



Status of MSD subsystem

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Hardware: Sensor and VA140

→ **Sensor:** procurement procedure concluded. One week ago issued the formal purchase order.

Estimated time of arrival of sensors: within half september.

→ **Readout Chip (VA140):** order procedure (210 k€, HERD, POX FOOT) on track.

Hopefully within june Giunta will approve formally procedure.

Estimated time of arrival of chips: before august.

Hardware: Sensor

→ **Sensor type choice** →
Standard single-sided.

Single-sided silicon detector (SSSD):

- 150 μ m thickness.
- 96x93 mm² active area.
- strip pitch: to be precisely defined together with Hamamatsu for maximizing surface coverage maintaining same strip number.

Strip n°640

Strip n°1

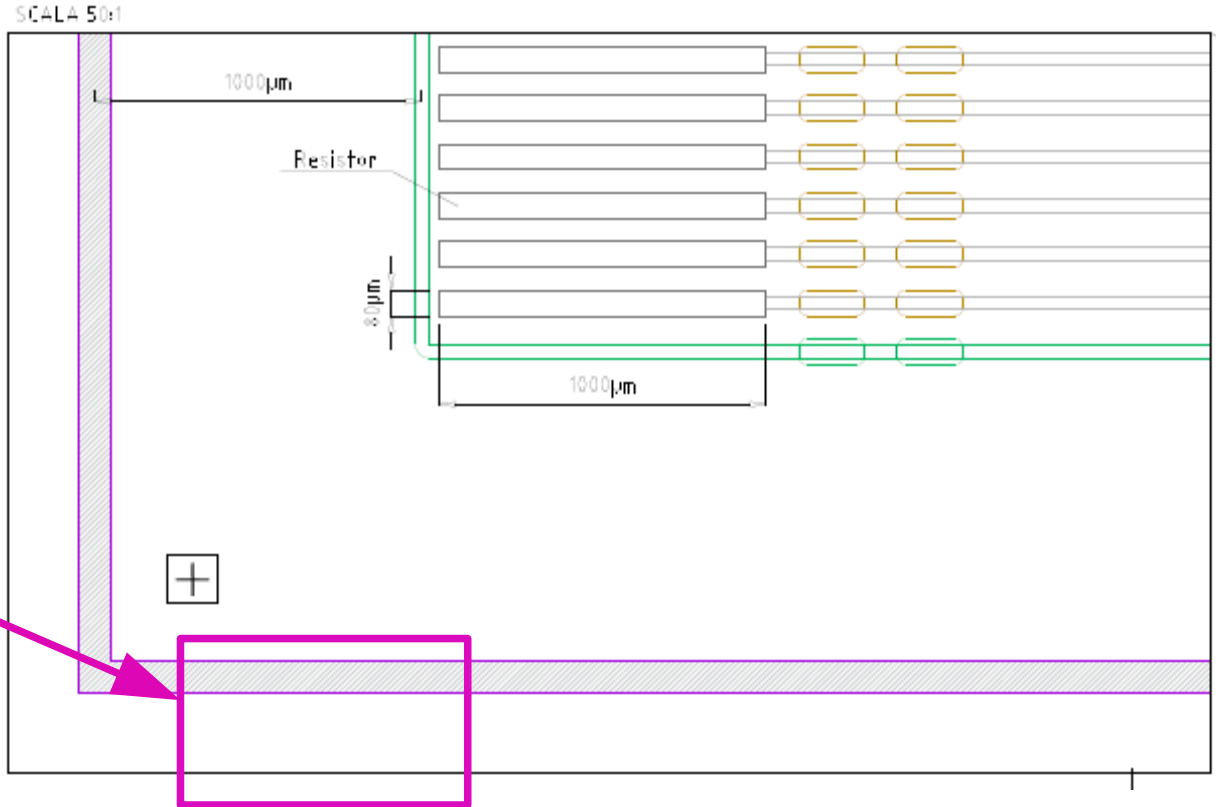


Hardware: Sensor

- Single Strip Resistors implemented directly on sensor active area → loss of 3 mm
- small asymmetry in active area.

Additional 5 mm inactive silicon area outside guard ring:
width: 103 mm

(better glueing and manipulation)

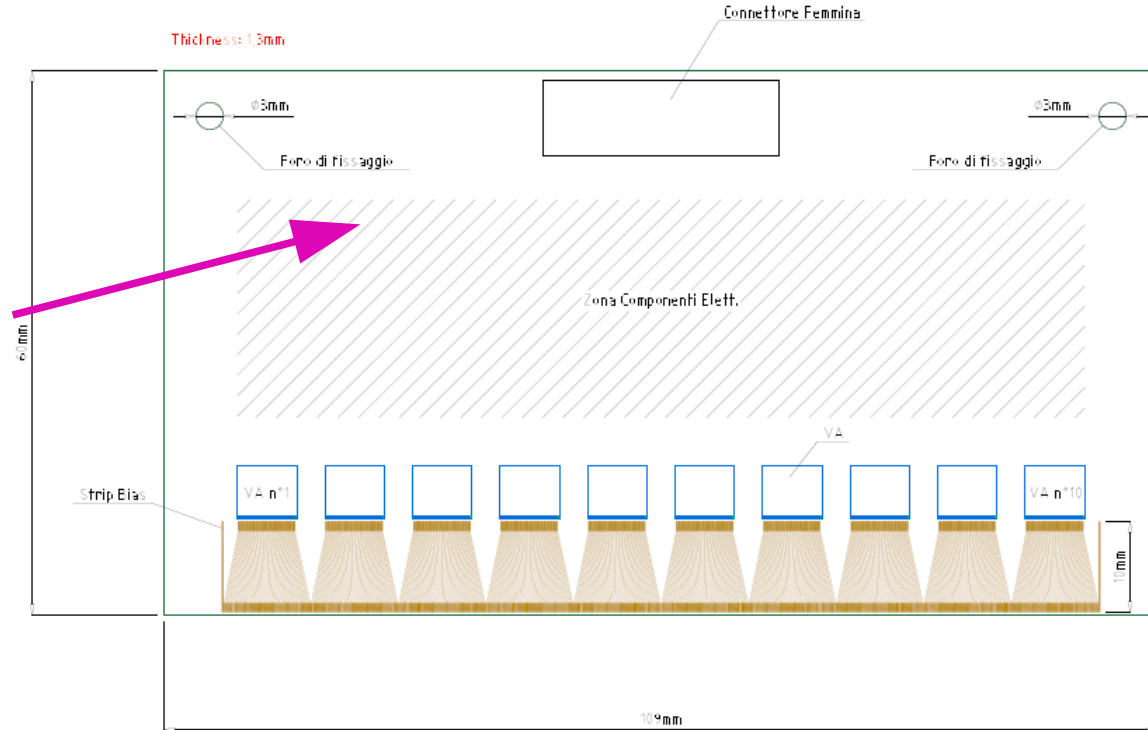


Hardware: Hybrid

→ 10 VA140 chips (91 μm pitch among channels)

Pitch adapter on PCB

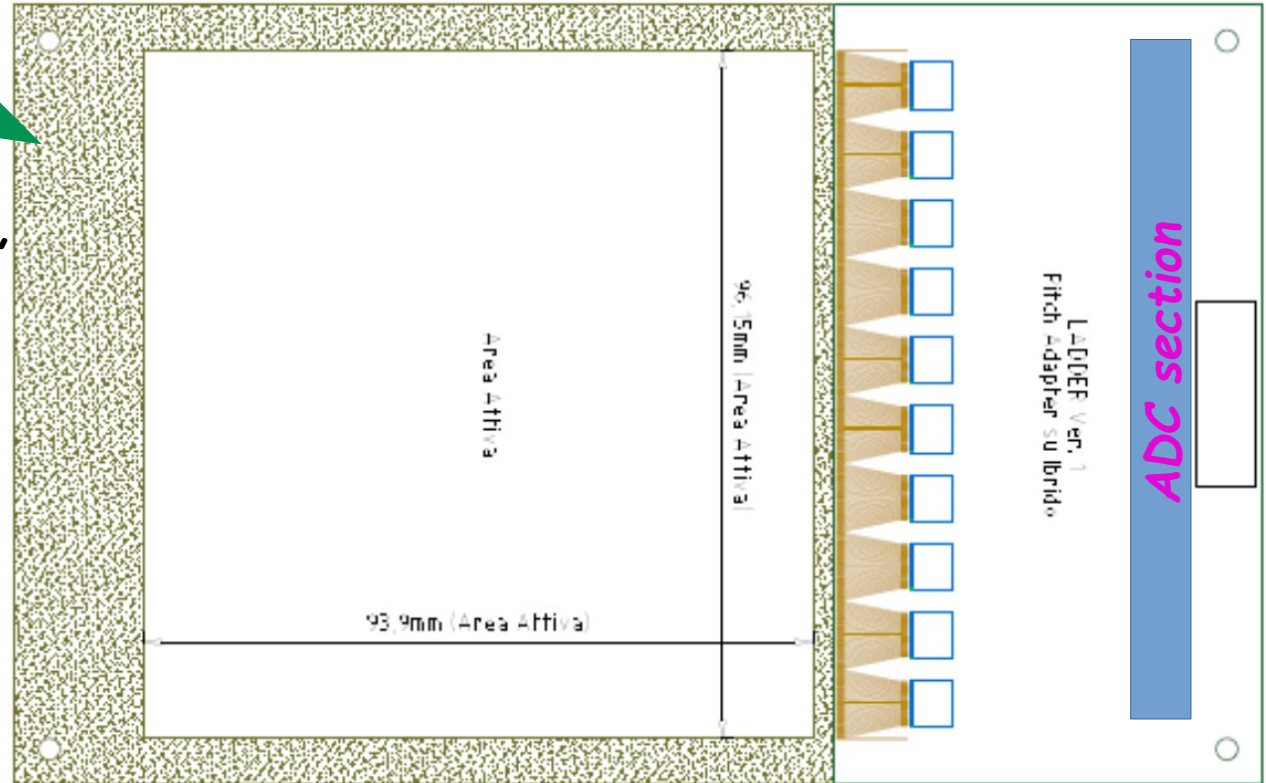
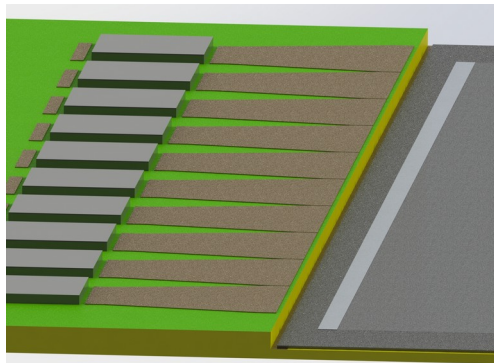
(two bonding, one of which VA-PCB and the other PCB-silicon)



Pitch: VA 91 μm - SI 51 μm

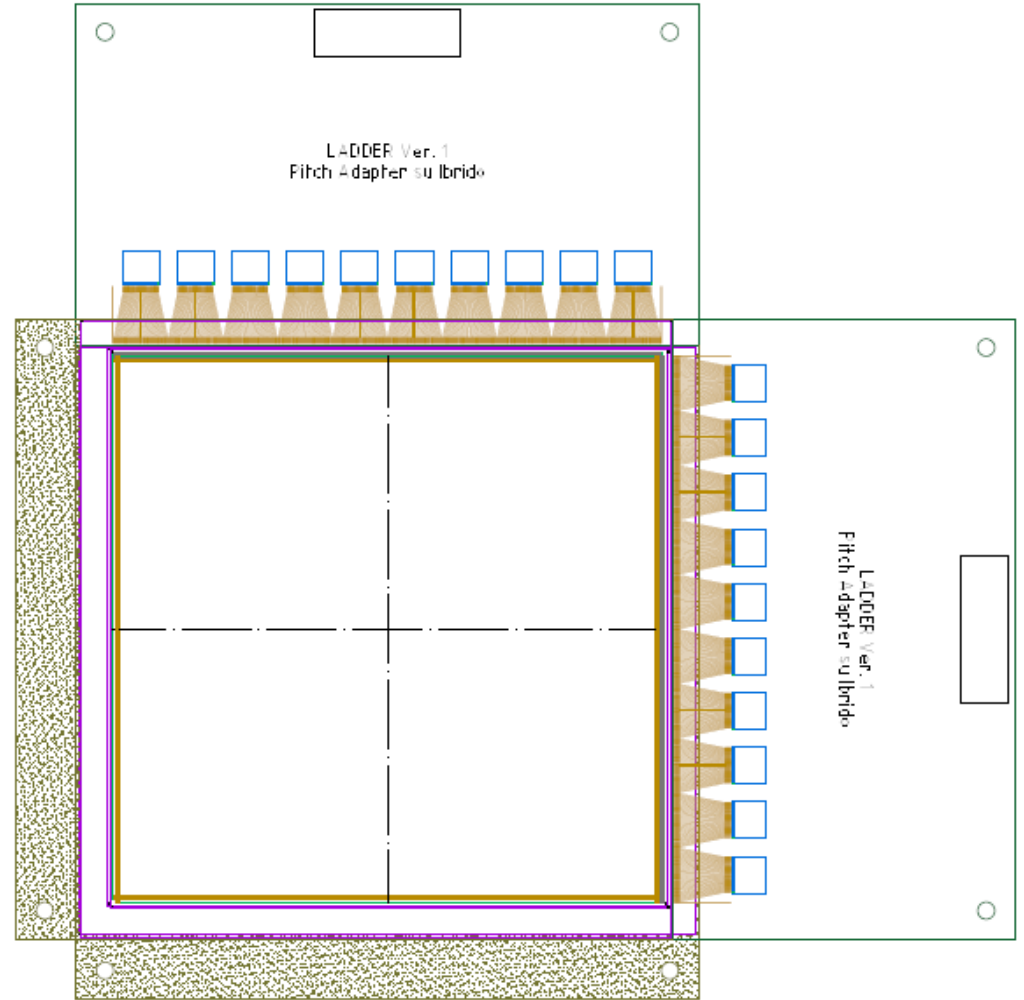
Hardware: Support structure

- Carbon fiber support or PCB.
- Border wide enough for glueing inactive sensor border, partially with conductive glue to assure easy biasing of the back plane of the sensor.



Hardware: x-y plane

- Perpendicular planes.
- No biadhesive kapton up to now.
Trying to define a mechanical fixing between the two support structures (precision pins $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$ uncertainty)
- with this solution the substitution of one sensor in case of problems would be easier. Also less passive material in the beam line.



Hardware: sensors' light shielding

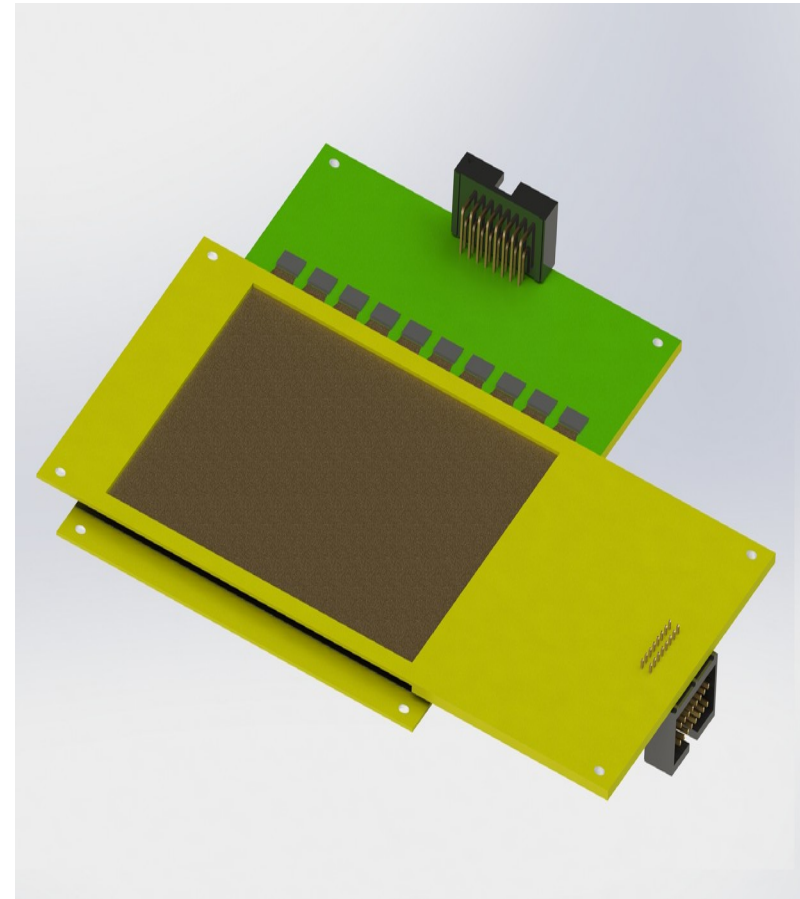
Traditional solution: enclose all MSD in a light tight box.

→ put more material on the beam line and have a more complicated mechanical setup.

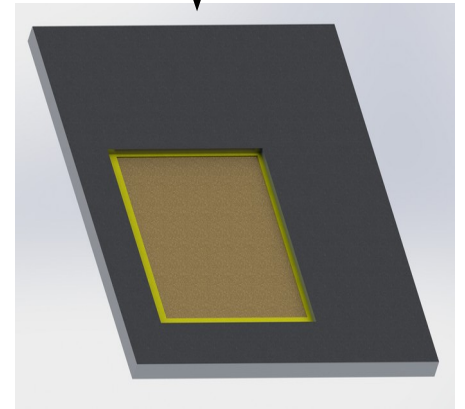
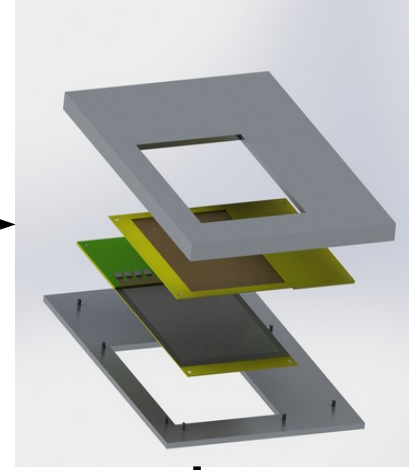
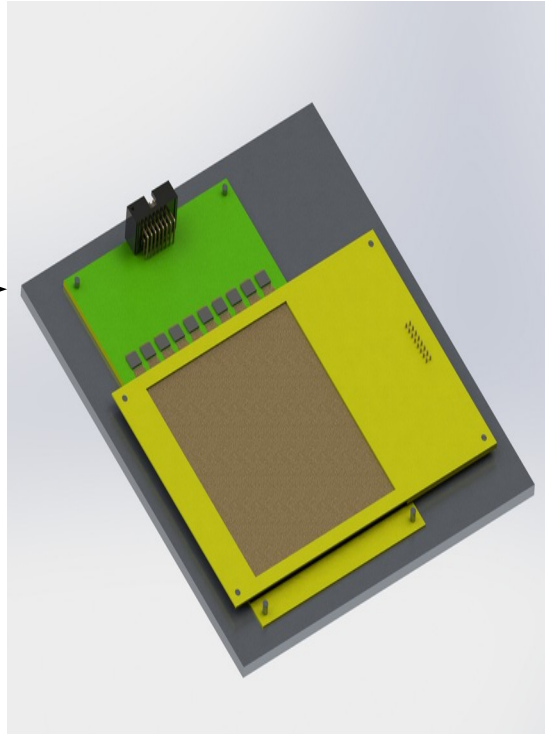
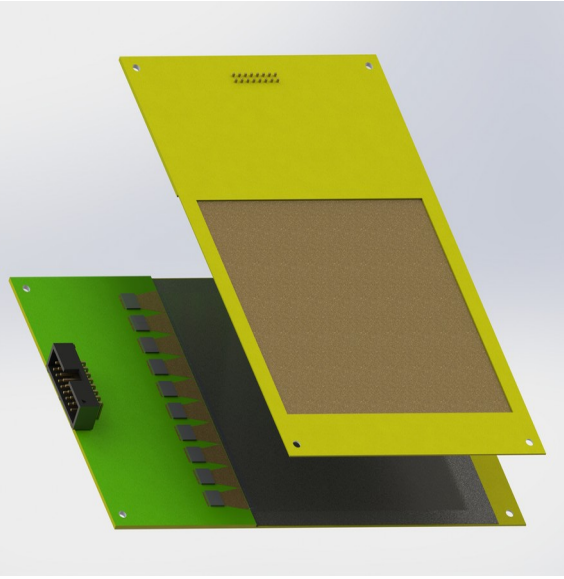
Innovation..... (still under study)

→ front planes face-to-face to seal from light using them.

We will start some tests beginning of next year using existing DAMPE sensors.



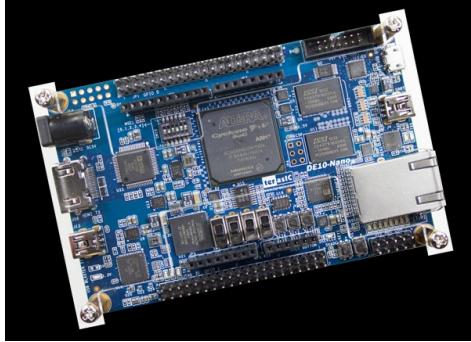
Hardware: face-to-face solution



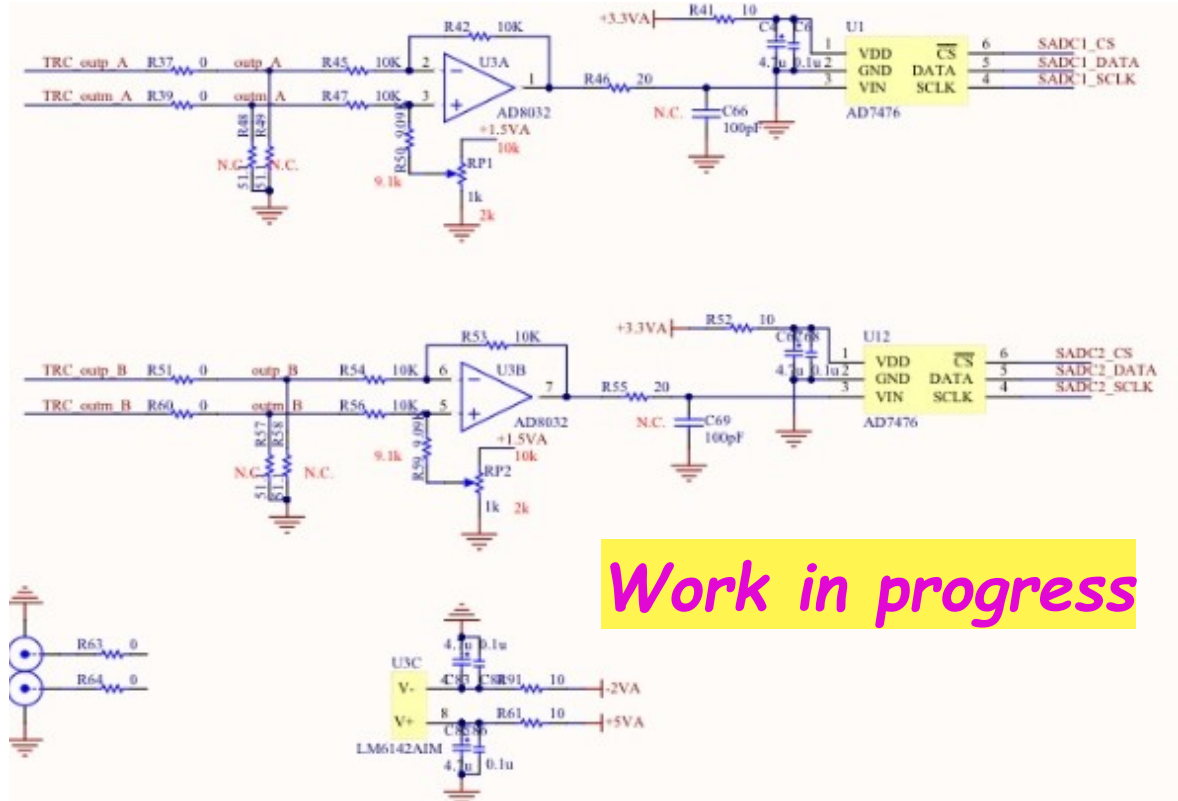
Each x-y plane sealed from light using sensors' backplane (metallized)

Data Acquisition

We are working with **TERASIC DE10 nano** evaluation board as interface between front-end VA140 readout chip and general FOOT DAQ.



We have designed a custom board to convert from analog to digital VA140 signal.



Past 2019 Test beams

→ **CNAO (february 2019): carbon beam**

Test of 300 and 150 μm thick sensors with VA140 readout chip. Same goal of december 2018 Trento test with protons.

→ **Trento with Beam Monitor (march 2019). Goals:**

A) Primary: to furnish a telescope to Beam Monitor to calibrate that device.

B) Secondary: to study 150 μm thick sensor (Micron UK) with VA140 readout chip for cluster size, saturation, bias charge collection and cluster size dependence.

Test Done.... **Analysis in progress. Part in common with BM has higher priority.**

Next 2019 Test beams

→ Asked for a beam period in Trento autumn 2019.

Test some final detectors (sensor + readout chip + DAQ) on proton beam at various energies to extract detector parameters.

→ Test at CNAO alone or with the full FOOT with carbon ions with final detectors, if possible in 2019, at latest before spring 2020.

→ test with assembled MSD as soon as possible to measure offsets, rotation, spatial resolution before final mounting on experiment (to be defined where and With which beams: Trento, LNF..)

Papers & notes:

- Poster at FDFP2018 : **Full Collaboration paper. Accepted, corrected proofs.**
Evaluation of double-sided silicon microstrip sensor for the FOOT experiment.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2018.10.190>
- LGAD paper: **Technical paper** concerning LGAD performances on ion beams.
Most likely submitted before end of summer)
(in progress, on hold due to other analysis higher priorities)
- Started a study on MSD cluster reconstruction to optimize parameters
(Gianluigi). It should become at least a **technical note**.