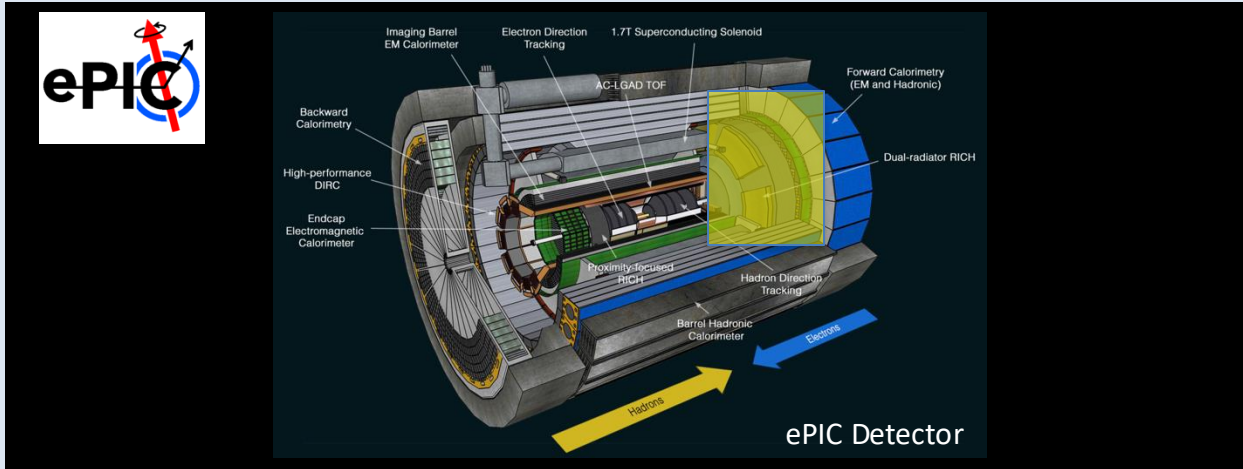


dRICH: Forward PID

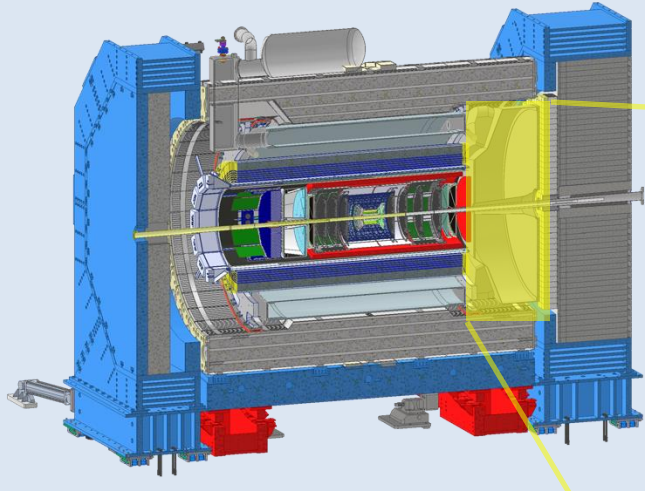


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Incremental Preliminary Design and Safety Review of the pRICH, dRICH and hpDIRC – April 1st and 2nd, 2025

Dual-radiator Ring-imaging Cherenkov Detector (dRICH)

Essential to access flavor information



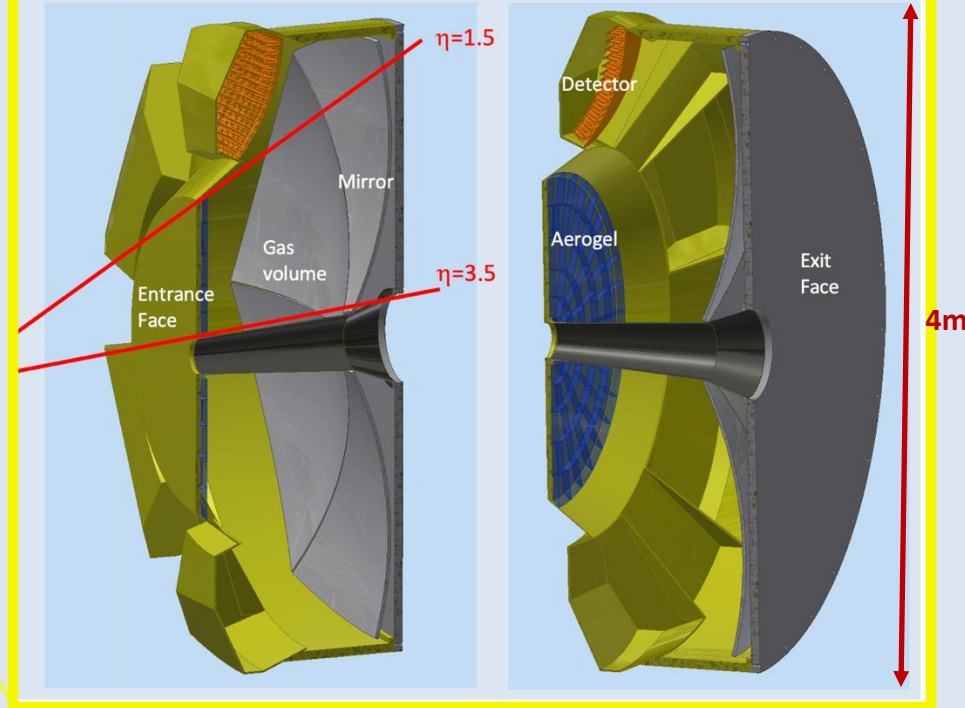
Goals:

Hadron 3σ -separation between 3 - 50 GeV/c
 Complement electron ID below 15 GeV/c
 Cover forward pseudorapidity 1.5 (barrel) - 3.5 (b. pipe)







dRICH Features:

Extended 3-50 GeV/c momentum range --> **Dual radiator**
 Single-photon detection in high Bfield --> **SiPM**
 Limited space --> **Compact optics with curved detector**

3D mechanical model

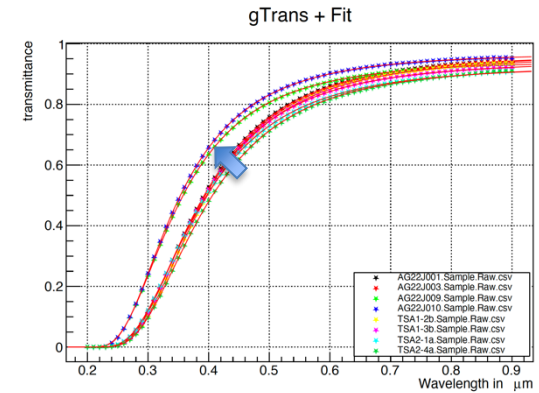
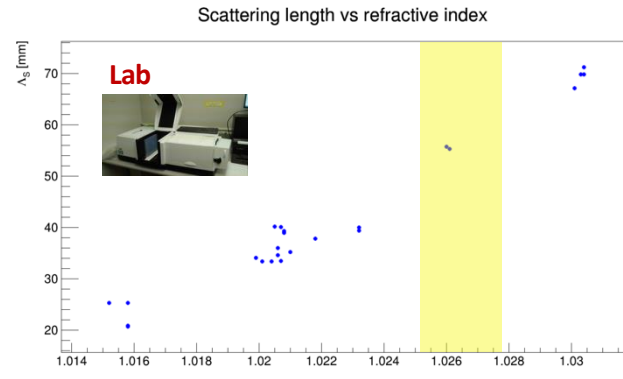


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Slides 4 - 5 - 8 - 9 -12 -13 - 16 - 18 - 21 - 26 - 27
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Defined with lab and prototype tests:

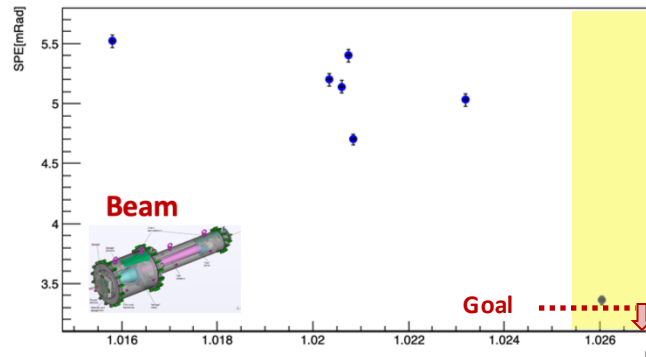
- * meet SPE resolution expectations
- * scattering length > 50 mm
- * match with TOF end point (2.5 GeV/c)
- * overlap with gas (> 12 GeV/c)
- * photon yield > 10 per particle with MAPMTs



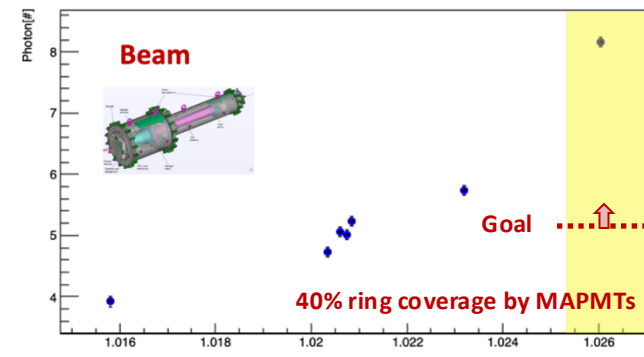
Various samples from Aerogel Factory



Single photon resolution vs refractive index



Number of photon for particle vs refractive index



First large tile demonstrators delivered

based on dRICH baseline specifications

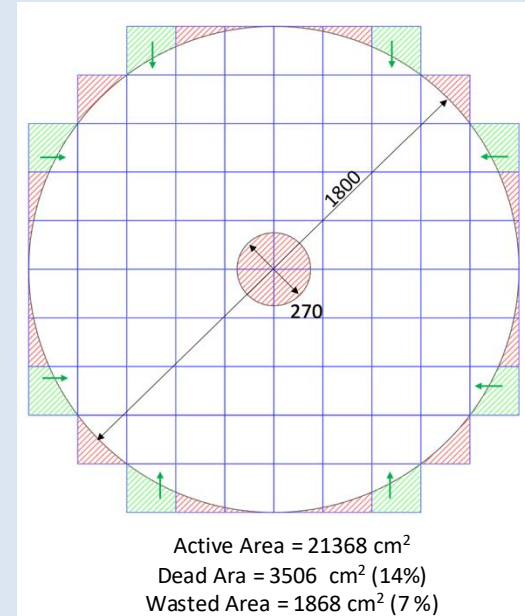
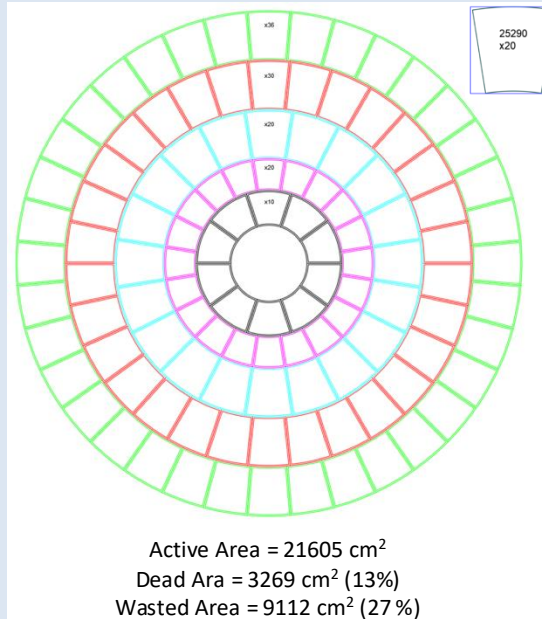
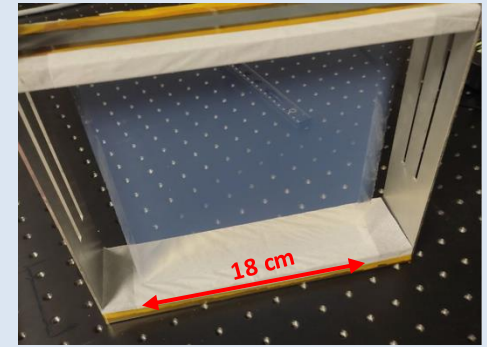
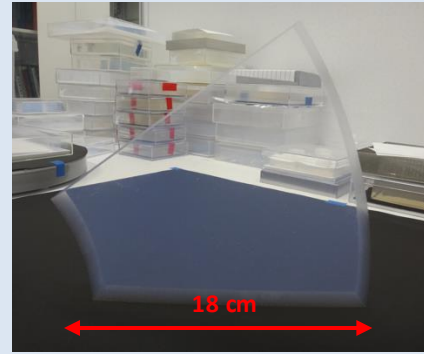
An effort should be pursued by the vendor to keep the aerogel quality parameters as close as possible or better than the following reference values.

General specifications:

- No cracks or bubbles inside the block. Single spallings which decrease its area no more than 0.25 % are acceptable on the top surface;
- Lateral dimension tolerance within 0.25 mm;
- No evident disuniformity inside the tile volume.

Technical specifications:

- Refractive index, to be chosen by the customer, in the range from 1.025 to 1.030, with a maximum tile-to-tile variation of ± 0.002 ;
- Tolerance on thickness ± 1 mm, being the error intended as the maximum tile-to-tile variation;
- Absorption coefficient, defined as the constant term of the Hunt parameterization of the aerogel transmission, bigger than 0.95;
- Scattering length wavelength bigger than 45 mm at 400 nm;
- Planarity of the transmission surface, defined as the maximum peak to valley variation, does not exceed 1.5 % of the lateral dimensions.

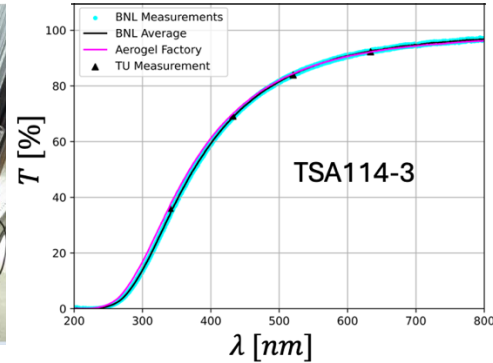
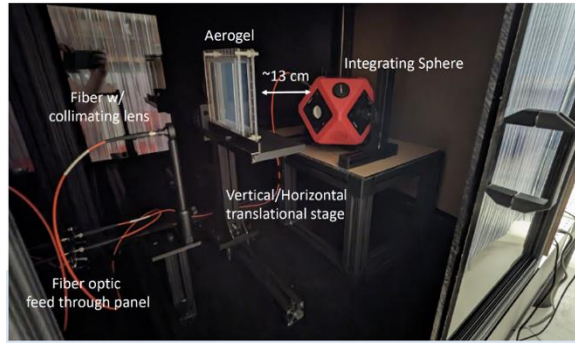


Engineering of the aerogel wall ongoing:

- * optimize area vs number of tiles
- * minimize the waste of material
- * minimize the dead/low-efficiency gaps
- * optimize thickness:
 - photon yield vs resolution
 - planarity

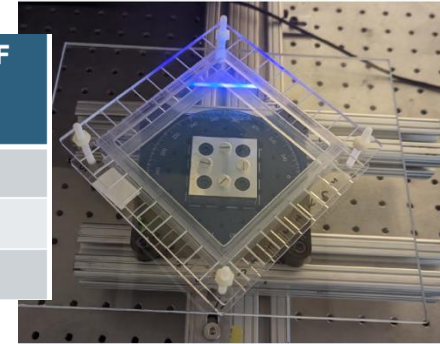
Primary station at Temple University developed as a common facility

Transmission by LEDs + Integrating sphere – Temple U.



Refractive index by Prisma test – Temple U.

Tile	(TU-AF)/AF [%]
TSA120-1	0.087
TSA120-2	0.000
TSA114-3	0.062



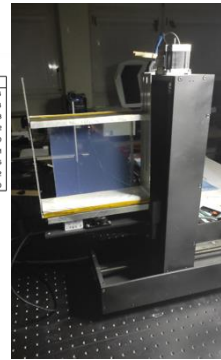
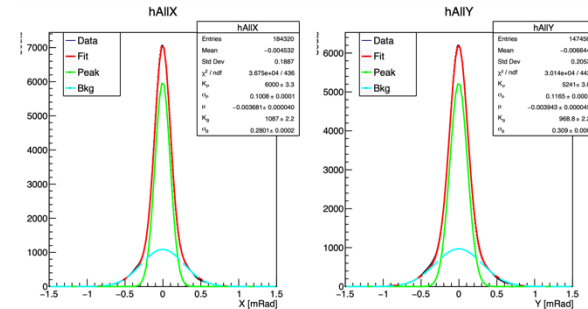
Secondary station at INFN (BA-FE) for sample tests or in-depth characterization







Perkin Elmer 650S (INFN FE)

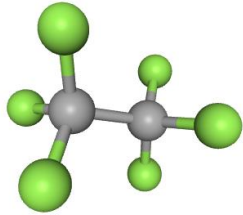
Transmission by Spectro-photometers

Agilent Cary (INFN BA)

Forward Scattering by Laser + CMOS camera



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1 covalent + 6 hydrogen bonds

Hexafluoroethane

C_2F_6 molecular weight: 138.01 g/mol

boiling point: $-78.1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

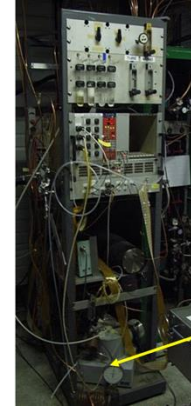
melting point: $-100.6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

density: 5.734 kg/m^3 at $24\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

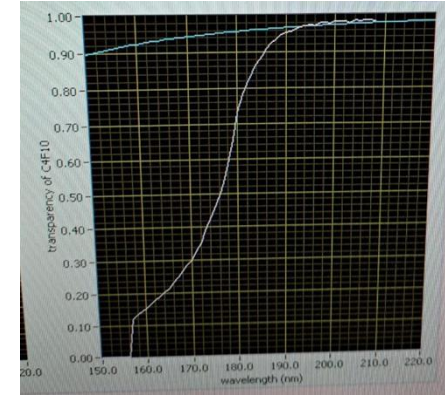
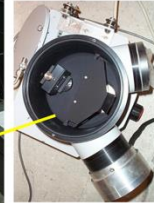
density: 16.08 kg/m^3 at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Gas	$N_{pe}(\pi/K)$	θ_{π}	θ_K	σ_{π}	σ_K	N_{σ}	$\rho = \Delta\theta/\theta$ ($\lambda = 300\text{ nm}$)
C_2F_6	16.0/14.9	36.8	35.7	0.32	0.33	3.5	1.8 %
C_4F_{10}	24.8/23.8	48.6	47.8	0.29	0.30	2.8	2.4 %

Transmission in UV range $> 98\%$



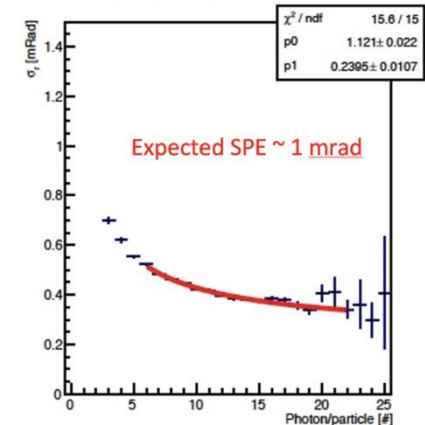
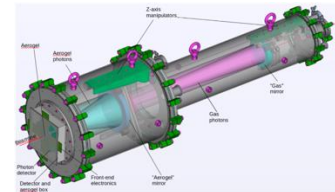
Deuterium UV lamp,
Monochromator system,
1.6 m column for gas transparency measurement



Measured 139.7 m/s speed of sound confirms negligible contaminants after few year in bottle

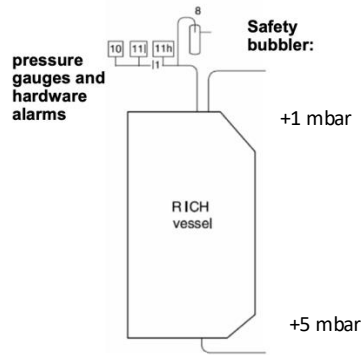


Expected performance obtained with dRICH prototype

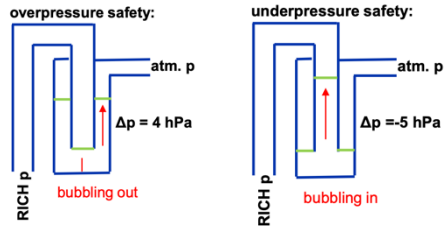


Being designed at INFN in collaboration with CERN, Realization at BNL with DOE standards

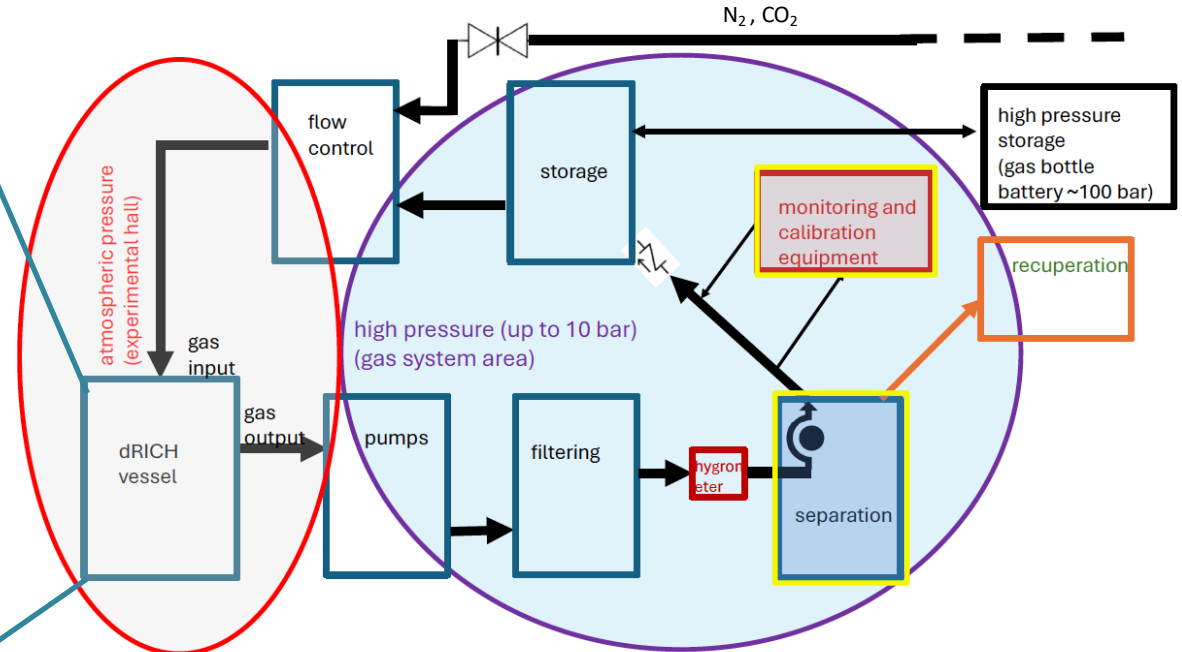
dRICH vessel



Two-ways bubbler (aka COMPASS)



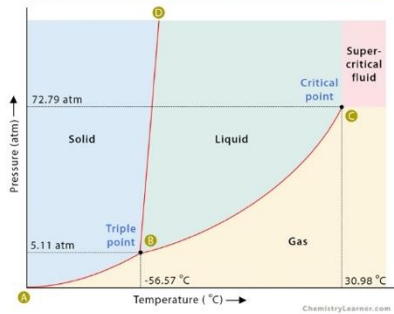
dRICH gas system



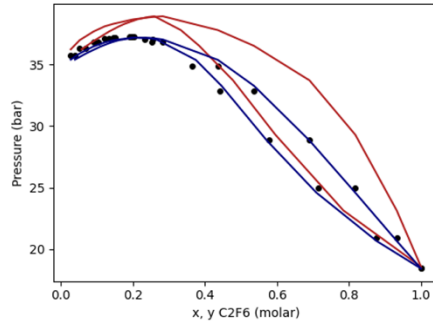
Purging via liquefaction of unwanted gas

Updated vapor-liquid equilibrium C_2F_6 - CO_2 model, test in preparation at CERN

Phase Diagram of Carbon Dioxide (CO_2)



VLE data at 273 K

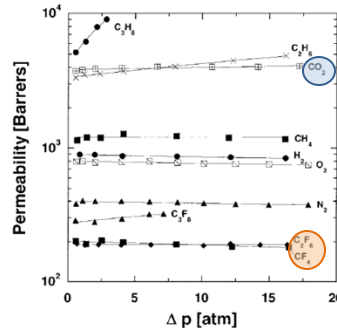
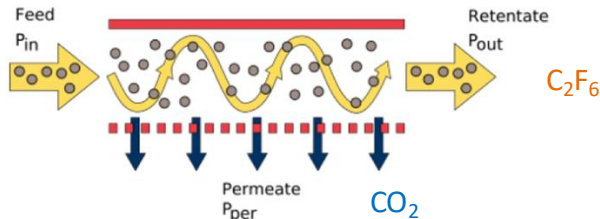


Purging via membranes

Effective separation of CF_4 and CO_2 has demonstrated in LHCb

<https://edms.cern.ch/document/2816490/1>

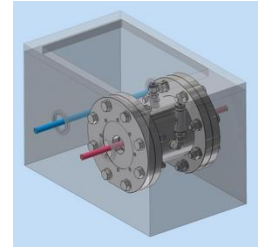
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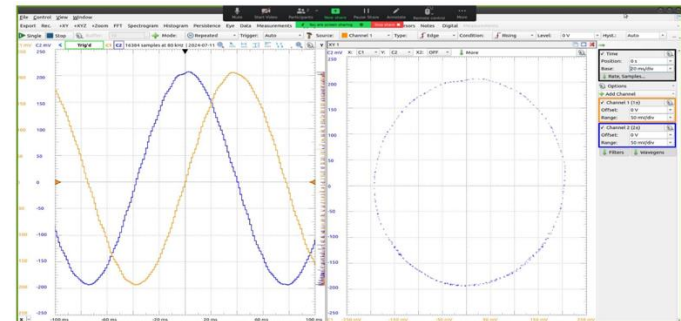
Developing online purity monitors

Sonar to measure speed of sound







10 bar chamber + spectrophotometer to measure light transmission in the visible range



Jamin interferometer for precise n determination



Nominal sensitivity down to 10 ppm of refractive index

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Characterizing the medium-size (~50 cm side) CMA demonstrator CFRP substrate before coating

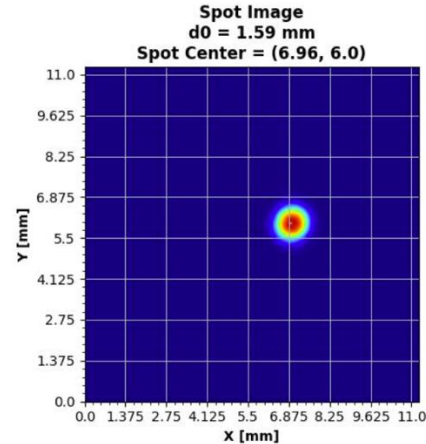
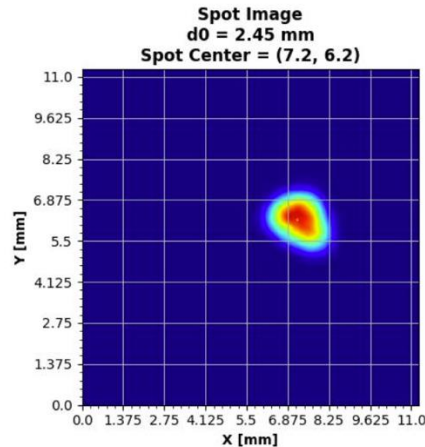
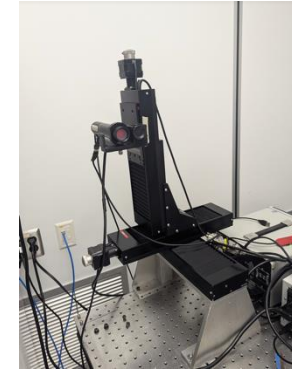
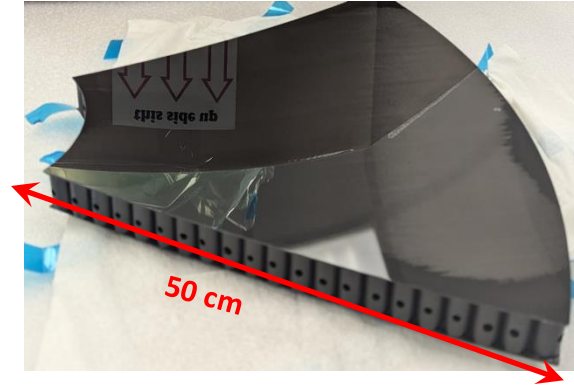
Annex C. Technical Requisite

Each spherical mirror is supplied with

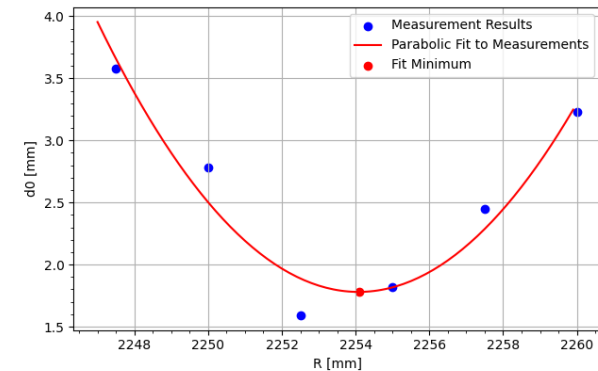
- a spot-size measurement,
- a report on dimensions,
- no reflective coating.

The spherical mirrors are replicated from the same mandrel. The latter is realized with the novel cost-effective technology that reduces the mandrel total mass and cost. Each mirror fulfills the following optical quality specification:

- Radius within 1% of nominal RoC value
(the nominal RoC values is defined by the customer before production in the range 2000 mm +/- 10%),
- Roughness < 2 nm,
- Pointlike image spot size $D0 < 2.5$ mm,
- Compatibility with fluorocarbon gases (C_2F_6),
- Compatibility with SiO_2 reflecting coating.

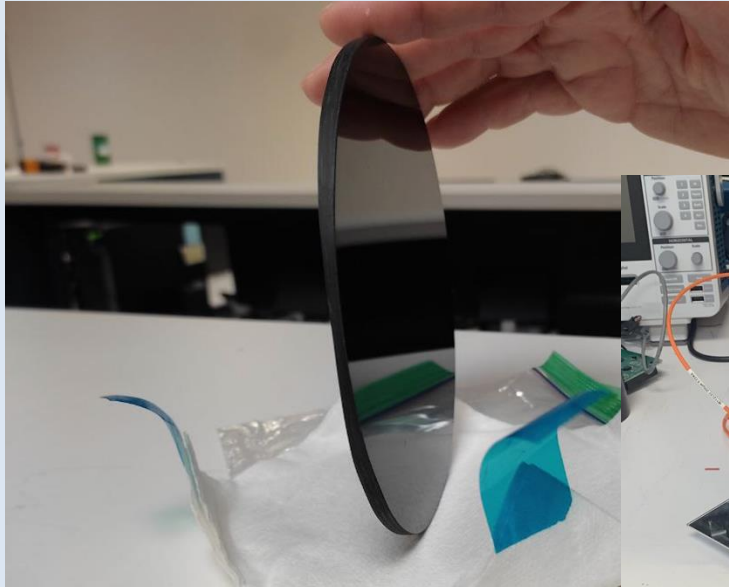


✓ $D0 < 2.5$ mm ✓ $R = 2200 \pm 1\%$

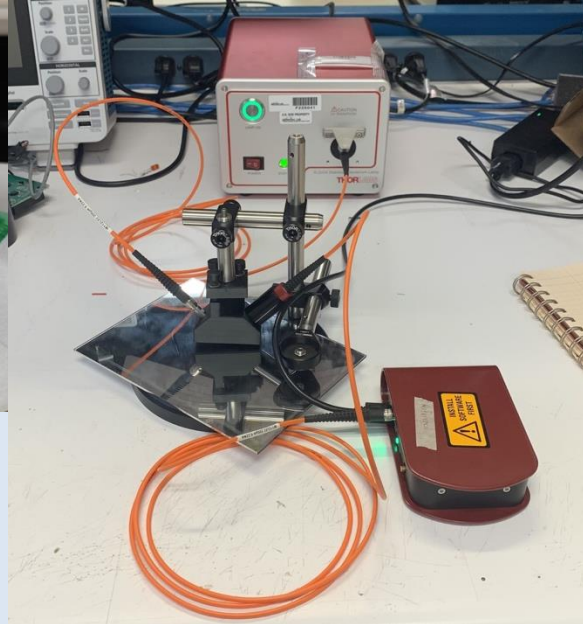


Ongoing activities with possible synergies with pfRICH

Studying special material (ultra-low degassing)



Developing portable
reflectivity test bench

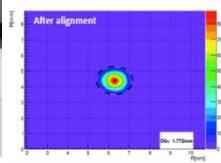
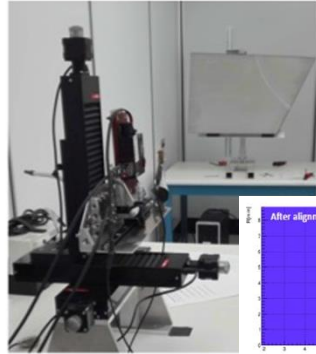


Testing coating (SBU) on dRICH samples



INFN-DOE existing instrumentation at JLab

Surface Quality



D0 measurement:

point-like image dimension

Global surface QA
Center of curvature

Stepper motor for alignment
and center scan

LED source (1 mm dia.)

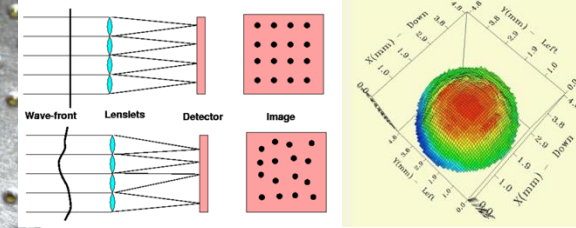
CMOS camera



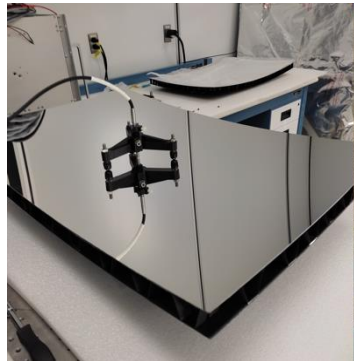
Shack-Hartmann sensor:

reflected waveform analysis

Surface mapping



Workforce training and instrumentation preparation at DUKE



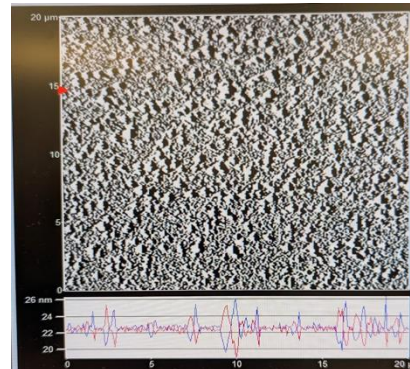
Reflectivity:

Portable instrument

Custom source + fiber distribution

Reference sensor

Compact spectrophotometer



Access to a variety of instruments for
precision characterization of materials

AFM images of coated surface (SBU)
showing roughness of $< 100 \text{ nm}$

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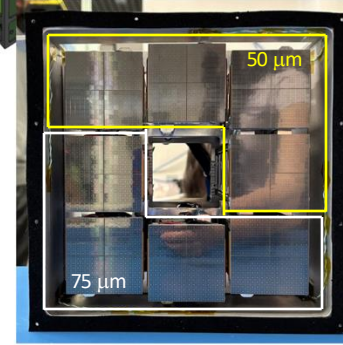
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electronics v1



2023
electronics v2

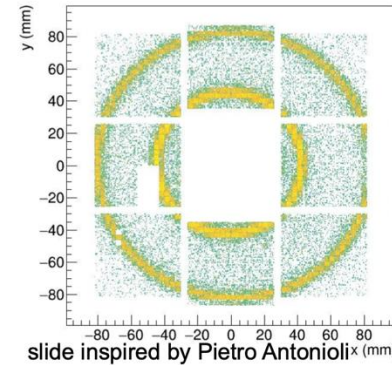
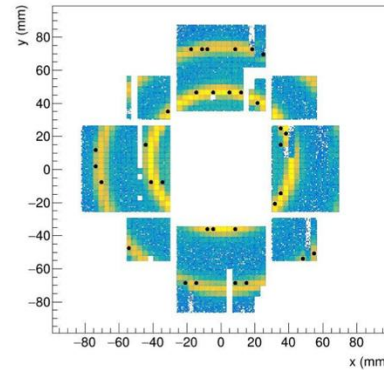
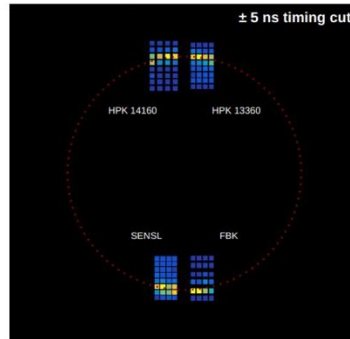
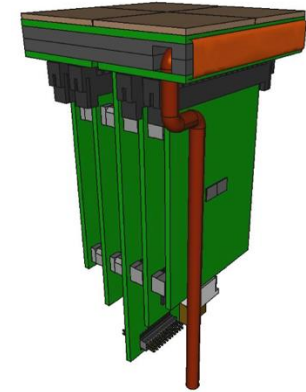


2024
electronics v2.1



towards construction

2025
electronics v3
final prototype



256 SiPMs
SiPM carrier
ALCOR 64ch
FEB 64
RDO

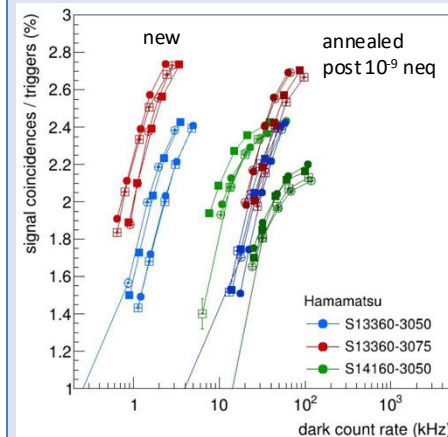
SiPM technical specs

SiPM LLP Review September 2023

baseline sensor device

64 (8x8) channel SiPM array
3x3 mm² / channel

Parameters	Value	Notes (all parameters at the recommended operating voltage and T = 25 C, unless specified)
Device type	SiPM array	
Number of channels	64	8 x 8 matrix
Active Area	3 x 3 mm ²	active area of one channel, total active area is 64 x 3 x 3 mm ²
Device Area	< 28 x 28 mm ²	device area should be small such as to have > 75% fraction of active area over device total area
Pixel Size	40 - 80 um	pitch of the microcell SPAD
Package Type	surface mount	
Operating voltage	< 64 V	
Peak Sensitivity	400 - 450 nm	
PDE	> 35%	at peak sensitivity wavelength
Gain	> 1.5 10 ⁶	
DCR	< 1.5 MHz	
Temperature coefficient of Vop	< 60 mV / C	
Direct crosstalk probability	< 10%	
Terminal capacity	< 600 pF	
Packing granularity		
Vop variation within a tray	< 300 mV	Vop variation between channels in one device
Recharge Time	< 100 ns	ctau recharge time constant
Fill Factor	> 70%	
Protective Layer	silicone resin (n = 1.5 - 1.6)	radiation resistant, heat resistant (up to T = 180 C)
DCR at low temperature	< 10 kHz	at T = -30 C
DCR increase with radiation damage	< 1 MHz / 10 ⁹ neq	at T = -30 C, after a radiation damage corresponding to 10 ⁹ 1-MeV neutron equivalent / cm ² (neq)
Residual DCR after annealing	< 25 kHz / 10 ⁹ neq	at T = -30 C, after a radiation damage of 10 ⁹ neq and a 150 hours annealing cycle at T = 150 C
Single photon time resolution	< 200 ps FWHM	corresponding to < 85 ps RMS

Based on PDE vs DCR studies
over a variety of SiPM

we will evaluate as
part of QA, testing
sensor samples in
received batches

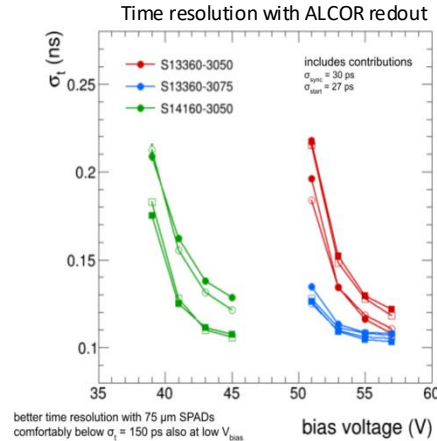
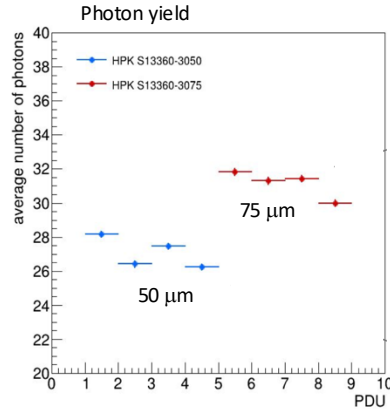
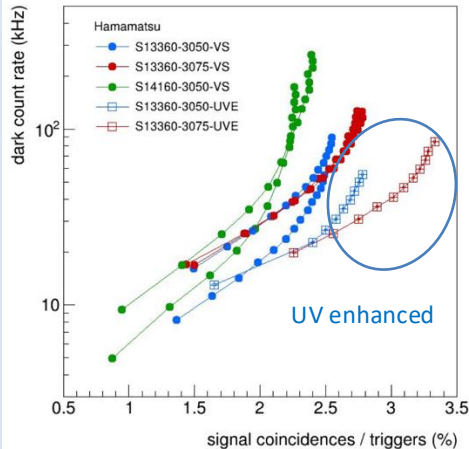
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R. Preghenella talk

Detailed performance comparison between different sensor layouts

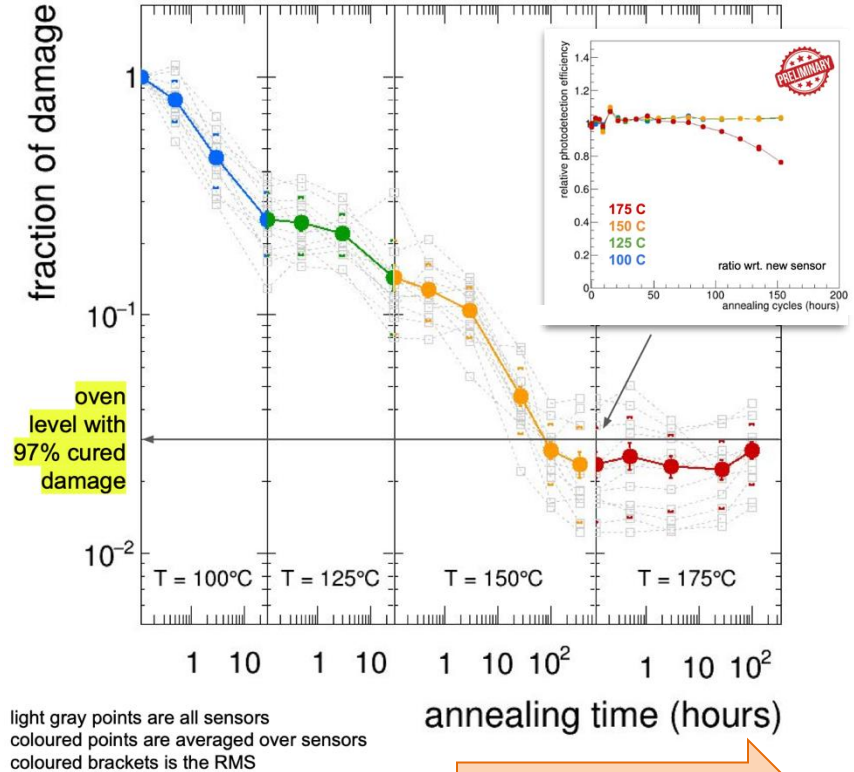
Comparing PAD size of
Hamamatsu photo sensors

Testing new Hamamatsu sensors after
- 10^9 neq
- oven annealing



Details of in-situ annealing protocol based on Joule-effect

online self-annealing with forward bias

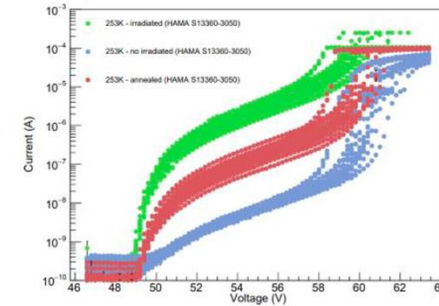


R. Preghenella talk

ALCOR based QA stations being developed at INFN CS-SA-CT and INFN TS in collaboration with local Universities



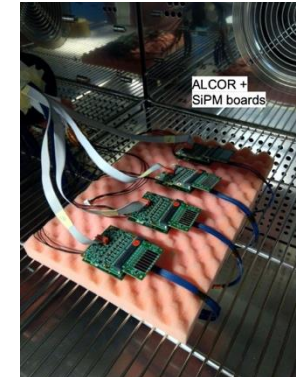
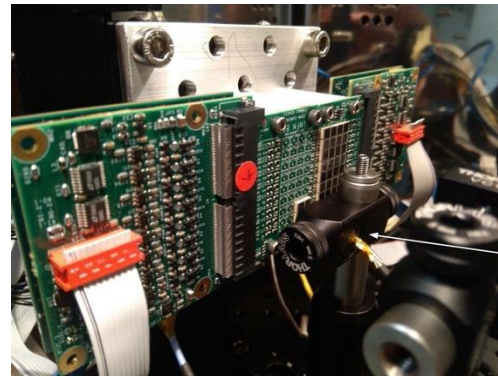
IV-curves



- 253K-blue irradiated
- 253K-annealed
- 253K-irradiated



In-depth characterization station operative at INFN-BO: PDE - Timing

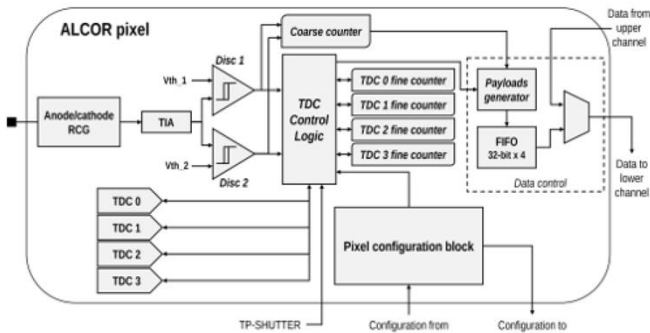


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Preparing ALCORv64 test production

MW run in March '25

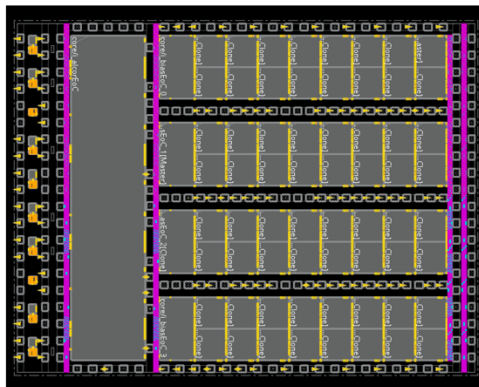
ALCOR block diagram



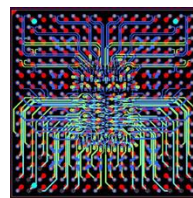
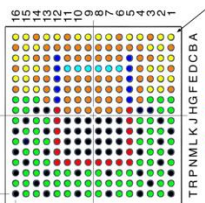
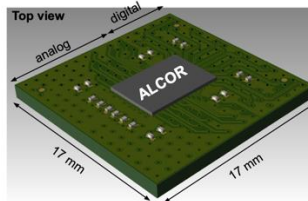
ALCOR key specifications

Function	Digitization from SiPMs with 1 p.e. sensitivity
Mode	Single-photon tagging or time and charge
Tech Node	110 nm CMOS
Channels	64 (8x8), dual polarity
C _{din}	<1 nF
Digitization	20-40 ps TDCs, TOA + TOT; Timing <150 ps
Shutter	Width: 2-3 ns, programmable latency
Input Rate	<2.4 MHz (up to 5 MHz on single channel)
Clock	394.08 MHz operation from BX 98.5 MHz
Links	788 Mbps LVDS, SPI configuration
Power	12 mW/ch
Package	BGA
Rad Tolerance	Radiation hard

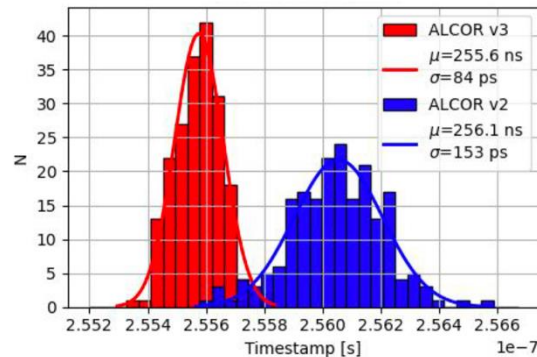
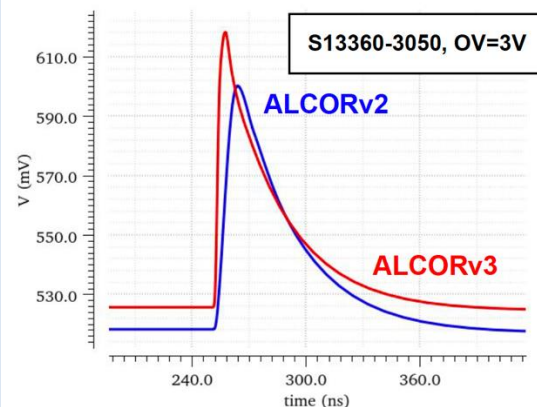
Silicon die layout



Compact BGA Package with interposer

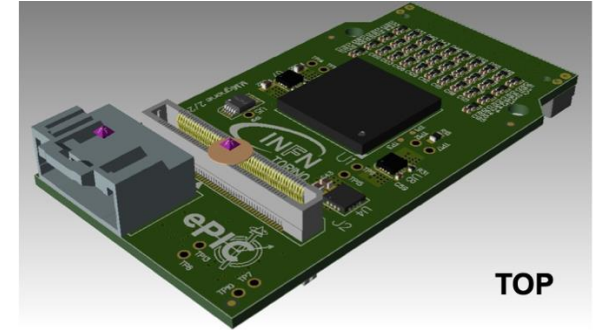
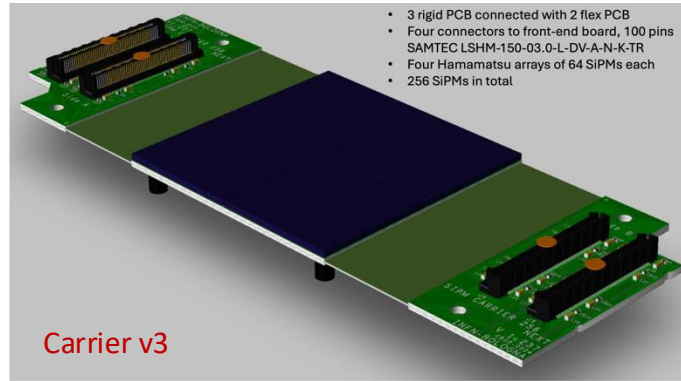
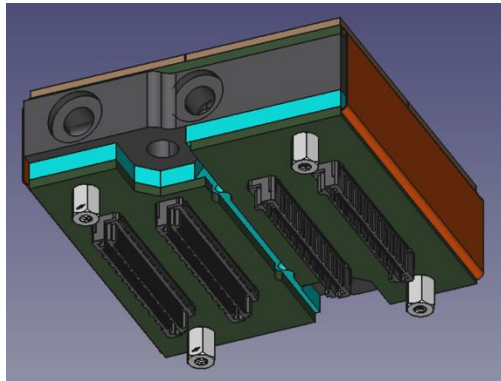
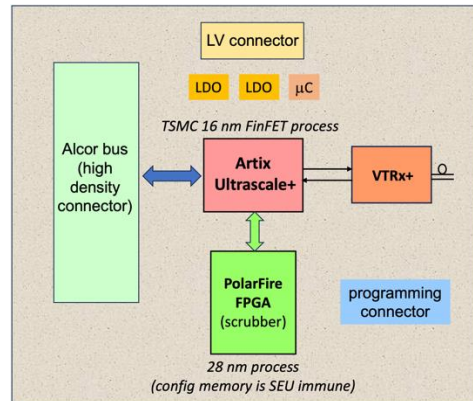


Improved timing and digital shutter

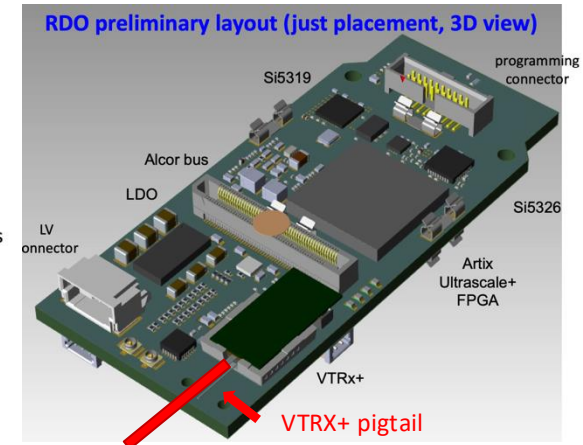
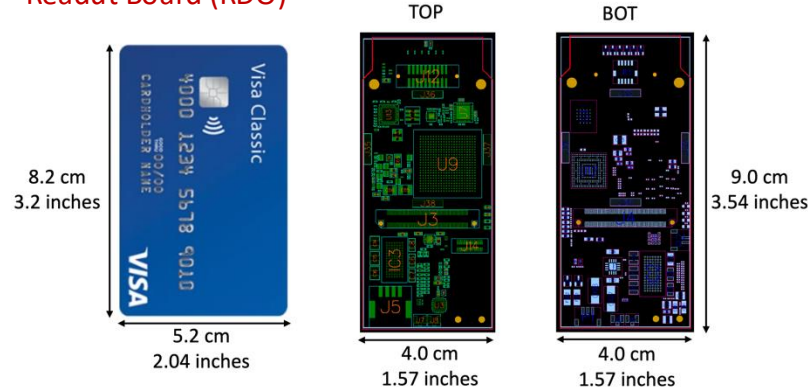


Preparing test production of readout electronics in its “final” ePIC layout

Pre-production started

TOP
Front-End Board (FEB)

Readout Board (RDO)



Test indicate the SEU event rate of. dRICH electronics is manageable with standard firmware TMR, CRC, resets features

Regular irradiation campaign ongoing:

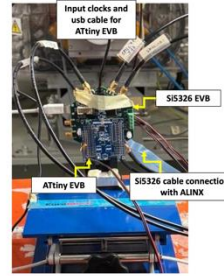
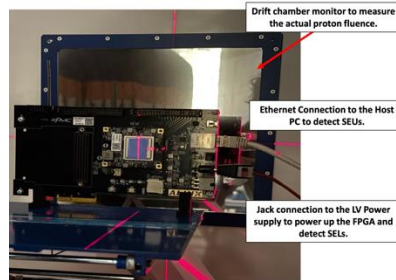
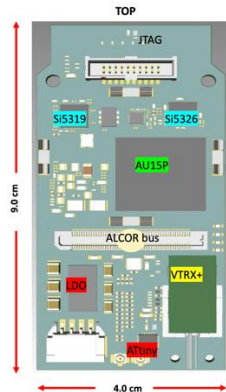
Neutron irradiation campaign at LNL-CN (9-11 October 24)

Gamma irradiation campaign at CERN-GIF (14-16 October 24)

Proton irradiation campaign at TIFPA (12-14 December 24)

$$TID_5 \cong 2.3 \text{ krad} \\ (\text{for } 1000 \text{ fb}^{-1})$$

RDO radiation tolerance



Si5326 (clock)

Attiny (power)

AU15P (FPGA)

Measured

$$\sigma_{\text{SEU}} = (3.89 \pm 0.54) \cdot 10^{-14} \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{bit}}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{SEU}} = (2.11 \pm 0.50) \cdot 10^{-14} \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{bit}}$$

Mean SEU time @ ePIC

4 h

3.8 h

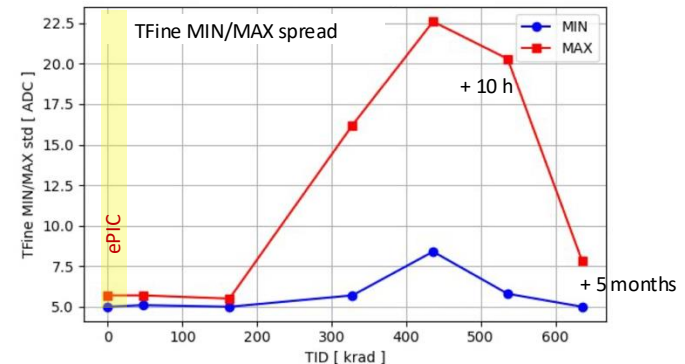
2 min

Our estimates	$\sigma_{\text{SEU}} \left(\frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{bit}} \right)$
BRAM	$(1.78 \pm 0.23) \cdot 10^{-15}$
CRAM	$(2.30 \pm 0.28) \cdot 10^{-16}$

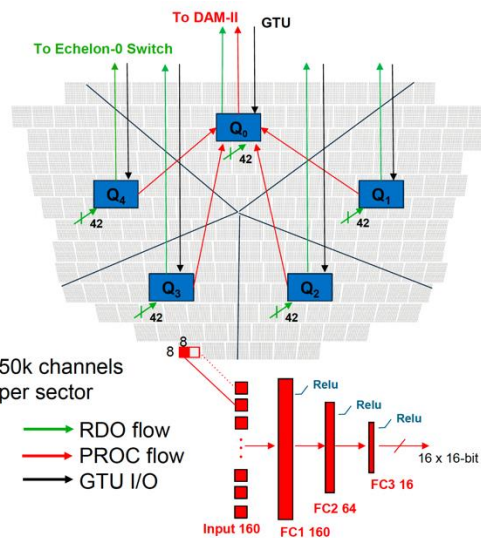
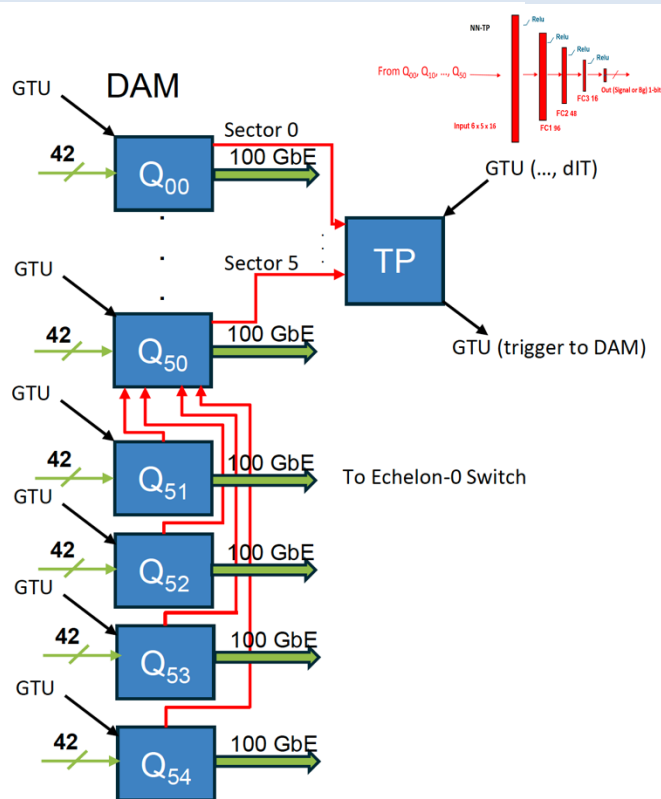
ALCOR radiation tolerance



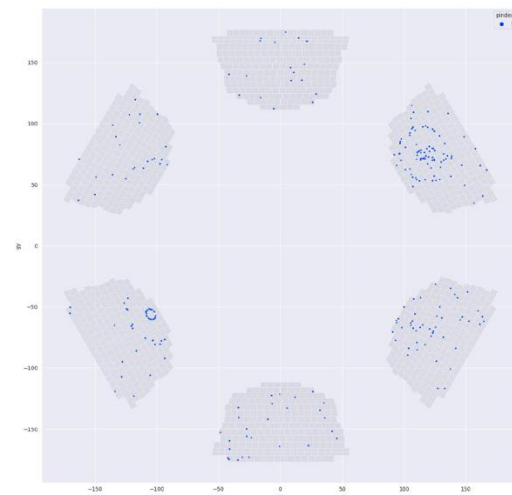
- ECCR $\sigma = 9.8 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^2/\text{bit}$ periphery register \rightarrow no TMR in ALCOR v2.1
- BCR $\sigma = 6.1 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^2/\text{bit}$ periphery register \rightarrow no TMR in ALCOR v2.1
- PCR **no SEU detected** re-written every 10 seconds to mimick TMR



Scheme based on ePIC DAM (Felix) &
APEIRON communication network (INFN)



Phys Signal+Phys Background+Noise



→ Through **quantization**, we defined:
quantized fixed point<16,6> inputs
quantized fixed point<8,1> weights
quantized fixed point<8,1> biases

Obtaining a **~96,9% accurate noise classifier**
 (wrt 16x16 grid input ~97,2% accurate one)







Preliminary tests

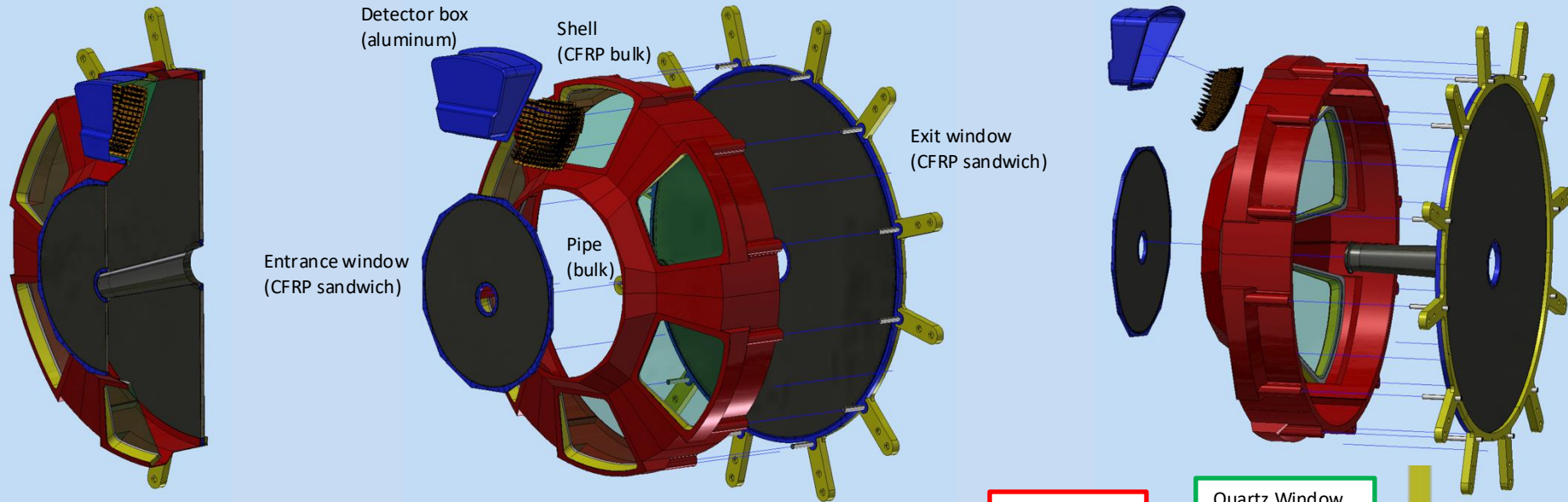
Recall

True labels	Noise Only	Sig+Bckg+Noise
	0.969067	0.0309618
Predicted labels	Noise Only	Sig+Bckg+Noise
	0.00425044	0.995746

Precision

True labels	Noise Only	Sig+Bckg+Noise
	0.995633	0.0301564
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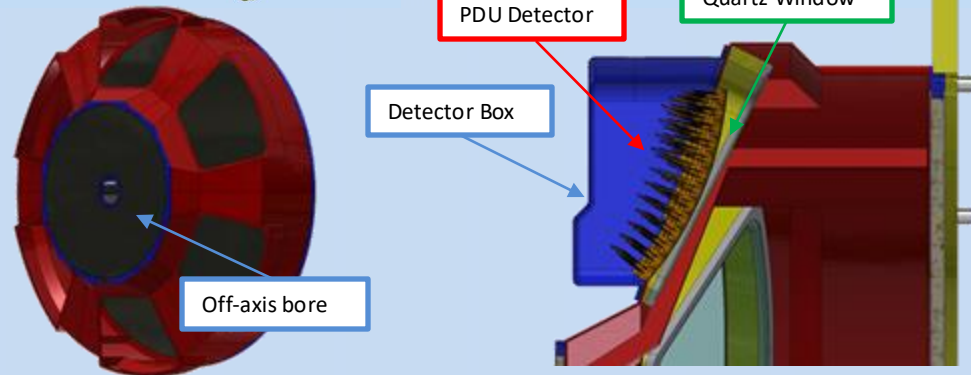


New assigned workforce

Cooling: **Carlo Mingioni (engineer, TO)**
Marco Nenni (engineer, TO)

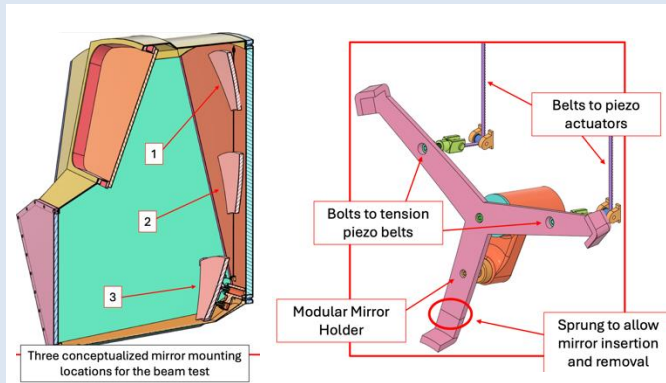
Detector Box: **Michele Melchiorri (engineer, FE)**

Prototype: **Antonio Grmek (LNS)**
Giuseppe Laudani (PhD, LNS)

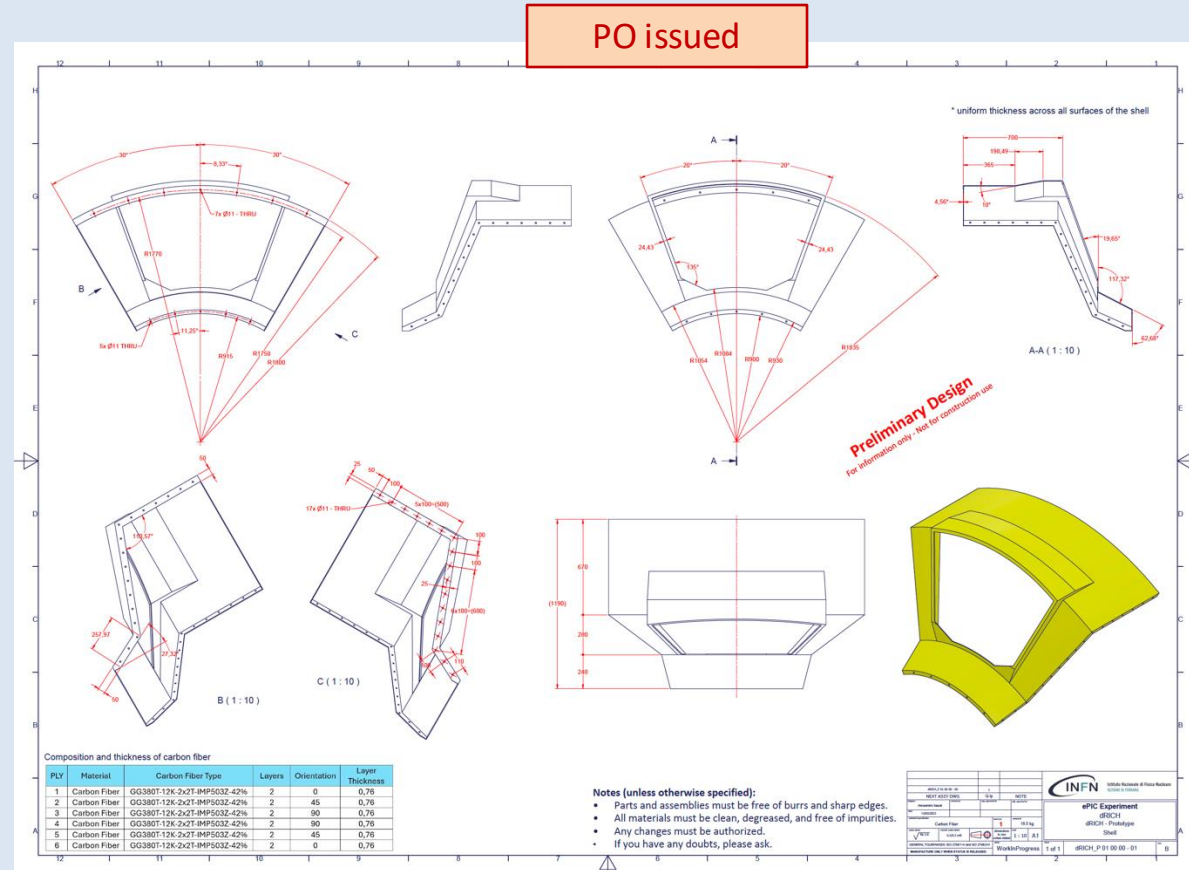


Entering the details of the mechanical model moving towards the executive design of the real-scale prototype

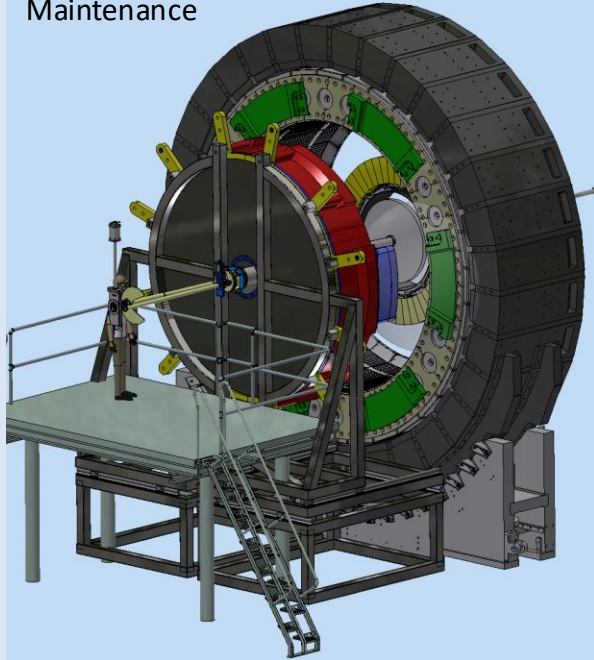
Mirror mounting and alignment



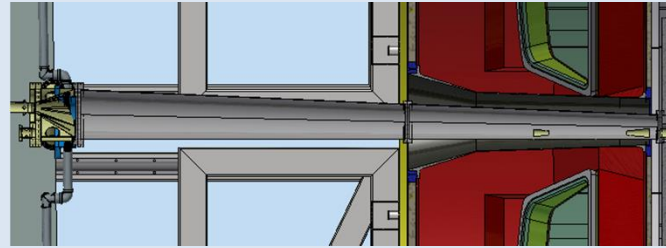
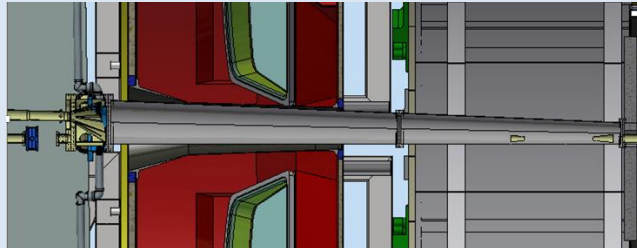
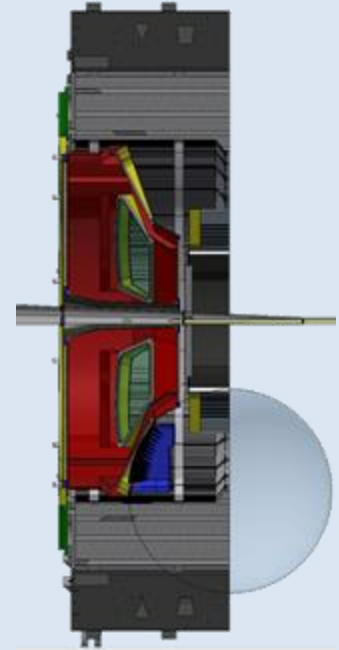
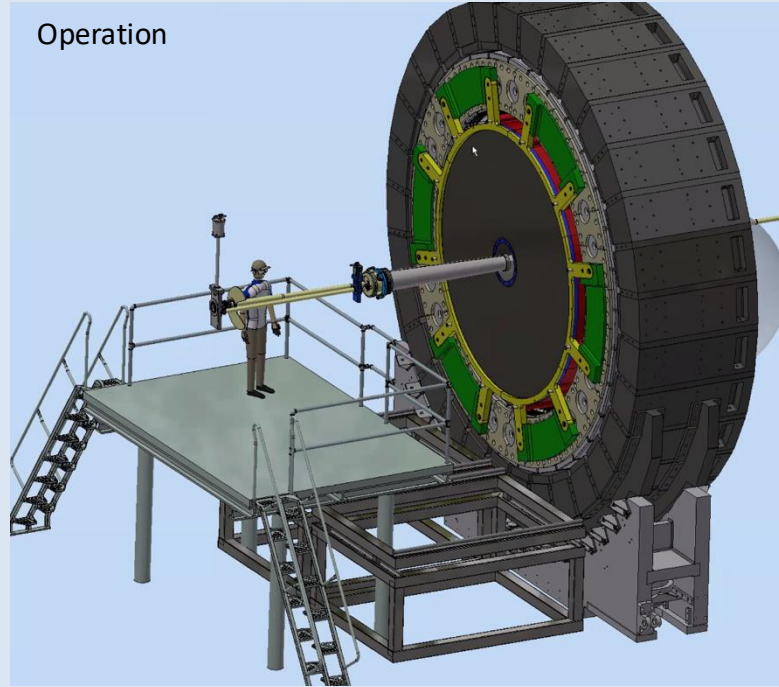
CFRP Layer composition



Maintenance



Operation



dRICH rolling in and out
without vacuum break

A. Eslinger talk

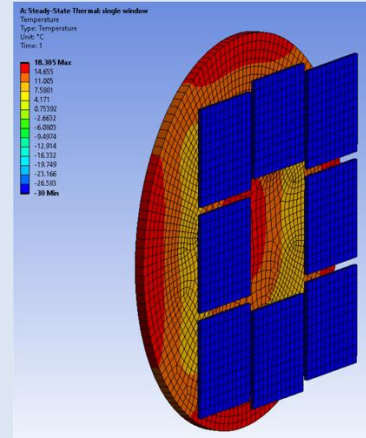
Ongoing study with ANSYS workbench simulations

Benchmarked by dRICH prototype

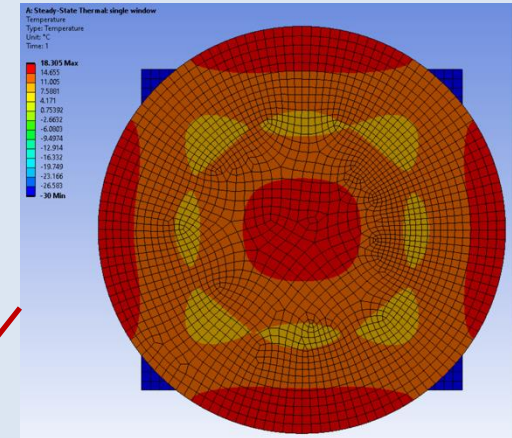
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- 8 mm thick quartz window
- inner gas recirculation x 0.1

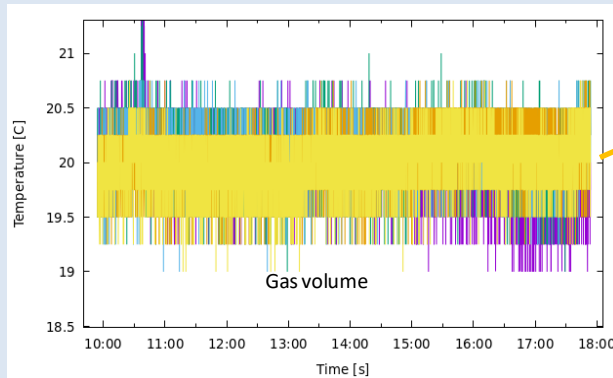
SiPM plane, cycled from 22° to -30°



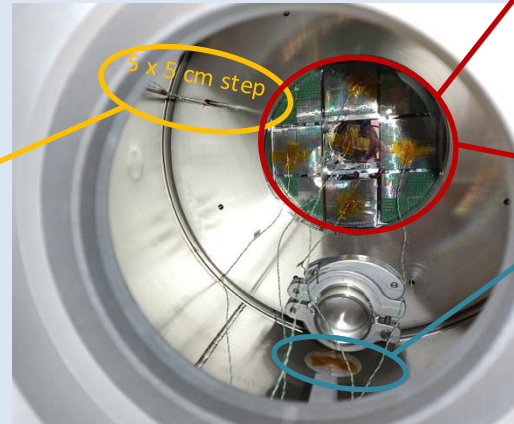
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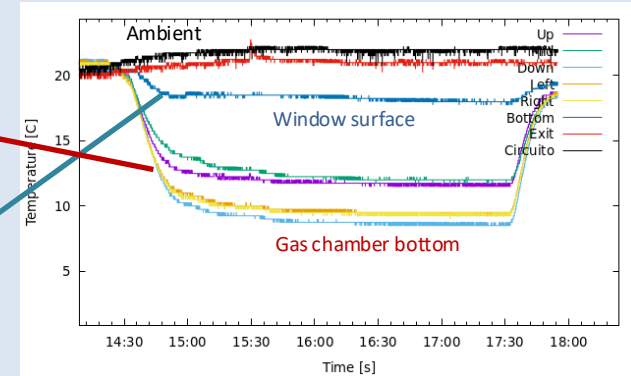
Temperature profile



Gas volume with thermocouples

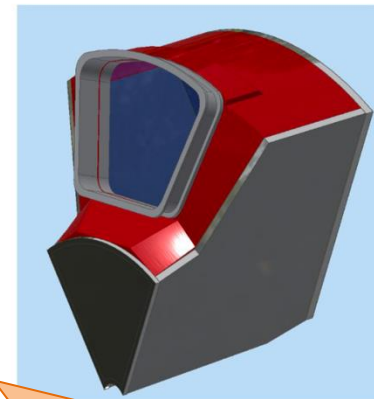
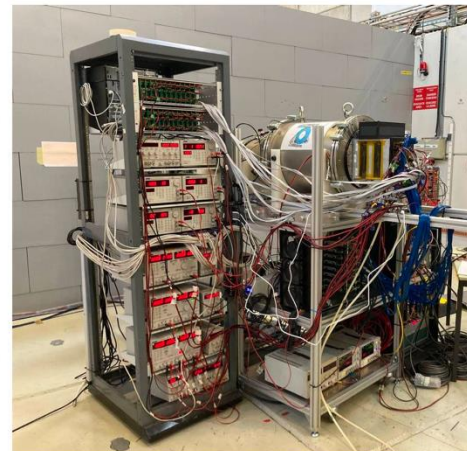
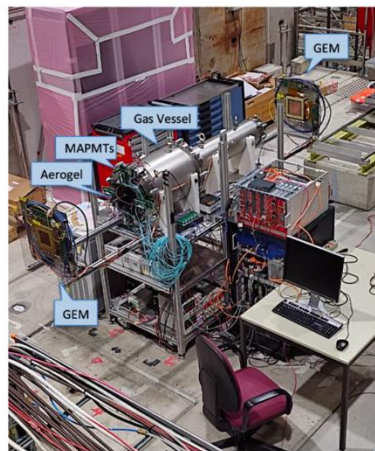


Temperature profile



Previous validations:

Dual-radiator concept
 C_2F_6 radiator gas performance
 Aerogel refractive index
 SiPM-ALCOR readout chain
 EIC-drive readout plane
 Temperature gradients

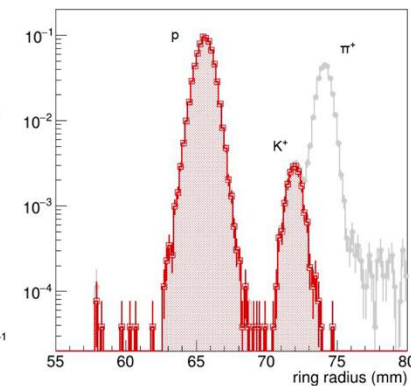
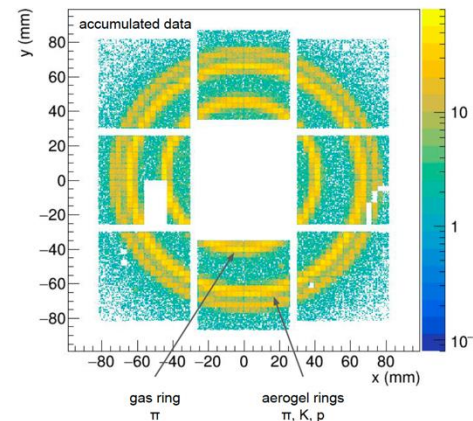
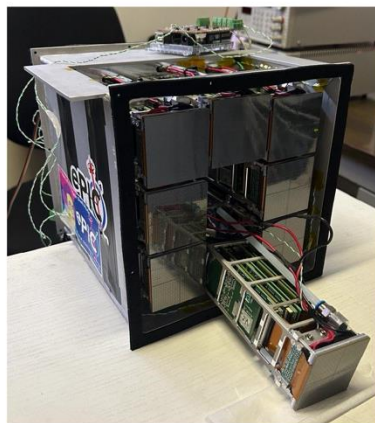


2025

2025 main goals:

Real scale 1-sector prototype
 with demo components

 ALCOR readout with RDO



Slot at SPS H8 in November

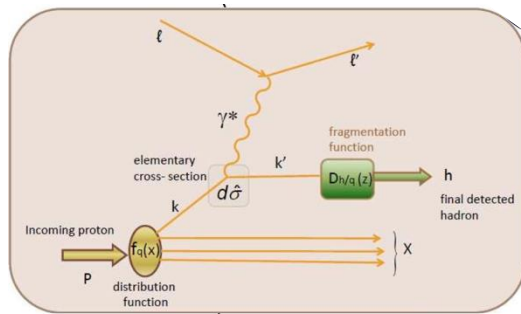
Essential to guide technological choices
Effective entry-point for new collaborators

New performance study group being initiated

Focussed on SIDIS physics

Experience in Spin Physics and Nucleon Structure gained at HERMES (DESY), CLAS12 (JLab) and COMPASS (CERN)

INFN FE-BO-PV-TO-SA-LNS-TS (7 staff, 5 student/postdoc)

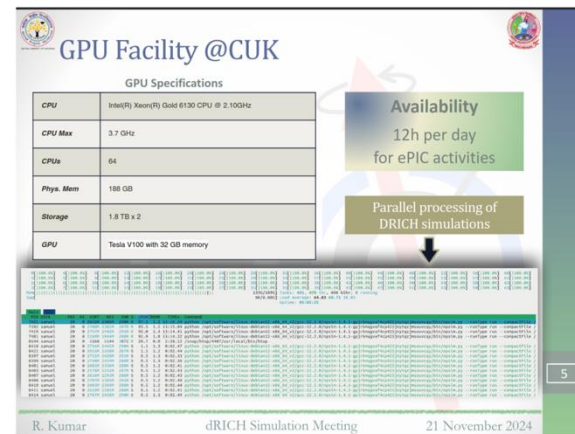


Close collaboration with Theory groups already active in impact studies on (un-)polarized TMDs

INFN PV-TO (4 staff, 1 student/postdoc)

Significant reinforcement of the simulation group

- New group also **provided resources** to perform many new simulation - 12h/day allocation for ePIC
 - Substantial use of GPUs
- Simulations and Reconstruction in EICrecon



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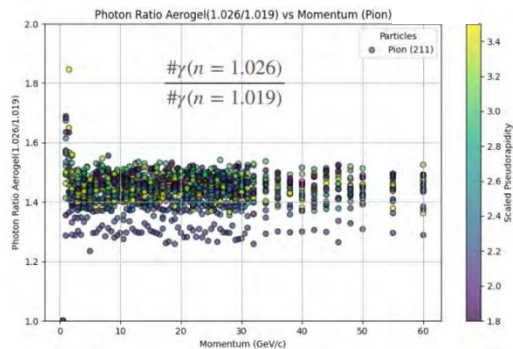
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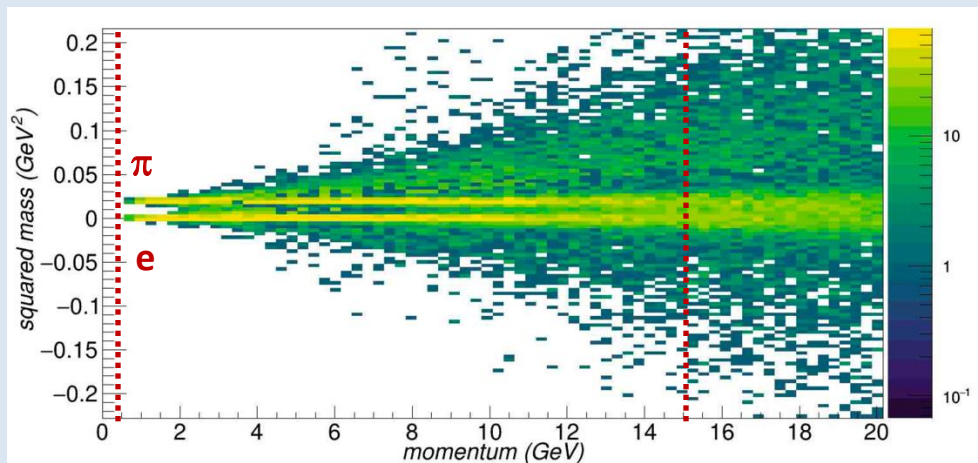
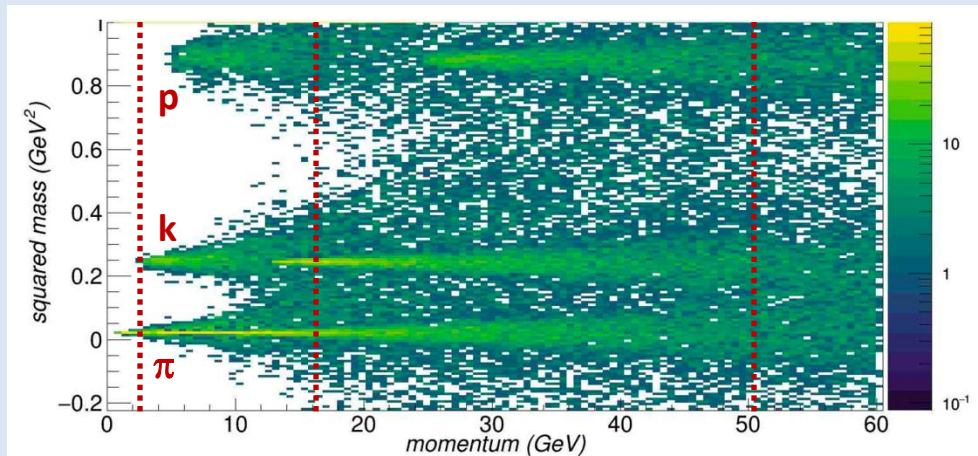
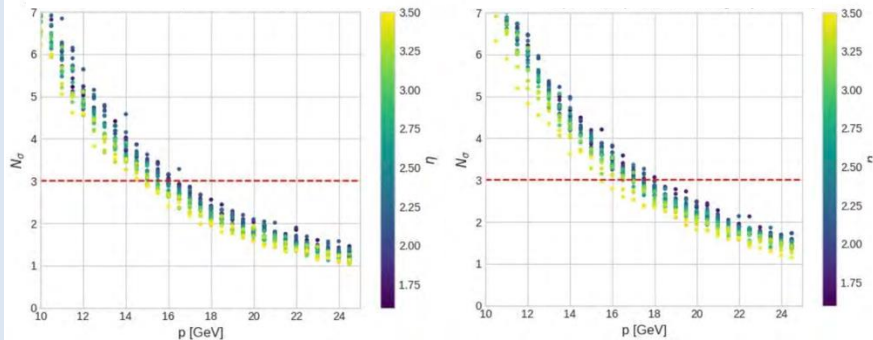
Model based on laboratory characterization & test-beam data
Simulation within ePIC dd4hep framework accounts for tracking

es. Impact of optimized refractive index

Photon yield



$K^+ - \pi^+$ Separation power

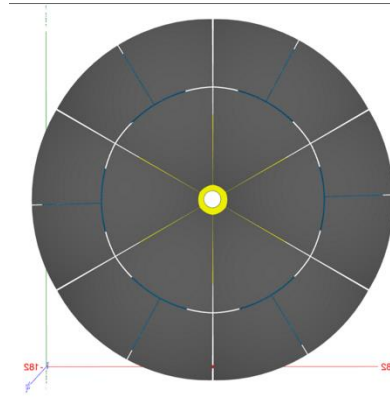


Ongoing optimization studies

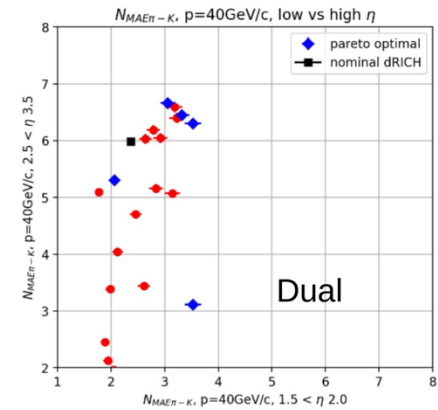
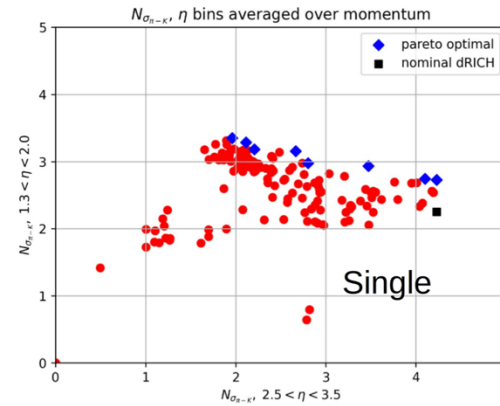
Optics parameters
es. mirror tessellation

Mechanical model
es. quartz window

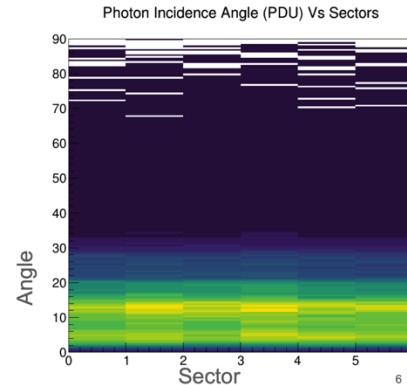
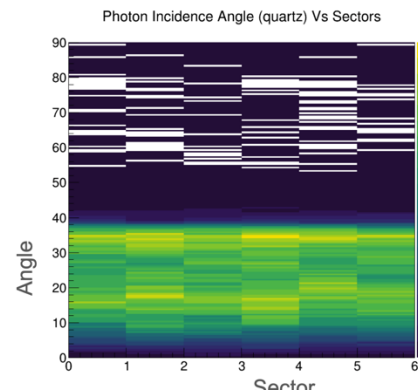
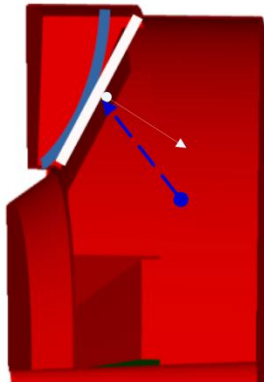
Mirror tessellation



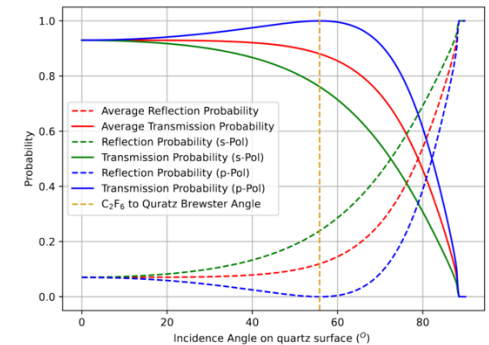
ML optimization of the mirror and detector radius of curvature



Photons impinging angles and transmission probability



Gas->Quartz->Nitrogen



Institution	Nation	Activity	
INFN-FE	Italy	Mechanics, detector box and control panels	
INFN-BO	Italy	Photosensors, photodetection unit PDU and readout board RDO	24 staff
INFN-TO	Italy	ALCOR and front-end board FEB	
INFN-BA	Italy	Aerogel radiator	18 postdocs/ students
INFN-CS-SA-CT	Italy	SiPM quality assurance	
INFN-GE	Italy	dRICH tagger	18 technicians/ engineers
INFN-LNS	Italy	Mechanical design	
INFN-RM1-RM-TV	Italy	Online data reduction	
INFN-TS	Italy	Radiator gas, gas system and software, SiPM quality assurance	8 staff
Duke-U.	USA	Mirror	
JLab	USA	Mechanical design and mirror characterization	2 postdocs/ students
BNL	USA	Mechanical design, integration, infrastructure	
Temple U.	USA	Aerogel quality assurance	2 technicians/ engineers
M.S. Ramaiah U.	India	Simulations and performance study	
NISER	India	Performance study	8 staff
Central U. of Haryana	India	Performance study	2 postdocs/ students
Central U. of Karnataka	India	Performance study	

Many groups have committed to the construction phase of the above items

QA stations are of common interest: best performance with co-funded equipment & shared workforce

open to collaborators: opportunity for secondments and students training

QA stations organized in order to

Be close to the assembling site

Ensure adequate personnel training

Provide redundancy & investment synergy

Support specific in-deep characterization studies

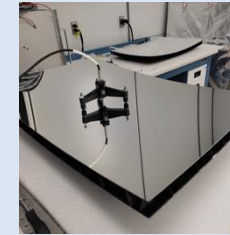
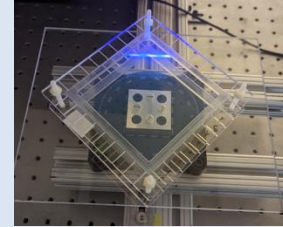
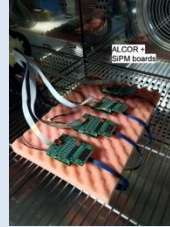
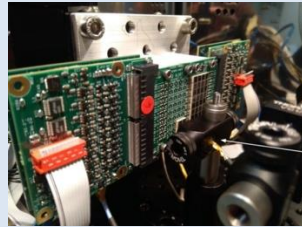
Aerogel: Integrity, defects, transmittance, refractive index, dimensions, planarity

Mirror: Dimensions, shape accuracy, radius, reflectivity

Sensors: Electrical connections, quench resistor, I-V characteristics, DCR, relative PDE

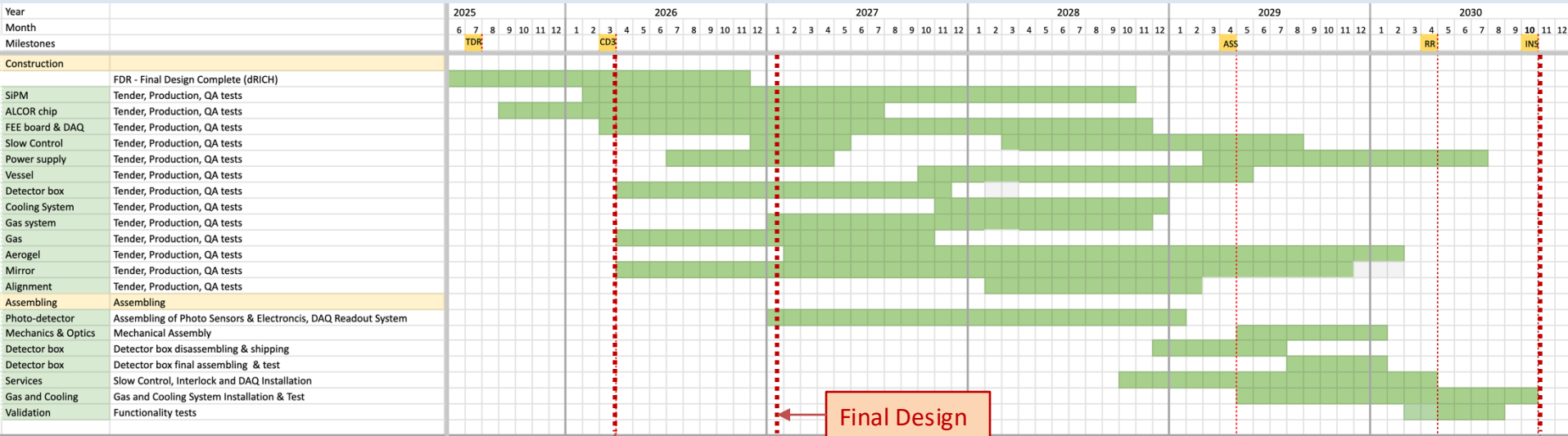
Readout: Electrical connections, bias levels, threshold and gain scans, time jitter, DAQ rate

Gas: Refractive index, transparency, sound speed, leakage rate



Component	QA station 1	QA station 2	QA detail and backup	QA Acceptance	In-depth
Aerogel	Temple U.	BNL	INFN-BA	100 %	5%
Gas	BNL		INFN-TS	2 %	2%
Mirror	JLab	Duke U.		100 %	10%
Sensor (SiPM)	INFN CS-SA-CT	INFN-TS	INFN-BO	100 %	1%
Readout	INFN-BO	INFN-FE	INFN-TO	100 %	1%

Work out the time interval from CD3 to installation, with 6 months of contingency & functionality tests



Stage 1: Stage from beginning the procurement for the PDU components (asics, SiPM, carrier, FEB, RDO...)
Anticipate mirror and gas procurement to reduce risk

Stage 2 : Central 2-3 year for the detector box assembling before delivery to BNL
Aerogel production after engineering optimization
Gas system after BNL authority approval

Stage 3: Mechanical structures
Assembling and completion of services

Consistent with P6
To be shifted with CD3/CD4

Safety: standard slow-control and interlock procedures to control power and cooling while monitoring gas flow, humidity and temperature.

Annealing: done during technical stops or annual stops of EIC

done for fractions of PDUs with total power comparable to operation

interlocked by internal and external temperature sensors and current monitor

Gas vessel: pressure regulators with UPS and 2-ways bubblers to ensure + 5 mbar overpressure (hydrostatic pressure)

standard ODH procedures in case of rupture

Gas system: leakage rate during operation minimized to be about 20 m³ /year

Mechanics: *safety factor for quartz / structure stability;*

Commissioning: 6 months functionality tests with cosmics prior of installation

Detector response: Dark count rate as healthy and damage monitor

Single-photon time over threshold as gain monitor

LED/laser system (sensor response and mirror alignment)

Time Calibration: Absolute time with respect bunch crossing and Forward TOF

Time intercalibration: photons hits from the same event

Particle ID: Control particle samples (identified by other systems)

Known meson decays (K_S , Λ , Φ)

Incremental dRICH Design Status is documented in pre-TDR:

Essential technical performance has been detailed for each dRICH component

Engineering is ongoing with pre-productions for performance vs cost optimization

Workforce is increasing, with focus in simulations and engineering

Ultimate achievements expected in 2025 (real-scale prototype, RDO, ALCOR64)

Clear commitments being defined

On track for Final Design completion in January 2027 as for P6

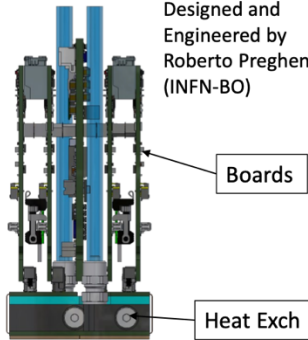
Work is ongoing to address past recommendations:

dRICH simulation within ePIC dd4hep model for an holistic approach with tracking and other PID detectors

Thermal simulation initiated with benchmark from dRICH prototypes

QA stations being organized with assigned workforce, required instrumentation and detailed acceptance-test plan

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dRICH PDU = 1200
Detector Box PDU = 242
dRICH Detector Boxes = 6

SiPM

$P_{PDU} = 5 \text{ W}$ (cooling power to be supplied to each PDU unit)

$T_{SiPM} = -40^\circ\text{C}$ (SiPM temperature)

$P_{DT} = 242 \times 5 \text{ W} = 1210 \text{ W}$ (cooling power to be supplied to each detector box)

$P_{dRICH} = 6 \times 1210 \text{ W} = 7260 \text{ W}$ (cooling power to be supplied to dRICH)

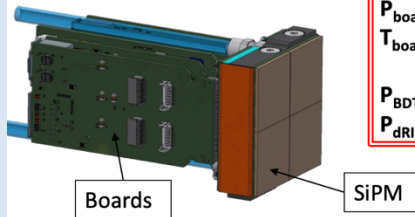
Electronic Boards

$P_{boards} = 11 \text{ W}$ (thermal power generated by each PDU unit)

$T_{boards} = 30^\circ\text{C}$ (maximum admissible boards temperature)

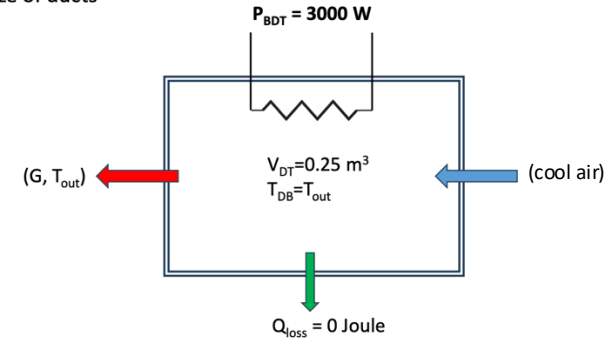
$P_{BDT} = 242 \times 11 \text{ W} = 2662 \text{ W}$ (thermal power generated by each detector box)

$P_{dRICH} = 6 \times 2662 \text{ W} = 15972 \text{ W}$ (thermal power generated by dRICH)



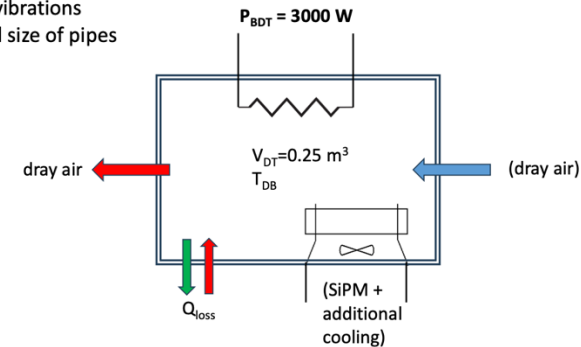
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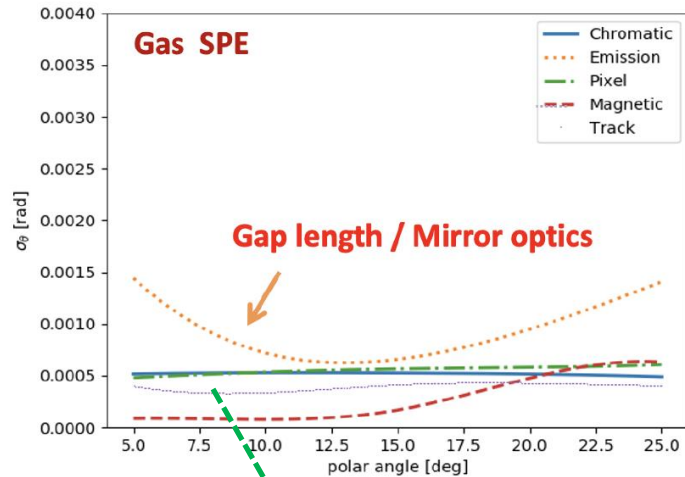
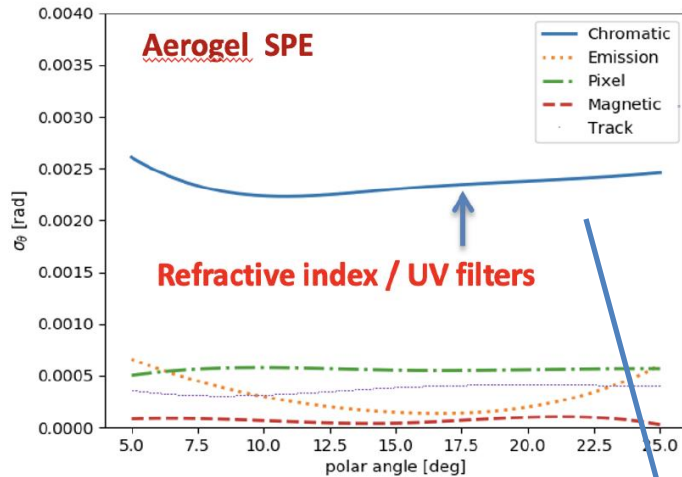
- Risk of condensation
- High noise
- High vibrations
- Big size of ducts



Advantages:

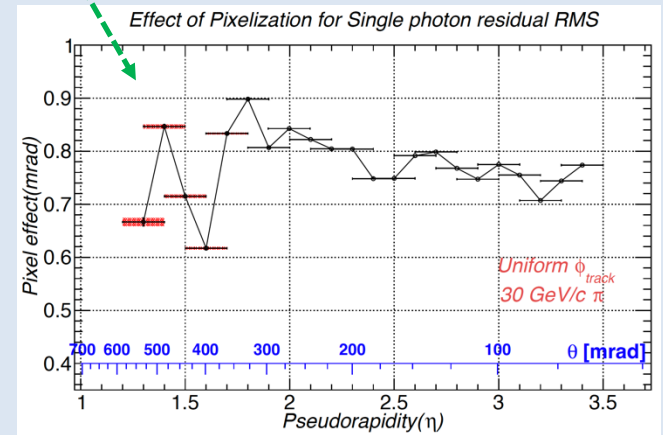
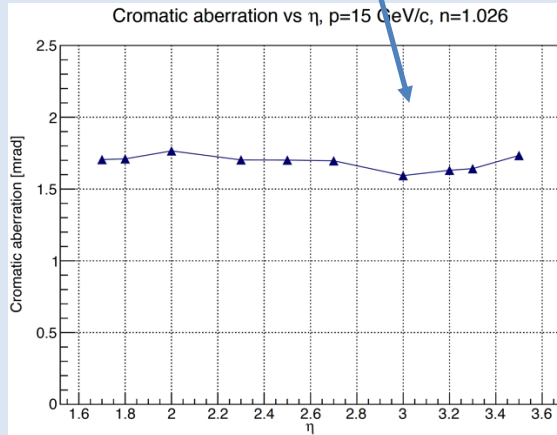
- Low risk of condensation
- No noise
- low vibrations
- small size of pipes





Enhanced capability
allows for detailed studies

Single-photon Cherenkov
angle resolution being
(re)-studied within the
ePIC framework



6.10.04 Particle Identification **Level-3**



6.10.04.03 dRICH **Level-4**



Photo-Detector **Level-5**

Front-end Asics **Level-5**

Data-acquisition **Level-5**

Mechanics **Level-5**

Gas radiator **Level-5**

Mirror **Level-5**

Aerogel Radiator **Level-5**

High-Pressure **Level-5**

Simulation

CAM from Project

CAM from Project + DSTC from EPIC (**M. Contalbrigo**)

Work packages lead from EPIC

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Work packages not yet active

Interlock **Level-5**

Slow Control **Level-5**

Cooling **Level-5**

Gas purging **Level-5**

Detector box **Level-5**

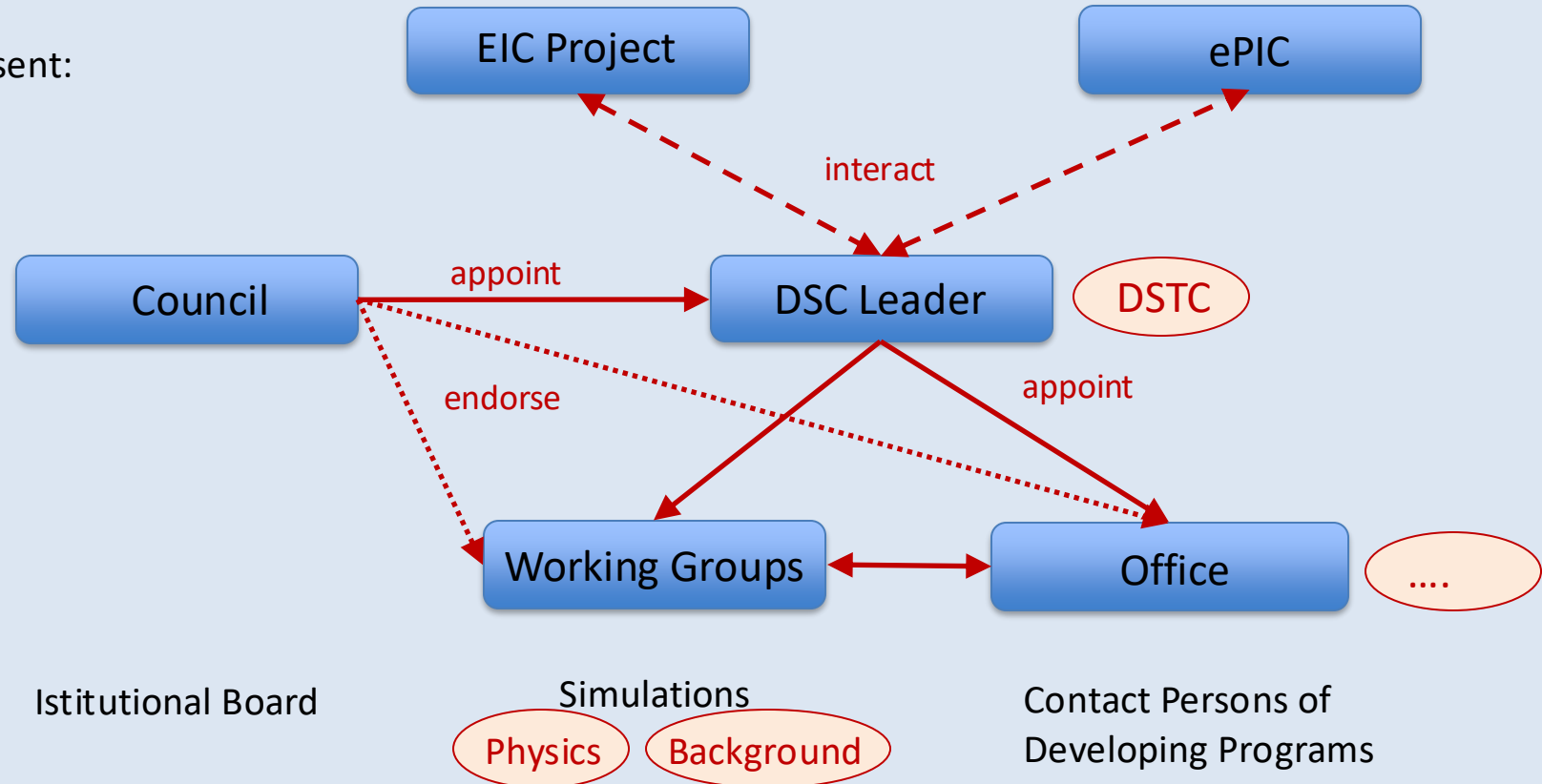
Alignment **Level-5**

Power Supply **Level-5**

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Need to evolve towards CD3 with formal responsibilities & procedures

At Present:



Aerogel:	Momentum reach above 15 GeV/c to overlap with gas More than 10 detected photons from 4 cm thickness Single photon resolution approaching 2 mrad	➡		$n = 1.026$ $dn/d\lambda = 6 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ nm}^{-1}$ scattering length > 50 mm
Gas:	Momentum reach above 50 GeV/c at pseudorapidity > 2.5 More than 20 detected photons from 1 m depth Single photon resolution better than 1 mrad	➡	C_2F_6	with $n = 1.00086$ $dn/d\lambda = 0.2 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ nm}^{-1}$ absorption length > 100 m
Mirror:	Focalization of Cherenkov light onto the detector surface Preservation of the Cherenkov information Material budget limited to O(2 %) of radiation length	➡		Carbon fiber material Roughness of few nm Angular precision < 0.2 mrad Reflectivity $\gtrsim 90\%$
Sensors:	Single photon detection capability in highly non-uniform magnetic field Excellent PDE in the visible range to cope with aerogel Marginal contribution to the angular resolution Preserve prompt Cherenkov information Tolerance to few 10^{10} 1-MeV neutron equivalent fluence	➡	SiPM	Spatial resolution of $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$ Time resolution O(100 ps) Operation at < -30 degrees Annealing curing cycles
Readout:	Below 1 p.e. signal threshold capability Preserve sensor time resolution to cope with dark counts and accidentals More than 300 kHz/ch rate capability Streaming readout with suppression of no-particle frames	➡	ALCOR	ALCOR chip (ToT architecture) Time resolution < 200 ps Rate > 300 kHz/ch Digital programmable shutter
Mechanics:	Acceptance maximized in 1.5 – 3.5 pseudorapidity range Material budget minimized in acceptance Compatibility with barrel maintenance at IP6	➡		Composite materials Single open volume Detector in the barrel shadow