

SiPM readout – experience and prospects

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- SiPM mass production and tests
- Experience with multi-channel readout
- Future directions



# SiPM 1<sup>st</sup> selection stage

- At the producer (PULSAR, Moscow)
- Uncut wafer on probe station
- Test response to light (given signal amplitude) with not too high noise
- Up to 1000 / day



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> stage: test bench

- After assembly on precision mounting plate
- Semi-automatic set-up at ITEP
- 15 SiPMs under monitored light source (calibrated with reference tile: "MIP")
- Adjust working point (HV) to 15 px / "MIP"
  - Compromise between MIP efficiency and dynamic range
- Up to 500 / week









# SiPM selection

- Automatic fitting procedure
- Selection criteria at W.P.
  - Ped RMS < 50 ADC channels
  - Gain > 4\*105 or 1 pixel > 26 ADC ch., corresponds to 1 pC/MIP
  - Cross talk < 0.35
  - At HV adjusted |Npix/MIP 15| < 0.75</li>
  - Noise frequency at zero threshold < 2.5 MHz</li>
  - Noise frequency at ½ MIP threshold < 500 Hz</li>
  - Single photoelectron peak width to gain ratio < 0.20</li>
  - Mean value of SiPM current < 2 μA</li>
  - RMS of SiPM current during test < 20 nA
  - Number of pixels at maximal light (~200 MIP) > 900







#### SiPM data sheets

- Many more SiPM parameters measured and stored in a data base
  - Temperatures, HV depnedences, saturation behaviour,...





# 3<sup>rd</sup> stage: light yield





#### Samples for cassettes

- Tiles are grouped according to bias voltage
  - 108 / half module
  - +- 2V adjustment range





#### Limited room for optimization

- Gain 3% / 0.1V, LY 7% / 0.1V
- Gain equalization would increase LY spread



#### SiPM summary

- Mass production and quality control chain established
- Samples of few 1000 SiPMs under study now
- Long term stability tests become possible



# Calibrating & monitoring SiPMs

Two scales:

- Energy scale is set by MIP response
- SiPM response and saturation is measured in pixels
- Non-linearity correction requires LY in pixels / MIP for each channel together with universal response function
  - Need fast shaping to avoid noise pileup
  - By-product: directly observe SiPM gain: auto-calibration





### Front-end electronics

- ILC-SiPM chip: 18ch Pre-amplifier, shaper, track and hold, mux
  - based on CALICE SiW ECAL chip





### HCAL readout architecture





#### First modules





## Multi-channel tests

- Simultanous gain measurement (with one LED)
- Will be 216 "stamps" with calibration board (12 LEDs)



*Optimization of light amplitude spread ongoing* 





- Only one adjustable delay for HOLD per cassette
- Timing uniformity OK





- Delay scan: latency sufficient for fast trigger
- and not too long readout cables



#### **DESY** testbeam





# In-situ light yield

100

50

- With test beam electrons
- Single pixels signals (LED, calibration mode)
- MIP signal (physics mode)
- Cross-calibration: LED (5-10 MIP)
- Systematics (few %) mostly due to fitting procedure

$$LY = \frac{A_{MIP}}{gain} * \frac{A_{LED}^{calib}}{A_{LED}^{physic}} = 15 \ px \ / \ MIP$$





1000

1500

500

M.Groll.

2500

2000



# Commissioning

- The electronics chain successfully established in multi-channel mode
- Much more to do:
  - Reproducibility
  - Uniformity
  - Non-linearity
  - Integration of calibration electronics
  - Monitoring, stability
  - Multi-layer tests
  - ECAL integration
  - Testbeam integration



Ongoing studies, single channel (not easy)



### Beyond testbeam

- The "physics prototype" name is misleading it is a testbeam calorimeter and not a technical prototype
- Technical solutions scalable to a full detector need to be developed
  - Front end electronics and DAQ
  - Readout boards
  - Calibration system
- SiPMs are under rapid development



## Front end directions

- The fast SiPM signal can be exploited for auto-triggering; see OPERA ROC [NIM A521 (2004), IEEE NSS 03]
  - Would decouple shaping and latency
  - Would allow calibration with r/a sources - or even noise
- Following the ECAL trail: incorporate the ADC in the front end
  - G.D.A.S.A.P.
  - simpler or higher integrated DAQ



#### FLC\_PHY4

- Variable gain preamy variable shaper
- Pulsed power
- Includes 12bit ADC



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# Readout boards

- The micro-coax cable was a conservative extrapolation of the minical experience
- 1<sup>st</sup> step: replace cables by PCB
- 2<sup>nd</sup> step: integrate the ASICs in the PCB
  - See again the ECAL example



- 3<sup>rd</sup> step: develop full electro-mechanical concept including
  - Signal readout
  - Coupling to SiPMs (and tiles)
  - Calibration system
  - Cooling





# Calibration system

- The present system has belts and suspenders
  - Classical LED reference signal (with PIN diode monitoring)
  - Gain calibration with low light intensity
  - Saturation monitoring with large light amplitude
  - Temperature sensors
- Testbeam experience will tell how to simplify:
  - Saturation stable? Less light, fewer fibres!
  - Gain monitoring sufficient? Drop the PIN diodes!
  - Auto-trigger? Use alpha source instead of LED! (A. Karakash)
- I like the LEDs I can't imagine commissioning without...
  - Use both?





- Development driven by bigger markets (PET)
- First tests with Hamamatsu devices reported at LCWS, more details at Beaune conference
  - Performance similar to MEPHI /PULSAR devices, but better sensitivity to blue light
- MEPHI has tested larger area SiPMs
  - Still somewhat noisy
- Large area + blue sensitivity: get rid of the WLS fibre and couple the SiPM directly to the tile edge
  - Big simplification!

0-100-1.5 (100 pixels), U=48.9V, T=22.6C









#### Conclusion

- SiPMs have just opened a new chapter in scintillator based calorimetry
- The proof-of-principle prototype is well underway
- The technical realization has just begun to emerge there is much room for new ideas.



#### SiPM noise

Noise drops like exp (-1.5\*N<sub>px</sub>)

