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*High-end Microelectronics Design*



**ΩMEGA**  
Microelectronics

# ROC chip family

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- Omega Microelectronics lab
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# WEEROC & OMEGA PRESENTATION

Team, offer, organization

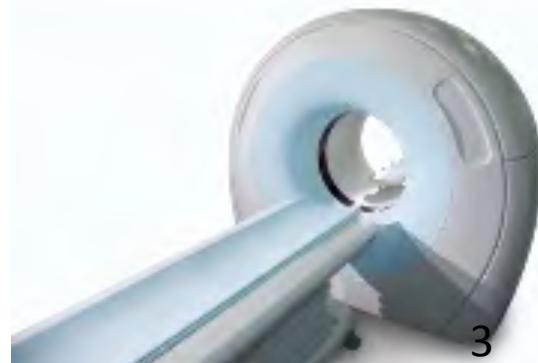
# About Weeroc



- Weeroc is a start-up company of Omega laboratory



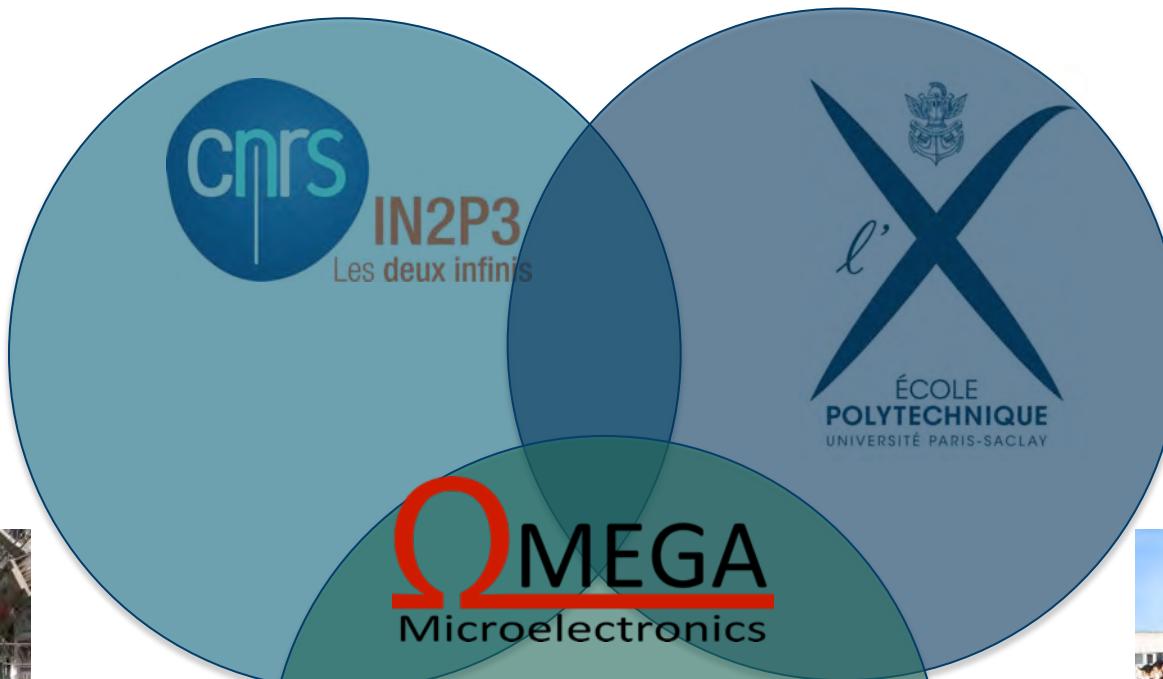
- Weeroc is located in Orsay (Paris Suburb), France
- Weeroc provides :
  - off-the-shelf front-end ASIC (the ROC chip family)
  - customer-specific ASICs
  - Services, Audit, Expertise



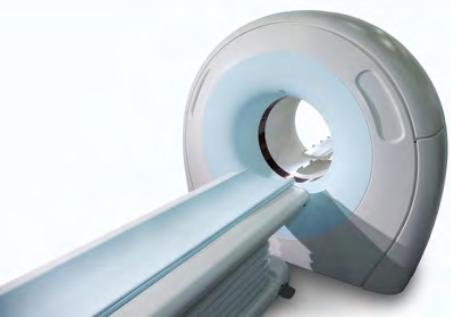
# Omega microelectronics lab



Research,  
Institute



Education,  
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Industry, company



# Weeroc offer : application fields



**Scientific  
instrumentation**



**Nuclear  
industry**



**Medical  
imaging**



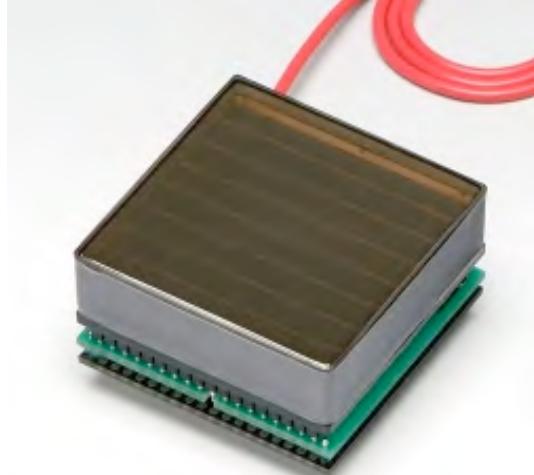
**Homeland  
security**



**Aerospace  
industry**



**Analytical  
instrumentation**



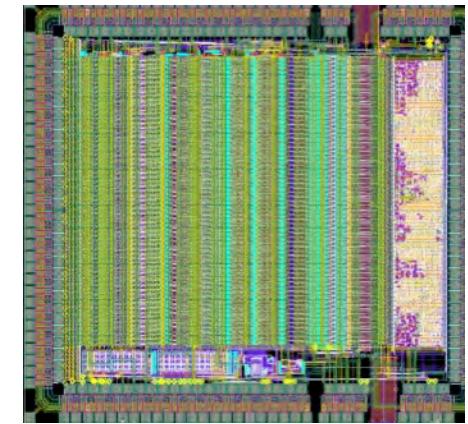
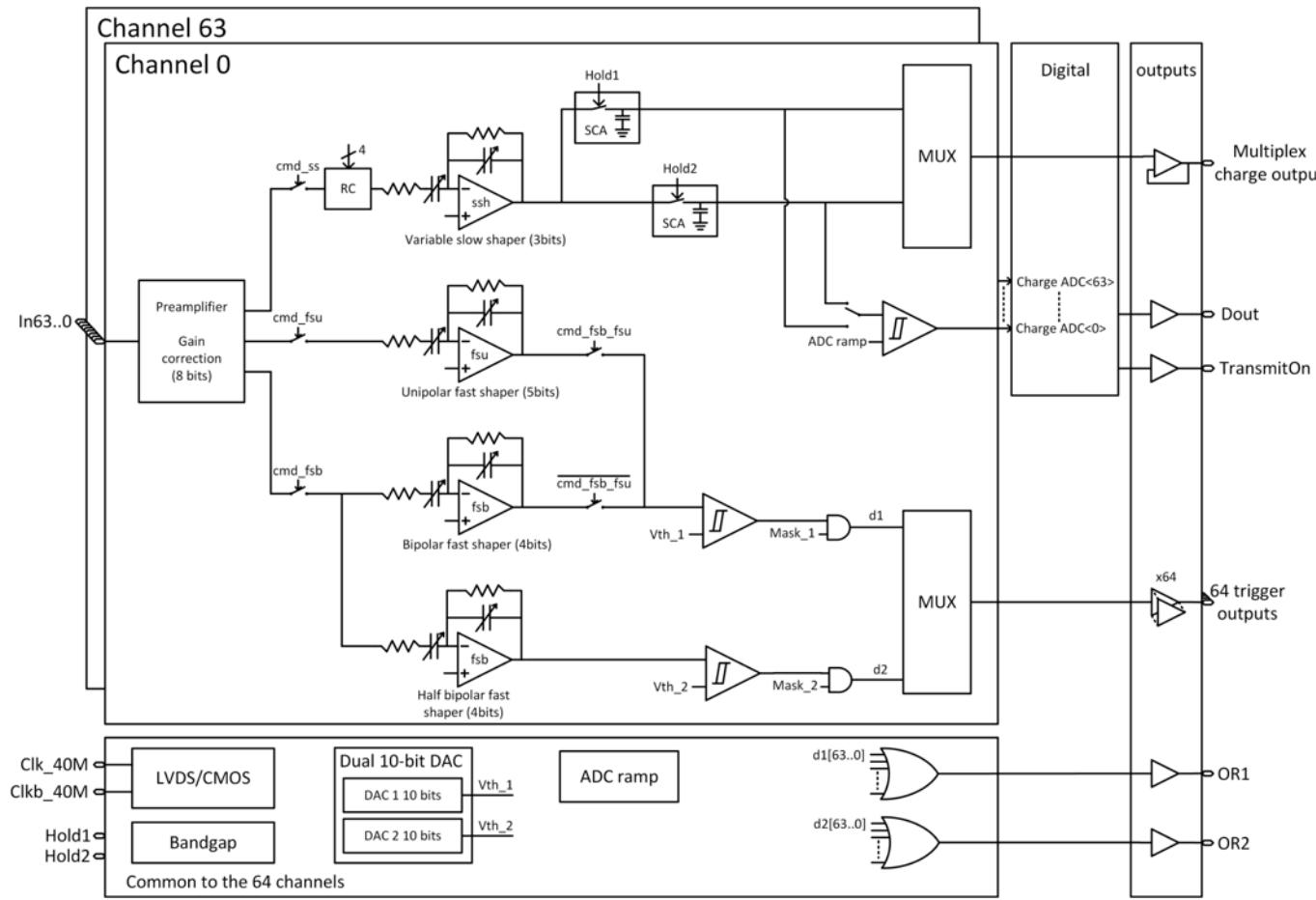
# READ-OUT CIRCUITS FOR MULTI-ANODE PMT& PMT ARRAYS

Maroc, Spaciroc, Parisroc

# Maroc 3



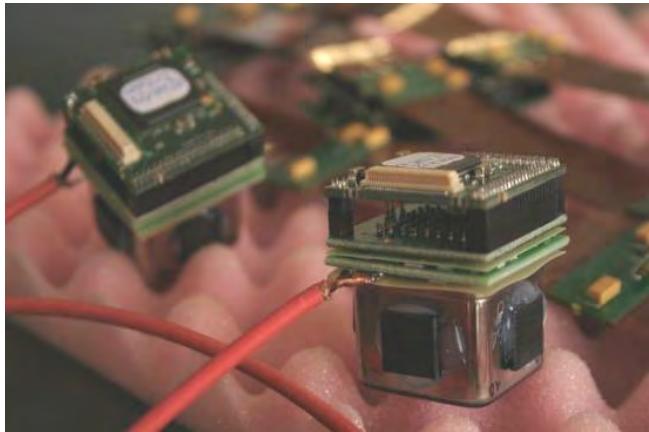
- Complete front-end chip for 64 channels multi-anode photomultipliers
- 6-bit individual gain correction
- 64 trigger outputs, trigger on 1/3 of photo-electron
- Multiplexed charge output and internal ADC (12 bits)



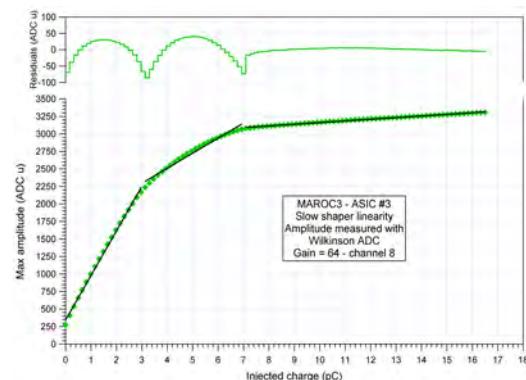
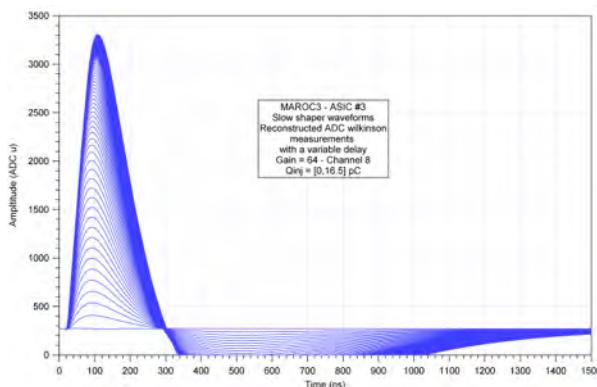
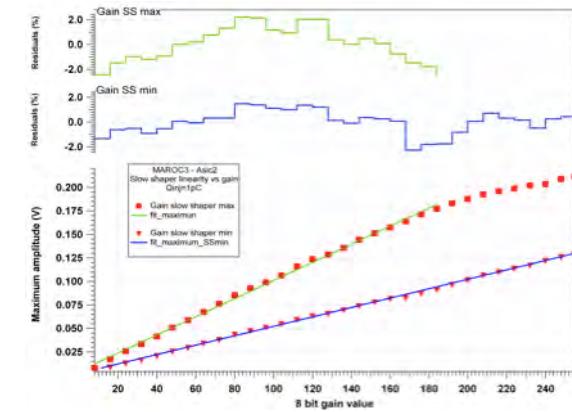
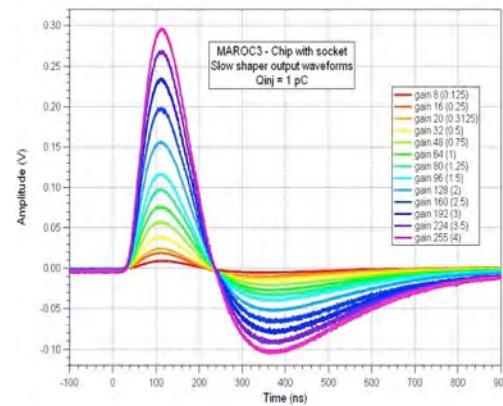
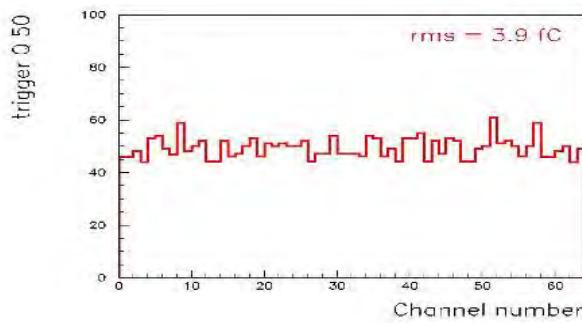
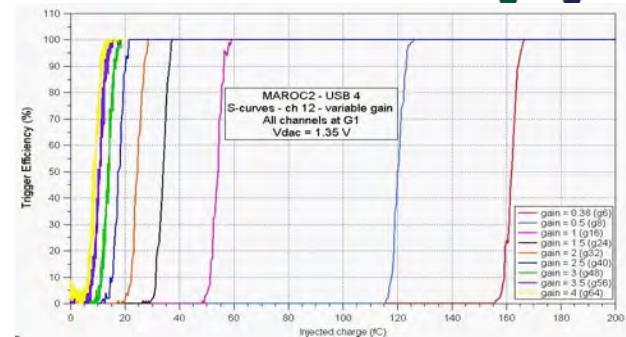
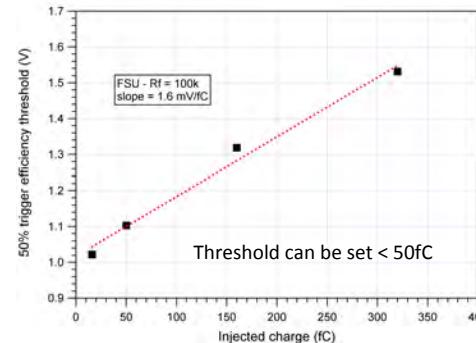
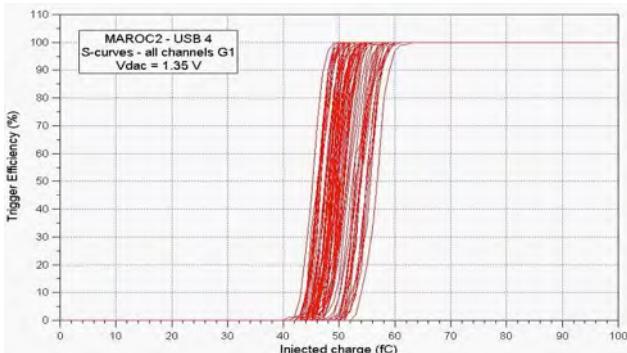
# PMF – Atlas luminometry



- Get the front-end electronics and HV circuitry in the shadow of the MA-PMT

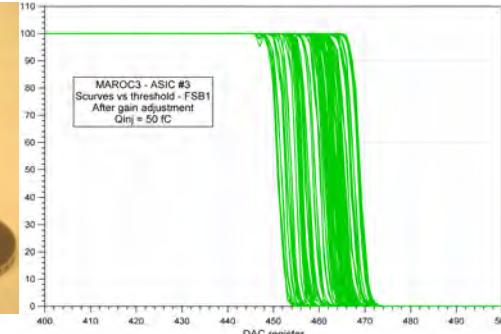
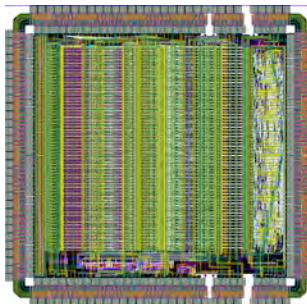


# MAROC measurements



Gain	4	8	16	32	40	64
Slope (adc count/pC)	35	70	148	305	383	636
Intercept (adc count)	271	271	269	265	262	271
Fit limit (pC)	30	20	10	5	4	3

# MAROC3 users



## 2012-2013

Ralf ENGELS	Allemagne/Juelich
Vladimir SOLOVOV	Portugal/ Coimbra
Scott Lumsden	UK/Glasgow
JJ Velthuis	UK/Bristol
Piero Giorgio FALLICA/ ST micro	Italie/ Catania
Vincent TATISCHEFF	France/Orsay
Alexander Nadeev	Russie
Domenico Lo Pesti	Italy/Catania
E.L. Rizzini	Suisse/Genève
D. Lo Presti	Italie/ Catania
P. Rodrigues	Portugal/Lisboa
Stephen Wotton	Suisse/Genève
JJ Velthuis	UK/Bristol
Riccardo Faccini	Italie/Roma
Patrizia Rossi	Italie/Frascati
Sima Cristina	Roumanie/Magurele
Patrizia Rossi	Italie/Frascati
D.Cussans/P.Baesso	UK/Bristol
Paolo Baesso	UK/Bristol

Alain Blondel	Suisse/Genève
Pedro Rodriguez	Portugal / Lisboa
William Brooks	Chili / Valparaiso
Stephane Colonges	France / Paris
Evandro Lodi Rizzini	Suisse / Genève
Günter Kemmerling	Allemagne/Juelich
Thomas Schweizer	Allemagne/Munich
Jason Legere	USA / Durham
Evandro Lodi Rizzini	Suisse / Genève
Ronan Oger	France / Paris
Erik Vallazza	Suisse / Genève
Daniel Bertrand	Belgique / Bruxelles
Ronan Oger	France / Paris
Jason Legere	USA / Durham
Tanushyam Bhattcharjee	Kolkata/Inde
Vincent Tatischef	France / Orsay

Gabriela Llosa	Espagne / Valence
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Prof. A.A.Petrukhin	Russie/Moscou
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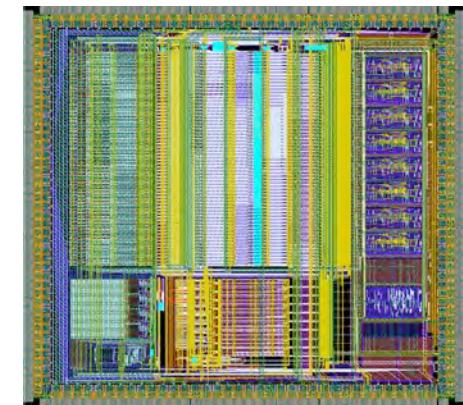
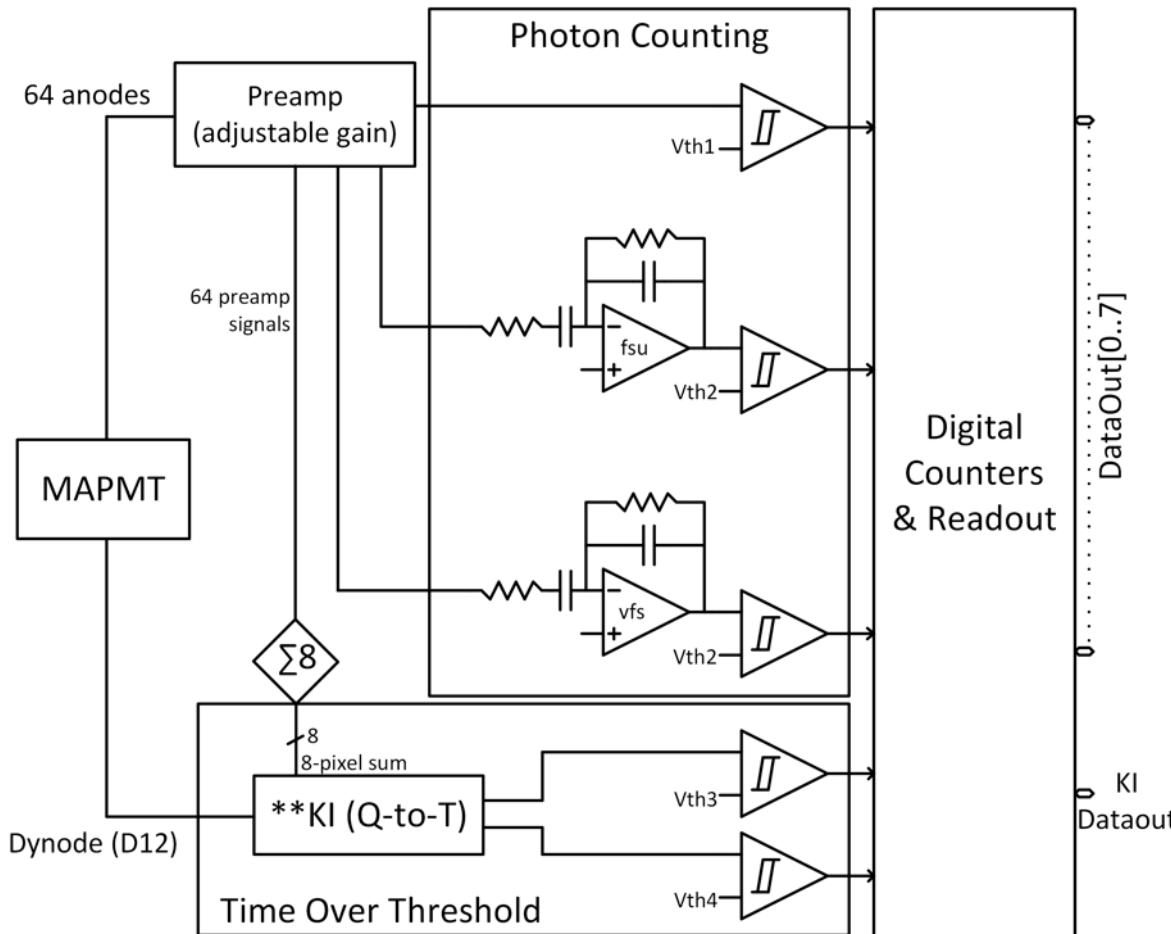
- ATLAS lumi : 500chips (LAL)
- Double Chooz : 1000 (Nevis)
- CLAS12 RICH (INFN)
- LHCb RICH ? (CERN)
- JUNO ? (IPHC)

Bernard Genolini	France / Orsay
Nicoleta Dinu	France / Orsay
JJ Jaeger	France / Paris
Vincent Tatischef	France / Orsay

# Spaciroc 3

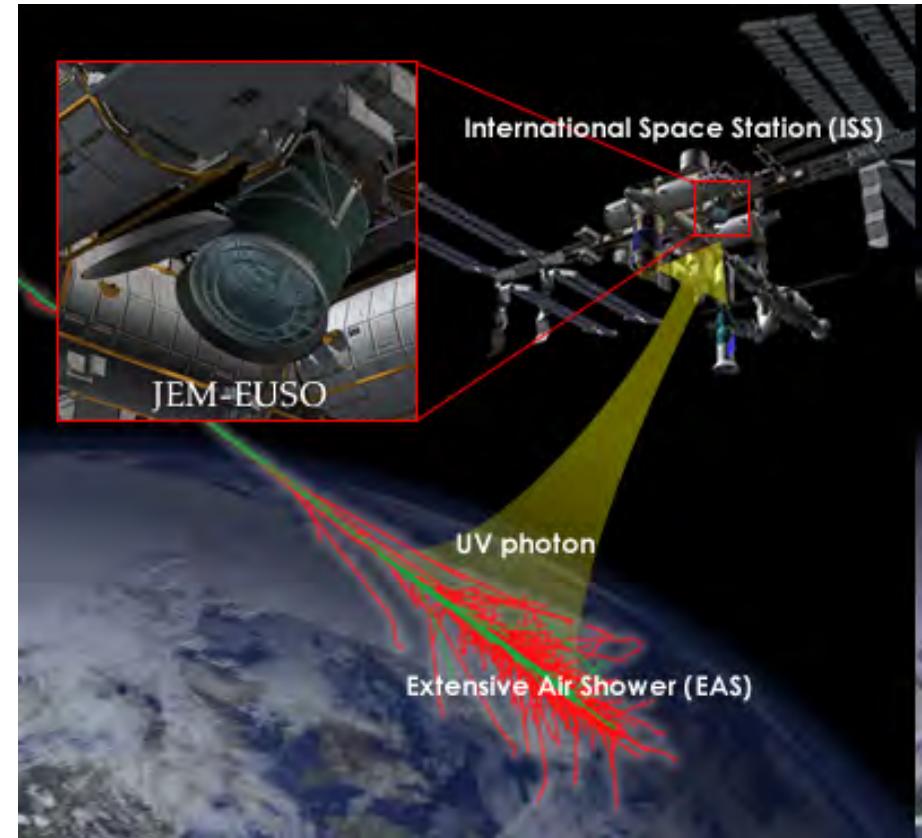
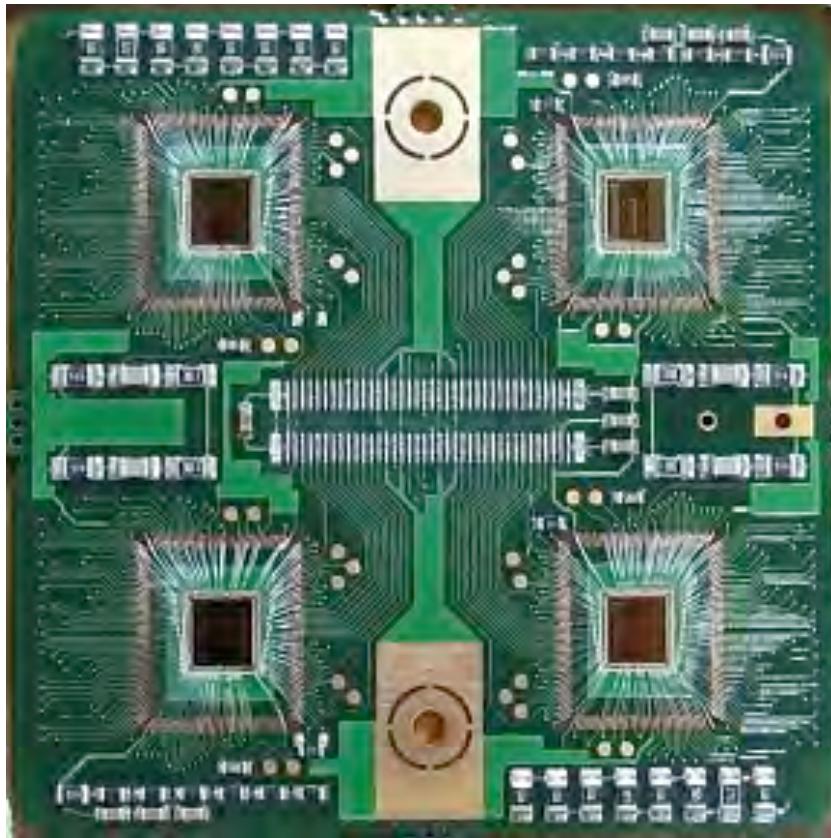


- MAROC variant : Complete front-end chip for 64 channels multi-anode photomultipliers
- Photon counting : 50MHz
- Time-over-Threshold for energy measurement





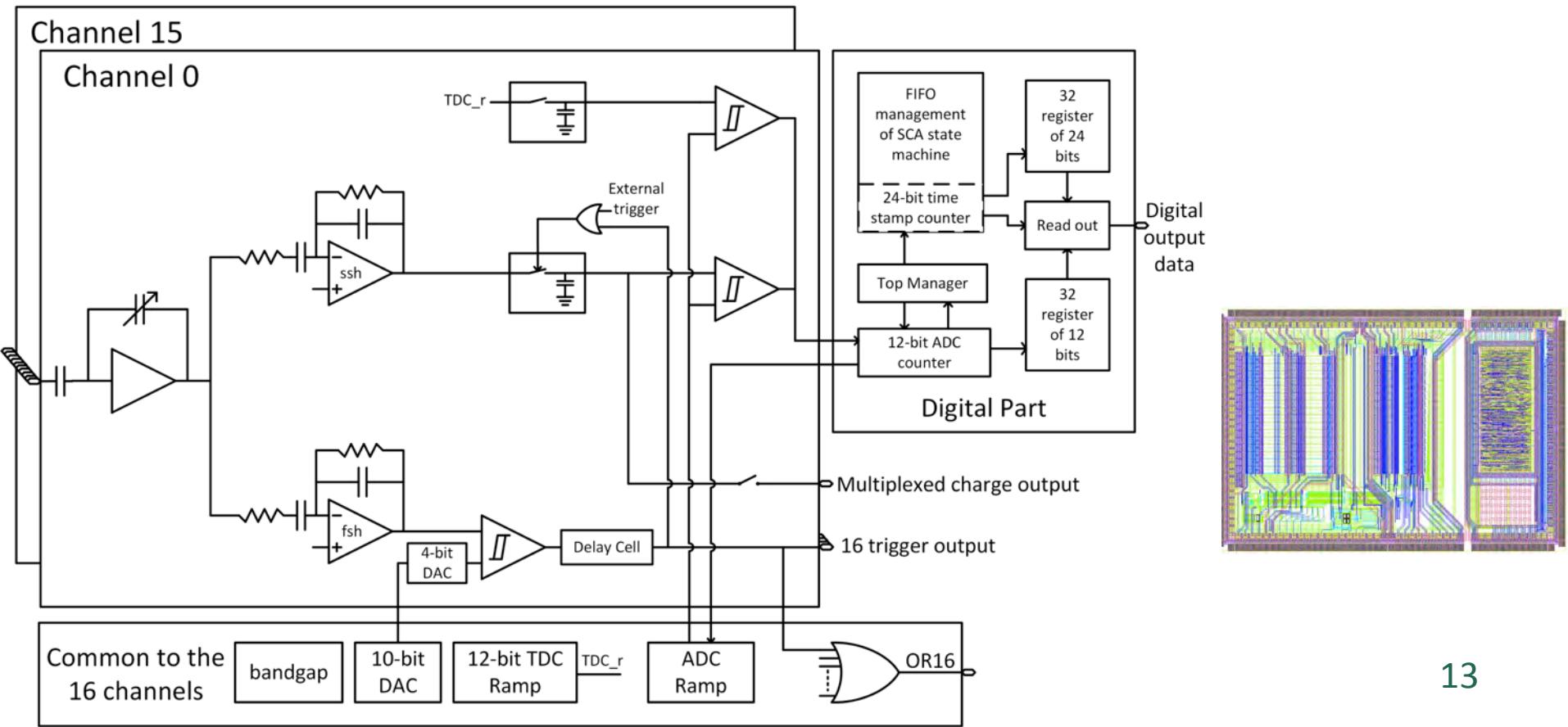
- Power consumption < 1 mW/ch
- Radiation tolerance : triple voting



# Parisroc 2



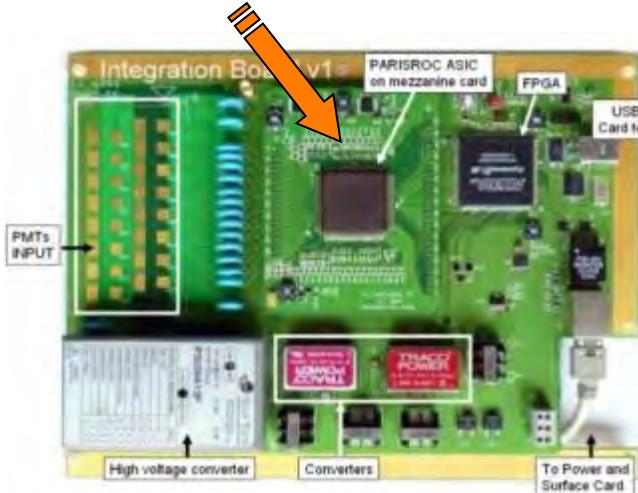
- Replace large PMTs by arrays of smaller ones (PMm2 project)
- Centralized system-on-chip ASIC : 16 independent channels
- Auto-trigger at 1/3 p.e.
- Charge and time measurement (10-12 bits)
- Water tight, common high voltage
- Data driven : « One wire out »



# PMm2 demonstrator



PARISROC2 chip



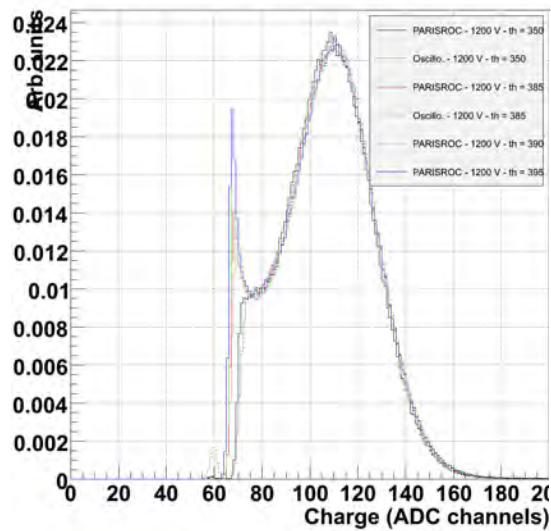
Watertight box



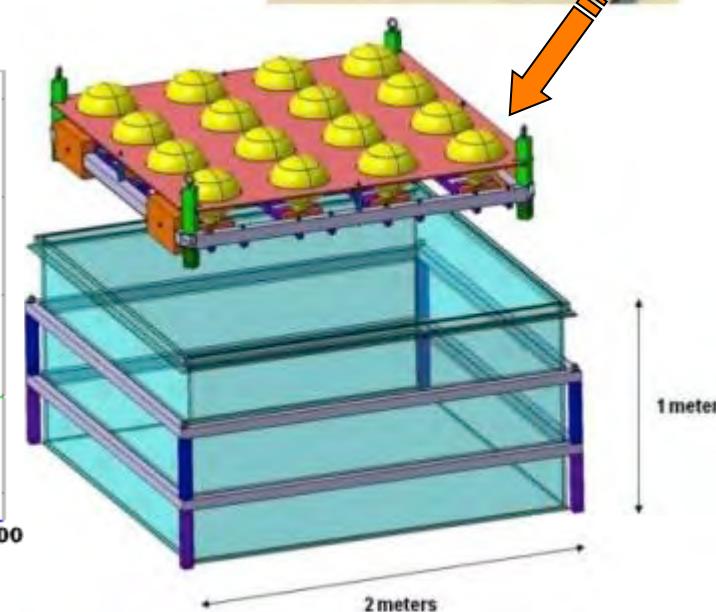
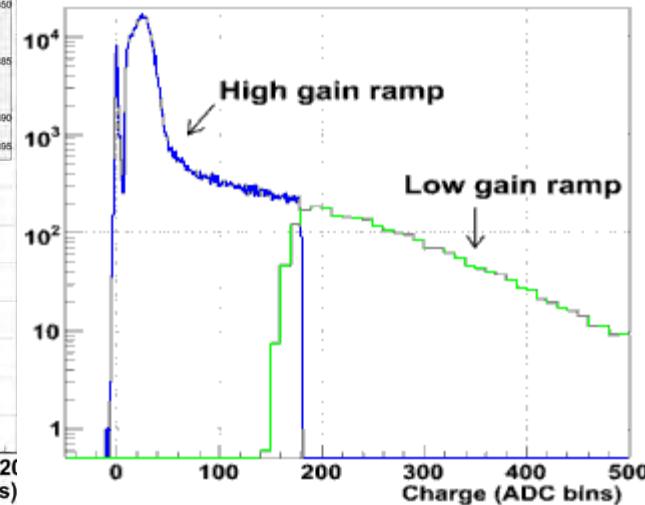
2m x 2m array



1-in (XP3102) single p.e. noise spectrum.



8-in (Hamamatsu R5912)  
Single p.e. noise spectrum.

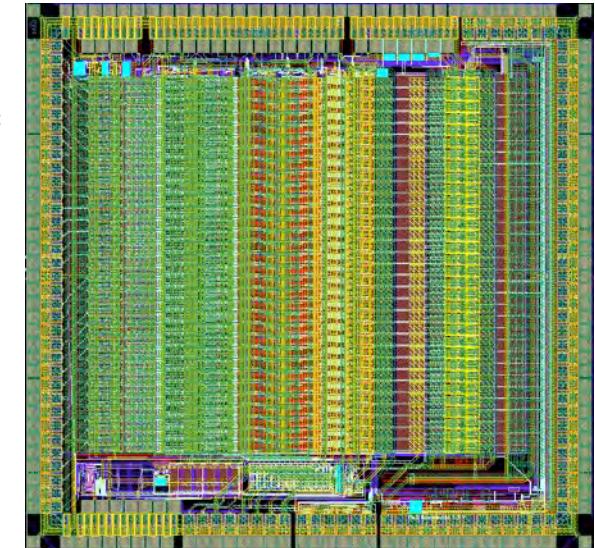
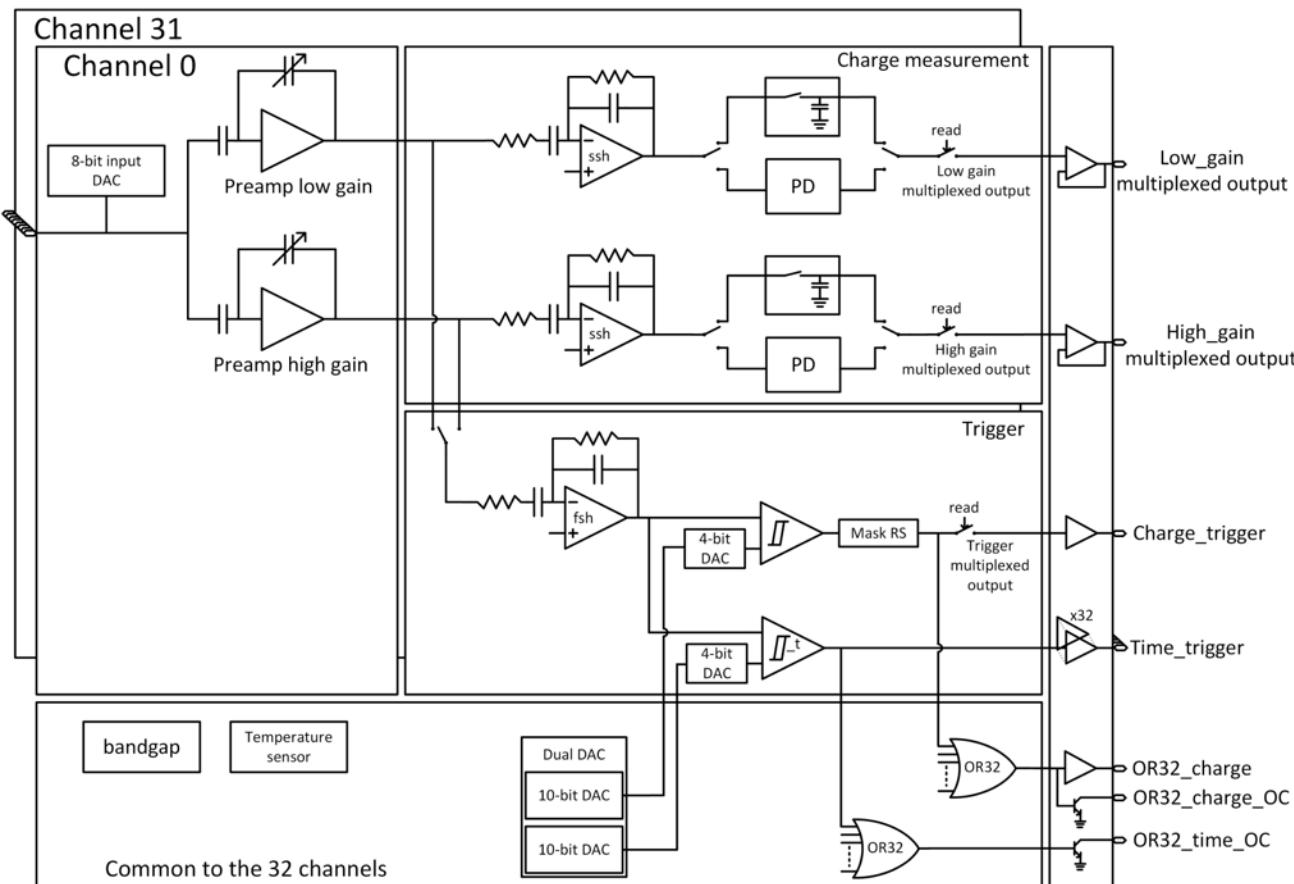




## READ-OUT CIRCUITS FOR SIPM

Citiroc, Petiroc, Triroc

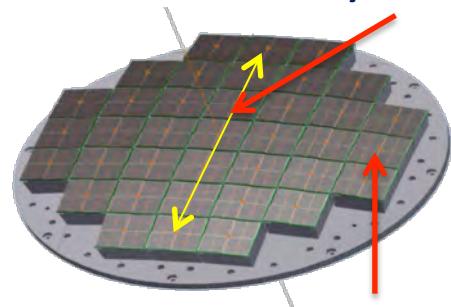
- Evolution of Easiroc ASIC : analogue front-end chip
- 32 channel, positive input, input dac HV adjustment
- 32 trigger output & multiplexed charge output
- Peak detector & two trigger level (timing & energy)



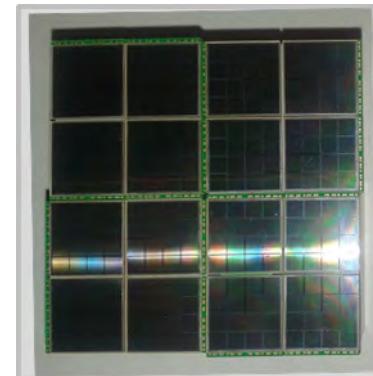
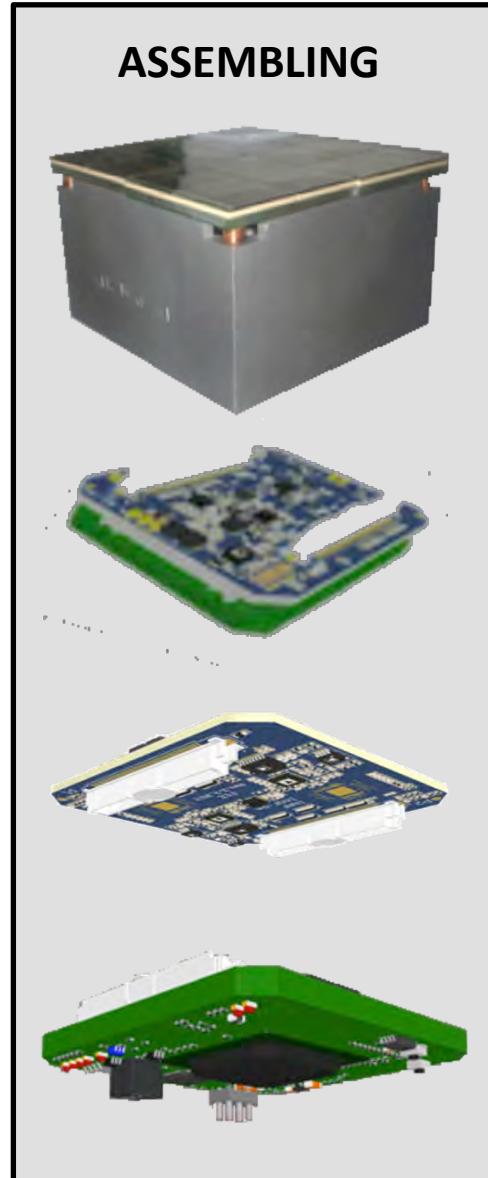
# CTA : small telescopes



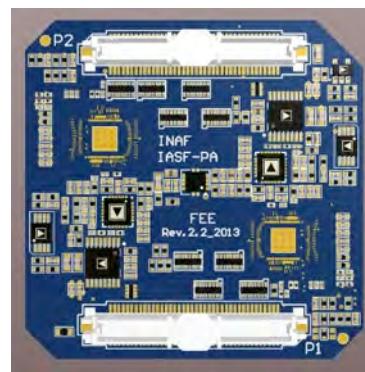
**FOV = 9.6°**  
**Ø = 350mm**



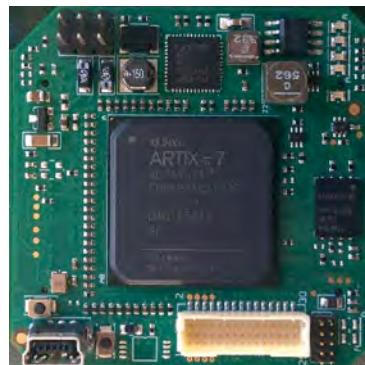
**Photon Detection Module (PDM)**  
**Pixel =  $0.17^\circ \rightarrow 6.2 \times 6.2 \text{ mm}$**



SiPM board  
(9 +1 temperature  
sensors embedded)

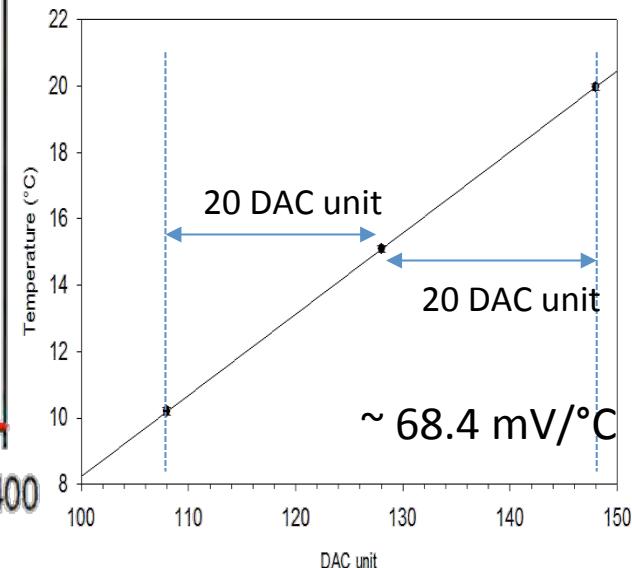
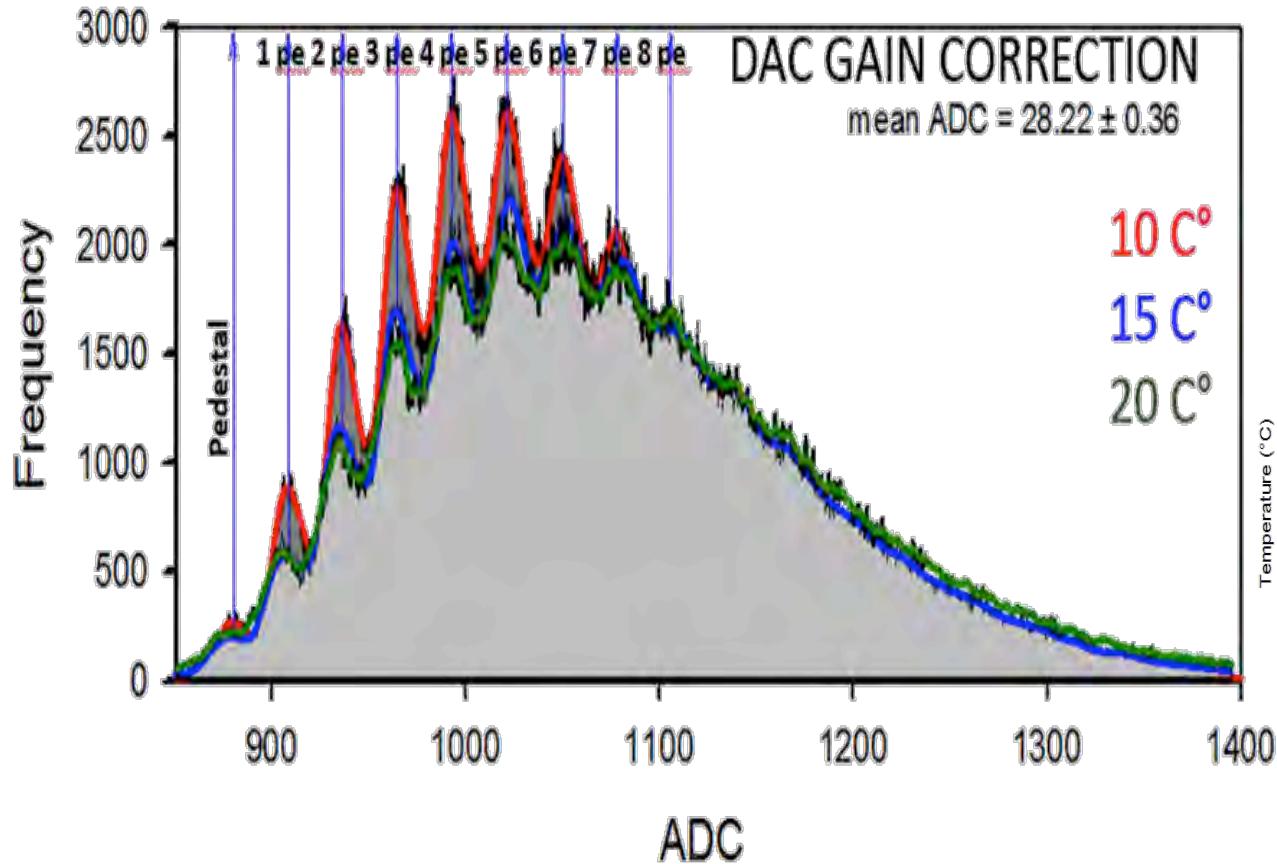


Front-End board  
(2 CITIROC ASIC)



PDM FPGA Board  
(XILINX ARTIX 7)

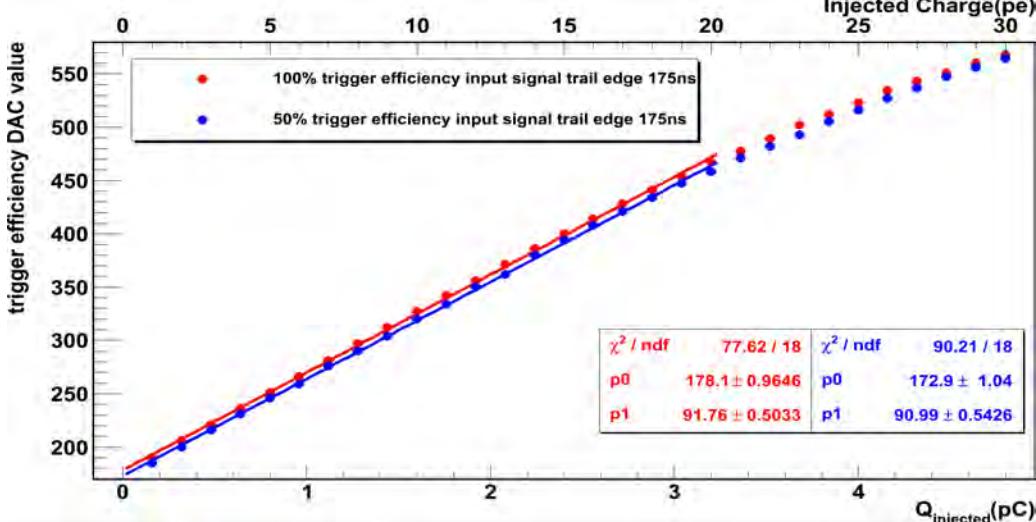
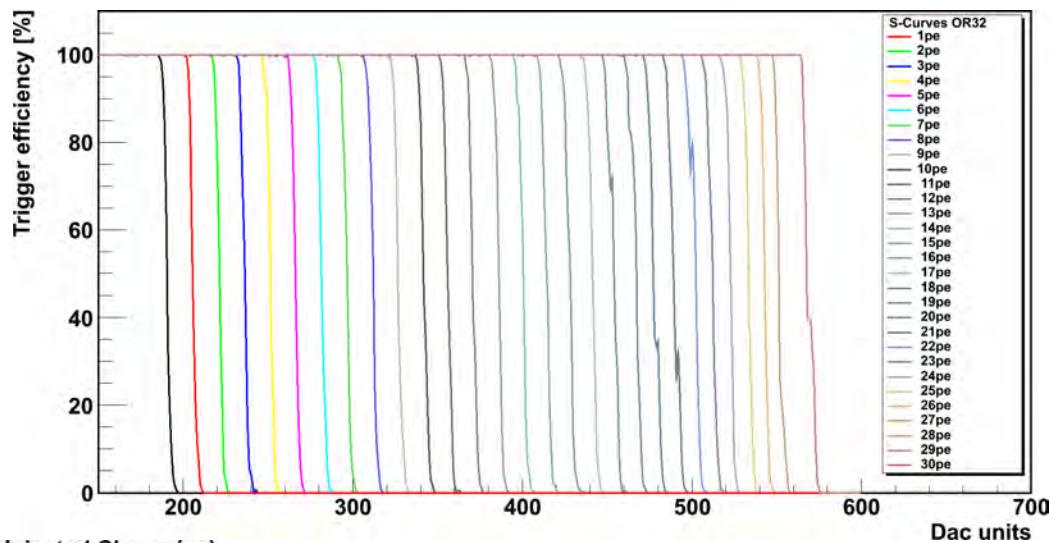
# Practical use of input DAC : gain stabilization





# Citiroc trigger linearity

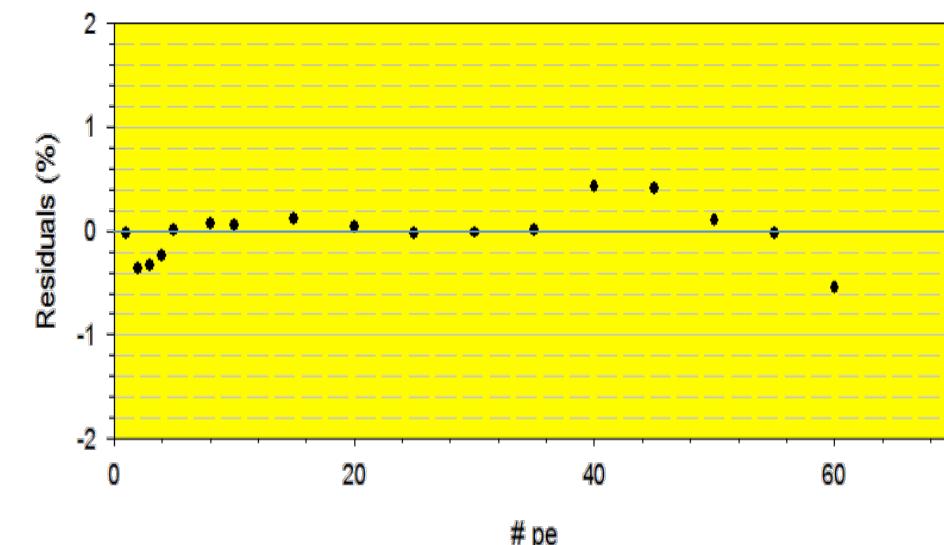
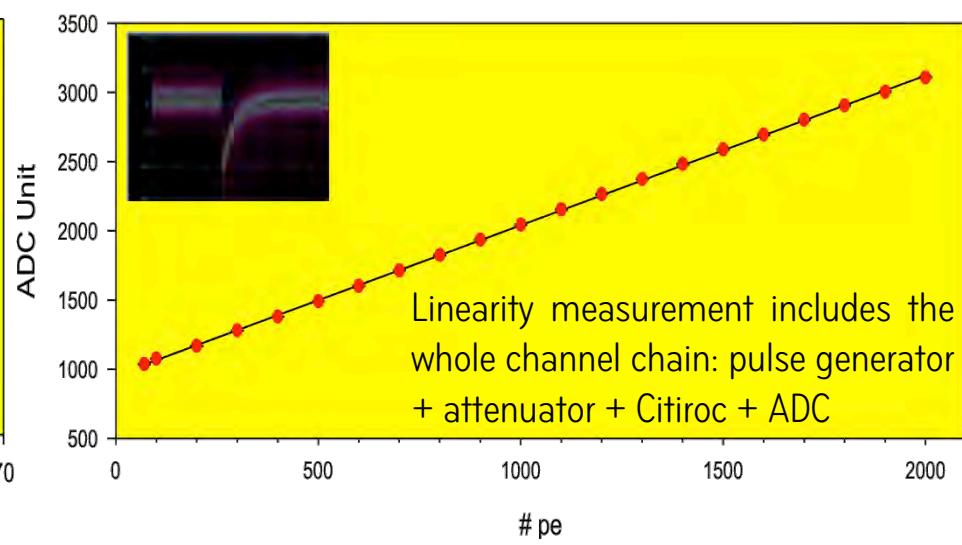
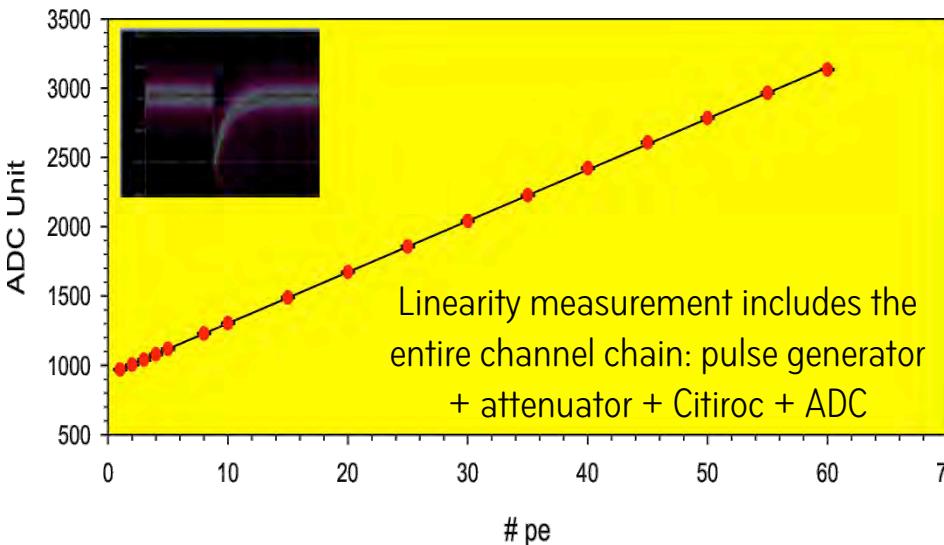
- Trigger linearity  $< \pm 0.3\%$
- Trigger on 1/3 of a photoelectron
- 10 bits on 2.25V reference  $\Rightarrow 2.2$  mV
- LSB Reference voltage can be adjusted with external resistor.



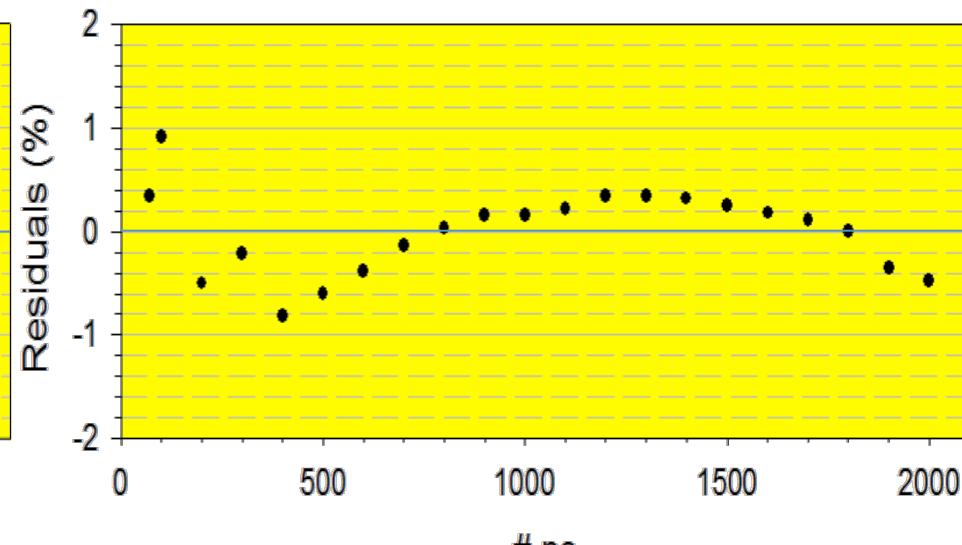
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# Charge measurement : linearities



High gain



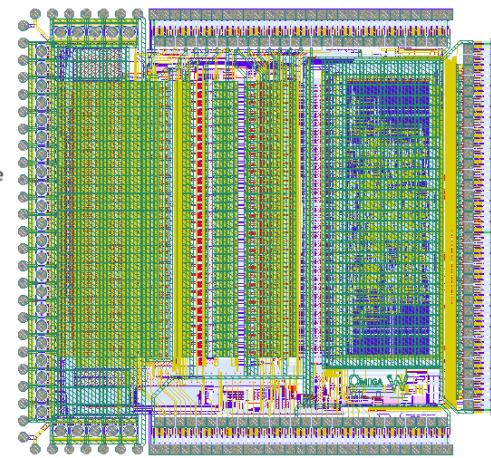
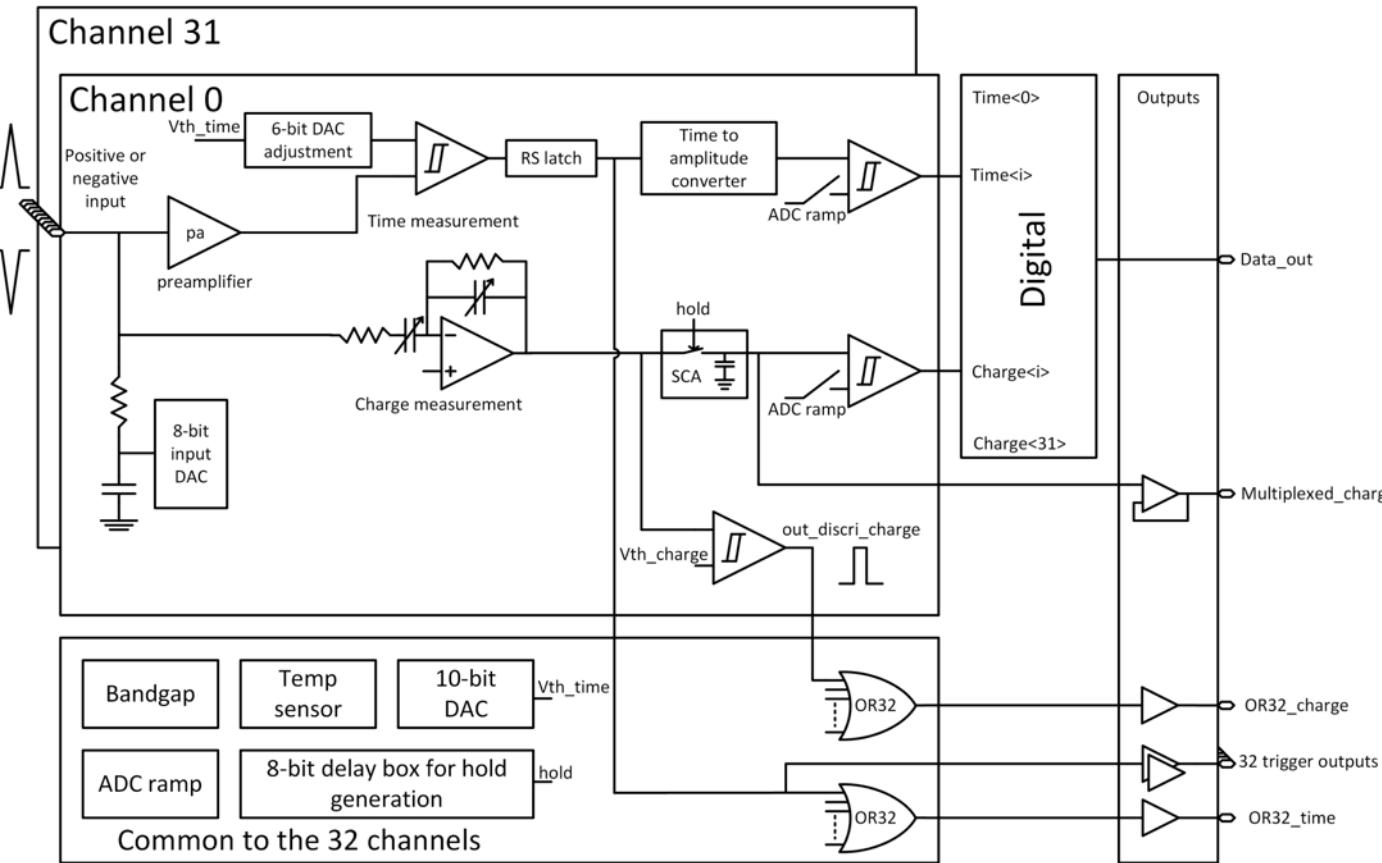
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Low gain

# Petiroc 2



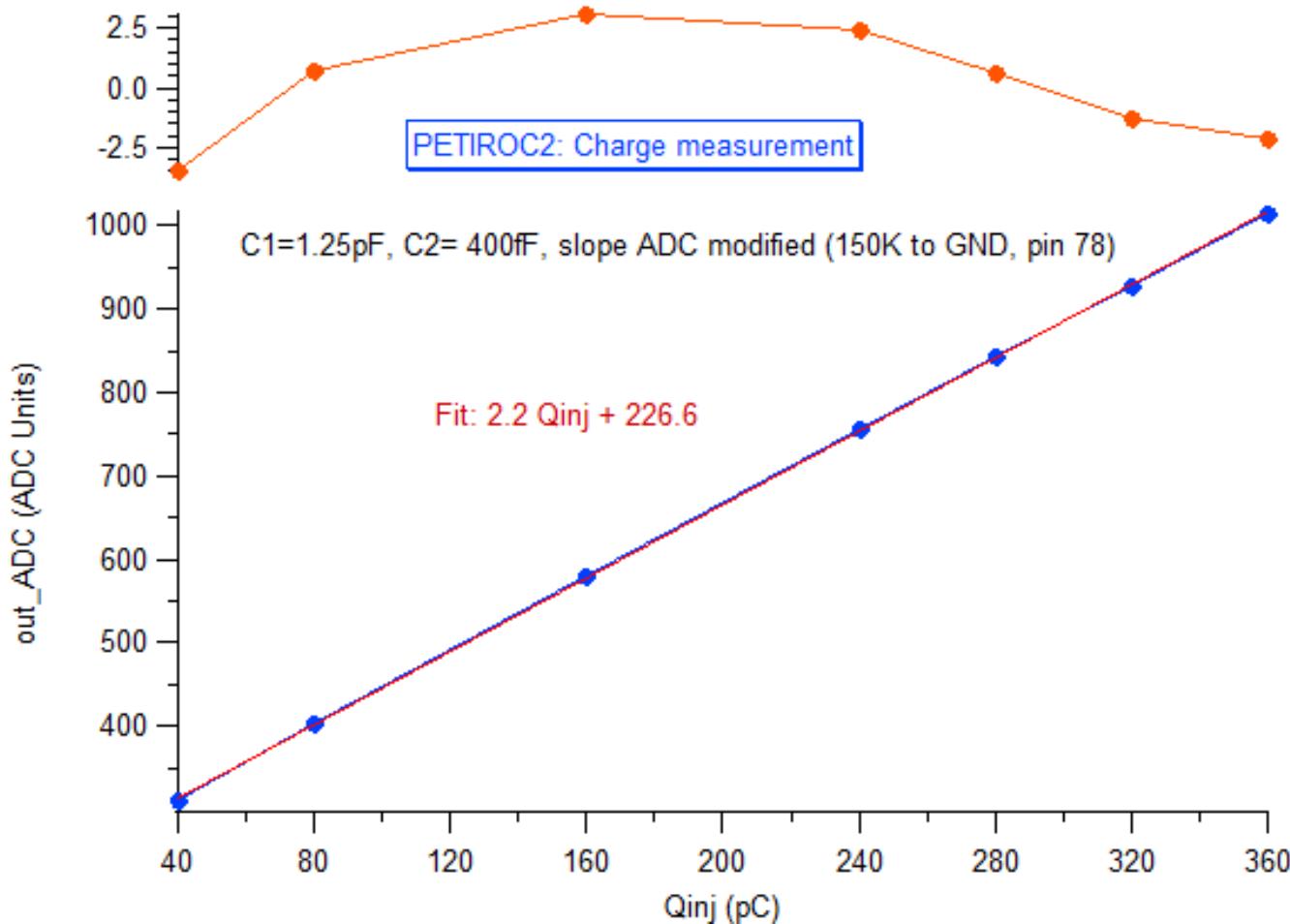
- Time of Flight read-out chip with **embedded TDC** (25 ps bin) and **embedded ADC** (10 bit)
- Dynamic range: 160 fC up to 400 pC
- 32 channels (bipolar input)
- 32 trigger outputs, digital and multiplexed analogue energy output
- Common trigger threshold adjustment and 6bit-dac/channel for individual adjustment
- **Power consumption 6 mW/ch.**
- **Dual trigger level : on first photons and on energy**



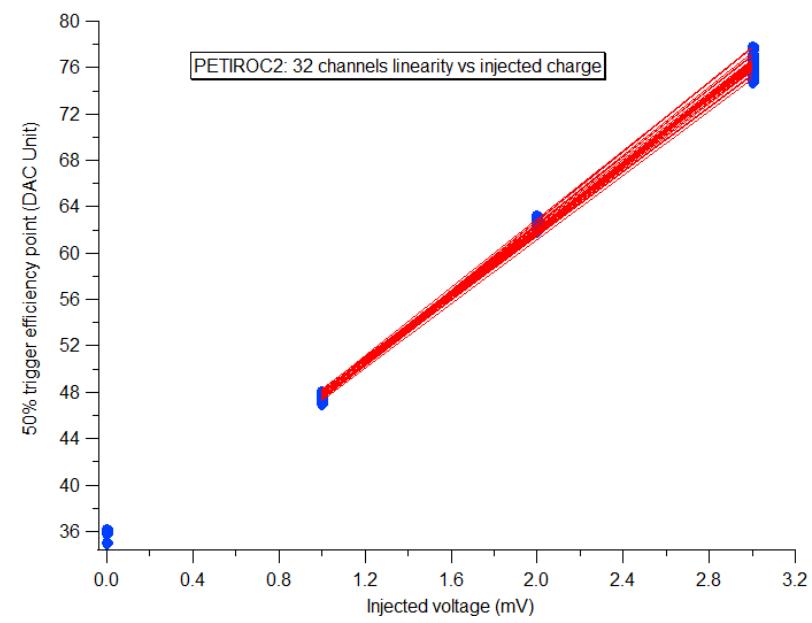
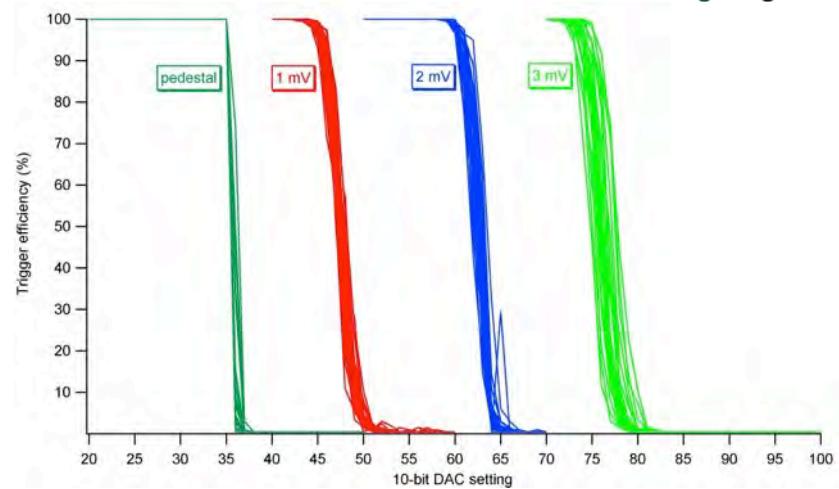
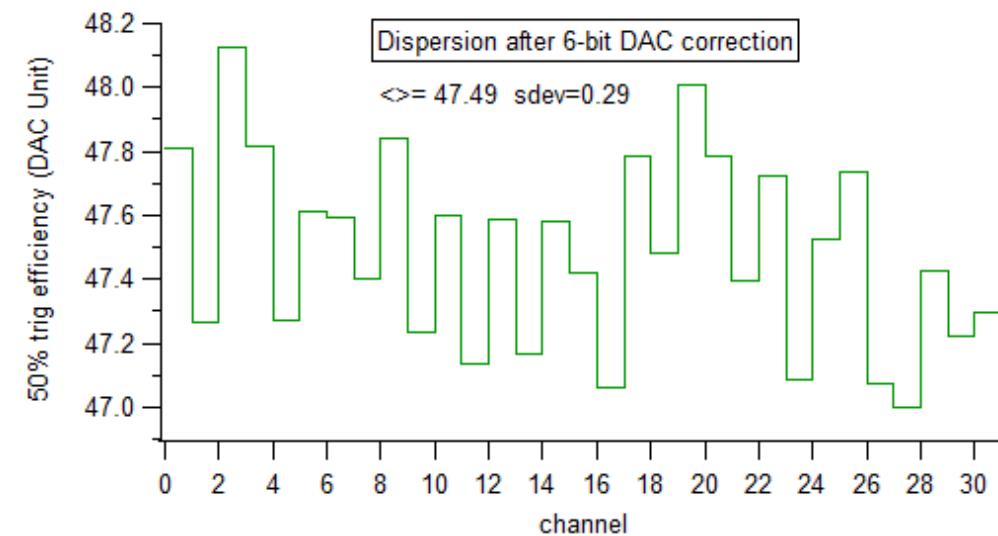
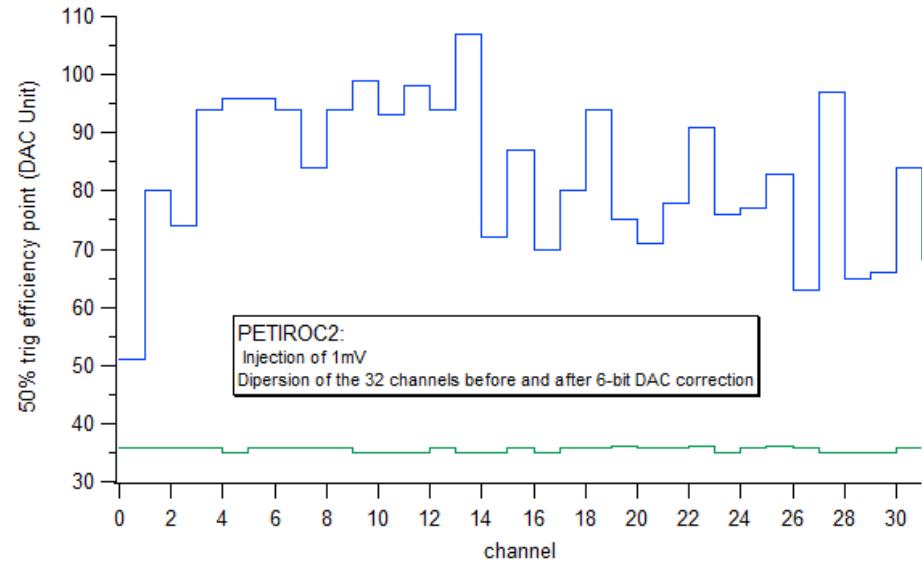


# Charge measurement

- Energy measurement using Petiroc2 internal ADC
- Measurements made with minimum gain setup to go up to 360 pC



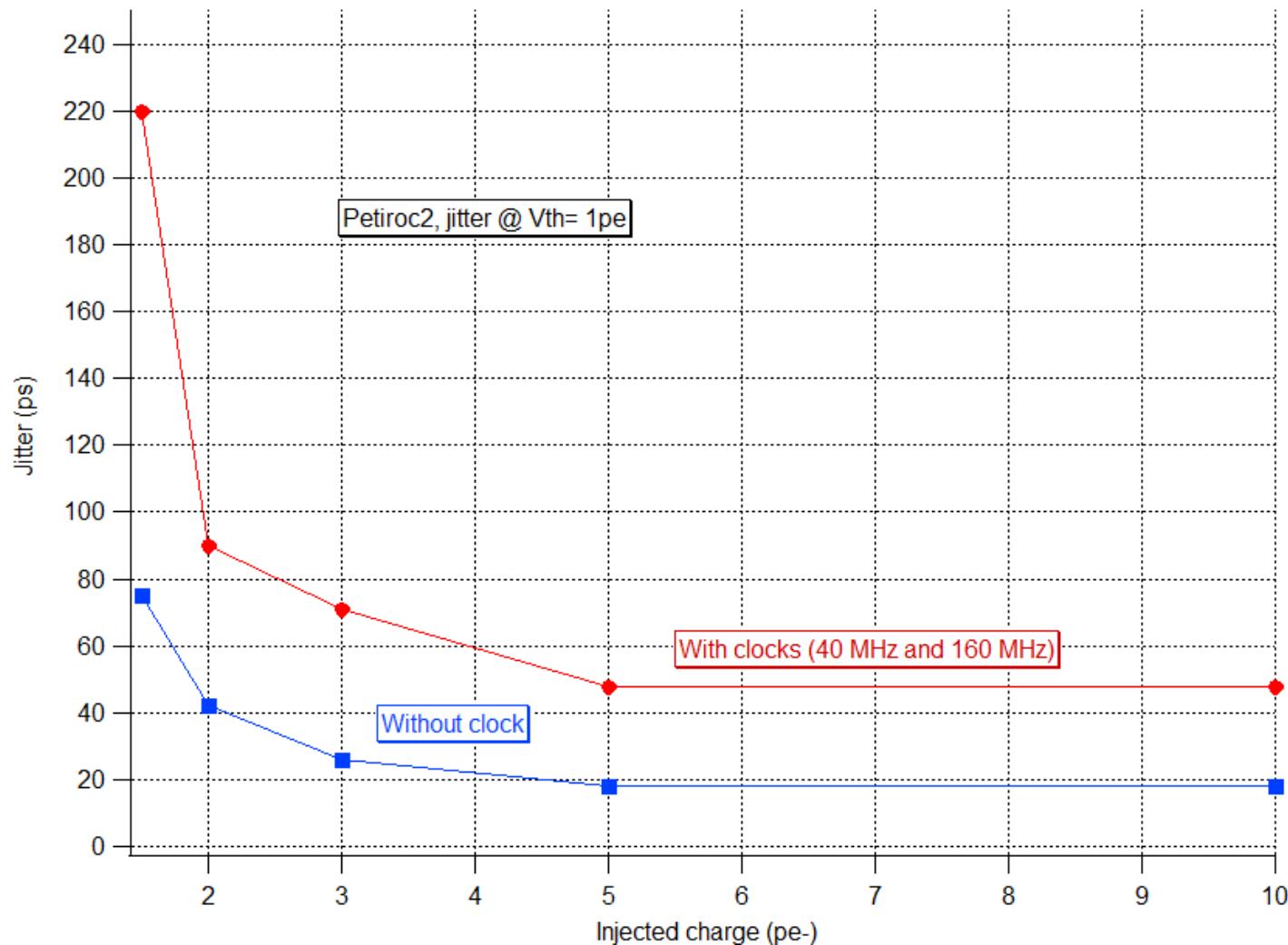
# Trigger sensitivity



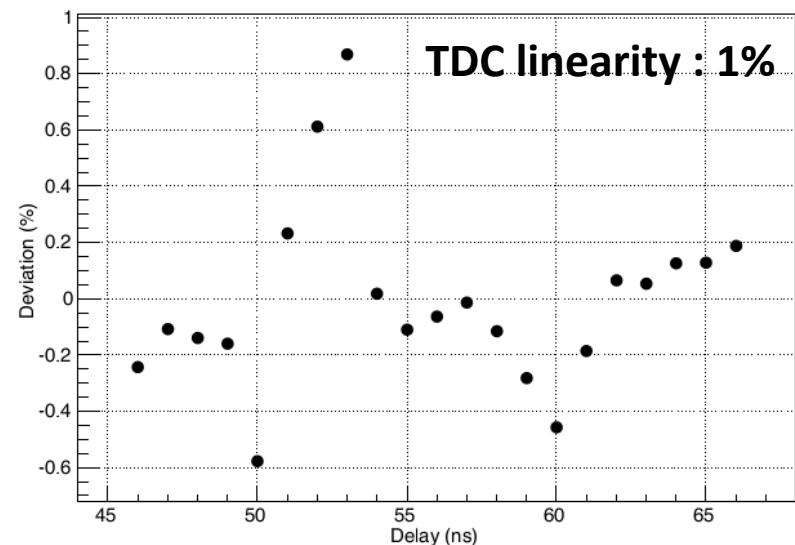
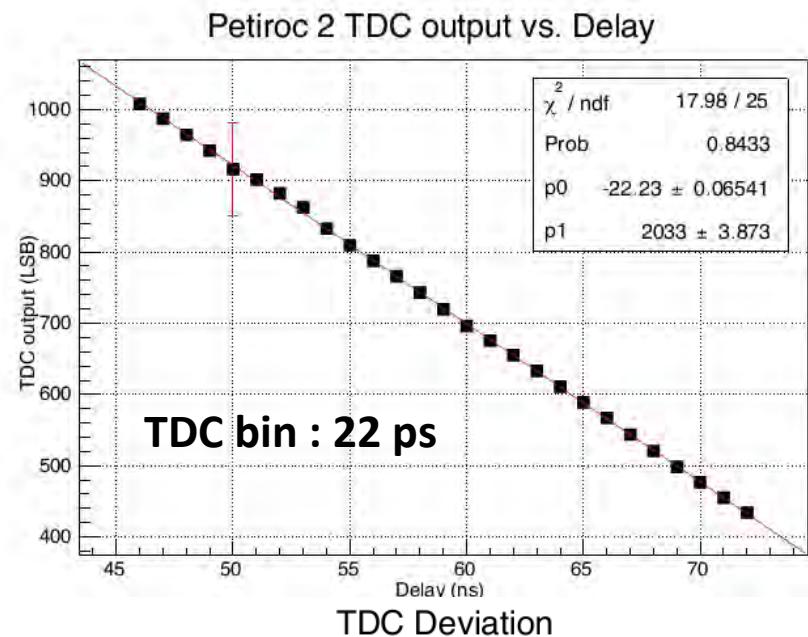
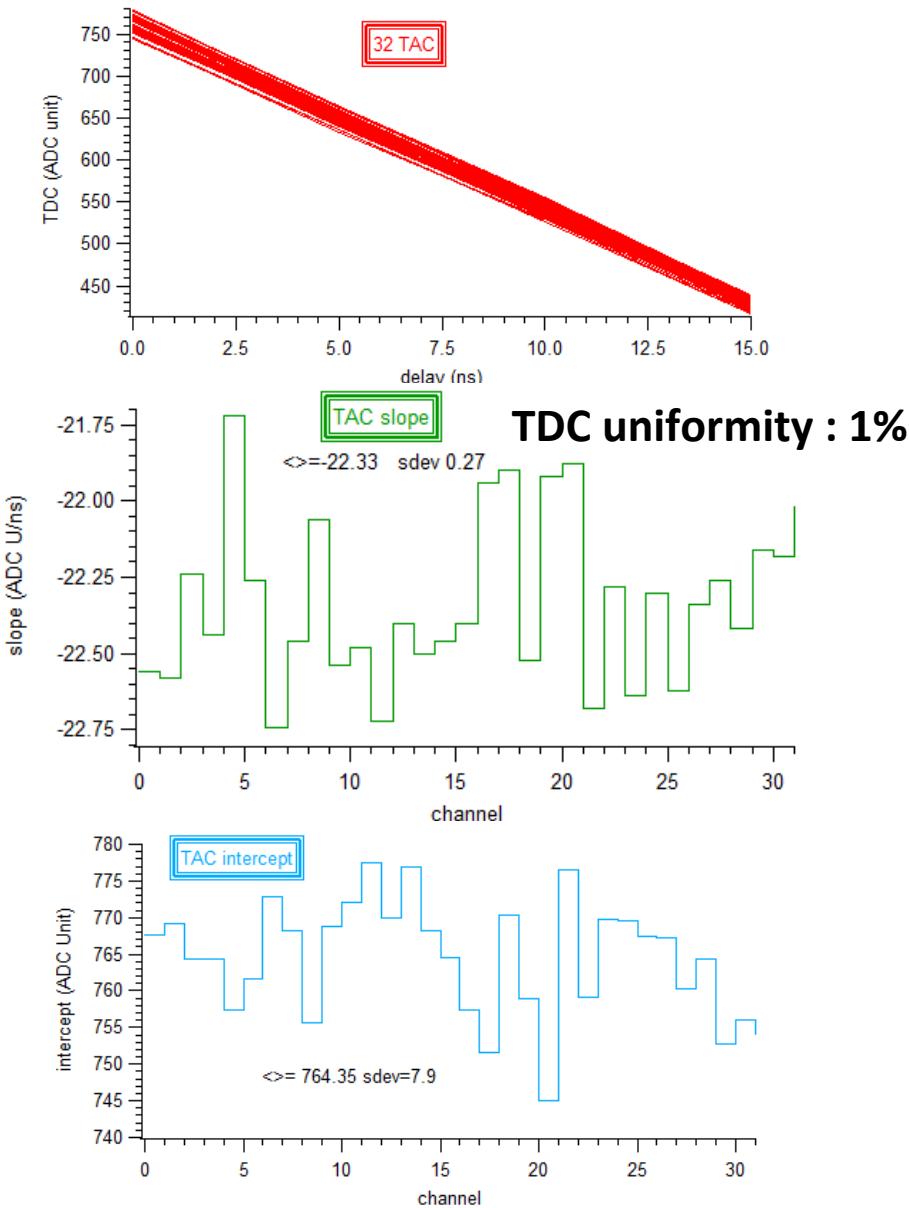


# Time resolution with test pulse

- Jitter (ps RMS) versus injection
- With and without internal clock



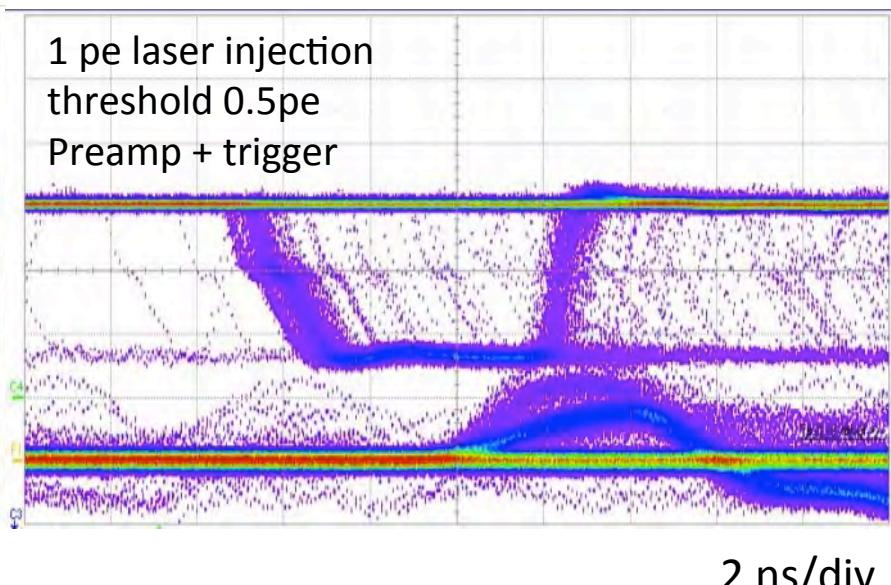
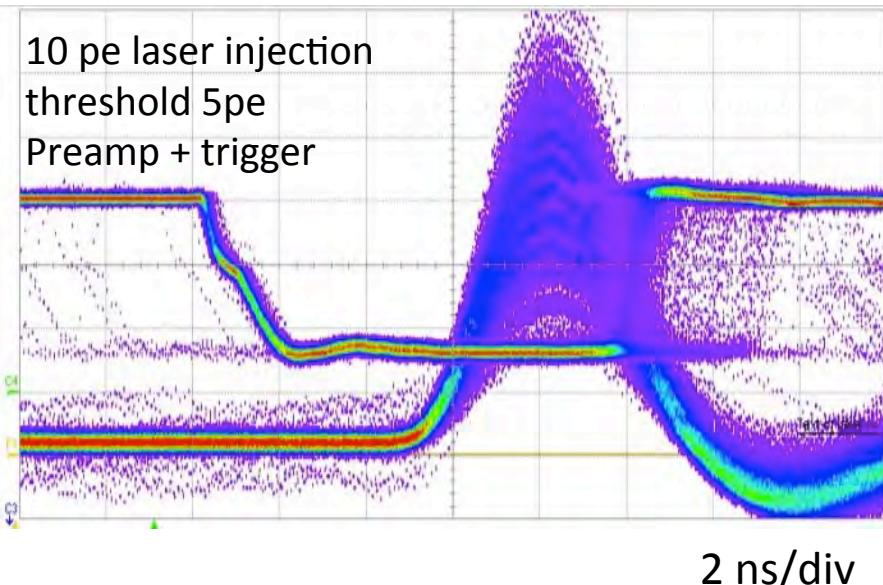
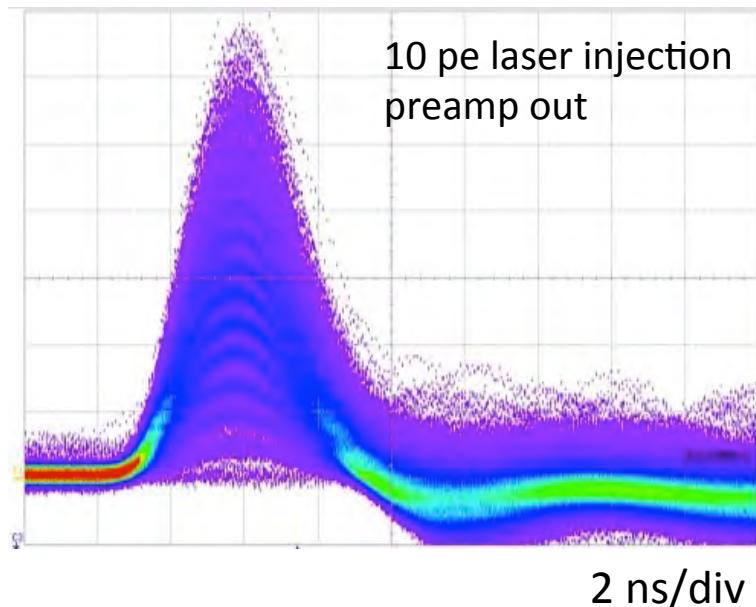
# Time resolution : internal TDC





# Trigger on first photons (Petiroc 1)

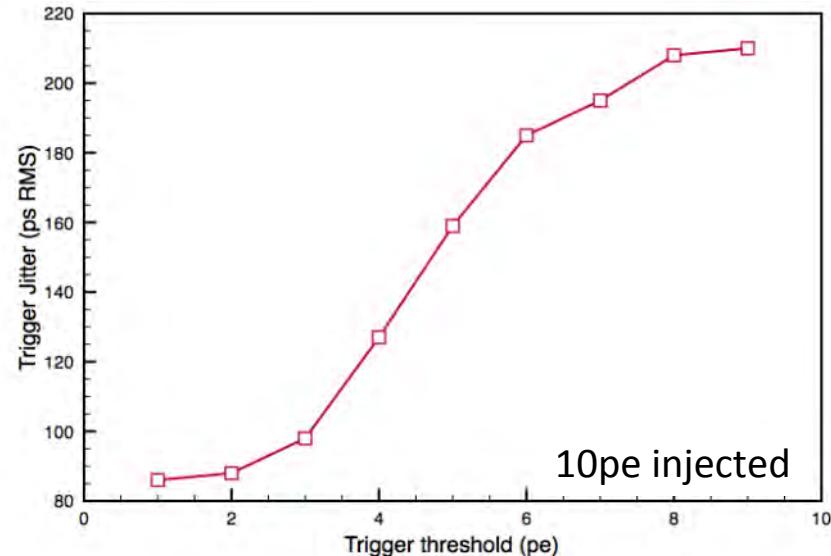
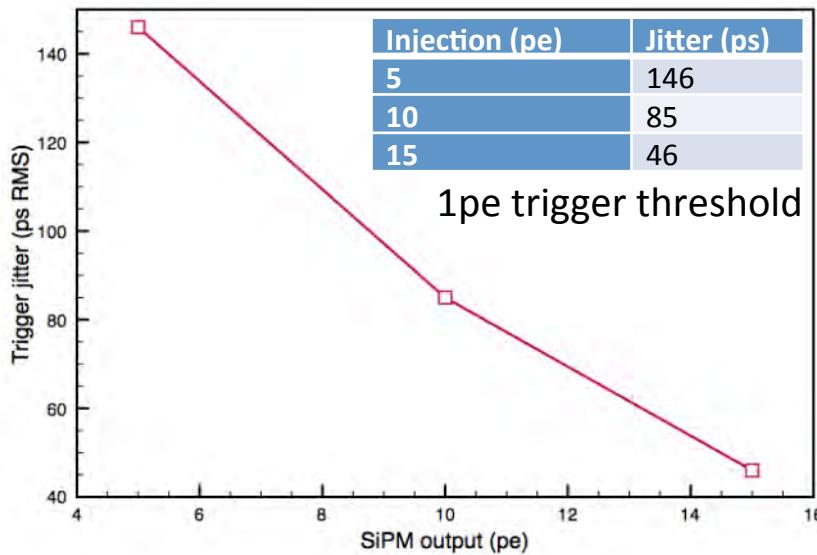
- 1x1mm SiPM Hamamatsu
- Laser for low light injection
  - 405nm
  - Jitter : 28 ps FWHM
- Low trigger mandatory for good timing resolution
- Petiroc can trigger on first photoelectron
- Petiroc is low noise : single photon identification





# Time measurement (Petiroc 1)

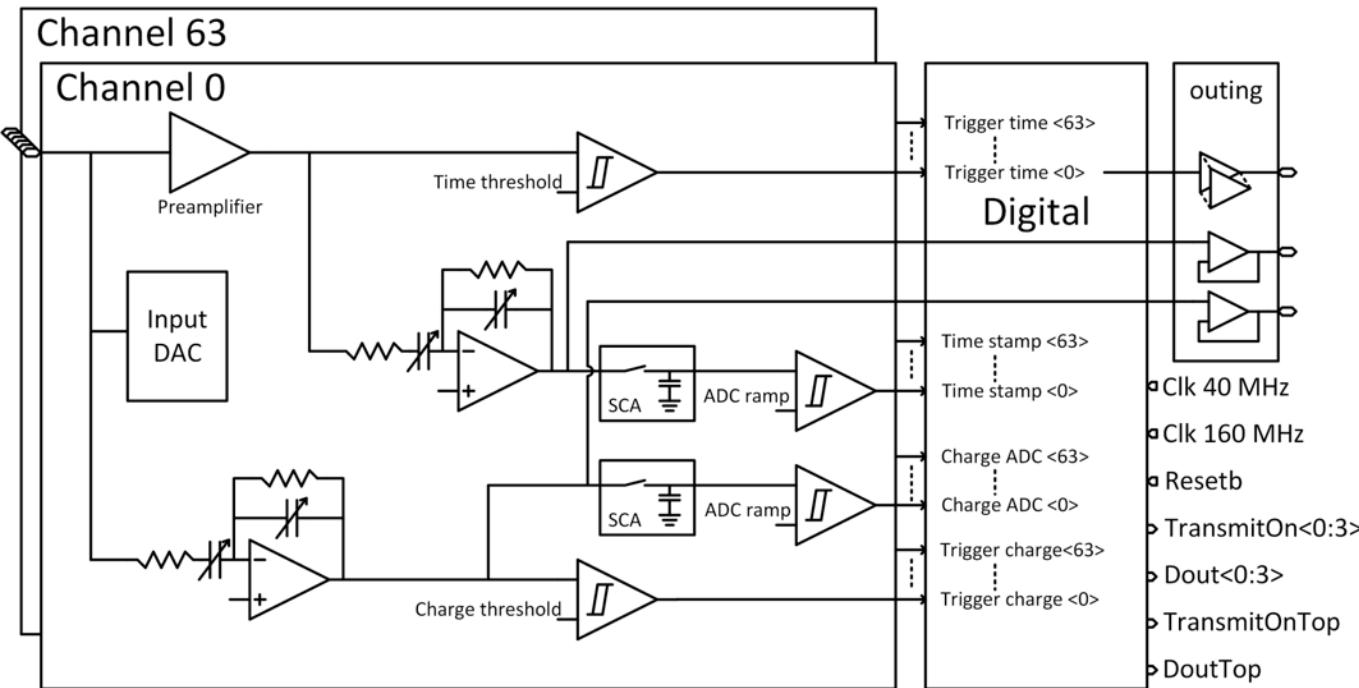
- Jitter vs injection
  - Laser illumination of SiPM
  - $5 \rightarrow 15$  pe, threshold 1pe
  - Jitter improve with signal, down to 50ps
- Jitter vs threshold
  - Laser illumination of SiPM
  - 10pe, threshold 1pe  $\rightarrow$  9pe
  - Jitter improve with lower threshold



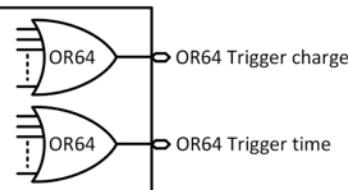
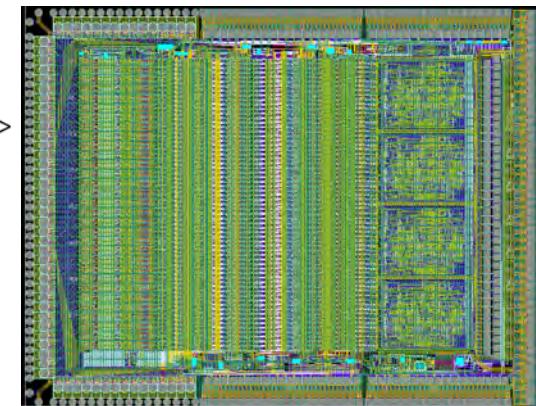
# Triroc 1



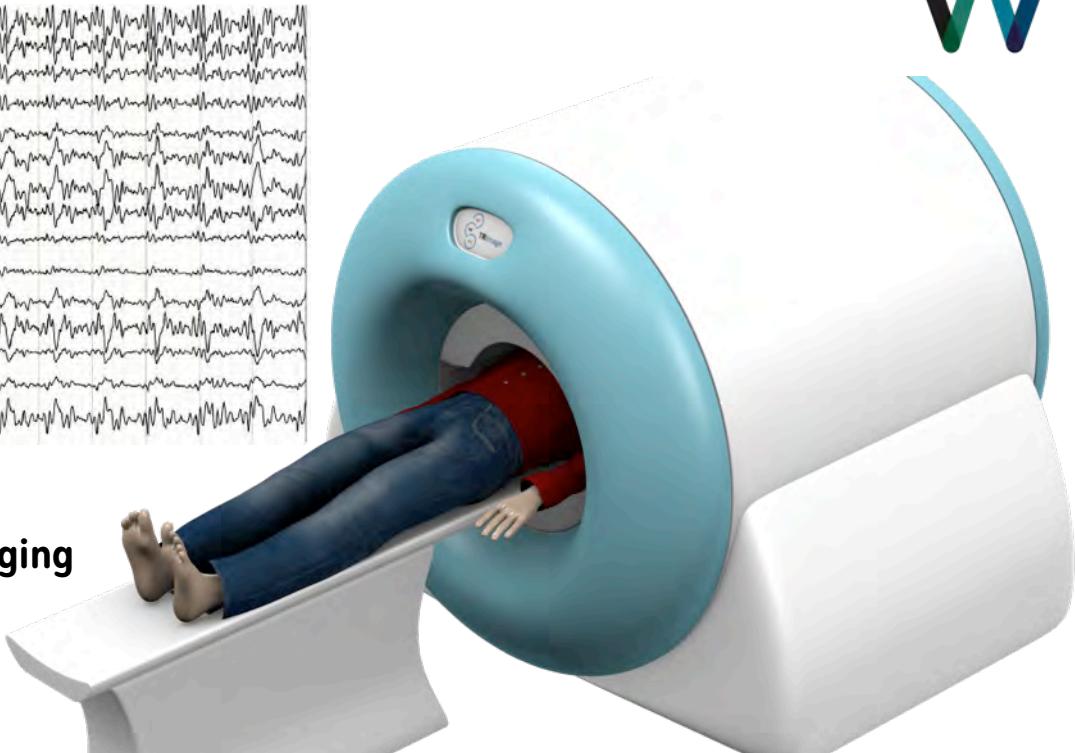
- **System-on-chip** 64-channel SiPM readout : positive & negative polarity inputs
- **Trigger** : 2 thresholds/channel : timing & energy validation
- On chip ADC & TDC, zero suppress
- Power Pulsing : Analog, ADC & Digital
- Event rate : 50k events/s (minimum, driven by conversion & data outing)



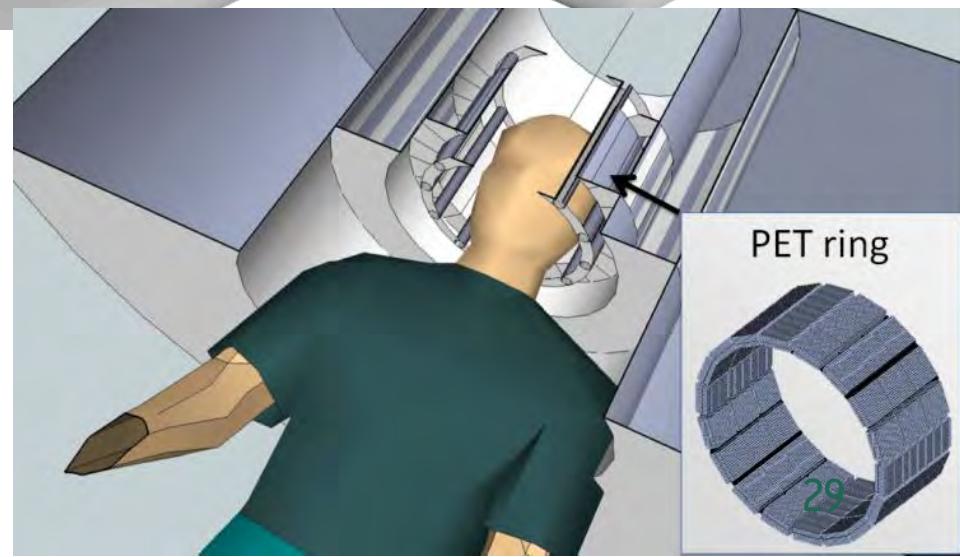
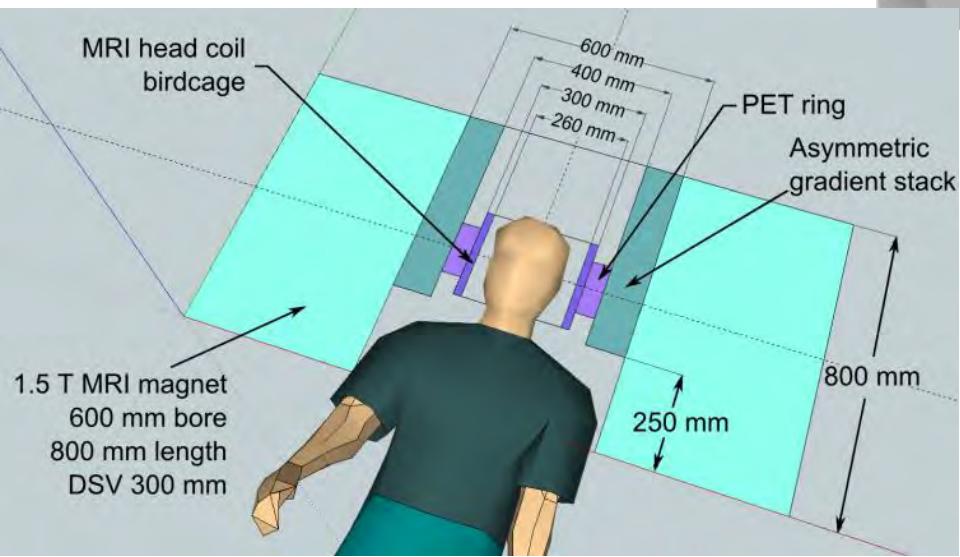
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# The TRIMAGE system



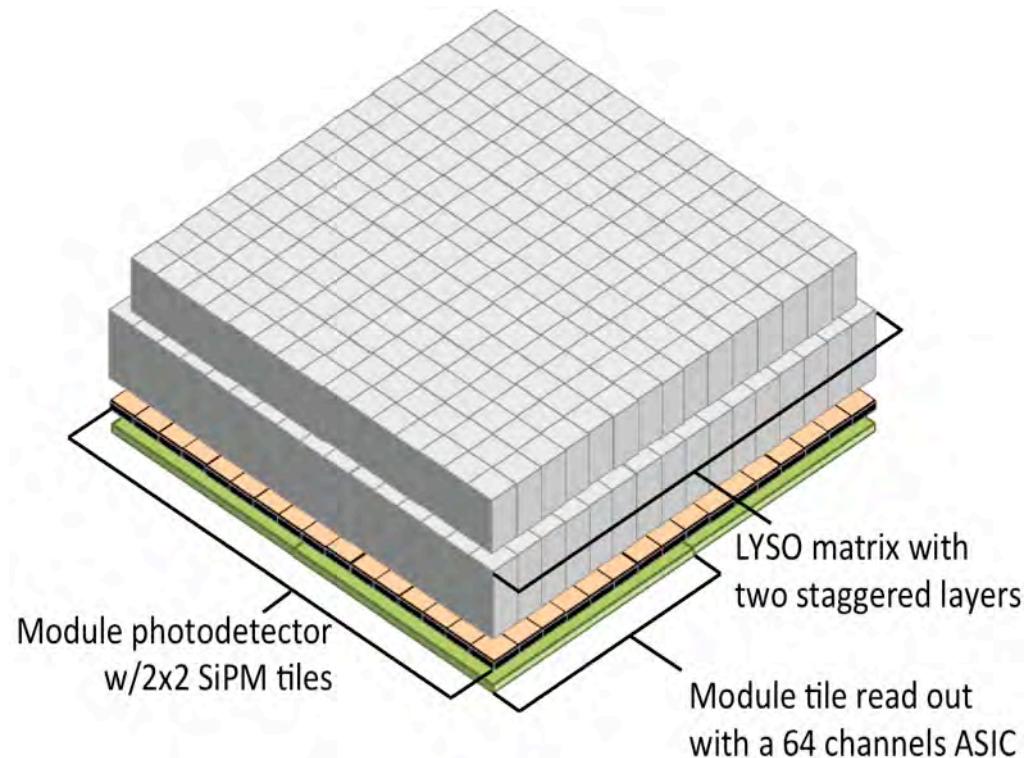
- MRI / PET / EEG cost-effective brain imaging
- Schizophrenia diagnosis



# PET ring : Gamma Camera Module

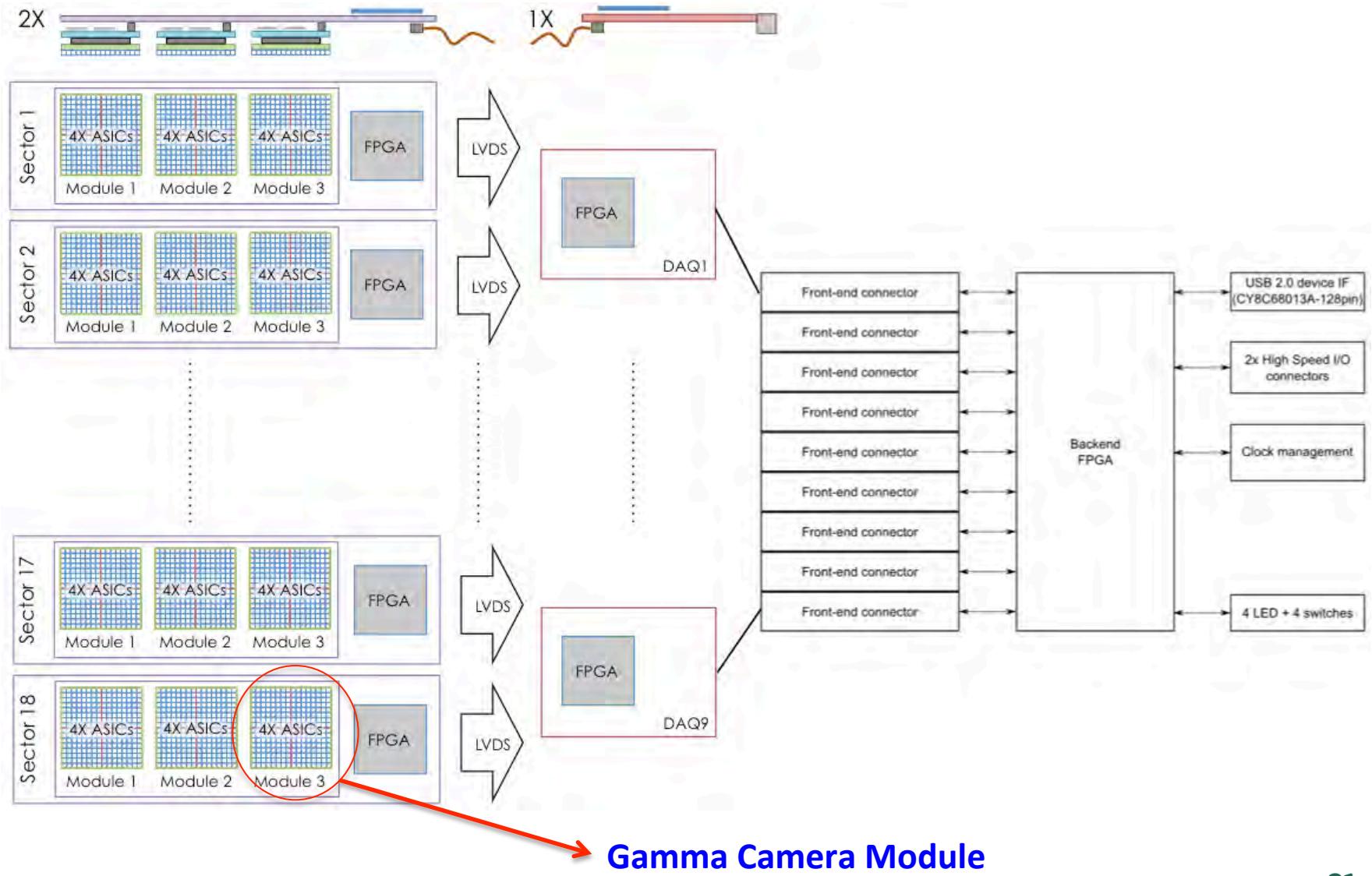


- 256 channels per module (50x50mm)
- 54 modules per ring, 14k channels
  - 64-channel ASIC, 216 ASIC per PET ring
  - Front-end board with SiPM on one side and FEE on the other side

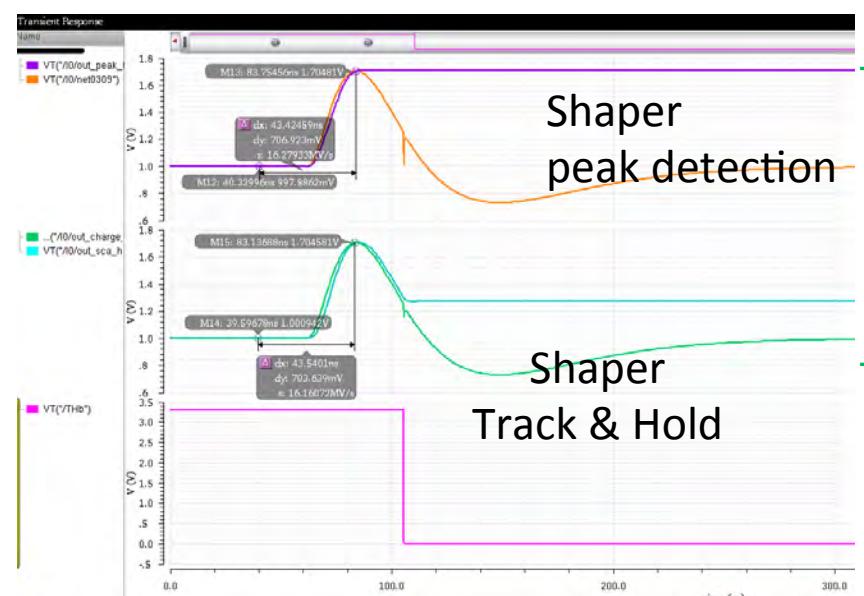
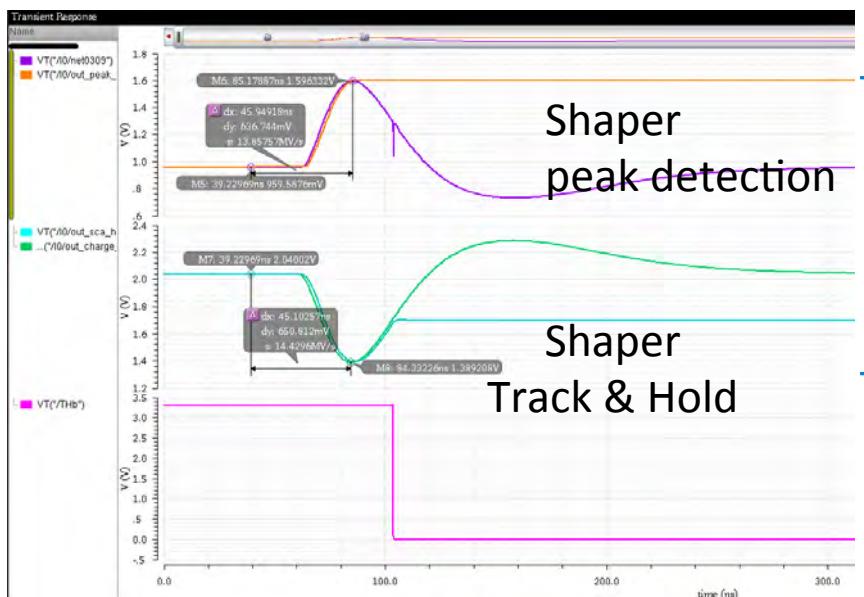




# PET ring : one module

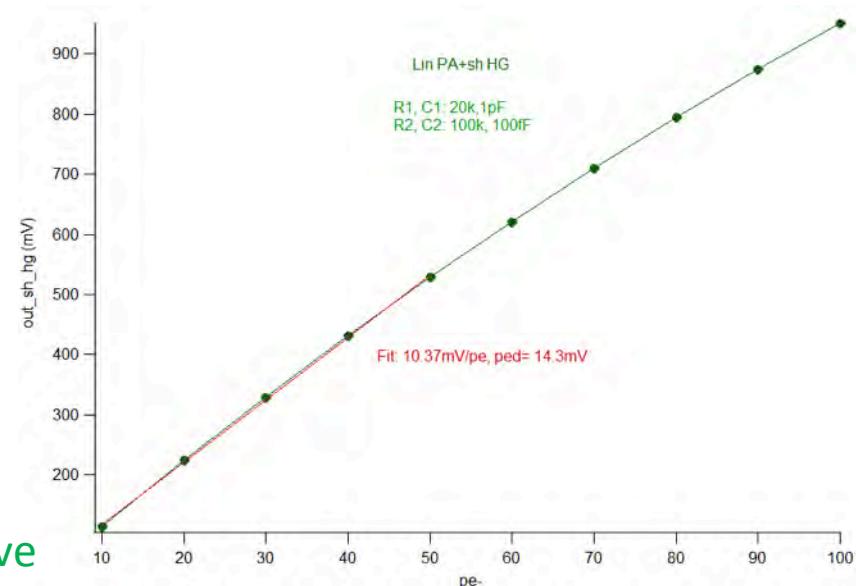


# Simulations – High Gain Shaper



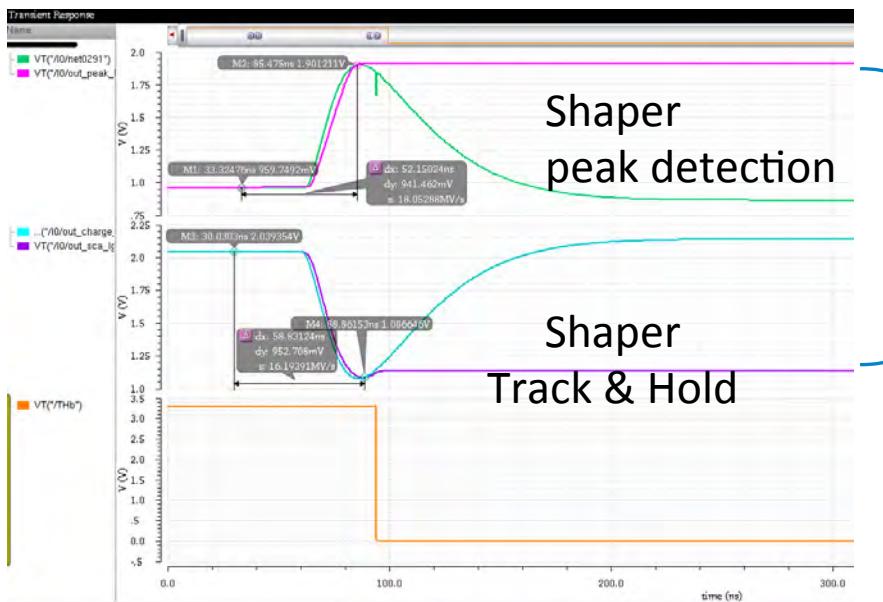
High gain Shaper simulations

- Input charge : 20 pe
- Shaper peaking time : 10 ns

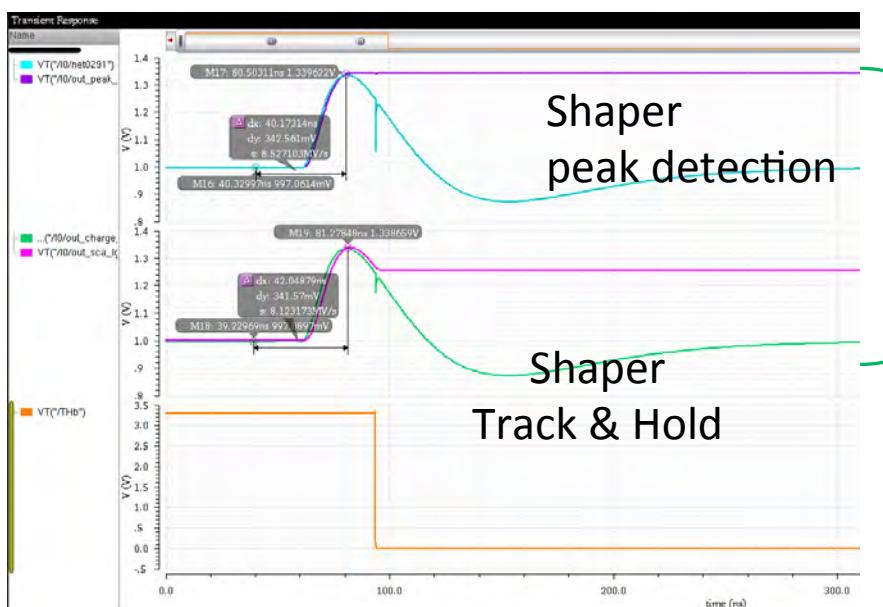


High gain shaper linearity up to 100 pe

# Simulations – Low Gain Shaper



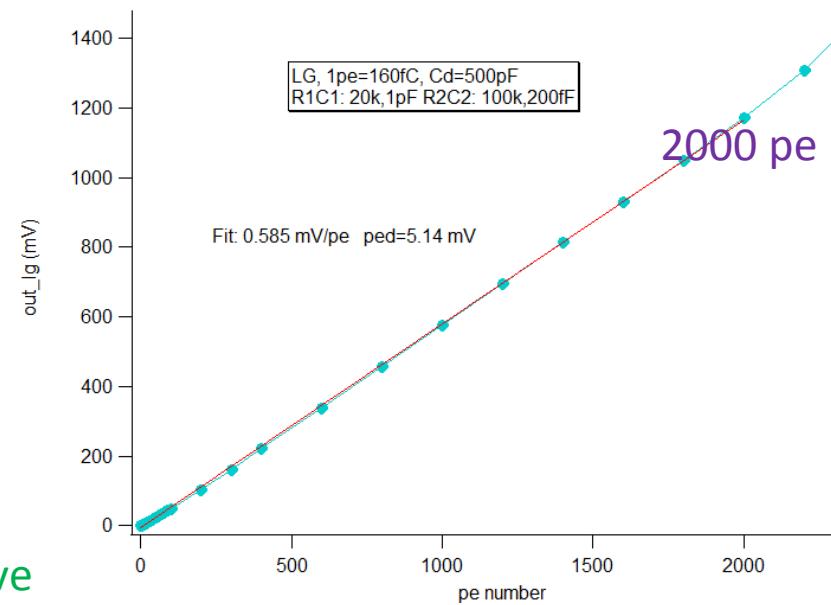
Positive  
input



Negative  
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Low gain Shaper simulations

- Input : 1000 pe
- Shaper peaking time : 20 ns



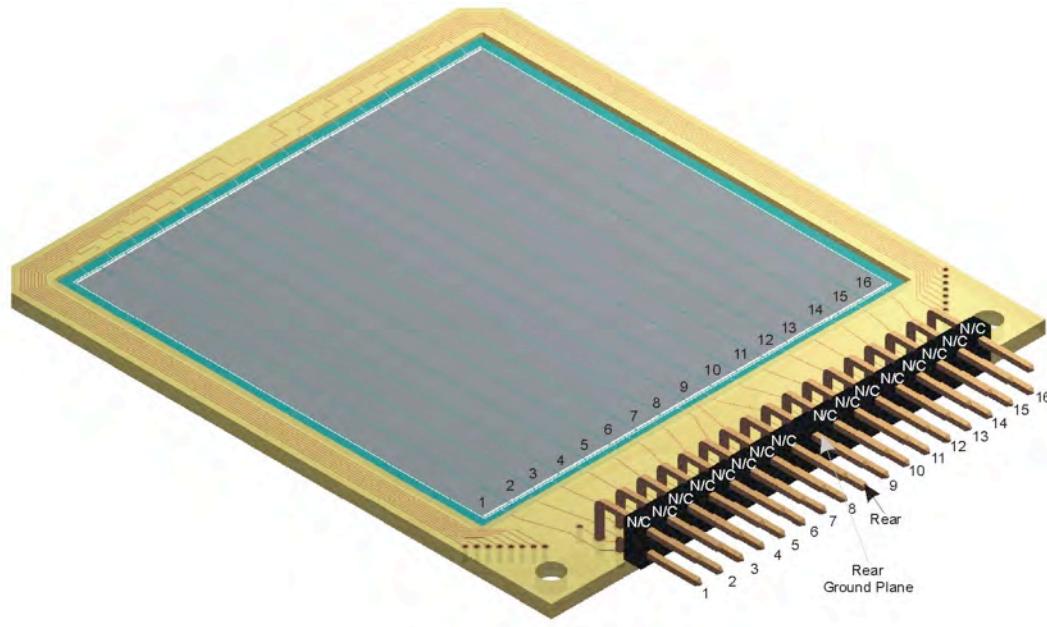
Low gain shaper linearity up to 2000 pe



# Power consumption

VDD = 3.3V, without Output Buffer power consumption

- Bias + common bloc :  $11.815 \text{ mA} * 3.3\text{V} = 39\text{mW}$ 
  - 1-channel :  $0.6\text{mW}$
- 64-channel :  $125.76 \text{ mA} * 3.3\text{V} = 415\text{mW}$ 
  - 1-channel :  $6.5\text{mW}$
- Digital :  $\sim 16 \text{ mA} * 3.3\text{V} = 53\text{mW}$  (estimation)
  - 1-channel :  $0.8\text{mW}$
- Total for 1-channel :  $7.9\text{mW}$



## PIN DIODES – SI STRIPS

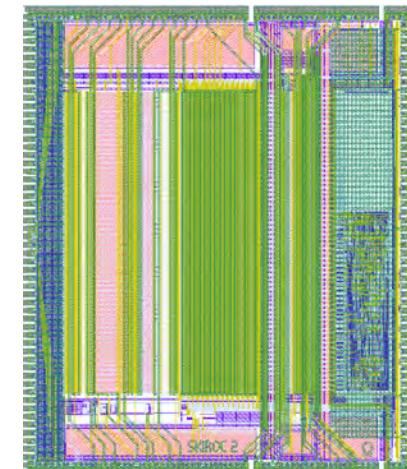
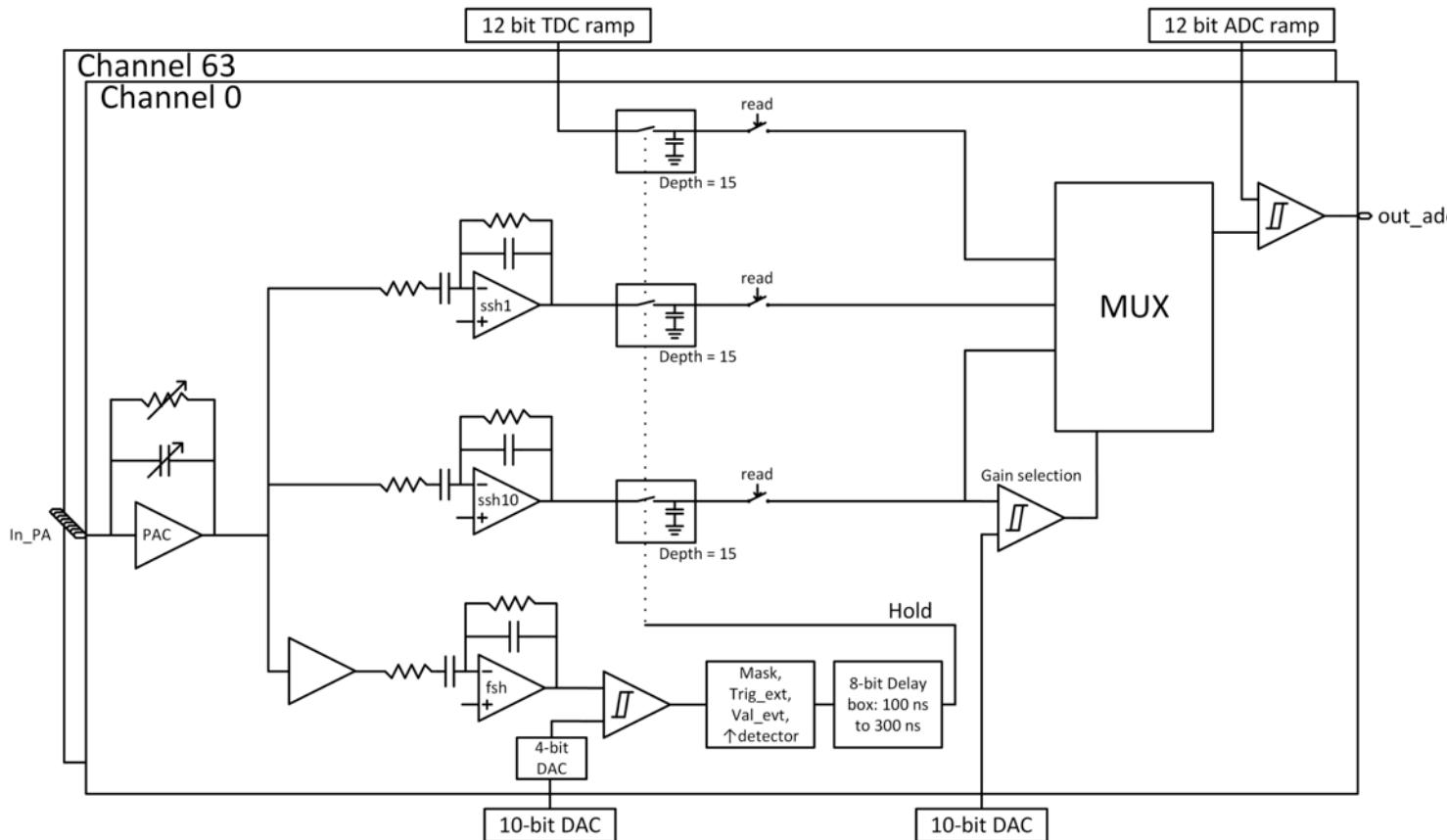
Skiroc

# Skiroc 2



SKIROC2: 64 channels (W-Si ECAL, ILC, Calice collaboration)

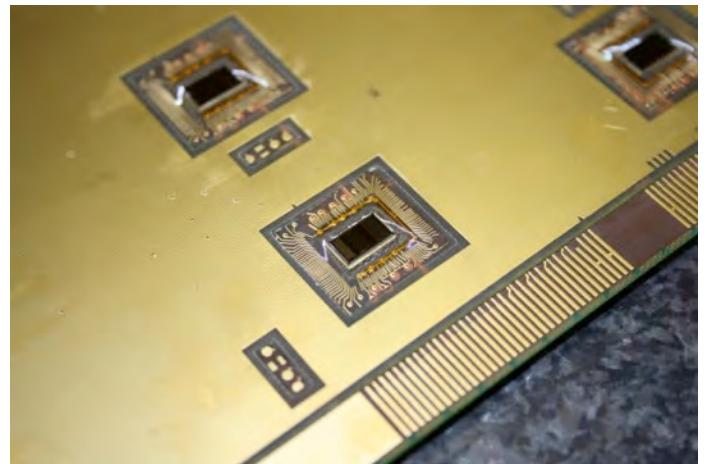
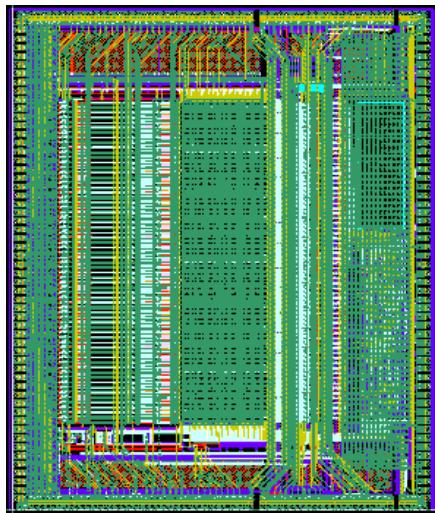
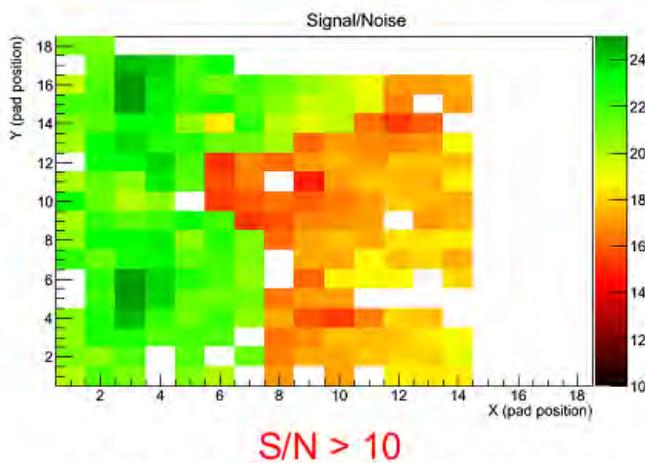
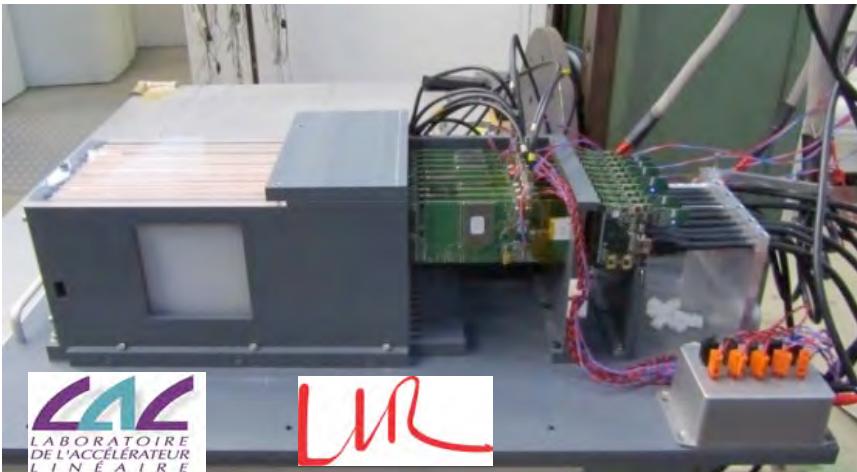
- preamp + 3 shapers + discri
- Trigger :sensitivity 0.2fC dynamic range up to 10 pC
- memory to store 15 events
- Full power pulsing, fully integrated ILC sequential readout

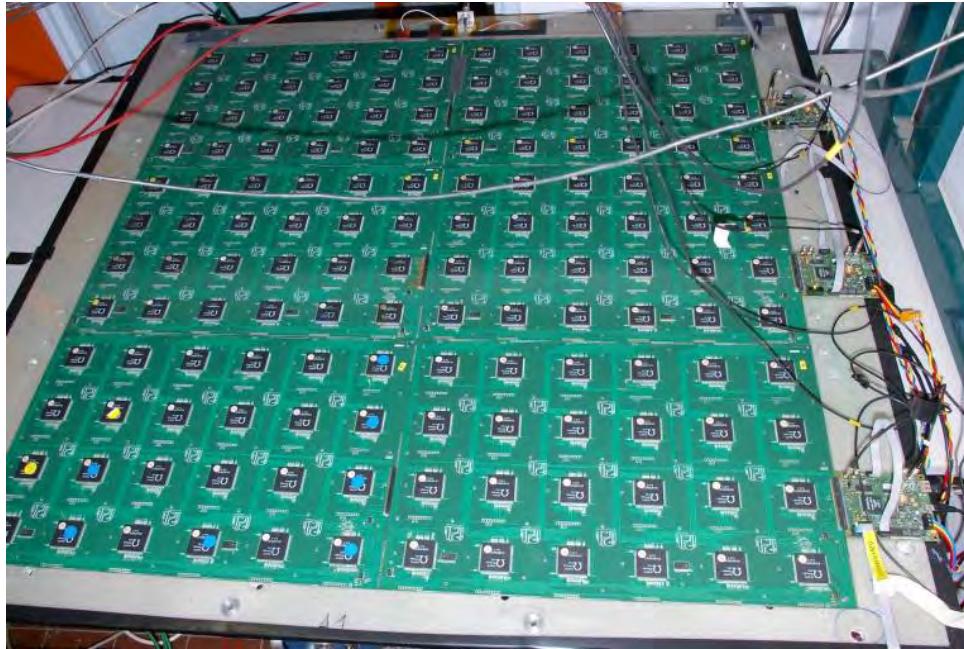




# SKIROC : SiECAL chip

- 64 ch Si readout chip
  - Autotrigger @  $\cdot$  MIP = 2 fC
  - Charge measurement 15 bits
  - Time measurement

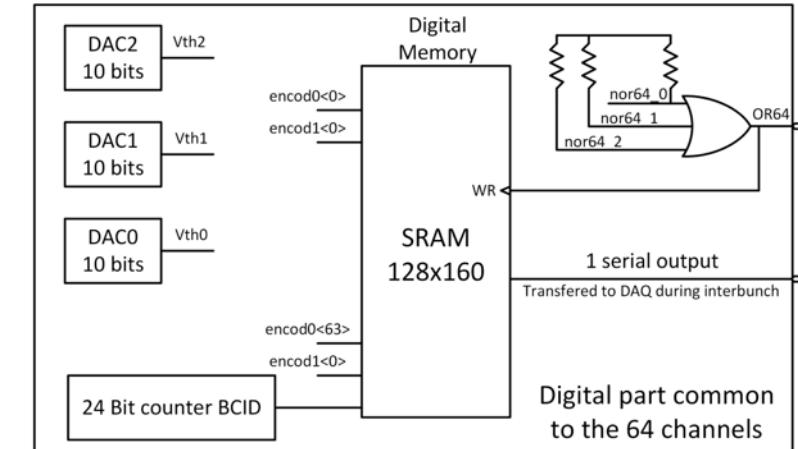
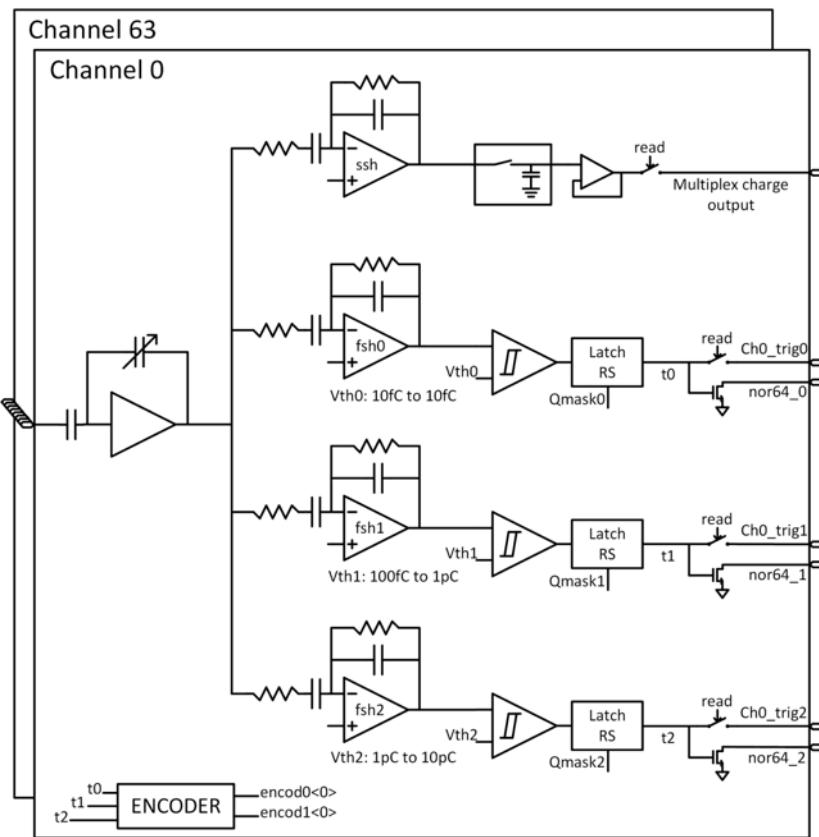




## RPC – MICROMEGAS - GEMS

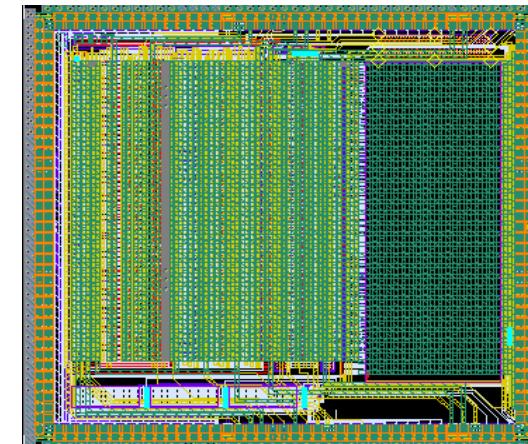
Hardroc, Microroc

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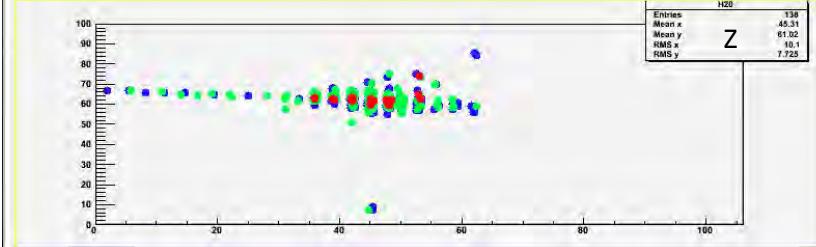
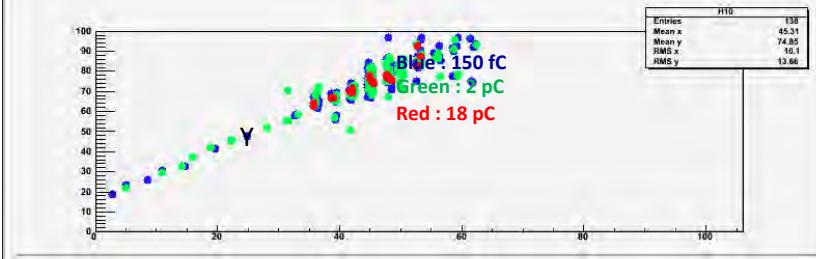
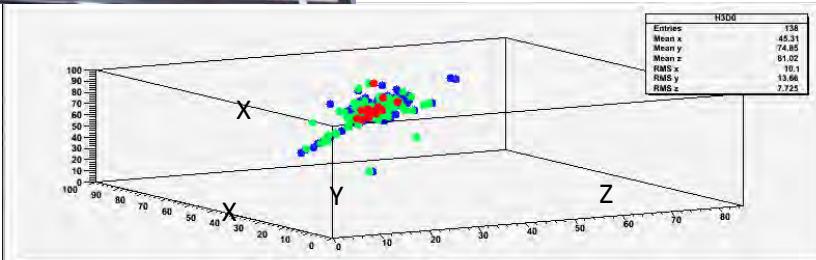
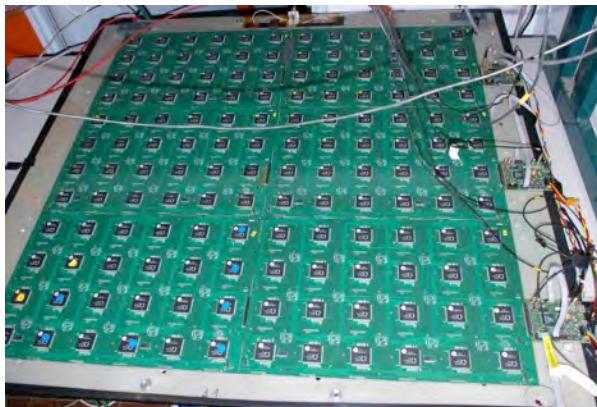


## HARDROC2: 64 channels (RPC DHCAL)

- preamp + shaper+ 3 discriminators (semi digital readout)
- Auto trigger on 10fC up to 20 pC
- 5 0.5 Kbytes memories to store 127 events
- Full power pulsing => 7.5  $\mu$ W/ch
- Fully integrated ILC sequential readout



# CALICE DHCAL - RPC readout



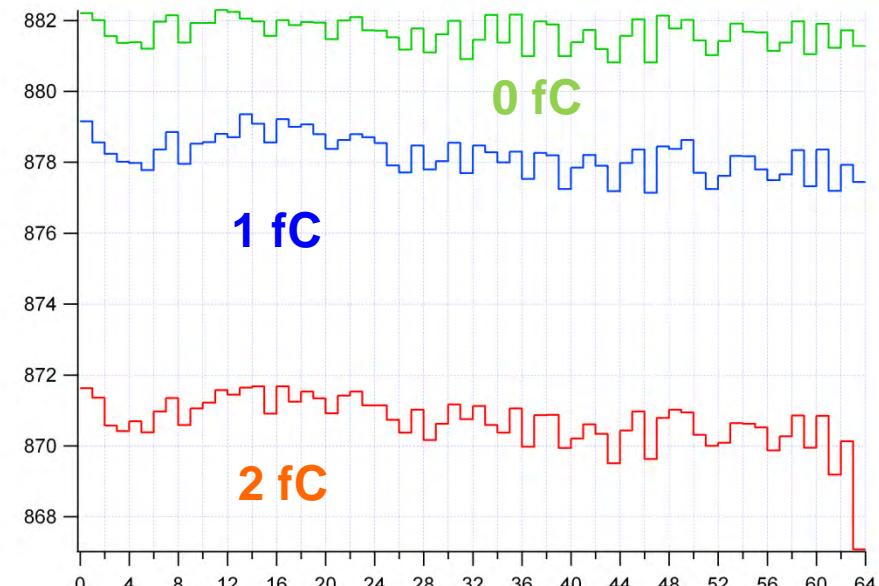
- 10 000 chips produced to equip 400 000 ch
- SDHCAL technological proto with 40 layers (5760 HR2 chips) built in 2010-2011.
- Successful TB in 2012 : 40 layers with Power Pulsing mode



# Variant: MICROROC

## MICROROC: 64 channels for $\mu$ Megas (DHCAL ILC)

- Very similar to HARDROC except for the input preamp (collaboration with LAPP Annecy) and shapers (100-150 ns)
- Noise: **0.2fC Cd=80 pF => Auto trigger on 1fC up to 500fC**
- Pulsed power: **10  $\mu$ W/ch** (0.5 % duty cycle)
- **HV sparks protection**
- 1 m<sup>2</sup> in TB in August and October 2011. Very good performance of the electronics and detector (Threshold set to 1fC).
- 2012: 4 m<sup>2</sup> in TB



@LAPP Annecy



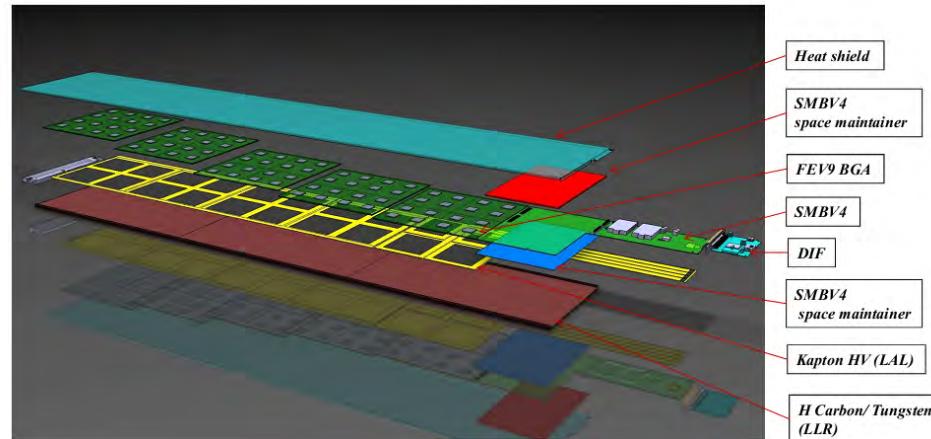
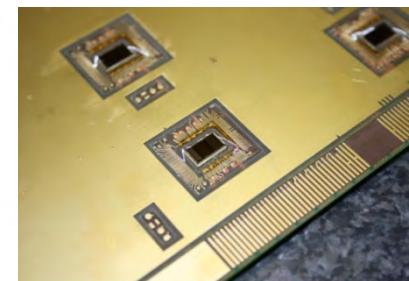
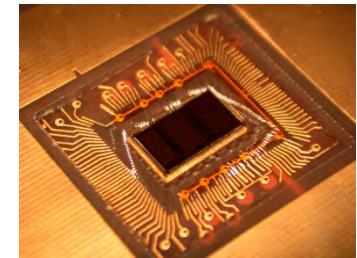
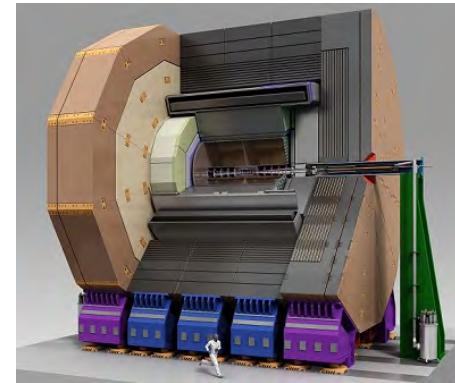
1m<sup>2</sup> equipped with 144 MICROROC

# ROC chips for ILC detectors



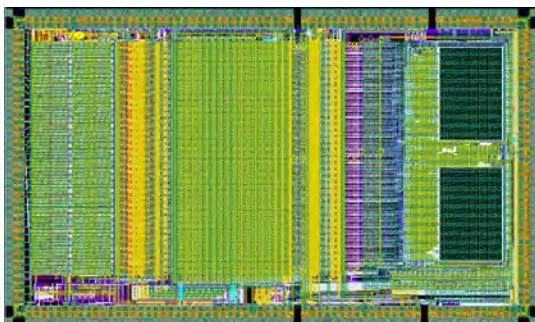
## Imaging calorimetry at the International Linear Collider

- ⇒ New detectors with one hundred million channels
- ⇒ Readout electronics:
  - Large dynamic range (15 bits), auto-trigger on  $\frac{1}{2}$  MIP
  - must be highly integrated (System On Chip) and **ultra low power** to be embedded inside the detectors
- ⇒ Readout ASICs: HARDROC, MICROROC, SPIROC and SKIROC in SiGe 350 nm technology (AMS) by OMEGA



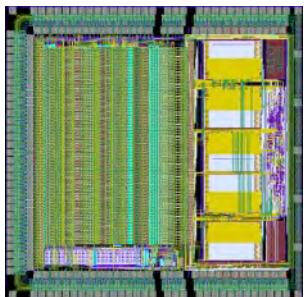
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# ILC CALICE collaboration : read-out framework

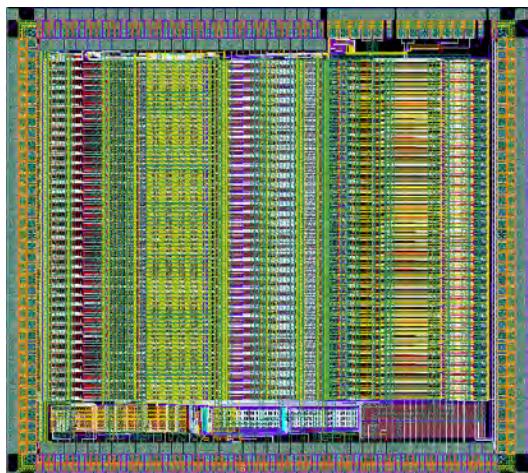


**SPIROC**  
Analog H-CAL  
(SiPM)  
36 ch. 32mm<sup>2</sup>

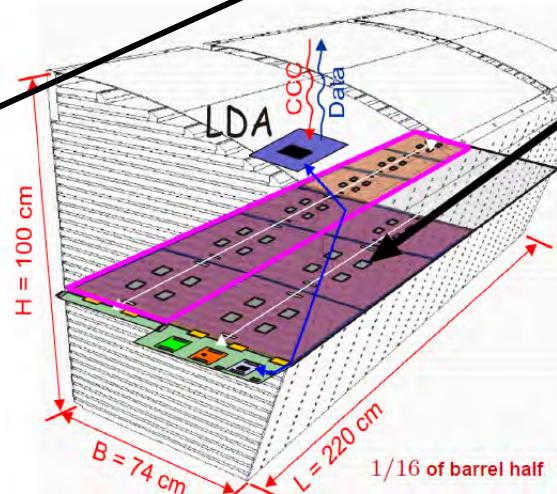
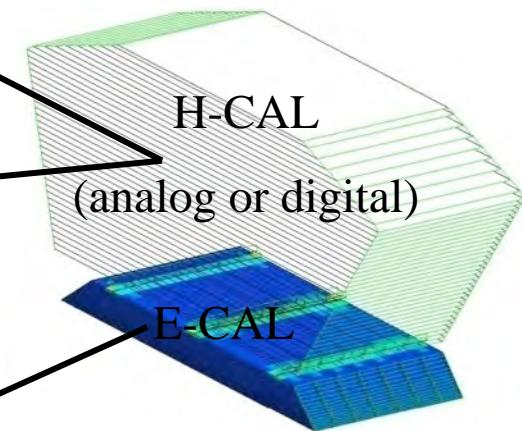
- Technological prototypes : full scale modules (~2m)
- ASIC designed within the **CALICE collaboration** and **EUDET** (EU funding 2006-2010)
- ECAL, AHCAL, DHCAL



**HARDROC**  
Digital H-CAL  
(RPC)  
64 ch. 16mm<sup>2</sup>

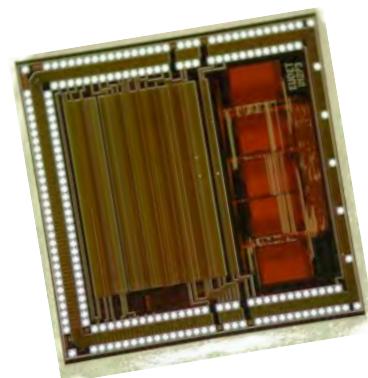
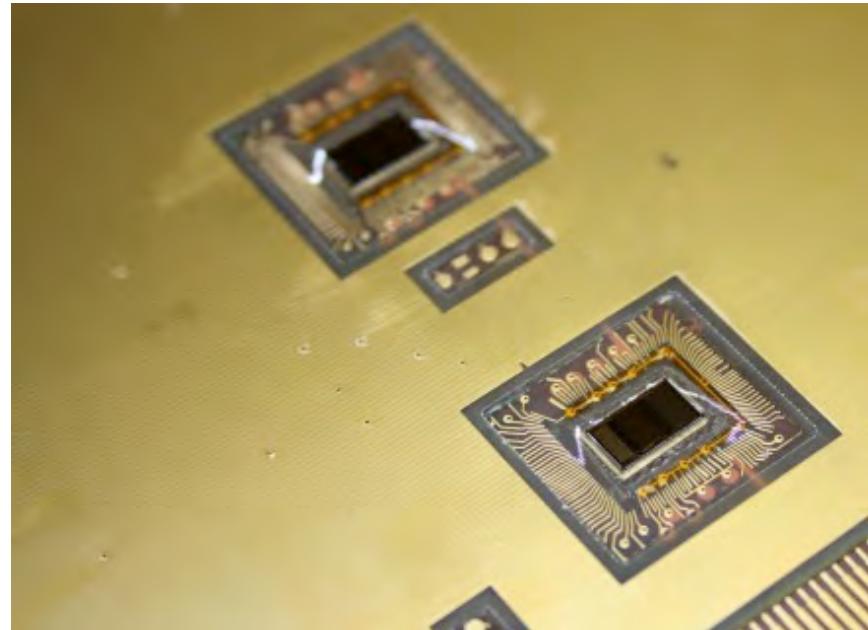
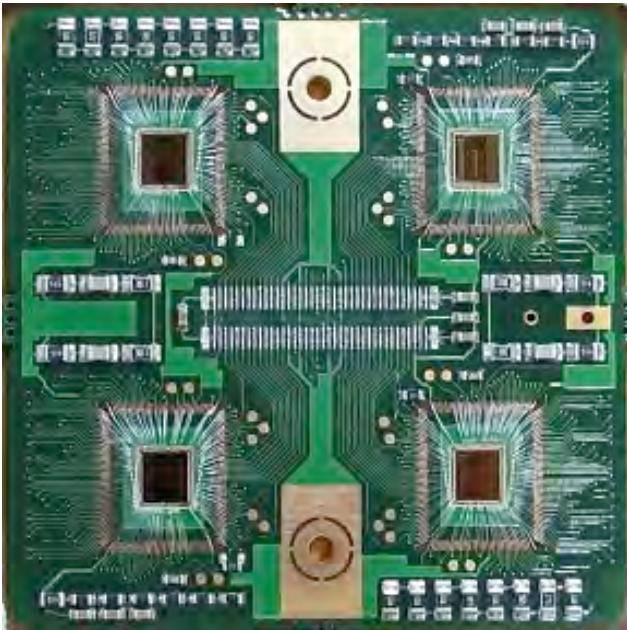


**SKIROC**  
SiW E-CAL  
(Si-PIN diode)  
64 ch. 60mm<sup>2</sup>



● **SPIROC chip:**  
handles signal from 36 SiPM





## SUMMARY

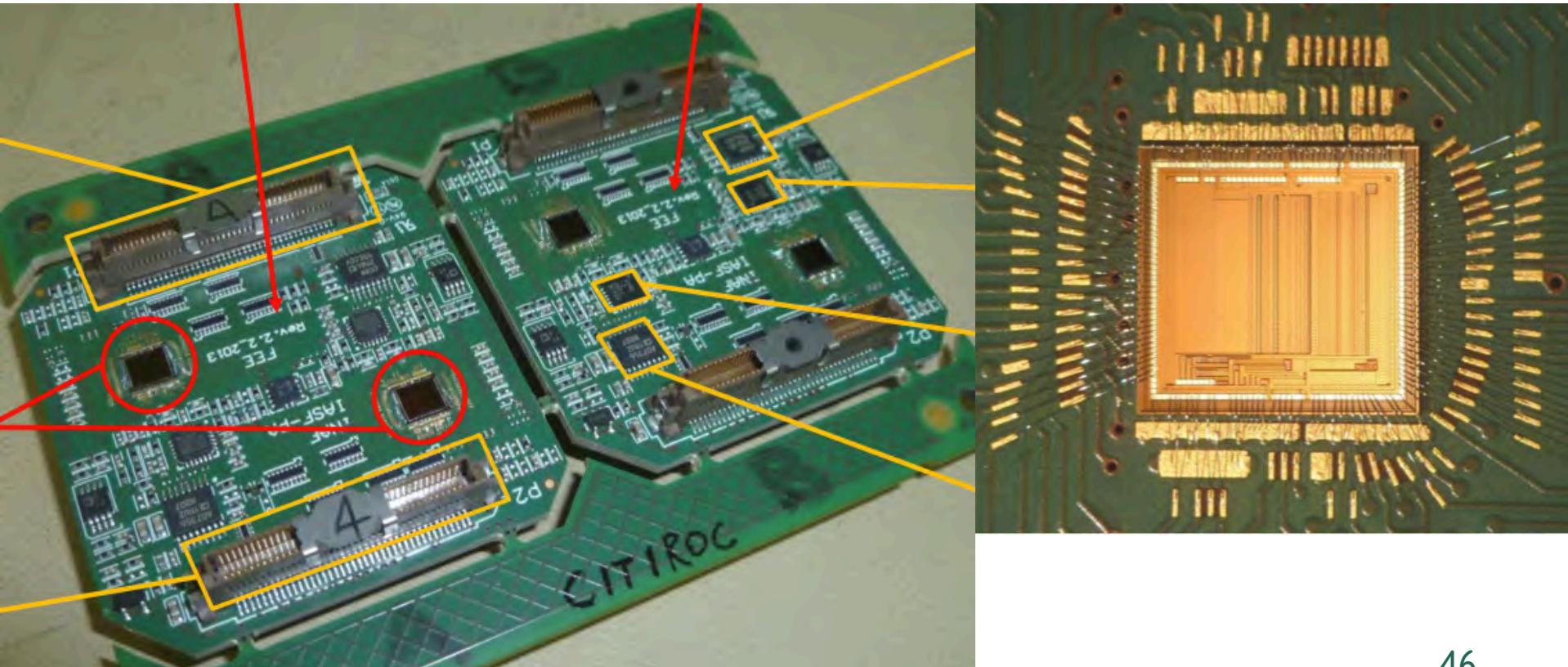


# About the ROC chip in general

- Power effective
  - Between 1 mW and 8 mW/channel
  - Power pulsing (power down to 7.5uW/channel)  
→ Low power is mandatory for large experiment (no « leakless » cooling anymore)
- Complex yet comprehensive
  - Probe bus for debug and better understanding of the fine effects
- Versatile
  - All ASICs are programmable (gain, peaking time, threshold)
- Two trends
  - « simpler » front-end ASICs with many I/Os (analogue outputs, all trigger out)
  - System-on-Chip for highly integrated systems

# Packaging

- Less naked die, less TQFP, more BGA
  - Wire bonding is not cost effective and complex to handle
  - TQFP are convenient but too big
  - Fine pitch BGA are very promising (ex. Citiroc in 10x10x1.2mm BGA)



# ROC chip family at a glance



Chip	Detector	Ch	Polarity	Dyn Range	Specificities
MAROC	PM	64	<0	5 fC - 5 pC	64 trig outputs, internal 8/10/12-bit ADC (for charge measurement)
SPACIROC	PM	64	<0	2 pC- 220 pC	Fast photon counting (50MHz)
PARISROC	PM	16	<0	5 fC - 1 pC	Internal TDC (<1ns), 16 trig outputs
HARDROC	RPC	64	<0	2 fC - 10 pC	3 discriminators, 128 deep digital memory to store 2x64 discriminator encoded data
MICROROC	$\mu$ MEGAS/GEM	64	<0	0.2 fC - 500 fC	3 discriminators, 128 deep digital memory to store 2x64 discriminator encoded data
SKIROC	Si pin diodes	64	>0	0.3 fC - 10 pC	Internal 12-bit ADC for charge measurement
SPIROC	SiPM	36	>0	10 fC - 300 pC	36 HV SiPM tuning (8 bits), Internal 12-bit ADC for charge and time measurement
EASIROC	SiPM	32	>0	10 fC - 300 pC	32 HV SiPM tuning (8 bits), 32 trigger outputs
CITIROC	SiPM	32	>0	10 fC - 300 pC	32 HV SiPM tuning (8 bits), 32 trigger outputs
PETIROC	SiPM	32	Both	100fC – 300 pC	32 HV SiPM tuning (8 bits), 32 trigger outputs, Internal 10-bit ADC for charge and time measurement (25 ps)
TRIROC	SiPM	64	Both	100 fC- 300 pC	64 HV SiPM tuning (8 bits), 64 trigger outputs, Internal 10-bit ADC for charge and time measurement (25 ps)

Thank you