

dRICH sensors









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- 📌 These slides are a starting point for the content to be shown at the next *Giornate Nazionali in Padova*
- 📌 Recent activities and plans will be discussed
- 📌 Summary of activities in Bologna not shown in these slides (see timetable)
- 📌 INFN Sections involved in sensors activity
 - Bologna
 - Catania
 - Cosenza
 - Salerno
 - Trieste

- 📌 Extensive studies done in Bologna lab and @CERN (beam tests)
- 📌 Irradiation campaigns done @ TIFPA, LNL and GIF++ and annealing procedures
- 📌 Catania, Cosenza and Salerno participated to irradiation and beam tests
- 📌 Catania, Cosenza, Salerno are creating a “South Italy” hub
- 📌 Part of the measurements have been done in Cosenza and Salerno with the aim to prepare a robust setup for QA during SiPM carriers mass production
- 📌 Trieste is going to join the effort for long term tests
- 📌 Part of the analysis on irradiated sensors done in Cosenza and Catania

Activity in INFN sections in 2023-24 (in collaboration with Bologna)*

-  Beam tests on dRICH prototype (CT,CS,SA)
-  Irradiation campaigns with protons @TIFPA, LNL and GIF++ (CT,CS,SA)
-  Irradiation campaigns with neutrons @LNL (CT,CS,SA)
-  Irradiation campaigns with gamma @GIF++ (CT,CS,SA)
-  Energy scan study after irradiation with p,n (CT,CS)
-  Study of IV curves after irradiation with γ (CT,CS,SA)

Activity in INFN sections in 2025

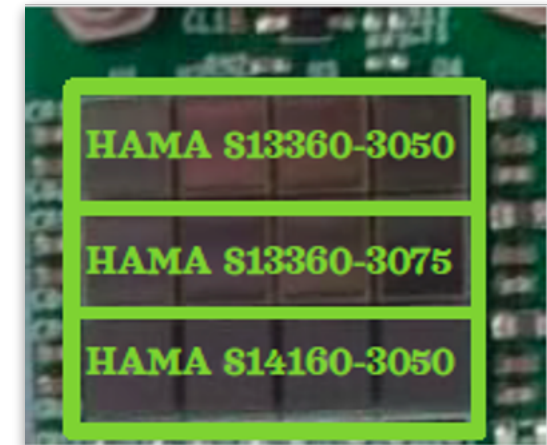
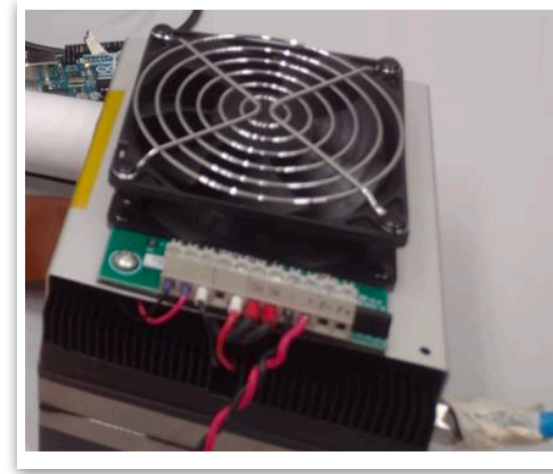
-  IV measurements (SA) in order to reproduce the CS setup (adding multiplexer)
-  Study of a new air box (SA) with temperature and humidity sensors and setup to stabilize T
-  Define the strategy for QA during mass production (CT,CS,SA,TS)

** This is not an exhaustive list; it only includes the activities related to the sensors*

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Bench for SiPMs characterization in Cosenza radiation lab

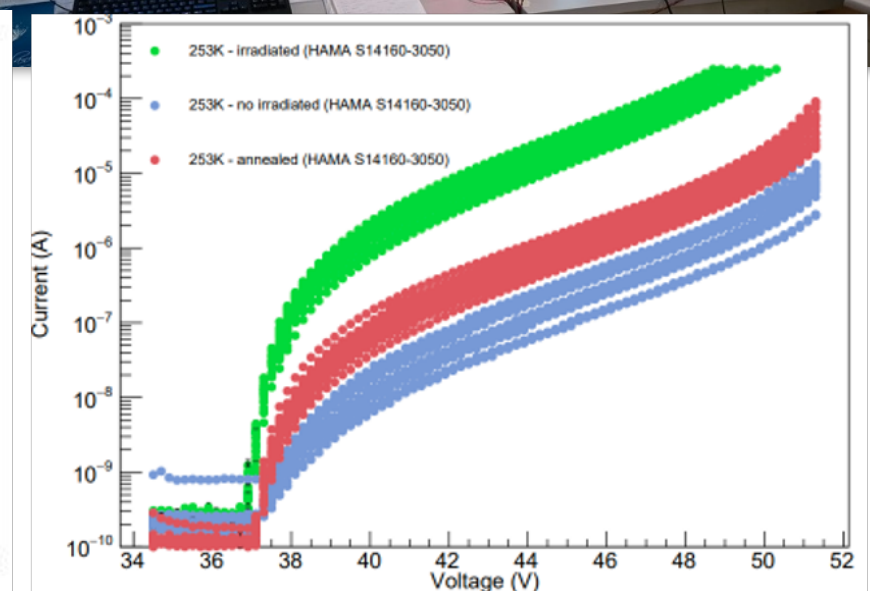
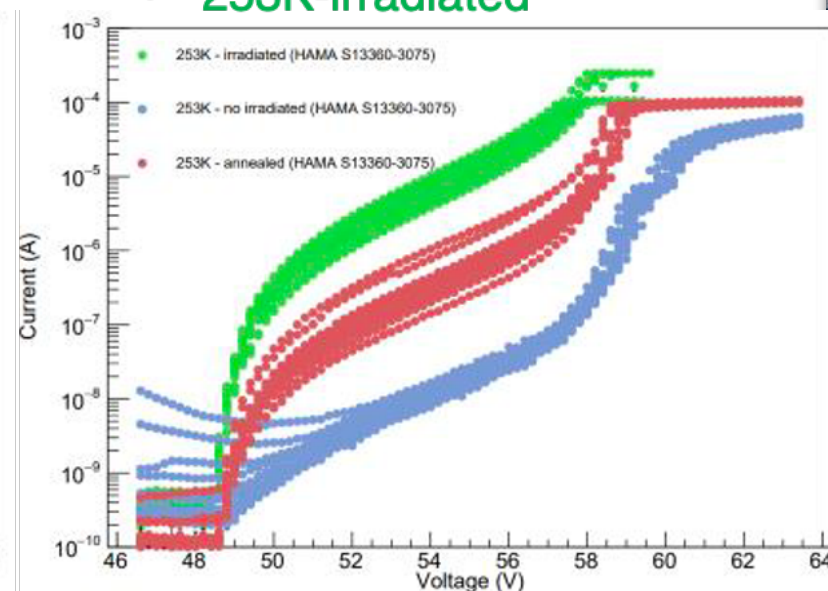
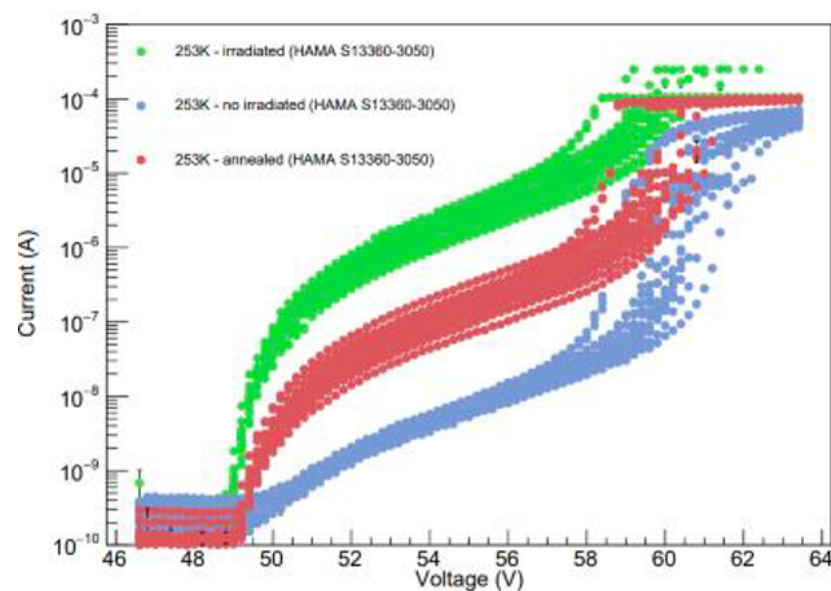
- Setup specifically designed to measure DCR
- dark current versus reverse bias voltage
- more details in backup



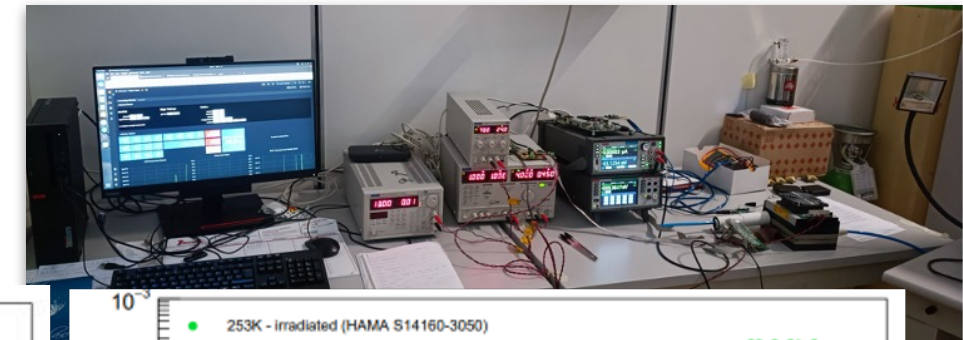
Example of studies performed in 2023-2024

- Three types of Hamamatsu sensors tested
- Irradiation tests: protons (TIFPA-Trento); neutrons (CN-Legnaro); gamma (GIF-CERN)
- SiPMs characterization: study of damage by protons and gammas

IV-curves



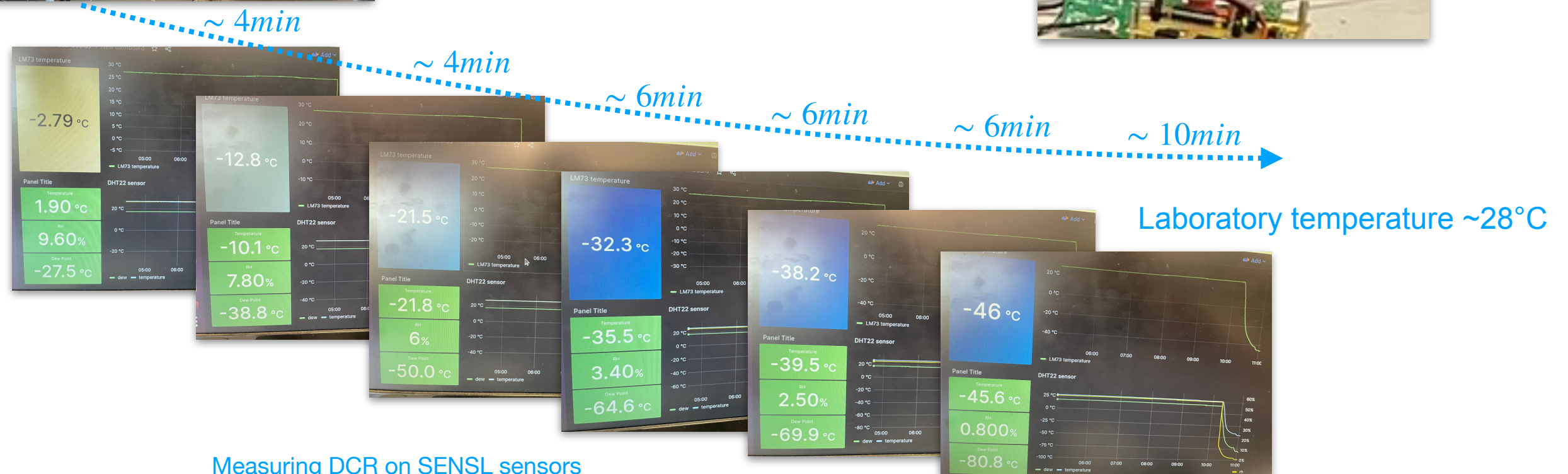
- 253K-no irradiated
- 253K-annealed
- 253K-irradiated



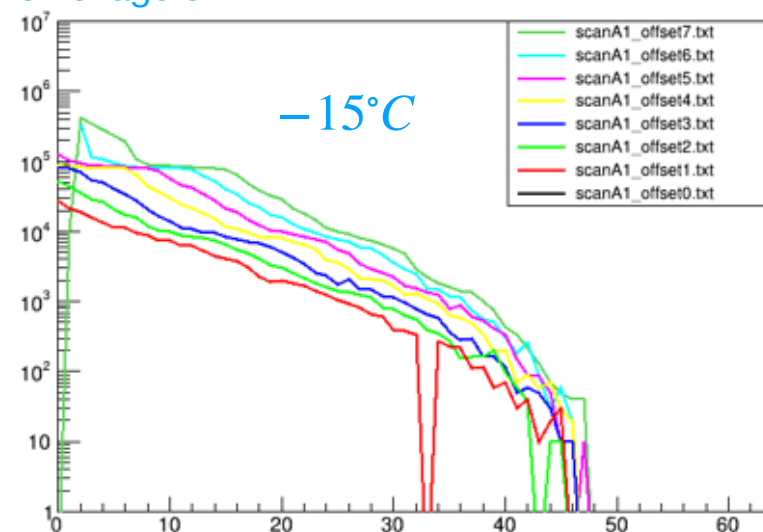
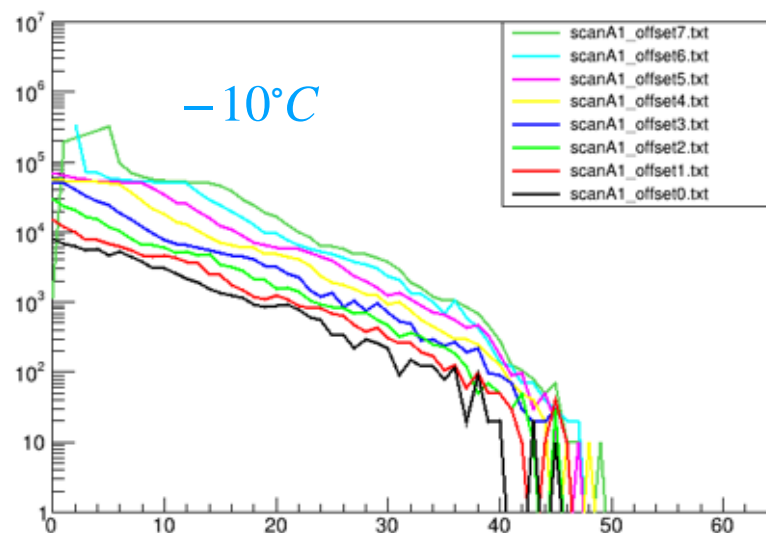
Studies on energy scan (backup)

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- Idea to build a larger AirBox and use a dewar to go down in temperature
- AirBox + Peltier + dewar (SiPM HV on)
Low temperature far away from dew point



Measuring DCR on SENSL sensors
breakdown voltage 24C, overvoltage 6V



Salerno lab is currently being equipped
with the same setup built in Cosenza
(installing DAQ + multiplexer)

In a few months Salerno a new lab (founded
by PNRR) will be available → clean site
with more space to install the setup

QA strategy

● **Kick-off to define QA protocol(s)**

- Define pipeline for QA on SiPMs
- Tests to be performed at different stages and with different scopes
- **Possibility to perform “basic” tests in parallel (2/3 sites)**
- **Possibility to perform specific tests in one site**

● **SiPM matrices for the dRICH**

- ~5000 SiPM matrices will be built and delivered by Hamamatsu
- Each matrix has 64 sensors
- 4 matrices will be installed a carrier
- 1248 carriers
- **Assembling matrices into carriers will be done by a company**

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QA meetings started in April (more or less bi-weekly each Thursday)

• **QA tests - when, where**

- QA tests on sensor matrices ?
- Maybe not useful - to be decided according to needs and costs
- Maybe test on a sub-sample?

• Test on matrix before assembling could be useful to be sure that matrices with similar parameters go into one carrier?

• Investigate possibility to perform these tests in Hamamatsu? Costs?

• **Tests in our QA hub after assembling on carriers**

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to be discussed

Tests after assembling in Cosenza-Salerno labs

QA tests - what

- Electrical inspection (on nude matrix? on assembled carrier?)
- IV curves, breakdown
- Tests vs temperature
- Ensure to be stable in temperature (work done and in progress in Salerno and Cosenza)
- Define three T values to perform IV characterization (-20°C , 0°C , 20°C or 0°C , 10°C , 20°C)
- Tests at -40°C on a subsample (1-2%?)
- Check V bias trending vs T
- Optical inspection (before and after assembling?)
 - Microscopes are available in Catania
 - Procedure to remove scratches well known (tested in Bologna)

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**basic - SiPM functionality - IV at fixed T (measure breakdown)
IV vs T to be discussed - maybe tests on subsamples**

Timeline for QA

Consider Catania-Cosenza-Salerno-Trieste + Hamamatsu delivery + assembling in company

• **Estimate total time needed for tests**

• **Our table to be defined (study of protocols and time estimate)**

next: remove "?" and establish detailed needs

Step	Action	Where	Number of Actions	Total time	Notes
0	Optical inspection	Catania? Company?	?	?	Microscope
1	Assembling 4 matrices	Company	?	?	
2	IV-curve Dark at T_1	dRICH QA hub	?	2h?	Testing in CS-SA labs
3	IV-curve Light at T_1	dRICH QA hub	?	2h?	Testing in CS-SA labs
4	IV-curve Dark at T_2	dRICH QA hub	?	2h?	Testing in CS-SA labs
5	IV-curve Light at T_2	dRICH QA hub	?	2h?	Testing in CS-SA labs
6	IV-curve Dark at T_3	dRICH QA hub	?	2h?	Testing in CS-SA labs
7	IV-curve Light at T_3	dRICH QA hub	?	2h?	Testing in CS-SA labs
8	IV-curve Light at -40°C	dRICH QA hub	?	2h?	Sub-sample
9	Logbook + DB	dRICH QA hub	?	0.5h?	Writing notes + data sharing
Define cases	according to previous considerations			?	shifts?

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**basic - SiPM functionality - IV at fixed T (measure breakdown)
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Basic tests

-  1500 carriers to be tested over two years (starting in 2027?)
-  IV at a fixed T $\rightarrow \sim 2.5h$ (30s per SiPM)
-  3 carriers per day in one lab
-  Possibility to perform IV in 2 labs (CS, SA) in 250 days \rightarrow 1500 carriers in one year

Enough time to add more tests

-  IV vs T \rightarrow to be discussed
-  Dark/light tests \rightarrow to be discussed

On carriers subsample?


On small percentage of sensors on all carriers?

Activity in 2025

-  Focus on QA strategy
-  Focus on optimizing the setup (software+hardware) to speed up basic tests wrt R&D phase

Test, action and delivery flow

Possible test flow

 1) Hamamatsu → company → QA hub in Cosenza-Salerno (Trieste)

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Optical inspection
Assembling

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Complete QA

 2) Hamamatsu → Catania → company → QA hub in Cosenza-Salerno (Trieste)

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Optical inspection

↓
Assembling

↓
Complete QA



 3) Other possible options

 Trieste is equipping a lab to make studies on microscopic behavior of sensors






 Available to be part of the QA hub (back-up needed)

 Option 1) preferred to avoid too many transfers





Current manpower in Catania

-  1 tenured faculty: *Cristina Tuvé*
-  1 undergrad student

Current manpower in Cosenza

-  3 tenured faculties: *Enrico Tassi, Marcella Capua, Salvatore Fazio*
-  1 PhD student: *Luisa Occhiuto*
-  1 undergrad student: *Cristian Romeo*
-  1 technician: *Vittorio Romano*
-  Hiring manpower dedicated to QA tests: 1 postdoc + undergraduates and a master student

Current manpower in Salerno

-  3 tenured faculties: *Daniele De Gruttola, Annalisa De Caro, Alberto Calivà*
-  1 postdoc: *Cristina Ripoli*
-  1 technician: *Nicola Funicello*
-  Possibly hiring manpower dedicated to QA tests in the future (students+tenured faculties)

+ Trieste

- Continuous activity in our sites foreseen during QA phases
- Shifts to be performed by dedicated people

Conclusions

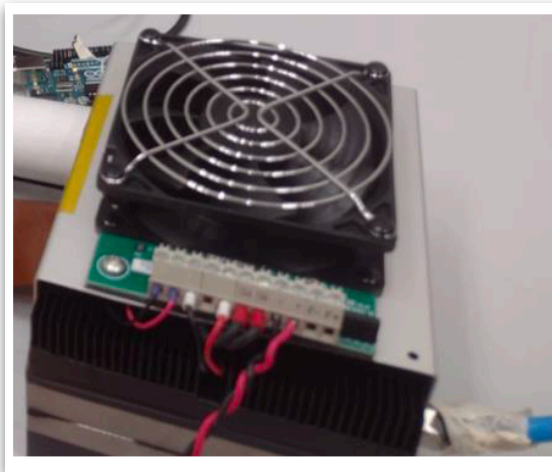
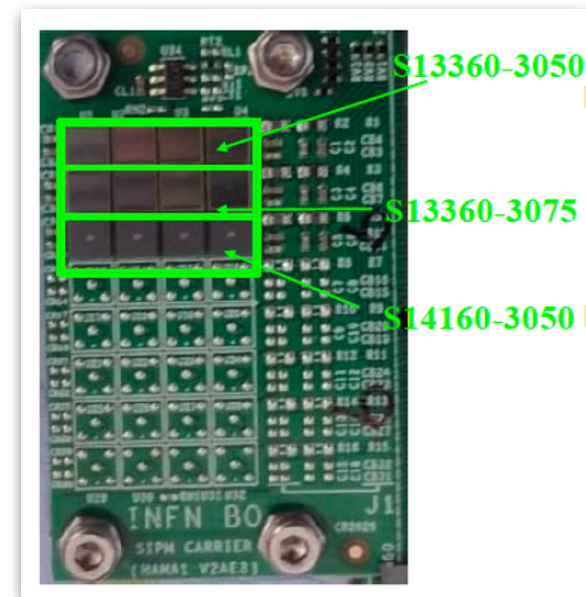
- **Available manpower** from Catania-Cosenza-Salerno-Trieste
- **Laboratories** equipped and operational in Cosenza and Salerno (and Trieste)
- Characterization studies performed and QA protocol being defined
- Sites can perform **QA tests in parallel**
- **Redundancy** is also crucial as backup (TS) in case of issues
- Ongoing brain-storming in Bologna-Catania-Cosenza-Salerno-Trieste groups
- Test pipeline being defined to be ready in ~1 year
- **Detailed pipeline, database and checklist** will be crucial

Backup

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Experimental setup in Cosenza

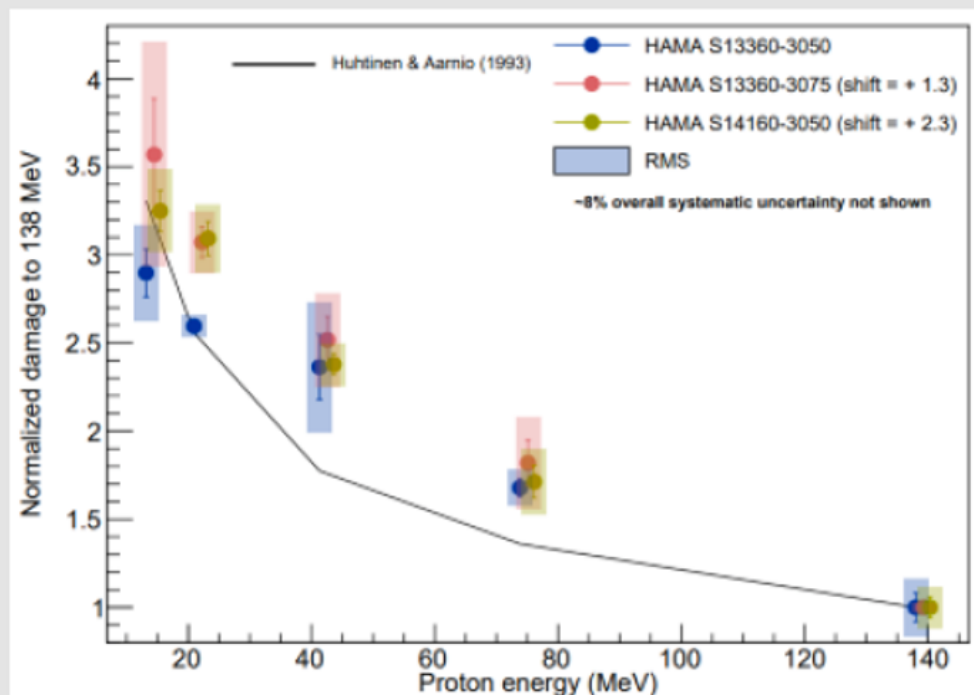
- boards hosting **SiPMs**
- custom made portable **Peltier box**
- ultrapure air tanks to **control humidity** in the inner box
- Adapter** board to regulate the **voltage** supplied to the SiPMs
- ALCOR** board for the data acquisition
- A relative **humidity and temperature sensor** (Arduino)
- A **Master Logic board** for communication with the adapter board
- An **FPGA** to program and read the ALCOR data
- Grafana* web application to monitor operations



PRELIMINARY RESULTS

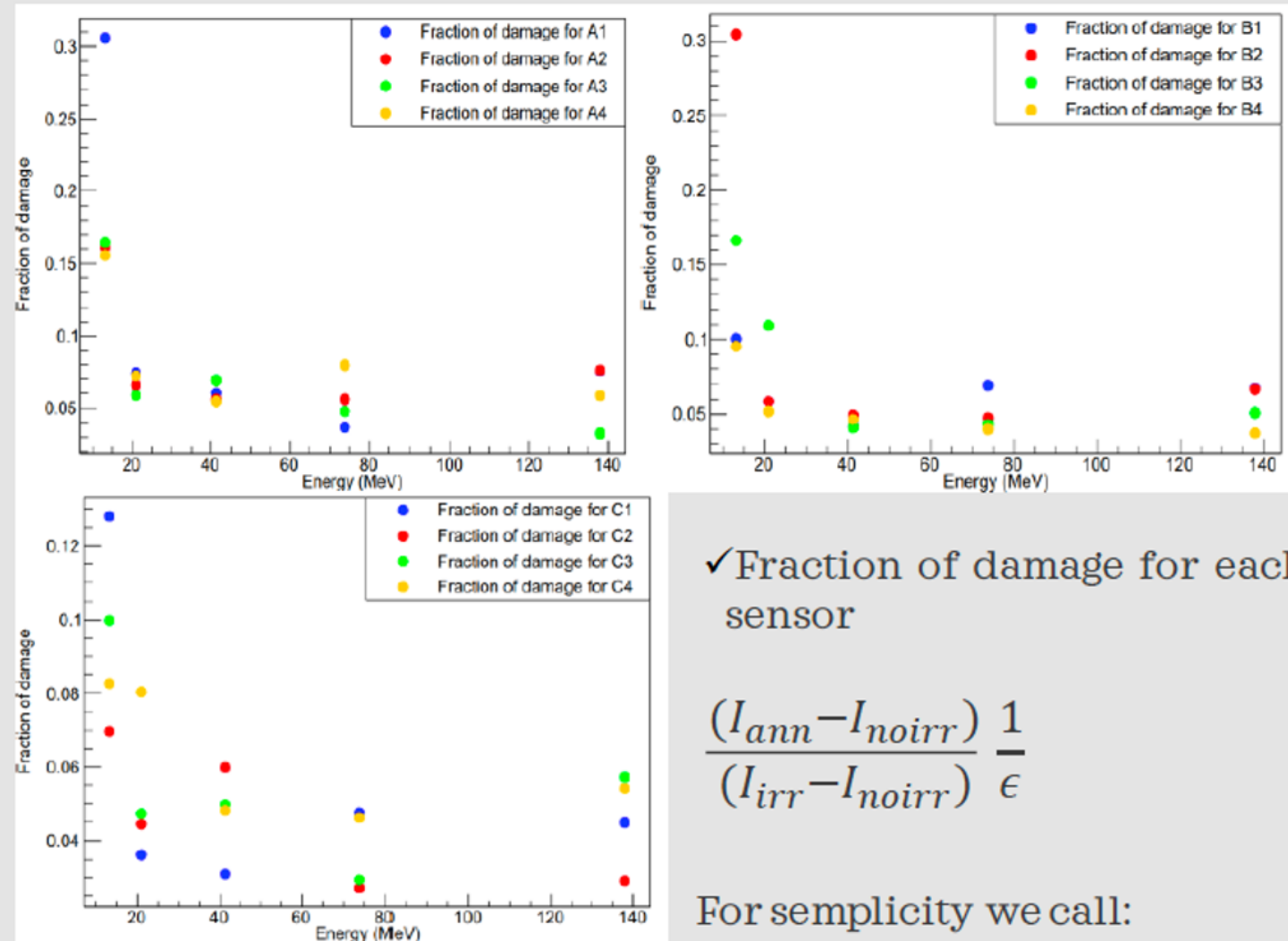
ENERGY SCAN

Overvoltage = Dark current - V_{bd}



- ✓ Comparison of radiation damage for each sensor vs radiation damage by NIEL.

$$\frac{(I_{irr} - I_{noirr})}{(I_{irr} - I_{noirr})(138 \text{ MeV})} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \quad \epsilon = \text{efficiency of degrader.}$$



- ✓ Fraction of damage for each sensor

$$\frac{(I_{ann} - I_{noirr})}{(I_{irr} - I_{noirr})} \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

For simplicity we call:

- HAMA S13360-3050 == A
- HAMA S13360-3075 == B
- HAMA S14160-3050 == C