

# L'attività italiana in EIC\_NET: progetti di R&D

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# Introduction

EIC\_NET ongoing R&D activities are focusing on 3 main topics, all critical for a future EIC detector:

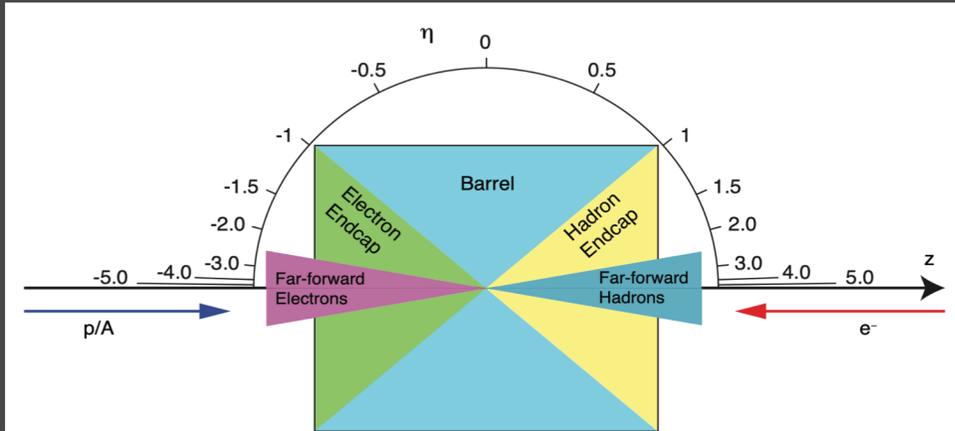
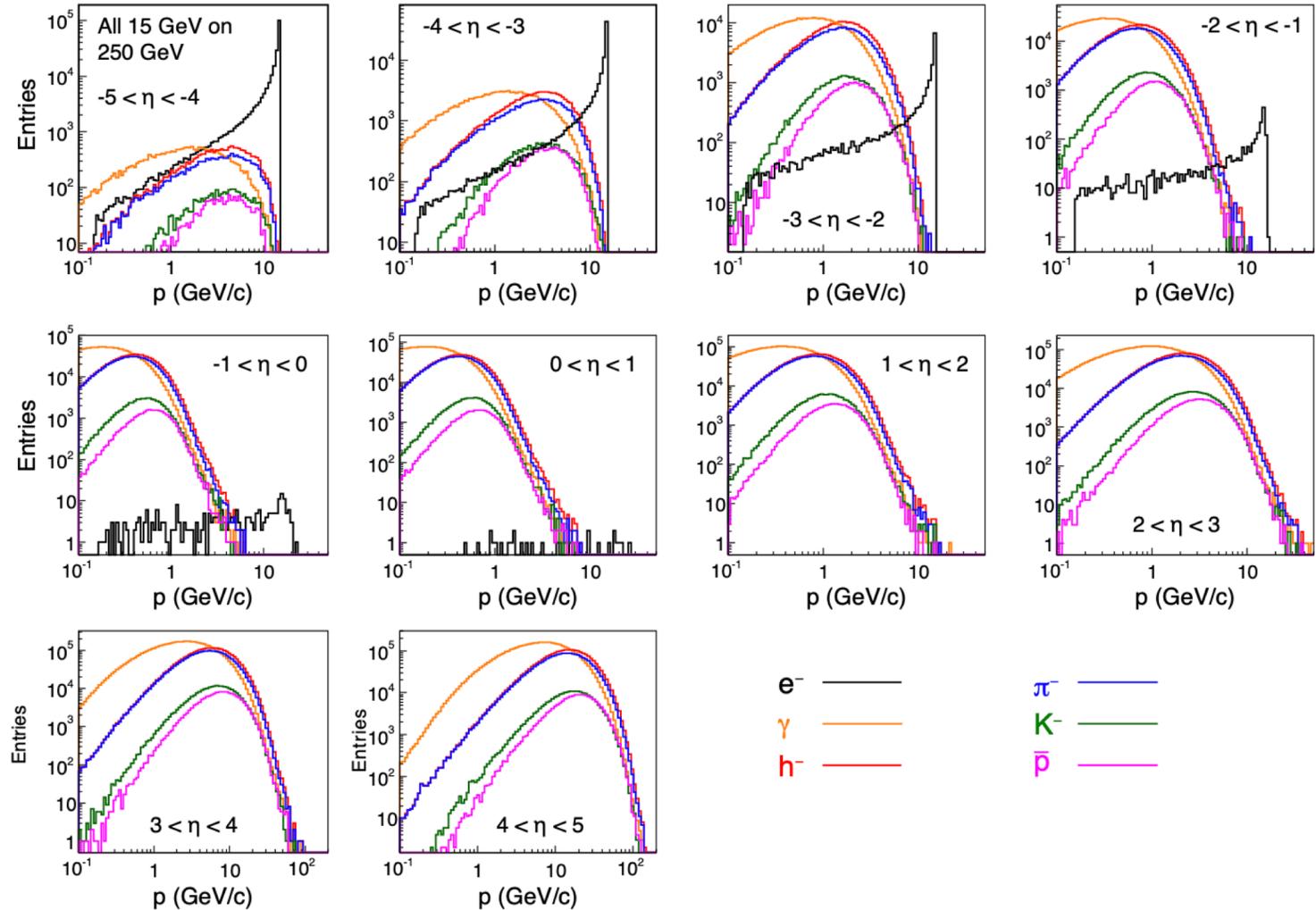
- Particle ID with RICH detector
  - High-momentum RICH: dual radiator / gas windowless
  - Modular RICH
- Triggerless readout system with a streaming architecture
- Electromagnetic calorimetry

All the activities benefit from the strong knowledge of the Italian groups, and are coordinated with the international EIC community within the US program for a generic EIC R&D

# PID in EIC

PID is a crucial element for the future EIC detector

## Expected particles distributions as a function of momentum for different rapidity intervals



Rapidities / angles follow HERA convention

The large momentum range and the high particle multiplicities call for a **very strong PID efficiency and purity**, achievable only with complementary techniques depending on the kinematic range.

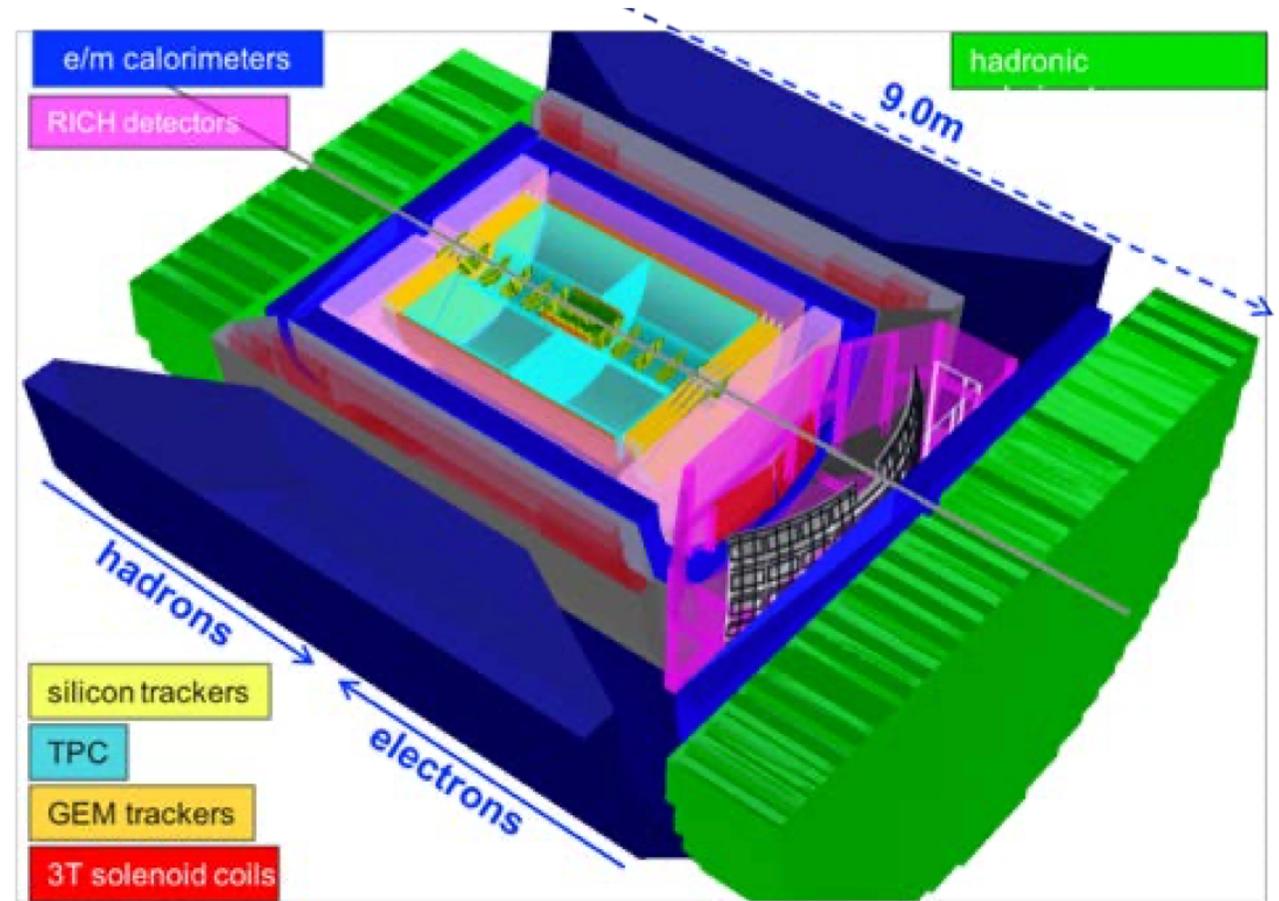


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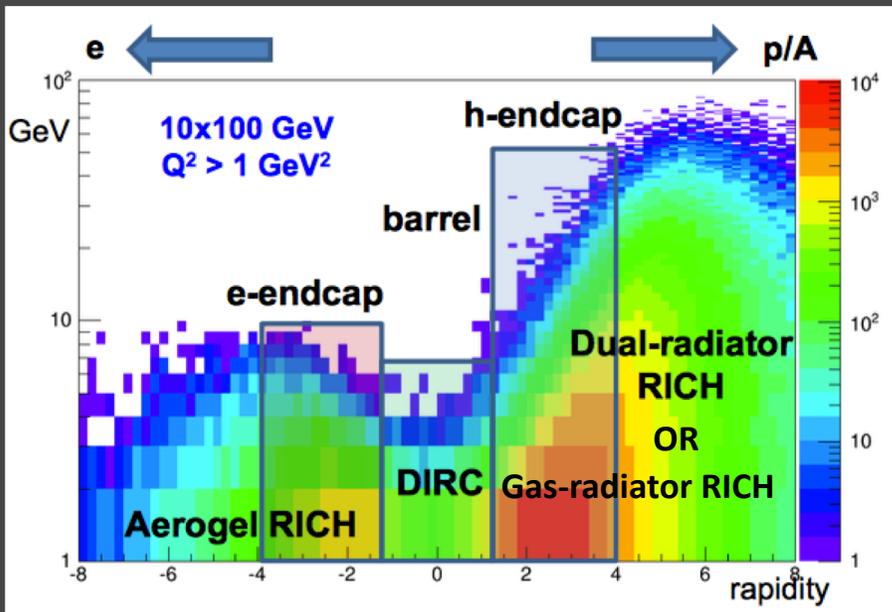
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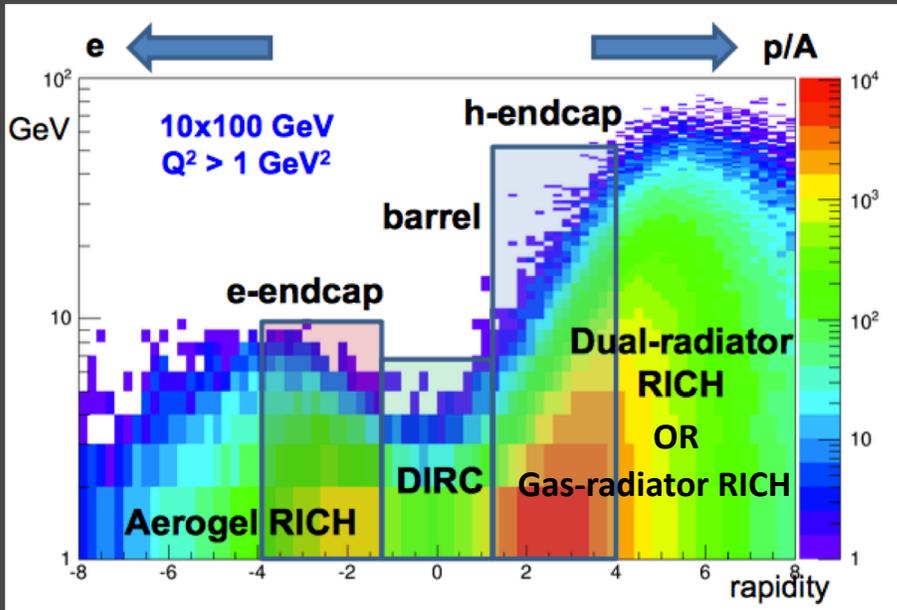
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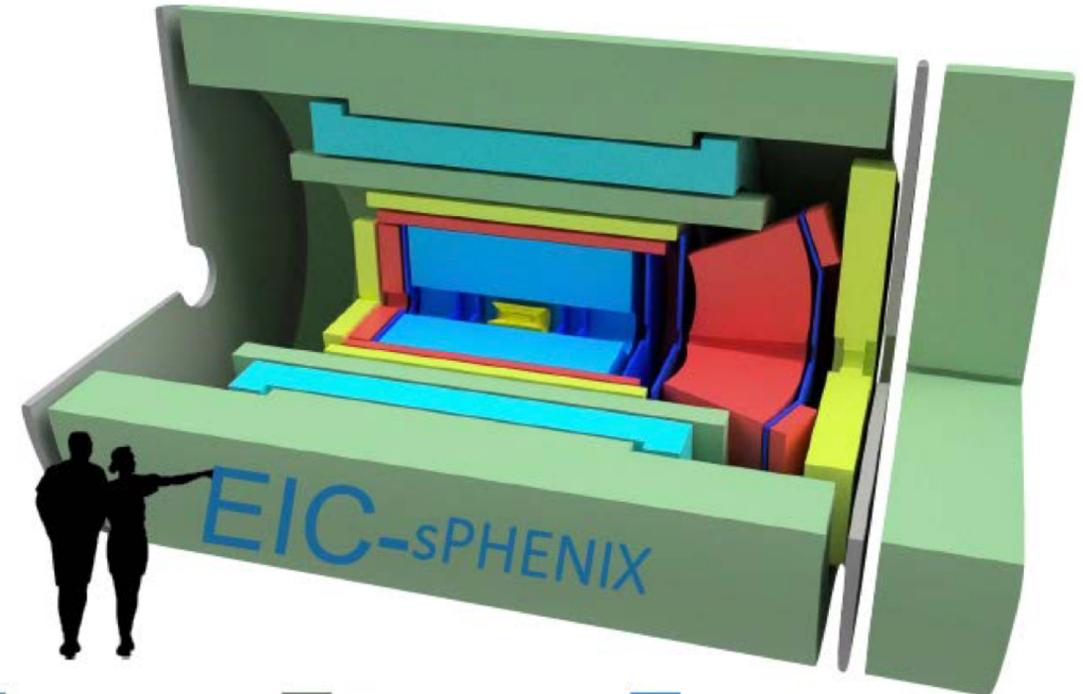
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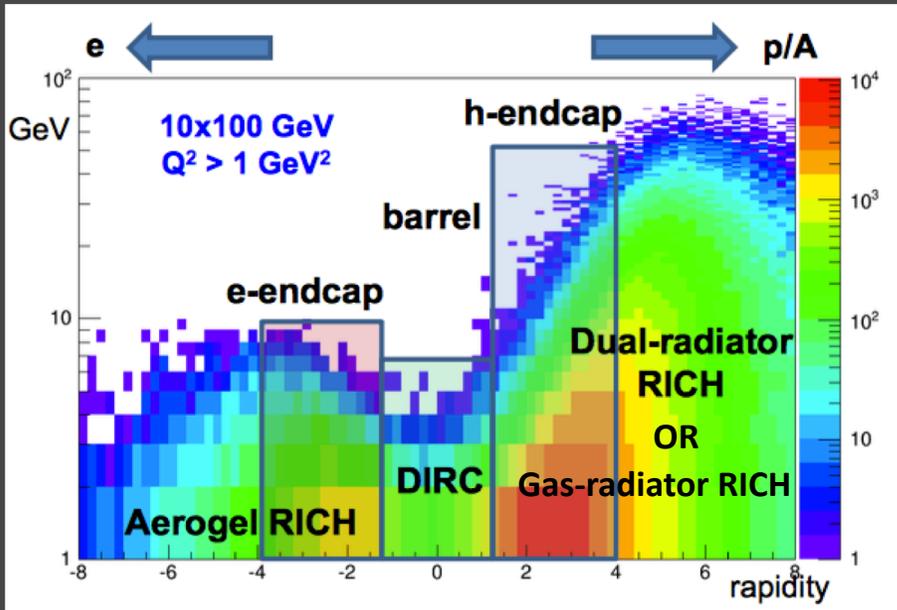
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|  Solenoid                     |  Flux return |  Central tracking  |
|  Electromagnetic calorimeter |   |  Forward tracking |
|  Hadron calorimeter         |   |  Particle ID     |

BNL – sPhenix EIC

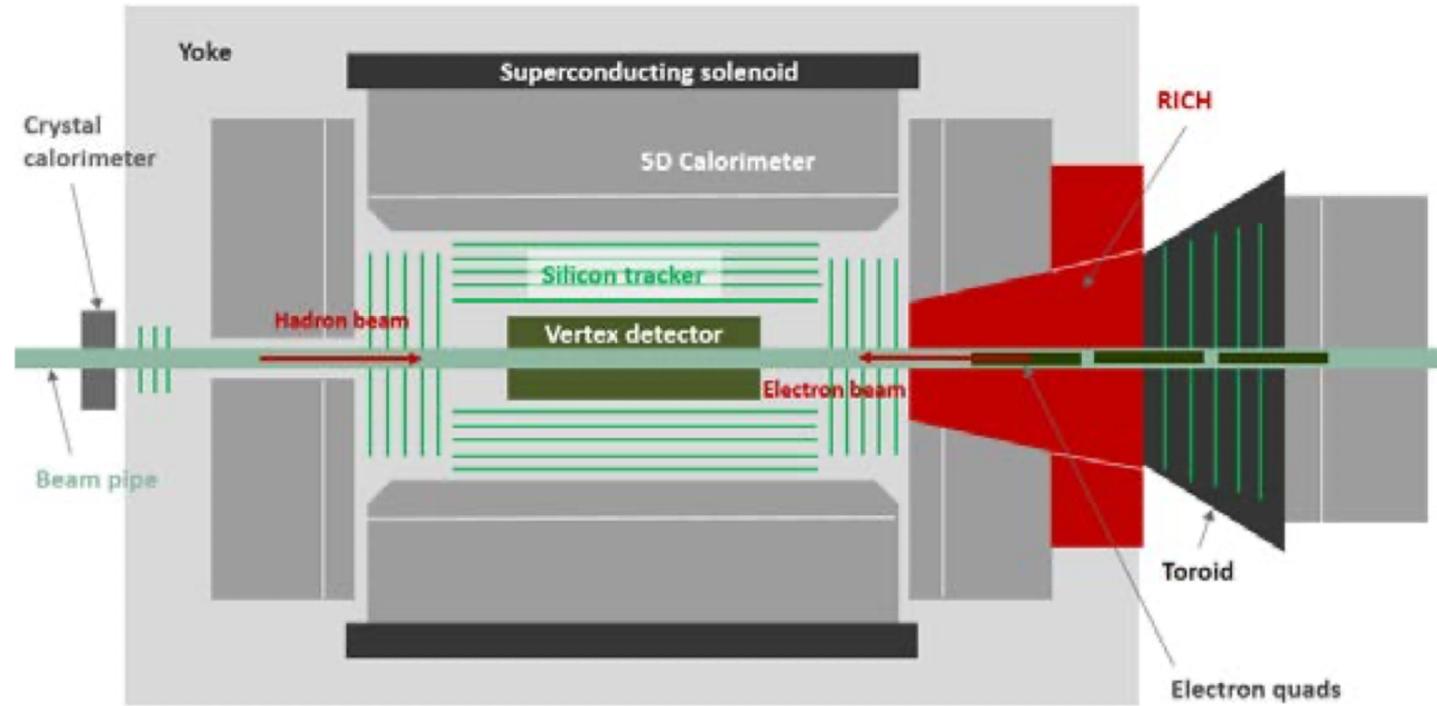
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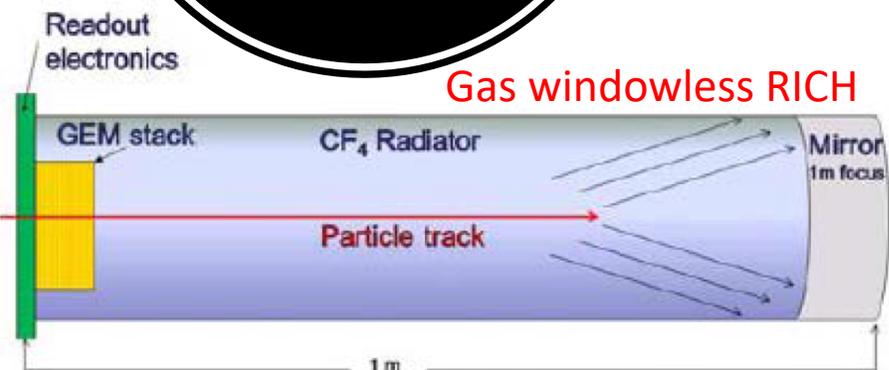
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activity:  
high-  
momentum  
RICH

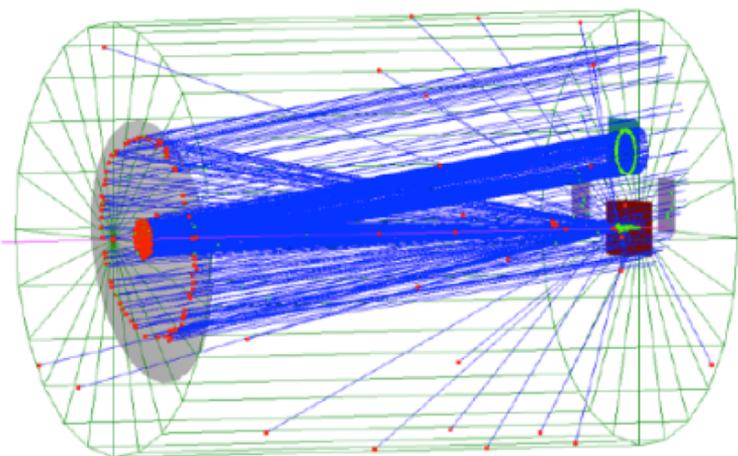
**The challenge:** h-PID ad large momentum using known techniques (LHCb, COMPASS,...) requires both extended radiators and PMT-like photodetectors: critical for space requirements and operations in high B field

**The possible solutions:**

- *Visible-light dual-radiator RICH*
  - R&D required on photodetectors (LAPPD? SiPM?)
- *Far-UV RICH with windowless CsI-based gas photodetector*
  - Exploits the  $1/\lambda^2$  number of photons
  - Use interferometric mirrors to select narrow  $\lambda$  range
  - R&D required on photodetectors



Dual-radiator RICH



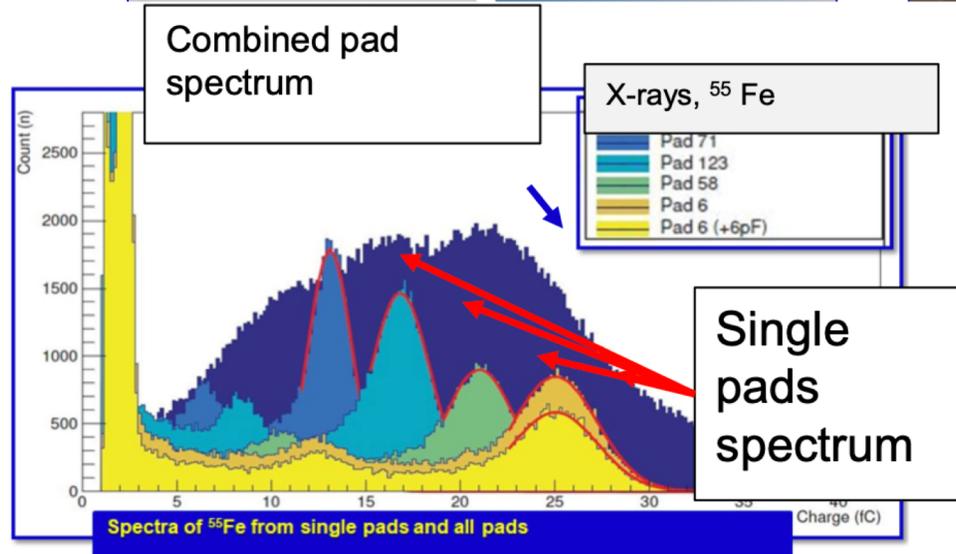
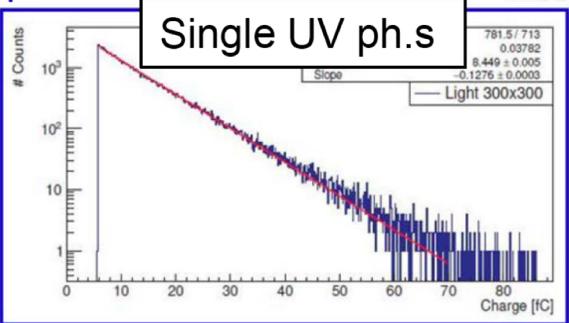
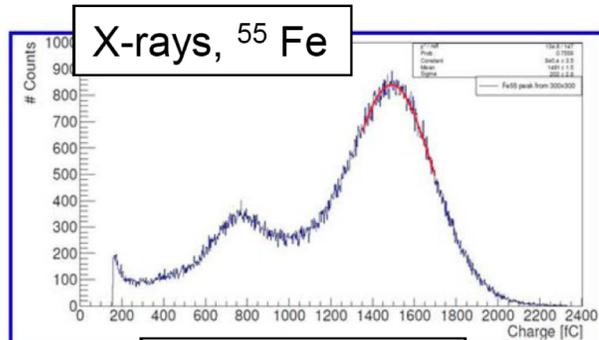
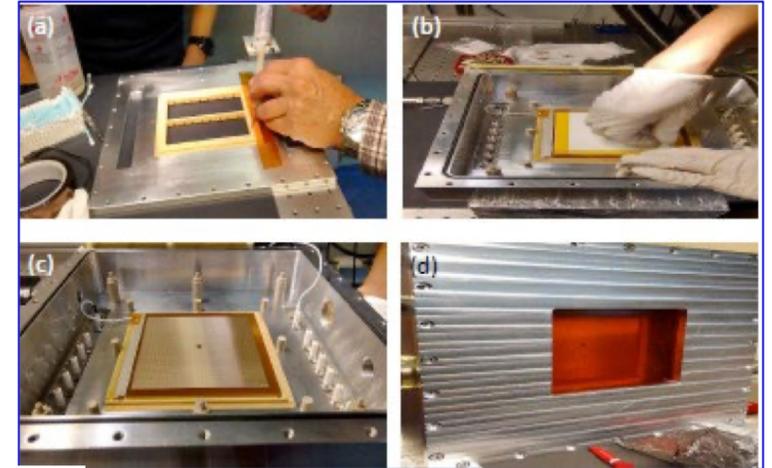
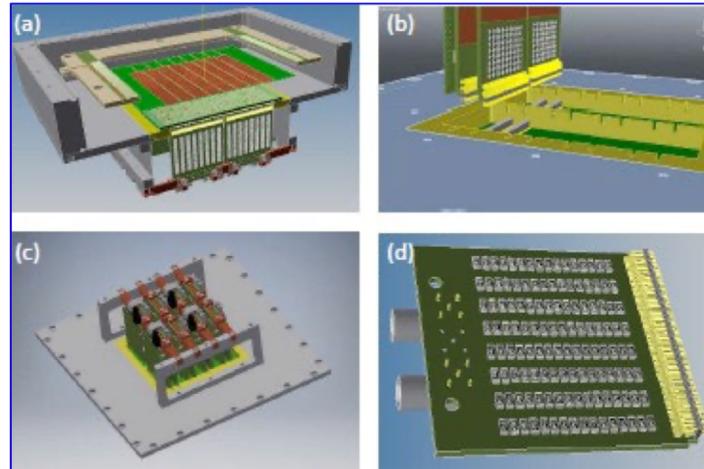
**INFN activity exploiting both-options (within EIC R&D WP6 – particle ID):**

- *Windowless gas RICH:*
  - Development of MPGD-based photo-detectors with a CsI photocatode, starting from the successful experience of COMPASS
  - MPGD properties optimization for EIC requirements: cells size, gain, ...
  - Investigation of alternative approaches for photocathodes manufacturing: diamond powders ("blue sky investigation", INFN-CSN5, experiment "IDEA")
- *Dual-radiator RICH:*
  - Optimize design (radiators / dimensions) for wide momentum coverage
  - Investigating sector-based focusing to reduce photosensors area

INFN R&D  
activity: gas  
RICH with  
windowless  
readout

2017-2018: construction and characterization of a small-scale prototype with 3x3 mm<sup>2</sup> readout pads to investigate new MPGD solutions.

Hybrid MPGD: two-layers GEM + Micromegas readout by SRS(R&D51) with APV25 FE



**Main results:**

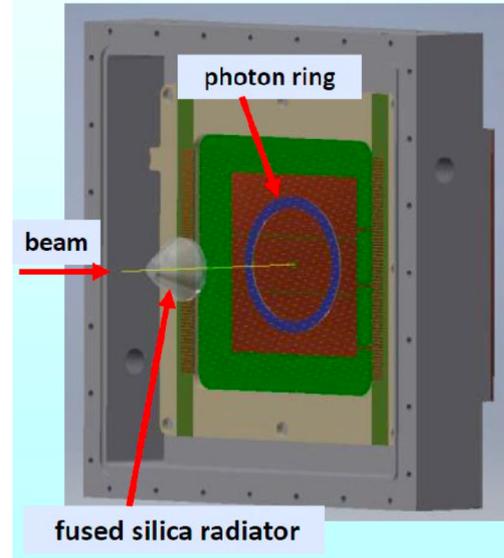
- Gain variation pad-to-pad at ~10% r.m.s.
- Parasitic capacitance of the read-out line to be equalized in a next prototype

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# 2018-2019: prototype characterization with test-beam @ CERN

## Fused-silica radiator setup

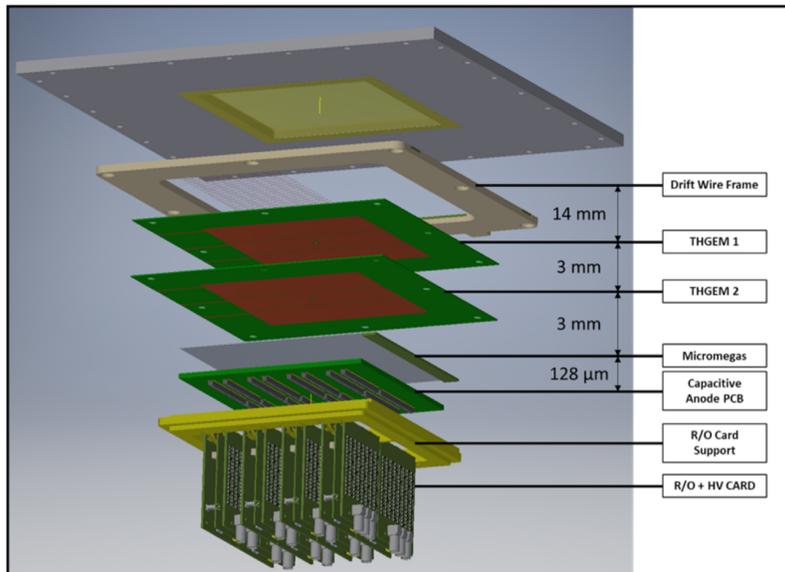
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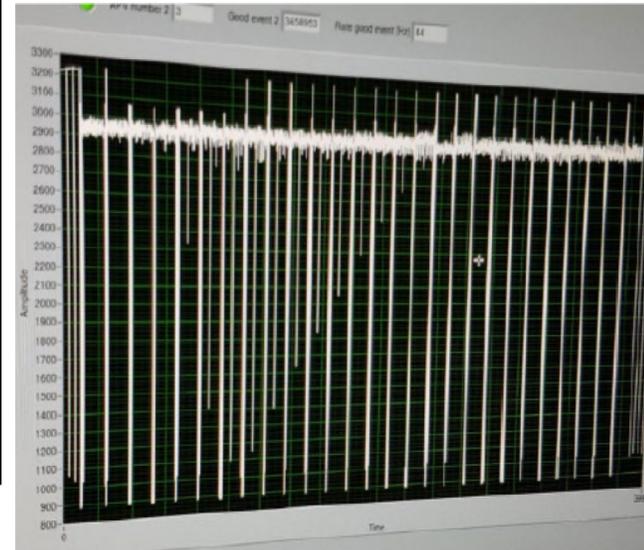
SRS is read-out by the new "RAVEN" DAQ-system designed to increase the acquisition rate and controlled via an user-friendly dedicated GUI



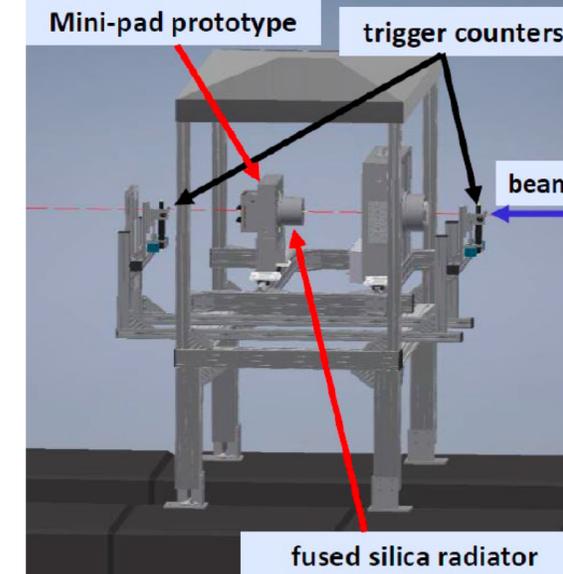
Prototype assembly



Signals from APV25 readout ASIC



Test-beam setup



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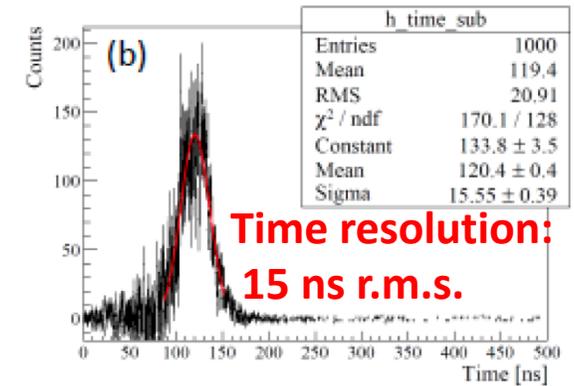
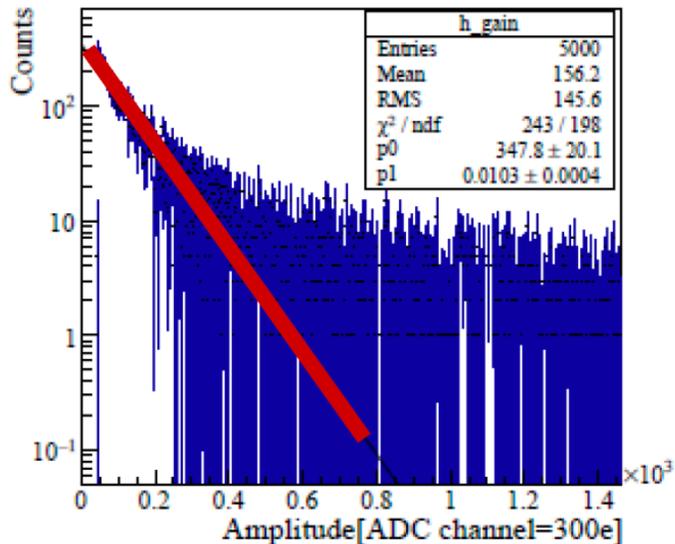
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INFN R&D activity: gas RICH with windowless readout

Cherenkov ring well visible after direct-beam hit subtraction

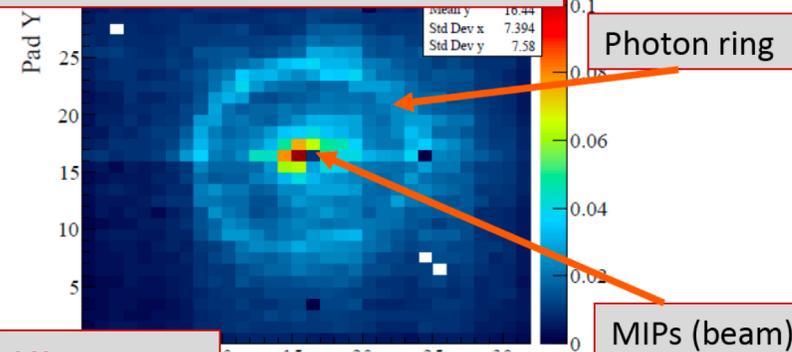
On-going analysis to determine detector performances: detector gain, time resolution, cluster-size

Detector gain from single photon charge distribution slope: **30k**



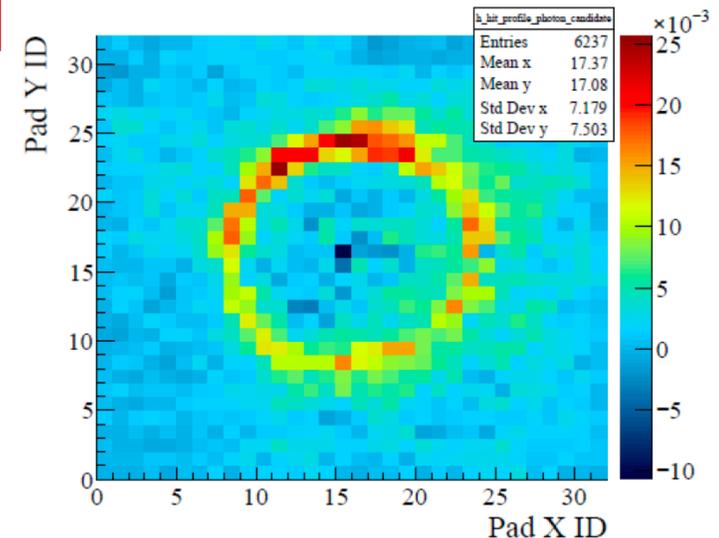
**Time resolution: 15 ns r.m.s.**

A - Shutter between detector and radiator **OPEN**



A - B (properly normalized): only the photon ring !

B - Shutter between detector and radiator **CLOSED**



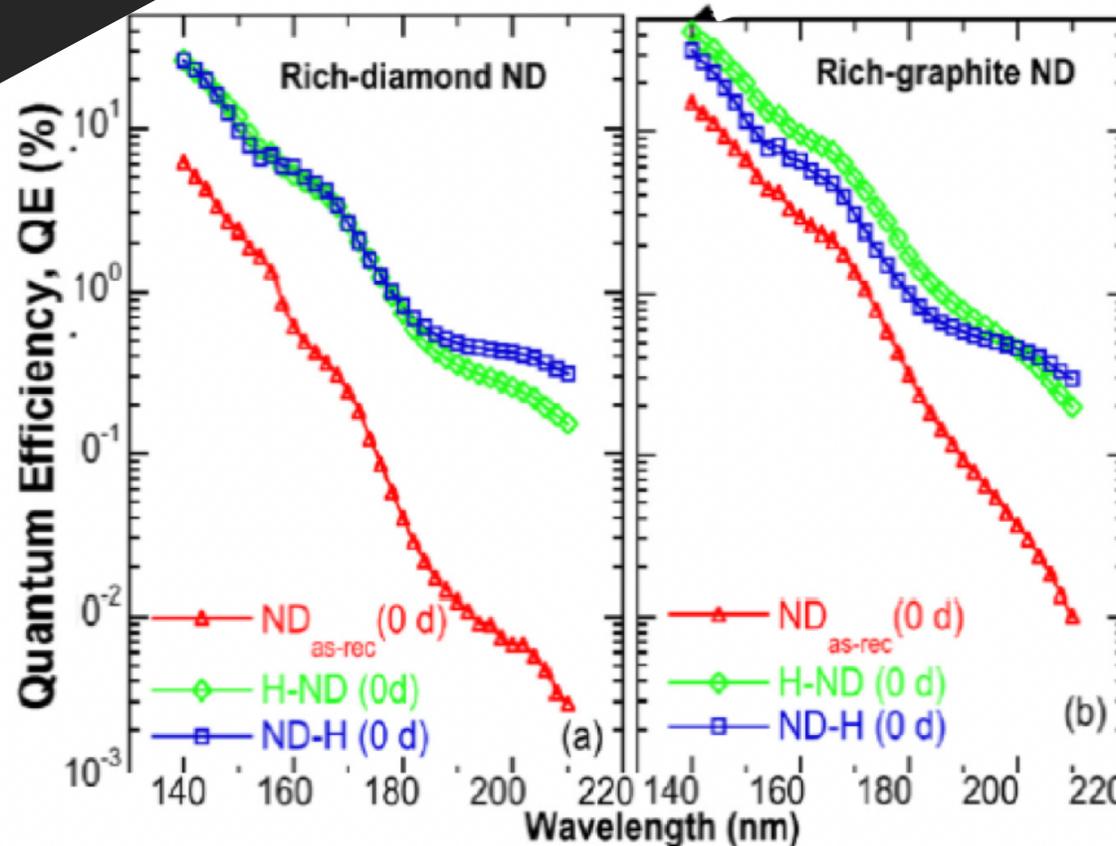
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activity: nano-  
diamond  
powder  
photocathodes

## Test of a nano-diamond powder based photocathode

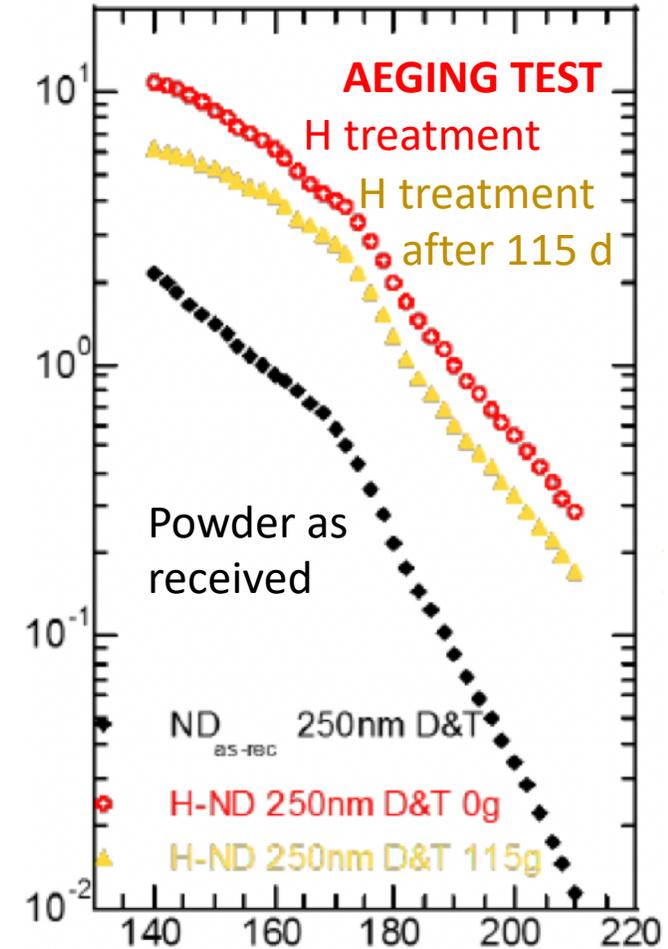
- Powder deposited with “spray” technique at low-T (120 degrees)
- Hydrogen plasm treatment to enhance QE

### Quantum-efficiency measurement

- As-received
- Plasm treatment before deposition
- Plasm treatment after deposition



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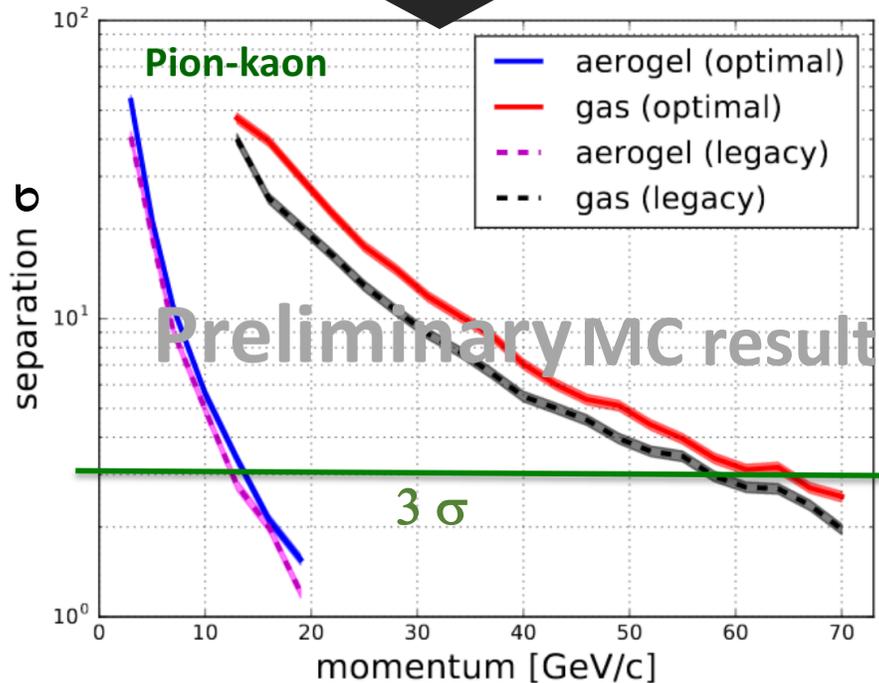
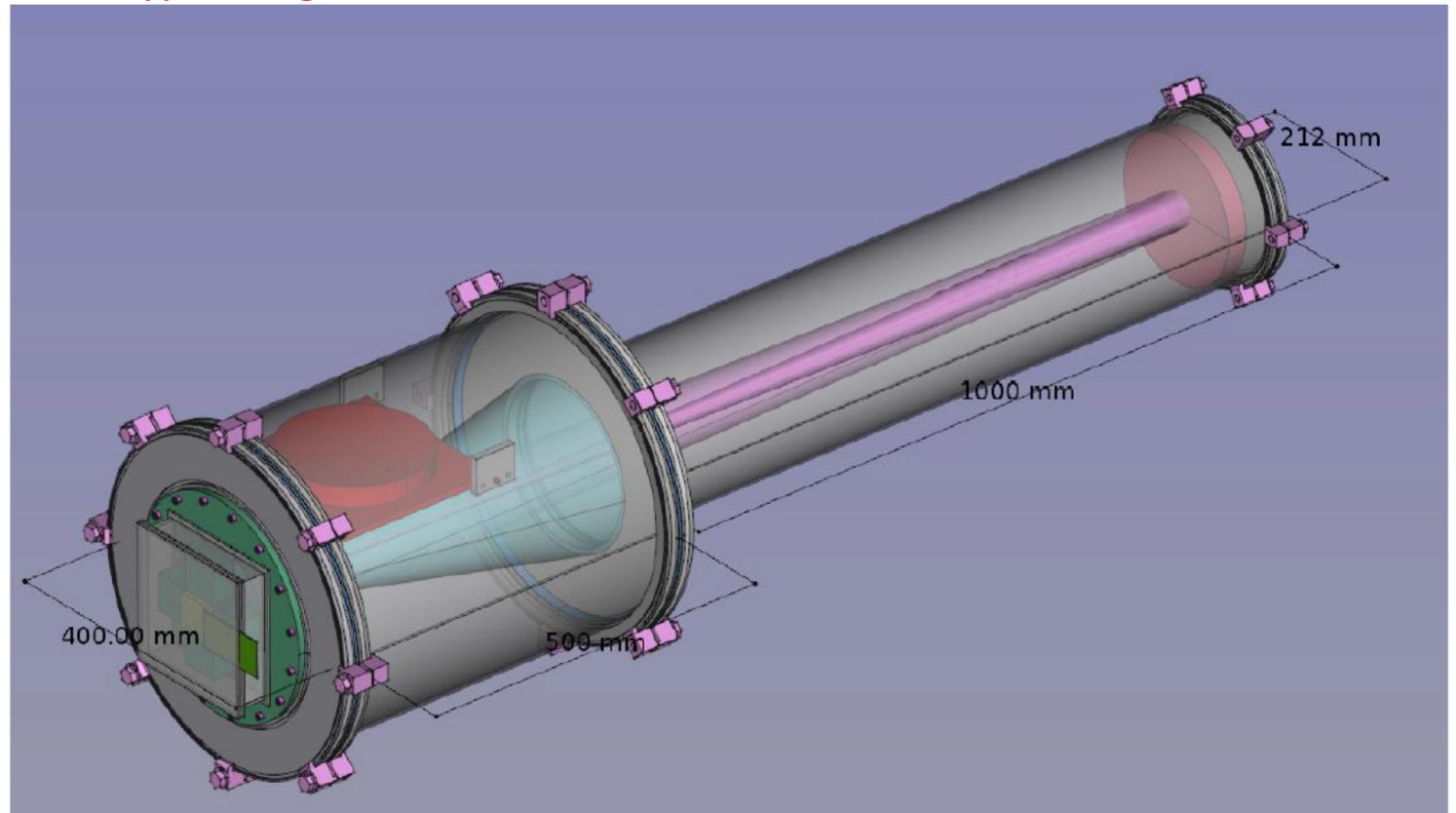
Significant powder quality (QE value) dependency on manufacturer. Call for a careful quality assessment

INFN R&D  
activity: dual-  
radiator RICH

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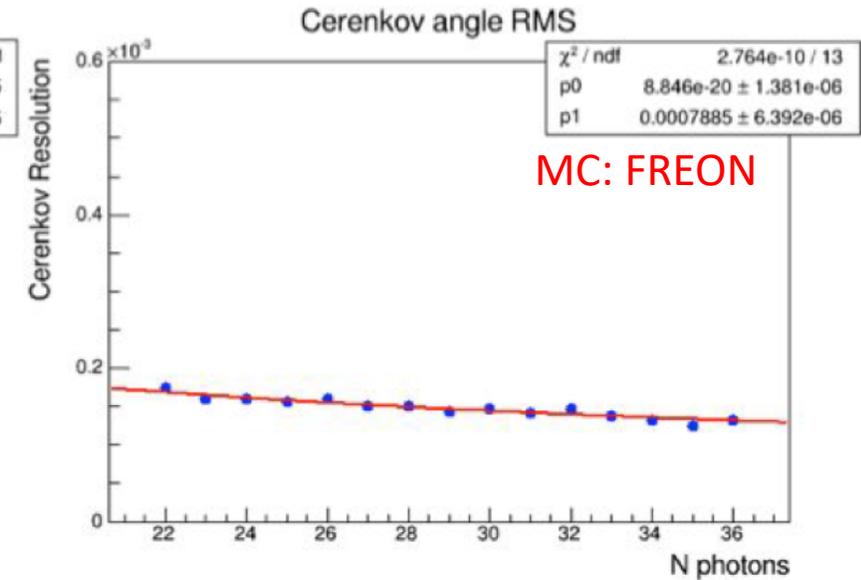
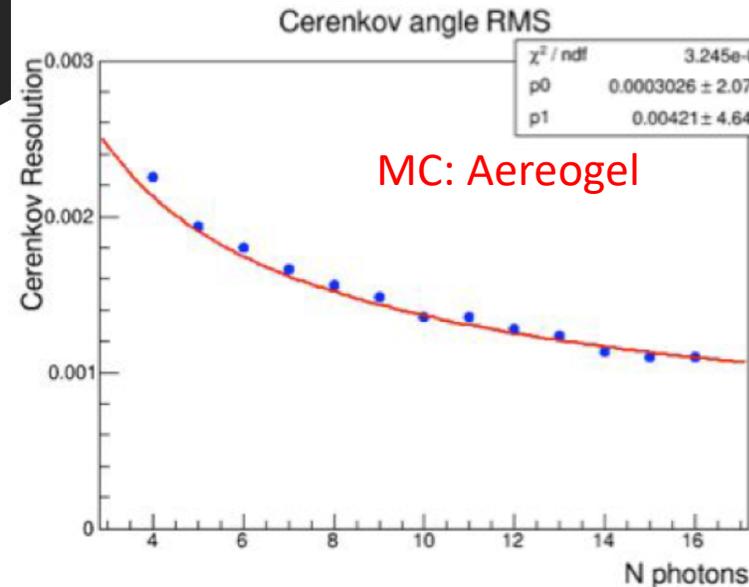
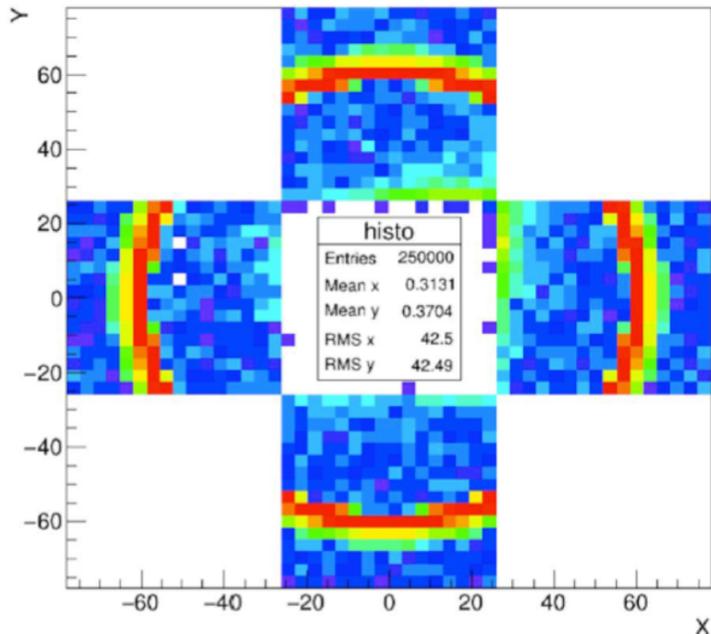


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Results from MC simulation (Aereogel)



Contributions to the angular error (mrad)

1 p.e. Error (mrad)	Aerogel	@EIC	C <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> Gas	@EIC
Chromatic error	3.2	(2.9)	0.51	(0.8)
Emission	0.5	(0.5)	0.5	(1.2)
Pixel	2.5	(0.5)	0.42	(0.5)

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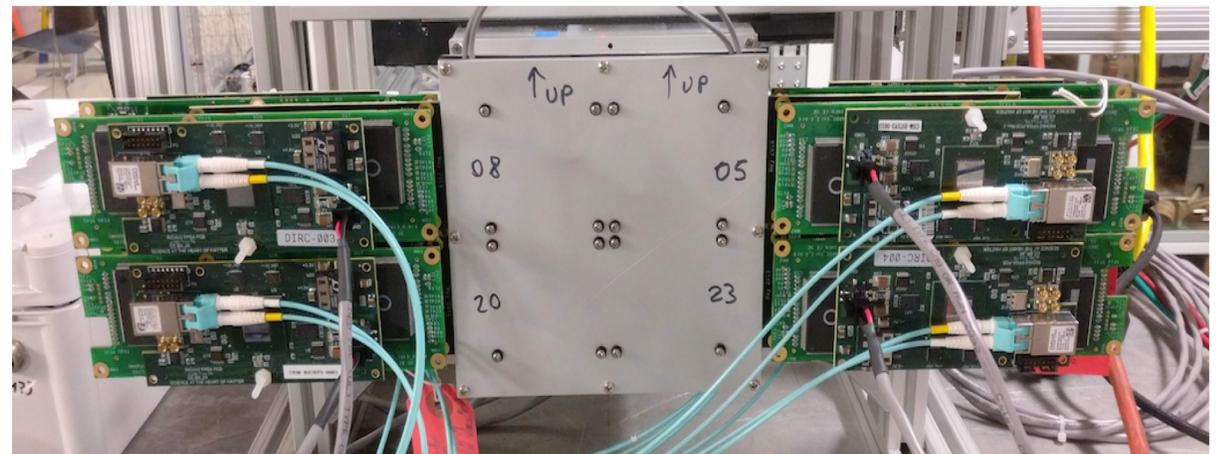
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- Significant R&D activity on PD and associated readout electronics
  - MA-PMT
    - Well-known detectors (experience from CLAS12 RICH)
  - SiPM
    - Cheaper and more efficient solution
    - Critical item to be investigated: radiation hardness (neutron damage), possibly mitigated with low-T operations / annealing cycles
    - Challenge: cooling integrated into the sensitive readout
- Readout electronics:
  - Investigating the use of different ASICs, using the well-known MAROC as a reference (for both MAPMT and SiPM)

SiPM readout box



MAPMT readout box



INFN R&D  
activity:  
modular  
RICH

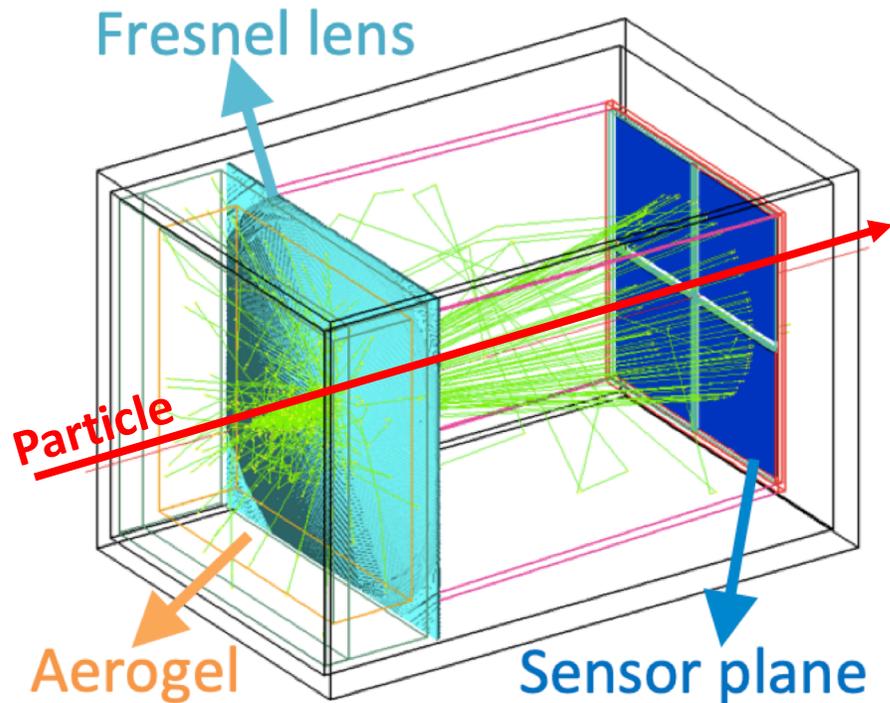
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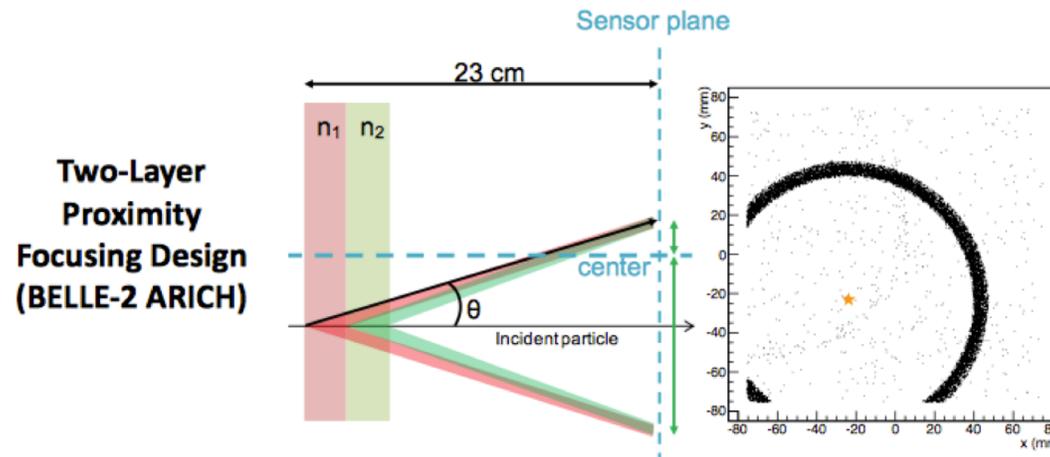
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Traditional approach – two layers proximity focusing



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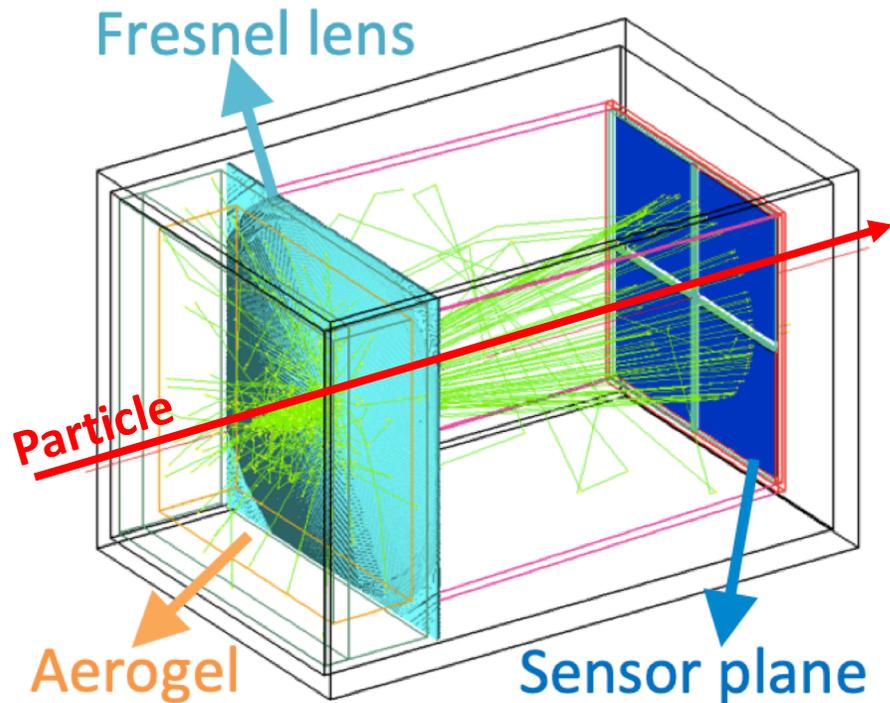
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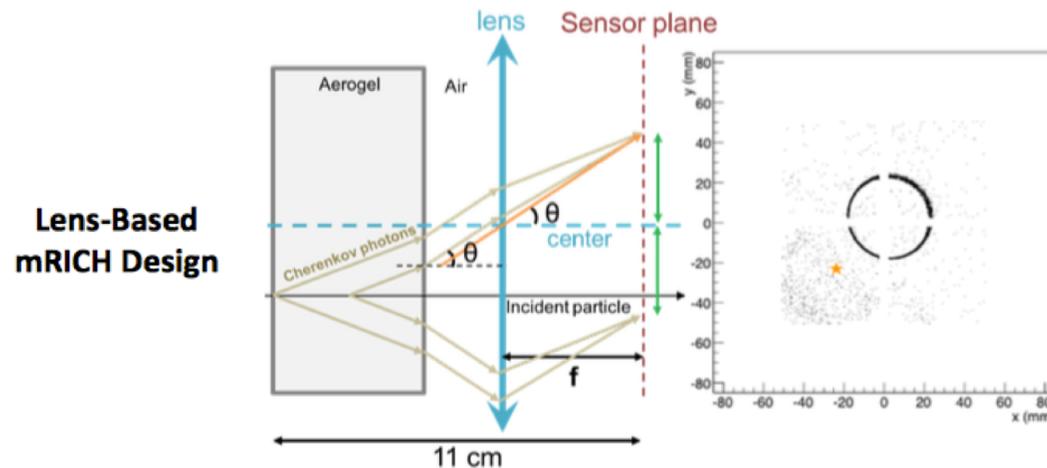
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**New approach – lens focusing**

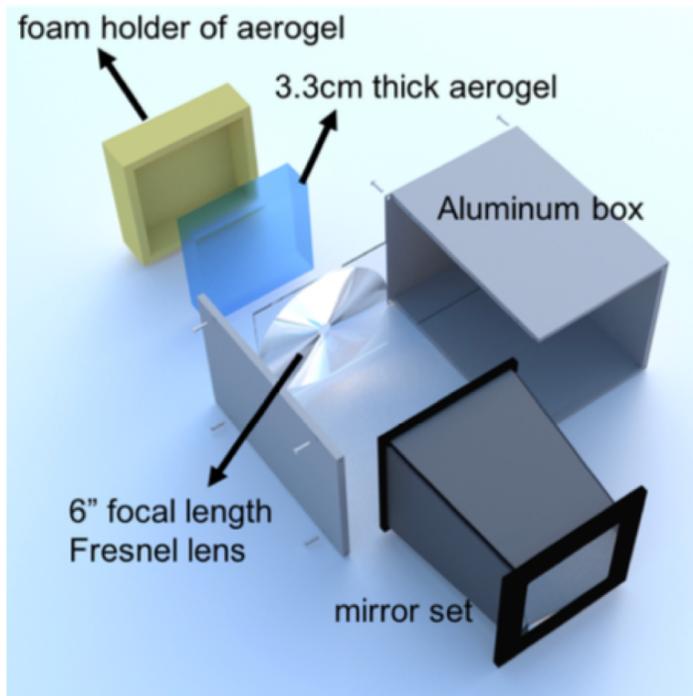


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- Ring image is **center** on the middle of the sensor plane

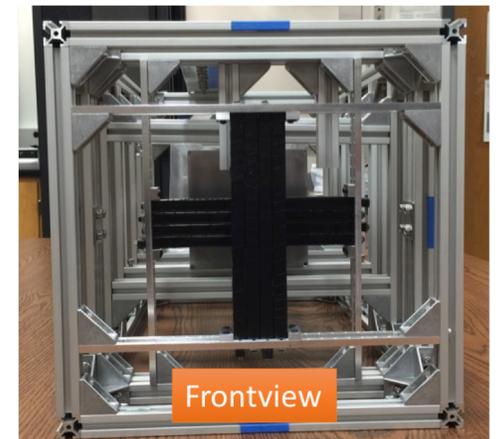
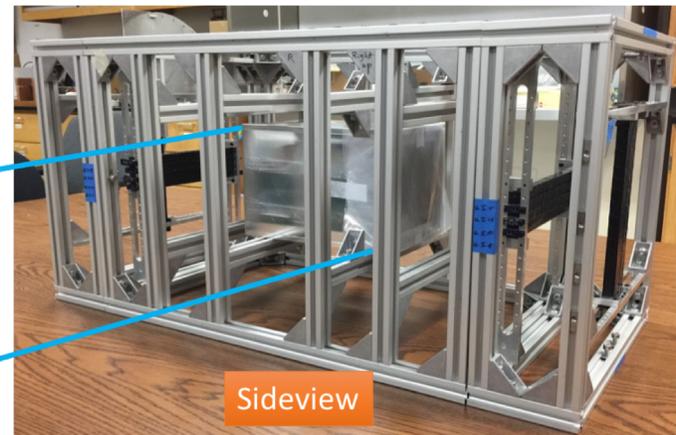
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- Compact structure, that can be coupled to different photosensors



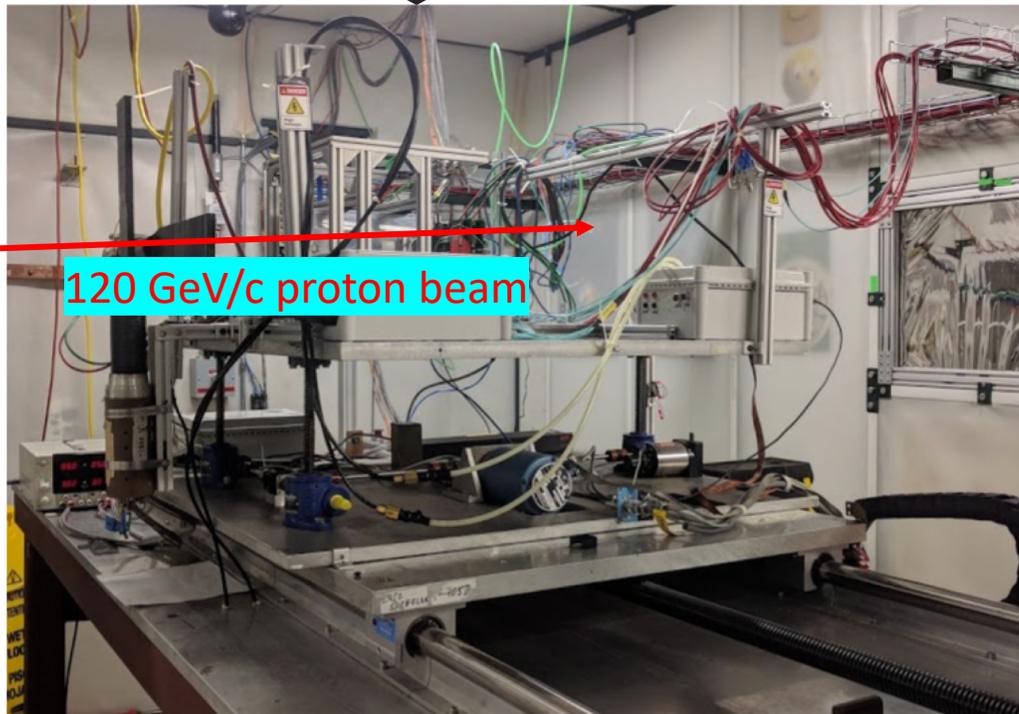
Two completed mRICH prototypes



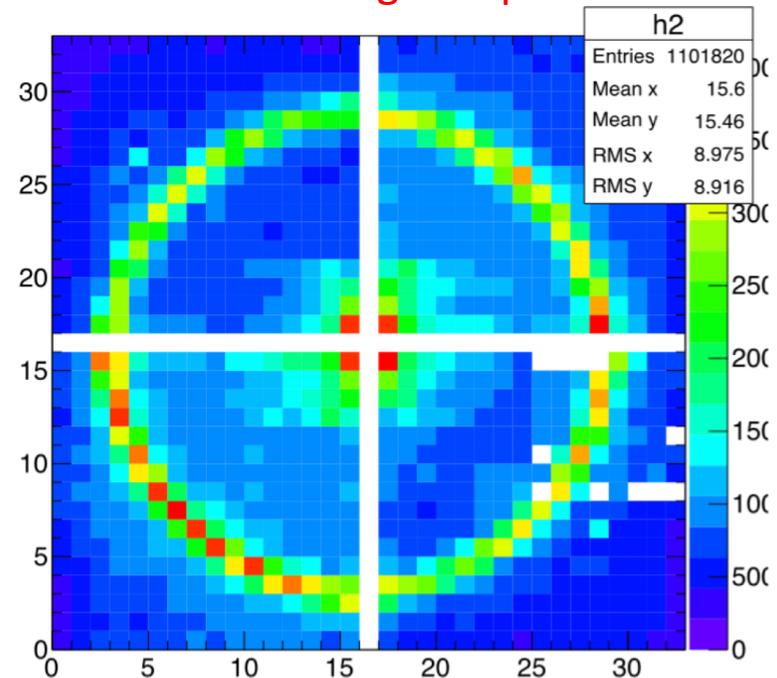
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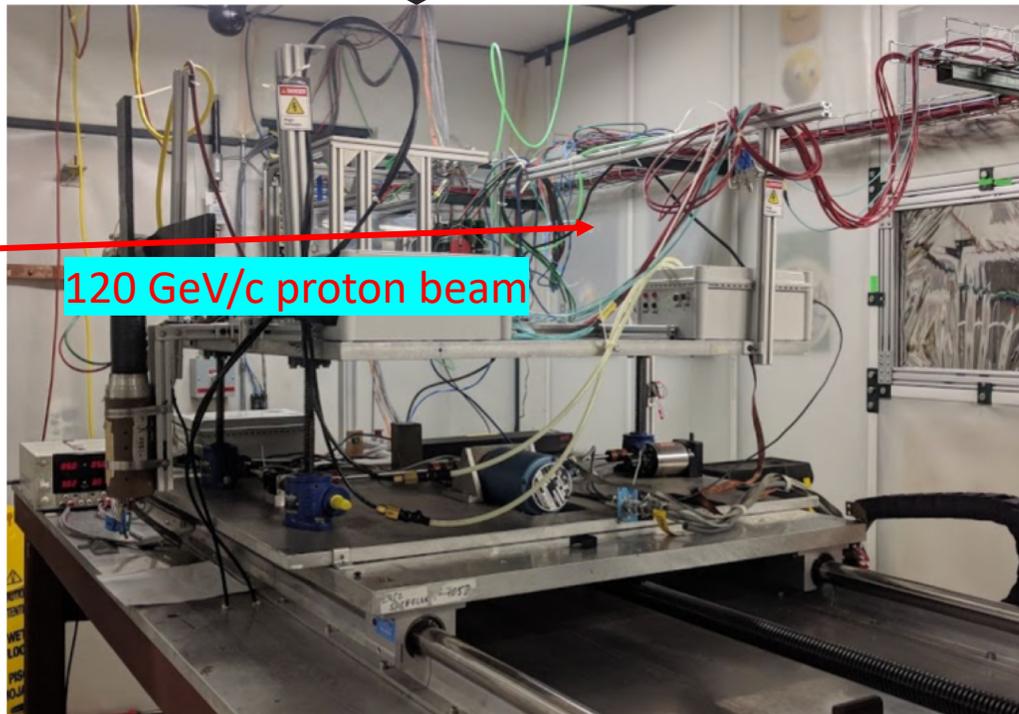
Cherenkov RING image for proton - MAPMT



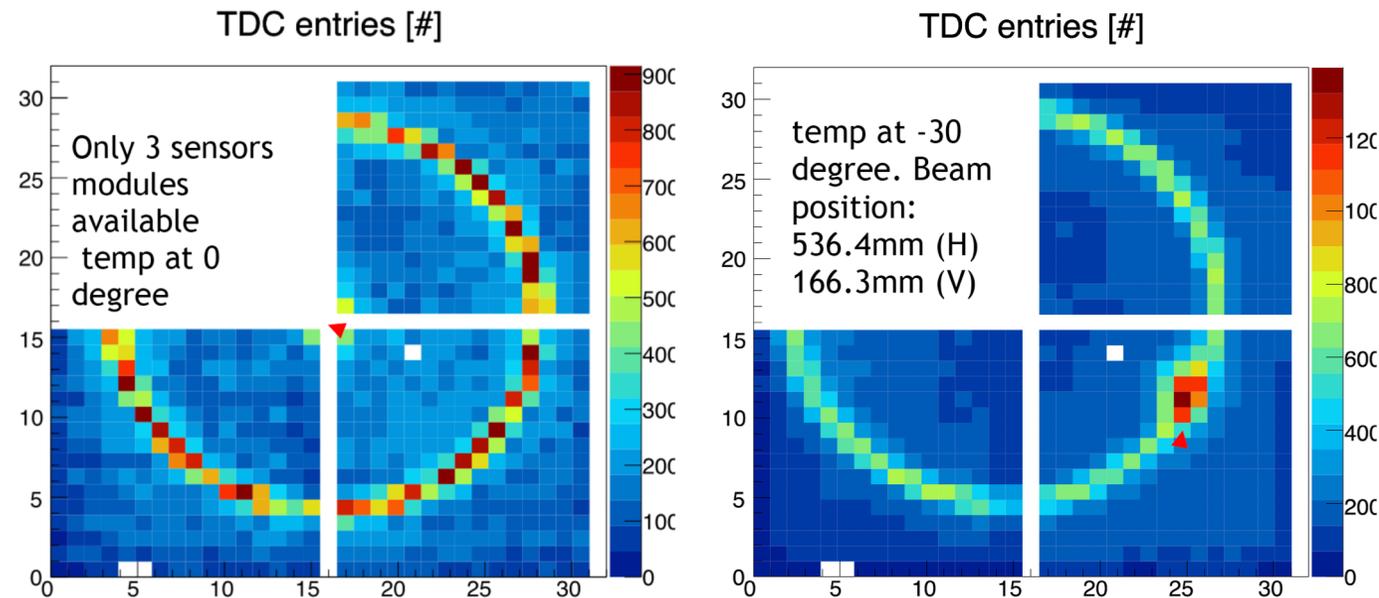
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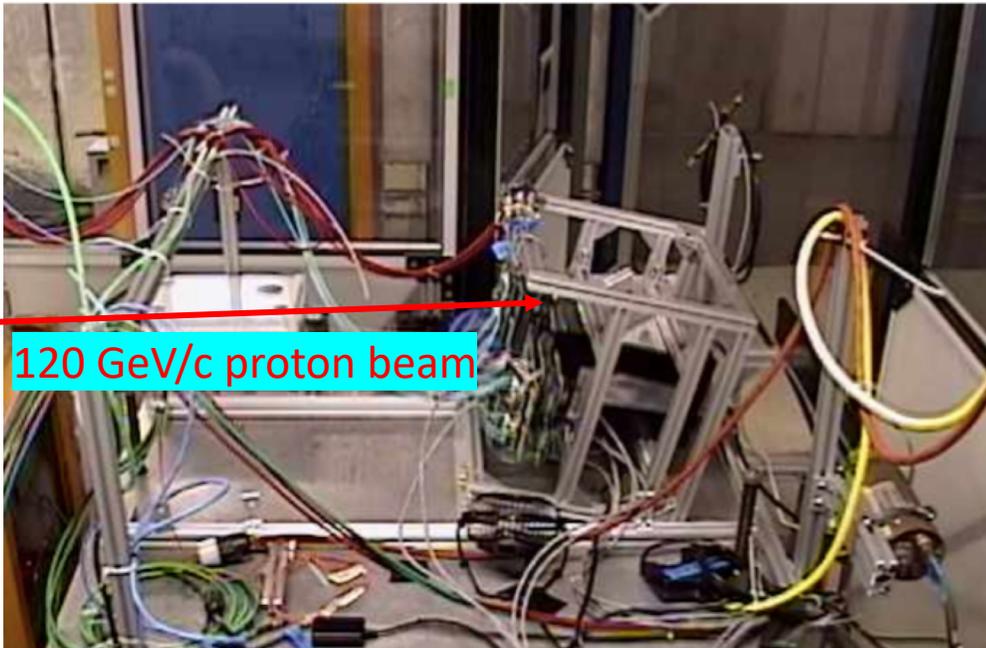
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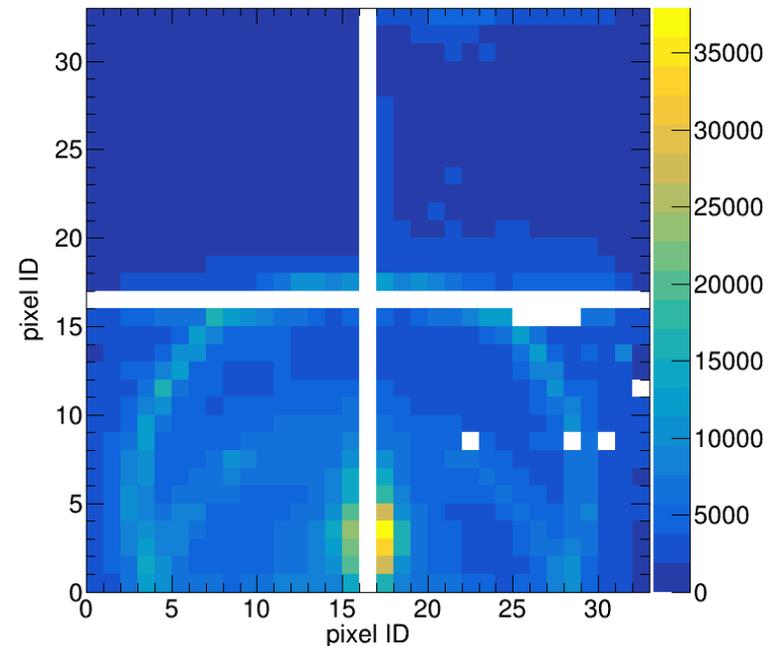
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  - Tests with proton impinging at a tilted angle on the detector plane showed that the Cherenkov ring is visible also in this configuration



Cherenkov RING image for proton impinging at 11 degrees



# A streaming readout system for EIC

**The challenge:** design a modern TDAQ system for the EIC detector, exploiting the existing technological developments on computing / networking

**The possible solution:** a completely triggerless streaming readout system – no trigger decision is sent back from the TS to the DAQ

## INFN activity:

- A new EIC R&D consortium has been formed in 2018, with strong INFN involvement (INFN co-PI)
- Focus on calorimetry as a starting point with new hardware and software solutions
- Specific emphasis on the physics validation of this new approach

## Streaming Readout for EIC Detectors

*Proposal submitted 25 May, 2018*

### STREAMING READOUT CONSORTIUM

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### ABSTRACT

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Micro-electronics and computing technologies have made order-of-magnitude advances in the last decades. Many existing NP and HEP experiments are taking advantage of these developments by upgrading their existing triggered data acquisitions to a streaming readout model. A detector for the future Electron-Ion Collider will be one of the few major collider detectors to be built from scratch in the 21st century. A truly modern EIC detector, designed from ground-up for streaming readout, promises to further improve the efficiency and speed of the scientific work-flow and enable measurements not possible with traditional schemes. Streaming readout, however, can impose limitations on the characteristics of the sensors and sub-detectors. Therefore, it is necessary to understand these implications before a serious design effort for EIC detectors can be made. We propose to begin to evaluate and quantify the parameters for a variety of streaming-readout implementations and their implications for sub-detectors by using on-going work on streaming-readout, as well as by constructing a few targeted prototypes particularly suited for the EIC environment.

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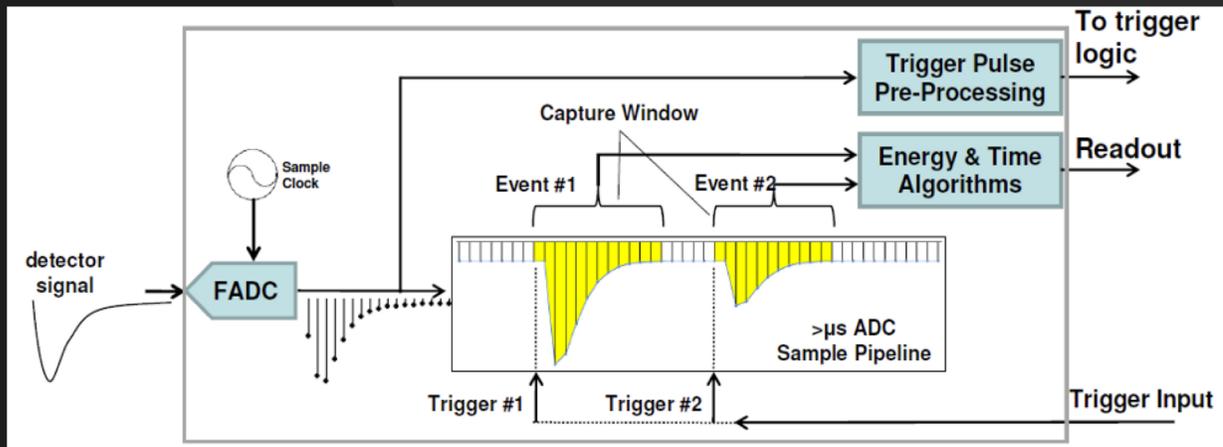
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# Streaming readout approach

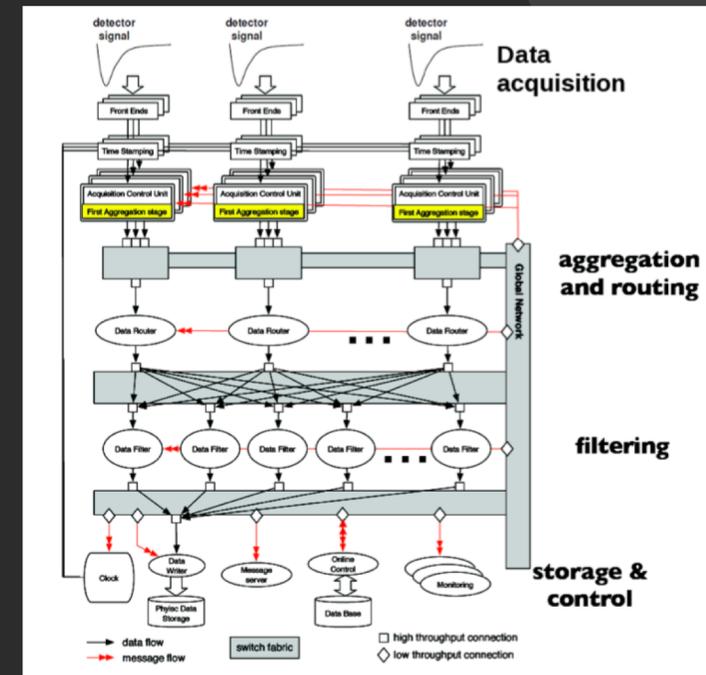
## Triggered approach

- Data path *is different* from trigger path
- Trigger decision based on a *limited* information (“primitives”)
- Requires to re-send back trigger decision from TS to ROC
- “Event” defined at hardware level just after trigger decision – fixed window width



## Triggerless approach

- Data path equal to trigger path
- Unidirectional data transmission from ROC
- Trigger decision based on complete detector information, possibly with the SAME offline reconstruction software used offline
- “Event” defined at software level – **maybe even not necessary: store (reconstructed) hits (high-level observables) with timestamp.**



# Streaming readout activity @ INFN

A key aspect of the consortium activity is the streaming readout approach **validation**.

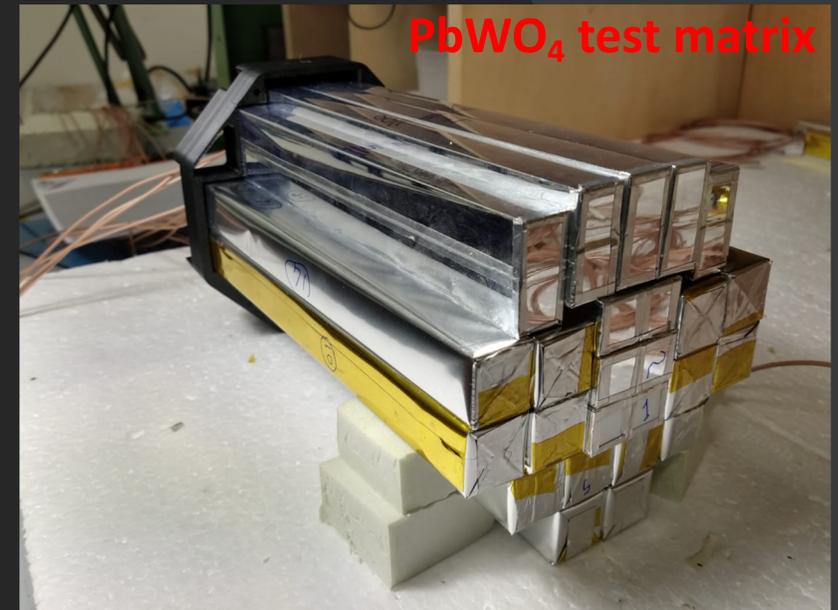
2019: we characterized a matrix of  $\text{PbWO}_4$  crystals with cosmic rays, comparing performances obtained from a full streaming readout system with those - for the same detector - from a triggered setup.

- Triggered system: CAEN v1730 digitizers + JLab trigger boards
- Streaming readout-system: Wave-Brd digitizer board + TriDAS software (adapted from KM3 experiment)

**Preliminary results demonstrated the high performances of the system**

Next steps:

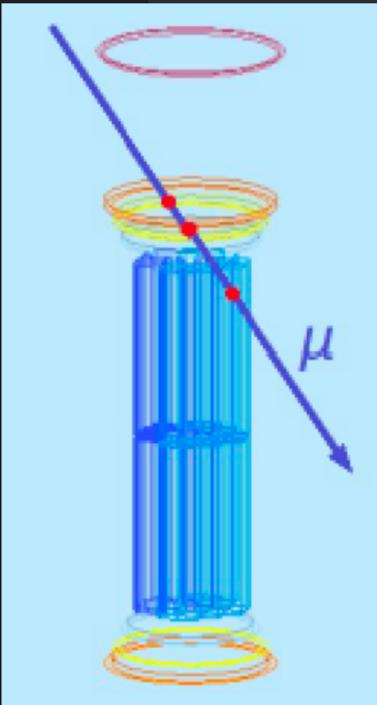
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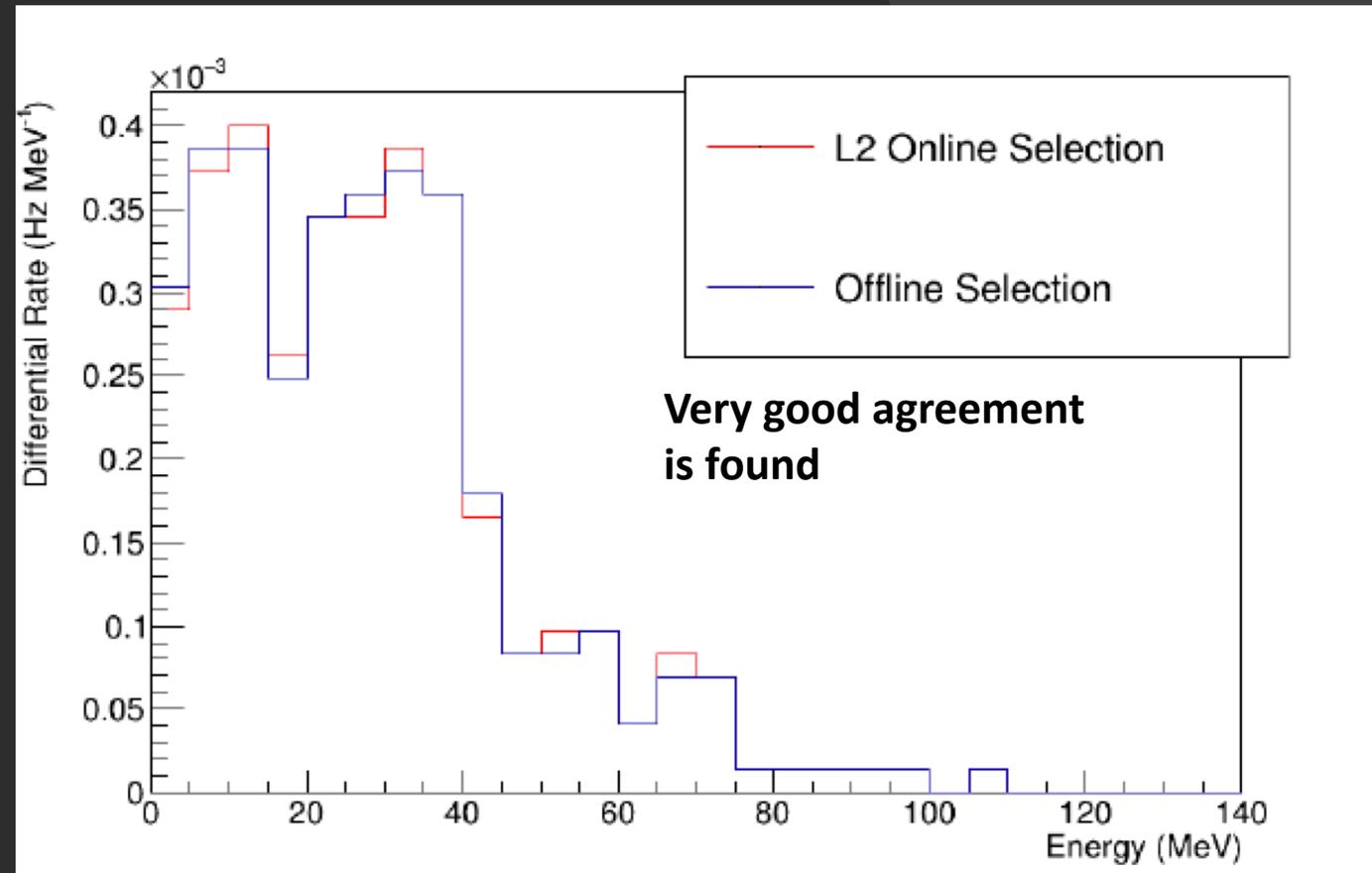
# DAQ comparison: online selection algorithms

Selecting events with hits in coincidence with external plastic scintillator counters can be used to identify cosmic muons trajectories.

- An online trajectory selection trigger was implemented
- Comparing online-selected events with same selection performed in offline reconstruction.



This test demonstrates the versatility of a triggerless streaming system: event-selection algorithms can be changed and tuned to each specific physics case



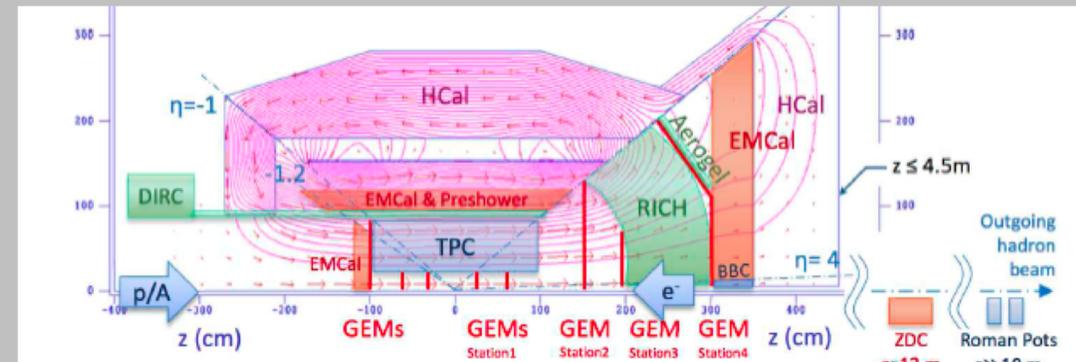
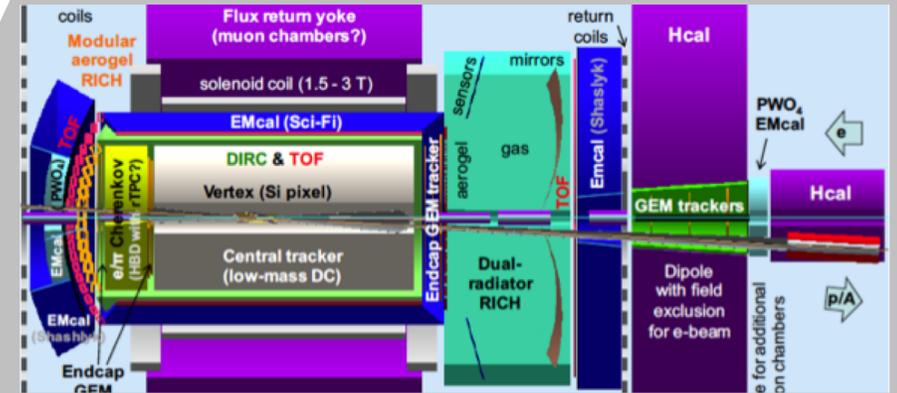
# EM calorimetry in EIC

## Motivation:

- **Particle identification:** important for discriminating single photons from  $\pi^0/\eta$  decay and for  $e^-$
- **Particle Reconstruction:** driven by need to accurately reconstruct the 4-momentum of scattered electrons at small angles, where the momentum (or energy) resolution from the tracker is poor due to the low  $\int Bdl$  value ( $\eta < -2$  region)

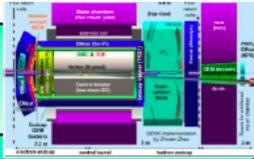
## Requirements:

- Good resolution in angle to at least  $1^\circ$  to distinguish between clusters
- Energy resolution to a few % /  $\sqrt{E}$  for measurements of cluster energy
- Ability to withstand radiation down to at least  $1^\circ$  wrt beam line



# Calorimeters @ EIC

- Each kinematic region has different key physics observables and detector constraints, thus requiring a different technology
- Many on-going efforts:
  - *W/SciFi*
  - *W/Shashlik*
  - *Dual-readout Pb/Sc (HCAL)*
  - *Homogeneous Calorimetry*
- $\text{PbWO}_4$  is the leading option for homogeneous calorimetry, although new innovative materials are being tested



Regions and Physics Goals	Calorimeter Design
<p><b>Lepton/backward: EM Cal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Resolution driven by need to determine (<math>x</math>, <math>Q^2</math>) kinematics from scattered electron measurement</li> <li>○ Prefer <math>1.5\%/\sqrt{E} + 0.5\%</math></li> </ul>	<p><b>Inner EM Cal for <math>\eta &lt; -2</math>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Good resolution in angle to order 1 degree to distinguish between clusters</li> <li>➢ Energy resolution to order <math>(1.0-1.5\%/\sqrt{E}+0.5\%)</math> for measurements of the cluster energy</li> <li>➢ Ability to withstand radiation down to at least 2-3 degree with respect to the beam line.</li> </ul> <p><b>Outer EM Cal for <math>-2 &lt; \eta &lt; 1</math>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Energy resolution to <math>7\%/\sqrt{E}</math></li> <li>➢ Compact readout without degrading energy resolution</li> <li>➢ Readout segmentation depending on angle</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ion/forward: EM Cal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Resolution driven by deep exclusive measurement energy resolution with photon and neutral pion</li> <li>○ Need to separate single-photon from two-photon events</li> <li>○ Prefer <math>6-7\%/\sqrt{E}</math> and position resolution <math>&lt; 3</math> mm</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Barrel/mid: EM Cal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Resolution driven by need to measure photons from SIDIS and DES in range 0.5-5 GeV</li> <li>○ To ensure reconstruction of neutral pion mass need: <math>8\%/\sqrt{E} + 1.5\%</math> (prefer 1%)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Barrel, EM calorimetry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Compact design as space is limited</li> <li>➢ Energy resolution of order <math>8\%/\sqrt{E} + 1.5\%</math>, and likely better</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ion/Forward: Hadron Cal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Driven by need for <math>x</math>-resolution in high-<math>x</math> measurements</li> <li>○ Need <math>\Delta x</math> resolution better than 0.05</li> <li>○ For diffractive with <math>\sim 50</math> GeV hadron energy, this means <math>40\%/\sqrt{E}</math></li> </ul>	<p><b>Hadron endcap:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Hadron energy resolution to order <math>40\%/\sqrt{E}</math>,</li> <li>➢ EM energy resolution to <math>&lt; (2\%/\sqrt{E} + 1\%)</math></li> <li>➢ Jet energy resolution <math>&lt; (50\%/\sqrt{E} + 3\%)</math></li> </ul>

# EIC calorimetry with crystals

**PbWO<sub>4</sub> is the leading option for EIC calorimeters in backward direction ( $\eta < -2$ )**

Requirements:

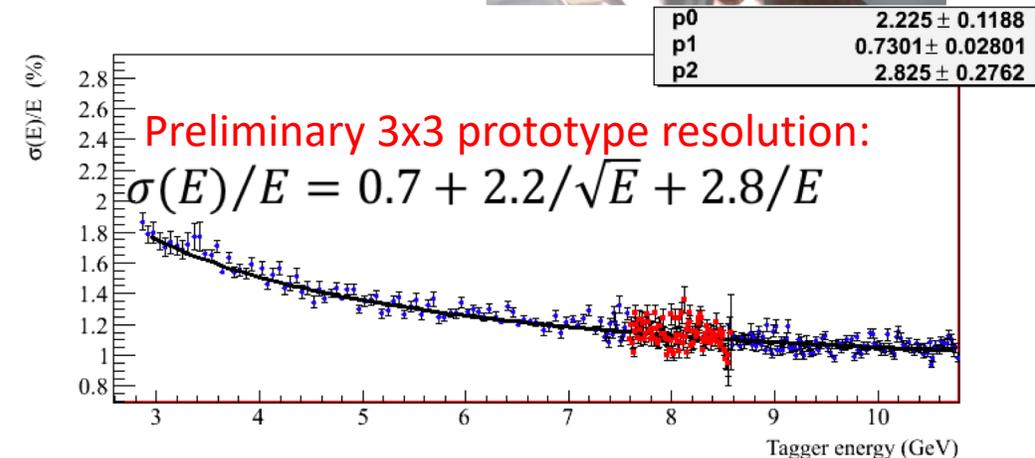
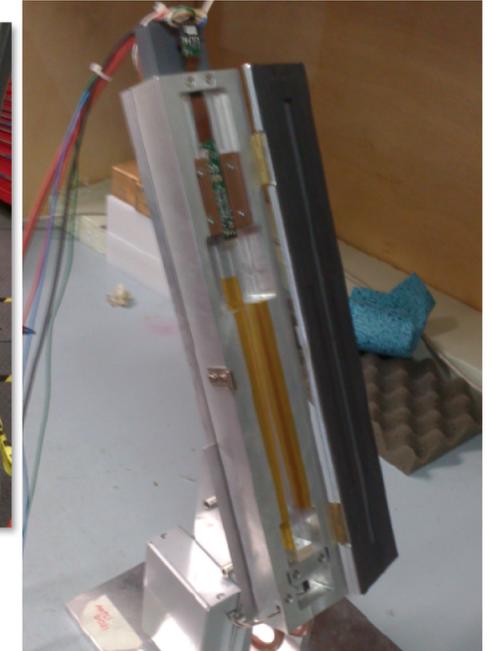
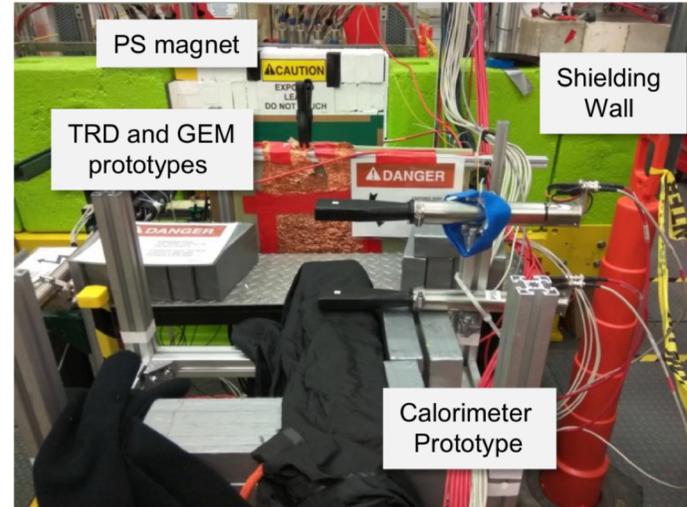
- Good **angular resolution** to at least 1 degree to distinguish between clusters
- **Energy resolution**  $< (1.0-1.5 \%/ \sqrt{E} + 0.5\%)$  for measurements of the cluster energy
- **Time resolution** to  $< 2\text{ns}$
- Good radiation hardness

Challenges:

- Define a quality assurance protocol to be applied during crystals mass-production to meet above specifications
- Test crystals from different manufacturers and apply this protocol

INFN activity:

- Participate to crystals quality assurance measurements
- Participate to test-beam measurements to confirm crystal performances in a “real” environment



# New materials for homogeneous calorimetry

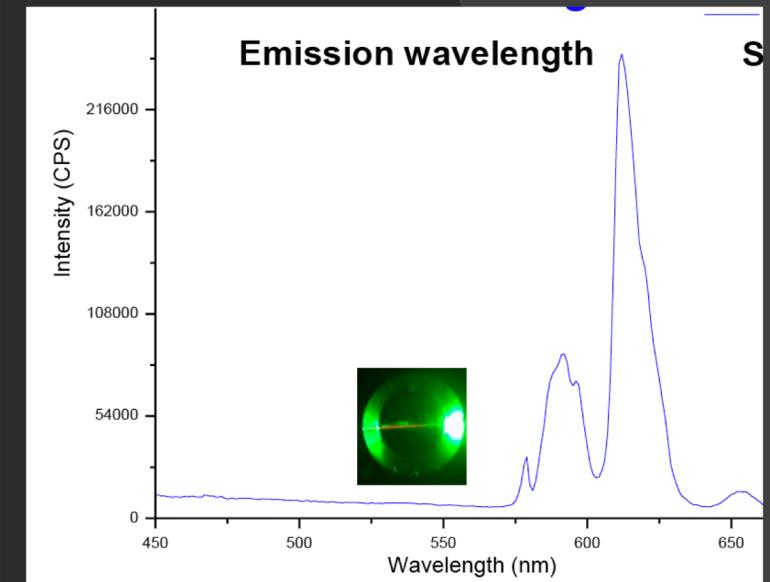
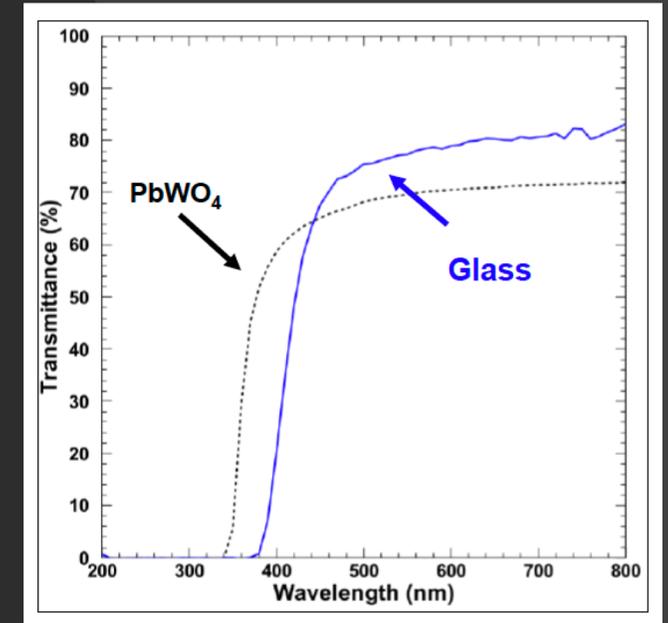
- $\text{PbWO}_4$  crystals are ideal, but also have limitations (light yield) and are expensive ( $\$15\text{-}25/\text{cm}^3$ ) – very large volume detectors are probably unaffordable
- Glass-based scintillators are a cost-effective alternative to crystals, in particular for regions with relaxed resolution requirements
- INFN is participating in this new R&D activity, together with CUA/VSL/Scintilex
- Our main involvement is the characterization of CUA-manufactured glass samples to extract the main parameters: LY / light transmission / timing

## Preliminary results:

- Light transmission of small samples is equivalent or better than  $\text{PbWO}_4$  crystals of same dimensions
- Light yield is higher
- Emission spectrum can be tuned with proper dopants
- Radiation hardness is demonstrated

A CSN-V young researchers grant has been proposed (M. Bondi', INFN-CT) concerning ceramic glasses characterization for high-energy calorimetry

Material/ Parameter	$\text{PbWO}_4$	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4
Luminescence (nm)	420	440	440	440	440
Relative light output (compared to $\text{PbWO}_4$ )	1	35	16	23	11



# Scintillating glasses characterization @ INFN

## Goal:

- Measure the main parameters of a large number of samples (light yield, rad. length, timing)
- Test different readout options

## Infrastructure:

- Starting to assembly three Multi-gap Resistive Plate Chambers (80x160 cm<sup>2</sup>) to map out material response over large area in short time – synergy with ALICE/EEE
- Using streaming readout boards developed at INFN for EIC streaming readout – compatible with PMT/SiPM/APD
  - Absolute time stamp from readout board allows to correlate hits with cosmic—rays tracks from chambers
- A smaller-scale cosmic ray telescope (including DAQ) is also available, for timing studies (resolution < 100 ps)



# Summary and outlook

- INFN is strongly involved in the ongoing EIC R&D activities, focusing on selected topics of critical importance for this future effort
  - PID with RICH detectors
  - Readout system with streaming approach
  - Electromagnetic calorimetry
- All the activities benefit from the strong knowledge of the Italian groups, and are coordinated with the international EIC community within the US program for the generic EIC R&D
- We're looking forward into actively joining the EIC yellow reports preparation with an effective role in the editorial board

# Streaming readout activity @ INFN: validation

“**Technical validation**” process: Compare between data acquired with “standard” (triggered) and “triggerless” DAQ system (coincidence rates, spectra...) –  $\text{PbWO}_4$  matrix exposed to cosmic rays

## Triggerless chain:

- Only signals over the wave-board hardware threshold are processed (Hits)
- Event definition and construction by Level 1 (L1) low level software selection algorithm (e.g. OR of crystals Hits)
- Event selection and tagging by Level 2 (L2) algorithm (e.g. clustering, trajectories selection)

## Triggered DAQ Chain

- All channels are passed to discriminators
- Discriminator output passed to coincidence module for event definition (OR of crystals)
- All channels waveforms acquired and saved for each trigger – **no zero suppression**

# DAQ comparison: rates

- For both DAQ systems, crystals were calibrated in energy comparing with MC simulations
- Single crystal energy distributions show good agreement above the “triggered” DAQ energy threshold
- Total energy distributions present slight discrepancy in shape due to the triggerless hit threshold

