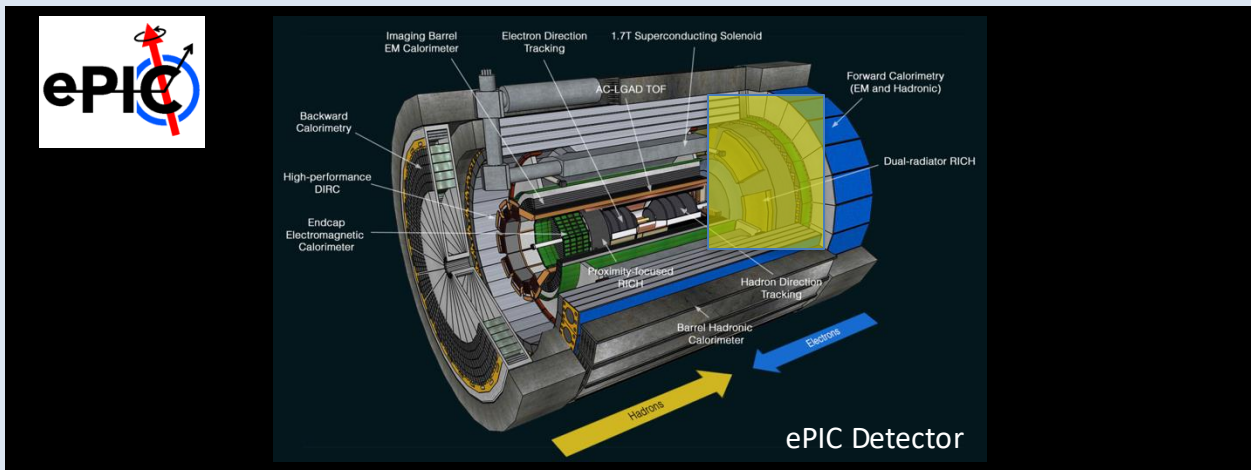


ePIC dRICH Status

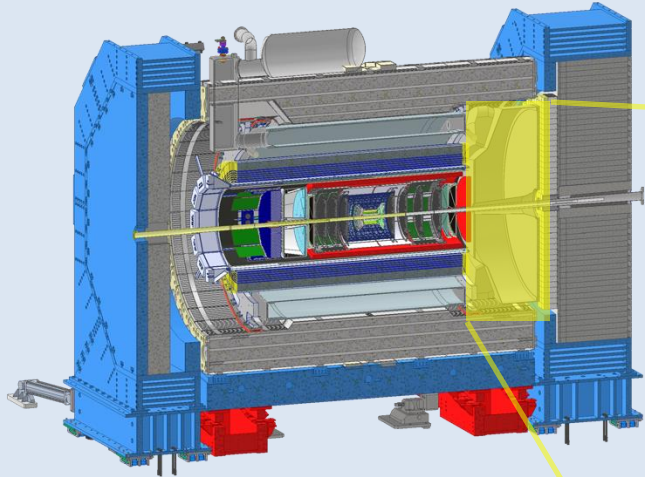


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Dual-radiator Ring-imaging Cherenkov Detector (dRICH)

Essential to access flavor information



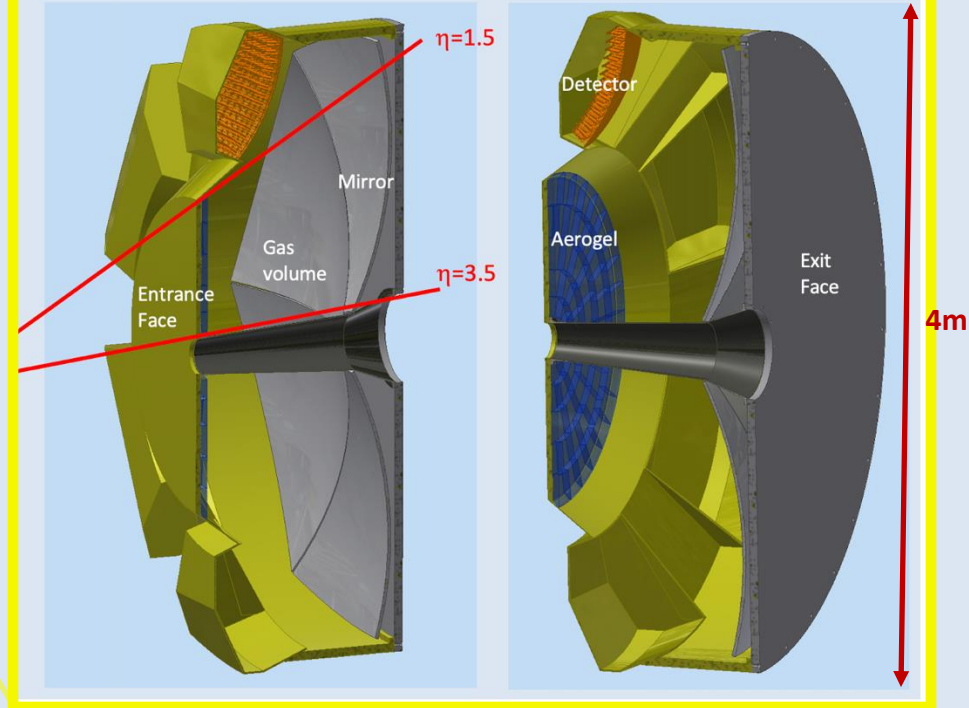
Goals:

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



Charge 1: Is the design of the ePIC detector and its sub-systems appropriate and progressing well ?

Slides 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 15 - 18

Charge 2: Are the remaining work and technical, cost and schedule risks adequately understood ?
Are there opportunities?

Slides 5 - 8 - 13 - 14 - 16 - 17 - 20 and pre-TDR (pre-brief material)

Charge 3: Will the detector be technically ready for baselining by late 2025 ?

Slides 12 - 21 - 24

Charge 4: Are the detector integration and planning for installation and maintenance progressing well ?
Are there areas where further ideas should be pursued ?

Slides 19













Charge 5: Will the detector be ready for start of construction by late 2026 ?

Slides 12 - 21 - 24

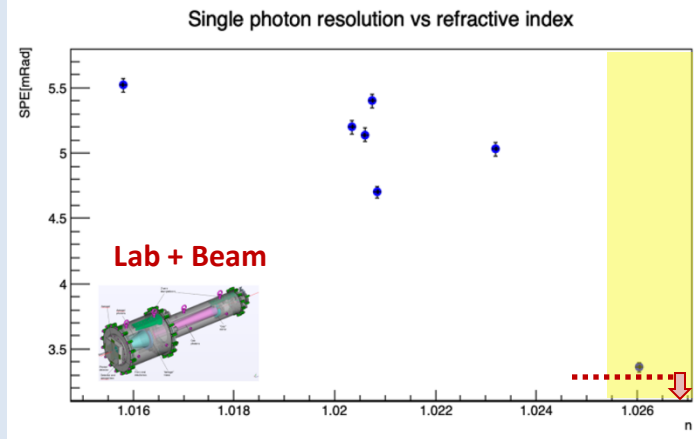
Past Review: Action taken following recommendations

Slide 14 - 19 - 22 - 23 - 24

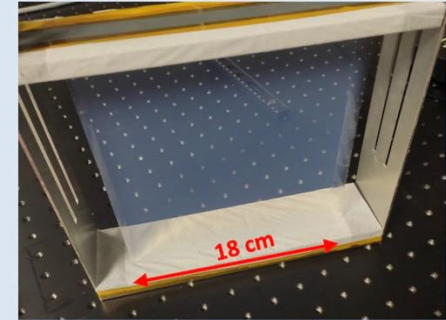
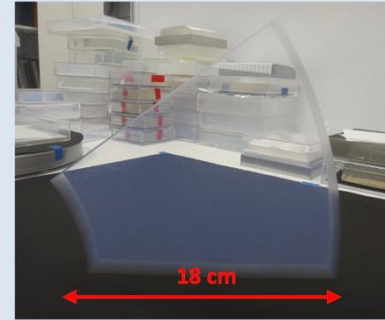
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Aerogel with $n=1.026$ validated with lab and prototype tests



Details on Backup 26



Engineering of the aerogel wall expected by 2026

First large aerogel tile demonstrators delivered

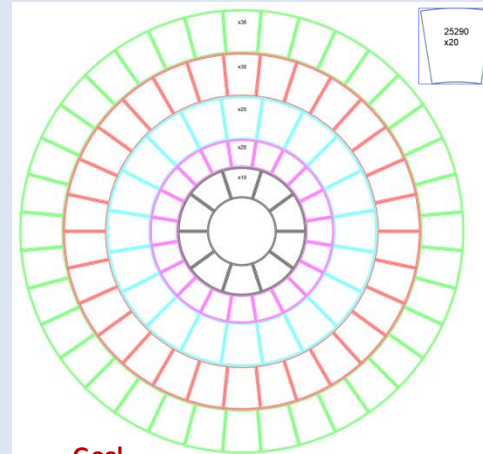
An effort should be pursued by the vendor to keep the aerogel quality parameters as close as possible or better than the following reference values.

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.

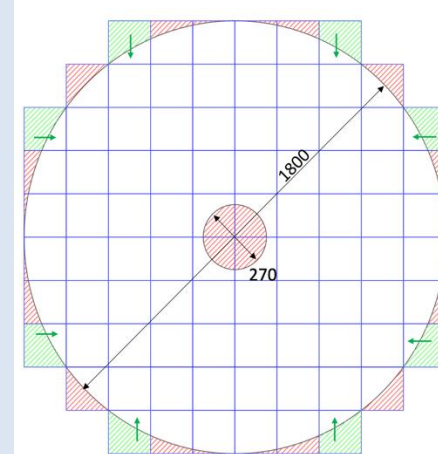
Technical specifications:

- 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 nm 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.



Goal

Active Area = 21605 cm²
Dead Area = 3269 cm² (13%)
Wasted Area = 9112 cm² (27%)

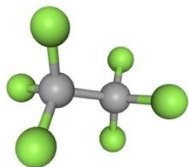


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Baseline Hexafluoroethane validated with lab and beam tests



C_2F_6 molecular weight: 138.01 g/mol

boiling point: $-78.1^\circ C$

melting point: $-100.6^\circ C$

density: 5.734 kg/m³ at 24 °C

density: 16.08 kg/m³ at $-78^\circ C$

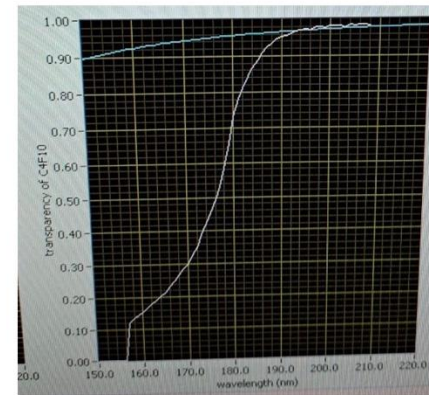
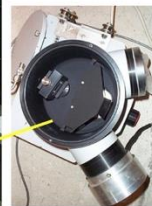
1 covalent + 6 hydrogen bonds

Gas	Npe(π/K)	θ_π	θ_K	σ_π	σ_K	N $_\sigma$	$\rho = \Delta\theta/\theta$ ($\lambda = 300$ 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 %



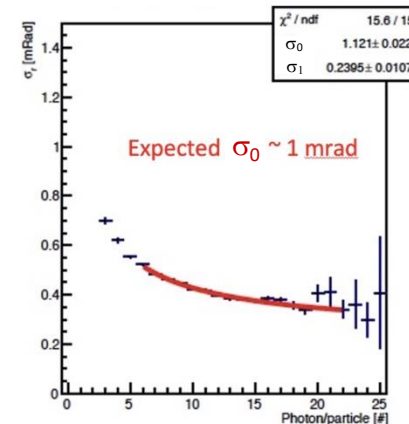
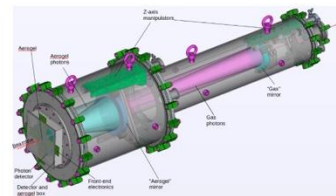
Deuterium UV lamp, Monochromator system, 1.6 m column for gas transparency measurement



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



Expected performance obtained with dRICH prototype

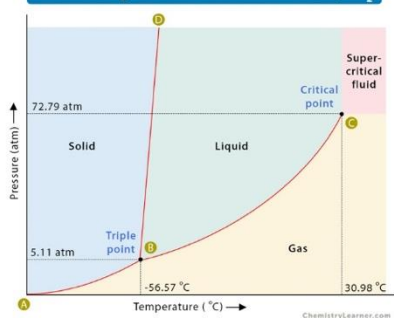


Development of gas separation protocols expected by 2026

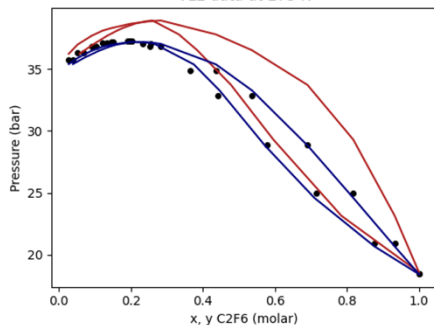
Purging via liquefaction of stand-by gas

Updated vapor-liquid equilibrium $\text{C}_2\text{F}_6\text{-CO}_2$ model, test in preparation at CERN

Phase Diagram of Carbon Dioxide (CO_2)

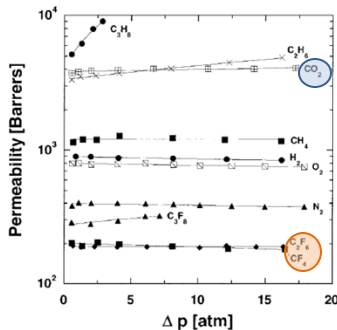
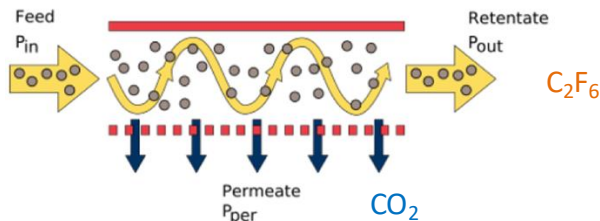


VLE data at 273 K



Purging via membranes

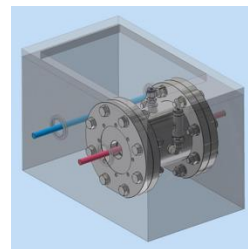
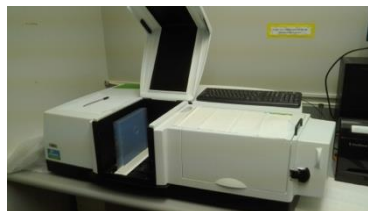
Effective separation of CF_4 and CO_2 demonstrated in LHCB
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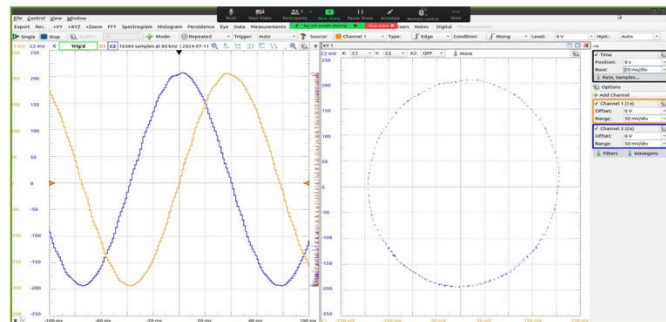
Design of online purity monitors expected by 2026

Sonar to measure speed of sound

10 bar chamber + specrophotometer 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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CFRP substrate mid-size (~50 cm side) demonstrator validated with lab tests before coating

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Backup 27

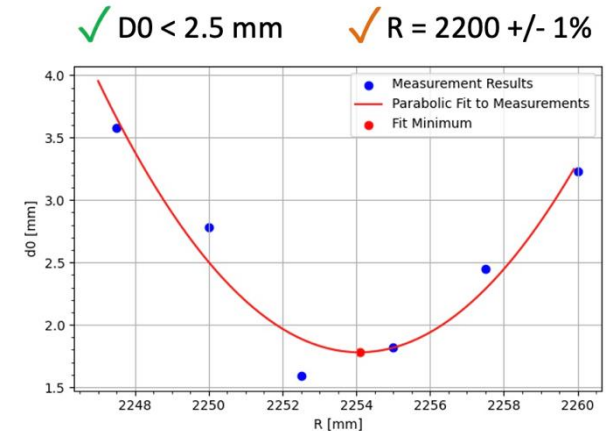
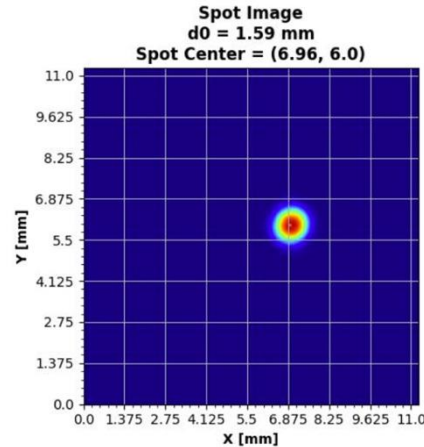
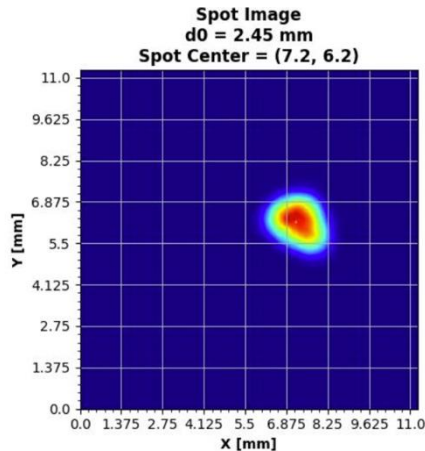
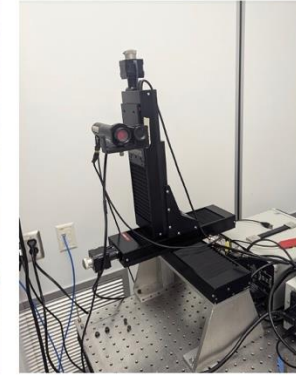
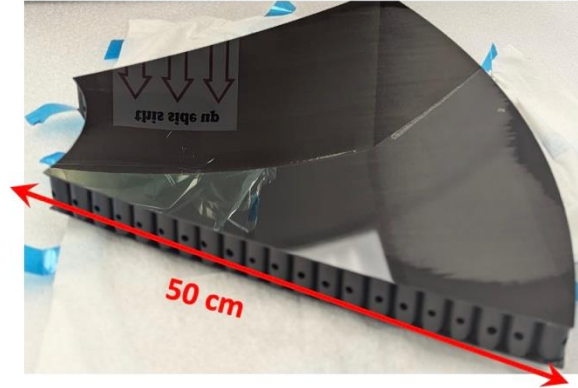
Annex C. Technical Requisite

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,
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Steady progress of photodetector towards integrated design completion in 2026

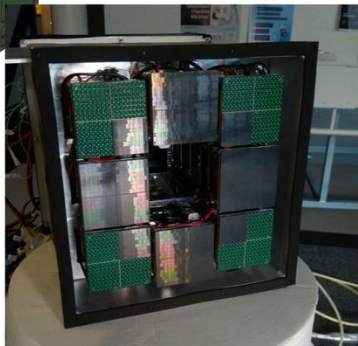
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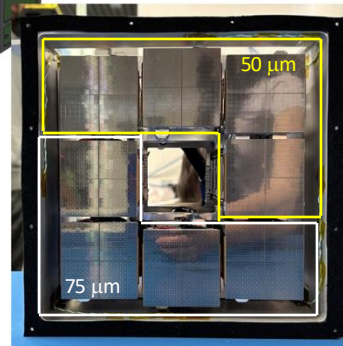
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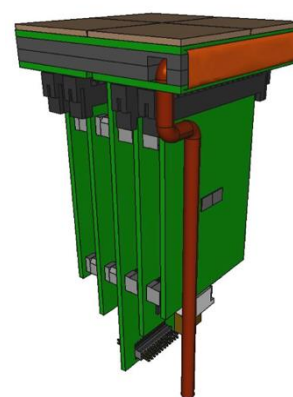
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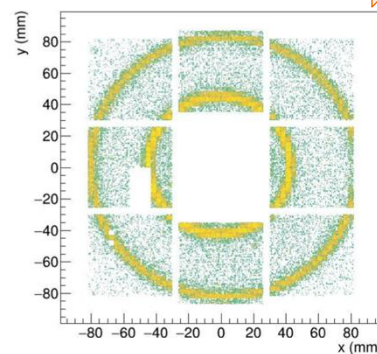
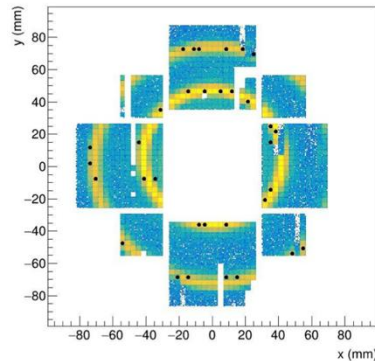
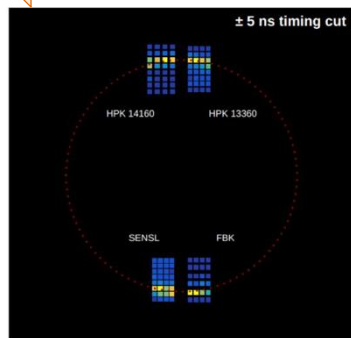
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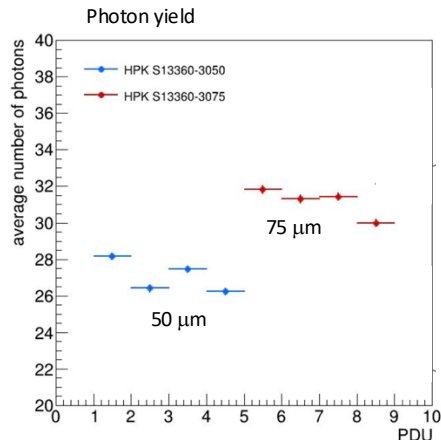
Full size engineering
test article

2025 + SiPM carrierv3
+ RDO

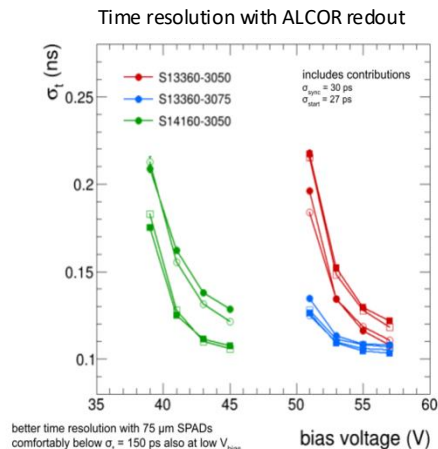
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Baseline specs defined at the SiPM LLP Review in fall 2023 after several tests on a variety of sensors

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SPAD size



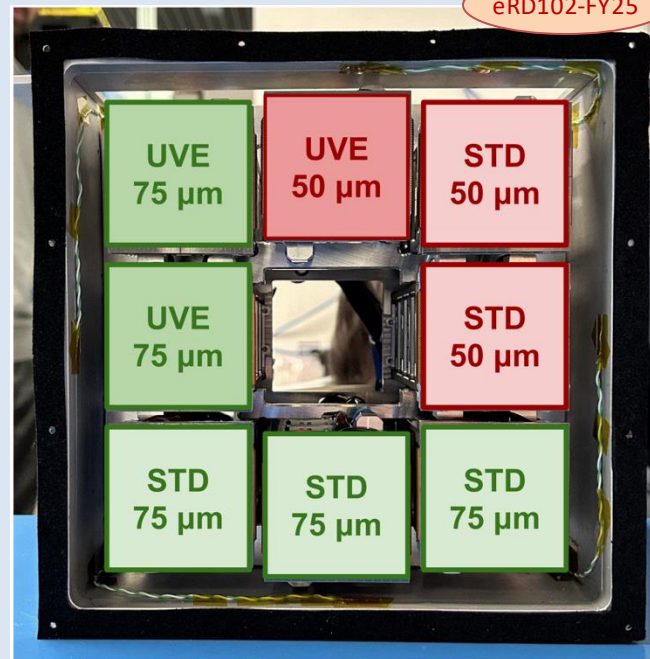
• purchased and received

- 4x matrices with 50 μm SPADs
- 12x matrices with 75 μm SPADs
- several single-SiPM sensors

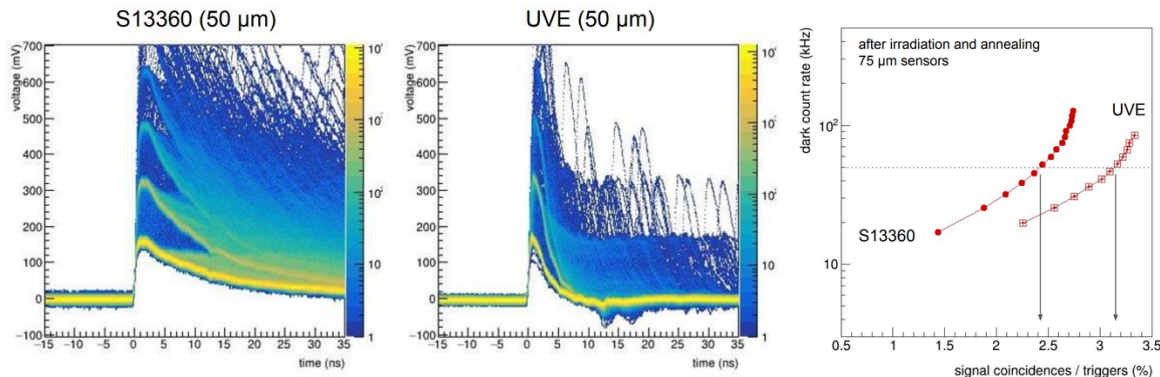
• goal

- assemble few new PDUs
- use them in the next beam test
- evaluate expected PDE improvement

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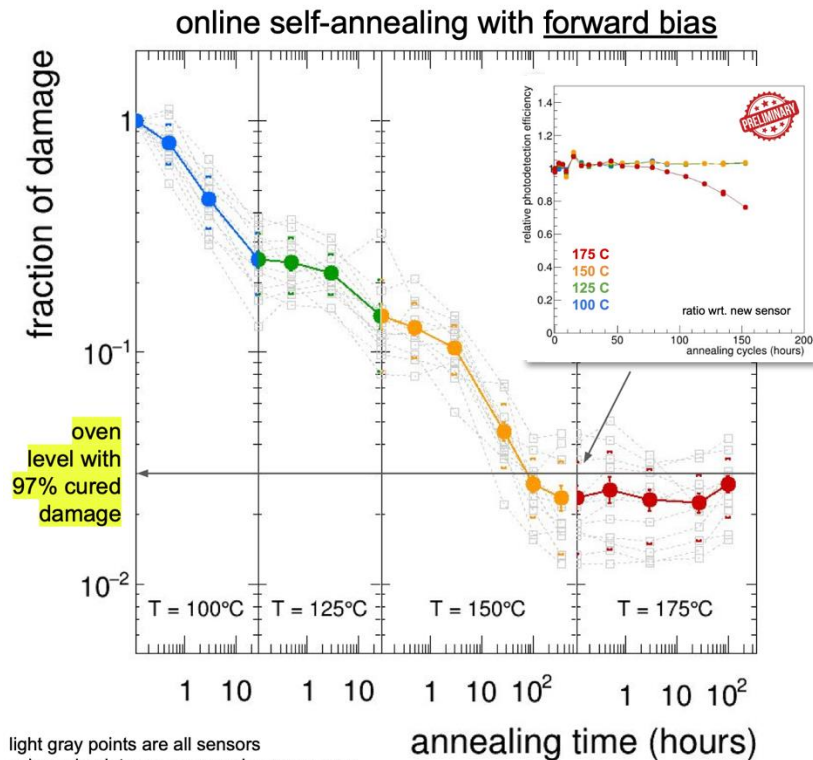


Novel HPK UVE fast SiPM



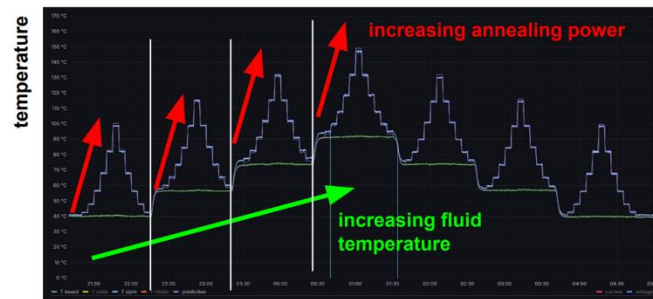
Completion of engineering of the SiPM optimized layout and temperature treatments expected by 2026

Recomm. (DAC): Annealing procedures should be investigated, and defined; this will have implications for the design of the read-out board (heating).



light gray points are all sensors
coloured points are averaged over sensors
coloured brackets is the RMS

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

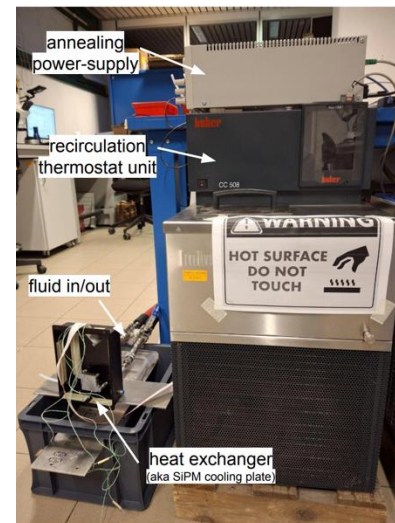
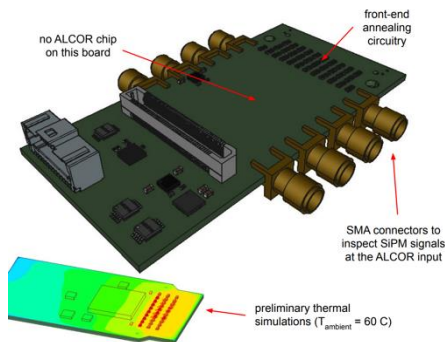


features

- like a final FEB with all annealing circuitry
- SMA connectors to inspect SiPM signals on scope

goals

- test realistic dRICH annealing electronics
- study/engineering of annealing process details



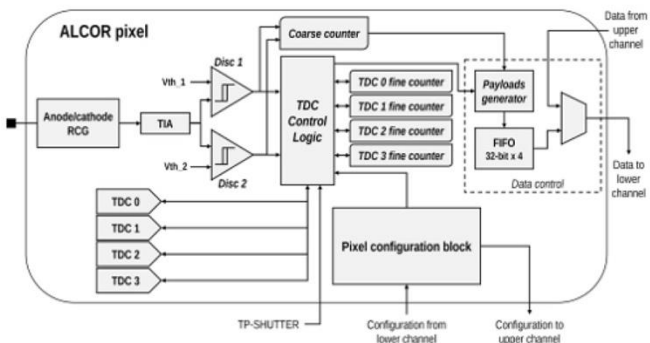
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ALCOR specs defined with years of lab + beam tests with the 32 channel version - ALCORv64 ready for pilot production

MPW run in March '25

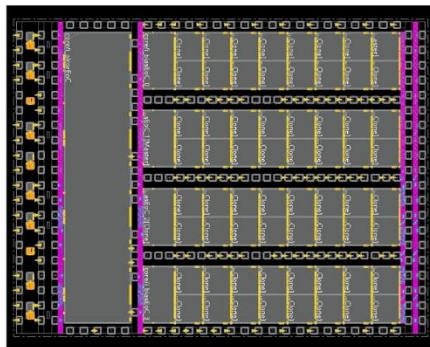
ALCOR block diagram



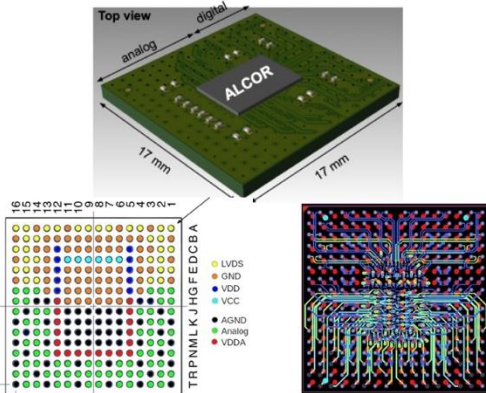
ALCOR key specifications

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

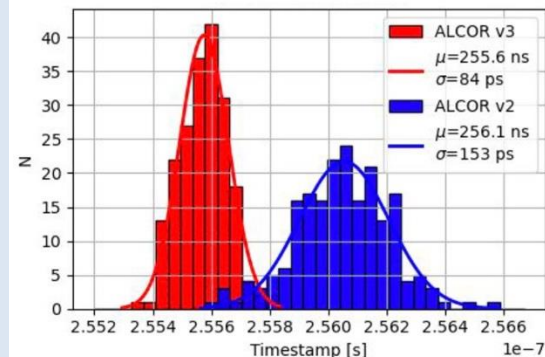
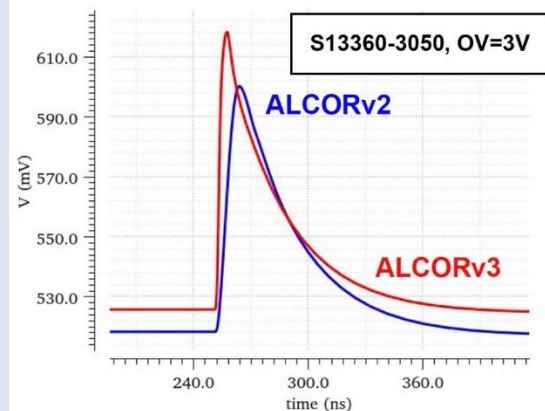
Silicon die layout



Compact ball-grid array (BGA) package with interposer



Improved timing and digital shutter



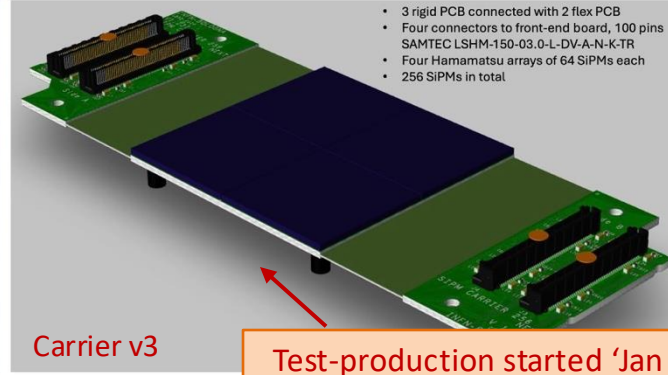
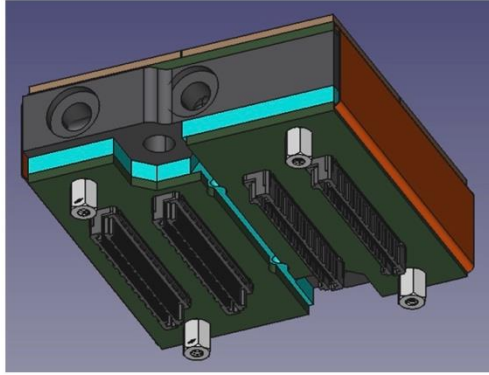
Design of the readout electronics in the “final” ePIC layout version is ready for test production.

Proton irradiation campaigns for ALCOR-32 and key RDO components showed SEU rate is within the expected manageable levels

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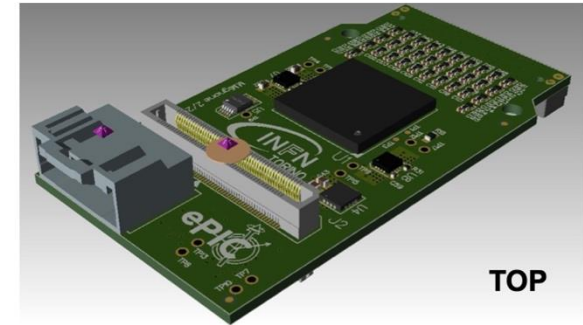
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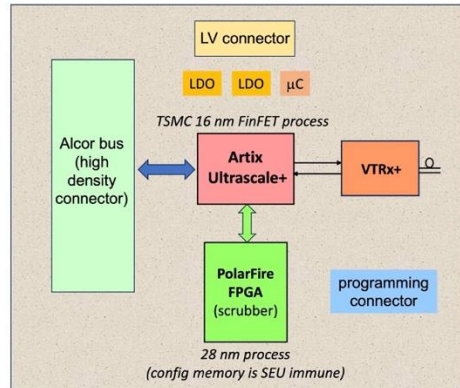
Carrier v3

Test-production started 'Jan 25

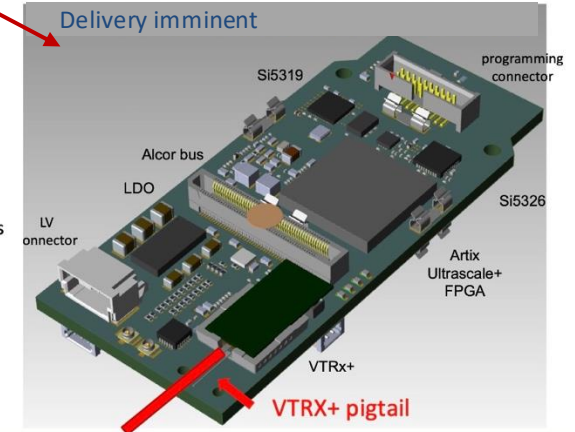
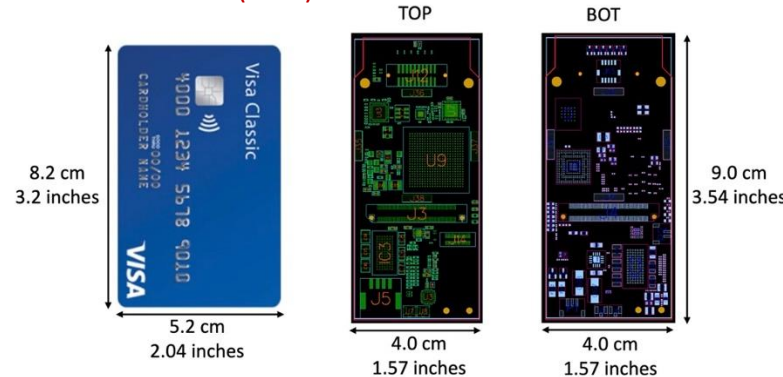


TOP

Front-End Board (FEB)



Readout Board (RDO)

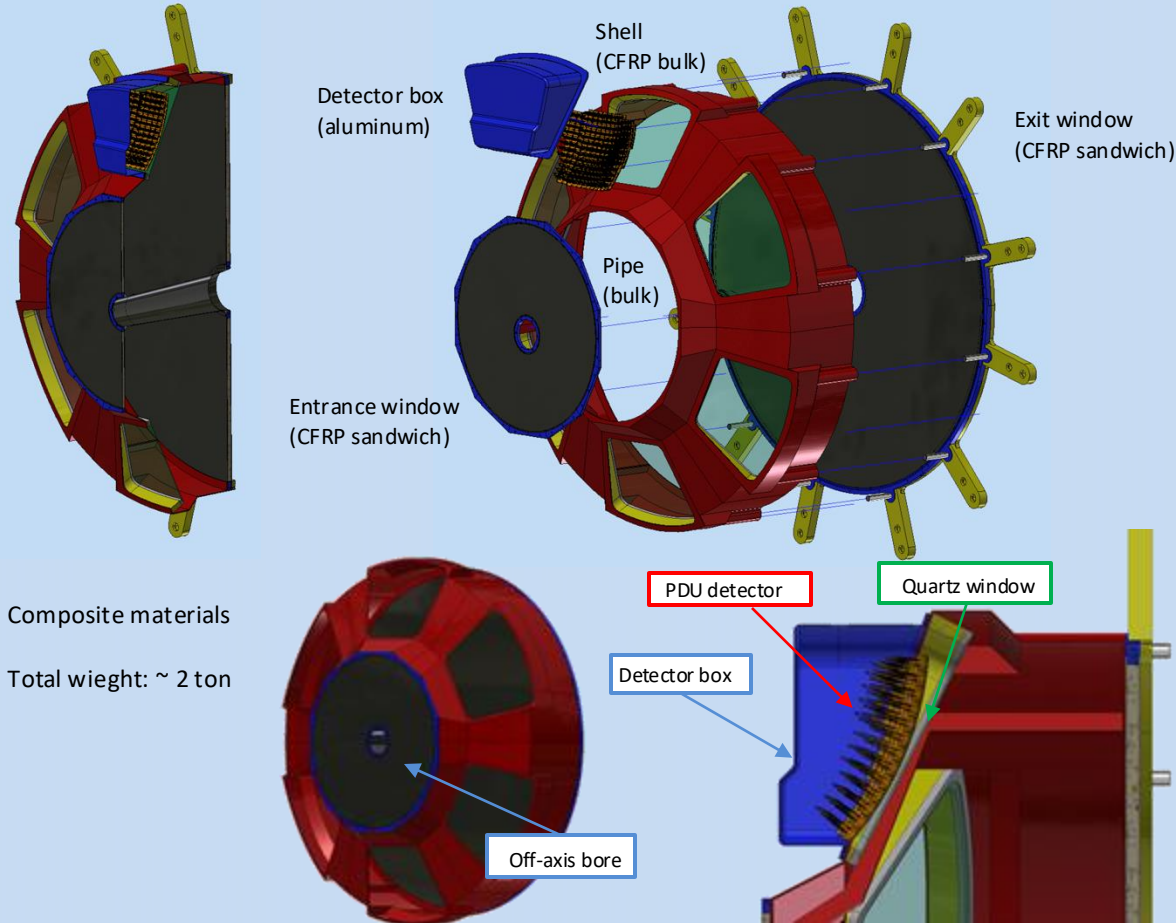


Delivery imminent

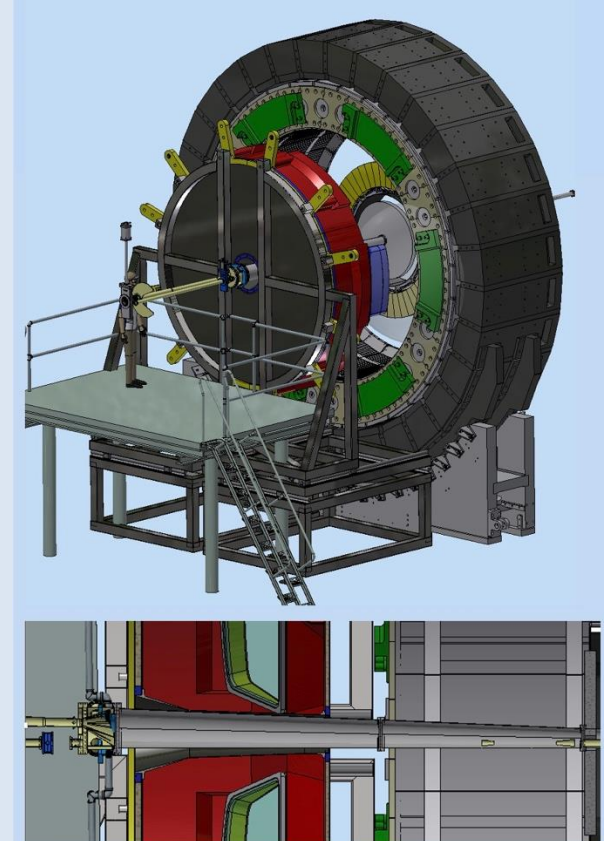
Design Status

	Technical requirements		Validated technical solutions		Before CD-2
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	→	Dimensions
Gas:	Momentum reach above 50 GeV/c at pseudorapidity > 2.5 More than 20 detected photons from 1 m depth Single photon resolution approaching 1 mrad	→	C_2F_6 with $n = 1.00086$ $dn/d\lambda = 0.2 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ nm}^{-1}$ absorption length > 100 m	→	Purging
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 < 0.3 mrad	→	Coating
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	→	Layout Annealing
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-interaction frames	→	ALCOR ALCOR chip (ToT architecture) Time resolution < 200 ps Rate > 300 kHz/ch	→	ALCOR 64ch RDO
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	→	Real-scale prototype Cooling

A detailed mechanical model of the single-vessel detector is outlined with composite materials

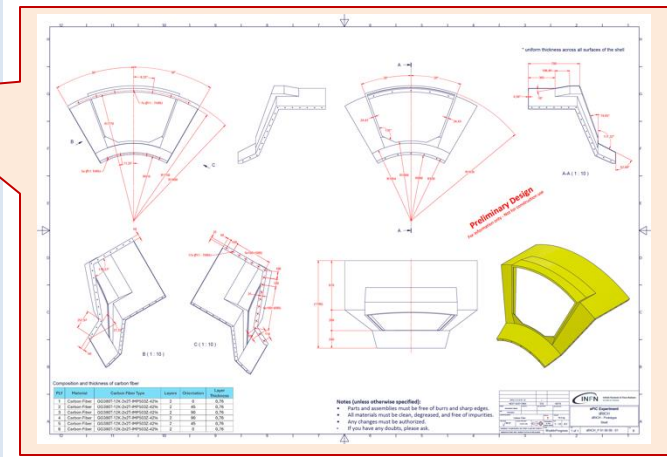
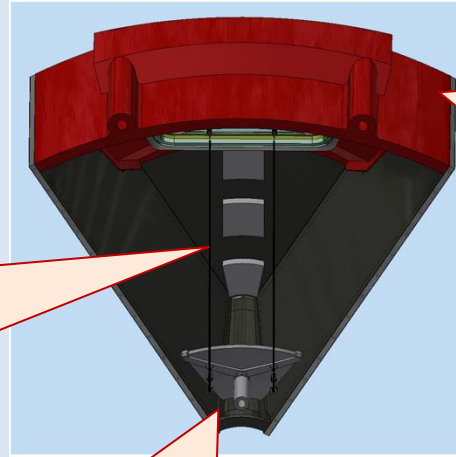
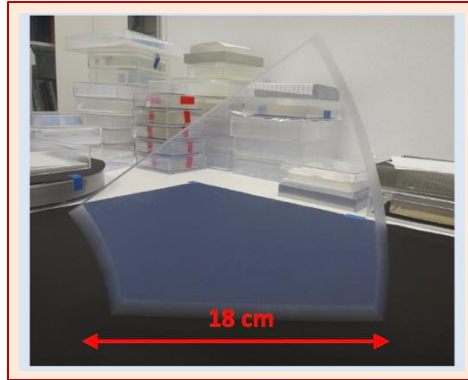


Recomm. (DAC): Provide material for the pending decision on the single vs two vessel version of the detector.



Engineering of all the mechanical details pursued with the real-scale prototype being realized in 2025

Aerogel support



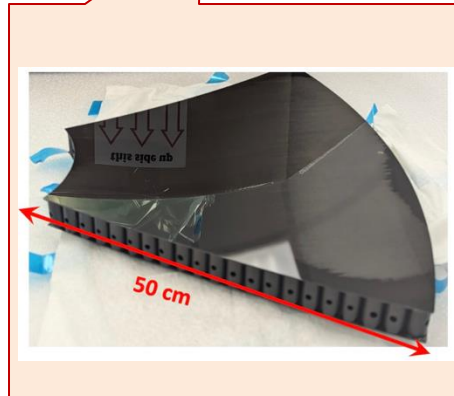
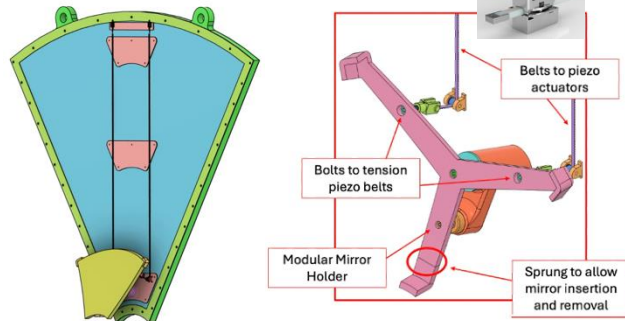
Vessel

PO issued

CFRP Layer composition

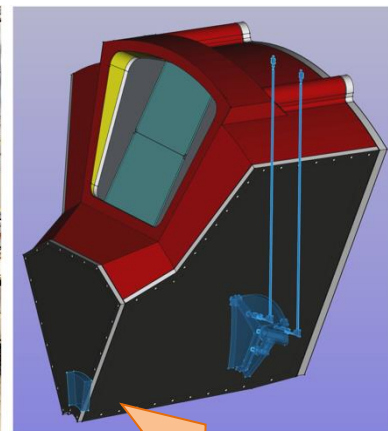
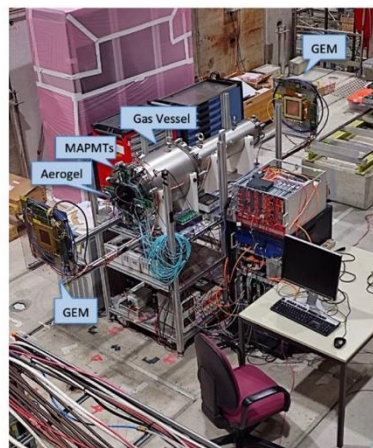


Mirror mounting and alignment (aka NA62)



Previous validations:

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

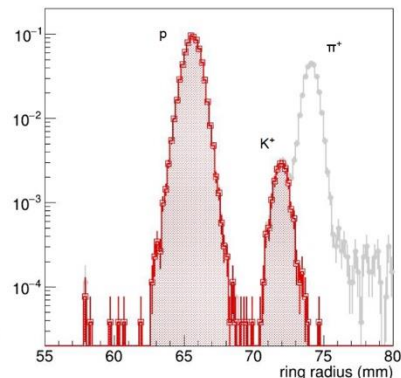
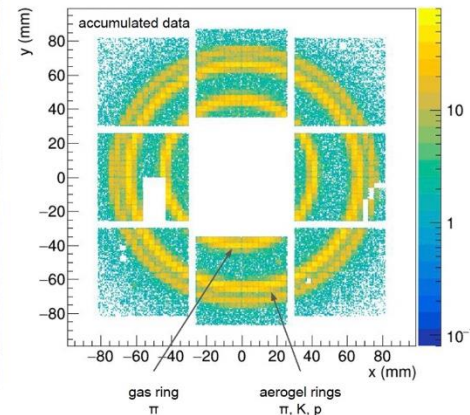
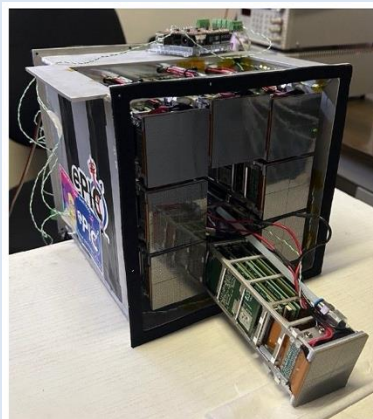


2025

2025 main goals:

- Real scale 1-sector prototype with demo components
- ALCOR readout with RDO

Slot at SPS H8 in November



Ongoing comparative simulation vs prototype thermal study expected to be completed by mid 2026

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Recomm. (DAC): Investigate whether windows are necessary to separate regions at different temperatures (gas radiator and the photon detector), and if needed, whether they impact performance significantly.

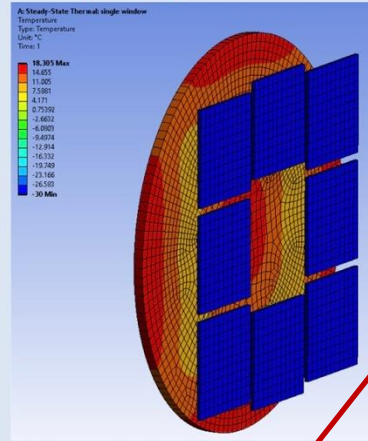
Ongoing study with ANSYS workbench simulations

Benchmarked by dRICH prototype

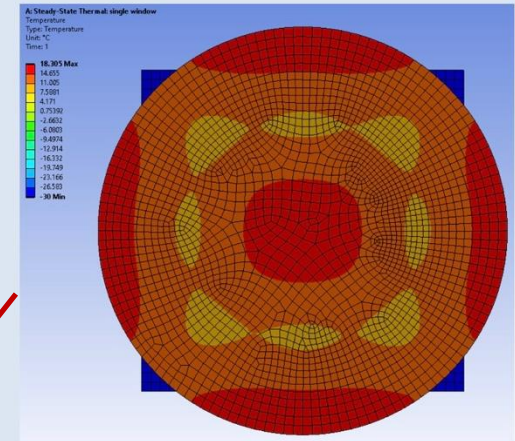
Gradients are largely mitigated by

- double lucite window (with air gap) x 0.5
- 8 mm thick quartz window
- inner gas recirculation x 0.1

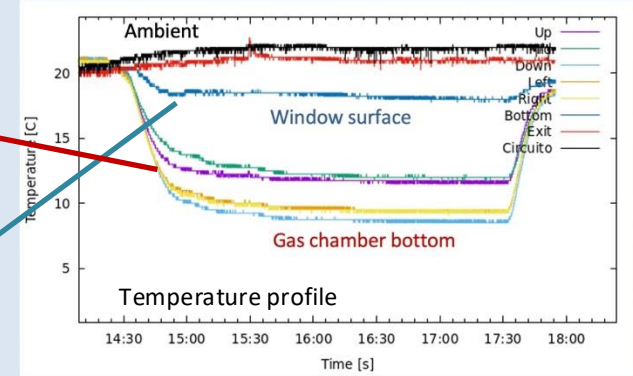
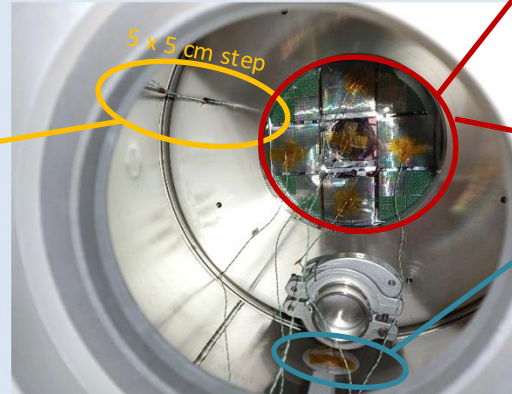
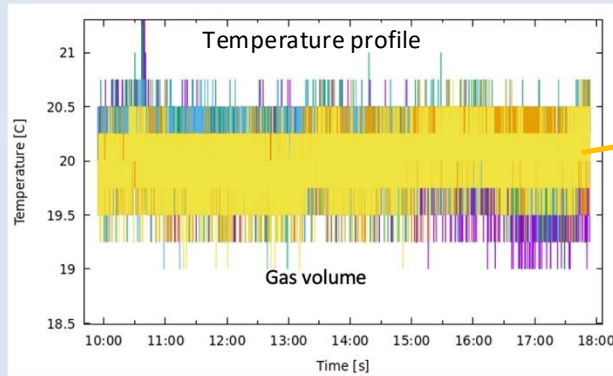
SiPM plane, cycled from 22° to -30°



3 mm lucite window



Gas volume with thermocouples

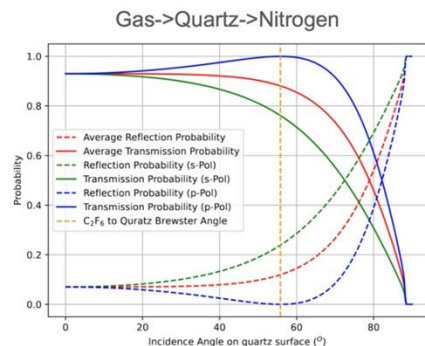
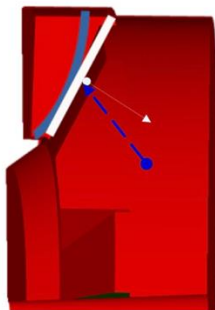


Simulation within ePIC dd4hep framework accounts for tracking, material budget and magnetic bending.

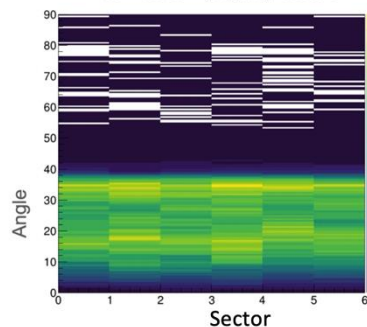
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Model bases on lab characterization and test-beam data of components

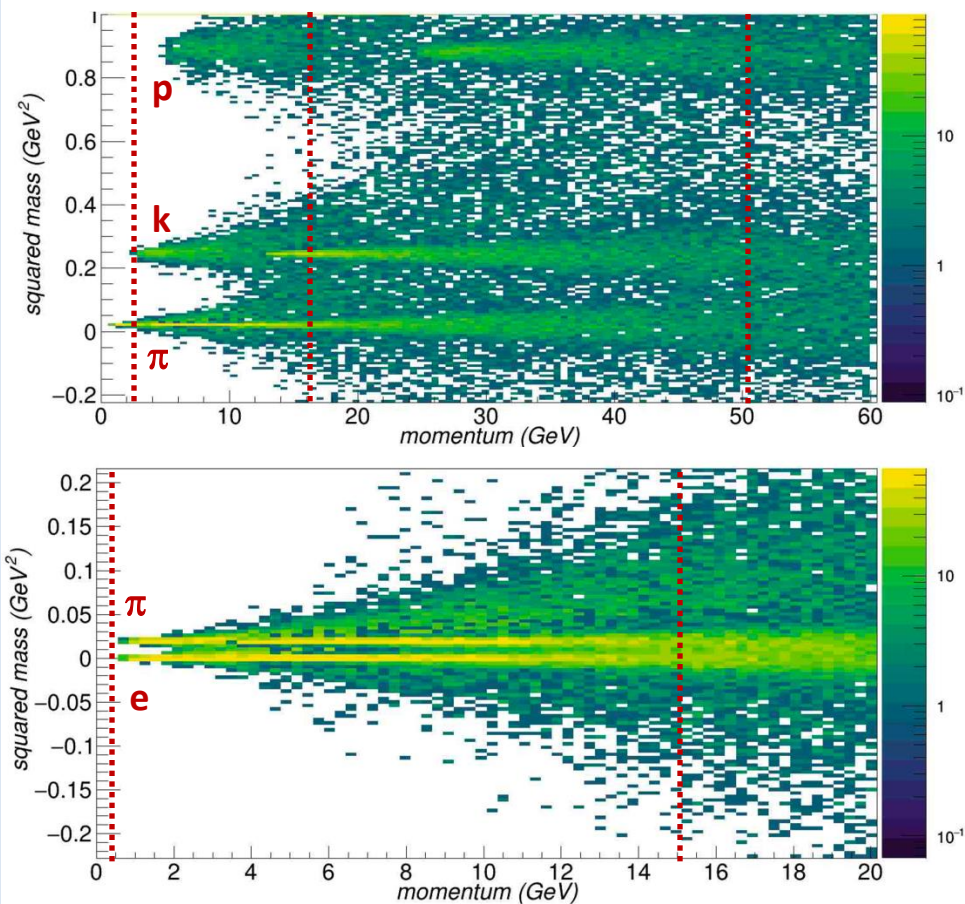
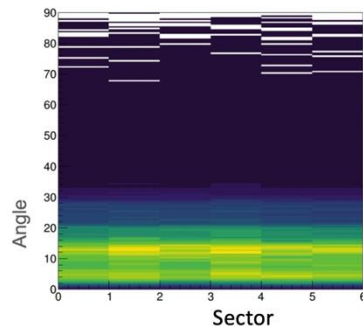
Photons impinging angles and transmission probability



Photon Incidence Angle (quartz) Vs Sectors



Photon Incidence Angle (PDU) Vs Sectors

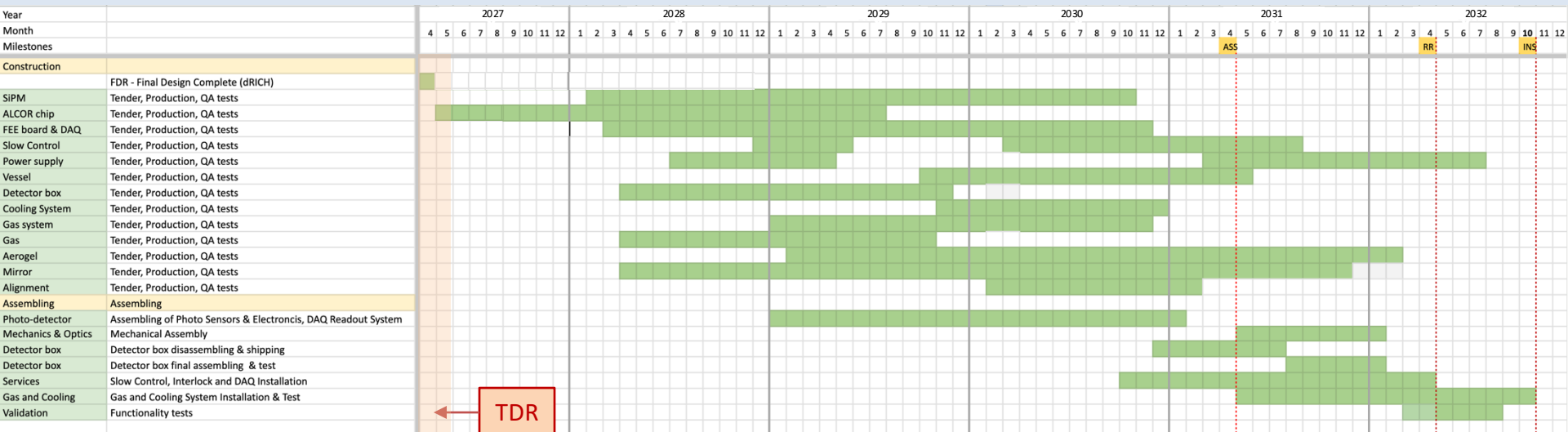


Construction Plan

60% Preliminary Design Review passed. A construction and QA plan is outlined accounting for lead, assembling and commissioning time

Recomm. (DAC): Present at least a vague timeline for the project at the next DAC review.

Details on Backup 31-32



CD-2: Validate ALCOR-64 & RDO design
 Validate real-scale prototype mechanics
 Study detector box engineering
 Define baseline integration and maintenance plan
 Work out a baseline cooling & gas sytem

CD-3: Optimize component performance
 Complete component integration
 Finalize cooling & gas system
 Detail detector integration and maintenance

Stage 1: 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 realization after BNL authority approval

Stage 3: Mechanical structures
 Assembling and completion of services
 6 months of contingency and functionality tests

dRICH Design Status is documented in the pre-TDR:

dRICH passed 60% Preliminary Design Review on April 1-2, 2025

Essential technical performance has been validated 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 R&D achievements expected in 2025 (real-scale prototype, RDO, ALCOR64)

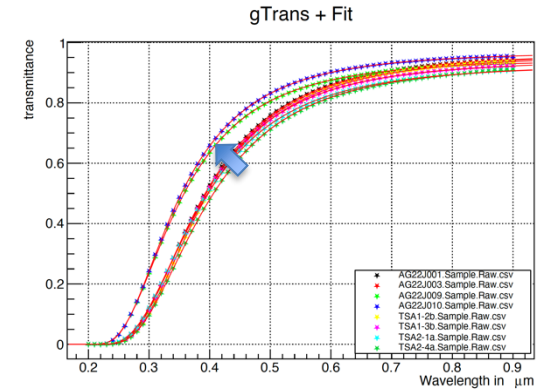
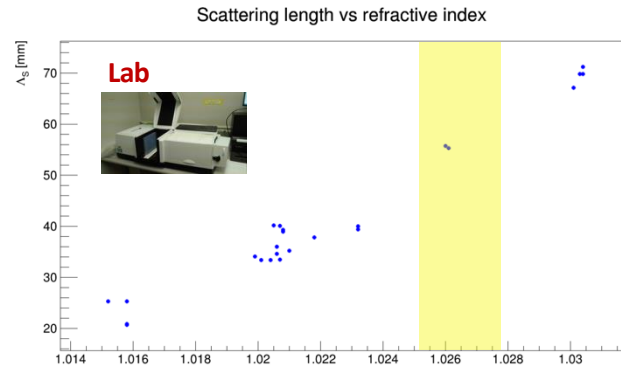
On track for CD-2 in 2026 and Final Design completion in January 2027 as for P6

Previous DAC Recommendations:

- ✓ Annealing procedures should be investigated and defined; this will have implications for the design of the read-out board (heating).
- ✓ Provide material for the pending decision on the single vs two vessel version of the detector.
- ✓ Present at least a vague timeline for the project at the next DAC review.
- ✓ Investigate whether windows are necessary to separate regions at different temperatures (gas radiator and the photon detector), and if needed, whether they impact performance significantly.

Aerogel with $n=1.026$ validated with lab and prototype tests

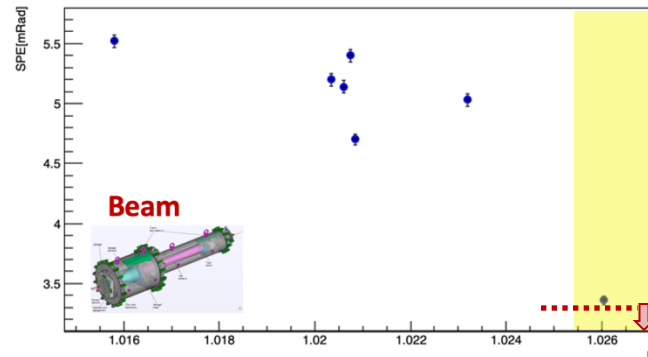
- * meet SPE resolution expectations
- * scattering length > 50 mm
- * match with TOF end point (2.5 GeV/c)
- * overlap with gas (> 12 GeV/c)
- * photon yield > 10 per particle with MAPMTs



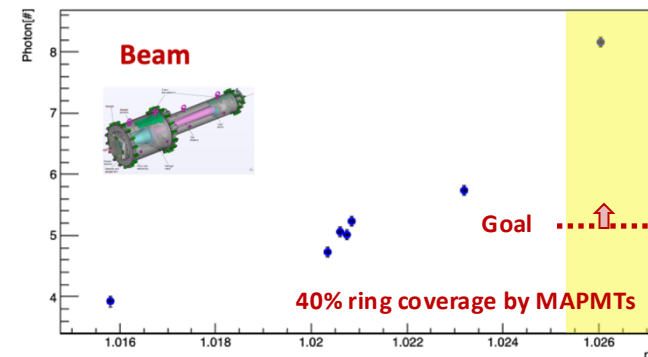
Various samples from Aerogel Factory



Single photon resolution vs refractive index

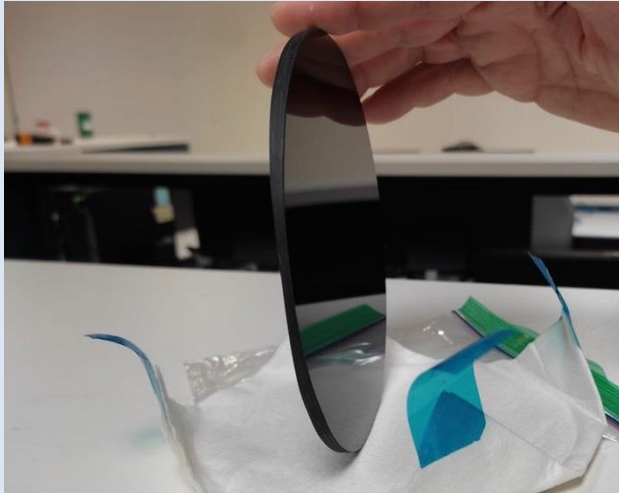


Number of photon for particle vs refractive index



Ongoing activities with possible synergies with pfRICH to be completed by 2026

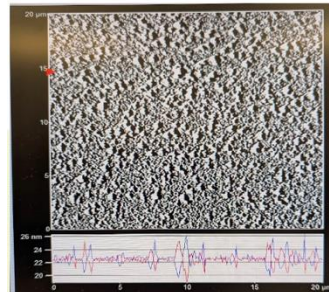
Studying special material (ultra-low degassing)



Developing portable reflectivity test bench



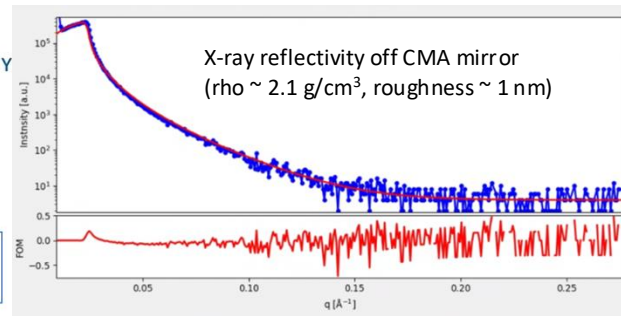
Testing coating (SBU) on dRICH samples



SMiF | SHARED MATERIALS
INSTRUMENTATION FACILITY

Access to a variety of instruments for
precision characterization of materials

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



Baseline specs defined at the SiPM LLP Review in fall 2023 after several tests on a variety of sensors

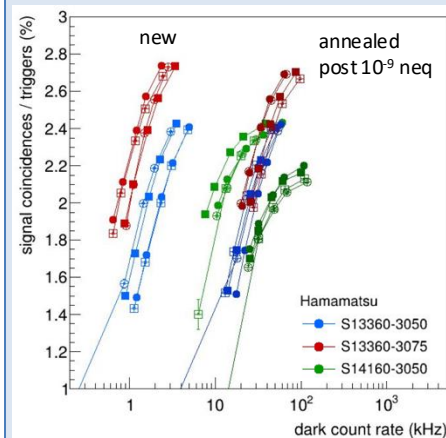
SiPM technical specs

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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Singe-event upset (SEU) rate of dRICH electronics is manageable with standard firmware redundancy and resets features

Regular irradiation campaign ongoing:

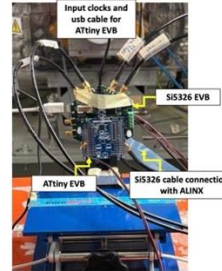
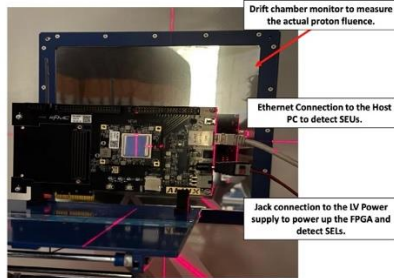
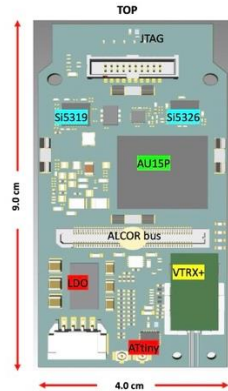
Neutron irradiation campaign at LNL-CN (9-11 October 24)

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

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

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

RDO radiation tolerance



Measured

Mean SEU time @ ePIC

Si5326 (clock)

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

4 h

Attiny (power)

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

3.8 h

AU15P (FPGA)

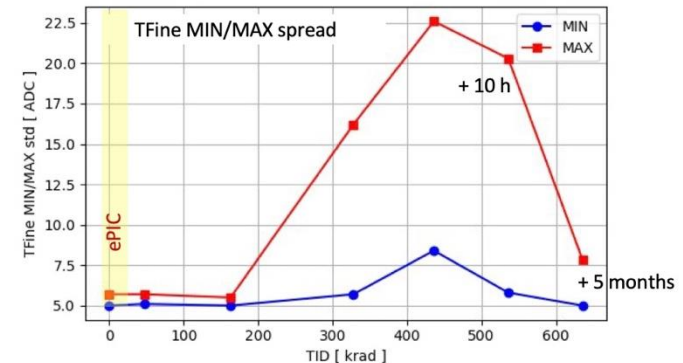
Our estimates	$\sigma_{\text{SEU}} \left(\frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{bit}} \right)$
BRAM	$(1.78 \pm 0.23) \cdot 10^{-15}$
CRAM	$(2.30 \pm 0.28) \cdot 10^{-16}$

2 min

ALCOR radiation tolerance



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

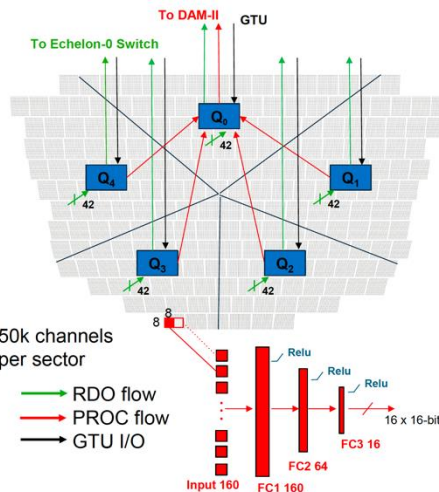
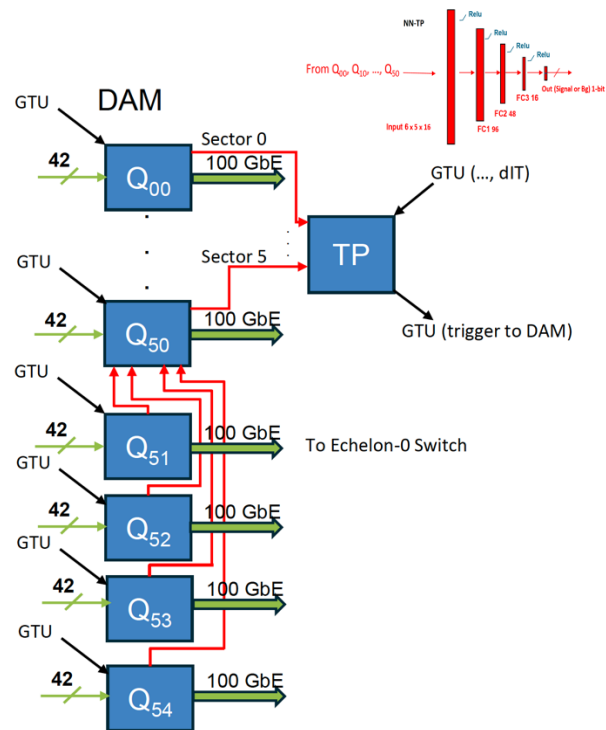


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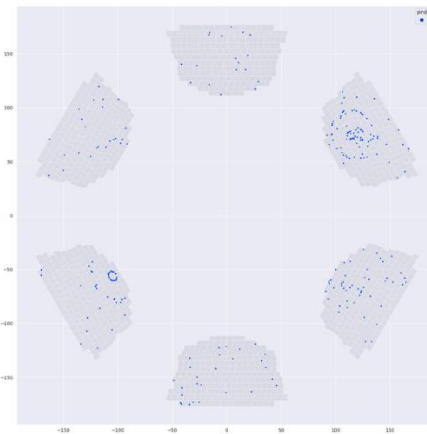
Scheme based on ePIC DAM (Felix) & APEIRON communication network (INFN)

sub-sector integrated analysis

detector integrated analysis



Phys Signal+Phys Background+Noise

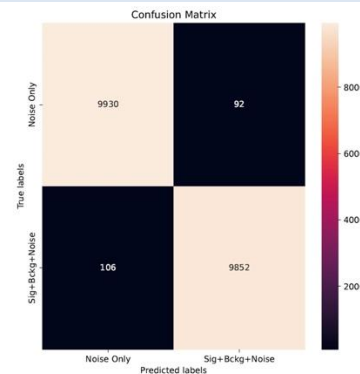


Preliminary tests




Classifier

- Accuracy = $(TP+TN) / (TP+TN+FP+FN) = 0.990$
- Precision = $TP / (TP+FP) = 0.989$
- Recall = $TP / (TP+FN) = 0.991$

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



Preliminary commitments for the construction phase are defined

Institution	Nation	Activity	
INFN-FE	Italy	Mechanics, detector box and control panels	 24 staff 18 postdocs/ students 18 technicians/ engineers
INFN-BO	Italy	Photosensors, photodetection unit PDU and readout board RDO	
INFN-TO	Italy	ALCOR and front-end board FEB	
INFN-BA	Italy	Aerogel radiator	
INFN-CS-SA-CT	Italy	SiPM quality assurance	
INFN-GE	Italy	dRICH tagger	
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 2 postdocs/ students 2 technicians/ engineers
Duke-U.	USA	Mirror	
JLab	USA	Mechanical design and mirror characterization	
BNL	USA	Mechanical design, integration, infrastructure	
Temple U.	USA	Aerogel quality assurance	 8 staff 2 postdocs/ students
M.S. Ramaiah U.	India	Simulations and performance study	
NISER	India	Performance study	
Central U. of Haryana	India	Performance study	
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 is organized to allow essential acceptance tests on 100% of components plus in-depth sample characterization

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

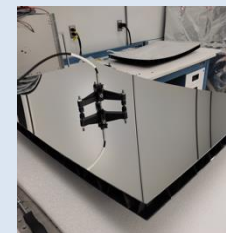
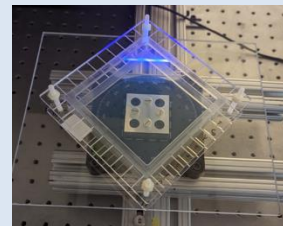
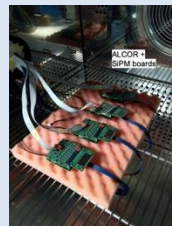
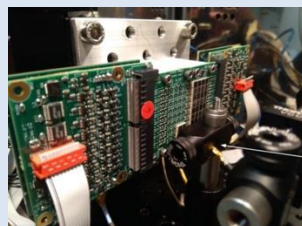
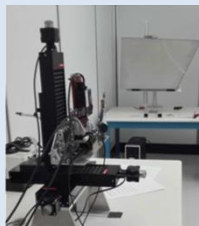
Aerogel: Integrity, defects, transmittance, refractive index, dimensions, planarity

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%

Designed and
Engineered by
Roberto Preghenella
(INFN-BO)

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)

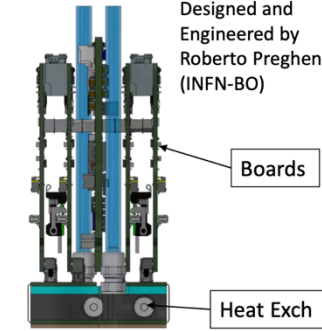
Electronic Boards

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

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

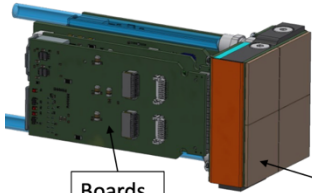
$P_{BDT} = 242 \times 11 \text{ W} = 2662 \text{ W}$ (thermal power generated by each detector box)

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



Boards

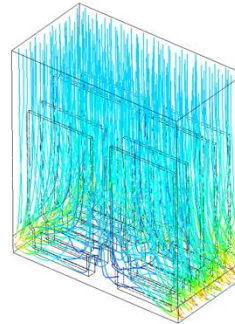
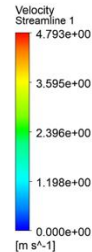
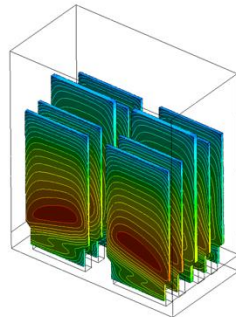
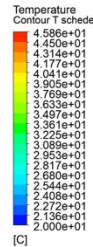
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Boards

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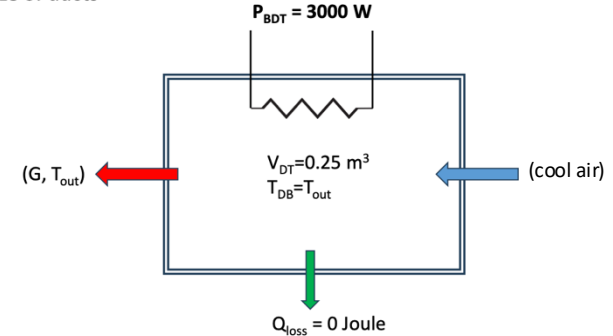
Preliminary CFD
(Computational Fluid
Dynamics) Simulation



Disadvantages:

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

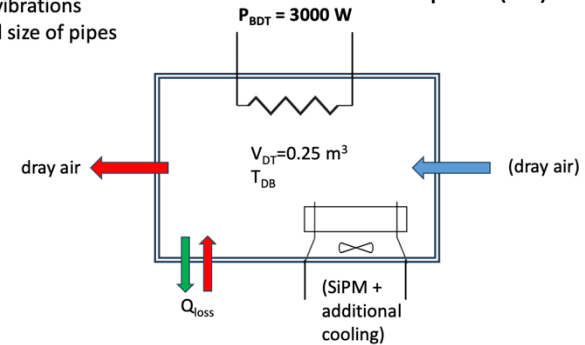
Duct O(10")



Advantages:

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

Pipe O(1")



dRICH technological choices are supported by a structured performance and simulations activity

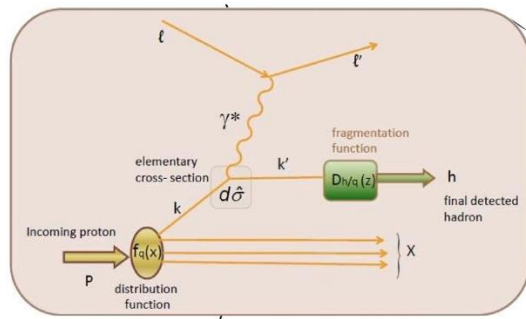
Essential to guide technological choices
Effective entry-point for new collaborators

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)

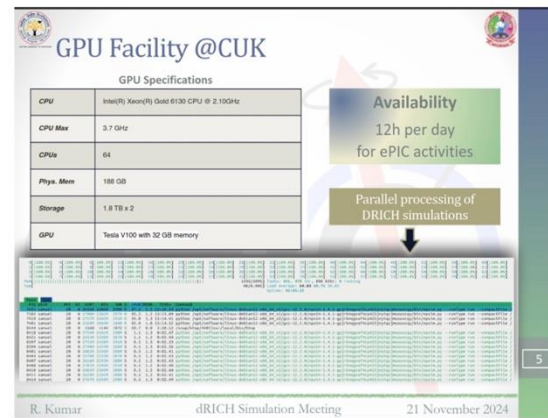


Close collaboration with Theory groups already active in impact studies on (un-)polarized TMDs

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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