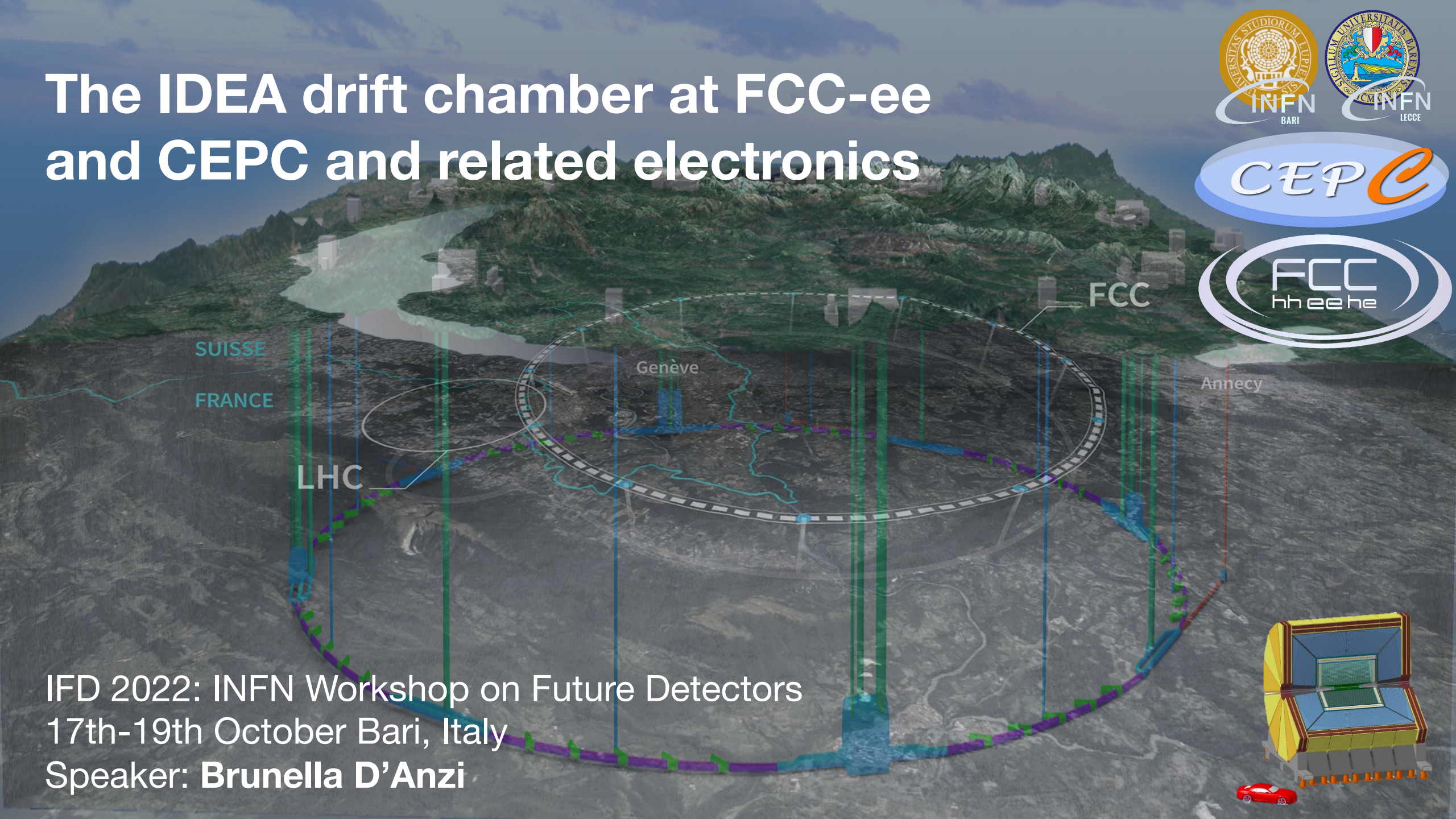
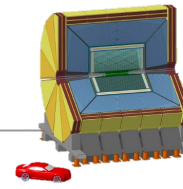


# The IDEA drift chamber at FCC-ee and CEPC and related electronics



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Speaker: **Brunella D'Anzi**

# The detector concept IDEA



- The **IDEA (Innovative Detector for E+e- Accelerator)** general-purpose detector concept has been designed to study **electron-positron collisions** in a wide energy range provided by a very large ( $\sim 100$  km) circular leptonic collider (e.g. **FCC-ee at CERN**, **CEPC in China**) for **high luminosity Higgs**, **precision electroweak physics** at the **Z pole** and **flavour physics**.

- Its detectors sub-systems (**inside-out**) are:

- ▶ **Silicon pixel vertex** detector

- ▶ Large-volume, extremely-light, high transparency, high granularity **drift wire chamber (DCH)**

- ▶ Surrounded by a layer of **silicon micro-strip detectors**

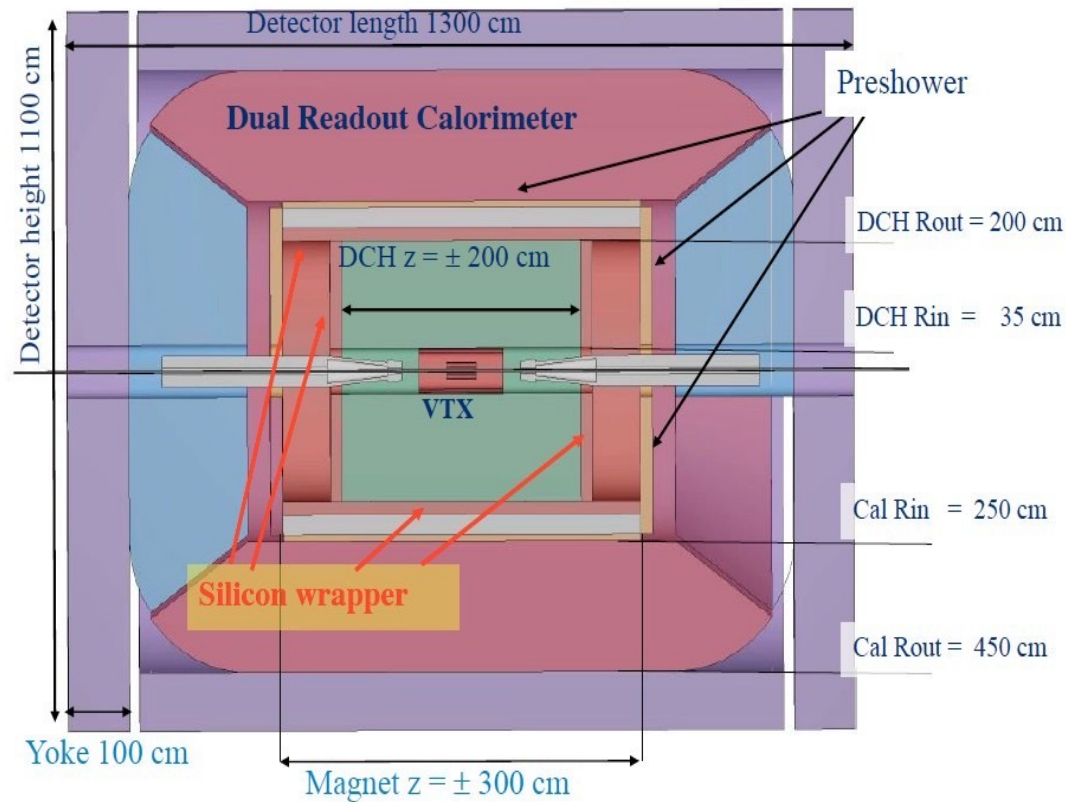
- ▶ A thin low-mass **superconducting solenoid coil**

- ▶ A preshower detector based on  **$\mu$ -WELL technology**

- ▶ A **Dual Read-out calorimeter**

- ▶ Muon chambers inside the magnet return yoke, based on  **$\mu$ -WELL technology**

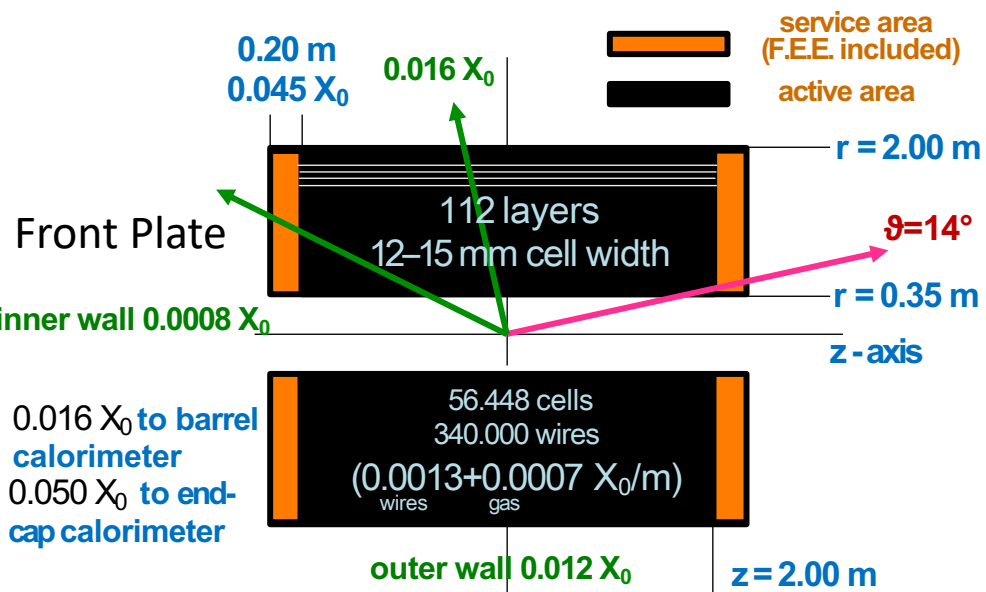
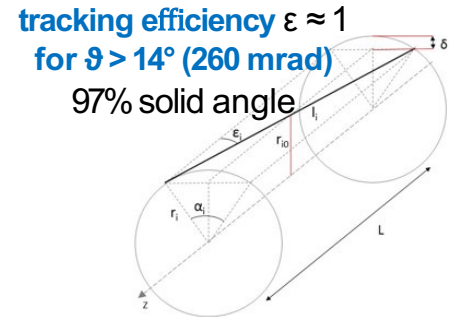
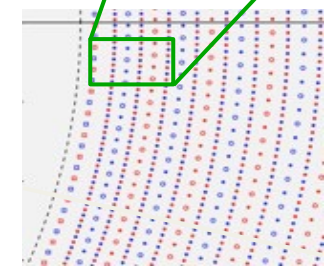
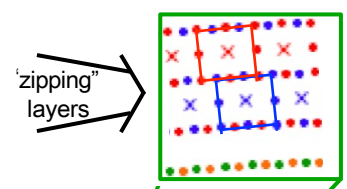
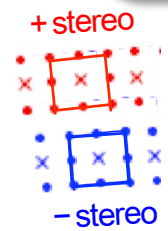
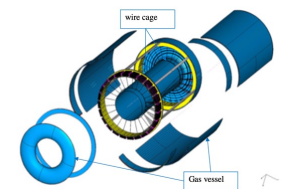
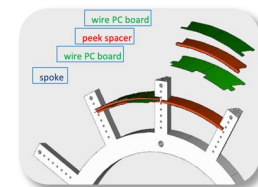
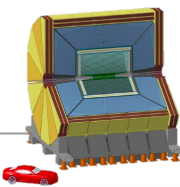
- Low field detector solenoid (optimized at 2 T) to **maximize luminosity**



# The IDEA drift chamber (DCH)

**Goal:** efficient tracking + high precision momentum measurement + excellent particle identification by applying the **Cluster Counting (CC) technique** (more details in the Talk *The cluster counting/timing techniques in drift chambers*).

- New **concept of construction** allows to reduce material to  $\approx 10^{-3} X_0$  for the **barrel** and to a **few  $\times 10^{-2} X_0$**  for the **end-plates**.
- The **wire net** created by the combination of + and - orientation generates a **more uniform equipotential surface**.
- High wire number requires a **non standard wiring procedure** and needs a **feed-through-less wiring system** already developed for the construction of the ultra-light MEG-II drift chamber.



**IDEA DCH parameters**

- **Gas mixture:** Helium-based
- 12 ÷ 15 mm wide **square cells** 5:1 field to sense wires ratio
- 4 m long,  $a_{xy} < 100 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $a_z < 1$  mm, **drift length (time)**  $\sim 1$  cm (150 ns), **rise time signals**  $\sim 1$  ns
- 14 co-axial super-layers, 8 layers each (**112 total**) in 24 equal azimuthal ( $15^\circ$ ) sectors ( $N_i = 192 + (i - 1) \times 48$ )
- **alternating sign stereo angles** ranging from 50 to 250 mrad

**sense wires:** 20 mm diameter W(Au) => 56.448 wires  
**field wires:** 40 mm diameter Al(Ag) => 229.056 wires  
**f. and g. wires:** 50 mm diameter Al(Ag) => 58.464 wires  
**▶ 343.968 wires in total**



# Data reduction and pre-processing of DCH signals



High speed digitization (2 GSa/s) for CC  $\Rightarrow$  Transfer rates in excess of TB/s at the Z-pole running!

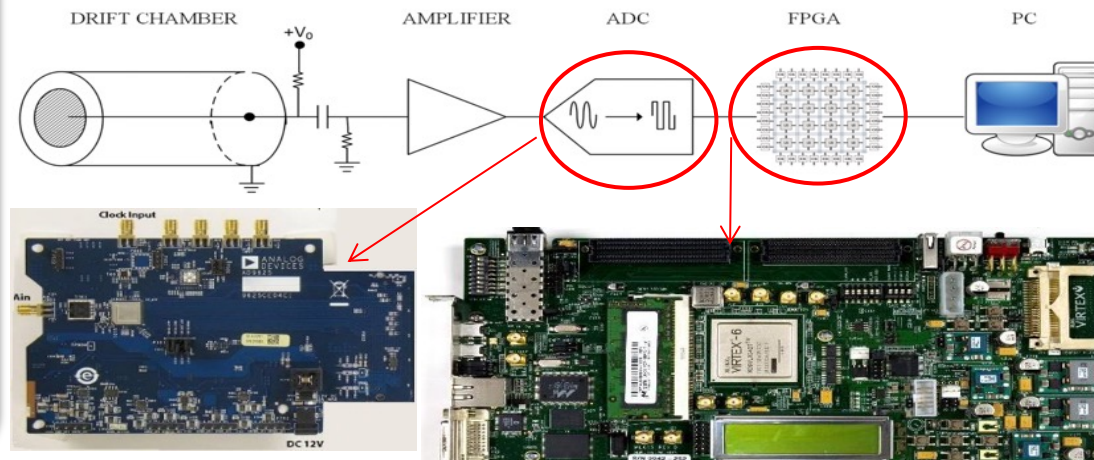
- **Data reduction strategy:** transfer, for each hit drift cell, only the minimal information relevant to apply the **Cluster Counting/Timing (CCT) techniques**, i.e. the **amplitude** and the **arrival time of each peak** associated with **each individual ionization electron**  $\Rightarrow$  **CCT algorithms!**
  - ▶ Use of a **FPGA** for the **real-time data analysis** of drift chamber signals **digitized by an ADC**. Acquire the signals converted  $\Rightarrow$  process with cluster counting algorithms (aimed also at **reducing the data throughput**)  $\Rightarrow$  send the processed information to a back-end computer via an Ethernet interface.
- A fast read-out CCT algorithm has been developed as **VHDL/Verilog** code implemented on a **Virtex 6 FPGA** (maximum input/output clock switching frequency of **710 MHz**). The hardware setup includes also a **12-bit monolithic pipeline sampling ADC** at conversion rates up to **2.0 GSPS**.

## Goal

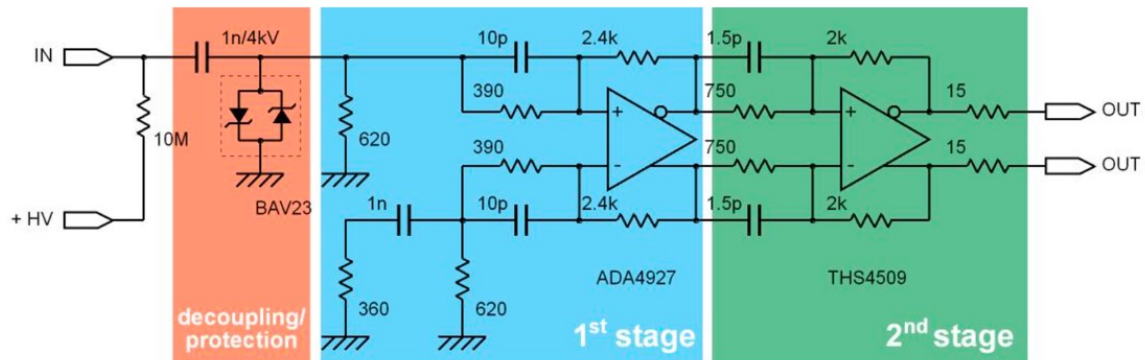
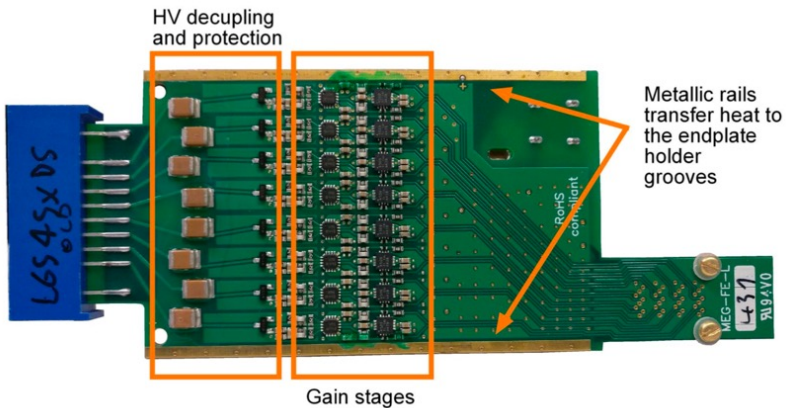
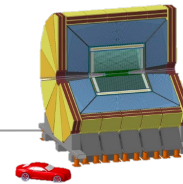
To implement on FPGA more sophisticated peak finding algorithms for the **parallel pre-processing** of many ADC channels:

- **reduce costs** and **system complexity**
- **gain on flexibility in determining proximity correlations** among hit cells for track segment finding and triggering purposes.

Implement using a single channel ADC



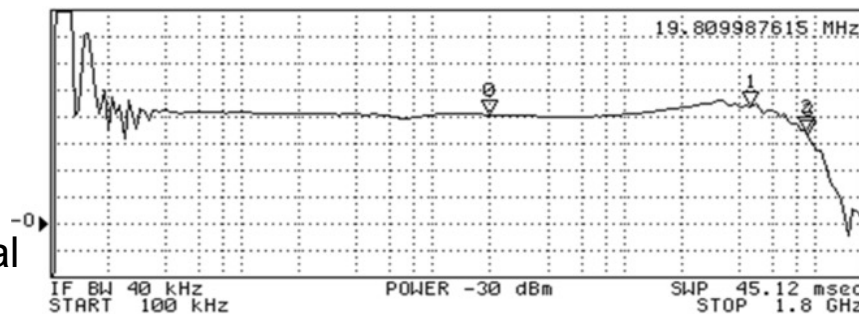
# The read-out for DC (1/2)



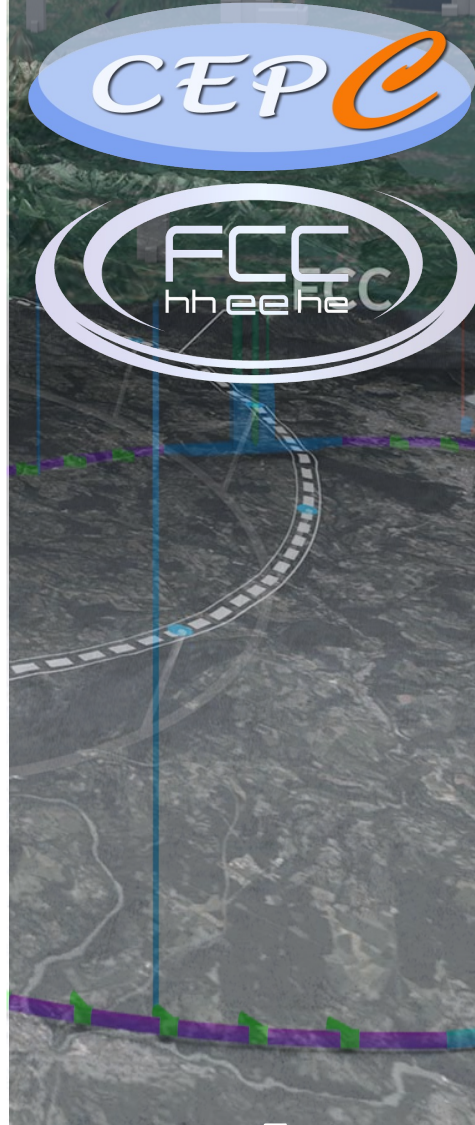
## Amplifier used in MEG-II Cylindrical DCH

- **Two stage amplifiers** based on commercial devices:
  - ▶ **ADA4927 (AD)** **Ultralow distortion** current feedback
  - ▶ **THS4509 (TI)** Wideband **low noise** fully differential amplifier (driver for the ADC)
- **Pre-emphasis implemented** on both stages to balance the attenuation of output cable
- High overall bandwidth (F.E. input to DRS WD input): **~1 GHz**
- Low power: **50 mW @ ±2V**

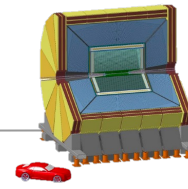
### Gain and Bandwidth after cable



N	SWP PARAM	VAL
0	19.809987615 MHz	20.279 dB
1	456.600249532 MHz	21.773 dB
2	884.527480154 MHz	17.094 dB
3	899.750691731 MHz	16.686 dB

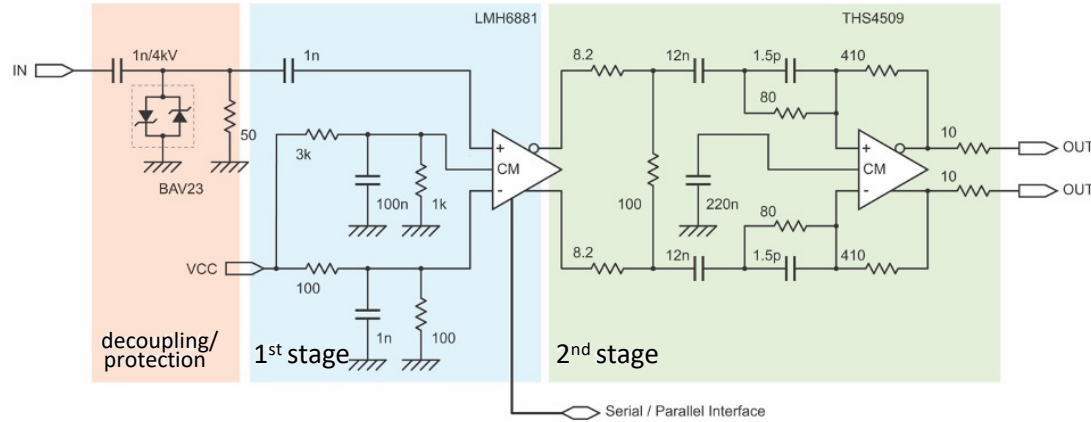


# The read-out for DC (2/2)



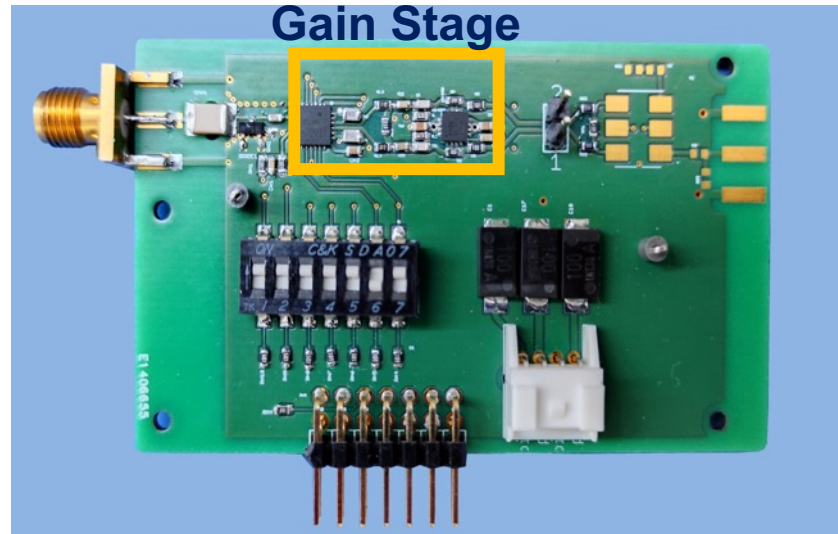
## New Amplifier

- Two stage amplifiers based on commercial devices:
  - **Variable gain LMH6881** is a high-speed, high-performance fully differential programmable amplifier (remote control via SPI)
  - **THS4509 (TI)** Wideband low noise fully differential amplifier
- The gain stage supports **gain settings** up to about **50 dB** with small accurate **0.25 dB gain steps**. The VGA can be also parallel programmed.

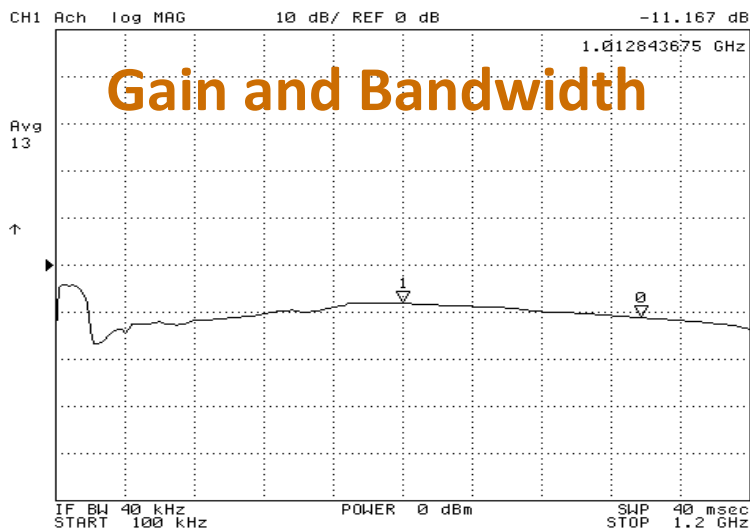


## Prototype PCB

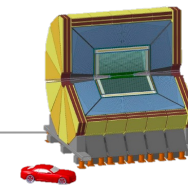
### Gain Stage



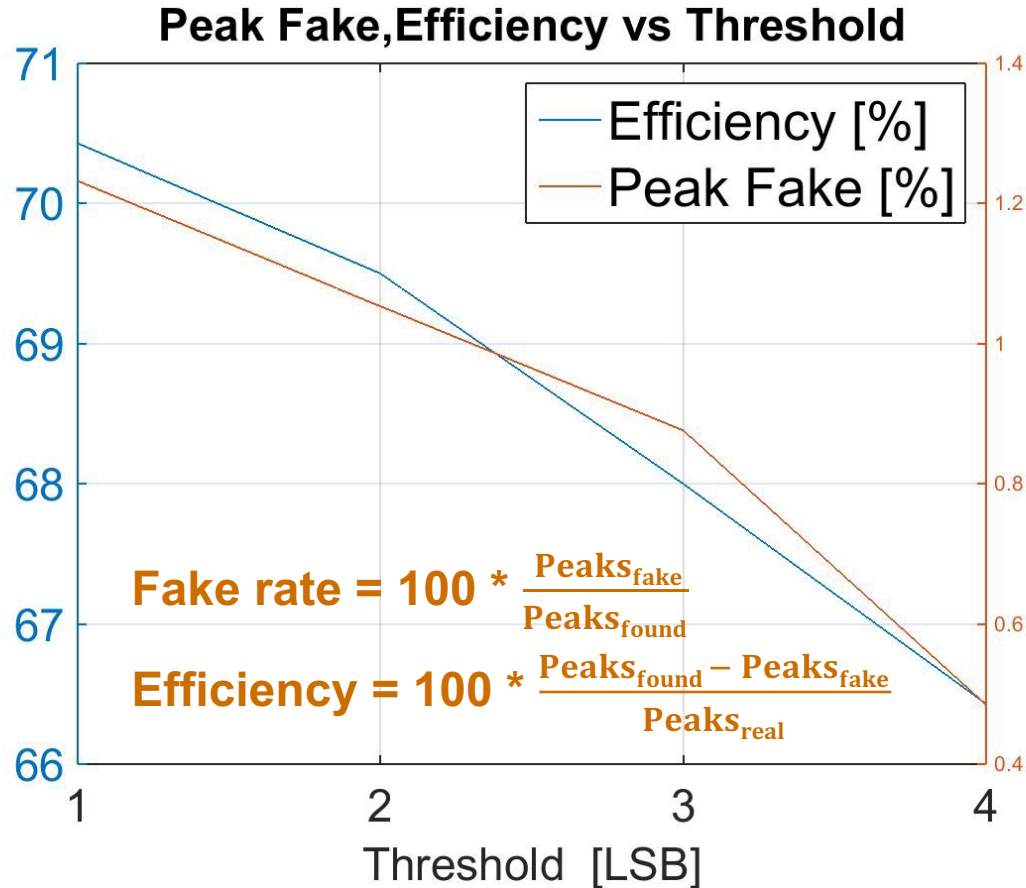
**Mode/Gain programming.** Through these dip switches it is possible to select the way to **control the gain of the first stage**, serial or parallel, in the **20 dB ÷ 49 dB** range.



# Single-channel ADC results



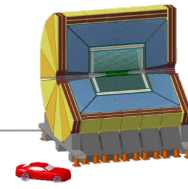
## The CCT algorithm (DERIV) performances on FPGA



- Efficiency can be improved by using a **higher resolution ADC**
  - ▶ To recognize **smaller peaks**.
  - ▶ To increase the signal to noise ratio by filtering and amplifying the analog input signal.
- Using an **FPGA** with **better performances (temporal and powering)** allows us to reduce the **processing time** and manage **multichannel ADCs**.



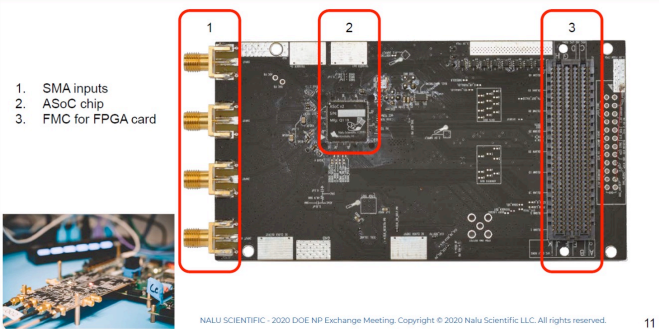
# Conclusions and future strategy



- We implemented successfully the CCT technique on **a single-channel ADC**
- To implement the **multi-channel DCH signals** reading, different digitizers are under test:

- 1) ADC TEXAS INSTRUMENT **ADC32RF45**
- 2) CAEN **digitizer**
- 3) NALU SCIENTIFIC **ASoCv3**

## ASoC Eval Card



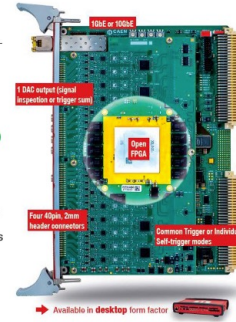
4 Channel and Analog Bandwidth 850 MHz



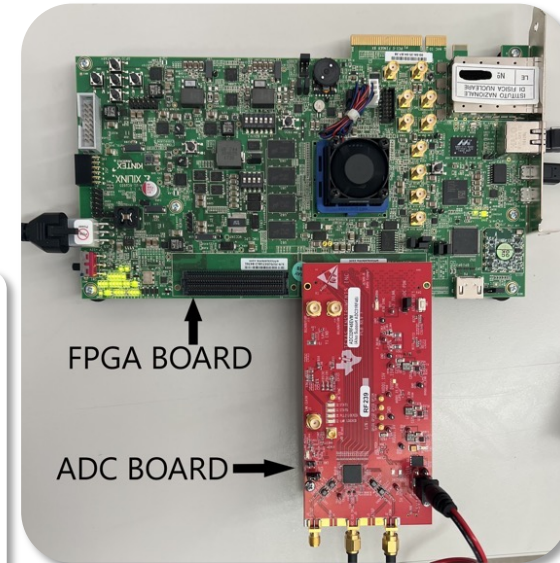
## VX2740: the first of a kind

### 64 channel, 125 MS/s, 16-bit waveform digitizer

- High channel density spectroscopy
- Good fit for Neutrino and Dark Matter experiment
- **Open FPGA**: SCI-Compiler tool for beginners (**COMING SOON**) or advanced firmware template
- Four 40-pin, 2 mm header connectors with DIFF or SE inputs
- **1 GbE, 10 GbE, USB 3.0 and CONET 2.0** (optional) connectivity
- Common Trigger (waveforms) or Individual Self-trigger modes
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OPEN FPGA system



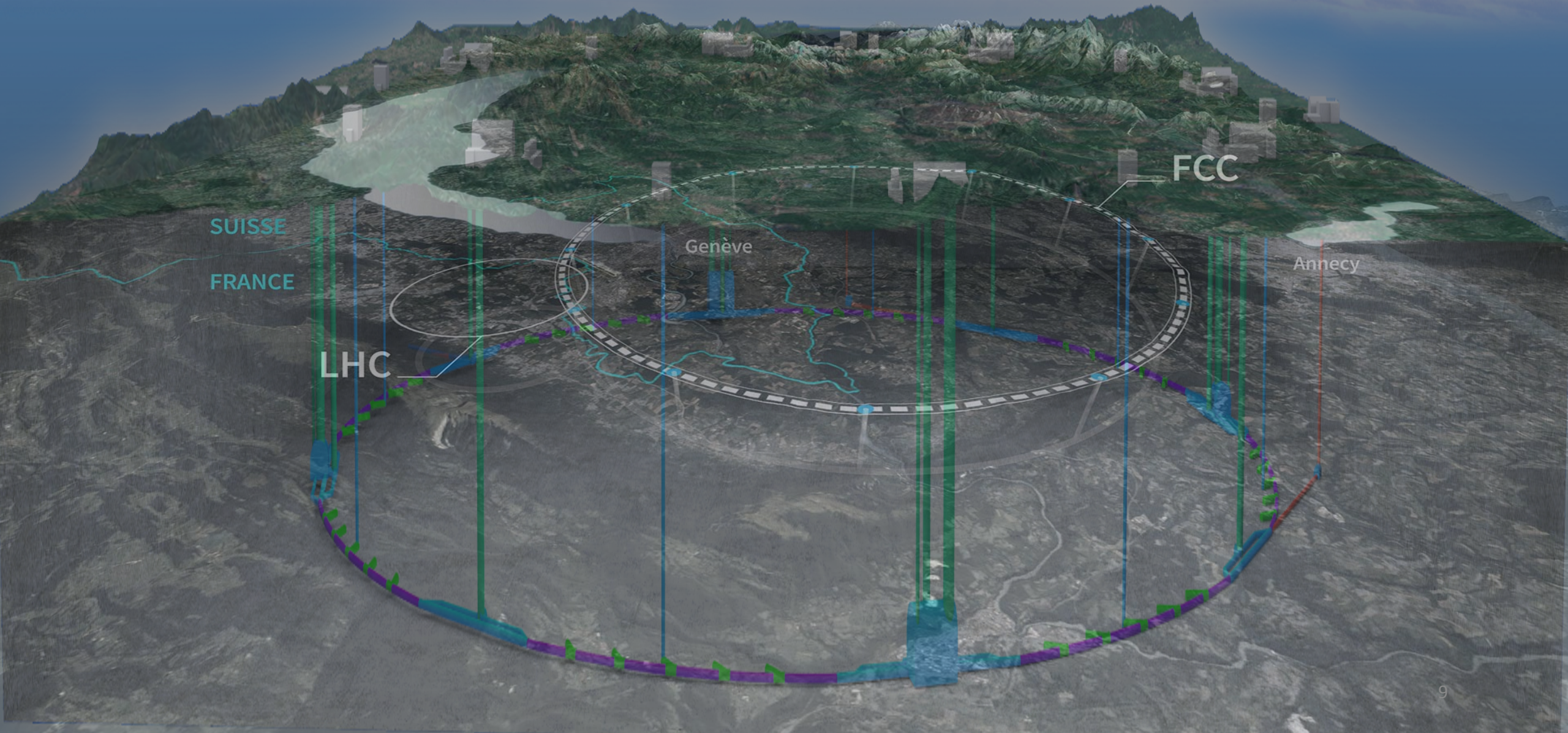
Xilinx Kintex UltraScale **FPGA**  
KCU105 Evaluation Kit + **ADC dual**  
**channel ADC32RF45EVM**

- Understand how to best implement the data transfer to the DAQ, using **optical fiber with SFP + connectors** or **SFP + to RJ45 adapters** to use the new **10Gbit/s standard** (especially for (1) and (2)).
- Investigate the best way **to save information before the transfer** (we need it if a bottleneck during the transfer happens).

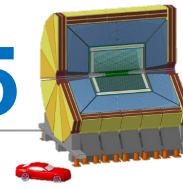




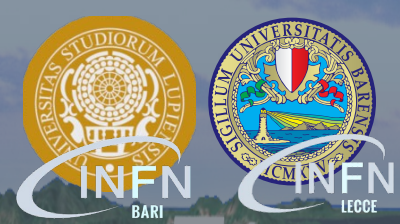
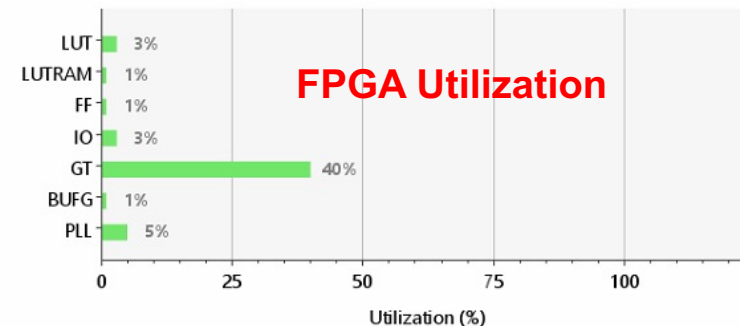
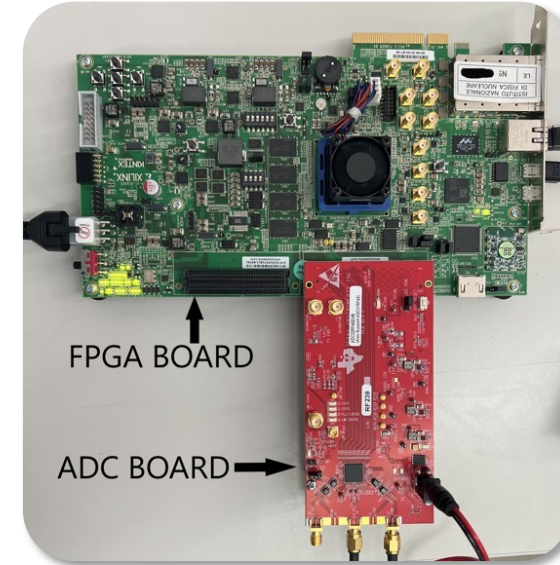
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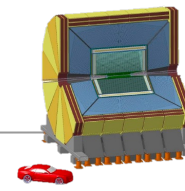
# ADC TEXAS INSTRUMENT ADC32RF45



- The new hardware to test the algorithm is:
  - **Xilinx Kintex UltraScale FPGA KCU105 Evaluation Kit**
  - **ADC dual channel ADC32RF45EVM**
- The choice of the FPGA and ADC was made by choosing the **ADC** that ensured **good resolution** and **transfer capacity**.
- The new FPGA allows to have **better time constraints**.
- The ADC has a **higher resolution** than the previous one and also it allows the reading of **two channels simultaneously**.



# CAEN digitizers



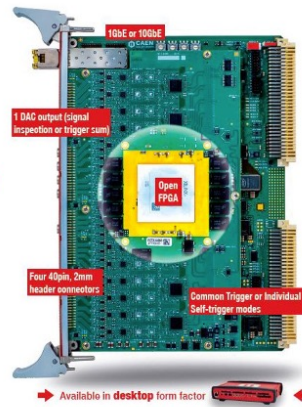
- Test with the **new high performance CAEN digitizers**:
  - ▣ start testing their **lower performance digitizer VX2740** (waiting for the **board VX2751**)
  - ▣ Use the **"OPEN FPGA" system**
- Using the CAEN HW we do not have access to the **whole firmware infrastructure** but only in the **green areas** (in the figure), where we will implement the cluster counting algorithm.



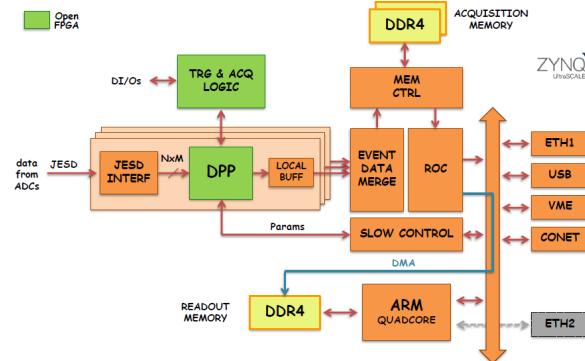
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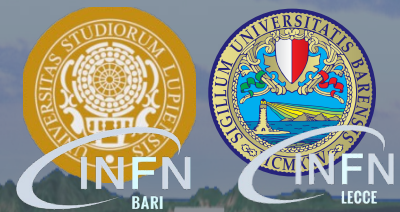
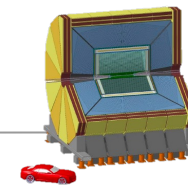
## Digitizers 2.0 - FPGA Block Diagram



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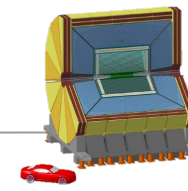


Target  
Digitizer

Model	# channels	MS/s	# bit	Applications
<b>x2740</b>	64	125	16	64 MCAs for high channel density spectroscopy Good fit for Neutrino and Dark Matter exp.
<b>x2745</b> Advanced version of x2740	64	125	16	Variable gain input stage Designed for Si detectors readout
<b>x2725/x2730</b>	32	250/500	14	Medium-fast detectors Sub-ns timing combined with high energy resolution Optimal trade off between cost and performances
<b>x2751</b>	16	1000	14	Ultra-fast detectors (diamond, MPCs, SiPMs) with ps timing application Potential upgrade to higher sampling rate
<b>x2724</b>	32	125	16	Spectroscopy & MCA Advanced Front-End (gain, shaping, AC/DC coupling ...) Semiconductor detector (HPGe, Clover, SDD ,...) Typically connected to charge Sensitive Preamplifier

**Birdseye view – what's coming**

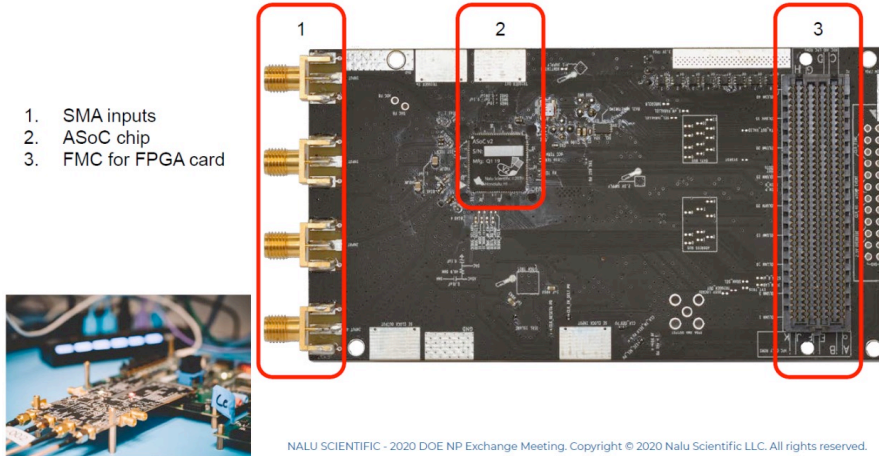
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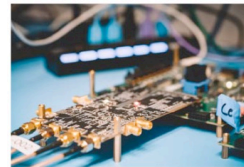
○ Naluscientific is providing us the card with the **ASoCV3 chip**:

- 4 channel
- Analog Bandwidth 850 MHz

## ASoC Eval Card



1. SMA inputs
2. ASoC chip
3. FMC for FPGA card



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**ASoC V3 DESIGN DETAILS**  
Compact, high performance waveform digitizer

- High performance digitizer: 3+ Gsa/s
- Highly integrated
- Commercially available, low cost, patented design
- 5mm x 5mm die size

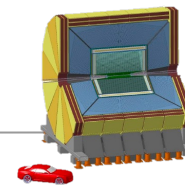
Parameter	Spec
Sample rate	2.4-3.6Gsa/s
Number of Channels	4
Sampling Depth	16kSa/channel
Signal Range	0-2.5V
Number of ADC bits	12 bits
Supply Voltage	2.5V
RMS noise	~1.5 mV
Digital Clock frequency	25MHz
Timing resolution	<25ps (see below for details)
Power	120mW/channel
Analog Bandwidth	850MHz
Serial interface	Up to 500 Mb/s***

- Calibration memory access
- PLL on chip
- Isolated analog/digital voltage rings
- Serial interface
- Self triggering
- Completed DOE Phase II SBIR
  - Eval cards avail
  - Custom boards under dev

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# Naluscientific ASoCV3 (2/2)



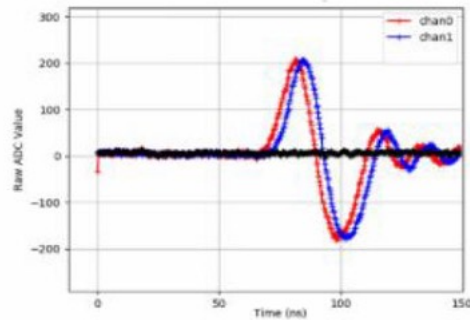
- Some performances of the tests made by Naluscientific on the old-version chip V2



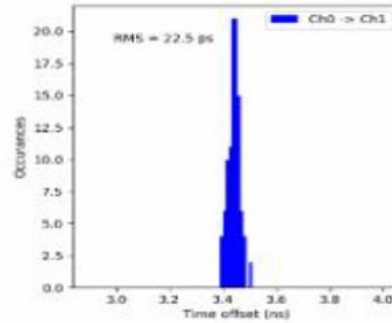
## ASoC V2\* MEASUREMENTS

\*V3 under test

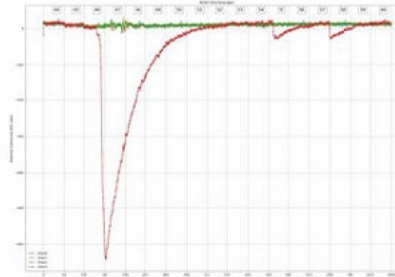
Live demo at IEEE NSS-MIC 2019



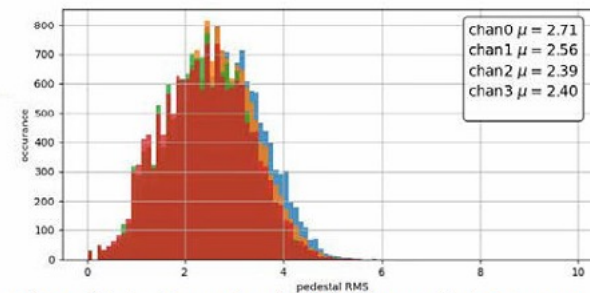
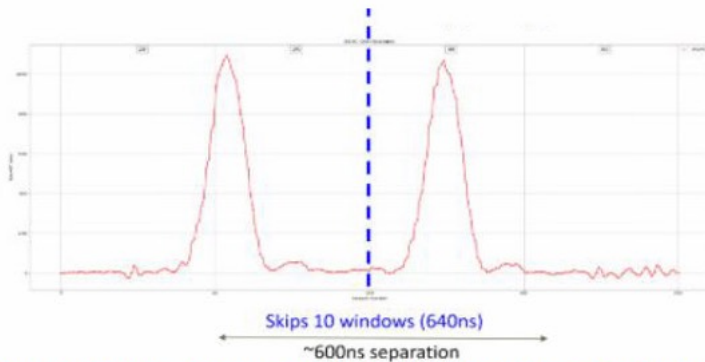
Timing resolution: 22ps



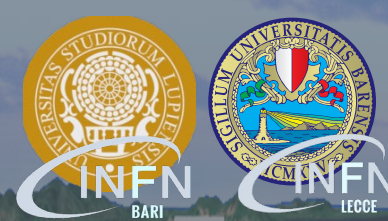
SIPM waveform readout



ROI Readout



Noise residuals after pedestal subtraction - typical ~2.5 counts = 1.0mV



# RPC with Gallium Arsenide electrodes, a solution for medium sized high-rate detectors

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A. Rocchi and R. Cardarelli

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# DETECTOR DESCRIPTION

✓ High Rate RPC

$$V_{\text{gas}} = V_{\text{gen}} - \rho d \bar{Q} \phi$$

State of the art:  $\bar{Q} \sim 6 \text{ pC}$ ;  $Q_{th} \sim 2 - 4 \text{ fC}$ ;  $d = 1.25 \text{ mm}$ ;  $\rho \sim 10^{10} \Omega \text{ cm}$  ;

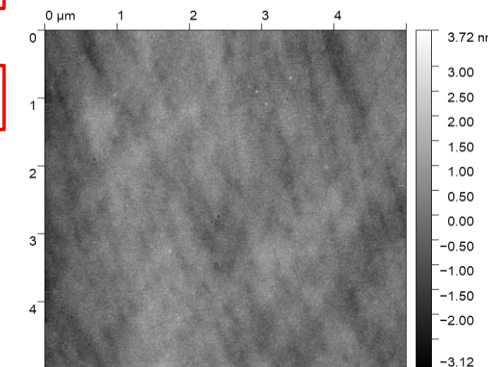
->  $\phi \sim 7 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$

$\phi \sim 1 \text{ MHz/cm}^2$  ←

The HPL electrodes guarantee stable operation up to a total integrated charge of  $0.3 \text{ C/cm}^2$  --> **Effective rate capability significantly limited by the experiment lifetime and background radiation**

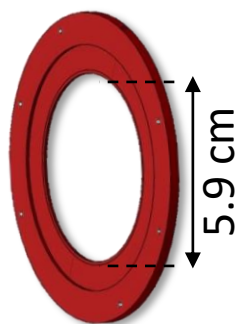
A new material immune to the ageing effect should improve the effective rate capability of a factor ten, just with  $10^{10} \Omega \text{ cm}$  resistivity

Material	Semi Insulating undoped GaAs
Thickness	640 – 643; $\mu\text{m}$
Diameter	3"
Resistivity	$1.4 \times 10^8 \Omega \text{ cm}$
Surface treatment	both polished
Growth method	VGF
Orientation	(100) $\pm 0.01^\circ$
Mobility	$5300 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$

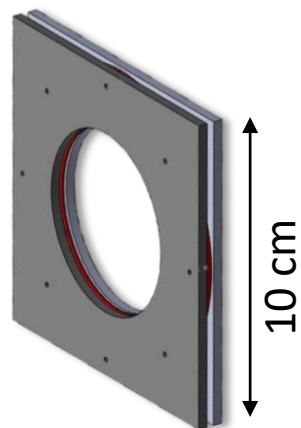


Thanks to Prof. M. Lucci for the GaAs metallization

Wafers spacer  
1 mm



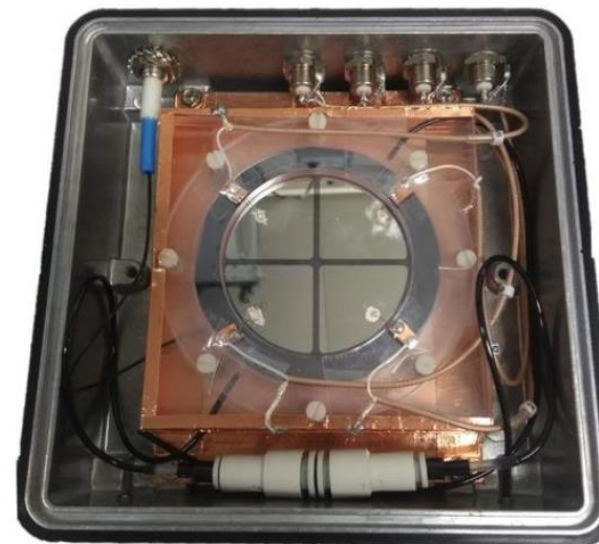
Wafers holder



Voltage supply	3–5 Volt
Sensitivity	2–4 mV/fC
Noise (independent from detector)	4000 e <sup>-</sup> RMS
Input impedance	100–50 Ohm
B.W.	10–100 MHz
Power consumption	10 mW/ch
Rise time $\delta(t)$ input	300–600 ps
Radiation hardness	1 Mrad, $10^{13} \text{ n cm}^{-2}$



Gas inlet  $\varnothing 2 \text{ mm}$  ->  $\varnothing 0.6 \text{ mm}$



Wafers sputtering holder



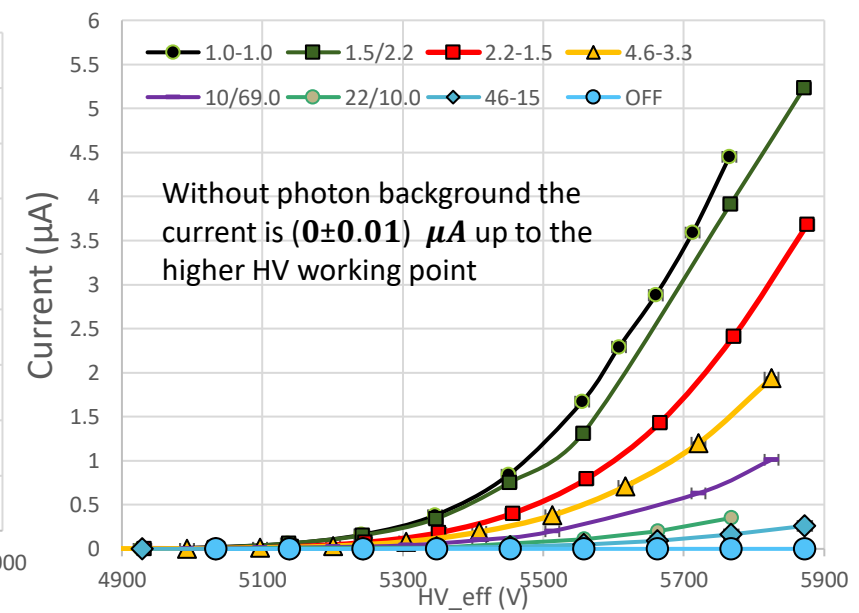
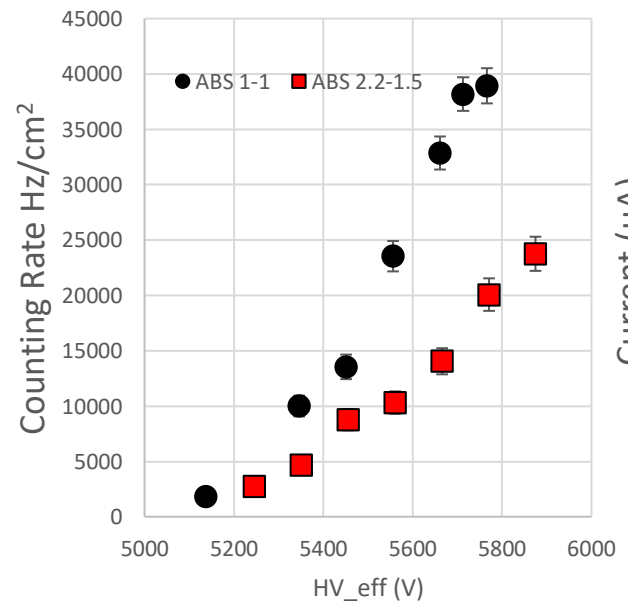
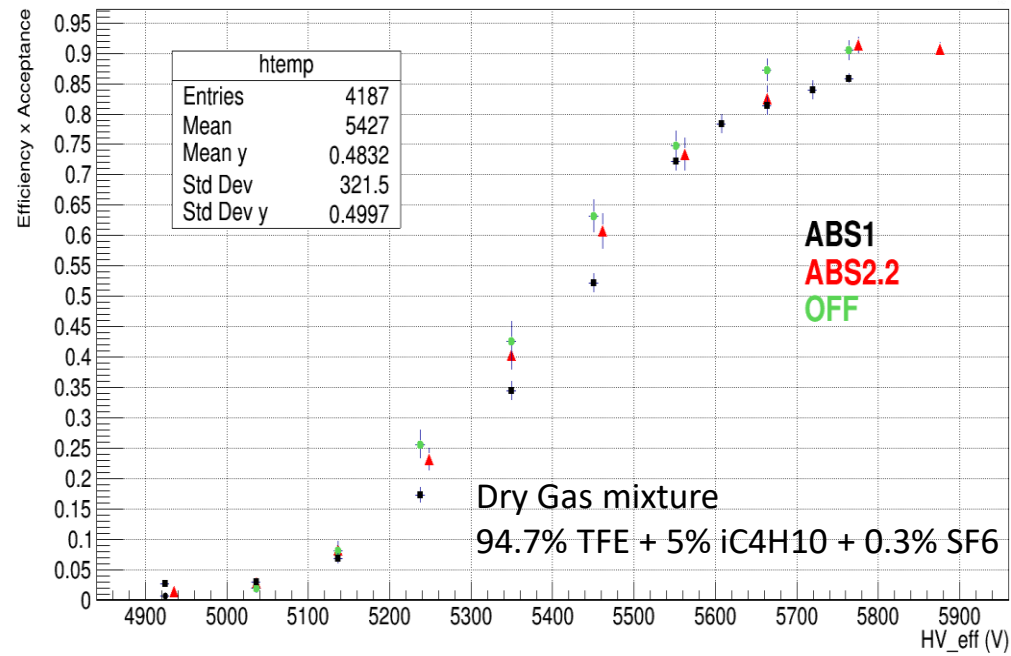
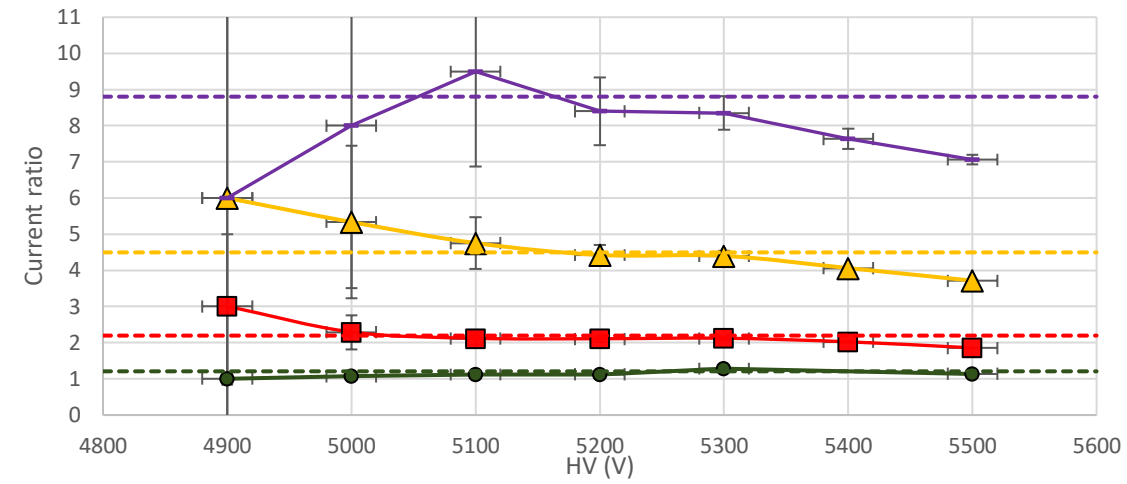
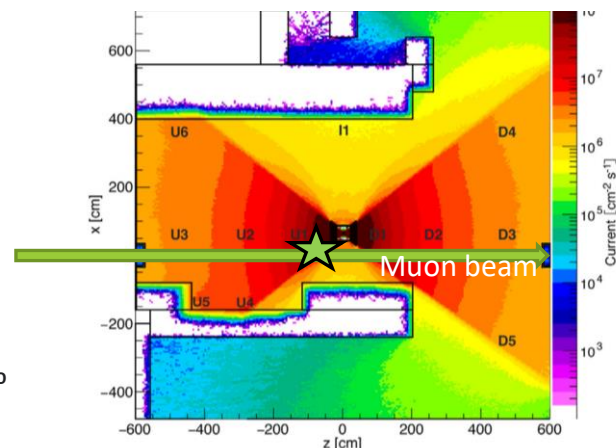
[R. Cardarelli et al, "Performance of RPCs and diamond detectors using a new very fast low noise preamplifier"]



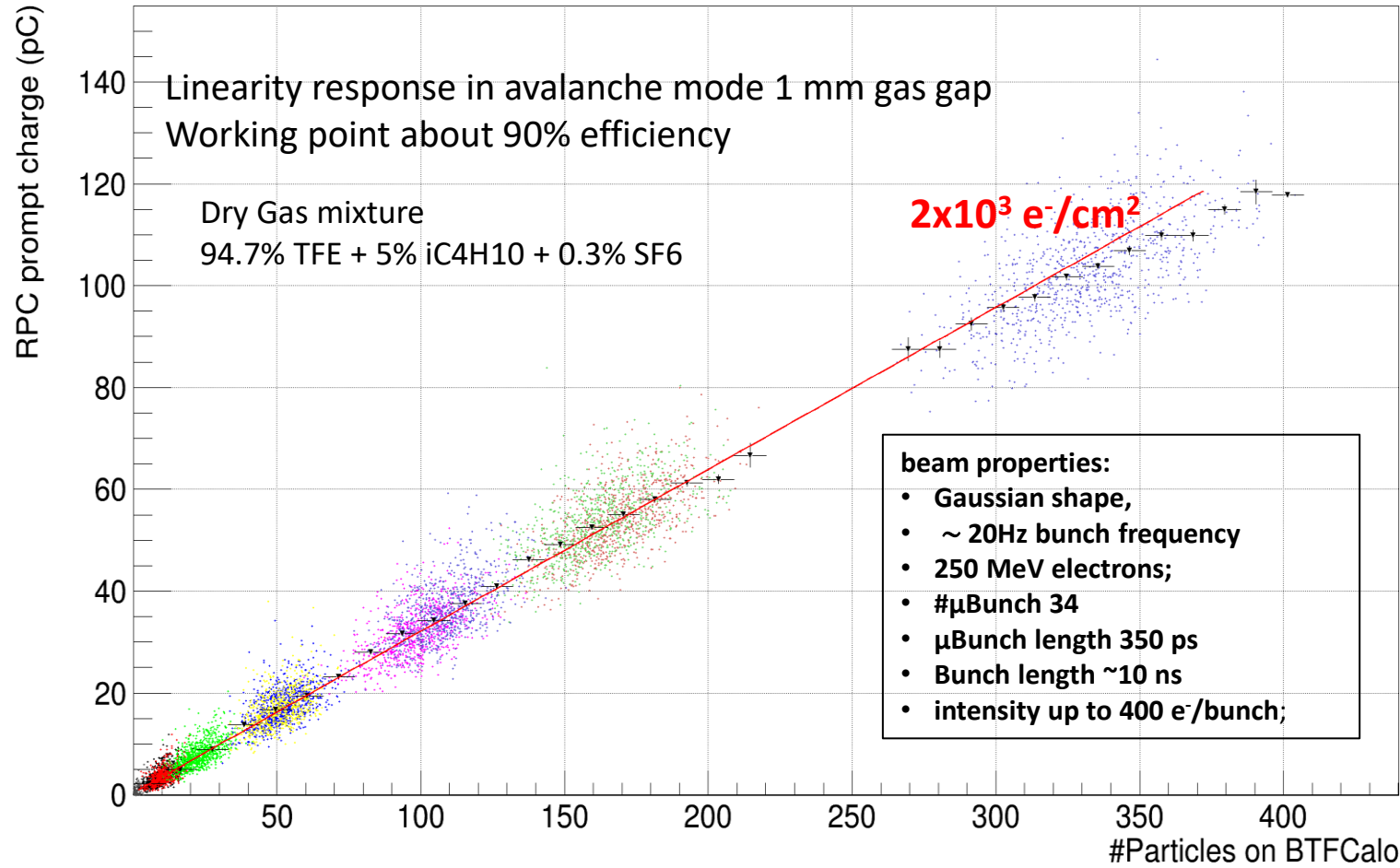
# HIGH-RATE TESTS

The rate capability was measured at GIF ++ at CERN. The detector efficiency response is constant up to the maximum observable flow at the Facility. The maximum counting rate measured is 39 kHz/cm<sup>2</sup>, a value consistent with the photon current if we consider a photon conversion efficiency approximately 1-2%

The measured attenuation of the source is consistent with the reference values



# BUNCHED PARTICLES RESPONSE: LINEARITY AND TIME RESOLUTION



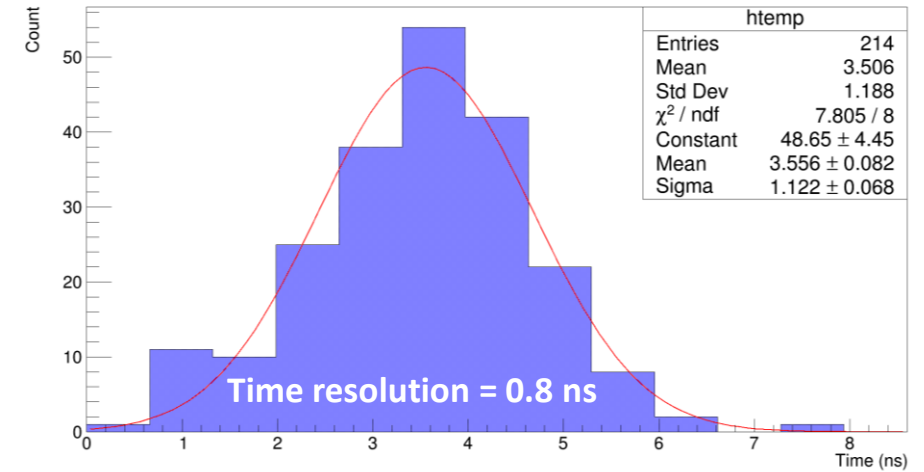
[B. Buonomo, G. Mazzitelli and P. Valente "Performance and Upgrade of the DAFNE Beam Test Facility (BTF)"]

[A. Rocchi et al "Linearity and rate capability measurements of RPC with semi-insulating crystalline electrodes operating in avalanche mode"]

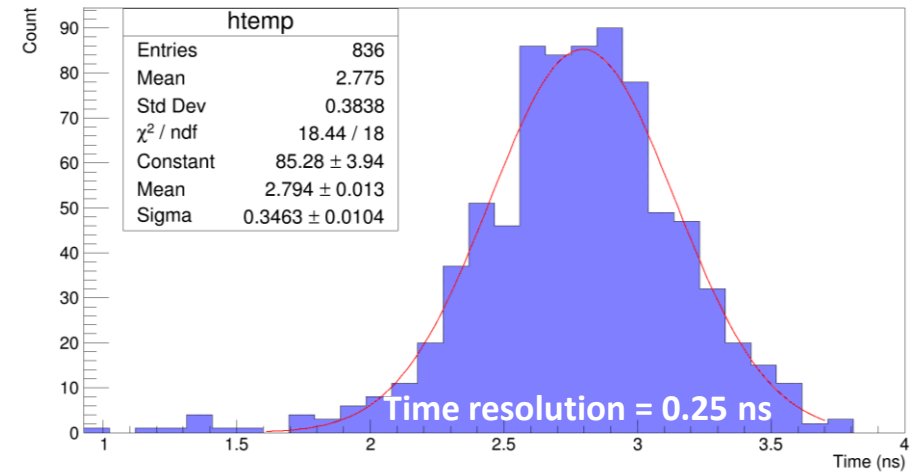
Time resolution with bunched particles improves as

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{synchronous particles}}}$$

1  $\text{e}^-/\text{bunch}$



$\sim 300 \text{ e}^-/\text{bunch}$  (10  $\text{e}^-/\mu\text{bunch}$ )



# Conclusions

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- The functionality of the detector has been extensively demonstrated: thanks to the **high sensitivity of the FE electronics** and to the **surface quality of the new GaAs wafers** the detector is stable up to full efficiency.
- The detector **performance is constant up to the maximum photon flux available at the GIF ++ facility**, and the maximum counting rate **measured is 39 kHz / cm<sup>2</sup> (about 1-2 ‰ photon efficiency)**.
- **Negligible random counting rate, negligible dark current**

## Open question:

- What changes in the physics of the detector when passing from an amorphous electrode to a semiconductive crystal?
- What role does electron mobility play?
- Does the resistivity of the electrode change with irradiation?
- What is the maximum rate capability of the detector?
- What is the aging damage of the detector?

## Costs

3-inch Undoped GaAs wafer about 100 \$/pz, 6-inch Undoped GaAs wafer about 200 \$/pz.

Electrode sputtering?

# The Resistive Cylindrical Chamber, a new detector based on the generalization of the RPC detectors to the quasi-planar field

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A. Rocchi and R. Cardarelli on behalf of RCC collaboration

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# THE RESISTIVE CYLINDRICAL CHAMBER

The RCC detector is a device consisting of two concentric cylinders of resistive material. The detector's stratigraphy is like that of an RPC, but the cylindrical geometry introduces new control parameters on the detector's response, as well as extending its use to hostile environments thanks to the high strength mechanical structure

## Gas pressurization :

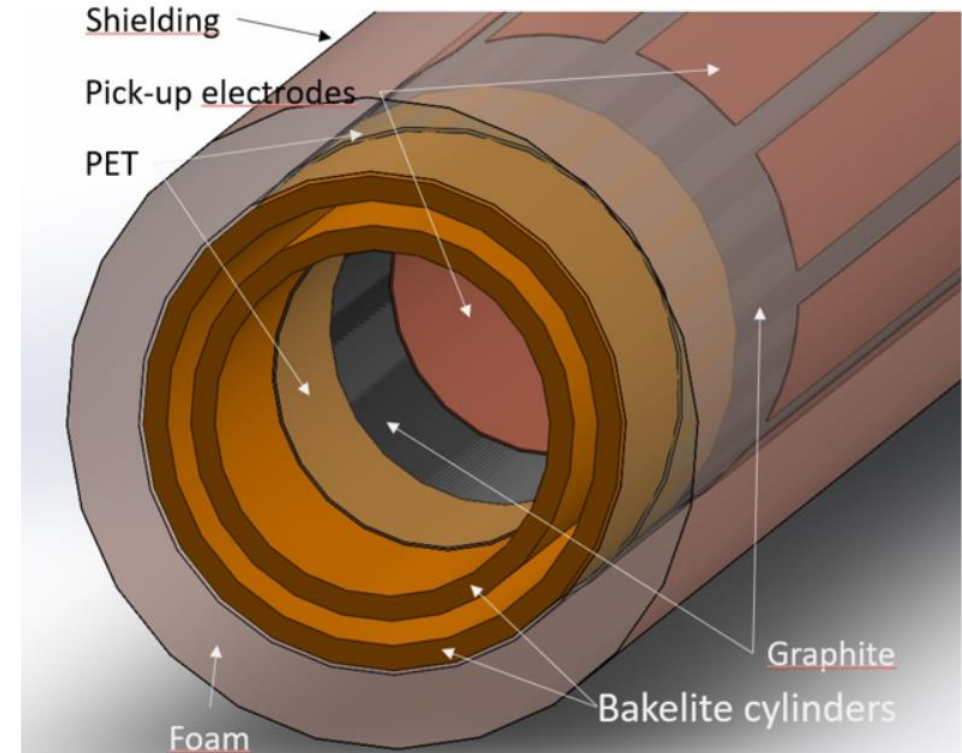
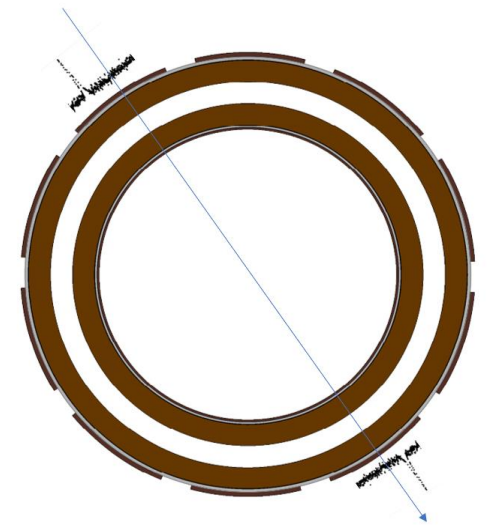
1. Increase the gas target density, with a consequent increase in intrinsic efficiency
  - MRPC time response with thin single gap configuration
  - light eco-friendly CO<sub>2</sub> based gas mixtures
2. Use the detector in hostile environments

## The electric field gradient, depending on the polarization allows to

1. Contribute to the gas discharge quenching
  - new eco-friendly gas components
2. Increase the charge collection efficiency enhancing the multiplication in the initial part of the gas gap
3. Study the dependencies and optimize the time resolution

## Double gap:

1. Tracking capability
2. Improvement in time resolution and efficiency



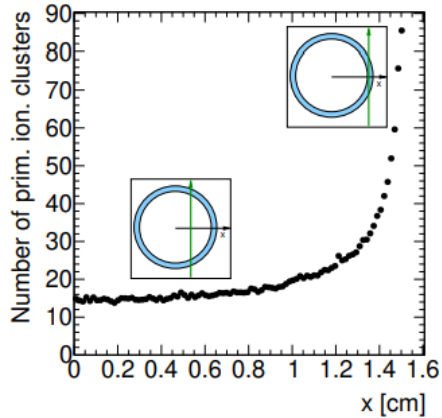
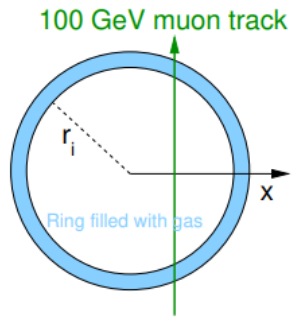
# SIMULATION: ELECTRIC FIELD GRADIENT AND PRIMARY IONIZATION

In the RCC detector the electric field has a cylindrical geometry and is much more approximable to a planar field as the gas-gap is negligible with respect to the radius of the internal electrode. This feature allows to design detectors with different responses according to the experimental needs:

- it is possible to reproduce the same performances of an RPC in an easily pressurized cylindrical structure;
- it is possible to design a detector with a non-negligible field gradient to increase the time resolution and suppress the transition to the streamer regime

The RCC detector has a double gap structure, which can be exploited for tracking measurements and to increase efficiency and time resolution

## Primary ionization with pressurized CO<sub>2</sub>



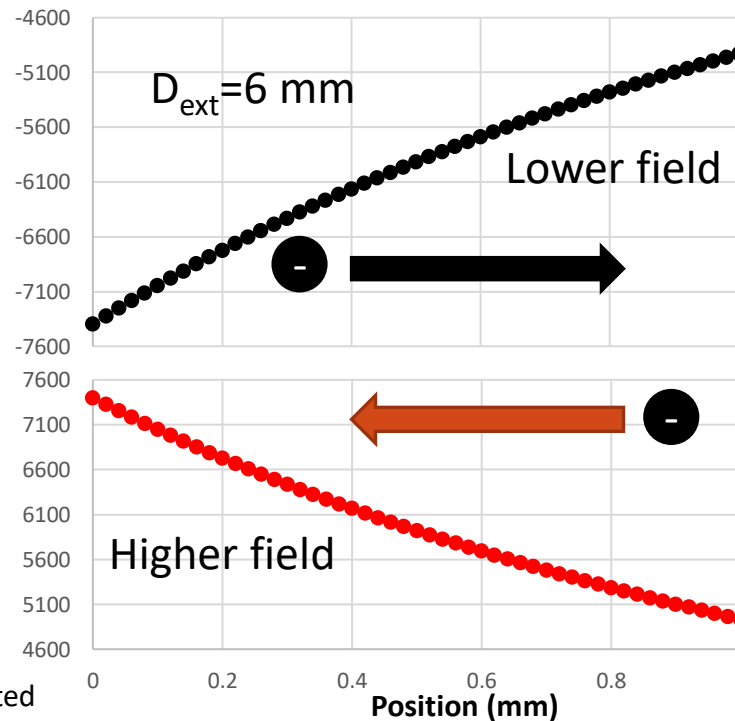
⇒ Small number of primary ionization clusters:  $\sim 14$  for  $r \lesssim r_i$ .

[Simulation of the avalanche creation in resistive circular chambers  
Oliver Kortner, XVI Workshop on Resistive Plate Chambers and Related Detectors]

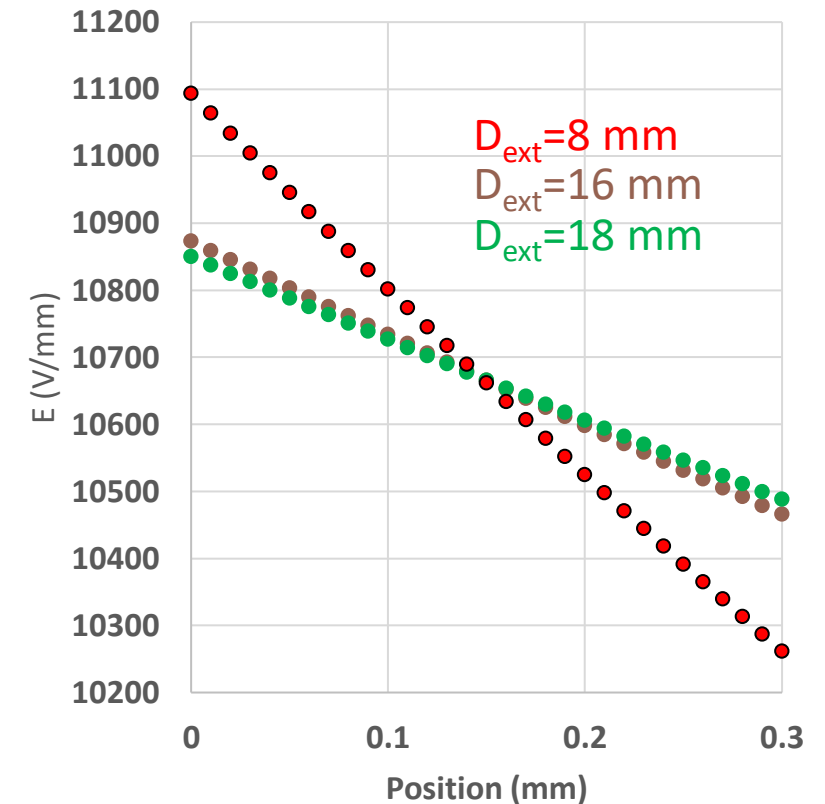
$$E(r) = \frac{V}{r \ln \frac{R_o}{R_i}} \sim \frac{V}{R_i \ln \frac{R_o}{R_i}} - \frac{V}{R_i \ln \frac{R_o}{R_i}} \frac{r - R_i}{R_i} \rightarrow \text{weak dependence on thin gas gaps}$$

$R_o - R_i \ll R_i$

## Gas-gap 1 mm



## Gas-gap 0.3 mm



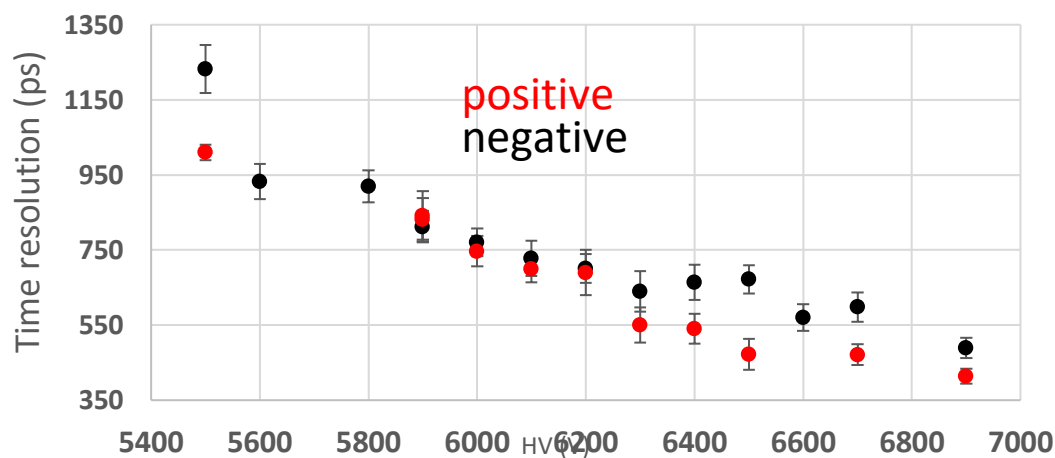
# DETECTOR DESCRIPTION AND RELIMINARY RESULTS

## (1 mm GAS-GAP)

The response of a 1 mm gas-gap RCC was studied with the detector described in figure. The smaller radius electrode consists of an aluminium cylinder. A significant separation is observed between the working points of the detector in the different polarities. **The intrinsic efficiency is lower in the case of positive polarization as if the useful gas-gap decreases.**

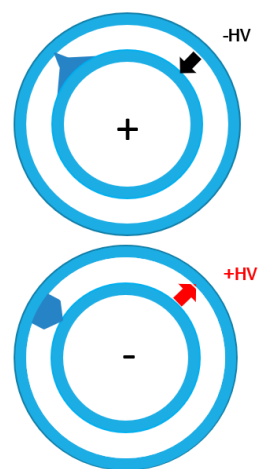
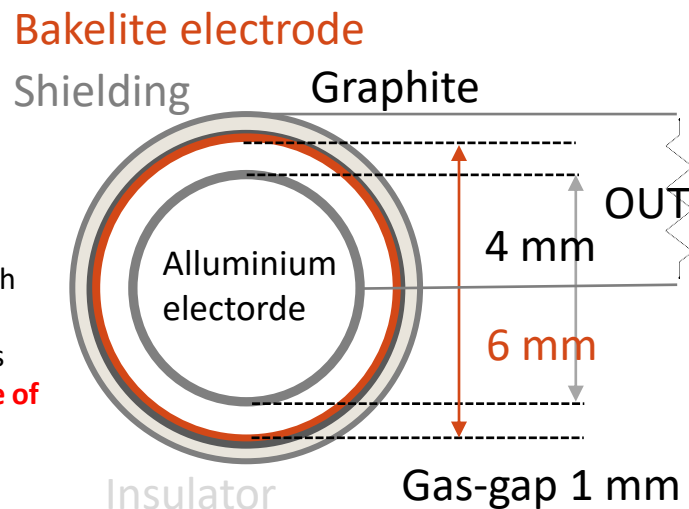
The time resolution was measured using an RPC detector with two coupled 0.2mm gaps as a reference.

**The time resolution** improve as the applied voltage increases and for high field values it **is systematically better in the case of positive polarization, in which multiplication occurs mainly near the cathode (behavior like that of a thinner gap).**

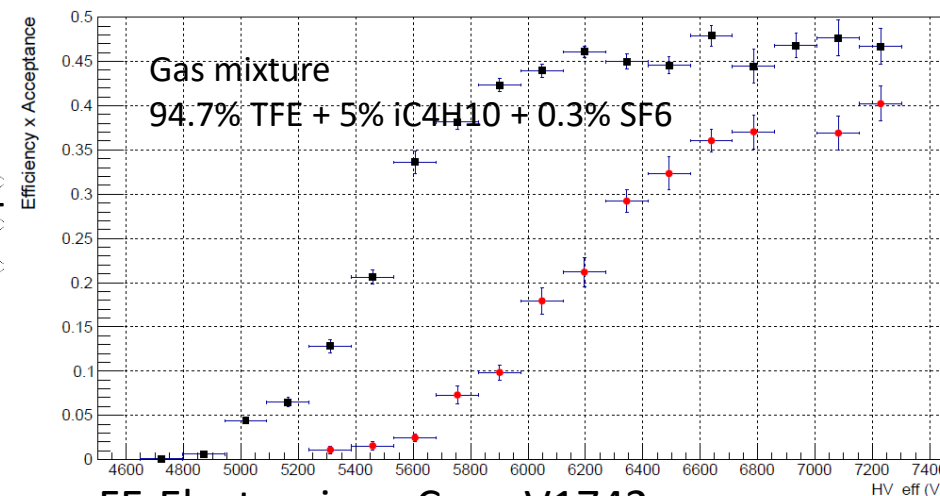


[Development of Resistive Cylindrical Chambers, R. Cardarelli, XVI Workshop on Resistive Plate Chambers and Related Detectors]

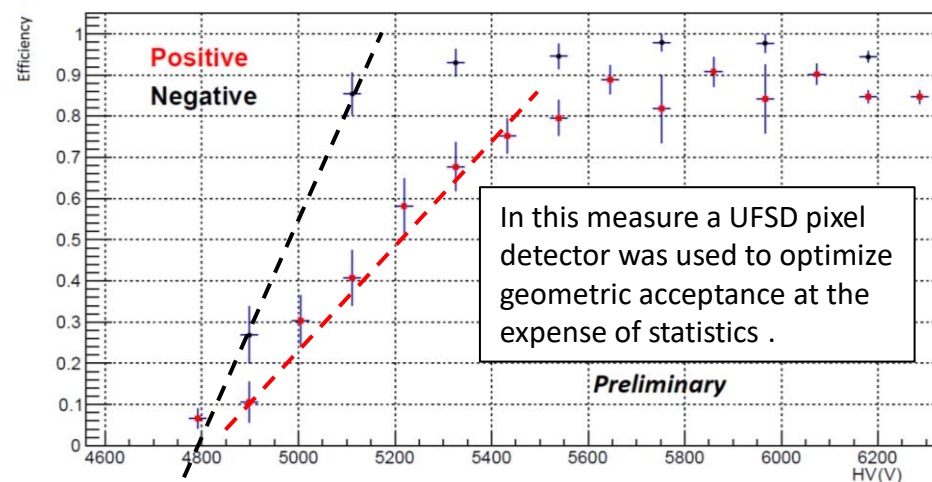
[Moderation of the avalanche gas discharge through a quasi-uniform electric field device: the Resistive Cylindrical Chamber, A. Rocchi, VCI2022]



### Caen V1742



### FE-Electronics + Caen V1742



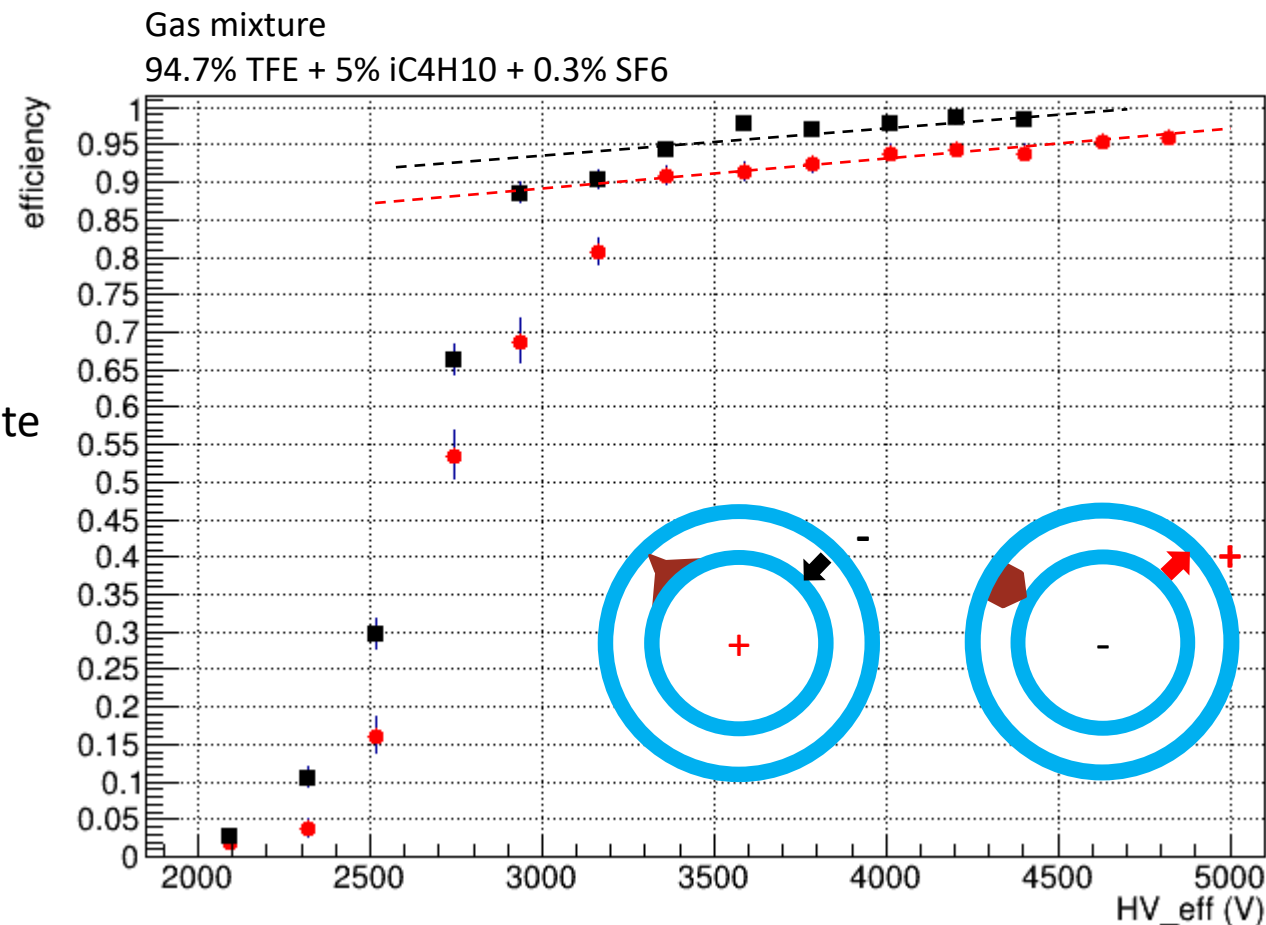
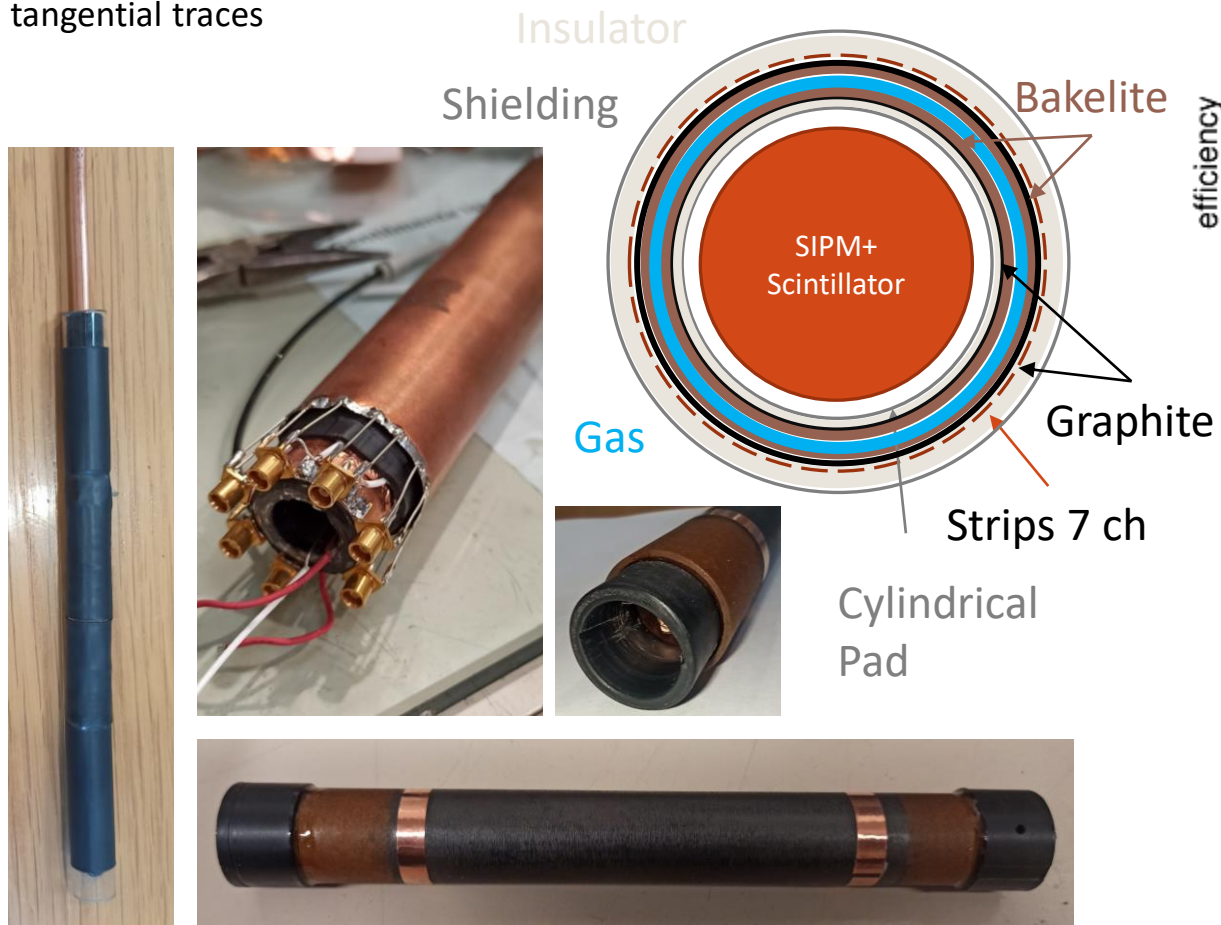
# DETECTOR DESCRIPTION AND RELIMINARY RESULTS

## (0.3 mm GAS-GAP)

The internal detector made it possible to close the angle of acceptance and discriminate the tangential traces

[Thanks to Alessandro Paoloni for the SIPM detector and electronics]

The detector described in figure was characterized with muons of 180 GeV / c. A small difference can be observed between the working points in different polarities. Also In this configuration the detector has a lower intrinsic efficiency in positive polarity.





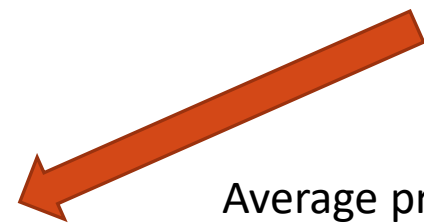
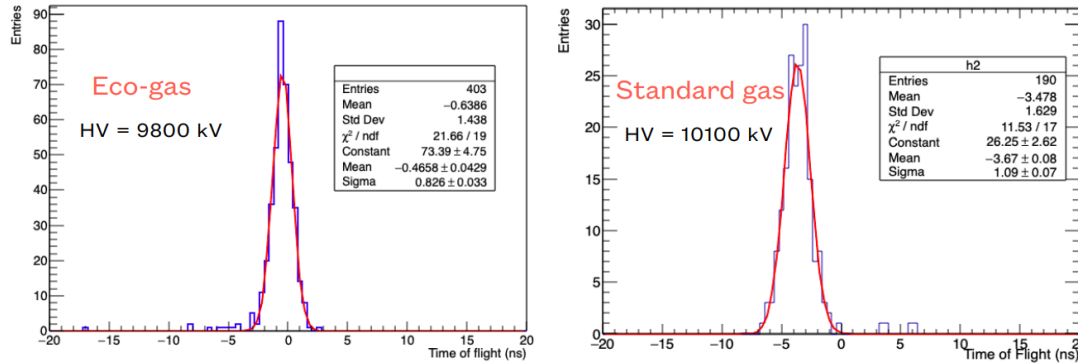
# STUDY WITH HIGH PRESSURIZED CO<sub>2</sub>

[On a new environment-friendly gas mixture for Resistive Plate Chambers, G. Proto, XVI Workshop on Resistive Plate Chambers and Related Detectors]

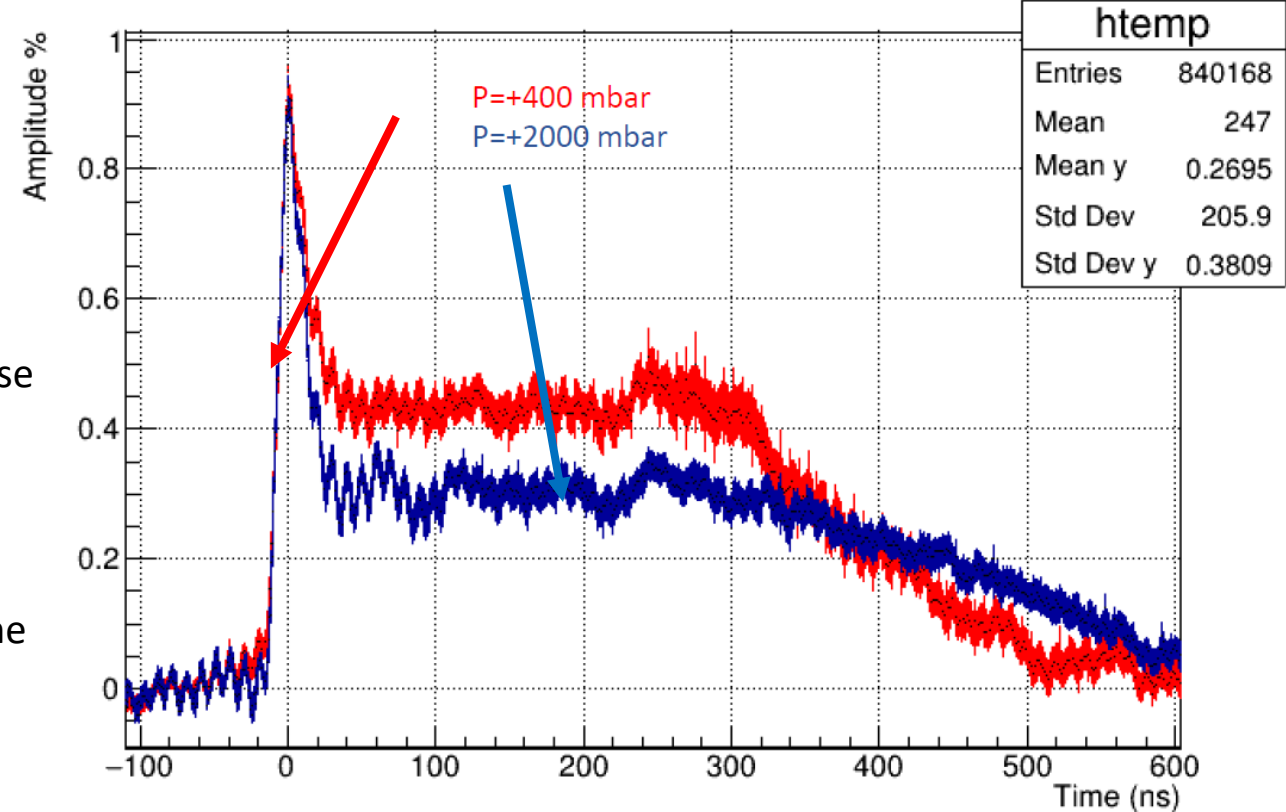
Studies on new eco-friendly gas mixtures show that mixtures with a high concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> lead to an improvement in the time resolution at expense of the intrinsic efficiency of the detector.

$$\sigma_{\text{Eco}} = (0.83 \pm 0.03) \text{ ns}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{STD}} = (1.09 \pm 0.07) \text{ ns}$$



Average profile of normalized signals



The RCC thanks to the pressurization of the gas-gap allows to increase the density of the gas recovering the loss of efficiency even for thin gas gaps

The effect of the pressure is visible from the ion signal profile: as the pressure increases, the instantaneous current decreases as the drift speed of the ions decreases and the duration of the signal increases accordingly. The amplitude of the electronic signal is unchanged

# Conclusions

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The functionality of the detector has been demonstrated with prototypes of different structures (1 mm gas-gap, 0.3 mm gas-gap)

As expected, the asymmetry in the detector response with respect to the polarity of the applied voltage increases when the thickness of the gap increases with respect to the internal radius

The effect of suppression of the avalanche in positive polarization leads to a reduction of the intrinsic efficiency but to an improvement in the time resolution, as if the useful gas-gap were thinner

This effect can also be studied to suppress the transition to the streamer regime in gas mixtures with low quenching potential

## **Perspectives**

Systematic study of RCC detectors with different radius and gas-gaps

Study of the response with high concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>

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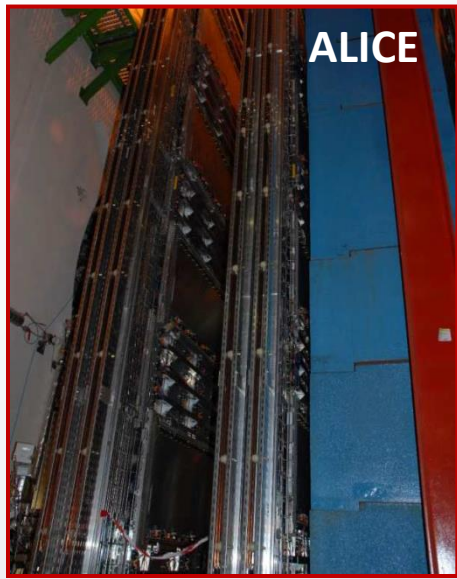
# *Green* Resistive Plate Chamber detectors for HEP applications

*Alessandra Pastore (INFN Bari)*

on behalf of the **RPC EcoGas@GIF++ Collaboration**,  
born within the ALICE, ATLAS, CMS, LHCb/SHiP and CERN EP-DT RPC Communities

# Resistive Plate Chambers in HEP

RPC technology continuously improved, aiming at more and more challenging applications



ALICE



CMS

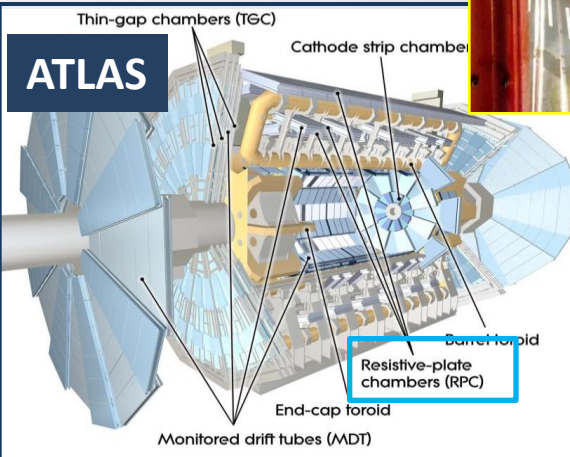
- In HEP, typically operated in avalanche mode
- “standard” gas mixture is a perfect match:

$\text{CH}_2\text{FCF}_3$  (> 90%) /  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$  /  $\text{SF}_6$

**BUT**

Gas	GWP* values 100-year time horizon
$\text{CO}_2$	1
$\text{CH}_2\text{FCF}_3$	1300
$\text{SF}_6$	23500

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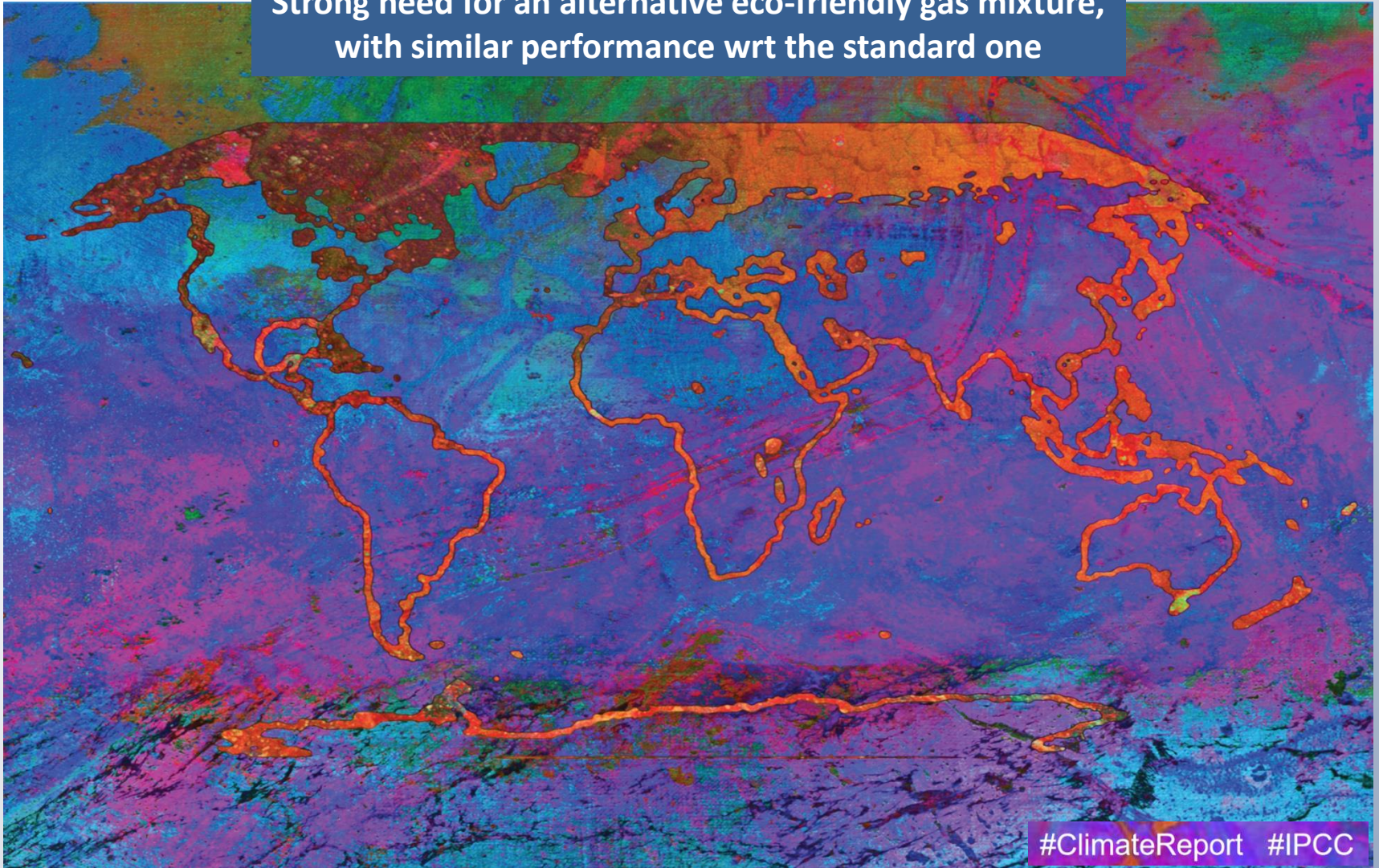
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\*Global Warming Potential = measure of the heat trapped in the atmosphere by a ton of a given gas, if compared to a ton of  $\text{CO}_2$

# *Eco-compatibility of RPC detectors*

**Strong need for an alternative eco-friendly gas mixture,  
with similar performance wrt the standard one**

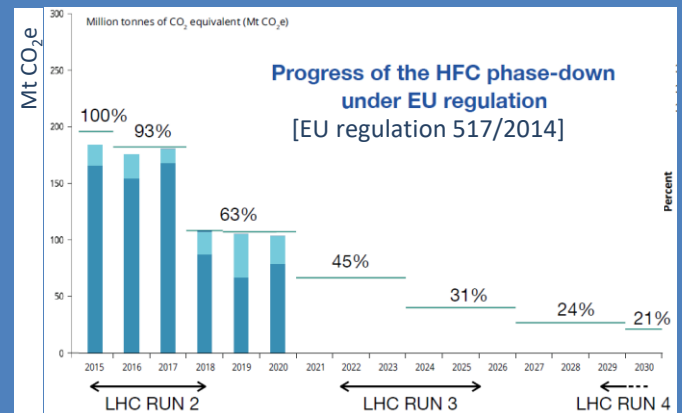


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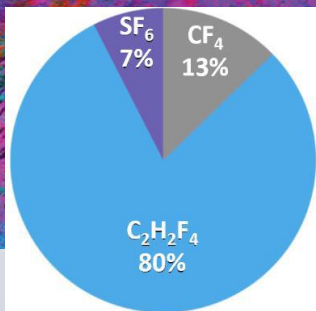
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## EU “F-gas regulation”

- Limiting the total amount of the most important F-gases that can be sold in the EU.
- Banning the use of F-gases where less harmful alternatives are widely available.
- Preventing emissions of F-gases from existing equipment.



relative contribution to GHGs emissions from particle detectors at CERN LHC experiments



Concerns about environment, F-gases availability and costs

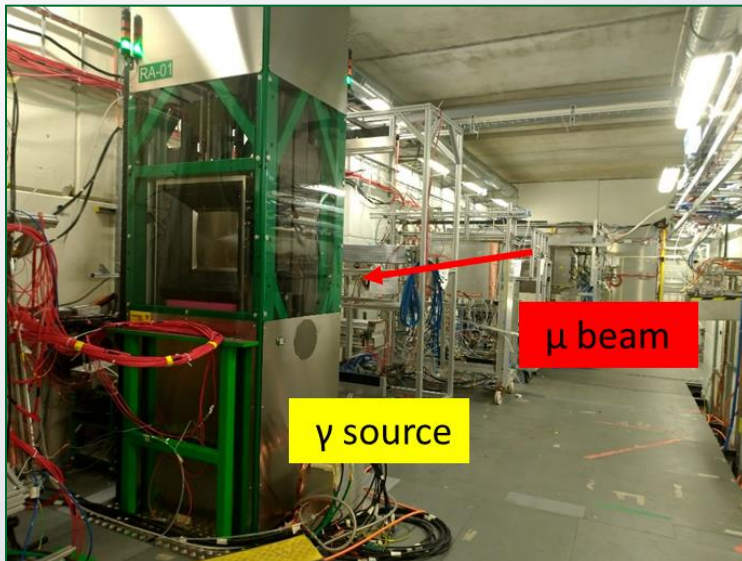
*f.e.* CH<sub>2</sub>FCF<sub>3</sub> in early LHC Run 3 expectation:  
~ 90 ktCO<sub>2</sub>e/year emitted  
price increase of ~2.5 times w.r.t to 2015

#ClimateReport #IPCC

# The RPC EcoGas@GIF++ Collaboration



- recently born within the **ALICE, ATLAS, CERN EP-DT, CMS and LHCb/SHiP RPC Communities**
- shares **person-power, instrumentation, ideas** in order to search for potential **eco-friendly gas mixtures** in home-laboratories and at CERN, and **assess the performance of RPCs in different irradiation conditions** at the CERN Gamma Irradiation Facility GIF++



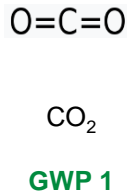
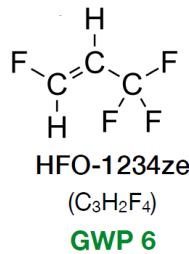
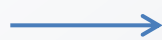
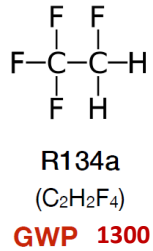
View of the setups inside the GIF++ bunker

Group	Dimension (cm <sup>2</sup> )	# of gaps	Gap/electrodes Thickness (mm)	Readout	# of strips
ATLAS	500	1	2 / 1.8	Digitizer	1
CMS	4350	2	2 / 2	TDC	128
EP-DT	7000	1	2 / 2	Digitizer	7
ALICE	2500	1	2 / 2	TDC	32
ShiP/LHCb	7000	1	1.6 / 1.6	TDC	64

Summary table of all the RPCs of the collaboration

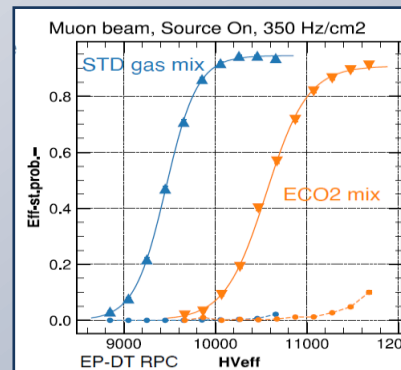
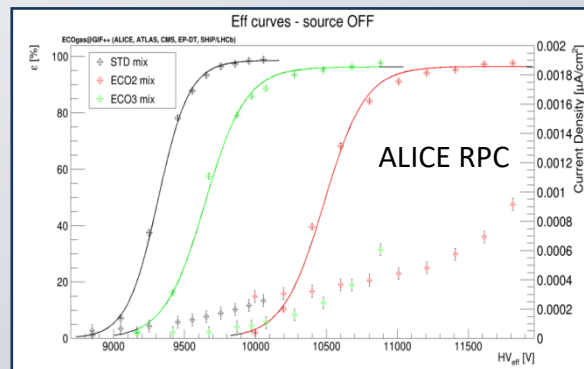
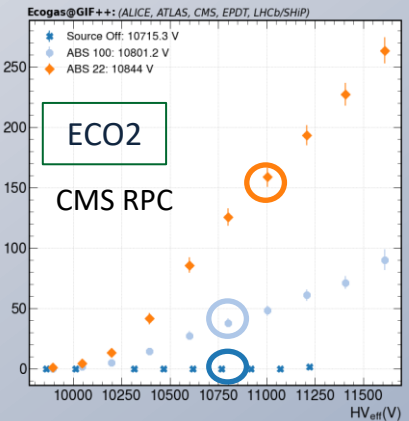
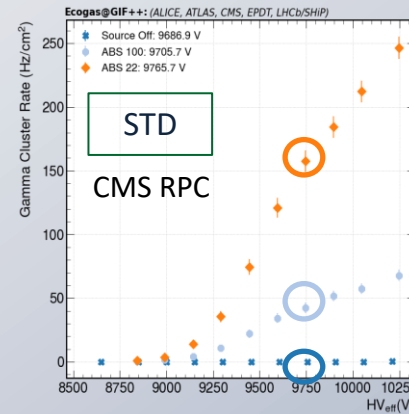
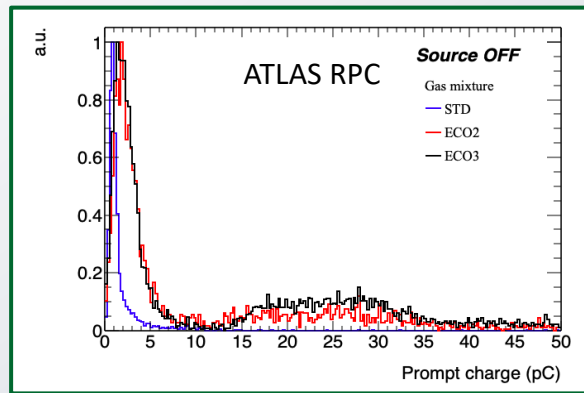
# The 'HFO' option for avalanche RPC detectors

Several gas mixtures have been tested. Two of them have shown to be very promising:



ECO2 = CO<sub>2</sub> / C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> / i-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub> / SF<sub>6</sub> = (60/35/4/1)%  
 ECO3 = CO<sub>2</sub> / C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> / i-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub> / SF<sub>6</sub> = (69/25/5/1)%

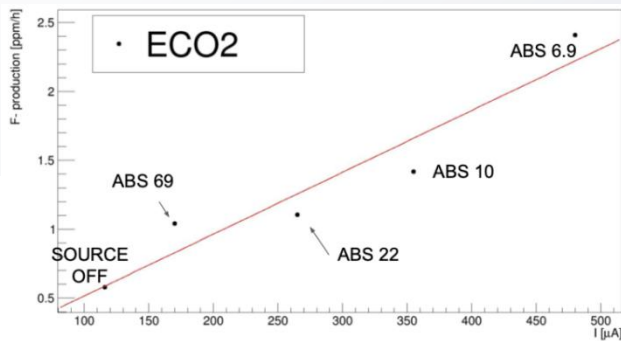
impact on the environment reduced of ~ 80% wrt STD mix



*comparable performance at working point*

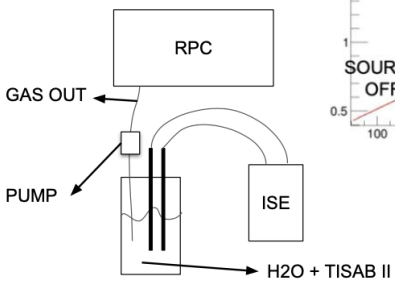


# Long term performance studies



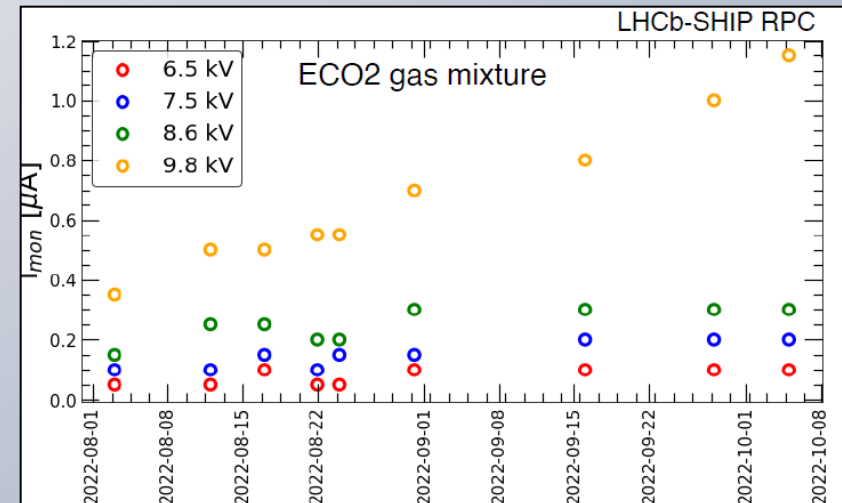
F<sup>-</sup> produced from the C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> molecules, especially in high irradiation conditions and high electric fields, combines with H<sub>2</sub>O, producing HF acid

→ Ion Selective Electrodes (ISE) at CERN

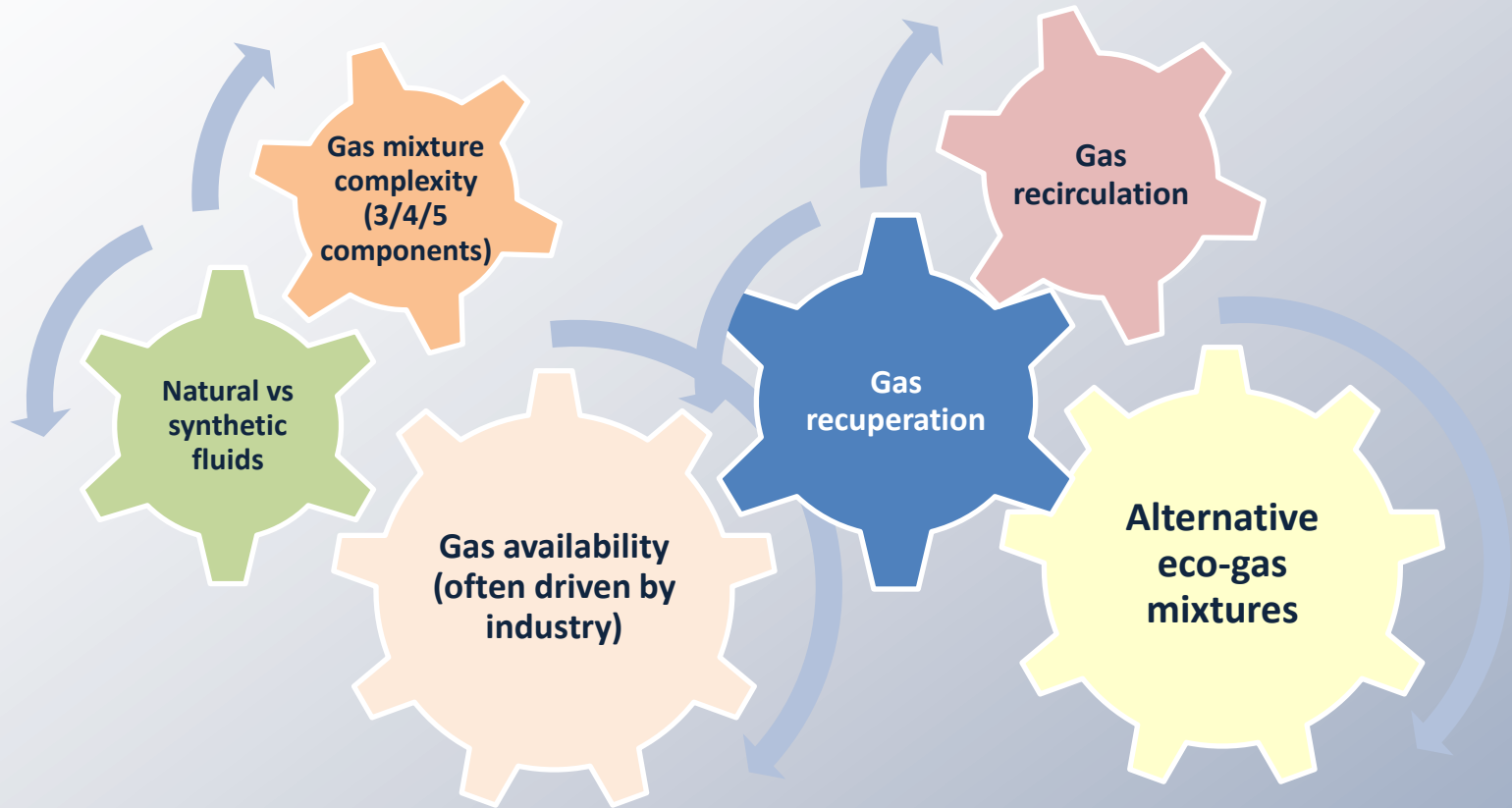


**Irradiation campaign of RPCs to accumulate an equivalent charge of the HL-LHC Phase**

Fundamental for the validation of new eco-friendly gas mixtures



# *towards future ...*



*Rapid fire*

# Fast Timing MPGD

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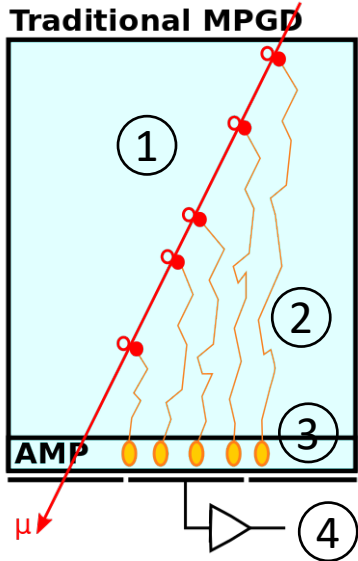
Piet Verwilligen – INFN Bari

Antonello Pellecchia, Marcello Maggi & many others ....

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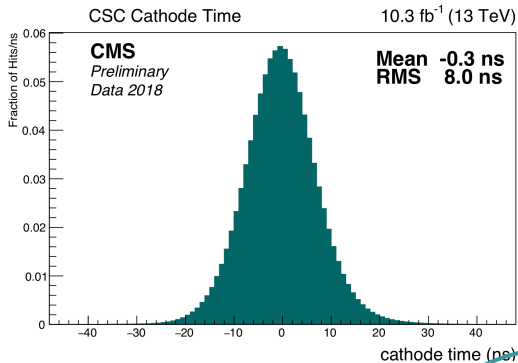


# Timing with Gaseous Detectors in Proportional Mode (wires, MPGDs)

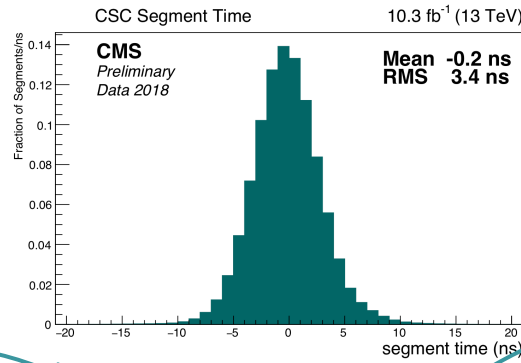


- with primary electron creation in gas (“Primary Ionization”) typically in a so-called “Drift Volume” is limited to 5-10ns [1]
- Independent of Electric Field: parallel or circular wire detector
- Time resolution limited due to fluctuations in primary ionization
- Typical Fluctuation of closest primary electron to amplification structure. Example: Triple-GEM in **Ar:CO<sub>2</sub> (70:30)**  $\lambda \sim 2.8\text{mm}^{-1}$   
 $\langle d \rangle = 350\mu\text{m}$ ,  $v_{\text{drift}} = 70\mu\text{m/ns}$  (3kV/cm)  $\rightarrow \sigma_t^{\text{primaries}} = 5\text{ ns}$  (1)
- Next factors that influence time resolution in these detectors are:
  - Long diffusion flucts:  $\sigma_t^{\text{drift}} = \text{few } 10\text{s} - \text{few } 100\text{ ps}$  (2)
  - Avalanche flucts:  $\sigma_t^{\text{avalanche}} = \text{few } 10\text{s} - \text{few } 100\text{ps}$  (3)
  - Electronics jitter, system time distribution, start time,... (4)

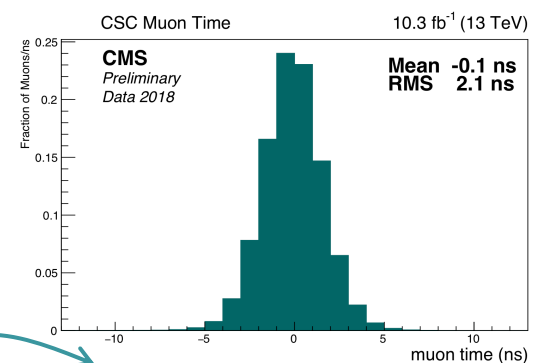
Better time resolution obtained:  $\sigma_t / \sqrt{N}$



Single-hit  $\sigma_t = 8\text{ns}$



6-hit stub  $\sigma_t = 3.4\text{ns}$



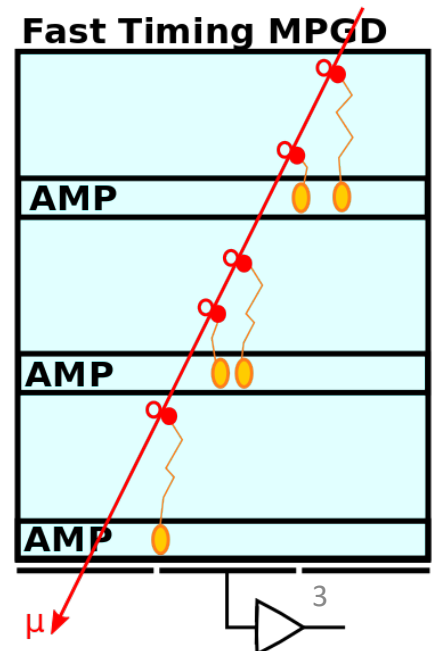
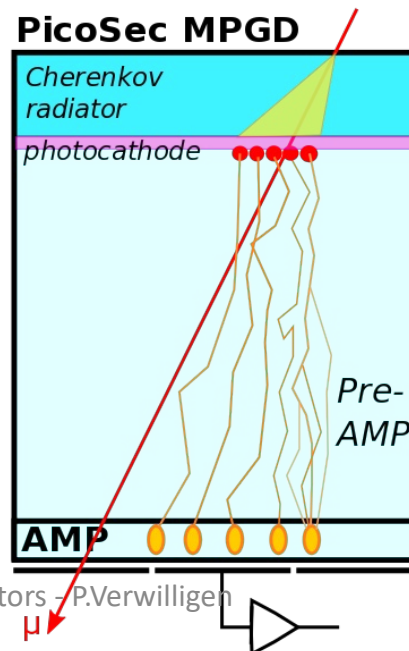
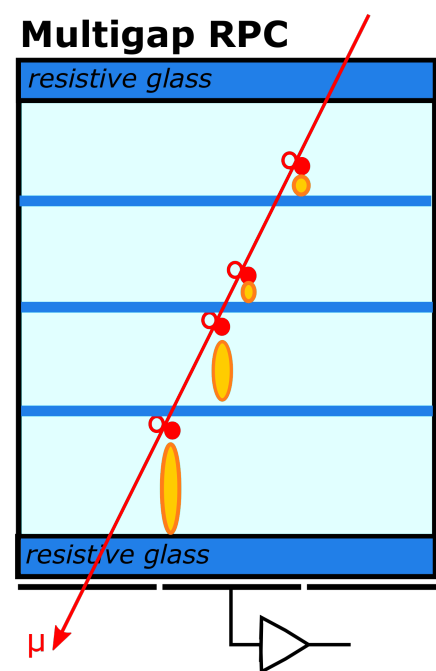
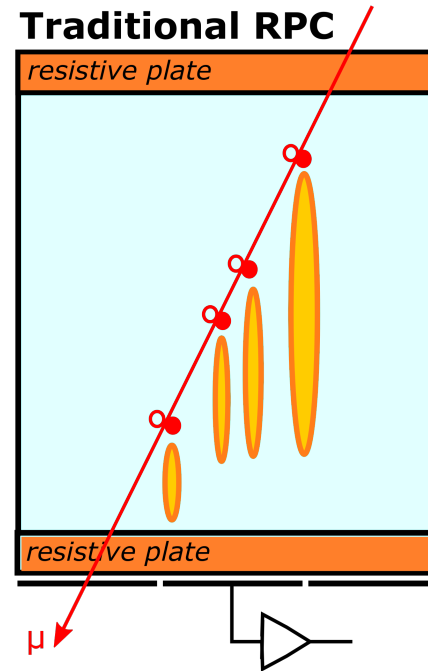
4-stub muon  $\sigma_t = 2.1\text{ns}$

Example at LHC: CMS CSC

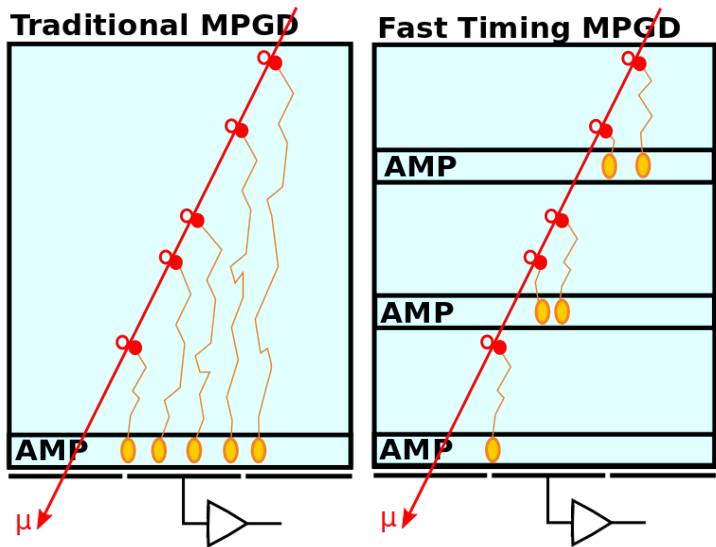
# Overcome limits time-resolution

## Possible Solutions:

- No drift volume, amplify immediately:  
**Resistive Plate Chamber** (2ns – 300ps)  
- at cost of loss of Proportionality,  
reduced Rate Capability &  $\sigma_x$
- Reduce gap width with order of  
magnitude and use multiple gaps:  
**Multigap-RPC** (100ps – 20ps)  
- same as RPC, but difficult for large area
- Create all primary electrons at same  
place (use Radiator+PC): **PicoSec** (<25ps)  
- but expensive radiators (Quartz, MgF2)  
& non rad-hard photo-cathodes (CsI)
- Sample the fluctuations in primary  
electron creation: **Fast Timing MPGD**  
(~300ps – not proven yet)  
- resistive MPGD: spark protection  
but reduced rate capability



# Fast Timing with MPGDs: FTM

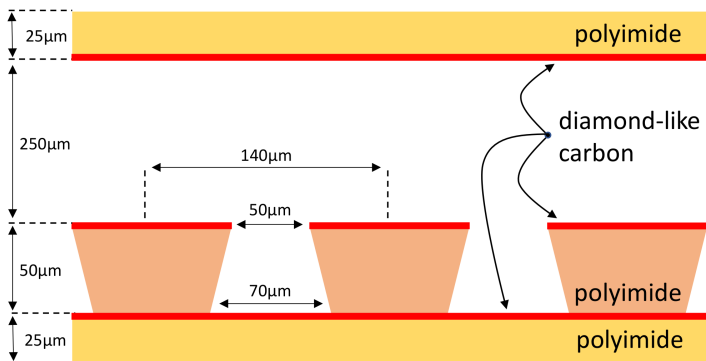


## Fast Timing MPGD (FTM): Principle

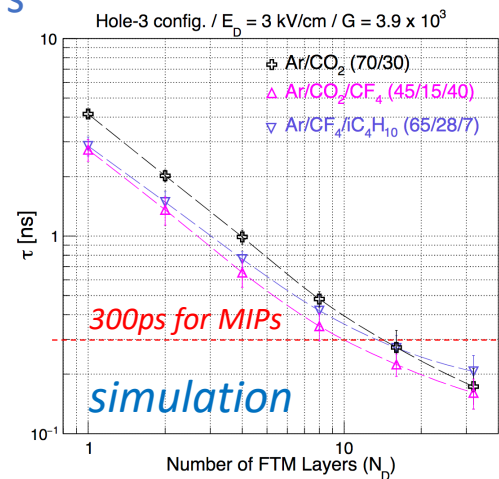
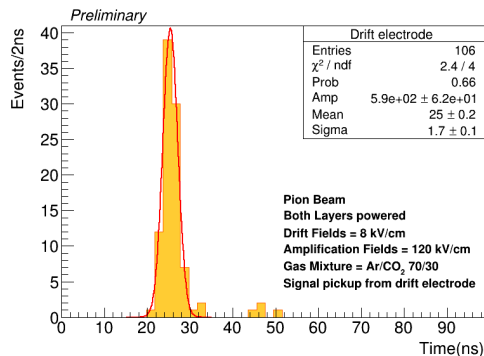
- Divide drift in multiple layers, each w/ own Amplification
- Resistive electrodes => Electrode Transparency
- Signal induced in External Pick-Up strips
- Closest primary electron => Fastest Signal
- Time Resolution  $\sigma_t = 1/(\lambda \cdot v_{drift} \cdot N)$ , where  $N$  = layers
- Observed: 2ns with 2 layer detector [4] ( $\rightarrow$  OK)

## Fast Timing MPGD: Challenges:

- Detect single-electron (or single cluster) instead of many clusters
- **Requires High Gain Structures**
- **Requires sensitive front-end electronics**



## Test Beam Results (2 layers)



References:

- [1] F.Sauli, Yellow Report, CERN-77-09 (1977)
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- [4] I.Vai *et al.* NIM A 845 (2017) 313

# FTM: Technological Challenges

## Single gain structure capable of gain > 10<sup>4</sup>

- with non-greenhouse, non-GWP, non-flammable gas
- Main Challenge: production of high quality Amplification foils
  - Requires well adherent 2-sided Cu-DLC foils
  - CERN – INFN DLC Sputter machine is coming
  - In past years: collaboration with solid state physicist (INFN CSN-V)
    - High quality DLC production on small size prototypes 1-50cm<sup>2</sup>
    - Strategies pioneered small scale can be brought to large scale production
- Side: understand details of capacitive signal induction in readout (first time for small Q)
- Future: 125um well height – Plasma Etching

⇒ Require technological advancements to make high quality detectors

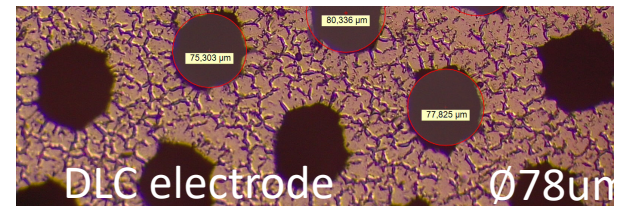
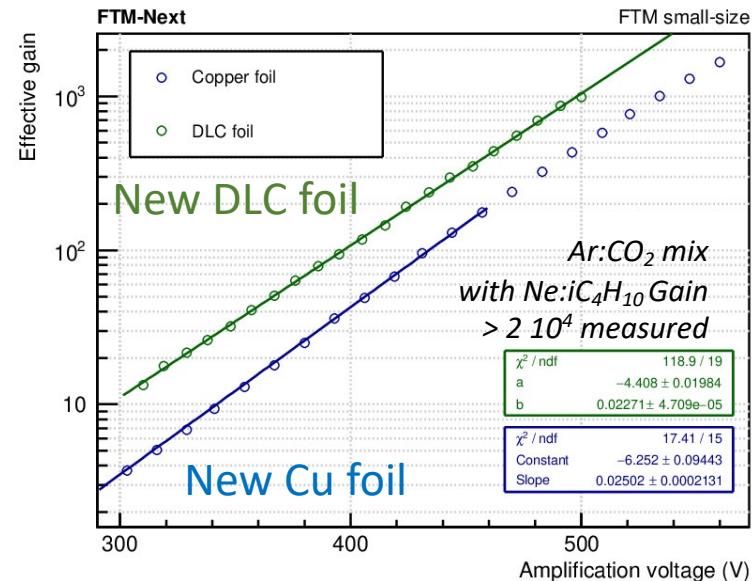
## Development of Fast and Sensitive electronics

Single-Stage MPGD have typical gain of  $3 \cdot 10^3$  – max  $10^4$ .  
Assume signal not dispersed over strips, signals of 0.5-1fC

Fast Timing typically done for large signals:

$$\sigma_t = \sigma_{\text{noise}} / dV/dt = t_{\text{rise}} / \text{SNR}$$

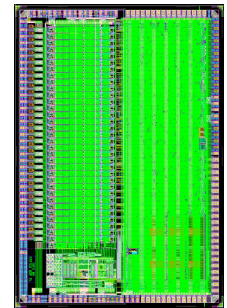
⇒ Now bring fast timing to smaller signals. Need very low noise amplifiers



## FATIC (130nm Si CMOS)

- 32 channels + 1 test
- Gain: 10mV/fC & 50mV/fC
- ENC: 500e<sup>-</sup> @ 15pF
- Rise time: 7.5ns
- Analog: time & Charge
- Digital: TDC (100ps)

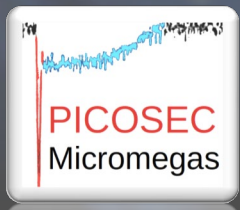
Want to develop new version in:



Backup







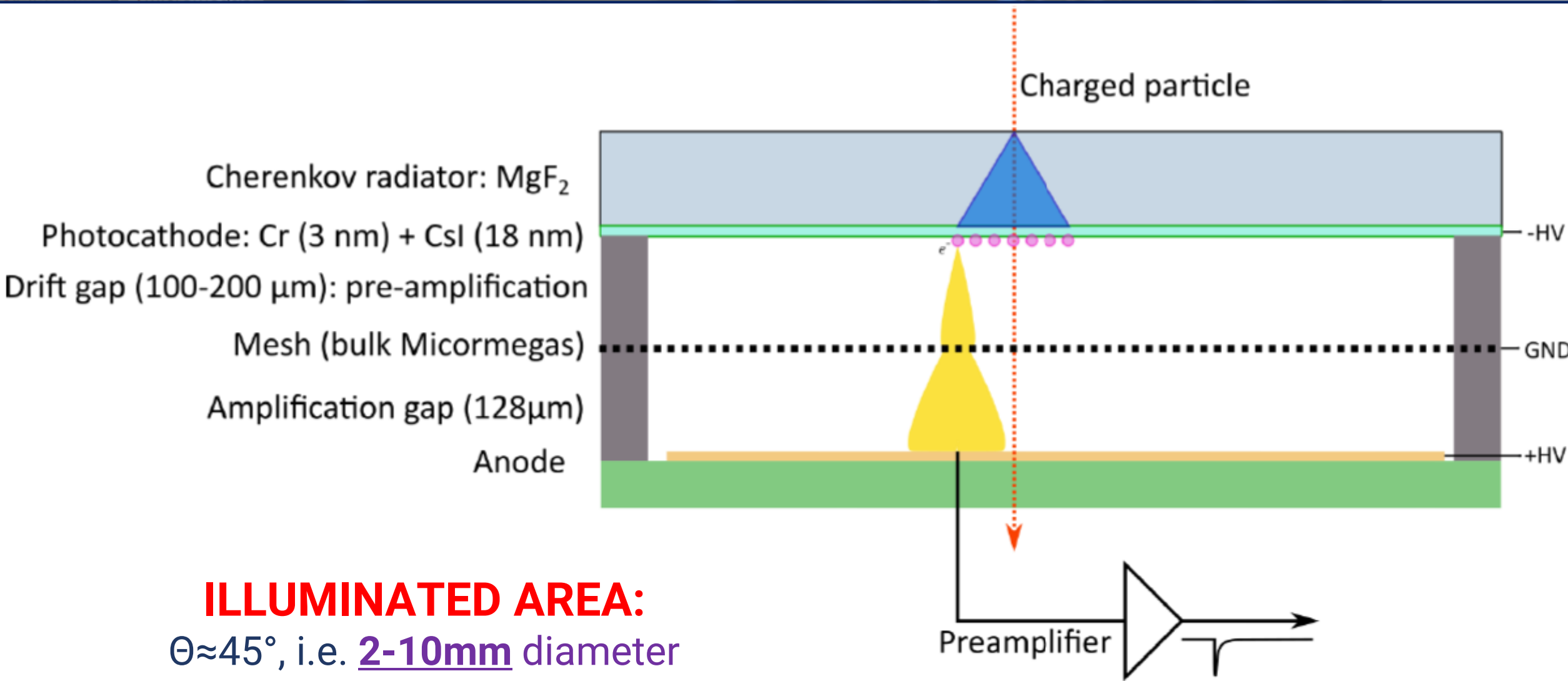
# Picosec Micromegas: a fast-timing MPGD for MIP detector in the Muon Collider detector

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*on behalf of the Muon Collider Physics and Detector working group*

IFD Workshop, Bari 17-19 Oct

# Picosec Micromegas concept

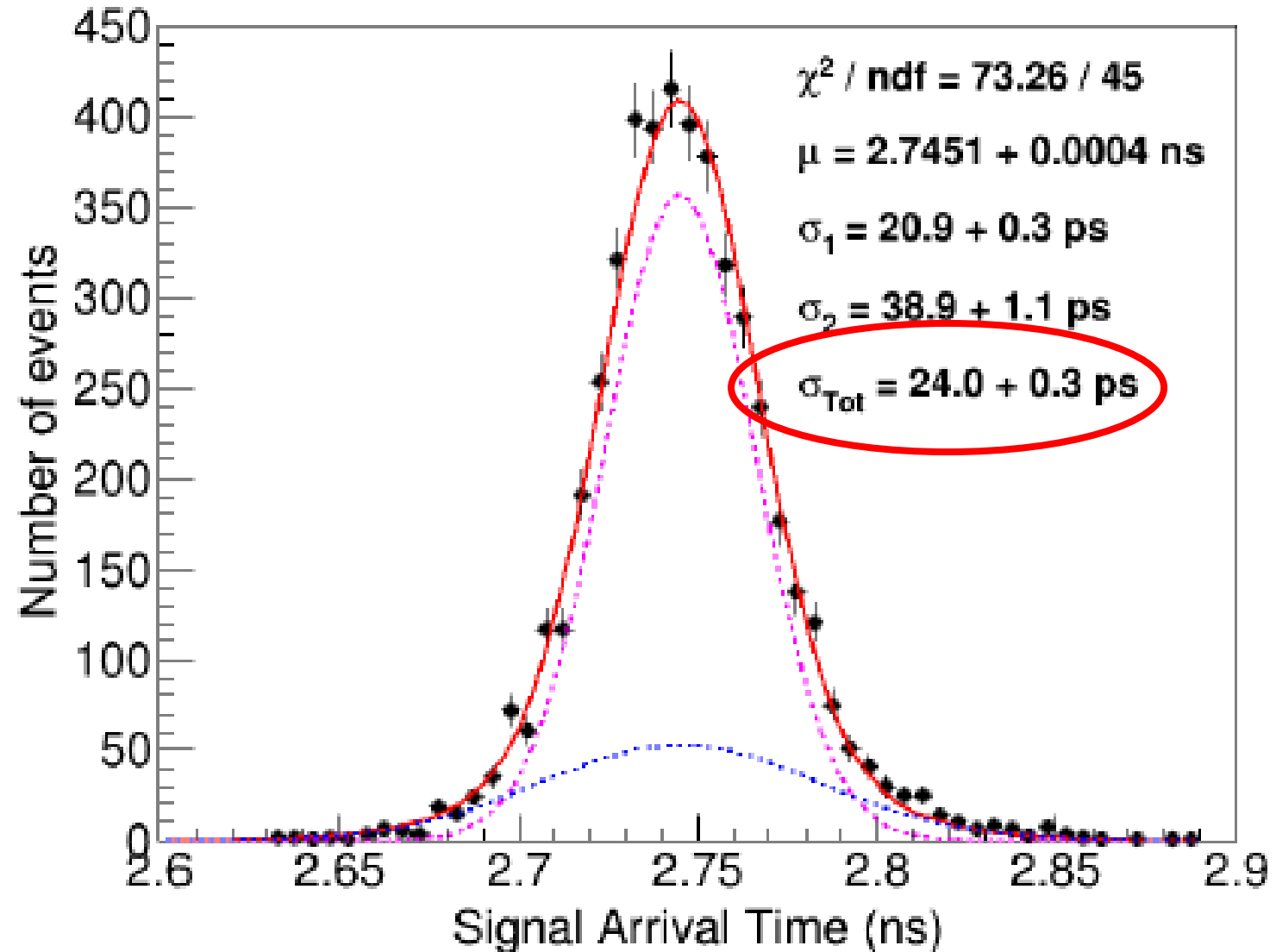


# Picosec Micromegas concept

[Bortfeldt, J., et al. "PICOSEC: Charged particle timing at sub-25 picosecond precision with a Micromegas based detector." \*Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research Section A: Accelerators, Spectrometers, Detectors and Associated Equipment\* 903 \(2018\): 317-325.](#)

**BASELINE DETECTOR**  
**24ps of time resolution!**

**Proved on multiple test beams!**



[C.Aime - Muon detectors performance](#)  
[I.Vai - R&D studies on muon detector](#)

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## Picosec+MPGD station proposed for the Muon endcap!

## Muon tracking and timing

### hadronic calorimeter

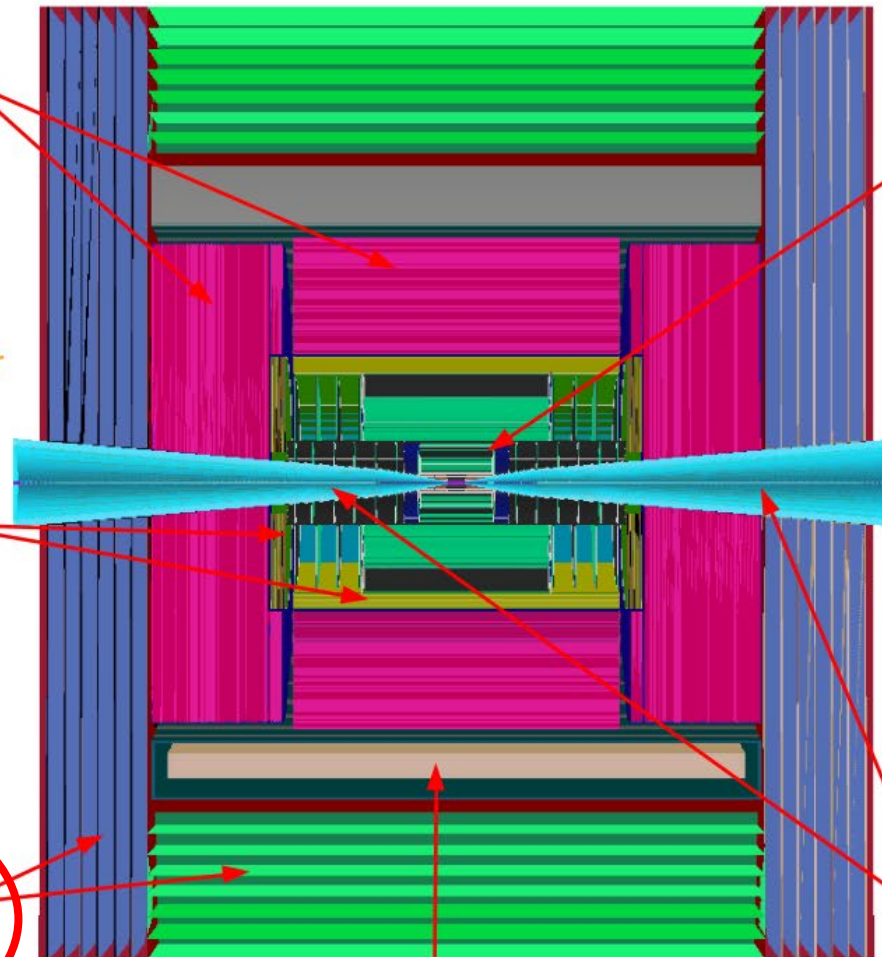
- 60 layers of 19-mm steel absorber + plastic scintillating tiles;
- 30x30 mm<sup>2</sup> cell size;
- 7.5  $\lambda_I$ .

### electromagnetic calorimeter

- 40 layers of 1.9-mm W absorber + silicon pad sensors;
- 5x5 mm<sup>2</sup> cell granularity;
- 22  $X_0$  + 1  $\lambda_I$ .

### muon detectors

- 7-barrel, 6-endcap RPC layers interleaved in the magnet's iron yoke;
- 30x30 mm<sup>2</sup> cell size.



superconducting solenoid (3.57T)

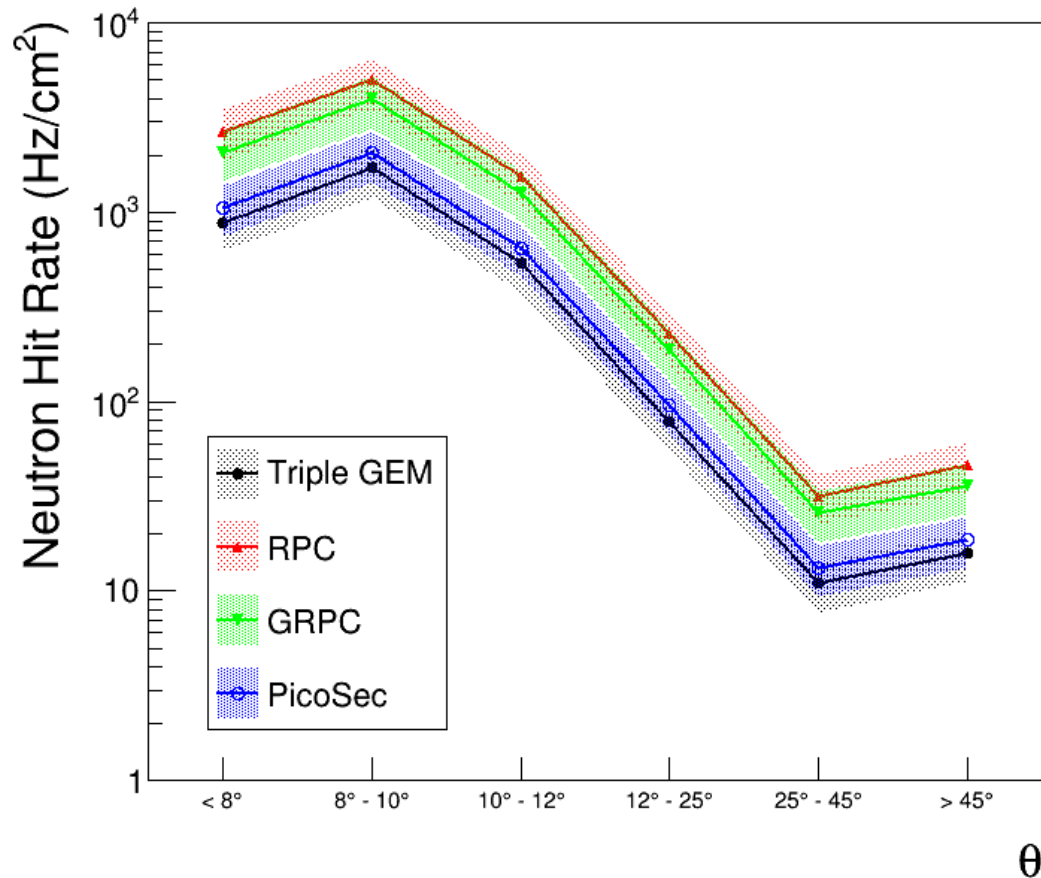
### tracking system

- Vertex Detector:**
  - double-sensor layers (4 barrel cylinders and 4+4 endcap disks);
  - 25x25  $\mu\text{m}^2$  pixel Si sensors.
- Inner Tracker:**
  - 3 barrel layers and 7+7 endcap disks;
  - 50  $\mu\text{m}$  x 1 mm macro-pixel Si sensors.
- Outer Tracker:**
  - 3 barrel layers and 4+4 endcap disks;
  - 50  $\mu\text{m}$  x 10 mm micro-strip Si sensors.

### shielding nozzles

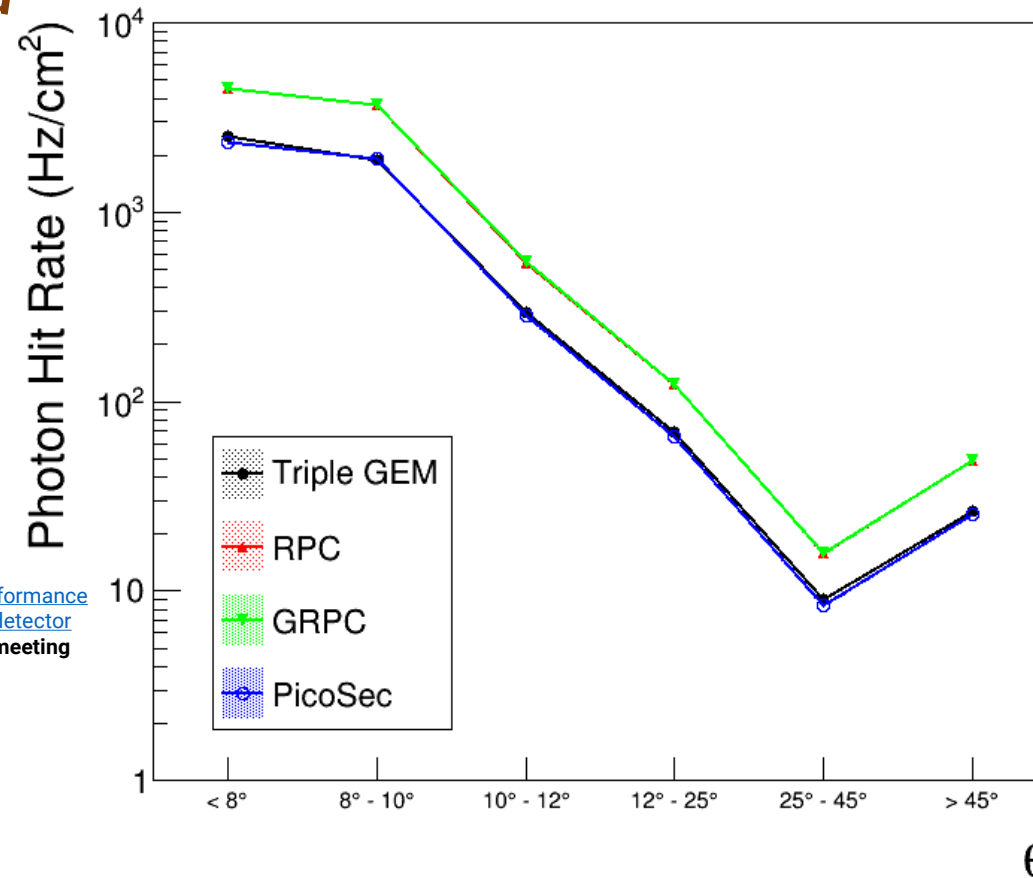
- Tungsten cones + borated polyethylene cladding.

Muon Collider 1.5 TeV - Neutron Hit Rate vs  $\theta$



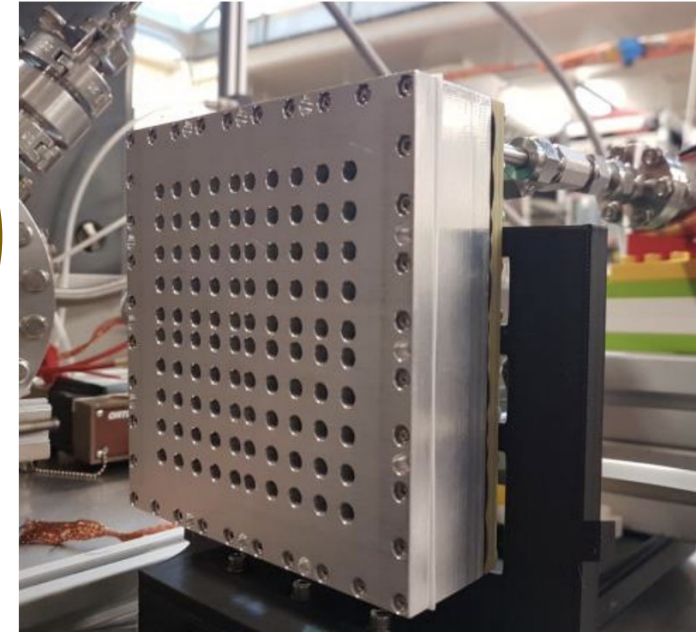
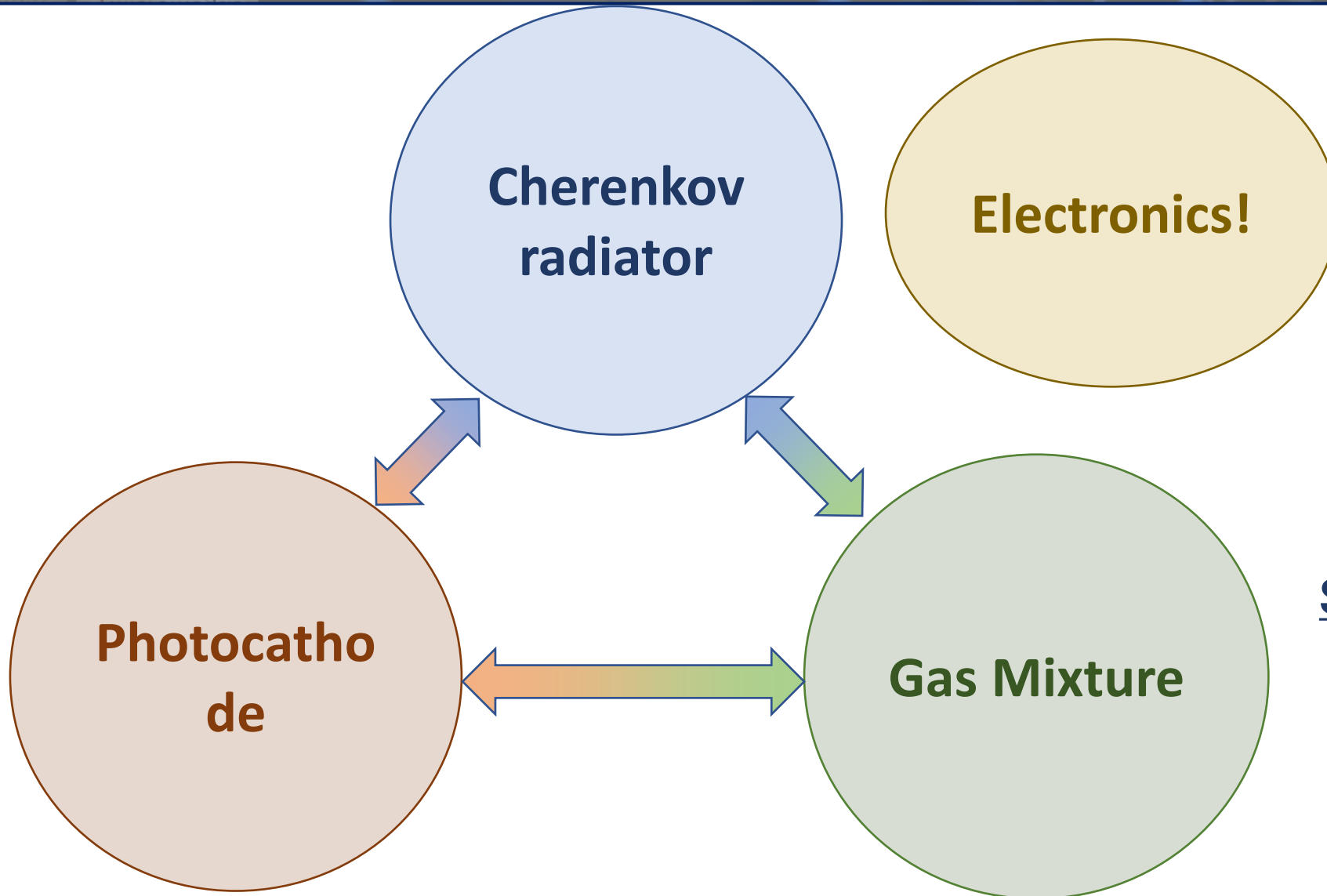
**Simulated Hit rate**

Muon Collider 1.5 TeV - Photon Hit Rate vs  $\theta$



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Picosec can operate in high-rate environments and give timing information with higher precision wrt other technologies  
**POTENTIALLY**

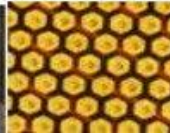
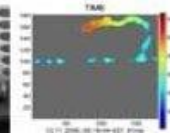
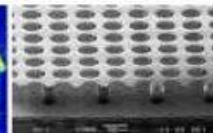
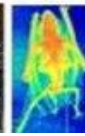


**Still, a lot of work to do!**

**BASELINE DETECTOR  
engineered up to a  
10x10!!!**

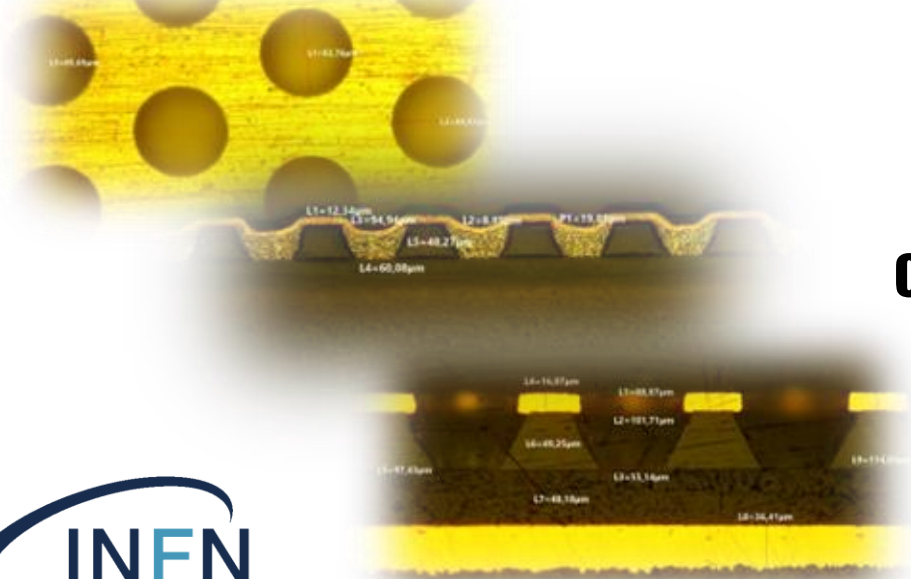


RD51 Collaboration



# The micro-RWELL technology:

from the R&D to the technology transfer towards Industry



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on behalf of

**DDG - LNF-INFN**

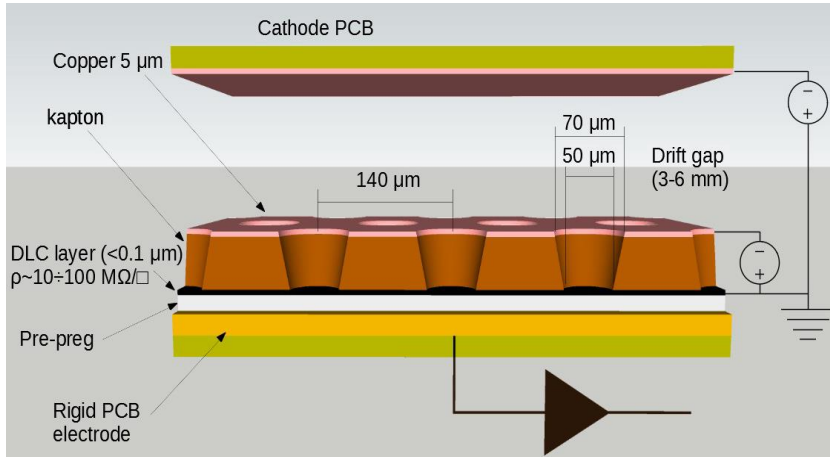
**CERN-CH, INFN – Bologna, INFN – Ferrara, ELTOS SpA**



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# The $\mu$ -RWELL

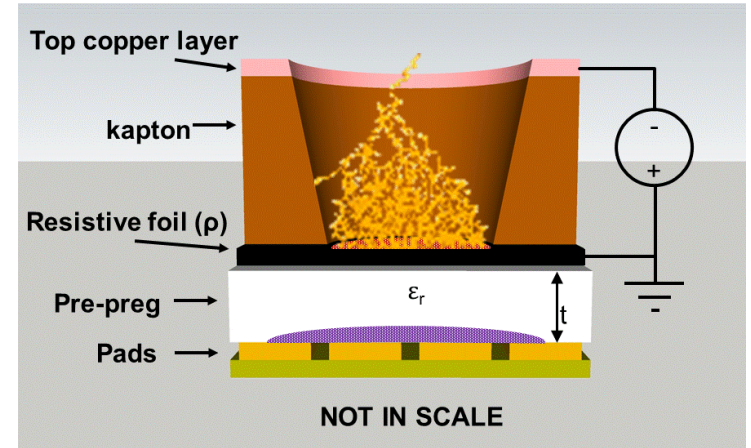
G. Bencivenni et al., *The micro-Resistive WELL detector: a compact spark-protected single amplification-stage MPGD*, 2015 JINST 10 P02008



The  $\mu$ -RWELL is a resistive MPGD composed of two elements:

- **Cathode**
- **$\mu$ -RWELL\_PCB:**
  - a **WELL** patterned **kapton foil (w/Cu-layer on top)** acting as **amplification stage**
  - a **resistive DLC layer<sup>(\*)</sup>** w/  $\rho \sim 10 \div 100 \text{ M}\Omega/\square$
  - a standard **readout PCB** with **pad/strip** segmentation

(\*) DLC foils are currently provided by the Japan Company – BeSputter



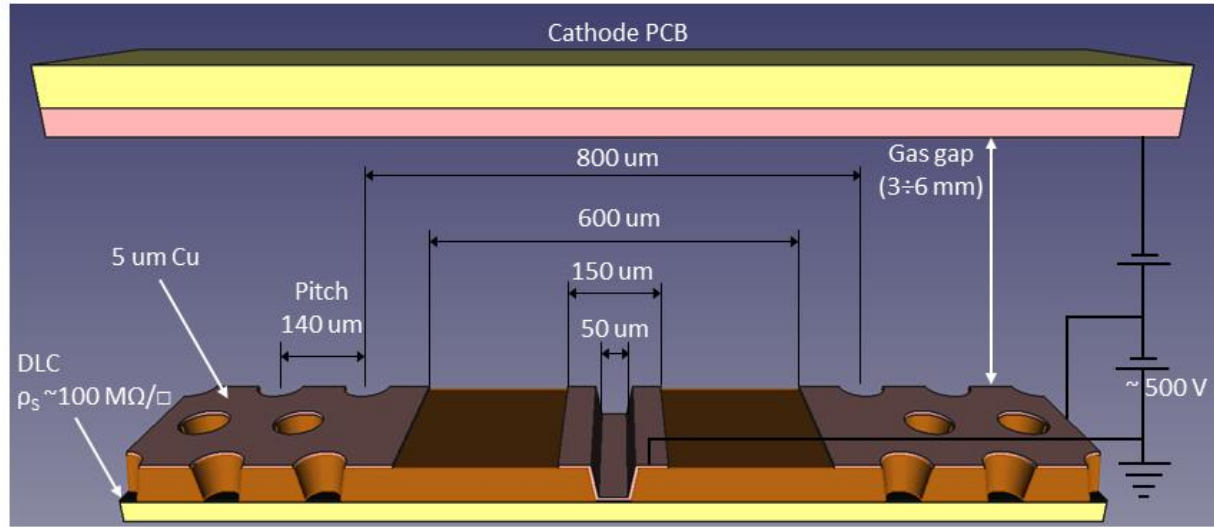
The “WELL” acts as a **multiplication channel** for the ionization produced in the drift gas gap.

The **resistive stage** ensures the **spark amplitude quenching**.

**Drawback:** capability to stand high particle fluxes reduced, but **largely recovered** with appropriate **grounding schemes** of the **resistive layer**

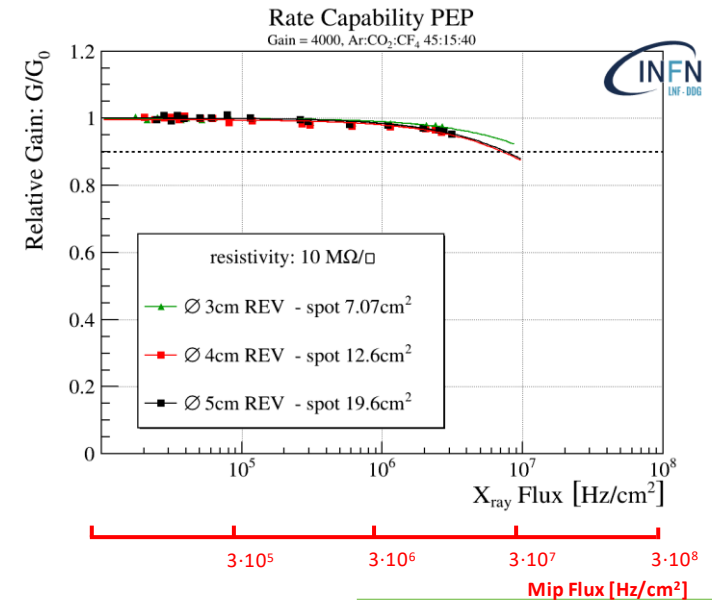
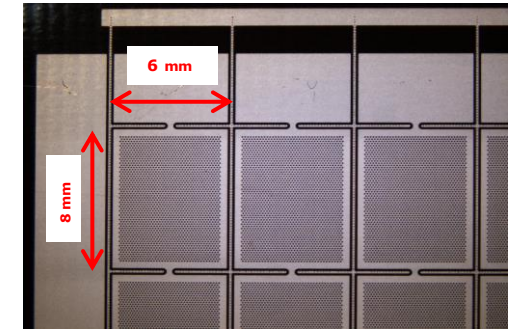


# The HR layout



The PEP layout (Patterning – Etching – Plating) is the state of art of the high rate layout of the  $\mu$ -RWELL

- Single DLC layer
- Grounding line from top by kapton etching and plating (pitch 1/cm)
- No alignment problems
- High rate capability
- **Scalable to large size** (up to 1.2x0.5 m for the upgrade of CLAS12)



# LHCb upgrade II (Run5 – Run6)

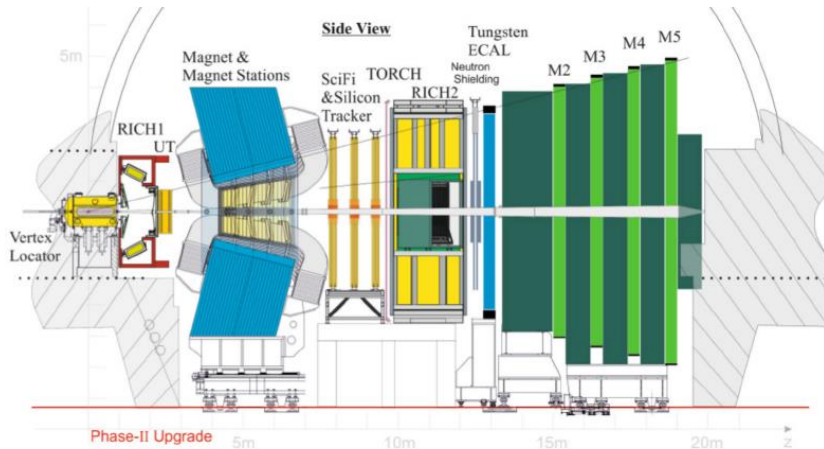
## LHCb muon apparatus Run5 – Run6 option detector requirements

- Rate up to **1 MHz/cm<sup>2</sup>** on detector single gap
- Rate up to **700 kHz** per electronic channel
- Efficiency quadrigap  $\geq 99\%$  within a BX (25 ns)
- Stability up to **1C/cm<sup>2</sup>** accumulated charge in 10 y of operation (M2R1, G=4000)



## Detector size & quantity (4 gaps/chamber - redundancy)

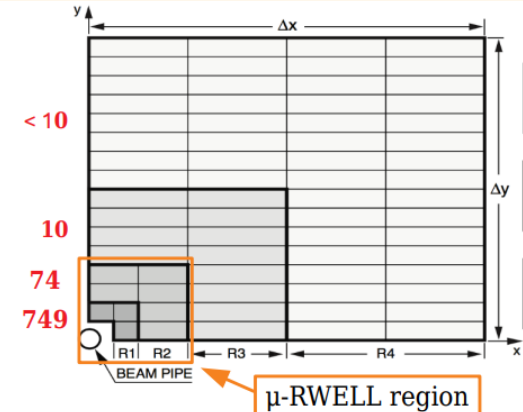
- **R1 ÷ R2:** 576 detectors, size 30x25 to 74x31 cm<sup>2</sup>, 90 m<sup>2</sup> detector (130 m<sup>2</sup> DLC)
- ~~R3: 768 detectors, size 120x25 to 149x31 cm<sup>2</sup>, 290m<sup>2</sup> det.~~
- ~~R4: 3072 detectors, size 120x25 to 149x31 cm<sup>2</sup>, 1164 m<sup>2</sup> det.~~



Rates (kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> )	M2	M3	M4	M5
R1	749	431	158	134
R2	74	54	23	15
R3	10	6	4	3
R4	8	2	2	2

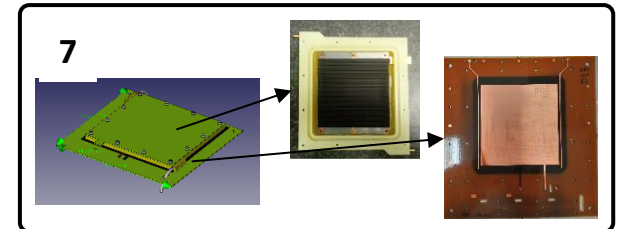
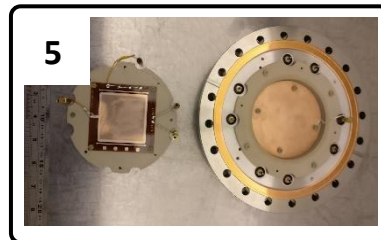
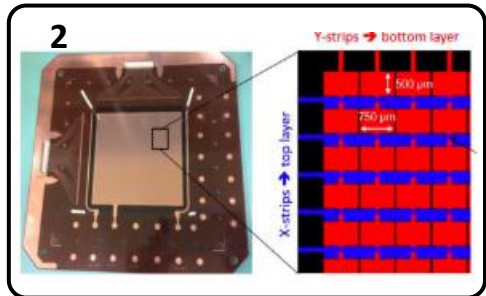
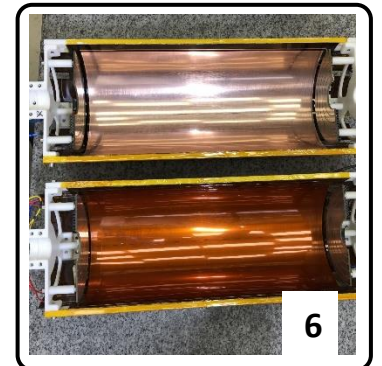
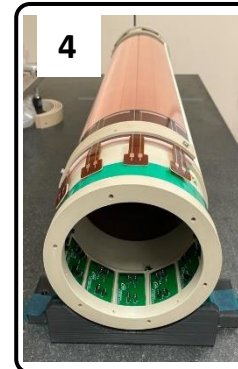
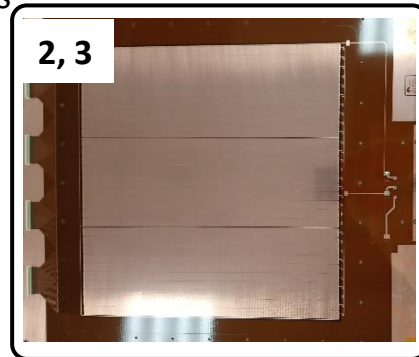
Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	M2	M3	M4	M5
R1	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.4
R2	3.6	4.2	4.9	5.5
R3	14.4	16.8	19.3	22.2
R4	57.6	67.4	77.4	88.7

## M2 station - max rate (kHz/cm<sup>2</sup>)

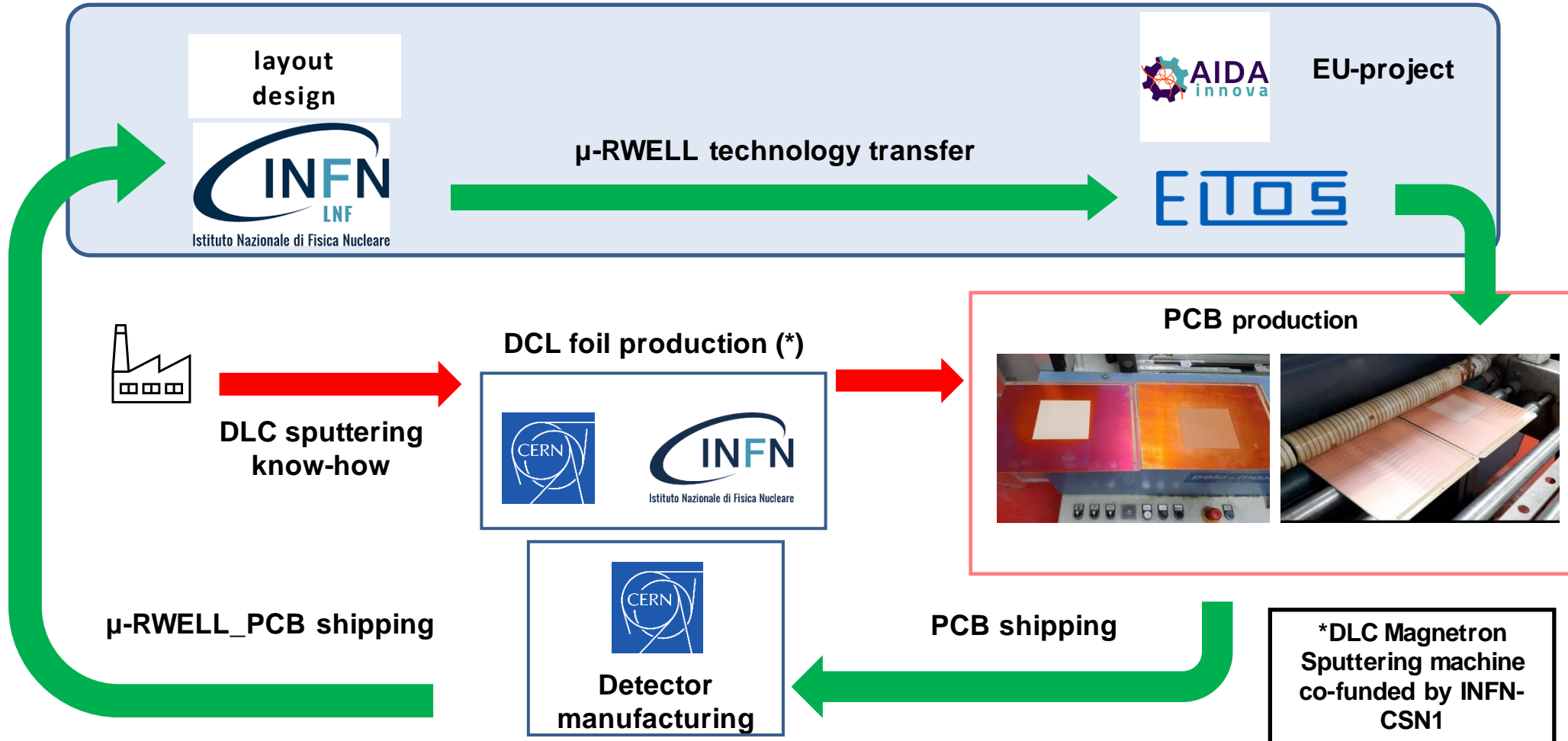


# $\mu$ -RWELL in HEP/NP & beyond

1. **FCC-ee**: pre-shower & muon systems of the IDEA apparatus → *large area ( $\sim 4000\text{m}^2$ ) to be instrumented w/tracking detectors*
2. **CLAS12 @ JLAB**: upgrade of the muon spectrometer → *large area ( $1.2 \times 0.5\text{m}^2$ ) low-mass tracking detectors*
3. **X17 @ n\_TOF EAR2**: small -TPC for the detection of the X17 boson → *low mass tracking detectors*
4. **EURIZON**: R&D on IT based on cylindrical micro-RWELL for a SCTF → *low mass tracking detectors*
5. **UKRI**: thermal neutron detection with pressurized  $^3\text{He}$ -CF $_4$  gas mixtures → *neutron tracking device*
6. **TACTIC @ YORK Univ.**: radial TPC for nuclear reactions w/astrophysical significance → *low mass flexible tracking detectors*
7. **URANIA-V**: funded by CSN5 for neutron detection → *large pad ( $10 \times 10\text{cm}^2$ ) tile detectors for radiation portal monitor*
8. **Muon collider**: HCAL R&D → *pad tile detectors*



# Technology transfer (I)



# Technology transfer (II)

Step 0 - Detector PCB design @ LNF

Step 1 - CERN\_INFN DLC sputtering machine @ CERN (+INFN)

- delivery foreseen by the end of Oct. 2022
- INFN crew tbd & trained

Step 2- Producing readout PCB by ELTOS

- pad/strip readout

Step 3 - DLC patterning by ELTOS

- photo-resist ⊕ patterning with BRUSHING-machine

Step 4 - DLC foil gluing on PCB by ELTOS

- double 106-prepreg ~2x50μm thick
- PCB planarizing w/ screen printed epoxy ⊕ single 106-prepreg

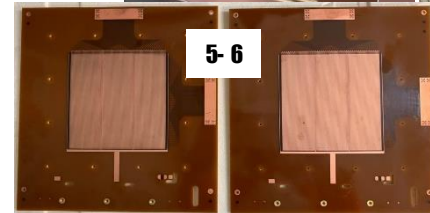
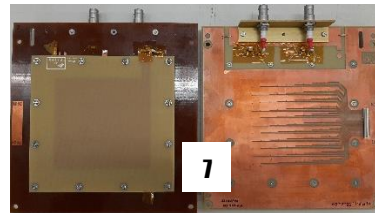
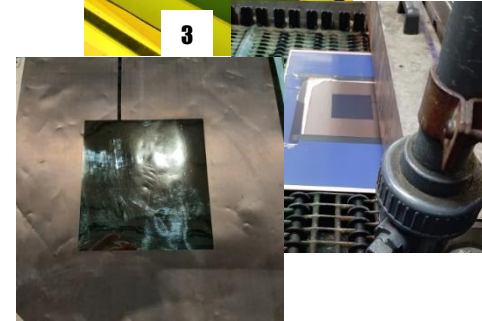
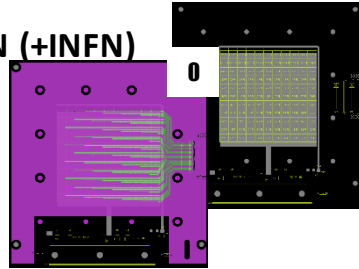
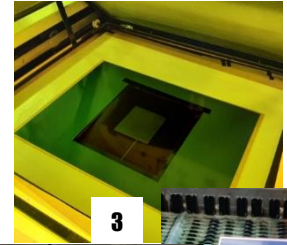
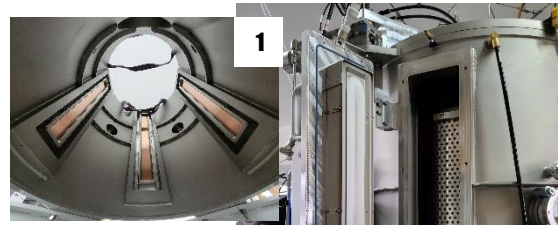
Step 5 - Top copper patterning by CERN (in future by ELTOS)

- Holes image and HV connections by Cu etching

Step 6 - Amplification stage patterning by CERN

- PI etching ⊕ plating ⊕ ampl-holes

Step 7 - Electrical cleaning and detector closing @ CERN



# Summary

- The **driving force** behind the development of the **resistive MPGDs** is the **spark quenching** and **charge spreading** technique to optimize readout plane
- **DLC coatings** opened the way to develop new detector structures.  
The  **$\mu$ -RWELL** is one of the examples of **emerging MPGD** technologies that are evolving and profiting from the on-going developments on DLC
- The challenge for the next years is the **TT of resistive-MPGD technology** to PCB industry
- **Key-point of the industrialization** has been the acquisition of a **DLC magnetron sputtering machine co-funded by CERN and INFN** that will enter in operation in 2023
- Other items that still need to be investigated:
  - **2D strip readout** → 2D w/top readout, 2D with capacitive sharing
  - **Global irradiation** (GIF, X-ray tube, Calliope source)
  - **Eco-gas fast mixtures** (*essentially for LHCb*)
  - **APV25** is a user-friendly electronics for testing MPGD.  
The **Bari group** (*G. De Robertis, F. Iaciulli, F. Loddo*) is developing a new ASIC (**FATIC**) that will be tested for the  $\mu$ -RWELL (LHCb)
- **Sinergy** among **different groups** working on different resistive MPGD technologies ( $\mu$ -RWELL/MM) for common tooling (DLC machine) should be promoted for the development of **high-performance hybrid structures**



L3=85,65 $\mu$ m

L1=83,76 $\mu$ m

**Spare Slides**

L2=88,87 $\mu$ m

# Test facilities

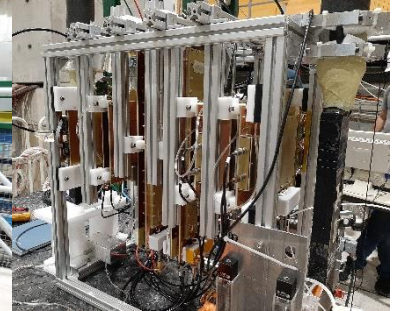
X-ray setup @ LNF



X-ray gun 2



CERN – SpS H8C



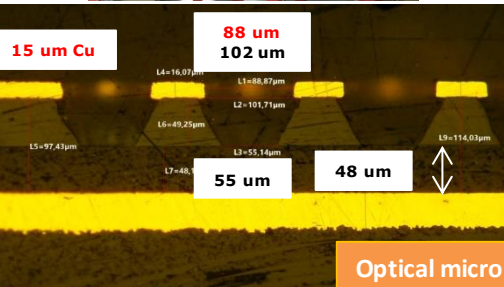
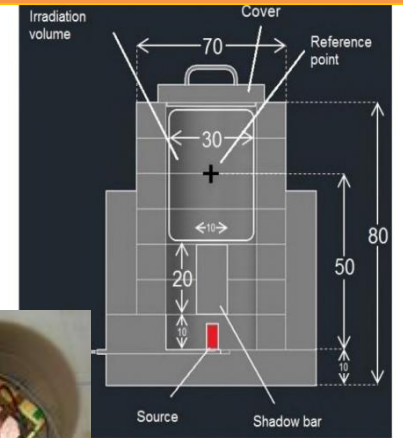
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PSI –  $\pi$ -M1



ENEA HOTNES thermal neutron facility



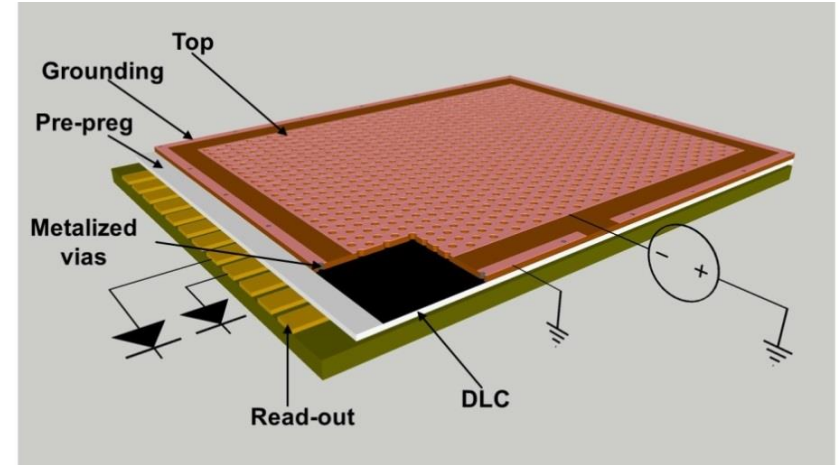
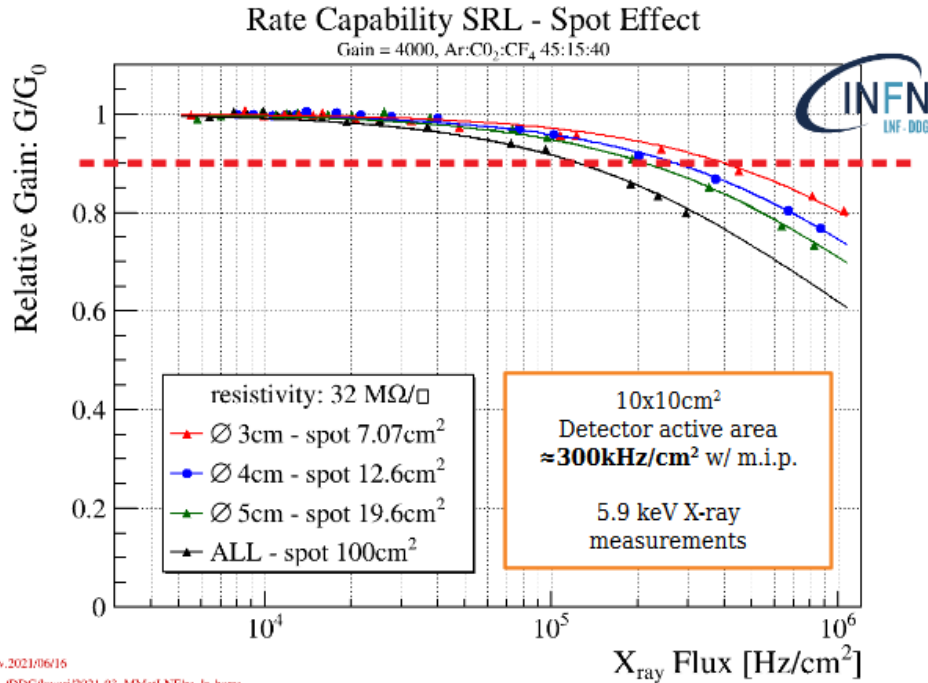
Optical microscope survey

Cosmic ray setup @ LNF





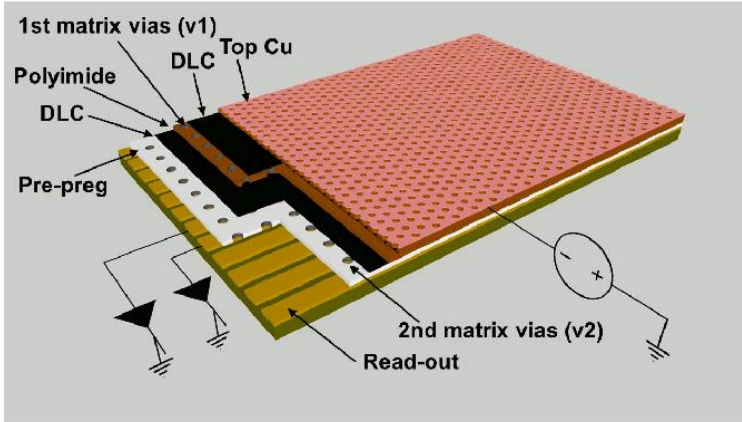
# The low-rate layout



## Single Resistive Layer (SRL)

- 2-D current evacuation scheme based on a single resistive layer
- **grounding** around the **perimeter** of the active area
- **limited rate capability**  $< 100 \text{ kHz}/\text{cm}^2$

# High-rate layouts

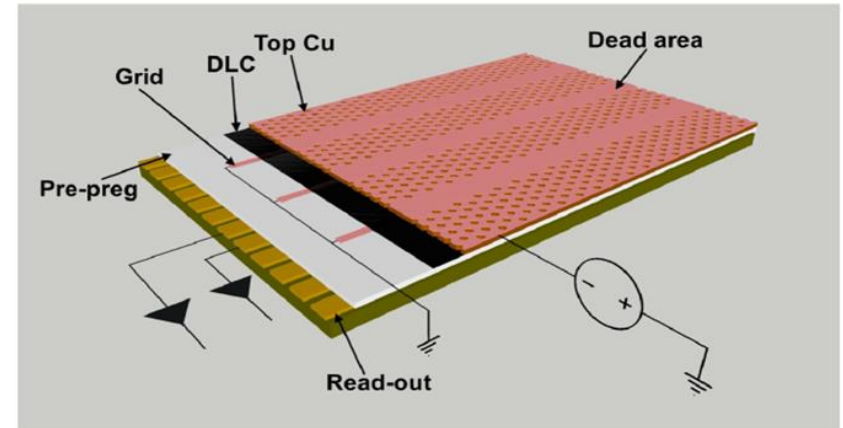


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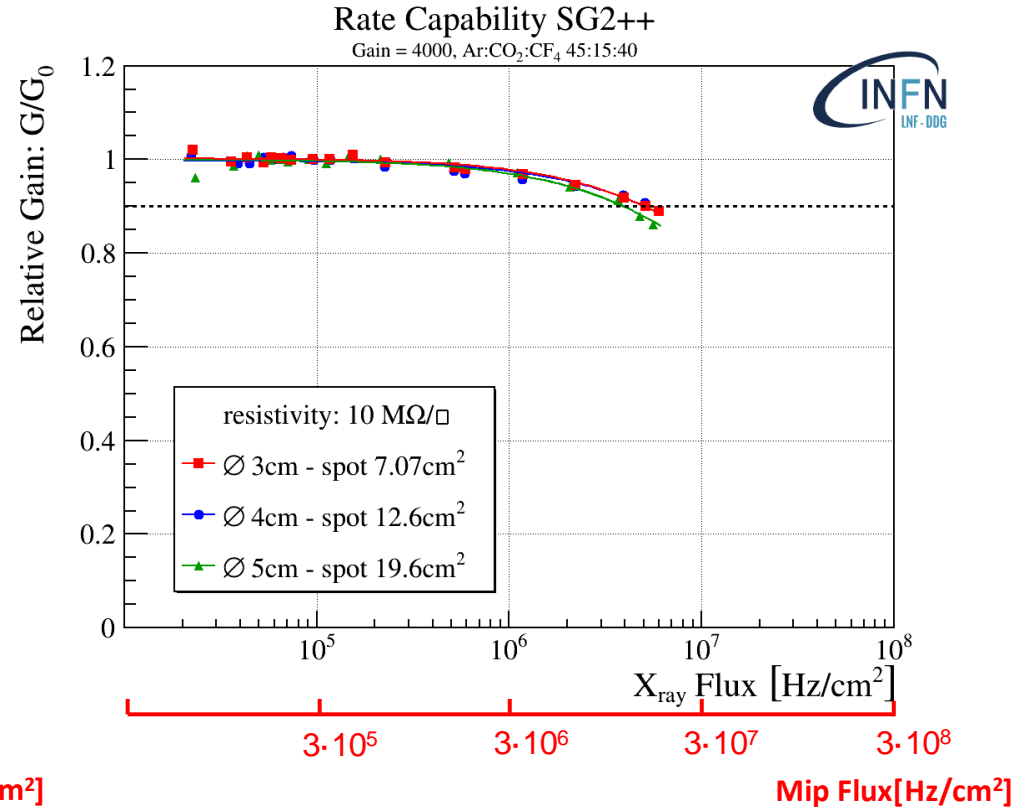
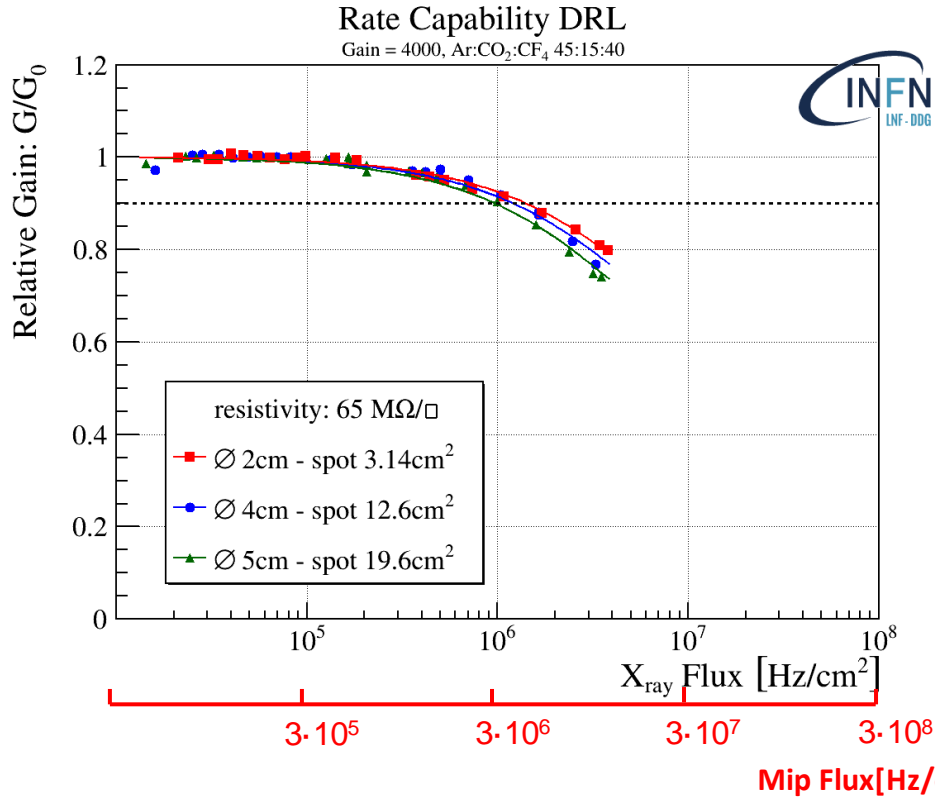
- simplified HR scheme based on SRL
- **2-D evacuation scheme** by means a conductive grid realized on the DLC layer
- grid lines can be screen-printed or etched by photo-lithography
- pitch of the grid lines of the order of 1/cm

## Double Resistive Layer

- **3-D current evacuation** scheme
- two stacked resistive layers connected through a matrix of conductive vias
- Resistive stage grounding through a further matrix of vias to the underlying readout electrodes
- pitch of the vias with a density less than  $1/\text{cm}^2$



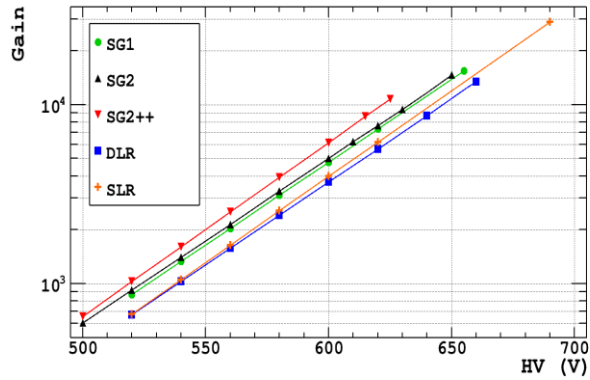
# High-rate layouts: performance w/X-rays



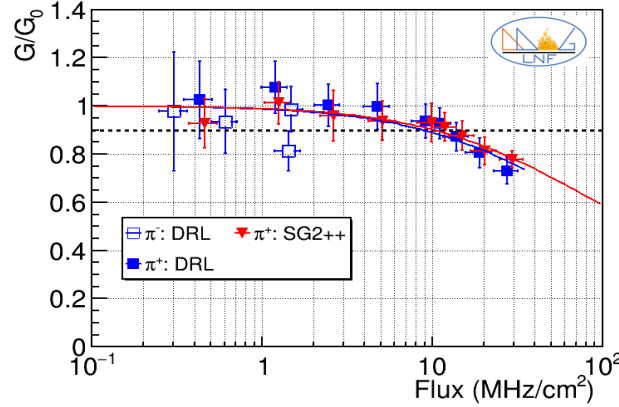
**Rate capability w/m.i.p. ~ 3 times X-rays**

# High-rate layouts performance w/m.i.p.

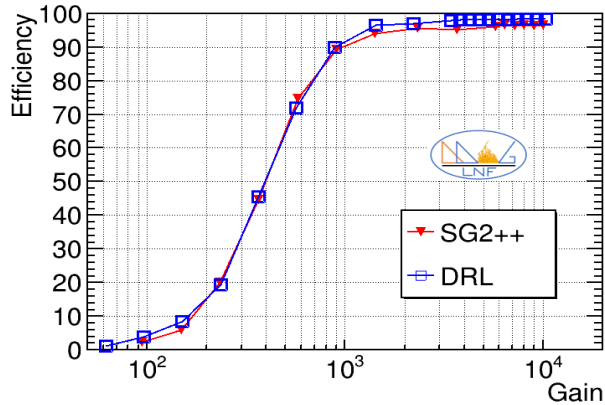
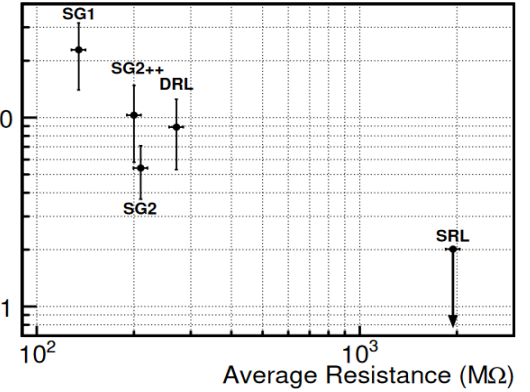
Gain up to  $\sim 10^4$



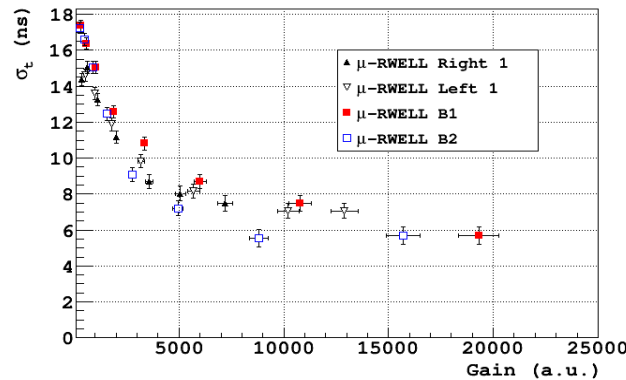
Rate capability up to 10–20 MHz/cm<sup>2</sup>



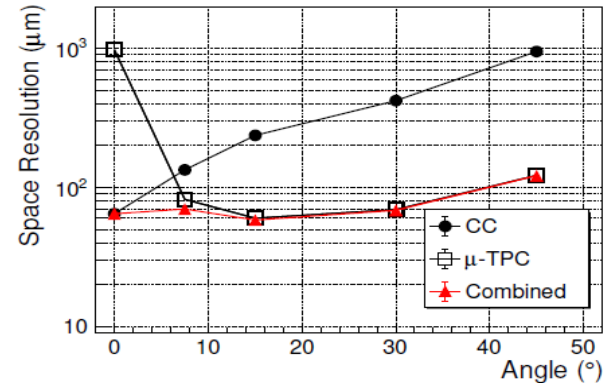
Rate Capability @ 90% (MHz/cm<sup>2</sup>)



Efficiency  $\sim 97\%$



Time resolution 5-6 ns

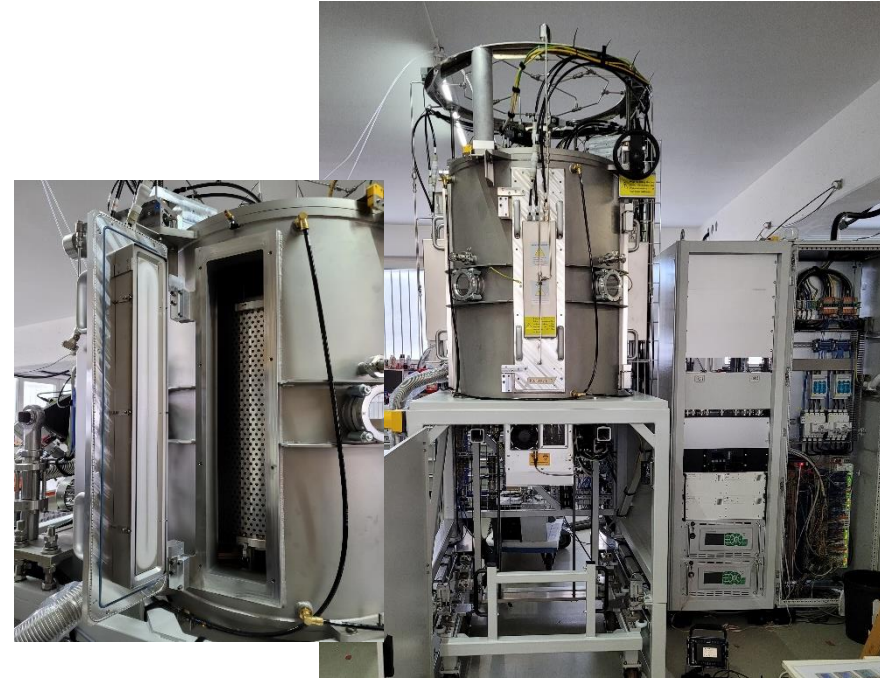


Space resolution down to 60  $\mu\text{m}$

# CID: the CERN-INFN DLC machine

... some infos extract from the machine Contract

- The machine shall be able to coat **flexible substrates** with areas of up to **1.7 m × 0.6 m**
- The machine shall be able to coat **rigid substrates** with areas of up to **0.2 m × 0.6 m**
- **Five cooled target holders**, arranged as two pairs face to face and one on the front, equipped with five shutters
- The machine shall be able to **sputter or co-sputter different materials**, in order to create a coating layer by layer or an adjustable gradient in the coating
- The Contractor shall provide **training for the CERN-INFN personnel** concerned, at the CERN site. The aim of the training course is to ensure that personnel is able to:
  - Program and pilot the process with the machine
  - Conduct a failure analysis on the machine



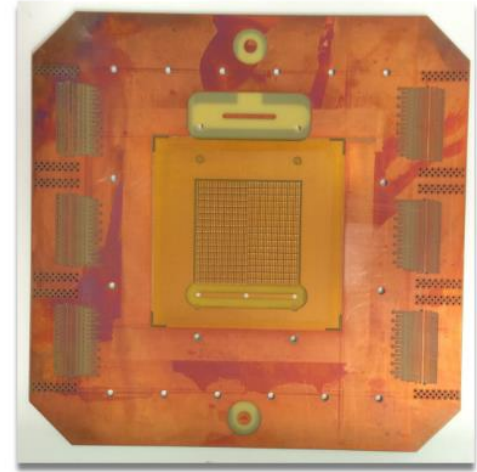
**RHUM**

**Resistive**

**High**

**granularity**

**Micromegas**



Joint project of INFN Napoli and Roma Tre

## **New Resistive Micromegas structures for future detectors**

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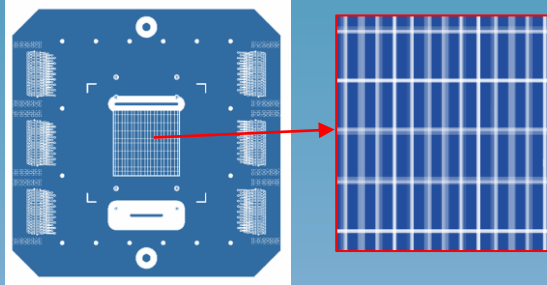
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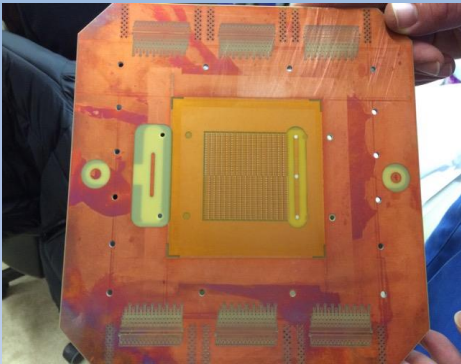
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# Small-Pad resistive Micromegas detectors

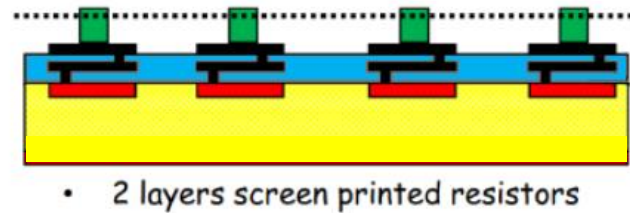
## PIXELATED ANODIC PLANE



Pixelated readout:  
5x5 cm<sup>2</sup> anodic plane,  
pads of **0.8 x 2.8 mm<sup>2</sup>**

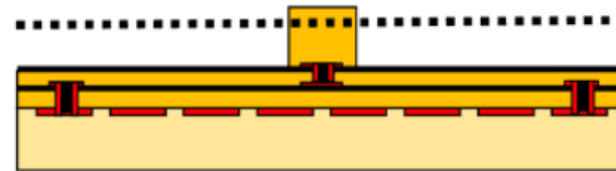


## Resistive spark protection schemes



- **PAD-P:**  
micro-mesh (dot line) + pillars (green)  
Embedded pad resistors (black)  
Coverlay insulator (blue)  
Copper readout pads (red) on PCB (yellow)  
O(10) MΩ resistance btw top pad resistor  
and ground;

Ref [1] Construction and test of a small-pad resistive Micromegas prototype (<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-0221/13/11/P11019>)



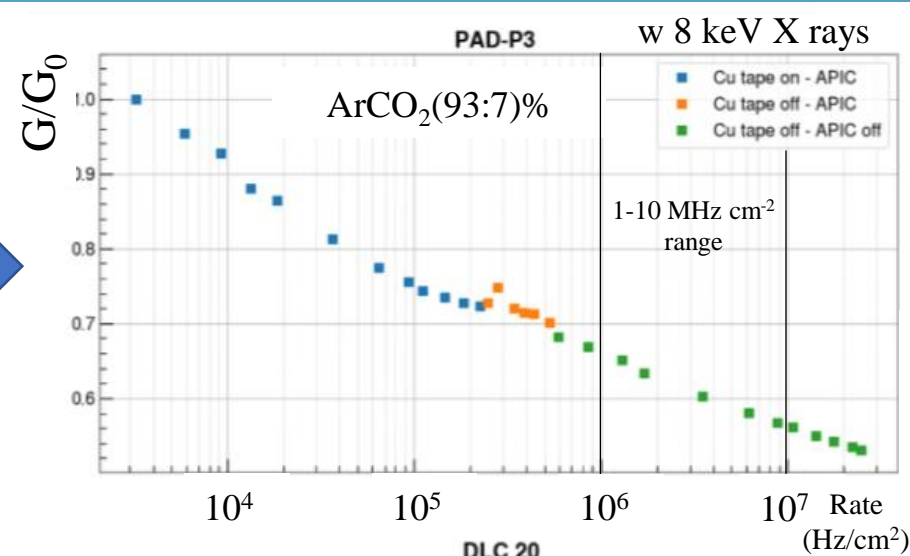
- **DLC-like** (Diamond-Like-Carbon)  
micro-mesh (dot line) + pillars (orange)  
DLC foils with 20-50 MΩ/sq (black)  
Polyimide insulator (orange);  
6-12 mm vias pitch side;  
Copper readout pads (red) on PCB (beige)

Ref. [2] Alviggi et al. - NIM Research Sec. A, Vol. 936, 21 Aug 2019, pp 408-411 (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2018.10.052>)

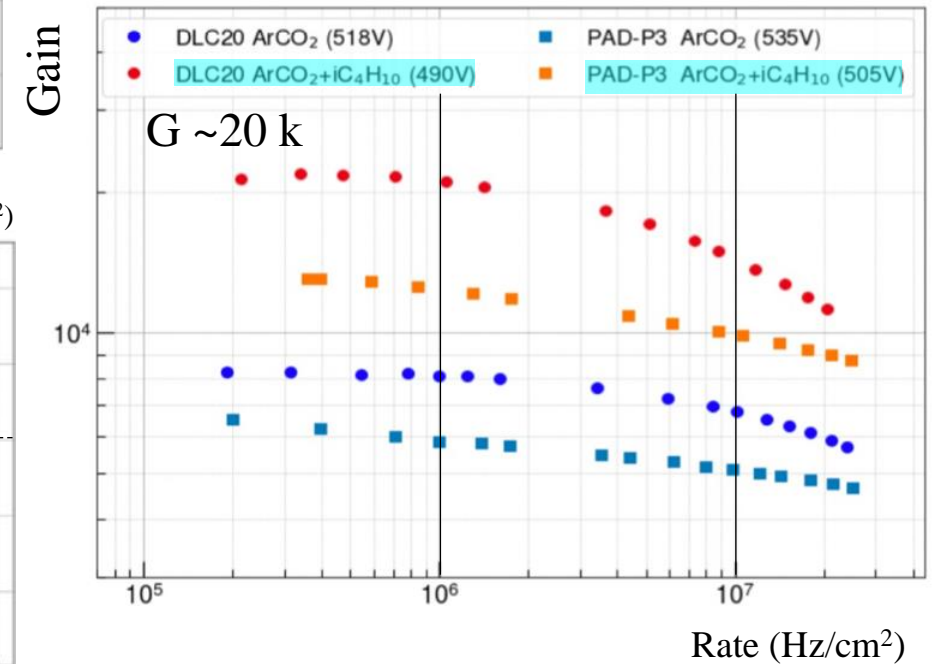
# Studies of rate capability

## PAD-P scheme

- Relatively fast loss for rate  $< 0.1$  MHz/cm<sup>2</sup> due to charging-up;
- Slower ohmic voltage drop through the individual pads at higher rates;

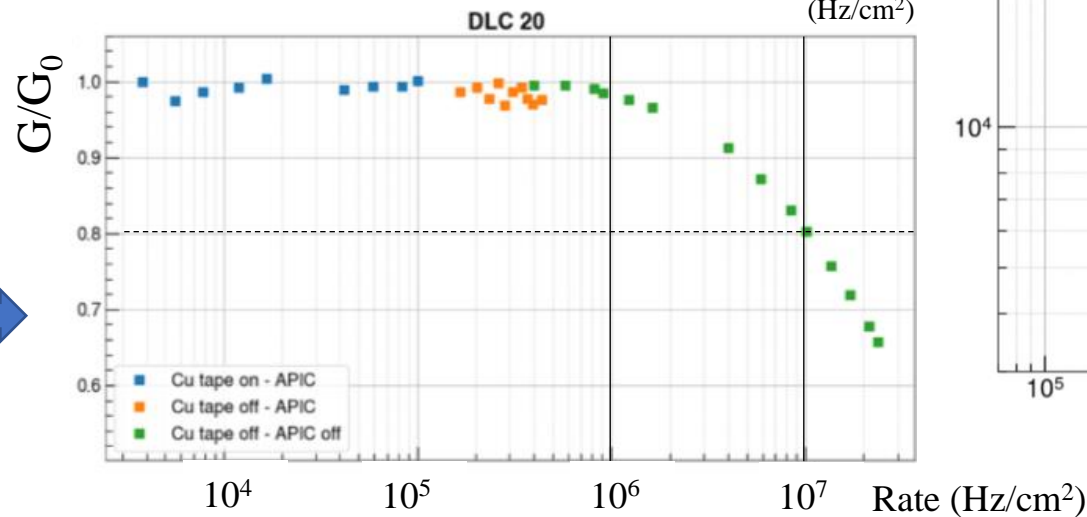


With the two mixtures, we observed compatible drops, **ArCO<sub>2</sub>iC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>(93:5:2)%** lets to work at a **higher gain** and to a **larger spark quenching**.



## DLC-like scheme

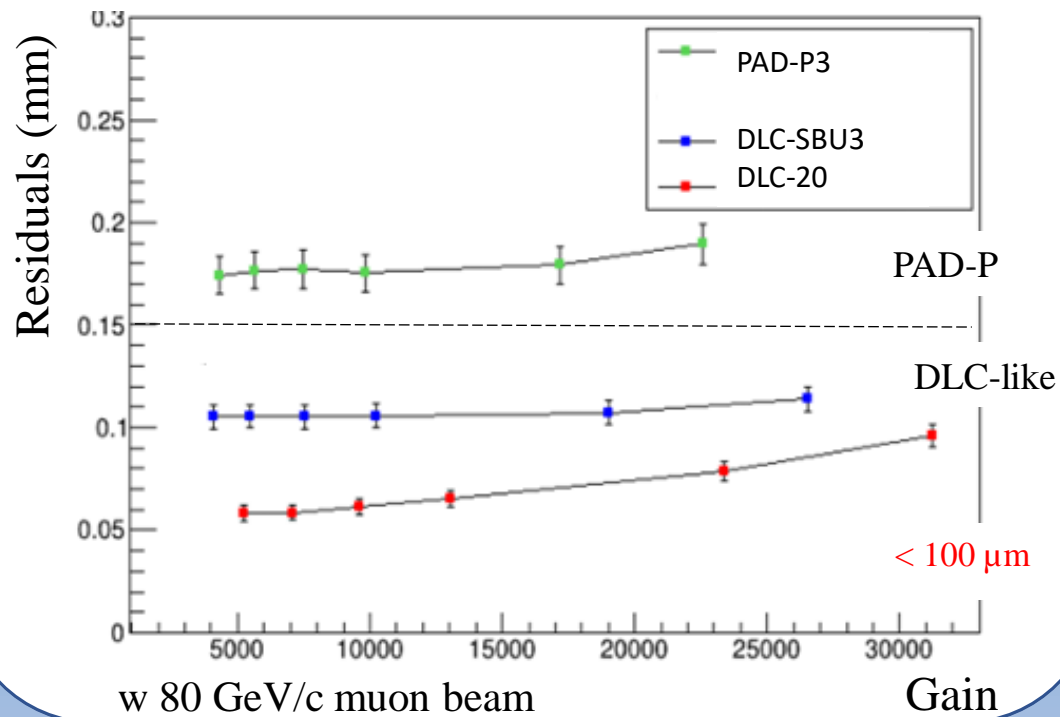
- Negligible charging-up effects.
- Gain stable up to 1-2 MHz/cm<sup>2</sup>, and at higher rates, gain drop due to ohmic contribution.
- At 10 MHz/cm<sup>2</sup>, gain drop of ~20%



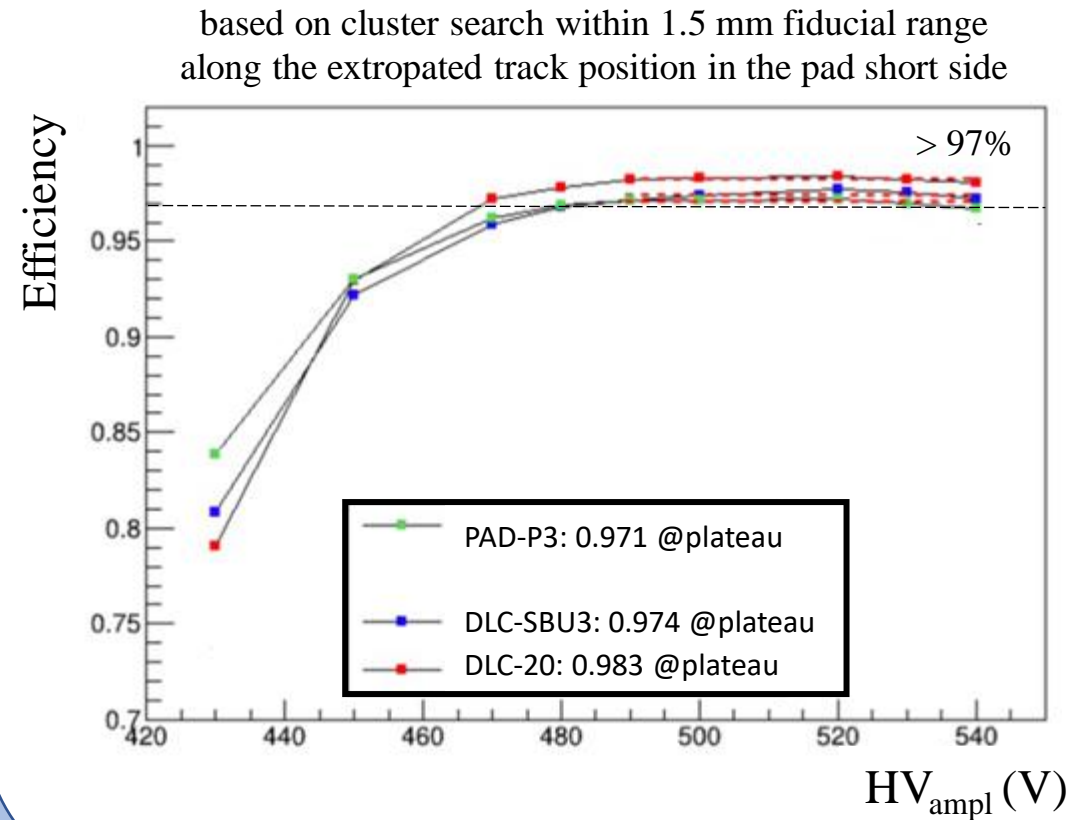


# Studies of tracking performances ( $\text{ArCO}_2\text{iC}_4\text{H}_{10}(93:5:2)\%$ )

## Spatial resolution (along pad short side)



## Tracking efficiency



On going studies of time resolution:

with the investigated gas mixtures and APV25 FE chips, detectors have similar time performances ( $O(10 \text{ ns})$ ). To improve

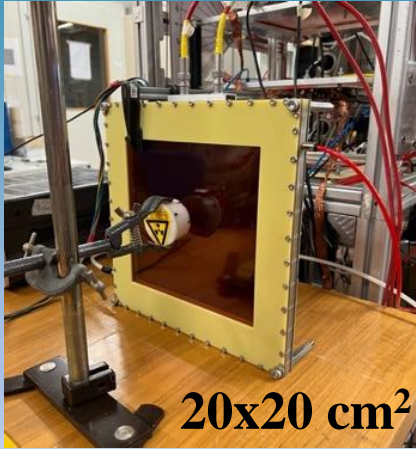


«Faster» gas mixtures (with a small fraction of  $\text{CF}_4$ );

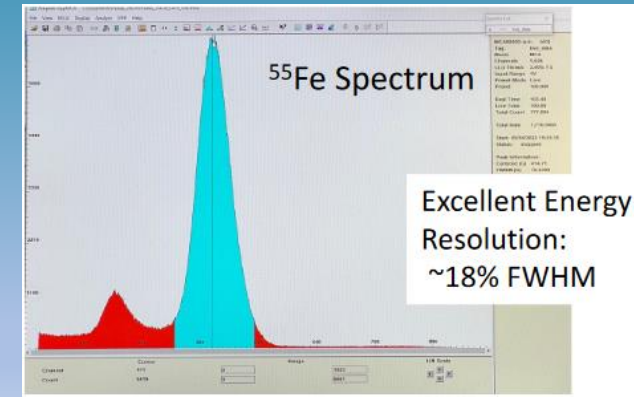


New FE chips as VMM, tiger, fatic (in touch with the respective groups).

# Towards large areas

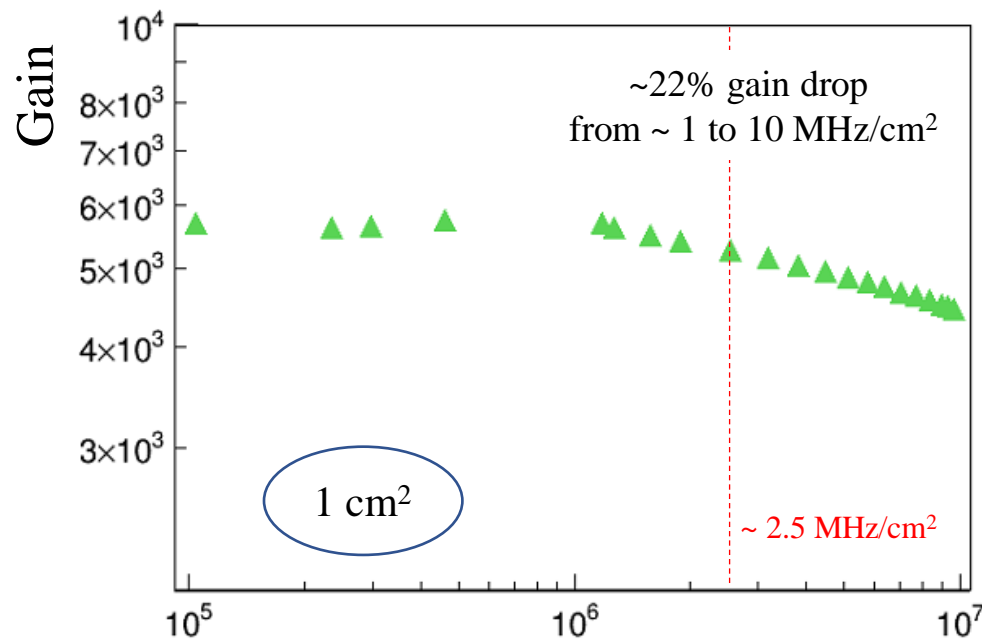


- **Pad size:** 1x8 mm<sup>2</sup>
- **Number of Pads:** 4800
- **DLC-like layout** w 8 mm grounding vias pitch
- FE connectors on the back of the detector (partial readout)

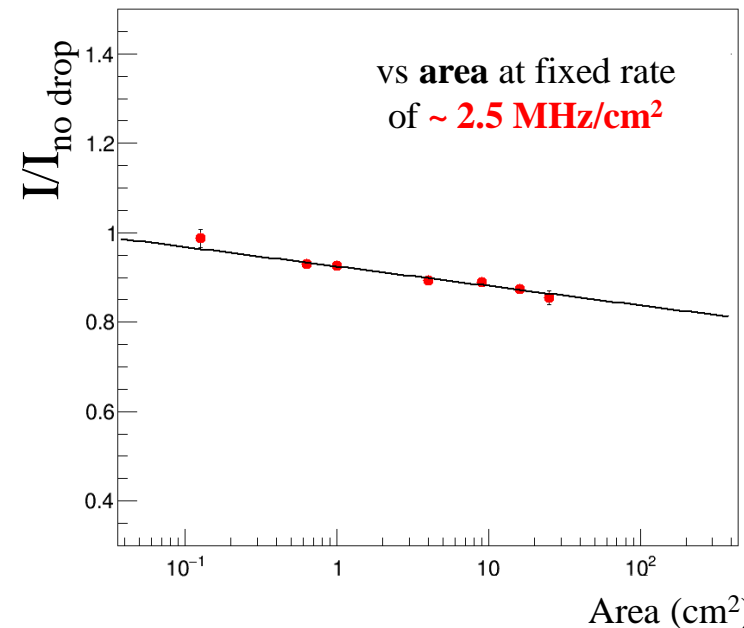


**Tomorrow in TB**

Repeated gain/rate capability studies with ArCO<sub>2</sub>(93:7)%, varying irradiated area up to **25 cm<sup>2</sup> max area until now.**



Area dependence tends to saturate,



as already observed for smaller areas in previous study

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/868940/contributions/3813865>

# Conclusions

The results show that small-Pad resistive Micromegas:

are **excellent candidates for particle tracking and trigger operation** up to rate  $O(1-10 \text{ MHz cm}^{-2})$  with

- **stable HV behaviour,**
- **$O(100 \text{ um})$  spatial resolution;**
- **$O(10 \text{ ns})$  time resolution**

reached a consolidated constructive techniques for large area detectors, in touch with ELTOS company for the technological transfer





# Optical Readout TPC for low energy event tracking

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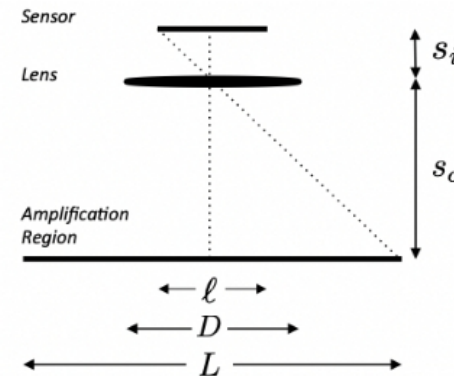
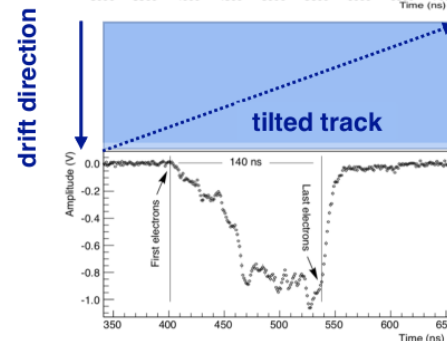
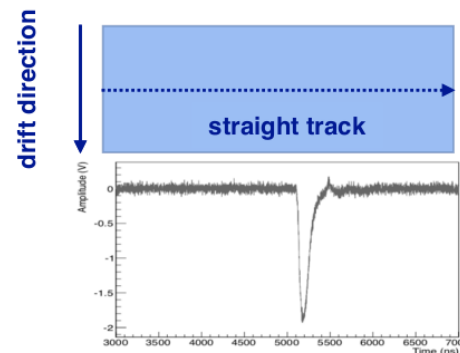
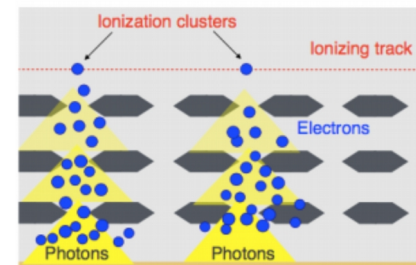
# The CYGNO\* approach: gaseous TPC with optical readout

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- Gaseous TPC for **directional** Dark Matter search, He:CF<sub>4</sub> 60:40
- Triple GEM amplification + optical readout (sCMOS cameras + PMT)
- **3D track reconstruction**
  - Directionality (axial+sense)
  - Background rejection
  - Particle identification
  - Fiducialization

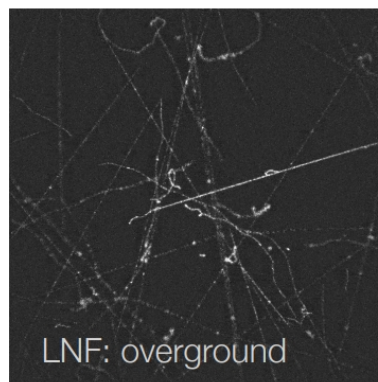
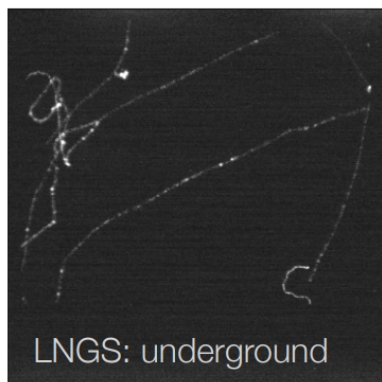
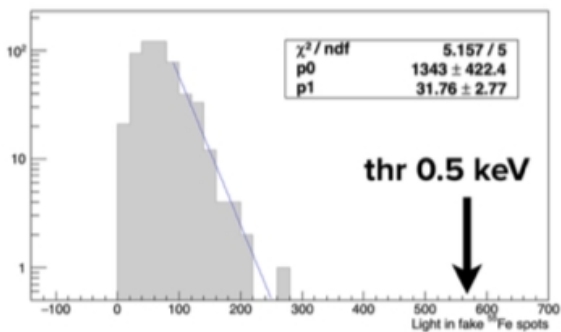
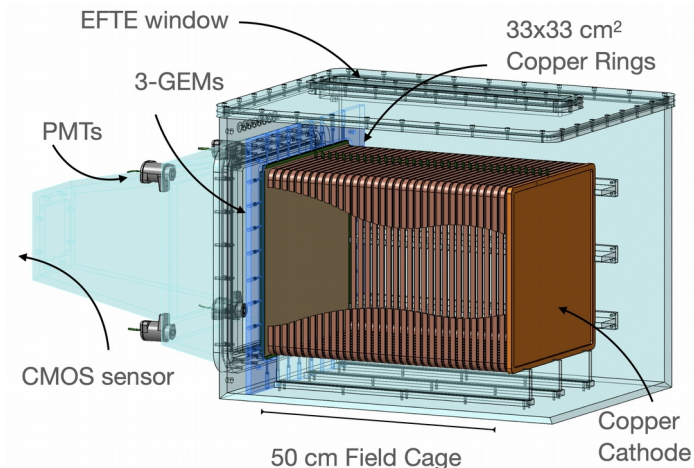
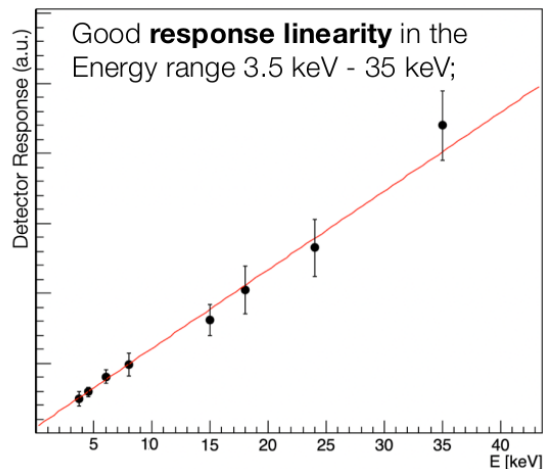
## Optical readout:

- With suitable lenses we can image **large areas**  $O(1\text{m}^2)$  **with single sensor**, with  $O(100\ \mu\text{m})$  effective pixel size
- **sCMOS**: high granularity, low noise, single photon sensitivity (energy + **xy** position)
- **PMT**: energy + **z** component



# LIME (Long Imaging Module)

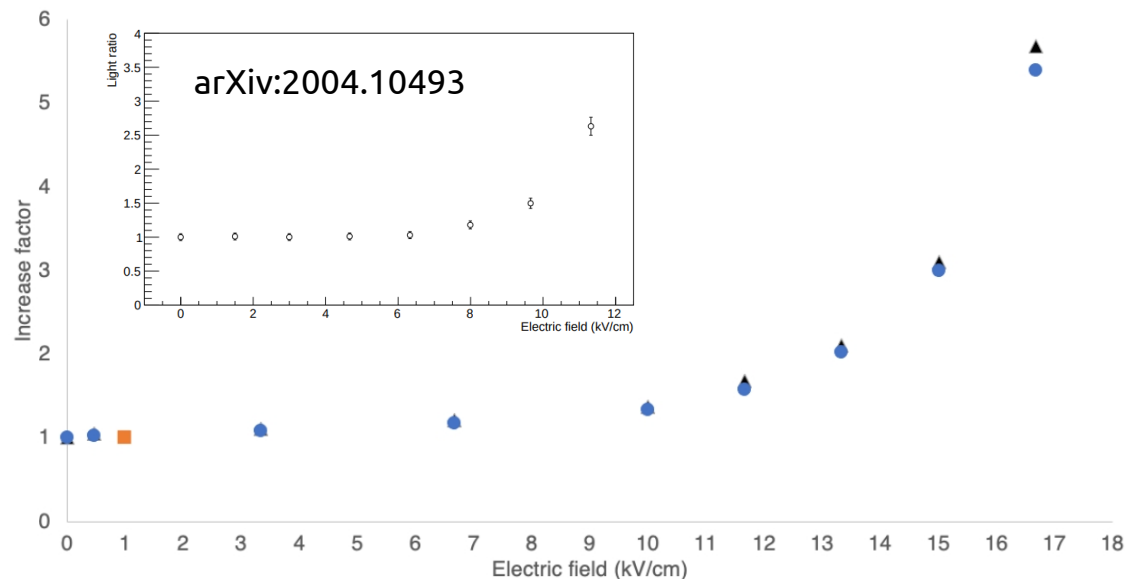
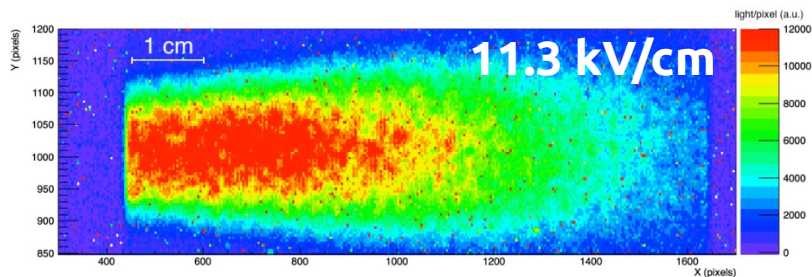
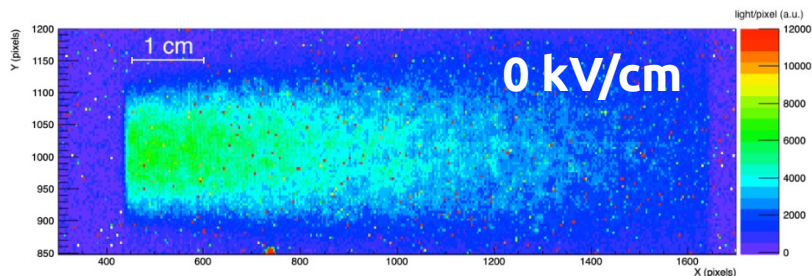
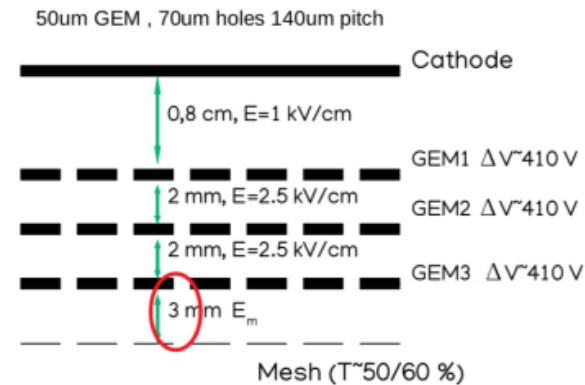
- 50 liters sensitive volume
- He:CF<sub>4</sub> 60/40, atm.pressure
- Triple GEM amplification
- 33x33 cm<sup>2</sup> readout area, 50cm drift
- 1sCMOS camera + 4 PMTs
- Now installed underground at LNGS



# Electroluminescence studies

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- Add a mesh (or ITO glass) 3 mm after last GEM
- Apply drift field between GEM and mesh
- Electrons travelling in the GEM-mesh gap produce additional light with no (or relatively low) further ionisation
  - More light without degrading resolution (lower threshold)



# Hydrocarbons studies

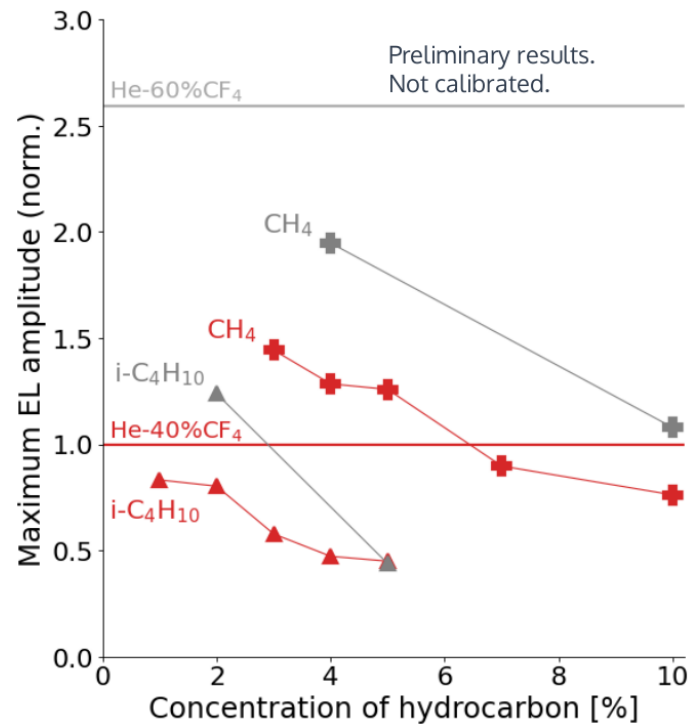
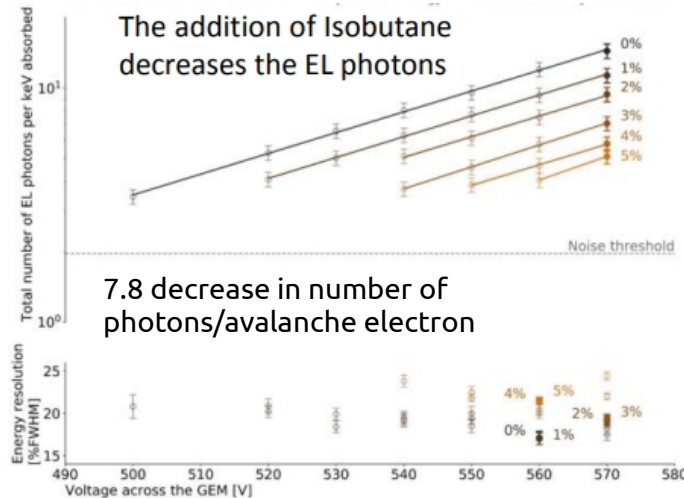
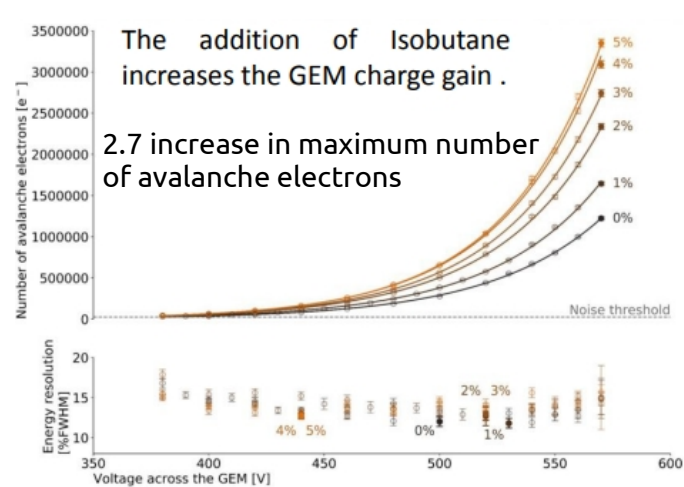
High hydrogen content extends sensitivity to lower WIMP masses

We studied for the first time the light yield of hydrocarbons gas mixtures

Adding between 0% and 5% of  $iC_4H_{10}$  to He:CF<sub>4</sub> mix:

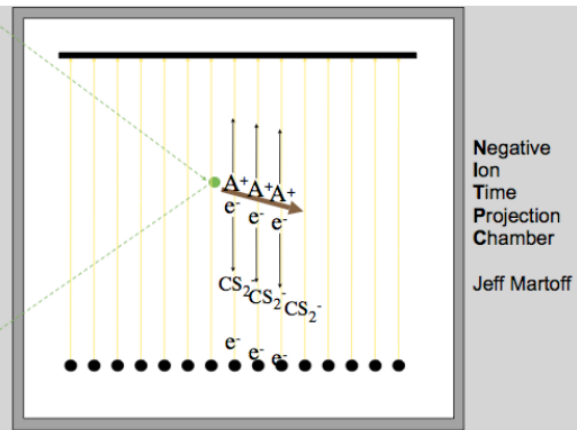
- Overall only 2.8 decrease in photons/keV
- Energy resolution independent from  $iC_4H_{10}$  content

Adding between 3% and 5% of  $CH_4$  increases the light yield without degrading the energy resolution (ongoing)





# Negative ion drift operation

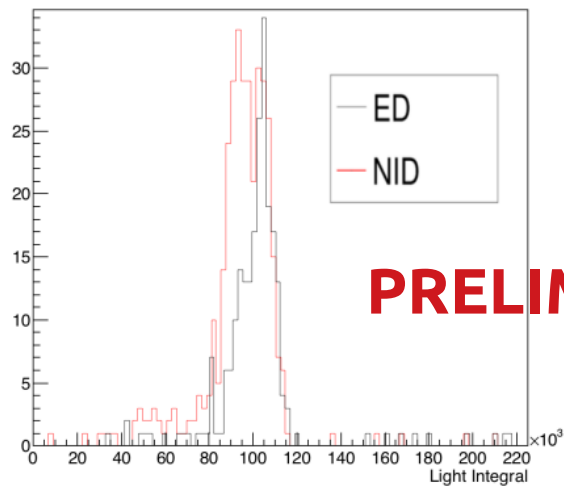
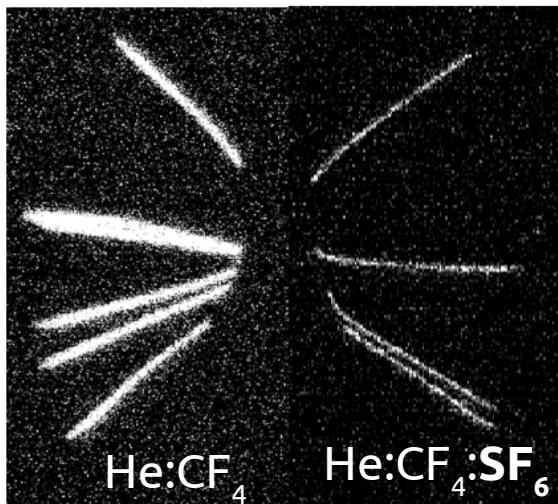


- **Electronegative** dopants added to the gas mixture
- Primary ionization electrons captured by electronegative gas molecules at O(100)  $\mu\text{m}$
- Negative ions act as image carriers instead of electrons – **reduced diffusion** allows larger volume TPCs with same (or better) tracking
- Tests ongoing on small prototype with  $\text{SF}_6$  – promising results!

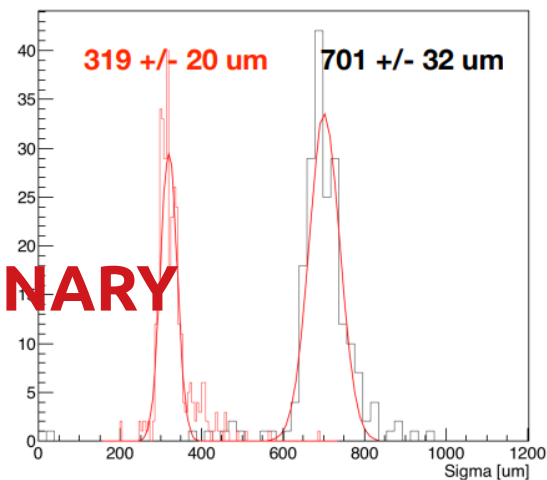
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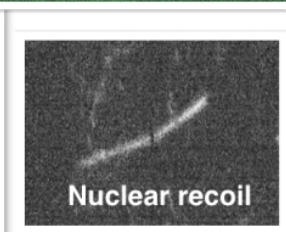
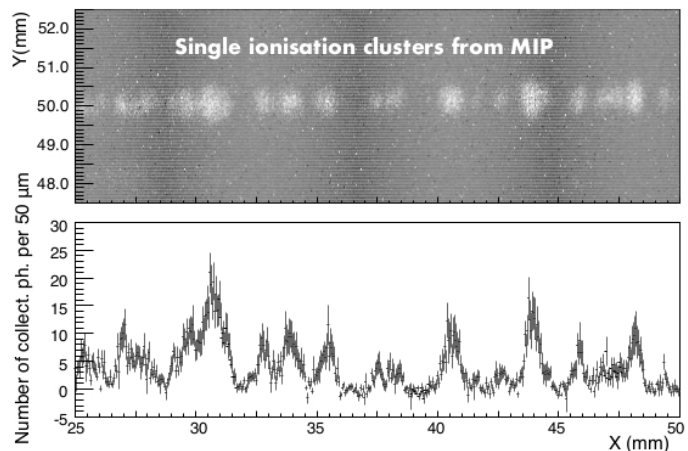
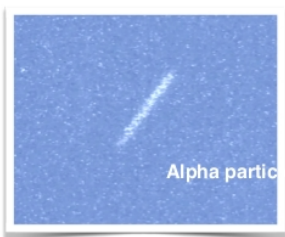
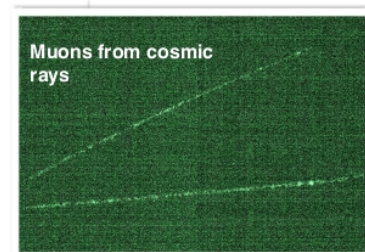
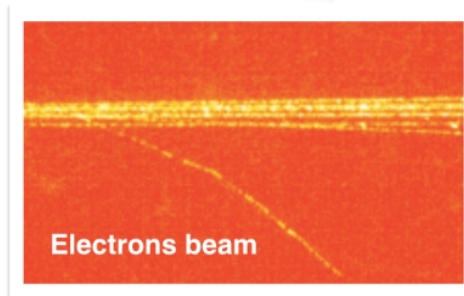
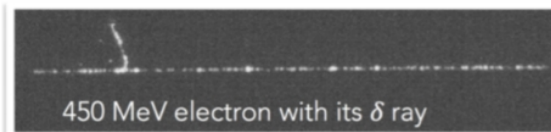
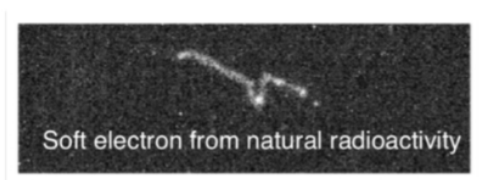
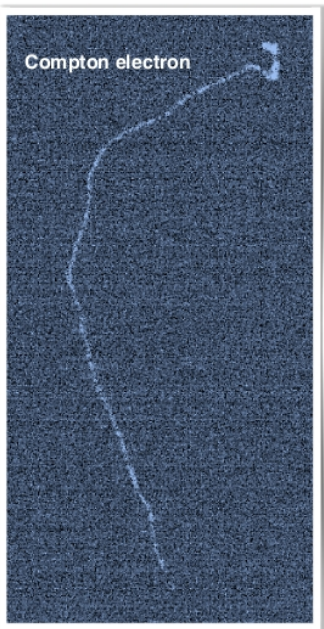


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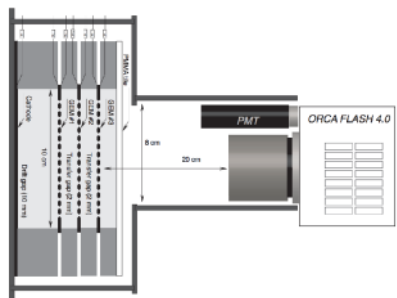


# Photographing tracks

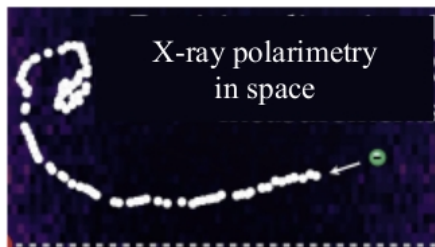
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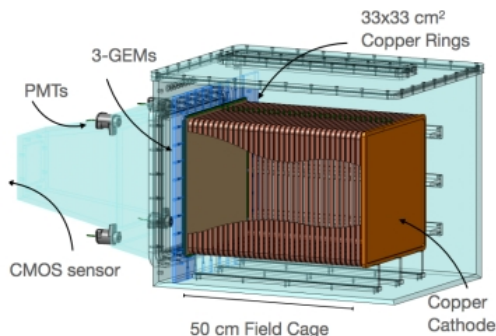
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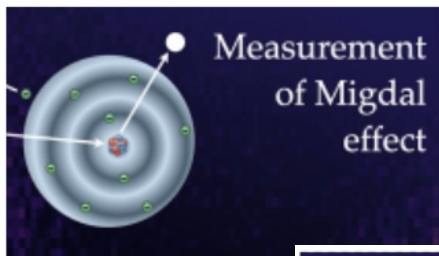
Small O(1L)



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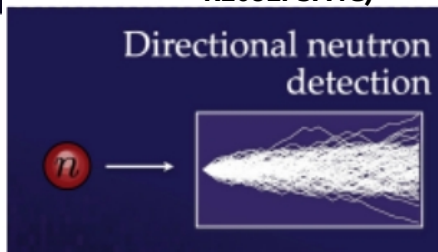


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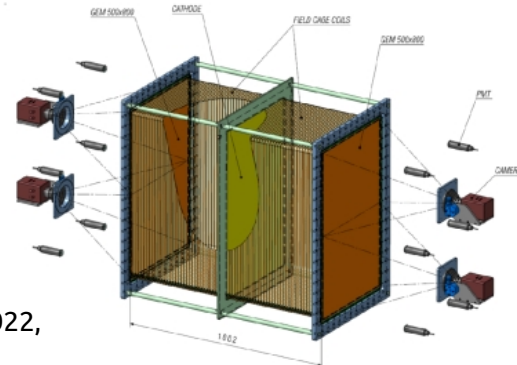


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Directional neutron detection

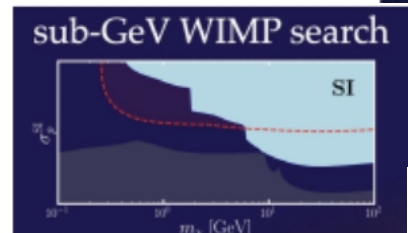


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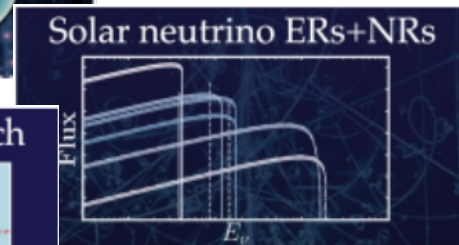
Large O(30-1000 m<sup>3</sup>)



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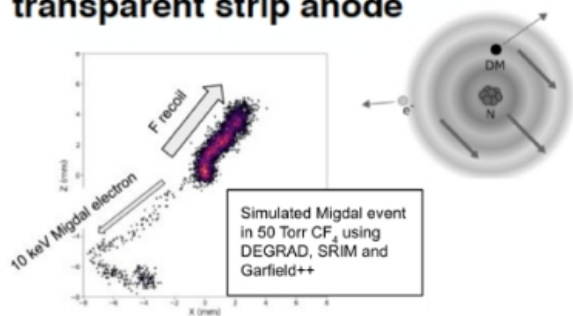
Migdal In Galactic Dark Matter exPLoration

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Low-pressure TPC with optical+electronic readout

Migdal effect search in low-pressure  $\text{CF}_4$  for DM searches in

CMOS + electronic readout of transparent strip anode



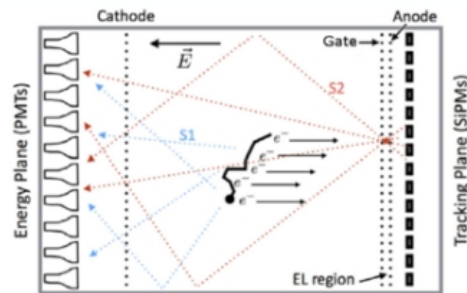
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Neutrinoless double beta decay searches in  $^{136}\text{Xe}$

PMTs for energy measurement &  $t_0$  from S1, SiPM-based tracking plane recording electroluminescence



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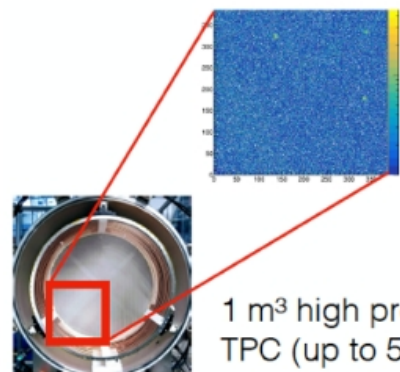
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## High Pressure TPC

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Towards a neutrino-nucleus cross section experiments

Stitched optical readout (4 CCD cameras) + electronic signals from meshes used for amplification



1 m<sup>3</sup> high pressure TPC (up to 5 bar)

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