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# Light Detection System for the DUNE Near Detector

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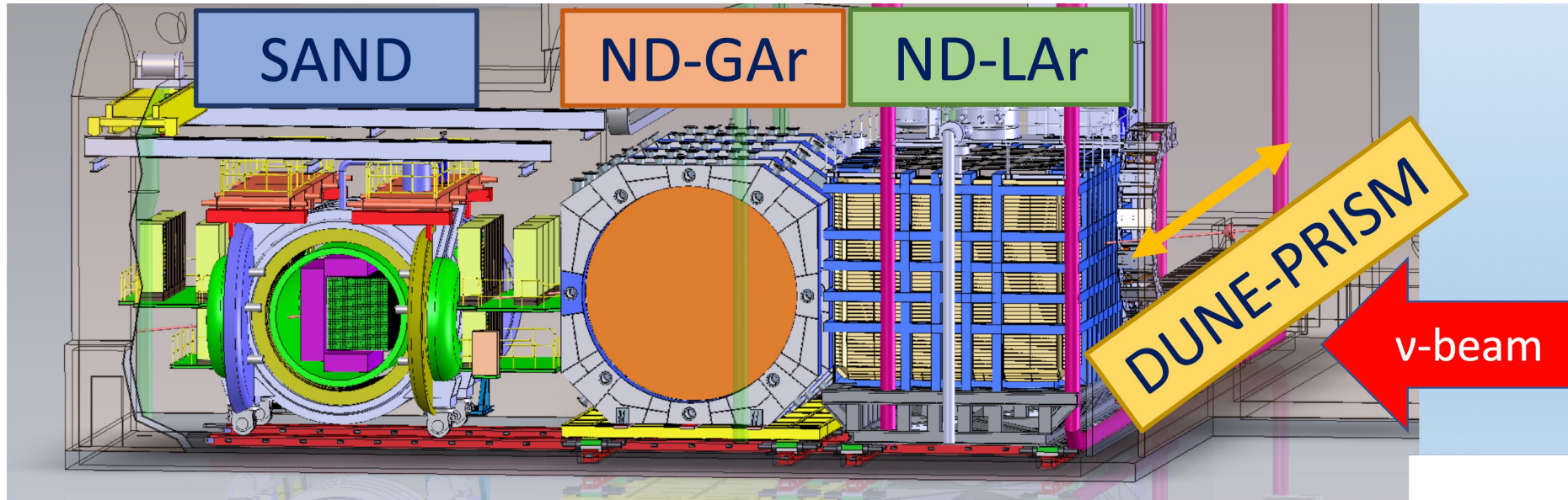
# DUNE Near Detector



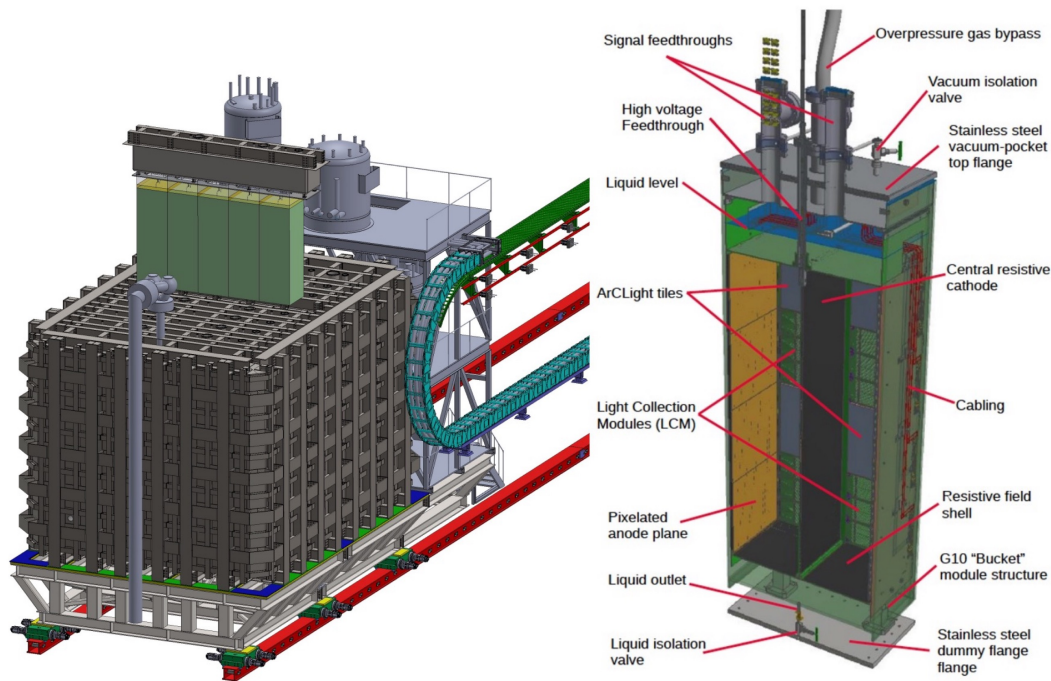
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5 x 7 = 35 TPC modules

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ND module size – 1m x1m x 3m

Light detectors are along the electric field

## Key Design Features:

### Active size:

5m deep, 7m wide, 3m tall

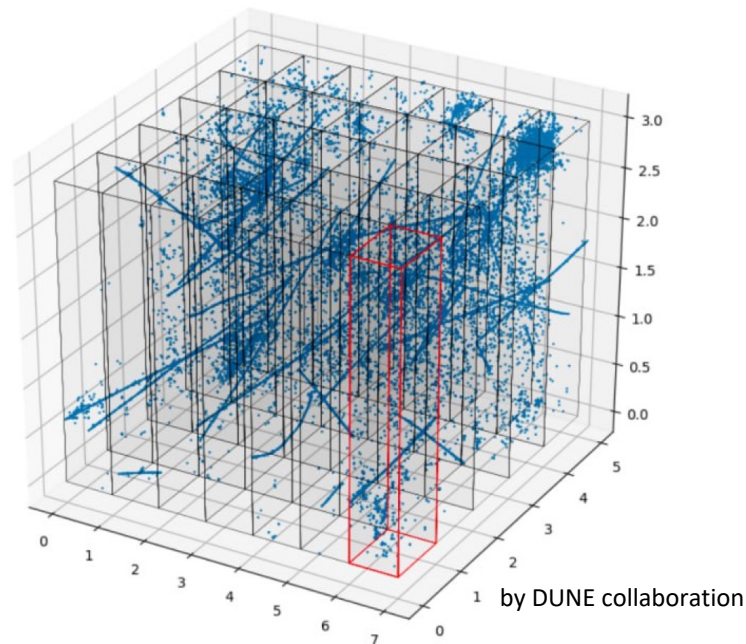
→ For  $\nu$  signal containment

Signal rate:  $\sim 10$  M / yr

### Modular design:

- 5 x 7 hermetic TPC modules
  - 3m active height
  - Minimal inactive material
  - Material density (G10) similar to LAr
  - Short drift (50 cm)
  - Pixelated charge readout
  - Optical segmentation
  - High-performance light detection
- *System reliability and capability to operate in high-rate environment*

- Provide t0-trigger for track correction
- Resolve pile-ups and associate tracks in time
- Assign detached energy events ( $\sim ns$ )



An event display of the visible energy for a typical spill from the 1.2 MW beam spill coming from the LBNF neutrino beam. The large number of crossing muons and multiple neutrino interactions can be seen along with the segmentation offered by the modular structure of the ND-LAr system



# ND LArTPC Module Design

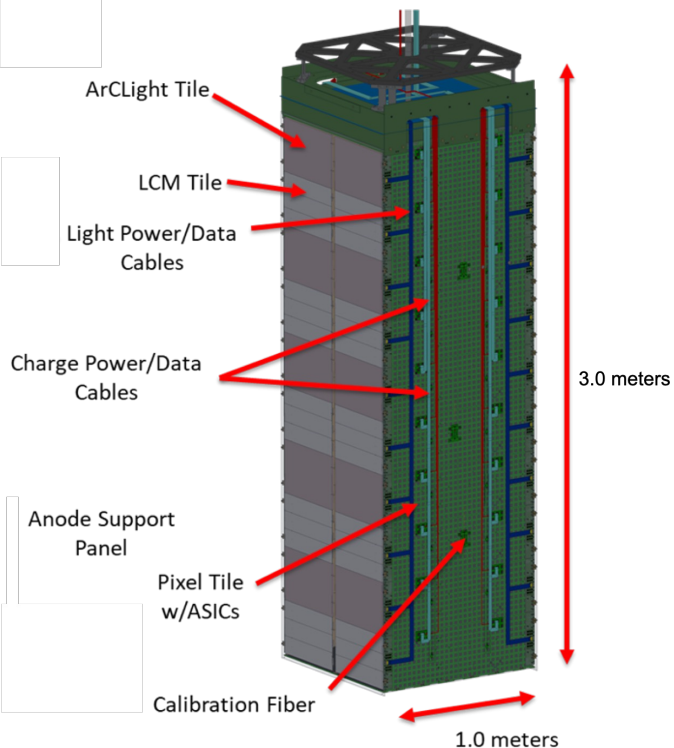


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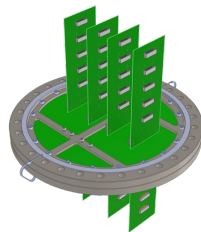


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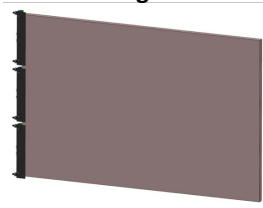
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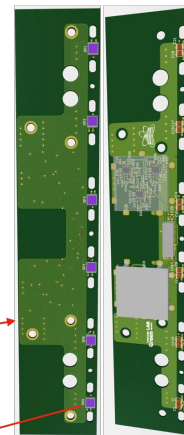
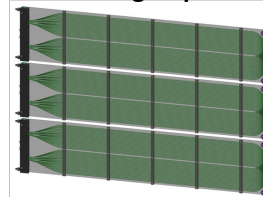
Feedthrough



ArCLight



LCM group



6x6 mm<sup>2</sup>



LCM group and ArCLight are fully interchangeable

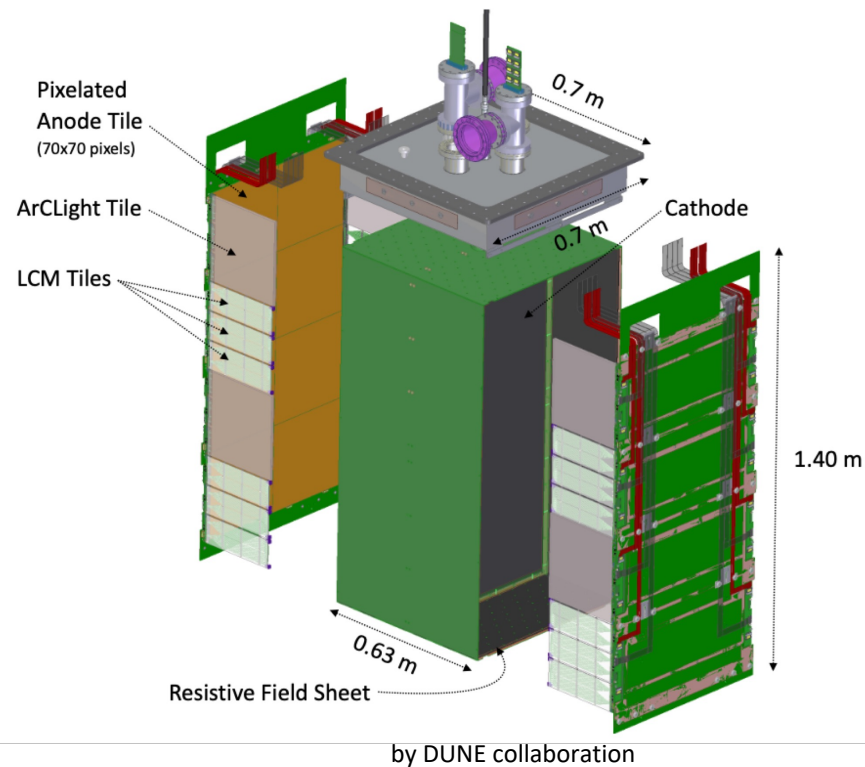
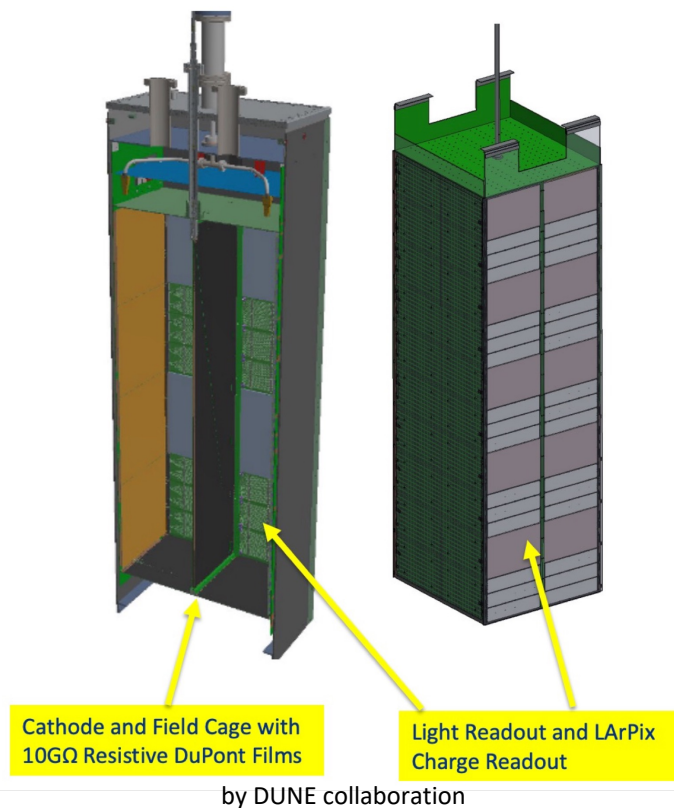
# 2x2 Modules: 0.75m × 0.75m × 1.6m



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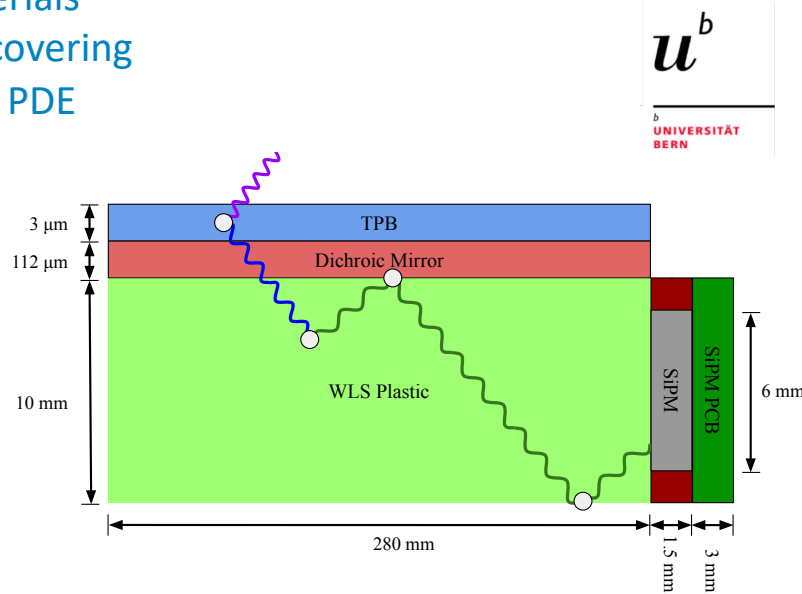


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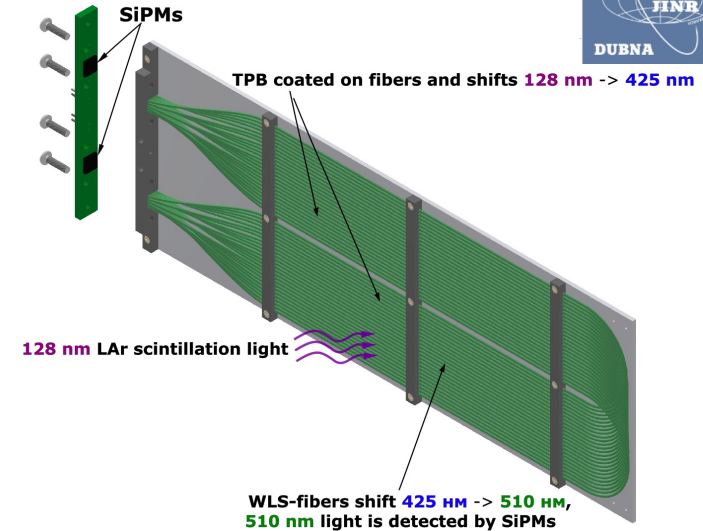
## Design drivers:

- Dielectric materials
- Large surface covering
- Relatively high PDE

Both approaches are based on shifting UV light (128 nm) into visible (425 nm) by TPB



- + Provides more rigid construction
- + Spatial resolution in depth
- PDE  $\sim 0.2\%$  (Currently)
- Heavier

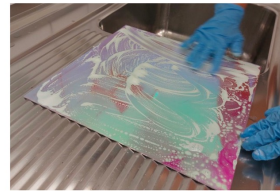
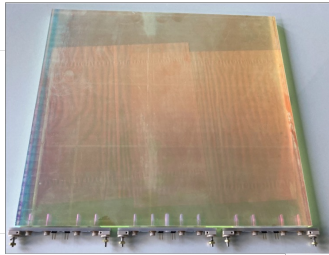


- + Easy to scale  $\rightarrow$  Fibers have long attenuation
- + Doesn't lose efficiency (PDE) with scaling up. PDE  $\sim 0.6\%$
- + Can be used as 1 DAQ channel
- Complex and flexible
- No spatial resolution in depth

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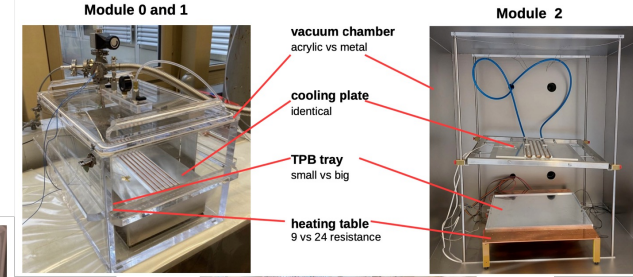
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ArCLight



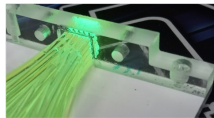
The film is cleaned with soap

The dichroic film is fixed on  
an aluminum plate

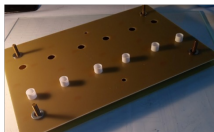


Coated film is removed from aluminum plate

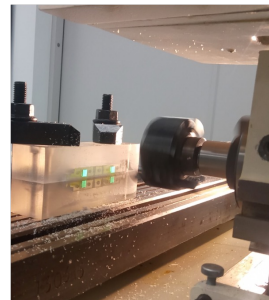
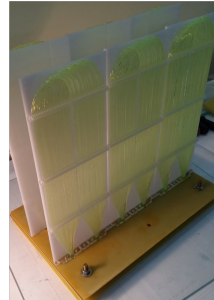
LCM



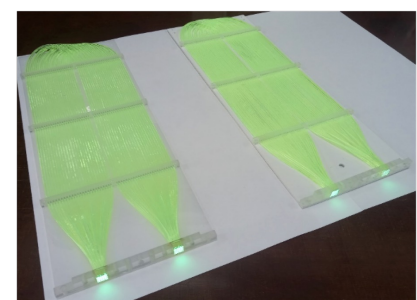
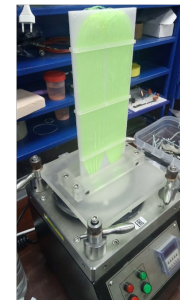
1x1mm groove for glue



PTFE containers for bundle's  
fibers (capillary effect)

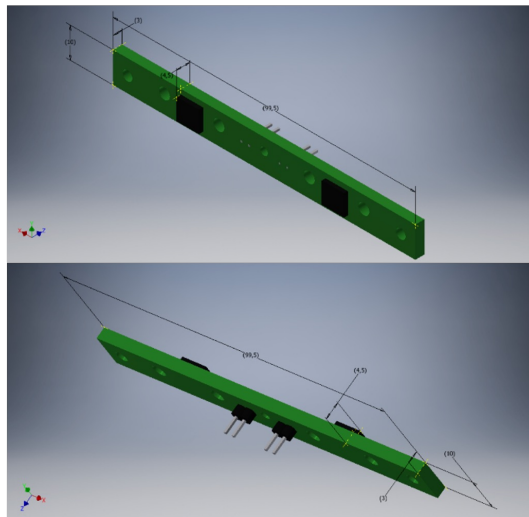


To process with MCD diamond tool Apply polishing machine  
for fabric optical connectors



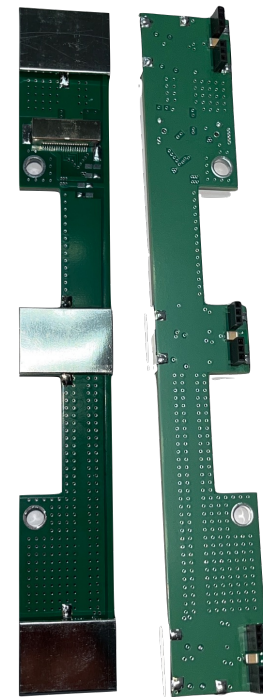


- PCB with SiPMs is attached to the LCM
- PCB connected to E-pcb board with embedded pre-amps by means of pins



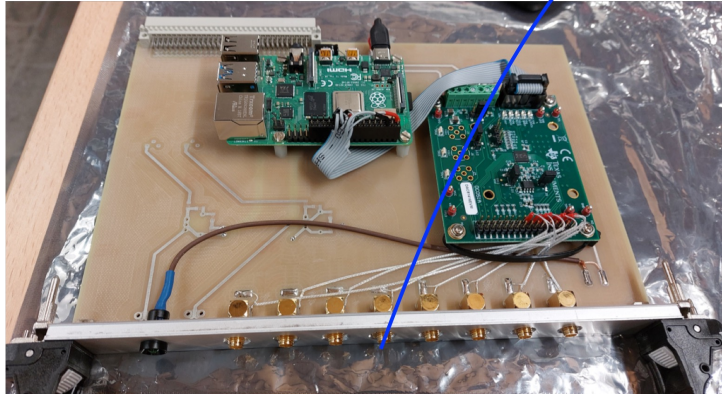
- E-PCB carrying 6 preamps
- Cold preamps (LMH6624) Gain ~ 5
- Power ~ 30-40~mW each @ BW of ~ 30MHZ (~10 ns rise time).
- Interface to 3 SiPM boards (3 LCMs or 1 ArCLight)
- Metal screens use to cancel clock pick up from Charge readout.
- Samtec connectors
- Left and right boards

Samtec microcoax cable

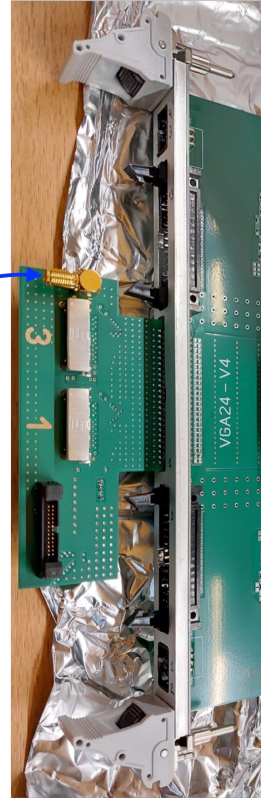




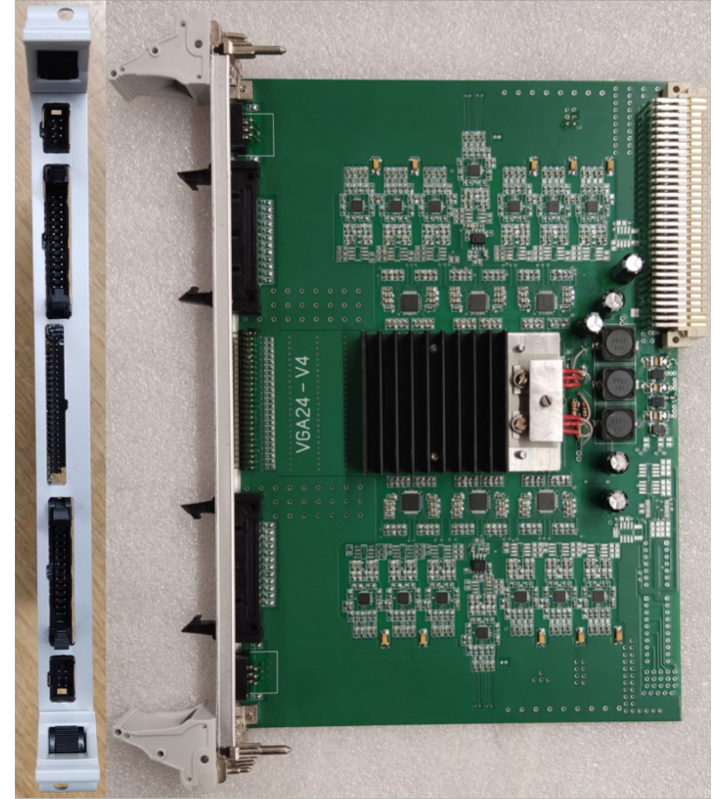
- Variable gain from 0 to 26 dB
- 2x2 Version - 24 channels/module. Drivers to long signal line
- **FSD Version - 60 channels/module. No long lines**
- Adapter board: Interface Microcoax cables to VGA and SiPM PS and Preamps power
- 2x2 Version - Controlled by means of external analogue signal (VGA control unit DAC+RPi)
- **FSD Version - Controlled via CAN-open (DAC onboard)**



VGA Control Unit (2x2)

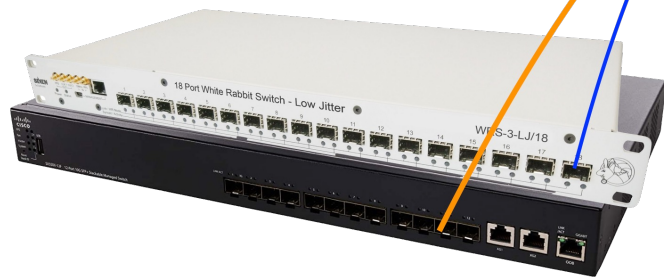


Adapter Board (2x2)



Variable Gain Amplifier Module (2x2 Version)

- 14-bit @ 62.5 MS/s (16 ns) - Buffer of 2 kSamples = 32  $\mu$ sec, full range  $\pm 1$ V
- Analog inputs on 2x32 channel Diff-pairs connectors
- Self-triggering mode by a digital threshold
- 64 channels, 1-unit wide 6U VME64 module, standalone
- VME64 VXS
- Optical link 10 Gbps
- ADC stream UDP/TCP data packets via M-link MStream ADCs
- White Rabbit protocol with 8 ns timestamp, <100 ps clock sync
- Spill = 10  $\mu$ sec, Light pulse  $\sim$  few  $\mu$ sec, ADC window  $\sim$  32  $\mu$ sec



Synchronization with other subsystems by means  
of absolute time given by GPS

WR  
Data



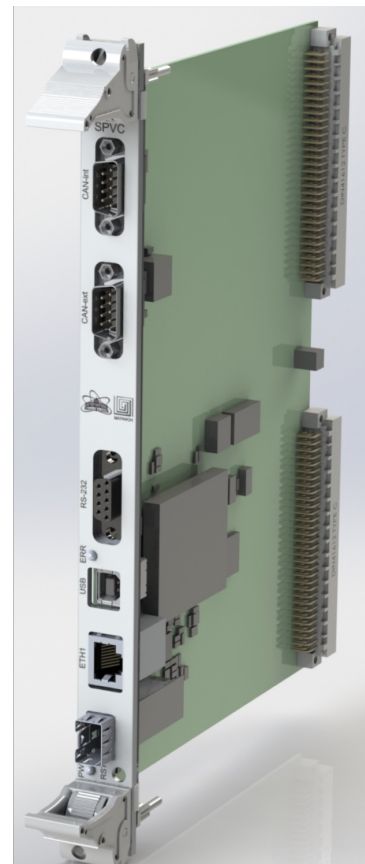
## Main Features:

- VME mechanics
- Based on AD5535B chip, 128 ch
- Voltage up to 200 V, 14-bit
- Max current 500  $\mu\text{A}$ /ch
- CAN-open protocol



Design by Marathon  
Company (MSU)

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# Calibration System

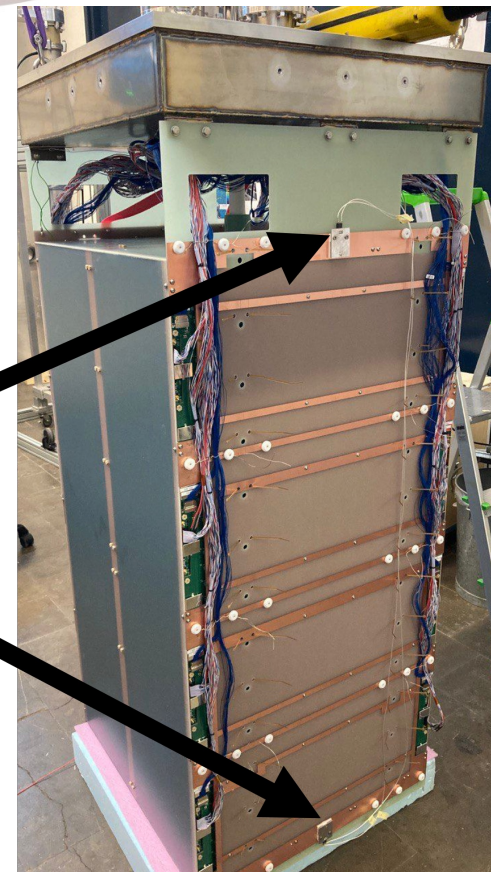
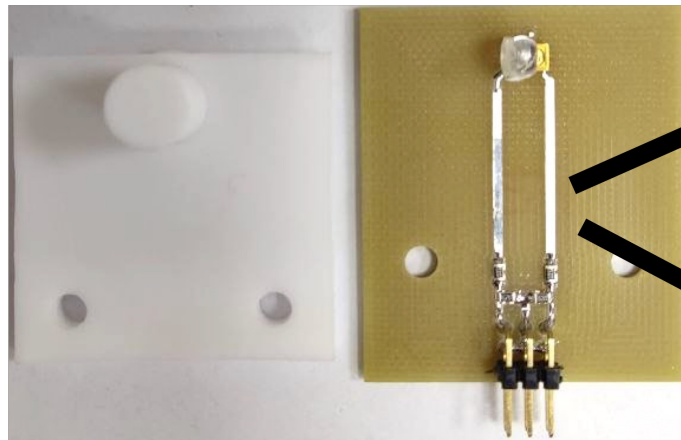
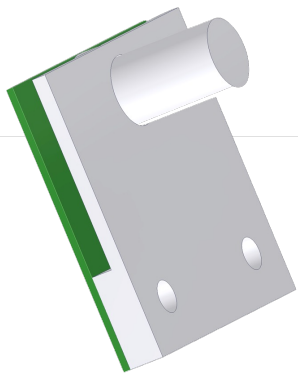


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- LED unit on board:  $\lambda = 425 \text{ nm}$
- PTFE Diffuser unifies the light field
- 4 Calibration units per TPC: TOP & BOTTOM // LEFT & RIGHT
- $50\Omega$  impedance matched



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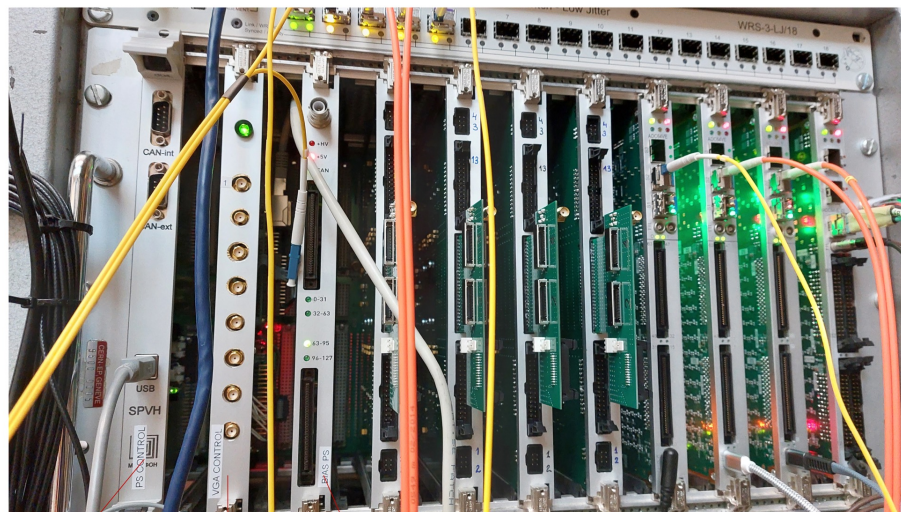
# TPC prototype testing at Bern



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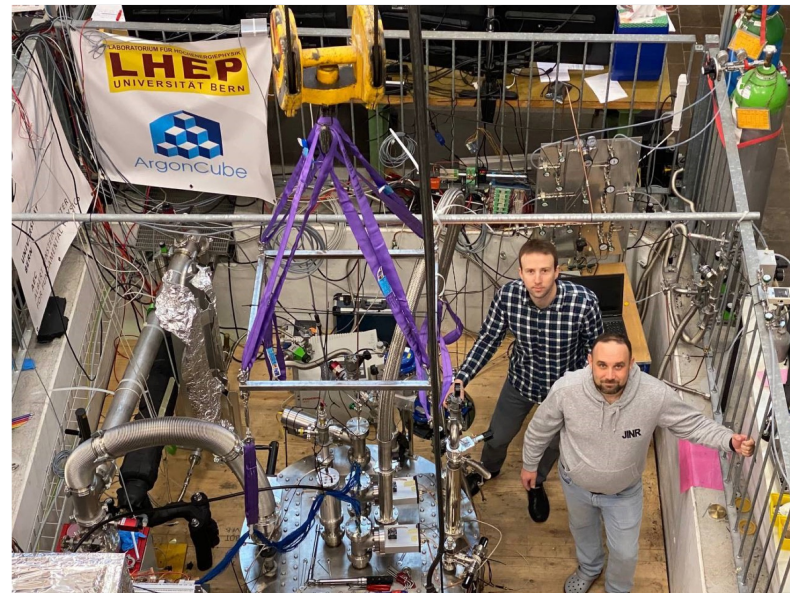
PS control

VGA control

PS bias

4 VGA

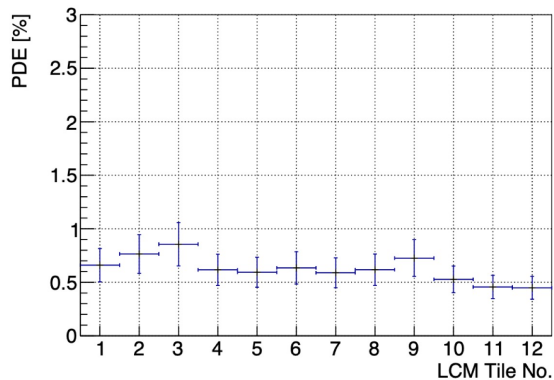
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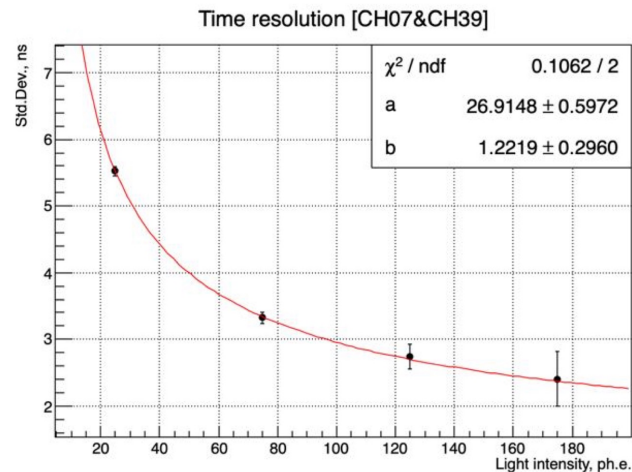
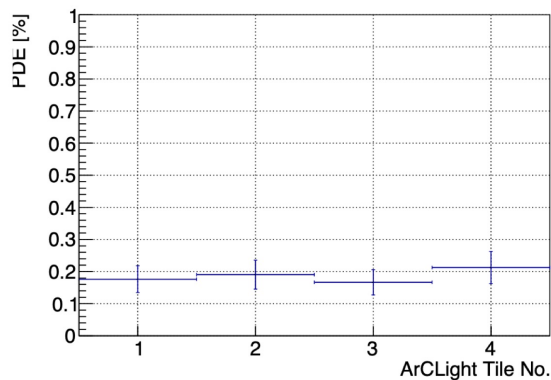


PDE studies by Bern

**LCM PDE~0.62%**



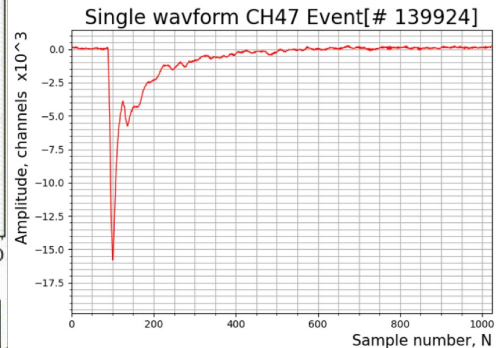
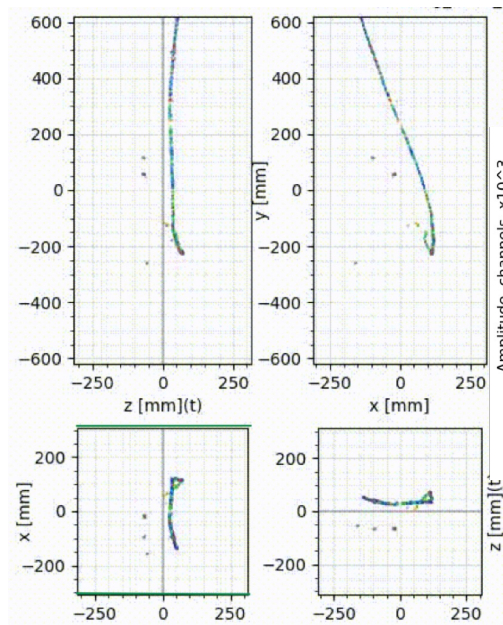
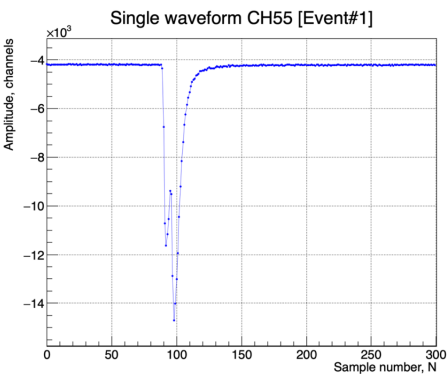
**ACL PDE~0.2%**



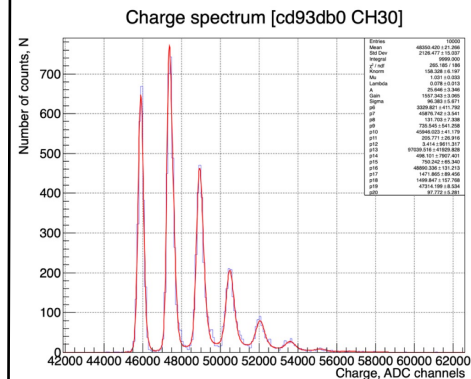
pile-up  $\sim 3\text{-}5$  events/10 $\mu\text{s}$

$\sim 250$  ns pile-up, Michel event

100 ns, LED double pulse



SiPM Calibration spectrum



# Light System Performance



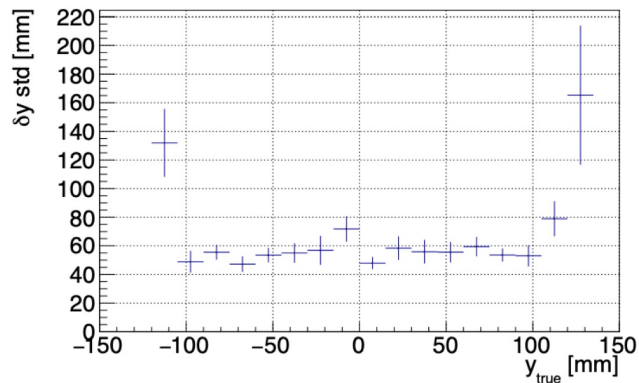
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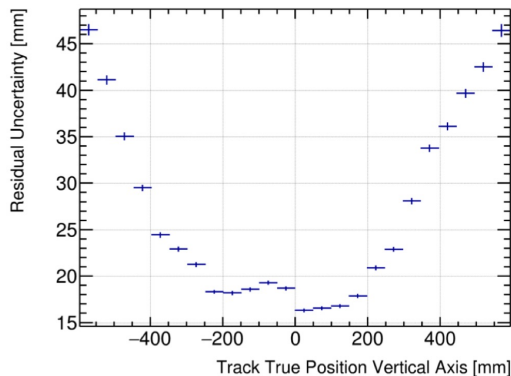
Spatial resolution (preliminary, Bern simulation)

ArCLight spatial resolution  $\sim 5\text{-}6\text{ cm}$



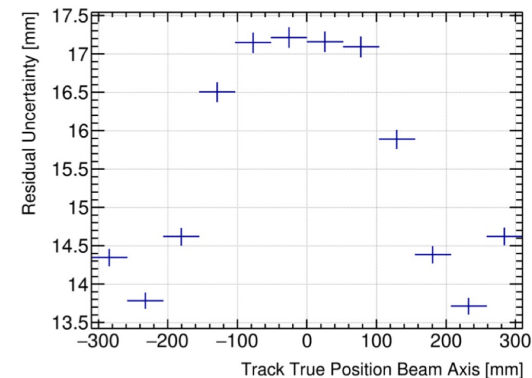
ArCLight spatial resolution reconstructed  
from SingleCube data (Vertical direction)

Common vertical spatial resolution  $\sim 2\text{-}4 \text{ cm}$



Light Readout spatial resolution simulation  
for ArgonCube TPC (Vertical direction)

Common spatial resolution along beam  $\sim 2 \text{ cm}$



Light Readout spatial resolution simulation  
for ArgonCube TPC (along beam direction)

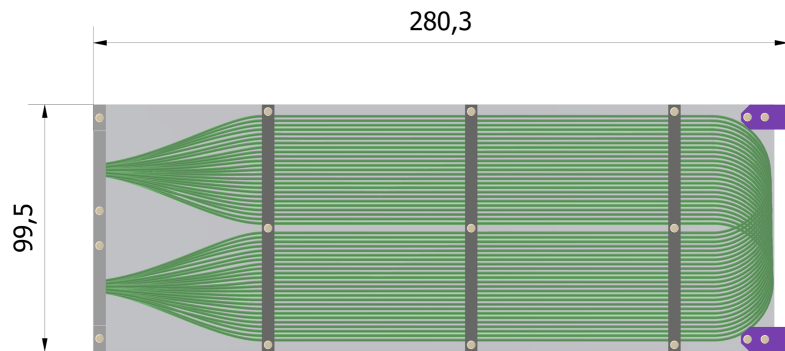
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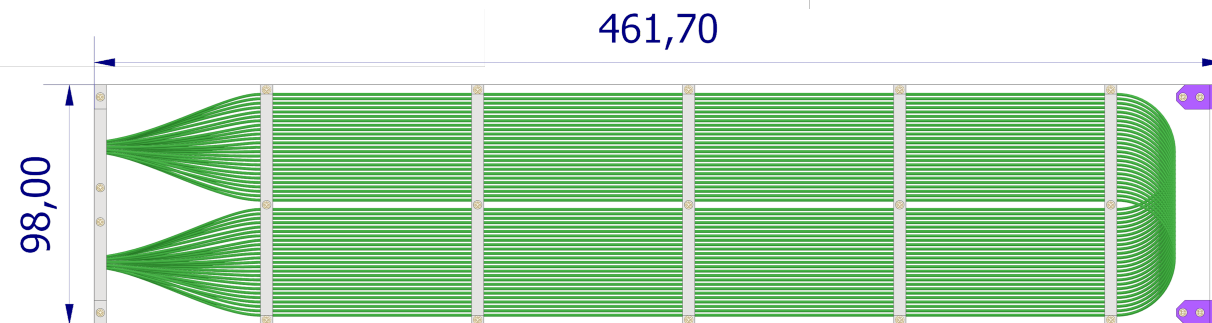
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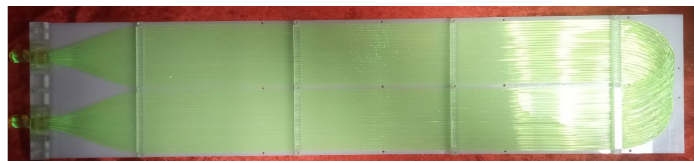
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2x2 Version ~20 m of WLS fiber



FSD Version ~30 m of WLS fiber



# Cryogenic stand at JINR

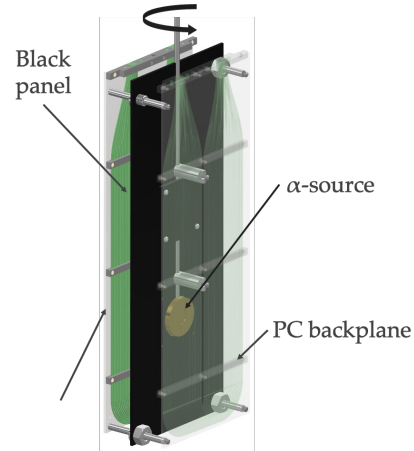
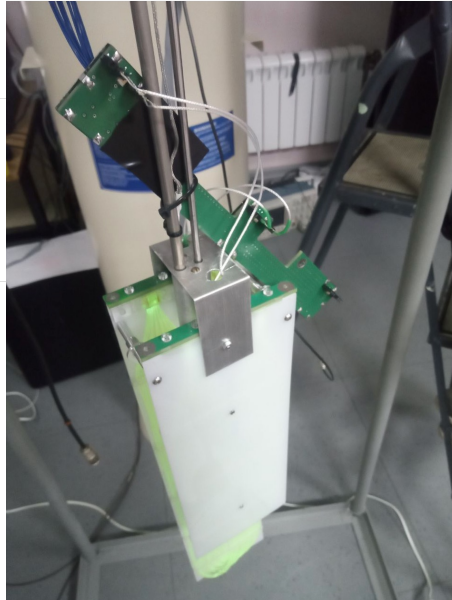


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- Studies with real LAr signal
- Pre-test of the readout chain in LAr



3D model prototype



We use  
 $^{241}\text{Am}$   $\alpha$ -source



Purity of LAr at level  $10^{-5}$  -  $10^{-6}$

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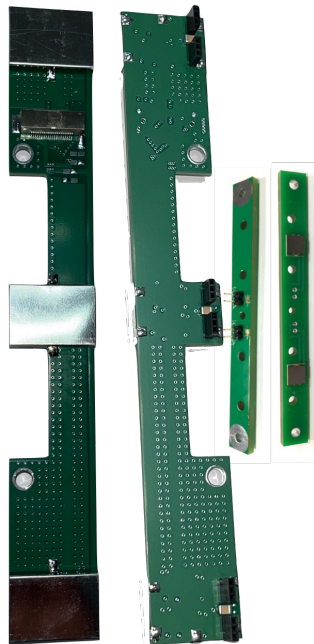
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## 2x2 Version

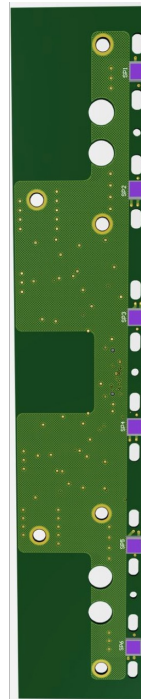
- E-PCB carrying 6 preamps
- Cold preamps (LMH6624) Gain  $\sim 5$
- Power  $\sim 30\text{-}40\text{mW}$  each @ BW of  $\sim 30\text{MHz}$  ( $\sim 10\text{ ns}$  rise time)
- Interface to 3 SiPM boards (3 LCMs or 1 ArCLight)
- Metal screens use to cancel clock pick up from Charge readout.
- Samtec connectors
- Left and right boards

Samtec microcoaxial cable

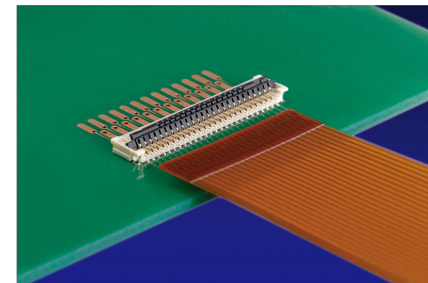


## FSD Version

- FSD PCB carrying 6 preamps + 6 SiPM
- 6 SiPM are integrated onto the board
- Cold preamps (LMH6624) Gain  $\sim 5$
- Power  $\sim 30\text{-}40\text{mW}$  each @ BW of  $\sim 30\text{MHz}$  ( $\sim 10\text{ ns}$  rise time).
- Metal Screens
- Interface to 3 LCMs or 1 ArCLight
- SiPM number can be doubled
- Samtec or flex cable connector

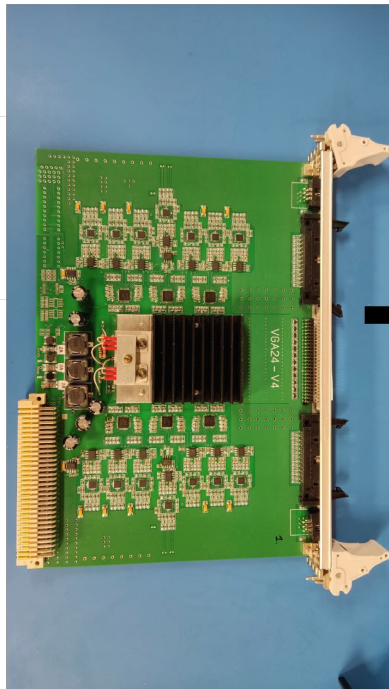


Flexible PCB



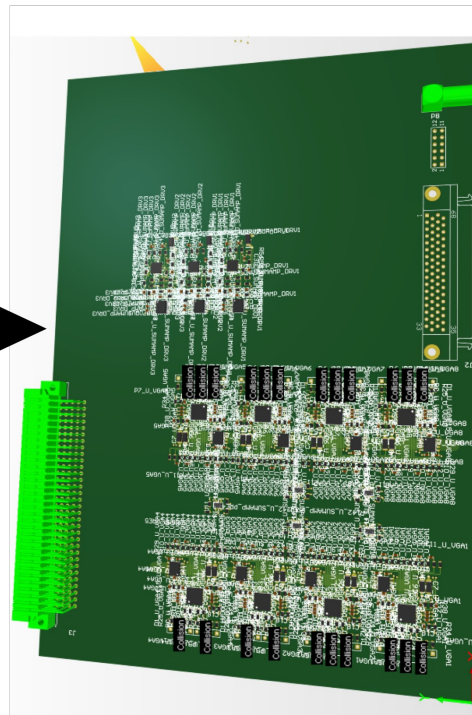
## 2x2 Version

- VME module
- 24 channels
- Needs adapter board for Power and Signal decoupling
- External E-PCB power
- External gain controller



## FSD Version

- VME module
- 30 channels
- Onboard Power and Signal decoupling
- Onboard Cold-PCB power
- Onboard gain controller CAN-open



- Light Detection System demonstrates good performance in prototype testing
- LDS fulfill requirements the DUNE ND LArTPC (rely on prototype testing results)
- 2x2 testing with  $\nu$ -beam will demonstrate modular approach
- Production for FSD is ongoing

