

# SoLID DAQ preRD and plans



Data  
Acquisition

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- Outline

- Capital
- Testing
- GEM readout
- Beam Test preparation
- HKS

- Conclusion

# Capital equipment DAQ

Requested

Item	cost/item	number	total
FADC 250	6000	104	624000
Gigabit serial connectors			40000
Cables	100	1664	166400
VETROC	4000	30	120000
TD	3000	16	48000
VTP	10000	31	310000
SSP	5000	4	20000
VTP	8000	1	13000
TS	4000	1	4000
TID	3000	31	93000
SD	2500	32	80000
VXS crate	15000	32	480000
VME CPU	7000	32	224000
		Total	2217400

Updated

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FADC 250	6127	104	637208
Gigabit serial connectors	40000	1	40000
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Plan to postpone cables to order computer and network switch to complete  
 ESB testing of deadtime and streaming  
 Buy new XVB603 CPU for VME320 readout

# Remaining tests for SoLID DAQ

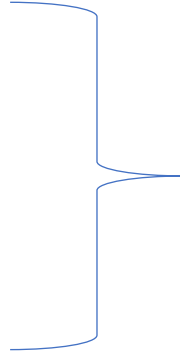
- Achieve 100 KHz trigger rate for SIDIS
- Measure asymmetries at ppm level with full system for PVDIS
- Achieve 150 ps with TOF scintillator
- Achieve 25 ps timing resolution with MRPC
- Show full tracking efficiency above 85% level in full background
- Gas Cerenkov efficiency

# Future SoLID preRD

- Highest priority : GEM chip
  - 1) develop VMM optimized for GEM and uRWell with higher gain ( 500 K\$ )
  - 2) Continue testing VMM board signal to noise
  - 3) Evaluate SALSA chip in high background environment
  - 3) Find funding to develop dedicated ASIC chip for GEM ( ~ 2.5 M\$ )
  - Test with uRWell
- Calorimeter and Cerenkov readout
  - FADC ASIC to be placed on detector : only LV and optical fibers going out instead of BNC cables
- High resolution timing
  - AARDVARC test in beam
  - High resolution FADC timing ASICS
  - Timing distribution with CODA
- Measure physics asymmetries ( Hall C? )

# Testing

- SBS GEn
  - VTP readout
  - APV25
  - High data rate : 2.1 GB/s
- NPS
  - Calorimeter trigger
- SBS GEp
  - Calorimeter trigger
  - Data rate : 2.5 to 3 GB/s
  - GEM readout experience
- Moller
  - Compton
  - Counting DAQ
- HKS
  - Trigger with Cerenkov
  - High resolution TOF with MRPC
- Hall C experiments in HMS and SHMS : measure physics asymmetries : VTP in HMS/SHMS
- Future parasitic beam tests
  - FADC + VTP + VETROC + VMM in on crate for testing : PVDIS one crate setup available with calorimeter and Cerenkov trigger
  - Acquired SAMPIC 64 channels sampler for MRPC
  - APV25 available after GEp5
- ESB
  - Test V3 FADC
  - VTP trigger
  - GEM readout
  - Deadtime and max trigger rate



Calorimeter trigger

# GEM SBS experience

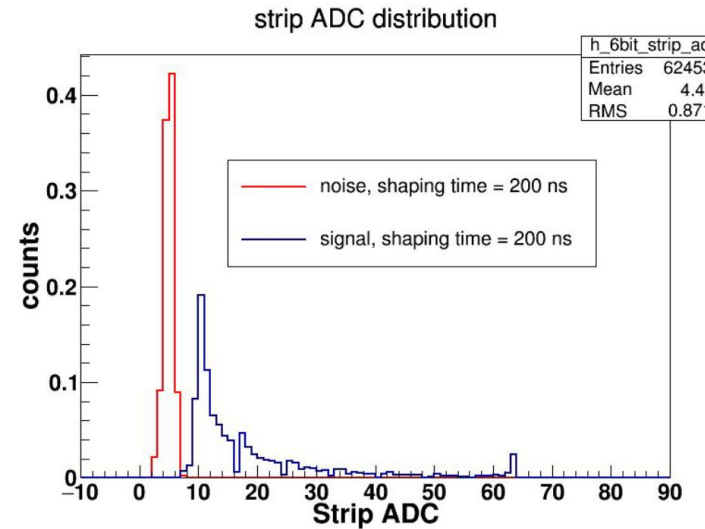
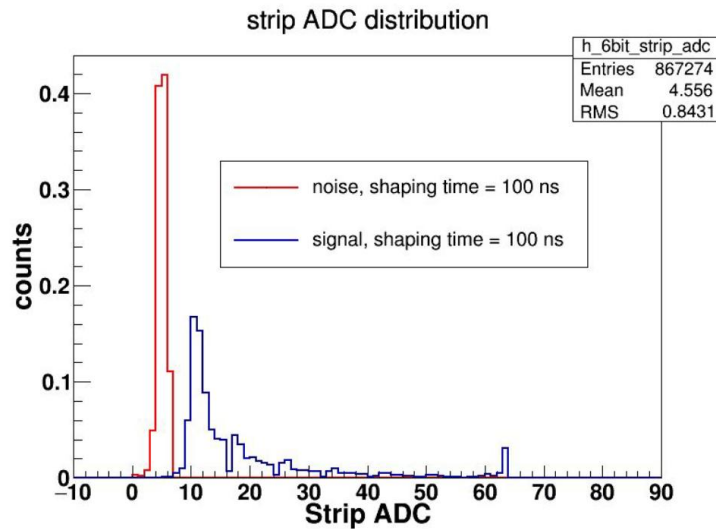
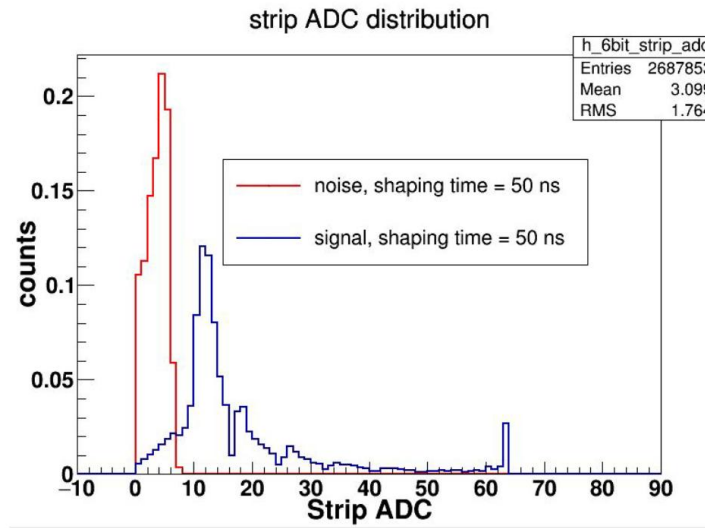
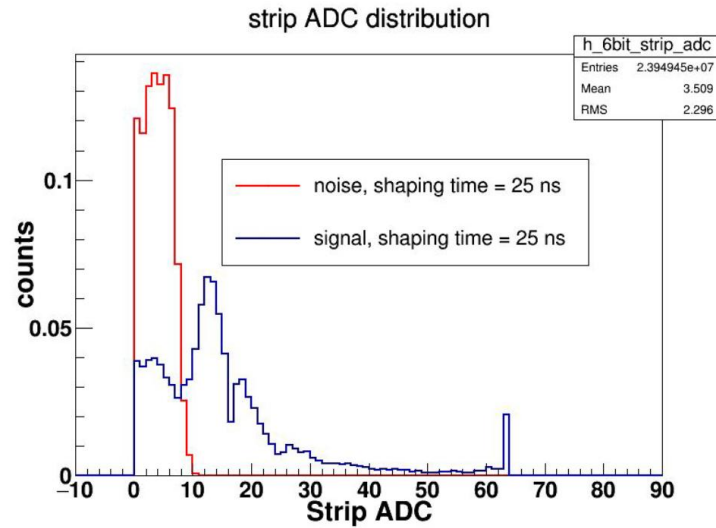
- Experiment supposed to run at 30  $\mu\text{A}$
- DAQ rate limited to 3 or 4 KHz for high live time ( above 85% )
- Data rate limited to 3 GB/s
  
- Currently running at 20  $\mu\text{A}$  limited by tracking efficiency
- Limited by data rates if going to 30  $\mu\text{A}$  or more but firmware being developed to reduce data rate by 3
- Need to determine if occupancy higher than expected
- Possibly AIML based tracking might be more efficient
- VTP bugs ironed out : about 1 GEM crash every two hours – not clear if APV or MPD upsets
- High granularity and faster shaping time would have been helpful
- Unclear if experiments are possible with 1 time sample – currently reading 6 time samples

# VMM test

- Ordered two test board 1500 \$ x 2
- Build 6 SoLID prototype boards
- Evaluation board : can look at data with detector small subset of channels
  - Issue with external trigger but waiting for new firmware
  - Can check pedestal width
  - Signal to noise with detector with source and cosmons
  - Look at direct readout signals for 12 channels of detector



# Noise 6 bit 16mV/fC Sr90



- Amplitude for MIP not change much
- Pedestal width dependent on peaking time

# Conclusion VMM testing so far

- 90 ns dead time in 6 bit mode
- Some noise seen in prototype
- Noise larger with decreasing integration time
- MIP a bit low in dynamic range of 6 bit prototype
- Implementing 10 bit to cross compare with evaluation board
- 250 ns for 10 bit mode
- Investigating new VMM with high gains for GEM and uRWell ( ~500 K\$) Hall B interested, need to reach out to SRS community
- Need implement Rad Hard DC DC converter and IpGBT radiation hard readout

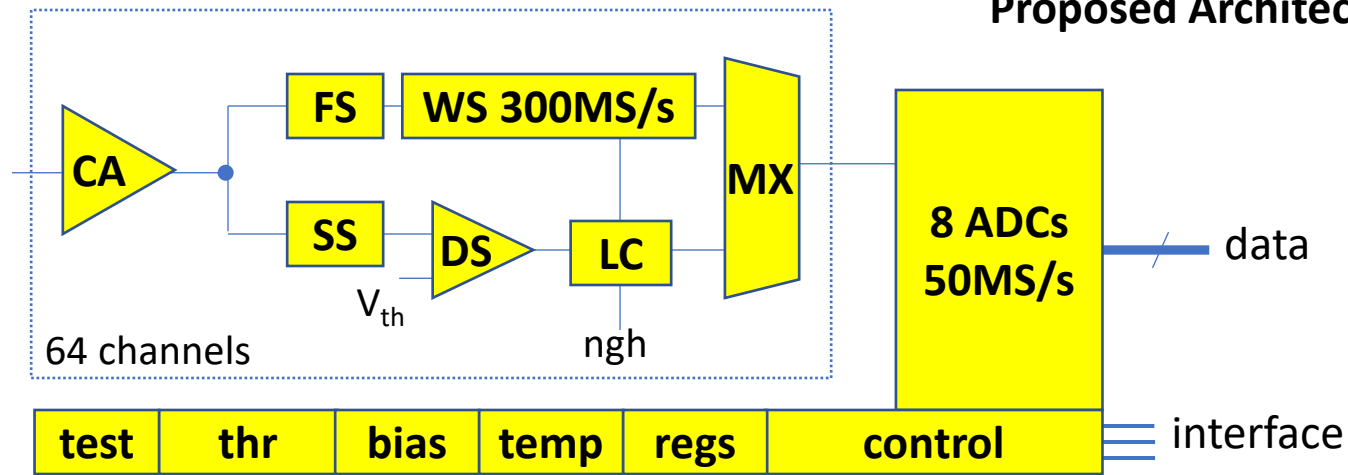
# Salsa

- Collaboration of Irfu CEA Saclay and U. of Sao Paulo.
- SALSA
- 64-Ch, updated design from SAMPA V5, migrating to 65 nm CMOS.
- Peaking time: 50 – 500 ns
- Inputs: Cin optimized for 200 pF; Rates: 25 kHz/Ch; Dual polarity.
- ADC: 12 bits, 10 – 50 MSPS.
- Extensive data processing capabilities.
- Triggerless and triggered operation.
- Power: 15 mW/Ch
- Gbps links.
- I2C configuration.
- Evaluation board available this year - Might want a dedicated SoLID version to match tracker low gain operation and handle high rates at input
- Can bypass analog part but need to develop analog front end
- Data links somewhat limited
- Might want a dedicated version of SALSA

# New potential dedicated ASIC

- High luminosity running need to run
- Pile-up and deadtime can be significant
- Dedicated chip
  - Optimized gain and dynamic range
  - Optimize shaping time for high rate operation : from 50 ns to 25 ns or better
  - Zero dead time
  - High speed links to allow streaming

## Proposed Architecture



### CA: charge amplifier

- optimized for 50-200pF
- programmable gain 25fC to 250fC

### FS: fast shaper

- programmable 5-20ns

### SS: slow shaper

- for discrimination (zero suppression)
- programmable 20-100ns

### DS: discriminator

- trimmable per channel
- external trigger option

### WS: waveform sampler

- 128 sampling cells (127 effective)
- continuous sampling until trigger
- 300MS/s  $\rightarrow$   $\sim$  400ns waveform
- programmable pre-post trigger samples

### LC: local control logic

- internal or external trigger
- neighbor (sub-threshold) logic

### ADCs

- 8 operating at 10-bit 100MS/s
- waveform conversion time  $\sim$  2.5 $\mu$ s

### Data

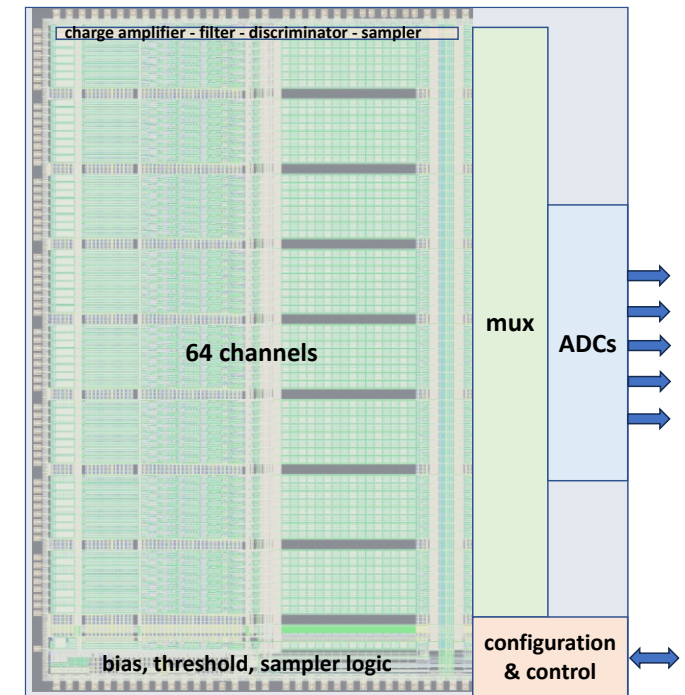
- channel, trigger, 127 samples = 1,280 bits per waveform
- up to 8 waveforms with sub-threshold neighbors = 10,240 bits
- up to 8 SLVS outputs operating in DDR at  $\sim$  500MS/s
- conversion/readout time (dead time)  $\sim$  2.5 $\mu$ s per event
- maximum event rate  $\sim$  330kHz
- maximum data rate  $\sim$  4Gb/s

### Architecture

- event-driven analog/digital with acquisition/readout
- SEU tolerant register and logic
- DSP-ready

### Power, Size, Technology, Schedule

- power consumption below 3mW/channel
- anticipated die size  $\sim$  6x8 mm<sup>2</sup>
- technology TSMC 65nm 1.2V
- development time  $\sim$  24 months (1<sup>st</sup> proto in 12 months)



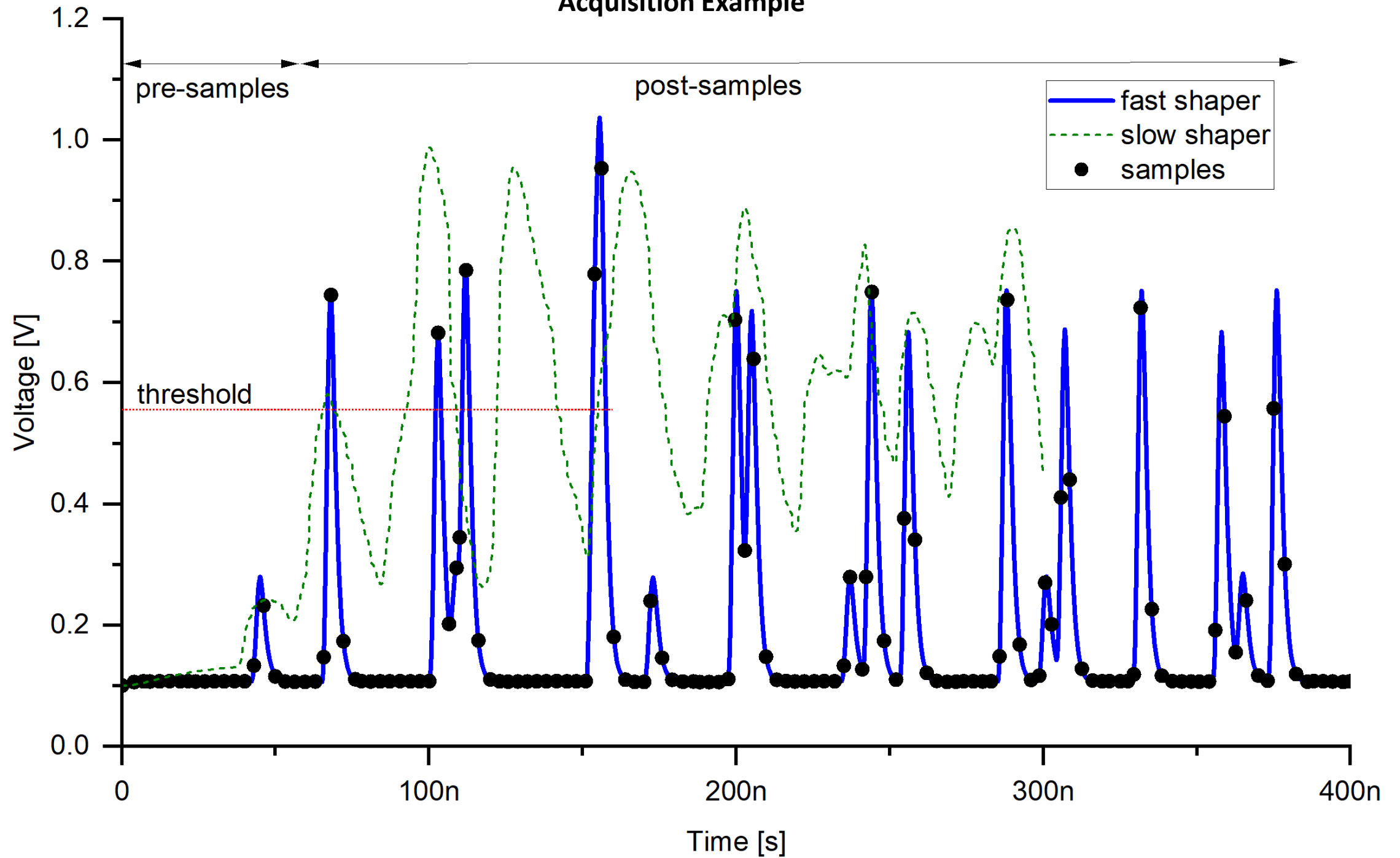
## Design

- charge amplifier, shapers and samplers based on verified architectures
- ADCs from collaborative effort
- first prototype design time
  - $\sim$  12-13 months plus ADCs
  - ADC can be parallel effort
- second prototype design time
  - $\sim$  4-5 months

## Key Features

- power-efficient analog zero-suppression
- efficient data generation and transfer
- highly flexible, highly programmable

# Acquisition Example



# APV25 new MPD

- Upgrade MPD from 100 MBit to 10 GBit ethernet
- Should give max rate from APV25
- Need to improve DAQ stability
  - Not clear if
    - APV single upsets
    - MPD upsets
    - Others ( VTP )

# GEM new simulation work

- Estimate rates and occupancies with new shaping and sampling electronics
- Optimize segmentation of chambers to avoid
- Explore pads readout chamber to complement high rate tracking



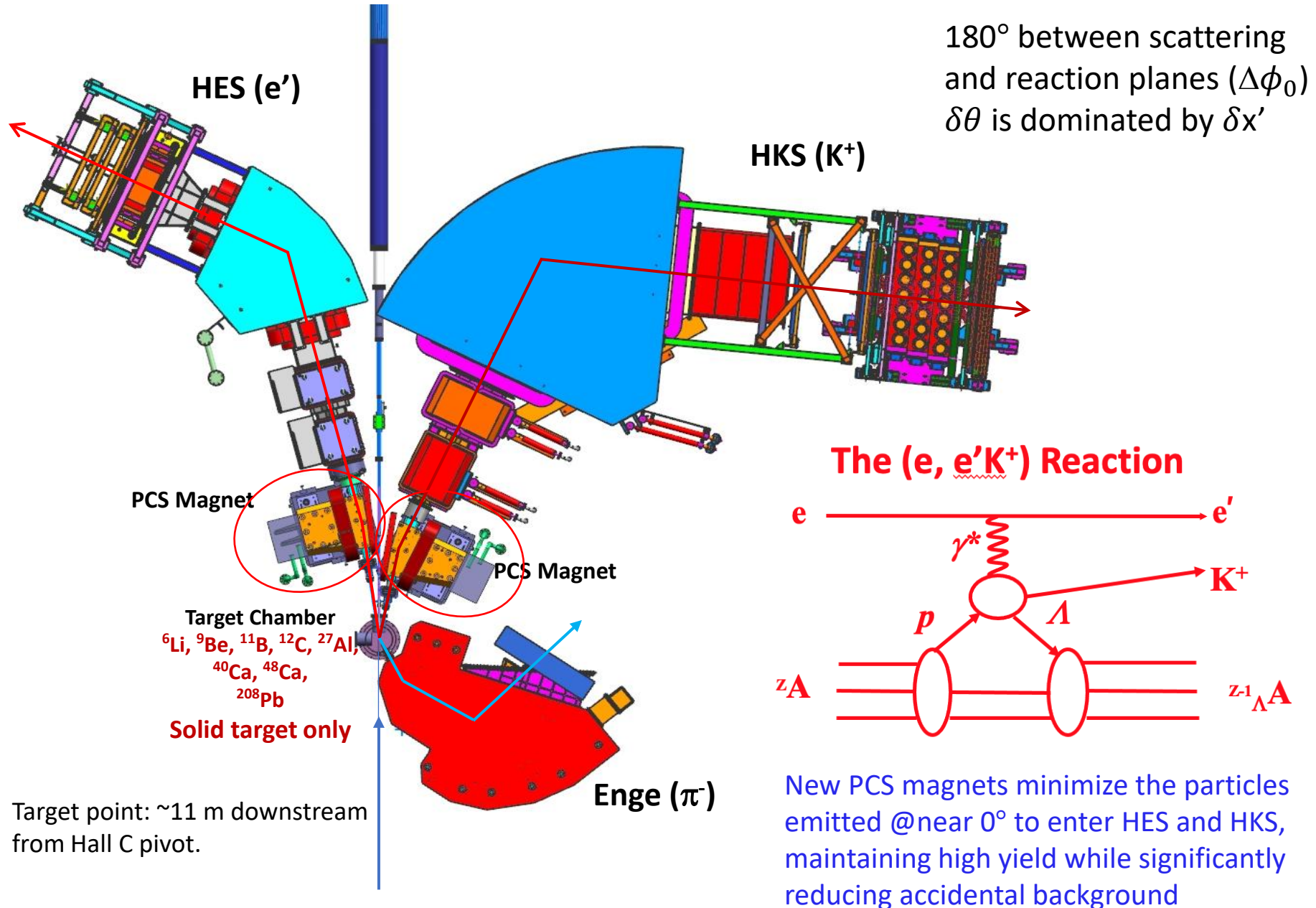
# Beam test preparation

- 1 to 2 VXS crate
- 1 crate VTP + up to 16 FADCs or VETROCs
- 1 crate VTP + MPDs for GEMs
- Digital calorimeter cluster and Cerenkov trigger
- Max 5 KHz with GEM
- 100 to 200 KHz should be reachable with FADC and VETROC only
- 32 channels of SAMPIC
- 8 channels of ASOC and 8 channels of AARDVARC

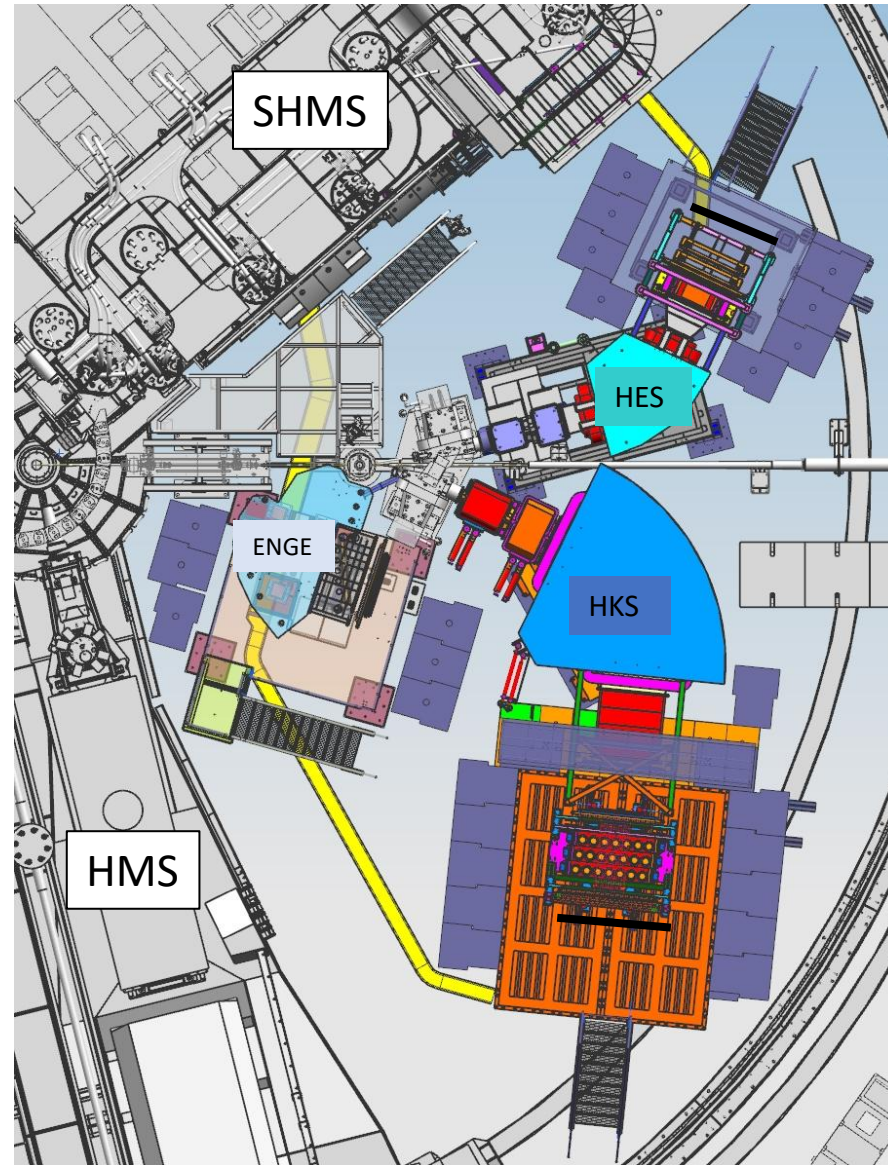
# HKS experiment

- Run same time as Moller
  - 3 High resolution magnetic spectrometers
  - Would benefit from high resolution timing for PID
  - Trying to put MRPC planes in both arms
  - Test FADC trigger logic
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- Might require EIC timing system to reach the 5 ps electronics required resolution

# Schematic Layout of The Hypernuclear Spectrometer System

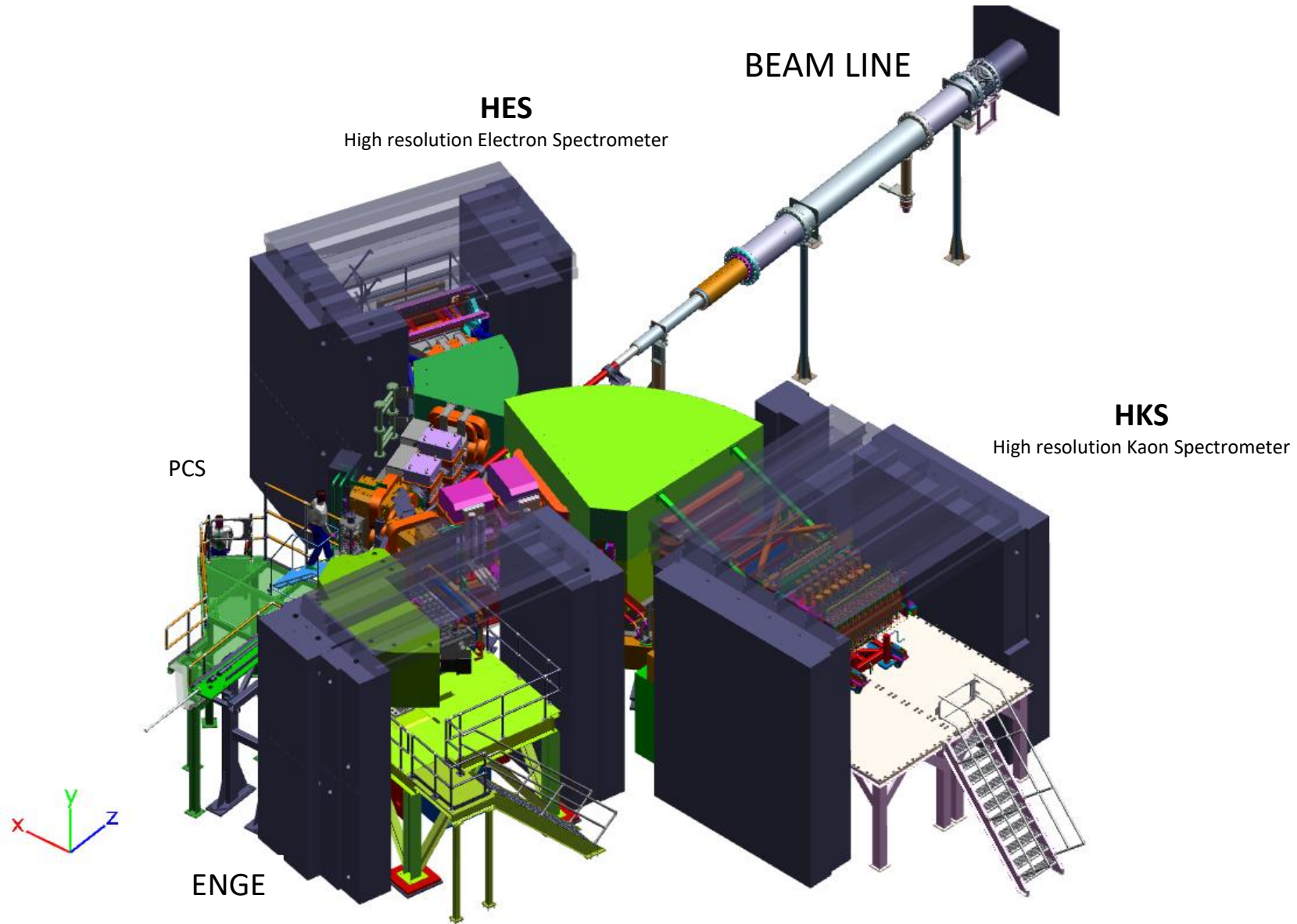


# HYPER NUCLEAR – LAYOUT (TOP VIEW)



BEAM LINE

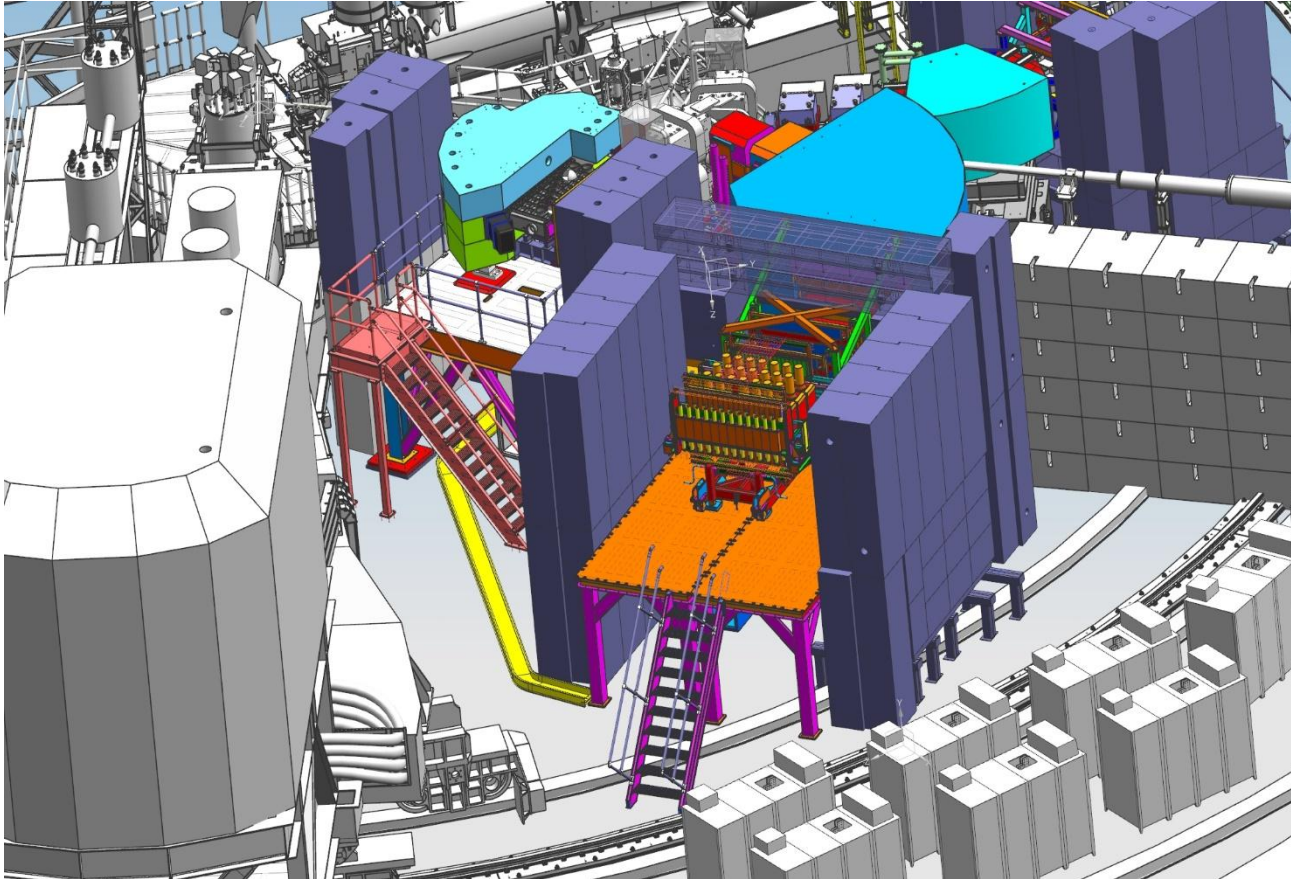
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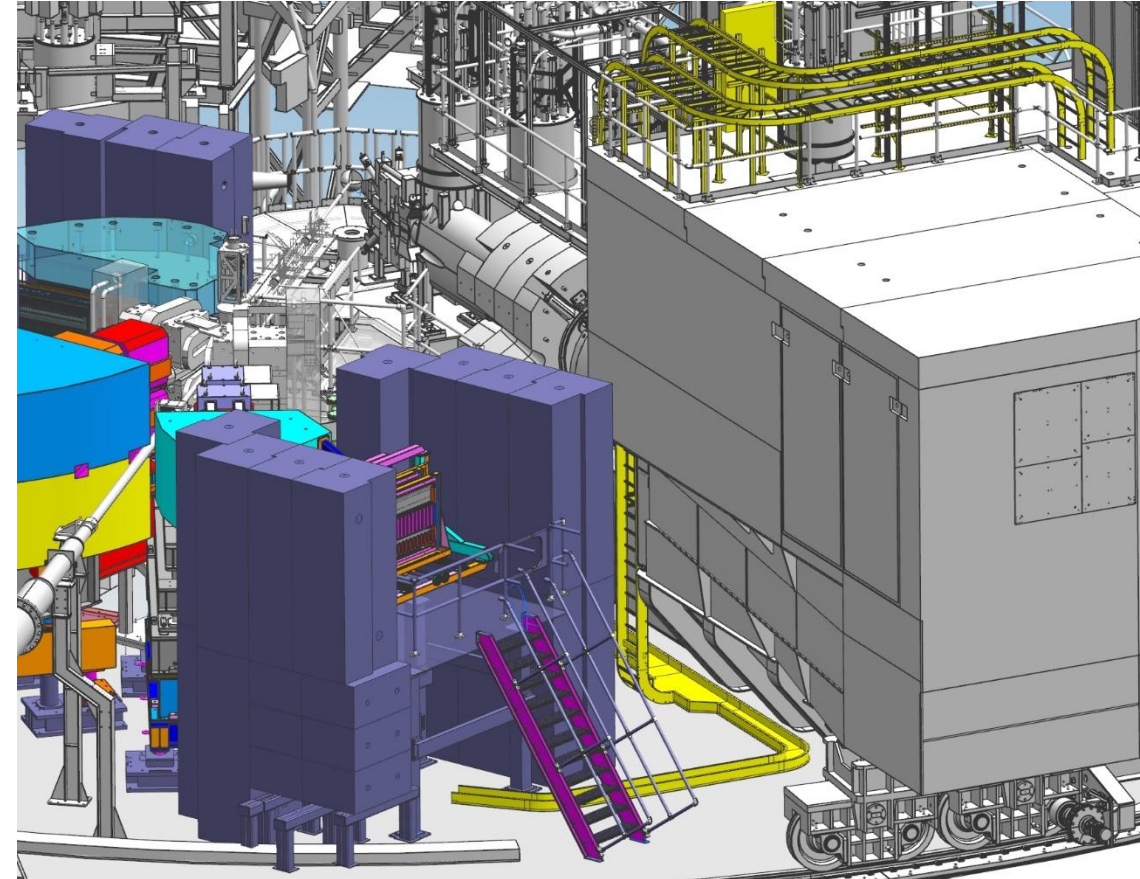


# HYPER NUCLEAR – CABLE ROUTING

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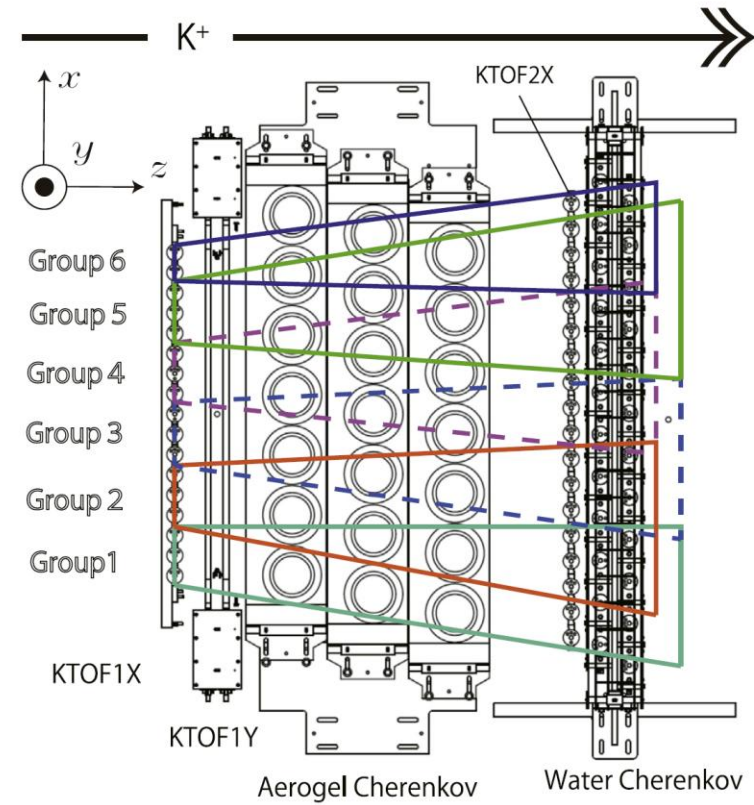
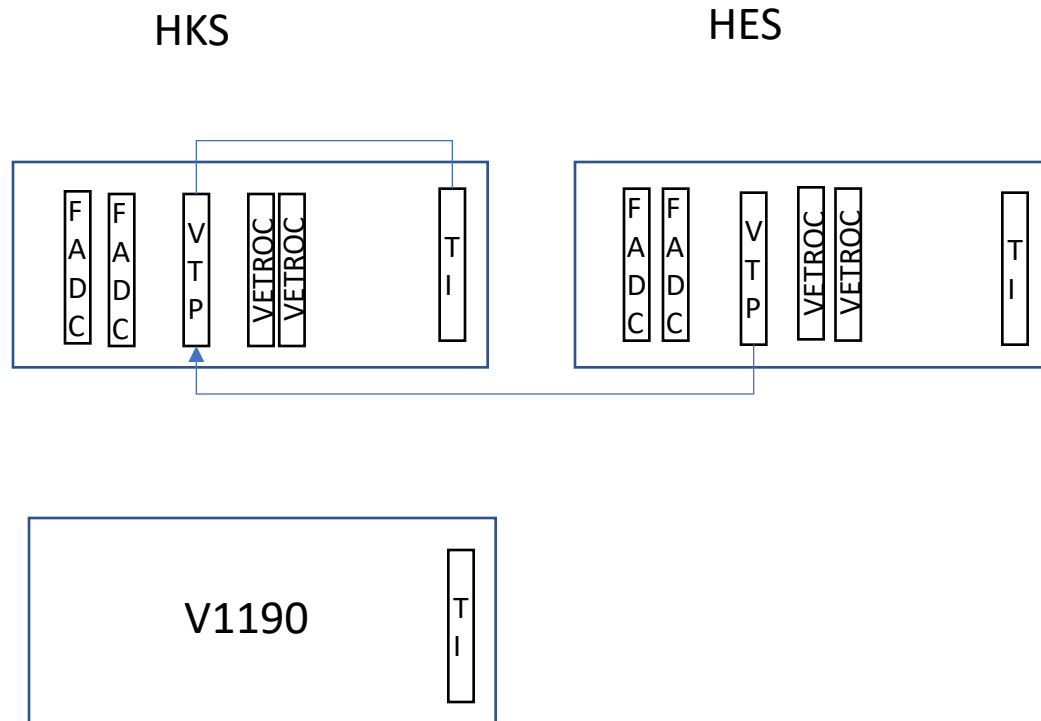


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CABLE TRAY LAYOUT FROM SUPER HMS(YELLOW)

# Trigger



Can program VTP for coincidences between scintillators  
If use VETROC instead of V1190 could add Drift Chamber to trigger

# Conclusion

- Most Capital equipment on hand
- GEM readout
  - VMM with higher gain
  - Funding for new GEM chip
  - Upgraded AVP25 option
- Different setup using capital equipment
  - Moller
    - MAPS readout with VTP
    - Compton
    - Counting DAQ for Q2
  - ESB
    - Deadtime studies
    - GEM VMM readout
  - HKS
    - VTP trigger
    - MRPC