

# Virtual SiPM Laboratory

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Partner members:

- **DESY Hamburg:** Engineering prototype of the LC hadronic calorimeter
- **KIP Heidelberg:** Readout ASICs for SiPM applications
- **MPI Munich:** Improve design of calorimeter tiles + SiPM
- **PI Wuppertal:** Large scale LED calibration system for SiPMs
- **RWTH Aachen:** Model the electrical properties of SiPM

Recently extended to the universities of:

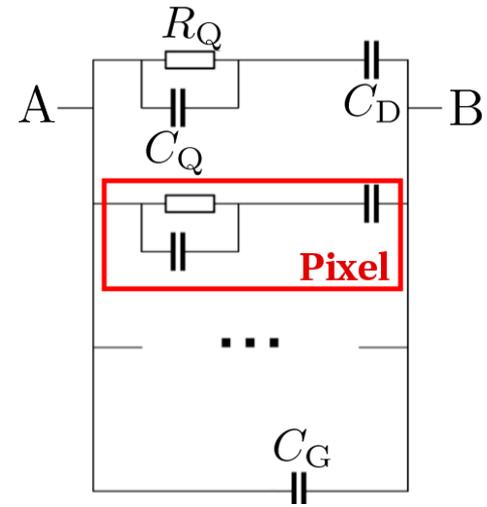
- **Hamburg:** DESY program + spinoff to medical imaging (dSiPM)
- **Mainz:** Data Acquisition for the ILD analog-HCAL with SiPM

# SiPM Activities in Aachen

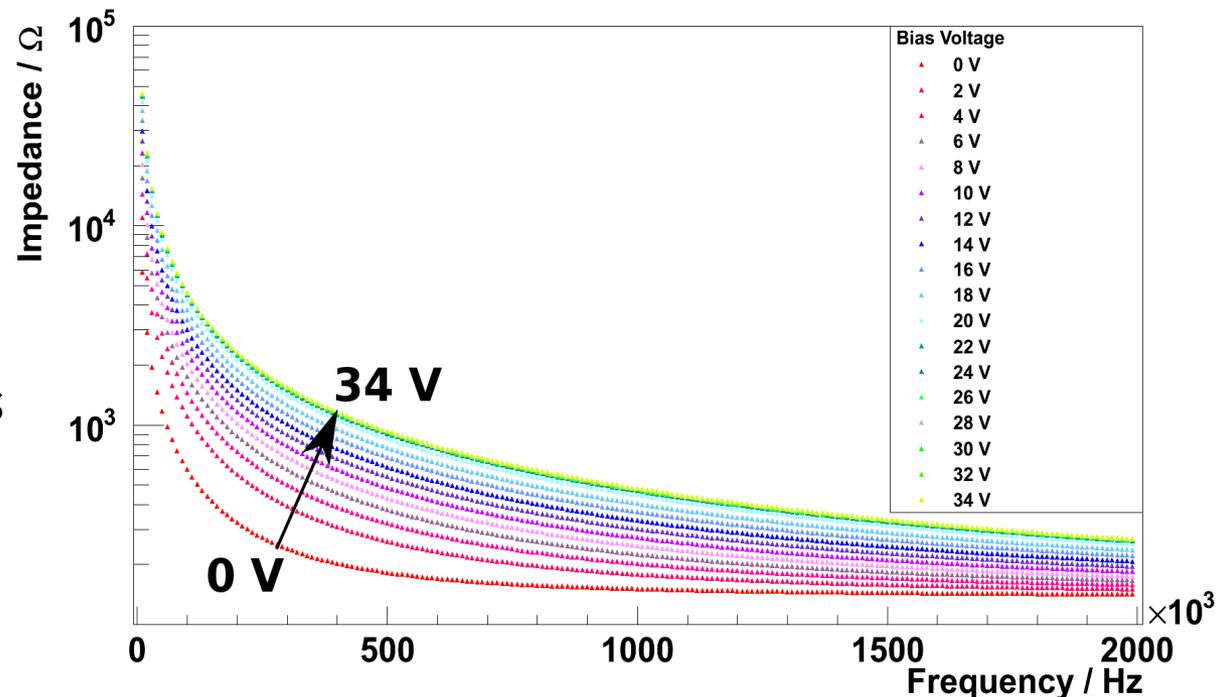
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Develop a model of the electrical properties of SiPM for GEANT4

- electrical characterization of SiPMs
  - quenching resistor
  - diode & quenching capacitances



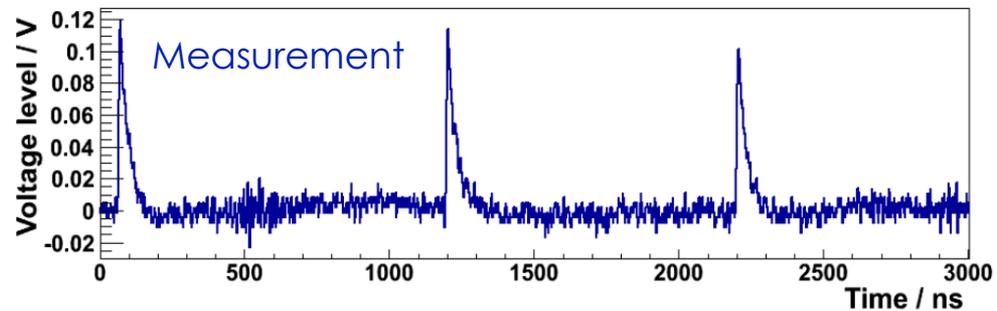
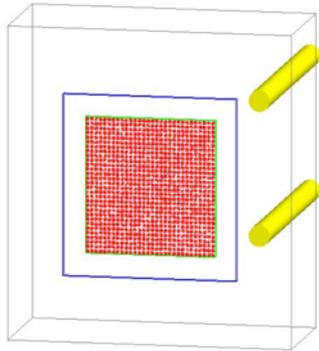
→ impedance measurements



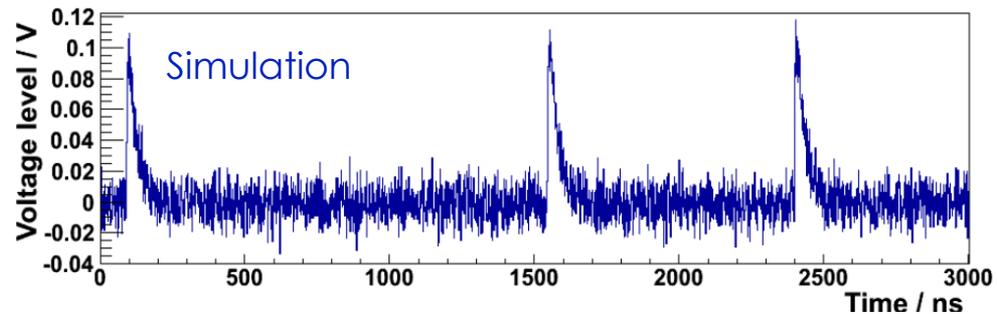
# SiPM Activities in Aachen

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- measurements of the temperature dependence of SiPM operating parameters and noise effects
  - implementation into a GEANT4 simulation of an SiPM
- full simulation of scintillation detectors including the SiPM

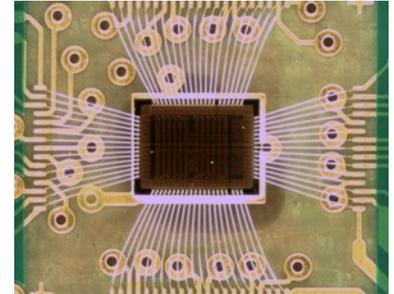


(a) Measured trace



Development of custom made readout ASICs for SiPM applications in HEP and medical imaging

[Klaus2v0]

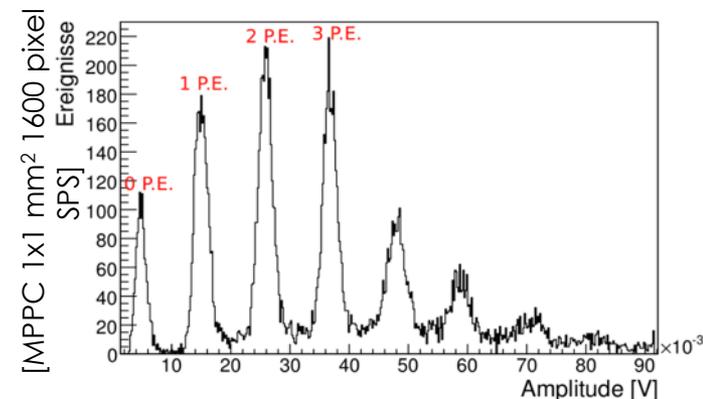
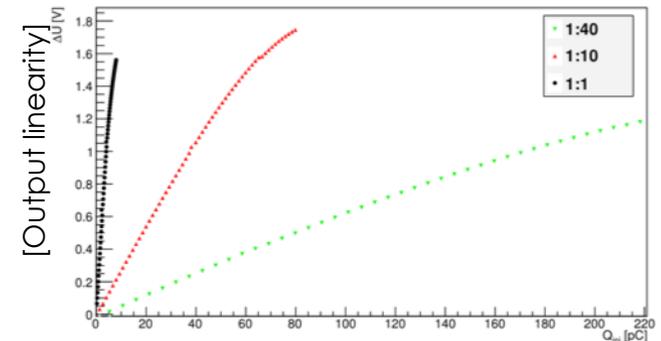


## Kanäle zur Ladungsauslese von SiPMs (KLauS):

- High precision charge measurements
- Low power design (+ power gating)
- Future version with digital output planned

## Characterization results:

- SiPM bias tuneable within 2 V
- Linear range > 200 pC (smallest gain)
- $S/N > 10$  for single pixel signals
- Trigger jitter < 60 ps for 15 pixel signals
- Power consumption < 2.5 mW / channel
- Power gating functional

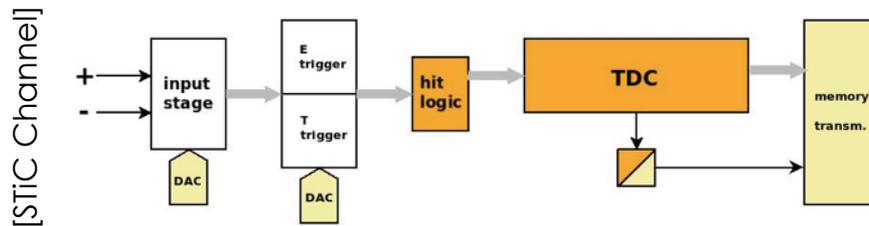


# SiPM Activities in Heidelberg

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## Silicon Photomultiplier Timing Chip:

- Designed for ToF applications
- 16 channels prototype designed in UMC 0.18 $\mu$ m CMOS
- 64 channel version under development

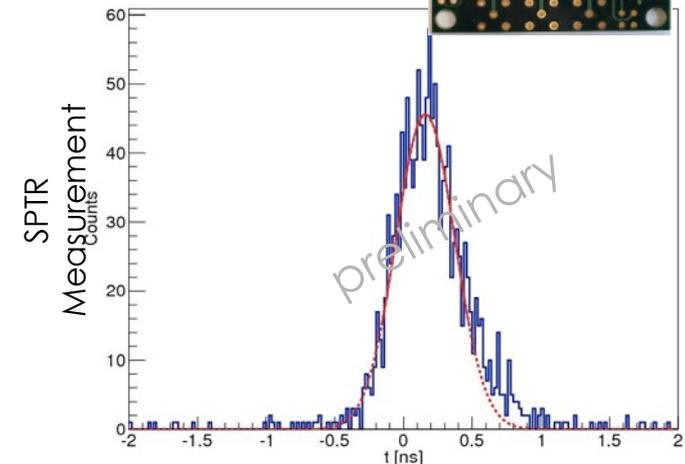
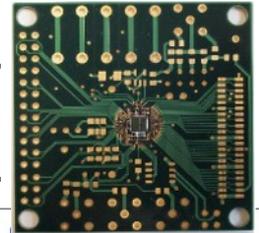


## Design features:

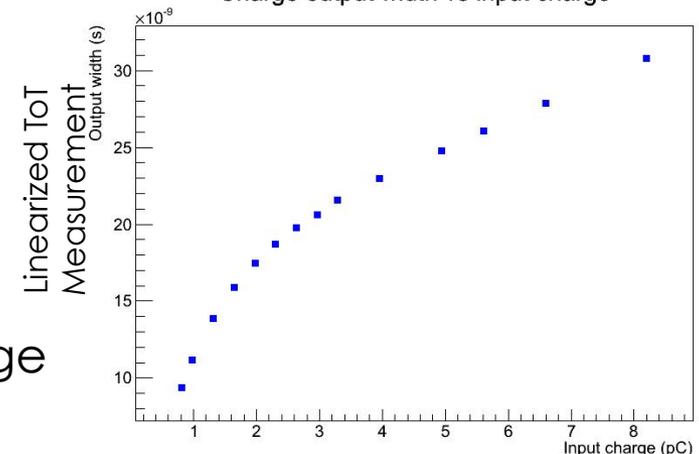
- Differential SiPM readout possible
- SiPM bias voltage tunable within 0.5 V
- Integrated TDC with 50 ps bin width
- 160 MBit/s serial data transmission

## Measurement results:

- Preliminary SPTR:  $\sigma = 180$  ps
- Linearized ToT method preserves energy resolution: pulse width linear w.r.t input charge from 3 pC on



Charge output width vs input charge

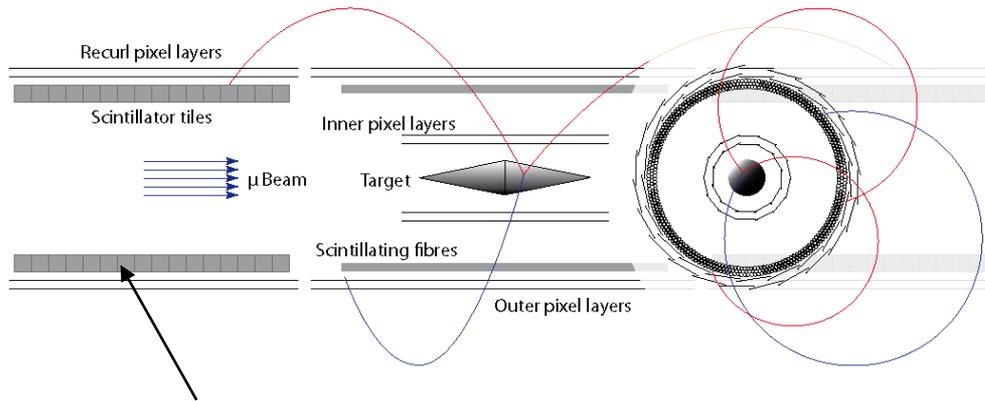


# ToF Detector for Mu3e



## Mu3e Experiment:

- Searching for LFV decay  $\mu \rightarrow eee$
- Aimed sensitivity  $BR \approx 10^{-16}$

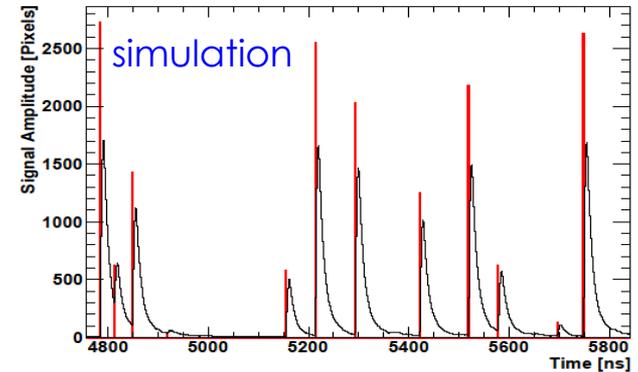


## ToF tile detector:

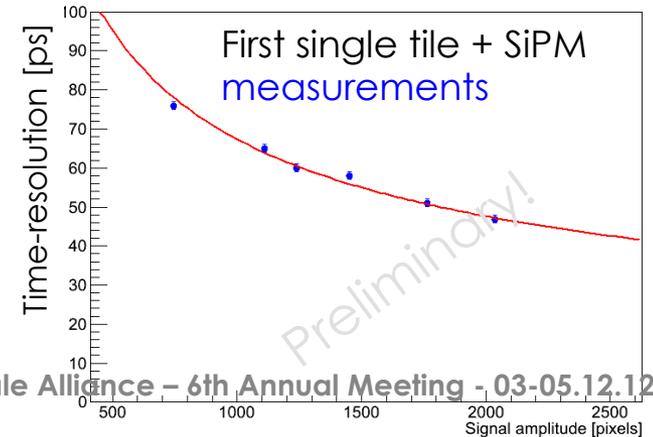
- Ca. 7000 scintillator + SiPMs
- STiC2.0 Readout
- Time-resolution < 100ps
- High efficiency (>97%)
- High rates O(MHz/channel)
- ➔ First tests w/o STiC r/o
- ➔ Time resolution < 80ps achieved

## Detector + SiPM Simulation:

- Geant4 detector simulation + SiPM simulation (GosSiP)\*
- Performance & optimization studies

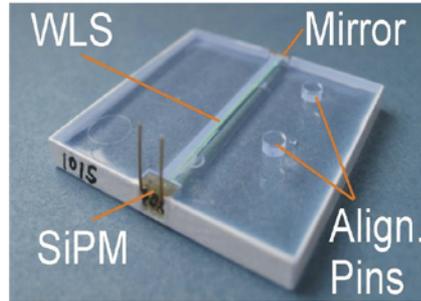
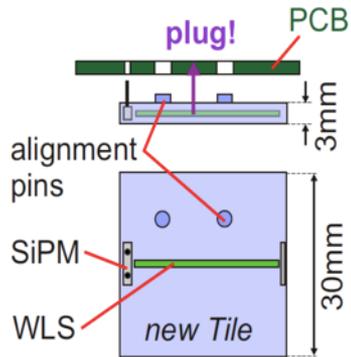


\*[Patrick Eckert et al., "Study of the Response and Photon-Counting Resolution of Silicon Photomultipliers Using a Generic Simulation Framework", 2012 JINST 7 P08011]



# SiPM Activities at DESY & UniHH

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Development & test of a engineering prototype of the Linear Collider hadronic calorimeter

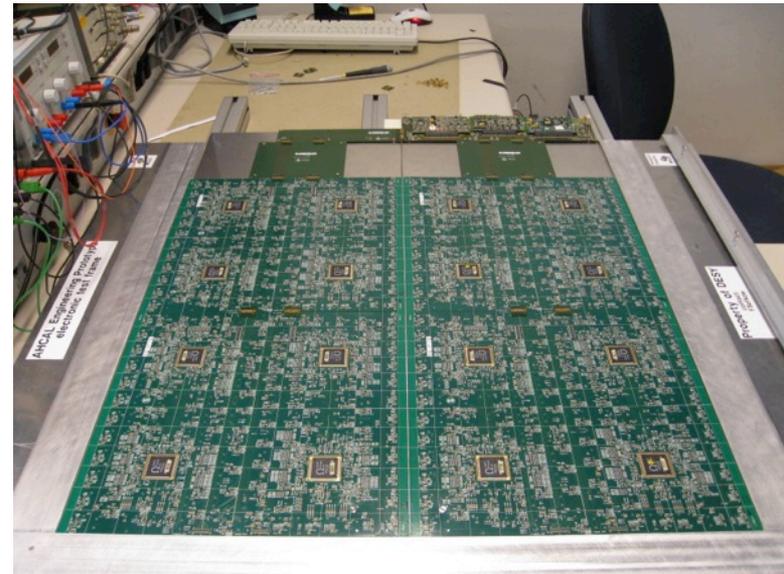
## Setup in CERN test beam:

- 1 layer, 72 x 72 cm<sup>2</sup> active area
- 576 tiles with SiPMs read out by 16 chips



## Scintillator tiles:

- 3 x 3 x 0.3 cm<sup>3</sup>
- individual SiPMs with 796 pixels
- assembled tiles with SiPMs from ITEP, bias adjusted to 15 pixels/MIP



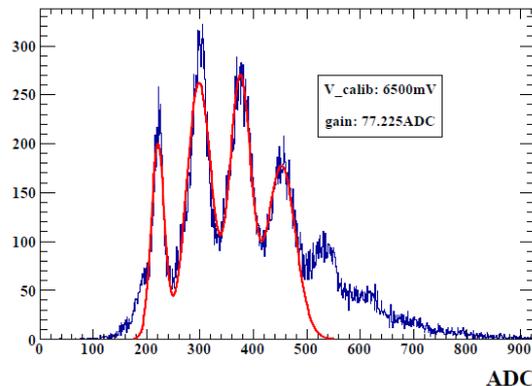
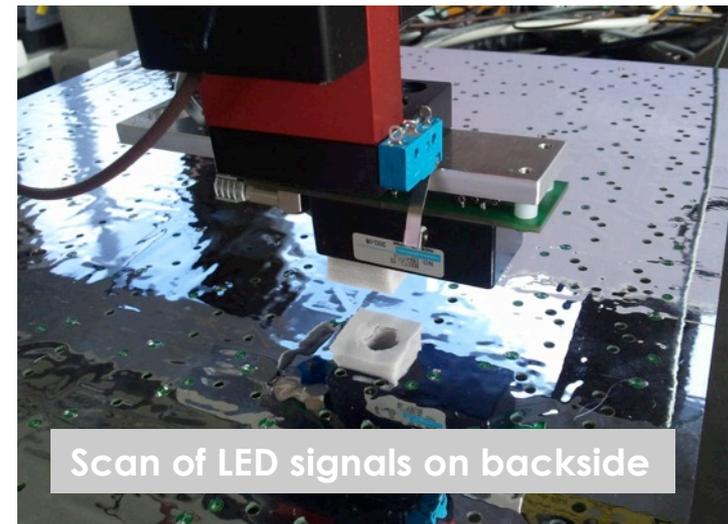
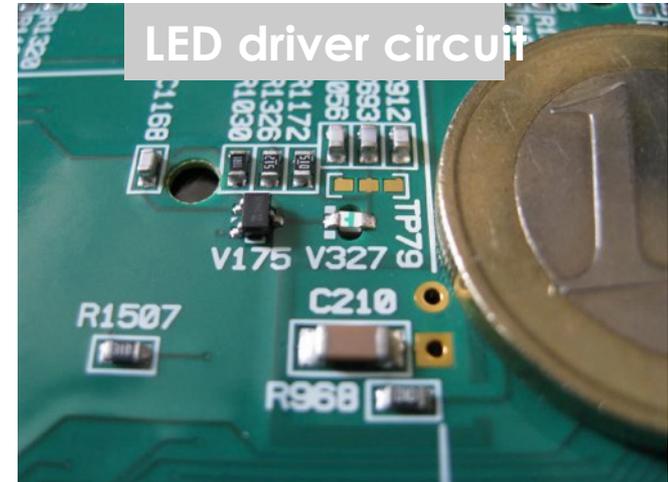
# Activities in Wuppertal

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Development and characterization of a SiPM calibration system for large number of channels

## SiPM Gain Calibration with UV LEDs:

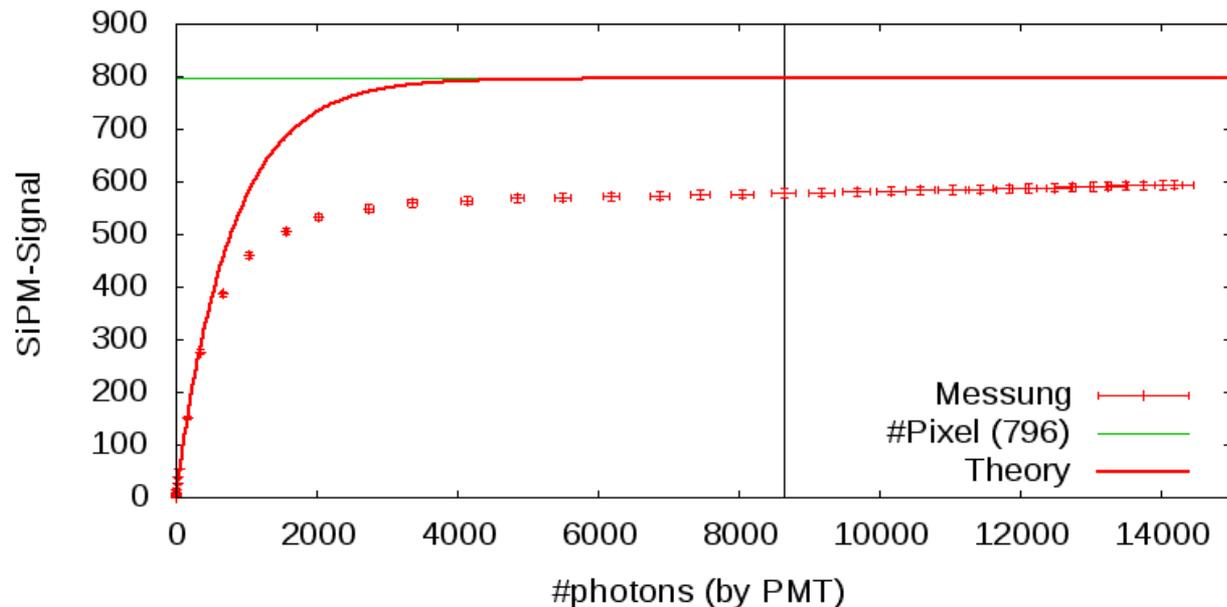
- Very short light pulse ( $< 10$  ns)
- Scaling to large number of channels (144 / module) done
- Crucial for calibration: equalize all LED light outputs



Signal distortions observed with LED scanner → due to reflections on PCB and long signal delays

## Measurement of SiPM saturation point:

- Single Tile and SiPM with 796 pixels
  - Light guided to SiPM by fiber
- Light monitored by PMT (calibrated to „pixels“)
- LED calibration circuit utilized to measure saturation point
- Observe reduced dynamic range due to inhomogeneity of light in the fiber, hence on SiPM front face

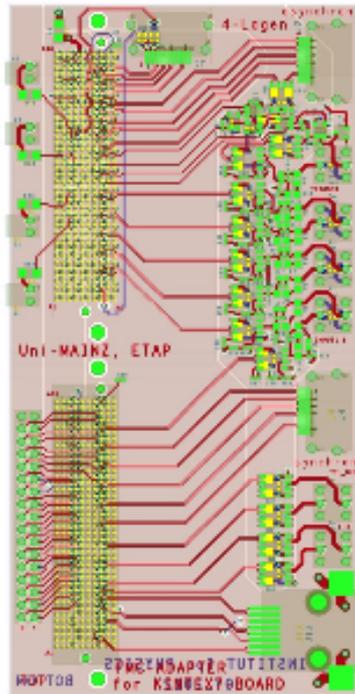


Data Acquisition development for the ILD analog hadronic calorimeter with SiPM readout.

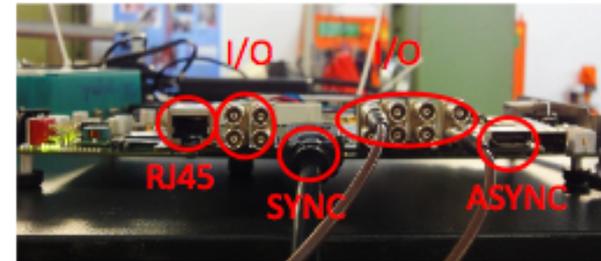
## AHCAL read-out:

- New **Clock & Control card (CCC)** developed and build.
- New interface for configuration and control.
- Very high stability, successfully employed in 2012 test beams.

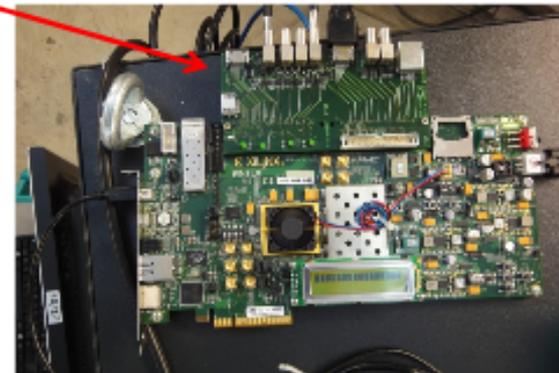
CCC mezzanine from Mainz:



CCC at the testbeam (front):

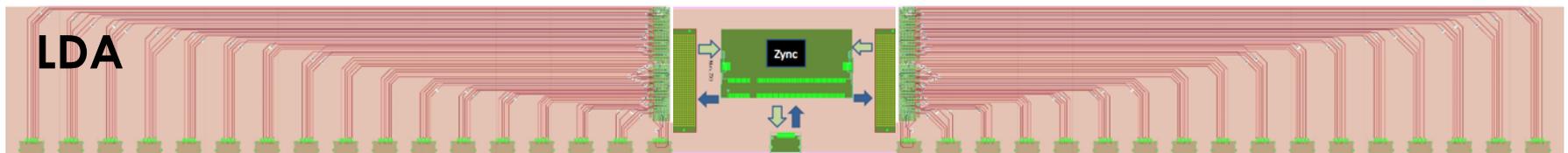
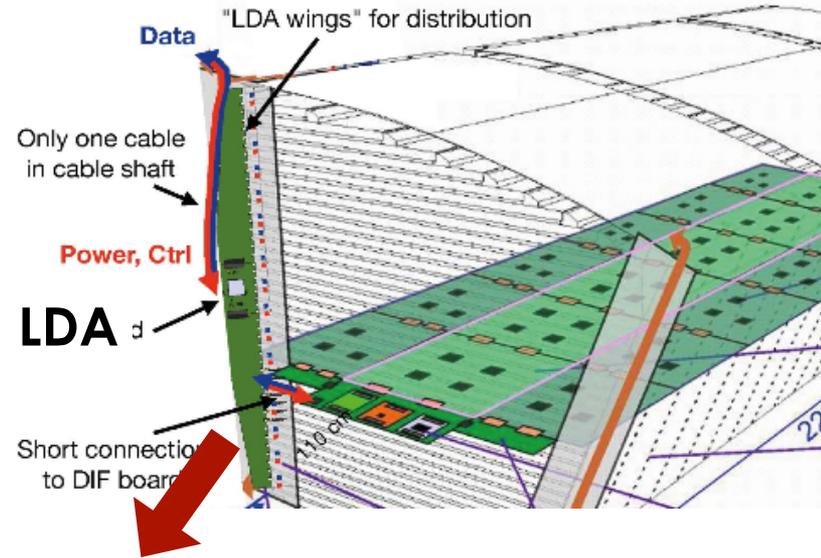


CCC at the testbeam (top):



## AHCAL read-out:

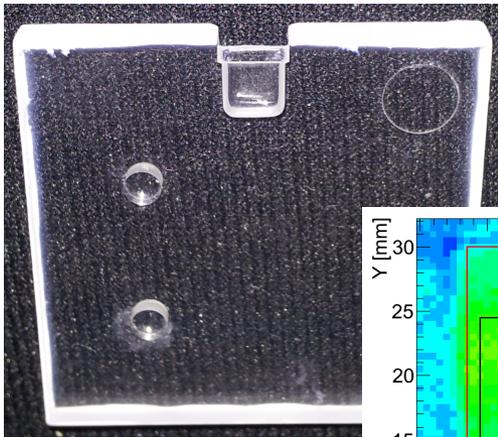
- Development of **digital read-out board (LDA)** for 2013 test beams.
- Final & full-scale design for ILD detector
  - ⇒ each board reads out all 48 scintillator layers of one AHCAL octant



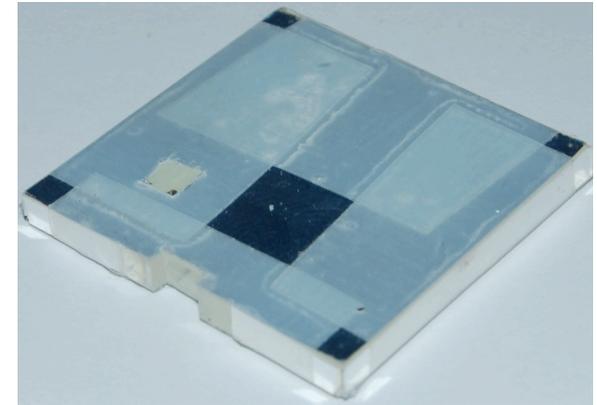
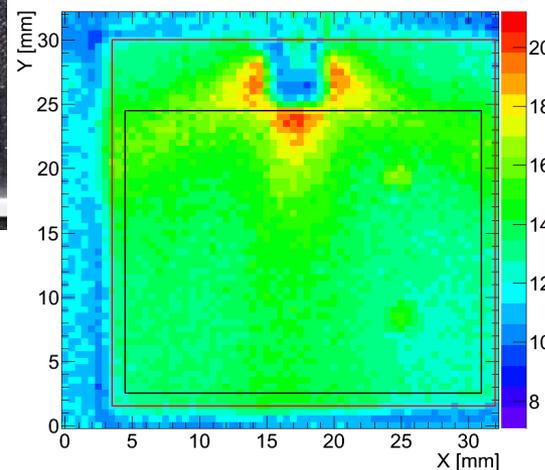
100 cm

Improve on the tile design in terms of light yield uniformity, reproducibility, production time and cost

- Compare:
- molded vs machined scintillator tiles
  - chemically matted sides vs fully wrapped tiles
  - different types of SiPMs from various producers



fiberless tile  
MPI Munich  
and ITEP

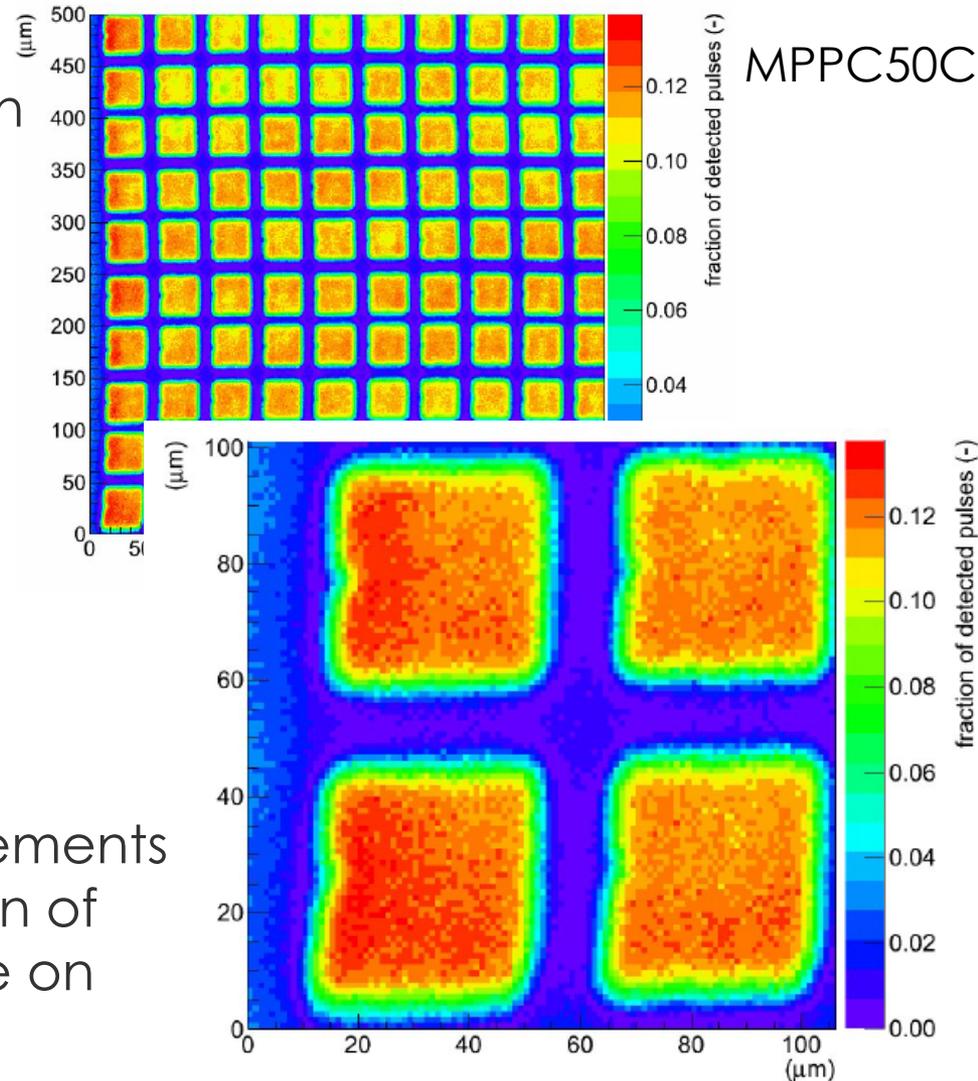
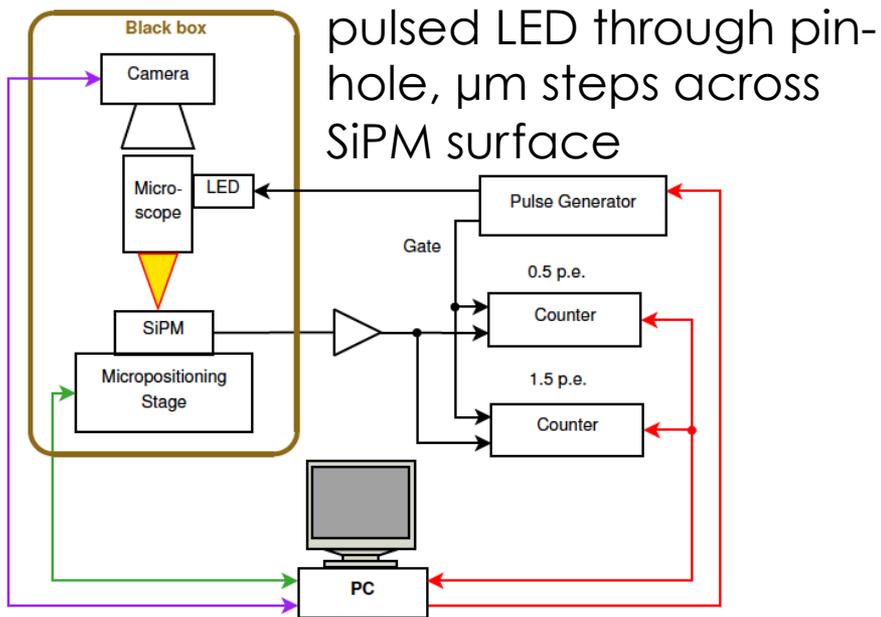


fully wrapped  
Uni. Hamburg

# Detailed SiPM Scans at MPI

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- Developed a setup for SiPM scanning with sub-pixel resolution



- Pixel-by-pixel fill-factor measurements
  - Device uniformity, comparison of different devices, dependence on operating parameters

# Practicum SiPM-box

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USB  
controlled  
SiPM bias  
and pulse  
generator

Simple & “economic” way to get started with SiPM characterization. Ready to use box for practicum classes or bachelor students.

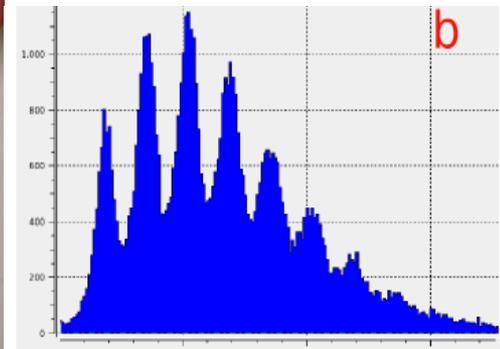
- First box in use in the Uni.HH lab.
- Second prototype used Bonn
- Third under discussion with KIT

optical  
fiber

LED light

SiPM  
holder

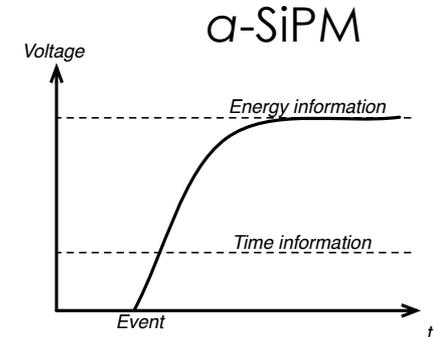
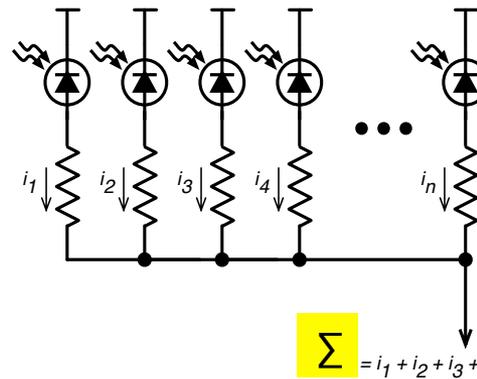
SiPM  
included



# Digital vs analog SiPMs

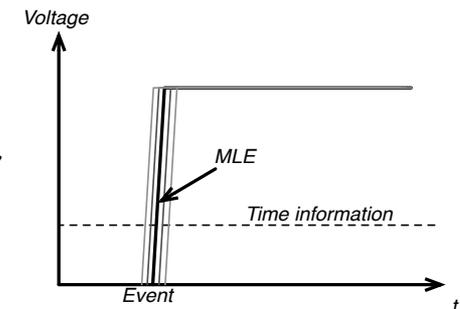
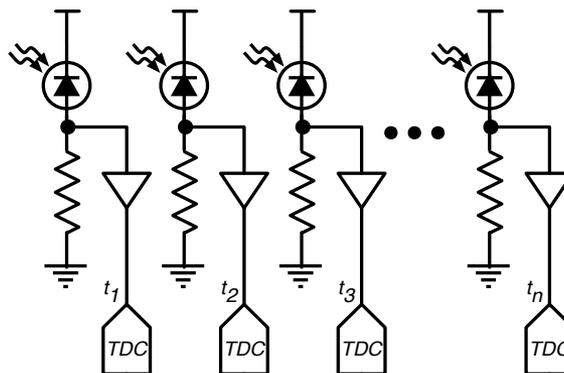
## The $\alpha$ -SiPM

- low rise time;
- high capacitance;
- reasonable fill factor (FF);
- mature technology;
- commercially available
- time over threshold discr.
- **require dedicated ASIC**



## The $d$ -SiPM

- very low rise time;
- individual SPAD readout
  - single photon counting
  - optimum timing
- high functionality
- **ambitious/risky**
- **novel technology**



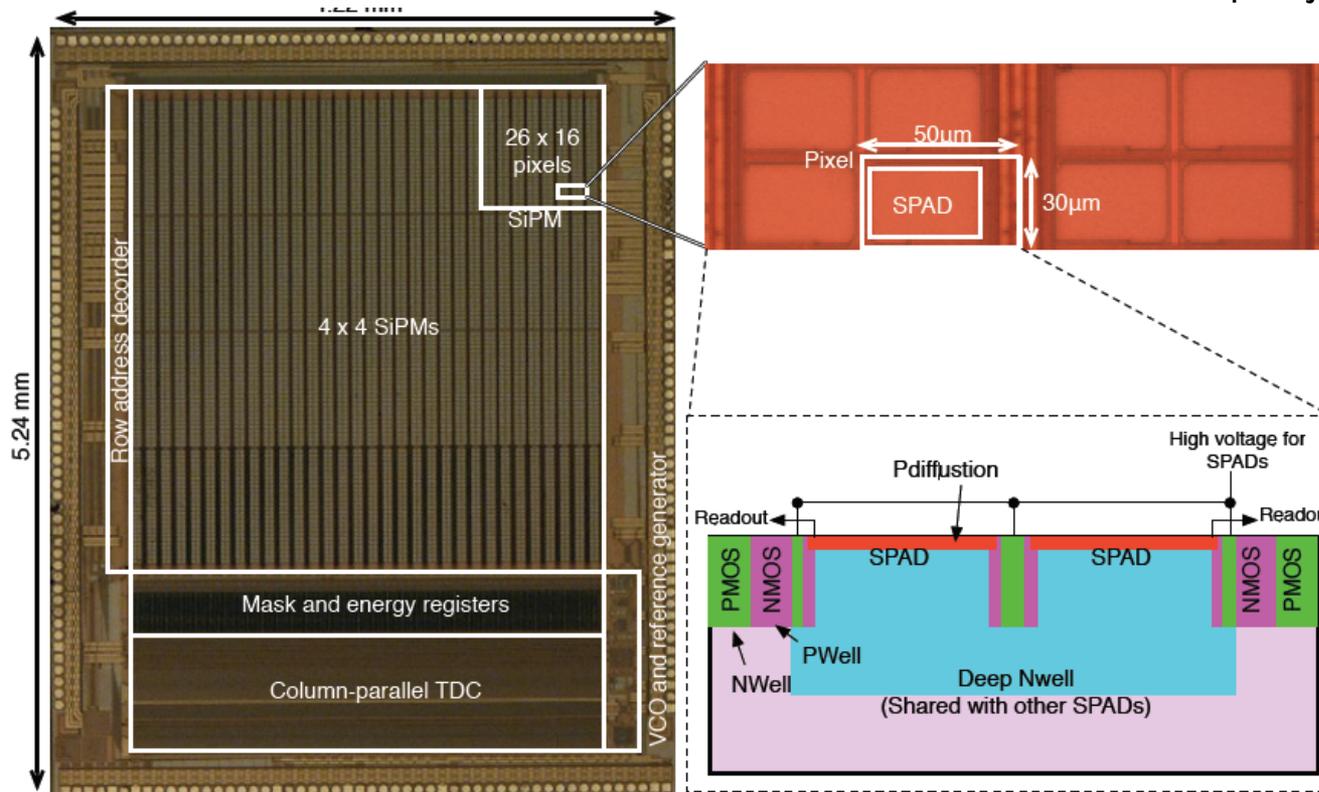
E. Charbon - TU Delft

# dSiPM Activities at DESY & UniHH

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Gain experience with dSiPM  
Application in medical imaging

custom-made prototype chip with  
16 test geometries produced for the  
EndoTOFPET-US project



Largest fill factor:  
57%

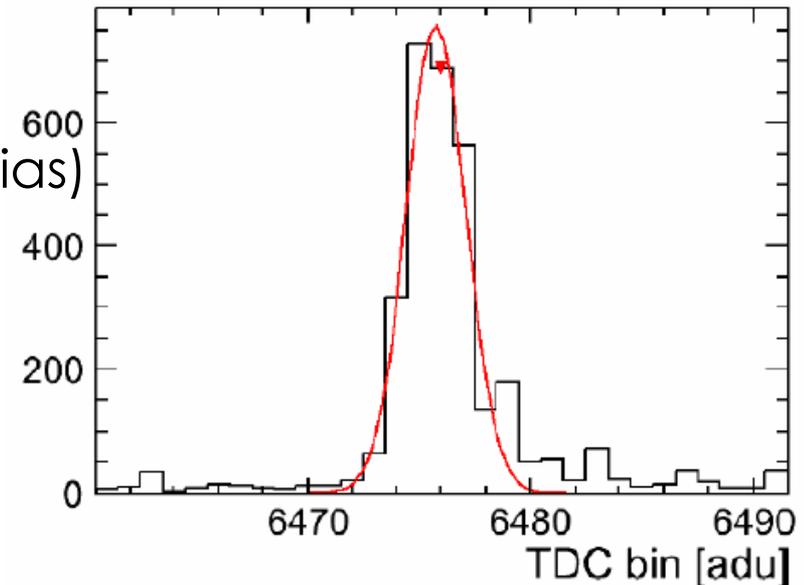
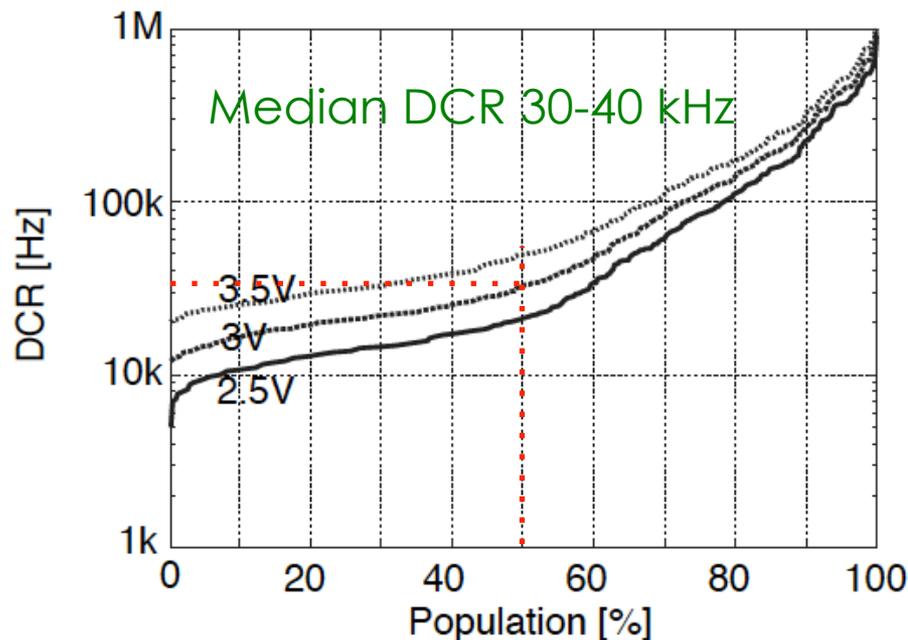
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[See S. Mandai and  
E. Charbon, IEEE 2012]

Energy measurement: 416 pixels / SiPM with single bit count  
Time measurement: 48 TDC / SiPM with < 50ps time bin

## SPAD array characterization:

- PDE = 12.5% (for FF = 57%)
- DCR = ~10 MHz (@25°C, 2.7V excess bias)
- DCR can be reduced by masking noisy pixels



Single pixel time resolution:

Measured  $144.0 \pm 13.0$  ps  
(FWHM)

Subtracting laser jitter (35ps)  
and clock and PLL jitter  $115.0 \pm 13.0$  ps

# Conclusion & Outlook

Thanks to the Alliance VSL it was possible to:

- Boost the application of SiPM in high energy physics experiments
- Share knowledge, experience and tools for SiPM operation
- SiPM dedicated ASIC chips (for high precision charge or time measurements) KLauS2.0 samples **available on request**; STiC2.0 **available after evaluation**.
- Sophisticated simulations tools to model the SiPM response  
→ **available**
- Characterization test benches for SiPMs and SiPMs + active media → **usable on request**
- A simple practicum SiPM-box → **available**
- Support existing projects employing SiPMs as photo-detector and starting new ones

A very valuable experience to connected the community → to be continued ...