# µRtube

## a new geometry concept for MPGD detectors

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### µRtubes in a nutshell

The basic idea is to develop a **tubular MPGD** working as a radial TPC: the readout on the inner cylinder and the cathode on the outer one.

The signal is **amplified** by a  $\mu$ RWELL as a single stage amplification and the readout is instrumented with strips parallel to the axis.

The main concept of the project is based on the convergent electrical field lines which introduce two important points:

- 1. it reduces the transverse diffusion of the electrons
- 2. it **minimizes the number of channels** with respect to the sensitive volume



# Goals of the project

Carry out a full **proof-of-concept** of a tracking (+ PID) detector for charged particles based on a Micro Pattern Gas Detector for low-cost and a large area application.

#### • Detector **performance**:

100 μm spatial resolution rate capability 50 kHz/cm<sup>2</sup> in the proposed configuration PID from dE/dx better than 10-15% and improvements dN/dx to be investigated

Develop a full detector characterization **to promote its application** in both HEP and non-HEP fields using the <u>single element</u>  $\mu$ Rtube or <u>modular</u> configuration.

- neutron detector
- large sensitive area for HEP



#### The candidate

#### Competence and responsibility:

R&D on MPGD and TB data analysis since 2014

Test beam and data taking responsible in BESIII



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HV stability and mechanics quality control expert for the CGEM-IT

Time-based reconstruction algorithm and calibration in BESIII CGEM-IT

Electronics WP responsible in Urania-V

Cooperation experience in international working groups

#### PhD and Postdocs:

- 2021: Development of a parametric simulation for resistive MPGD (INFN AIDAINNOVA)
- 2020: Simulation and test of a cylindrical detector based on µRWELL (INFN CREMLINPIUS)
- 2018: Development of reconstruction algorithms for a cylindrical GEM detector for the BESIII experiment (INFN RISE)
- 2015: Research and development in a cylindrical triple-GEM detector with µTPC readout for the BESIII experiment (PhD)

#### State of the art



## State of the art: µRWELL

The μRWELL is a Micro Pattern Gaseous Detector (MPGD) composed of only two elements: the μRWELL-PCB and the cathode. **The core is the** μ**RWELL-PCB**, realized by coupling three different elements:

- 1. a WELL patterned kapton foil acting as amplification stage (GEM-like)
- a resistive DLC layer
  (Diamond-Like-Carbon) for discharge suppression w/ surface resistivity ~ 100 MΩ/□
- 3. a standard readout PCB

The **construction technique is simplified** with respect to GEM or MicroMegas



#### State of the art: cylindrical MPGD

PCB and amplification stages used in MPGD can be shaped to cylinders; examples are the triple-GEM for the IT in KLOE-2 and BESIII, and the  $\mu$ RWELL for CREMLIN+

Curvature radius in literature ranges from 77 mm to 205 mm. µRWELL technology, with a single stage of amplification, has an easier and cheaper construction.

The shapeability of the MPGD is the initial driver of the  $\mu$ Rtube idea

Cylindrical triple-GEM KLOE-2

Cylindrical triple-GEM BESIII

Cylindrical µRWELL CREMLINplus



## State of the art: Signal readout and reconstruction

• ENC < 2000 e<sup>-</sup> rms with 100 pF input

• Time resolution < 5 ns

#### TIGER chip features:

- 64 channels
- Event rate 100 kHz/channel
- Input dynamic range up to 50 fC capacitance

#### Readout chain:

The full readout chain proposed is well known. A complete setup is under deployment in Beijing for the BESIII CGEM-IT where a cosmic ray data taking is ongoing since Dec. 2019



#### **Cluster counting and PID**

The cluster counting is a PID technique under development for drift chambers such as the one for IDEA experiment (FCC/CEPC). A GHz sampling electronics improves the **PID separation power by a factor 2**.



#### Innovations



#### µRtube reconstruction method

**Time information** together with the drift velocity can be used to reconstruct the particle path in the gas volume therefore the impact parameter.

The electric field lines in a **planar geometry** are parallel and the electron diffusion depends on the drift path.

In a **cylindrical geometry** the field lines are convergent and the electron diffusion is strongly reduced even with large drift paths.



### Channel number comparison

The µRtube geometry reduces the number of strips/wire/channels of about a **factor 5** with respect to other technologies with the same active volume and performance. This has a large impact on the **detector cost**.

This is an important point to produce **large area** detectors with a reduced production and instrumentation cost:

- due to µRWELL technology (low cost and TT already started)
- the small number of readout channels.



#### Wire drift chamber 22 cm - 800 channels



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# Methodology



#### Working packages and tasks



#### Timeline



applications

#### Milestones

M1:	Mechanical test of the materials	(month	3)
M2 :	Complete simulation of a µRtube with PARSIFAL	(month	6)
м3:	Cylindrical µRtube prototype construction completed	(month	11)
M4 :	Cylindrical layout validation with a testbeam	(month	18)
M5:	Wire layout validation with a cosmic ray stand	(month	22)
M6:	Testbeam results presented in conference/workshop	(month	24)



#### WP1: Mechanics, design and construction

The first challenge of this project is to shape a  $\mu$ RWELL at this unprecedented curvature radius.





#### WP1: Mechanics, design and construction

Inner radius External radius Length = 1 cm = 11 cm = 50 cm } optimi

optimized design

The mechanical support of the cathode is built up by a fiberglass, kapton and honeycomb sandwich, similarly to BESIII.

The mechanical support for the inner layer will be built optimizing the material budget and the construction.

Flanges will seal the gas volume and provide the support for the services (gas, HV, FEB and field cage).

The detector will be easily open in case of failure of the component or replacement of the cathode/readout.



internal mechanical support



#### WP1: Mechanics, design and construction

On the second year a **wires layout** will be developed and tested to extend the  $\mu$ Rtube application to reduce dead-area in modular configuration and a lower material budget (6.10<sup>-2</sup>% X<sub>0</sub>).





#### WP2: Full detector simulation and reconstruction software

A toy-MC maps the spatial and temporal **diffusion** of the primary electrons to estimate **multiplicity** and **spatial resolution**.

A complete study of the primary electron diffusion for this geometry and electric field will be developed.

The electron drift property will be merged with the  $\mu$ RWELL simulation to complete the one of the  $\mu$ Rtube





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#### WP2: Full detector simulation and reconstruction software



A complete  $\mu$ RWELL simulation is under development from a complete triple-GEM simulation and the  $\mu$ RWELL characterization from a testbeam

M2: Complete simulation of a µRtubes (month 6)



#### WP3: Readout electronics

The readout chain development will profit of the BESIII working group experience.

The TIGER chip is well optimized for  $\mu$ TPC signal then no chip upgrades are planned.

The time window of the event has to be extended **from 1.5µs to 5-10µs** to collect the whole signal.

Design and development of a **2D readout** are not planned but they will be **investigated** through **simulations**.





#### WP4: Test and validation

Once the prototype will be manufactured, a **cosmic ray stand** will be used for the first studies, debug and Test Beam preparation.

The **TB** will be performed at SPS-H4 beam line at the Prevessin North-area within the **RD51 collaboration**.

A complete **characterization** of the detector will be performed to **validate** and **tune** the simulation; to **test** the HV stability and the design.







#### WP4: Test and validation

Both **stand-alone** and **modular** configuration will be studied for different application evaluation and the same setup will be used for the cosmic-ray stand and the testbeam for the cylindrical layout.

The wires layout will be tested only with a cosmic-ray stand (with this schedule)



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#### Applications



#### Stand-alone applications

The  $\mu$ Rtube has a simplified construction procedure, one FEB only readout and a large the sensitive volume. It is suitable for a large number of applications with a reduced cost.

The first example to be shown is a **neutron detector**: following the Urania-V project, a Boron sputtering (**ESS Coating Workshop in Linköping**) procedure on the cathode allow the thermal neutron detection:

Since the neutron efficiency scales with the Boron surface and the impinging angle then **at least factor 3 is expected** with the  $\mu$ Rtube geometry.

M5: Feasibility studies for the applications completed



Fig. 2. Simulation results for detection efficiency given a 2  $\mu$ m thick  $^{10}$ B absorber layer as a function of incident angle, given for neutron wavelengths from 0.1 nm (82 meV) up to 1 nm (0.82 meV).



#### HEP application: Muon Chamber

Tracking capabilities are required in the muon detector of IDEA/FCC to measure Long-Lived **P**article whom decay inside the spectrometer, far away from the interaction point.

For this reason the project is **already available** for this application.

A multiple stack of  $\mu$ Rtube can cover a large area with a reduced number of channels, then with a **reduced cost** of the apparatus.





#### Impact on Muon Chamber

Looking at the cost evaluation of the IDEA experiment for FCC, the 70% of the muon detector cost is given by the electronics.

A reduction of a factor 5 in the number of channel will save about **10M€** as shown previously

#### Muon detector cost

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	Cost [Meuro]	Engineers [years]	Technicians [years]	Operators [years]	
Detectors	4,9	0,4	1,0	0,0	
Installation	0,7	0,6	2,8	2,9	
Electronics	12,3	0,3	1,5	0,0	Assumed 3 euro/chann
HV/LV Systems	0,7	0,2	1,4	0,0	
Gas System	0,3	0,2	1,3	0,0	
TOTAL	18,9	1,7	7,9	2,9	

Assuming the following manpower costs:

Engineer	80 euro/hour
Technician	40 euro/hour
Operator	30 euro/hour

#### 36 hours/week \* 48 week/year = 1728 hours/year

		Cost [Meuro]
Electronics is by far	Detectors	4,9
the dominant cost	Installation	0,7
	Electronics	12,3
	HV/LV Systems	0,7
	Gas System	0,3
	TOTAL	18,9
28/10/2020	microRWELL-based I	DEA subdetectors

Assuming 300 MEuro as the cost of a FCC-ee or CEPC detector, the Muon detector would be  $\sim 7\%$  of the total 5



# Application: tracking system

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Very challenging! Above the goals of this project

If the technology is as good as expected then it could be suitable to substitute wire chambers.

If this is the case, several points have to be considered:

- material budget: 6.10<sup>-2</sup> % X<sub>0</sub>
- rate capability: above 50 kHz/cm<sup>2</sup>
- readout 2D and channel density
- Ion Back Flow

It would allow to measure low momentum particles: at 15 MeV a pion descrive a circle of 10 cm with 1T magnetic field.



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## Technological transfer

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#### Technology transfer: µ-RWELL PCB @ELTOS

- ELTOS performs the coupling of the DLC-foil with the readout PCB (only for low-rate layout)
- The max size of the μ-RWELL-PCB that can be produced by ELTOS is about 600x700 mm<sup>2</sup>. Up to 8 PCBs of such a size can be manufactured at the same time
- The PI etching to be done @ CERN



#### Neutron capture through Boron coating

 $n + {}^{10}B \rightarrow {}^{11}B^* \rightarrow \alpha + {}^{7}Li$ 



chemically stable not too expensive adherence to substrate low impurity level uniform sputtering thickness on large surface



- B<sub>4</sub>C enriched with 97% of <sup>10</sup>B sputtered on a copper surface at the ESS Coating Workshop in Linköping (Sweden) with direct current magnetron sputtering technology
- About 94% of the time the recoiling <sup>7</sup>Li ion is produced in an excited state and de-excites in flight, emitting a 477 keV γ ray
- α particle and a <sup>7</sup>Li ion are produced back-to-back, only one enters the gas volume and produces detectable signal

# Synergies and existing collaboration























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# Costs 1° year

The budget for the two years of the project is proposed.

About 25k€+IVA will be co-funded by the other projects and synergies.

Mechanics Electronics Validation Co-founded

		Unitary	Total	
Item	Quantity	cost	cost	WP
CONSUMABLES				
Readout and µRWELL 52x500mm2	4	2,5	10	1
Fiberglass cylinder	4	1	4	1
Supporting flanges	8	1	8	1
End Cap (2 each prototypes)	8	1	8	1
Mechanical tools	2	2	4	1
INVENTORY				
Boards LV, HV CAEN	1	6	6	3,4
Mainframe CAEN	0	4	0	3,4
TIGER FEBs	0.5*8	0,5	2	3
GEMROC	0.5*2	2,5	2,5	3
chiller	0	3	0	3
Laptop	0	1	0	2,4
MISSION				
Mission for construction	1	5	5	1
		Total first yea	r	49,5
			+IVA	60,39



## Costs 2° year

The budget for the two years of the project is proposed.

About 25k€+IVA will be co-funded by the other projects and synergies.

Mechanics Electronics Validation Co-founded

		Unitary	Total	
Item	Quantity	cost	cost	WP
CONSUMABLES				
Mechanical support for the testbeam	1	2	2	4
Four µRWELL for tracking system	0	12	0	4
Handling table	1	1	1	4
Gas bottles	4	0,5	2	4
Expedition testbeam	2	1	2	4
Readout and µRWELL 52x500mm2	4	2,5	10	1
Mechanical support for the wires	4	1	4	1
Wires	1	1	1	1
Supporting flanges	8	1	8	1
Endcap	8	1	8	1
TB expedition	2	1	2	4
Boron sputtering	0	2	0	4
MISSION				
Mission TB at CERN	3	2	6	4
Mission TB at HOTNES	3	1	3	4
		Total second ye	ear	49
			+IVA	59,78



# The working group

A group of 10 colleagues will share the tasks. The project will profit also from the synergies and the strong collaboration with a large number of colleagues with a wide competence range:

- Mechanics (BESIII, CREMLIN+, FCCee and UraniaV):

- -> design and construction support
  - -> support from mechanical design and workshop

#### - Electronics (BESIII):

FE

ГО	->	front-end developer
=E	->	readout developer

- Software (BESIII and CREMLIN+):
  - TO & FE -> detector full simulation and data analysis
- Validation:
  - All

-> long lasting cooperation and large experience in R&D on MPGD









## The working group



G. Cibinetto: project coordinator CGEM-IT: Urania-V local coordinator; INFN-FE mechanics service coordinator.



G. Bencivenni: µRWELL inventor; CREMLIN+ and Urania-V coordinator; senior physicist.



S. Spataro: Software coordinator in BESIII and BELLE2; associate professor



L. Lavezzi: CGEM-IT QAQC and Urania-V simulation responsible



I. Garzia: CGEM-IT software coordinator; light quark meson expert; physics RTDb.



M. Maggiora: INFN-IHEP joint laboratory director; FEST-RISE coordinator; full professor



A. Bortone: CGEM-IT electronics expert for online and offline analysis



I. Balossino: CGEM-IT operation manager; CLAS12 RICH developer.



M. Greco: BESIII national coordinator; CGEM-IT electronics responsible; associate professor



#### Conclusions

A two years project is proposed to develop a **full proof-of-concept** (design, construction and test) of a new geometry concept MPGD and to define a set of suitable **applications** for HEP and non-HEP fields.

**Tracking and PID** performance in agreement with the state of the art are achieved from a blue-sky R&D to **optimize** and reduce the production **cost** of the detector (easy construction, low electronics impact and ongoing TT).

A large saving, ~10M€, can be achieved in large sensitive area apparatus such as the muon detector for IDEA.

The project has a reduced amount of risk thanks to the experience of the **candidate** and the **synergy** with existing working groups.







# Backup



State of the art



# µ-Resistive Well Detector

- Single amplification stage resistive MPGD composed of
  - μ-RWELL\_PCB
  - drift/cathode PCB defining the gas gap
- µ-RWELL\_PCB
  - ampl.-stage
  - res.-layer
  - r/out PCB (with suitable segmentation)
- Large area & flexible geometry
- Comes in two flavors: low rate and high rate



#### more info in the <u>literature1</u> and <u>literature2</u>

The "WELL", suitably polarized applying HV between top and DLC, acts as a multiplication channel for the ionization produced in the gas

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# Mechanics



## Size and dimension

Starting from the literature it is possible to estimate the optimal detector geometry:

- standard number of channels in a FEB: **128**
- compact detector, chip and shapeable: **µRWELL**
- easiest readout segmentation: strip 1D
- μRWELL strip pitch with known performance: **400μm**
- maximum drift length to characterize a large range of application: 10cm
- -> inner radius = 400µm \* 128 / 6.28 ~ 1 cm
- -> external radius = 10+1 cm







## $\mu$ RWELL-PCB for FCC R&D





# Material budget

The material budget of a  $\mu$ RWELL is 0.4% of X<sub>0</sub>; it is 0.3% in the wire layout.

The readout cylinder material budget is approximately the double.

If a wide of 22cm is considered and the empty region is averaged with the other one then the mean **material budget is 0.06% of X**<sub>o</sub>.

This value has to be compared with a drift chamber with 1.5  $10^{-3}$  % of X<sub>0</sub> or a silicon IT with 0.4% of X<sub>0</sub>.



#### Dead area

The µRWELL has to be glued with 3 mm kapton foil. It might be reduce to 2 mm.

3mm of dead area corresponds to 5% of the active volume that does NOT correspond to 5% inefficiency





# Software



## Drift velocity



E(r) = const / r

 $E(10 \text{ cm}) = E_0$  $E(1 \text{ cm}) = E_0 / 10$ 

A correlation map between time-distance is mandatory





#### WP2: Full detector simulation and reconstruction software

A very preliminary study performed with GARFIELD++ generated a map of spatial and temporal **diffusion** of the primary electrons as a function of the readout distance to develop a first **toy-MC** to evaluate the detector operation with TPC reconstruction.

 $ArCO_{2}$  gas mixture and  $\Delta V_{cathode}$  = 5000V

[ime diffusion [ns] Drift time [ns] 50 6000 40 30 4000 20 2000 3 5 2 3 5 6 8 Distance [cm] Distance [ns]



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#### WP2: Full detector simulation and reconstruction software

Thanks to PARSIFAL simulator, developed within CREMLIN+ project for the µRWELL and the BESIII project for CGEM-IT, it is possible to define a **full detector simulation**: ionization, drift, amplification, resistive charge dispersion, induction, electronics and signal reconstruction.

Due to the large drift gap, a new parametrization of the electron diffusion has to be studied.

The simulation results will be used to optimize the reconstruction software.

Once the tuning of the simulation with experimental data will be complete, then it will be possible to **extend the \muRtube studies with different configuration** (i.e. dimension and readout design) and applications.

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# Electronics



#### Expected signal

- 1 strip -> 2.6 deg
- 90°ionization path -> da 0.4mm a 4.5mm
- number of primary -> 3-5 each mm
- detector gain -> 8000
- rising time -> 25-50 ns
- signal duration -> 50-150 ns
- strip capacitance -> 70 pF
- signal amplitude -> 2-60 fC
- noise amplitude -> 0.5-1 fC



# Applications



#### Drift tube vs µRtube

	Drift tube	µRtube
n° channels	1	128
max drift length	0.5-1 cm	10 cm
reconstruction	DOCA	tracklet
max rate	10 <sup>4</sup> -10 <sup>5</sup> Hz/cm <sup>2</sup>	10 <sup>5</sup> -10 <sup>6</sup> Hz/cm <sup>2</sup>





## Cylindrical µRWELL vs µRtube

	C-μRWELL with same dimensions	μRtube
n° channels	1700	128
max drift length	0.5 cm	10 cm
reconstruction	1 point only inner tracker	tracklet
configuration	concentric cylinders	stand-alone or multi-stack





#### Drift chamber vs µRtube (wire)

	Drift Chamber with same dimensions	μRtube
n° channels	800	128
n° of HV wires	2500-4000	70-100
max drift length	0.5-1 cm	10 cm
material budget	1.5·10 <sup>-3</sup> % X <sub>0</sub>	6·10 <sup>-2</sup> % X <sub>0</sub>





#### Urania-V

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 $\alpha$  particle and a <sup>7</sup>Li ion are produced back-to-back, only one enters the gas volume and produces detectable signal





#### µRtube for neutron **µRWELL** х3 **µ**Rtubes Detection efficiency as a function of incident angle for various wavelengths ------ 1 nm DOI 10.1109/TNS.2009.2036913 0.9 nm 0.8 nm 0.7 nm 0.6 nm 0.5 nm 0.4 nm 0.3 nm 0.5 0.2 nm ▲ 0.1 nm പ് 0.2 0.1 10 20 30 40 50 60 80 90

Fig. 2. Simulation results for detection efficiency given a 2  $\mu$ m thick  $^{10}$ B absorber layer as a function of incident angle, given for neutron wavelengths from 0.1 nm (82 meV) up to 1 nm (0.82 meV).

Incident angle ( degrees )

Facendo un conto coi dati in letteratura, si misura una efficienza di rivelazione del 12% per ogni elemento di µRtube



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# Rate capability

I limite dati dall'alto rate sono i seguenti:

- elettronica è limitata a 100 kHz a canale in eventi ad alta molteplicità -> 10 µs
- µrwell ha guadagni stabili fino a 10<sup>5</sup> Hz/cm<sup>2</sup> nella versione "low rate"
- mentre nella versione high rate fino a <u>4 MHz/cm<sup>2</sup></u>
- il tempo di drift degli elettroni è largo fino a 5µs -> 200 kHz
- readout monodimensionale rende insensibile a particelle lungo la vista non letta

Quindi il limite con l'elettronica attuale è di 50 kHz/cm<sup>2</sup> date le strip da 50x0.04=2cm<sup>2</sup>



# Readout 2D options

1. Multi stack µRtubes elements with 90° orientation

2. Stereo strips UV

3. Readout on both sides



4. Pixel readout with a cleaver mapping



#### Detector Readout – 2D (future R&D)





Angolo (gamma)

13 gradi

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# Organizations



### The working group

The support of the activity is not limited to the person involved in the project but it will profit of the synergies and the strong collaboration with a large number of colleagues with a wide competence range

Name	Units	FTE
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Ilaria Balossino	INFN, Sezione di Ferrara	0.1
Giovanni Bencivenni	INFN, Sezione di Frascati	0.1
Marco Maggiora	INFN, Sezione di Torino	0.05
Michela Greco	INFN, Sezione di Torino	0.05
Stefano Spataro	INFN, Sezione di Torino	0.05
Lia Lavezzi	INFN, Sezione di Torino	0.05
Alberto Bortone	INFN, Sezione di Torino	0.05
	Totale	1.35



#### Task and manpower

#### WP1: LNF + FE

1.1 - Material tests	-> RF, GB, GC
1.2 - Mechanical drawing cylindrical layout	-> MM
1.3 - Material procurement cylindrical layout	-> CERN
1.4 - Construction cylindrical layout	-> MM, LOSON
1.5 - Mechanical drawing wire layout	-> MM
1.6 - Material procurement wire layout	-> CERN
1.7 - Construction wire layout	-> MM
1.8 - Boron Sputtering	-> ESS

#### WP2: TO + FE

2.1 - Complete detector simulation	-> RF, LL, SS
2.2 - Optimization of the TPC algorithm	-> RF
2.3 - Data analysis cylindrical layout	-> RF, IG
2.4 - Tuning simulation	-> LL, SS
2.5 - Further application studies	-> RF, SS, MM, GB, GC
2.6 - Data analysis wire layout	-> RF, IG

#### WP3: TO + FE

3.1 - Design	-> ACR, RM
3.2 - Material procurement	-> ALTERA
3.3 - Readout chain assembly	-> MG, AB

#### WP4: LNF + TO + FE

4.1 - Cosmic ray stand cylindrical layout	-> RF, IB
4.2 - Test beams cylindrical layout	-> RF, IB, AB
4.3 - Cosmic ray stand wire layout	-> RF, IB
4.4 - Neutron test	-> RF, GB, GC



#### Detector R&D since 2014

#### The installation team



