

Disc-DIRC and GCS Status Update

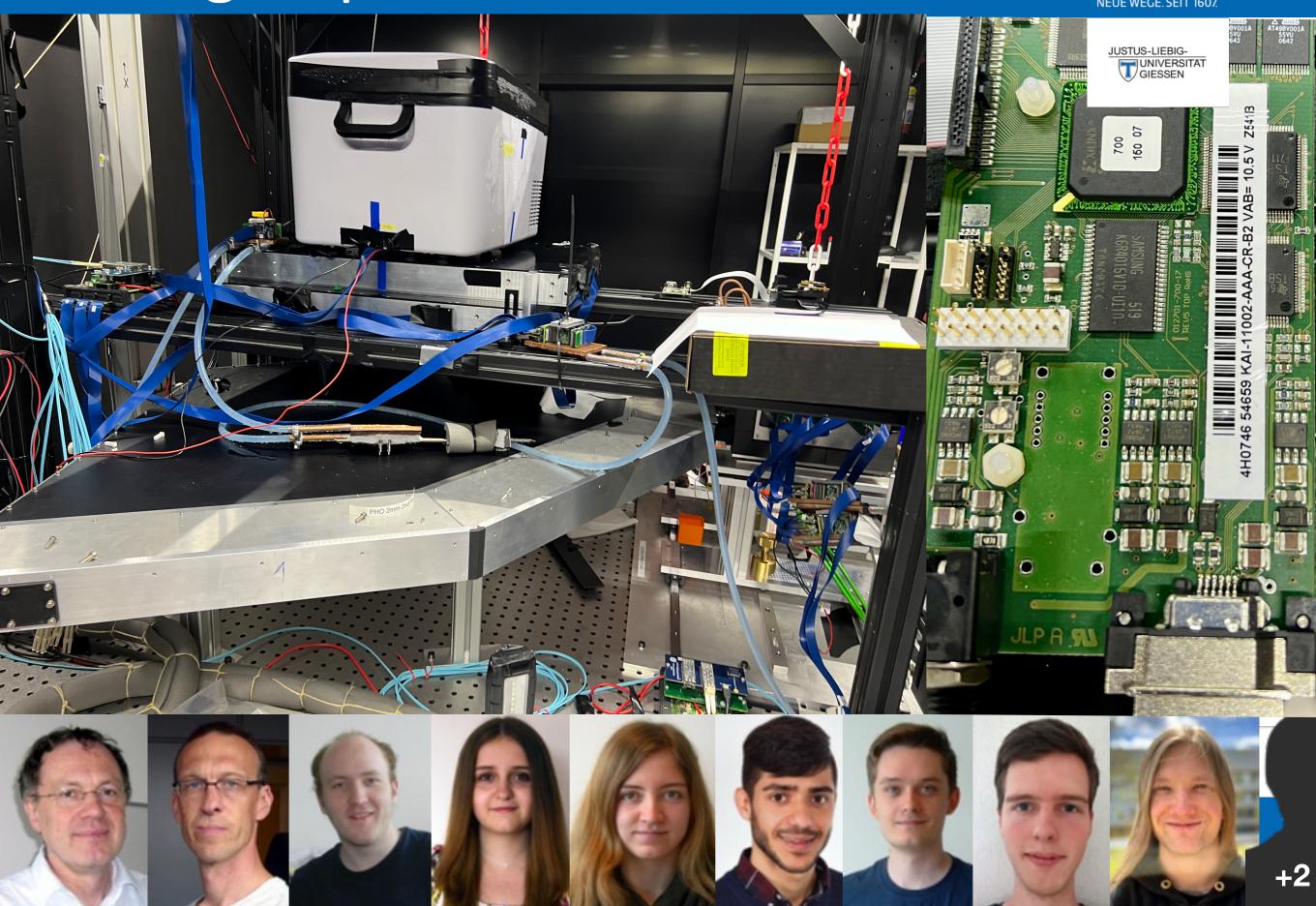
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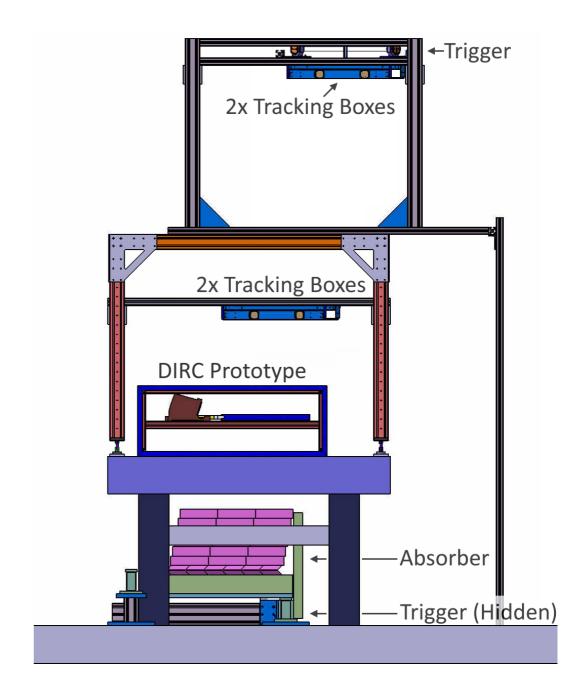


Previous Setup

- Full scale radiator in GCS
- Single ROM with 4 ASICs

Updated Setup

Additional ROM with the new readout-board



Location: II. Physikalisches Institut JLU Giessen (5th floor)

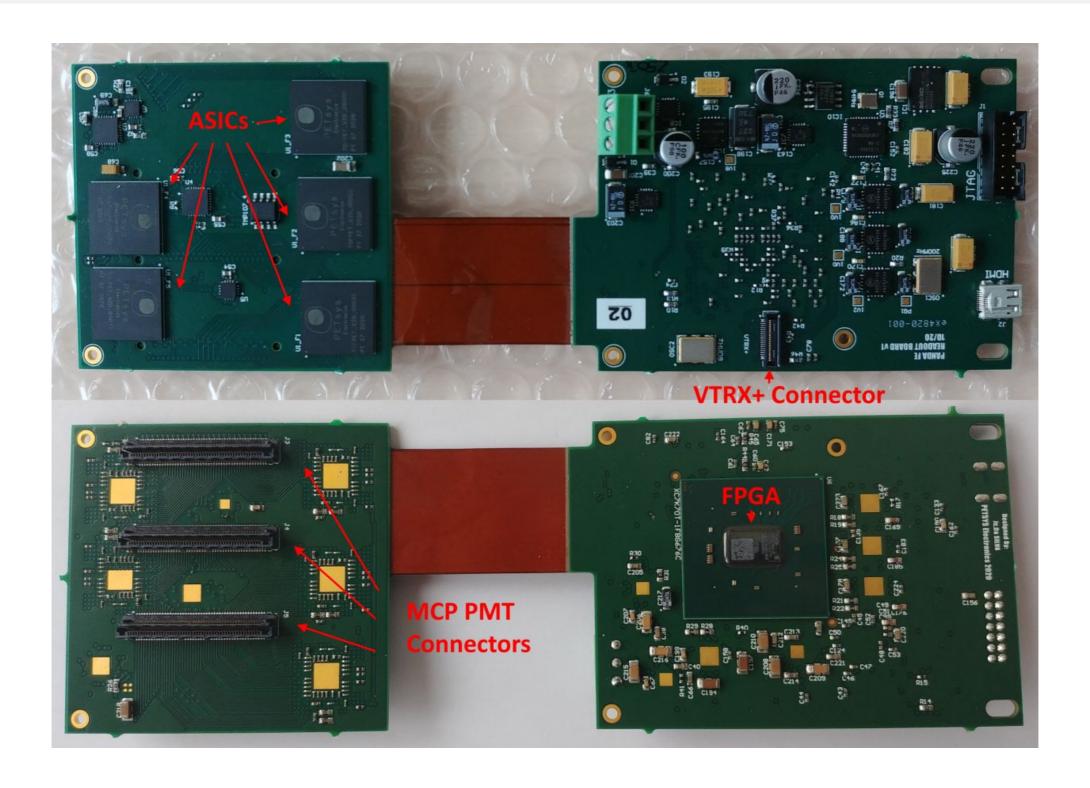
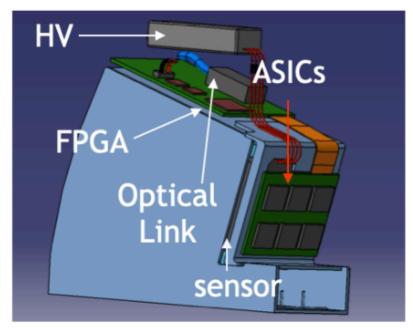
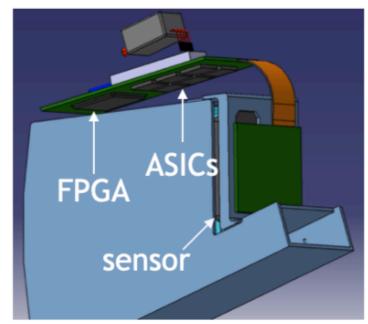
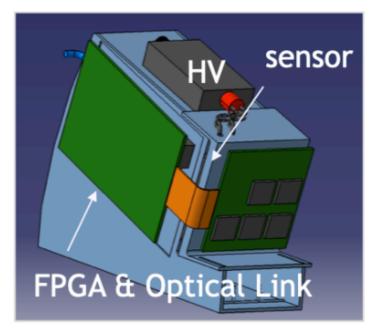
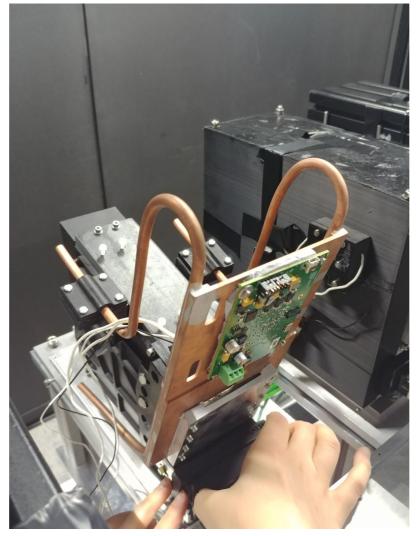


Figure: The to be installed readout board with 5 ASICs.









Installation Steps and Encountered Problems

Installation Steps

- Detach previous ROM and move it to the left
 - Detachment showed broken optical bonding of middle FEL



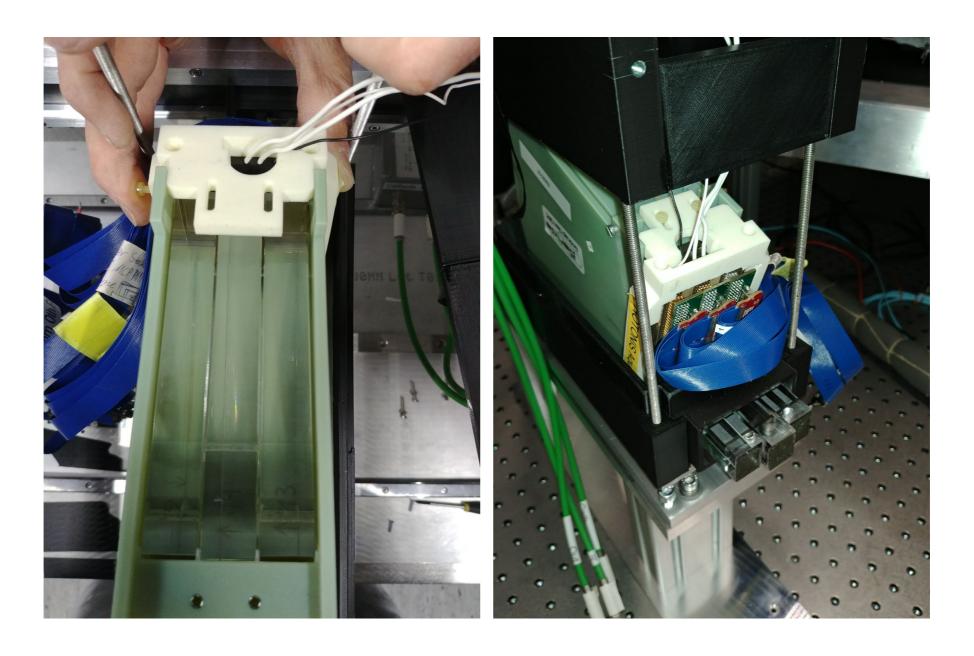
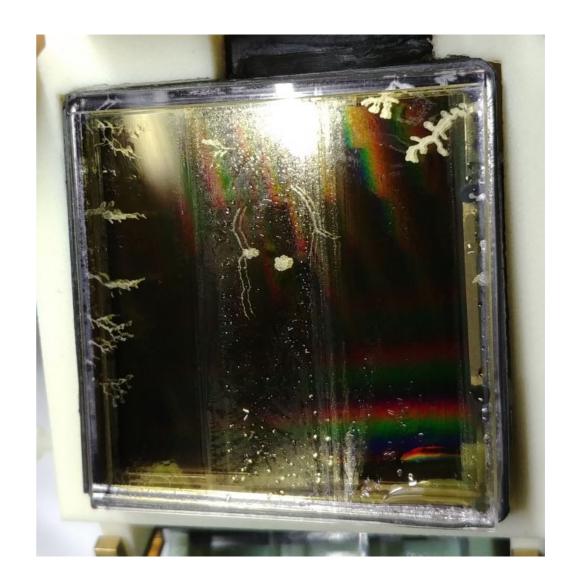


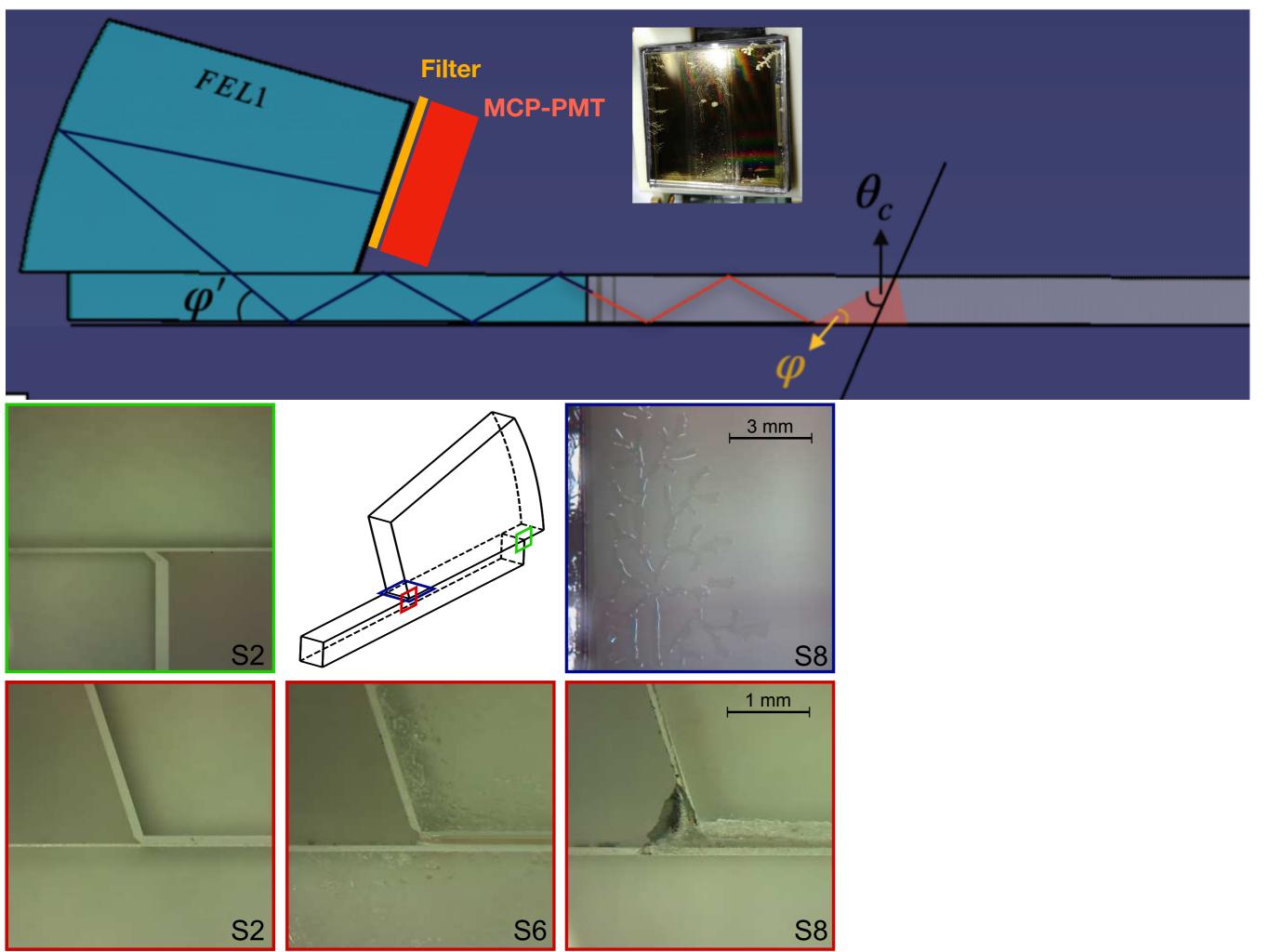
Figure: ROM after detachment from the radiator and removing the cover. The loose and shifted bar is clearly visible.

Observations: Filter Coupling

Optical Coupling

- Coupling of filter and MCP-PMT showed white structures
- Identified as air inclusions in the grease
- Likely caused during disassembly (slightly pulling the stack apart)





Observations: Broken Optical Bonding

Broken Optical Bonding

- No damage on neither bar nor focus visible
- But middle bar was drenched in optical oil
 - Slowly crept down from MCP-PMT coupling
- Reason for separation not clear

Prototype: Current Status

Current Status of the Prototype

- Broken FEL has been replaced and ROM reassembled
- New readout board installed
- Alignment done

Further Studies: Cherenkov Measurements with SiPMs

Cherenkov Measurements with SiPM-Matices

- Measurement of Cherenkov light with SiPM arrays
- Angled setup with glass radiator
- Cooled to -18 C° to reduce dark counts
- Placed in GCS for muon trigger and track information

Radiators: Aerogel, Suprasil, Mag. Fluoride

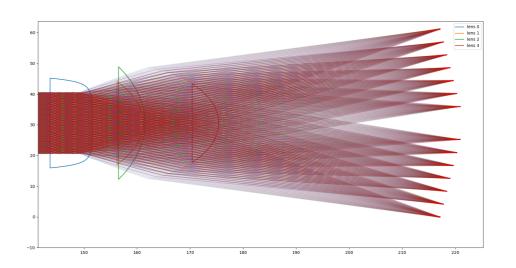
Next: DIRC with FEL and SiPM Matrix

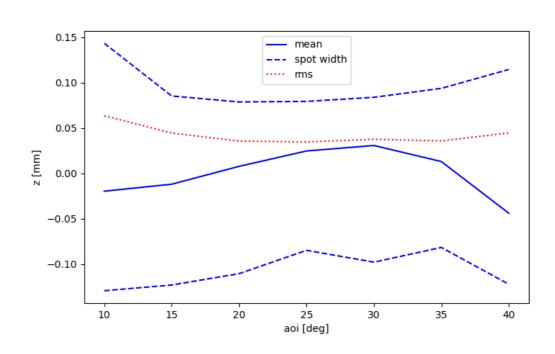


Further Studies: Design Iterations for Future Experiments

Disc DIRC in SCTF

- $ightharpoonup \mu/\pi$ separation required
- Similar design to PANDA Disc DIRC, but higher resolution requirements
- Focus optic is being iterated on
 - Dispersion correction using different lenses and materials (e.g. LiF and NLAK)





Thank you!