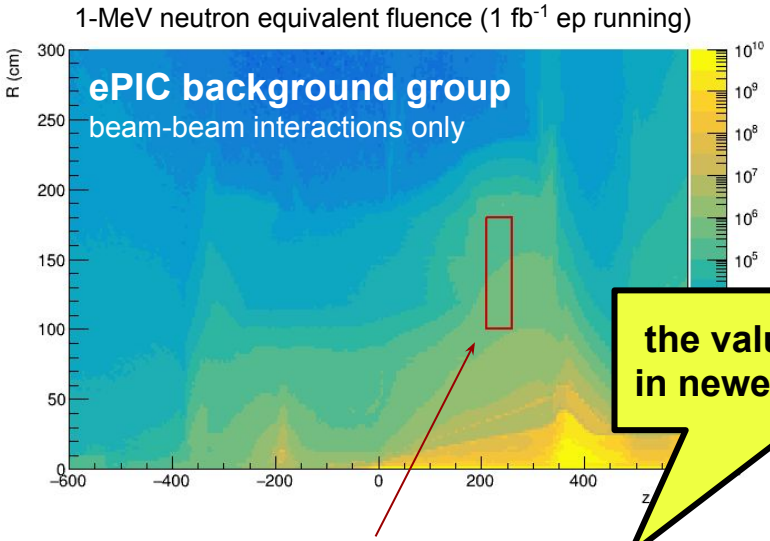


# dRICH SiPM news

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# Neutron fluxes at the dRICH photosensor surface

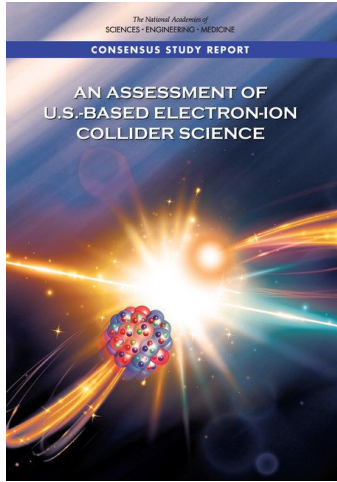


Most of the key Physics goals defined by the NAS require an integrated luminosity of  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  per center of mass energy and polarization setting

The nucleon imaging programme is more demanding in energy and **requires  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$**  at the same energy and polarization setting

**the values increased in newest simulations**

in 10-12 years the EIC will accumulate  $1000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  integrated  $\mathcal{L}$  corresponding to an integrated fluence of  $\sim 10^{10} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$



location of dRICH photosensors  
 mean fluence:  $3.9 \cdot 10^5 \text{ neq} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{fb}^{-1}$   
 max fluence:  $9.2 \cdot 10^5 \text{ neq} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{fb}^{-1}$

**study the SiPM usability for single-photon Cherenkov imaging applications in moderate radiation environment**

- radiation level is moderate

**assume fluence:  $\sim 10^7 \text{ neq} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{fb}^{-1}$**   
 conservatively assume max fluence and 10x safety factor

→ radiation damage studied in steps of radiation load

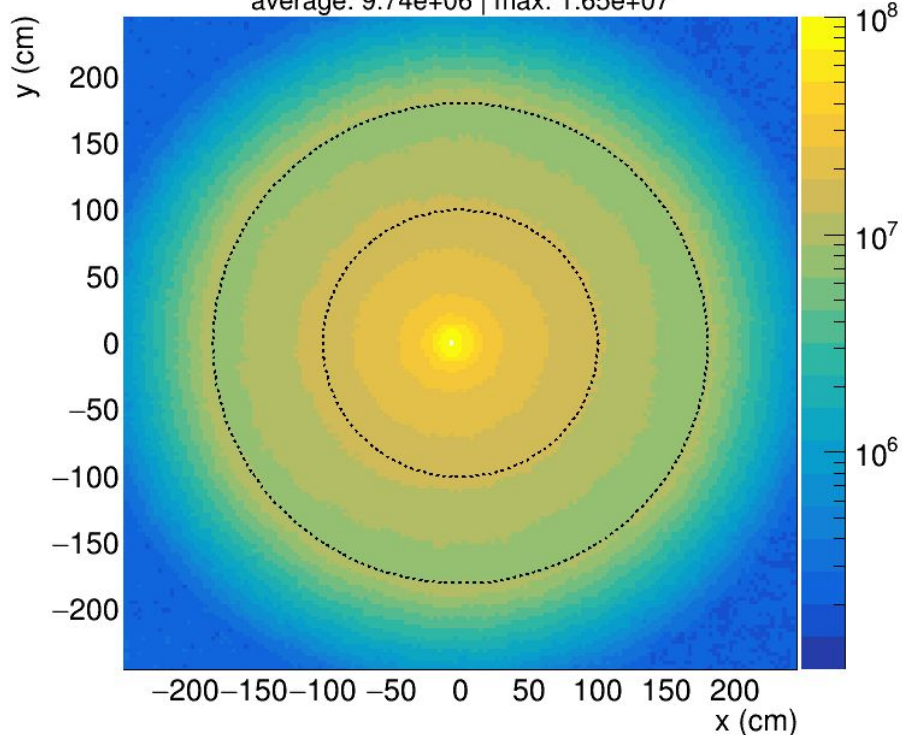
$10^9$ 1-MeV $\text{n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$	<i>most of the key physics topics</i>
$10^{10}$ 1-MeV $\text{n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$	<i>should cover most demanding measurements</i>
$10^{11}$ 1-MeV $\text{n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$	<i>might never be reached</i>

# updated radiation simulations

# New radiation damage estimates

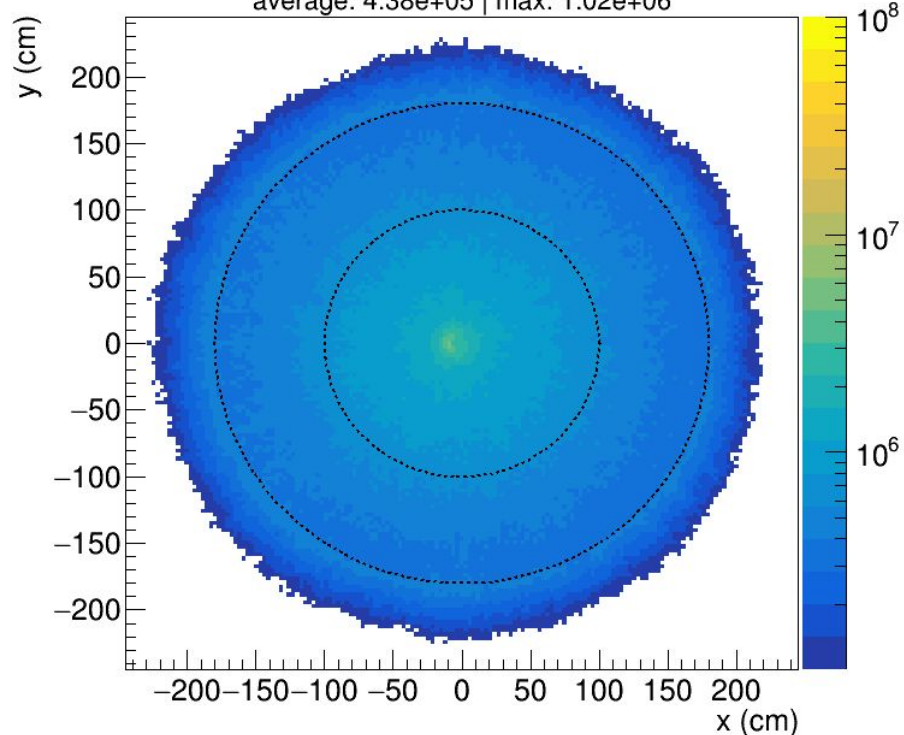
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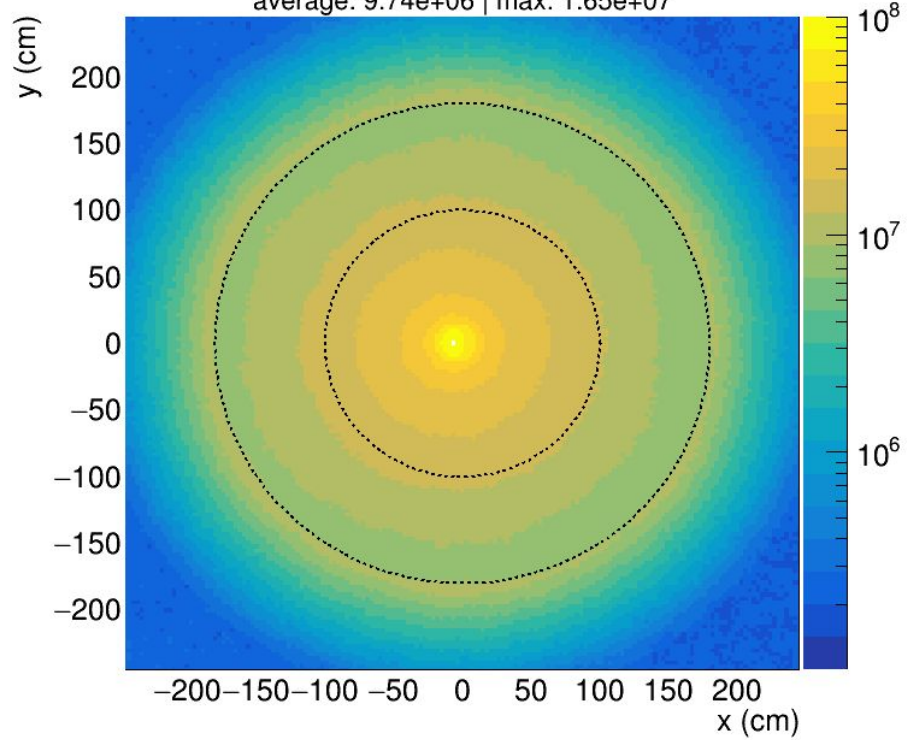


xy projections in  $210 < z < 260$  cm region, average and max values reported for  $100 < R < 180$  cm region

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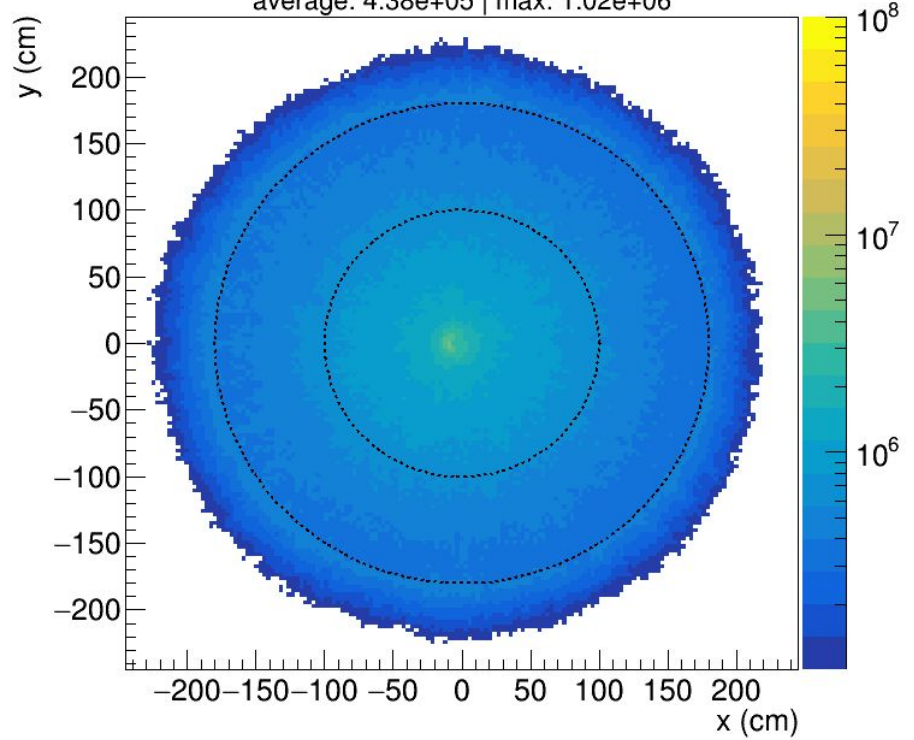
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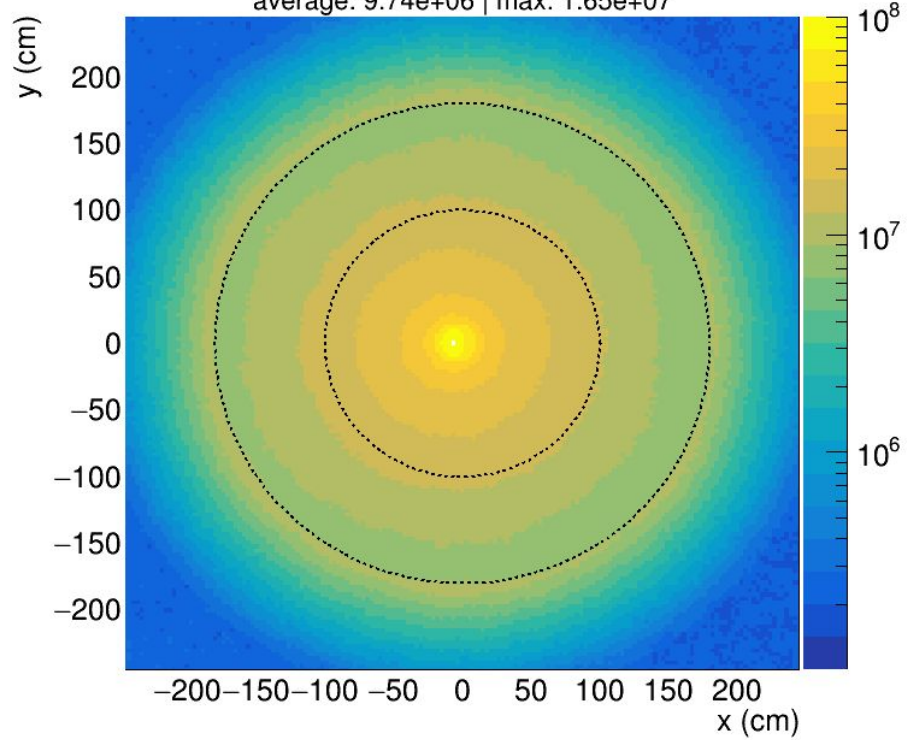


before: max fluence =  $9.2 \times 10^5$  neq/ $\text{fb}^{-1}$  | now: max fluence =  $1.75 \times 10^7$  neq/ $\text{fb}^{-1}$   $\Rightarrow$  new estimates are  $\sim 20$ x larger

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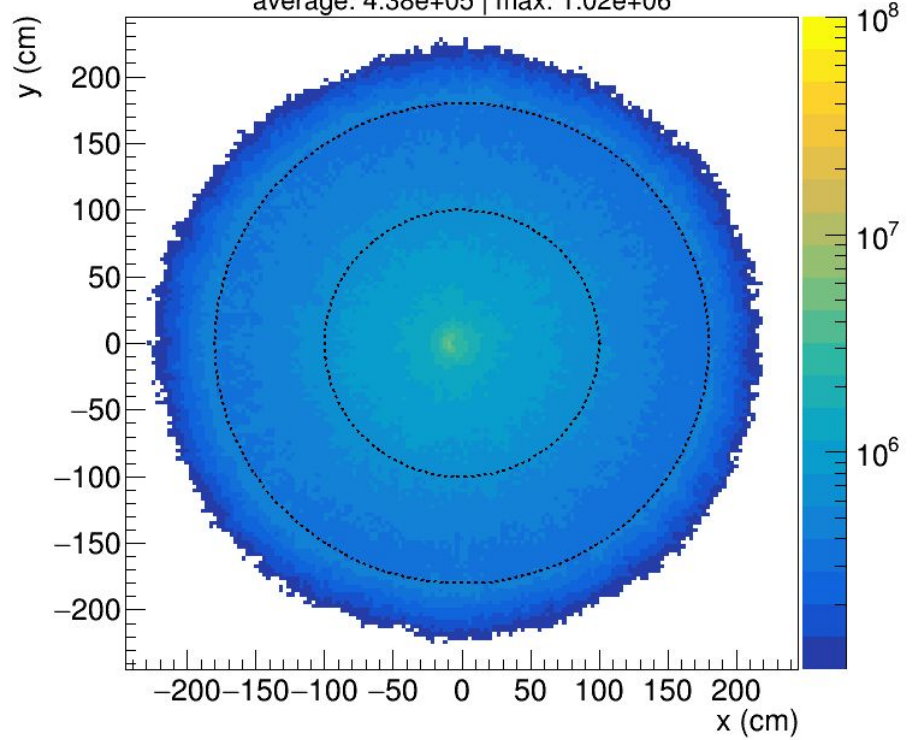
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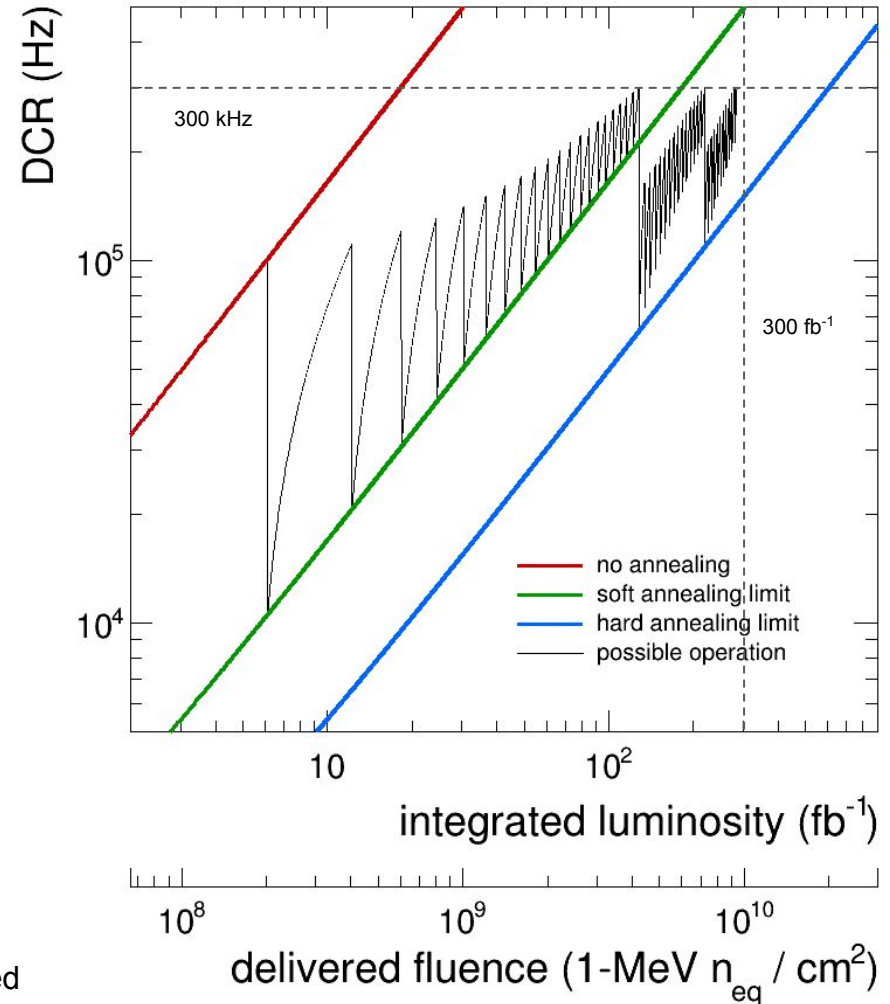
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new estimates are ~20x larger, but we had a 10x safety factor  $\Rightarrow$  we got the safety factor eaten and a 2x faster ageing

# Updated ageing model

Hamamatsu S13360-3050 @ Vover = 4 V, T = -30 C



## model input from R&D measurements (up to 2022)

- DCR increase: 500 kHz/10<sup>9</sup> n<sub>eq</sub>
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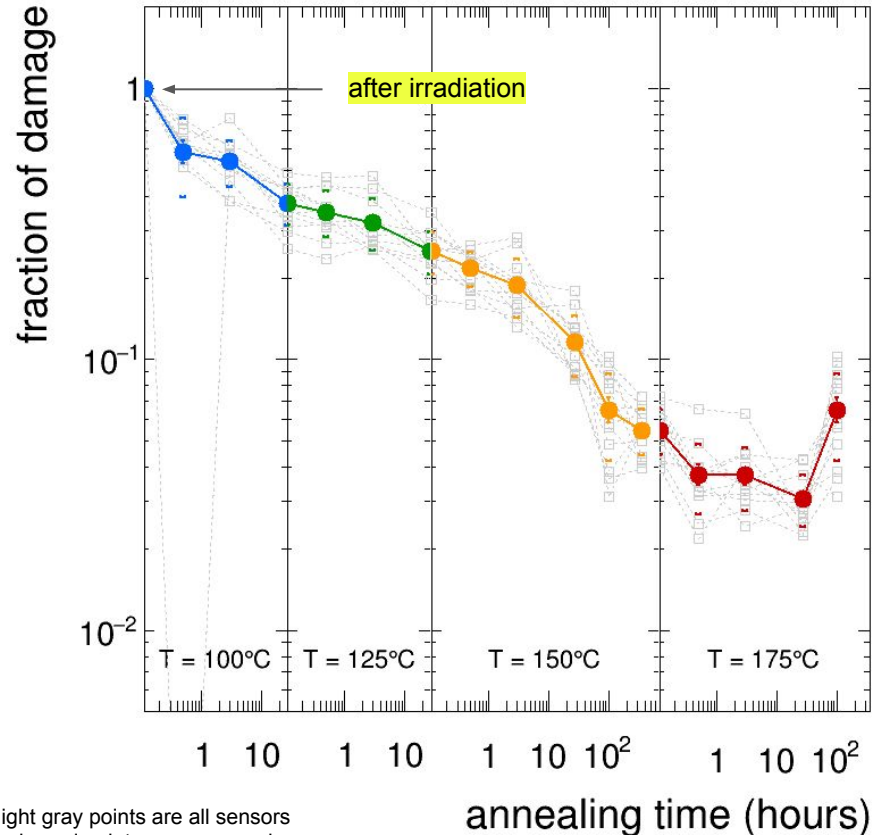
## 1-MeV neq fluence from background group

- 1.75 10<sup>7</sup> n<sub>eq</sub> / fb<sup>-1</sup>
- includes 2x safety factor

all parameters are the same used for the previous model  
only neq/fb<sup>-1</sup> is updated to new estimate, with 2x safety factor  
which corresponds to a 4x faster ageing than previously reported

# Detailed studies of SiPM online self-annealing

online self-annealing with reverse bias



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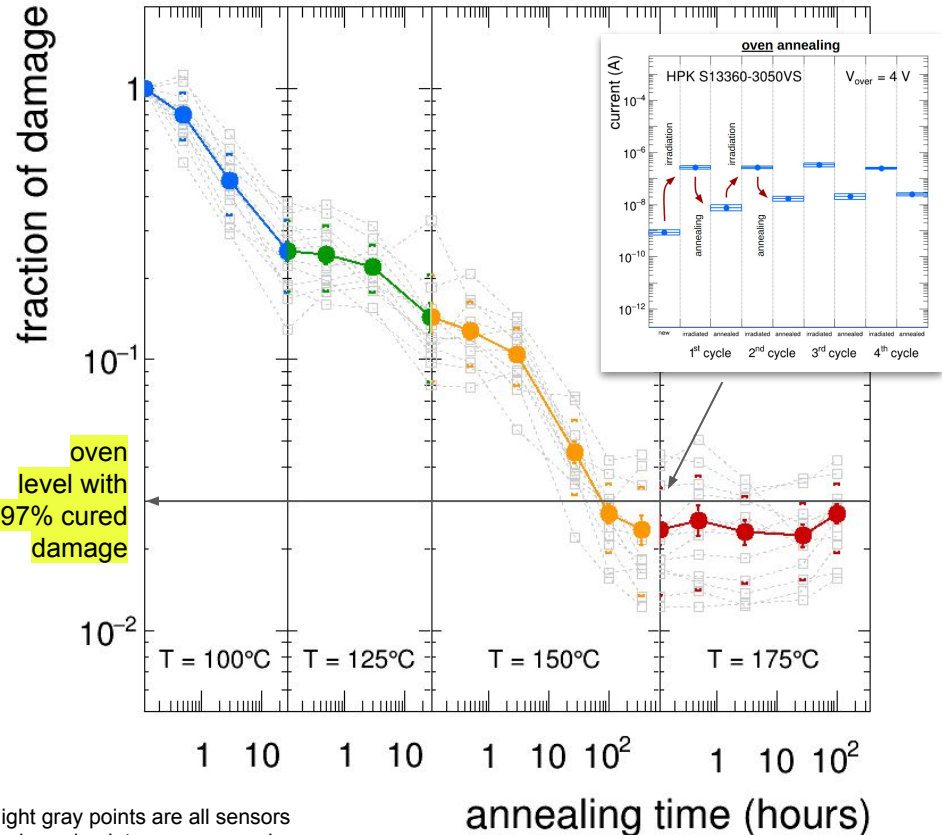
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oven level with 97% cured damage

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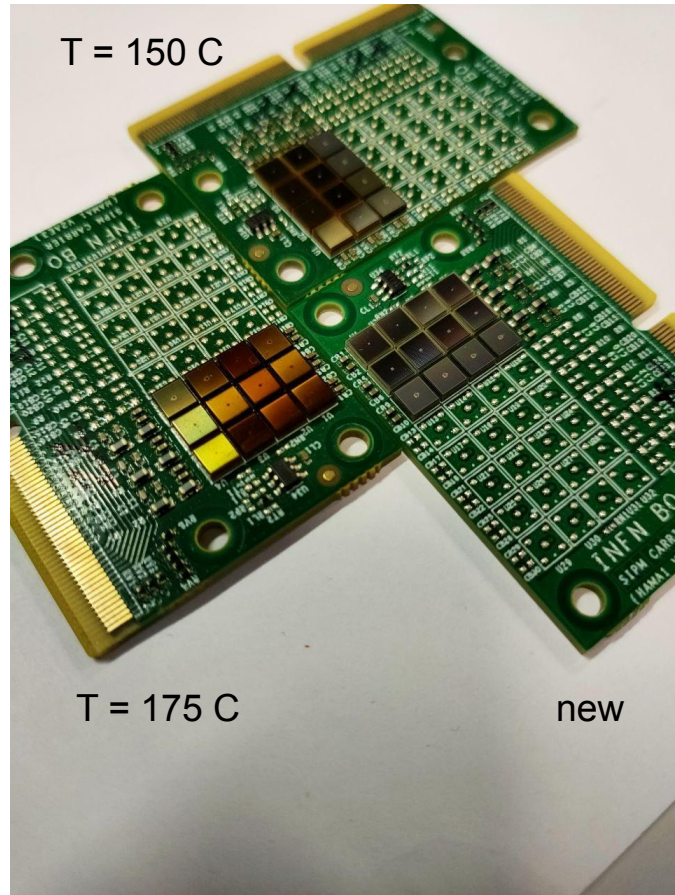
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**fraction of residual damage seems to saturate at 2-3%**

**after ~ 300 hours at T = 150 C**

continuing at higher T = 175 C seems not to cure more than that

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**but, after many hours of online annealing**

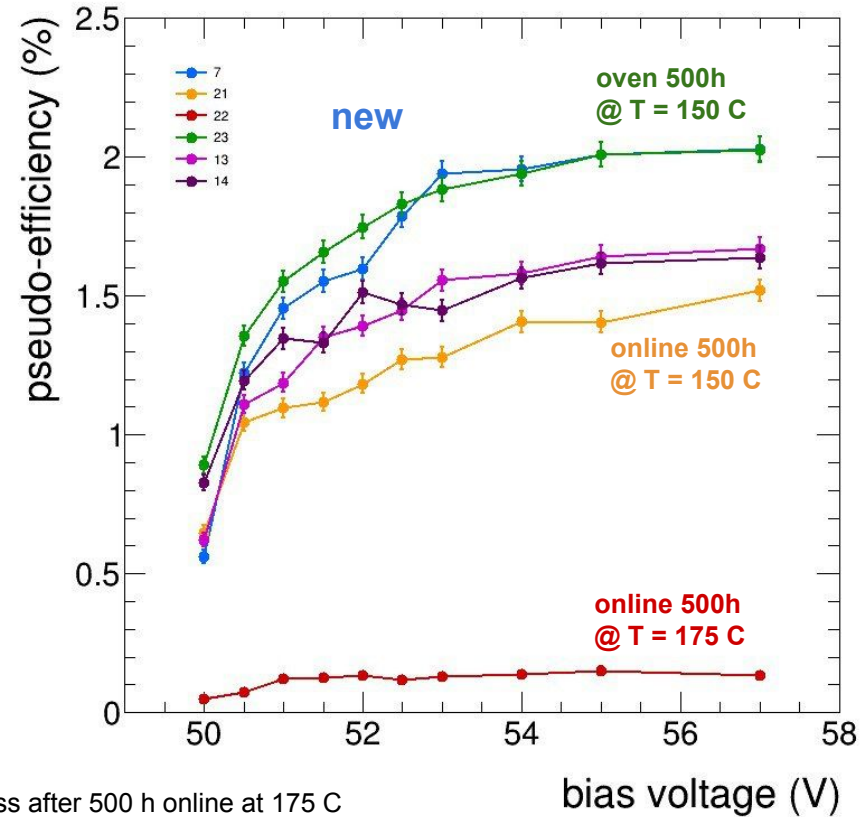
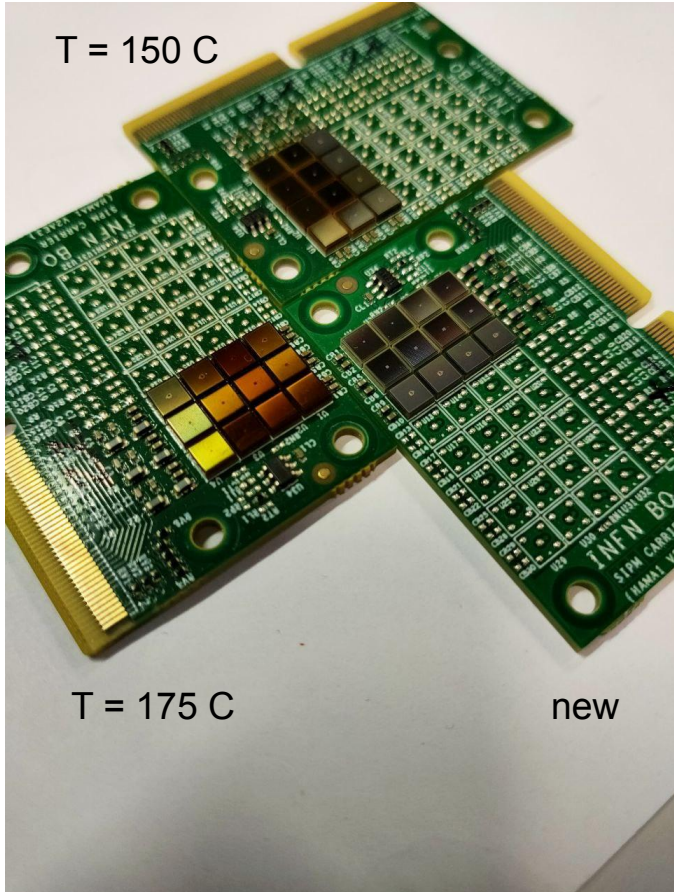
we noticed alterations on the SiPM windows  
in particular in one board that underwent

500 hours of online annealing at T = 175 C

the sensors appear "yellowish" when compared to new  
less "yellowish" but still a bit "yellowish" the sensors  
in a board that underwent 500 hours at T = 150 C

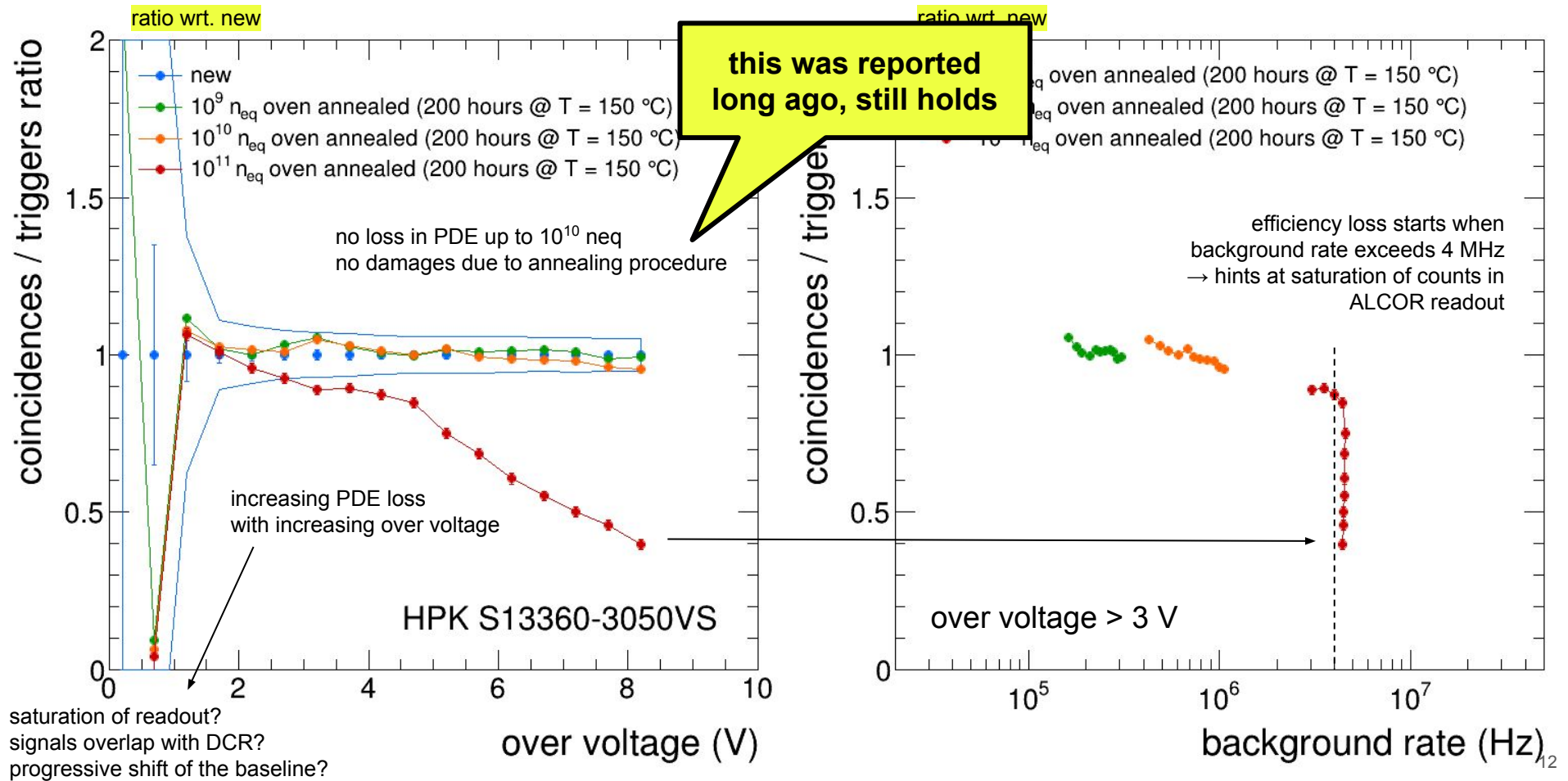
**let's compare them under the laser light**

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serious efficiency loss after 500 h online at 175 C  
 25% efficiency loss after 500 h online at 150 C  
 no efficiency loss after 500 h oven at 150 C  
 not clear why oven annealing is less critical on window, but in line with previously-reported "no damages due to annealing procedure" for 200 h in oven at T = 150 C

# Light response after irradiation and annealing



# window damage studies

# Detailed studies of SiPM window damage

measurements are ongoing

4 SiPM under study

each undergoing online annealing

- at forward bias
- at different temperature
- following the same annealing protocol
- same integrated annealing time and cycles

measurements are performed with the upgraded laser setup

the plot reports the variation of the PDE wrt. the sensors measured before the beginning of the annealing cycles (new)

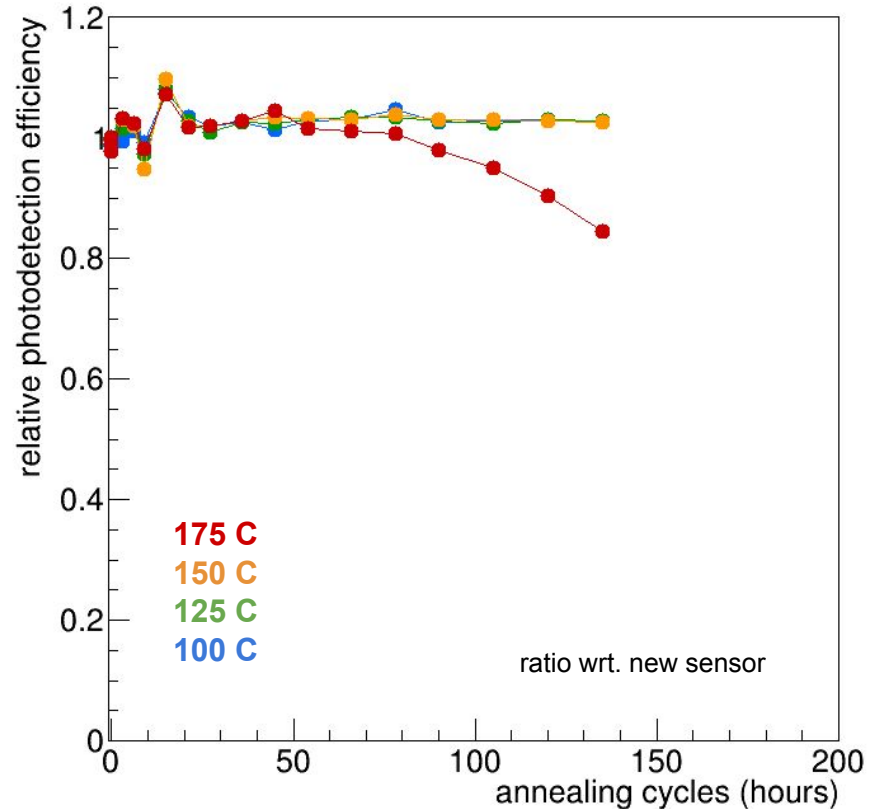
measurements are still ongoing

so far, after ~135 hours (135 1-hour cycles)

observation of beginning of efficiency loss at 175 C  
lower temperatures are unaffected

we will continue this study

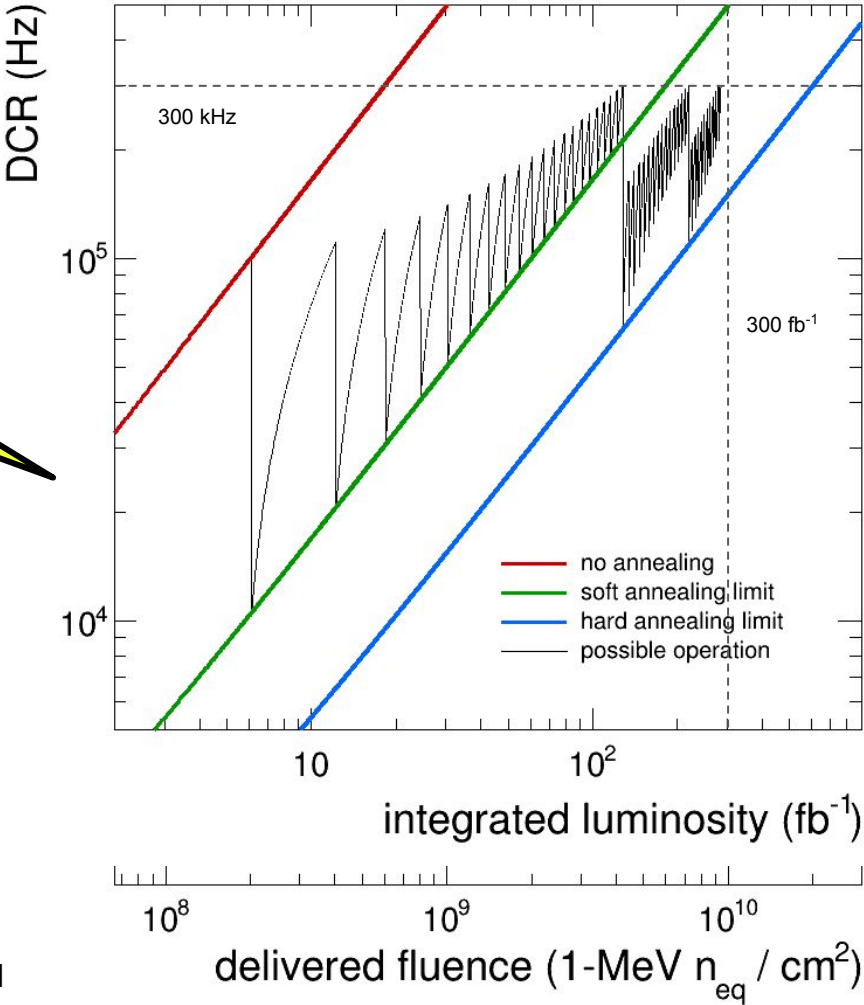
**this is already good news**



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the "possible operation" scenario shown here has 44 soft-annealing cycles and 3 hard-annealing cycles

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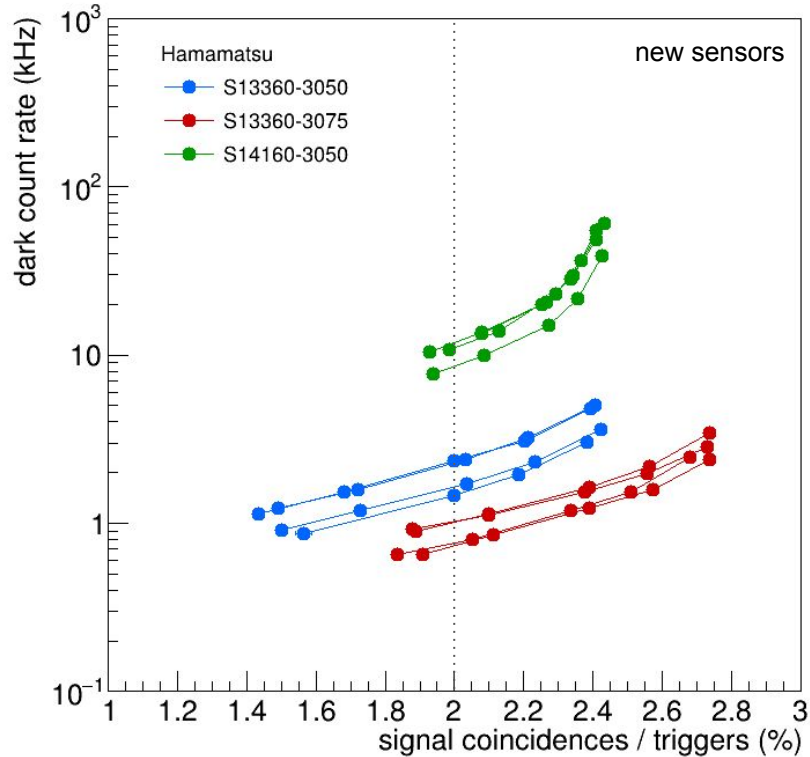
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studies with laser



# Comparison between sensors

3 Hamamatsu sensor types, 4 sensors each measured as NEW



proxy for photodetection efficiency

**at the same level of detection efficiency**  
namely, the probability to detect light from laser pulse  
**different sensors have different DCR level**

**best: S13360-3075**

most promising sensors, large pitch SPADs (75  $\mu\text{m}$ )

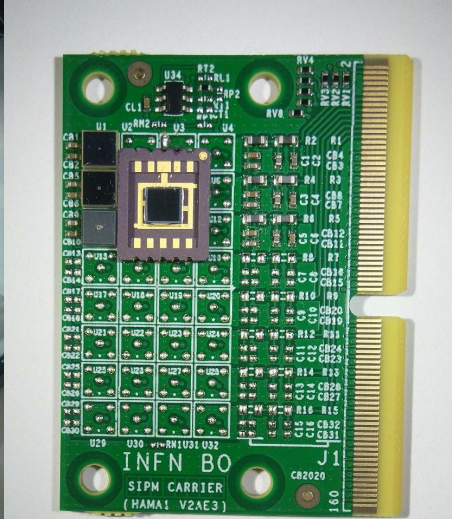
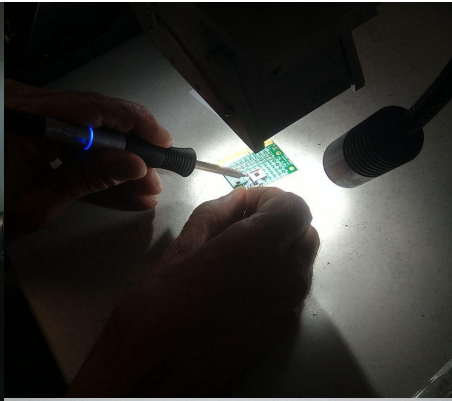
**second: S13360-3050**

same technology, medium pitch SPADs (50  $\mu\text{m}$ )

**worst: S14160-3050**

different technology, medium pitch SPADs (50  $\mu\text{m}$ )

# New Hamamatsu SiPM prototypes



S13360-3050UVE

## newly-developed Hamamatsu SiPM sensors

based on S13360 series

few samples of 50  $\mu\text{m}$  and 75  $\mu\text{m}$  SPAD sensors

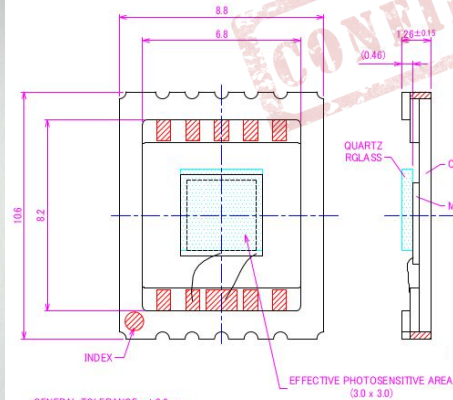
### on paper they look VERY promising

- improved NUV sensitivity
- improved signal shape
- improved recharge time

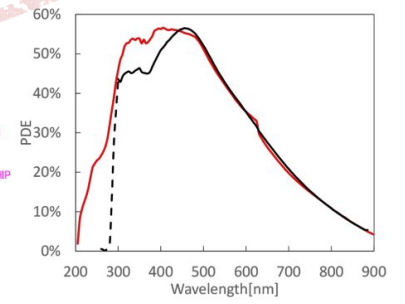
mounted on EIC SiPM test boards

we will characterise and test them in full

irradiation, annealing, laser, ...

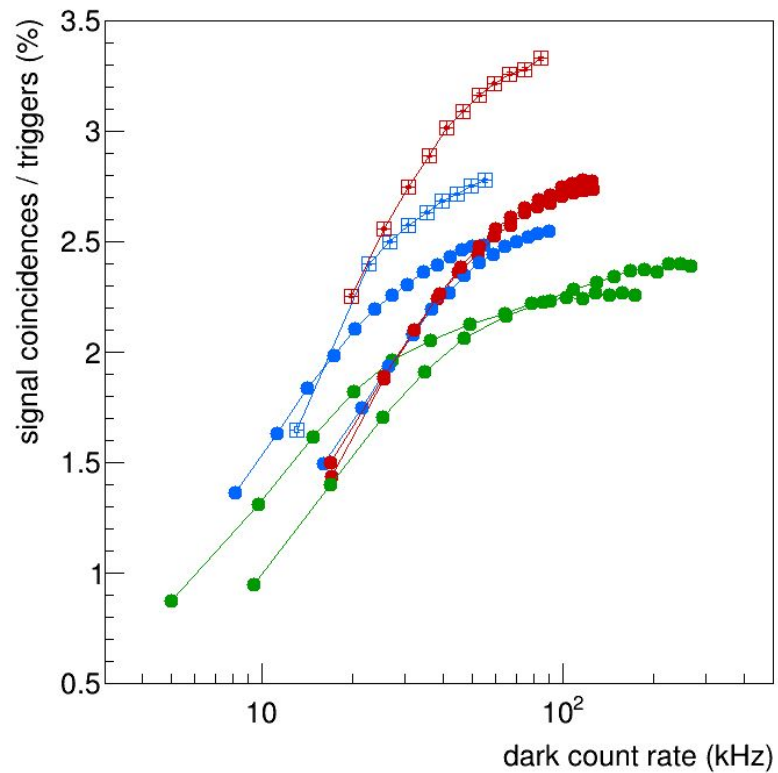
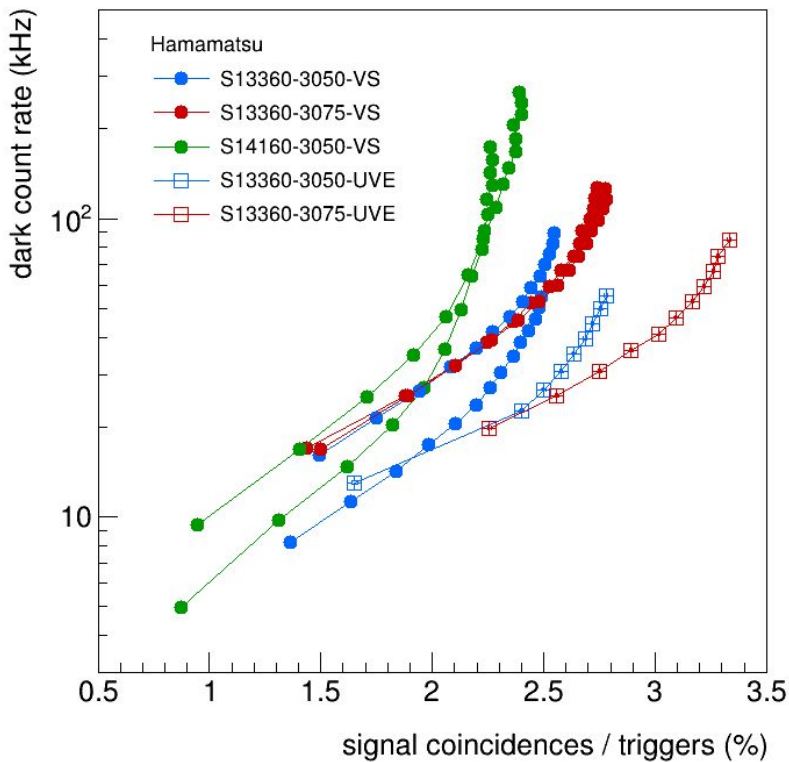


•GENERAL TOLERANCE:  $\pm 0.3\text{mm}$   
 •A<sub>2</sub>-WIRES ARE NOT PROTECTED.



— Prototype : based on S13360 series (75 $\mu\text{m}$ )  
 — Conventional : S14520 series (75 $\mu\text{m}$ )

# prototype Hamamatsu sensors ( $10^9$ neq after oven annealing)



prototype Hamamatsu UVE sensors have significantly higher efficiency than standard sensors  
 caveat: we only measure PDE at the fixed laser wavelength of ~400 nm, larger PDE expected because...  
 prototype sensors have a NUV-enhanced behaviour.  
 we will study them further, currently asking Hamamatsu status for production and quotation of this product

# Summary

- **updated radiation simulations**

- new radiation damage estimates at dRICH SiPM location
- a factor 20x larger than what reported last year
- dRICH used a 10x safety factor, the updated did no hurt too much
  - still this is not a good news, detector will age faster than expected so far

- **detailed studies of online "in-situ" annealing**

- forward-bias annealing is better than reverse-bias (although current is higher)
- long forward-bias annealing can reach oven-annealing level of recovery
  - this is a pretty good news
- but we observed degradation of efficiency / optical properties (likely the protective resin)
  - this sounds like a bad news, but
  - promising studies ongoing, T = 150 C annealing is effective and not destructive

- **Hamamatsu prototype SiPM sensors**

- NUV and signal enhanced, very promising on paper
- laser studies show that they are indeed promising
  - we will study more, queried Hamamatsu for production / costs
  - this is a good news