

ProtoDUNE Vertical Drift activities

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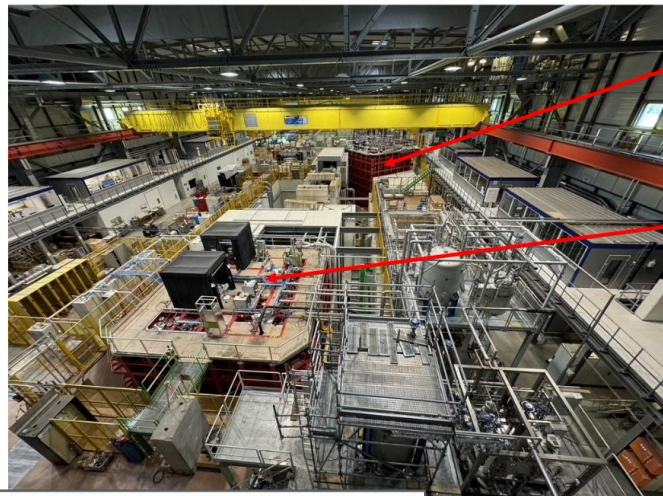
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Overview

- Overview of **ProtoDUNE Vertical Drift**
- **The Photon Detection System** of ProtoDUNE-VD
- **Hardware** activities at CERN
- **Software** activities for the PDS of ProtoDUNE
- **Summer data taking** with ProtoDUNE-VD:
 - Definition of the optimal PDS configuration
 - 3 beam periods
- **Ongoing** activities
- **Future** plans

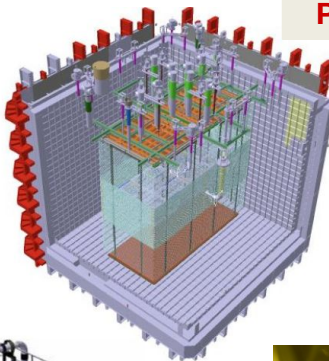
ProtoDUNE at CERN



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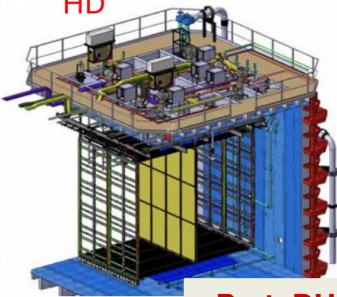
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HD



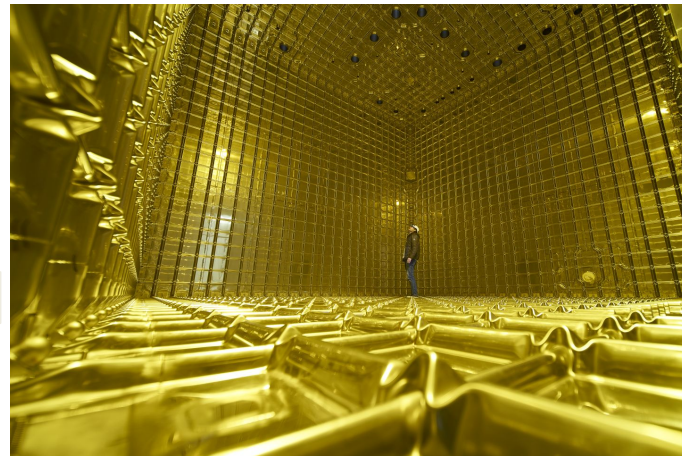
ProtoDUNE-VD

*Talk from Gabriel Botogoske
on ProtoDUNE-HD*



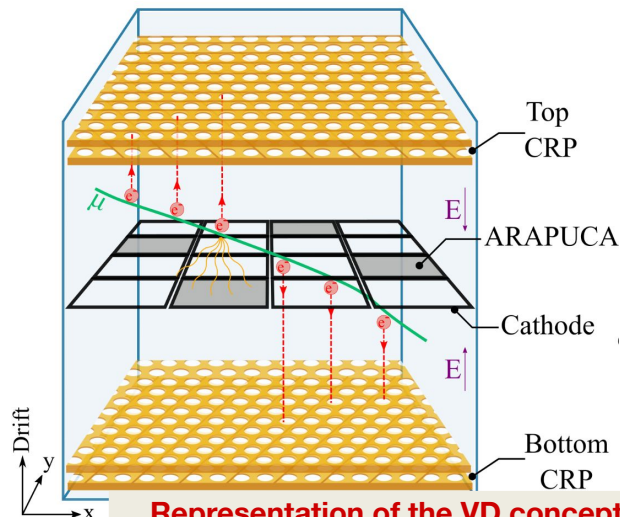
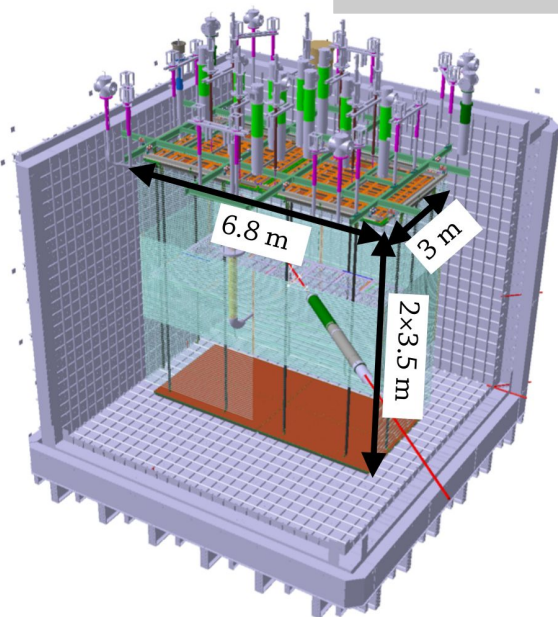
ProtoDUNE-HD

- 2 prototypes (~ 8 x 8 x 8 m³)
- 760 ton of LAr
- Time Projection Chamber (TPC)
- Photon Detector System (PDS)
- Cosmic-Ray Tagger

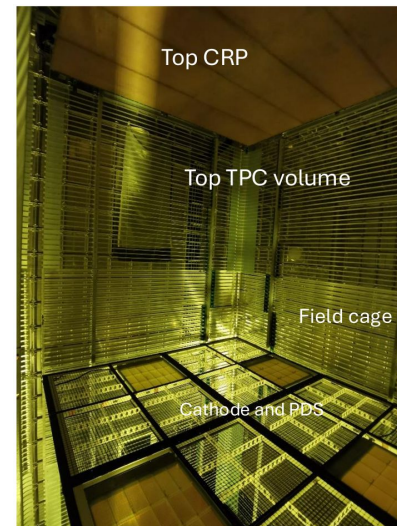


ProtoDUNE Vertical Drift

Second prototype but first module to be installed in South Dakota



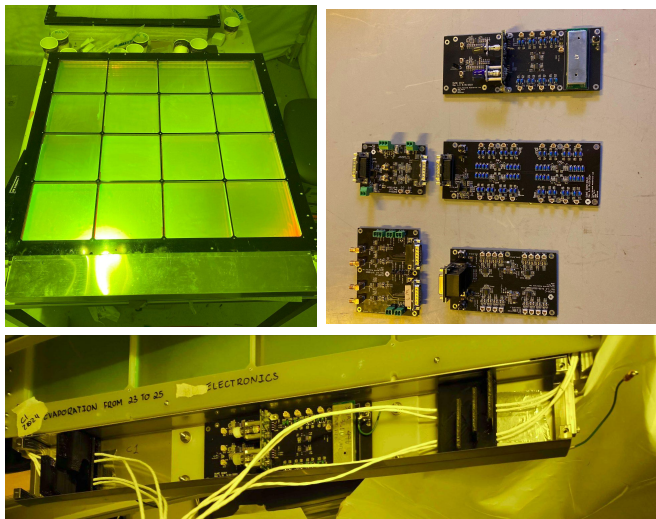
**Representation of the VD concept
not reproducing the real detector**



- **2 vertical drift volumes** of 3.5 m each
- TPC made of 4 **Charge Readout Planes** (CRPs) - 2 top and 2 bottom: perforated PCB technology
- Horizontal cathode in the middle
- **Photon Detection System** (PDS) on the cathode and on the walls

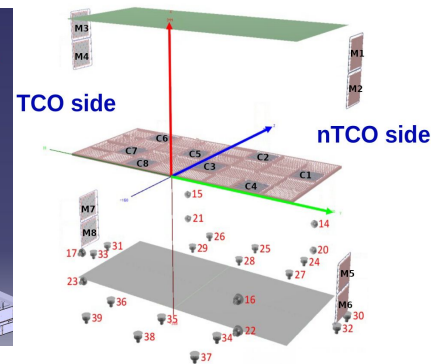
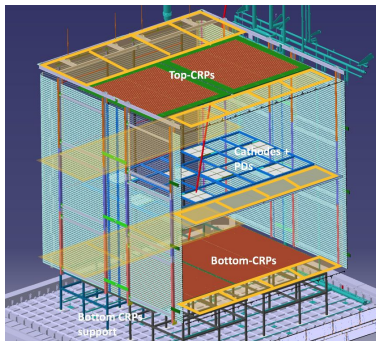
The PDS of ProtoDUNE-VD

X-Arapuca Megacell



Pictures from VD-coldbox

- **Megacell X-ARAPUCA** (65 cm x 65 cm)
- 160 SiPMs (40 per side)
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- 2 different SiPMs: Hamamatsu and FBK



ProtoDUNE-VD

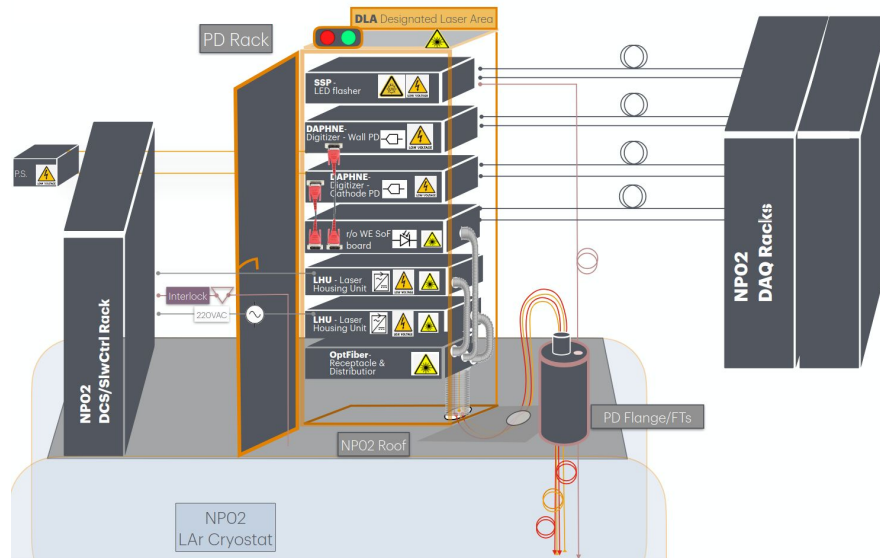
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Far Detector 1 (FD1)

- 320 double-face X-ARAPUCAs on the Cathode
- 352 single-face X-ARAPUCAs on the walls

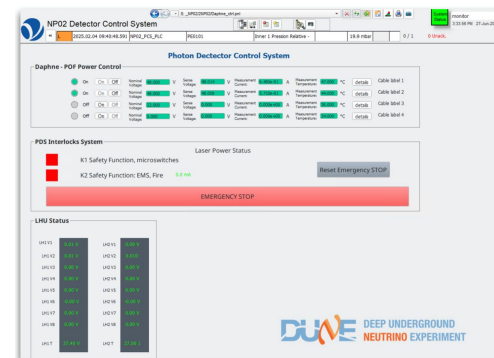
Hardware activities at CERN on ProtoDUNE-VD

- **Safety pause** do to an accident at the neutrino platform in January
- **Restart of lab activities** approved at the end of May
- Additional **CERN safety courses and safety inspections**



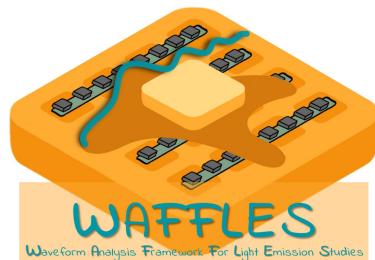
- Interlock
- Fiber crate
- Laser Housing Units
- Warm electronics / SoF box
- Calibration module
- 2 DAPHNE boards (digitizer)

Remote detector control



Software activities at CERN

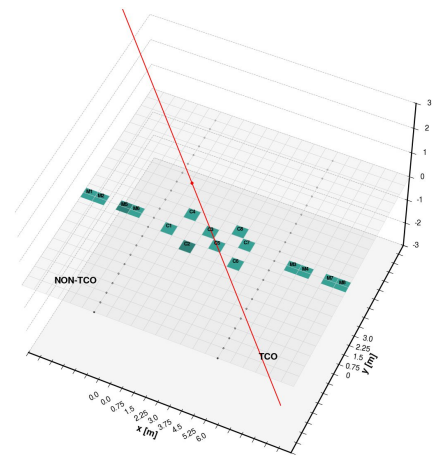
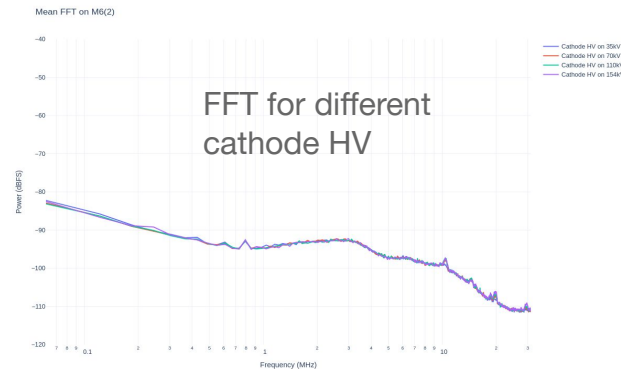
- **PDS-runner**: <https://github.com/DUNE/PDS>
 - Several tools developed for the PDS **data taking**
- **WAFFLES** (Waveform Analysis Framework for Light Emission Studies):
<https://github.com/DUNE/waffles>
 - Initially developed for ProtoDUNE-HD, adapted for ProtoDUNE-VD and possibility to be used in the Far Detector
 - Framework to **process the data** taken with ProtoDUNE and perform several **analyses** related to the PDS
 - It includes beam trigger information, useful to perform PID



Data taking

- Several **PDS runs** taken (spreadsheet: [NP02_data taking](#))
- Data available on Ixplus at:
 - `/eos/experiment/neutplatform/protodune/experiments/ProtoDUNE-VD/commissioning/`
- **Calibration** (LED intensity and mask scan, attenuators scan, trim (SiPM bias) scan, baseline set, SNR for all channels)
- **Noise studies**
- **Beam data taking**
- **Fast look** at beam data for monitoring purposes

*More details in next talk
from Henrique Souza*



Beam tests

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Three beam periods:

1. **July 9th to 16th** - dedicated to beam and beam instrumentation commissioning
 - a. **Beam Trigger-DAQ** development/synchronization - with **PDS**
 - b. Confirmed that PDS could see the beam (data used for developing fast analysis)
 - c. **PDS commissioning**
2. **July 30th to August 13th** - **PDS data taking and commissioning**
 - a. First optimized PDS configuration
 - b. The PDS was used to advance the beam trigger
3. **August 20th to September 10th**
 - a. Definition of **PDS final configuration**
 - b. PDS only runs until end of August
 - c. Data taking with **TPC and PDS** from end of August to end of beam

After the beam - ongoing activities

- Data taken during the **cathode HV ramp down and ramp up**:
 - Steps of 20 kV ramp down with 10 minutes wait + 5 minutes data collection
 - Steps of 10 kV ramp up with 5 minutes wait + 5 minutes data collection
 - Only PDS because of short data taking time
 - Plan for another similar data taking with PDS+TPC, larger steps, longer acquisition time
- **Periodic calibration membranes and cathode** - once or twice per week if detector available
- **PMT calibration** - work in progress
- Analysis of **beam data with PDS+TPC** - work in progress
- Several **analyses** (SPE integral, signal shape, saturation, ...) - work in progress

Future plans: a full agenda

- **Periodic calibration membranes and cathode** to monitor detector stability
- **CRT installation** - to be done soon
- Combined **PDS-TPC data taking with CRT** trigger
- **Low-energy calibration**: high SPE amplitude to increase sensitivity to low energy events
- **Calibration system validation** for the FD design: how many PDS modules can we calibrate with one LED?
- **Xenon doping** - December
- Test with **Pulse Neutron Source** - January/February
- Additional **data analysis** to study detector performance (time resolution, trigger studies, beam data ...)
- Continue operations until **March 2025**

Conclusions

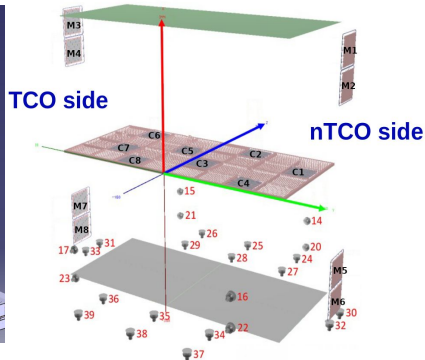
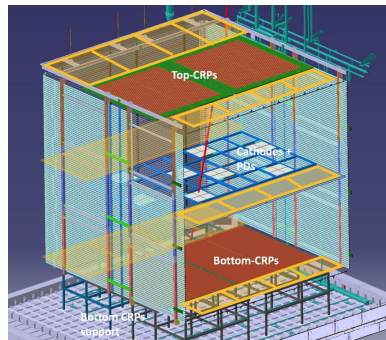
- The ProtoDUNE-VD operations successfully restarted after the safety pause
- Hardware implementations and software developments
- Huge effort for **PDS calibration**:
 - Definition of optimized configuration for the beam data taking
 - More than 800 runs processed
- **PDS successful data taking over three beam periods**
 - Several PDS-only data collected
 - Full detector (PDS + TPC) integration from the end of August
- First results from preliminary analyses
- More data taking ongoing and to be done in the next months
- **Plenty of data to analyze**

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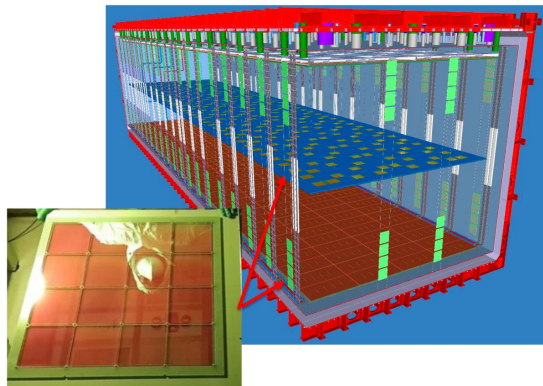
BACKUP

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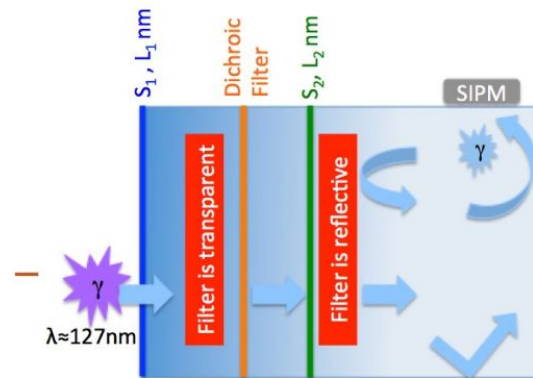
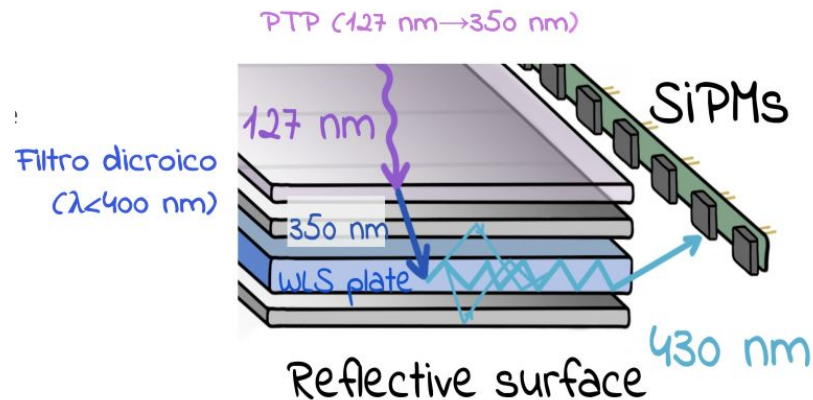
Preparing for the Far Detector

Far Detector 1 (FD1)

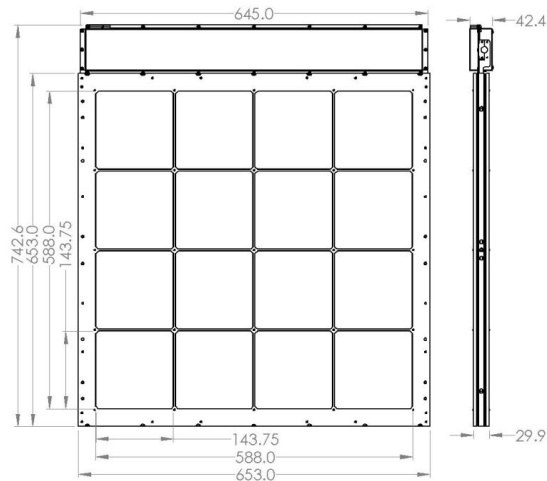
- Cathode (300 kV)
 - 80 cathode modules
 - 4 X-ARAPUCA Megacell double-faced per cathode module
 - 320 double-face X-ARAPUCAs in total
- Walls
 - Behind the transparent (70%) field cage
 - 320 at long walls
 - 32 short walls
 - 352 single-face X-ARAPUCAs

The Photon Detection System (PDS) X-Arapuca

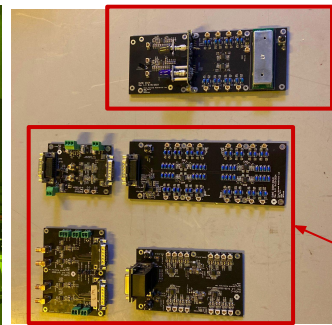
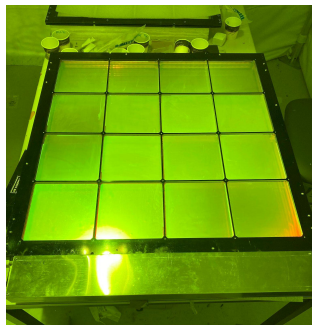
- **PTP (P-terphenyl layer)**
Converts the LAr scintillation light
 $\lambda=128 \text{ nm} \rightarrow \lambda=350 \text{ nm}$
- **Dichroic filter**
Transparent to light with $\lambda < 400 \text{ nm}$
 $\rightarrow$ the PTP converted light can enter
Reflective for $\lambda > 400 \text{ nm}$
- **Wavelength shifter bar (WLS bar)**
Converts the incoming light to $\lambda = 430 \text{ nm}$
 $\rightarrow$ the light is trapped
- **Silicon PhotoMultipliers (SiPM)**
Light detection



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Power over Fiber (PoF)
and **Signal over Fiber (SoF)** technology for
cathode modules

HD-style and VD-style
electronics for wall
modules

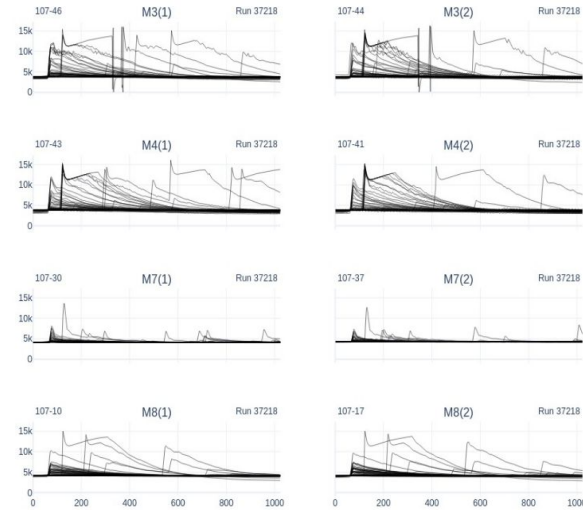


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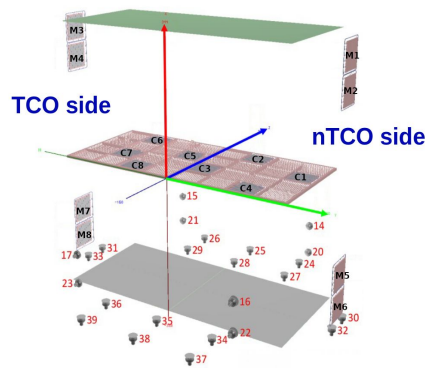
Signals from the wall PDS modules

Membranes (wall modules) TCO side

TCO

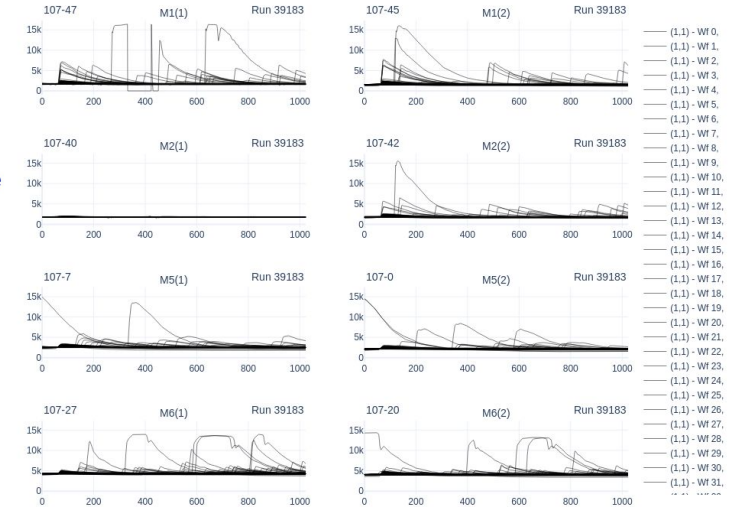


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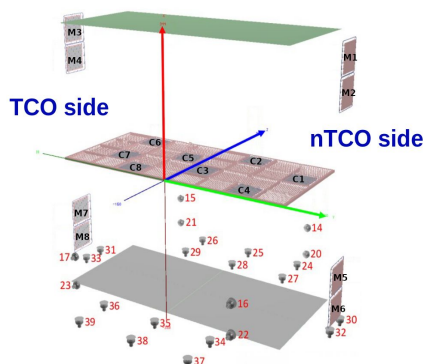
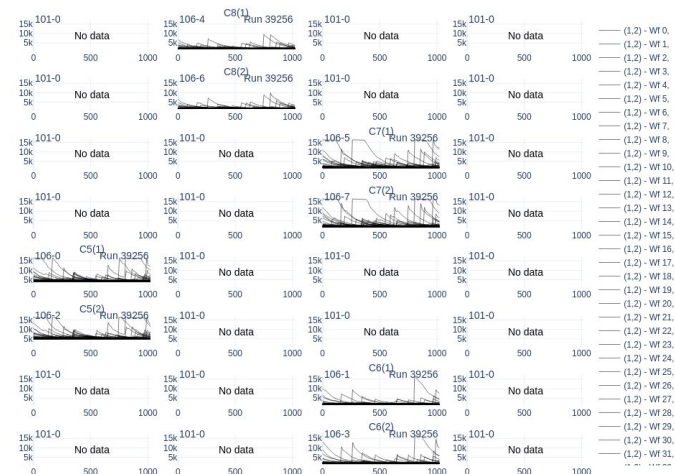


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Signals from the cathode PDS modules

Cathode TCO side

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nTCO side

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