



SciFi – A large Scintillating Fibre Tracker for LHCb

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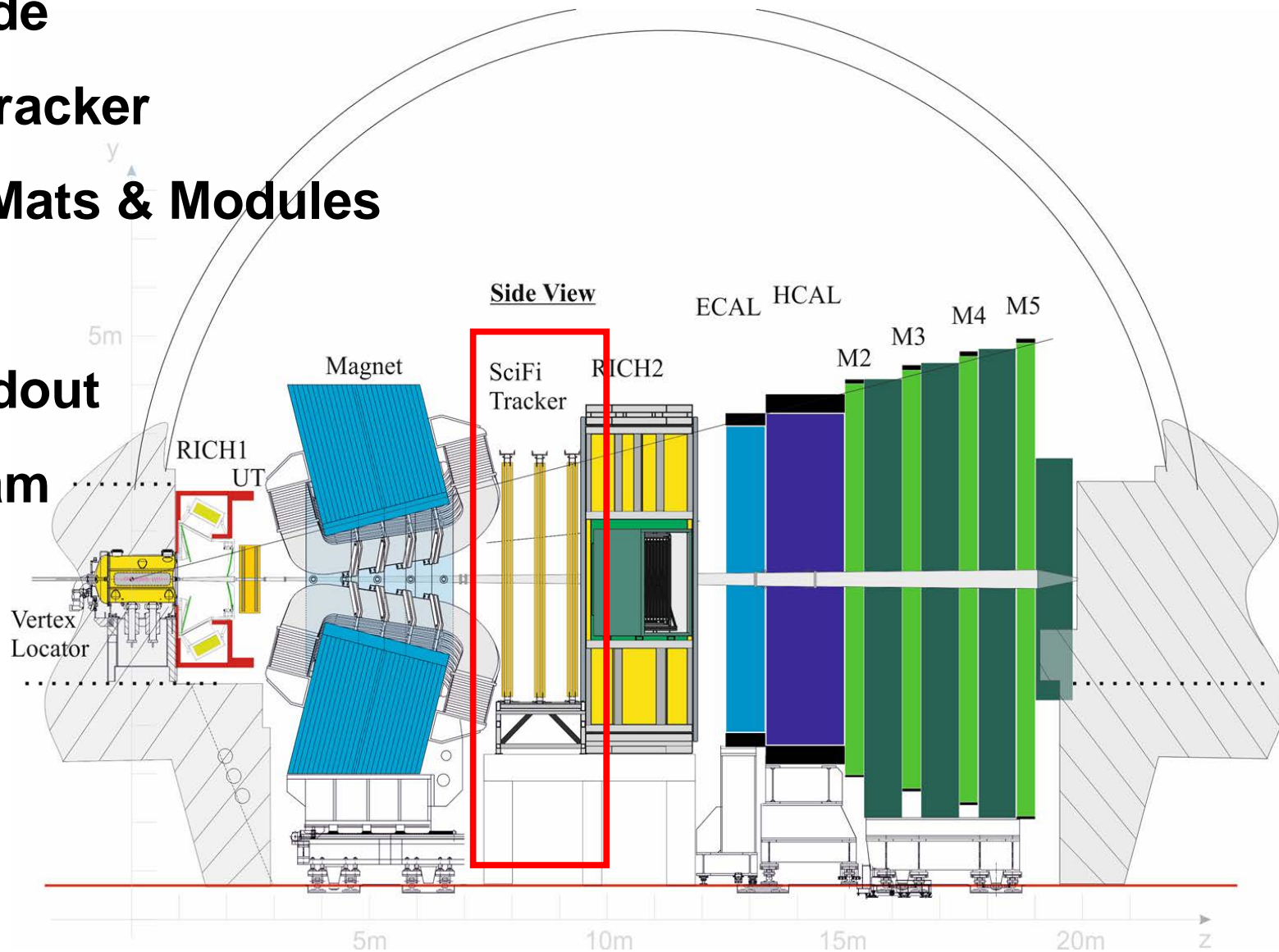
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- LHCb Upgrade
- LHCb SciFi tracker
 - Fibres Mats & Modules
 - SiPMs
 - FE Readout
 - Testbeam



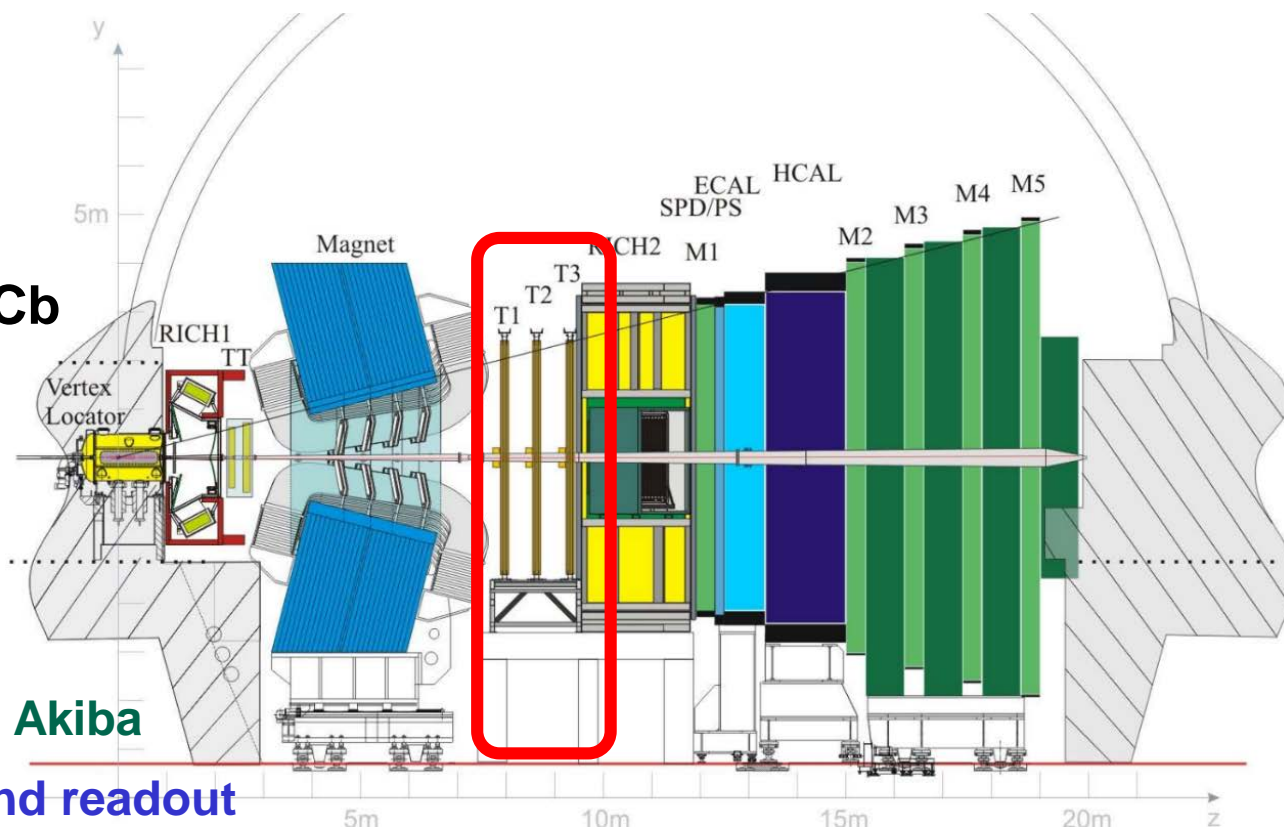
Motivation: Increase significantly the physics reach, especially for very rare decays

Limitations:

- 1MHz hardware trigger rate
- Detector occupancy

Major tracking upgrade of LHCb (for after LS2, ≥ 2020 , 50fb^{-1})

- DAQ: a 40 MHz full readout
→ see talk S. Borghi
- New VELO
→ see talks K. Hennessy, K.C. Akiba
- RICH: new photon detectors and readout
- Calorimeters: remove SPD/PS and new readout
- Muon System: remove M1 and new readout
- Tracking system: replace TT with new silicon strip detector (UT) and IT&OT with SciFi tracker (scintillating fibres with SiPM readout)

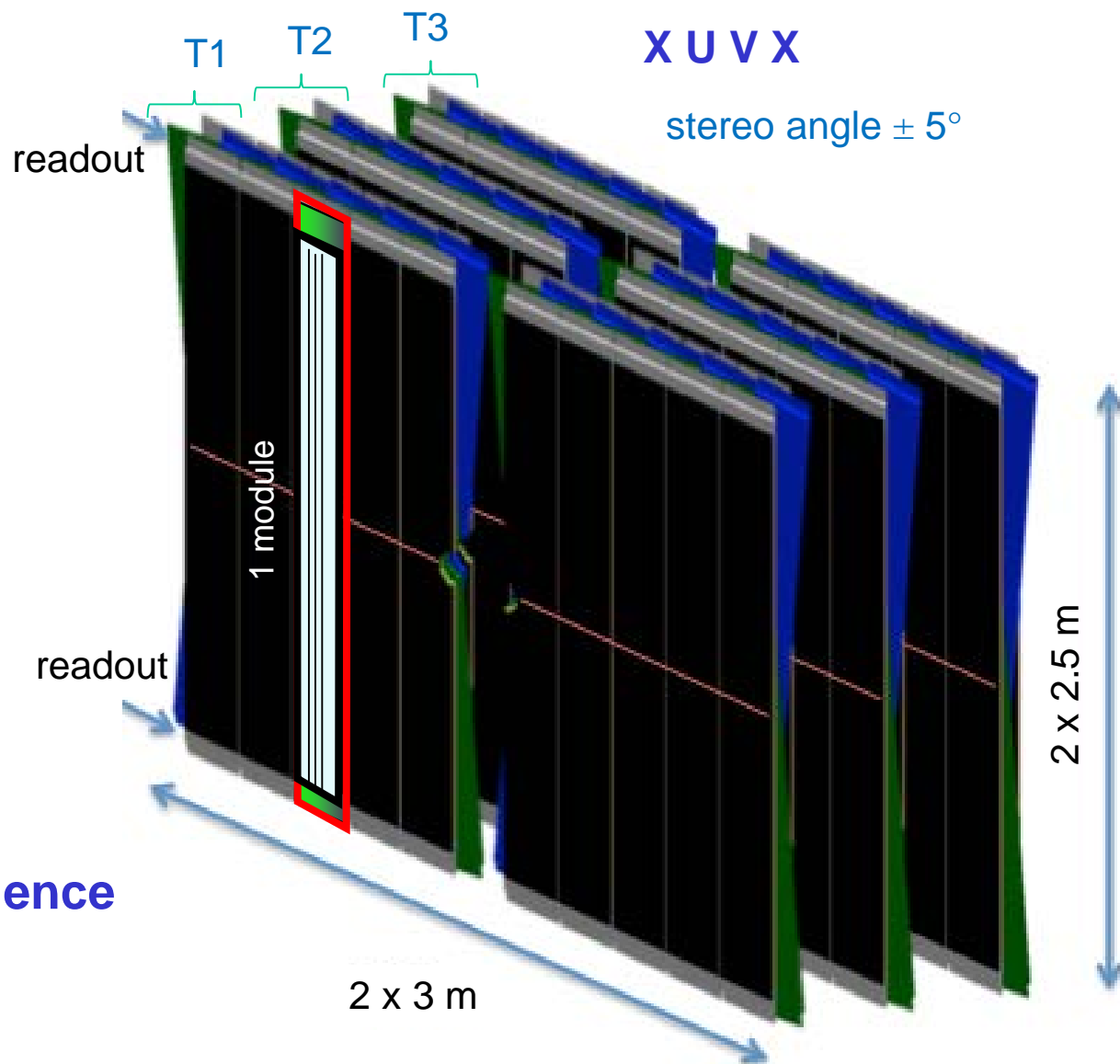


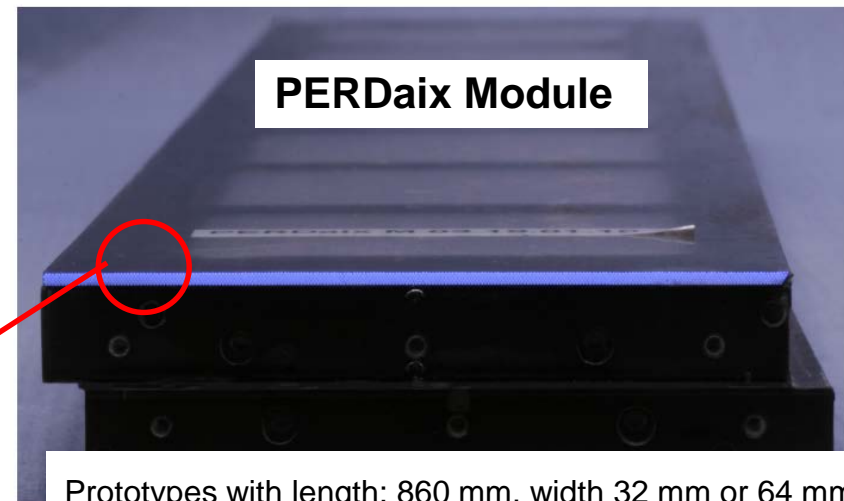
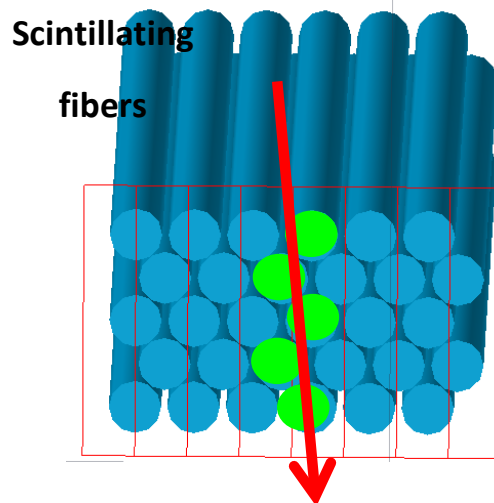
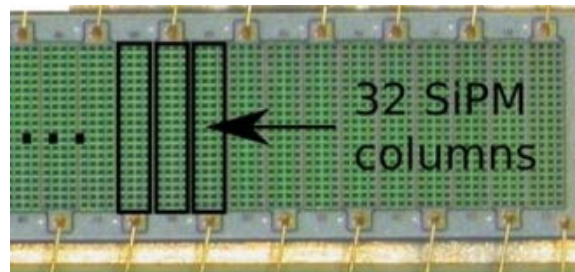
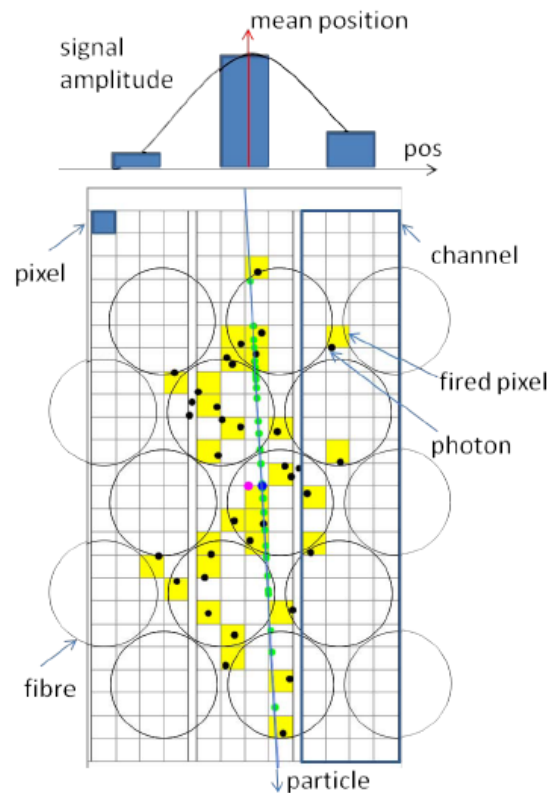
General layout of the detector geometry:

3 stations with 4 planes each X-U-V-X (stereo angle 5°)

Requirements

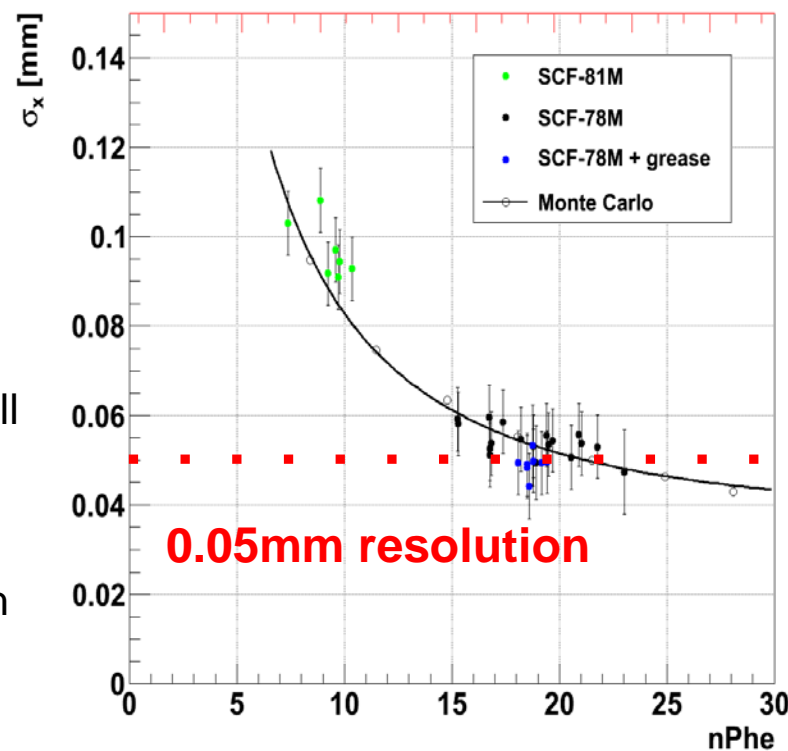
- Hit detection efficiency:
single hits ~ 99%
- Low material budget for single detector layer
 $\sim 1\% X_0$
- Spatial resolution better:
 $100 \mu\text{m}$ in x-direction
- 40 MHz readout
without dead time
- Radiation environment:
Fibres: up to 35 kGy,
SiPMs: approx. $1 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ n/cm}^2$ fluence
+ 100 Gy ionizing dose



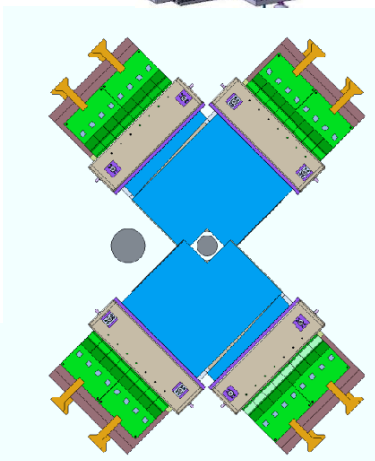
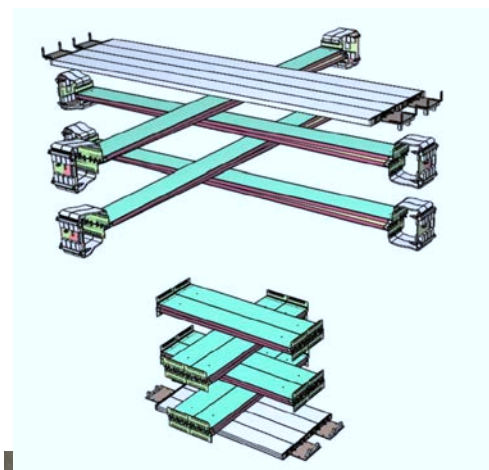
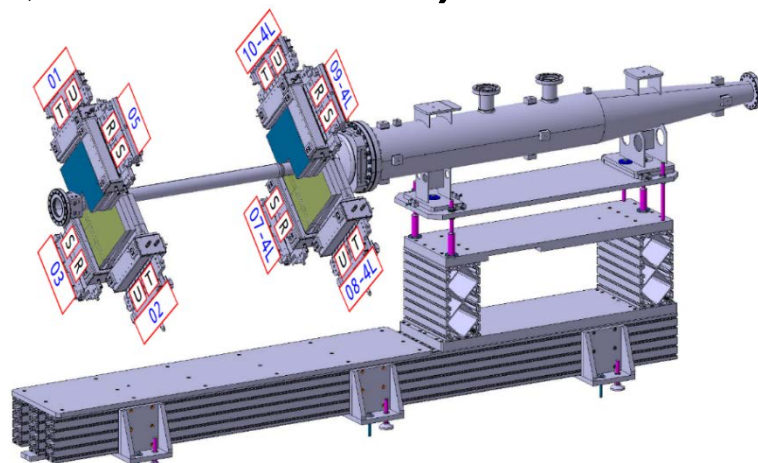


Prototypes with length: 860 mm, width 32 mm or 64 mm

- Staggered layers of $\varnothing 250 \mu\text{m}$ fibres form a fibre mat
- Readout by arrays of SiPMs. 1 SiPM channel extends over the full height of the mat.
- Pitch of SiPM array should be similar to fibre pitch. Light is then spread over few SiPM channels. Centroiding can be used to push the resolution beyond $p/\sqrt{12}$.



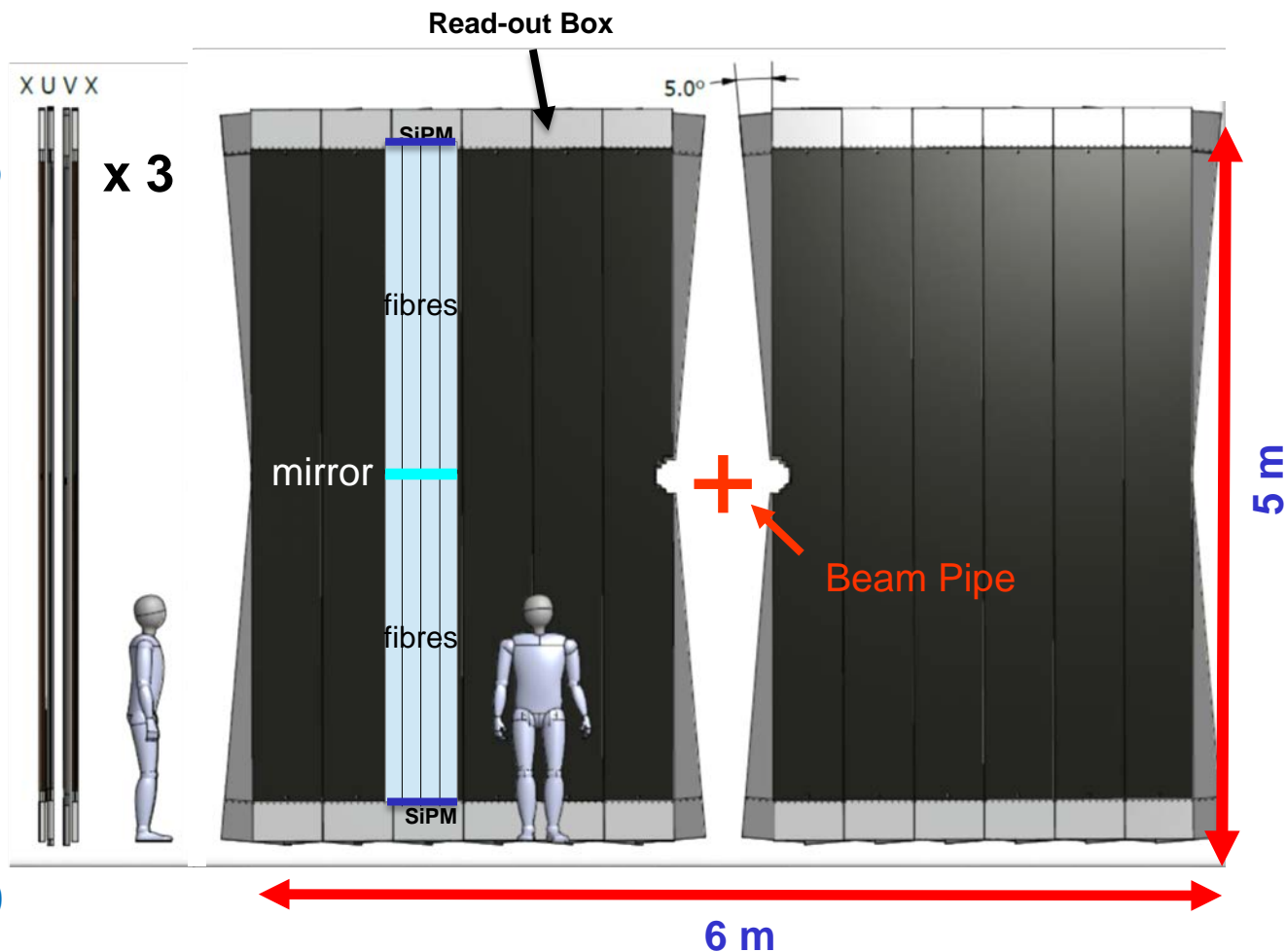
Scintillating Fibres and SiPMs as Photodetectors: The SciFi tracker is following the technology developed by the PERDaix detector (balloon experiment), Beam Gas Vertex (BGV, [see talk M. Rihl](#)) Detector and a Muontomograph



- Fibre Mats: Length: 30cm – 100cm, width: 32-64 mm, Layers:4-5

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- **144 modules** in 12 layers
- **360 m²** total area
- Module Carriers made out of CF skin and Nomex honeycomb
- **1 Module** consists of **8 fibre mats (1152 mats)**
- Fibre mats (**6 layers** per mat) run in vertical direction ($L \approx 2 \times 2.5\text{m}$) sandwiched in module carriers (**1.1% X0**),
- Fibres: $\varnothing 250\mu\text{m}$, $L=2.5\text{m}$, **total length >10,000 km**)
- Fibres interrupted in mid-plane ($y=0$) and mirrored
- Read out at top and bottom with SiPM arrays (128 channels, $250\mu\text{m}$ pitch)
- 590k SiPM channels
- SiPMs + FE electronics + services in a “Readout Box”



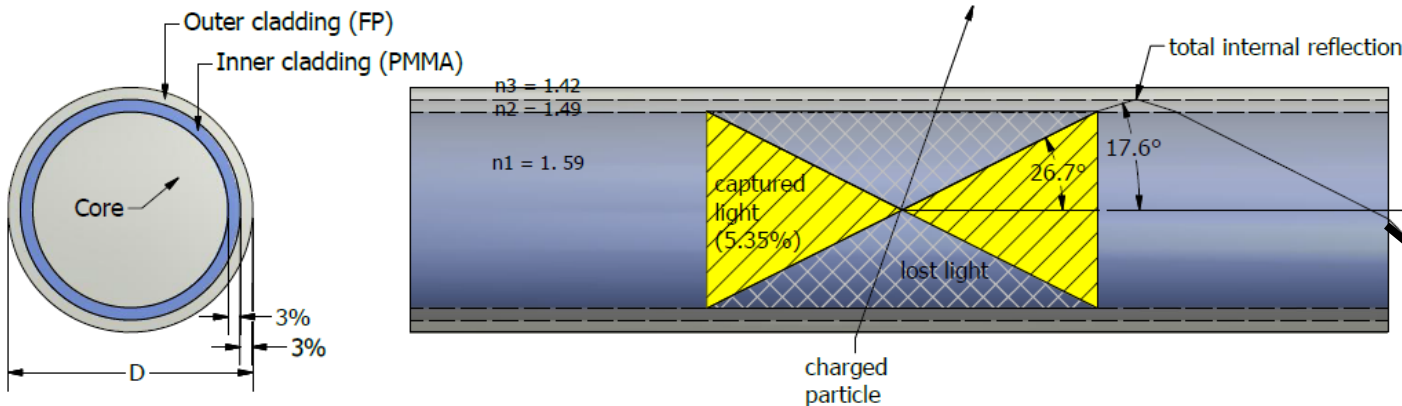
Kuraray SCSF-78MJ fibres: $\varnothing (250 \pm 15) \mu\text{m}$, 6 fibre layers per mat, each layer with 512 fibres with length 2.5m \rightarrow 10,000 km fibres

(Scintillator)

Polystyrene core with 2 dyes

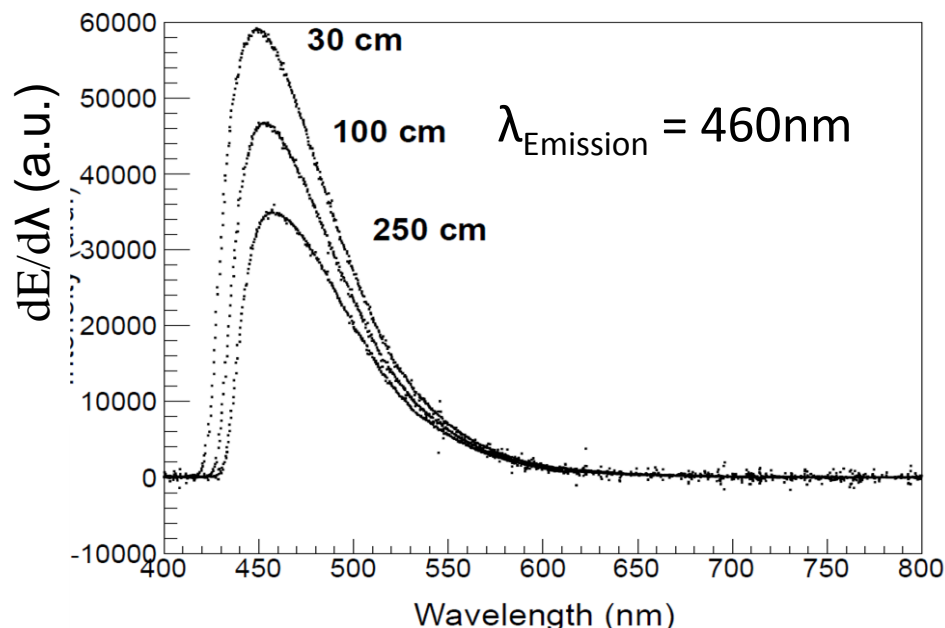
Only a few photons after 2.5m

300 photons per MIP produced (only 5% captured)

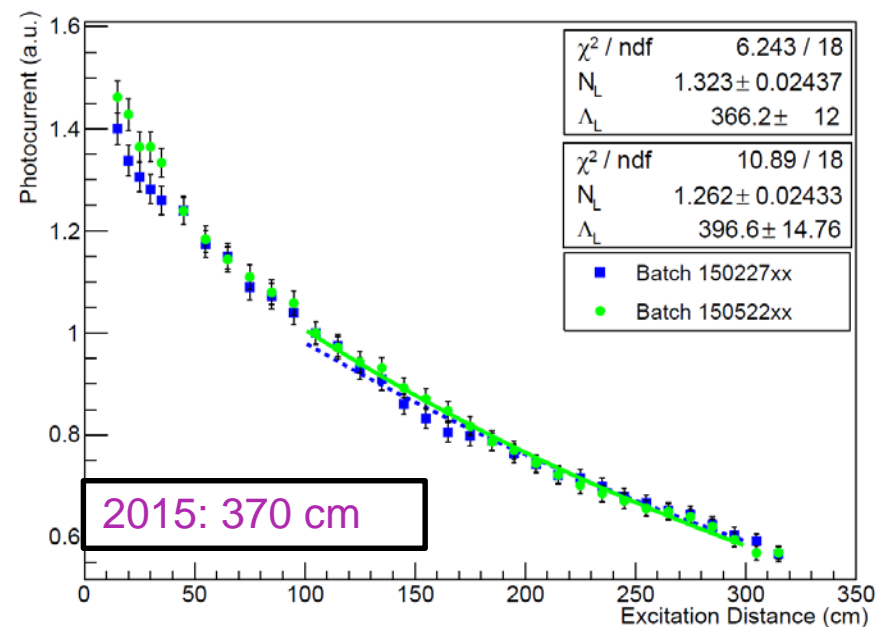


SCSF-78MJ

SCSF-78 (2015 fibres)



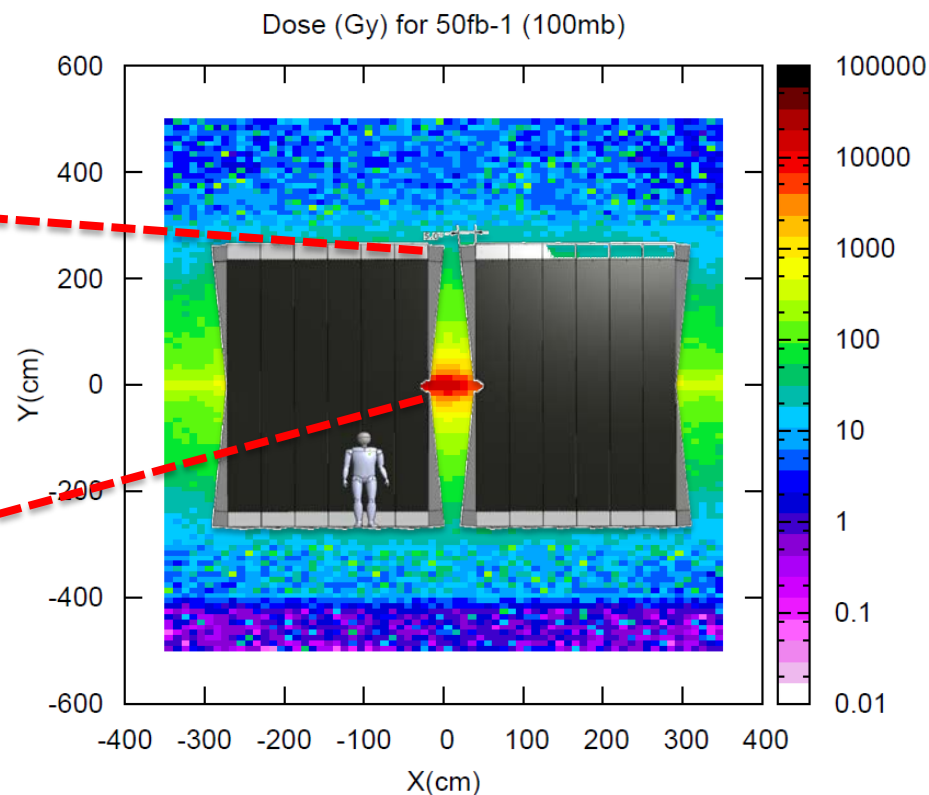
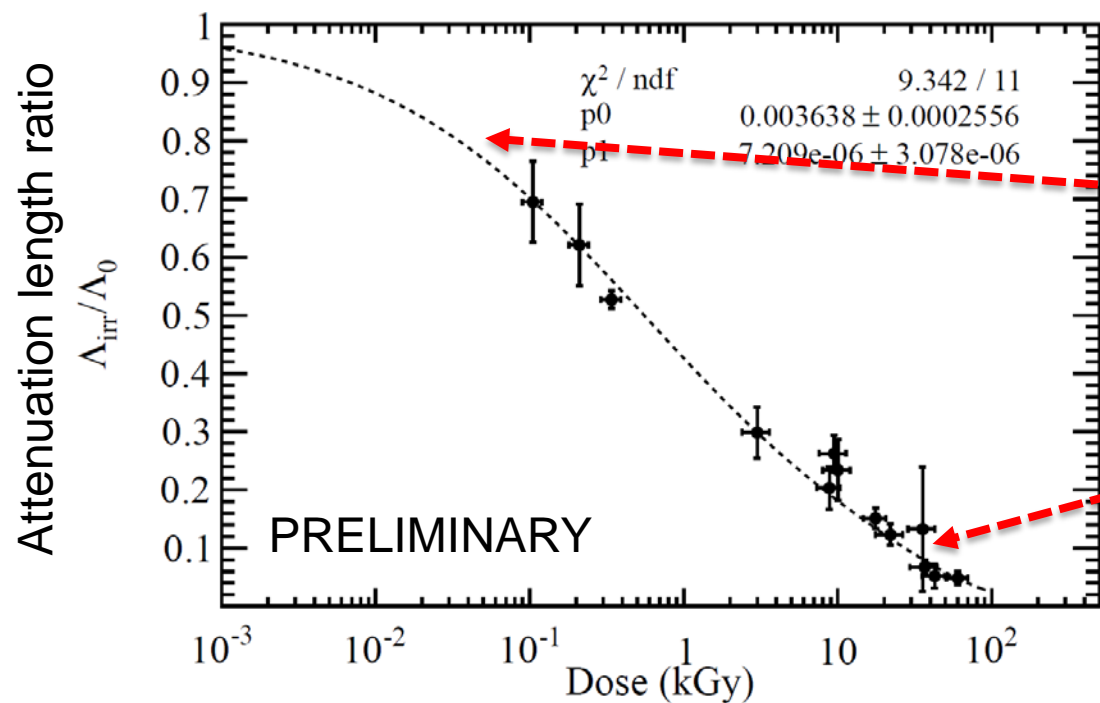
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Light transmission of scintillating fibre decreases under irradiation, (up to 35 kGy expected near the beam pipe over the upgrade lifetime)

A mix of low dose, low rate xray, gamma and high rate, high dose proton irradiations

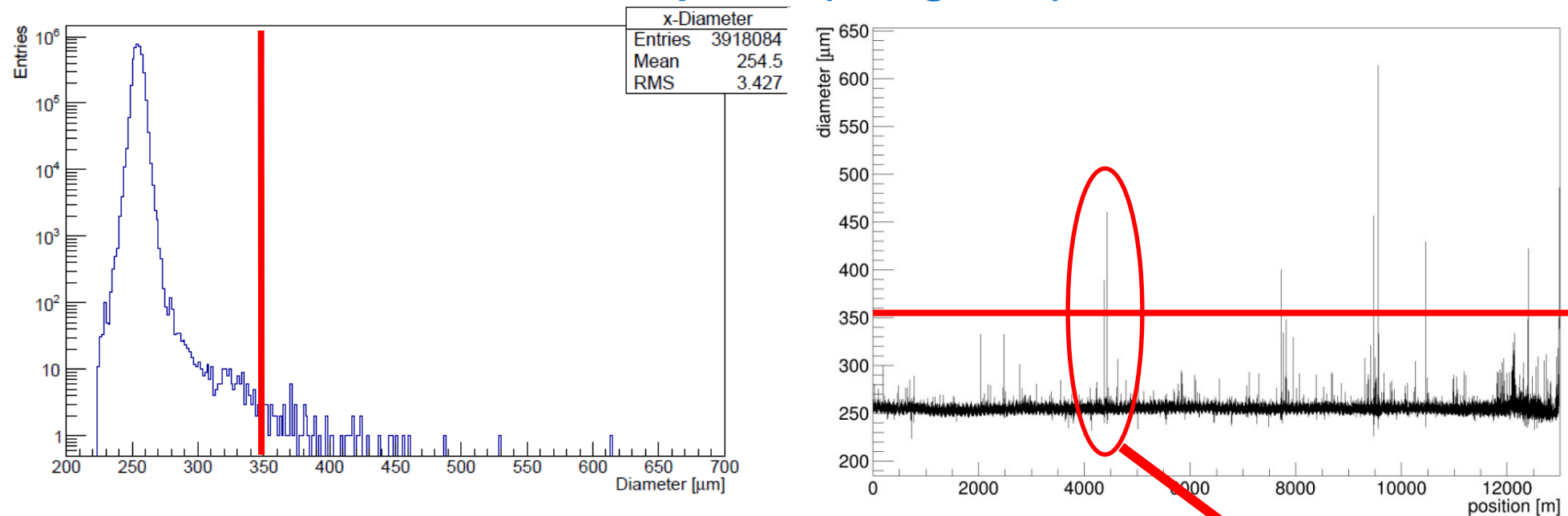
Expected ionizing dose for LHCb Upgrade



Up to 35 kGy near beam pipe, Down to 60 Gy in SiPM region

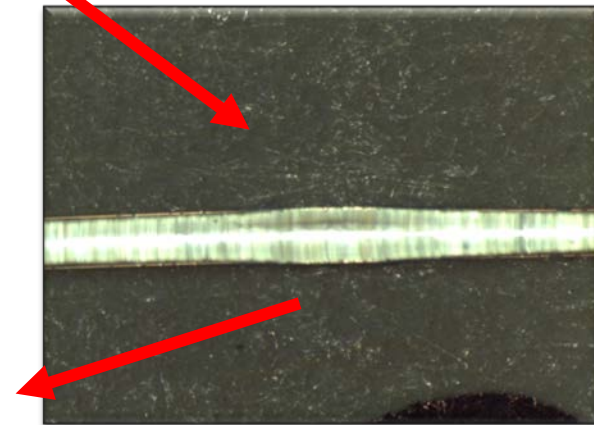
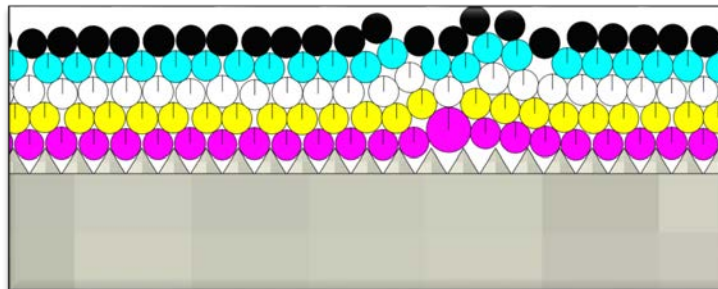
→ Expect a **40%** loss of transmitted light created near the beam pipe **after 10 years**

Measurement of Fibre diameter profile (along fibre)



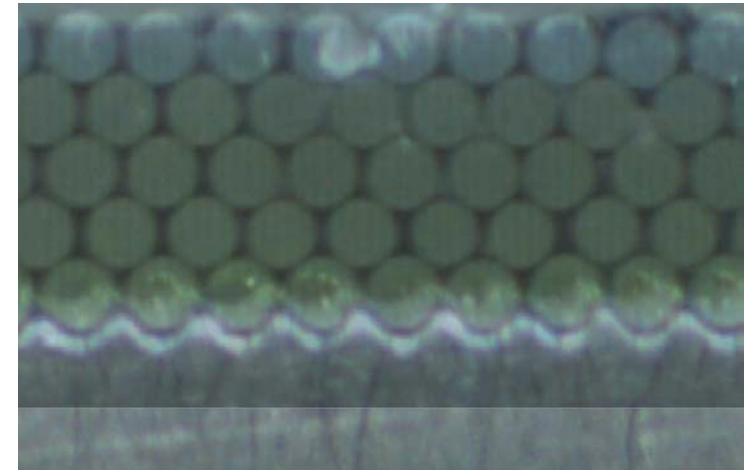
Fibre diameter (250 ± 7) μm ,
 But bumps appear (diameter $\gg 300$ μm)
 ≈ 1 per km of fibre = 1 per layer of fibre mat.

Possible to remove manually
 during winding process.

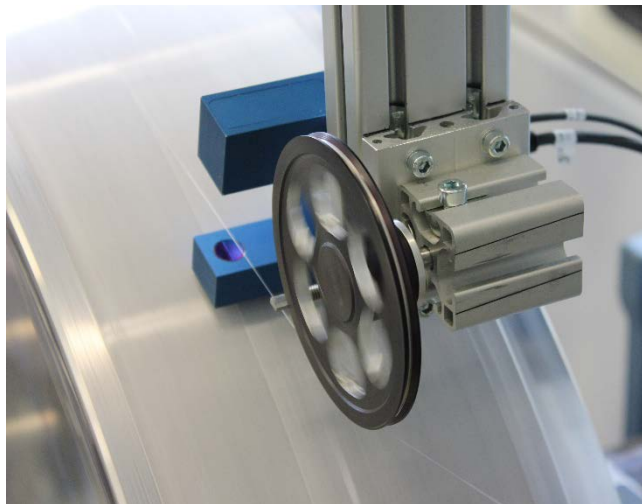
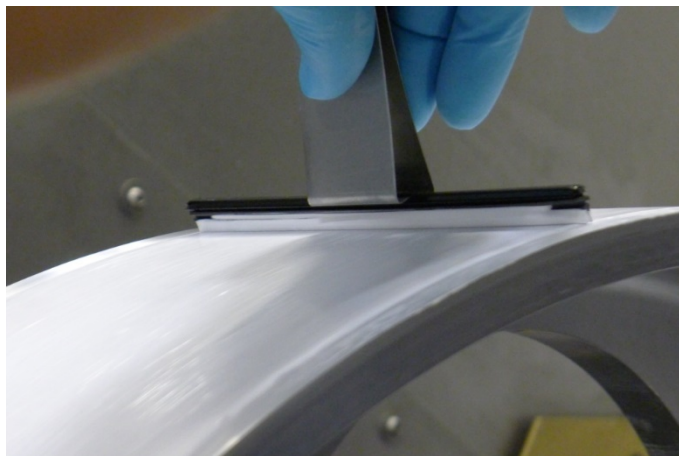


Threaded winding wheel

Thread and hole for alignment pin

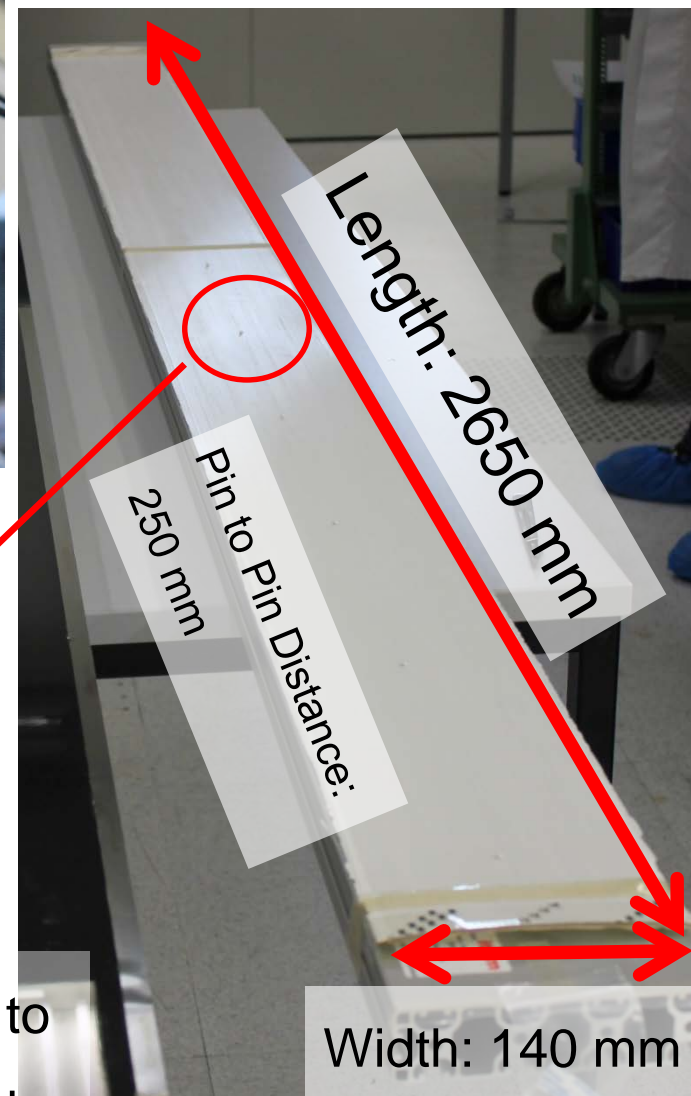


- First layer is directly wound onto hub,
- following layers are wound into groove-like depressions of preceding layers
- Need about 8km of fibre for one mat of 6 layers 2.5 meters long
→ 10,000 km of fibre in total



Glue: Epotec 301 + 25% TiO₂ (optional)

→ Minimization of crosstalk between adjacent fibers



Pins are bonded to fibre mat on wheel as part of winding to reach a straightness over mat length better than required detector resolution of $< 100 \mu\text{m}$

Foil lamination of SiFi mat is done to protect fibre mat and to make handling and shipping easier.

5 Production center for fibre mats:

2 in Russia (Kurchatov),

2 in Germany (RWTH Aachen, TU Dortmund)

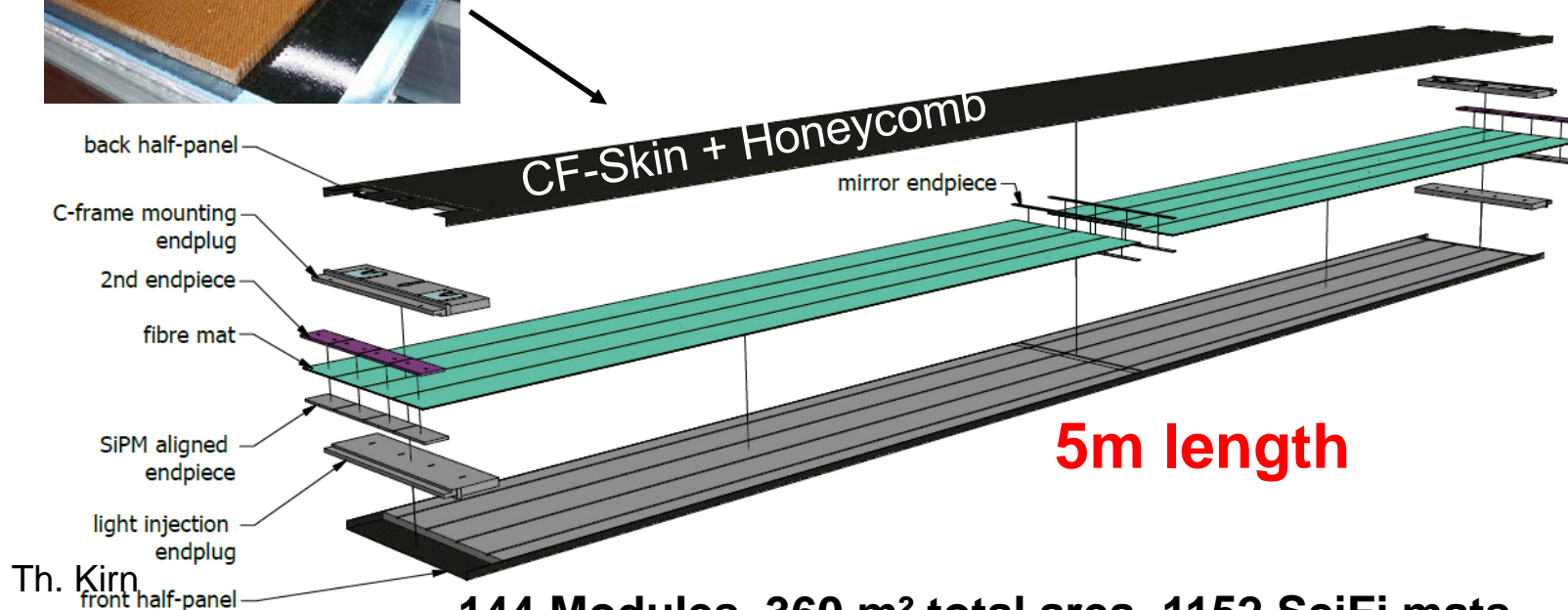
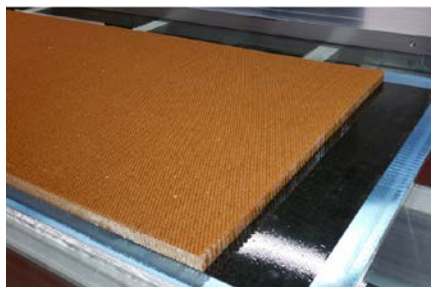
and 1 in Switzerland (EPFL Lausanne)



2 Module Center: Heidelberg Universität, NIKHEF Amsterdam

Fibre mats need to be assembled into a module that can be mounted and placed in the LHCb pit

- 8 mats aligned on a precision table
 - Bond a carbon fibre + Nomex core structure to make a strong rigid object
- Precision in time in z-direction better than 300 μm



144 Modules, 360 m² total area, 1152 SciFi mats

CFRP 200 μm

Epoxy 75 μm

Honeycomb
20 mm

Epoxy 75 μm

Foil 23 μm

Epoxy 27 μm

SciFi Mat

Epoxy 27 μm

Foil 23 μm

Epoxy 75 μm

Honeycomb
20 mm

Epoxy 75 μm

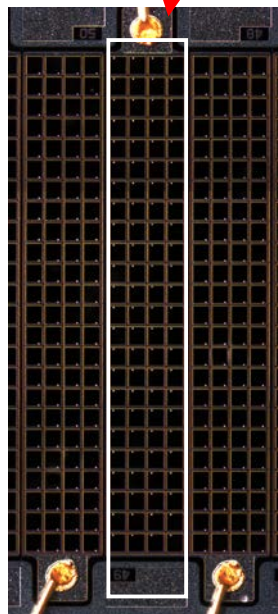
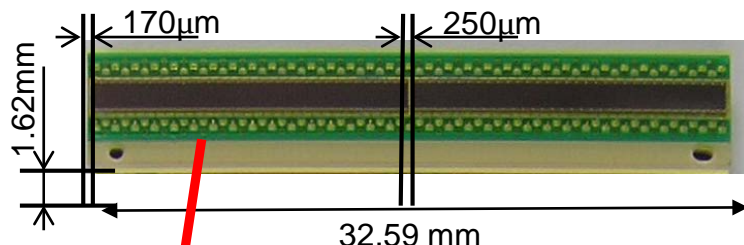
CFRP 200 μm

Material Budget:

1.1% X0

SiPM arrays, 128-channels (2x 64) with 250 μm gap with very similar dimensions,
Channel width approximately matches the fibre spacing and diameter

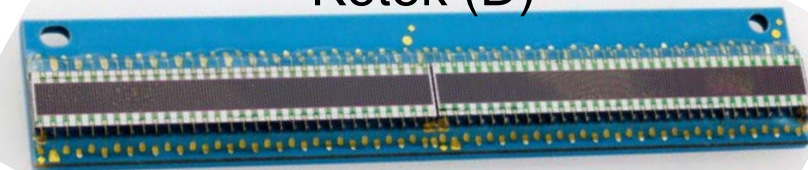
Hamamatsu (Jp)



Single pixel



Ketek (D)



- High PDE
- Low x-talk
- Radiation environment

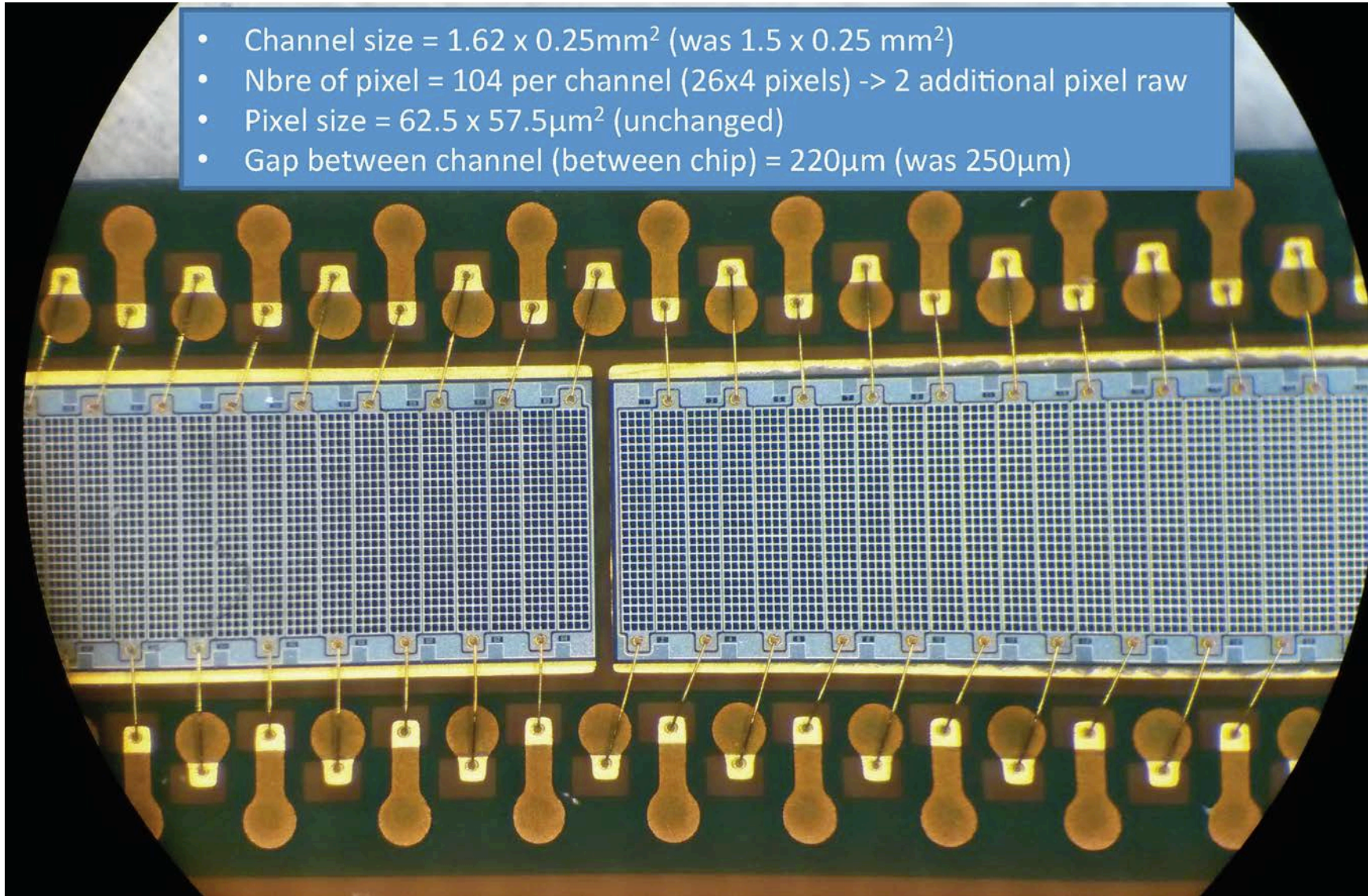
neutron fluence $\approx 10^{12}$ 1MeV neq/cm²

- Small temperature dependence:
- Small dead regions
- Thin entrance window

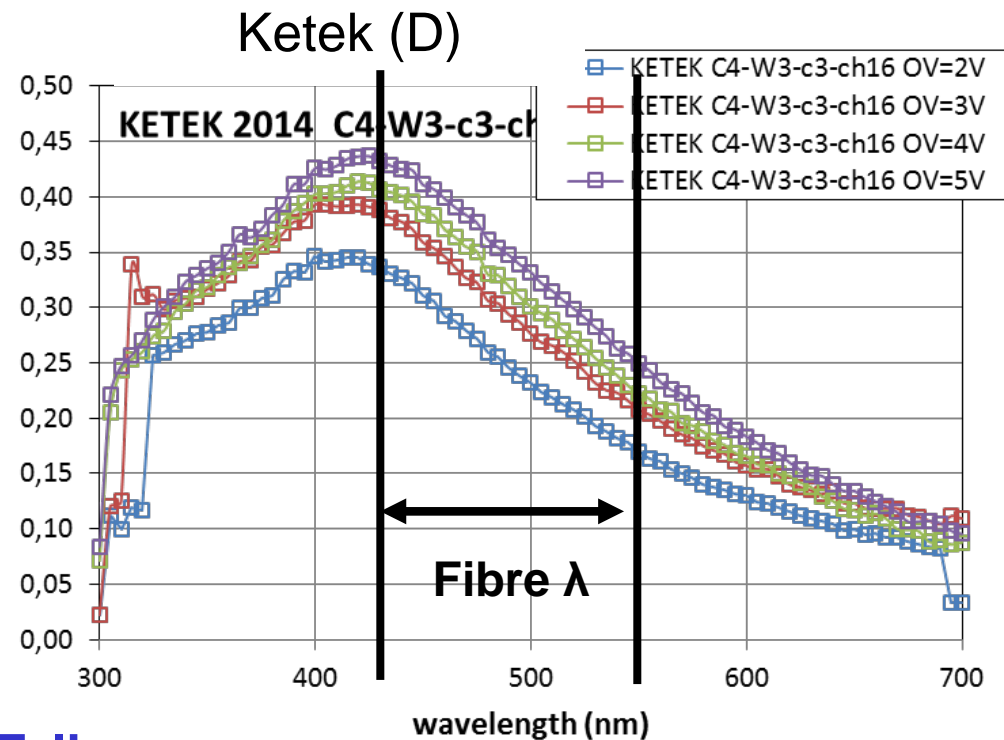
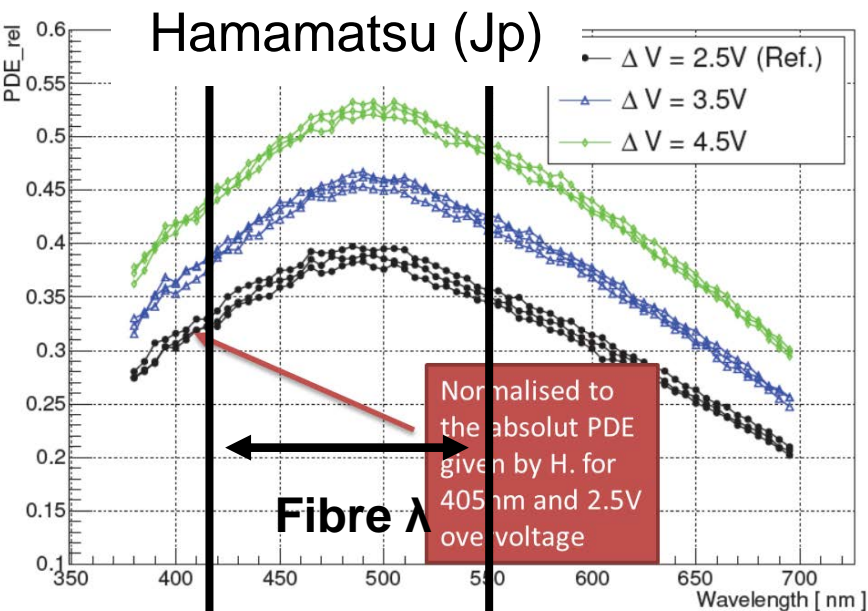


New Hamamatsu 2015 SiPM arrays:

- Channel size = $1.62 \times 0.25 \text{ mm}^2$ (was $1.5 \times 0.25 \text{ mm}^2$)
- Nbre of pixel = 104 per channel (26x4 pixels) -> 2 additional pixel row
- Pixel size = $62.5 \times 57.5 \mu\text{m}^2$ (unchanged)
- Gap between channel (between chip) = $220 \mu\text{m}$ (was $250 \mu\text{m}$)



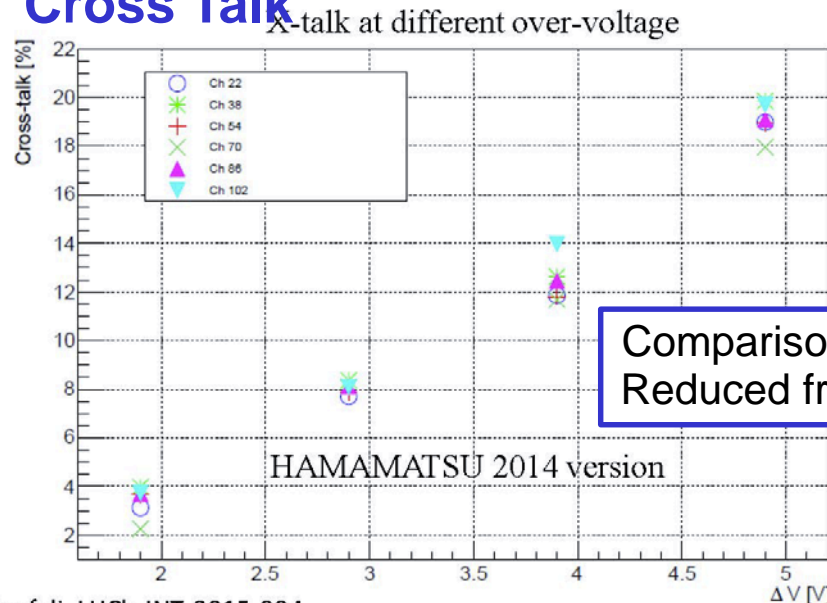
Photon Detection Efficiency PDE



Comparison H2014 & H2015

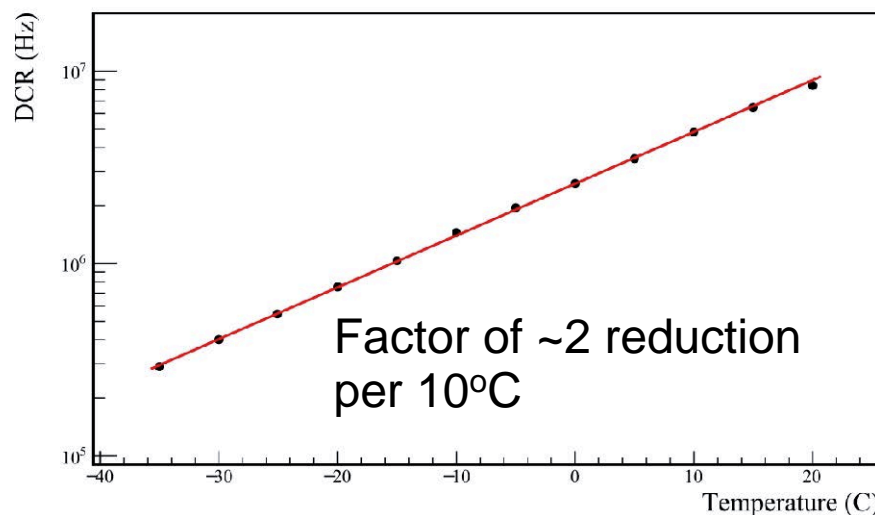
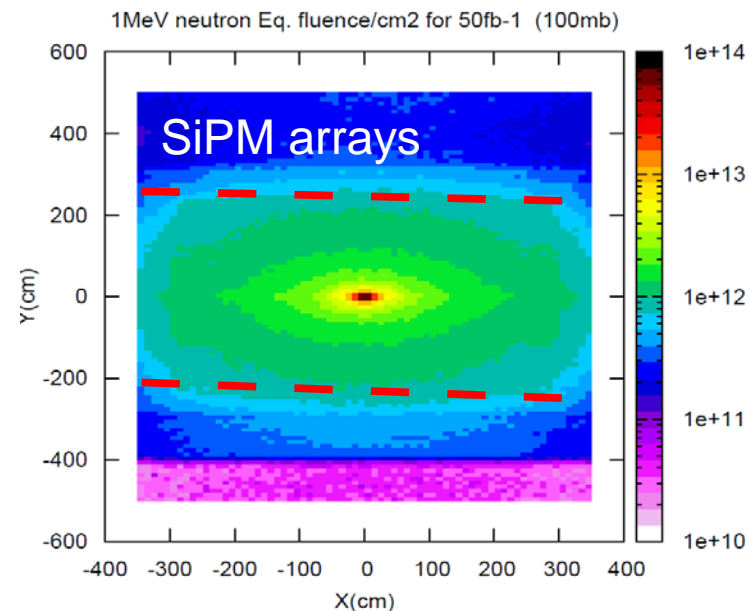
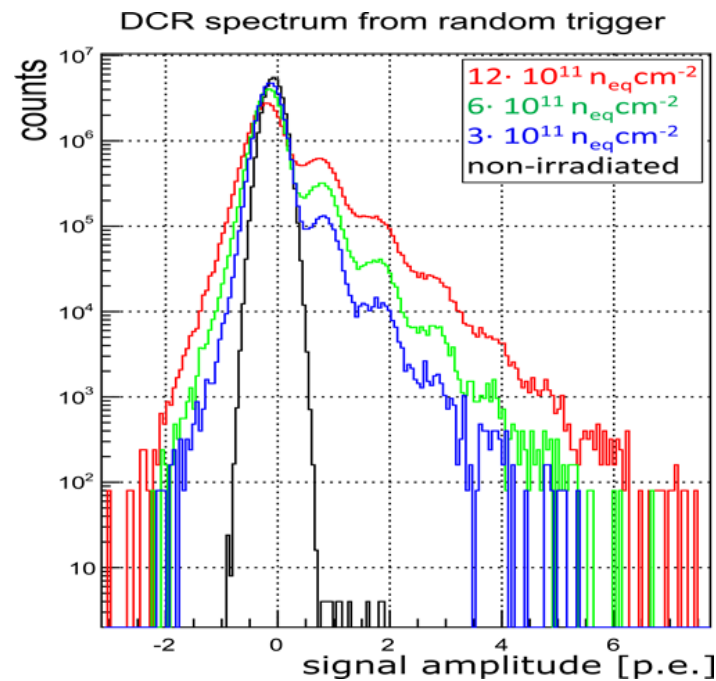
- PDE(λ) unchanged
- PDE for working point $\Delta V=3.5V$:
 PDE(H2015 @ 3.5 V) = 50 %
 PDE(H2014 @ 3.5 V) = 45 %

Cross Talk

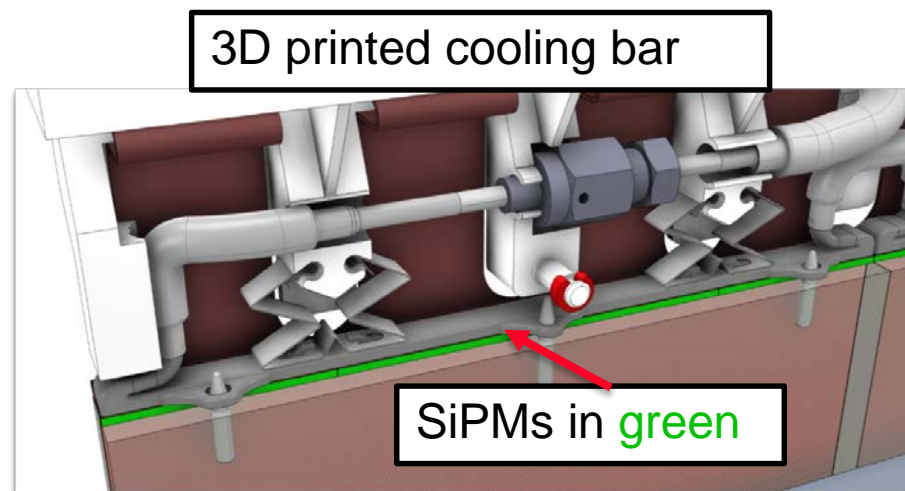


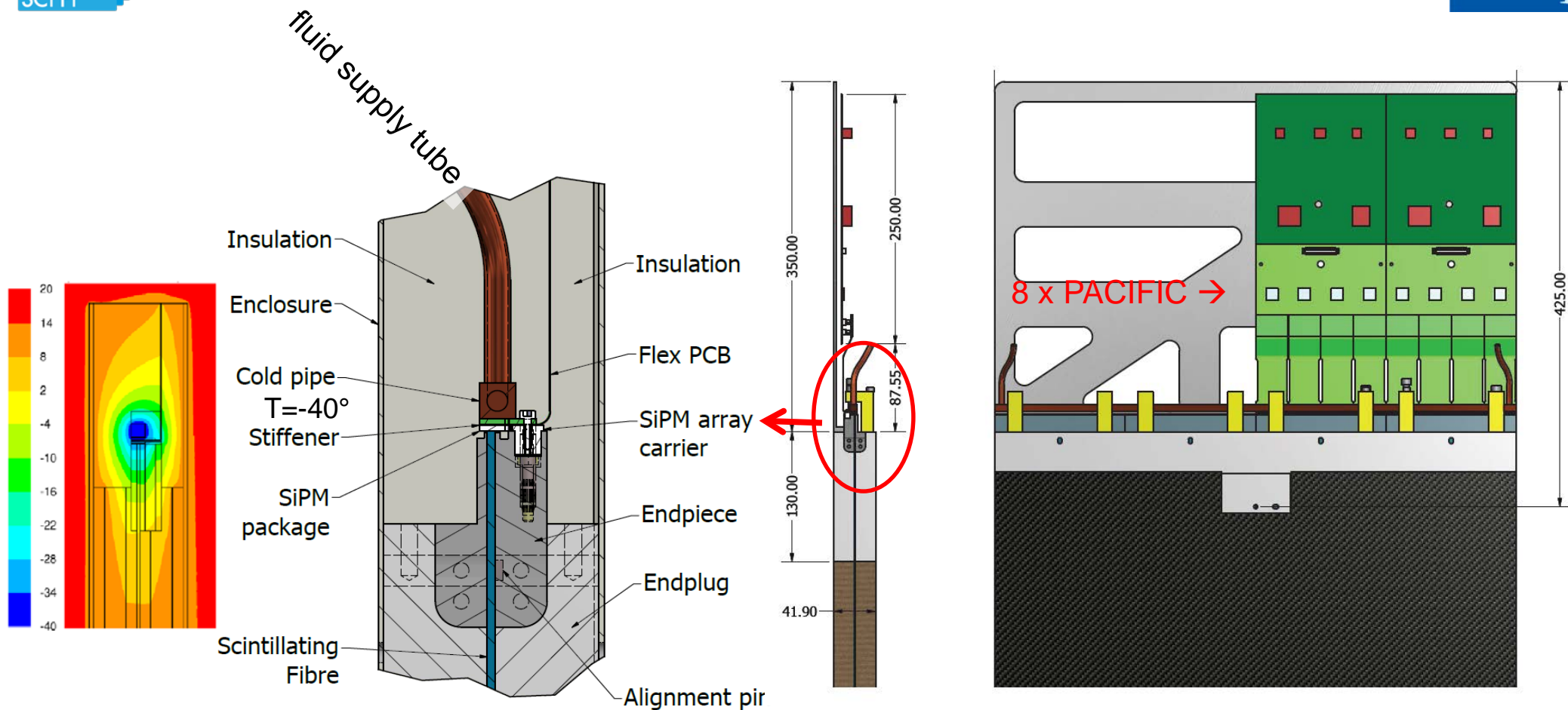
Comparison Xtalk H2014 & H2015
Reduced from 10% to 5% @ 3.5 V

Dark Count Rate



DCR of irradiated single channel SiPM at different temperature
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- Single phase liquid cooling
- Compact space
- < 20 W thermal load per module
- SiPMs produce little to no heat, box dominated by parasitic heat load
- Issues with condensation and frost need to be dealt with

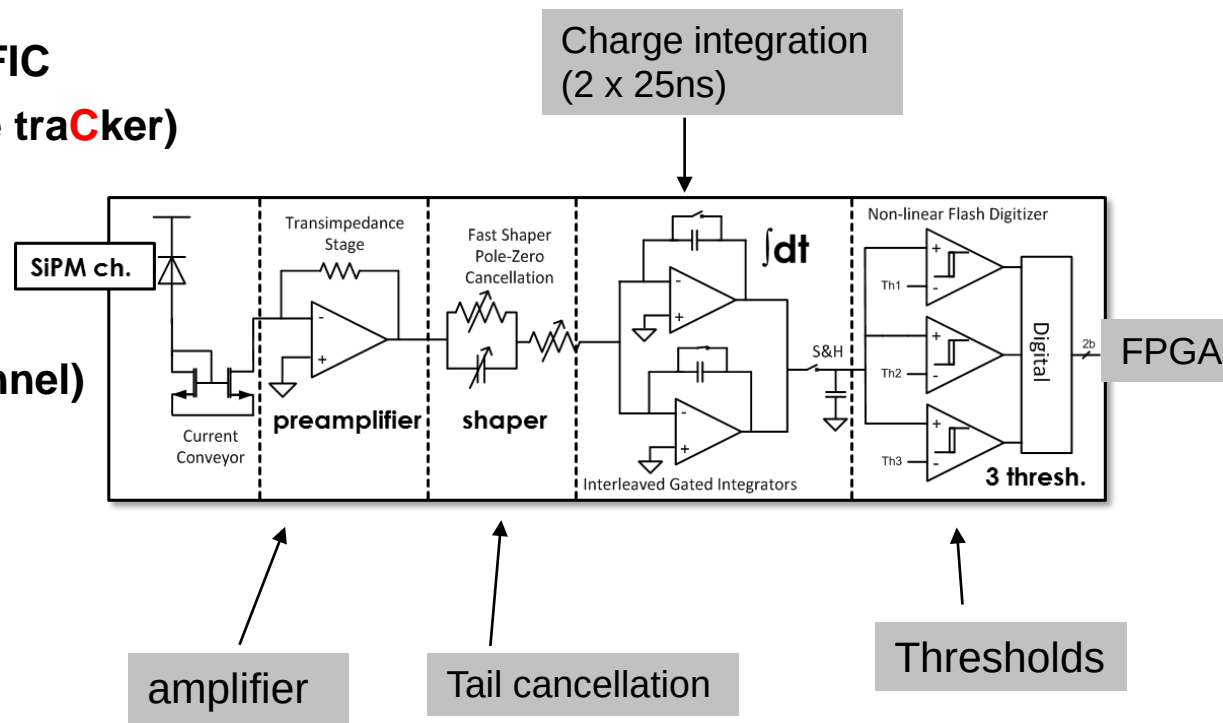
Fast readout with manageable data volume

- Digitizes the 560,000 SiPM signals and forms the cluster and hit positions
- 40 MHz readout rate
- Signal propagation time up to $2.5\text{m} \cdot 6\text{ns/m} = 15\text{ns}$ → some spill over to next BC
- No adequate (fast, low power) multi-channel ASIC available

LHCb develops its own ASIC, called PACIFIC

(low **P**ower **A**asic for the **s**CIntillating **F**ibre tra**C**ker)

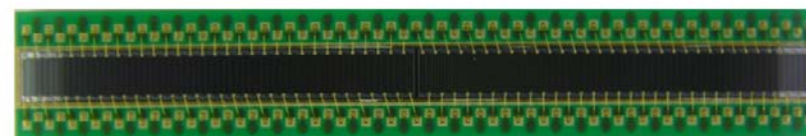
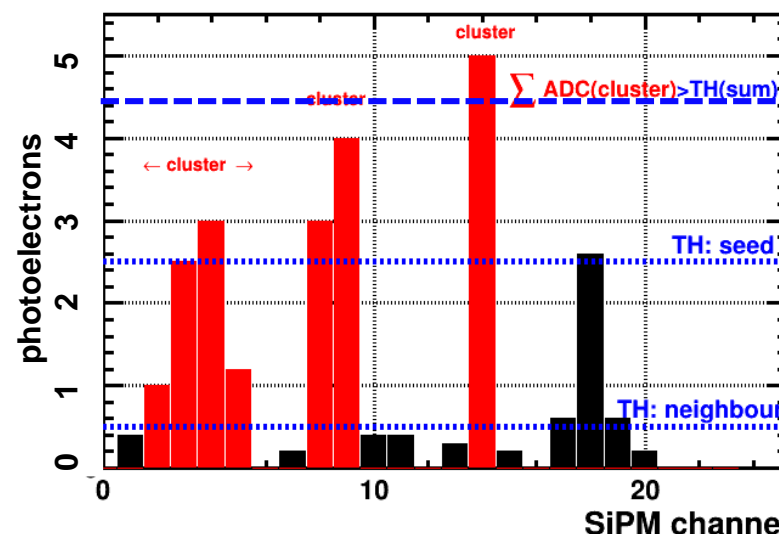
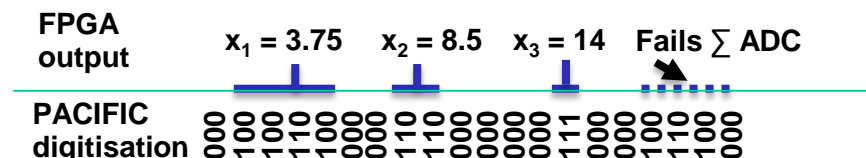
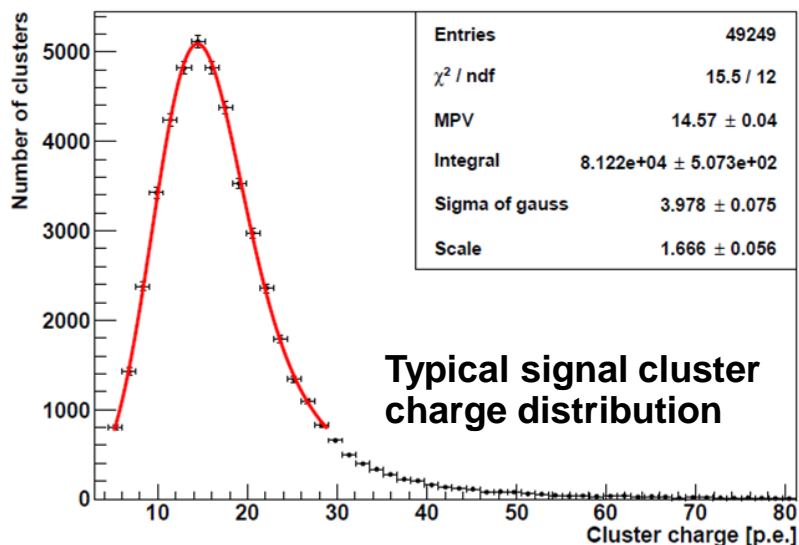
- TSMC 130 nm
- 64 channels
- 2bit/ch digital output
- Low power consumption (<10 mW/channel)
- Low input impedance: $\approx 50\Omega$
- High bandwidth: $\approx 250\text{ MHz}$
- Fast shaping
- Dual gated-integrators (zero dead time)
- 25 ns peak resolution



3 hardware thresholds (=2 bits) (seed, neighbour, high) plus a sum threshold (FPGA) are a good compromise between precision ($<100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$), discrimination of noise and data volume.

Clusterization FPGA:

- Clustering and threshold cuts to reject dark noise clusters due to irradiation in the FE electronics
- a balance between thresholds, hit efficiency and allowable noise clusters
- Clustering done on an FPGA after the PACIFIC;
hit position output to data acquisition



← 128 Channel SiPM array →

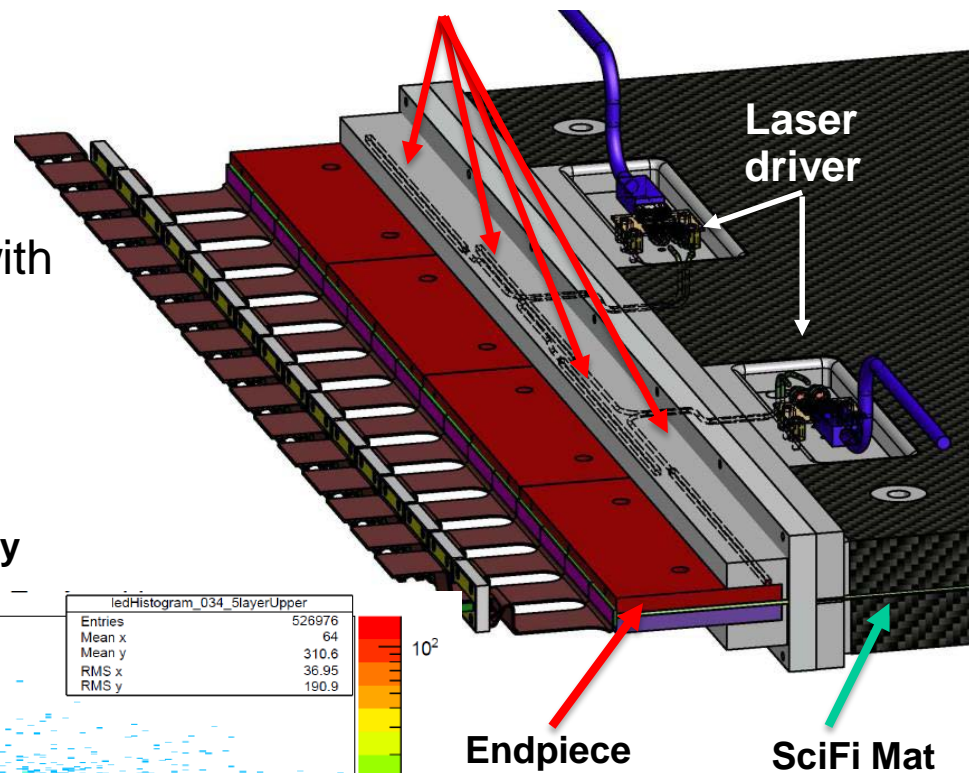
LHCb SciFi Tracker: SiPM Calibration Light Injection System

- Scratched fibre embedded in the module ends
- Shines evenly across the fibre and SiPMs
- Driver
 - Gigabit LASER Driver (GBLD, a radiation tolerant ASIC)
 - Vertical-cavity surface emitting laser (VCSEL) with wavelength of 670 nm

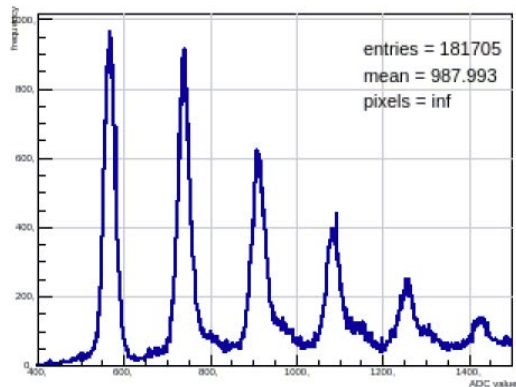
emitted light from Ø1mm fiber



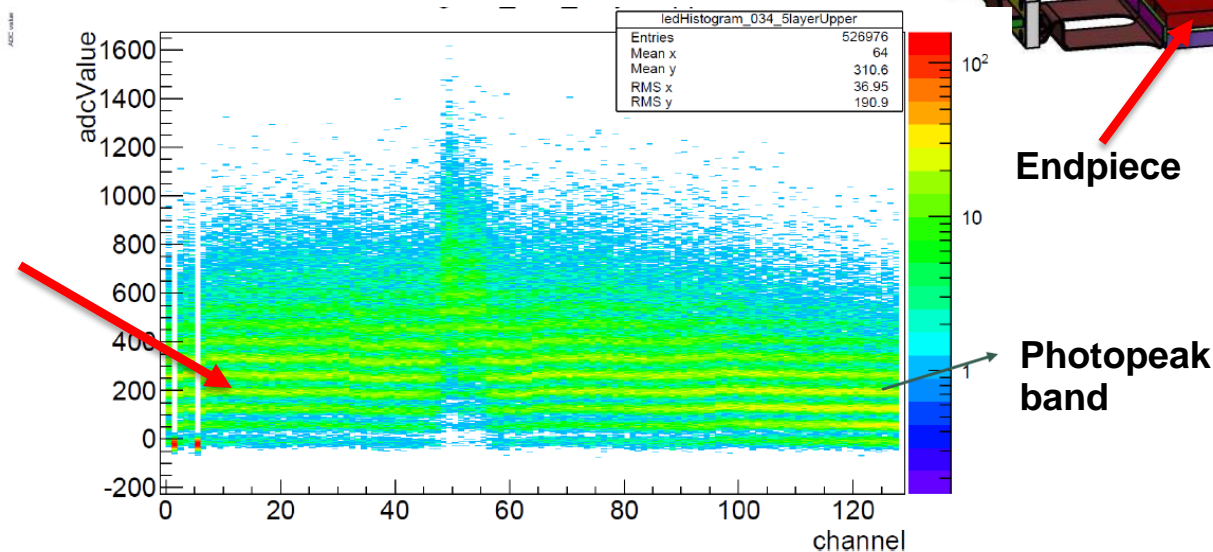
4 scratched fibres

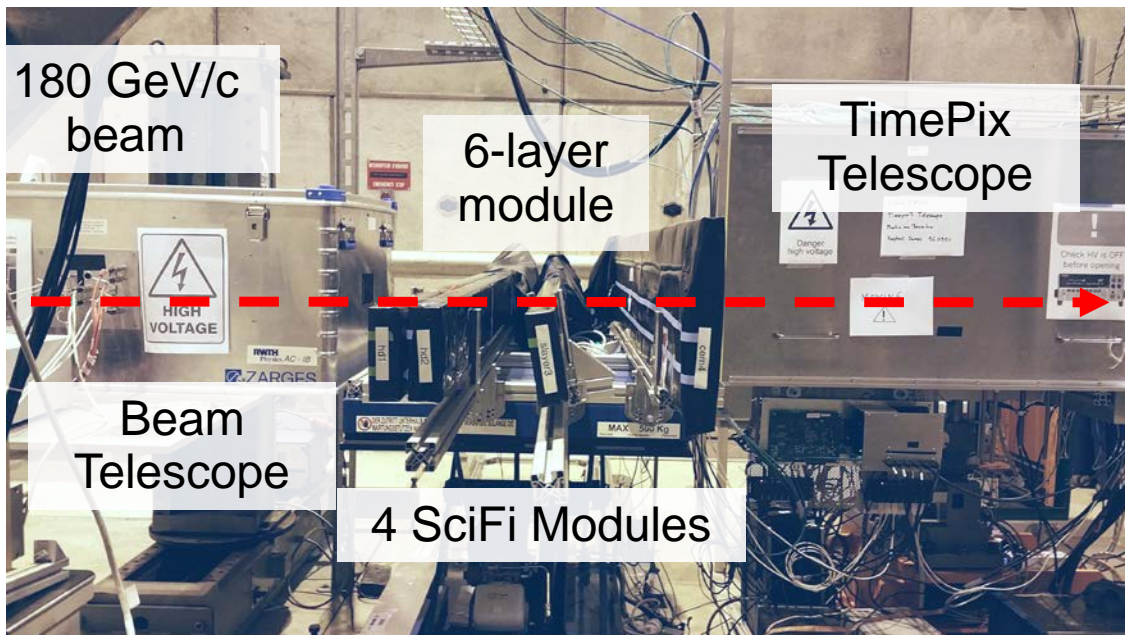


1 SiPM channel



1 SiPM array

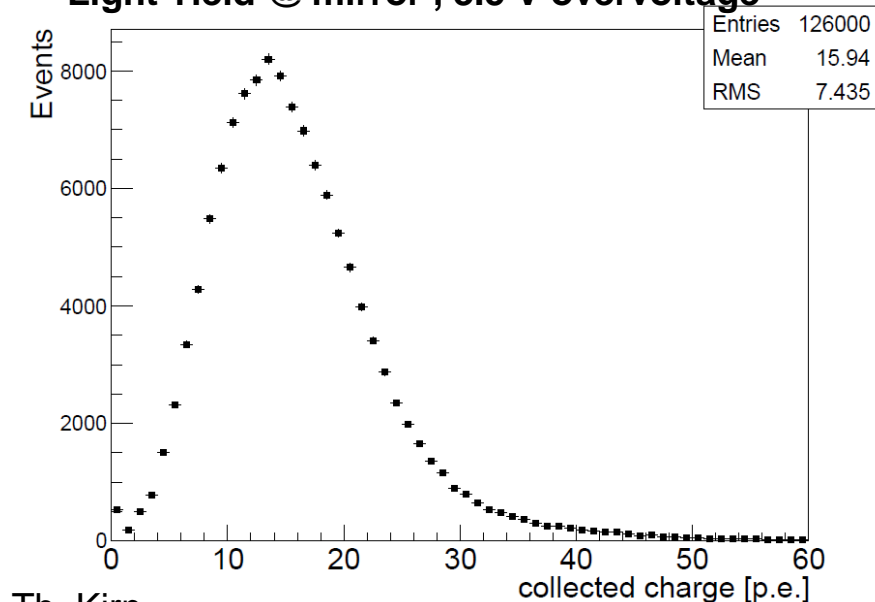




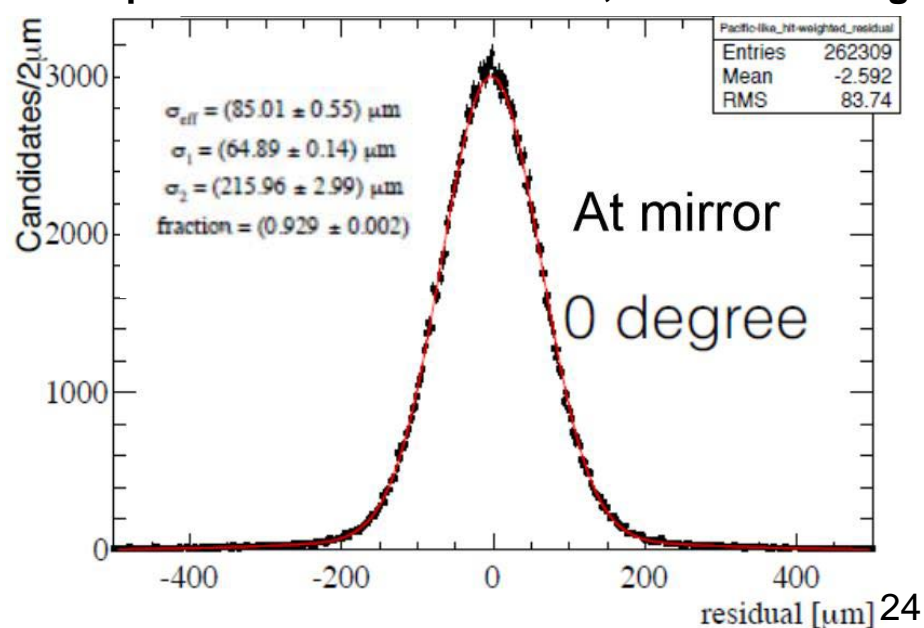
6-layer modules:

- **Light yield 16 p.e. @ 3.5 overvoltage** (mirror side)
- **Spatial resolution 70-80 μm** depending on clusterization algorithm
- **Hit efficiency ~ 99%.**

Light Yield @ mirror , 3.5 V overvoltage



Spatial Resolution @ mirror , 3.5 V overvoltage



- Large area high resolution scintillating fibre tracker (360 m², 80 μm)
- Photodetectors: Customized multi-channel SiPM arrays
- Scintillating Fibres and SiPMS qualified in LHCb radiation environment
- 64-channel PACIFIC ASIC custom designed
- Modular designed front-end electronics for data processing and transferring, calibration using light injection system
- Testbeam Results: high spatial resolution of 80 μm, hit efficiency 99%
- A close collaboration of 18 institutes in 9 countries
- Production begins in 2016, Installation in 2019, ready for LHC Run 3 from 2021