

Forward Endcap

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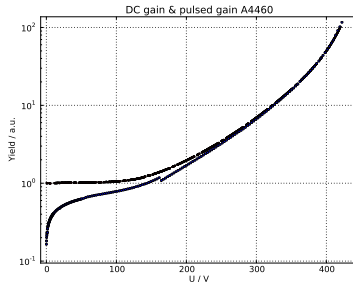


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 - APD subunits
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 - Front and back covers
 - Thermal insulation
 - Cooling

Subunit manufacturing

- VPTT subunits: All parts available for production:
 - Mechanics: Inserts, mount plates, interface pieces, screws (order)
 - Cables: HV, LV, Signal
 - Fibres (light pulser coupling)
 - Carbon alveoles
 - Photo tubes (screened and sorted)
- Need to discuss mirror foil crystal covers treatment (backward endcap people)
- APD subunits: Need to AC screen APDs for grouping (gain, gain gradients (T, U))

APD AC/DC characteristics

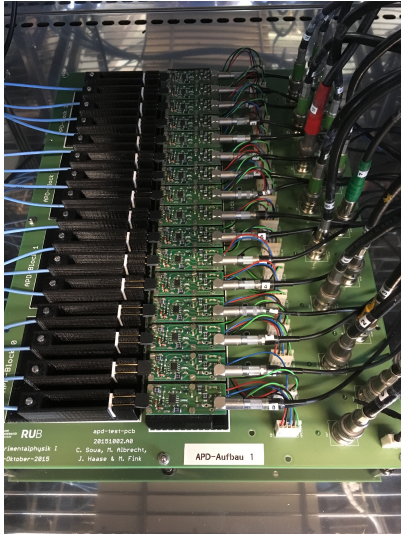


- Different APD characteristic curves (yield vs. bias voltage) for AC (light pulser) and DC measurement
- APD capacity and coupling/input capacities of preamp act as charge divider:
 - Varying (bias voltage dependent) APD capacitance in parallel with coupling/input capacitance of preamp

APD AC/DC characteristics

- In principle, knowing the contributing capacitances one may be able to convert AC to DC curves
- However, on real APDs/preamps it seems to be impossible to quantitatively 'calculate' an AC curve from the corresponding DC one (and vice versa)
- Therefore it is mandatory to take AC curves for all APDs (that will go to Forward Endcap)
- Barrel (Backward Endcap?) will not necessarily need that 'pairing' precision as they go for individual HV trimming per channel

APD screening



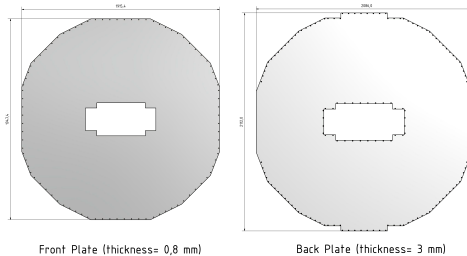
- New ruggedized, precise and easy to handle design: combination of PCBs and 3D-printed structures
- Currently: Two setups ready to screen 16 APDs each at once
- Plug connections of APDs to preamps (gold connectors, APD-lab)

APD screening



- Two new fully automated climate chambers ($-40 \dots 180 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Plan: Two 16-APD setups per fridge
- Currently limited by readout
(number of suitable ADCs or shaper modules)
- 8 h per run (AC or DC)

Buildup of Forward Endcap: Front and Back Covers



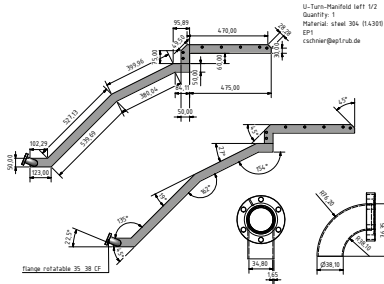
- Front and back cover plates of forward endcap: 0.8 mm / 3.0 mm aluminum
- Covers span about $1.9 \times 1.9 \text{ m}^2$ / $2.1 \times 2.1 \text{ m}^2$
- Impossible to find aluminum sheets of this size for the end user
- Need to weld covers from two sheets each

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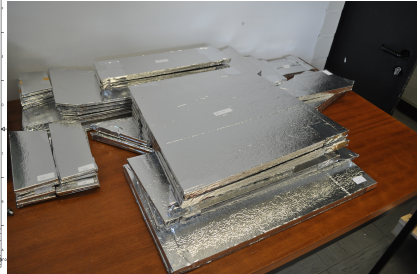
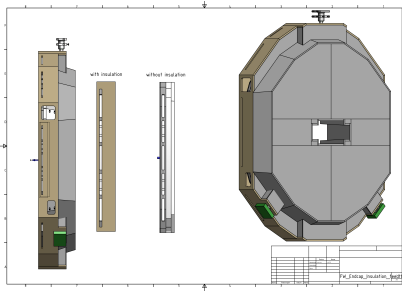
- Challenge: Welding of 0.8 mm front cover w/o distortion of plate, w/o 'visible' weld
- Finally found a welding workshop in Bochum (Mobylas) able to do the job (test pieces...)

Buildup of Forward Endcap: Cooling



- Chiller system installed in the lab (Orsay people)
- Nearly all parts for first flow test available
 - Swagelok-connections to backplate
 - Missing distributor manifolds ('bones') will be made at KVI (6 pieces)
- Feel free to take a look at the laboratory

Buildup of Forward Endcap: Thermal Insulation



- Up to now we got about 80% of the VIP panels for thermal insulation
- All delivered panels checked and stored
- Full installation possible only in Juelich (need to dismantle endcap frame for transport)

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