

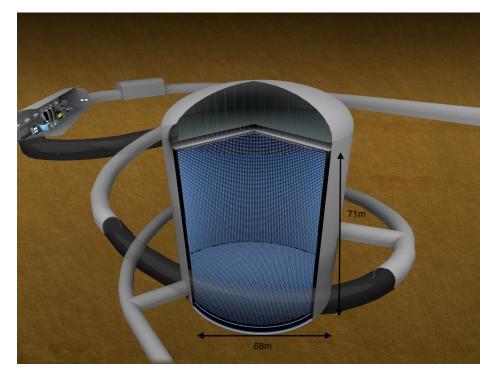
A multi-PMT photodetector system for the Hyper-Kamiokande experiment

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Hyper-Kamiokande: overview

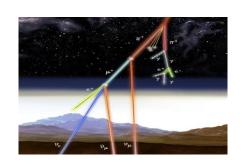


Hyper-Kamiokande (HyperK) is a multi-purpose **Water-Cherenkov detector** with a variety of scientific goals:

- ♦ Neutrino oscillations (atmospheric, accelerator and solar);
- ♦ Neutrino astrophysics;
- ♦ Proton decay;
- ♦ Non-standard physics.

See talks by: M. Scott, Wed 29 July, T. Yano, Thu 30 July

Atmospheric v



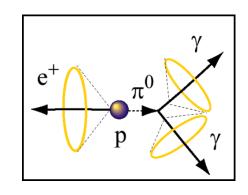
Solar v

Supernova v



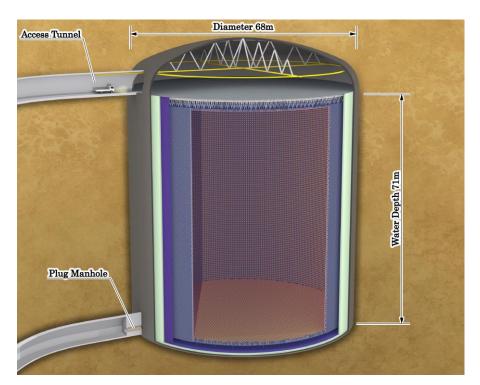


Accelerator v



Proton decay

Hyper-Kamiokande design



HyperK Far Detector (HK-FD)

- > Cylindrical tank: Φ 68 m and H 71 m
- Fiducial volume: 0.19Mtons;

 \sim ×8 SK \rightarrow HK-FD

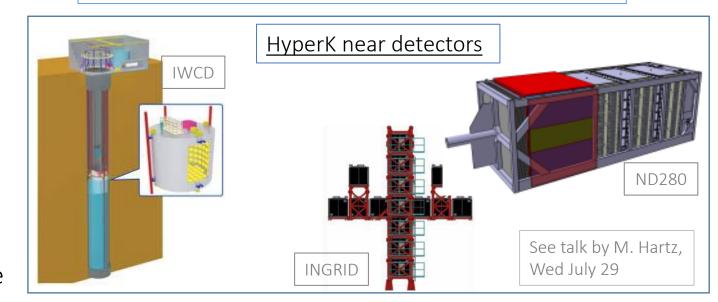
Intermediate Water Cherenkov Detector (IWCD)

➤ 1 kilo-ton scale water Cherenkov detector located ~1 km from the neutrino beam source

HyperK builds on the successful strategies used to study neutrino oscillations in Super-Kamiokande, K2K and T2K with:

- > Larger detector for increased statistics
- > Improved photo-sensors for better efficiency
- ➤ Higher intensity beam and updated/new near detector for accelerator neutrino part

HyperK is under construction Operation will begin in 2027



HK FD

71 m

Photodetectors

Requirements

Wide dynamic range

High time&charge resolutions, high detection efficiency, ...

> ~nsec time resolution low background Clear photon counting, High rate tolerance

IWCD



for 1 tank **Fiducial volume:** 188 kt

photo-

coverage

68 Ø

New high-QE 20" Box&Line PMT

- ×2 high pressure bearing
- ×2 high detection efficiency and half time&charge resolutions
 - compared to Super-K PMT (up to \sim 40m depth)

See talk by T. Tashiro, Fri July 31

MCP-PMT

Originally developed for JUNO

Multi-PMT

Firstly proposed by KM3Net Collaboration

Photodetectors and electronics arranged inside a pressure resistent vessel

Increased granularity enhanced event reconstruction, in particular for multi-ring events

HK FD

Baseline Design: 20" PMTs

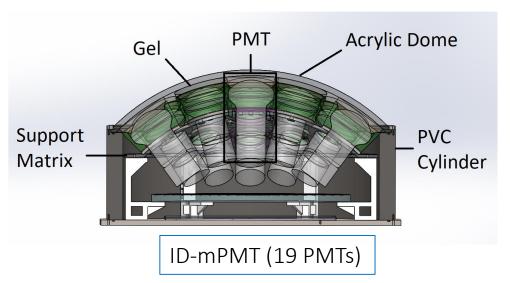
Hybrid Design:

20" PMTs and mPMTs

IWCD

mPMTs

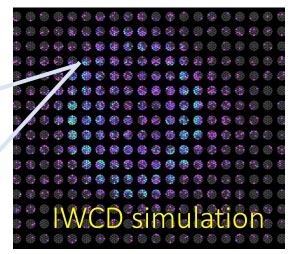
The mPMT Option



Advantages:

- Superior photon counting
- Improved angular acceptance
- Extension of dynamic range
- Intrinsic directional sensitivity
- Local coincidences

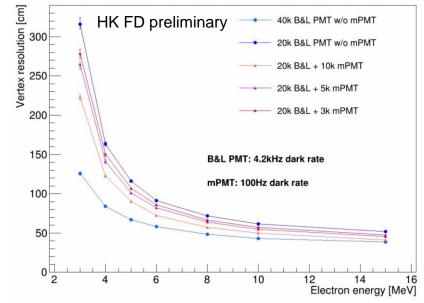


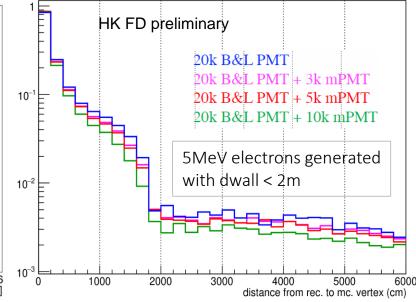


See talk by N. Prouse, Wed July 29

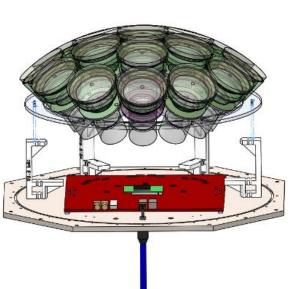
HK FD Simulation studies Preliminary results:

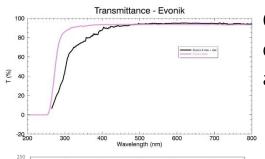
- Vertex and angular resolution better for low energy
- At high energy: muon/electron separation improved near the wall; vertex resolution improved
- Improvements strongest near edges of FV

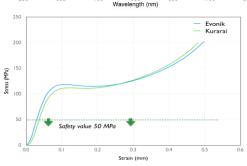




mPMT R&D for HyperK







Optical, mechanical, radioactivity contamination measurements on acrylics and other mPMT parts

Isotope	Activity	Contamination				
²³² Th: Thorium series						
Ra-228	< 0.11 mBq/kg	< 0.027 ppb				
Th-228	$< 93 \mu Bq/kg$	< 0.023 ppb				
²³⁸ U: Uranium series						
Ra-226	$<65~\mu\mathrm{Bq/kg}$	< 0.0052 ppb				
Th-234	< 4.6 mBq/kg	< 0.38 ppb				
Pa-234m	< 2.5 mBq/kg	< 0.20 ppb				
U-235	$(0.15 \pm 0.07) \text{ mBq/kg}$	$(3 \pm 1) \cdot 10^{-1}$ ppb				
K-40	< 0.69 mBq/kg	< 0.022 ppm				
Cs-137	$< 25 \mu \text{Bq/kg}$	-				



Prototype at TRIUMF



HK FD mPMT Electronics at INFN



mPMT in Memphyno water tank in France

mPMT prototypes for HyperK



mPMT Electronics prototype @INFN

- test the HV and PMTs read-out Tests at Memphyno ongoing

mPMT Optical Prototype@TRIUMF

- test assembly procedure and optical properties Tests ongoing

mPMT pressure prototype

- @INFN Acrylic vessel resisted to 1.8 MPa
- **@TRIUMF** Metal plate welded to cylinder:test to 0.7MPa (70m water depth) with no problem.



3" PMTs

Hamamatsu Photonics K.K., ET Enterprises Ltd., MELZ FEU Ltd. and HZC Photonics Ltd. developed similar 3" PMTs

Most efforts have focused on the Hamamatsu R14374 and the HZC XP82B20



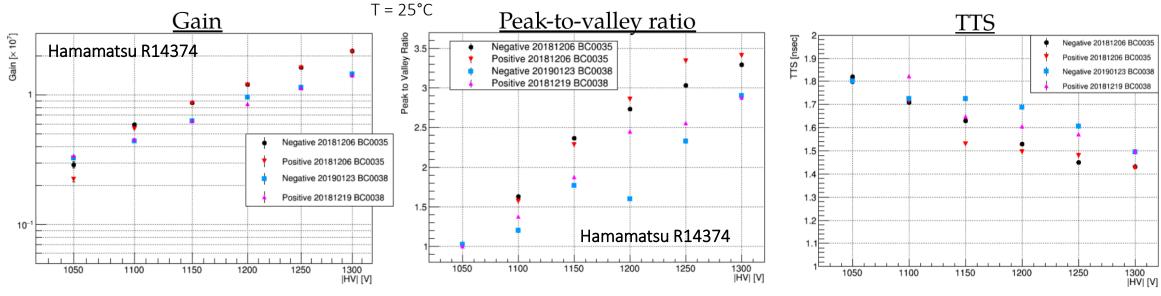
Hamamatsu R14374



HZC XP82B20

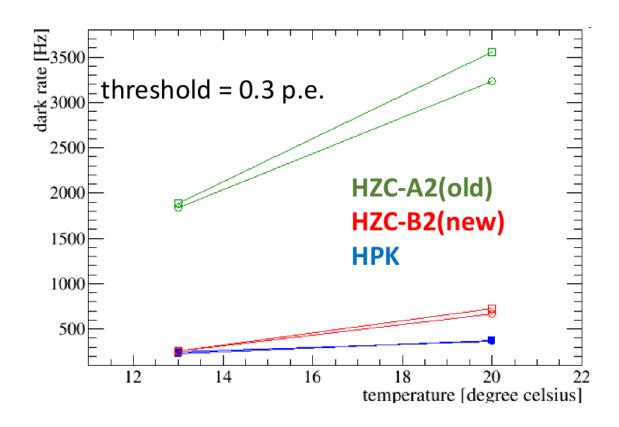
Manufacturer	PMT	HV	Gain $(\times 10^6)$	Q resolution	TTS
Hamamatsu	R14374: BC0032	-1159V	5.19 ± 0.07	0.36	1.34 ns
	R14374: BC0036	+1113V	5.12 ± 0.04	0.37	$1.52~\mathrm{ns}$
HZC	XP82B20: 80148	-1324V	4.88 ± 0.04	0.33	$3.62~\mathrm{ns}$
	XP82B20: 80149	+1229V	5.16 ± 0.05	0.35	$3.75 \mathrm{\ ns}$

Charge resolutions of the Hamamatsu and HZC 3" PMTs are similar, but the timing resolution offered by Hamamatsu PMT is currently significantly better than HZC PMT



TTS measurements at the centre of the photocathode

3" PMTs dark count rate



Hamamatsu R14374 3" PMT:

Typical dark rate about 200Hz-300Hz, ranging from 100Hz to 500Hz HZC 3" PMT:

New PMTs with improved dark rate

Strategies under study to improve dark counts:

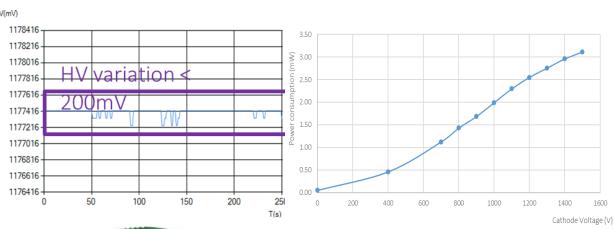
- add a dielectric material (HA-coating) to insulate the PMT surface and reduce the probability for accidental discharges
- adopt a conformal coating as in KM3NeT experiment
- reduce continuous pulses
- R&D together with manufacturers to reduce radioactive material in the PMT glass

We plan to conduct a series of tests to decide on the treatment of the PMT and the preferred HV polarity

mPMT electronics: HV

Basic Cockcroft-Walton (CW) voltage multiplier circuit designed for negative and positive HV

Negative HV Board



INFN NA S

Voltage¤t monitoring: stable HV HV board swithching noise: noise subtraction circuit ~0.4pC

Power consumption:

- 3.1 mW/ch @1.5kV
- ID: 19 ch \rightarrow 59 mW

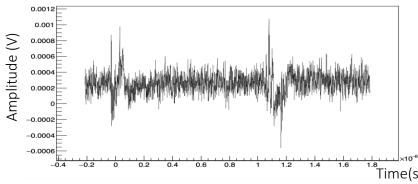
Tested in the complete configuration of the mPMT

Positive HV Board



Same input and output control of the negative HV Board

Currently under test at INFN



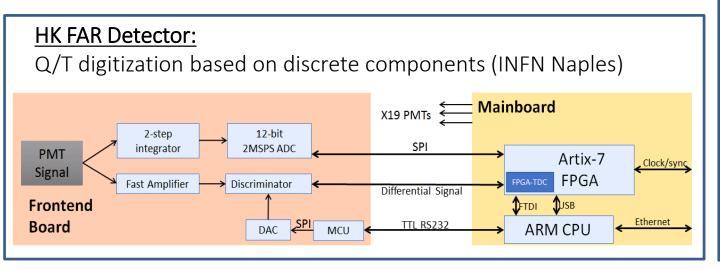
differential signal of the noise induced on the output

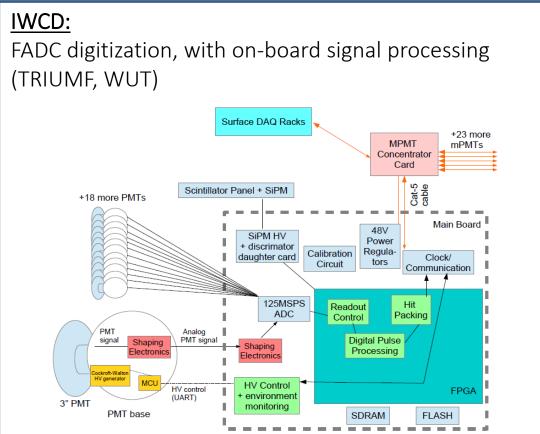
Active base designs for negative and positive HV voltage have been realized and tested. The best solution to have a reduced dark rate will be adopted.

Electronics Designs for mPMTs

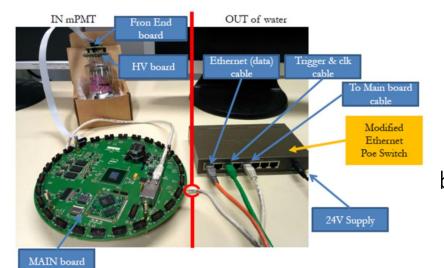
Performance Requirements

- Timing resolution: better than 3" PMT TTS
 - − ~300-500ps timing resolution from electronics for 1PE; Better timing resolution (100-200ps) for large PE pulses
- Charge resolution ~0.05PE up to 25PE.
- Power consumption:
 - For HK-FD <3-4W per mPMTDriven by water circulation requirements
 - For HK-IWCD ~10-20W per mPMT
- For HK-IWCD:
 - Capability to distinguish between different hits in different bunches



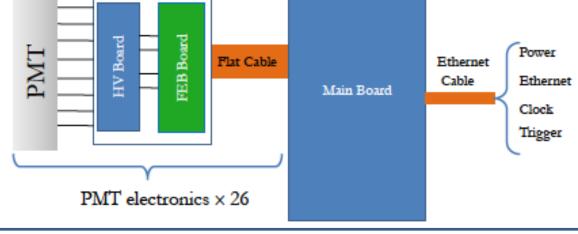


HK Far Detector: mPMT digitization



Sample&Hold + ADC based on discrete

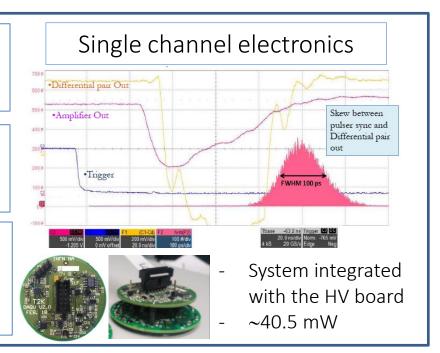
components

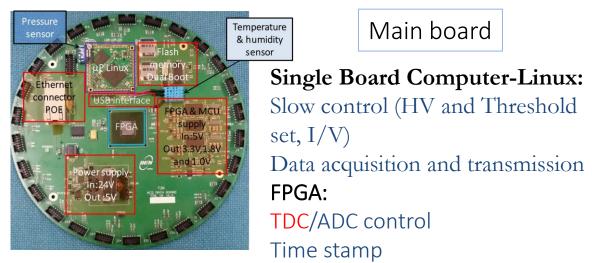


Energy resolution with pulser: FWHM/ch 0.1%

Time resolution with pulser : 100ps

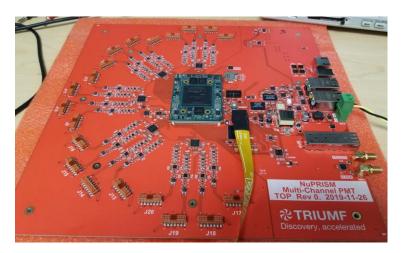
TDC test: Time resolution FWHM $\Delta T(CH1-CH2)$: 297 ps





Total Power consumption: ID: 19 ch \rightarrow ~ 4 W

IWCD: mPMT digitization



IWCD Electronics

125 MSPS system

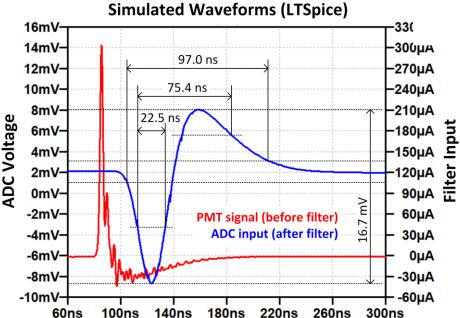
 $T_s = 8$ ns, resolution of 12-bits, as it offers

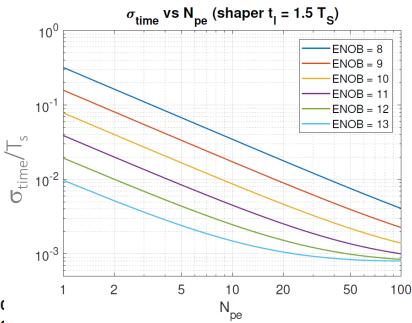
Reasonable power consumption of the ADC (approx. 100 mW per channel). The chosen ADC is ADC3424 from Texas Instruments

Noise suppression in FPGA

FADC-based digitizers

- to preserve timing resolution and pulse separation
- No dead-time





Expected timing resolution at various resolutions of the FADCs (ENOB: ADC converter's effective number of bits)

LTSpice simulations of the implemented circuit - Single photoelectron response

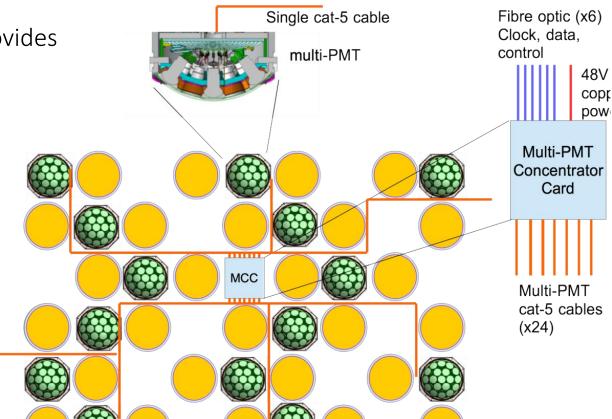
MPMT Concentrator Card (MCC)

Each mPMT has a single waterproof cat-5e cable that provides power, clock, sync signals and network connection.



MCC in water connects to 24 different mPMTs

MCC has the same set of interfaces to the surface equipment as the 20" PMTs frontend electronics - use the same clock and data transfer scheme



Summary

- → Hyper-Kamiokande is officially approved in Japan

 Hyper-Kamiokande is under construction and will begin operation in 2027
- → mPMTs are considered as an option in HK FD and used in IWCD

 Preliminary studies show that adding mPMTs improve HyperK physics capability

♦ International R&D is actively ongoing to optimize mPMT design and performaces

New collaborators are welcome to contribute to the detectors and the physics program!

Thank you!