

# front-end electronics for the mini Beam-Beam detector.

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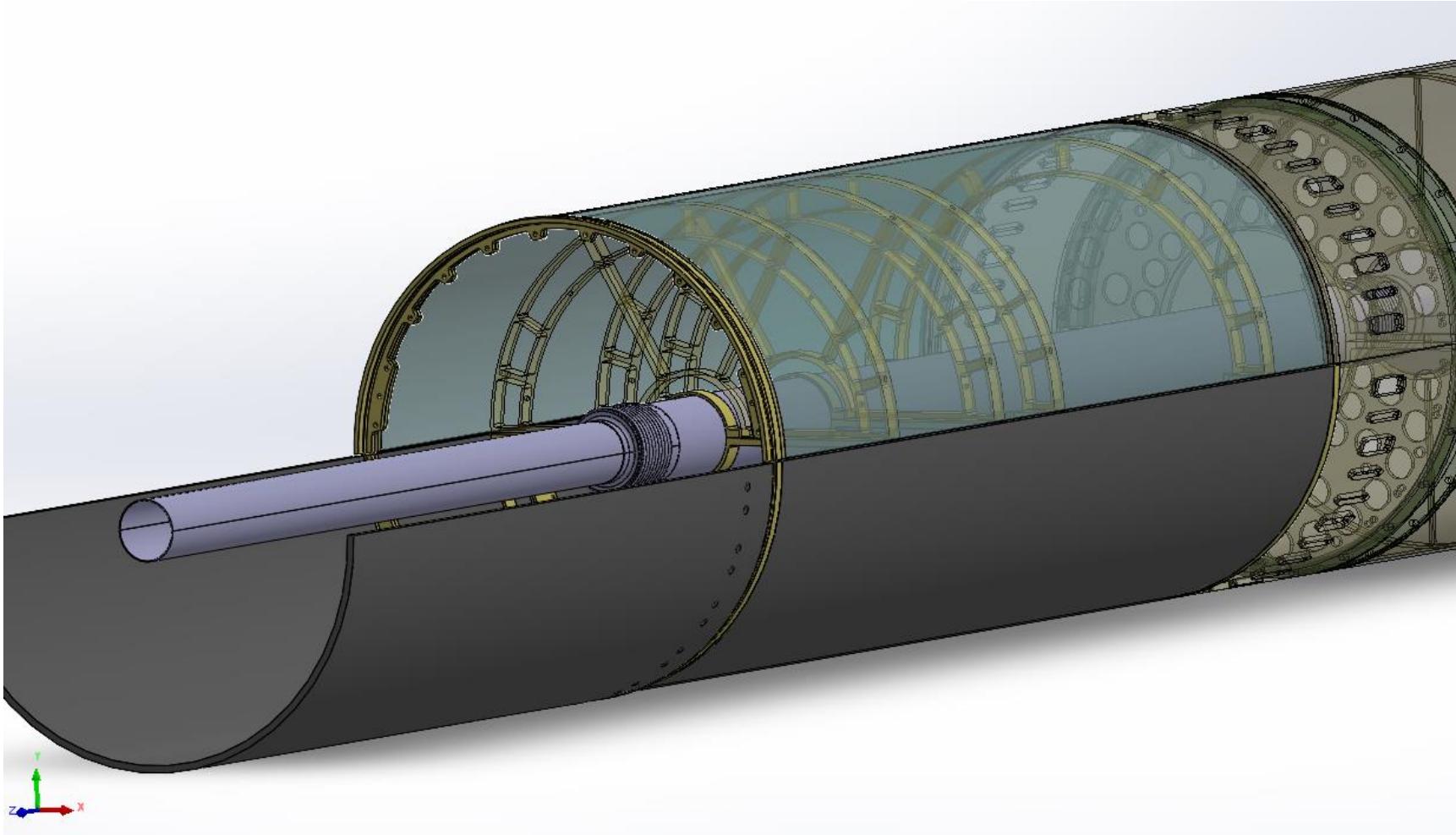
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# Background

*Proposed as a detector to provide a wake-up trigger signal for events ranging from low to high multiplicities, for the TOF of the MPD-NICA.*

- Presented during NICA Days 2019:
  - “Mini Beam-Beam monitoring: a wake-up trigger detector for the TOF of MPD”.
- Detector Advisory Committee Meeting (*October 19, 2020*):
  - “MiniBeBe Conceptual Design” (CDR).
  - “The conceptual design of miniBeBe detector proposed for NICA-MPD”, R. Acevedo Kado et al **2021**, JINST 16 P02002.  
<https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/16/02/P02002>

# MiniBeBe location with respect to beam pipe



# Characteristics

- Original design
- Required time resolution of 30 ps
- Stripe of sensors
- 16 sensor stripes
- 20 cells per stripe, made of:
  - BC404 Scintillator of  $20 \times 20 \times 3 \text{ mm}^3$
  - 4-  $6 \times 6 \text{ mm}^2$  SiPMs

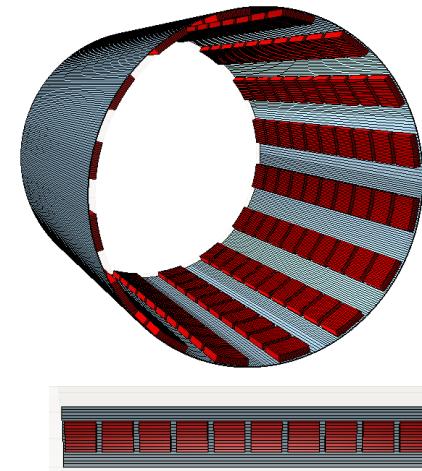


Figure1: Schematics of MBB detector

$$\sigma_{total} = \sqrt{\sigma_{miniBeBe}^2 + \sigma_{TOF}^2} \leq 100 \text{ ps}$$

$$\sigma_{miniBeBe} \leq 30 \text{ ps}$$

# Conceptual design

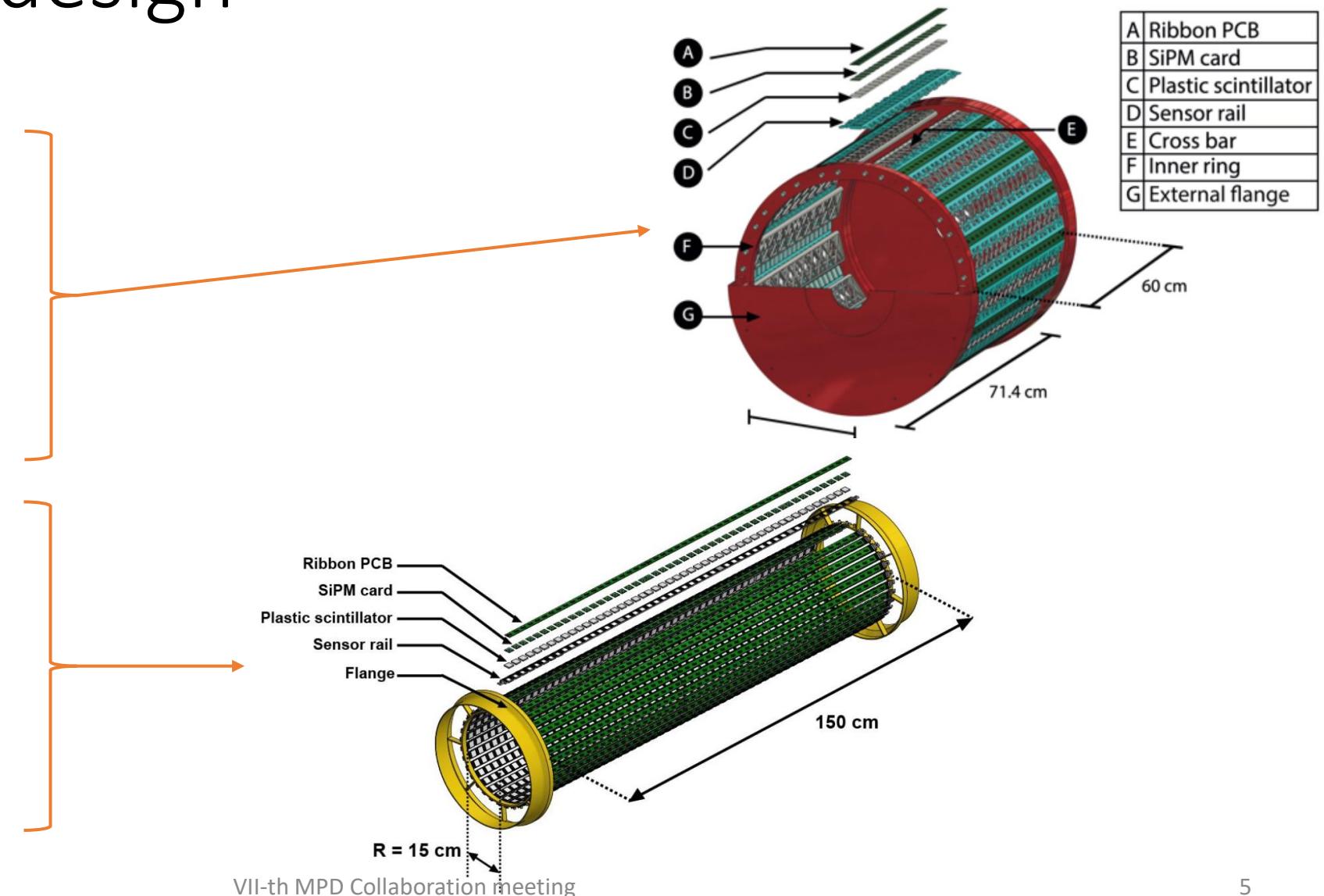
- Baseline design

(JINST 16 (2021) P02002)

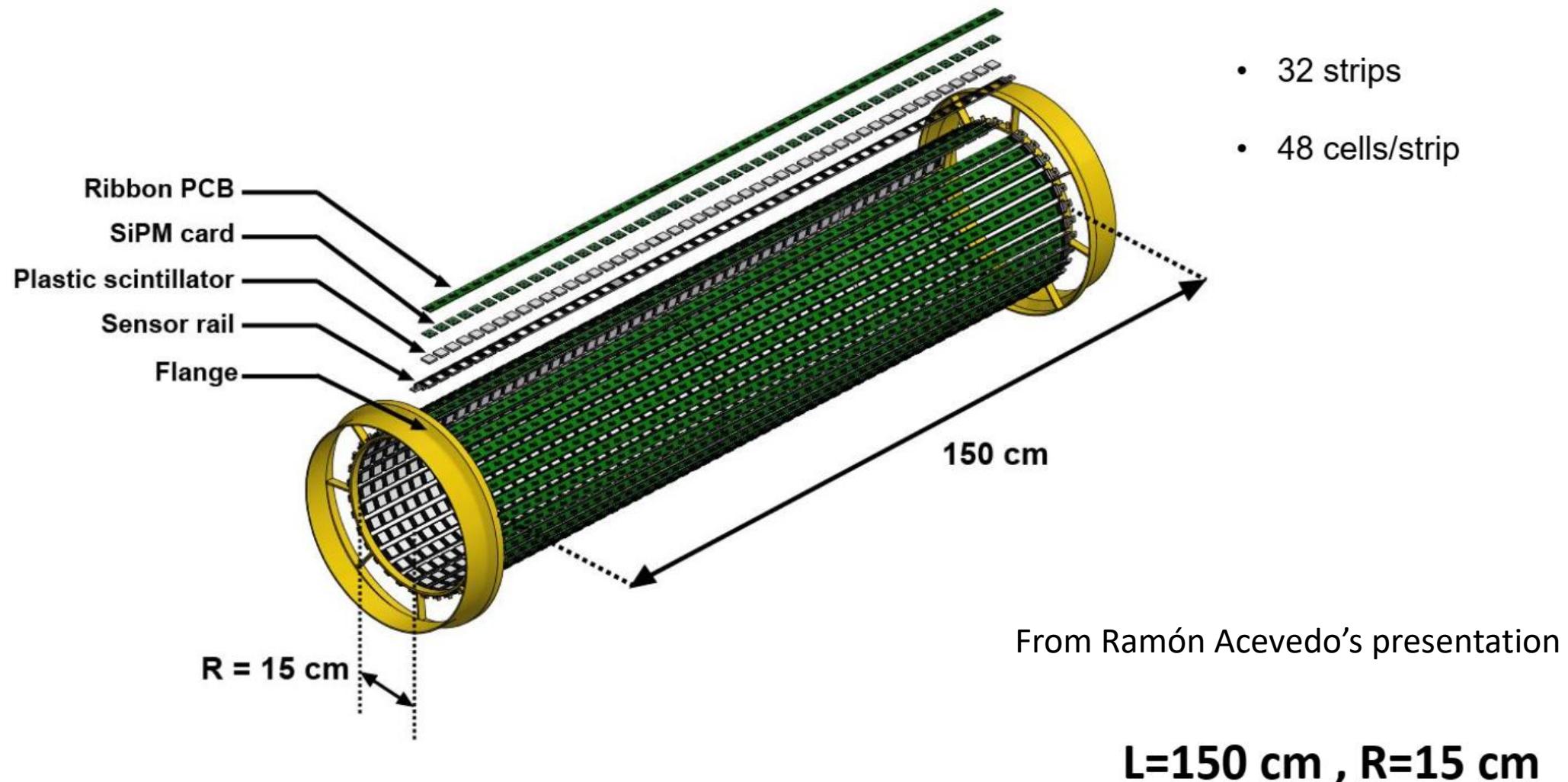
- 60 cm – Length
- 26 cm – Radius
- 20 cells per strip
- 320 Cells

- Improved design

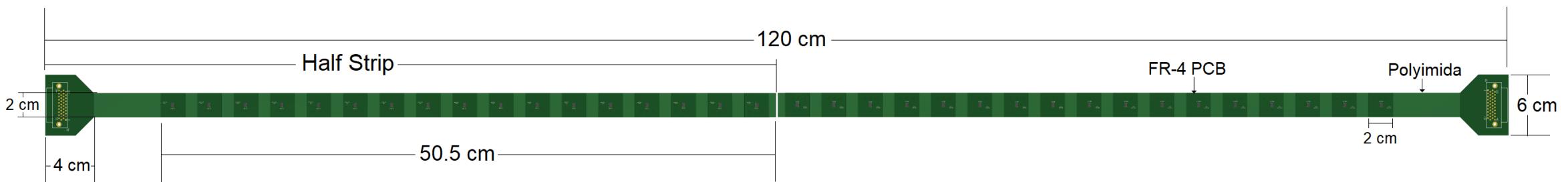
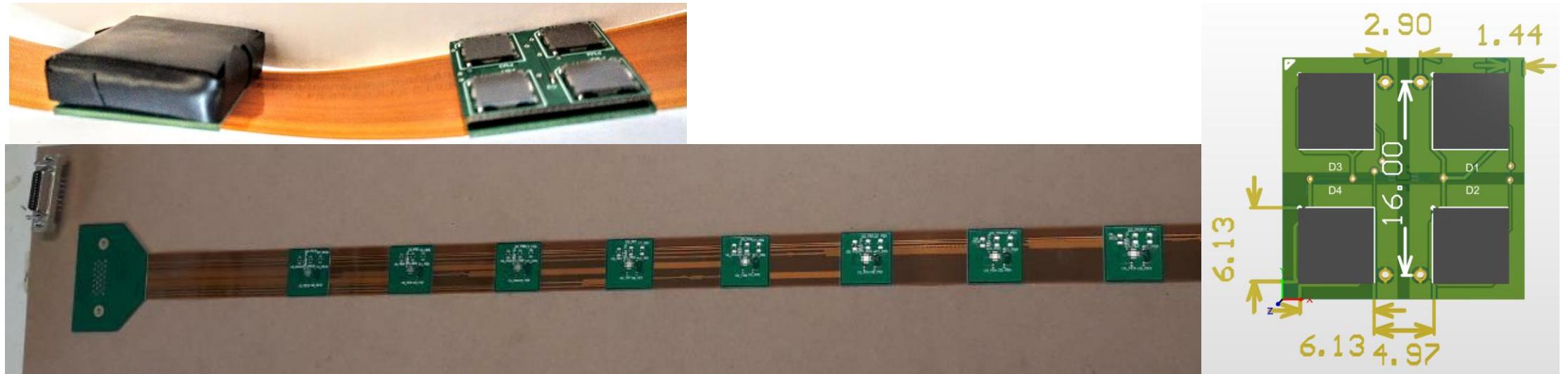
- 150 cm – Length
- 15 cm – Radius
- 48 Cells per strip
- 1536 Cells



# MiniBeBe initial design



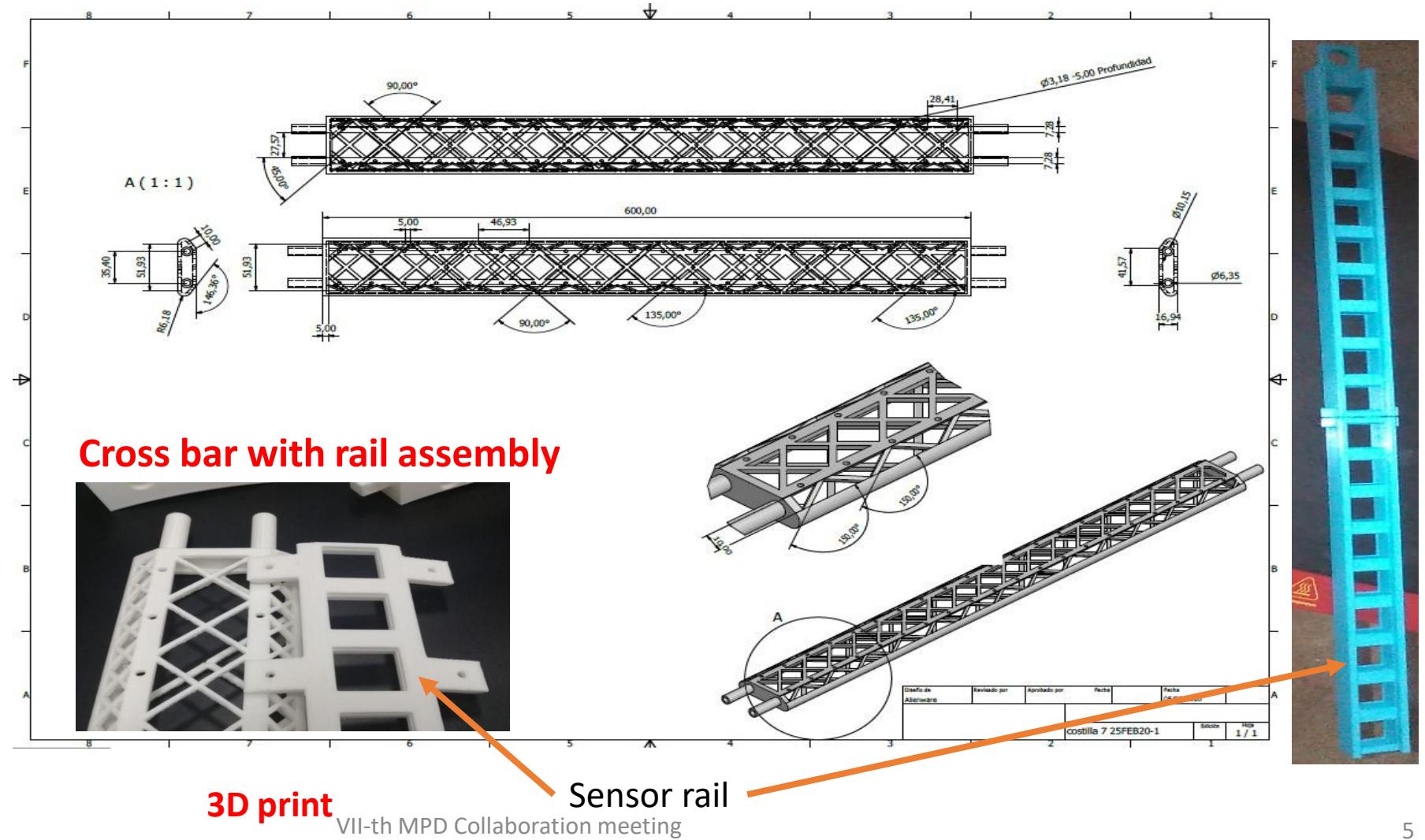
# MiniBeBe baseline



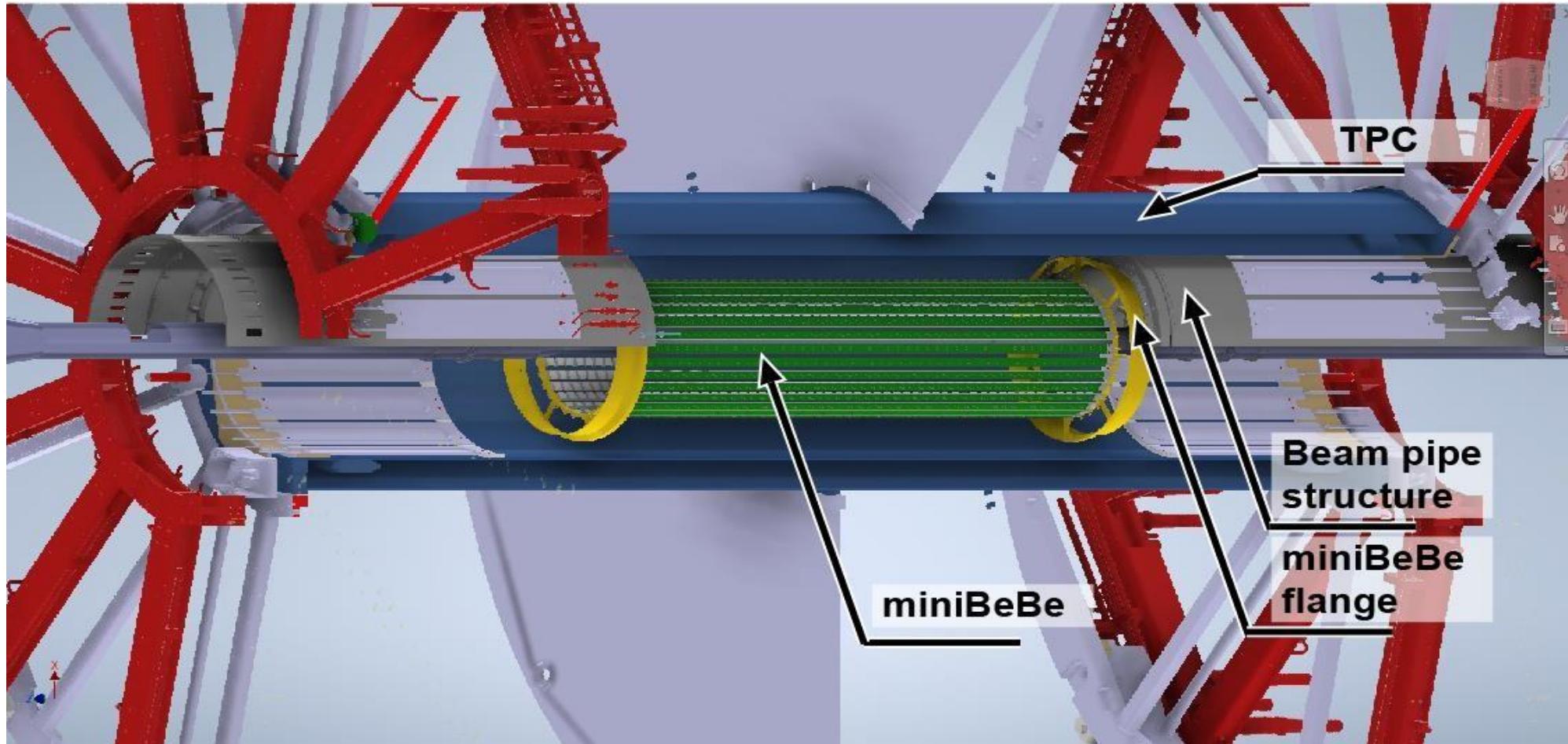
# Cross Bar

## Characteristics:

1. Transverse stiffness for the assembly of rails, rings and flanges.
2. Lightweight structure.
3. In finite element analysis does not show deformation along the 60cm.

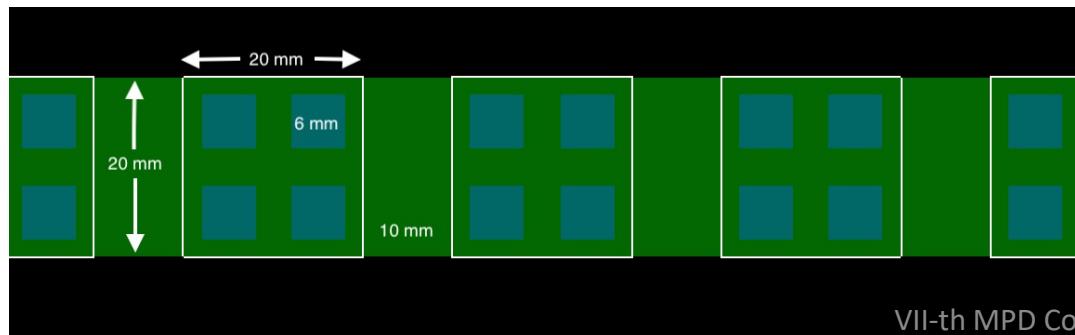
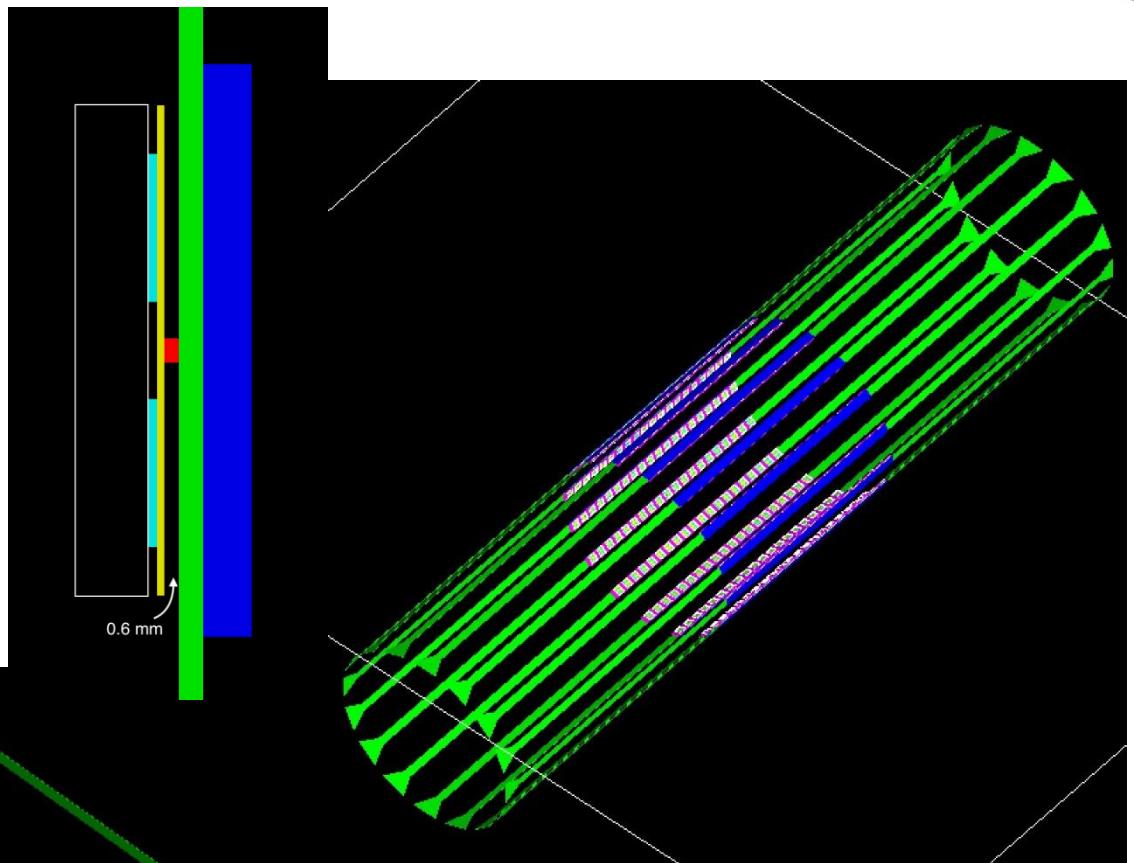


# MiniBeBe @MPD



# Geant4 simulations

- Baseline MiniBeBe.
  - MBB-60-25 16 strips.
  - 20 Cell per Strip
  - 320 total Cells.
  - Material: PLA
- Modelling of real mechanics and electronics.

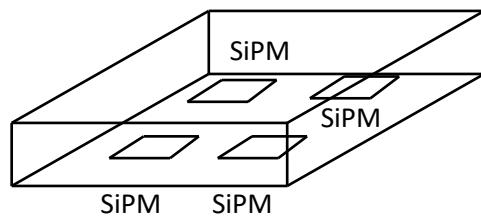


# Time resolution

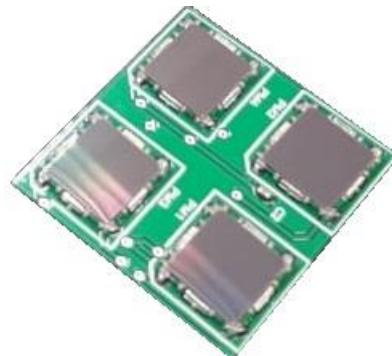
- **Result:**
- Time resolution  $\approx 200$  ps with *Standard signal*.
- 300 ps with *fast signal*.
- With CAEN digitizer (poor time resolution).
- Also with oscilloscope of 40 GSps (better time resolution)

# Change in cell design

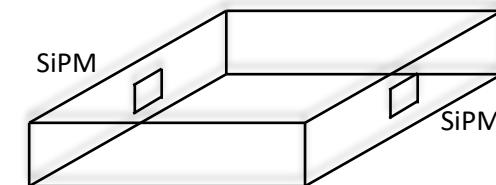
EJ232 Plastic scintillator



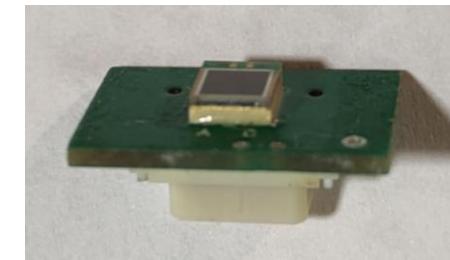
6x6 mm<sup>2</sup> SiPM



**First design**



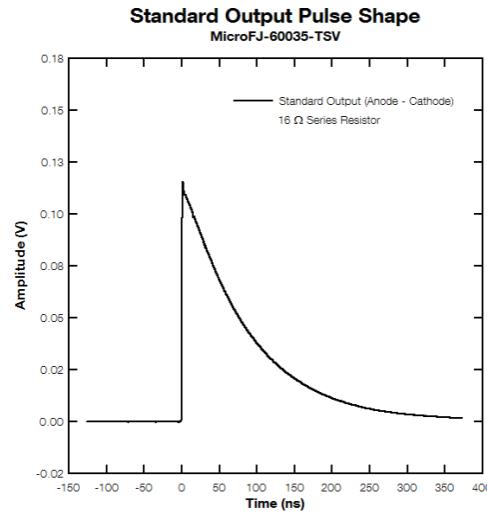
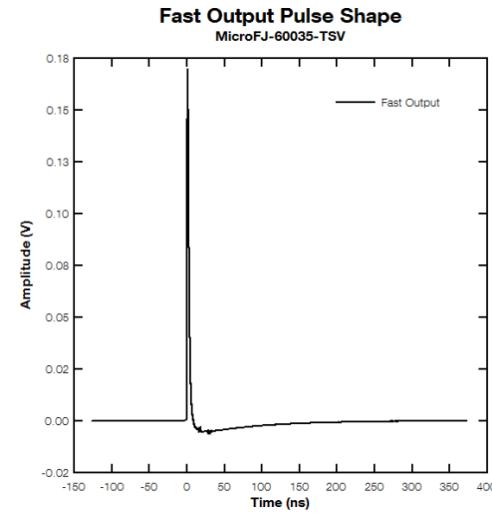
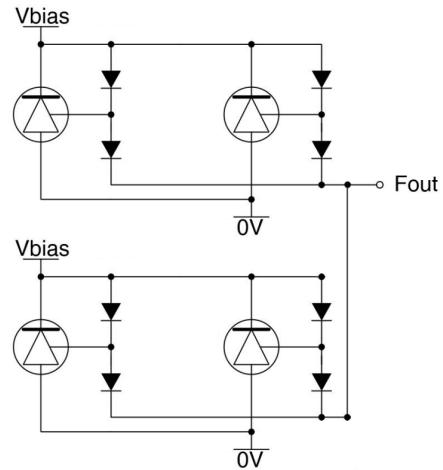
3x3 mm<sup>2</sup> SiPM



**Current design**

# SiPM selection

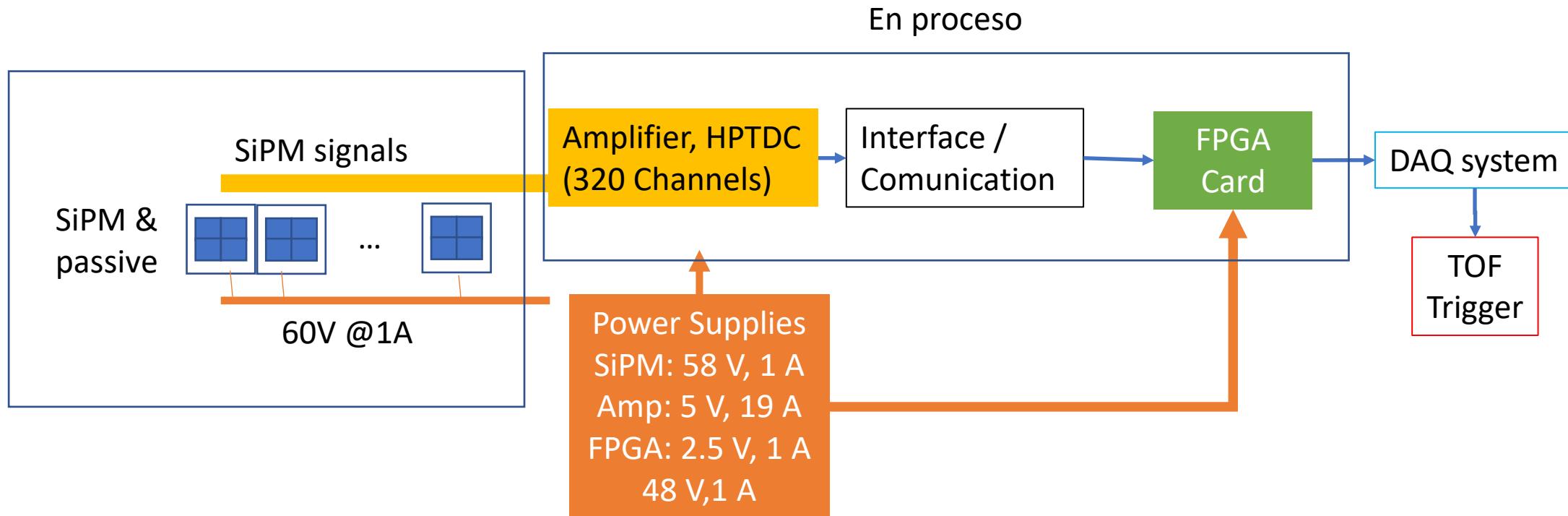
- SensL SiPMs:
  - MicrofC – 6x6 mm<sup>2</sup>
  - MicrofJ – 6x6 mm<sup>2</sup>
  - MicrofJ – 3x3 mm<sup>2</sup>
- Hamamatsu:
  - S13360-6075PE - 6x6 mm<sup>2</sup>
  - S13360-3075PE – 3x3 mm<sup>2</sup>



# Cell geometry update

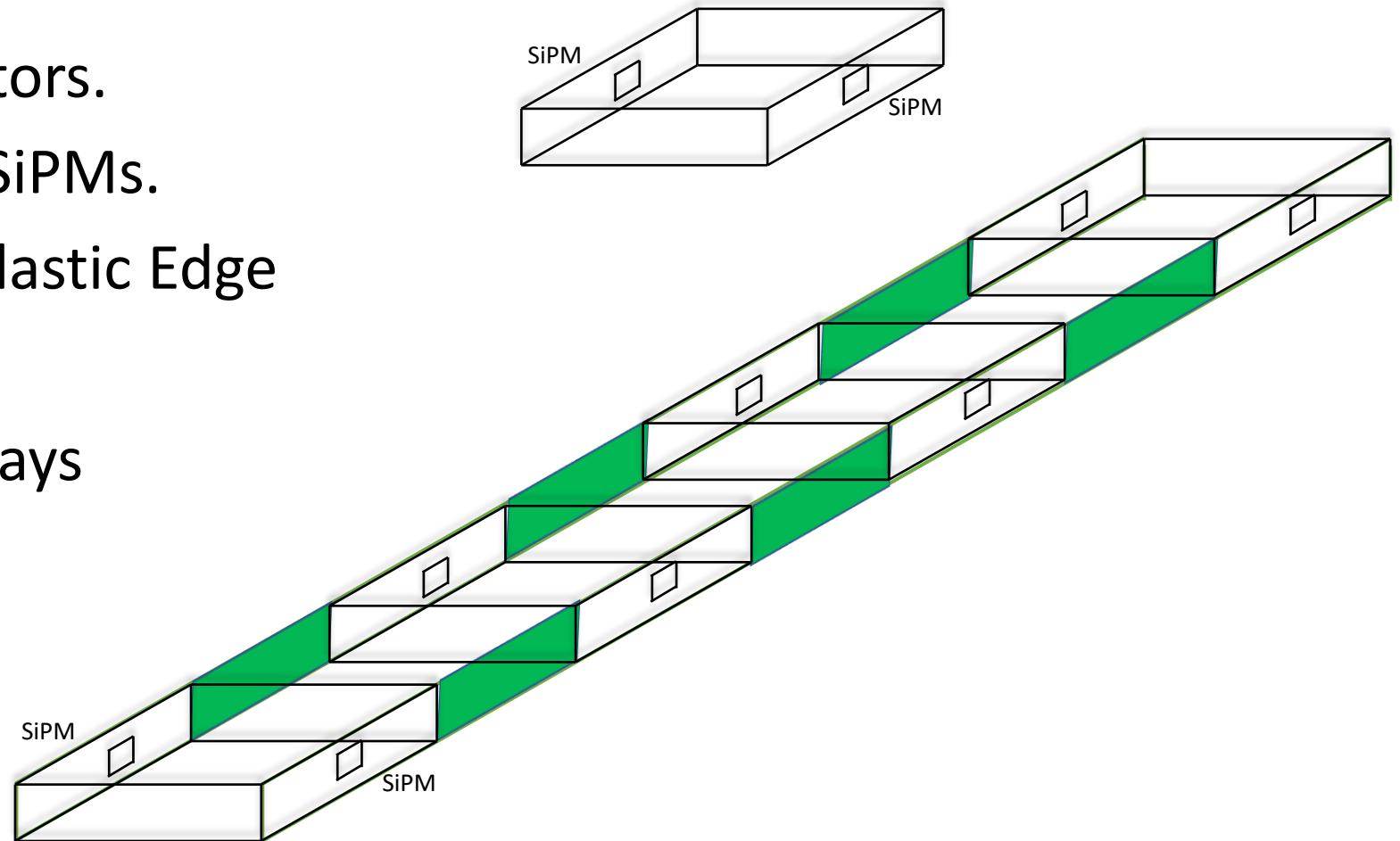
Geometry (by cell)	Plastic scintillator	Scintillator size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	SiPM vendor and model	Amplifier	Array	Instrument for measurement	Time resolution
Original	BC404	20x20x3	SensL 6x6 mm <sup>2</sup> (C series)	Differential	4 SiPM Serie - parallel		
Dubna (2021)	BC404	20x20x3	SensL 6x6 mm <sup>2</sup> (J series)	Differential	4 SiPM Serie - parallel	Digitizer /Scope	200 ps
Begining 2023	EJ232 (BC422)	20x20x5	SensL 3x3 mm <sup>2</sup> (J series)	None	2 SiPM On the edges	CAEN TDC+CFD	127 ps
Current design	EJ232 (BC422)	20x20x5	Hamamatsu 3x3 mm <sup>2</sup>	Transimpedan- ce (OPA 858)	2 SiPM On the edges	CAEN TDC+CFD	44 ps

# General Front-end



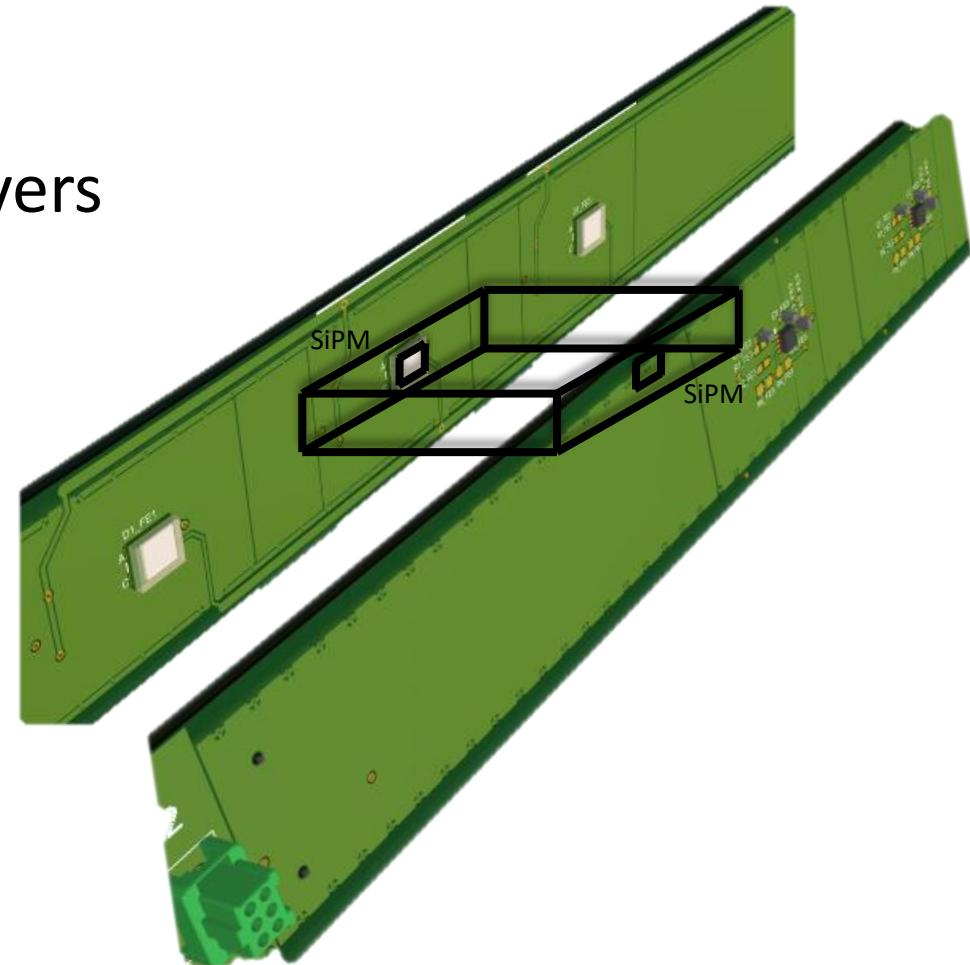
# Beginning 2023

- EJ232 plastic scintillators.
- SensL J-Series 3 mm SiPMs.
- Two SiPMs on each plastic Edge
- No amplification
- Muons from cosmic rays



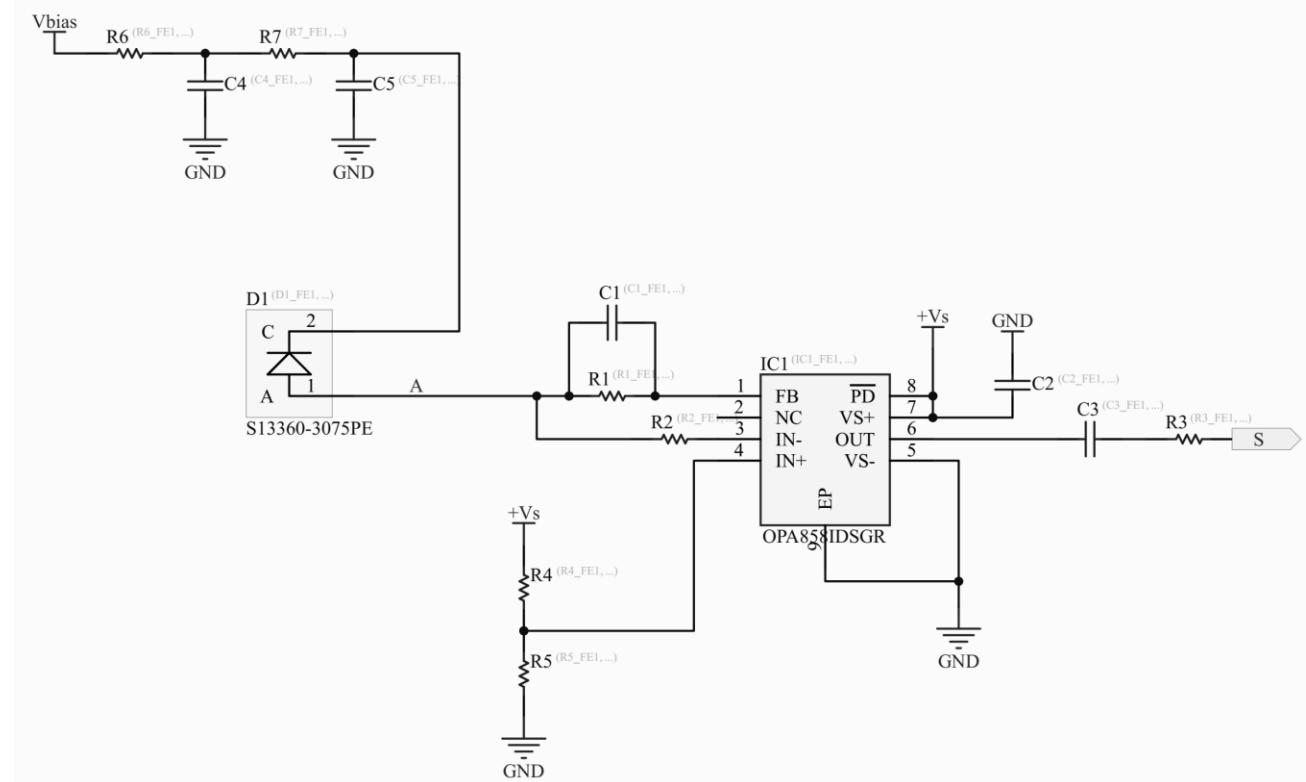
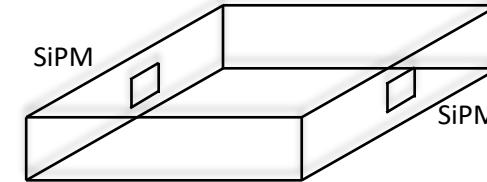
# Schematics of plastic and electronics

- Four layers PCB
- Ground plane on Top and Bottom layers
- Through holes for isolation
- Separated signal ground
- 50 Ohms impedance control
- Signal connector + Power connector
- $15 \times 2.5 \text{ cm}^2$

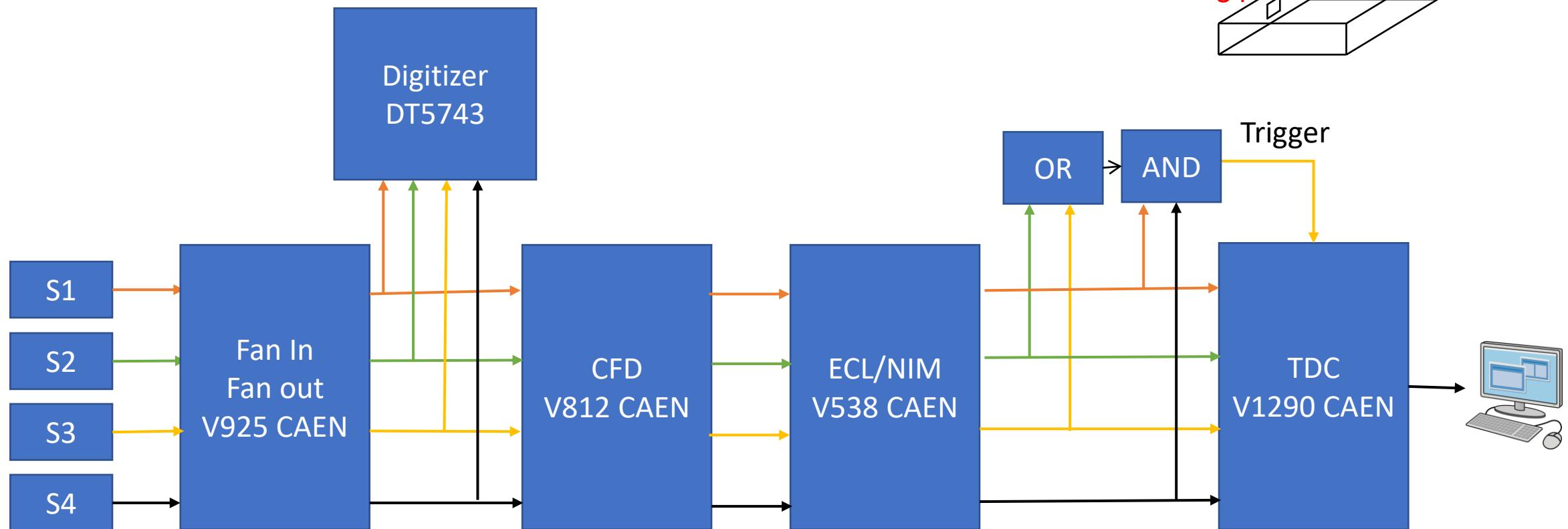


# Currently

- EJ232 plastic scintillators.
- Hamamatsu 3 mm SiPMs.
- Two SiPMs on each plastic Edge
- Transimpedance amplifier
- Gamma from  $^{22}\text{Na}$  (511 KeV)

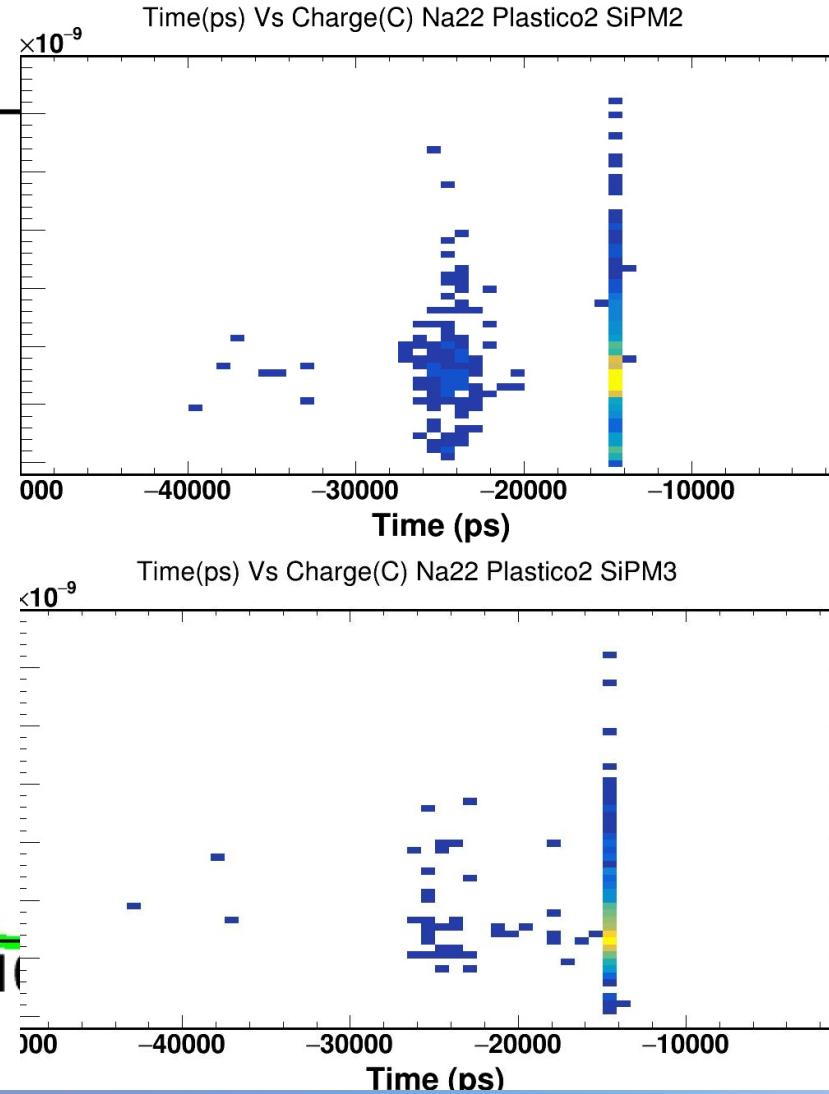
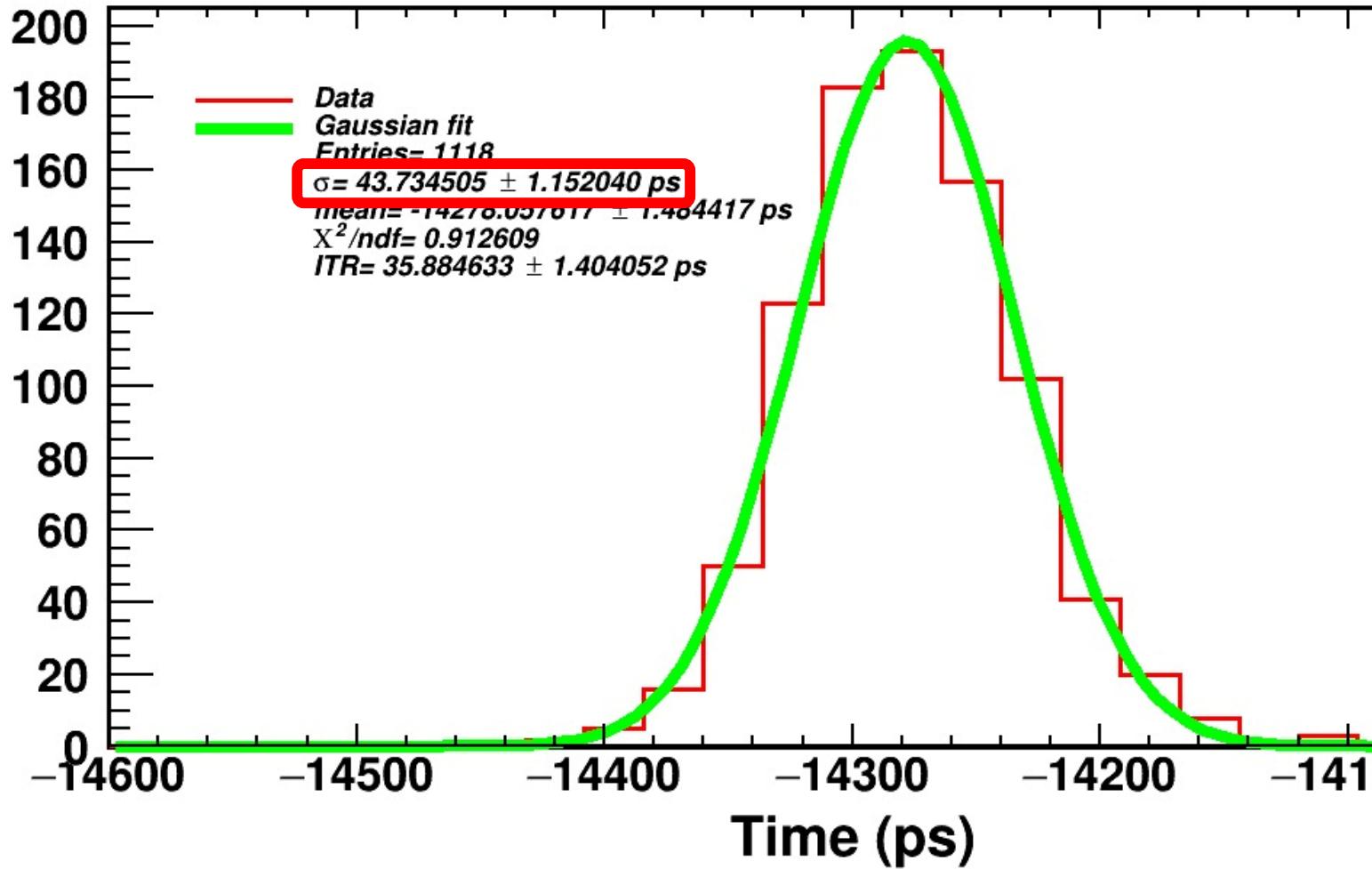


# Instrumentation used



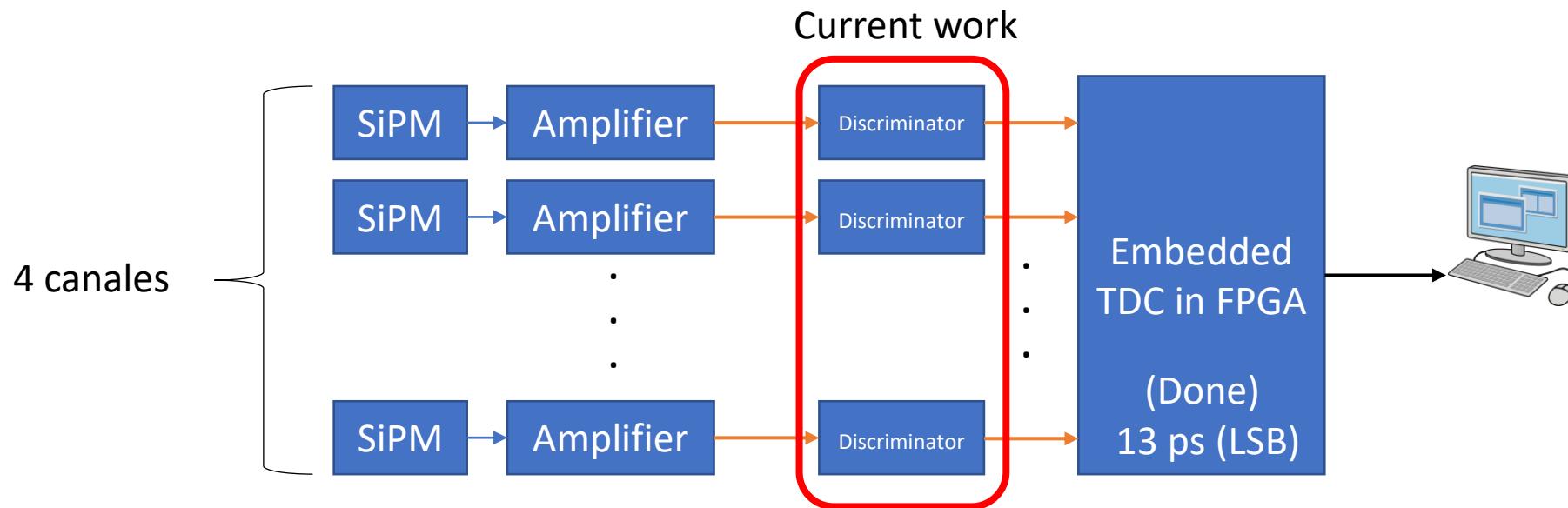
### V1190 Ch2. WT: 350 -350 Na22

Number of entries



Resulting time resolution: *44 ps*

# FPGA implementation of TDC



# GRACIAS

# BACKUP SLIDES

# BC422Q

	Weight % Benzophenone					
	None*	0.5	1.0	2.0	3.0	5.0
<b>Scintillation Properties</b>						
Light Output, %Anthracene	55	19	11	5	4	3
Rise Time, ps	350	110	105	100	100	100
Decay Time (ns)	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Pulse Width, FWHM, ps	1300	360	290	260	240	220
*BC-422						

# BC404

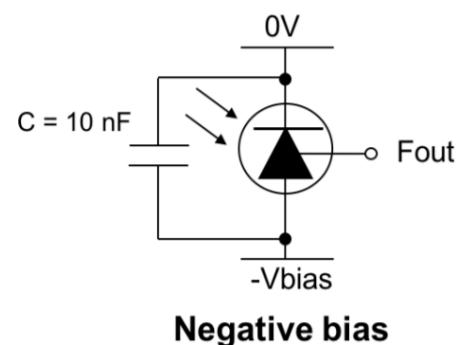
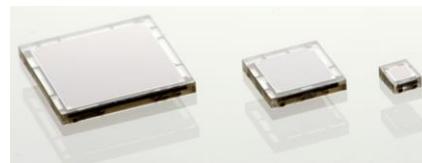
	<b>BC-400</b>	<b>BC-404</b>	<b>BC-408</b>	<b>BC-412</b>	<b>BC-416</b>
<b>Radiation Detected</b>					
<100keV X-rays			X		
100keV to 5MeV gamma rays				X	
>5MeV gamma rays	X				
Fast neutrons				X	X
Alphas, betas	X	X	X		
Charged particles,cosmic rays, muons, protons, etc.			X	X	X
Principal Uses/Applications	general purpose	fast counting	TOF large area	large area	large area economy
<b>Scintillation Properties</b>					
Light Output, %Anthracene	65	68	64	60	38
Rise Time, ns	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.0	-
Decay Time (ns)	2.4	1.8	2.1	3.3	4.0
Pulse Width, FWHM, ns	2.7	2.2	~2.5	4.2	5.3
Wavelength of Max. Emission, nm	423	408	425	434	434
Light Attenuation Length, cm*	160	140	210	210	210
Bulk Light Attenuation Length, cm	250	160	380	400	400

# EJ232

PROPERTIES	EJ-232	EJ-232Q (% BENZOPHENONE)				
		0.5	1.0	2.0	3.0	5.0
<b>Light Output</b> (% Anthracene)	55	19	11	5	4	3
<b>Scintillation Efficiency</b> (photons/1 MeV e <sup>-</sup> )	8,400	2,900	1,700	770	610	460
<b>Wavelength of Maximum Emission</b> (nm)	370	370	370	370	370	370
<b>Rise Time</b> (ps)	350	110	105	100	100	100
<b>Decay Time</b> (ps)	1,600	700	700	700	700	700
<b>Pulse Width, FWHM</b> (ps)	1,300	360	290	260	240	220
<b>H Atoms per cm<sup>3</sup></b> ( $\times 10^{22}$ )	5.13	5.12	5.12	5.12	5.12	5.12
<b>C Atoms per cm<sup>3</sup></b> ( $\times 10^{22}$ )	4.66	4.66	4.66	4.66	4.66	4.66
<b>Electrons per cm<sup>3</sup></b> ( $\times 10^{23}$ )	3.30	3.38	3.38	3.38	3.38	3.38
<b>Density</b> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.023	1.023	1.023	1.023	1.023	1.023

# Proposed SiPM

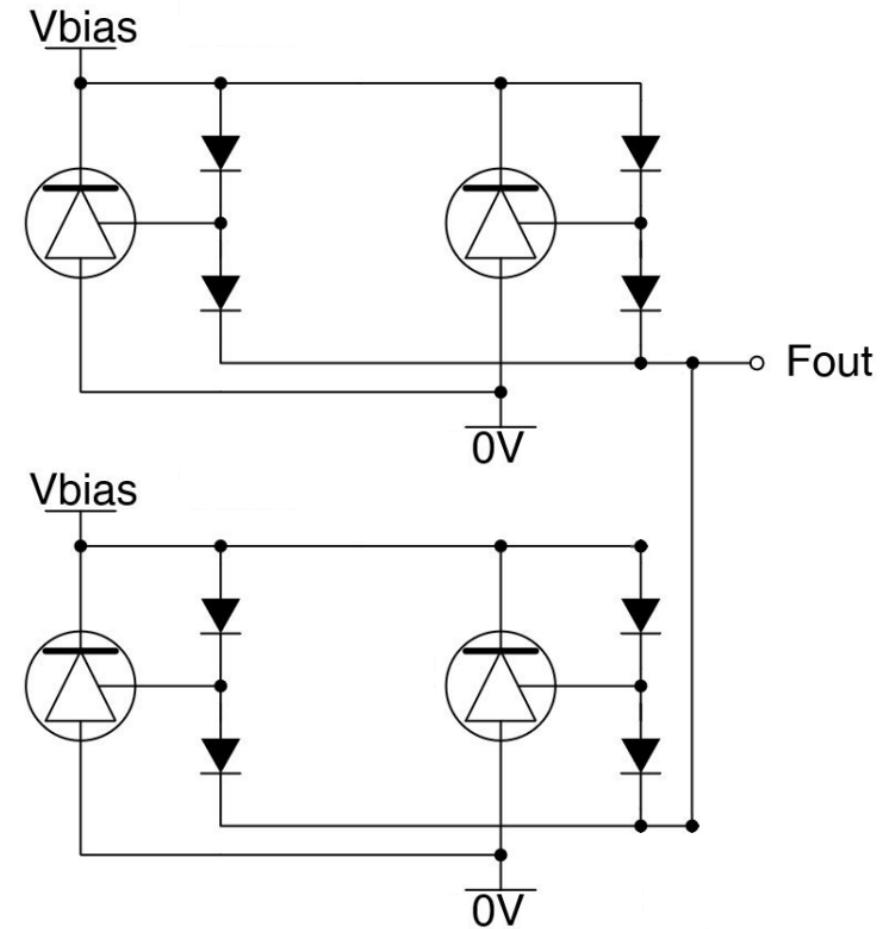
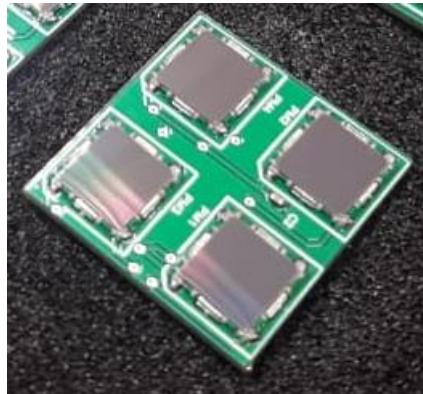
- SensL MicroFJ-30035
- Rise Time = 90ps
  - (2.5 V Over-voltage)
- FWHM = 1.5ns



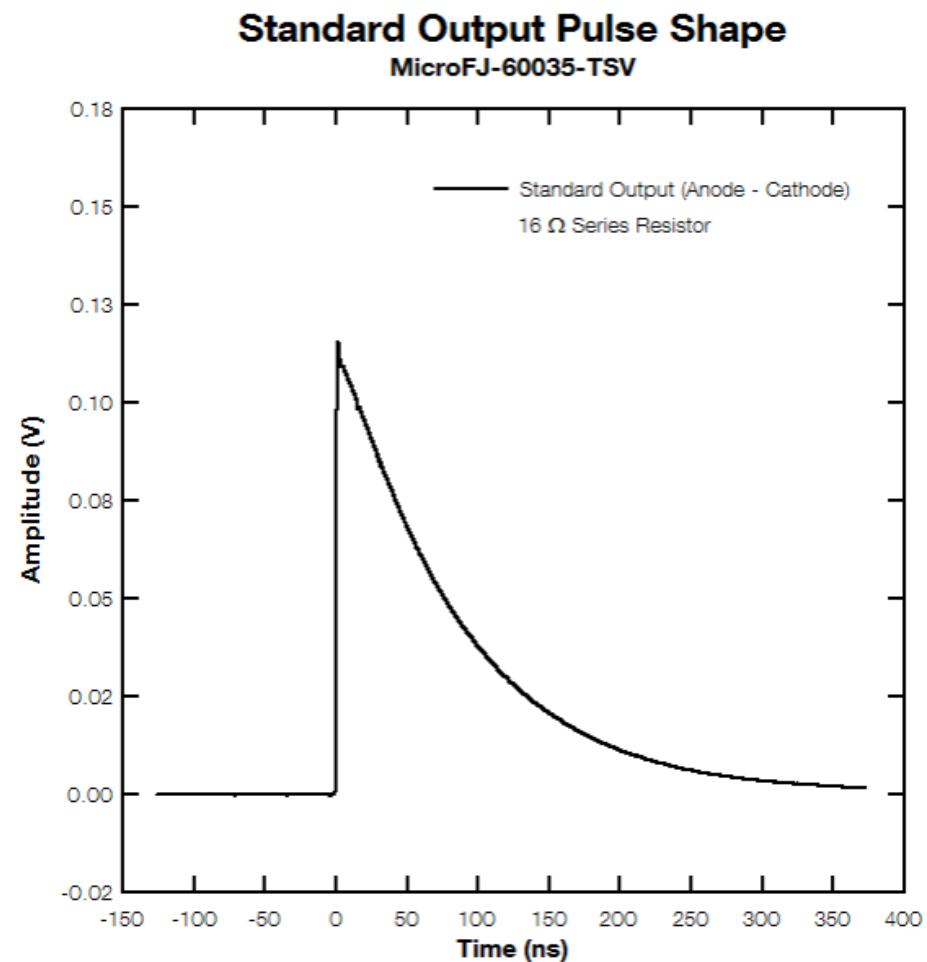
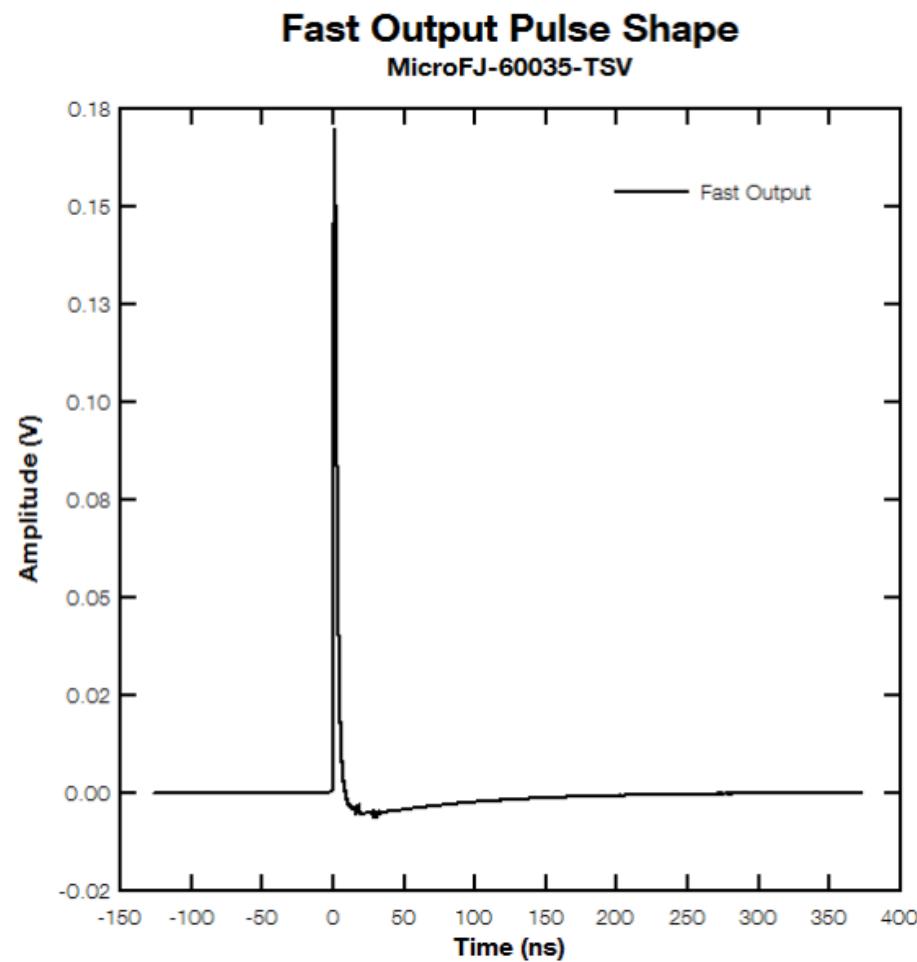
- SensL MicroFJ-30035 ( $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$ )
- Breakdown voltage max (Vbr): 24.7V
- Photon Detection Efficiency (PDE):
  - 38%  $V_{br} + 2.5 \text{ V}$
  - 50%  $V_{br} + 6.0 \text{ V}$
- Gain:  $6.3 \times 10^{16}$
- Crosstalk: 8%

# SiPM parallel interconnection

- Only fast output signals
- Capacitance effects if direct parallel
- Schottky diodes for interconnection
- Lower capacitance effect
- Affects the pulse width and rise time



# SensL signals



# Dynamic range

- Given a 0.5 GeV pion:
  - For BC-404 – 551 photons are expected on each SiPM
  - For BC-422Q – 509 photons are expected on each SiPM
- Deposited charge expected depends on:

Source	Over voltage (5V)	Over voltage (2.5 V)
PDE	41%	31%
Total number of cells	18,980	-
Gain	$3 \times 10^6$	-
Number of photons	551	-

# Dynamic Range SensL C-Series SiPM

