



The dRICH photosensors: SiPM studies

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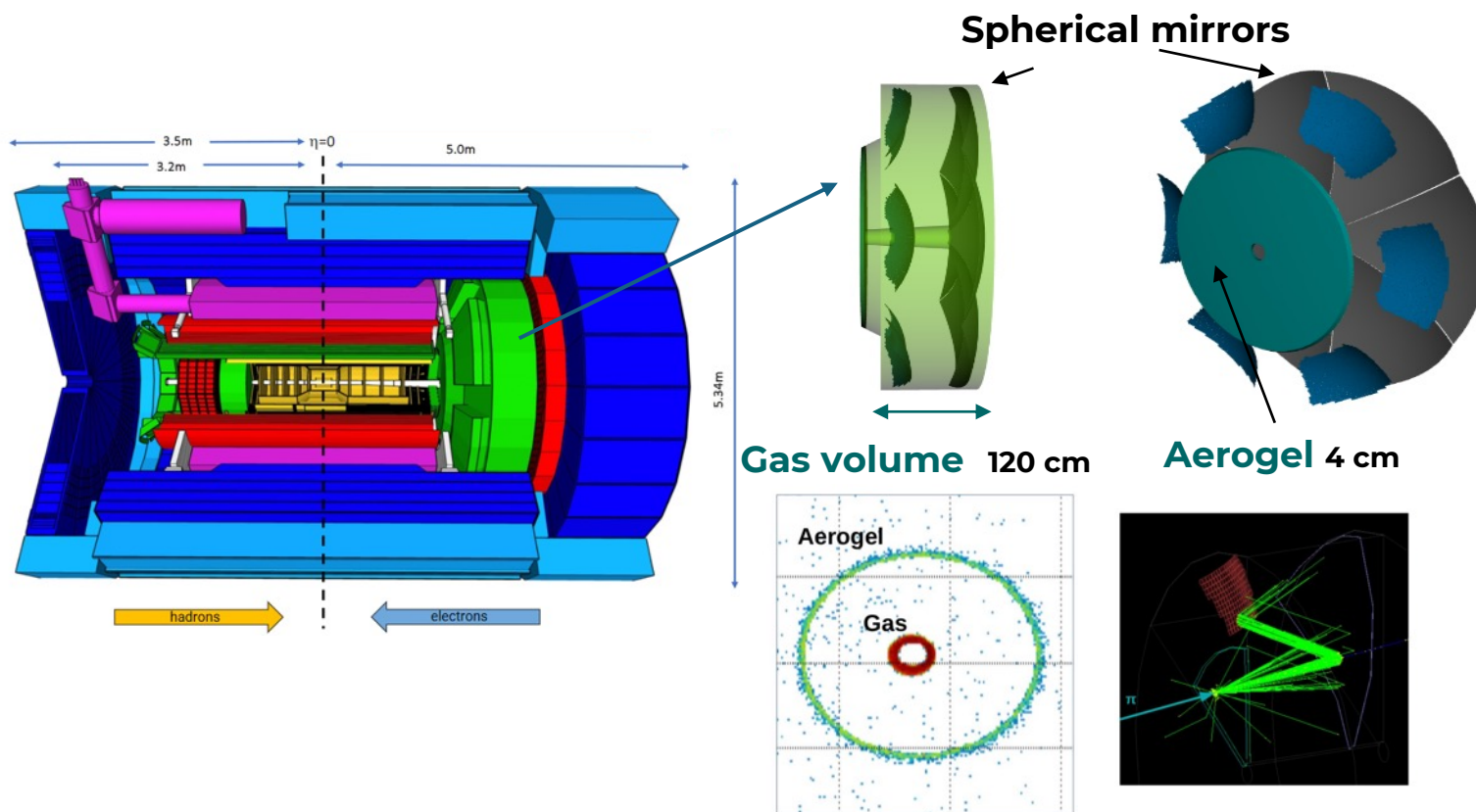
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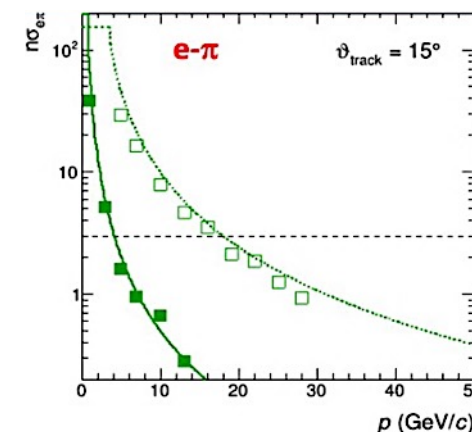
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Introduction: the dual-radiator (dRICH) for forward PID

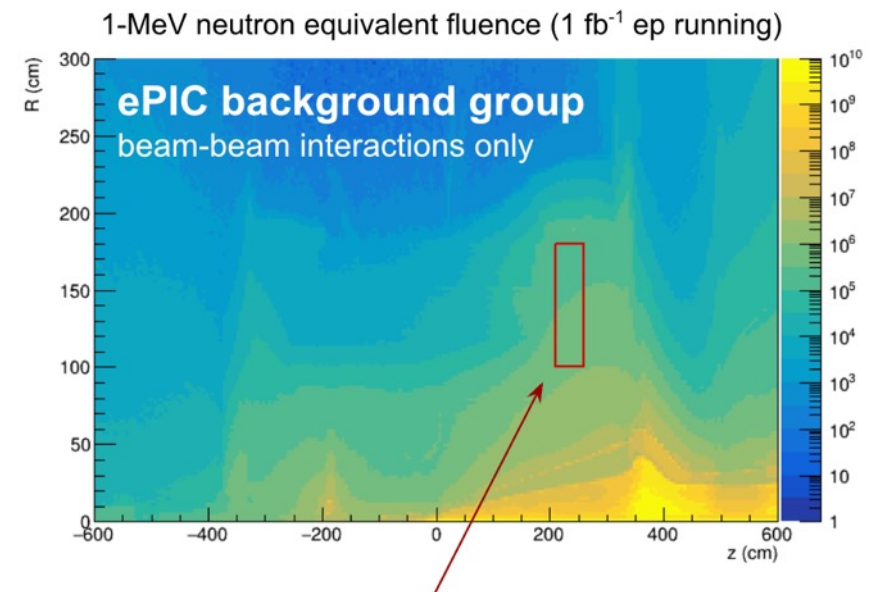
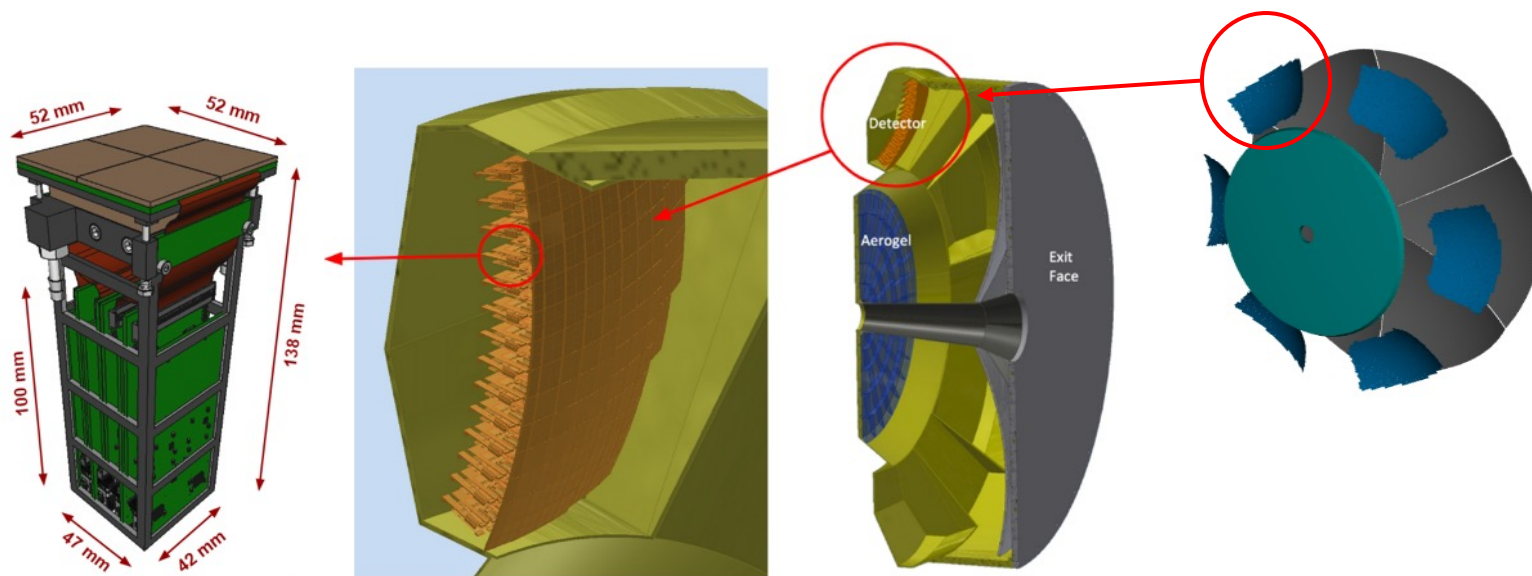
Compact and cost-effective solution for broad momentum (3-50 GeV/c) coverage at forward rapidity π/K 3σ separation at 50 GeV/c



RADIATORS: aerogel ($n \sim 1.02$) and C_2F_6 ($n \sim 1.0008$)
MIRRORS: 6 open sectors of large outward-reflecting
Photosensors: $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$ pixels 0.5 m^2 per sector in 1 T magnetic field and radioactive environment for low light level detection.

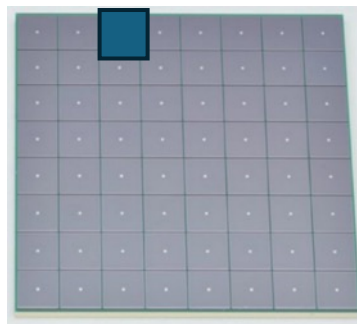


Introduction: the photosensors



SiPM is the best photosensor candidate:
Single Photon sensitivity ~ 10 phs per Cherenkov event
 Good **timing** performance < 100 ps
Cheap and **insensitive** to magnetic fields
BUT
High DCR @RT and **high radiation sensitivity**

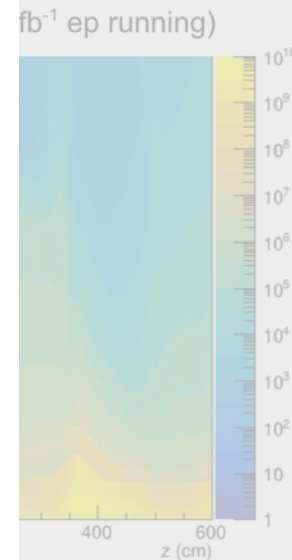
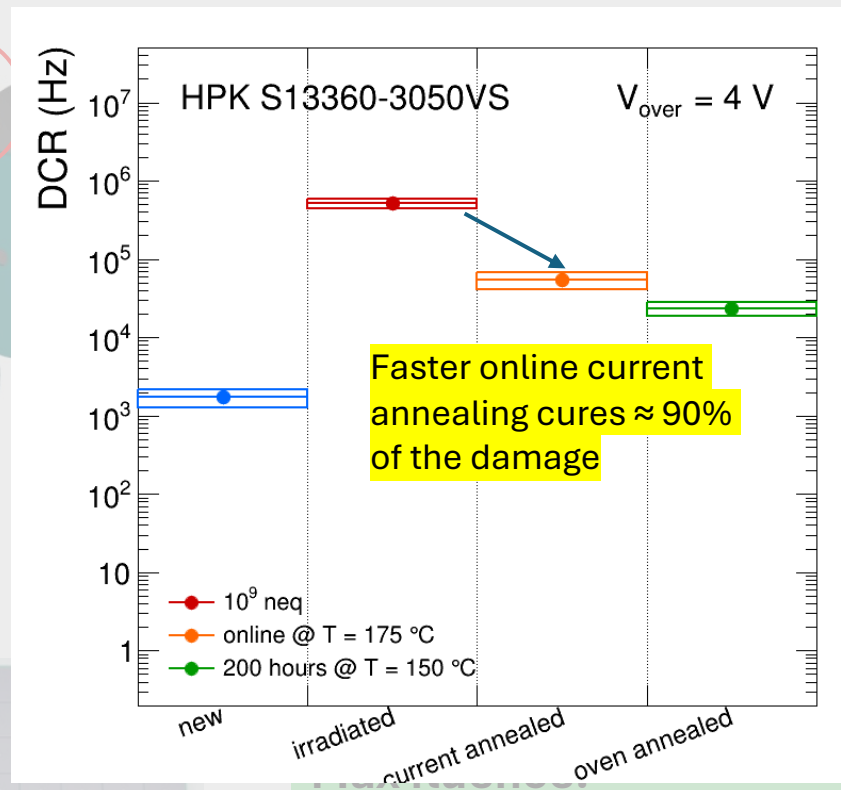
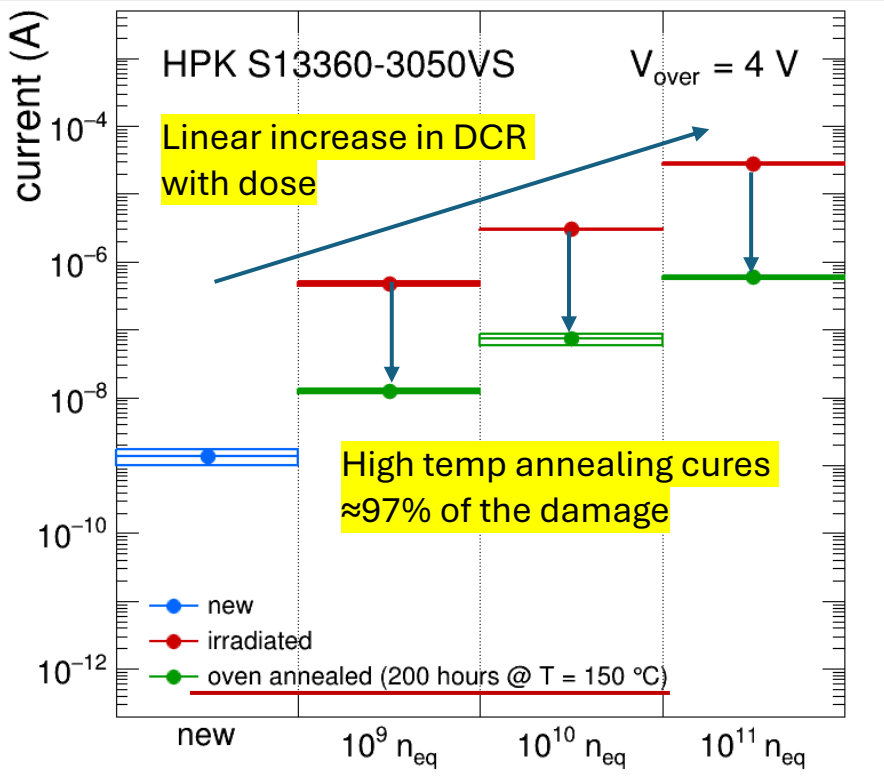
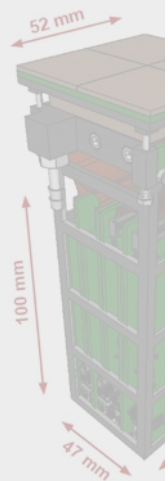
3 x 3 mm²



Location of photosensors
Max fluence $\approx 2.25 \cdot 10^7 \text{ n}_{\text{eq}} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{fb}^{-1}$
Max fluence (SFx2) $\approx 4.5 \cdot 10^7 \text{ n}_{\text{eq}} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{fb}^{-1}$

Values changed in the last simulations!

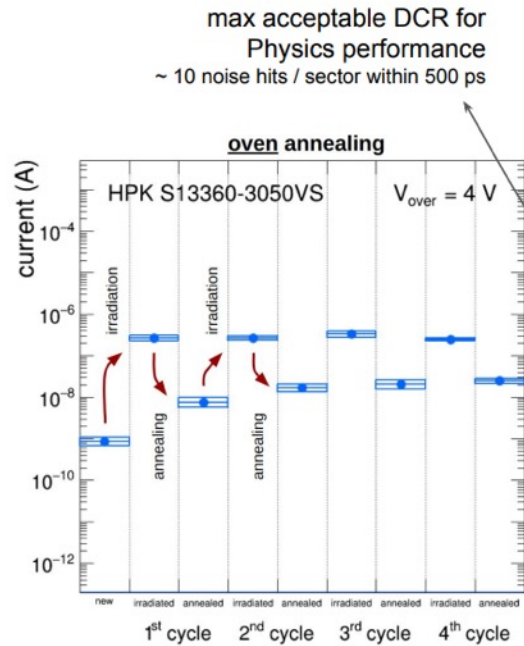
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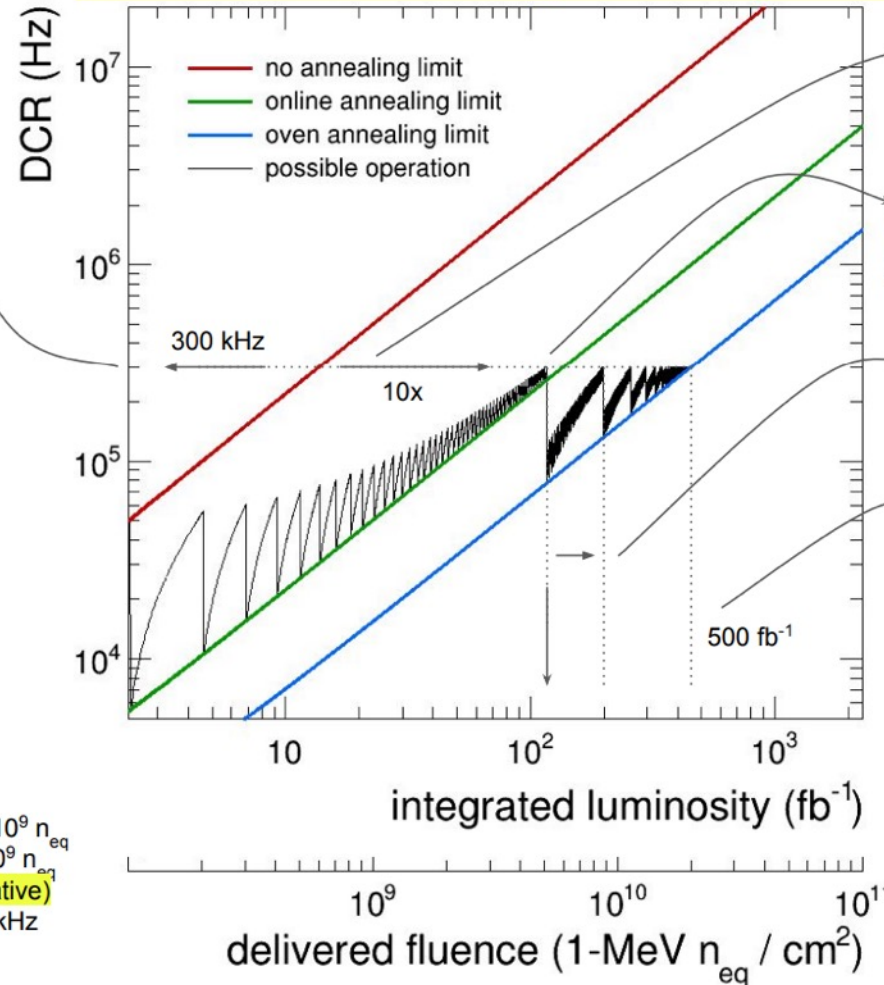
SiPM is the
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$2.25 \cdot 10^7 neq / cm^2 / fb^{-1}$
 Total fluence ($100 fb^{-1}$):
 $\approx 4.5 \cdot 10^{10} neq / cm^2$

Ageing model



Hamamatsu S131360-3050 @ $V_{over} = 4 V, T = -30 C$



online annealing extends SiPM lifetime by ~ 10x

more aggressive annealing needed here might need to unmount SiPM (oven)

up to 200 fb^{-1} with only one oven annealing cycle

could reach 500 fb^{-1} with optimisation of online annealing protocol to approach oven performance

these predictions are according to present knowledge / tested solutions
there are more handles to further mitigate DCR
lower V_{over} , 3V
lower T operation -40 C or below

model input from R&D measurements

- DCR increase: $500 \text{ kHz}/10^9 n_{eq}$
- residual DCR (online annealing): $50 \text{ kHz}/10^9 n_{eq}$
- residual DCR (oven annealing): $15 \text{ kHz}/10^9 n_{eq}$

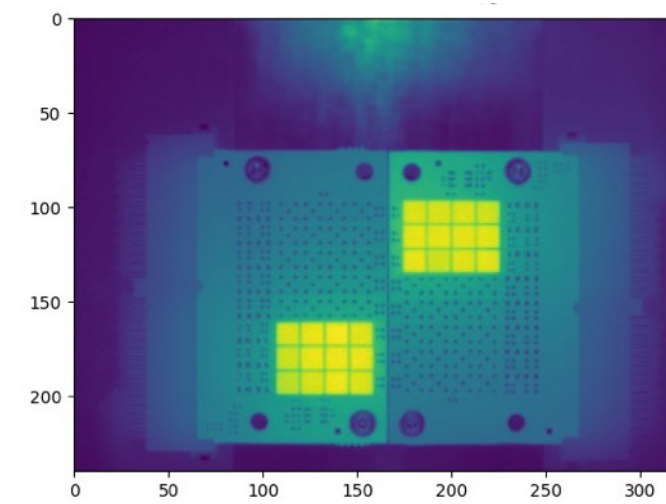
neutron fluence from background group (conservative)

- $7 \cdot 10^9 \text{ 1-MeV } n_{eq}/cm^2$ for 6 months at 500 kHz
- corresponds to $4.5 \cdot 10^7 n_{eq} / fb^{-1}$

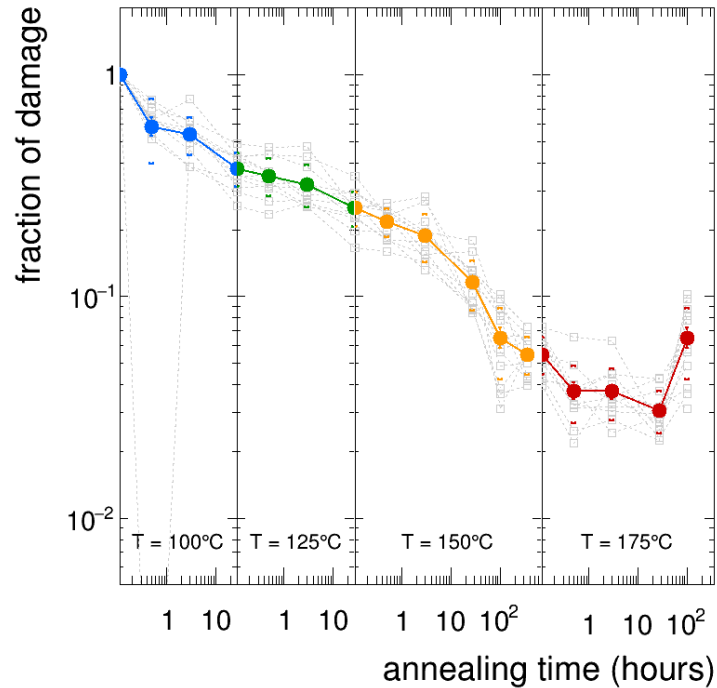
Update on current annealing

New **automated system** for **reverse** and **forward bias** allowed to test a **large number of irradiated sensors** at increasing **temperatures** and **time** (following procedures in literature).

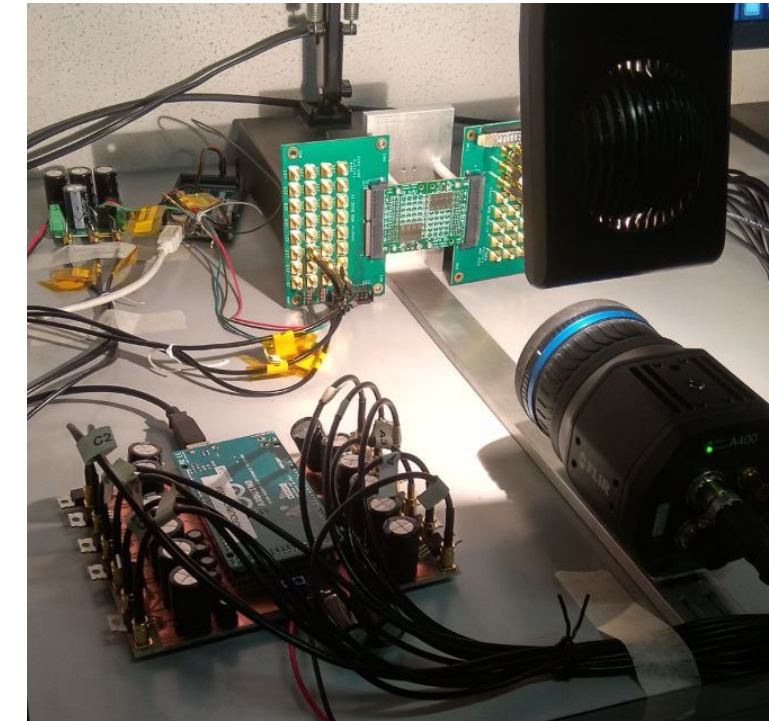
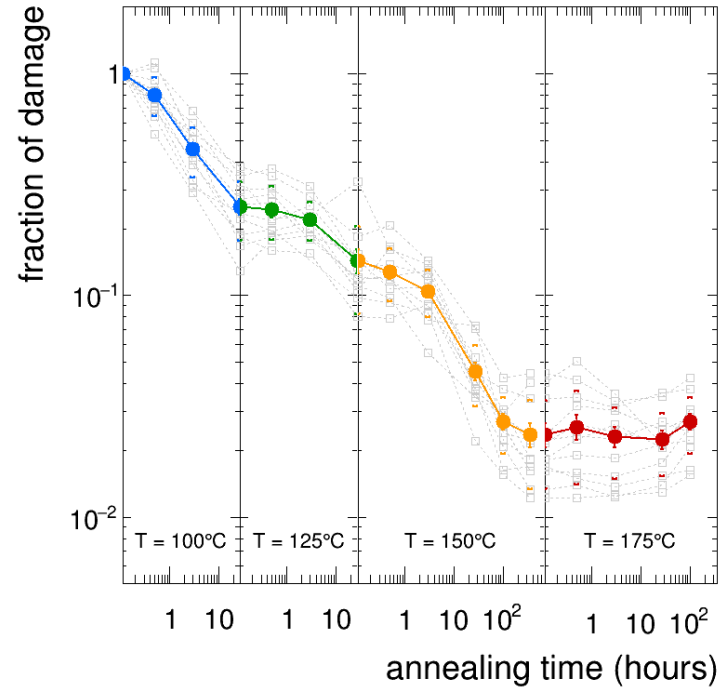
$$\text{Fraction of damage} = \text{DCR}_{\text{ann}} / \text{DCR}_{\text{irr}}$$



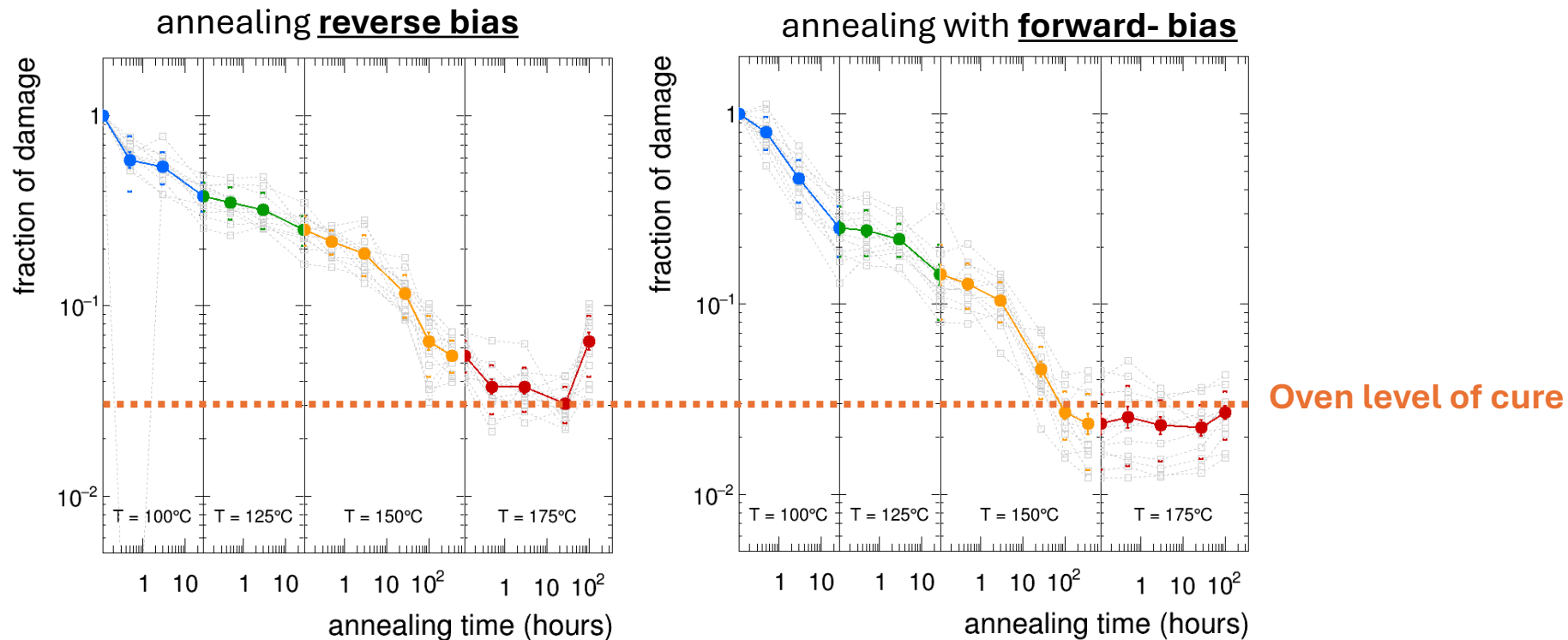
annealing reverse bias



annealing with forward- bias



Update on current annealing



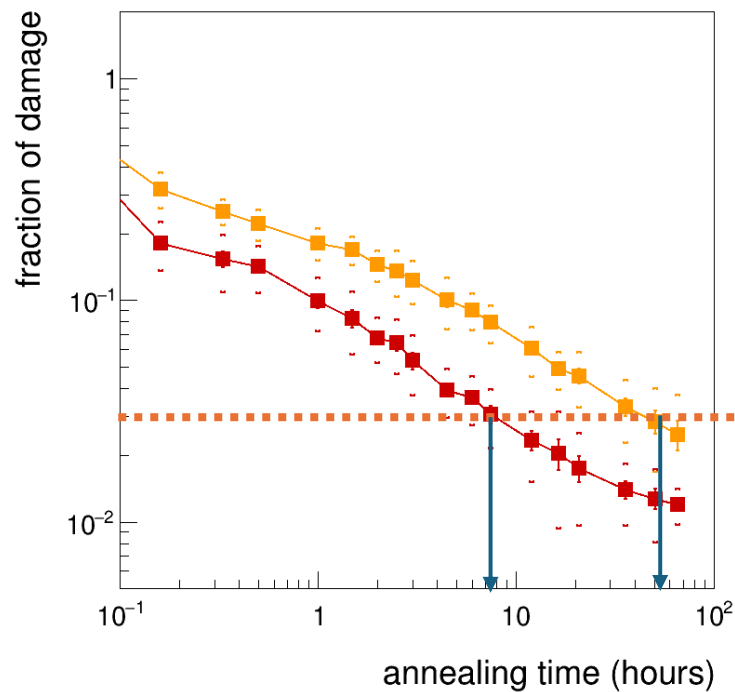
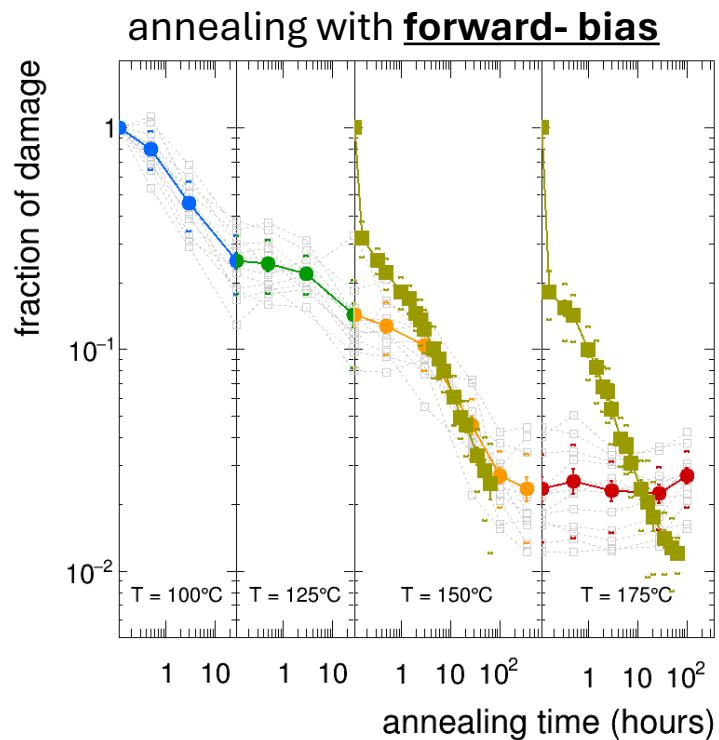
Forward bias is more effective

Fraction of damage saturates at 2-3% after 300 h @150 °C like the oven annealing

175 °C doesn't seem to cure more damage

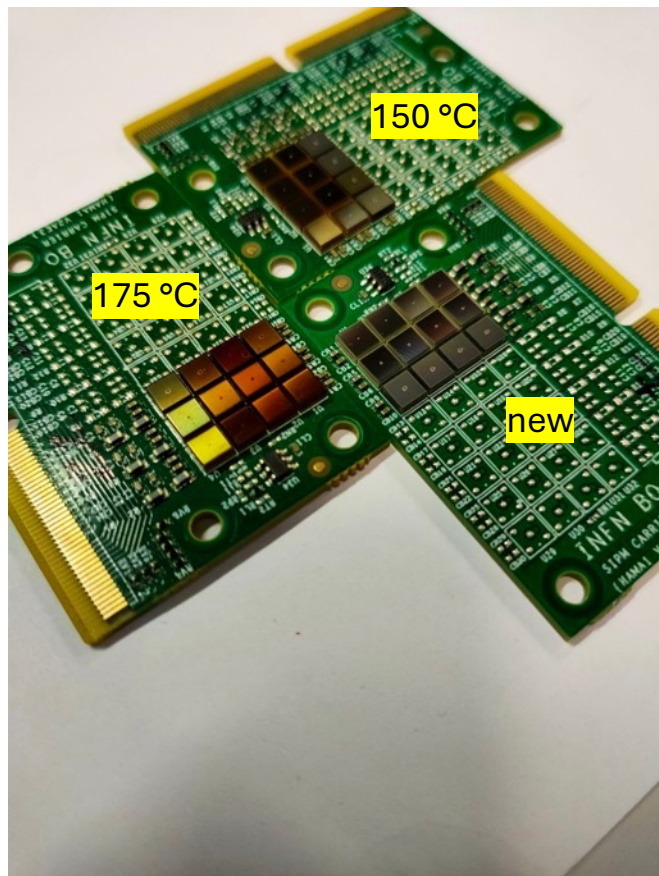
Update on current annealing

In ocr neutron irradiated boards annealed with single temperature (150-175 °C)



Oven level of cure reached:
 T = **175 °C < 10 hours**
 T = 150 °C < 100 hours

Optical window damage

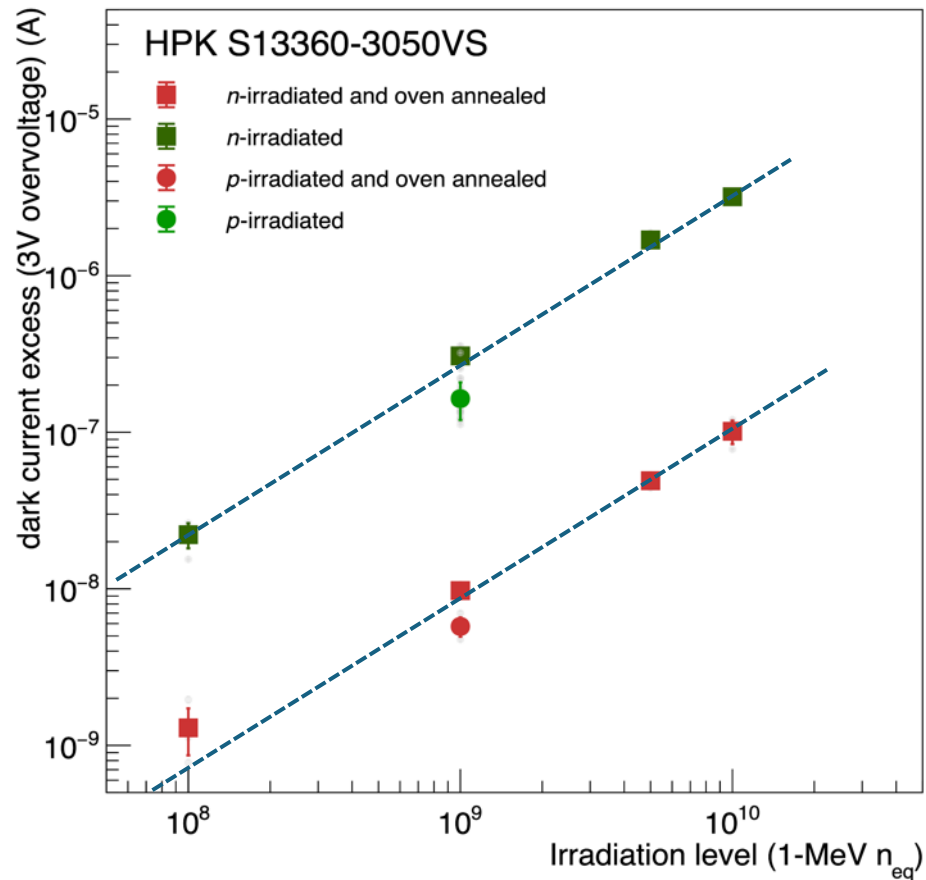
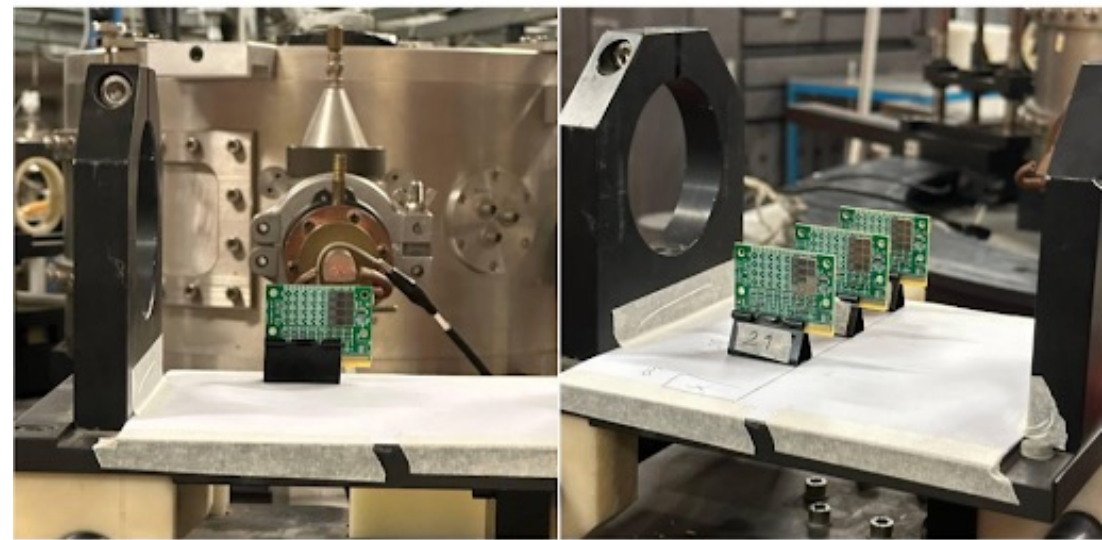


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Neutron irradiation studies

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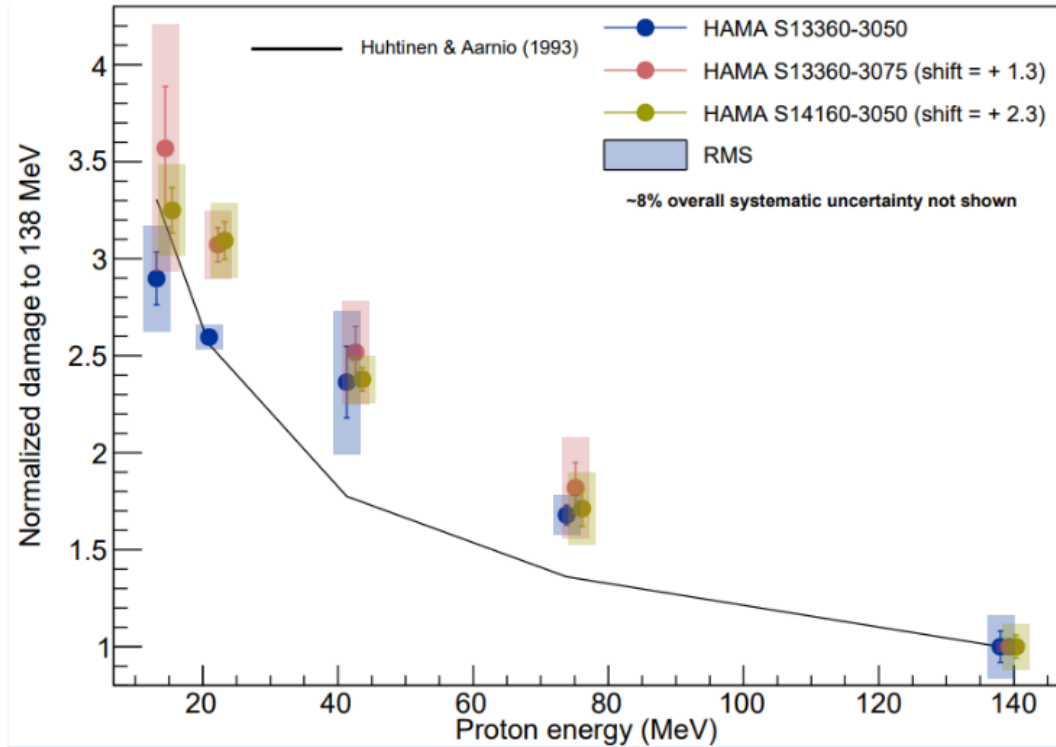
neutrons from Be(d,n) reaction with 4 MeV deuteron beam



Neutron damage is larger after same n_{eq} fluence with protons using **NIEL scaling** for normalisation by approximately a factor of **2x**

NIEL model violation? NIEL is for devices with no gain!

Proton energy scan



Damage vs. proton energy to test NIEL hypothesis

We found that the scaling is valid within 30-50%
using NIEL scaling for normalisation

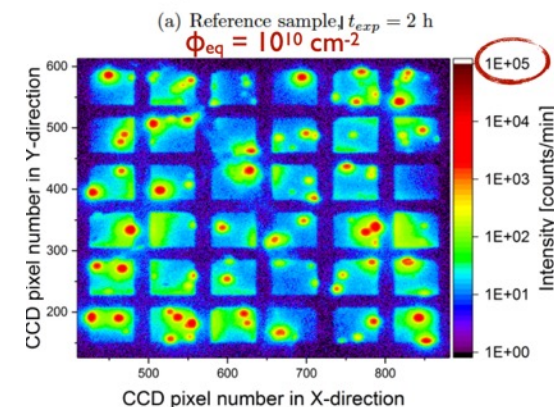
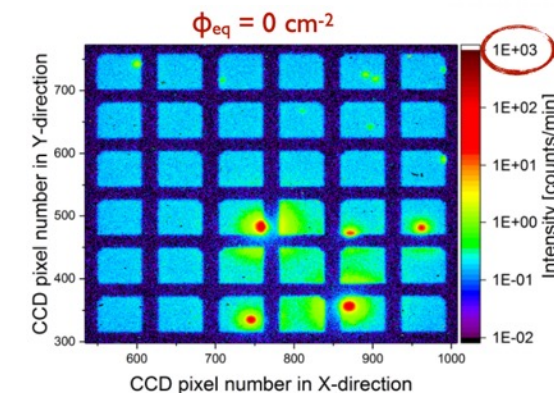
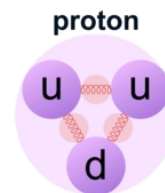
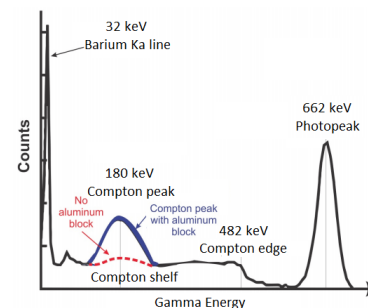
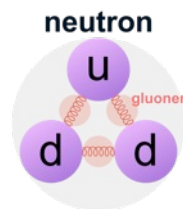
Next irradiation campaigns

Possibility to perform **lock-in thermal imaging (10 mK resolution)** in Dept. of Eng. in **Naples** before and after irradiation

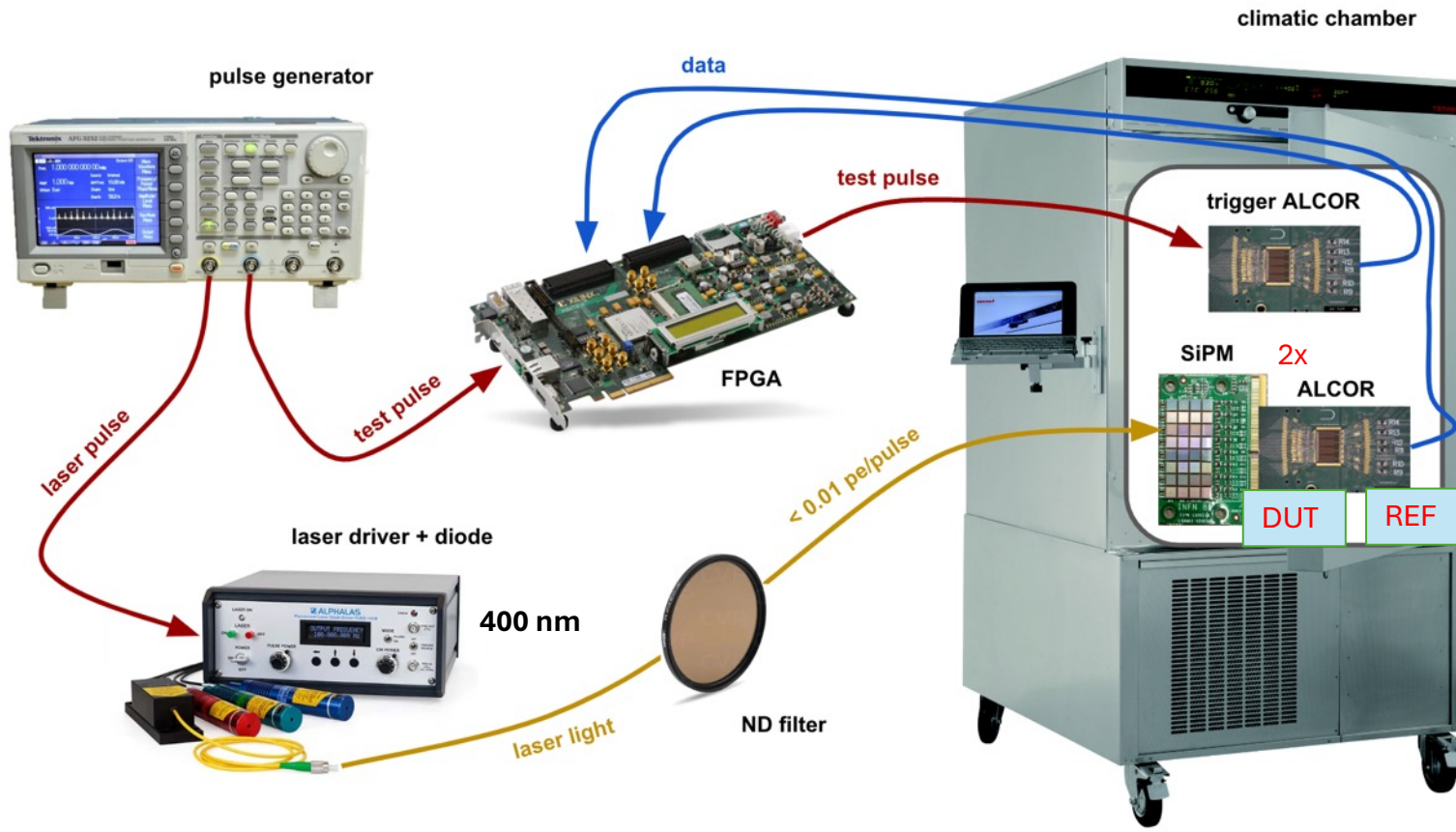
LNL: postponed to second half of **September**

GIF++: 14, 15, 16 **October** (first gamma irradiation)

TIFPA: 15-16 **Nov** and 20-21 **Dec** (SiPM + electronics)



New laser setup



ALCOR

32-pixel matrix mixed-signal ASIC

•the chip performs

- signal amplification
- conditioning and event digitisation

•each pixel features

- 2 leading-edge discriminators
- 4 TDCs based on analogue interpolation
 - 25 or 50 ps LSB (@ 320 MHz)
- digital shutter to enable TDC digitisation
 - suppress out-of-gate DCR hits
 - 1-2 ns timing window
 - programmable delay, sub ns accuracy

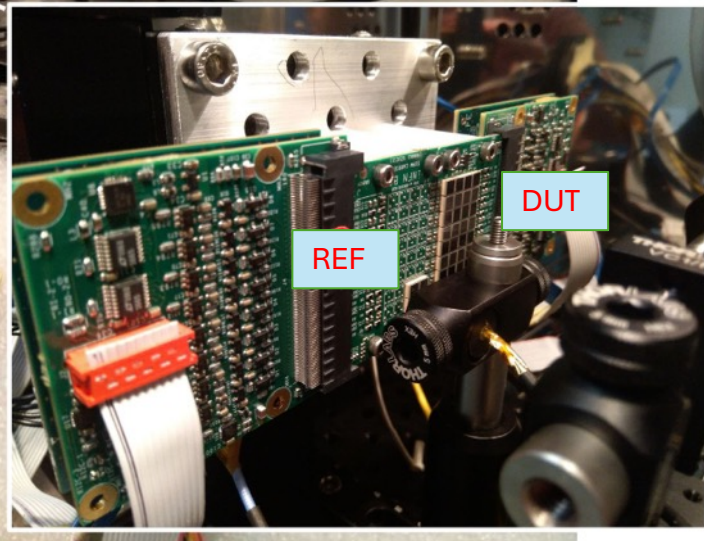
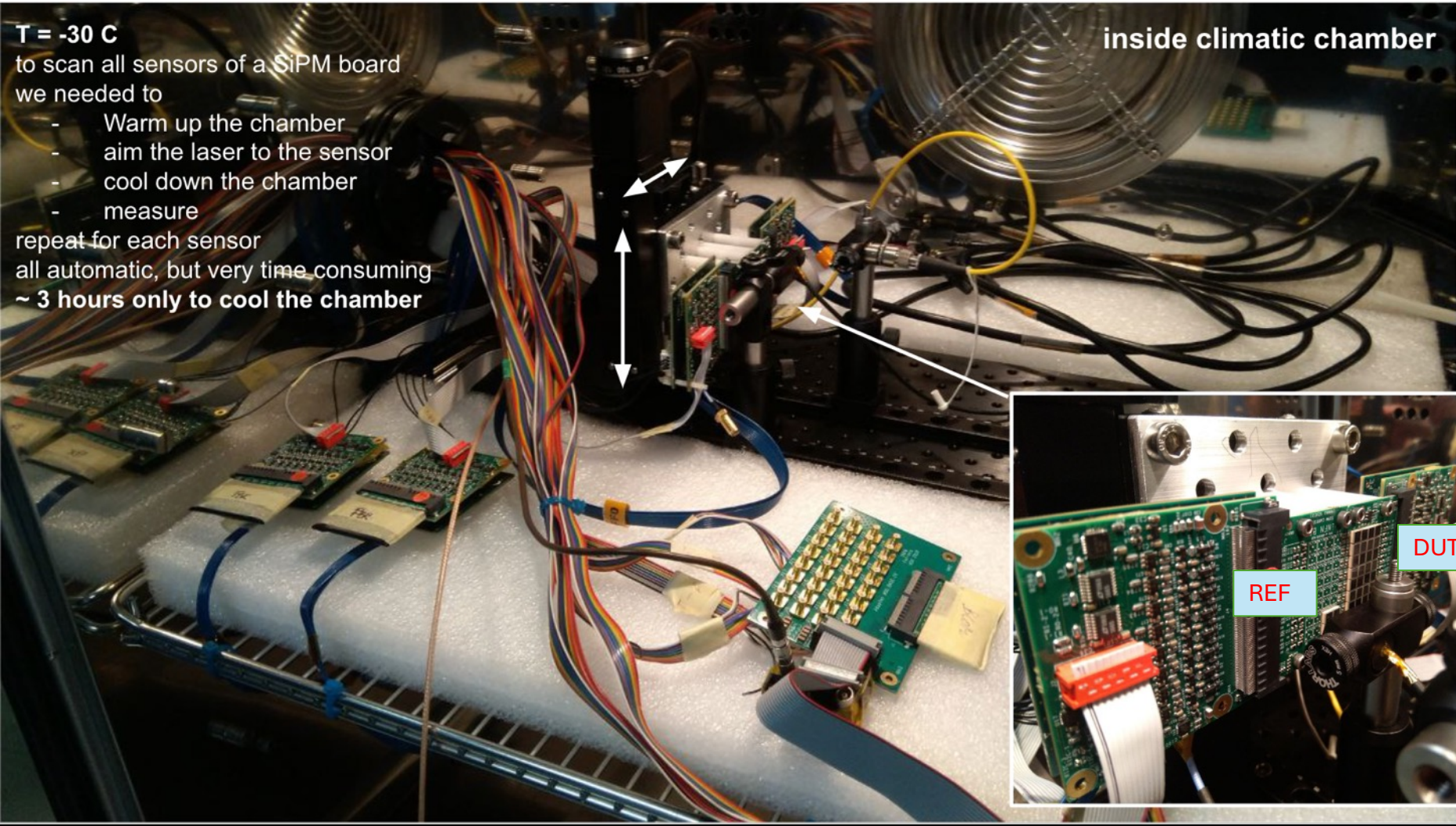
•single-photon time-tagging mode

- continuous readout
- also with Time-Over-Threshold

•fully digital output

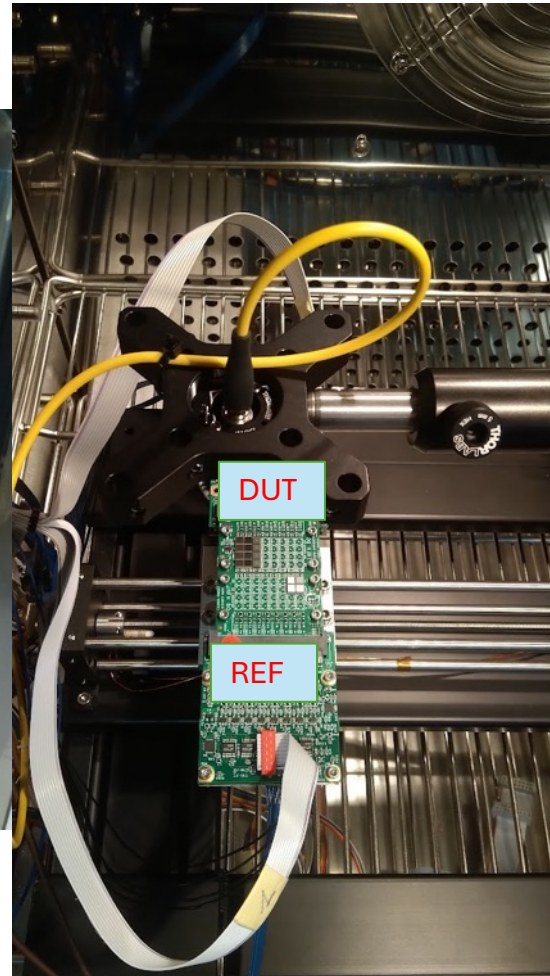
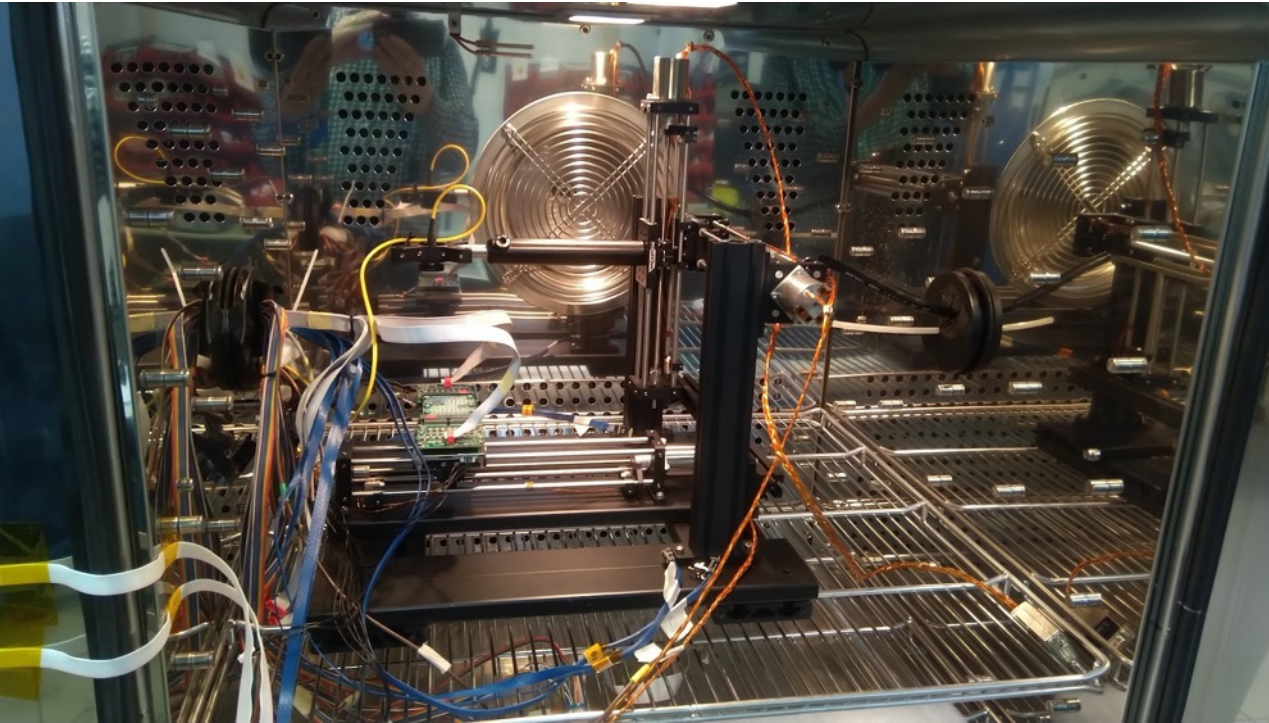
- 4 LVDS TX data links

Old 2 axis stage



New laser setup 3 axis stage

$\lambda=400$ nm 1 mm² single photon spot

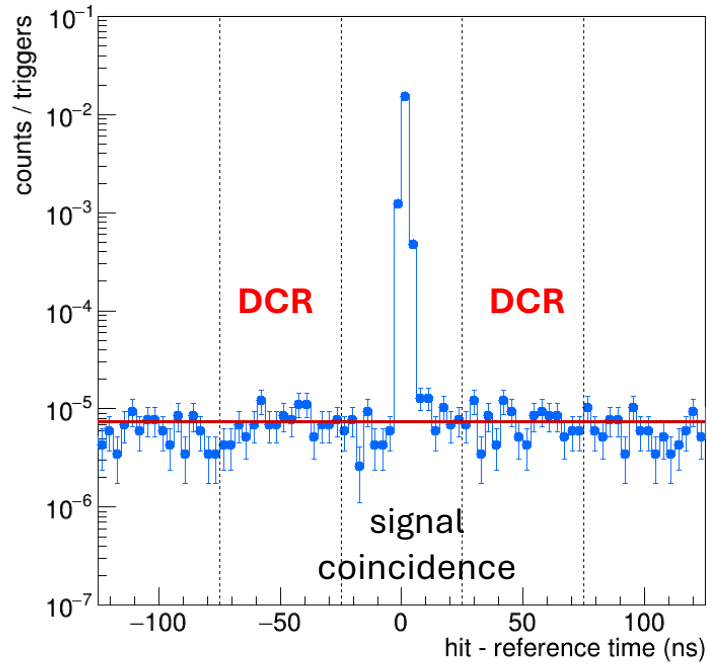


working down to -40 °C

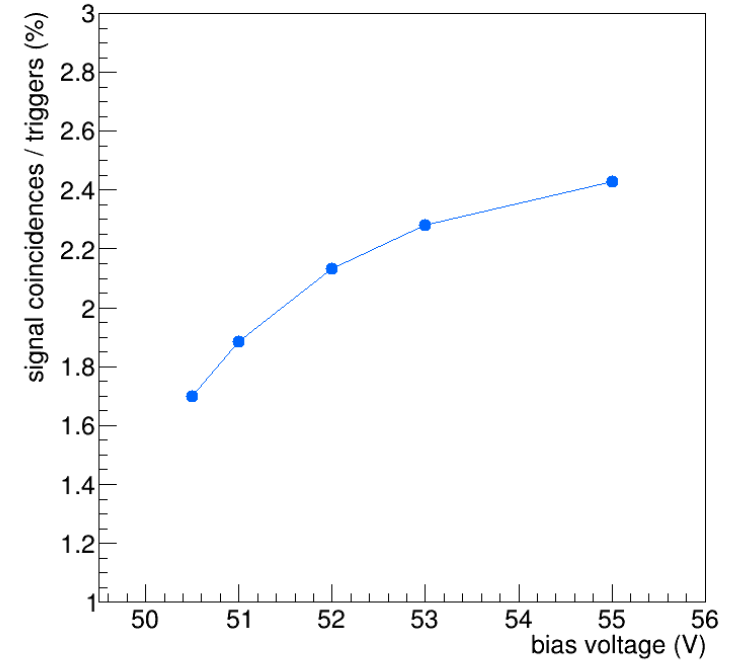
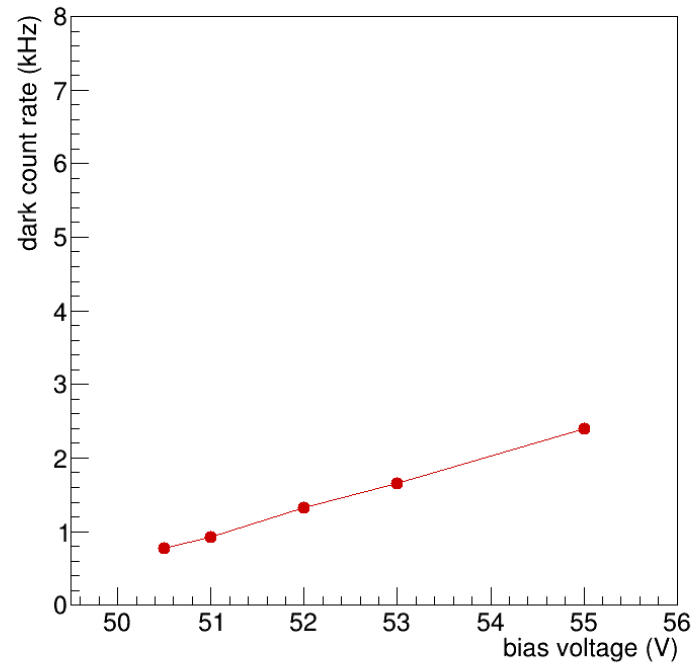
Allow to measure a DUT and the reference sensor without thermal cycling the system

New laser setup measurements example

measured signal coincidences



background-subtracted counts / triggers



probability to detect light given laser pulse \propto PDE

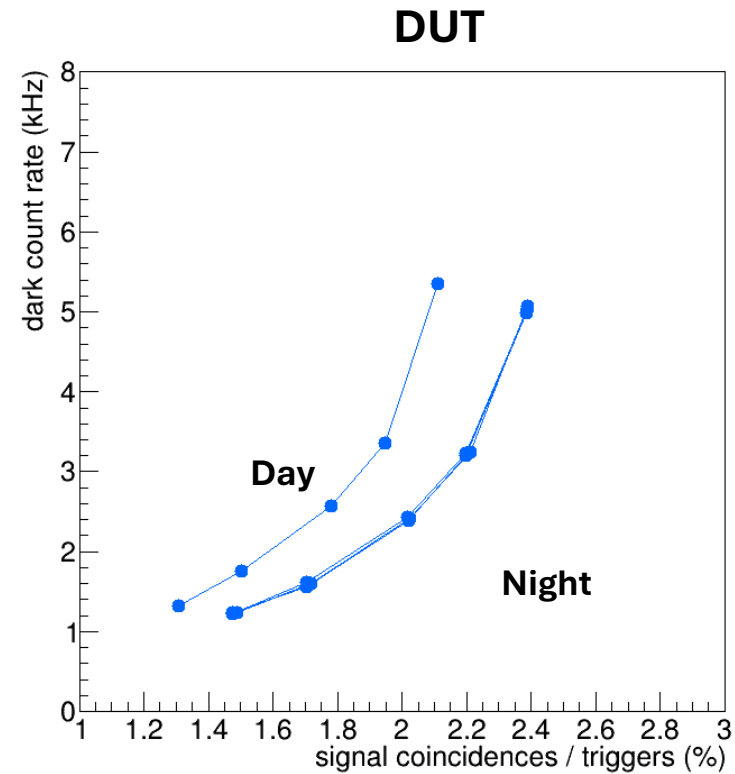
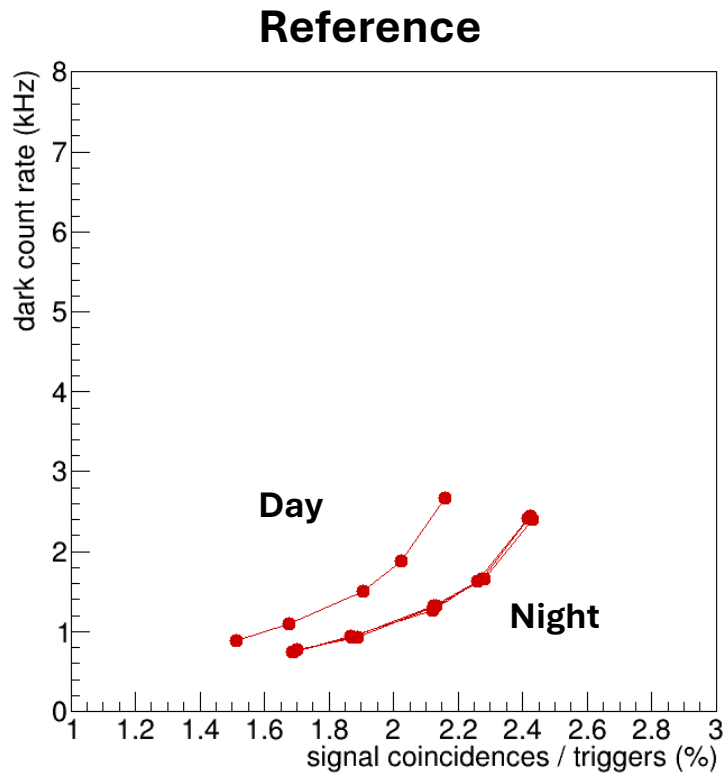
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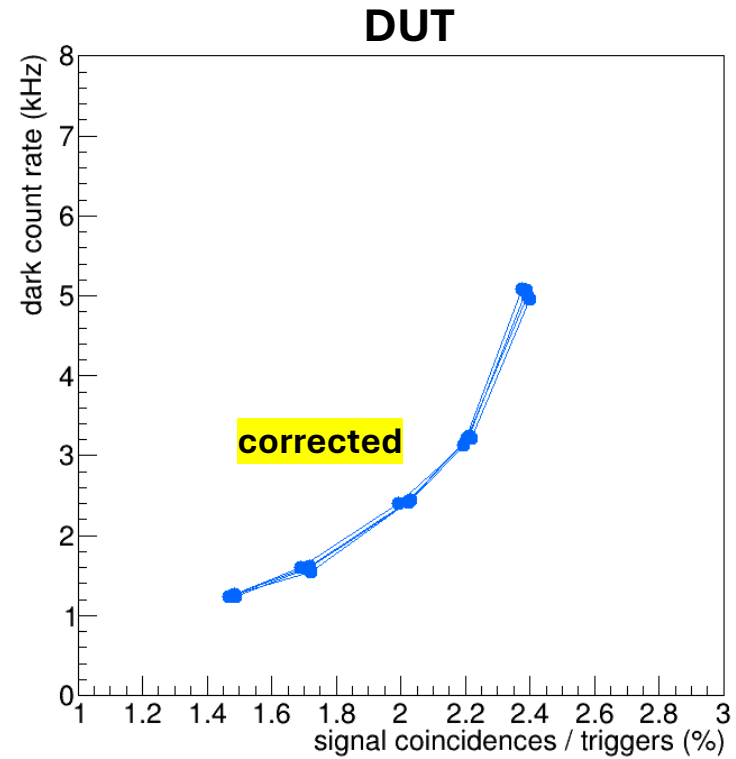
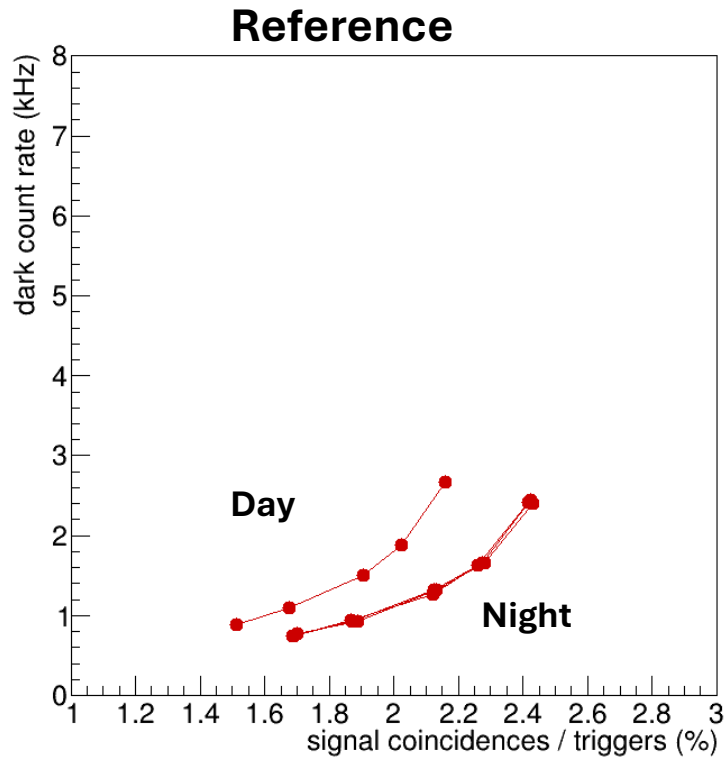
Yes



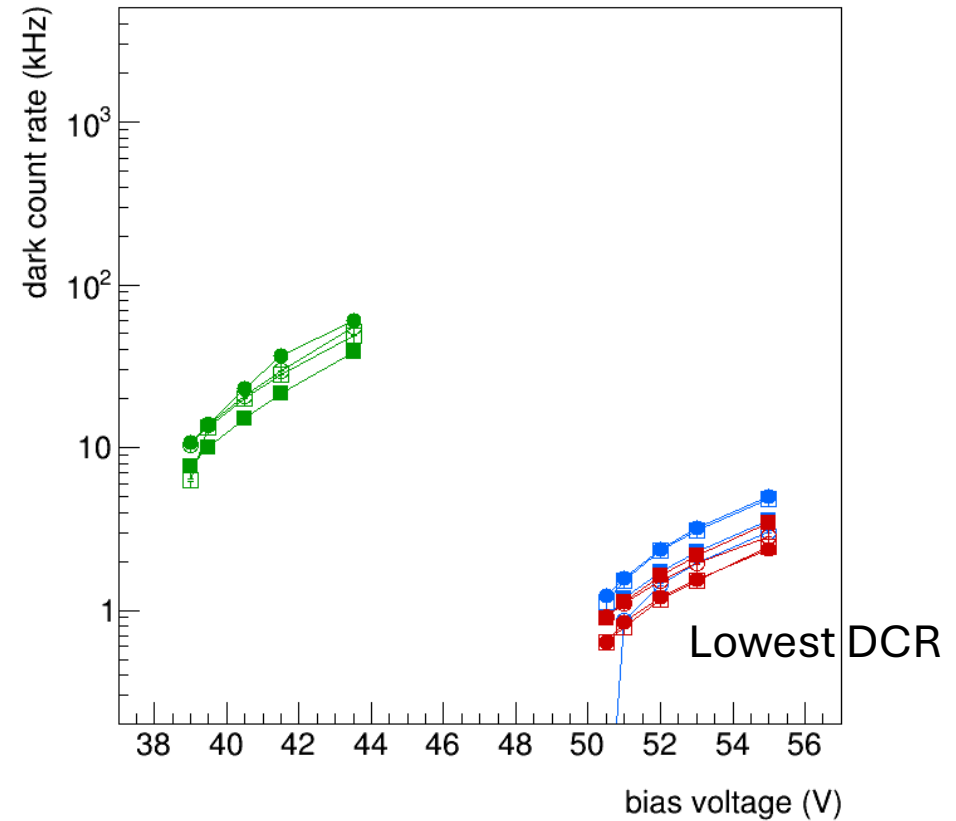
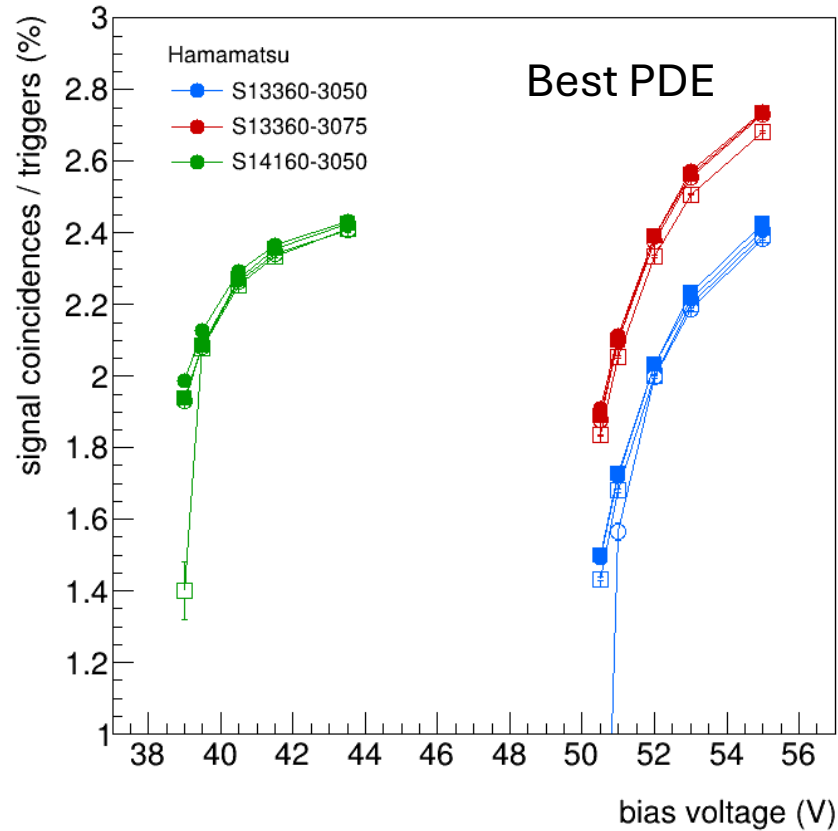
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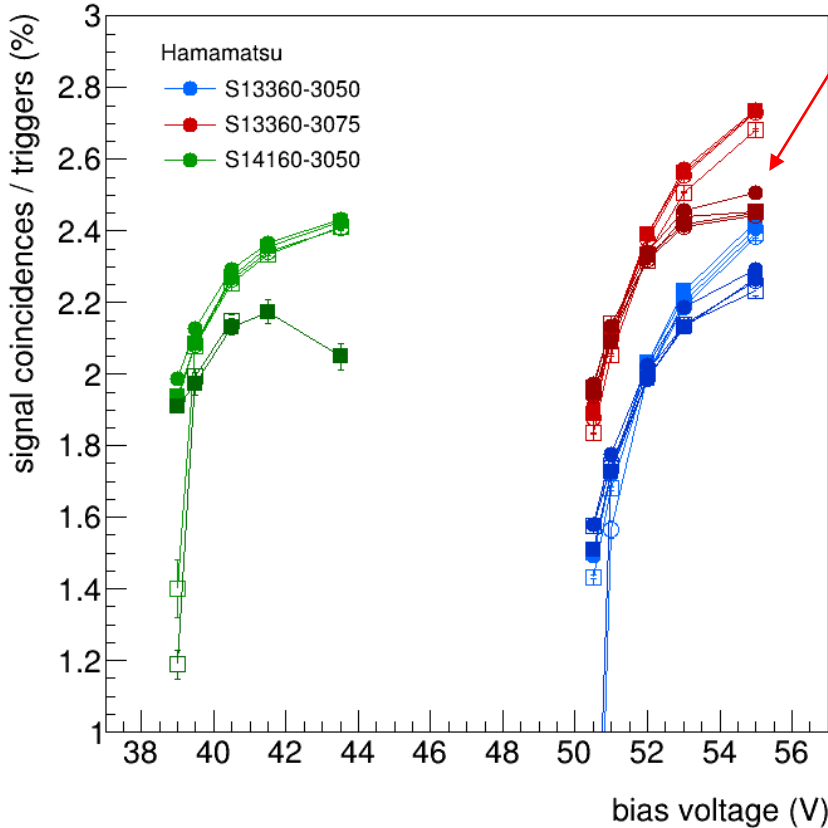


Pseudo efficiency: new boards

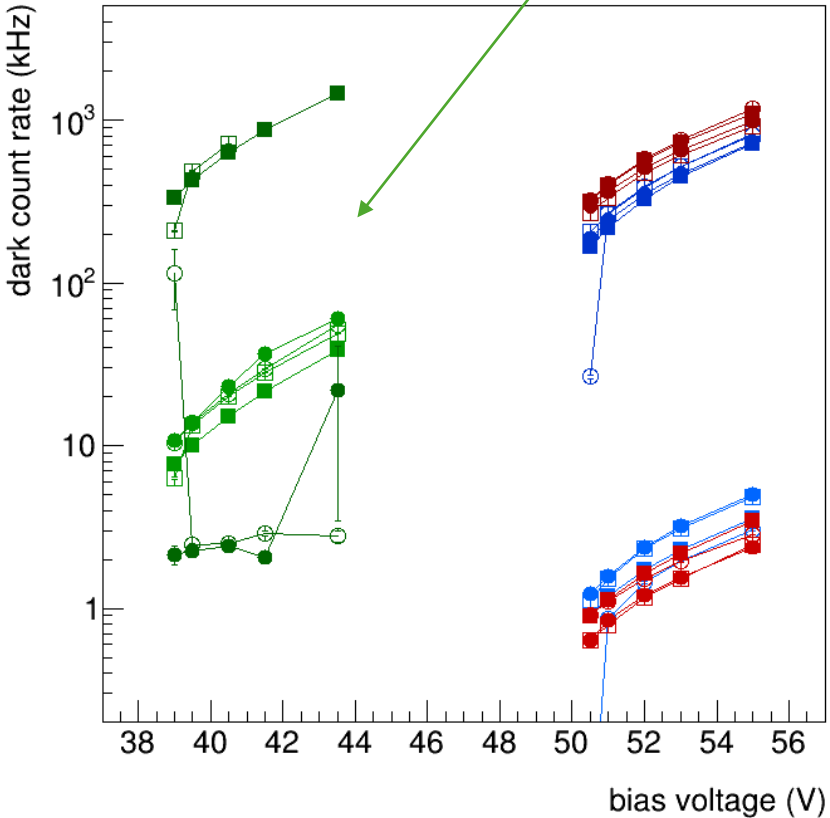


Pseudo efficiency: new and $10^9 n_{eq}$

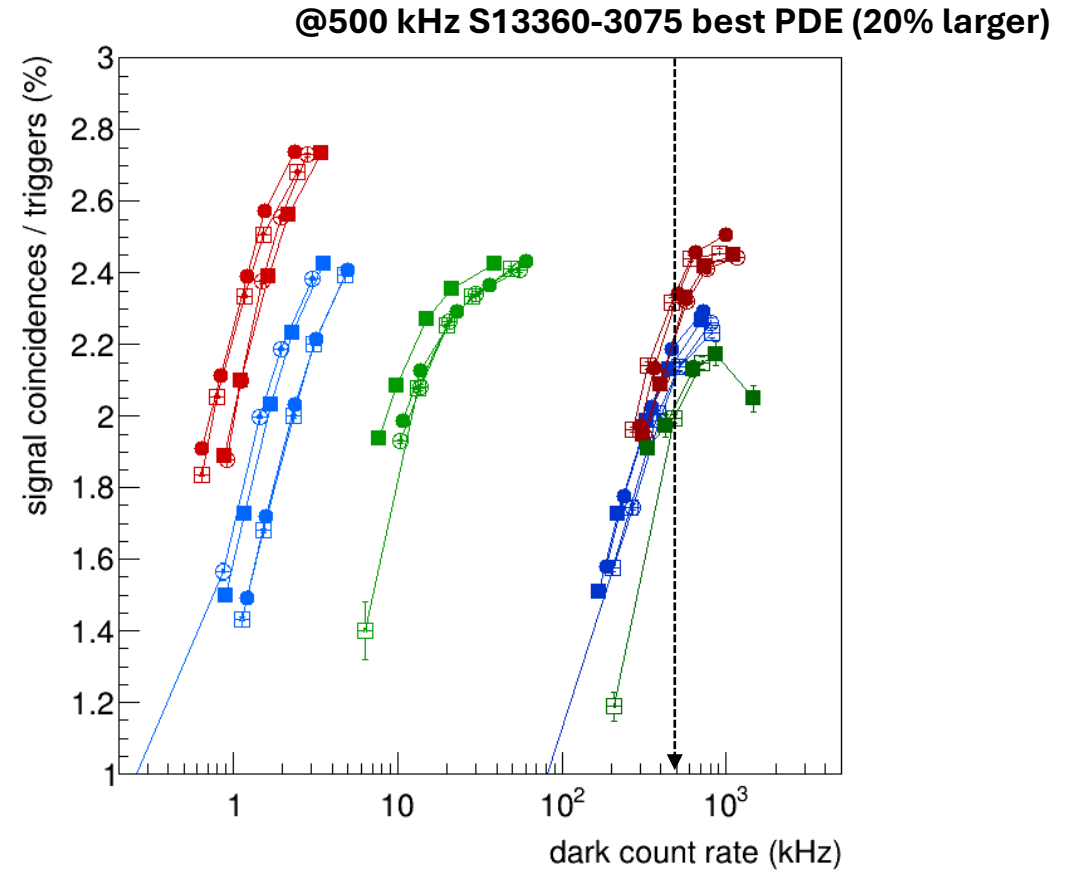
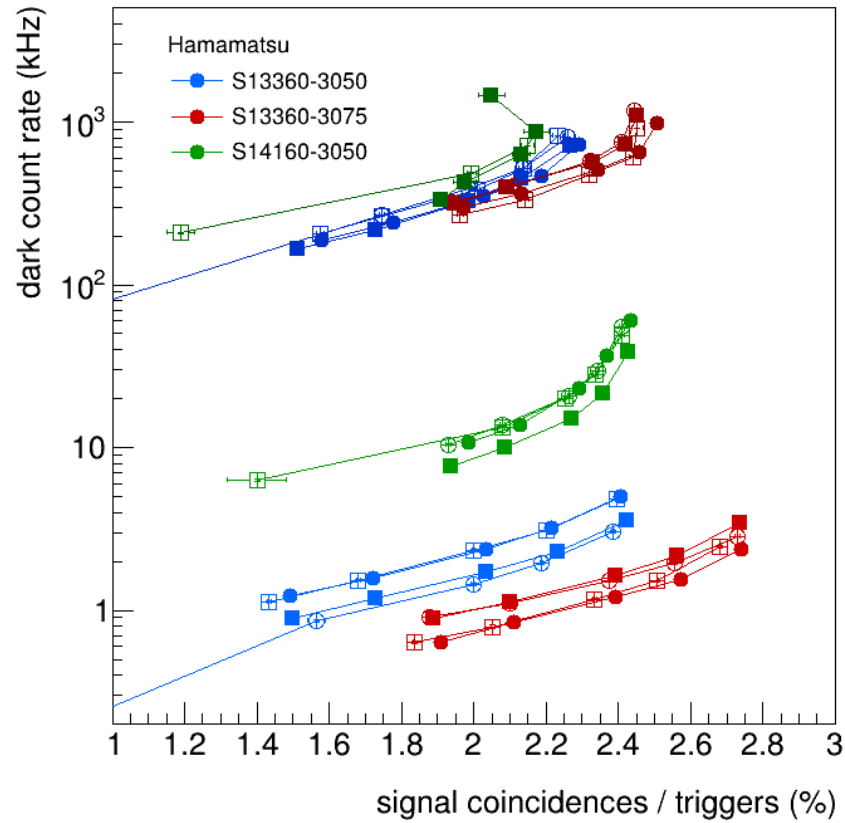
AP suppression algo reduces PDE



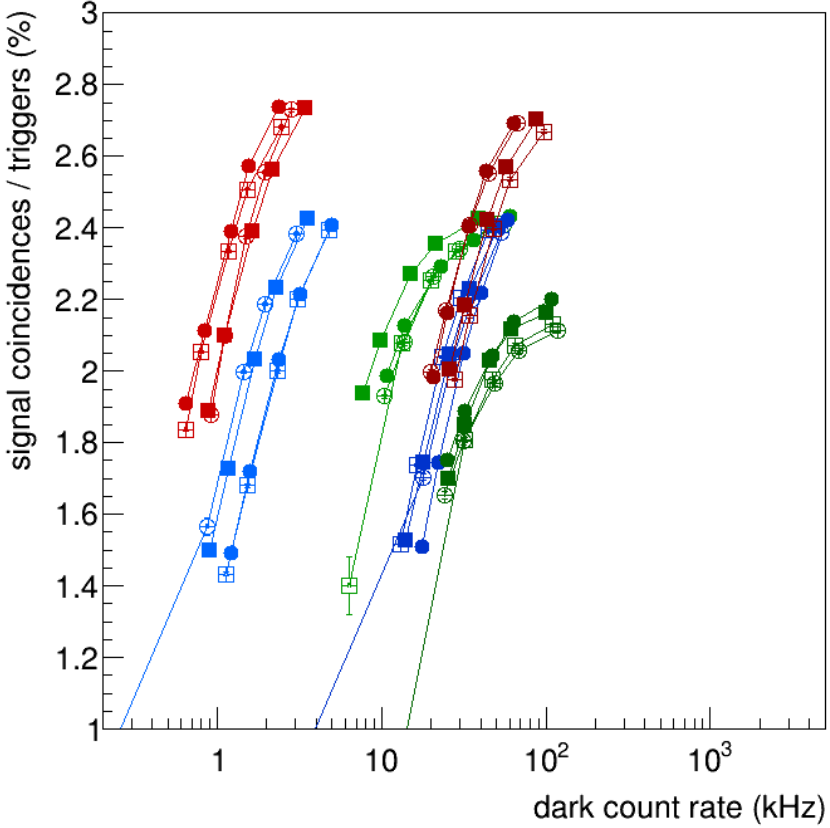
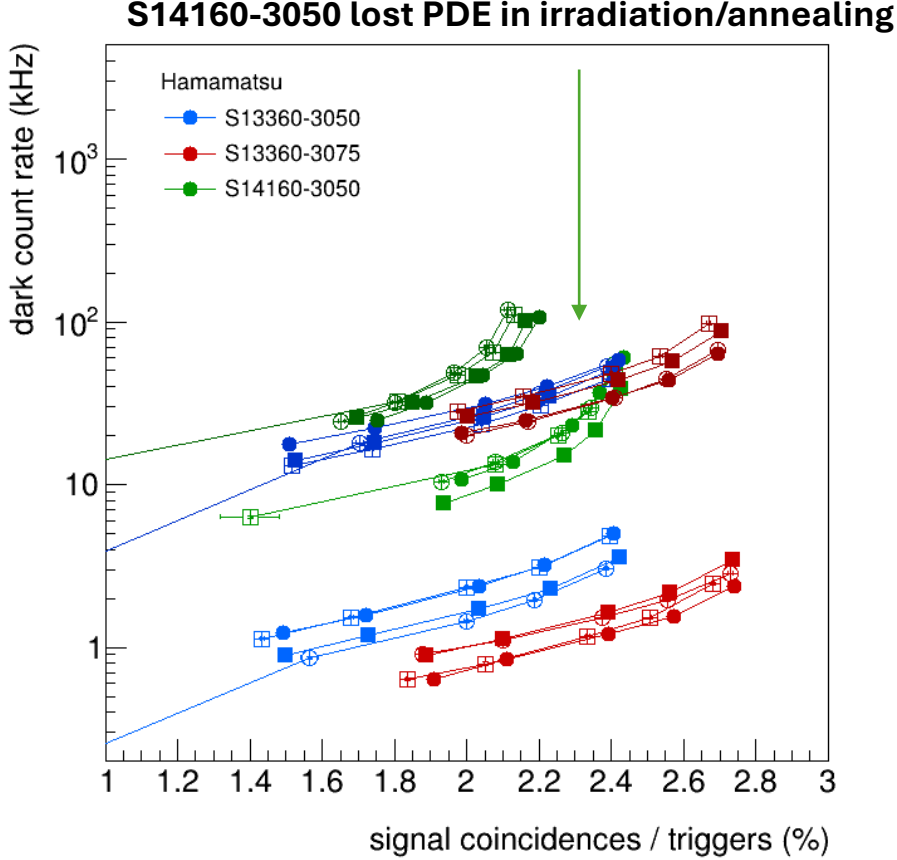
Troubles in reconstruction after irradiation



Pseudo efficiency: new and 10^9 n_{eq} better view



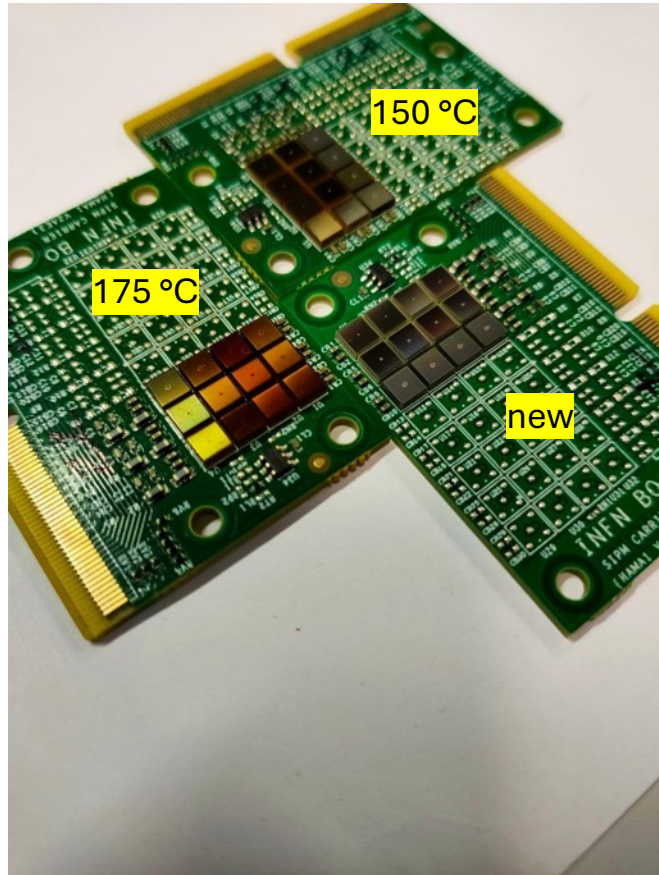
Pseudo efficiency: new and annealed



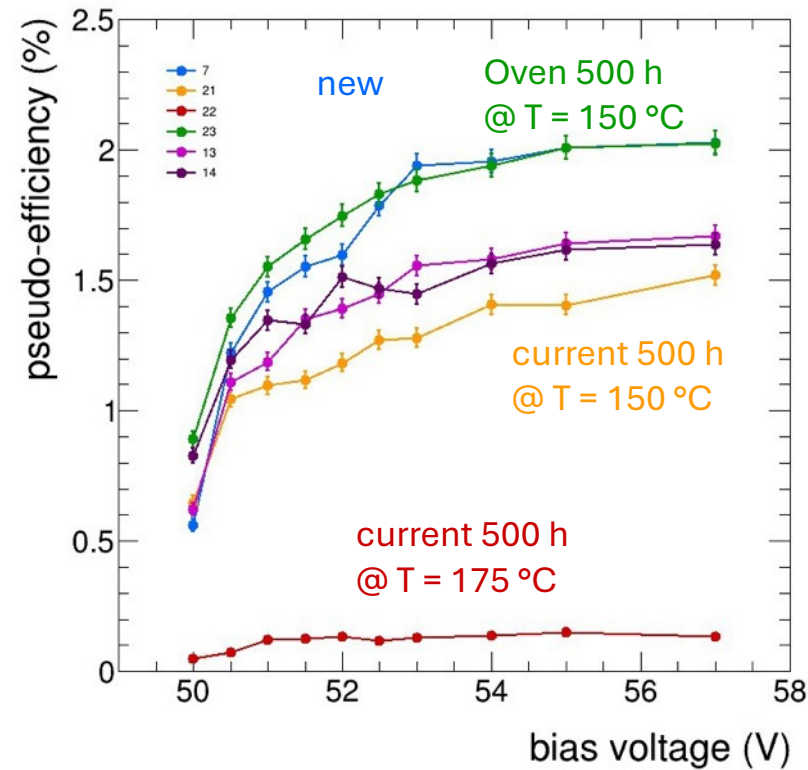
S13360-30xx no PDE loss, only increase in DCR



Windows damage studies



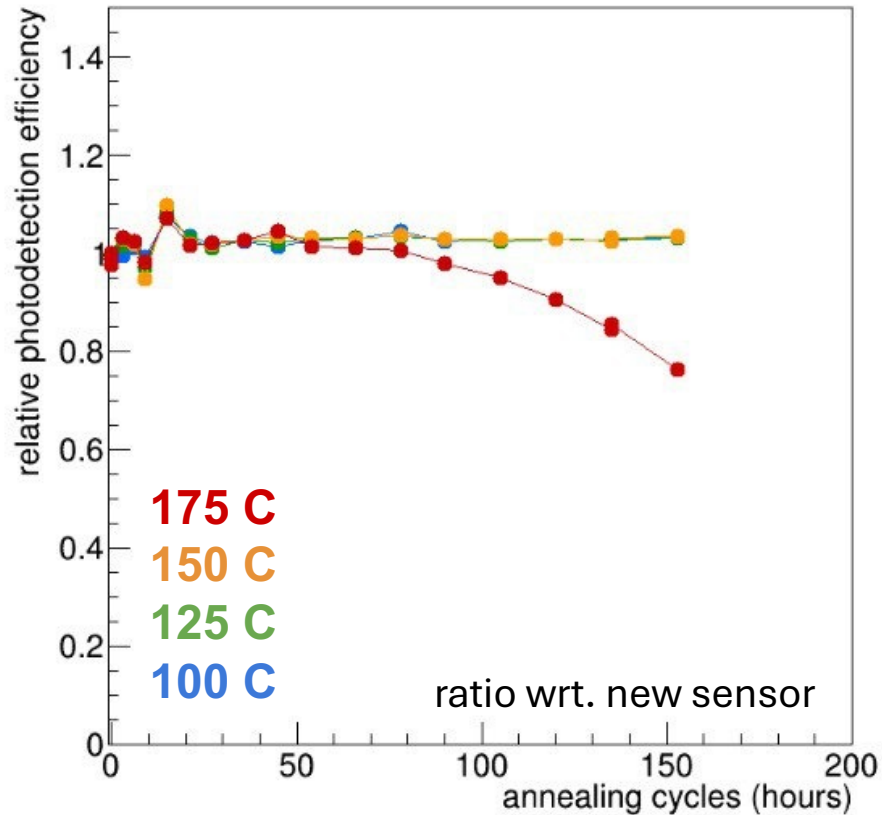
After many hours of online annealing alterations on the SiPM windows in particular **500 hours** of online annealing at $T = 175\text{ C}$



- **90%** efficiency loss after **500 h** online at 175 C
- **25%** efficiency loss after **500 h** online at 150 C
- **no** efficiency loss after **500 h** oven at 150 C

Unclear why oven annealing is less critical on window

Windows damage further studies

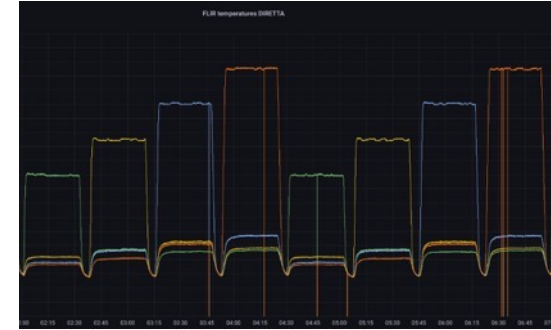


4 SiPMs under study at forward bias and different temperatures.

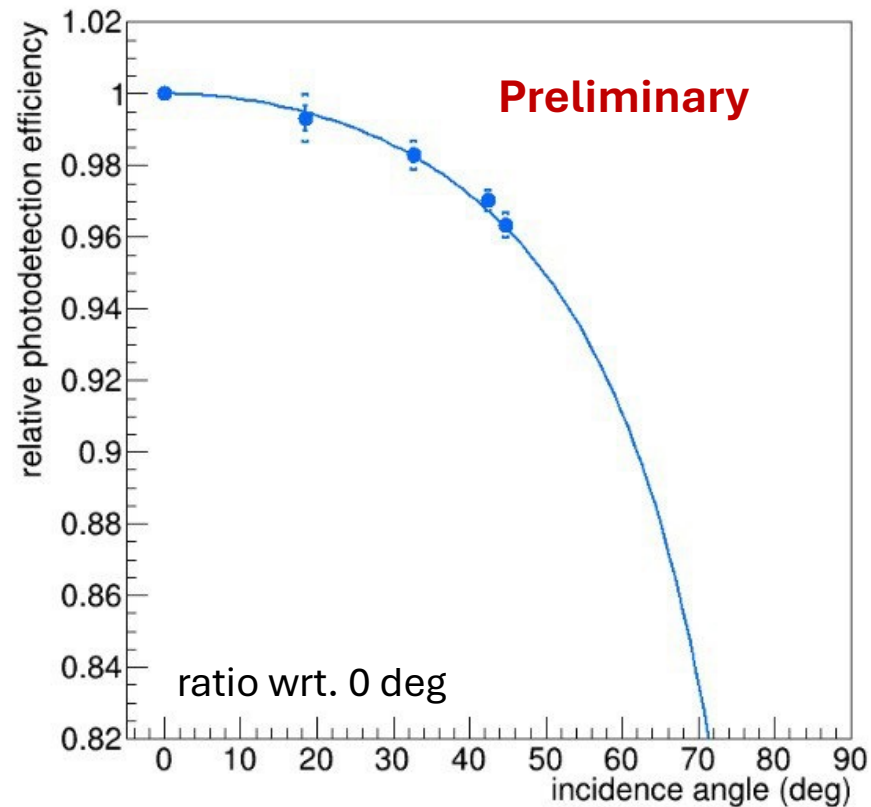
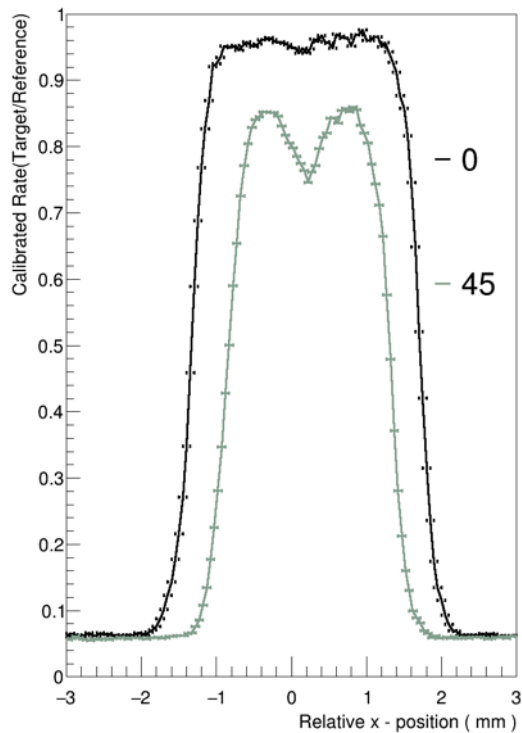
After 50 h @175 C the PDE starts to drop

After 150 h @150 C the PDE is still ok

The point before the last one was taken after 20 days and the results are the same (20 days no annealing)

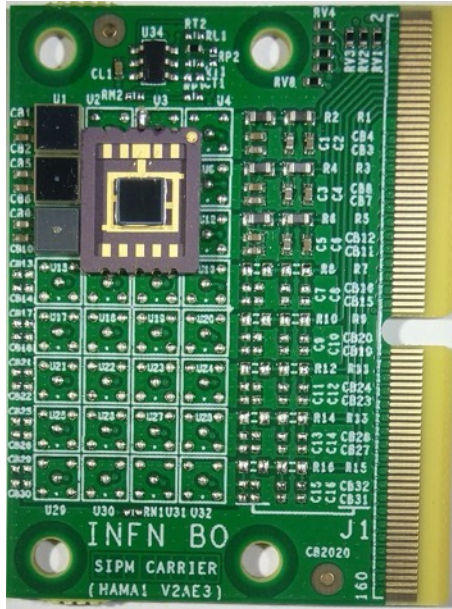


Pseudo-efficiency vs incident angle

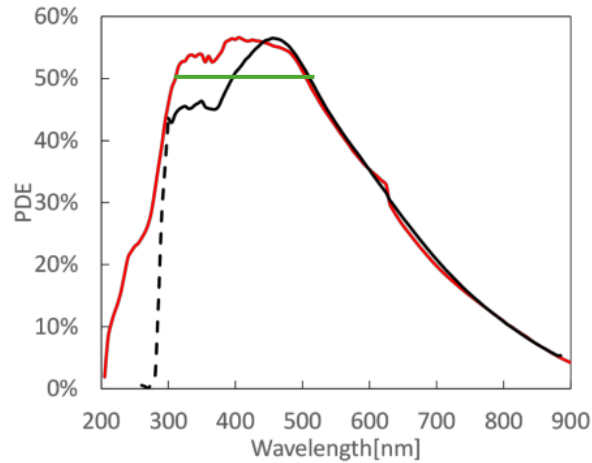


Measurement is still ongoing. Up to now the lost in efficiency doesn't seem problematic

New Hamamatsu prototype



Prototype S13360-3075-UVE



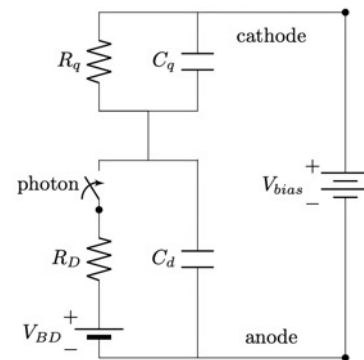
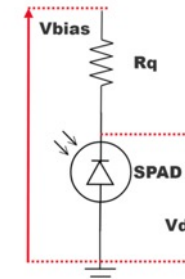
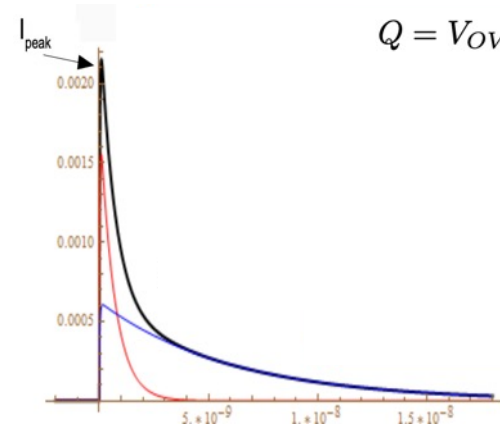
- Prototype : based on S13360 series (75µm)
- Conventional : S14520 series (75µm)
- Conventional : S13360 (75µm)

Increased PDE in the blue region thanks to quartz window and different passivation

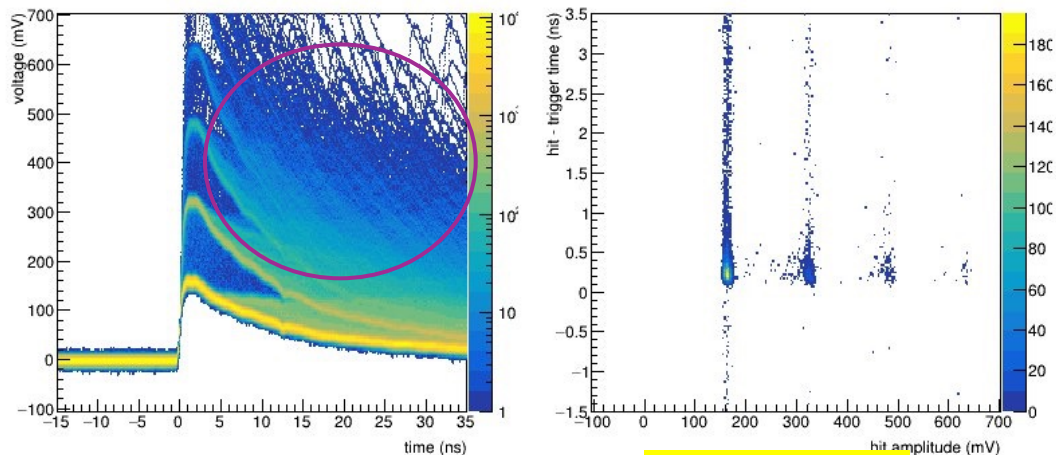
Different quenching resistor: faster signal, less AP and CT

$$I(t) \simeq \frac{Q}{C_q + C_D} \left(\frac{C_q}{\tau_{fast}} e^{\frac{-t}{\tau_{fast}}} + \frac{C_D}{\tau_{slow}} e^{\frac{-t}{\tau_{slow}}} \right)$$

$$Q = V_{OV}(C_D + C_q)$$

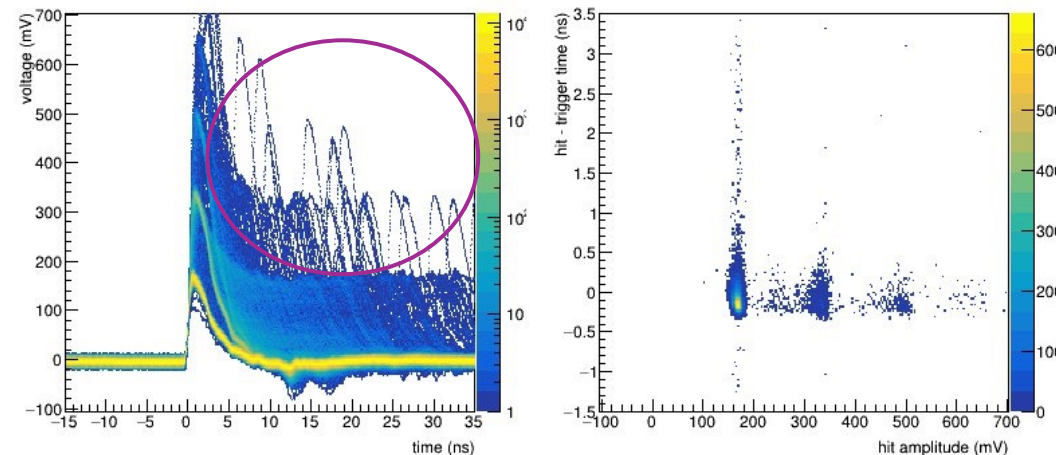


Conventional S13360-3075-VS

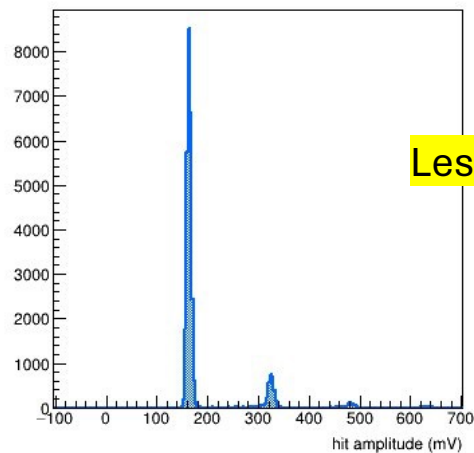
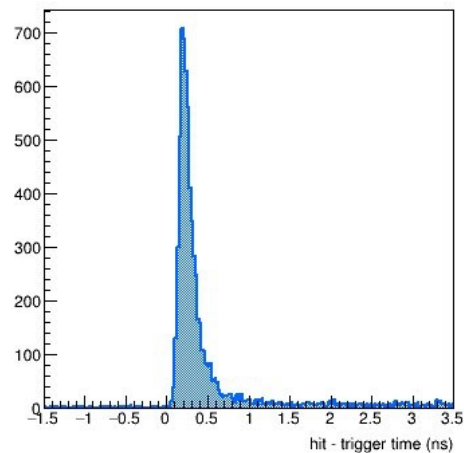


Same amplitude

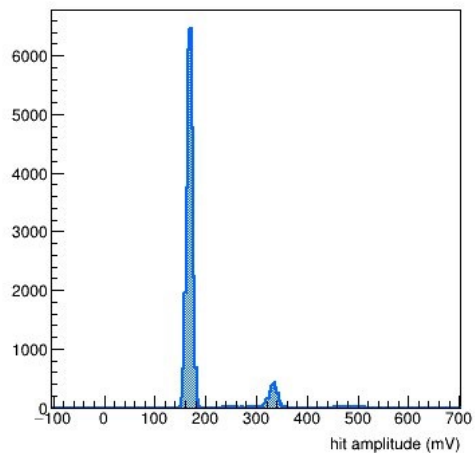
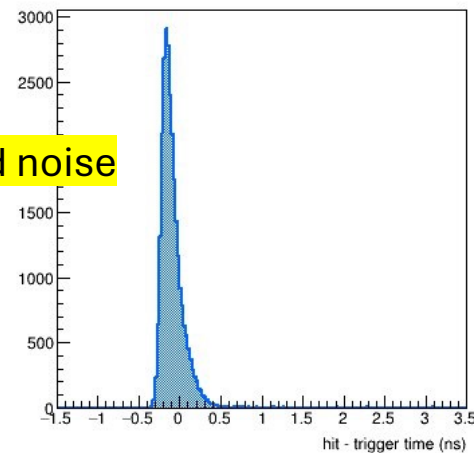
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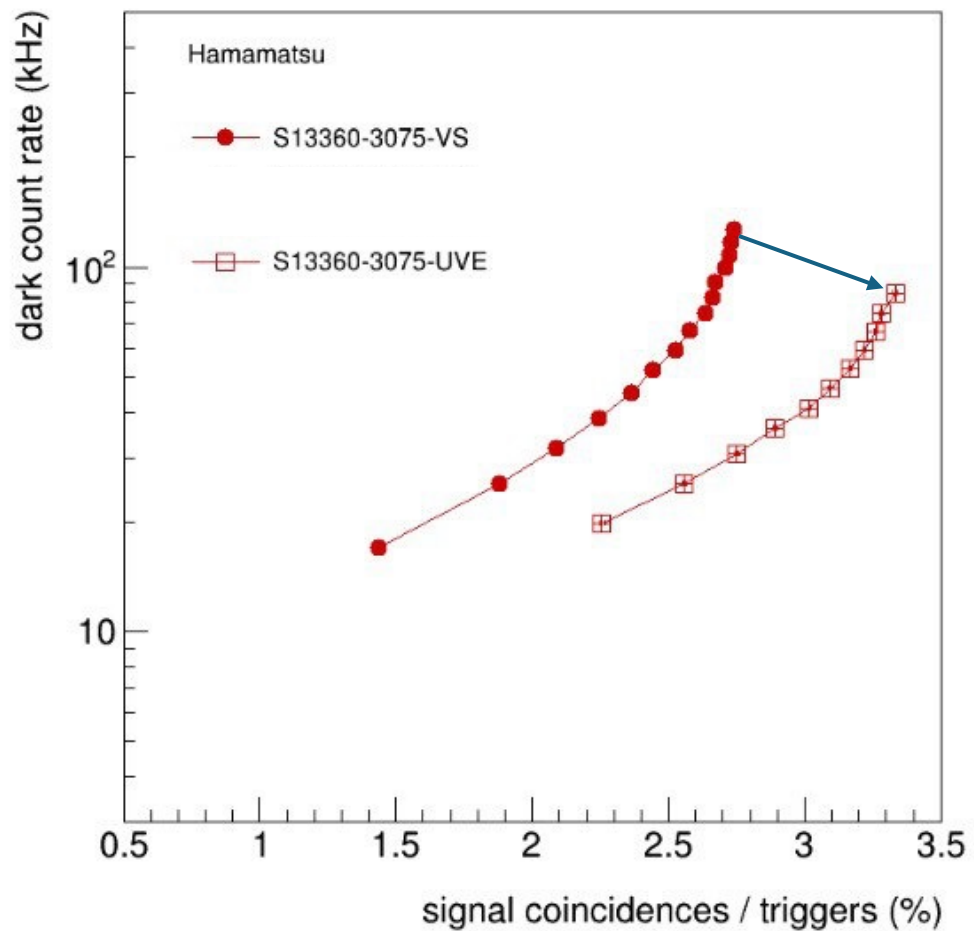
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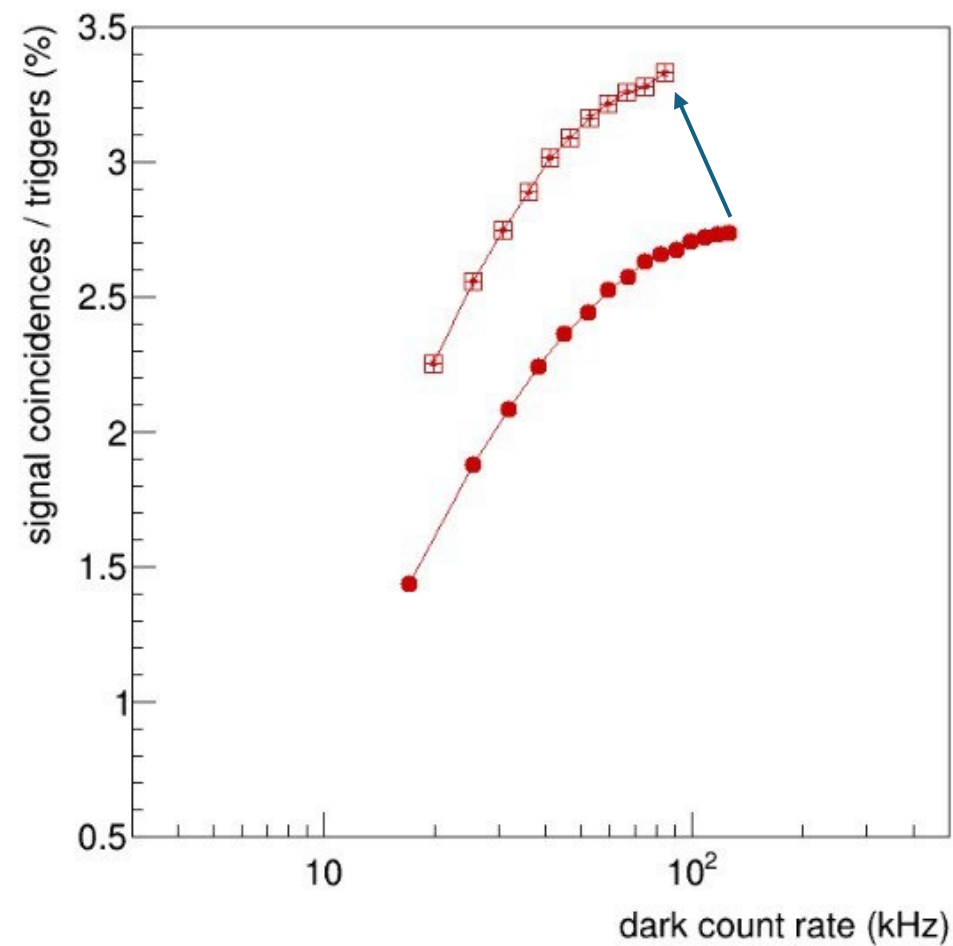
Faster
Less correlated noise



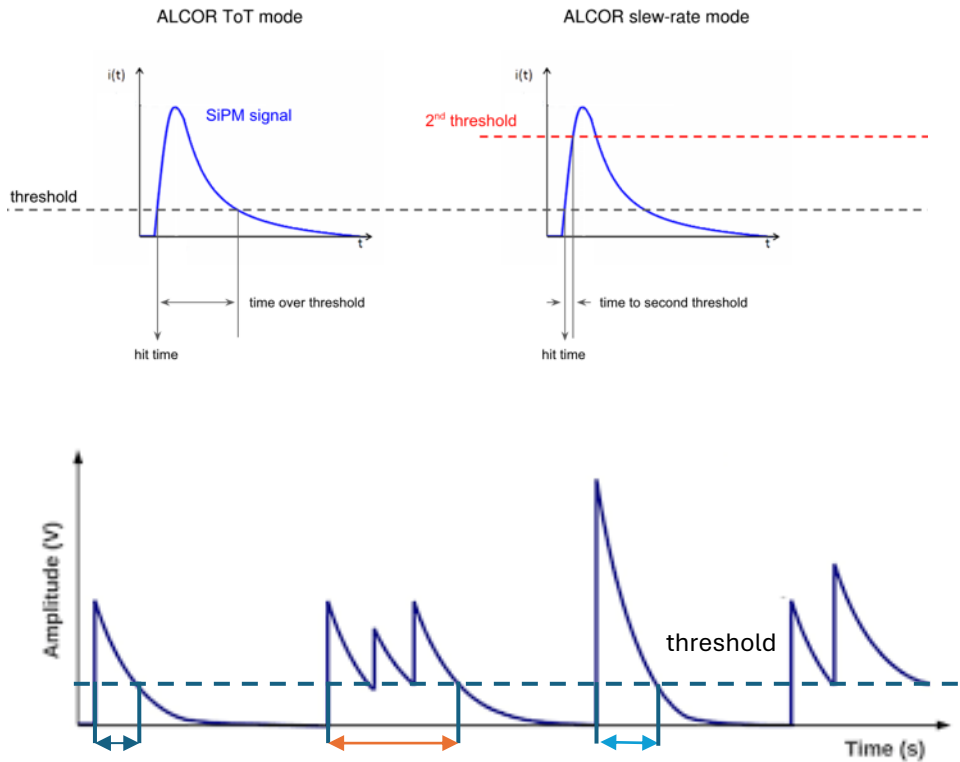
**Increase PDE
With lower DCR**



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Alcor ToT vs Slew rate mode

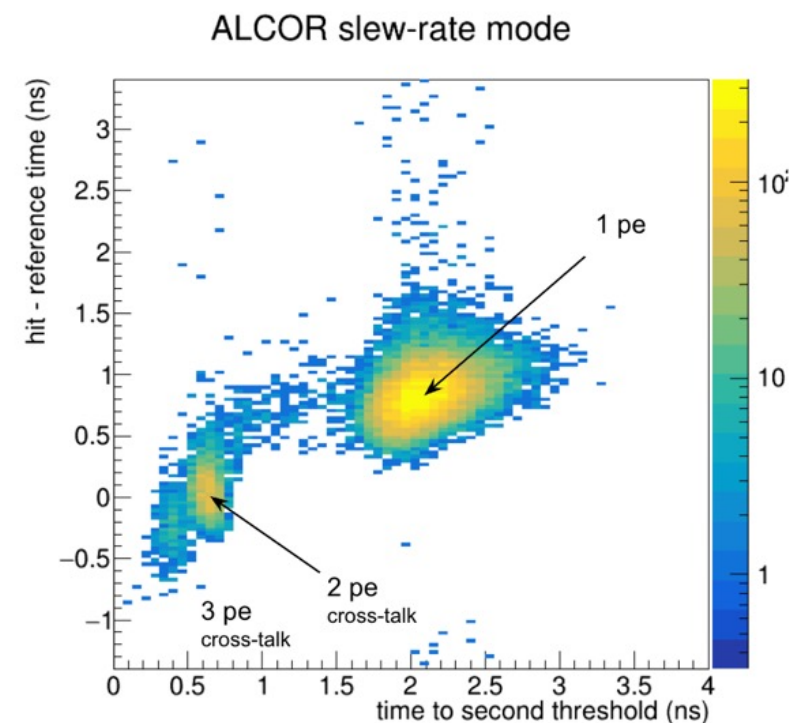
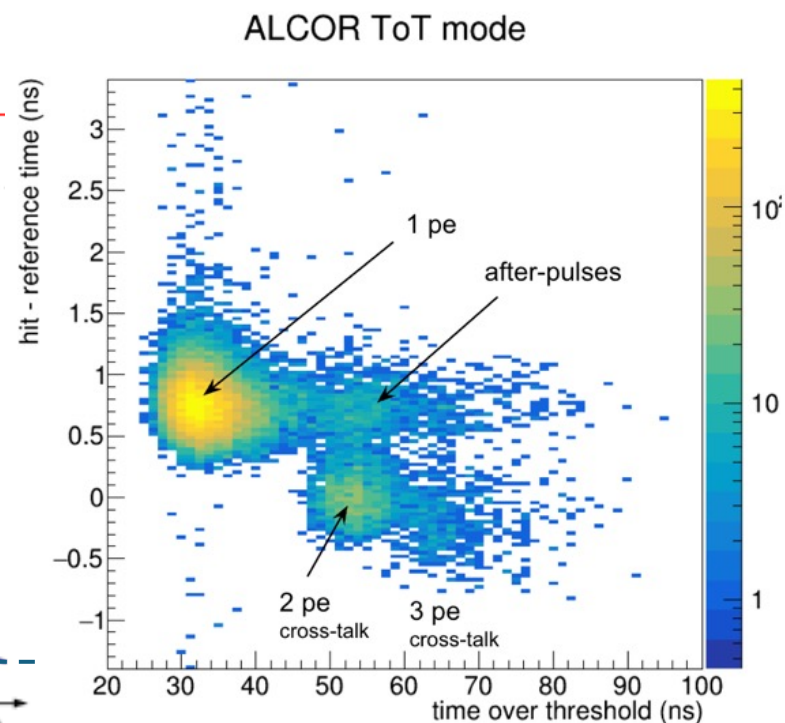
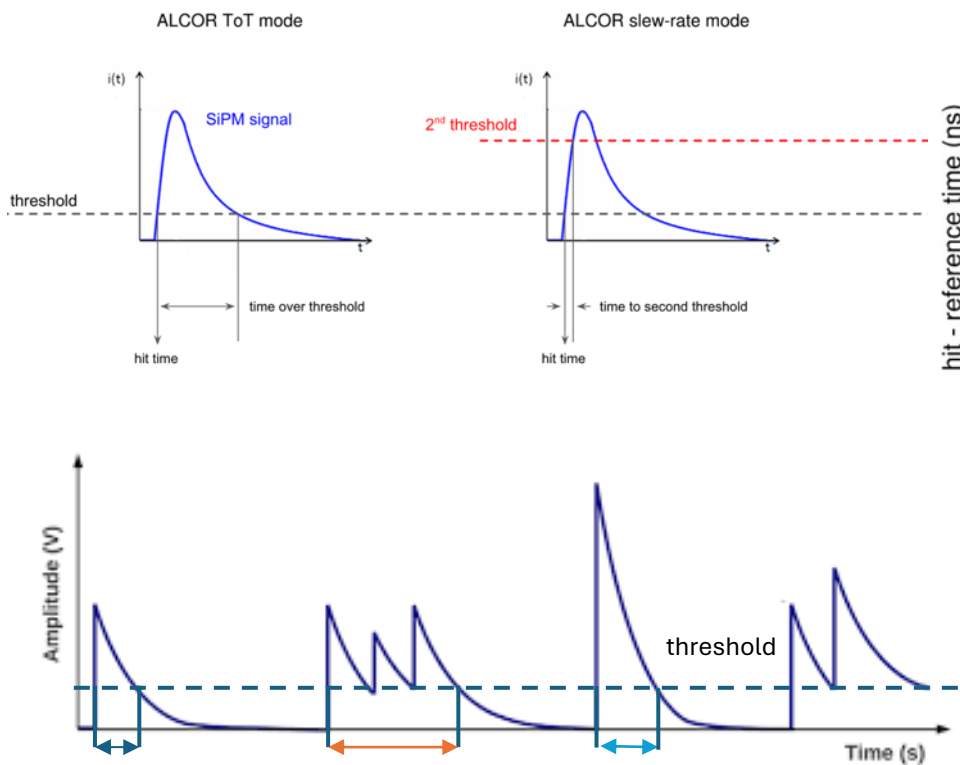


Hit time defined by when the signal goes over a fixed threshold.

Time walk correction is needed: bigger signals arrive in advance.

ToT is proportional to the number of detected PEs (signal amplitude) but what if afterpulses?

Alcor ToT vs Slew rate mode

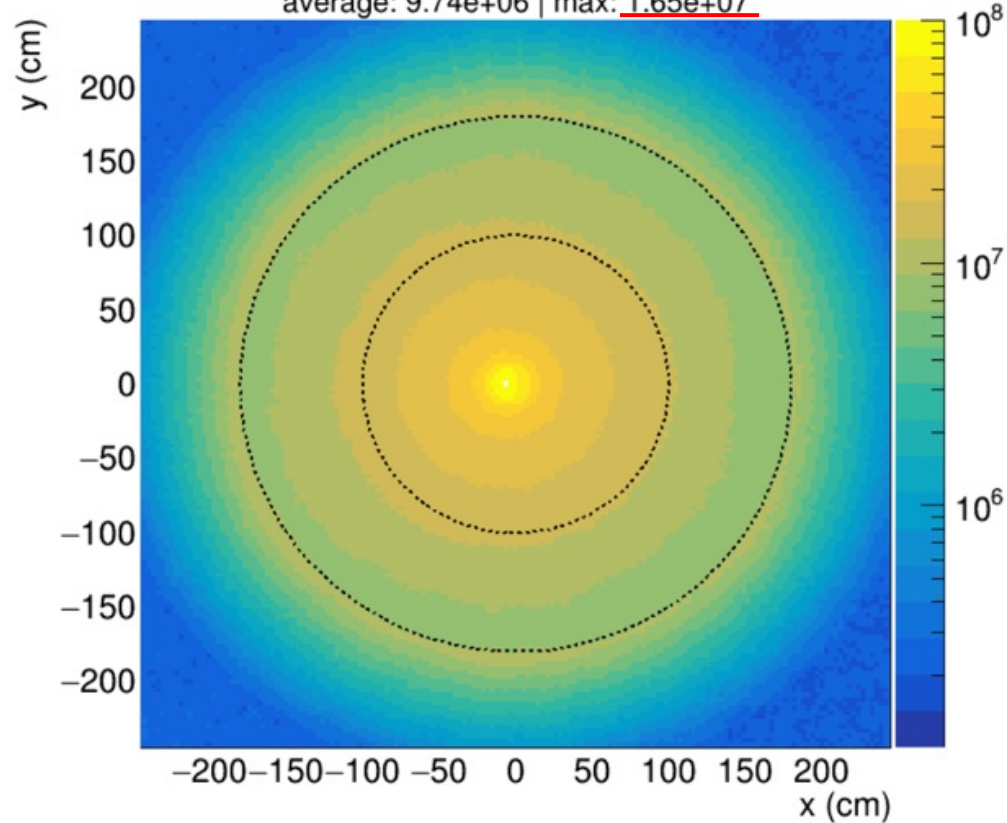


New dose estimates



1 MEQ neutron equivalent fluence ($\text{cm}^{-2}/\text{fb}^{-1}$)
minimum-bias PYTHIA e+p events at 10x275 GeV

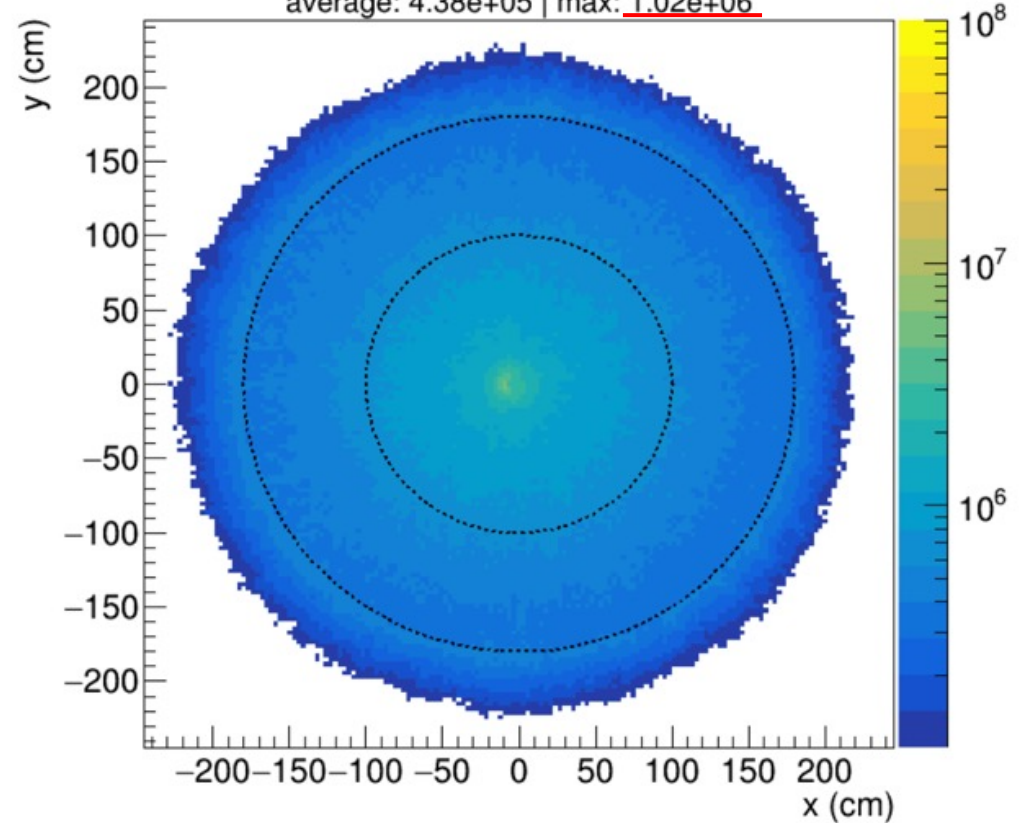
average: $9.74\text{e}+06$ | max: $1.65\text{e}+07$



Last year estimation with a safety factor x2
Max fluence $\approx 4.5 \cdot 10^7 \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2/\text{fb}^{-1}$

1 MEQ neutron equivalent fluence ($\text{cm}^{-2}/\text{fb}^{-1}$)
275 GeV proton beam+gas events @ 35 kHz

average: $4.38\text{e}+05$ | max: $1.02\text{e}+06$



Latest simulations give us
Max fluence $\approx 1.75 \cdot 10^7 \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2/\text{fb}^{-1}$

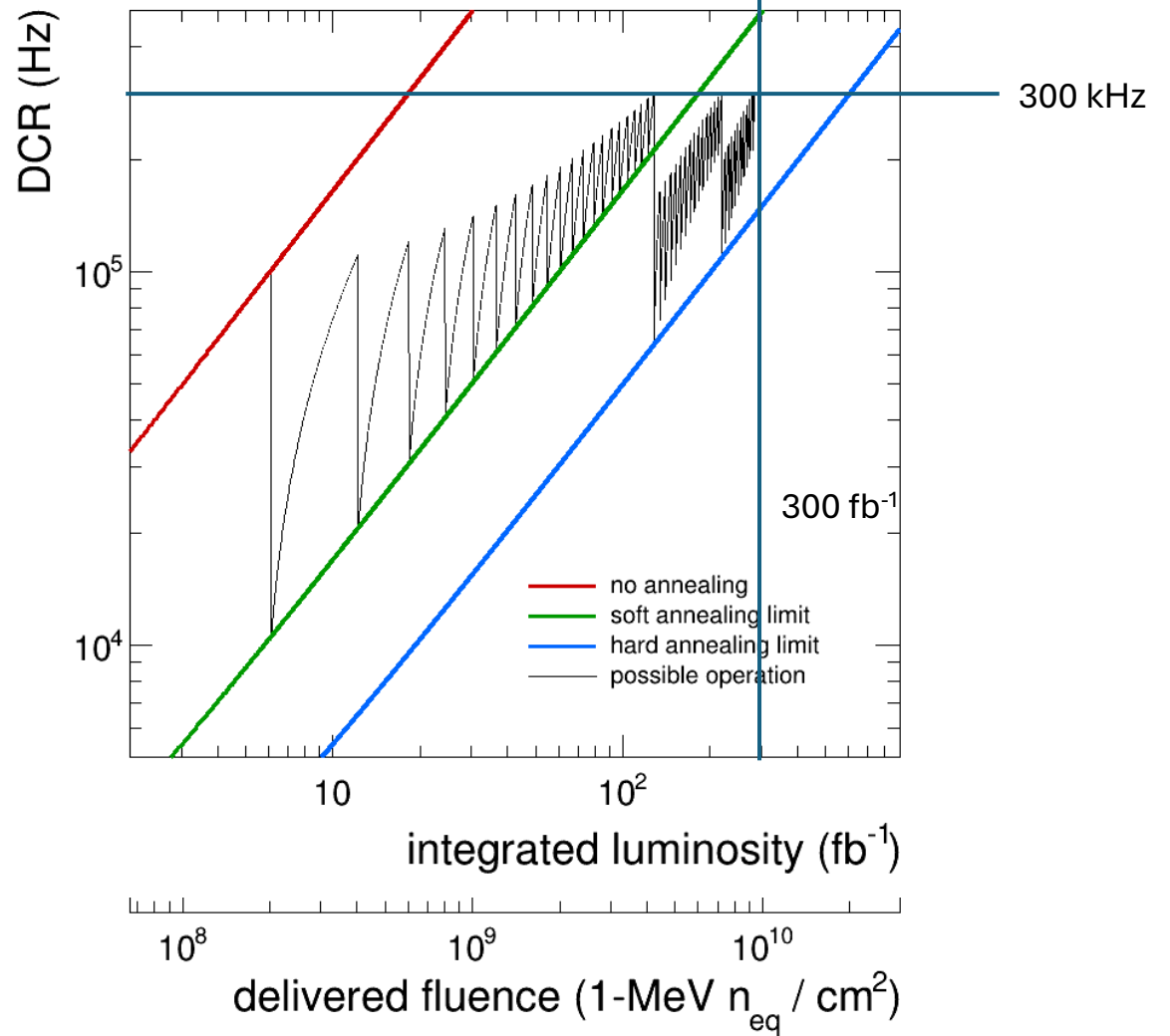
New ageing model



Model assumption:

- DCR increase: $500 \text{ kHz}/10^9 n_{\text{eq}}$
- residual DCR (soft 2 h@150C annealing): $50 \text{ kHz}/10^9 n_{\text{eq}}$
- residual DCR (hard 100 h@150C annealing): $15 \text{ kHz}/10^9 n_{\text{eq}}$
- **1-MeV neq fluence from background group**
 - $1.75 \cdot 10^7 n_{\text{eq}} / \text{fb}^{-1}$
 - Add 2x safety factor

Hamamatsu S13360-3050 @ $V_{\text{over}} = 4 \text{ V}$, $T = -30 \text{ C}$



Proposed operation scenario:

44 soft-annealing cycles and 3 hard-annealing cycles

