

# UT status report

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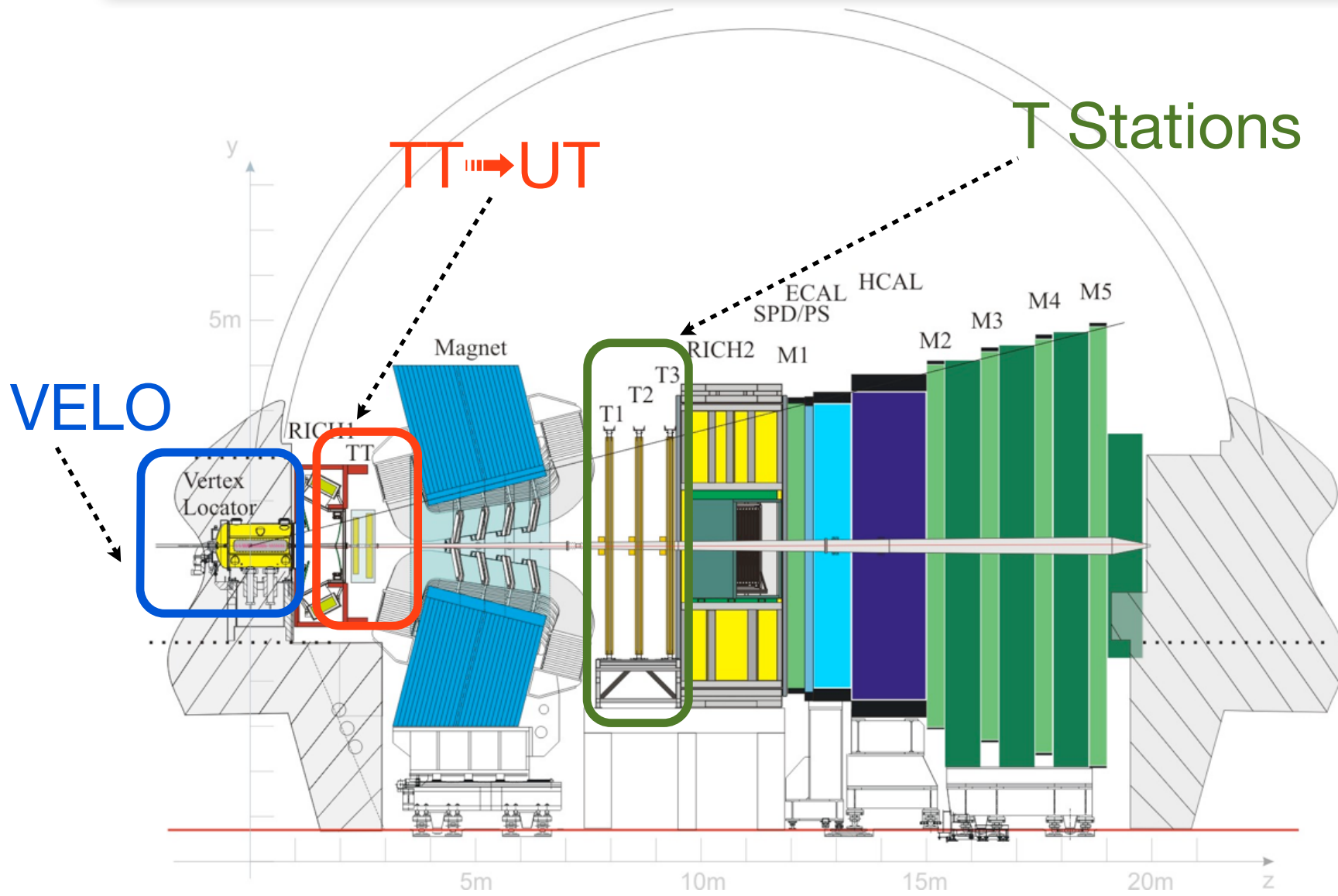
# Outline

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- ▶ Overview of UT upgrade
- ▶ Activity in Milano
- ▶ Conclusions



# LHCb detector



# UT group

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# Motivations for UT upgrade

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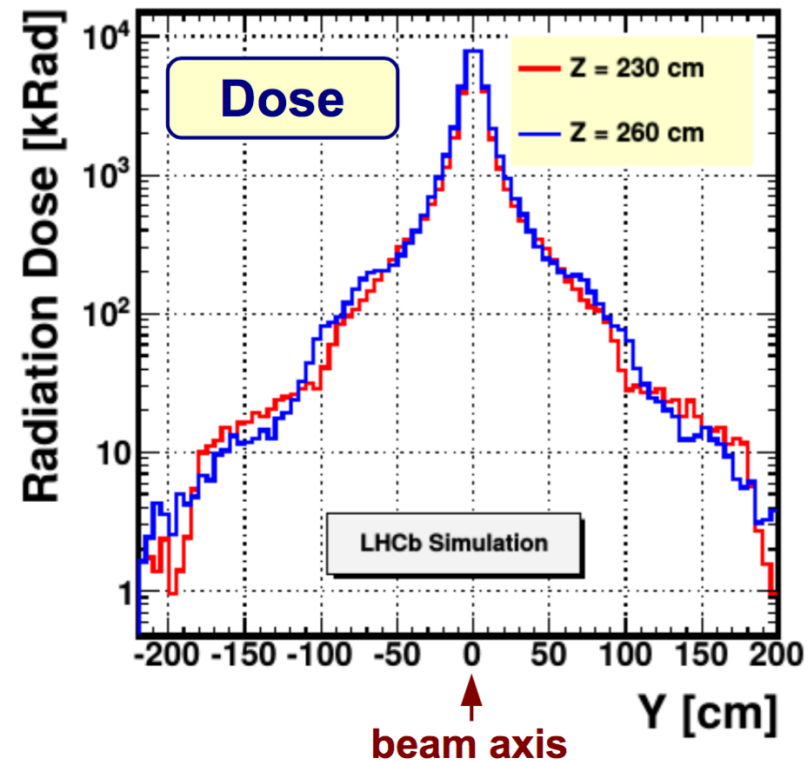
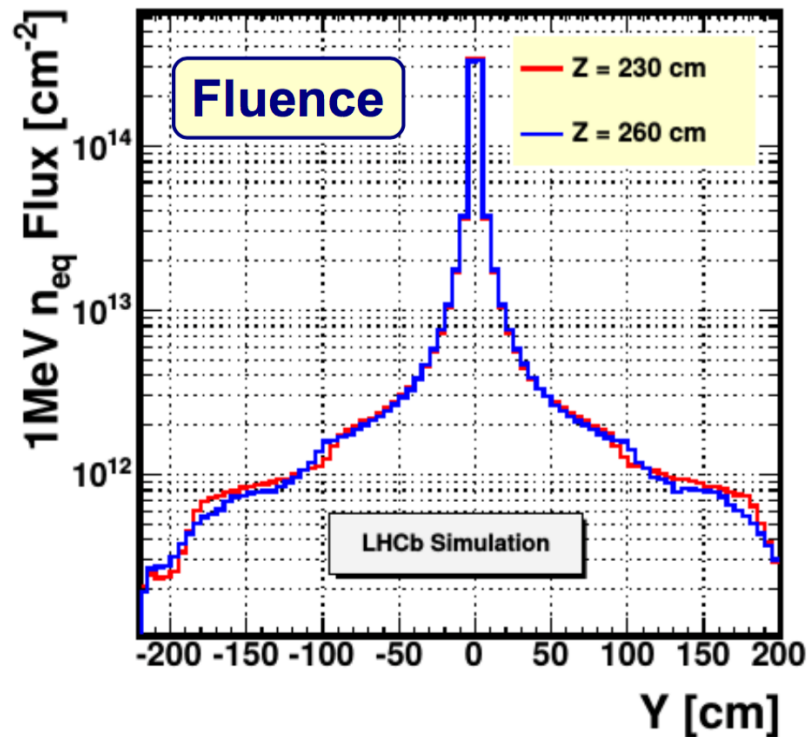
## ▶ Main motivations for TT replacement:

- **Beetle chip is not compatible with the 40 MHz** readout: it is an integral part of the detector module
- **radiation hardness**: particularly demanding for inner sensors (40 MRad max dose)
- **finer detector granularity**: reduce the occupancy at high rates
- **Improved coverage at small polar angle**: reduced beam pipe clearance, circular cut out of the sensors around the beam pipe

## ▶ Main changes and challenges in UT design:

- **readout electronics (ASICs + hybrids) in the active area**: improves S/N but increases material budget and power dissipation
- **evaporative CO<sub>2</sub> cooling** is required to operate the sensors at  $T=-5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to reduce leakage current and prevent thermal runaway in presence of radiation damage

# Fluence and dose



- up to  $5 \times 10^{14}$  1-MeV  $n_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$

- up to 40 MRad

- to mitigate effects of radiation damage:

} after  $50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (including safety factor 2)

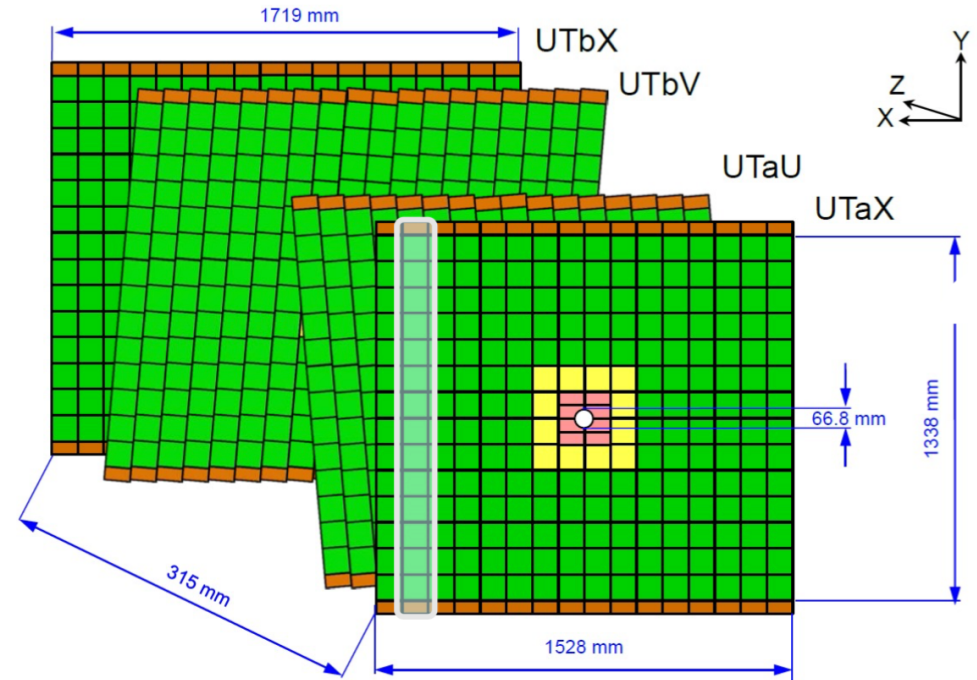
- keep sensors below  $-5^\circ\text{C}$

- n-in-p sensors in inner-most region (p-in-n in outer region to save cost)

# Layout

- **four detection layers**
  - 2 × vertical strips
  - +/- 5° stereo views
- **three silicon sensor geometries**
  - coarser granularity in outer region
  - finer granularity in inner region
- **silicon sensors and read-out chips mounted onto 130 cm long “staves”**
- **to avoid gaps in acceptance**
  - detectors on both sides of stave
  - adjacent staves overlapping
- **to minimize acceptance loss around LHC beam pipe**
  - inner-most sensors circular cut-outs

in light-tight, thermally insulating box



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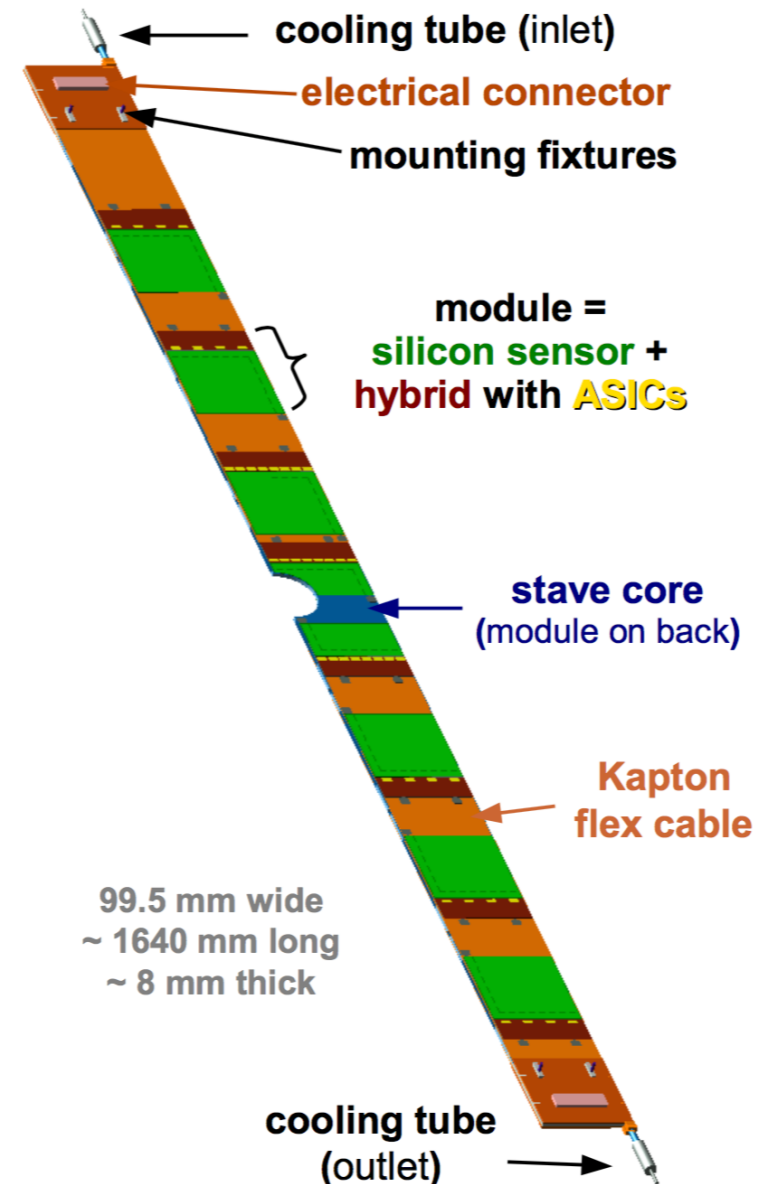
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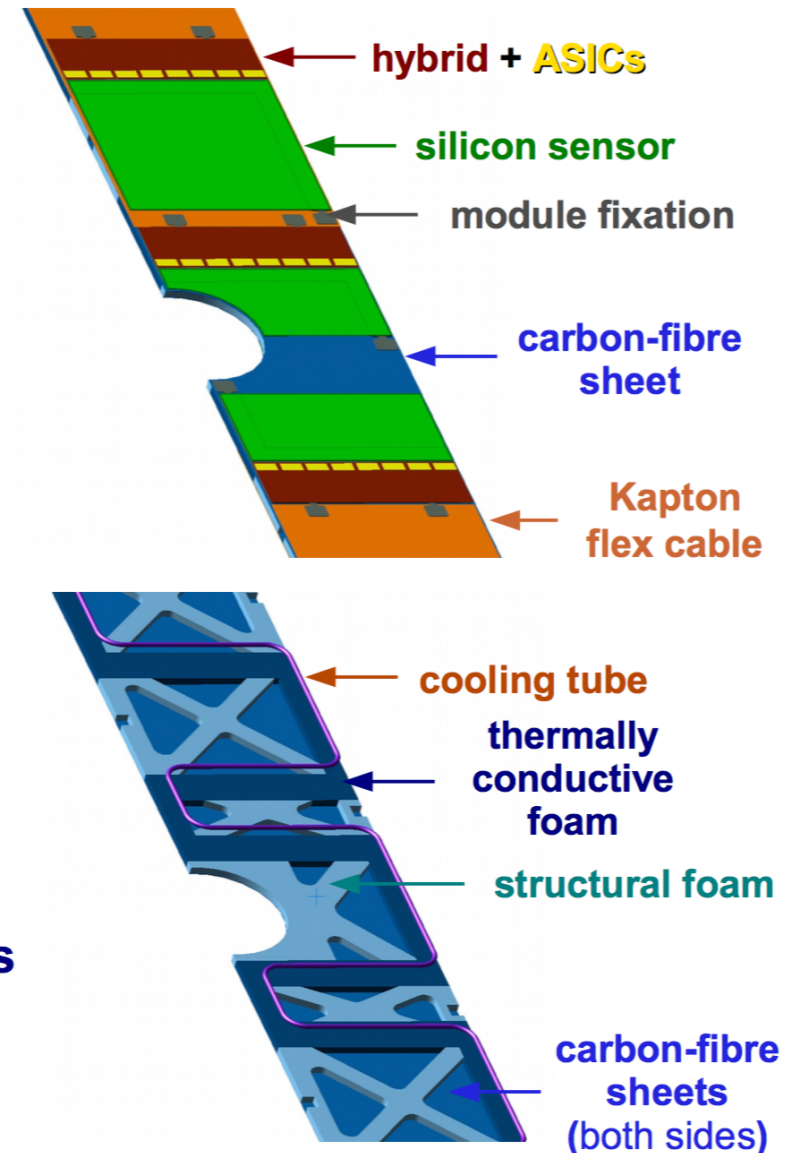
# Stave design

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  - detector modules mounted on both sides to provide full acceptance coverage
  - sensor + front-end hybrid + stiffener
- **precise positioning of detector modules**
  - rigid core consisting of sandwich structure
- **cooling of sensors and front-end electronics**
  - bi-phase CO<sub>2</sub> at ~ 30 bar as coolant
  - Titanium cooling pipe, 2 mm Ø
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# Silicon sensors

	Type A	Type B	Type C	Type D
Substrate Type	n (oxyg.)	p	p	p
Chip size x ( $\perp$ strip) (cm)	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75
Chip size y( $\parallel$ strip)(cm)	9.95	9.95	5.155	5.155
Thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	250/320	250	250	250
Wafer resistivity	3-5 $\text{K}\Omega\text{cm}$	3-5 $\text{K}\Omega\text{cm}$	3-5 $\text{K}\Omega\text{cm}$	3-5 $\text{K}\Omega\text{cm}$
# of strips	512	1024 ( $\rho \sim 190 \mu\text{m}$ )	1024	1024
Interstrip C (pf)	5-35	5-35	5-20	5-20
Breakdown V (V)	>700	>700	>700	>700
Total number	1020(888)	55(48)	20(16)	20(16)

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# Silicon sensors

## Circular cutouts (type D)

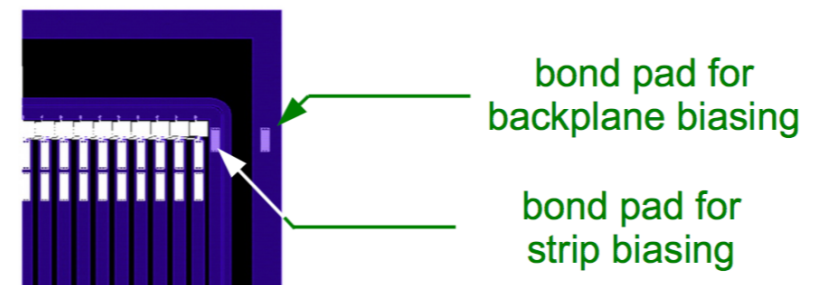
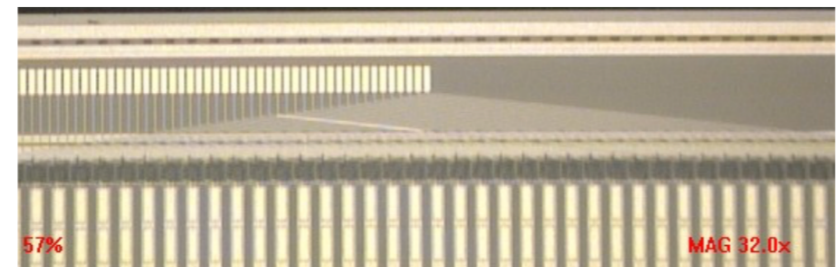
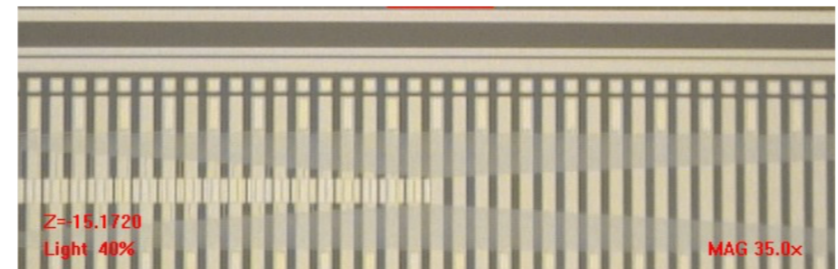
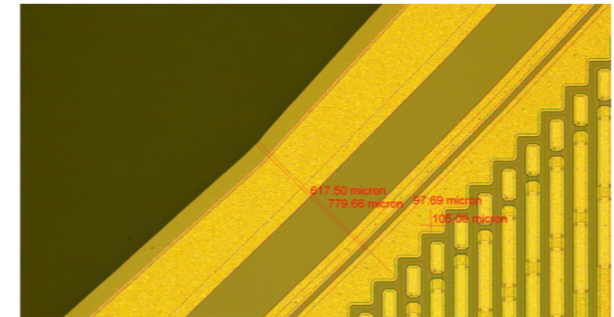
- layout of guard rings close to cut-out
  - charge collection efficiency, radiation hardness

## Embedded pitch adaptors (type A)

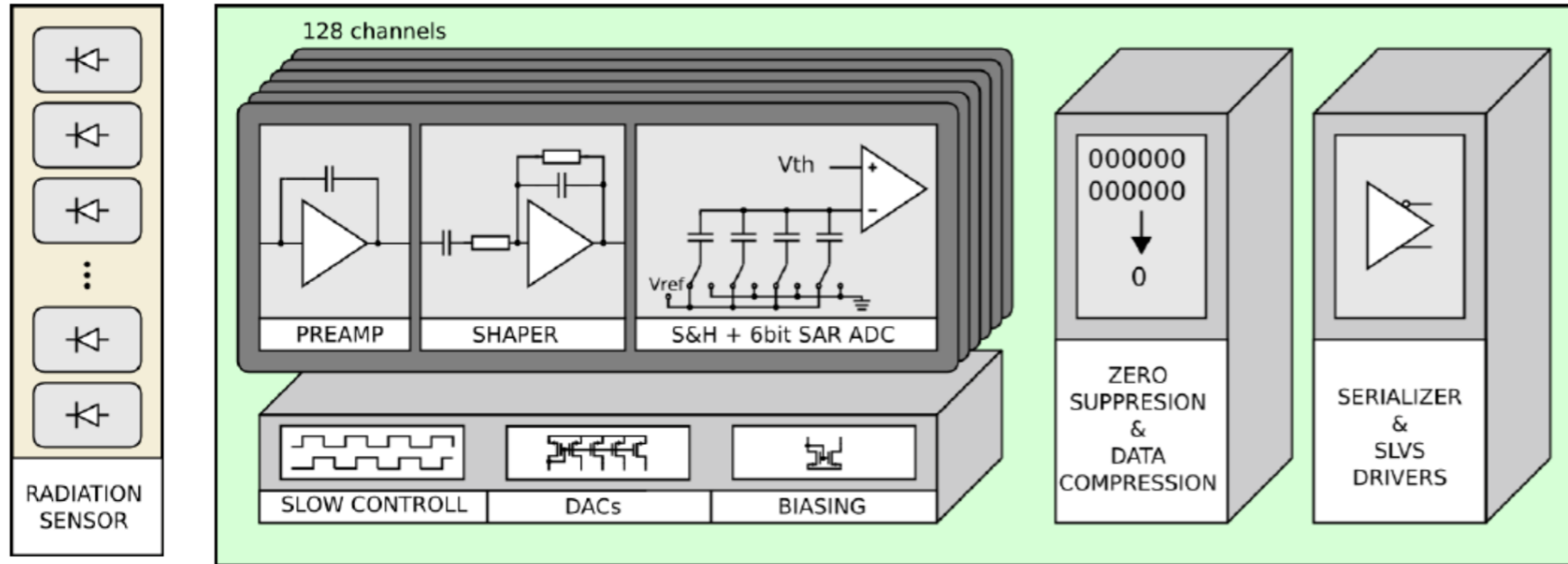
- implemented as double-metal layer
  - reduce dead material
  - save one row of wire bonds
- two geometries under consideration
  - cross talk
  - charge loss } before and after irradiation
- external pitch adaptor as backup

## Top-side biasing (all sensor types)

- connection to backplane via active edge
  - long-term performance, radiation hardness
- modified module design allowing for direct contact to backplane as backup



# SALT readout chip



**Custom development in radiation-hard 0.13  $\mu\text{m}$  technology (IBM  $\rightarrow$  TSCM)**

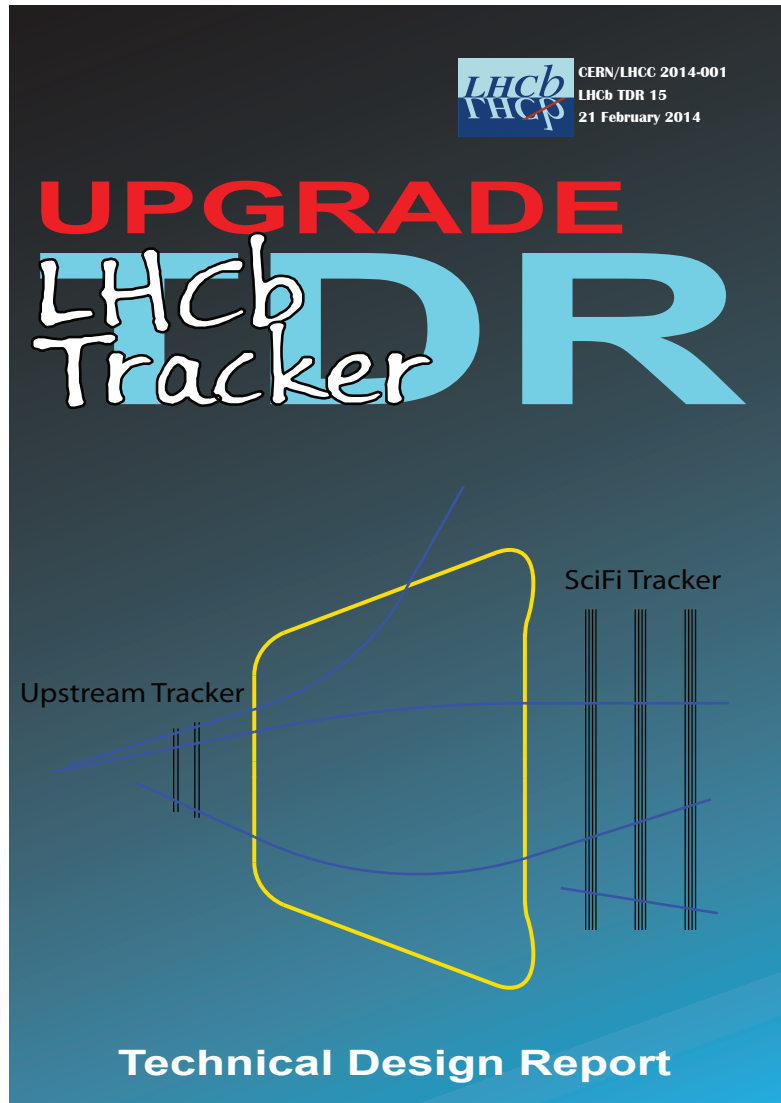
- **128 channels: front-end amplifier  $\rightarrow$  shaper  $\rightarrow$  ADC  $\rightarrow$  pedestal subtraction**
- **zero-suppression  $\rightarrow$  data compression  $\rightarrow$  serialisation**
- **SLVS output drivers: (up to) five e-port links**
- **first version of full 8-channel prototype in hand, tests ongoing**

# INFN Milano activities

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- ▶ Design and construction of:
  - flex cables
  - hybrid circuits for front-end electronics
- ▶ Design of CO<sub>2</sub> cooling system
  - Thermal and mechanical simulations of the UT stave
  - Cooling system prototype
- ▶ Test and characterisation of prototype silicon strip sensors
  - Test in laboratory
  - Test beam: developed new DAQ board and software for reconstruction and analysis of the data

# LHCb Tracker TDR



## ► Authors of Tracker TDR

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## ► Responsibilities for UT upgrade

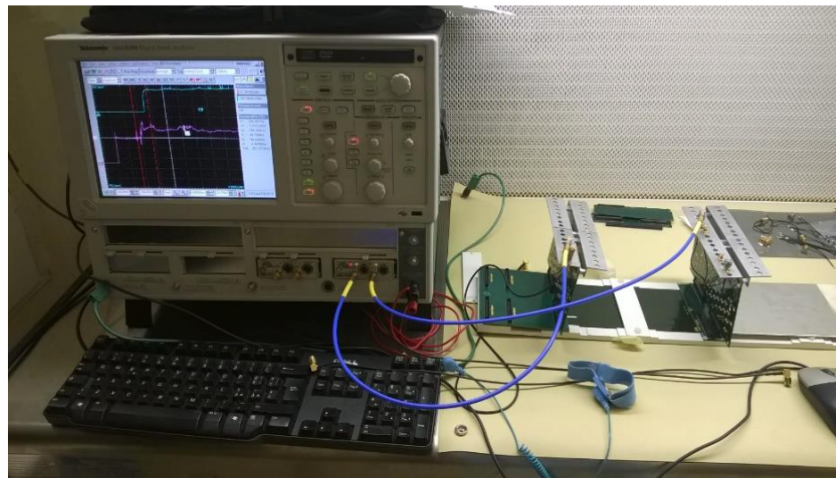
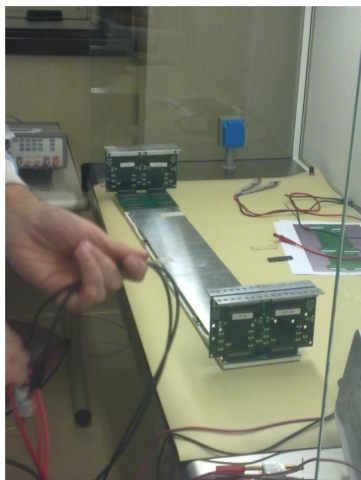
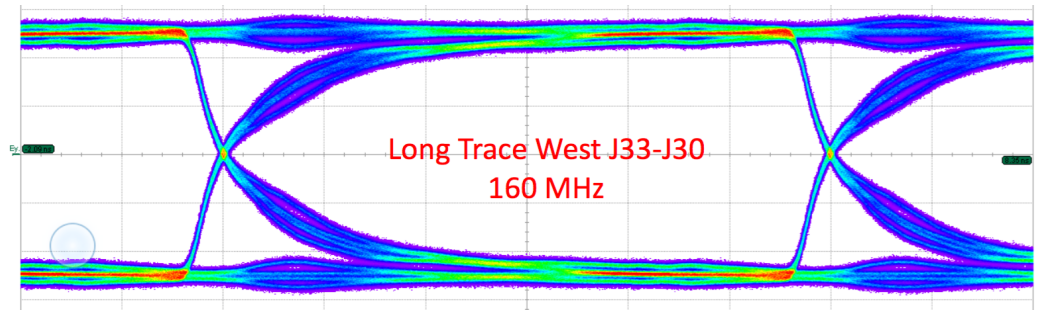
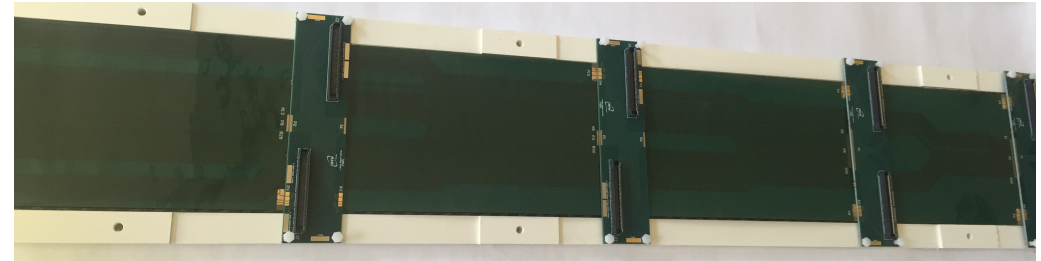
- Sensor and Hybrids WG (M. Citterio co-convener)
- Mechanics and Cooling WG (S. Coelli co-convener)
- Integration with LHCb WG (N. Neri co-convener)
- Editor of Tracking TDR (N. Neri “Mechanics and cooling” chapter)

- ▶ Technological challenge:
  - data flex positioned under the silicon sensors in the active area: carrying power, ground and data lines
  - low material budget ( $\sim 0.1\% X_0$ ): Kapton + Cu (Al) traces
  - thousands of traces, 80 cm long and 10 cm wide
  - low impedance, signal integrity
  - few manufacturers available



# Data flex - 1<sup>st</sup> prototypes

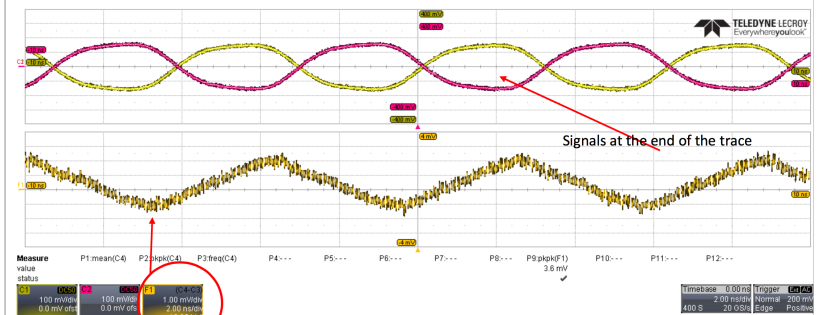
- ▶ First generation data flex
  - produced at industry
  - good signal transmission, low cross-talk: design validated
  - but low yield in production



### FEXT at 160 MHz on the longest traces:

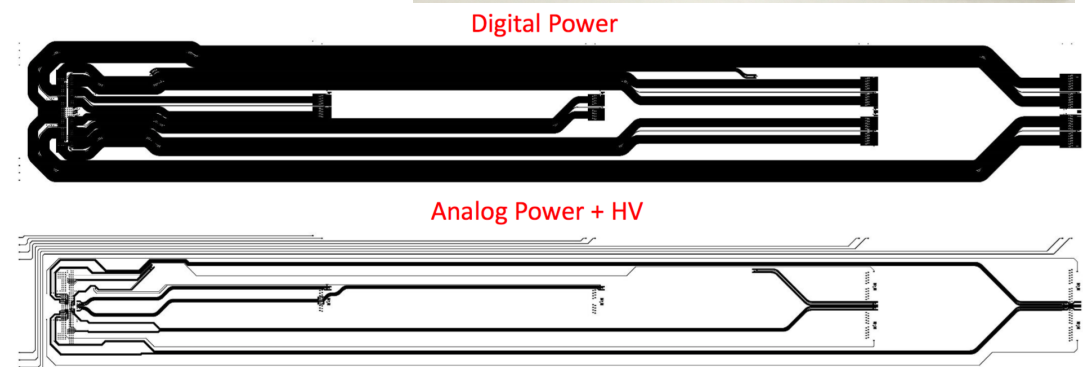
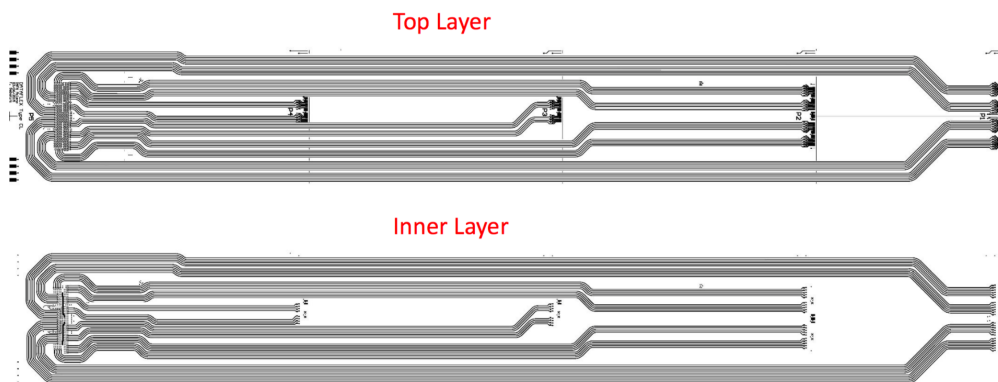
- Diff-mode crosstalk shown
- Shape of crosstalk is "smoothed" by reflections.
- V<sub>out</sub> = 350 mV due to attenuation, VFEXT(peak-peak) ~ 3.6 mV
- ESTIMATED worst case < 3 ... 5 %

→ NO ISSUE for the data transmission



# Data flex - 2<sup>nd</sup> prototypes

- ▶ Technology: full flex + stiffener design
- ▶ Improvements: better trace shapes and width, added HV traces, stack with 4 layers (2 data + 2 power lines), larger space between traces
- ▶ CERN workshop is the baseline production facility. Received few samples in these days, starting the test
  - Contacts with other manufacturers: Altaflex (USA) visit company on Nov 6th. Also contacts with ViaSystem (USA), and Flexible Technology (UK)

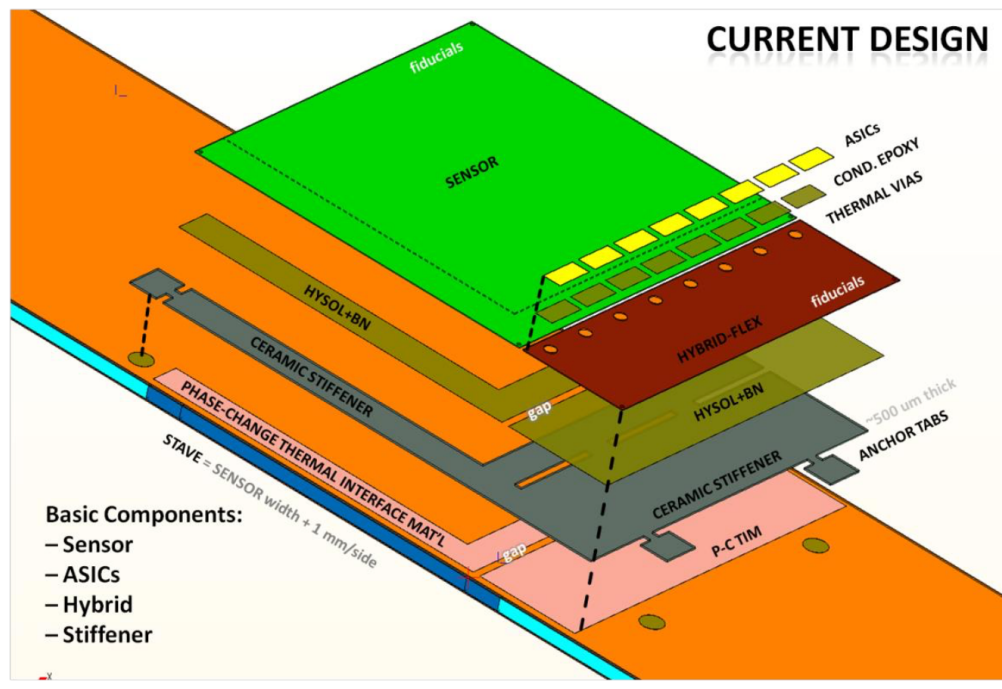


# Module design

- ▶ Low material budget and operations at  $T = -5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  set stringent requirements on module design
- ▶ Efficient heat dissipation and electrical insulation for sensor and FEE
- ▶ Use of ceramic material: excellent thermal conductivity and electrical insulation

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Fabrizio Sabatini

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Marco Petruzzo

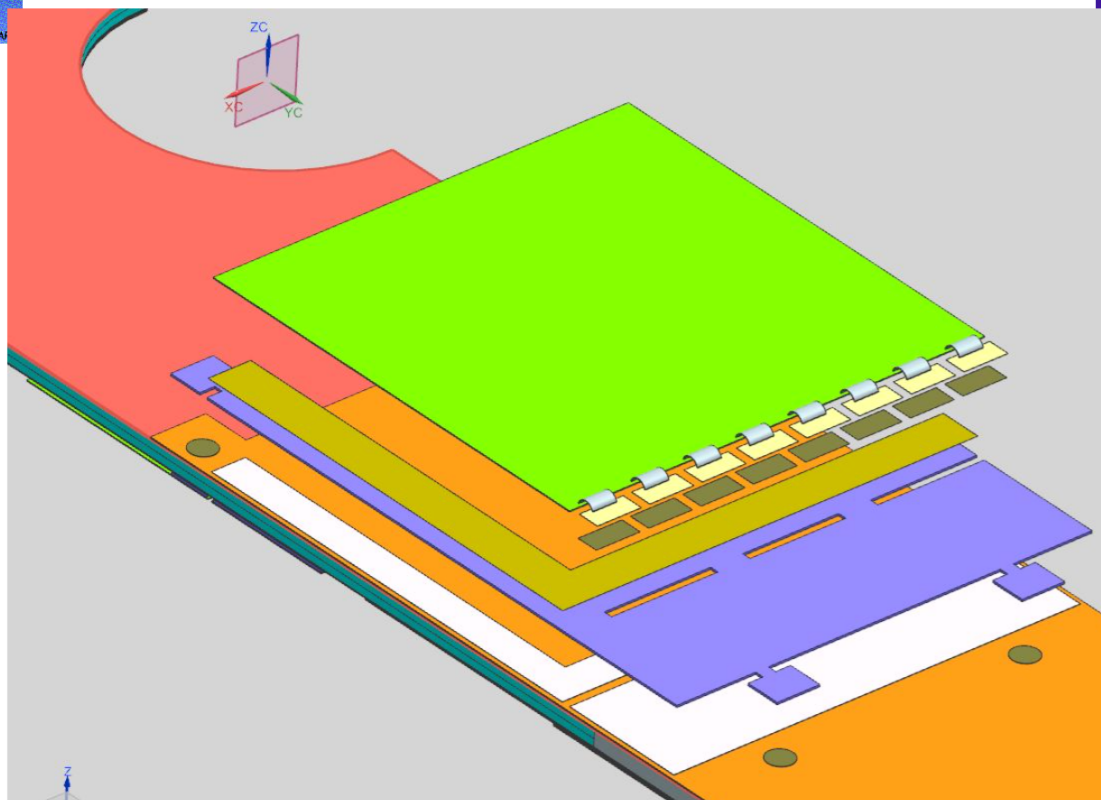




# Milano proposal for ceramic hybrid



## New Ceramic Hybrid Design



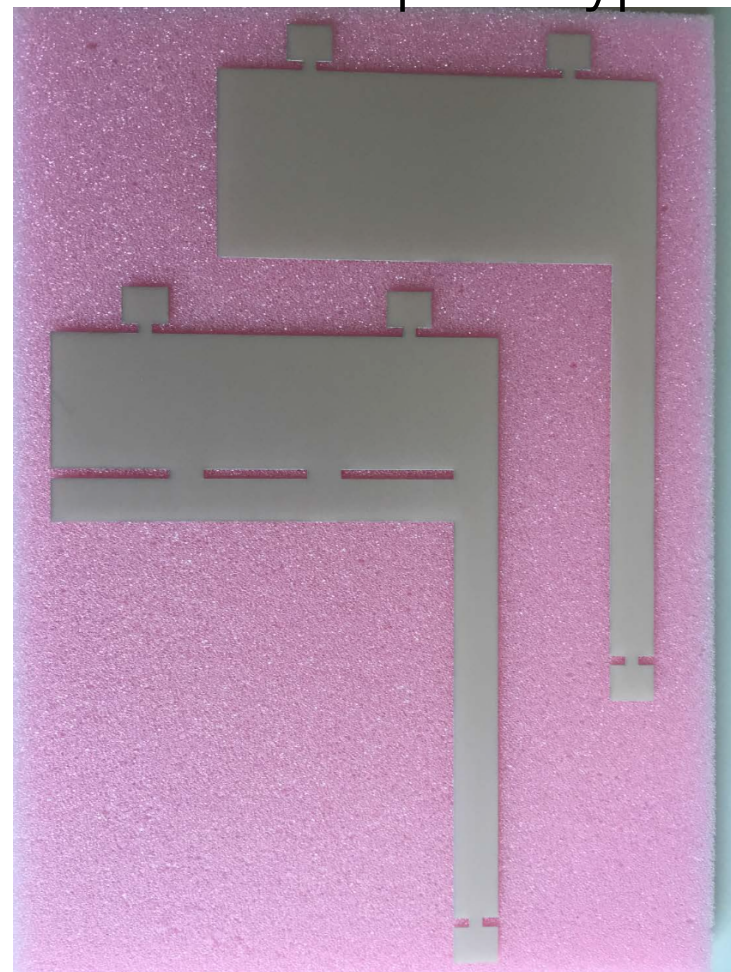
With respect to v5 hybrid solution: no thermal vias, no hybrid flex, no epoxy layer  
Pro: improved thermal conductivity and cooling efficiency  
Simplified construction and mounting of the stave

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Mauro Citterio - UT Workshop May 2015

Thick-film technology for electronic circuitry  
Aurel produced AlN hybrids for BaBar SVT

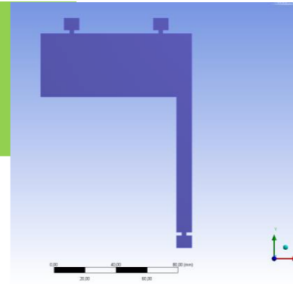
## Mechanical prototypes



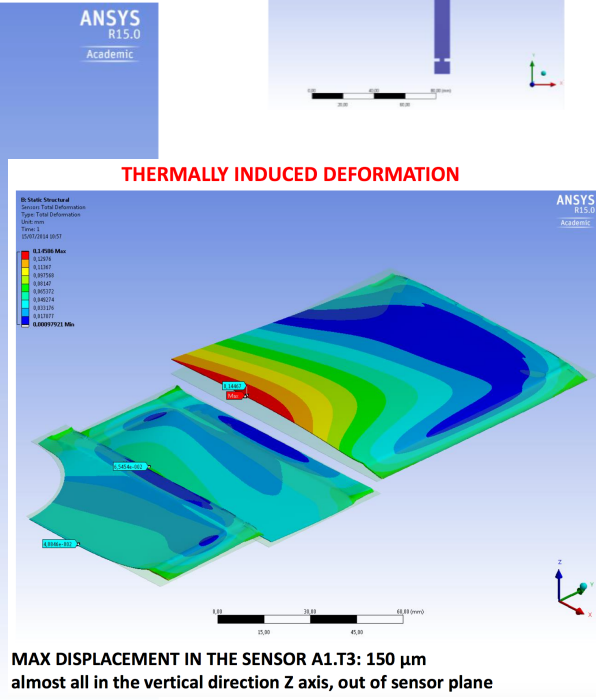
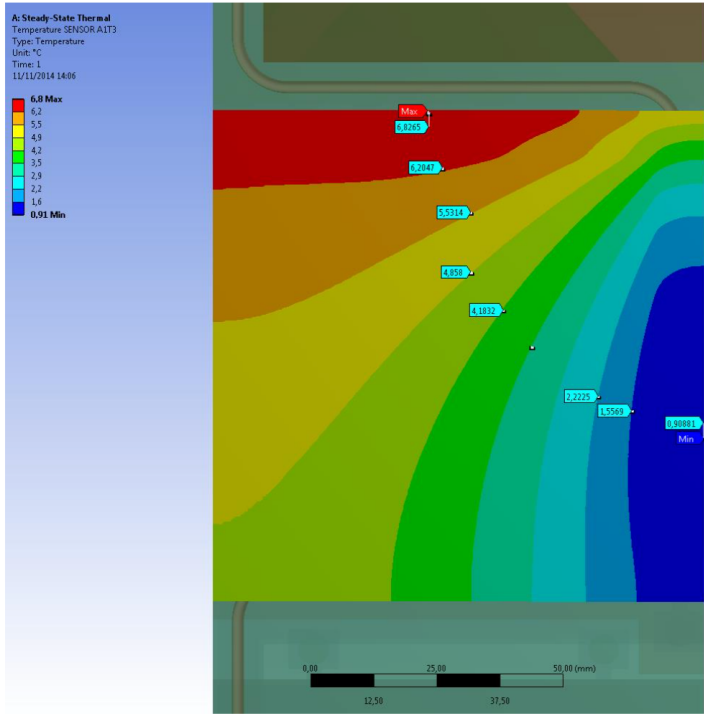
250 um thick AlN substrate

# Thermal & Mechanical simulations

**Material** AlN (Aluminum Nitride)  
 thermal conductivity  $k = 180/180/180$ ;  
 ceramic thickness = 0.250 mm



**Simone Coelli**  
**Mauro Monti**



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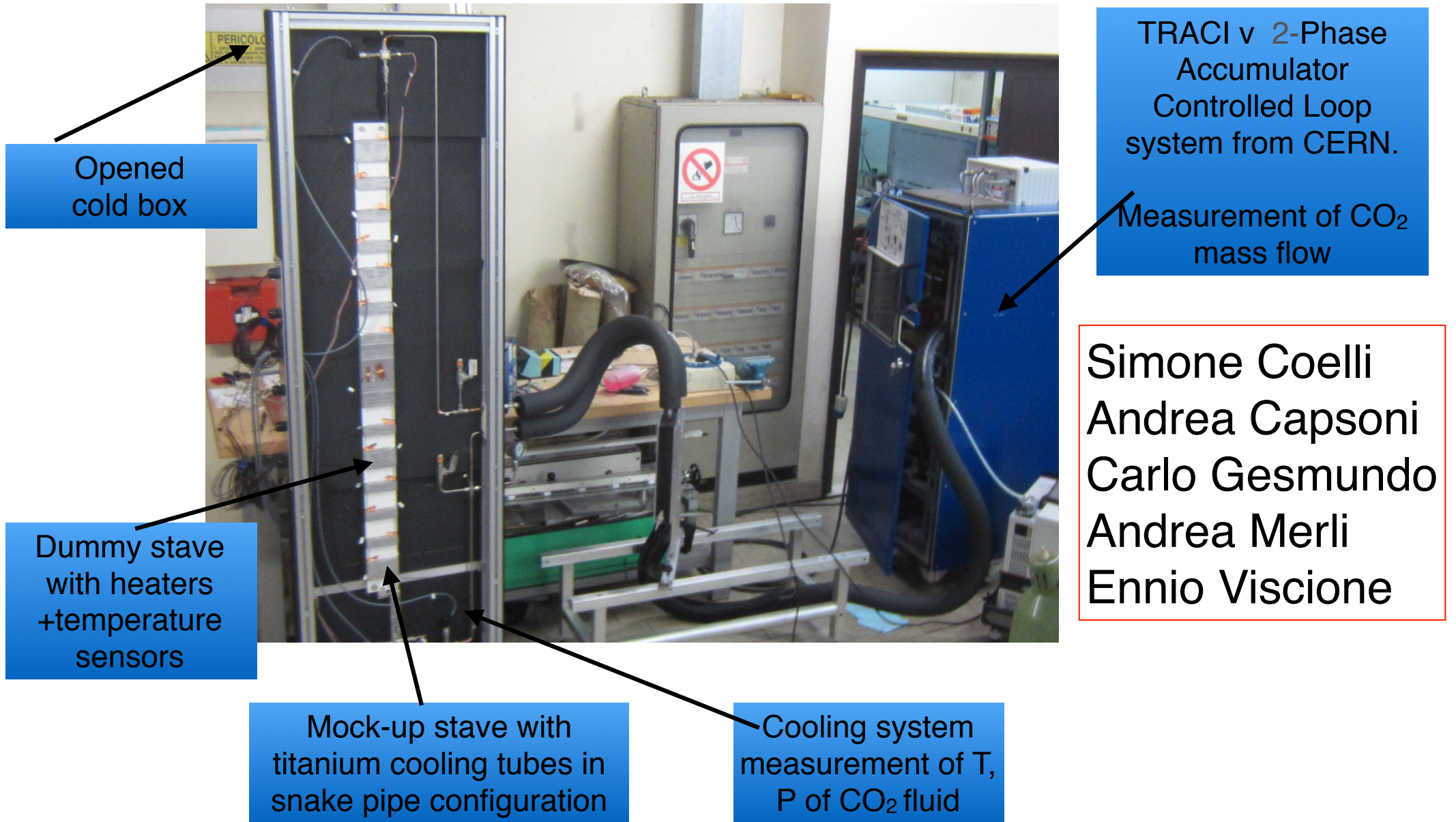
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Simone Coelli – I.N.F.N. MILANO Mauro Monti – I.N.F.N. MILANO		

**SENSOR A1.T3**  
**MAX DELTA T = 5.9 °C**

- $T_{max}(\text{sensor}) < T(CO_2) + 7^\circ C$  ✓
- $\Delta T(\text{sensor}) < 6^\circ C$  ✓
- $T(\text{ASIC}) < T(CO_2) + 23^\circ C$  ✓



# CO<sub>2</sub> cooling setup in Milano



Opened cold box

Dummy stave with heaters + temperature sensors

Mock-up stave with titanium cooling tubes in snake pipe configuration

Cooling system measurement of T, P of CO<sub>2</sub> fluid

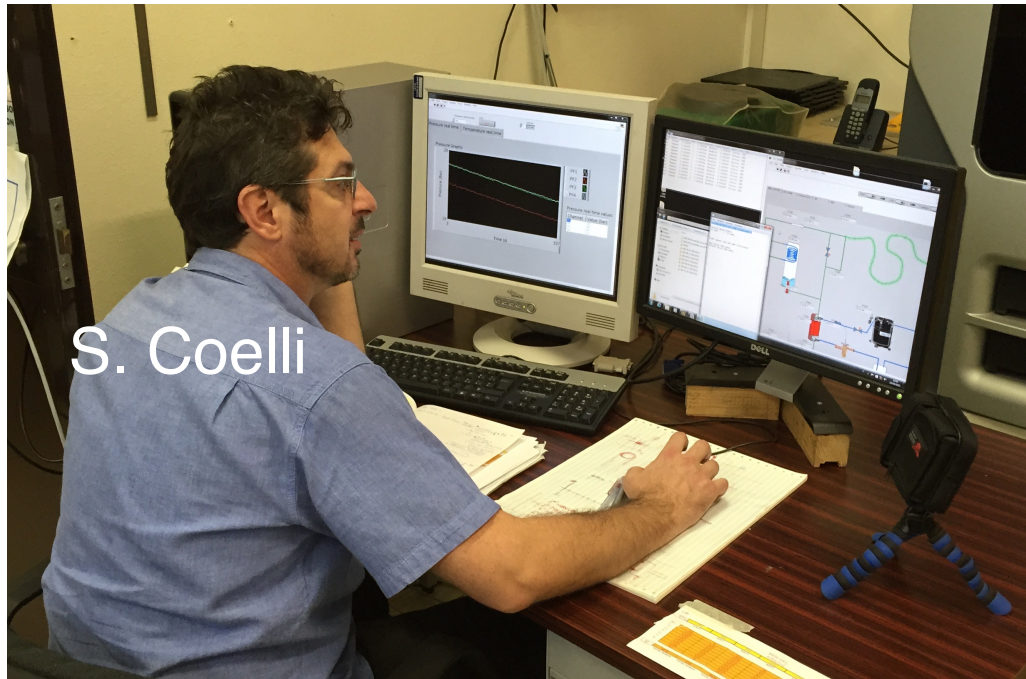
TRACI v 2-Phase Accumulator Controlled Loop system from CERN.  
Measurement of CO<sub>2</sub> mass flow

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Carlo Gesmundo  
Andrea Merli  
Ennio Viscione



# UT stave cooling test

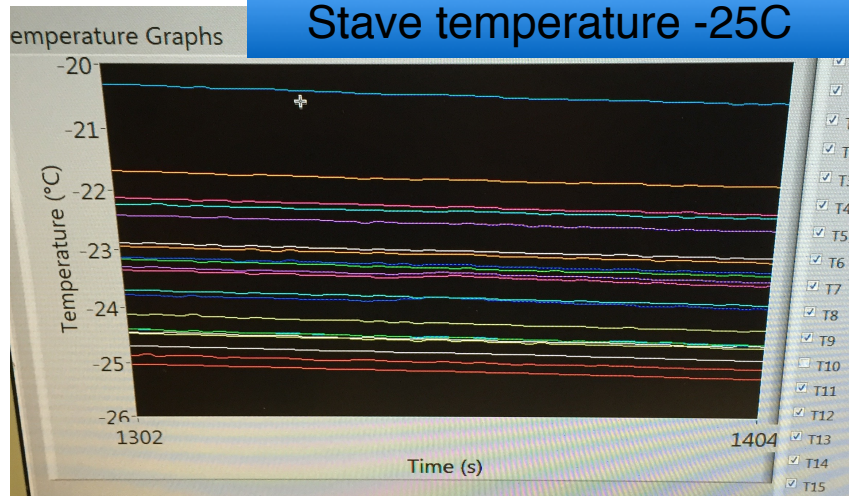
“Control room” for CO<sub>2</sub> cooling system



TRACI CO<sub>2</sub> system



Stave temperature -25C



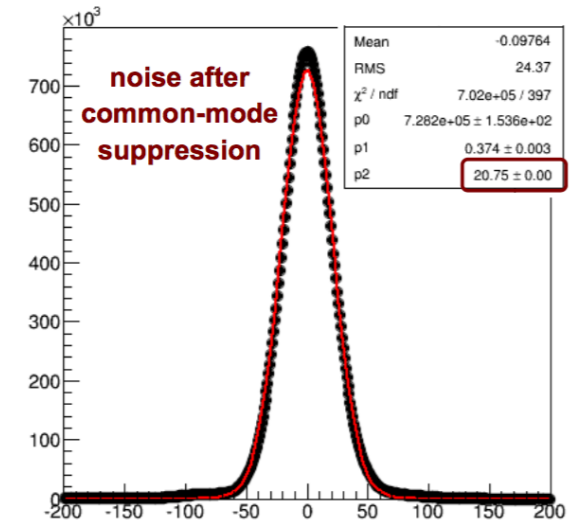
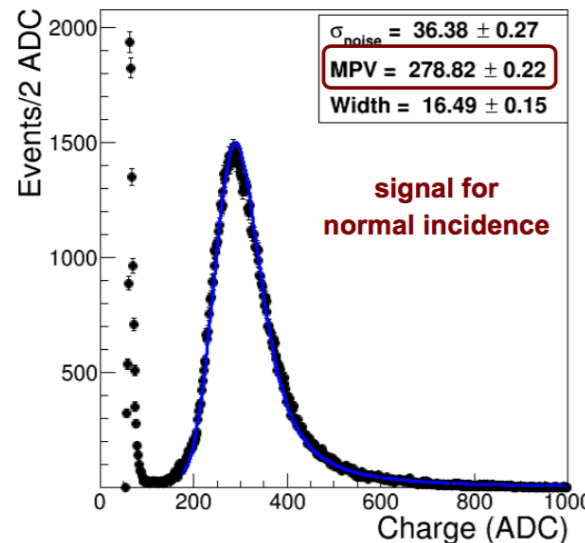
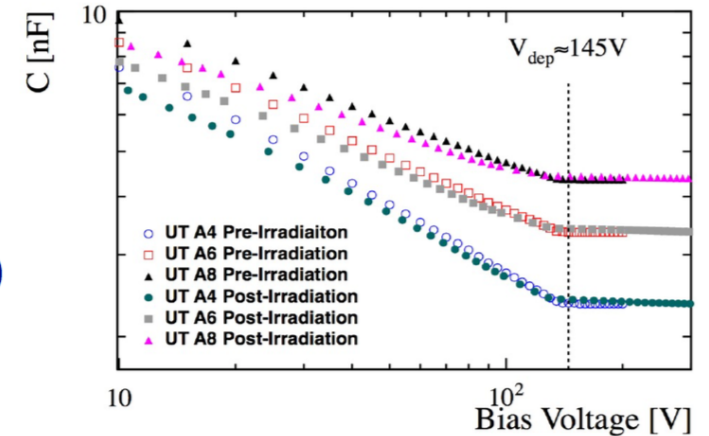
# Test beam activity

## First prototypes from Micron and HPK

- not yet final thickness and technology
- irradiation with 24 GeV p at CERN irradi facility
  - up to  $3.2 \times 10^{13}/\text{cm}^2$  (type A),  $7.4 \times 10^{14}/\text{cm}^2$  (type D)
- test beam campaign using 180 GeV p at CERN
  - VELOpix beam telescope ( $\rightarrow 3 \mu\text{m}$  resolution)
  - Beetle readout chip for detectors under test
- analyses underway

**S/N ~ 13.4**  
okay for 200  $\mu\text{m}$  thick sensors and Beetle noise performance

- expect new set of prototype sensors with final specs by the end of 2015





# Milano contributions

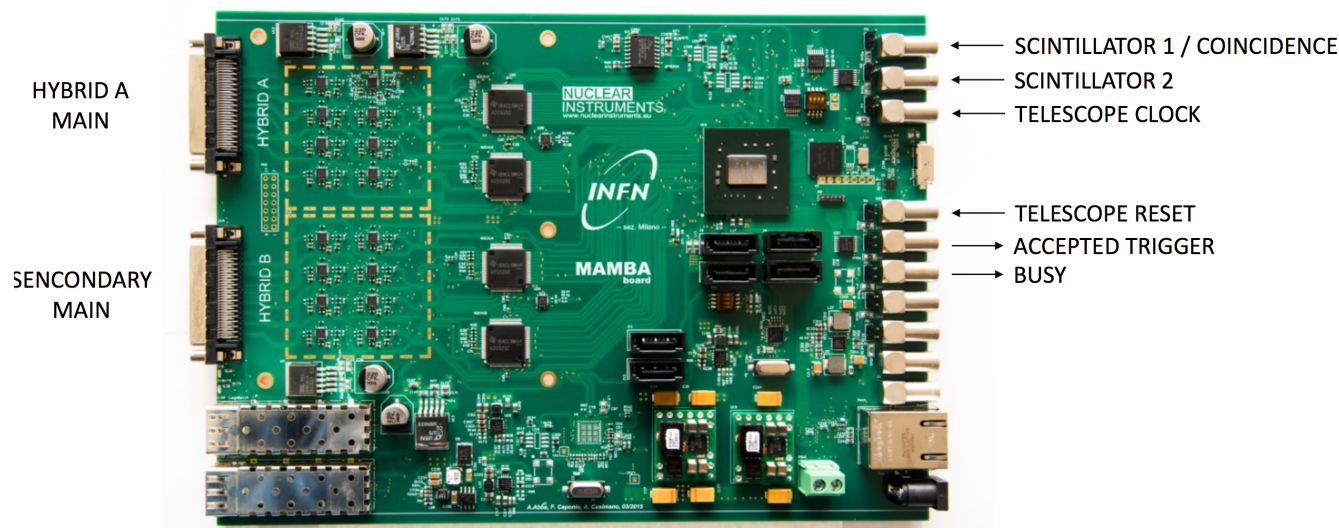
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- ▶ New DAQ system for testbeam
- ▶ Online software and GUI
- ▶ Offline reconstruction and simulation software
- ▶ Silicon strip sensor telescope

# New DAQ system

Andrea Abba,  
Francesco Caponio

- ▶ Developed in Milano a new DAQ system for testbeam:
  - 100x DAQ rate wrt previous Alibava system
  - improved trigger scheme and track matching (time stamp info for DUT hit-Telescope track matching)
  - online software: GUI, Beetle chip configuration, monitoring



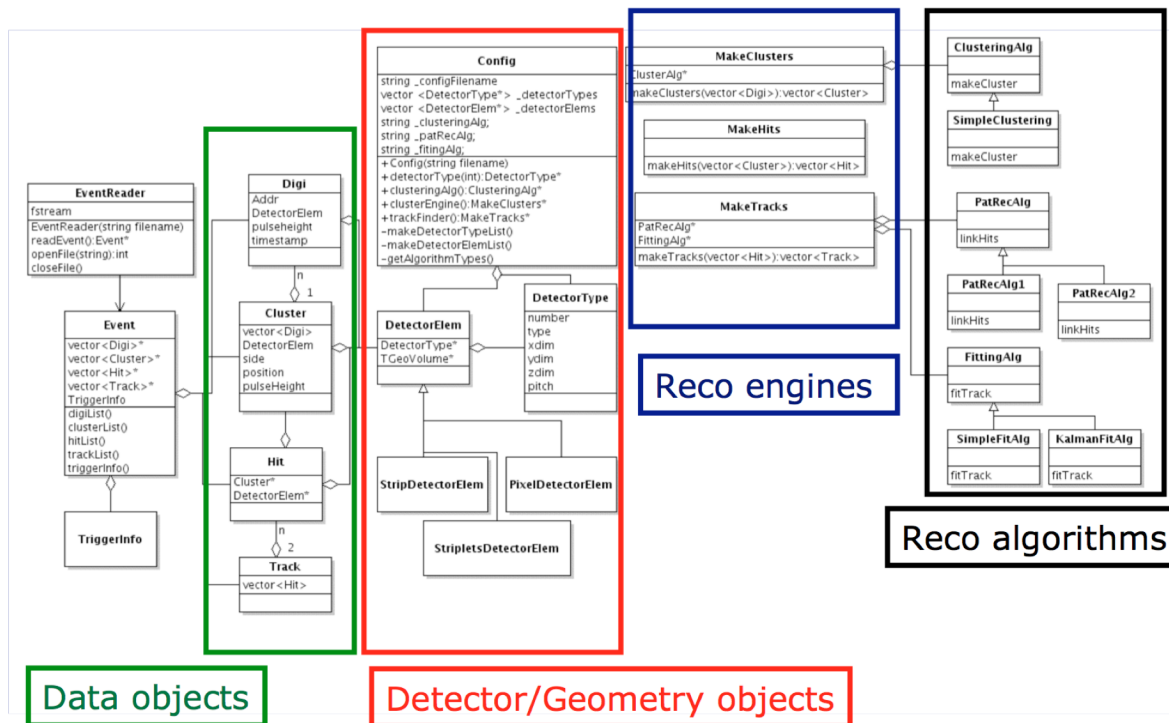
DAQ system performed very well in July and October testbeam and was acknowledged by the UT collaboration

synergy with Retina CSN5 experiment

# Offline software

- ▶ Software package (Sbt) for track reconstruction and analysis of testbeam data
- ▶ Data analysis

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 Biplab Dey



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 May 30, 2015

## Testbeam studies of pre-prototype silicon strip sensors for the LHCb UT upgrade project

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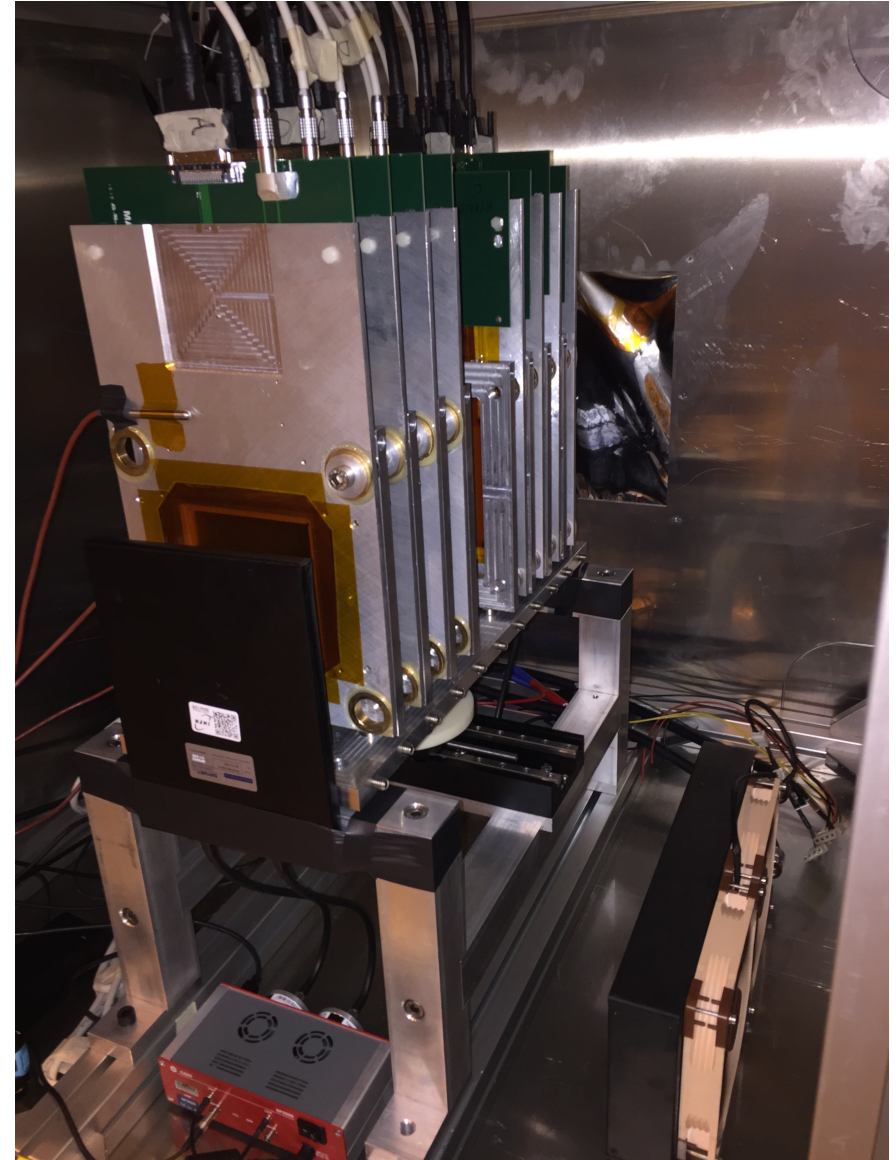
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[arXiv:1506.00229](https://arxiv.org/abs/1506.00229) Accepted, NIM A



# “Retina” telescope

- ▶ Built in Milano a telescope based on TT silicon strip sensors and Beetle chip readout
- ▶ Artificial retina algorithm for real time tracking implemented in custom Mamba DAQ board (CSN5 project)
- ▶ First prototype of embedded real time tracking system based on retina algorithm



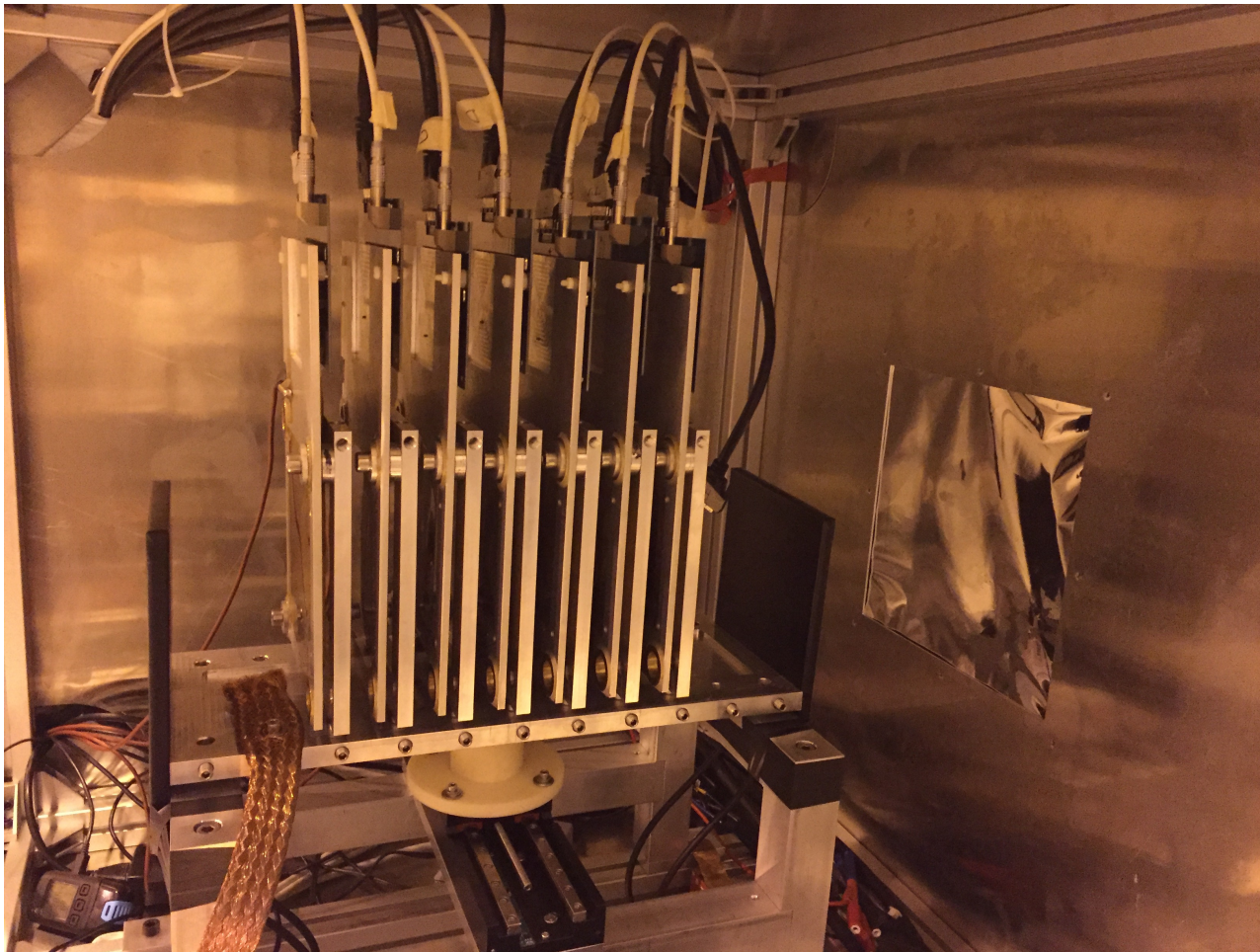


# October 2015 testbeam

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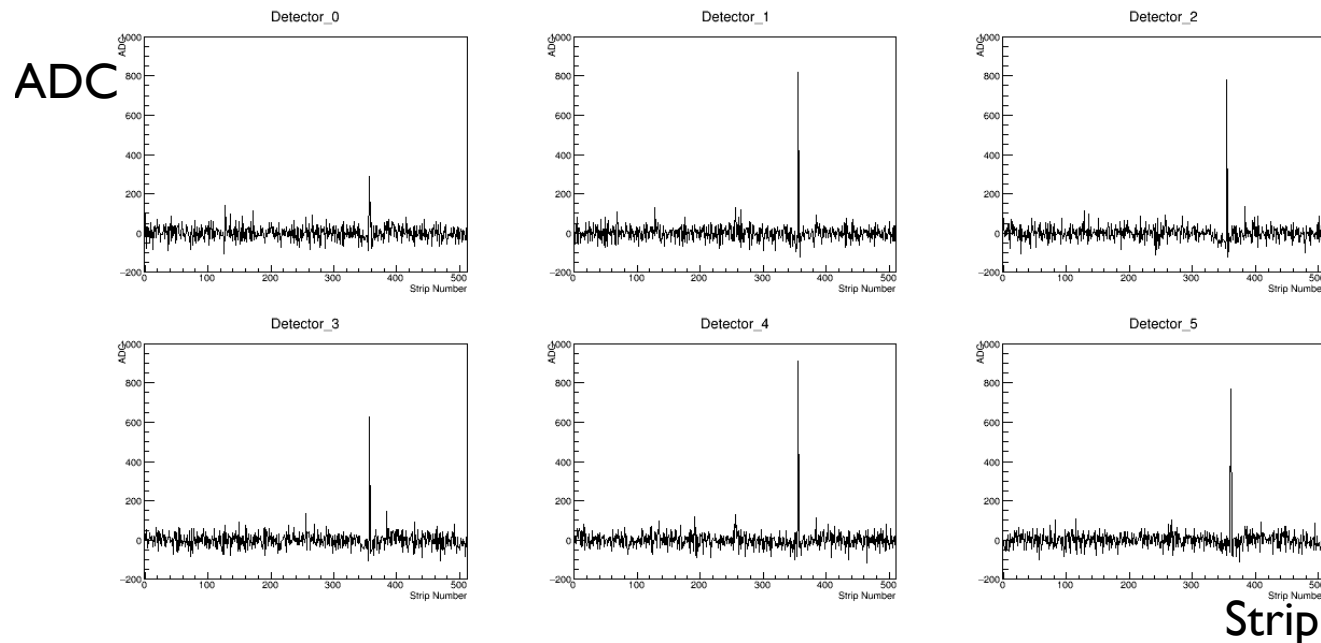
Telescope on beam at CERN:

- test of real time tracking performance: “retina response”
- test of UT DAQ system (can test also UT sensors in the future)



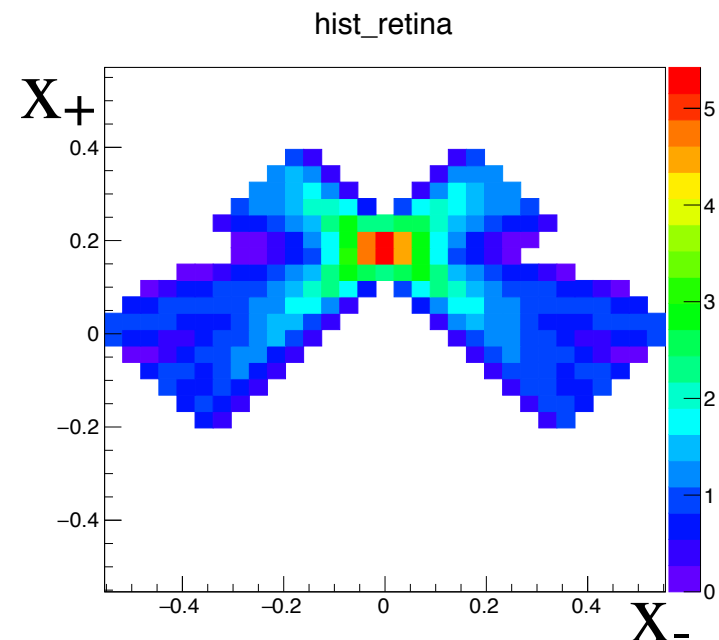
# First look at data

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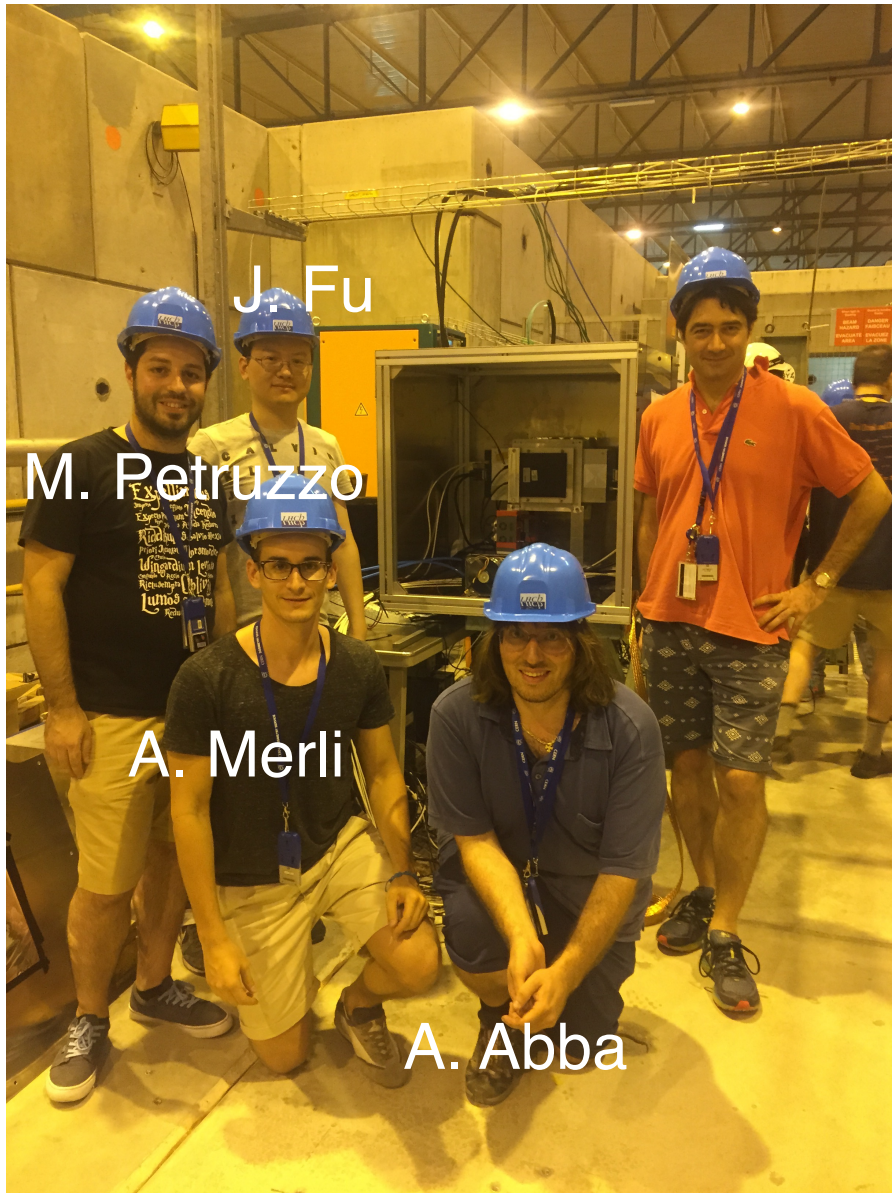
► Track hits on telescope detectors

- Real track seen by the “Retina” fast track finding system
- Online tracking: Mamba board returns track parameters in real time

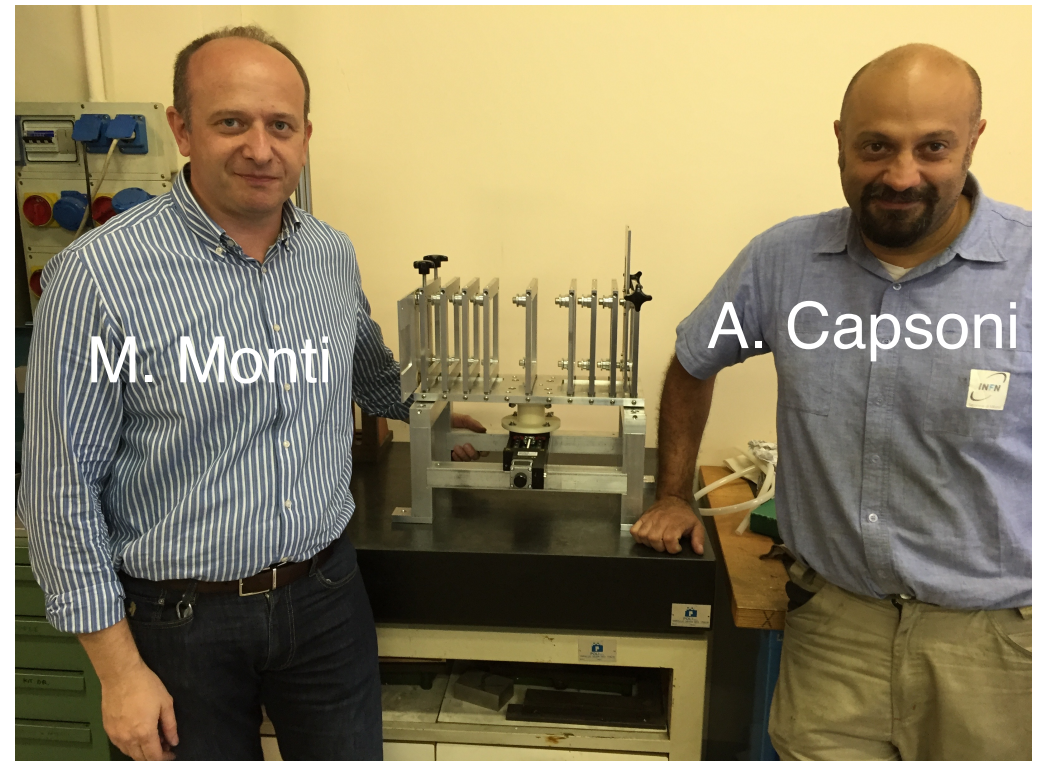




# Testbeam crew



Mechanical workshop



For mechanics also:  
Simone Coelli  
Ennio Viscione  
Fabrizio Alberti

# Summary

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- ▶ R&D to demonstrate the viability of proposed key design solutions
  - silicon detector with embedded pitch adaptor, top-side biasing and circular cutout
  - new rad-hard front-end SALT chip
  - ceramic hybrid circuit
- ▶ Gradual transition to production phase in 2016-2017 to be ready for installation in mid 2019
- ▶ Milano group is effectively contributing to the UT project:
  - ▶ Flex cables design and production. 2nd generation flex cables produced at CERN
  - ▶ Milano AlN based hybrid solution. Aurel will produce first prototypes soon
  - ▶ Design of the CO<sub>2</sub> system architecture. Setup for cooling system test in Milano
  - ▶ Contribution to testbeam: DAQ system, reconstruction software, silicon telescope

# Backup slides

# Tesi di laurea

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- ▶ [M. Petruzzo](#), “First Prototype of a Tracking System with Artificial Retina for Fast Track Finding”, October 2014 - now [PhD student UniMi](#)
- ▶ [E. Spadaro Norella](#), “Analisi dei dati del test su fascio di prototipi di rivelatori al silicio a strip per l’upgrade dell’ esperimento LHCb”, March 2015 (laurea triennale)
- ▶ [A. Merli](#), “Search for CP violation using T-odd correlations in  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p h^- h^+ h^-$  and  $\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow p h^- h^+ h^-$  decays ( $h = K, \pi$ )”, April 2015 - borsista neolaureato INFN- now [PhD student UniMi](#)
- ▶ [D. Marangotto](#), “Study of  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p h^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  decays”, ongoing
- ▶ [D. Terzi](#), “Studies for an embedded tracking system using precise space and time information of the hit”, ongoing



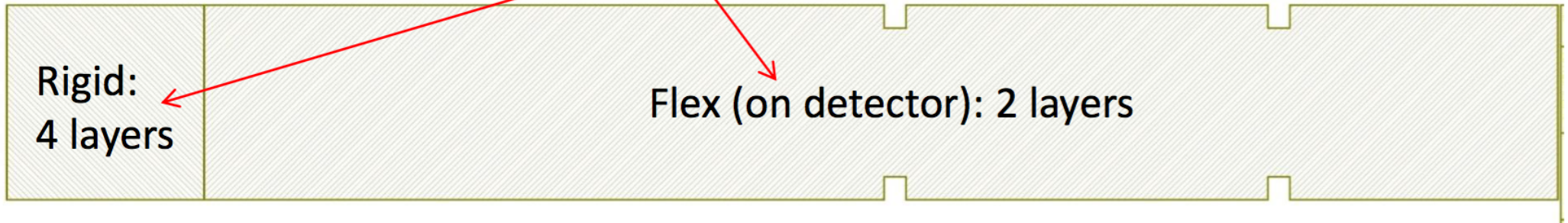
# Contributions at conferences

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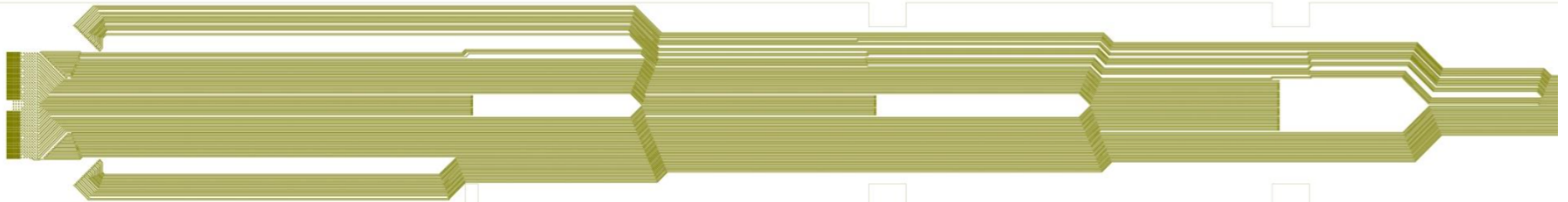
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# Data flex design 1<sup>st</sup> generation

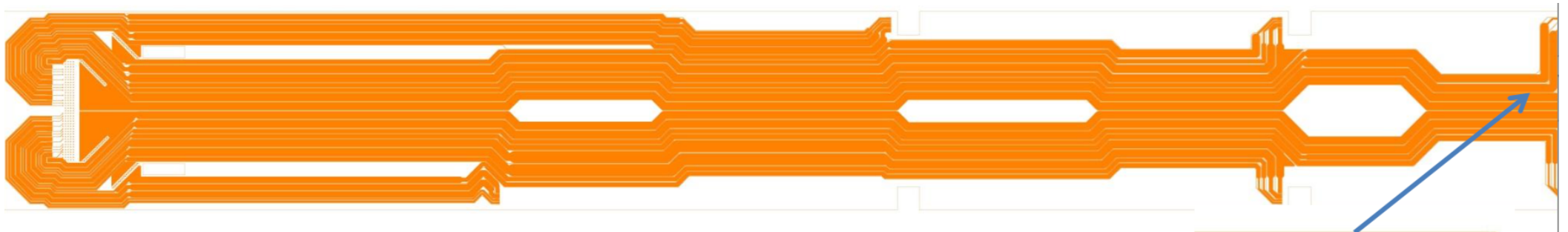
→ Solution adopted: rigid-flex tape (~ 78 cm long, ~ 9.7 cm wide)



Top Layer: signal traces microstrips

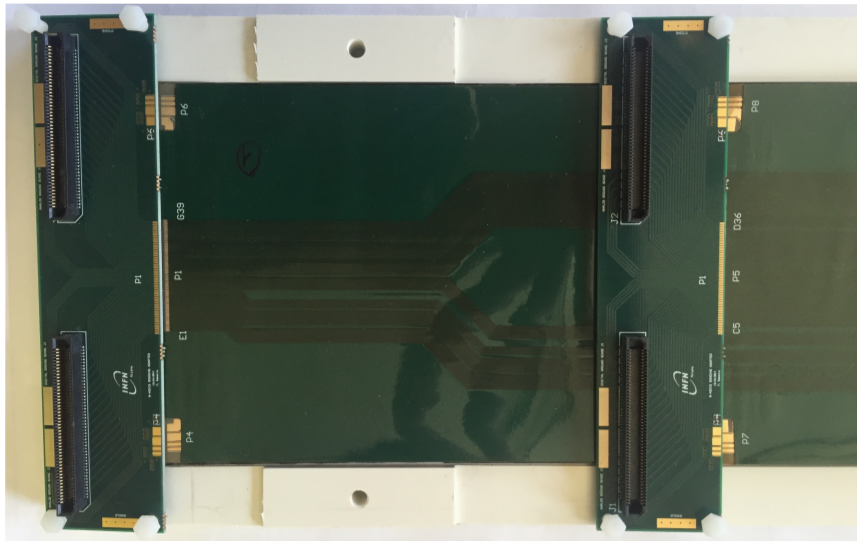
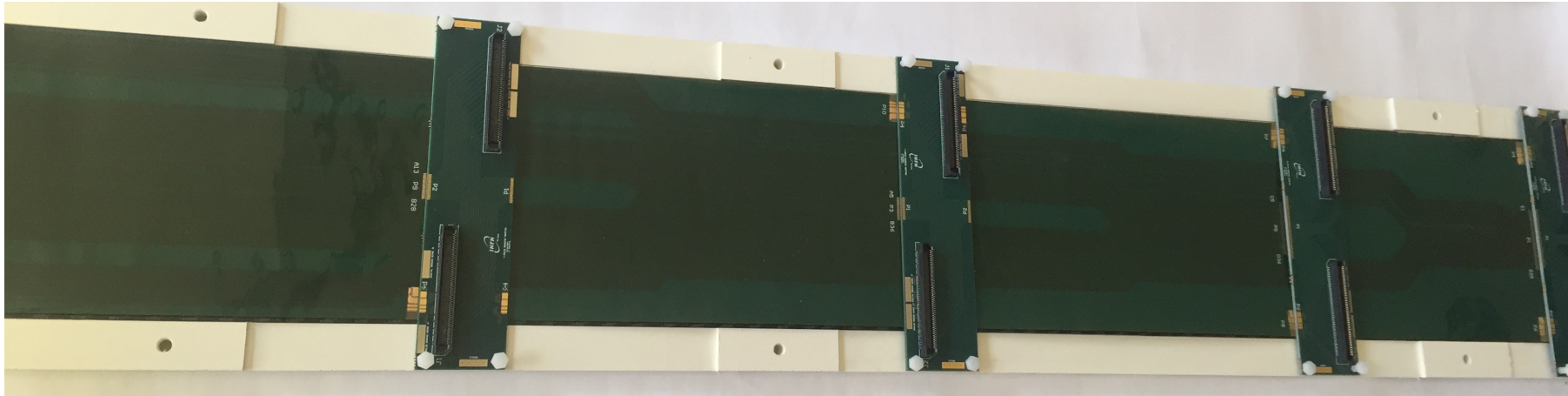


Bottom layer: "large" power traces



# Prototypes 1<sup>st</sup> generation

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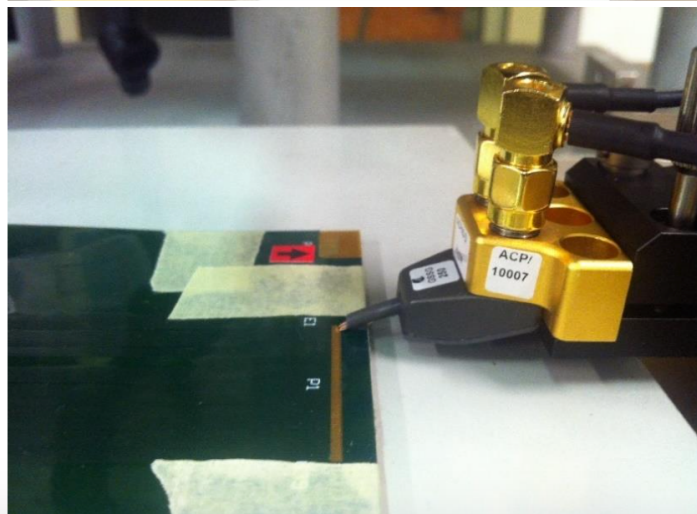


- ▶ Nov14 2014, received first data-flex prototypes by Fineline.
- ▶ Long traces ~80cm. Difficult to manufacture: short and open on signal traces
- ▶ Relatively low yield ~50%. About 2 months delayed delivery

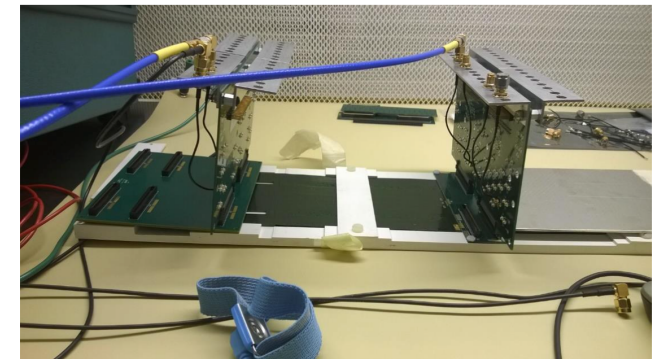
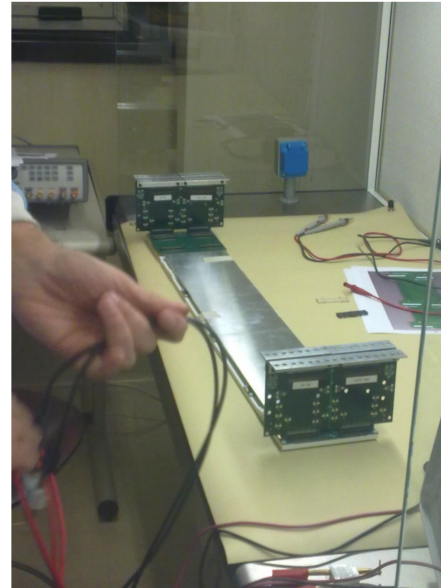


# Flex cables testing

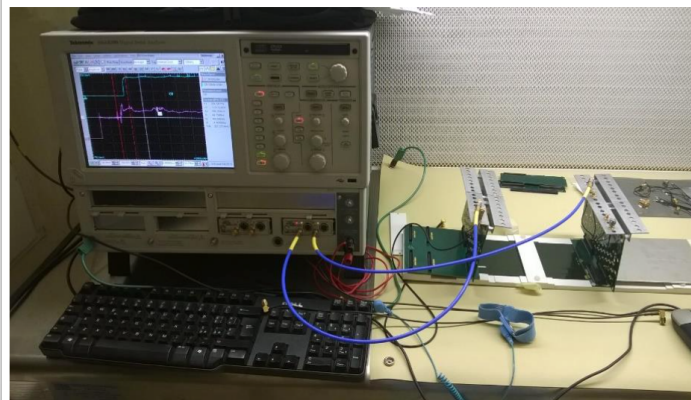
First manual tests with probes



Test setup using adapter cards



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Marco Petruzzo  
Biplab Dey  
Fabrizio Alberti  
Ennio Viscione

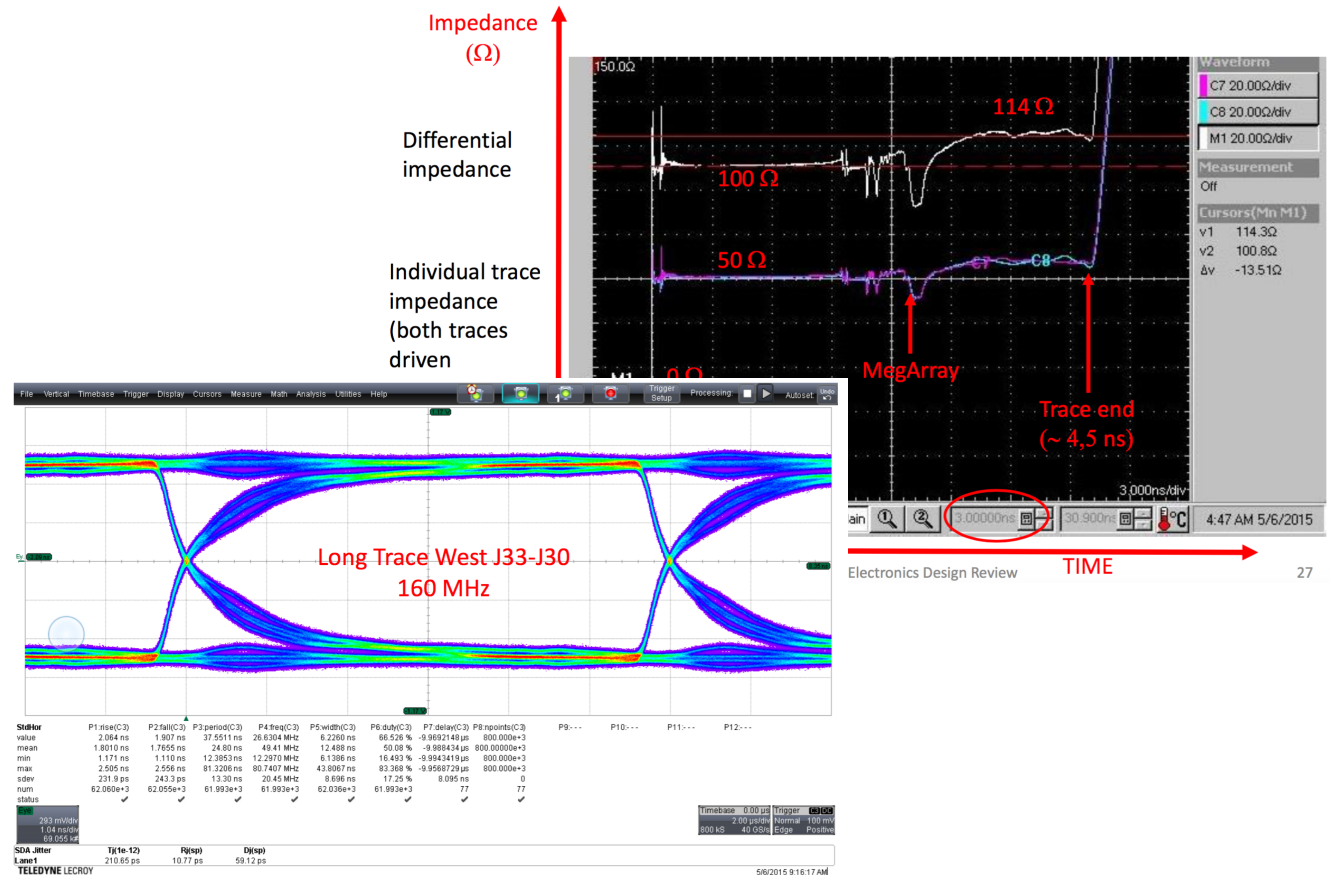


# Flex cable prototype test

- ▶ Transmission test up to 330 MHz with high frequency probe and pseudo random signal, TDR measurements, resistance and impedance measurements
- ▶ Quality tests are OK: data-flex design validated



F. Sabatini





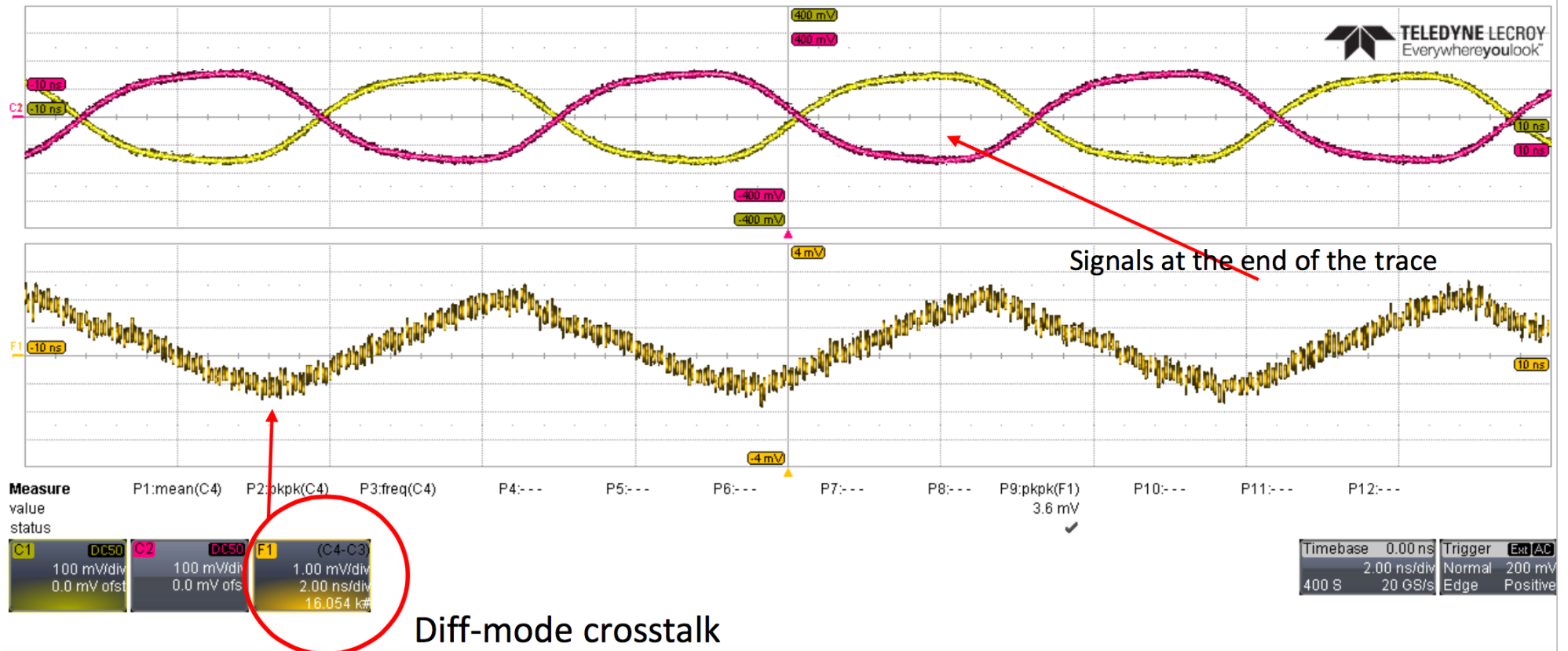
# Cross-talk measurements

## FEXT at 160 MHz on the longest traces:

- Diff-mode crosstalk shown
- Shape of crosstalk is “smoothed” by reflections.
- $V_{out} = 350$  mV due to attenuation,  $V_{FEXT}(\text{peak-peak}) \sim 3.6$  mV
- ESTIMATED worst case < 3 ... 5 %

Low cross-talk

→ NO ISSUE for the data transmission





# EDR: feedback from reviewers

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- ▶ “The work done to study signal propagation in the present flexes was extremely impressive. We were happy that the new design will address many of the impedance discontinuities found. The flex rigid technology used in the present tape restricts the number of potential vendors, and pushes up the price. The decision to use flex technology with a stiffening piece would seem to be appropriate”
- ▶ Data flex PRR scheduled for June 2016
  - production starts July 2016
  - production ends August 2017

# EDR: feedback from reviewers

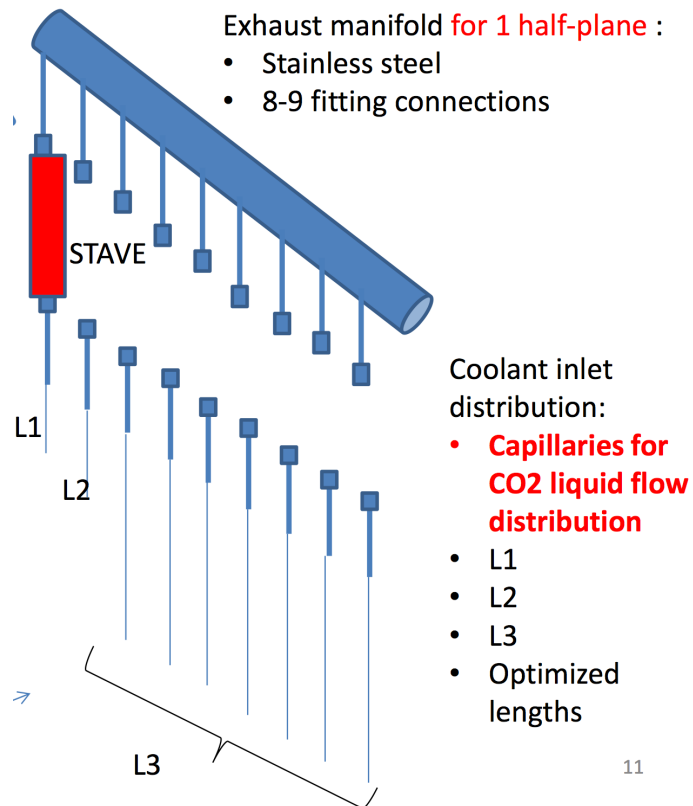
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- ▶ “We were pleased that information on the hybrid was presented, despite its omission from the formal agenda.” Hybrid schedule determined by SALT chip. Few months delay.
- ▶ Hybrid R&D in 2015 (SALT 8 channel) and in 2016 (SALT 128 channel)
  - EDR Sept 2016
  - PRR Dec 2016
  - Production starts Jan 2017, ends May 2018

# Design of the CO<sub>2</sub> cooling system

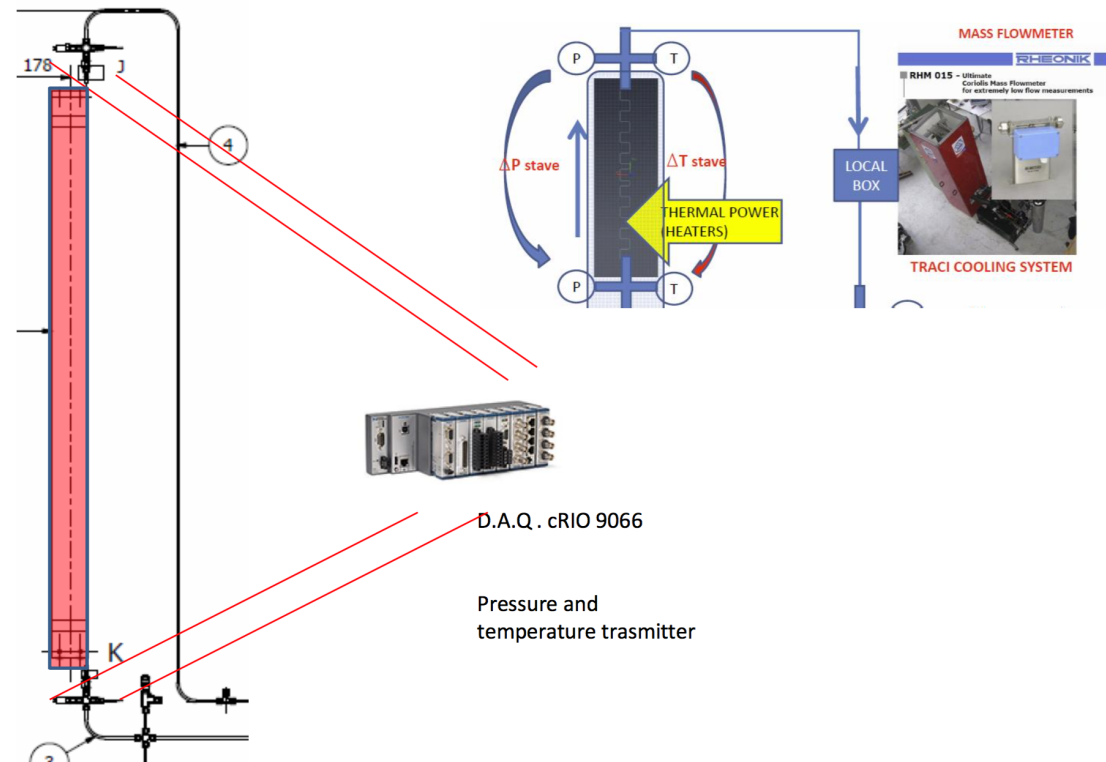
Simone Coelli  
Carlo Gesmundo

- ▶ Participation to the development of TRACI cooling system in collaboration with CERN
- ▶ Crucial contribution to the design and test of the UT CO<sub>2</sub> cooling system



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CO<sub>2</sub> THERMAL TEST  
Phase I: TEST SET-UP WITH ONE STAVE



# EDR: feedback from reviewers

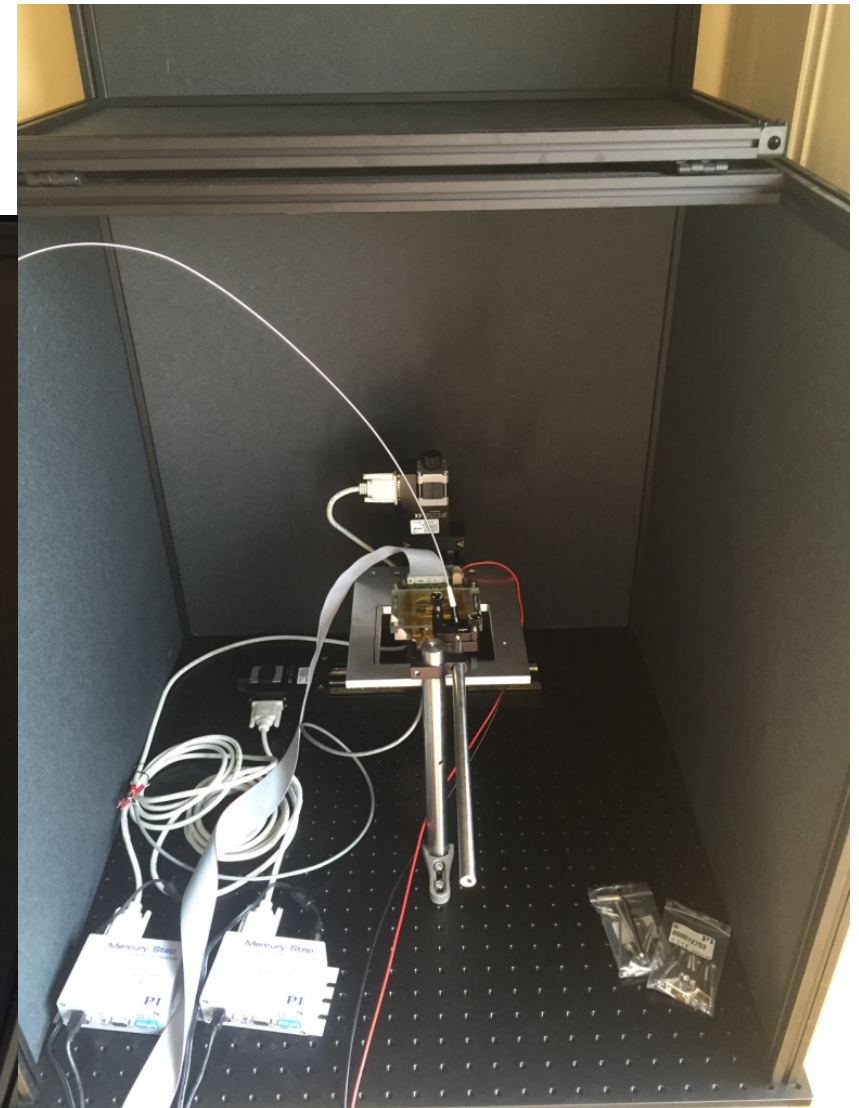
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- ▶ “The UT stave design appears generally correct. The snake-pipe geometry allows efficient cooling of the modules, and with the use of two-phase CO<sub>2</sub> as coolant the targeted -5C max temperature on the sensors is well achievable”
- ▶ Stave thermal and mechanical simulation, CO<sub>2</sub> tests, Simone Coelli.
  - “According to the studies the  $\Delta T$ 's between cooling pipe and sensor highest temperature are found to be about max 5 C. This is fine as needing to achieve -5C as the max temperature on sensors, and with CO<sub>2</sub> cooling can go to sufficiently low coolant temperatures (-30C).”
  - Cooling system production January 2017

# Prototype sensor testing

- ▶ Test detector modules using 1064 nm laser with 10  $\mu\text{m}$  spot size and radioactive sources
- ▶ The setup is ready and will be used as soon as safety procedures will be implemented

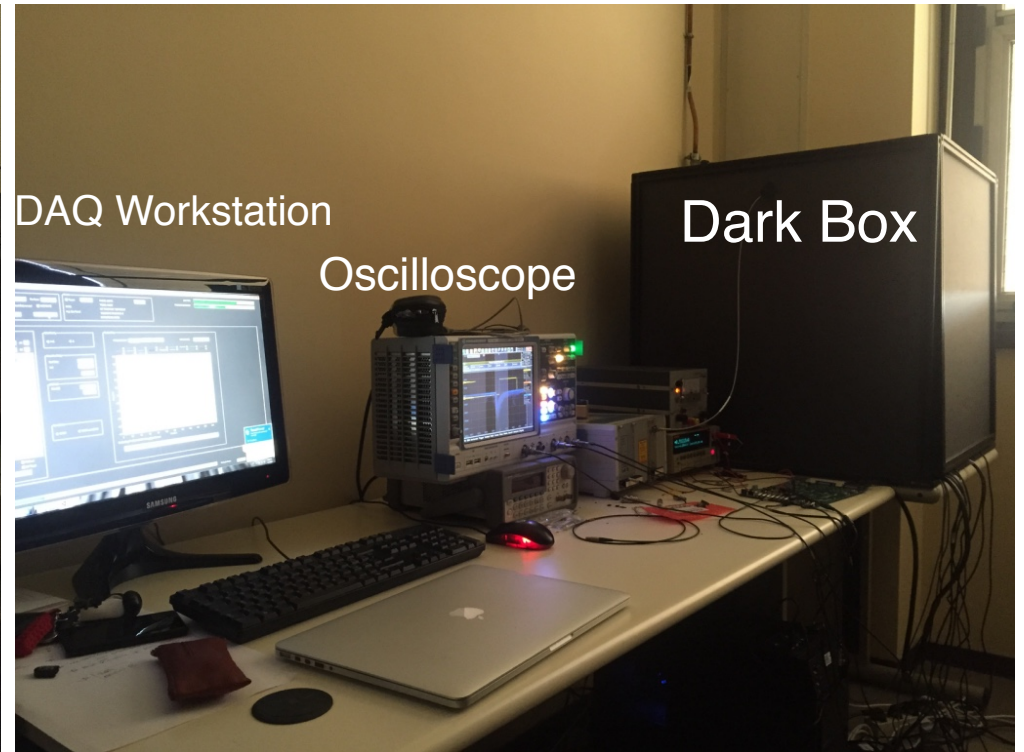
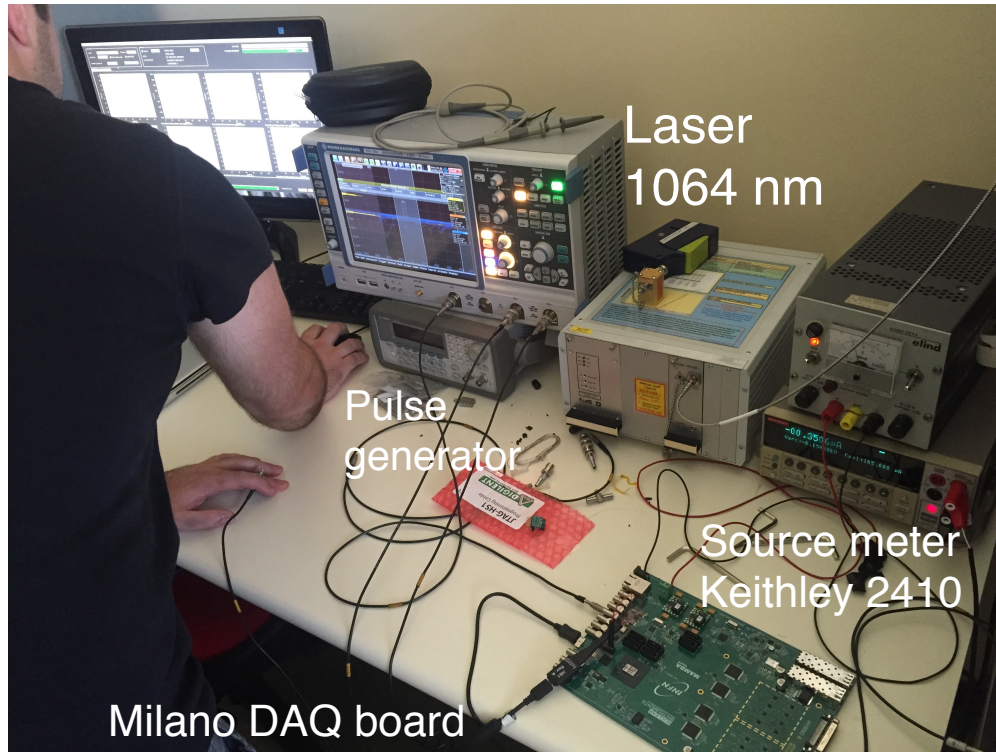
Dark Box with automatic positioning system





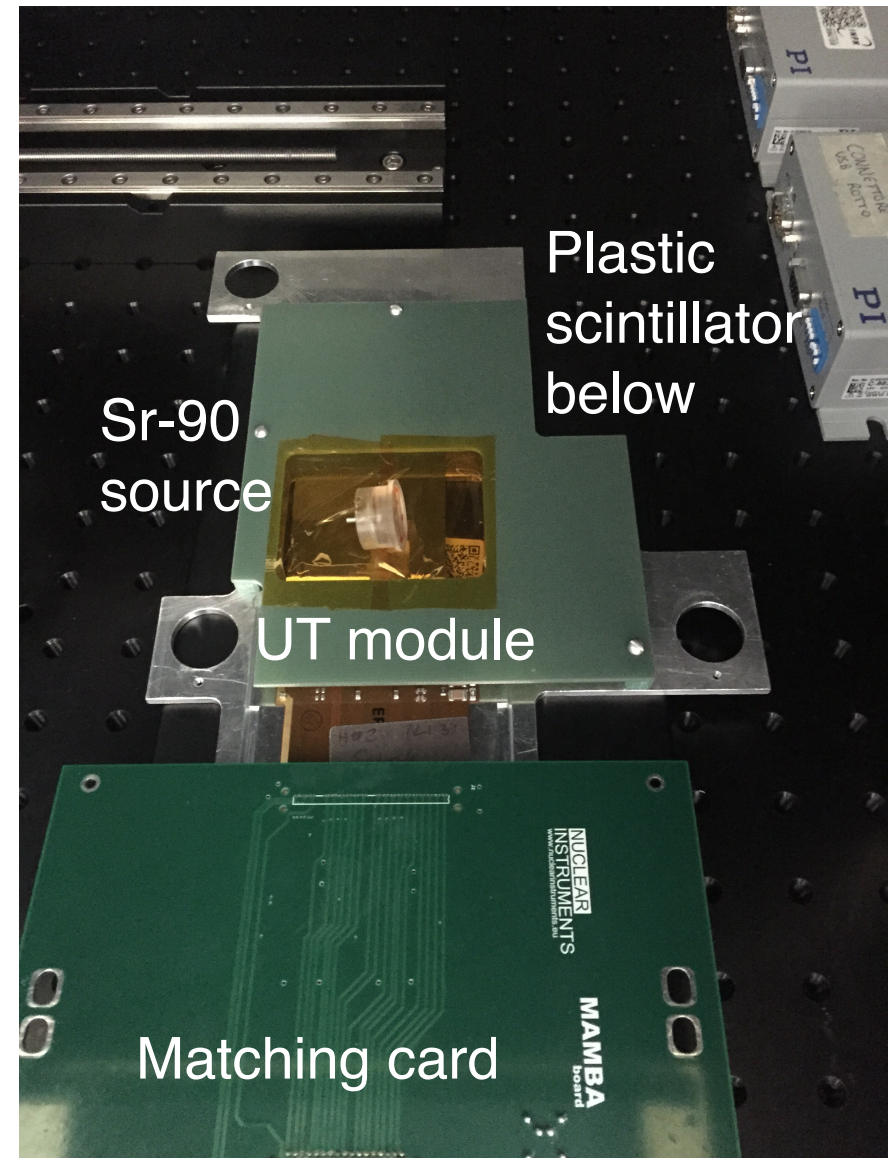
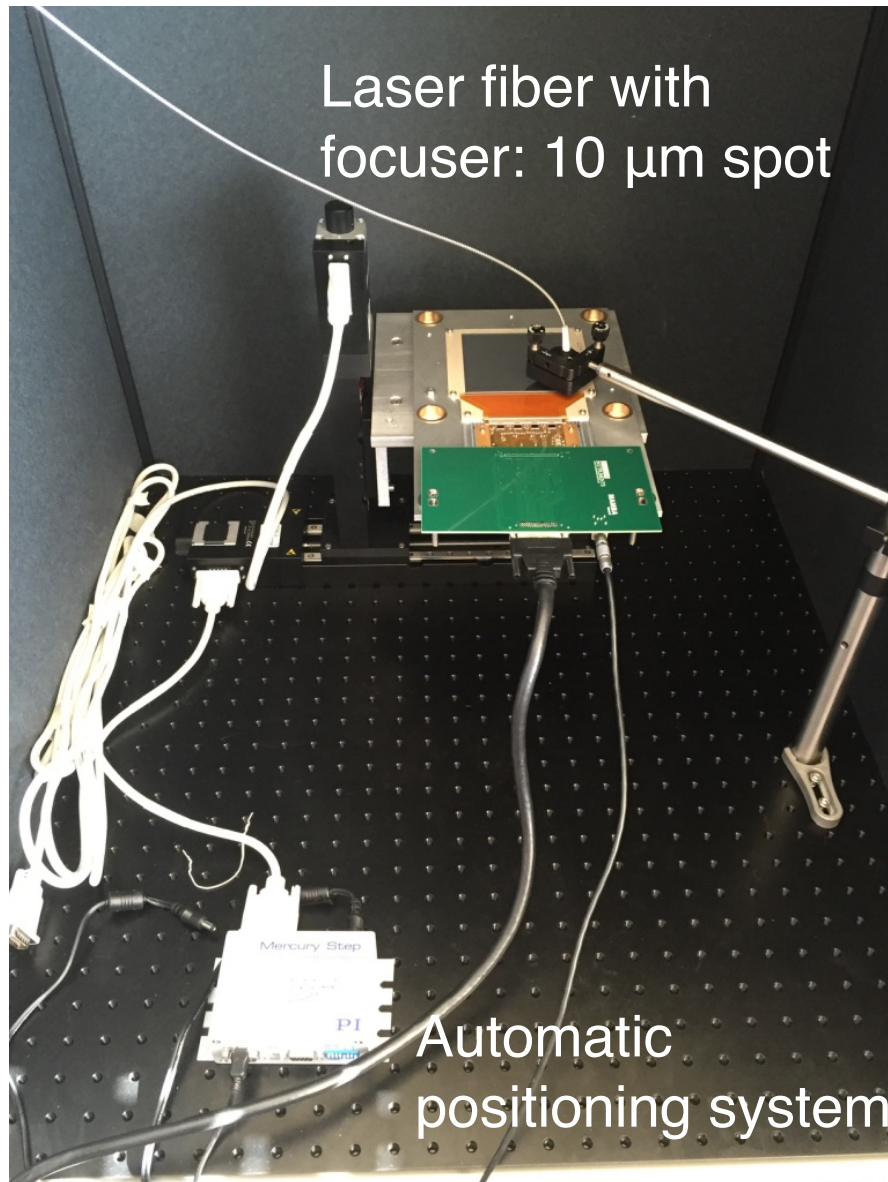
# Test setup in Milano

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# Sensor test



# Sr-90 signal - UT sensor

Hamamatsu sensor

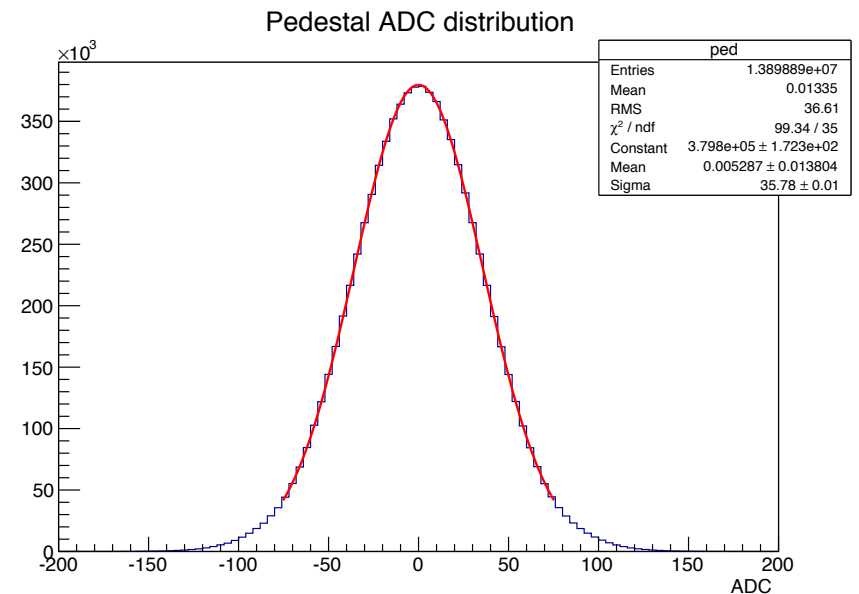
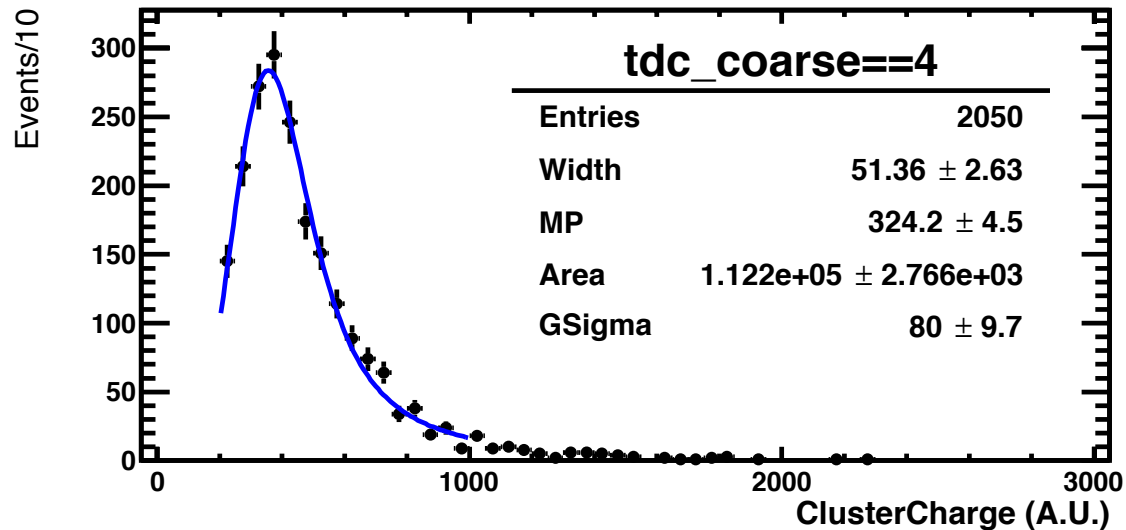
200  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, 180  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch, n-in-p

Gain ADC = 10 dB

S/N  $\sim 324/37=9$

MPV  $\sim 14.440$  e (PDG)

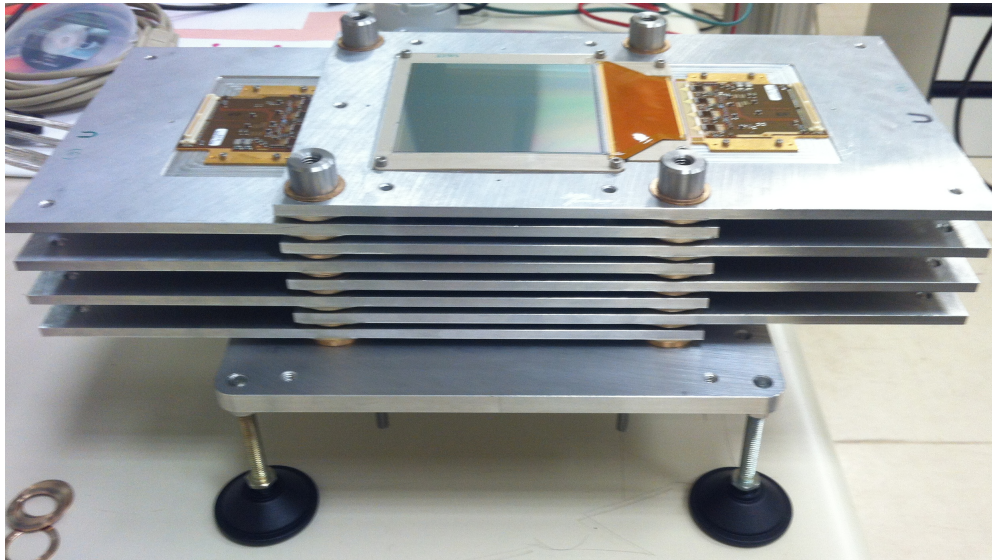
1 ADC  $\sim 45 \pm 5$  e





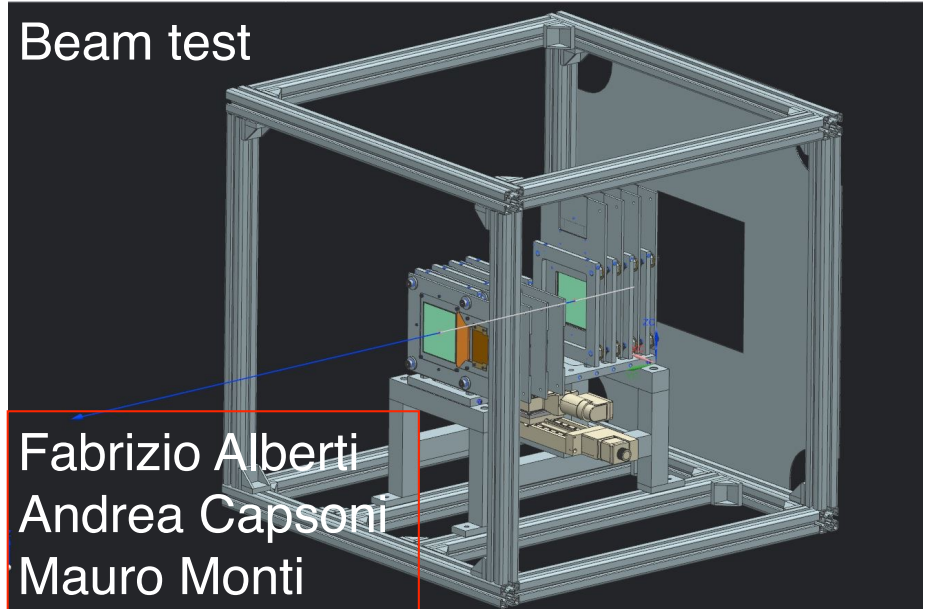
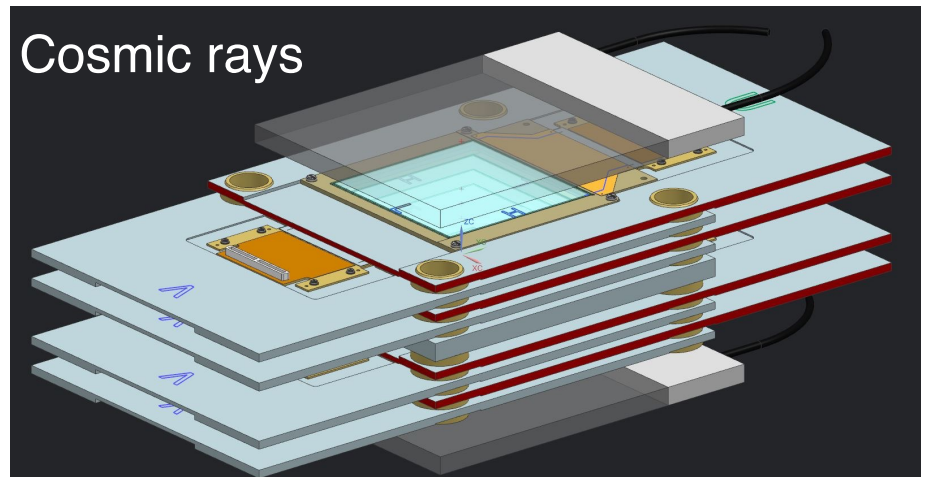
# Silicon sensor telescope

Nicola Neri (System design, simulations)  
Marco Petruzzo



- ▶ Built in Milano a prototype for “artificial retina” for fast track finding. CSN5 experiment
- ▶ Used also as fiducial tracking system for UT prototype detector test

Simone Coelli (Mechanics)  
Mauro Monti

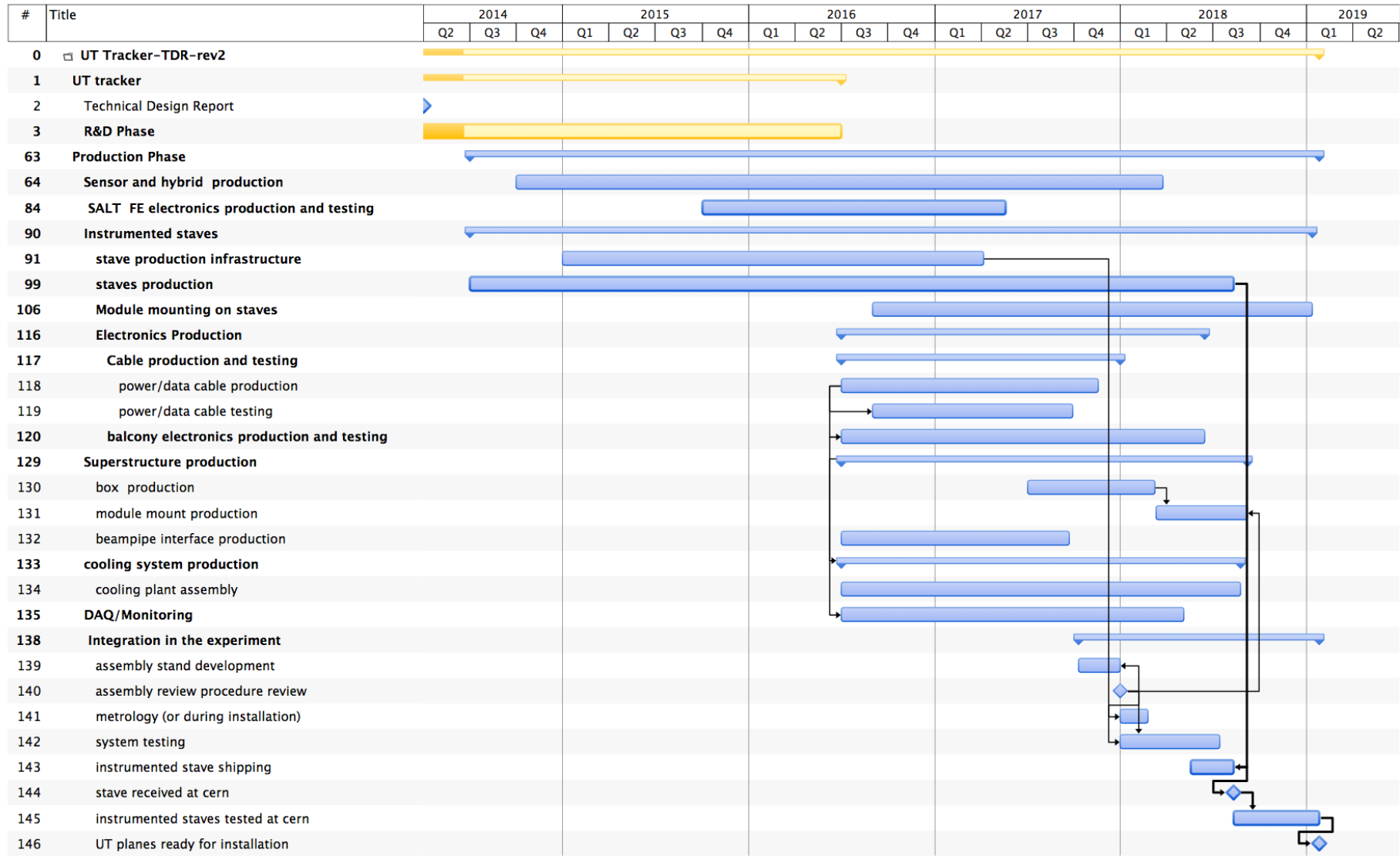


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# UT upgrade project



# Project timeline

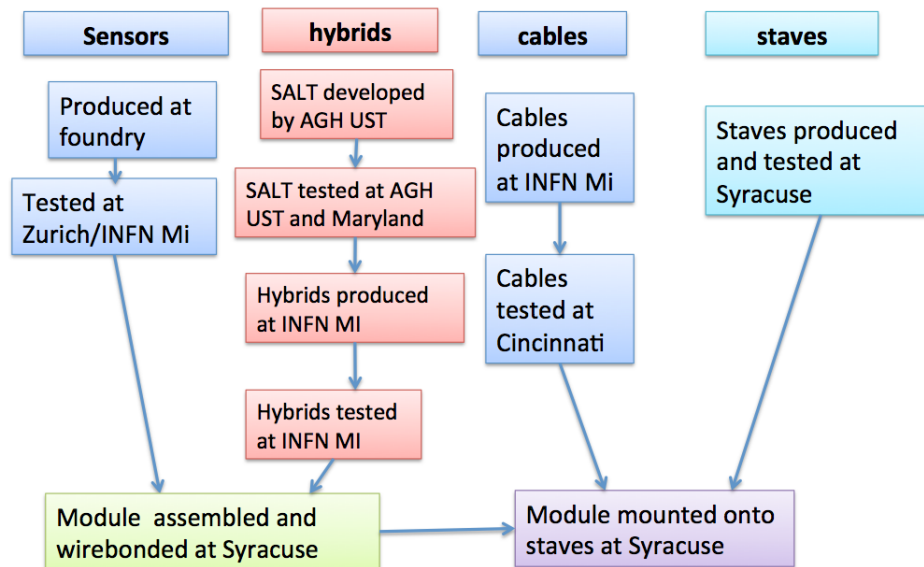


## ■ Installation in Q<sub>1</sub> 2019

# Project sharing of responsibilities

Sensor and hybrid module	INFN Milano, Syracuse
SALT	AGH-UST
Electronics	INFN Milano, Maryland, Syracuse
DAQ, ECS & TFC	Maryland, Syracuse, Zurich
Mechanics and Cooling	CERN, Cincinnati, INFN Milano, Syracuse
Integration and Testing	All Institutes
Integration in LHCb	CERN, INFN Milano, Syracuse, University of Zurich
Software	All Institutes

## Stave construction flow

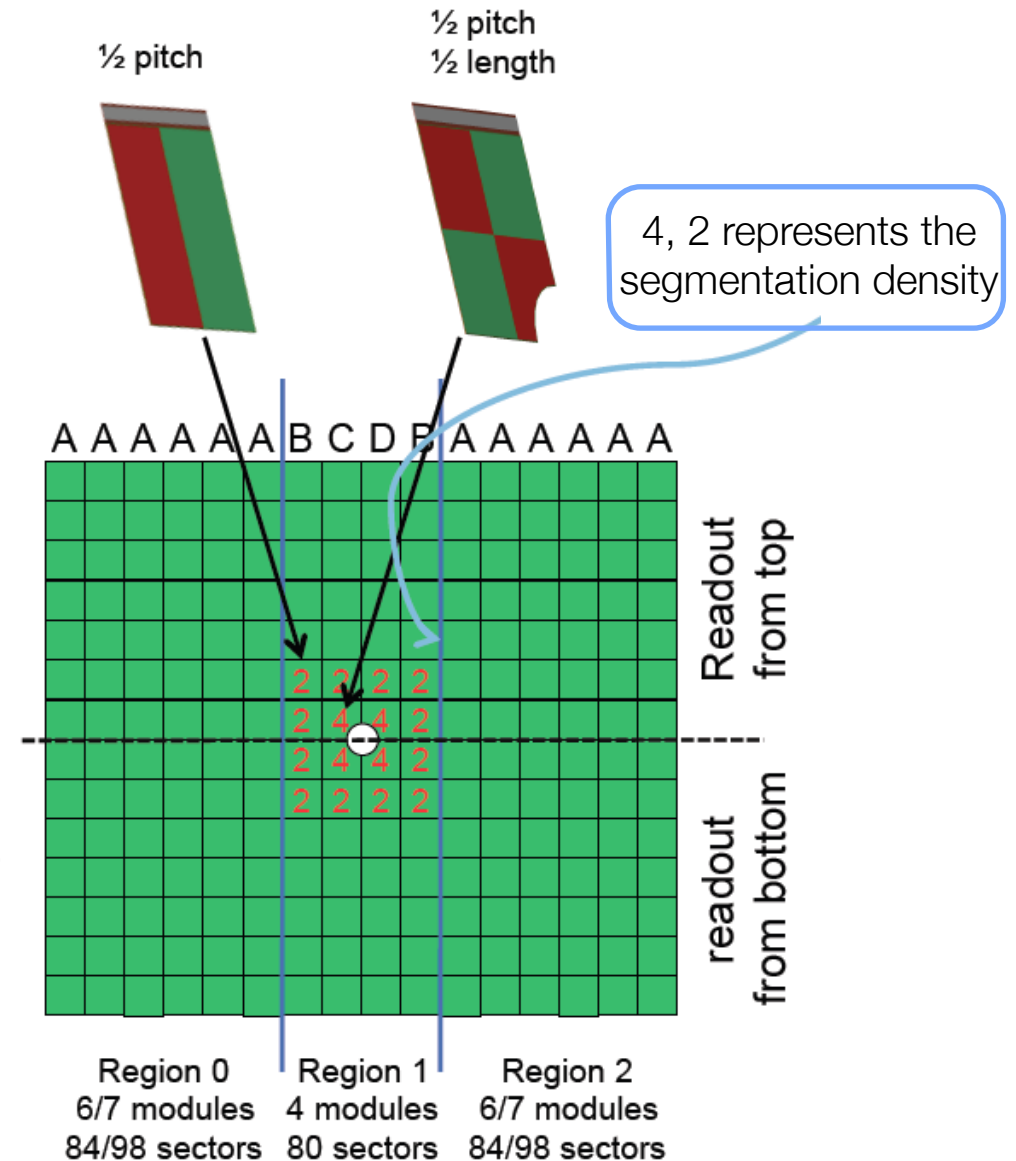


## Project cost

Work Package	Cost (kCHF)
Si sensors and hybrids	2700
SALT ASICs	1300
Cables	160
PEPI Electronics	620
DAQ & HV/LV	780
Staves & Hybridisation	510
Infrastructure	130
Cooling	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>6500</b>

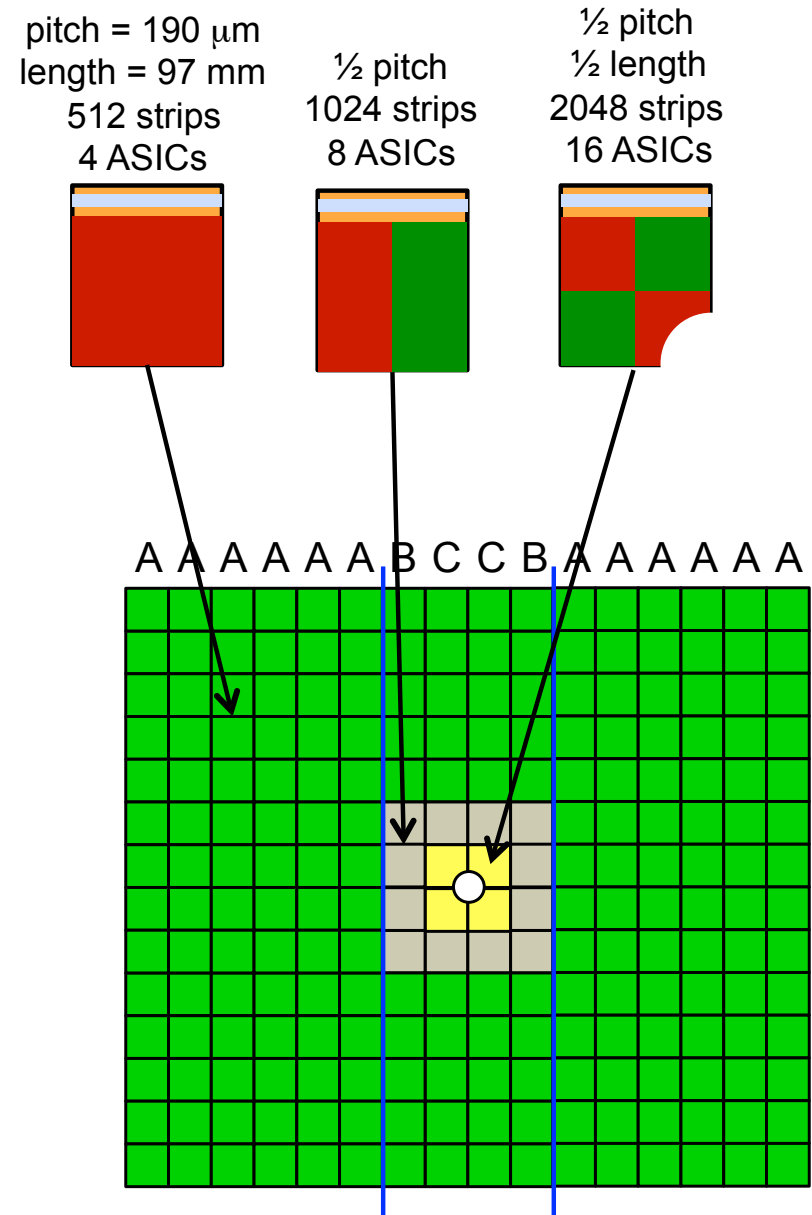
# Silicon sensors and segmentation

- ▶ Rad hard detectors, maximum radiation ~40 MRad at the inner region
- ▶ sensor operated at  $T = -5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to prevent thermal runaway at the inner region
- ▶ sensor dimensions about  $10 \times 10\text{ cm}^2$
- ▶ sensor thickness about  $250\text{ }\mu\text{m}$
- ▶ ~180  $\mu\text{m}$  strip pitch. 90  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch at inner region where the particle flux is higher



# UT granularity and occupancy

- ▶ Occupancies in the UT are  $\sim 1\%$  in the inner region and below  $0.1\%$  in the outer region with  $L=2 \cdot 10^{33} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
- ▶ Baseline detector has finer granularity near the beampipe. Having a poorer Y granularity in the central sensors, the ghost rate of VELO-UT tracks increases significantly





# Material budget

- ▶ Multiple scattering dominates the momentum resolution at LHCb  $\Rightarrow$  minimize material budget of tracking system
- ▶ Current design achieves  $\sim 1\%$   $X_0$  per plane
- ▶ New design of the beampipe jacket: use of aerogel as thermal insulator. Significant reduction of material budget at  $\eta \sim 4.5-5.0$ .

Material budget vs  $\eta$  for current TT and two different UT stave solutions

