patch Antennas

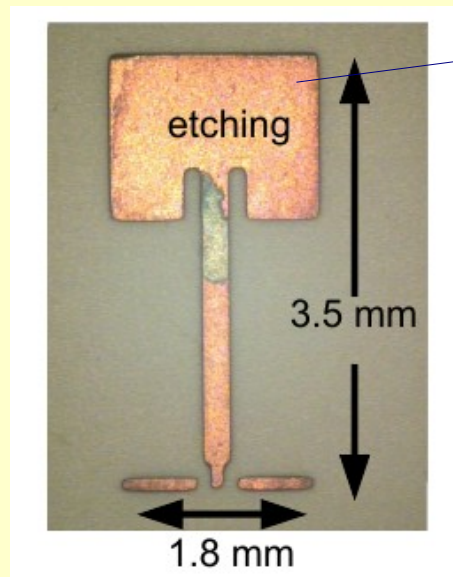
Passive transmission (Uppsala: R.Brenner, D. Pelikan et al.)



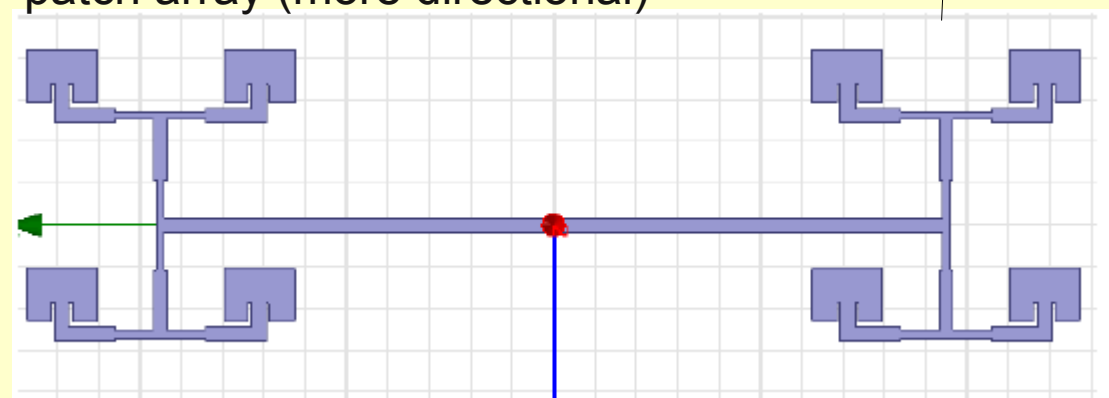
e.m. field (simulation)



etched antenna



patch array (more directional)

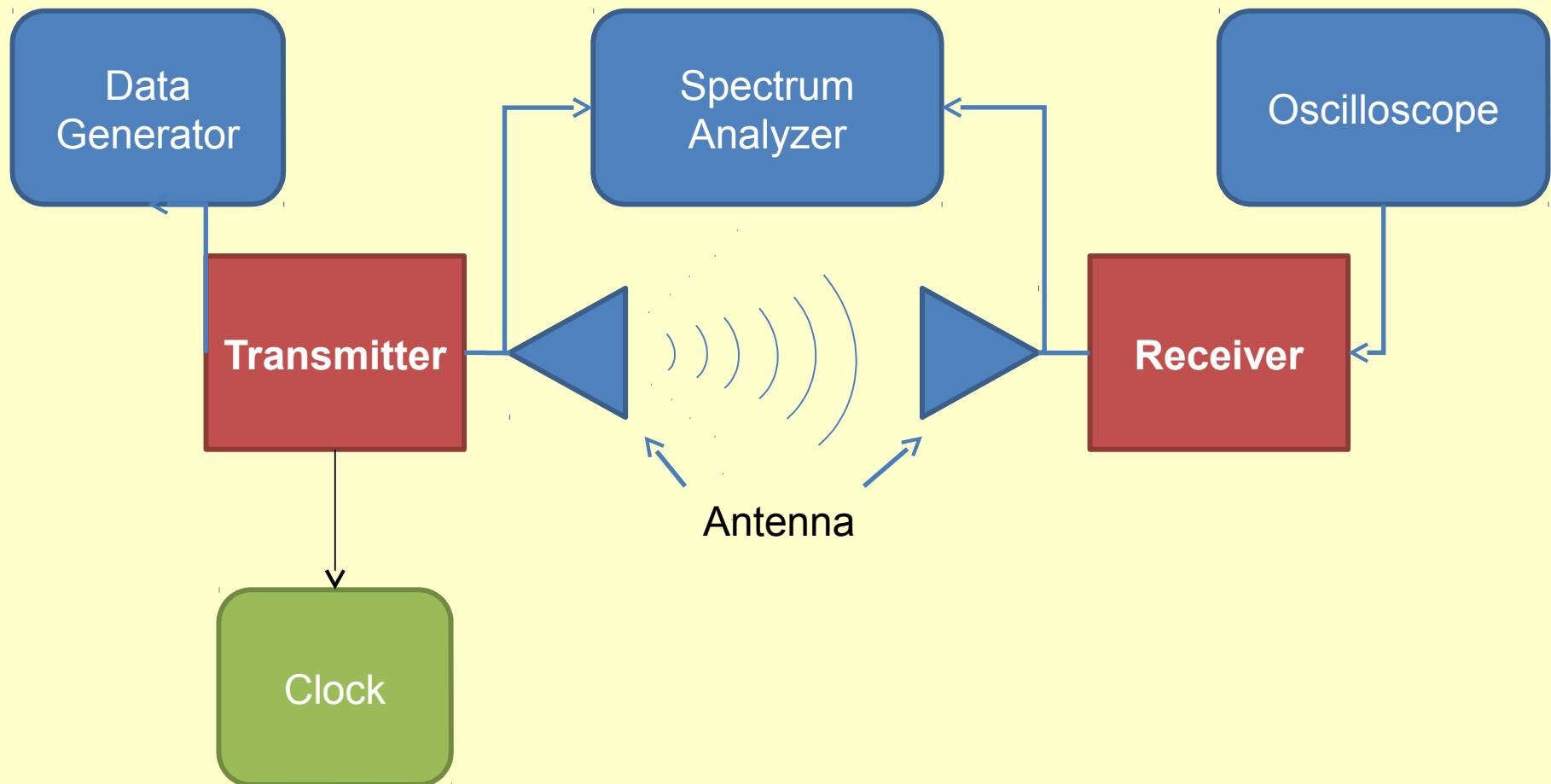


Lab Tests

Commercial 60 GHz transmitters and receivers:

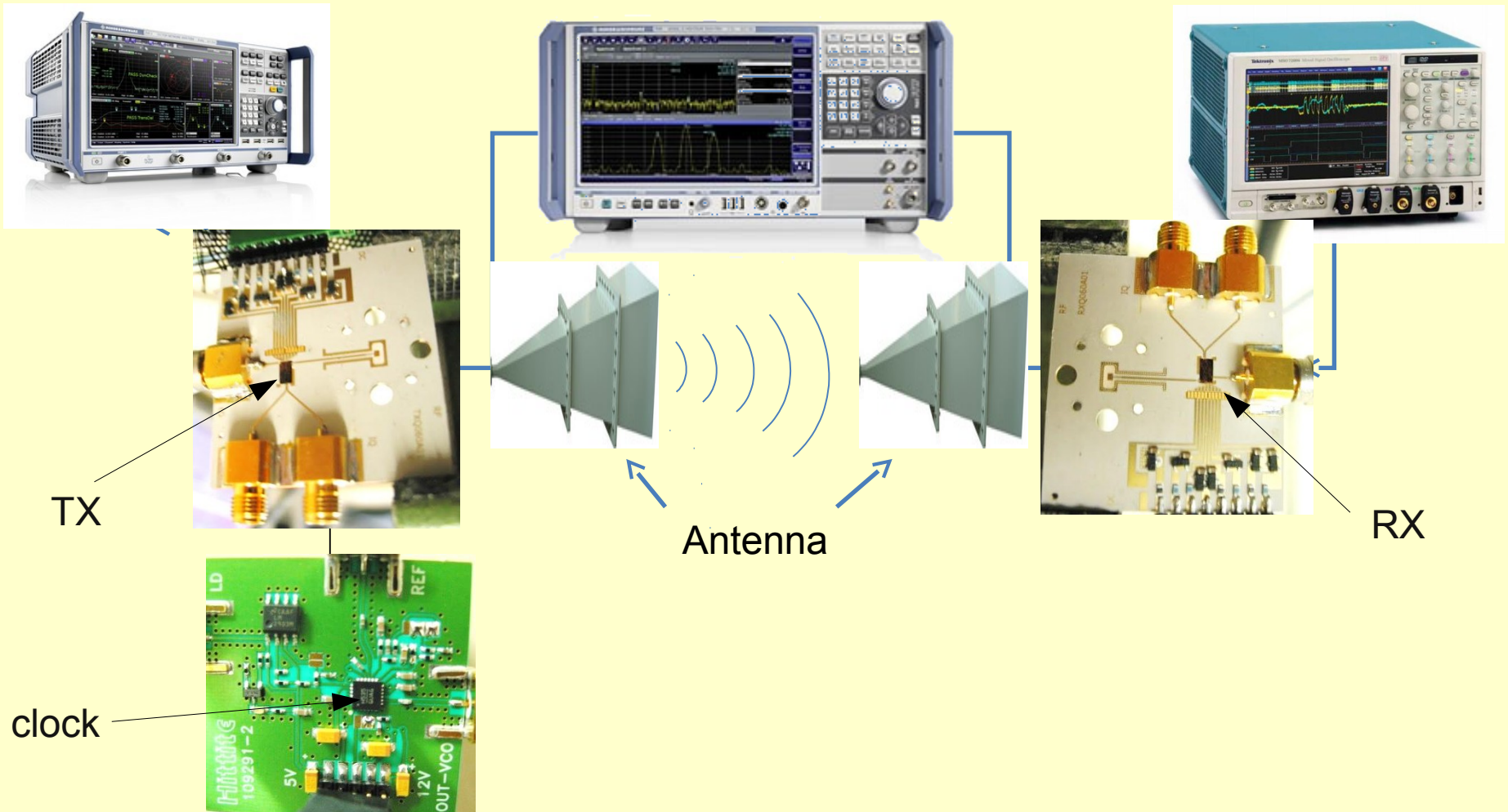
→ GOTMIC chipsets

→ Hittite evaluation boards (1.8 Gb/s)



Gotmic Lab Test

Gotmic chipset test setup (3.5 Gbit/s baseband)

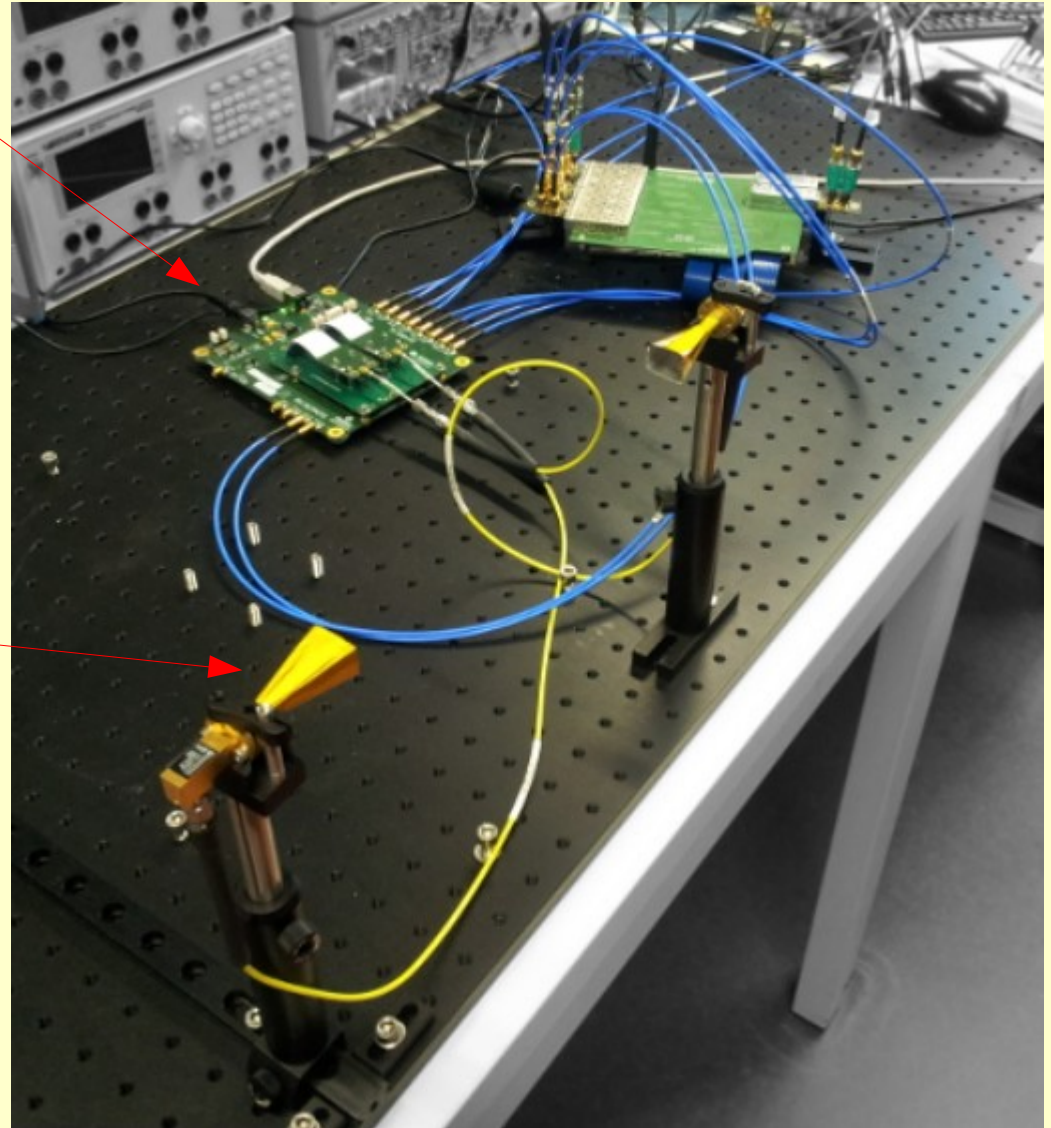


Hittite Lab Test

Hittite Evaluation Board
with FPGA (1.8 GHz)

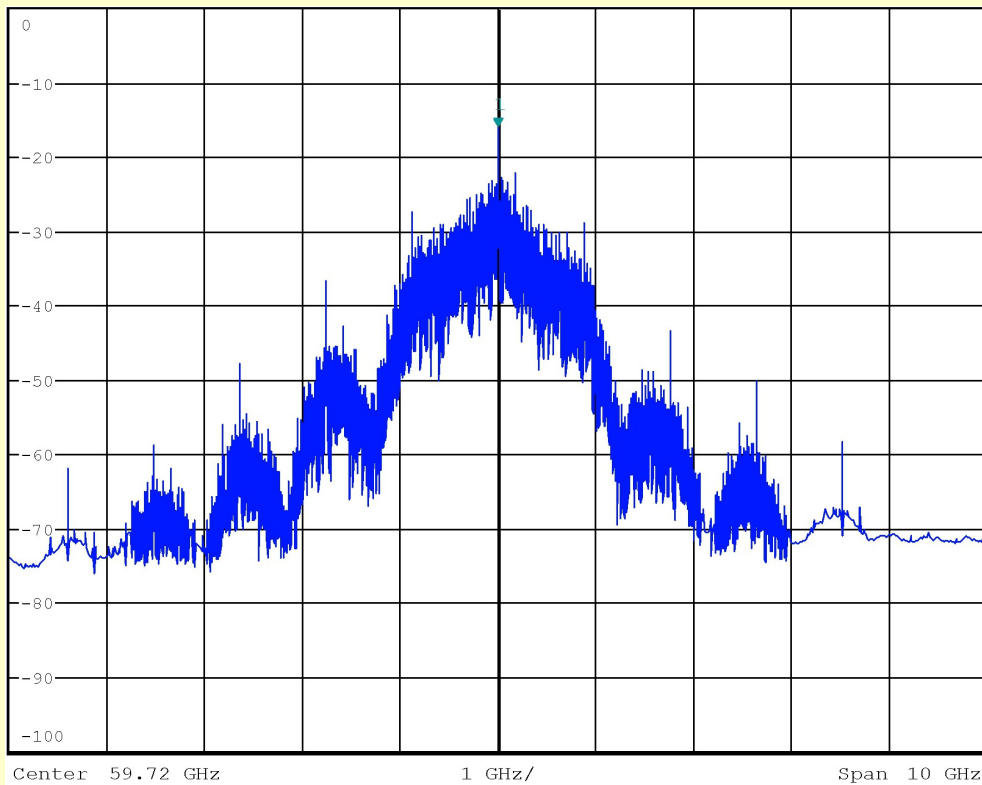
→ used for bit error tests

self made
aluminised 50 μm thick
kapton horn antennas
(low mass)

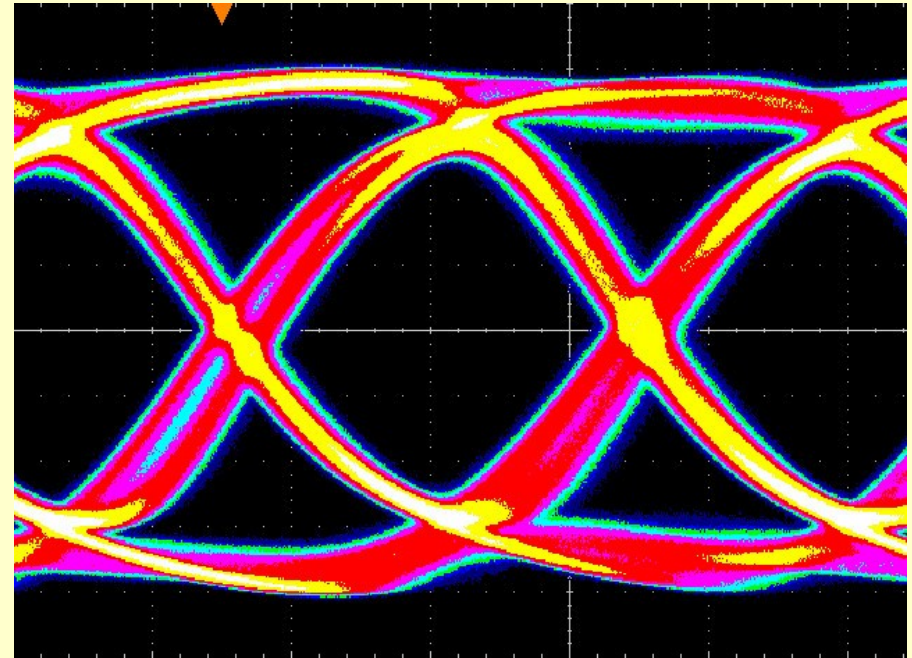


Results

Frequency spectrum:



Eye Plot (1.8 Gbs)



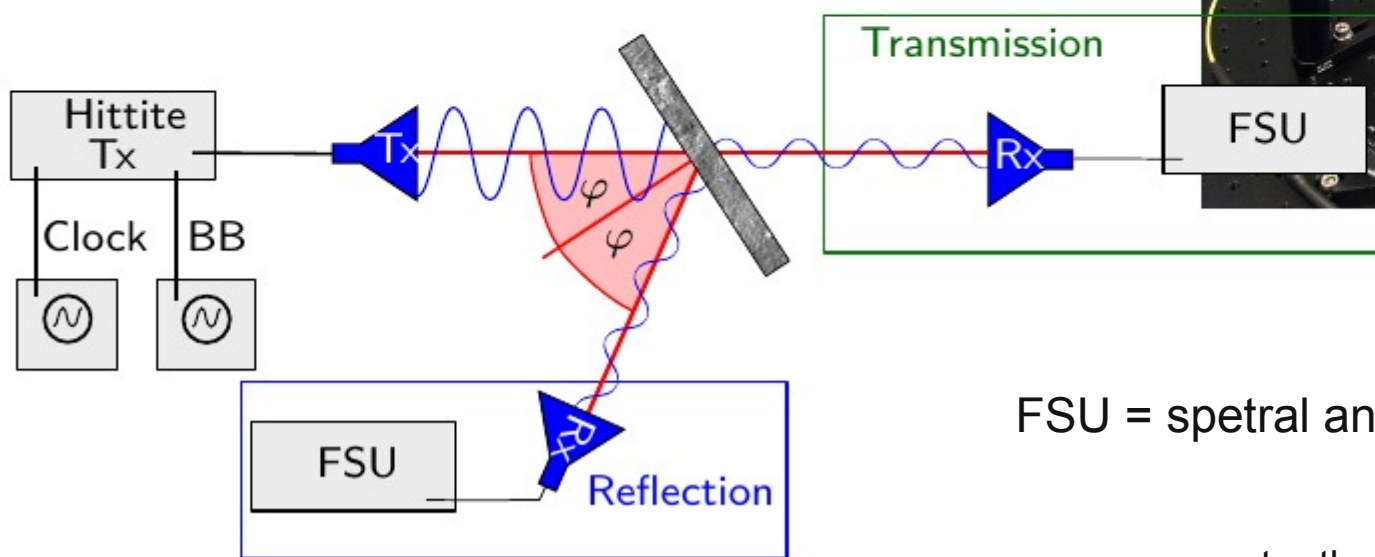
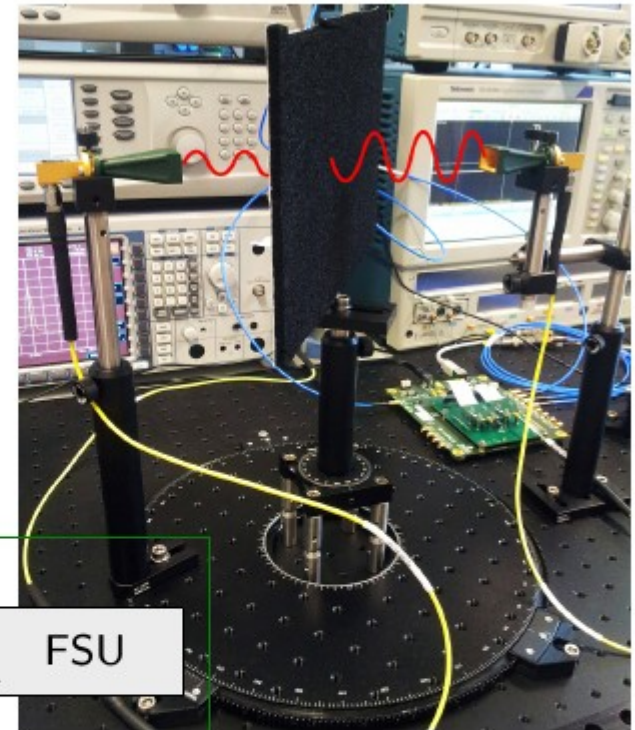
Measured bit error rates at

- 1.76 Gbps $BER < 4.0 \times 10^{-15}$
- 2.00 Gbps $BER = 7.5 \times 10^{-13}$

fast and stable data transmission

Characterisation of Materials

- Characterize reflection and transmission of
 - common detector materials to estimate crosstalk signal power
 - graphite foam as a candidate to be used as absorber

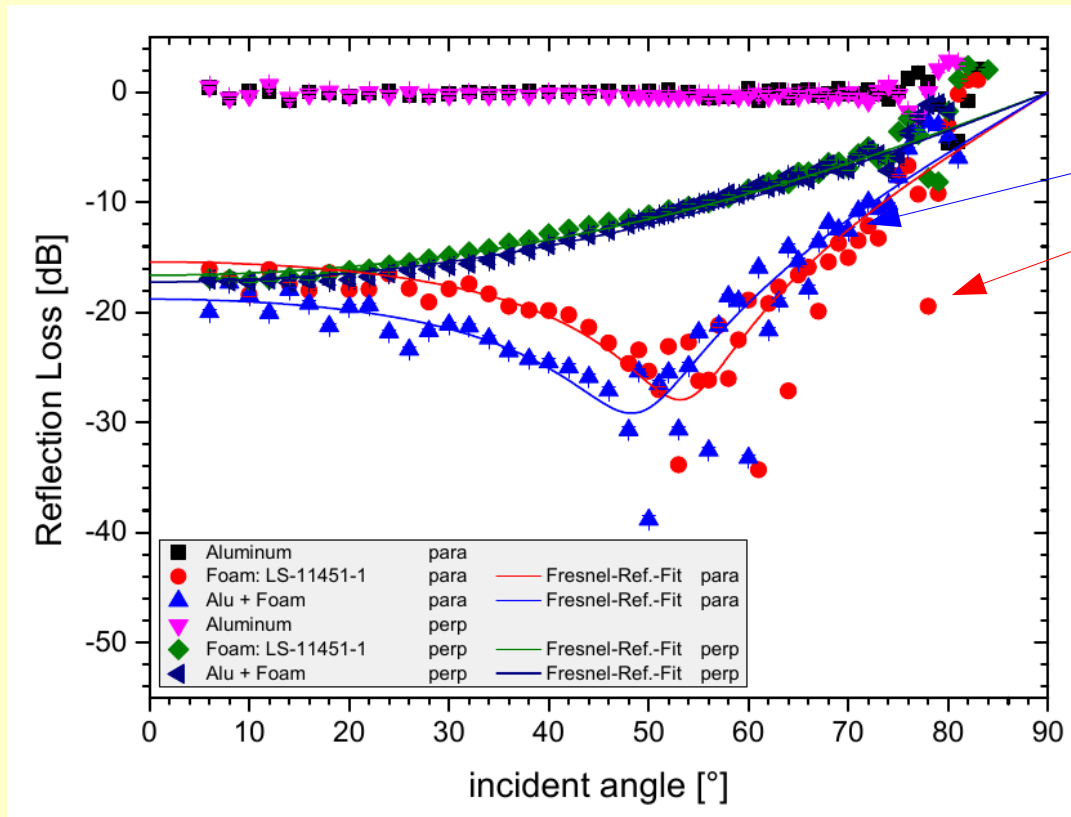


FSU = spectral analyzer

→ master thesis Sebastian Dittmeier

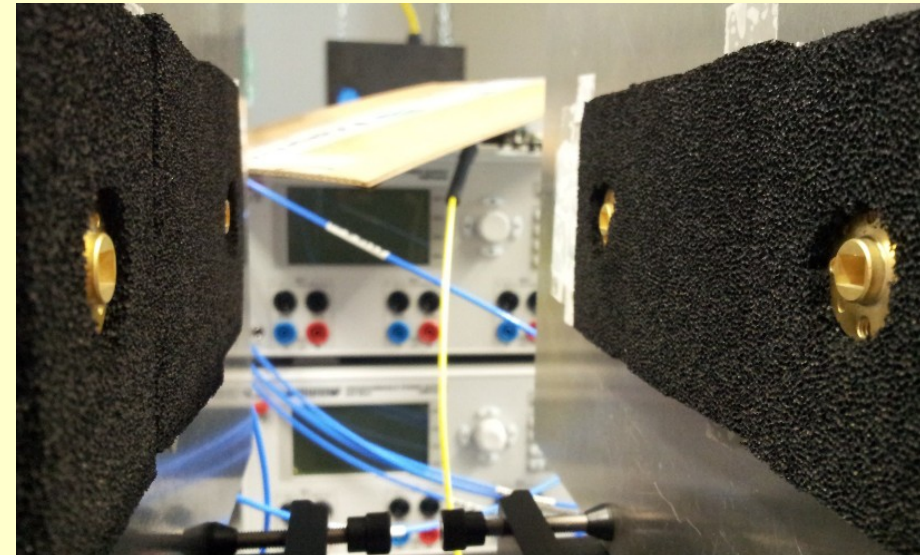
Reflection Measurements

Reflection of different materials:



carbon foam + alu
carbon foam

→ motivates to use carbon foam to reduce reflections

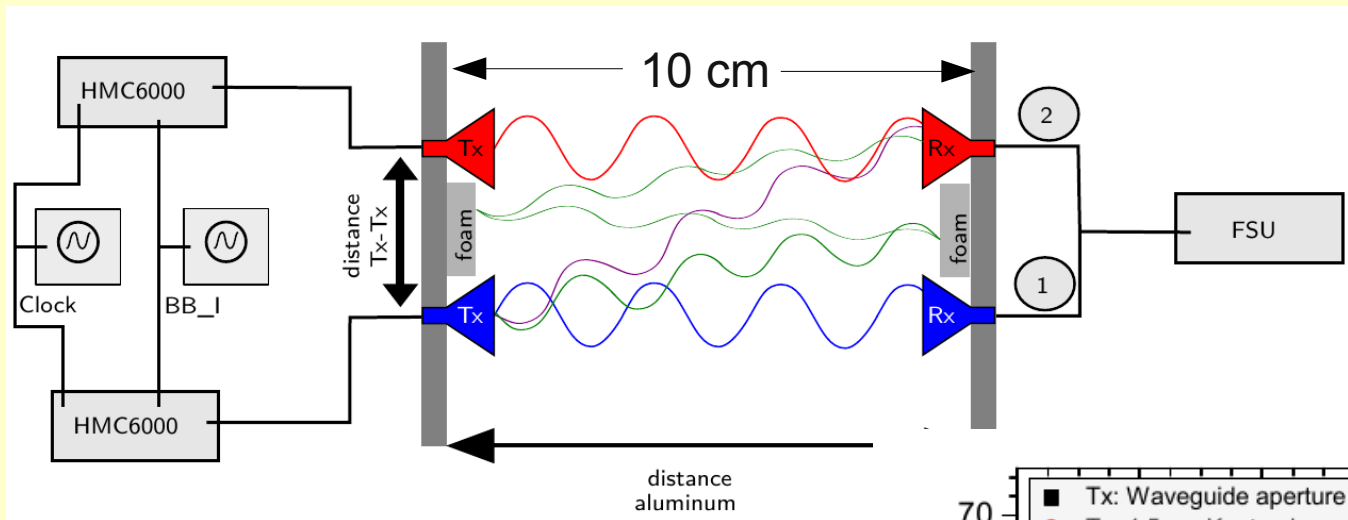


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also different polarisations measured:

- parallel to surface
- perpendicular to surface

Operation of Parallel Links

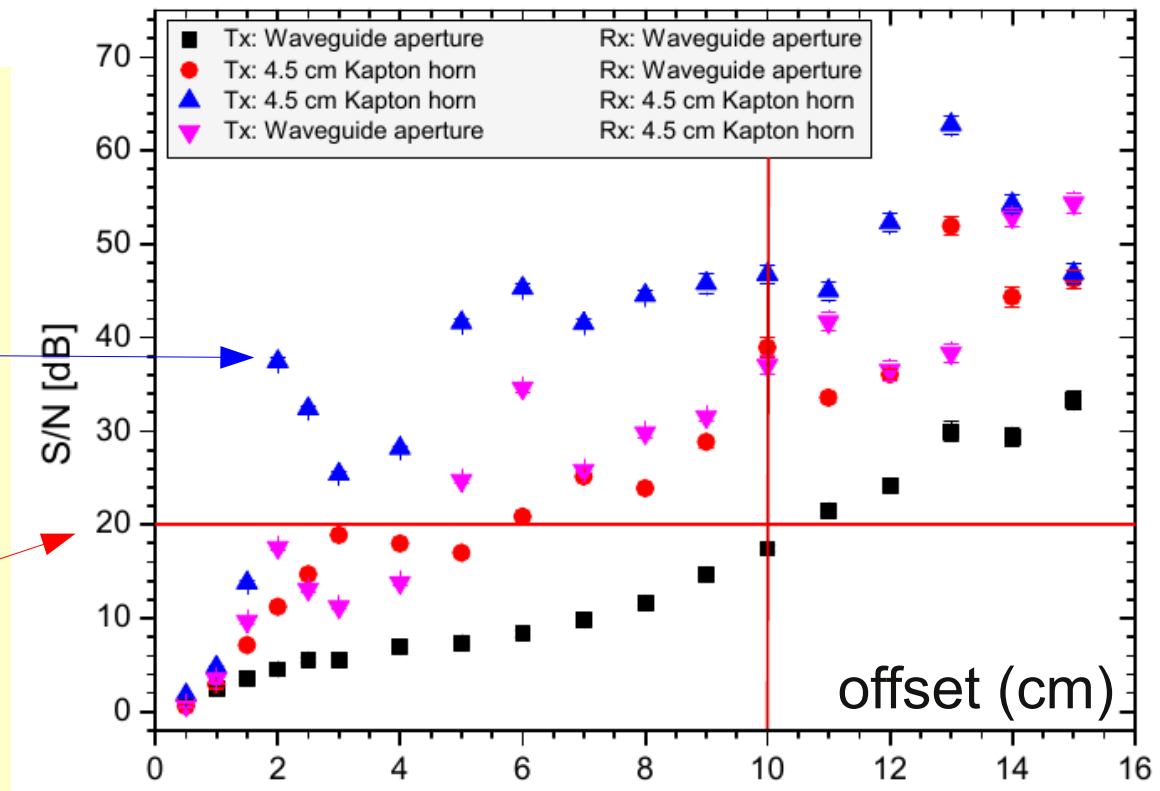


How close can we put wireless links?

Results for transmission distance=10 cm:

Transmitter + Receiver with kapton horn antennas

S/N ~ 20 dB required for stable transmission

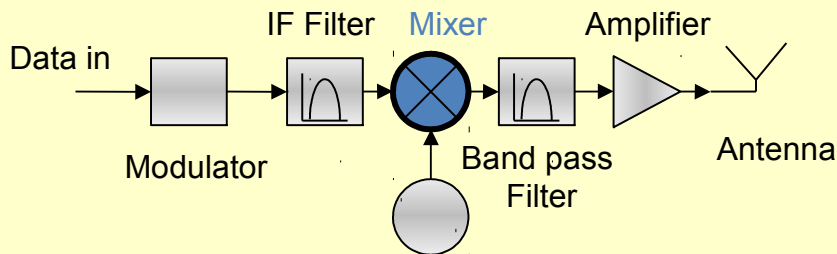


New 60 GHz Transceiver Chip (Heidelberg)

existing 60 GHz chipset not very convenient for HEP application → develop new chip

Transmitter:

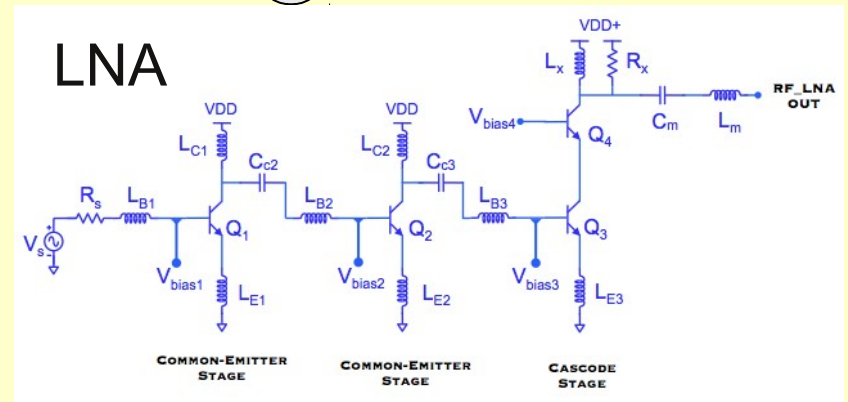
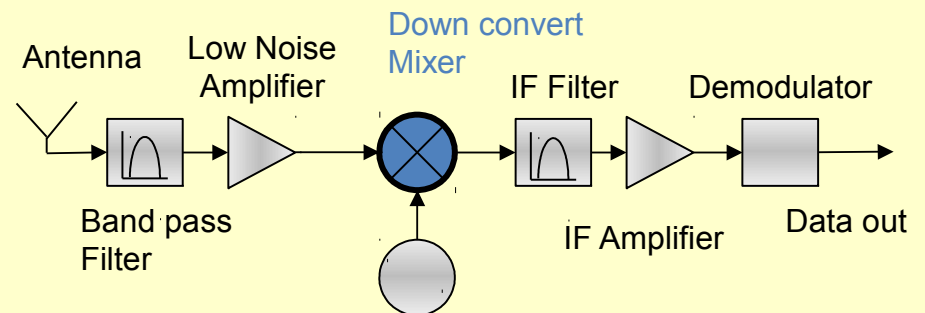
- high power efficiency
- high gain and stability



- power dissipation (10 mW)
- noise figure (6dB)
- linearity + stability
- impedance matching
- power gain (16dB)
- bandwidth (>10GHz)
- insensitive to process variation, temperature, etc.

Receiver:

- low noise amplifier
- balance gain, linearity and noise
- low power dissipation



Designer: Hans-Kristian Soltveit

Plans

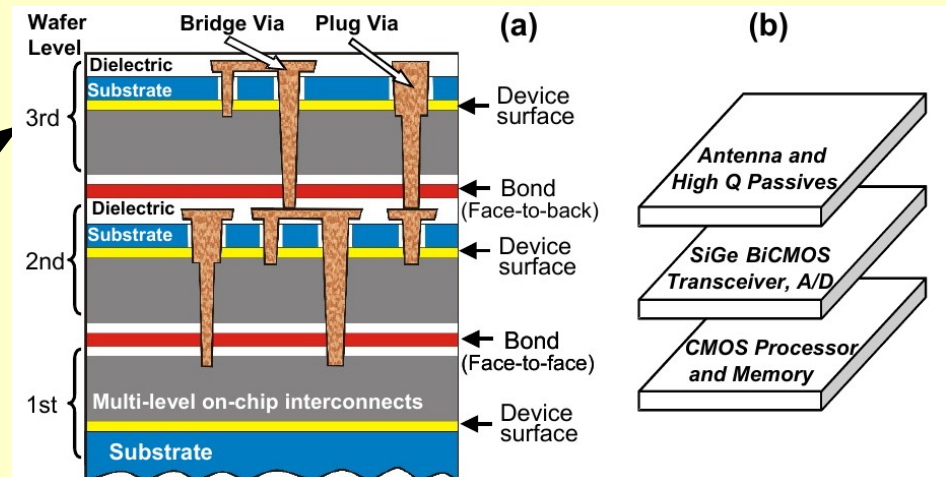
near future:

- finish design of 60 GHz transceiver prototype (130 nm SiGe BiCMOS HP)
- modulation: on-off keying → bandwidth 3.5 Gbit/s
- submission and test of prototype chip
- build 60 GHz demonstrator for HEP-experiments

long term plan:

- integrate antenna, HF circuitry and RF layer in one single chip
- 3D chip technology

3 tiers



→ presentation by Hans-Kristan Soltveit in September FCC-ee meeting

Possible Applications of 60 GHz technology at FCC

Projection 2035: wireless 100-200 GHz providing ~50 Gbit/s per link?

FCC-pp

- conditions not very different from HL-LHC (similar lumi, similar track multiplicities)
- wireless readout of tracker (→ track trigger), calorimeter (→ particle tracking?)

FCC-ee

- particle rates several orders of magnitude smaller compared to FCC-pp
- expect no bandwidth limitations for reading out **all event data**
- all events reconstructed in filter farm (→ no hardware trigger) ?
- wireless readout might be interesting for **inner tracking detector** to save material (radiation lengths)
- However, highly integrated circuitry implemented on silicon pixel sensors will probably allow to construct a monolithic pixel tracker without any additional readout circuitry (e.g. HV-MAPS technology)?

Summary

- **60 GHz technology is very promising for HEP applications**
- **readout densities of ~ 1 Gbit/s/cm² seems possible**
- **radiation hard 60 GHz chip being developed in Heidelberg**
- **new collaborators are highly welcome!**