

Libera Current Meter

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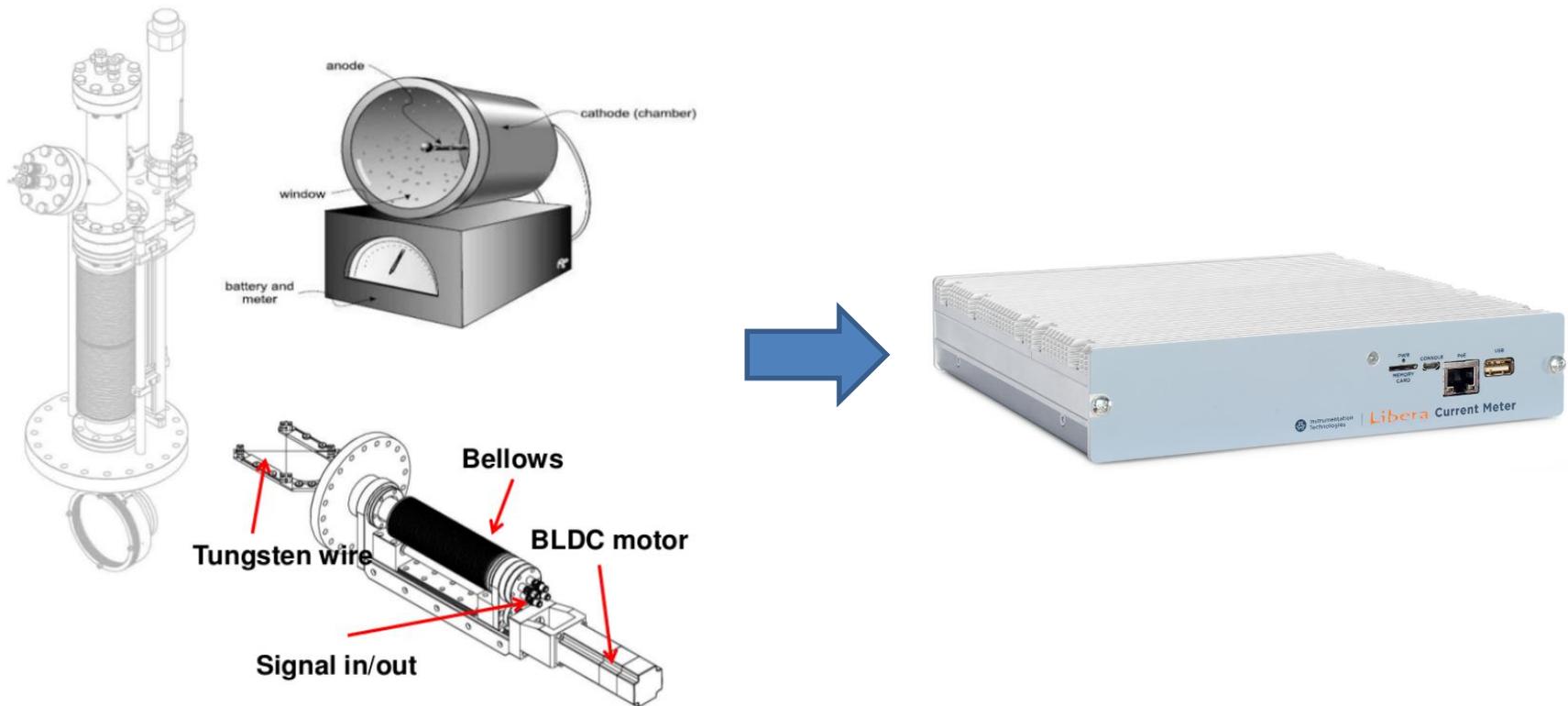


Motivation for a new instrument

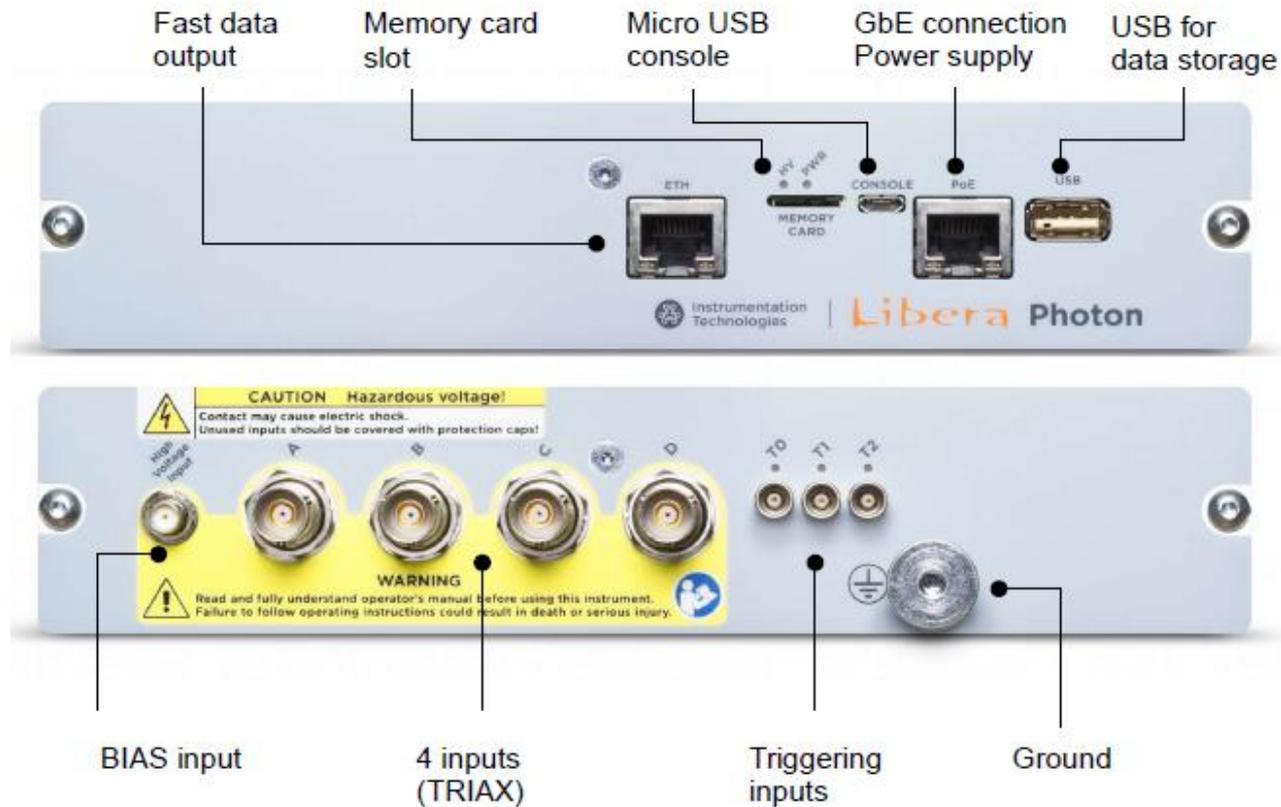
We have an existing instrument Libera Photon used in beamlines which is compatible with

- Blade detectors
- Diamond detectors
- **Wire scanners and faraday cups**

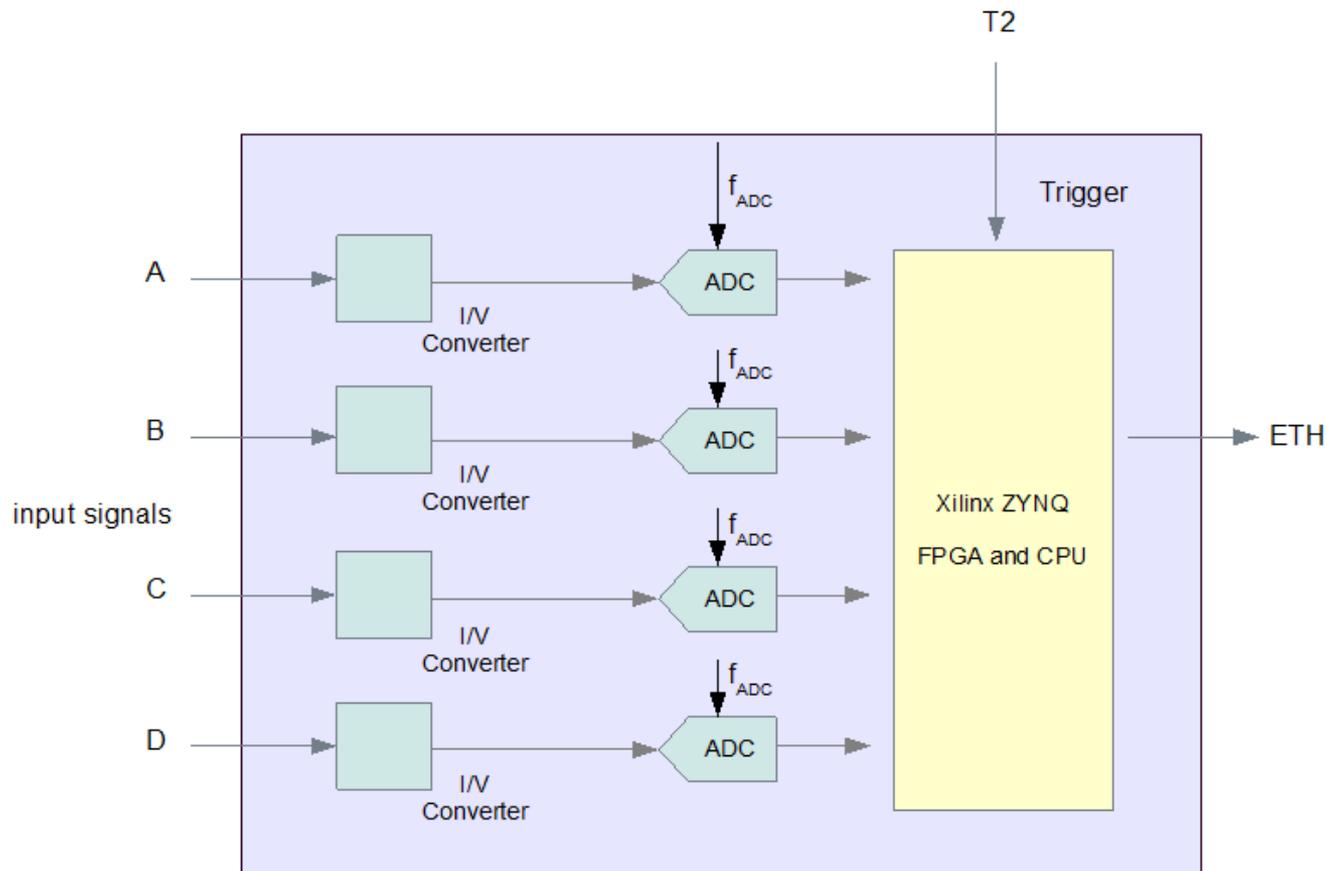
Main specifications – different detectors



Main specifications – front / back panel



Main specifications – block scheme



Main specifications

	Libera CM
Dimensions (H x W x D) mm	44 x 210 x 210
FPGA / CPU	Zynq-7020 / ARM Cortex-A9
Platform management	Passive cooling, PoE, network boot, SD card boot
Input channels	4
A/D conversion	2.5 MHz / 18-bit
Sampling clock	PLL
Timing signals	3
Maximum input signal	20 mA
Input gain/attenuation	Programmable
Bandwidth	Up to 50 MHz

GUI and basic settings

Libera Current Meter: LiberaCM
by Instrumentation Technologies d.d.

Measured current range

- 2 ... 200 nA
- 3 ... 2 uA
- 4 ... 20 uA
- 5 ... 200 uA
- 6 ... 2 mA

Full scale: **2 mA**

Load per channel:

- A: 0 %
- B: 0 %
- C: 0 %
- D: 97 %

Triggering:

- single pulse
- periodic pulse
- external T2

Count: **39**

Data

Channel	Short buffers	Current data stream	Current value
Channel A	10 us, 100 us, 1 ms	show plot	1.9531 μ A
Channel B	10 us, 100 us, 1 ms	show plot	1.4496 μ A
Channel C	10 us, 100 us, 1 ms	show plot	2.2736 μ A
Channel D	10 us, 100 us, 1 ms	show plot	1905.9907 μ A

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Current monitoring on LiberaCM, channel D
Channel D

Current [uA] vs Time

Full scale current: **2 mA** | Current: **1.9531 μ A**

ADC data on LiberaCM, channel D
Channel D

ADC counts vs Window length: 1ms

Full scale current: **2 mA** | Current: **1.8463 μ A**

Current trigger source: **Single pulse** | Trigger count: **39**

Update plot on trigger

GUI and basic settings

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Measured current range

2 ... 200 nA
3 ... 2 μ A
4 ... 20 μ A
5 ... 200 μ A
6 ... 2 mA

+ 6 APPLY **2 mA**

Full scale

Load per channel

A
B
C
D

Calibrate channels

Triggering

single pulse | periodic pulse | external T2

Count

Single pulse

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LiberaCM: Calibration

Manual calibration

Channel	Offset	Scale	Amplitude
Channel A	+ 0 0 0 0 <input type="text" value="0"/>	+ 1.0 0 0 0 <input type="text" value="1.0000"/>	<input type="text" value="125"/>
Channel B	+ 0 0 0 0 <input type="text" value="0"/>	+ 1.0 0 0 0 <input type="text" value="1.0000"/>	<input type="text" value="90"/>
Channel C	+ 0 0 0 0 <input type="text" value="0"/>	+ 1.0 0 0 0 <input type="text" value="1.0000"/>	<input type="text" value="146"/>
Channel D	+ 0 0 0 0 <input type="text" value="0"/>	+ 1.0 0 0 0 <input type="text" value="1.0000"/>	<input type="text" value="126491"/>

Offset ... set in amplitude counts [-8192, 8191]
 Scale ... $A = k \cdot A_{raw}$ [0, 1.9999]
 Amplitude ... current corrected raw amplitude

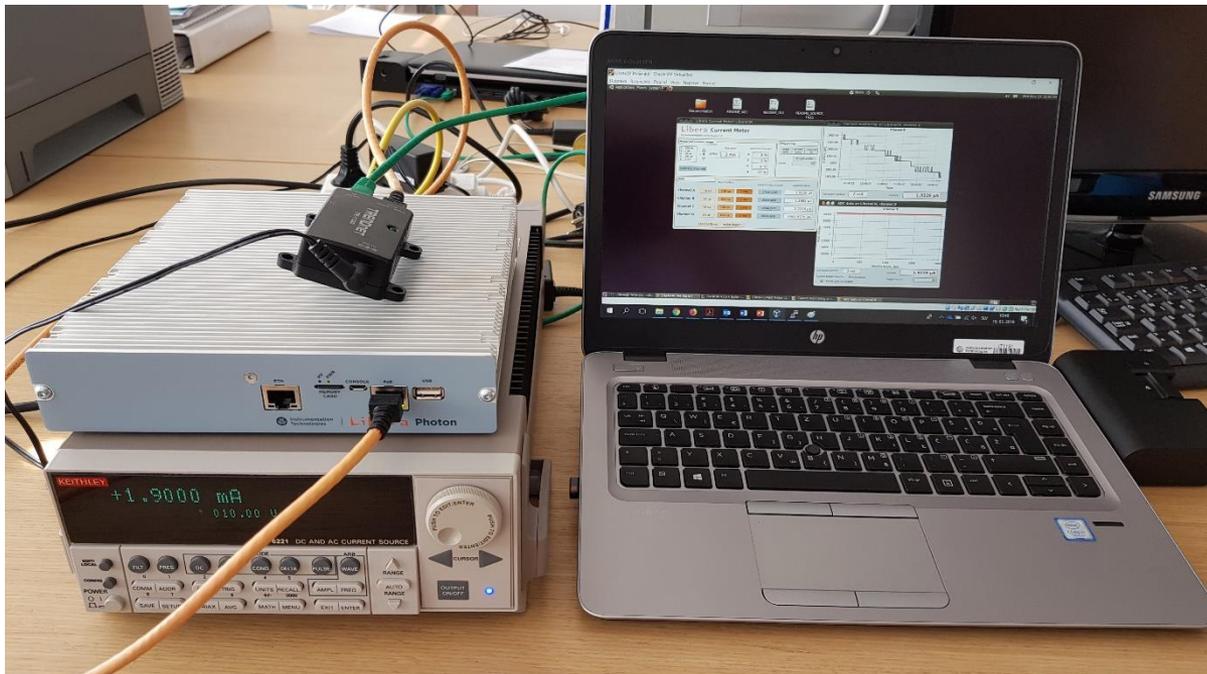
Procedure:

1. No input current
2. Set Offset to get ~0 Amplitude

Measurements

Setup environment consisted of:

- Keithley 6221 DC source
- Libera Current Meter instrument, temperature stabilized (after 2 hours of operation)
- PoE injector and PC connected to the network



Measurements

- On each current range we wanted to see where the saturation occurs
- Just below the saturation we've measured ADC counts and checked the current output on Keithley source
- This data can be then used to ADC/current conversion
- Measurements were performed on each channel on two instruments

Current Meter IT1130					
RANGE	ch A	ch B	ch C	ch D	
6	1.9939 mA	1.984 mA	2 mA	1.9888 mA	
5	196.3 uA	195.26 uA	195.82 uA	195.72 uA	
4	19.64 uA	19.599 uA	19.63 uA	19.65 uA	
3	2.103 uA	2.014 uA	2.024 uA	2.015 uA	
2	239.3 nA	238 nA	239.5 nA	239.5 nA	
1	60.35 nA	59.9 nA	60.8 nA	60.4 nA	

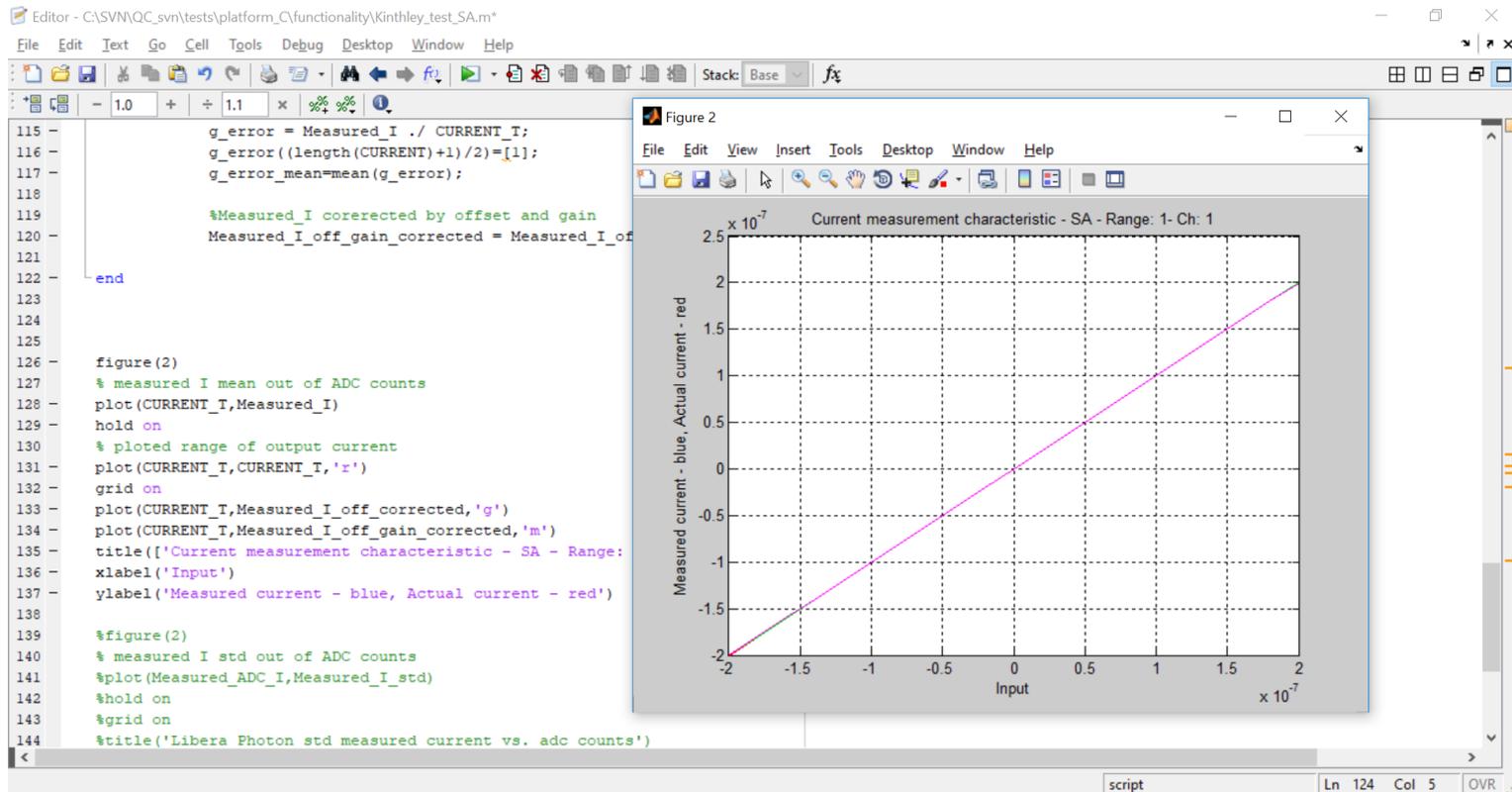
Current Meter IT01-002					
RANGE	ch A	ch B	ch C	ch D	
6	1.9923 mA	1.9893 mA	2.0648 mA	1.9905 mA	
5	196.02 uA	200 uA	196.35 uA	196.34 uA	
4	19.639 uA	19.7 uA	19.453 uA	19.648 uA	
3	2.019 uA	2.0154 uA	2.016 uA	2.0146 uA	
2	239.2 nA	238.7 nA	238.7 nA	238.7 nA	
1	60 nA	60.19 nA	59.99 nA	59.98 nA	

*temperature stabilized, after to 2h of operation, Zynq temp. 44-46C

Nominal measurement ranges and RMS

Software value (registry node setting)	Nominal range	Analog 3 dB bandwidth	RMS
1	± 60 nA	>25 kHz	3.4 pA
2	± 200 nA	>10 kHz	9.1 pA
3	± 2 μ A	>80 kHz	0.1 nA
4	± 20 μ A	>80 kHz	1.0 nA
5	± 200 μ A	>90 kHz	10.4 nA
6	± 2 mA	>90 kHz	97.6 nA
7	± 20 mA	>90 kHz	N/A

Measurements with Matlab



Next steps

Incorporate the auto-range to automatically change through ranges

Define the accuracy of the instrument and incorporate offset / gain correction

Make a final version of GUI

We are thinking to change triax connectors to BNC

The goal is to have the final version of the instrument by end of this year