

# Activities at TagusLIP

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### **PET: Positron Emission Tomography**



#### • How it works?

- Drug (Glucose) is labeled with positron emitting radionuclide.
- Glucose mainly concentrate in cancerous cells
- ✓ Trace distribution of the drug in body
- ✓ Radiation dose fairly small



#### **PET: detection**





### **PET: Camera**







### **PET: Time of Flight (TOF)**





 $\rightarrow$  Without timing the positron emission could have happened anywhere along the line of response (LOR).

12/23/2005 → Time of flight can effectively confine the positron emission point. TUDelft

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511keV

gamma

 $\rightarrow$  Timing is determined by the full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the coincidence time resolution (CTR). Colon cancer, left upper quadrant peritoneal node 13.4 mCi; 2 hr post-injection

Non-TOF





### **CERN Technology transfer**





Accelerate particle beams





**Detect** particles









Large scale **Computing** (Grid)



Grid computing for medical data management and analysis

#### PET vs photon detection in High Energy Physics (HEP): same challenges







CMS



### From HEP to PET

Requirements for HEP crystal calorimeters

#### Crystals

- High density (>6gr/cm<sup>3</sup>)
- Fast emission (<100 ns, visible spectrum)</li>
- Moderate to high light yield
- High radiation resistance

#### Photodetectors

- Compact
- High quantum efficiency
- High stability

#### Readout electronics

- Fast shaping
- Low noise

#### Software

- Handling of high quality data
- General design
- Compact integration of a large number of channels (>>10'000)

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### Requirements for PET scanners

#### Crystals

- High density (>7gr/cm<sup>3</sup>)
- Fast emission (<100 ns, visible spectrum)</li>
- Moderate to high light yield
- High radiation resistance

#### Photodetectors

- Compact
- High quantum efficiency
- High stability
- Readout electronics
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- Development and validation of medical imaging technologies (readout electronics and detector modules)
- Design, produce and test/validate prototype imaging equipment.
- Design of new ASICs and front-end boards for the CMS upgrade

### ClearPEM (2010)





- PET detector dedicated to breast cancer screening
- Extremely sensitive to small tumor masses
- Spatial resolution1-2 mm
- High counting sensitivity



LYSO+APD





### EndoTOFPET (2013)







PET detector dedicated to pancreatic cancer screening
Spatial resolution ~1 mm

- Timing resolution ~350 ps FWHM
- High counting sensitivity





### **TOF ASIC for PET and HEP**



64chASIC (5x5mm)

Front end module 128ch







BIAS an Niknejad (MRZZd@lip.pt)

• Highly integrated readout electronics scalable to several hundreds of channels



### **ASIC for TOF applications**







### Thank you for you attention

### Any question?



## Backup slides

### **Depth of interaction**



 $\rightarrow$  Without DOI wrong LORs are assigned to the events

#### $\rightarrow$ Depth-of-interaction determination





#### **Dual Ended Readout**



**Stacked Detector** Phoswich



dual Layer with Offset



Multiple layer with offset

PhD Thesis Defense

#### $\rightarrow$ Drawbacks: Complexity and costs

 $\rightarrow$ Only one side readout

→A light guide is placed on the top of the module (same dimension of the matrix).

The reflector recirculates the light and redirects it to the MPPC array.

→Optical treatment of the lateral surfaces of the crystals: depolished





#### **Design and fabrication of TOF-PET demonstrator**







→ 16 Detector Modules (8 on each side)
➢ Ring diameter: 235 mm

 $\rightarrow$  Each module 2x4 array of crystal



#### → SiPM from Hamamtsu

- Active area 3x3 mm<sup>2</sup>
- Array of 4x4

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→ Using cooling system: ~19°C

→ LYSO crystal block

- Array of 4x4 LYSO
- Pixel size 3x3x15 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Separated by Vikuiti foils
- Pitch 3.2 mm

