

A 3D cutaway diagram of the PANDA FRICH detector structure. The diagram shows a long, rectangular structure with a grid-like top surface. A blue rectangular block is visible in the center, and a green component is located at the bottom right. The text "PANDA FRICH status" is overlaid in blue.

# PANDA FRICH status

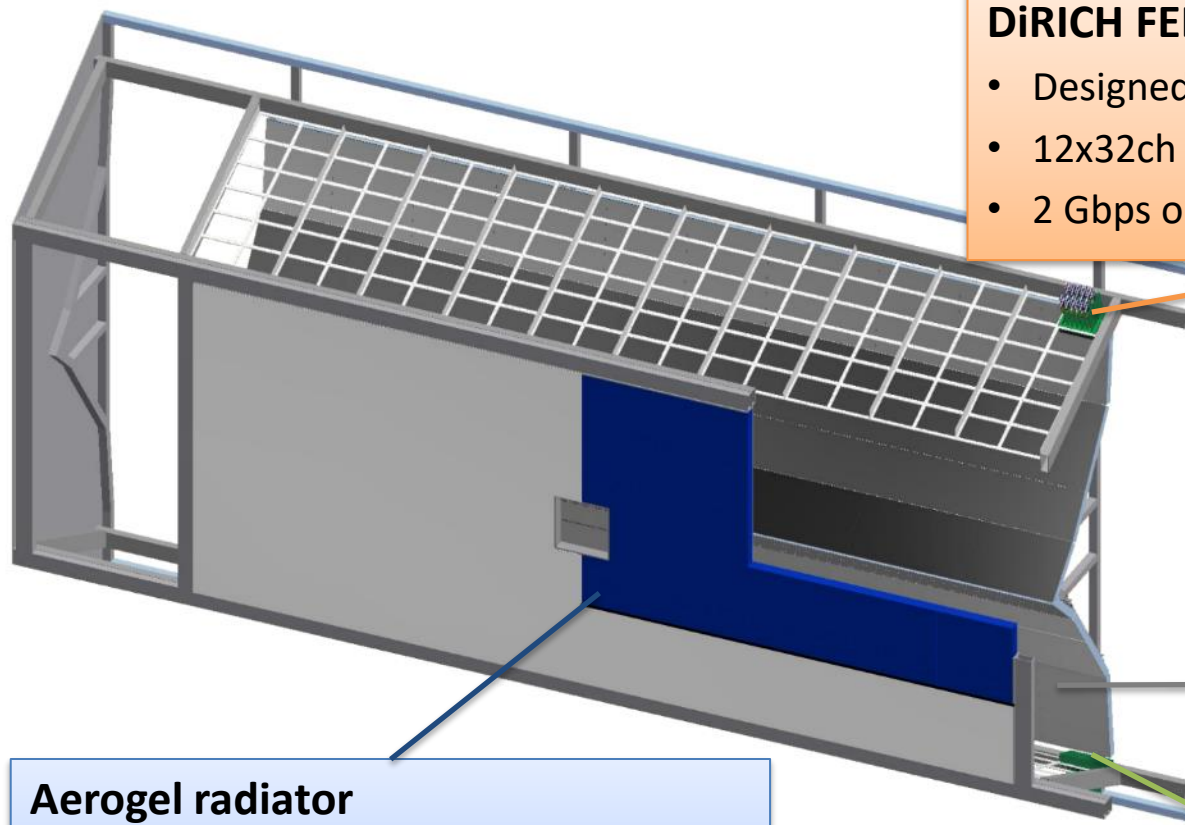
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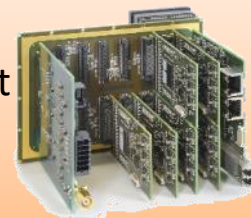
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# FRICH baseline design



## DiRICH FEE (GSI)

- Designed for H12700 readout
- 12x32ch preamp+disc+TDC
- 2 Gbps output link



## Mirrors

- 2 mm float glass
- Al+SiO<sub>2</sub> coating

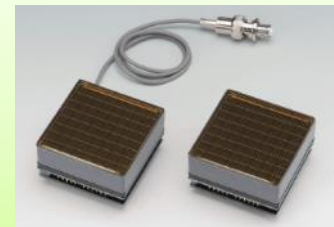
## Aerogel radiator

- Focusing 2- or 3-layer aerogel
- $n \approx 1.05$
- 40 mm thick

## Photon Detector

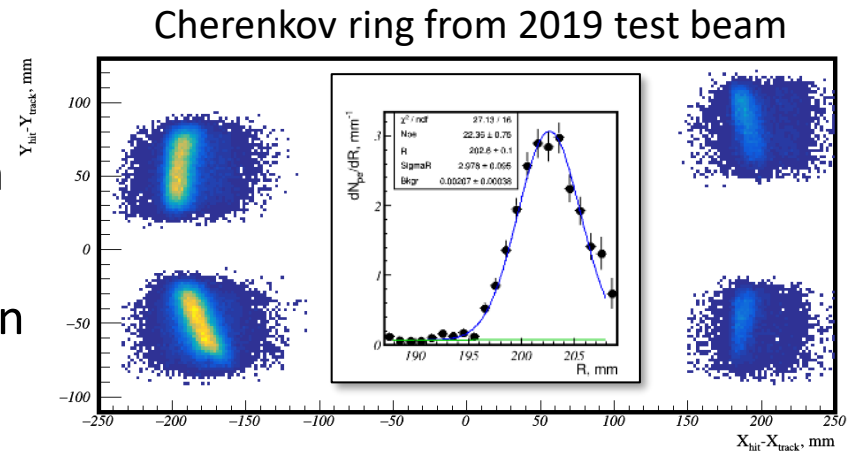
H12700 MaPMTs (Hamamatsu)

- flat panel
- 8x8 anode pixels of 6mm size



# FRICH status as of February 2020

- FRICH prototype equipped with a stacked 2-layer aerogel radiator, flat mirror, 4 MaPMTs and DiRICH readout was tested with the 3 GeV electron beam at BINP in June 2019
- Test beam results including single photon resolution, number of photoelectrons have been obtained. In spite of worse than expected SPR and Np.e. evaluated  $\pi/K$  separation power at  $P=10$  GeV/c ( $3.4\sigma$ ) is good enough.
- Main components of FRICH were described in the mechanical design
- Detector integration steps were described
- LV&HV system is to be designed
- Construction plans and cost estimation are to be updated
- TDR is to be written by mid-2020



# Status of FRICH R&D as of June 2021

- Main R&D from FRRC funding finished in 2017
- Small NSU funding stopped in 2020
- An application to RFBR in 2015 fund was unsuccessful. New applications seem to be pointless.
- No active developers on the project since beginning of 2020
- No active work on FRICH TDR
- But some other FARICH R&D is ongoing at BINP mostly connected to the Super Charm-Tau Factory

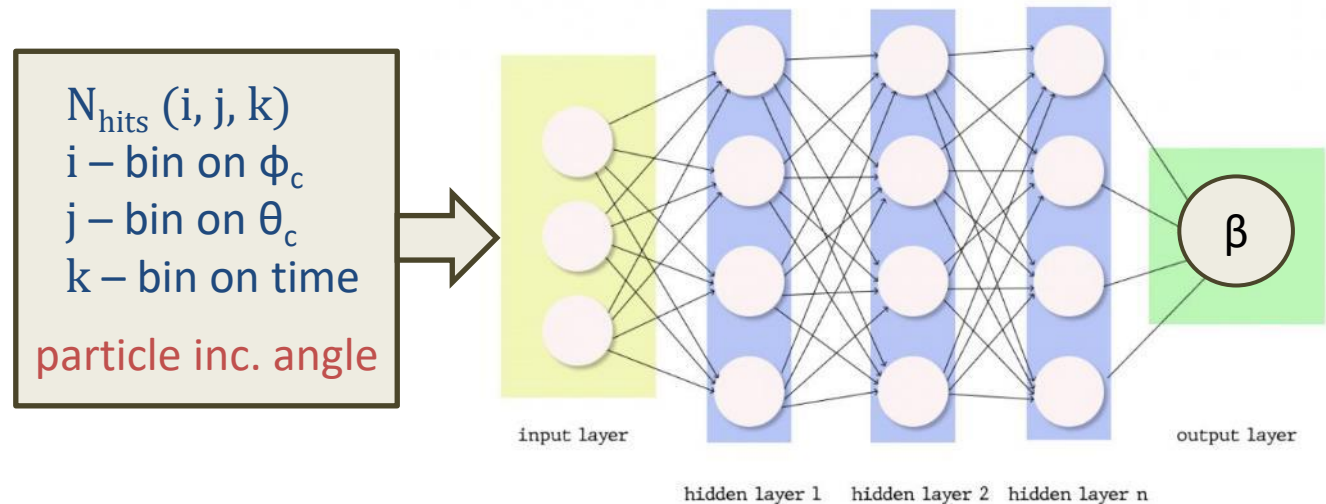
# Event reconstruction using Neural Networks

## Motivation

- Alternating approach to event reconstruction with a potential to include all observed data without knowing PDFs → flexibility
- More straightforward and attractive for developer

## Implementation (started in Fall 2020)

- Python with Pandas, TensorFlow etc. packages
- Geometrical reconstruction of hit  $\theta_c$ ,  $\phi_c$  then NN training
- Obtain particle's  $\beta$  from a single NN output



# SCTF FARICH simulated configuration

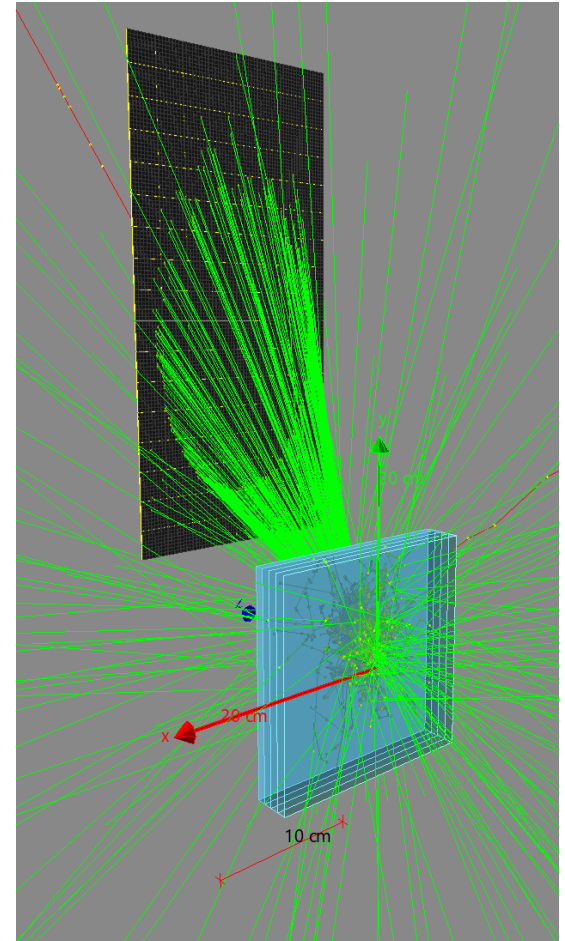
## Photon detector

- ON Semiconductor (SensL) ArrayJ-30020-64P-PCB
- Pixel size  $3.16 \times 3.16 \text{ mm}^2$
- Pixel pitch 3.36 mm
- $U_{\text{bias}} = 2.5\text{V}$
- $\lambda_{\text{max}} \approx 400 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\text{PDE}_{\text{max}} \approx 38\%$
- Sensor geom. fill factor  $\approx 88\%$

## Radiator

- 4-layer focusing aerogel
- $n_{\text{max}} = 1.05$
- 35 mm thickness

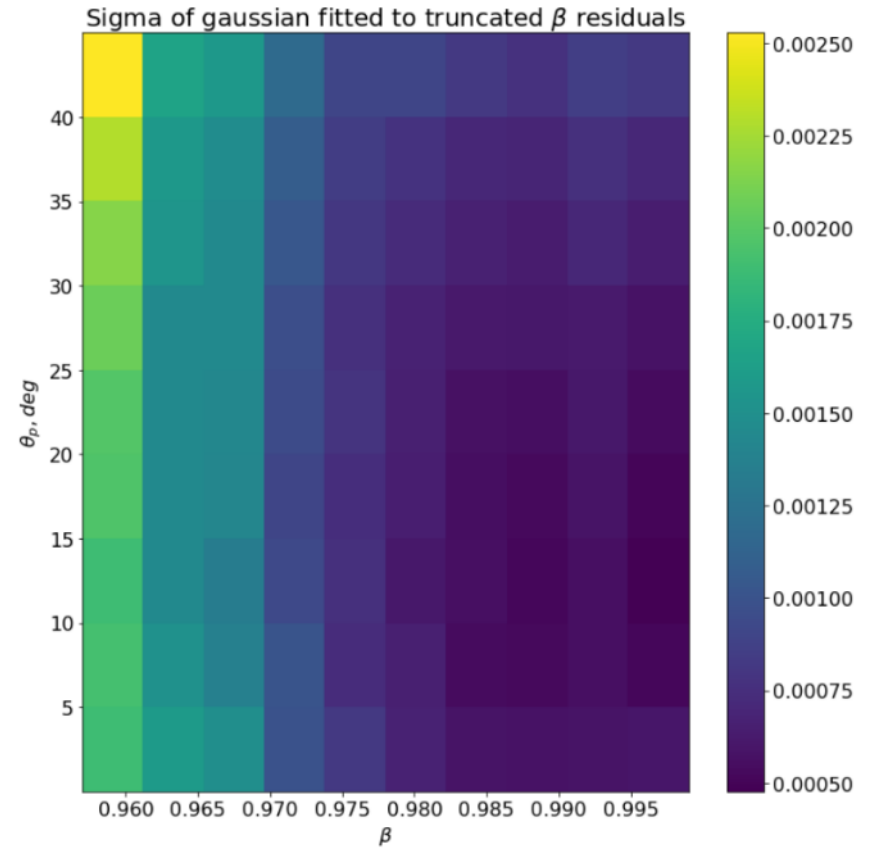
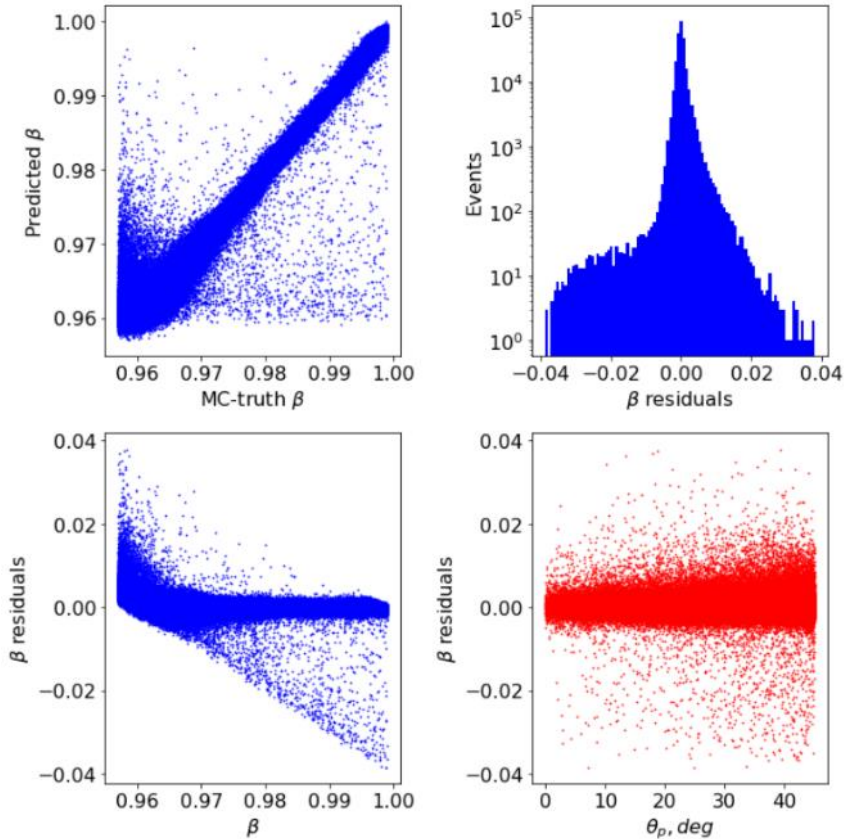
**PD-Radiator distance: 200 mm**





# Results of NN event reconstruction

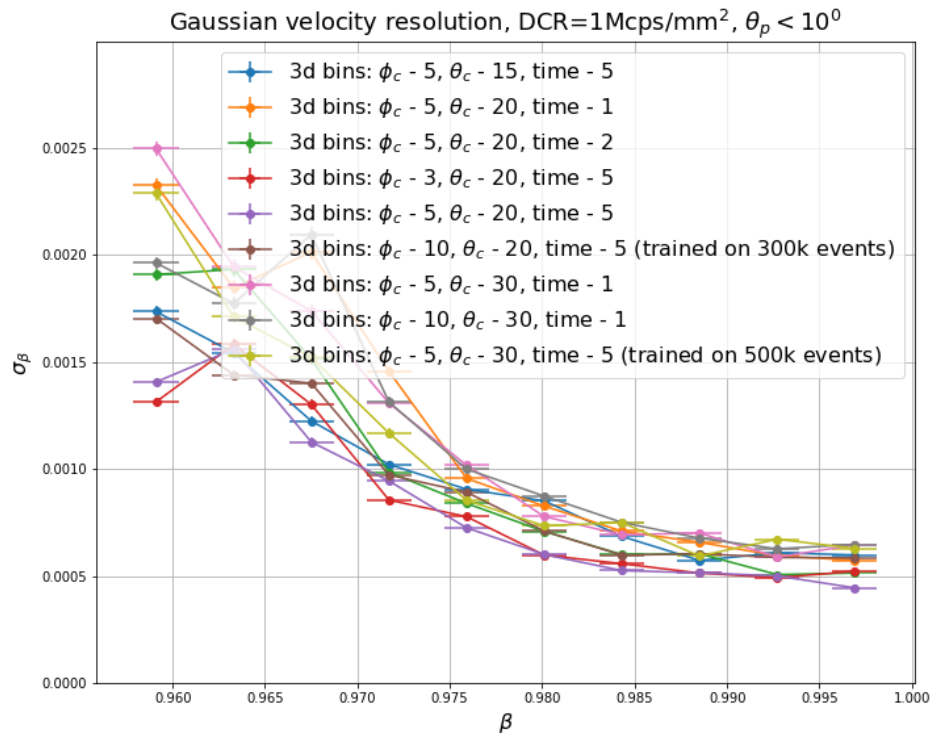
Scatter plots for  $\beta$  residuals



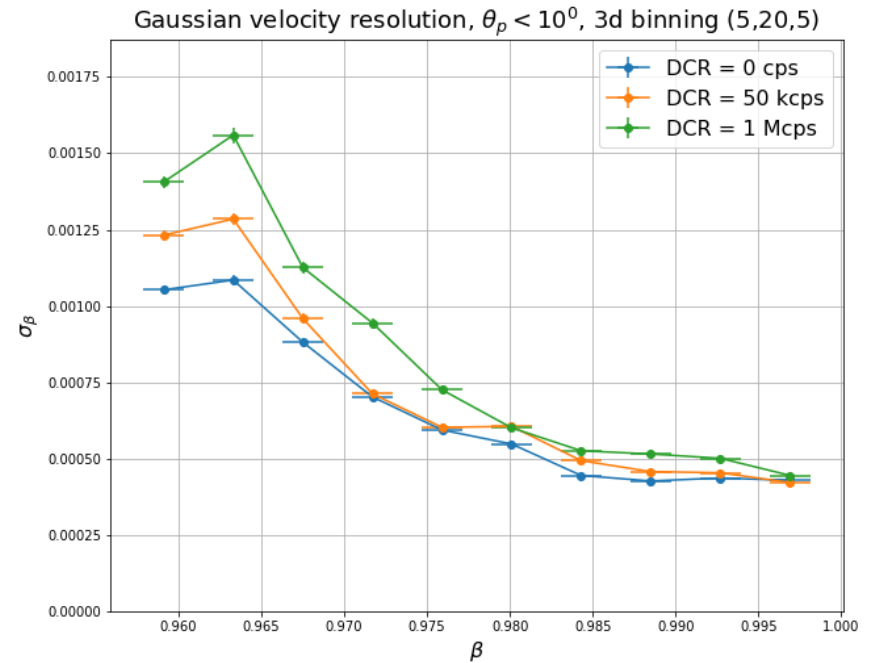
$\geq 5 \cdot 10^{-4}$   $\beta$  resolution for 1 Mcps/mm<sup>2</sup> dark count rate

# NN performance

## Different binning of hits



## Dependance on DCR

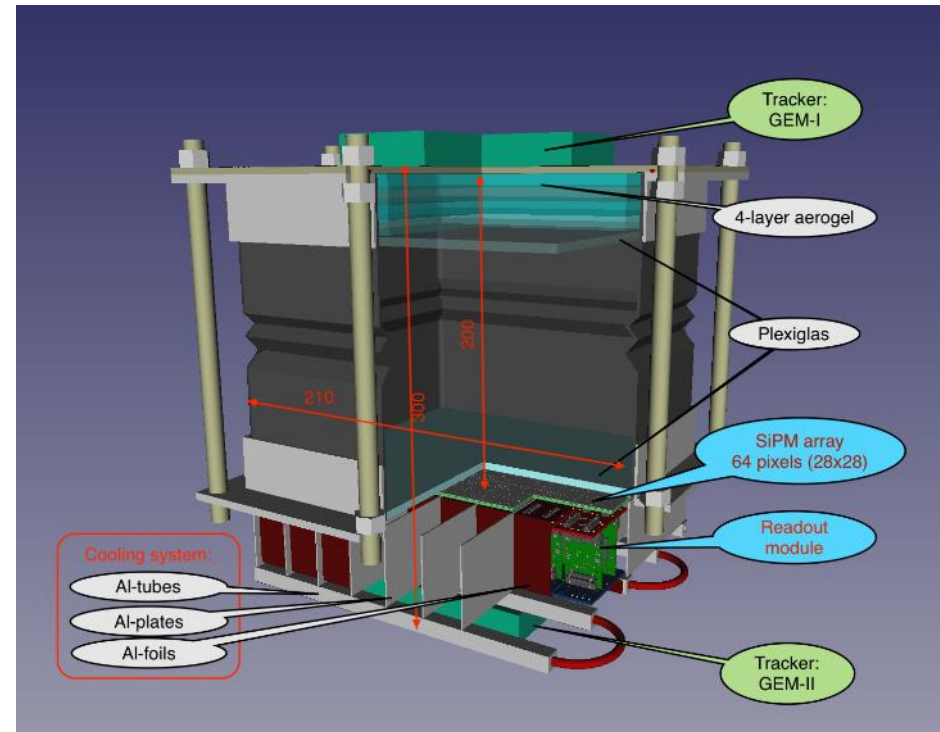




# Full-scale FARICH prototype with SiPMs

Full-scale prototype will detect full Cherenkov rings with SiPM arrays & compact readout FEE.

- photon detector size  $\approx 21 \times 21 \text{ cm}^2$
- $64 \times (8 \times 8) = 4096$  pixels of  $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$
- aerogels up to  $20 \times 20 \text{ cm}^2$  size
- aerogel isolated from environment
- folding envelope enabling focal distance adjustments
- liquid cooling system to operate at  $-30^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\leq 5\%X_0$ )



Full-scale prototype should be ready for test beam in 2022

# R&D of front-end electronics for FARICH with SiPM readout

## Objectives:

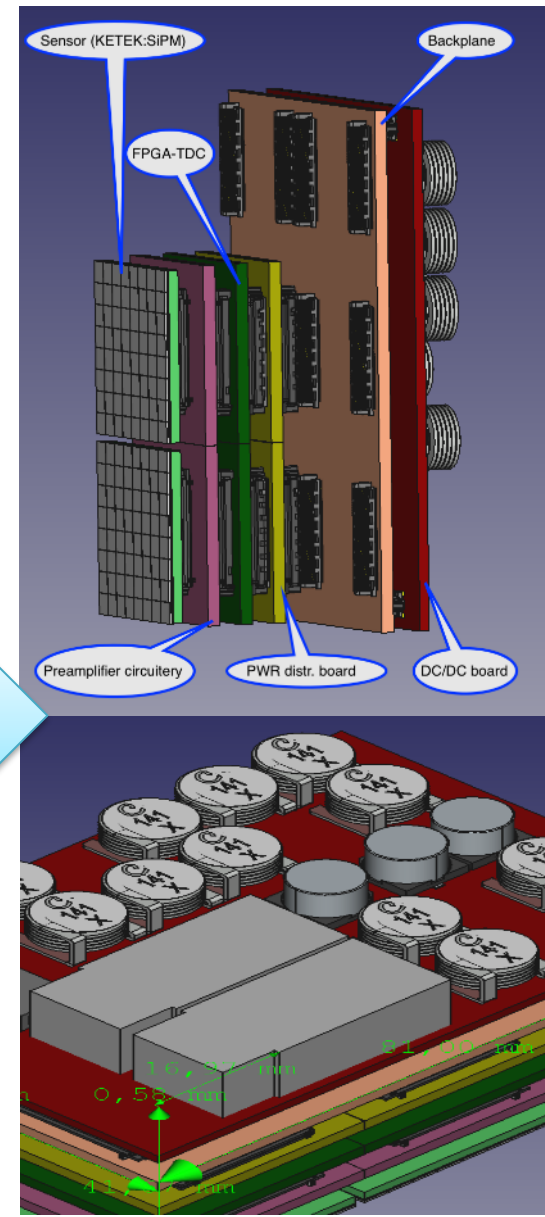
- High-density electronics with footprint of 3.4x3.4 mm per channel
- Fit SiPMs + FEE into ~5 cm radial space in barrel
- Power consumption as low as possible with a goal of 10-20 mW/ch
- TDC with ~100 ps timing resolution & coarse amplitude measurement (ToT)
- Possibility to cool down to -40°C

Very challenging project!

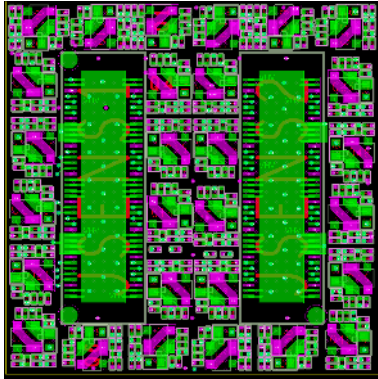
## Status & plans:

- R&D has been started by GSI digital electronics group (M. Traxler) in 2020
- Concept: FPGA-based TDC (TRB3 platform)
- Layouts of 3 of 5 boards are ready
- Production will start in Spring 2021

FARICH FEE module for 3x2 KETEK SiPM arrays

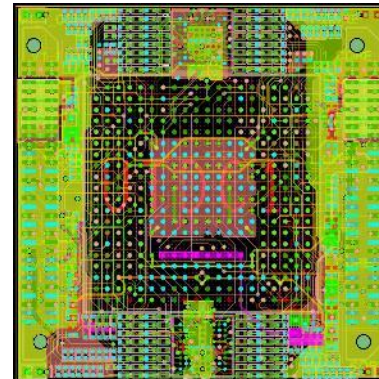


# First version of FEE board layouts



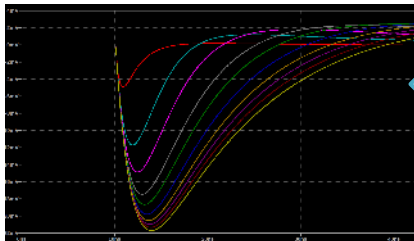
## Amplifier board

- 27×27 mm<sup>2</sup> size
- 14-layer PCB
- 30x gain, 64 channels
- couples to KETEK 8×8 SiPM array

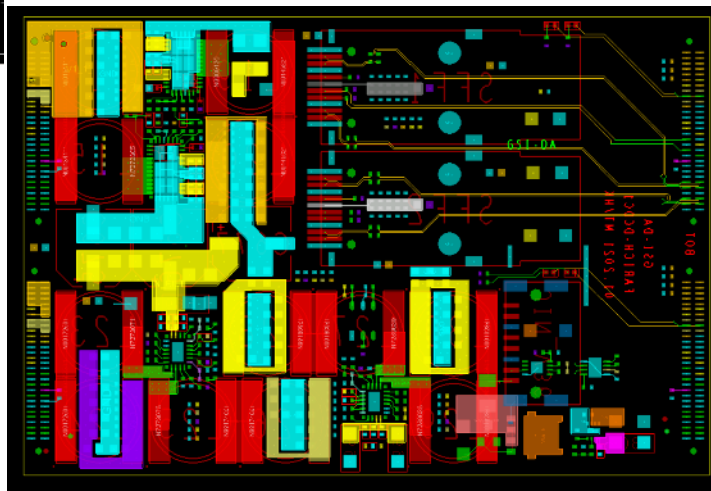


## TDC board

- 64 channels
- 2 TDC + 4 threshold FPGAs
- 10ps precision



Simulated single photon pulse shapes from amplifier for different input resistance. ~ 22mV amplitude can be achieved.

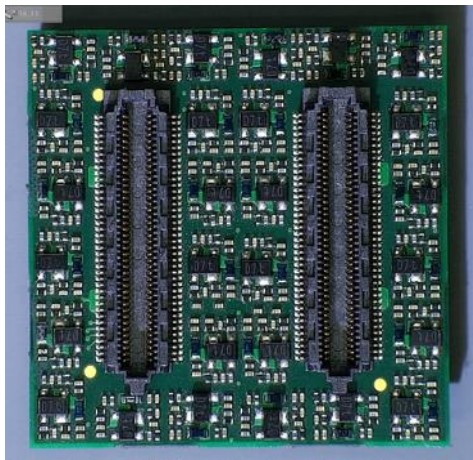


## DC-DC converter board

- goes behind the backplane
- 51×84 mm<sup>2</sup> size
- provides power to SiPMs, amplifiers, FPGA
- uses air inductive coils to operate in the detector magnetic field
- power, trigger & clock connectors



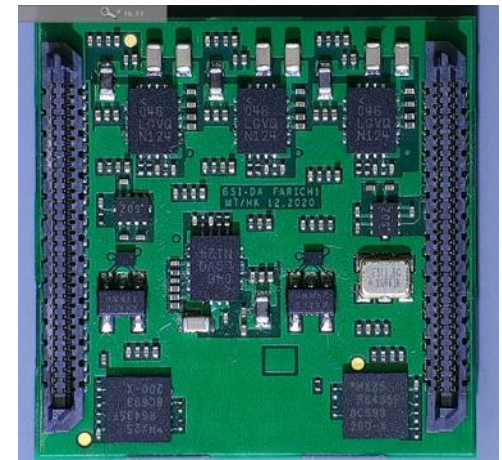
Preamp. board



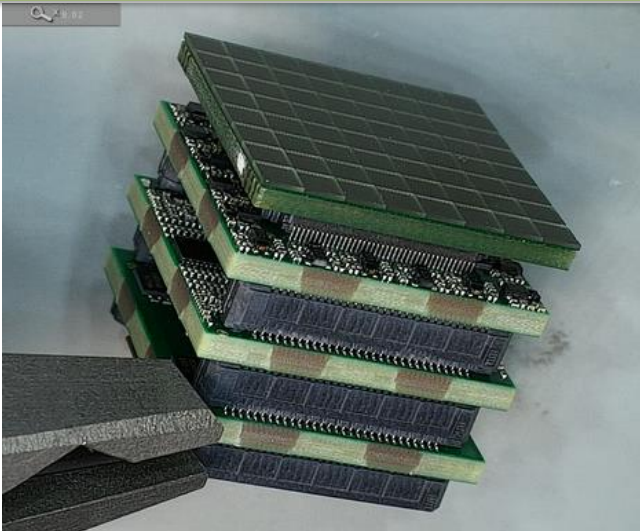
TDC board



Power dist. board



KETEK 64-ch. array & electronics assembly



Full FEE assembly for 6 arrays (384 channels)

