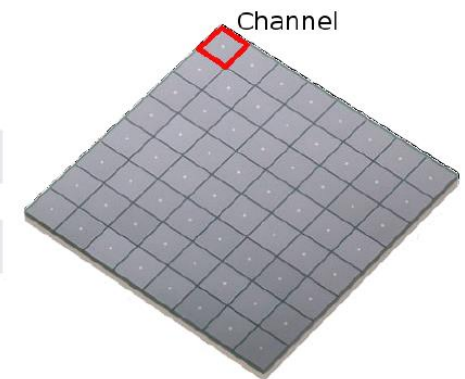
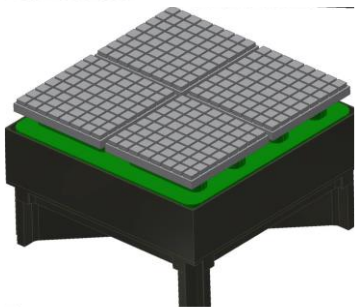


# SiPMs in Astroparticle Physics:

## KIT Activities

(presently “JEM-EUSO”, but R&D for broader application)

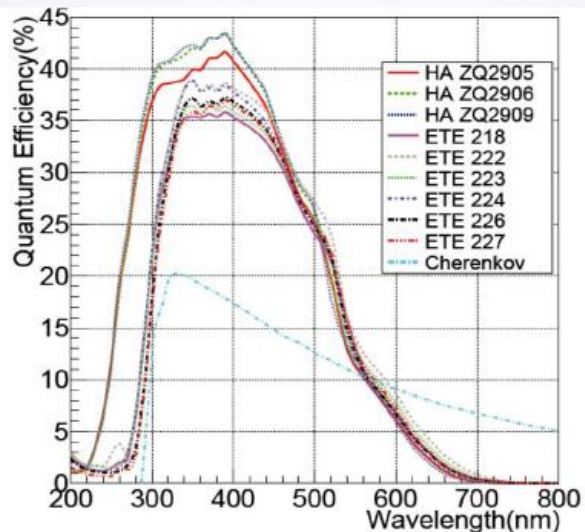
Andreas Haungs



## Advanced Technologies

# Standard PMT

Very small, mid & very large size PMTs



- **broad application**
- **good QE**

Still improvements possible

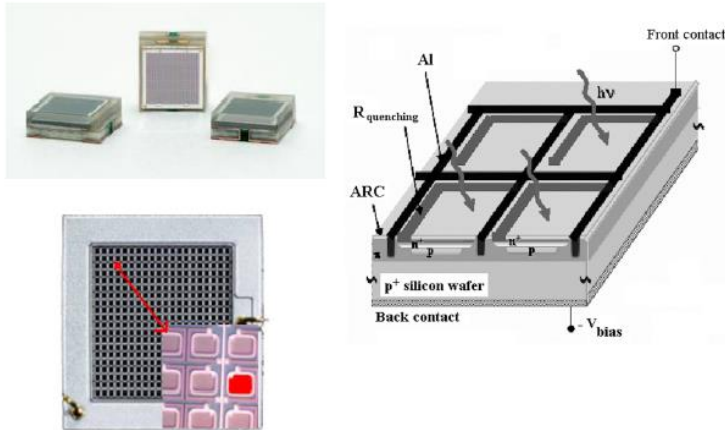
- QE
- afterpulsing
- pulse width
- dynode coating
- various dynodes  
(intrinsic dynamic range)
- noise factor
- HV adjustment
- ageing
- more competition

Though, okay for most applications

Conclusion:

Often no need to run behind  
newest SiPM developments

# SiPM



- **fast development**
- **good PDE** (but PMT still better [Razmik])

## Still improvements needed

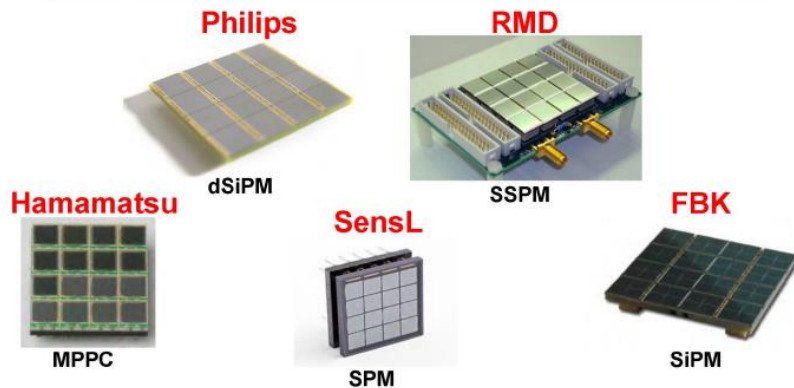
- PDE (=QE?)
- crosstalk
- dark current
- fast readout
- large areas
- operation temperature
- wavelength range
- cost reduction
- .....

## Conclusion:

Will be the future!

Need close cooperation between companies and experiments

## Large Variety of SiPM Arrays Available



- Very Attractive for PET
- Properties Vary (20 pF – 900 pF,  $\propto$ Pixel Area)

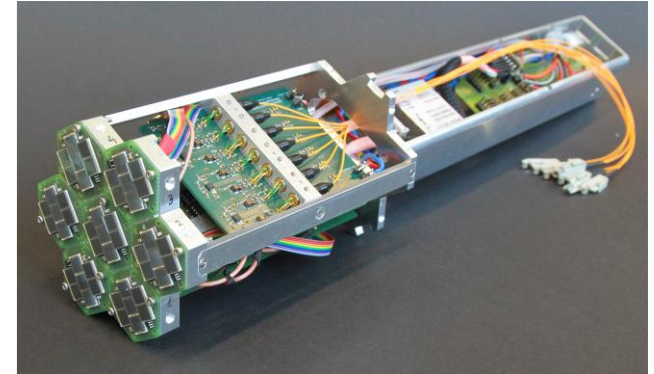
# PMT vs. SiPM

	PMT	SiPM
<b>PDE</b>	20-45%	20-60%
<b>Gain</b>	$10^6$	$10^6$
<b>TTS (Transit Time Spread)</b>	~1 ns	~1 ns
<b>Dynamic range</b>	$10^6$	$10^3$ 😞
<b>Dark noise rate</b>	~kHz 😊	~MHz 😞
<b>Behavior in magnetic fields</b>	😞	😊
<b>Operation Voltage</b>	1000+ V 😞	50-70 V 😊
<b>Temperature sensitivity</b>	😊	😞
<b>Robustness and compactness</b>	😞	😊

# Examples of SiPM presently used in Astroparticle Physics

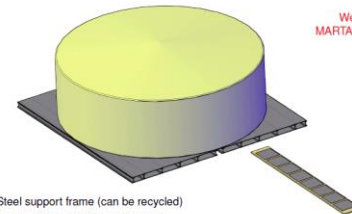
- **CTA**

- SST prototype with SiPM = ASTRI
- Already existing: FACT
- MAGIC started to replace



- **Pierre Auger Observatory**

- FAMOUS
- AMD
- SSD (AugerPrime)?



We follow the MARTA approach!

- Steel support frame (can be recycled)
- 8 trays with 8 scintillator tiles each
- 64 scintillator tiles in total
- Two 32 channel readout boxes equipped with an EASIROC chip and FPGA
- Connection to the SD electronics



- **Dark Matter**

- Low radioactivity
- Low dark current

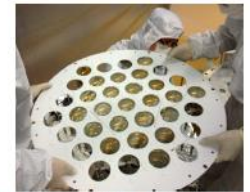
- **JEM-EUSO**



Bottom view of the DarkSide TPC



Setup to test 250 PMTs for XENON1T



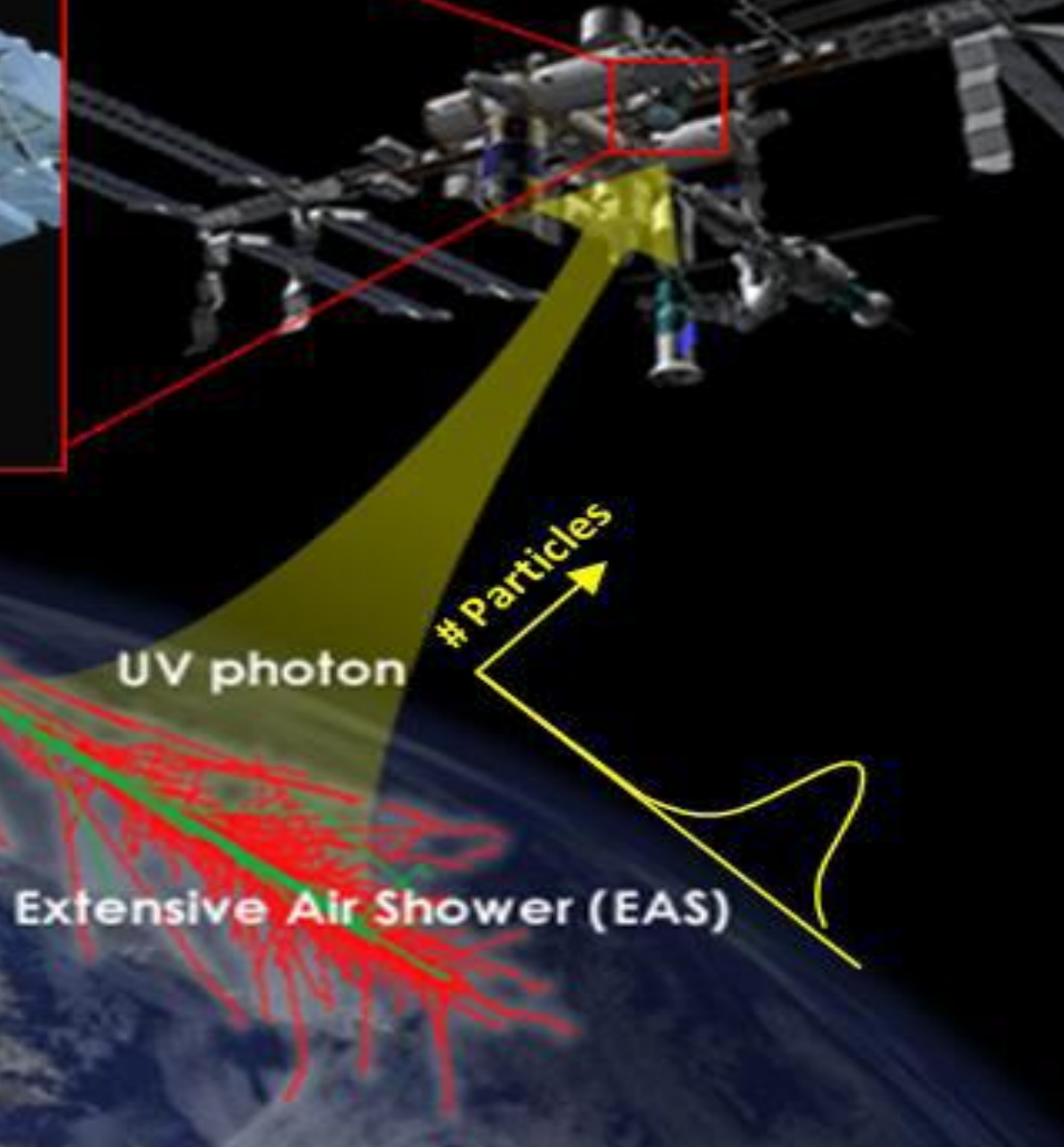
Bottom array of the PandaX detector

# Detector Development JEM-EUSO

International Space Station (ISS)



JEM-EUSO

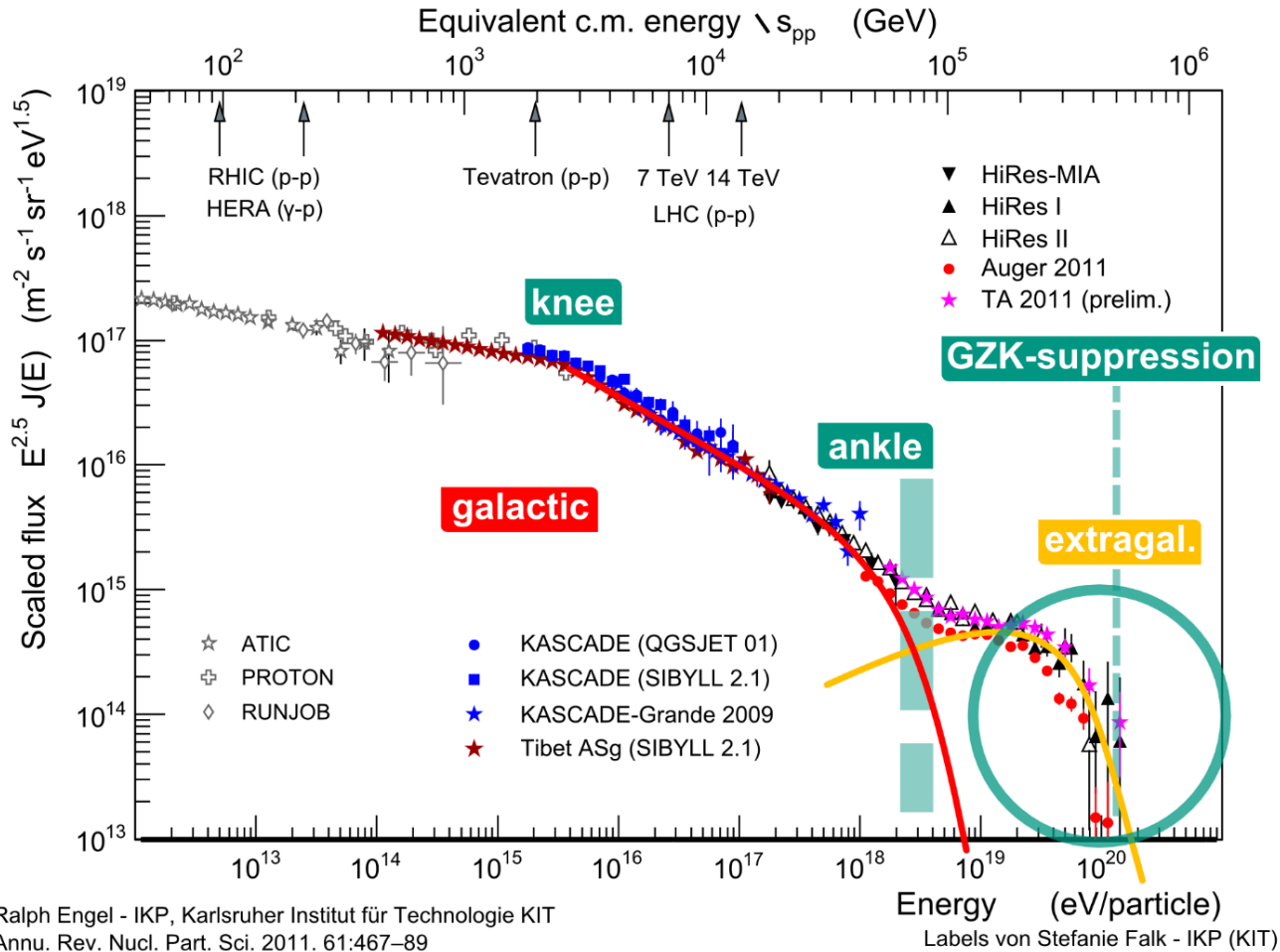


UV photon

# particles

Extensive Air Shower (EAS)

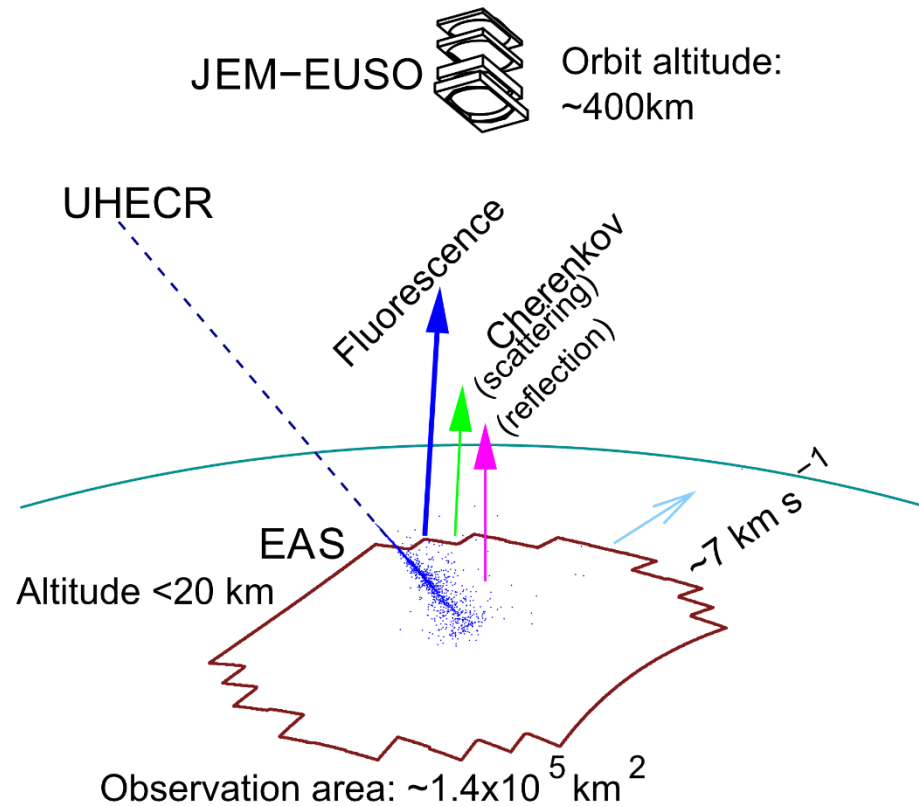
# Main Physics Objective



## • Measurement of Extreme Energy Cosmic Rays (EECR)



## JEM-EUSO main features



**Method:**  
fluorescence (full calorimetric)

**Large field of view:**  
 $\pm 30^\circ$  by double sided spherical Fresnel lenses

**At 400 km (ISS):**  
 $2 \cdot 10^5 \text{ km}^2$  (nadir mode)  
up to  $10^6 \text{ km}^2$  (tilted mode)

**No need for stereo:**  
400 km  $\gg$  shower length  
(TPC with a drift velocity = c)



# Exploratory Scientific Objectives

- **Astronomy and Astrophysics through the particle channel**  
= Physics and Astrophysics at  $E > 5 \times 10^{19} \text{eV}$

- **Exploratory Objectives:**  
**new messengers**

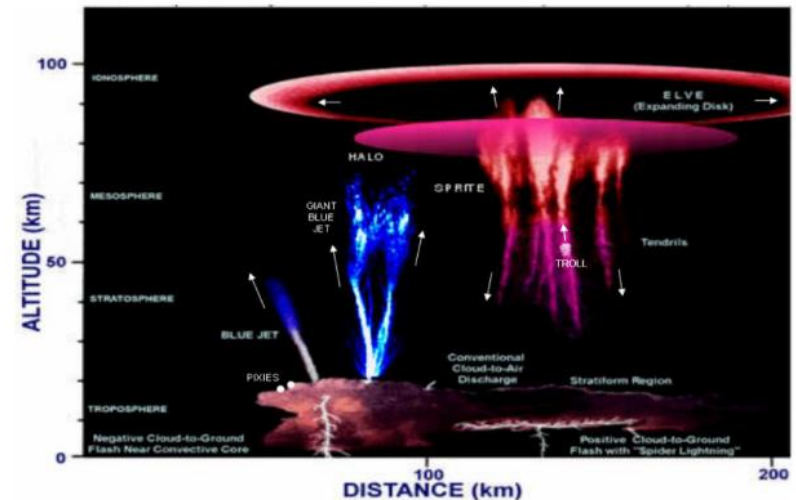
- **Discovery of UHE neutrinos**  
discrimination and identification via  $X_0$  and  $X_{\text{max}}$
- **Discovery of UHE Gammas**  
discrimination of  $X_{\text{max}}$   
due to geomagnetic and LPM effect

- **Exploratory Objectives:**  
**magnetic fields**

- **Exploratory Objectives:**  
**Atmospheric science**

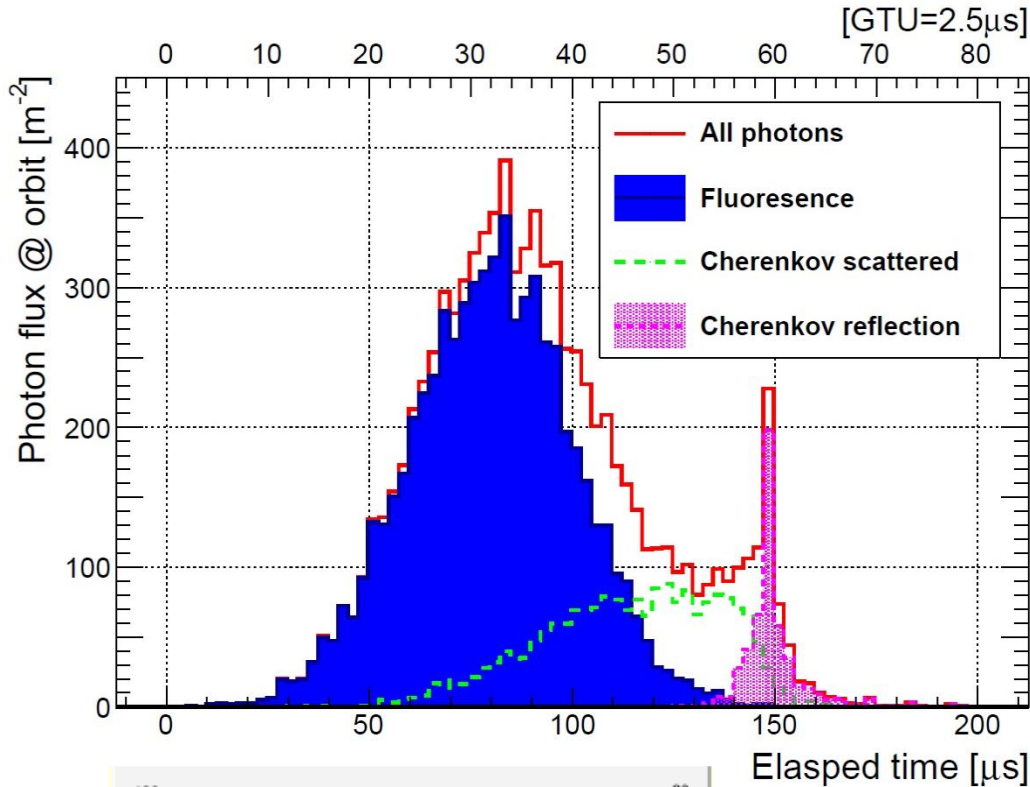
- **Nightglow**
- **Transient luminous events**
- **Space-atmosphere interactions**
- **climate change**

← **with the fast UV monitoring of the Atmosphere**



(Elaboration of figure by Lyons et al. 2000)

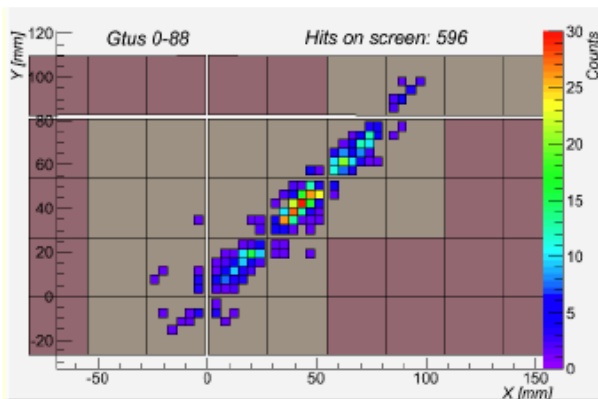
# The observation technique



1 GTU = 2.5 $\mu$ s

Background  
= 500 ph /  $\text{m}^2$  sr ns  
(from Tatiana satellite)

Fast signal: ~50-150 $\mu$ s

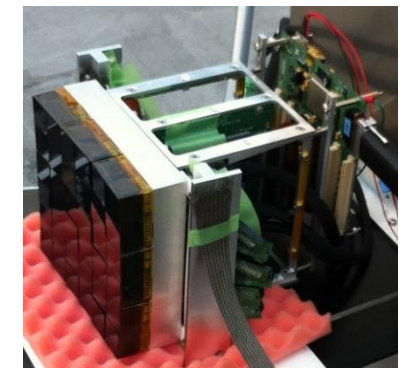
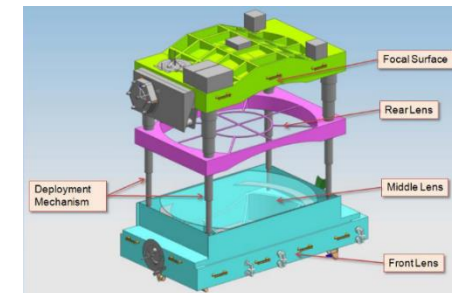
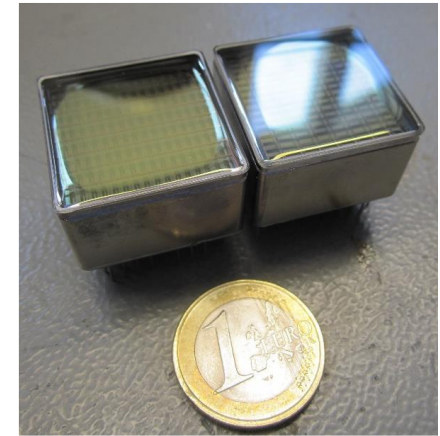
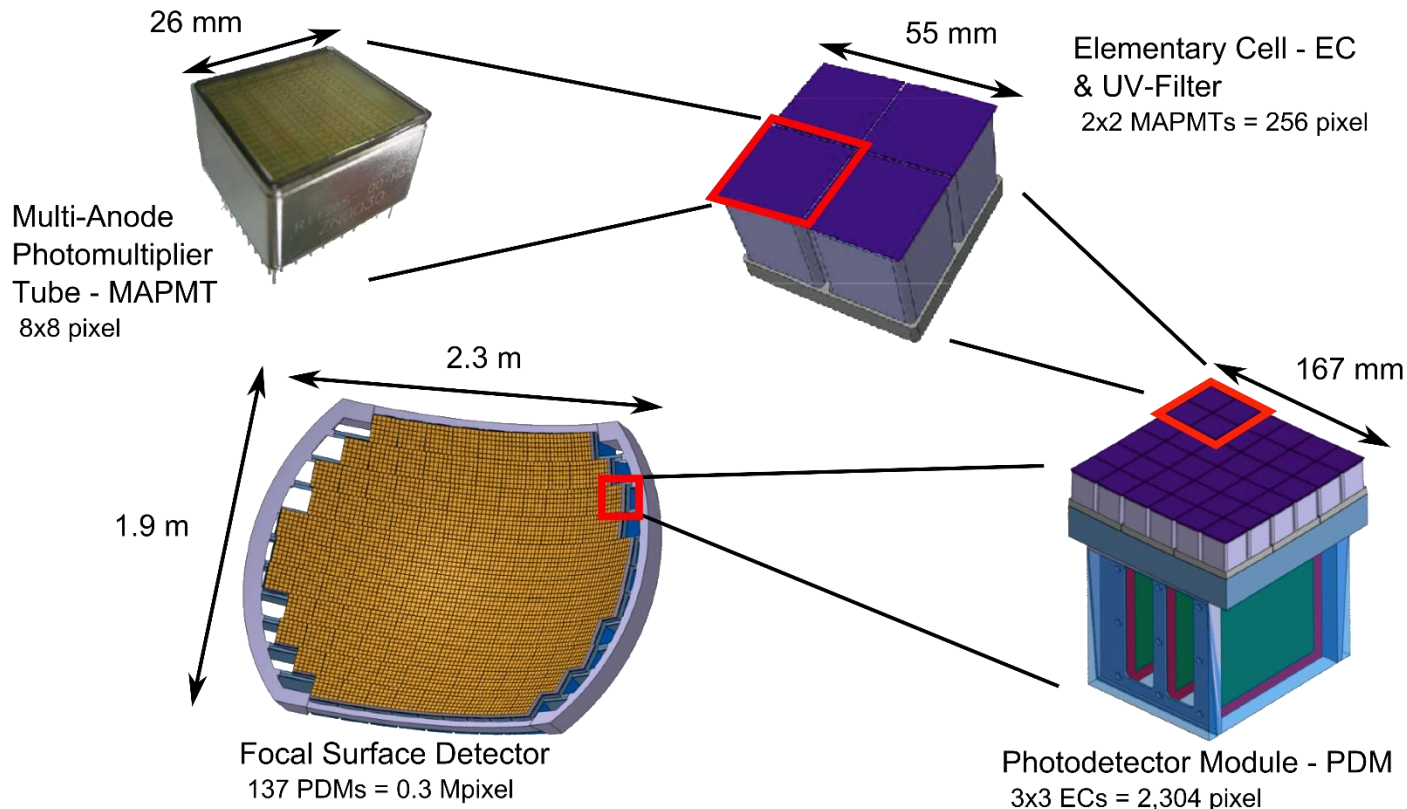


$\Delta E/E < 30\%$  for ~90% of events

*J.H. Adams Jr. et al. /  
Astroparticle Physics 44 (2013) 76–90*

# JEM-EUSO focal surface

Hamamatsu R11265-113-M64 MOD2

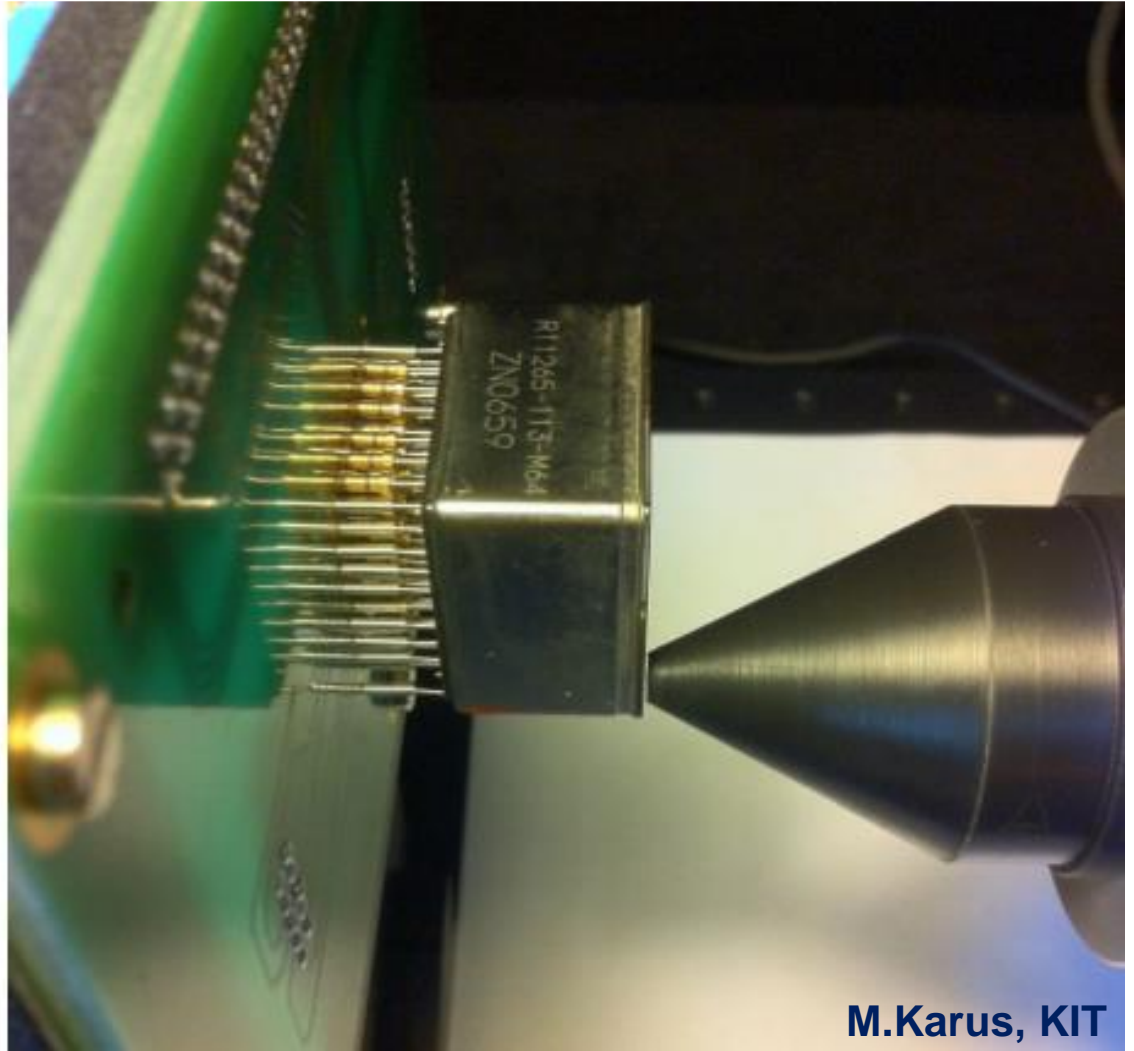
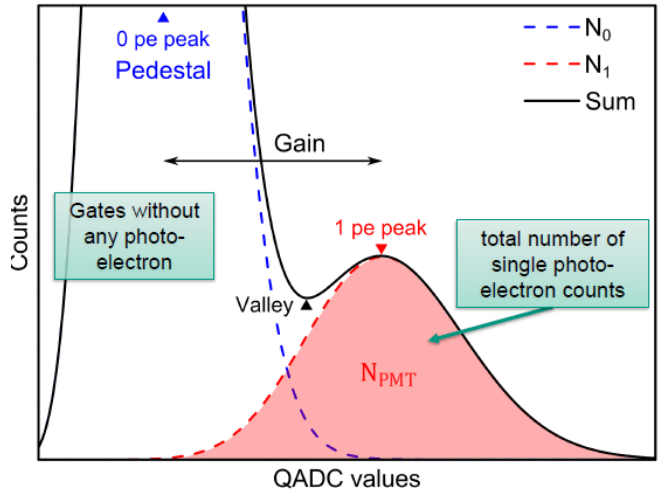


## Focal surface:

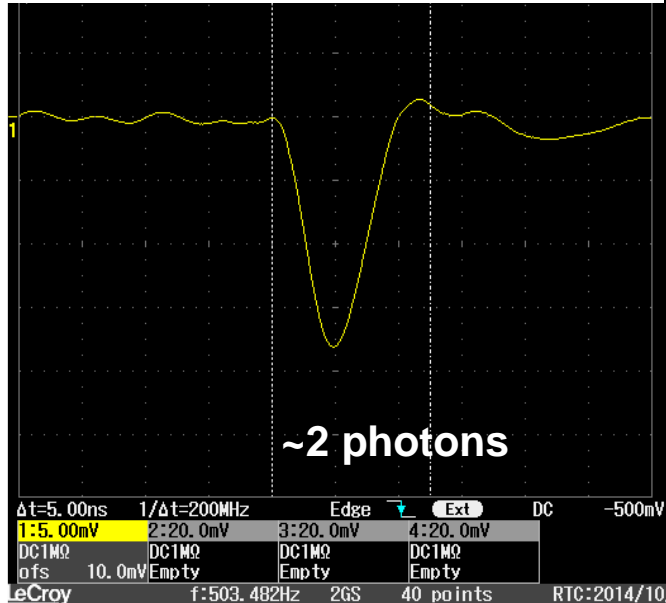
- prototypes of PDM available
- FoV of 1 PDM = 27 x 27 km<sup>2</sup>

# MAPMT: single photon Calibration

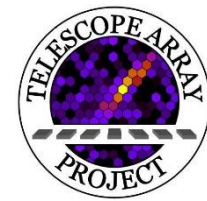
Single photoelectron spectrum



M.Karus, KIT



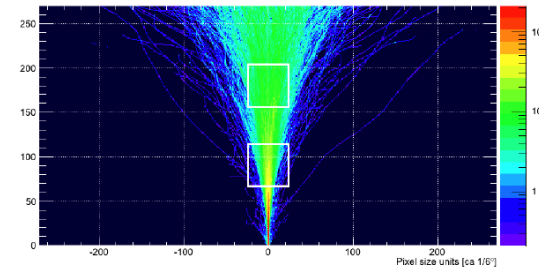
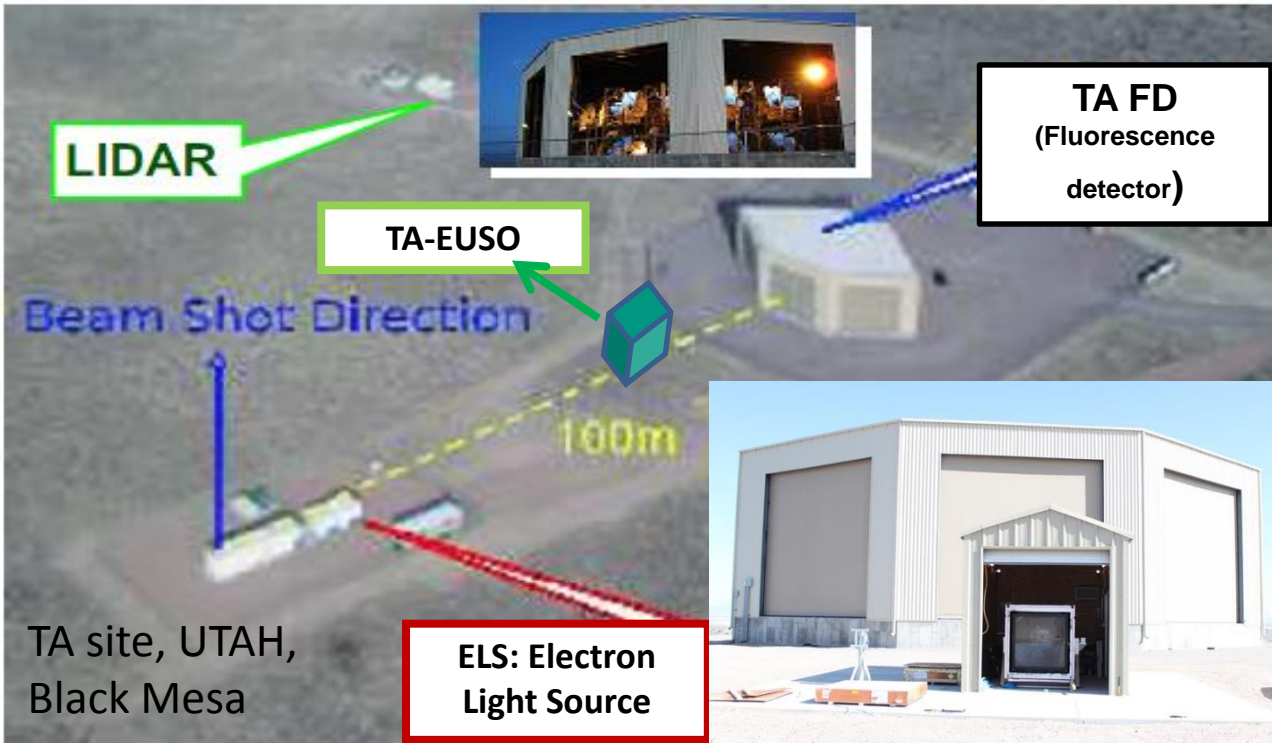
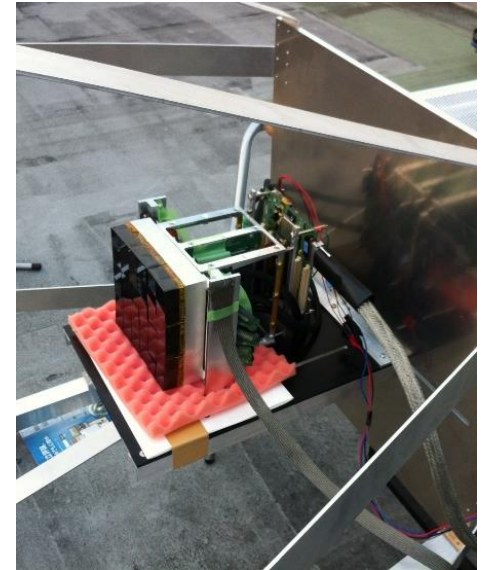
# TA-EUSO: Cross-calibration tests at Telescope Array site, Utah



Main purpose: calibration using existing FD telescope

- Lidar and electron beam → absolute calibration
- Few showers in coincidence with TA
- 2 (squared 1 m<sup>2</sup>) Fresnel Lenses → FoV = 8 degree
- focal surface: 1 PDM (36 MAPMT, 2304 pixels)

Operational since autumn 2014!



Simulation of UV photons of TA ELS  
Squares: FoV of the TA-EUSO  
N.Sakaki / F. Bisconti, KIT

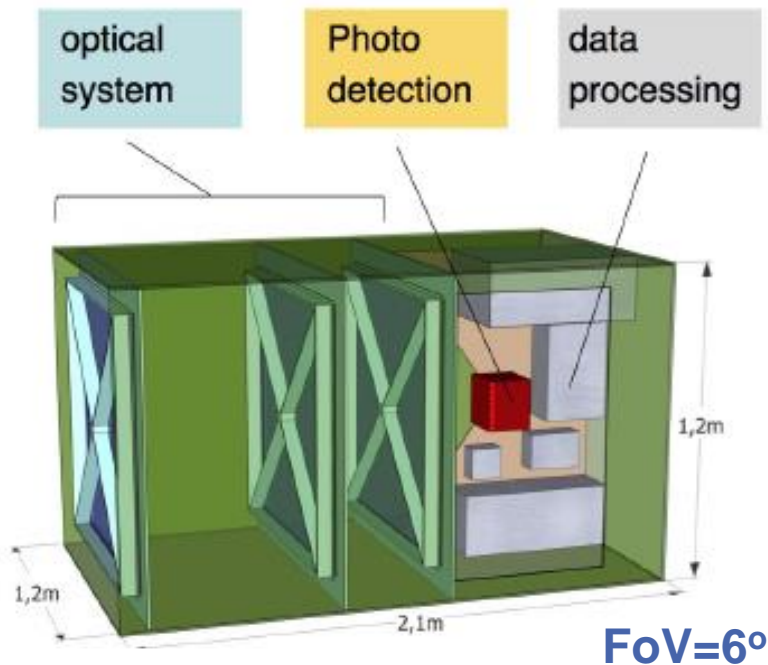
# EUSO-Balloon

## JEM-EUSO prototype at 40km altitude

### Main purpose: Background measurements and engineering tests

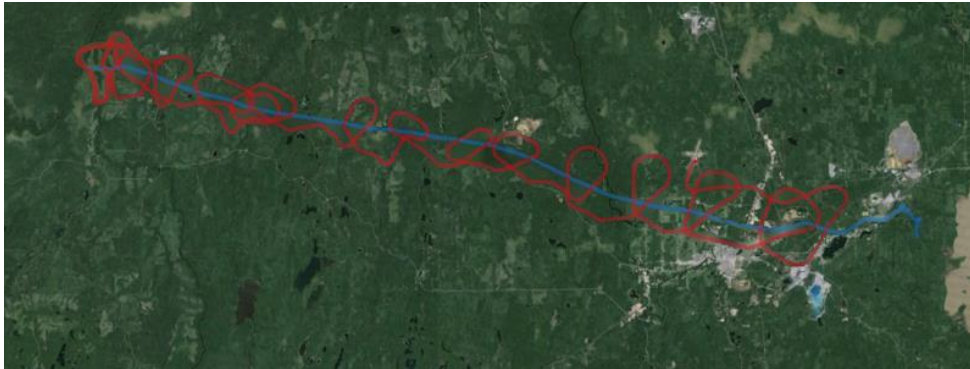
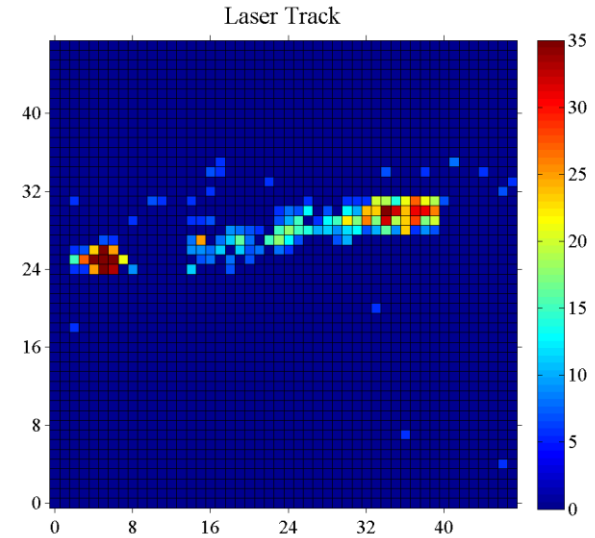
- Engineering test
- UV-Background measurement
- Laser tracks and flasher observations from helicopter

First flight: August 2014!



# EUSO-Balloon

First flight Timmins, Canada: 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014



- c. 5h data available
- incl. IR camera and laser (helicopter)

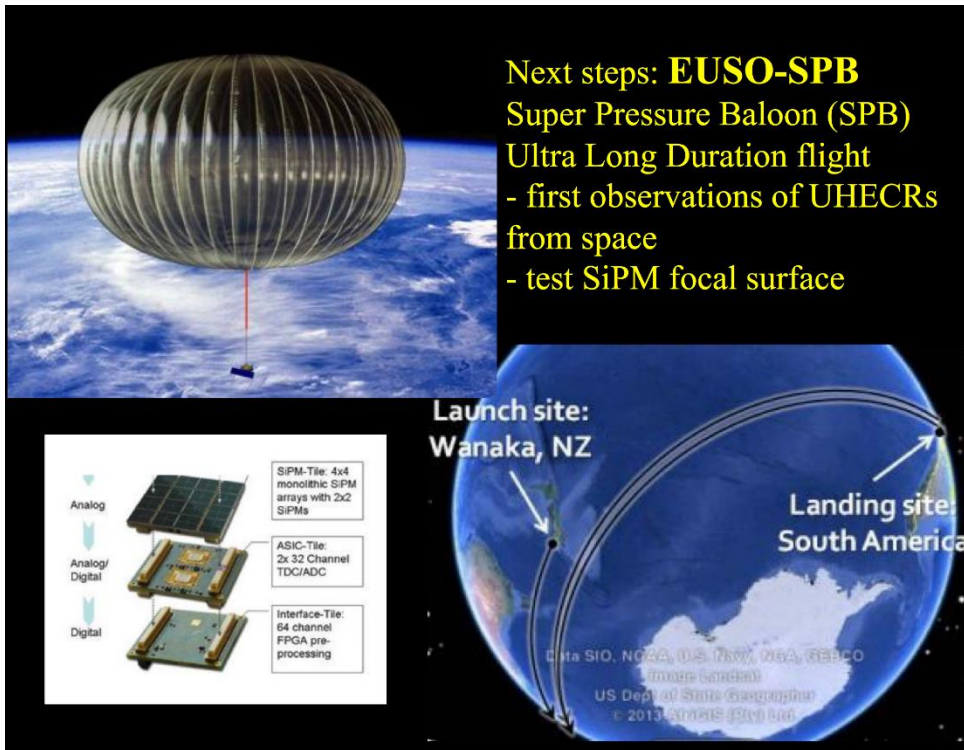
# EUSO-SPB

## JEM-EUSO prototype at long duration balloon flight

Main purpose: first EAS measurements from Space!!

- Engineering test
- UV-Background measurement
- Air shower observations

Launch: Spring 2017!



Columbia Scientific  
Balloon Facility  
SPB - Flight 662NT -  
32 days, 5 hours, 51 minutes



# Mini-EUSO

## Small (25 cm lenses + 1 PDM) prototype at ISS

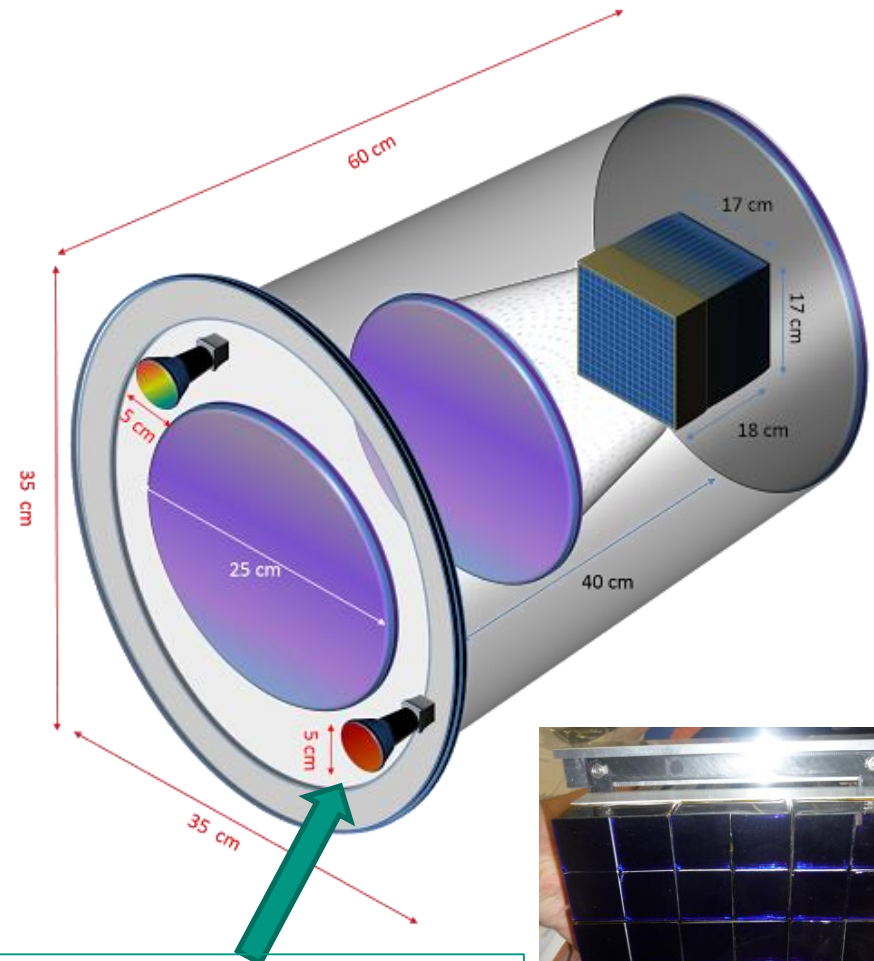
### Scientific objectives

- 1) UV emissions from night-Earth;  
Map of the Earth in UV
- 2) Study of atmospheric phenomena  
and bioluminescence at Earth
- 3) Study of meteors

### Technological objectives

- 1) First use of Fresnel lenses in space
- 2) Optimization of characteristics  
and performances of EUSO
- 3) Raise the technological readiness  
level of the Hardware

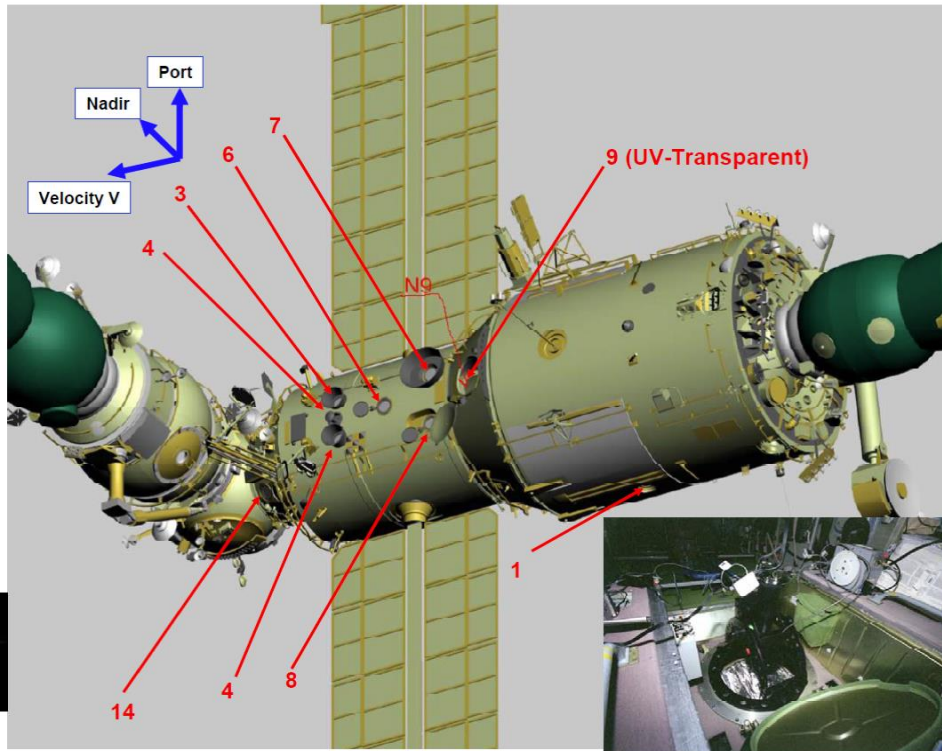
Operation approved  
Launch 2017 or 2018 ?



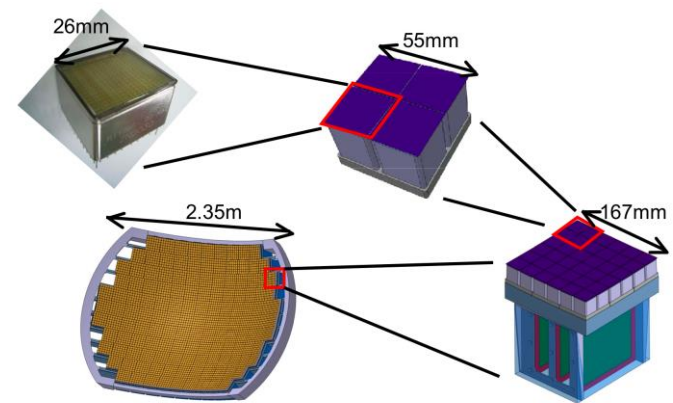
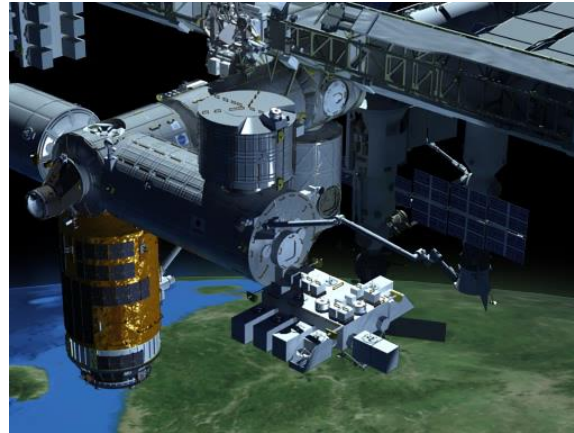
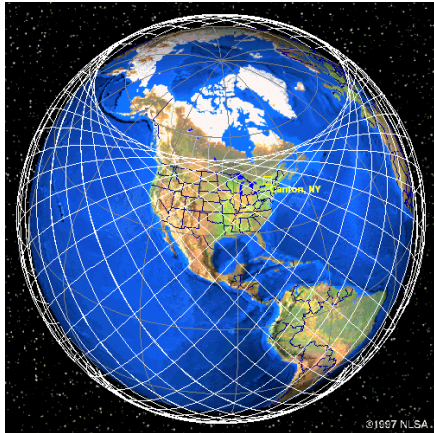
**CTA-ASTRI SiPM Module  
(passiv)? Temperature problem**



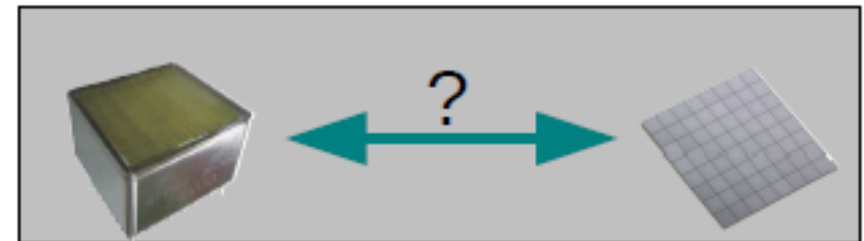
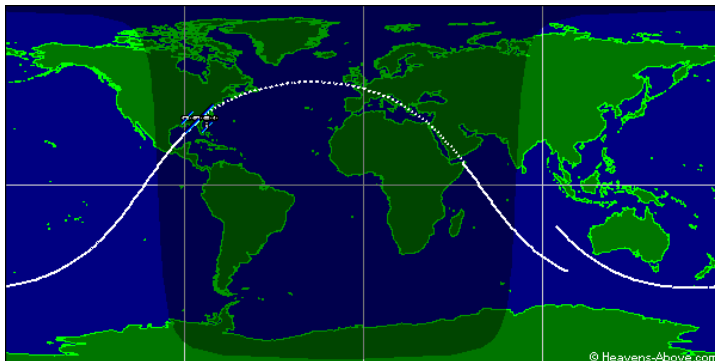
# Mini-EUSO at ISS Russian Module Zvezda



# Future: later on ISS or free flyer (M5 mission)?

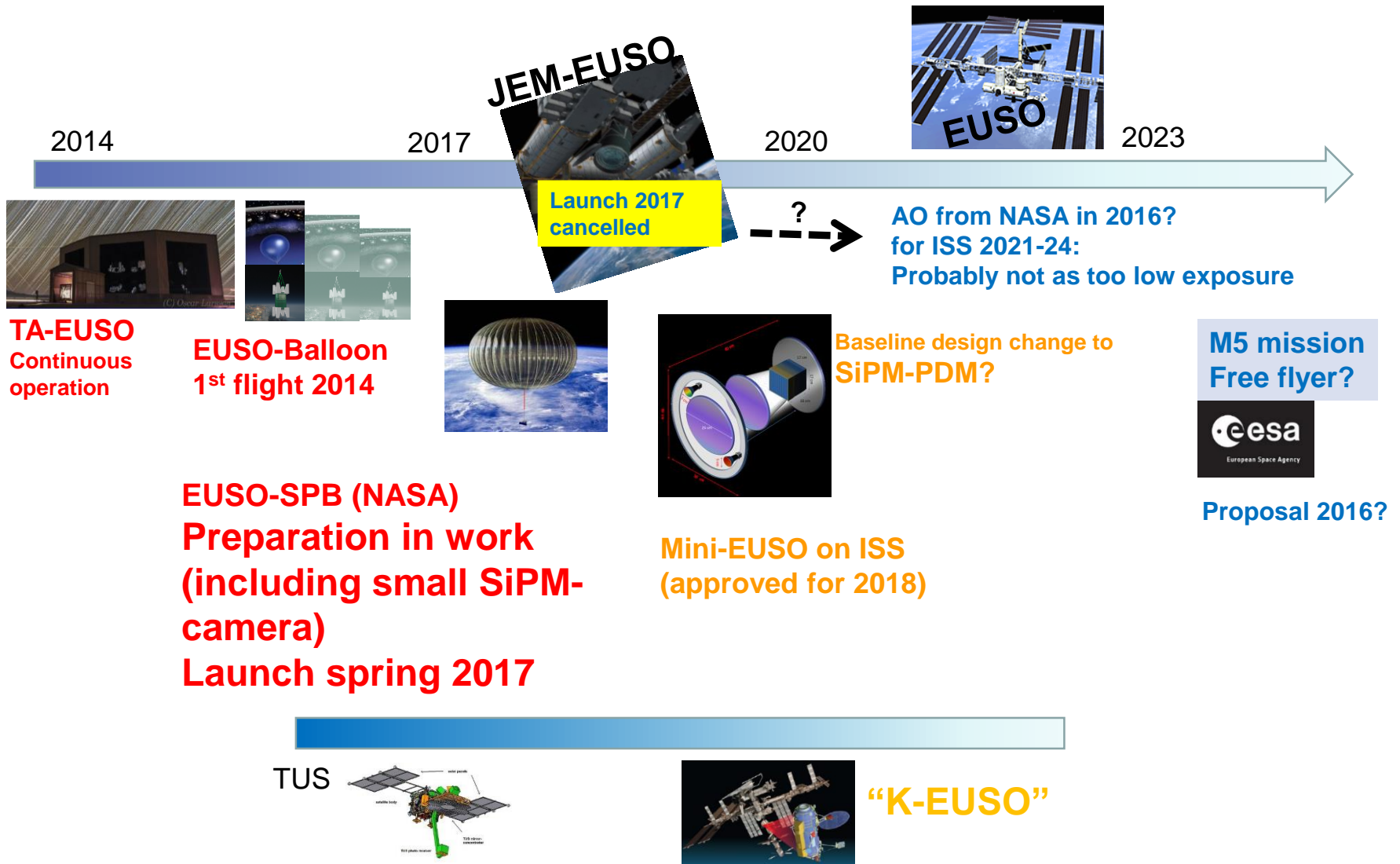


ISS: 1 orbit in 90min



goal to replace MAPMT by SiPM !

# Air Shower Observations from Space



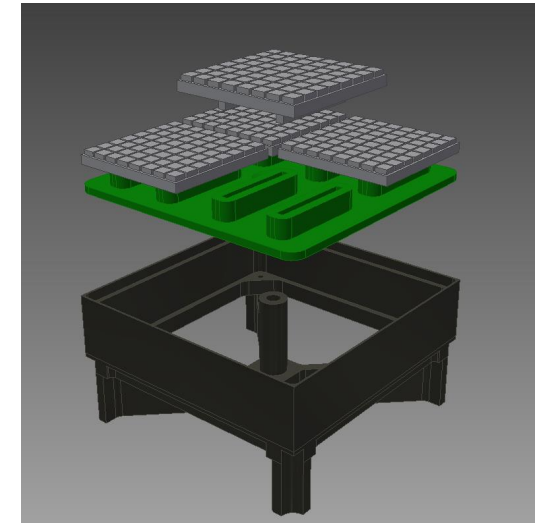
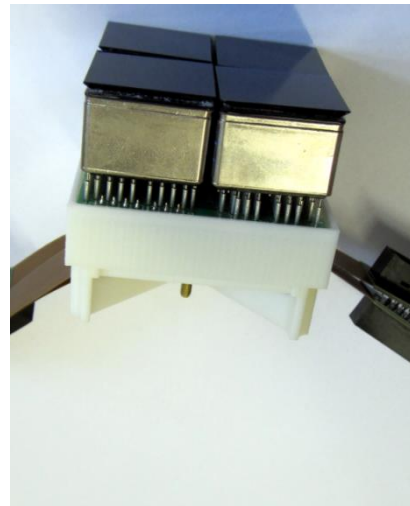
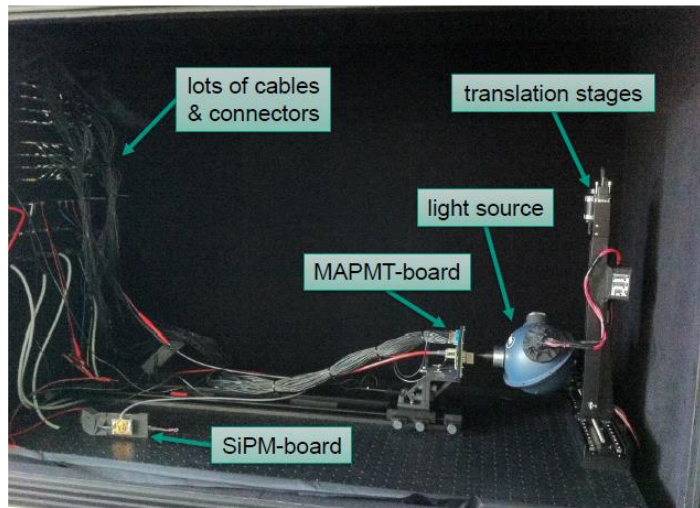
# SiPM for x-EUSO-y

Goal: to have an EC based on SiPM within 1 to 2 years

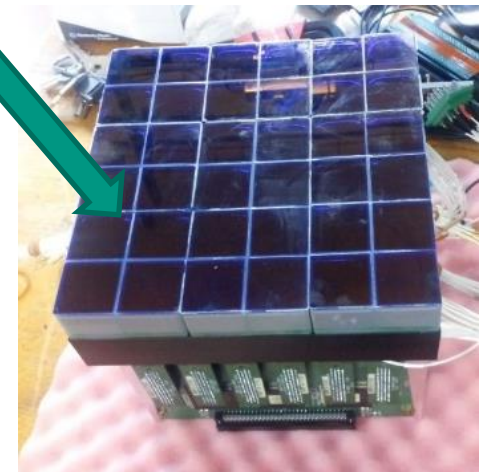
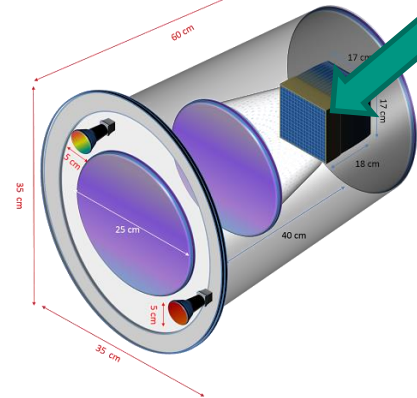
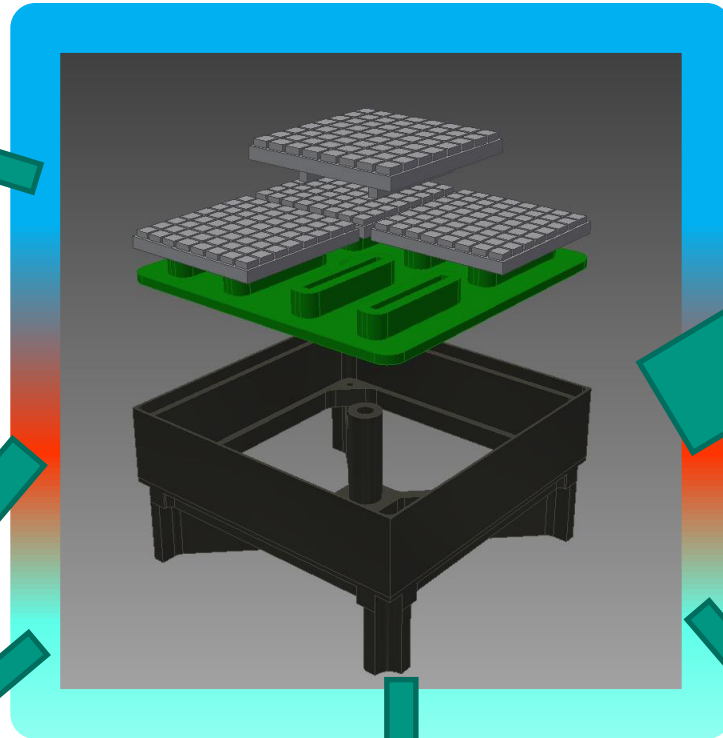
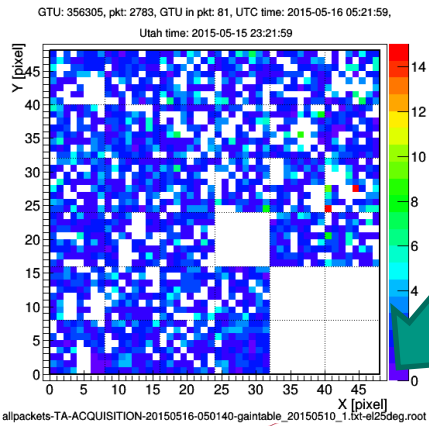
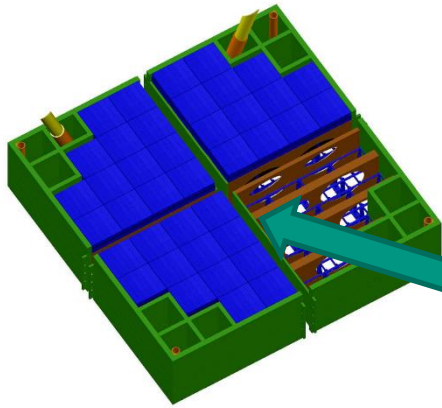
**to be able to design an alternative focal surface for the big mission and gaining experience and expertise for further SiPM applications**

Main issues:

- large sensitive area = high filling factor (to avoid dead space and light cones)
- sensitivity to fluorescence light (UV-range 290-440 nm to cover full spectrum)
- fast readout (specific ASIC, digital SiPM, monolithic SiPM/ASIC readout)
- characteristics and calibration (single photon efficiency)
- mechanical structure = integration (to fit a focal surface)

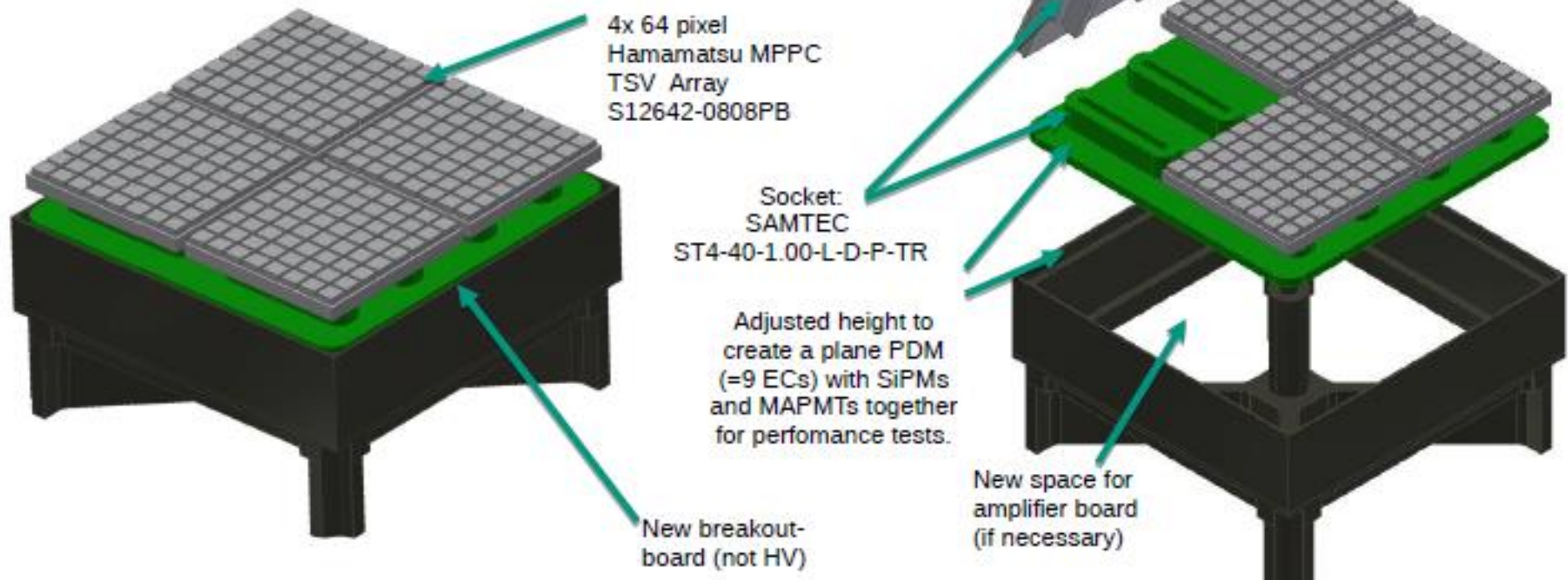


# SiPM for x-EUSO-y



# SiPMs as JEM-EUSO Elementary Cell?

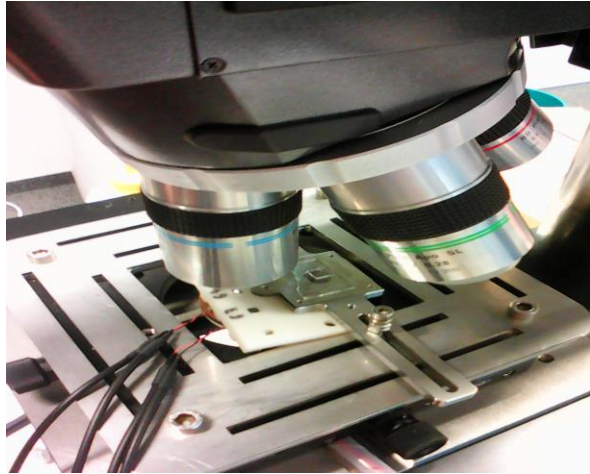
The TSV-SiPM candidate fits into the former design of a MAPMT based EC. With this, in foreseeable time and effort, it is possible to create a plane PDM focal surface with MAPMT ECs and TSV-SiPM ECs for Mini-EUSO, EUSO-TA and EUSO-Balloon.



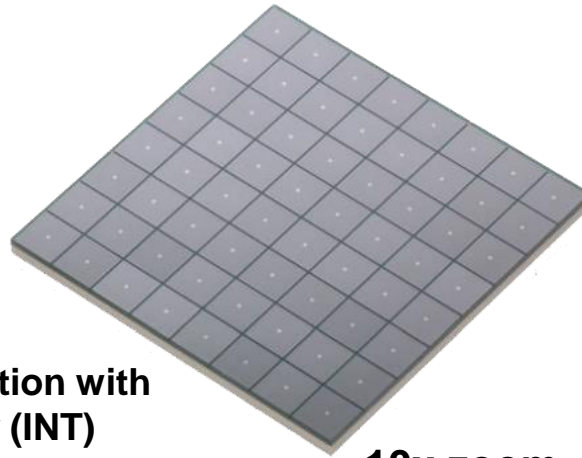
**Filling factor higher than with MAPMTs**

T. Huber, KIT

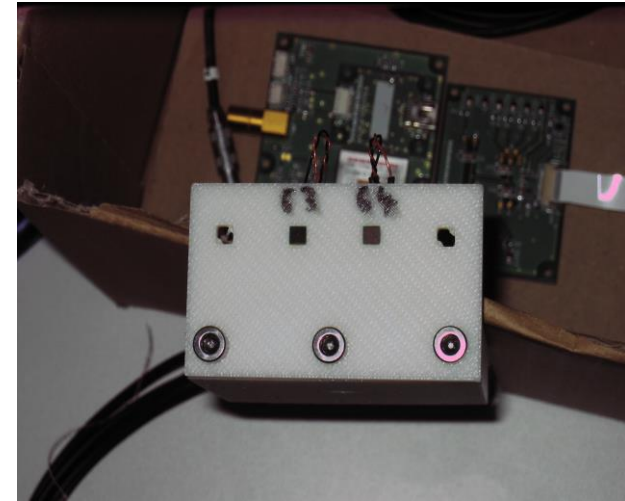
# Hamamatsu TSV-Array



Candidate: Hamamatsu  
64Pixel SiPM TSV-Array



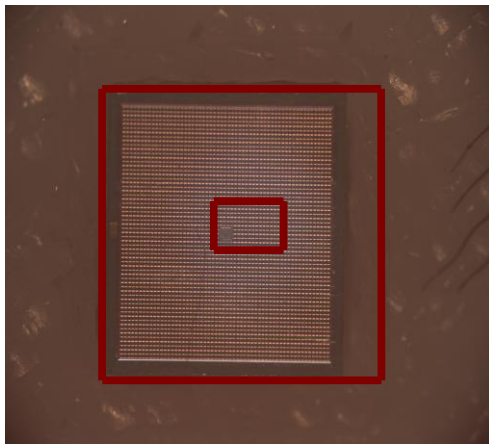
10x zoom



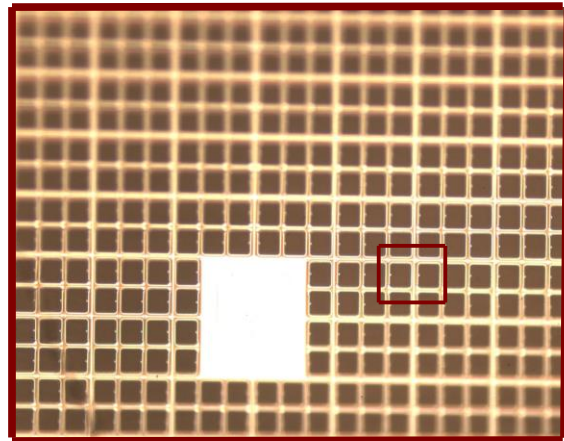
1 Pixel from the  
TSV Array

100x zoom

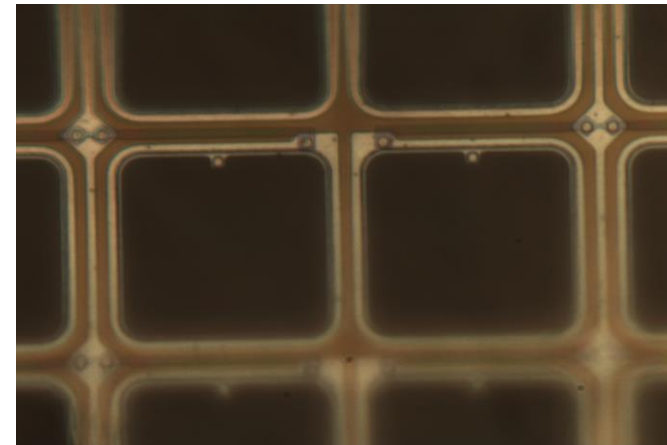
Microscope images made in cooperation with  
KIT - Institute for Nanotechnology (INT)



2.5x zoom into 1 Pixel



Crosstalk-reducing  
Isolator

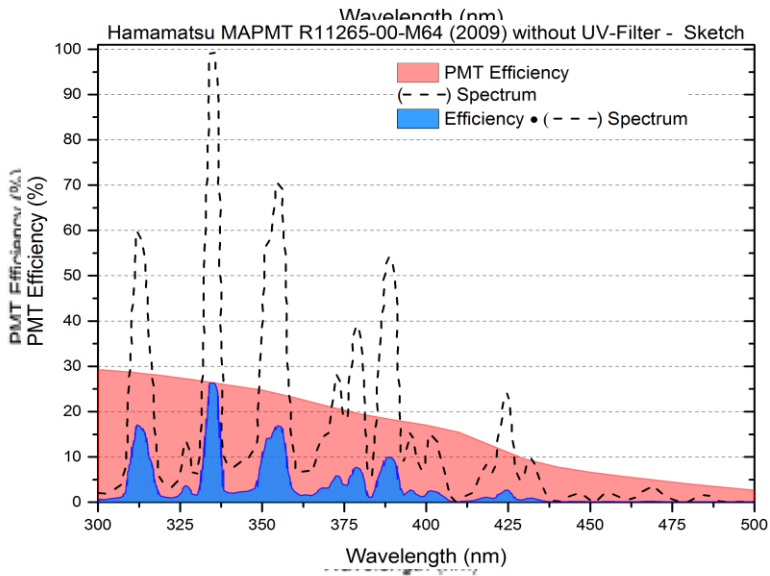
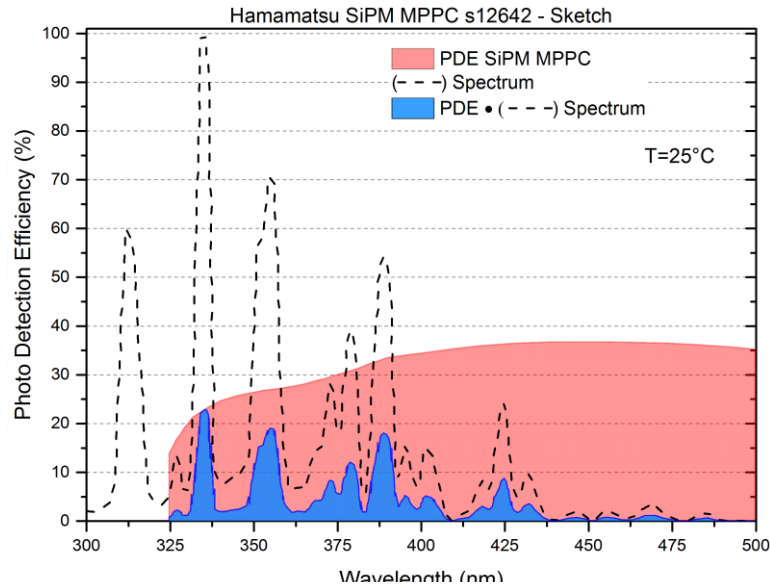
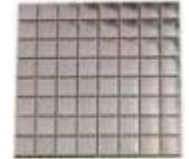


1 Avalanche Photodiode  
(of est. 1100@ 1 pixel)



# SiPM vs MAPMT: Efficiency

## An estimate for comparison



Now available: arrays available from Hamamatsu sensitive to UV light

Ratio of SiPM area and Nitrogen spectrum area  $\approx 29\%$

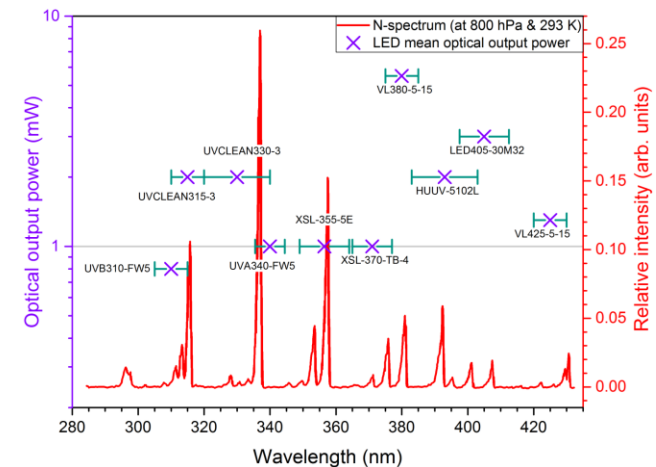
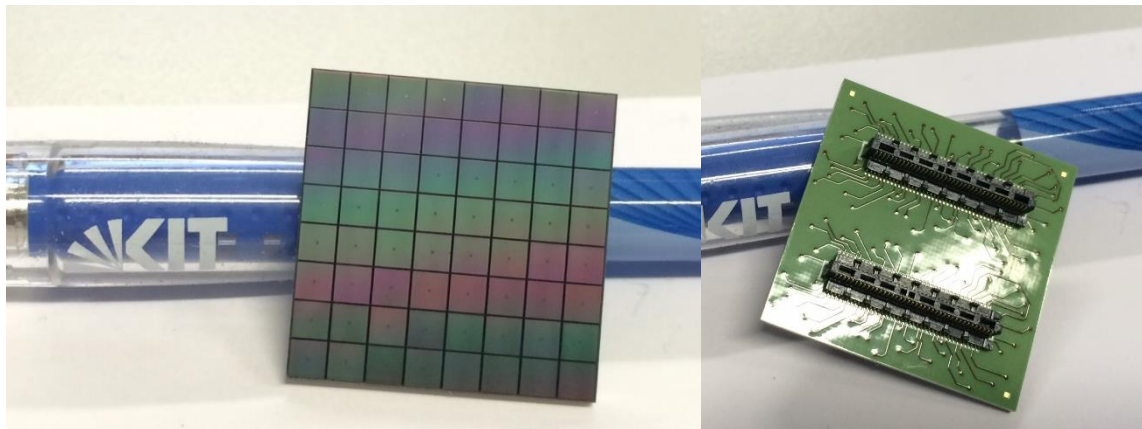
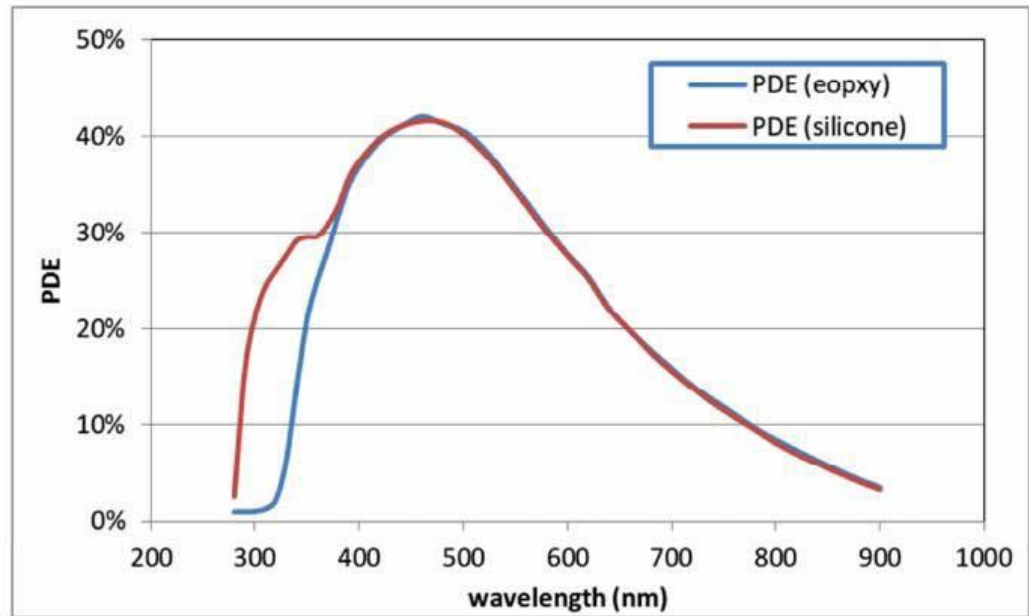
Be careful: Fluorescence spectrum depend on atmospheric height

Ratio of MAPMT area and Nitrogen spectrum area  $\approx 23\%$

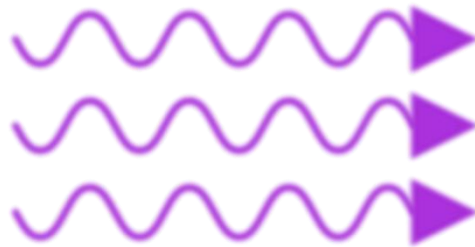
Thomas Huber (IKP)

# SiPM vs MAPMT: Efficiency

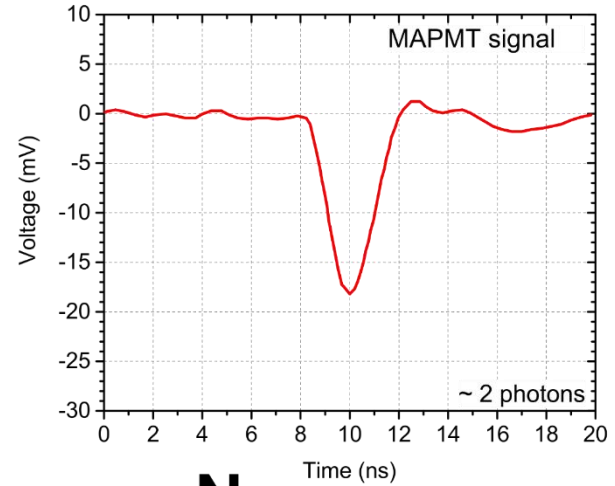
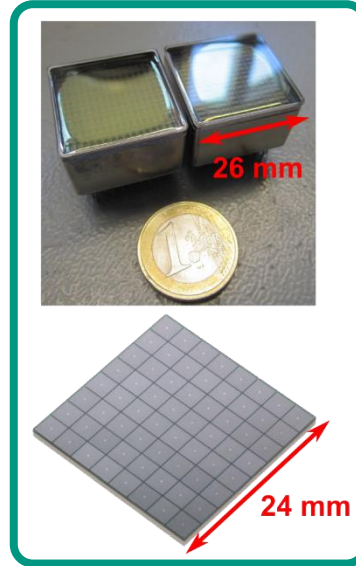
Now available:  
arrays from Hamamatsu  
sensitive to UV light



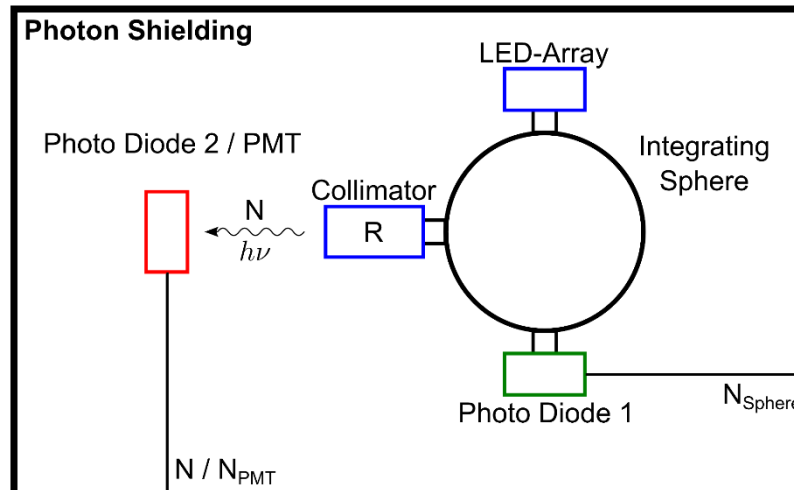
# Calibration Principle



$N_{\text{Photonen}}$

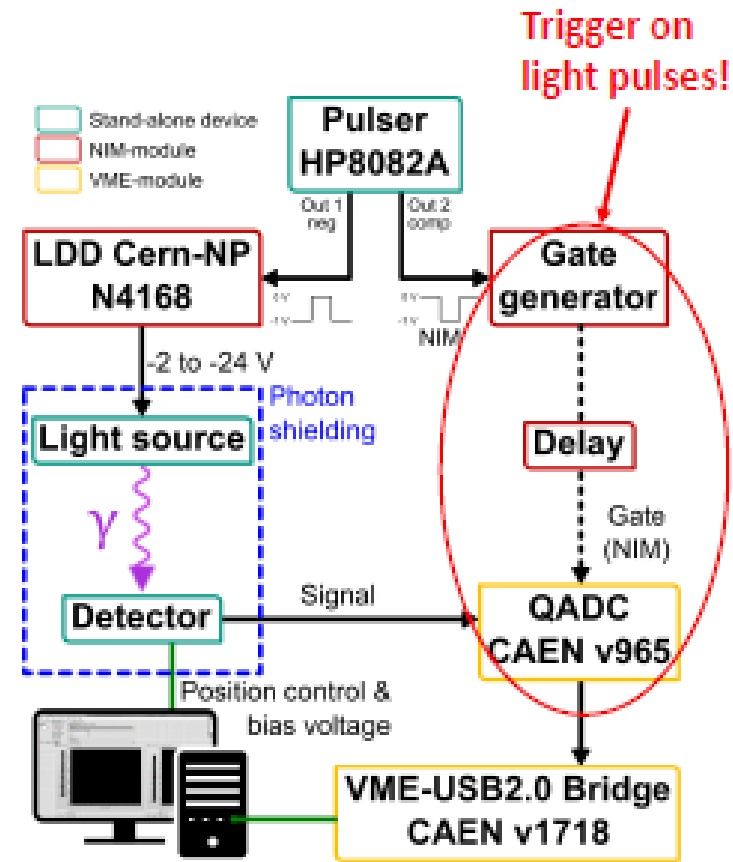
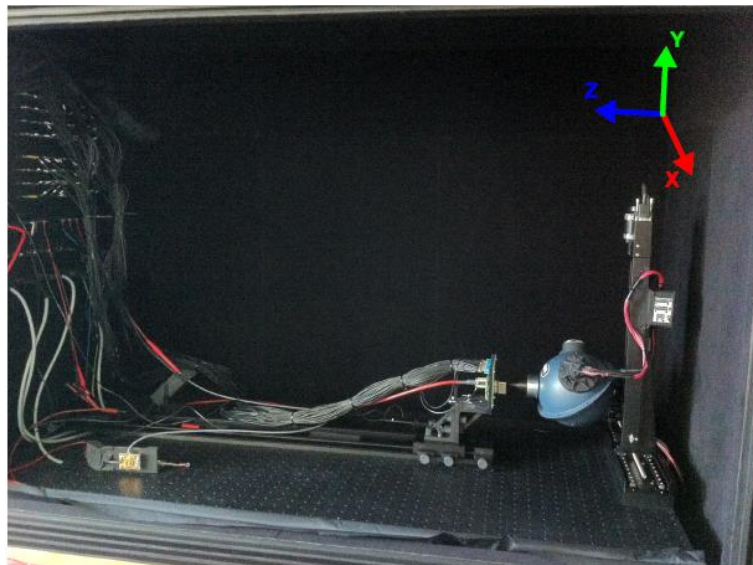
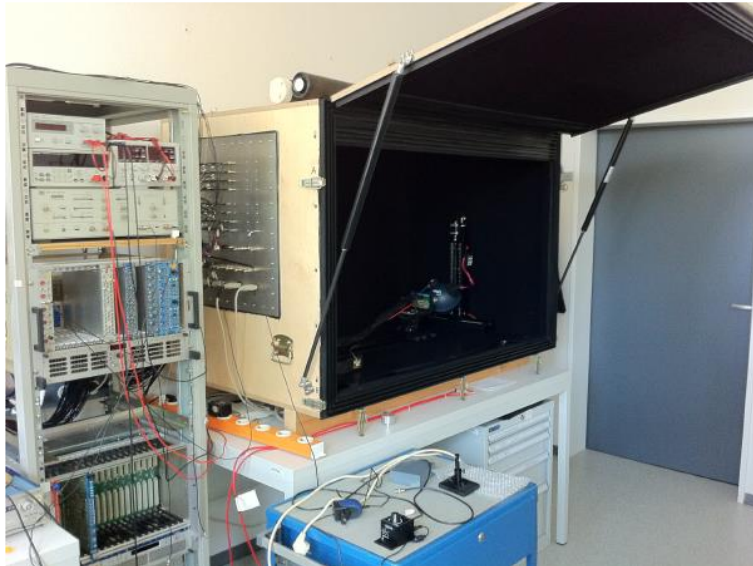


$N_{\text{Detektor}}$



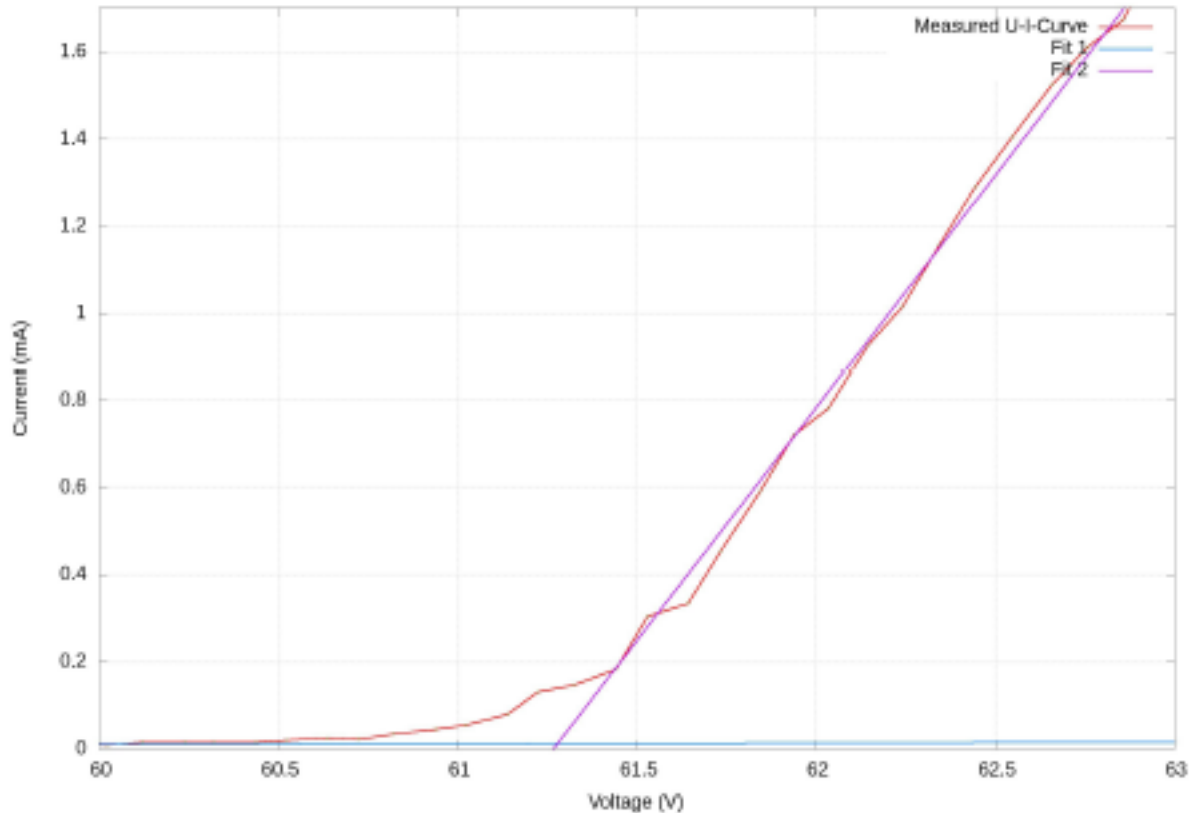
M.Karus, KIT

# Single PhOton Calibration stand at KIT (SPOCK)



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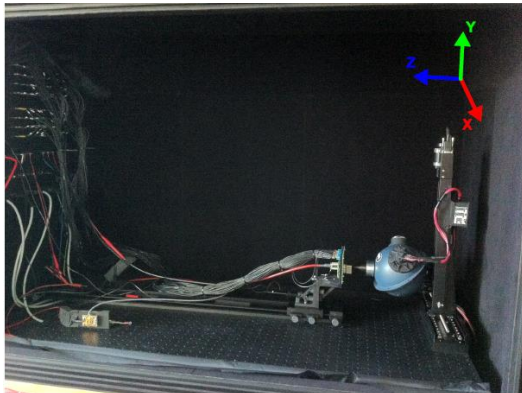
# Determination of breakdown voltage



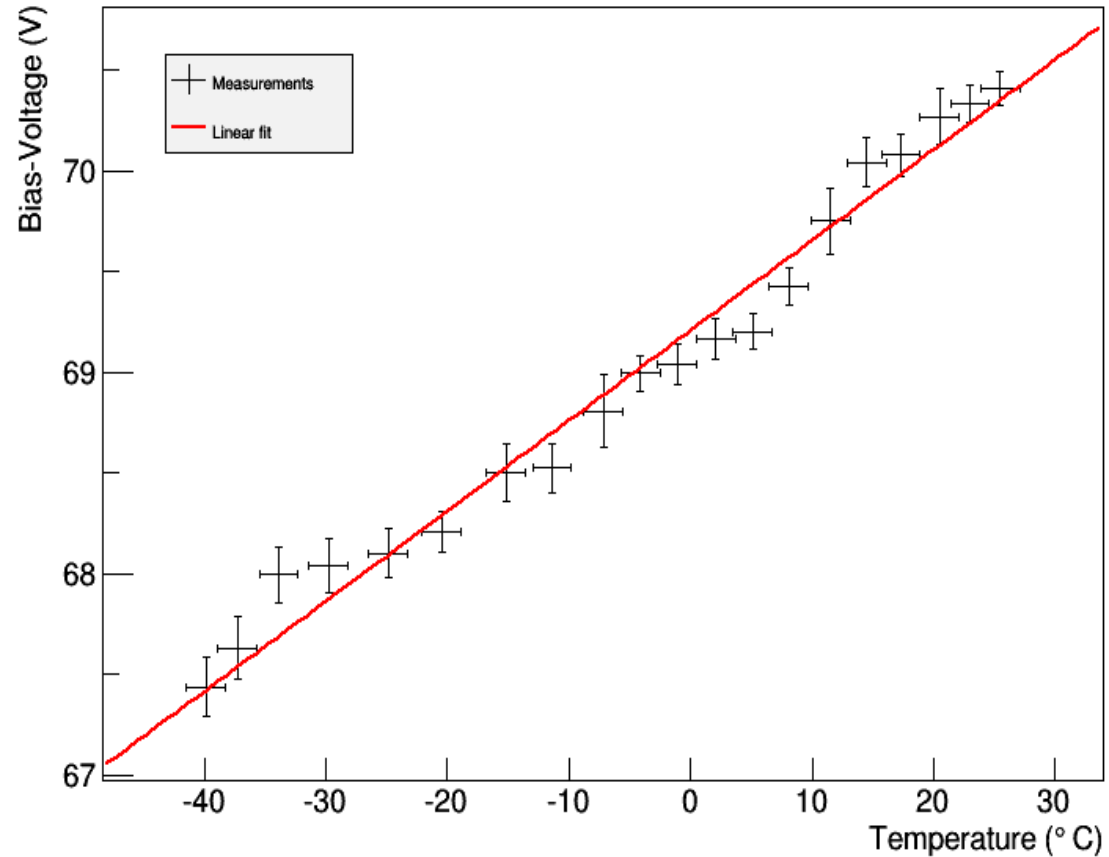
- U-I-Curve of one SiPM channel
- Linear Fits on the curve parts before and after Breakdown Voltage
- Crosspoint of the fits is approximate Breakdown Voltage

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# Temperature dependence of Bias Voltage



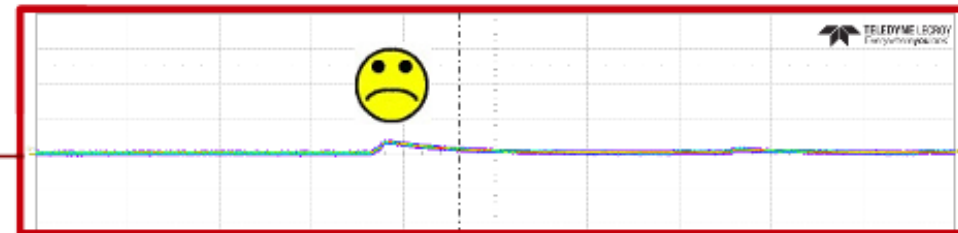
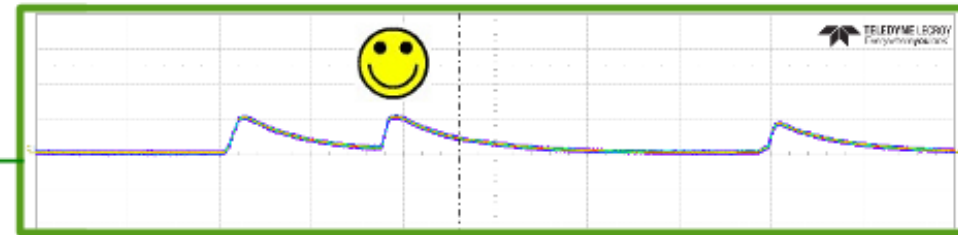
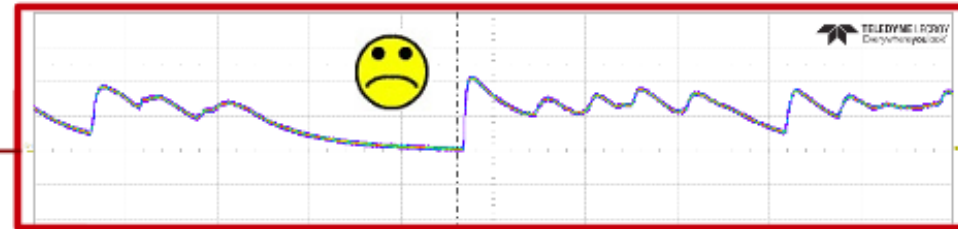
TSV-MPPC S12641-PA-50 Serial 85



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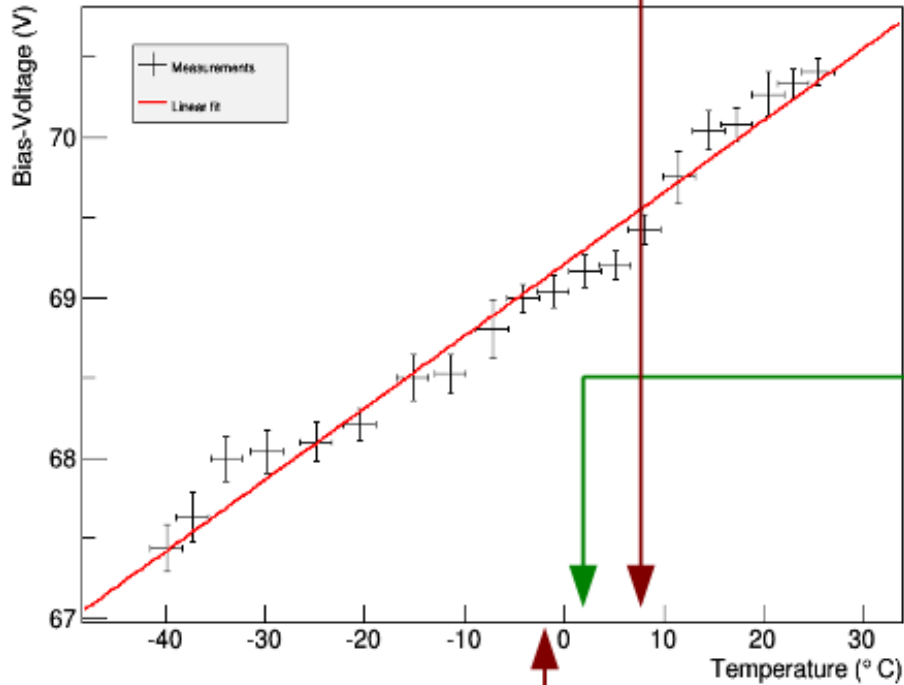
# Correlation Bias Voltage and Temperature

With a constant Bias-Voltage:



V: 50mV/div Timebase: 500ns/div

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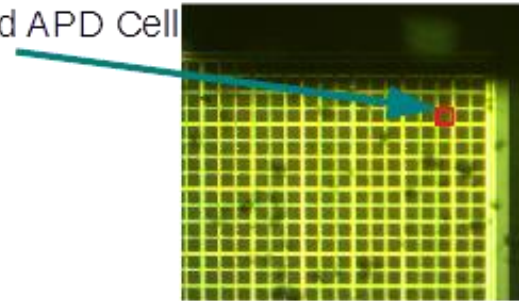
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# Investigation of TSV-SiPMs with an AFM before/after cooling

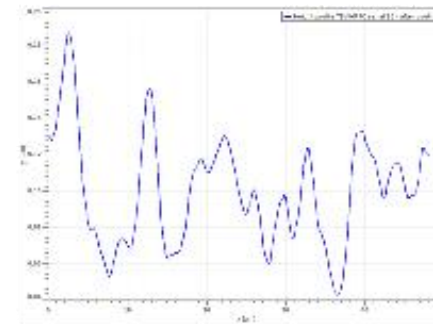
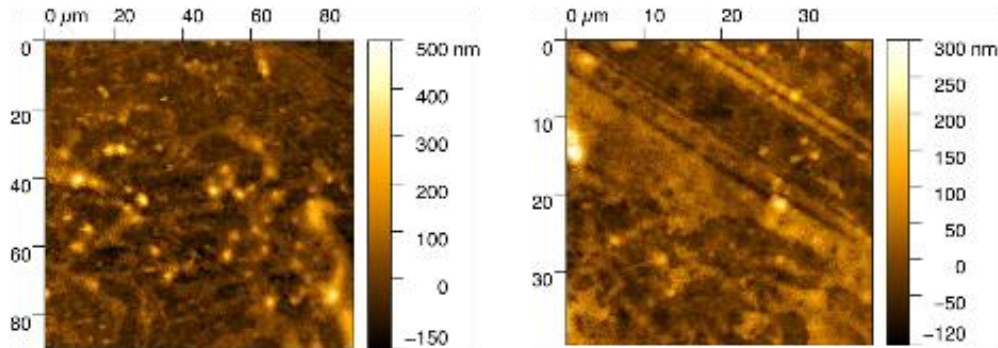
- No structural problems measured
- No grain boundary form cracks accured during cooling/heating process

→ It seems that this kind of SiPMs are usable for operating in environmental conditions

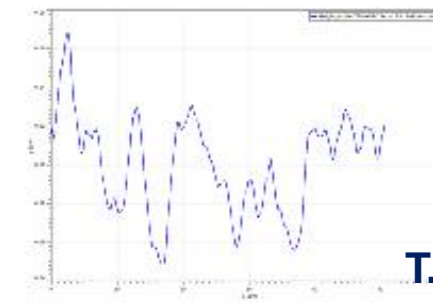
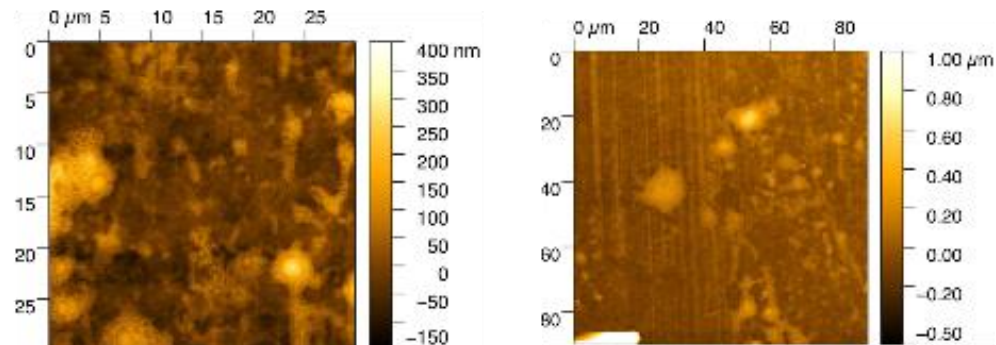
Screened APD Cell



Before:



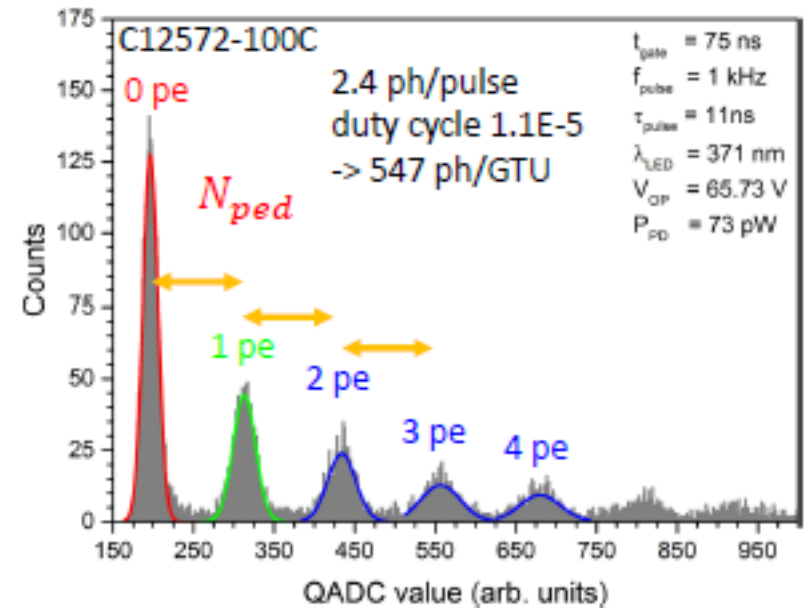
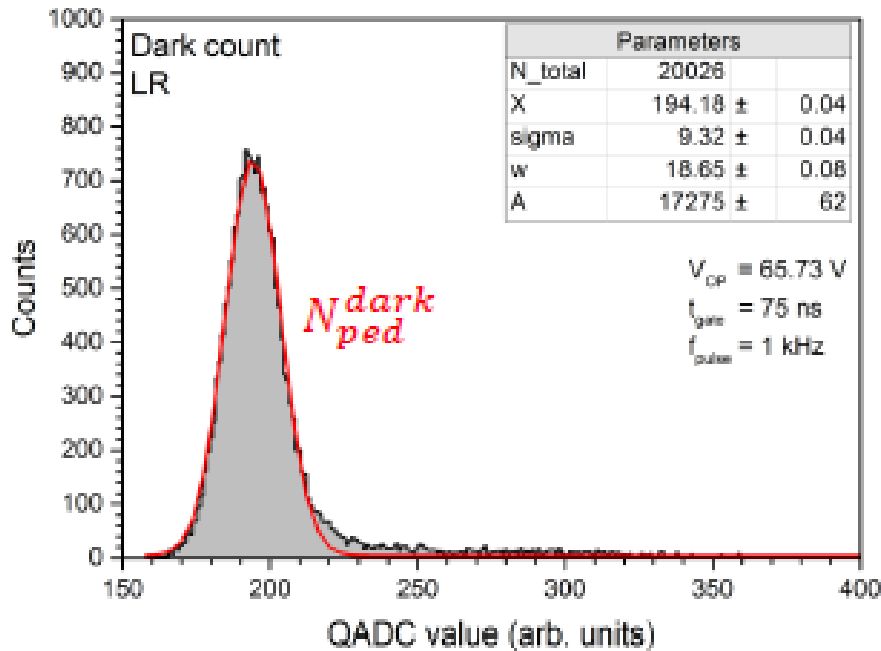
After:



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# SiPM efficiency estimation with SPOCK



- Gauss fit:  $N_{ped}$
- Total events (trigger):  $N_{tot} = 10013$

- Gauss fit:  $N_{ped}^{dark}$
- Total events (trigger):  $N_{tot}^{dark}$
- Correction term for thermal noise

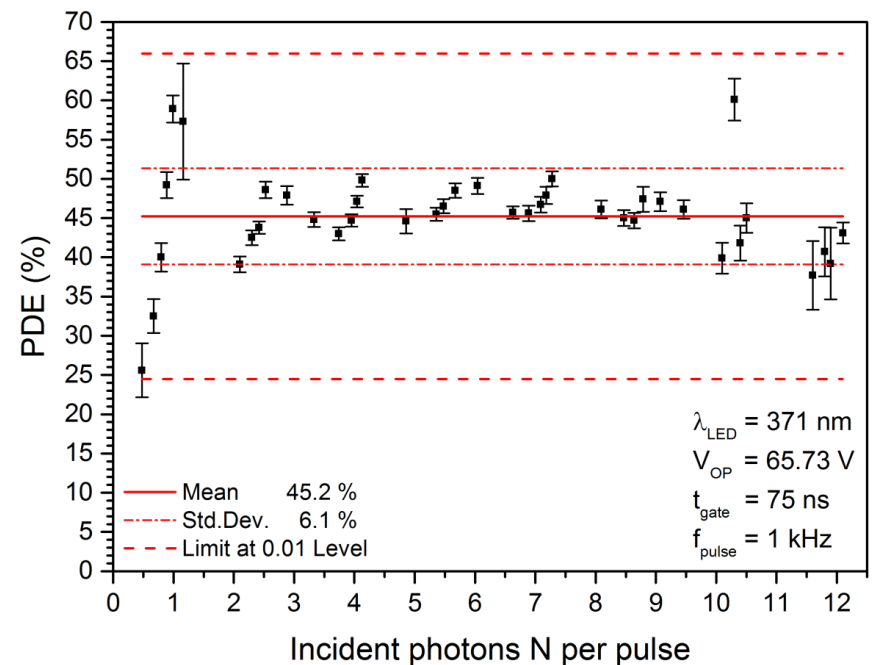
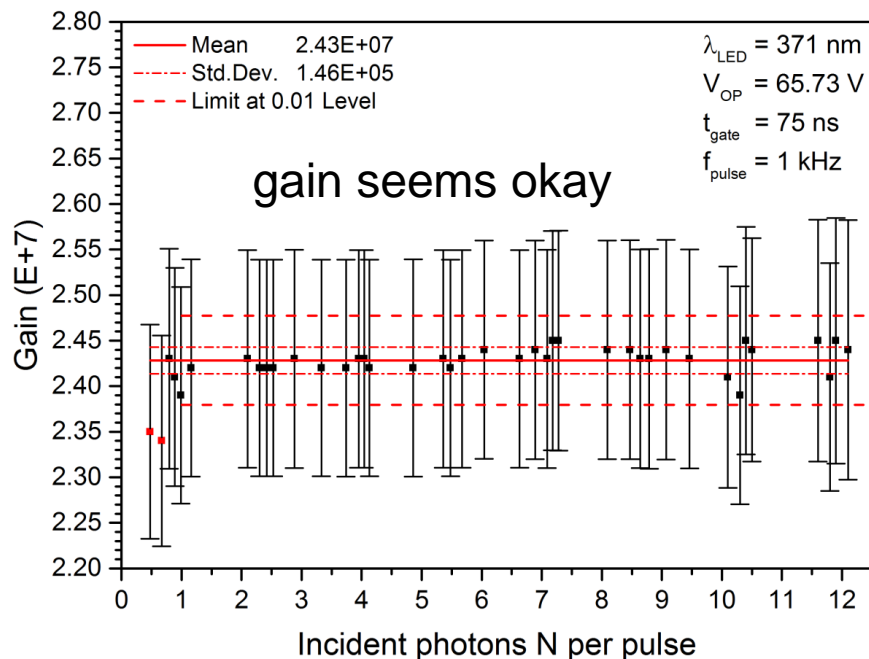
$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \left\{ -\ln \left( \frac{N_{ped}}{N_{tot}} \right) + \ln \left( \frac{N_{ped}^{dark}}{N_{tot}^{dark}} \right) \right\}$$

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# SiPM efficiency estimation with SPOCK

**1 single pixel (old) SiPM  
(due to missing readout  
electronic for SiPM)**

**45% PDE @ 371 nm  
This is most likely overestimated  
due to afterpulses and crosstalk**



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# TSV-Epoxy vs TSV-Silicone Array from Hamamatsu

## S12642 (old)

- 64 Channels
- SamTec Connectors
- Epoxy resin
- Specifications by Hamamatsu:
  - APDs: 3584 / channel
  - Breakdown Voltage:  $65 \pm 10$  V
  - Darkcount: 2 - 3 M counts/s
  - Gain:  $1.25 \times 10^6$
  - Photo Detection Efficiency: 35%

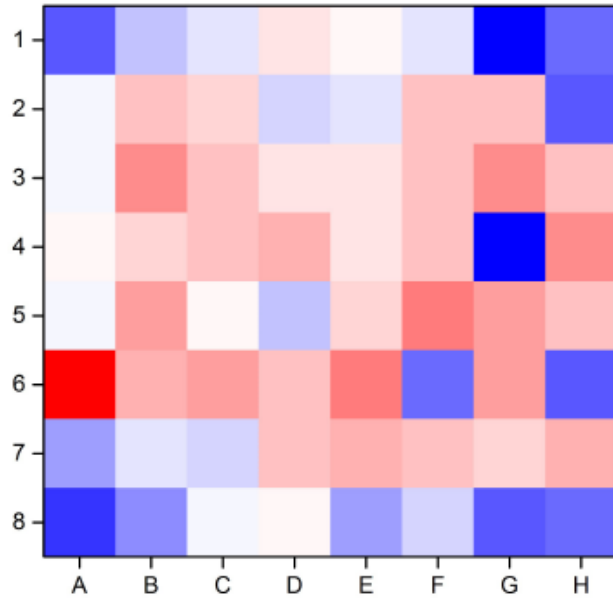
## S13361 (new)

- 64 Channels
- SamTec Connectors
- Silicone resin
- Specifications by Hamamatsu:
  - APDs: 3584 / channel
  - Breakdown Voltage:  $53 \pm 5$  V
  - Darkcount: 0.5 – 1.5 M counts/s
  - Gain:  $1.7 \times 10^6$
  - Photo Detection Efficiency: 40%

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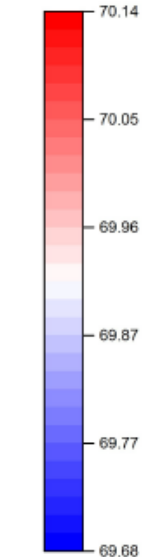
# TSV-Epoxy Array

64 Channel SiPM S12642 - Breakdown Voltage



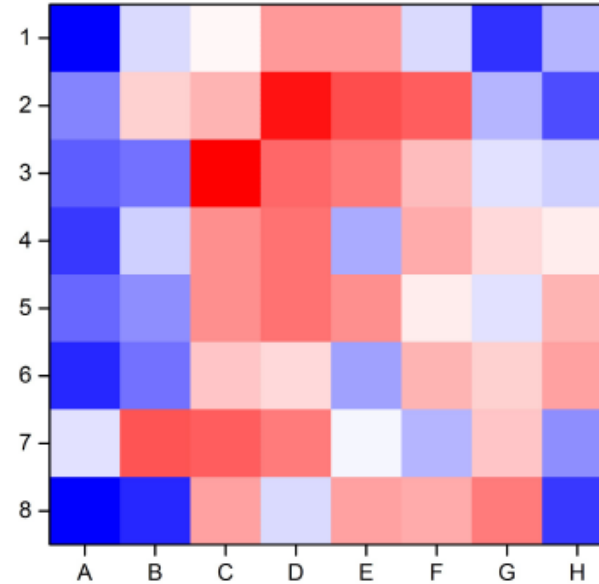
Mean = 69.91V , Deviation  $\pm 0.33\%$

Breakdown Voltage (V)



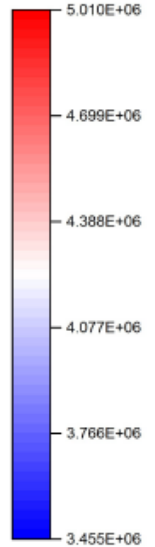
T ~ 21.3°C

64 Channel SiPM S12642 - Dark Count Rate



Mean = 4.24E+06 , Deviation  $\pm 18.5\%$

Dark Count Rate (1/s)



T ~ 21.3°C

Bias Voltage 71.5 V

**Next: Measurements of the 64 channel SiPM arrays with a QADC**

→ Breakdown Voltage

→ PDE

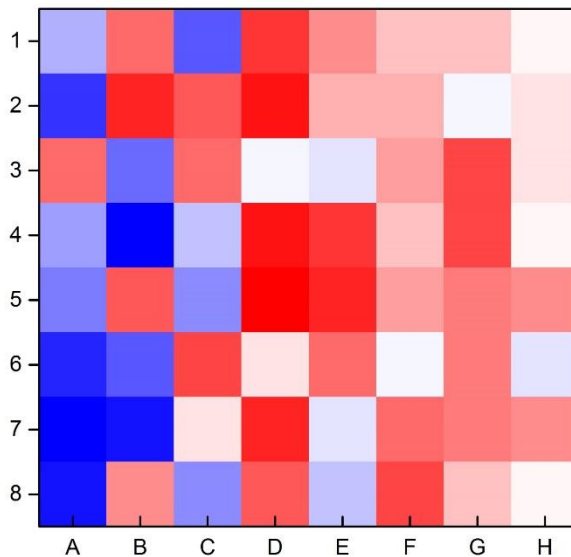
→ Gain

→ Crosstalk Probability

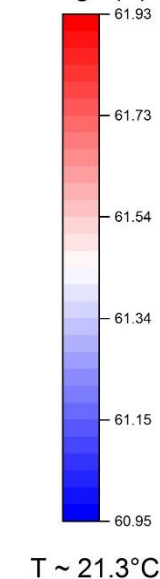
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# TSV-Silicone Array

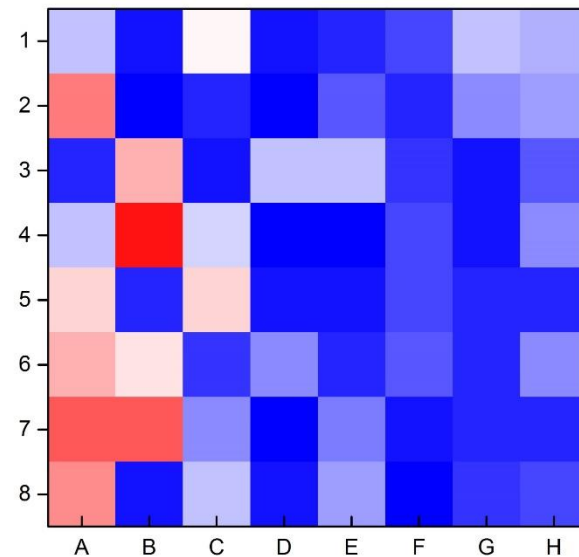
S13361 - Approximate Breakdown Voltage



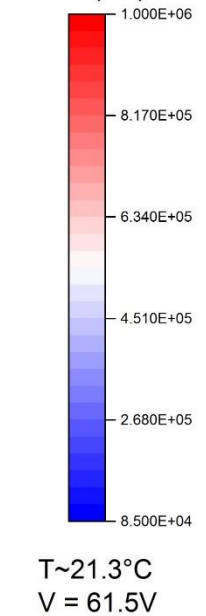
Breakdown Voltage (V)



S13361 - Dark Count Rate



Dark Count Rate (1/s)



**Next: Measurements of the 64 channel SiPM arrays with a QADC**

→ Breakdown Voltage

→ PDE

→ Gain

→ Crosstalk Probability

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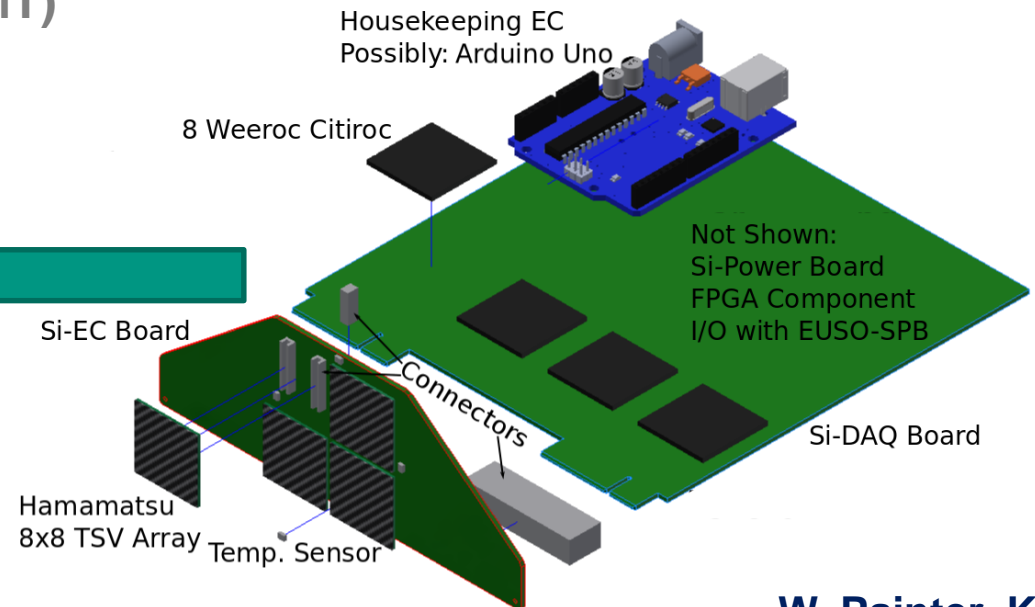
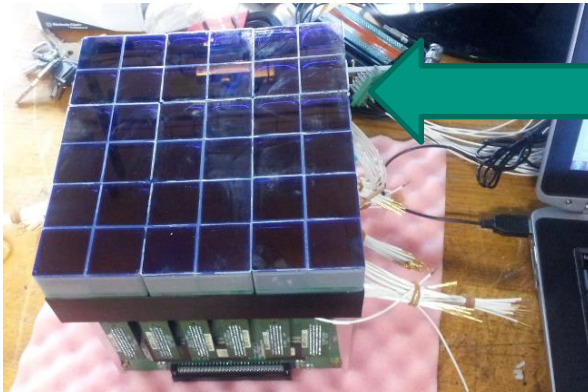
# EUSO-SPB Mission and SiECA

## SiECA-Silicon EC Add-on for EUSO-SPB

### Issues

- Si-DAQ Board
  - 256 SiPM channels
  - Clock and trigger from PDM
  - Power Supply
  - ASICs (8 citiroc?)
  - FPGA (signal look like MAPMT)

- SiECA mechanical frame
- UV-Filter
- Lab SiPM test system for SiECA (with Tübingen)



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# Requirements for the ASIC (in future)

## KIT ASIC Development for EUSO-like devices

(This list is purely idealized and heavily based on currently available systems)

- 1) Larger Channel input: Increasing the number of channels to 64, 128, 256 will greatly simplify board design**
- 2) BGA package instead of QFP  
(More channels without increasing form factor)**
- 3) 5 ns timing resolution and pulse shaping**
- 4) Low power consumption (2mW/ch or less)**
- 5) Internal biasing for flat fielding/temperature control**
- 6) Pulse counting within timing bin & current integration over entire timing bin; Bin length selectable from 250ns-5 $\mu$ s**
- 7) Multiplexed output**

# SiPM for JEM-EUSO....personal opinions

- Characteristics of different SiPMs (small ones, arrays)  
worldwide effort....Hamamatsu seems to be leading (for us)
- Going for single photon calibration  
hard job but possible
- Going for temperature  
complex, but should be under control!
- Going for larger arrays  
looks good!
- Going for UV sensitivity  
looks promising - needs to be tested!
- Going for (fast) readout  
crucial point
- Going for Simulations  
needs to be done....
- Going for integration as EC  
could be solvable
- Going for EC integration in PDM  
slow progress! (at least for me)
- Going for space qualification  
hmmm.....

All measurements shown are preliminary and need to be optimized and repeated in detail

