

RD_FA : WP - 4

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OUTLINE

- ***Reminding the context***
- ***Activity: period 1/1/2017-30/6/2018***
- ***Activity planning: period 1/7/2018-31/12/2018***
- ***Complementary information***

GLOBAL CONTEXT

- **WP 4 : R&D for experiments at EIC**
 - EIC-activities had not (yet) a dedicated house within INFN

- **Building-up the INFN participation to EIC**
 - Networking activity with alternated actions bottom-up and top-down

 - *INFN management indicates that an EIC-dedicated activity can be started in 2019 within CSN3*

 - The activities of RD_FA WP4 ends at the end of 2018

Building-up the INFN participation to EIC

- **3/12/2015** - EIC presentato in CSN1, Relazione R. De Vita
- **22/6/2016** - EIC presentato in CSN3, Relazione A. Bressan
- **Ottobre 2016, ottobre 2017** – la partecipazione INFN al programma EIC è discussa nell’ambito del periodico bilaterale INFN-DOE
- **17/1/2017** – **Giornata informativa a Genova, organizzata da M. Battaglieri, M. Contalbrigo, G. Urciuoli**
 - **Iniziativa bottom up con partecipazione del management (E. Nappi, N. Pastrone, M. Taiuti)**
 - **Ampia partecipazione di colleghi impegnati nella fisica a ALICE, COMPASS, JLAB12 e altri (ex HERA, per esempio), teorici**
- **11/5/2017** – visita delegazione BNL in presidenza INFN: EIC piatto forte dell’agenda
- **19-22/7/2018** – **EICUG a Trieste**
 - **anche un’opportunità di incontro degli INFN**
- **E. Nappi: INFN consider EIC an important opportunity for the hadronic physics community and encourage partnerships and collaborations with the other Institutions involved in the project**
- **22/2/2018** – **meeting della comunità per preparare la riunione del 1/3/2018**
 - **25 partecipanti da 10 sedi**
- **1/3/2018** – **incontro management-comunità in vista della istituzionalizzazione dell’interesse espresso dalla comunità (per il management : E. Nappi, N. Pastrone, M. Taiuti)**
- **18/4/2018** – **rispondendo alla richiesta della comunità di formalizzare l’interesse, il management indica di considerare come afferenza la CSN 3**
- **10/5/2018** – **formazione di una collaborazione INFN per EIC**

RICHes (and TPC) for EIC

The setup designs are still subject to important evolution, nevertheless

- About 2 crucial elements related to our direct interests
 - RICHes (high & low momenta) are necessary:
 - Our main focus
 - TPC is the central tracking element
 - Synergies with studies for RICH applications (IBF, miniaturized pads)
- All this matches our fields of expertise:
 - RICH detectors
 - MPGDs (the up-to-date approach to high-rate TPC read-out)

REMINDER

HIGH p RICHes

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HIGH-p: PID in the range $6 < p < 60 \text{ GeV}/c$

- Radiator: gas is mandatory
- Collider implementation: short ($\sim 1 \text{ m}$) radiator length
 - Increased space resolution
 - operate windowless (in CF_4 atmosphere)
- Two possible ways, both requiring deeper exploration
 - High pressure, studied for ALICE upgrade VHMPID
 - Towards the very far UV with window-less approach (prototype tested at Fermilab)
 - In both approaches gaseous photon detectors have been used

Activity performed within RD_FA WP4

At the basis of our R&D activity for EIC

SYNERGIES

CSN 1

- The starting point is the development for **COMPASS RICH upgrade**
 - Construction completed, preliminary characterization
- Cultural synergies with the **RD51** networking activities

CSN 5

- **MPGD_NEXT**, in particular task 4 – High-gain hybrid MPGD
 - jobs: development of THGEM technologies towards large gains

Non-INFN founds

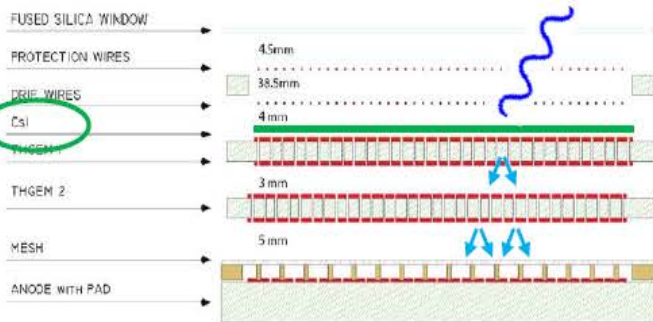
- **AIDA2020, WP13** – Innovative gas detectors, task 13.2.5
 - Overlap with MPGD_NEXT, task 4
- **EIC R&D (within the ED6 Consortium)**
 - Overlap with RD_FA, WP4

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THE STARTING POINT: COMPASS RICH-1 UPGRADE



IBF reduction: approx. 3%
Charge splitting processes → Larger Gas Gain

Hybrid detector concept

To simplify the construction requirements a modular architecture has been adopted where one "module" consists of:

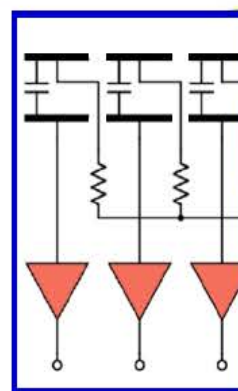
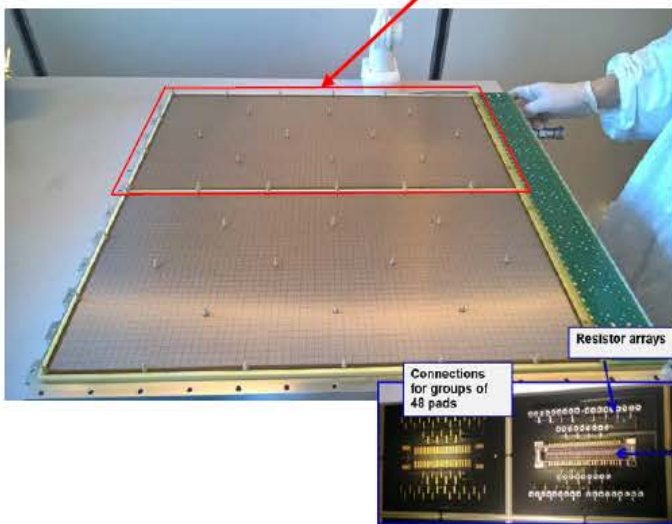
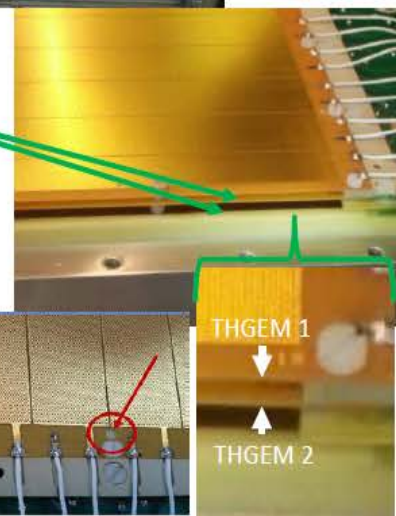
- One 300 mm x 600 mm Bulk Micromegas detector
- Two layers of THGEMs (300 mm x 600 mm) in staggered configuration



Operational gas mixture : Ar/CH₄ 50/50

Two modules are put side by side to build a 600 mm x 600 mm detector

Signal read out via capacitive coupling pad readout and APV25 F/E boards

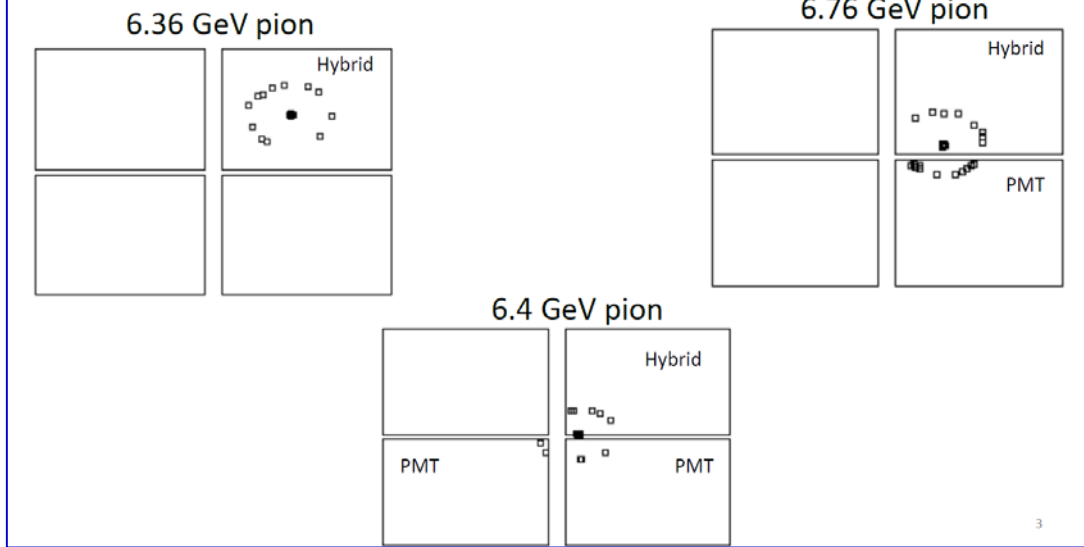


8mmx8mm pad size
0.5 mm pad spacing

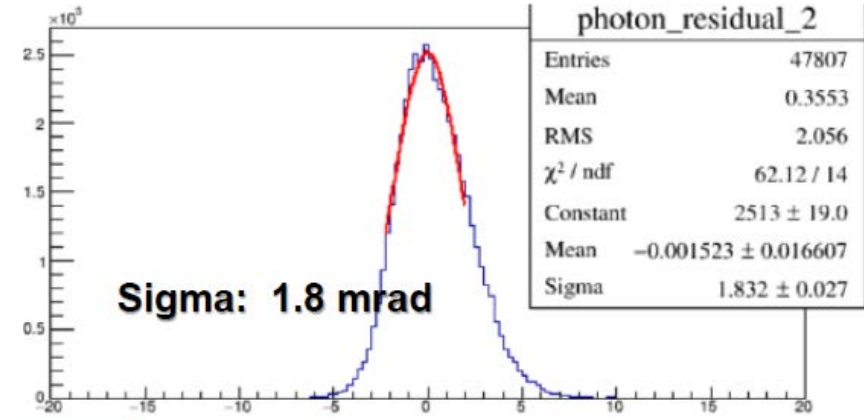


MPGD-based PSs: a performing approach

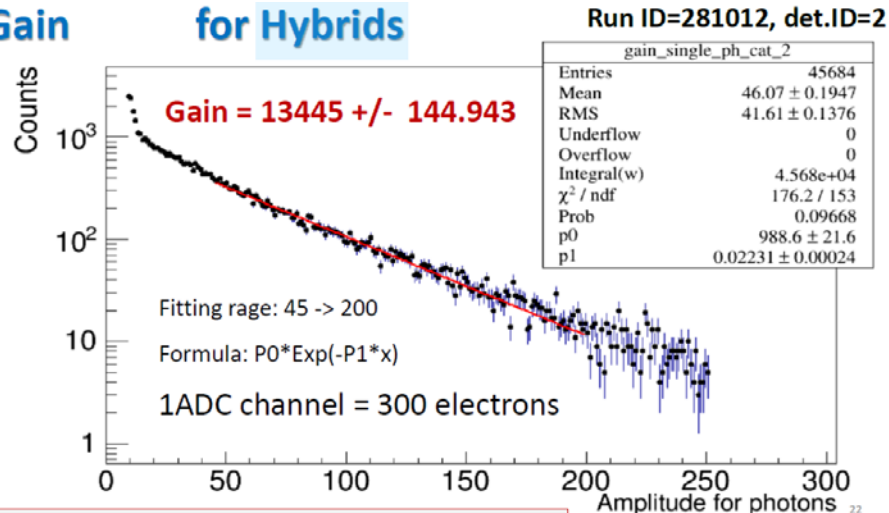
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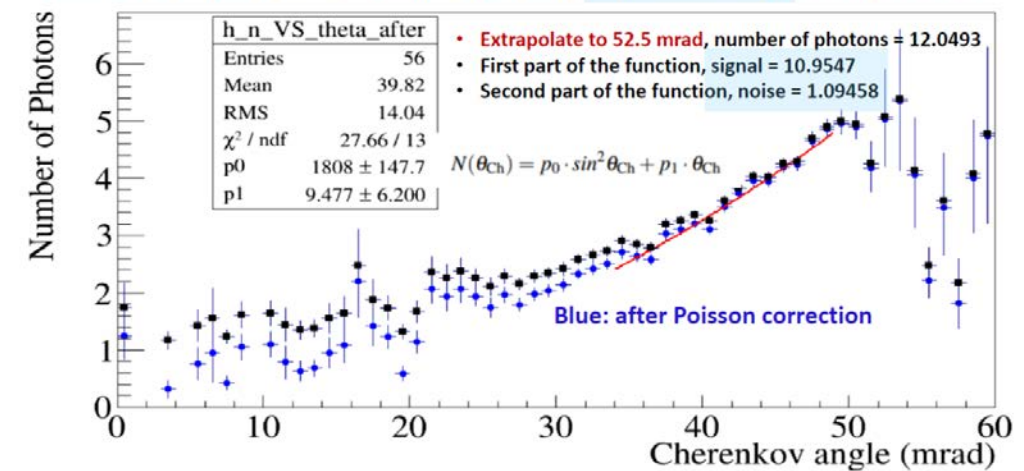
Photon residual distribution for Hybrids



Gain for Hybrids



Number of photons study by using top half ring in Hybrid 2



From electronic noise \rightarrow threshold
From threshold & gain \rightarrow
photoelectron detection (effective) **efficiency > 80%**

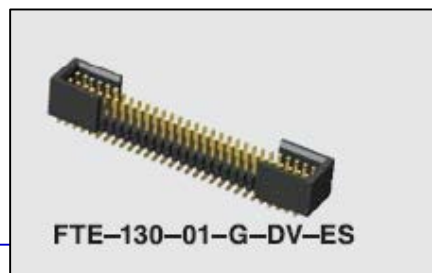
PROTOTYPE with MINIATURIZED PAD_SIZE

development of resistive MM by discrete elements with miniaturized pad-size

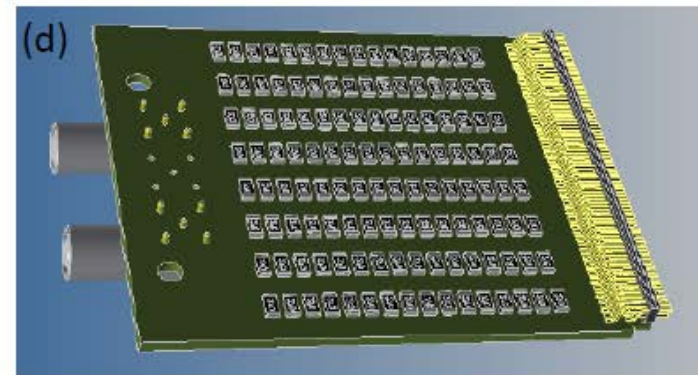
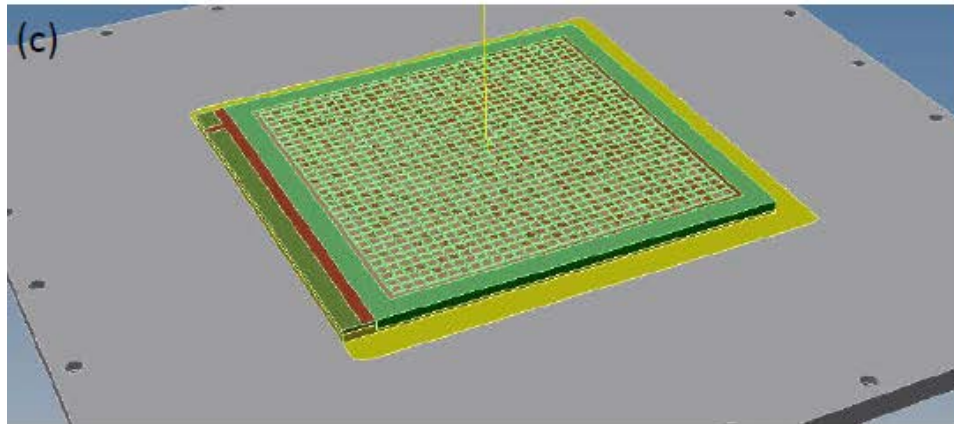
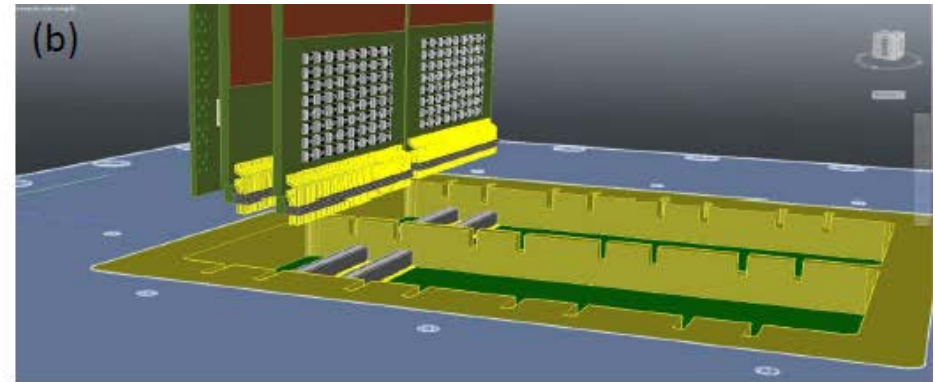
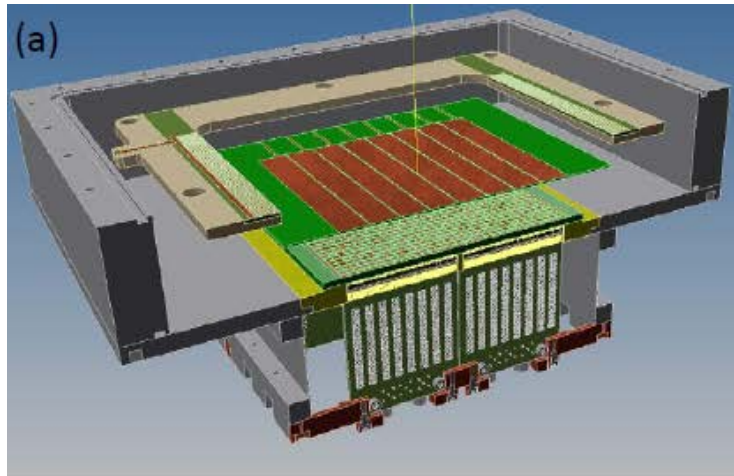
- pad-size: $8 \times 8 \text{ mm}^2 \rightarrow 3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$ (3.5 mm pitch)
- prototype active area: $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$
- easy expandability of the active surface:
 - all the detector services (read-out FE cards, resistor boards) included in the active surface
 - Modular design based on groups of 128 pads (16×8), according to FE modularity

Major challenge

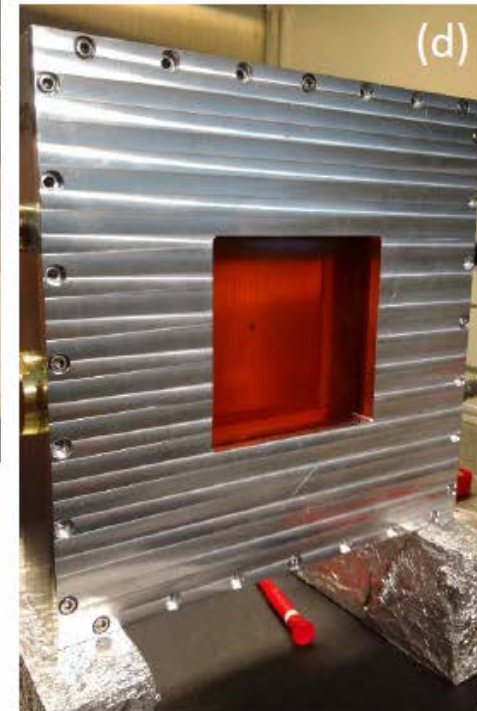
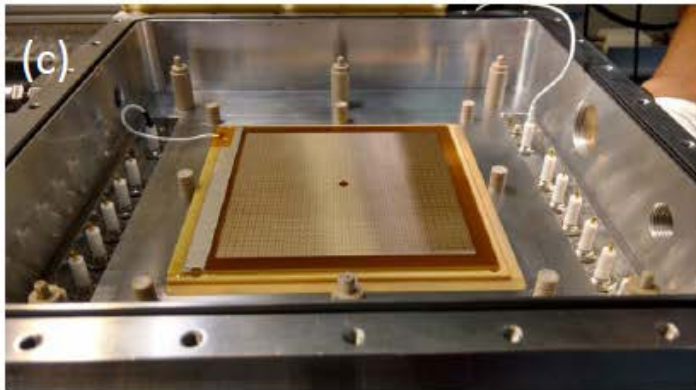
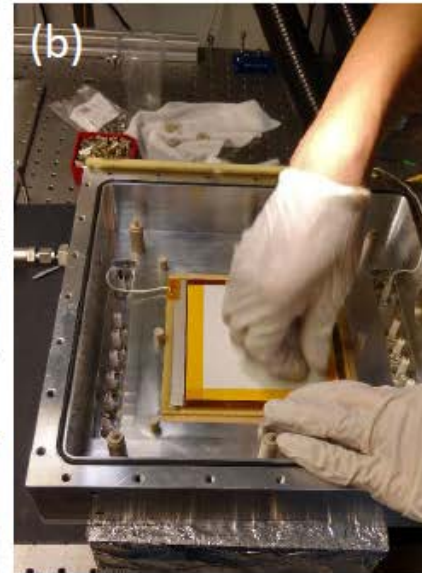
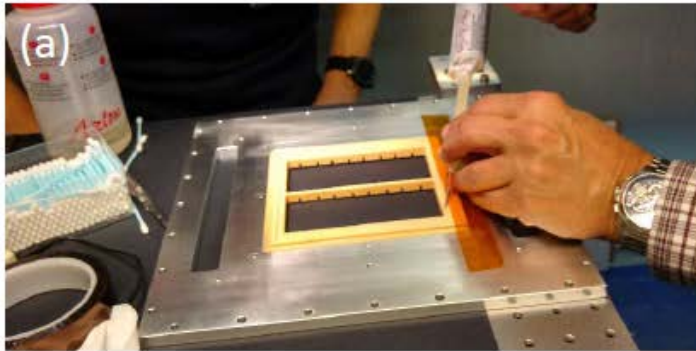
- Connector selected: SAMTEC, FTE series



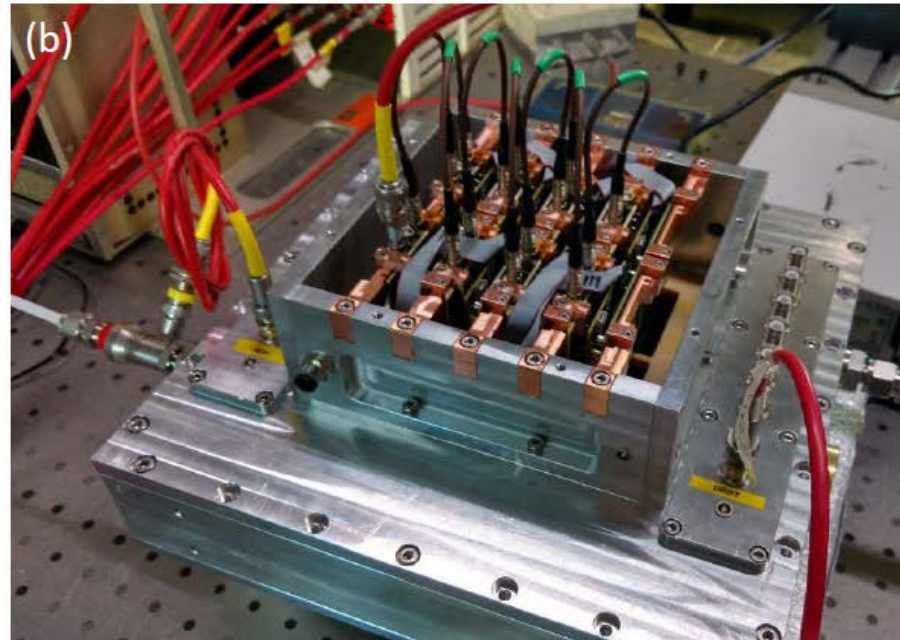
DETECTOR DESIGN



DETECTOR CONSTRUCTION

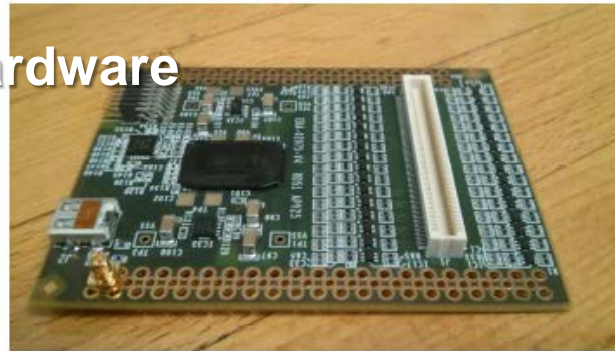


DETECTOR EQUIPPED



DETECTOR READ-OUT

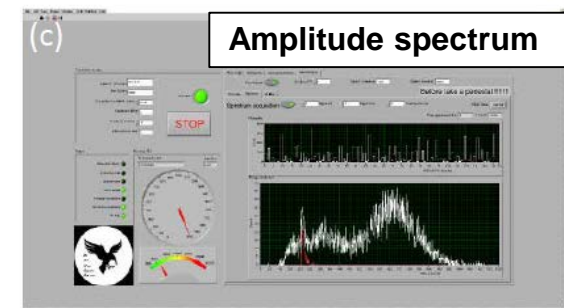
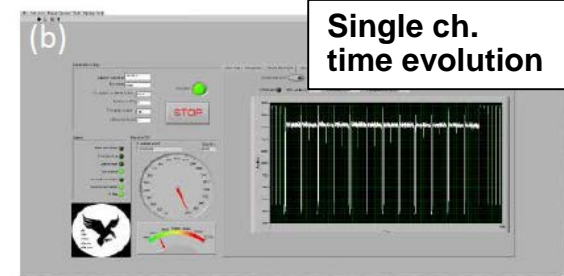
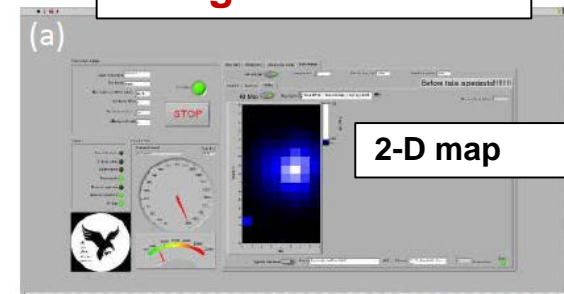
- By the **SRS** (Scalable Read-out System), FE: **APV25**
- Development of an original DAQ system: **RAVEN**
- Stage and master thesis: **M. Baruzzo**



About **RAVEN**

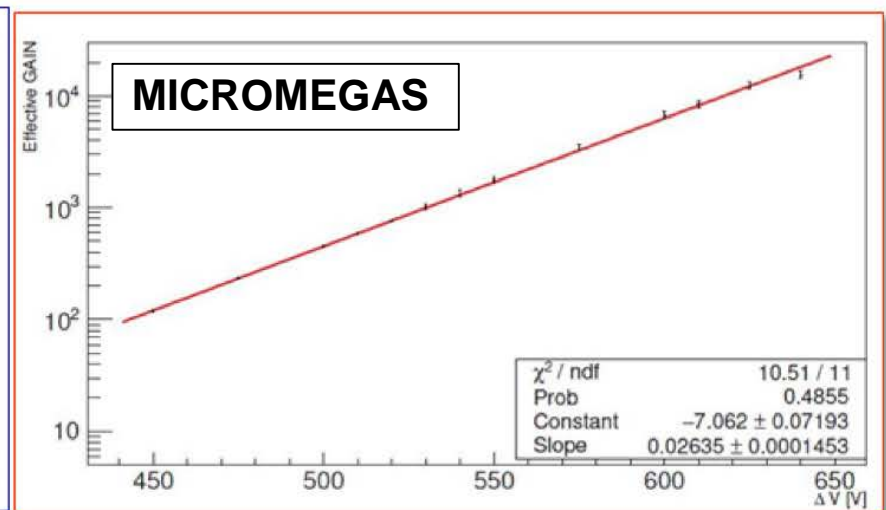
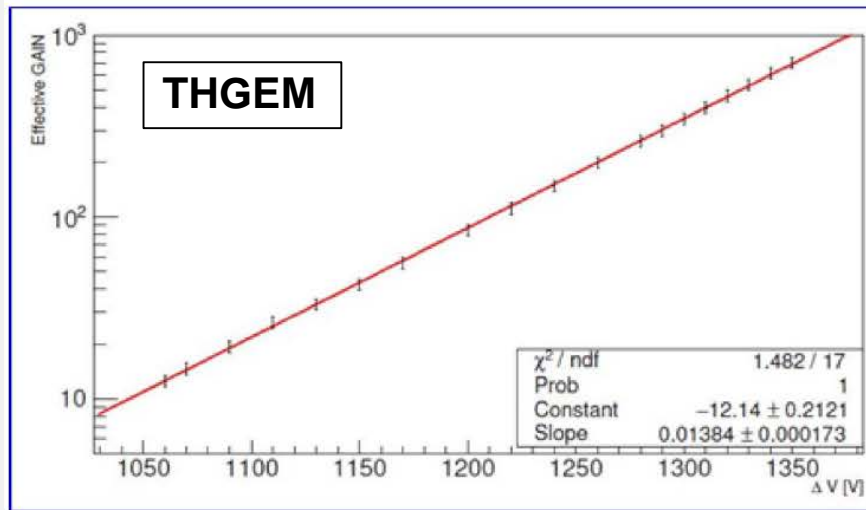
- Dedicated to **SRS**
- Entirely **LabView** based
- APV25 chip setting and configuration performed via Raven
- **Mapping**
- **Pedestal subtraction**
- **Zero suppression**
- data collection and visualization
- extremely user friendly graphical interface
- bandwidth obtained is the maximum compatible with the SRS architecture:
 - Raven can transfer data up to the saturation rate of the Gigabit Ethernet when the UPD protocol with Jumbo Frame format is used, as in SRS

Using **RAVEN** GUI

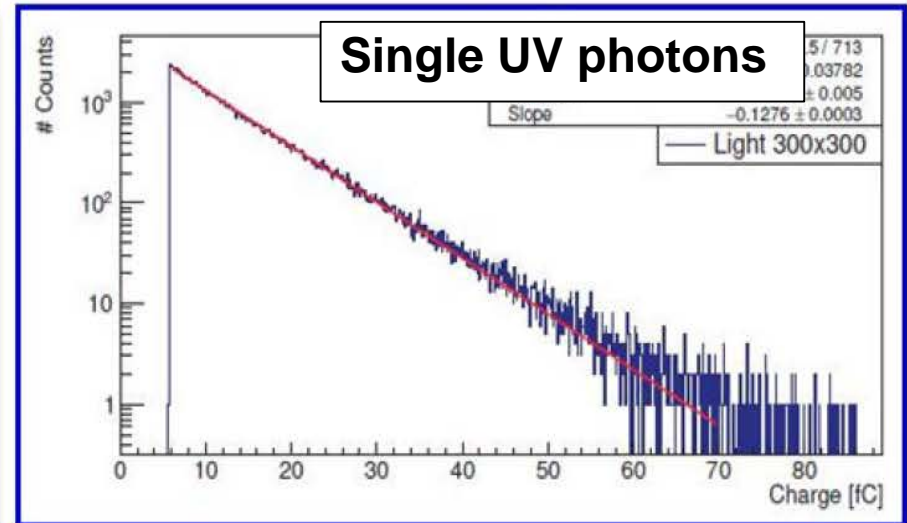
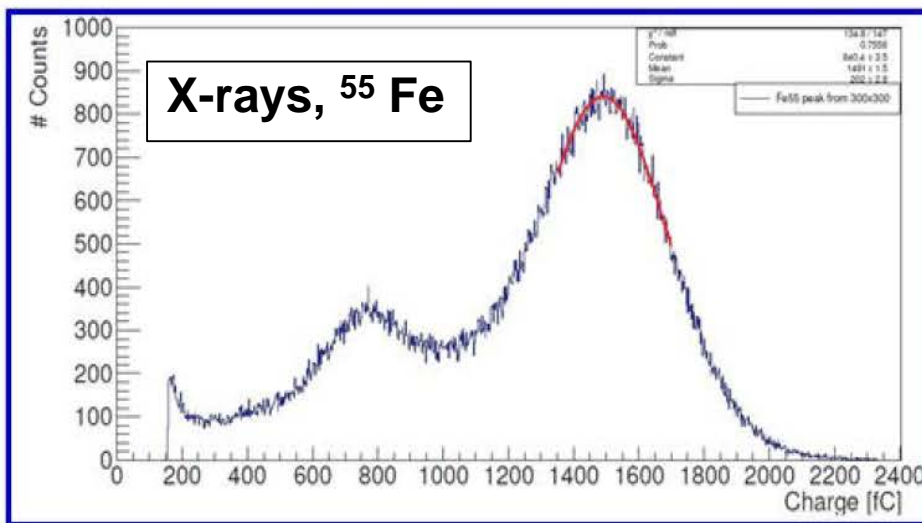


PROTOTYPE PERFORMANCE

- gain in the individual elements

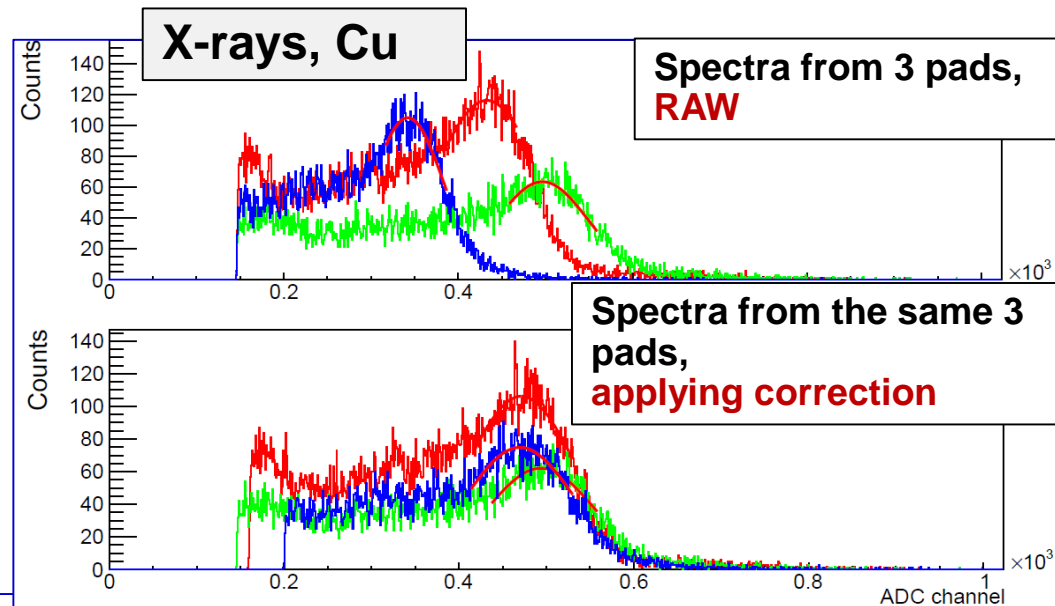
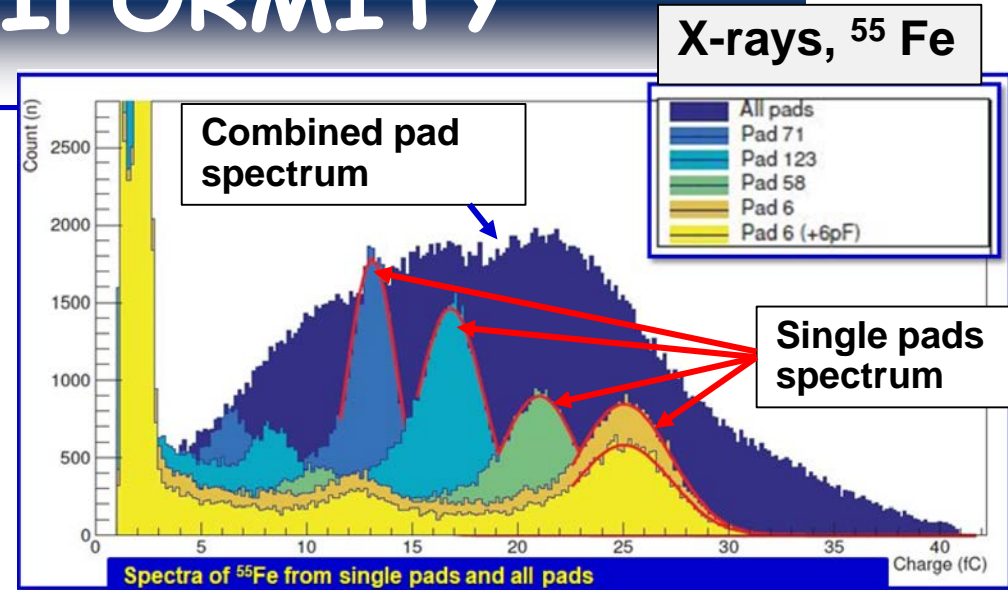


- amplitude spectra, complete detector



GAIN UNIFORMITY

- **Non satisfactory uniformity:**
 - Up to a factor ~2 even between adjacent pads
 - **Different parasitic capacitance for the various ch.s in the anode PCB**
 - Effect directly measured
 - It accounts for the non-uniformity
- Go for a new PCB design



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DETECTOR @ TEST BEAM in OCT2018

- **Detector, ready**
- **Photocathode THGEMs coating with Ni+Au, then CsI in Summer**
- **HV, LV ready (already used in lab tests)**
- **R-O & DAQ ready (already reported)**
- **Setup almost complete (this slide)**

- **Supports**
- **Structure flammable gas compliant**
- **Scintillators for trigger**
- **Remote control for scintillator alignment (step motors)**



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PROTOTYPE FUTURE

- **Version 2 to be realized in 2019:**
 - novel design of the anode PCB in order to remove the channel-dependent parasitic capacitance already realized**
 - **Specific support being requested in the context of EIC_NET**
- **Interfacing of the prototype with the novel VMM3 FE also in the pipe-line**

PROPOSAL REJECTED BY CSN 1

47 % (!)

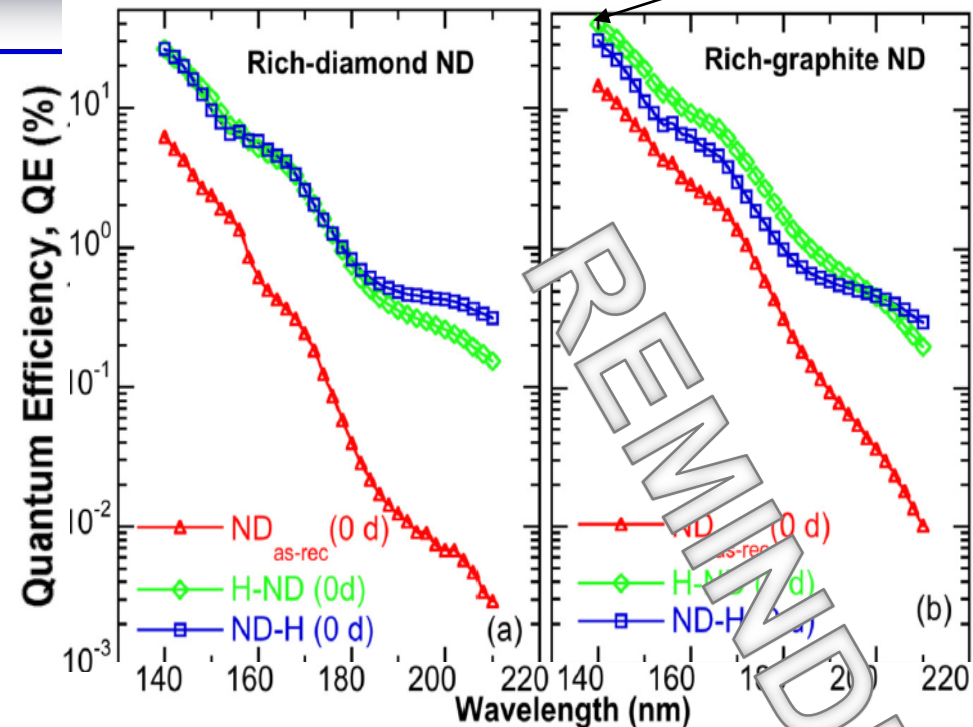
CsI, the only standard photoconverter compatible with gaseous atmospheres, has problematic issues, main ones:

- It does not tolerate exposure to air (water vapour, O₂)
- Ageing by ion bombardment

NEW !!!

Photocathodes: diamond film obtained with Spray Technique making use of NC powder

- *Spray technique: $T \sim 120^\circ$ (instead of $\sim 800^\circ$ as in standard techniques)*



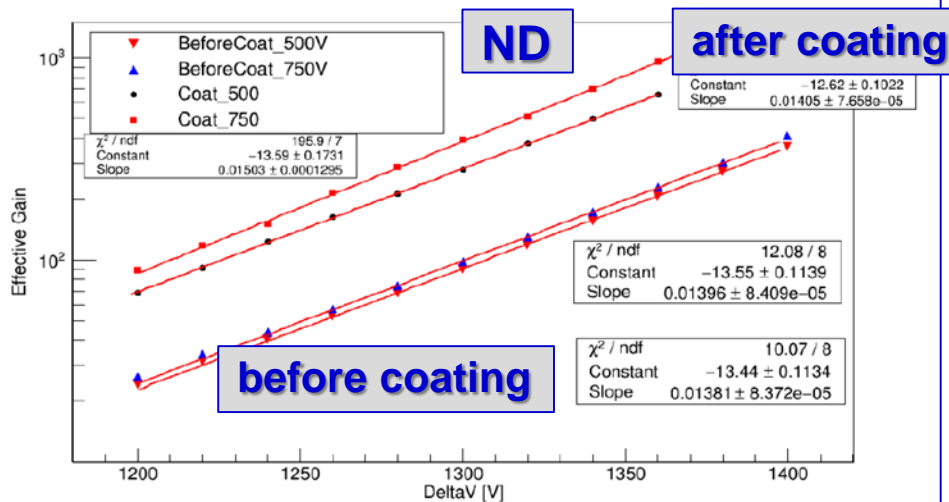
L.Velardi, A.Valentini, G.Cicala, *Diamond & Related Materials* 2017, 1

For **next year**, we are planning a very basic set of studies:

- to compare the QE of photocathode samples in vacuum and in different gaseous atmospheres;
- to realize a photon detector prototype with a photocathode using as substrate a THGEM and to characterize it;
- to perform a preliminary ageing study measuring the QE before and after collecting defined amount of charge at the photocathode itself.

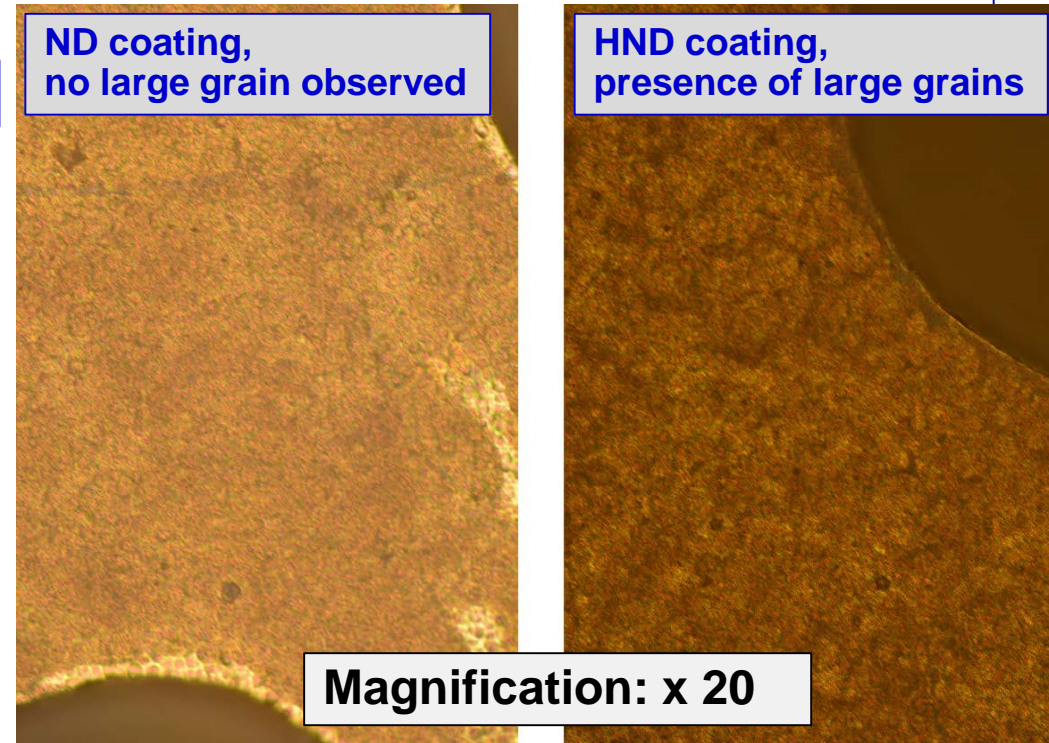
NEVERTHELESS ...

- 1 y of explorative studies within MPGD_NEXT (CSN5) proposed for 2019
 - **Some VERY PRELIMINARY exploratory activity performed**
- 6 small-size THGEMs (30 x 30 mm²) fully characterized before and after coating with **ND powder & Hydrogenated ND (HND) powder**:



ND coating,
no large grain observed

HND coating,
presence of large grains



- **ND : systematically higher gain**
- **HND : systematically do not stand the HV, morphology ?**

→ **Already indications for future explorative studies**

IN CONCLUSION

**The support received by WP4
within RD_FA**

**has been an important boost for
our activities and
a precious bridge to move towards
experiments at EIC**