



# Resistive High Granularity Micromegas for Future Detectors

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## GOALS

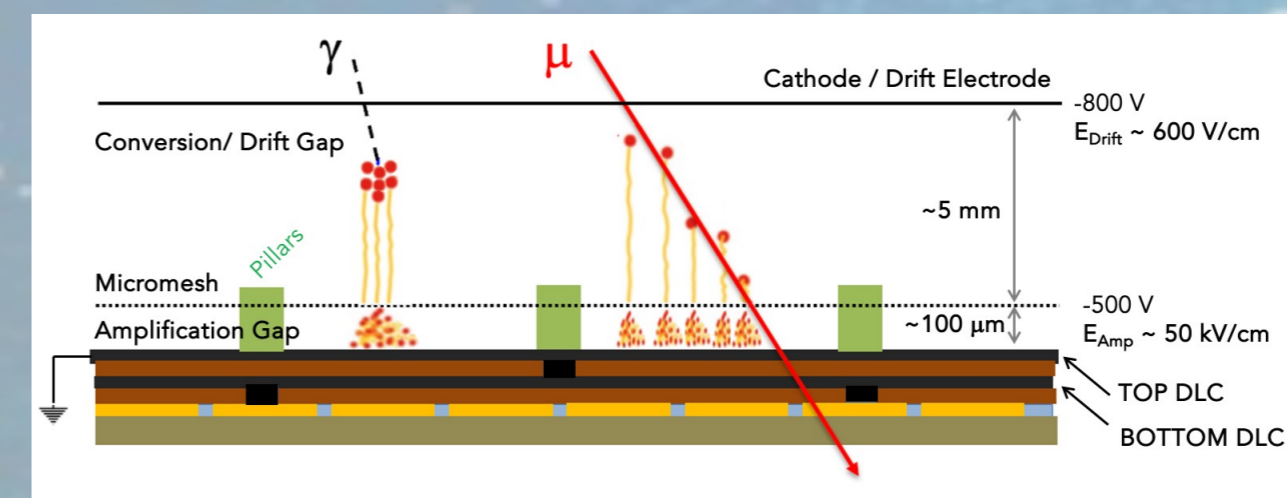
- Consolidation of resistive Micromegas, for measurements at rates of the order of 10 MHz/cm<sup>2</sup>
- High-granularity low occupancy readout on pads of the order of mm<sup>2</sup>, capable of withstanding high radiation.
- Demonstration of the scalability of detectors on large surfaces
- High efficiency (close to 100%). Spatial resolution (depending on the application) of the order of 100 μm
- Robustness, stability of operation at high gains, working point with large margin before breakdown and instabilities onsets

## Double DLC layer Micromegas Concept

Readout pads are covered by a **double layer of DLC** with a grid of staggered interconnecting vias for rapid charge evacuation.

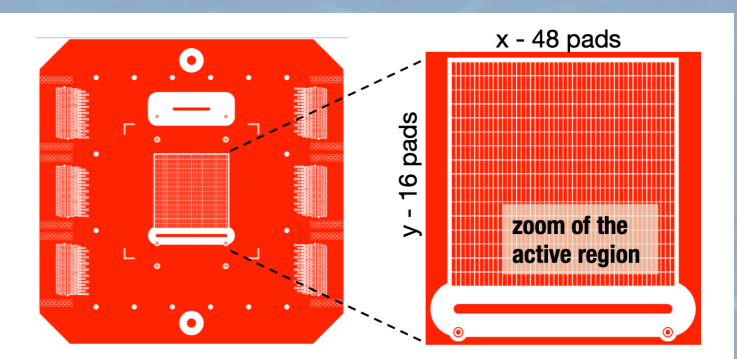
(Concept from: G. Bencivenni, et al., JINST 12 (2017) 06, C06027)

Typical (optimal) DLC resistivity: 20 – 40 MΩ/sq

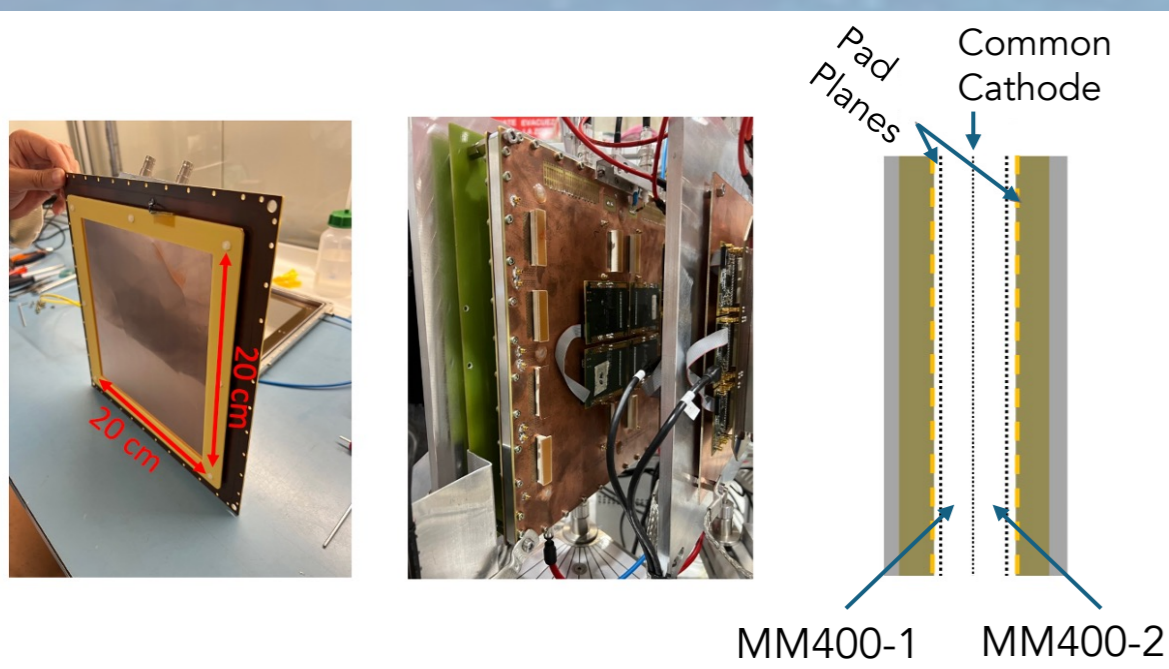


All small size Micromegas presented here consist of a similar anode plane, segmented in 48 x 16 readout pads.

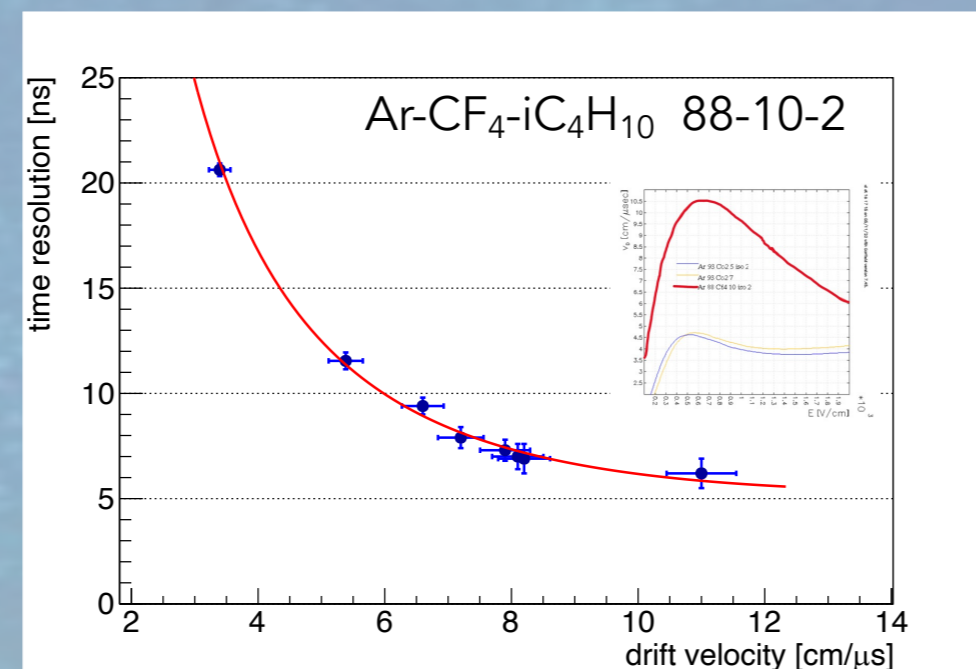
PAD SIZE: 1 x 3 mm<sup>2</sup>



## Medium-Size Double DLC layer Micromegas



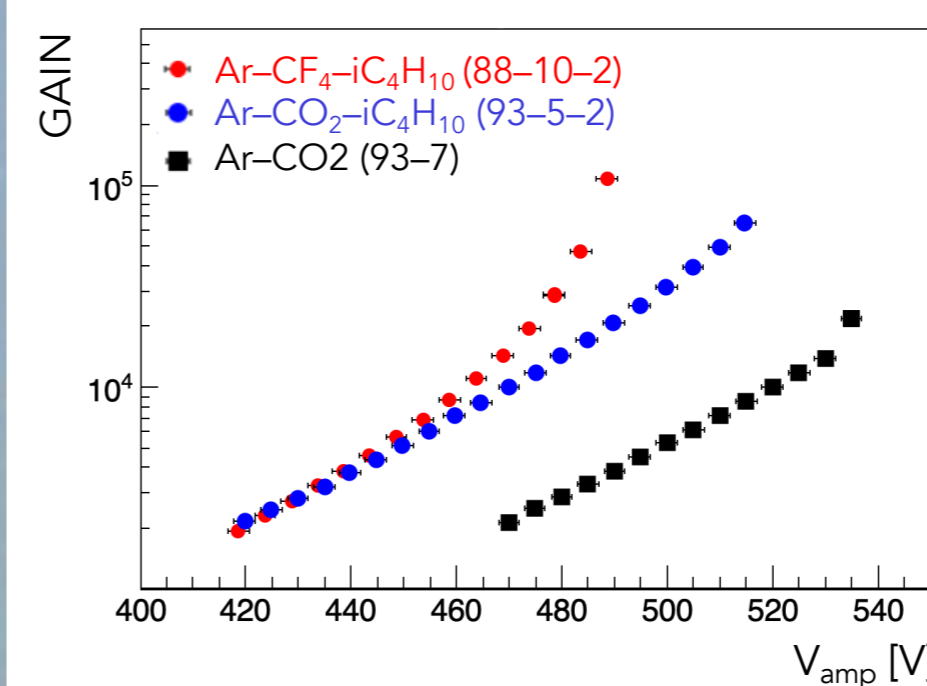
Two detectors MM400-1 and MM400-2 designed to operate in sandwich config sharing the same cathode  
 Anode plane pad size: 1x8 mm<sup>2</sup>



Test-Beam: Time resolution from cluster time arrival difference between MM400-1 and 400-2:  
 $\sigma_{time} \sim 6$  ns at  $v_{drift} \sim 11$  cm/μs

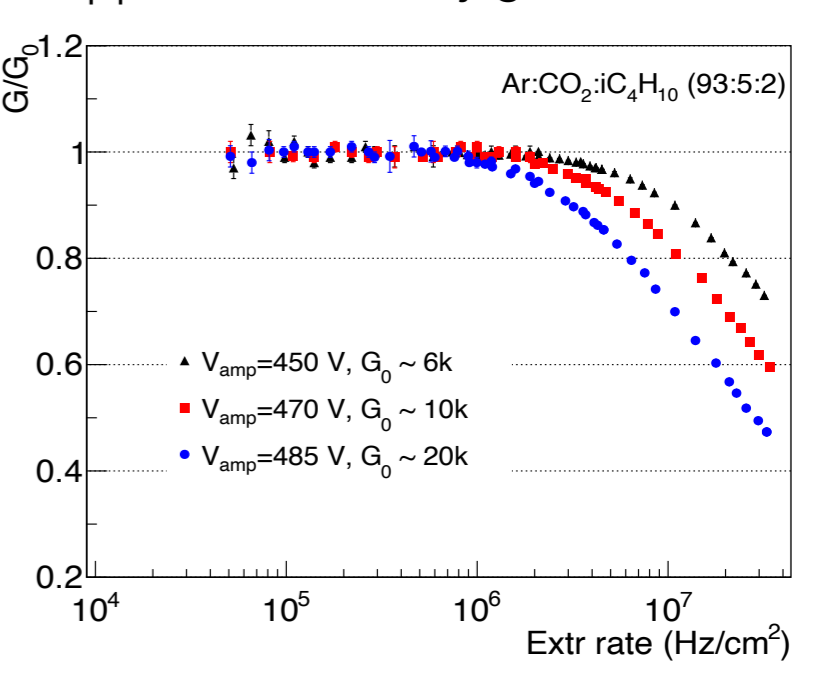
## Gain and Rate Capability

GAIN Vs HV for different Gas Mixtures



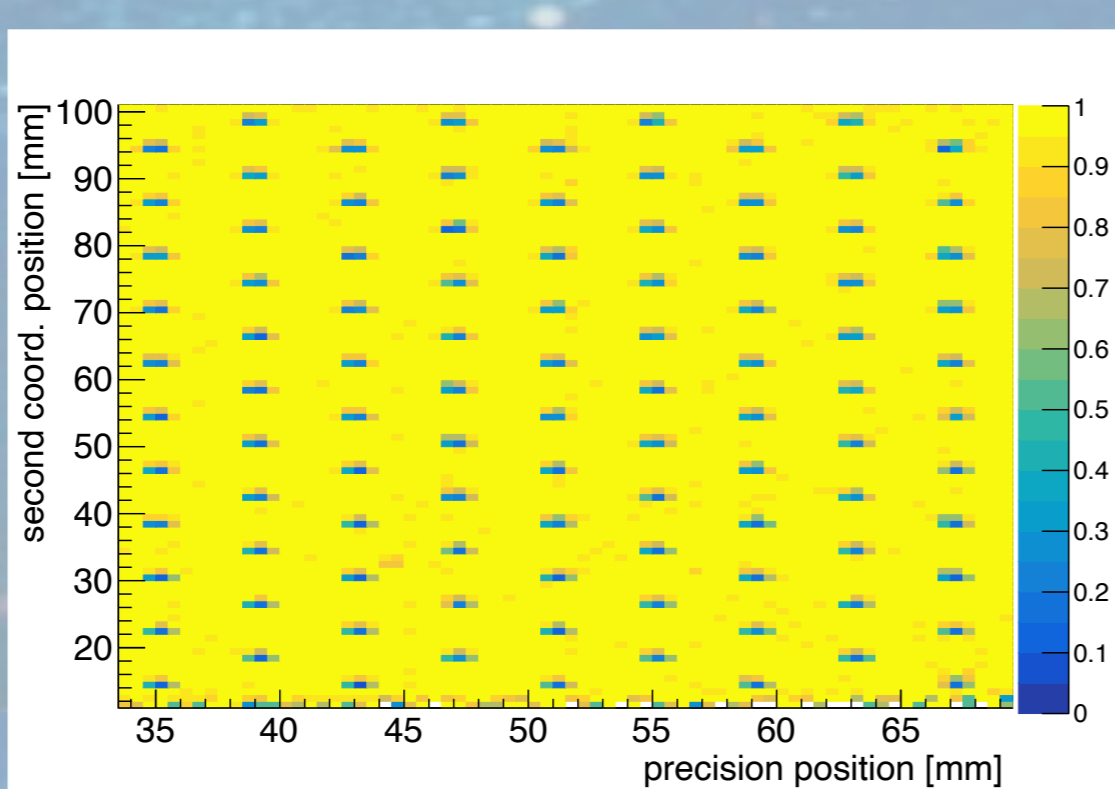
Addition of 2% of isobutane can significantly extend the stability range up to  $7 \times 10^4$  and  $10^5$  with Ar-CO<sub>2</sub>-iC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub> (93-5-2) and Ar-CF<sub>4</sub>-iC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub> (88-10-2)

Rate capability Vs X-rays from the copper anode X-Ray gun.

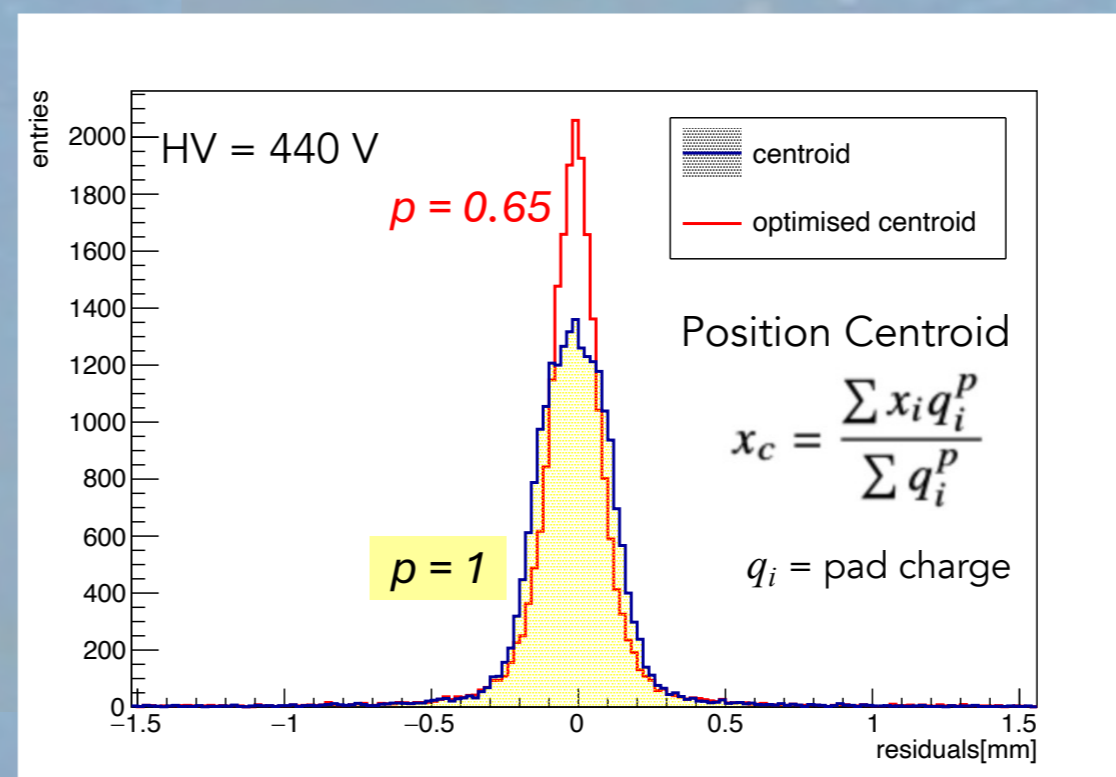


Gain drops at 10 MHz/cm<sup>2</sup> are limited to 10% at G<sub>0</sub> = 6000, and to 20% and 30% at gains of 10k and 20k, respectively.

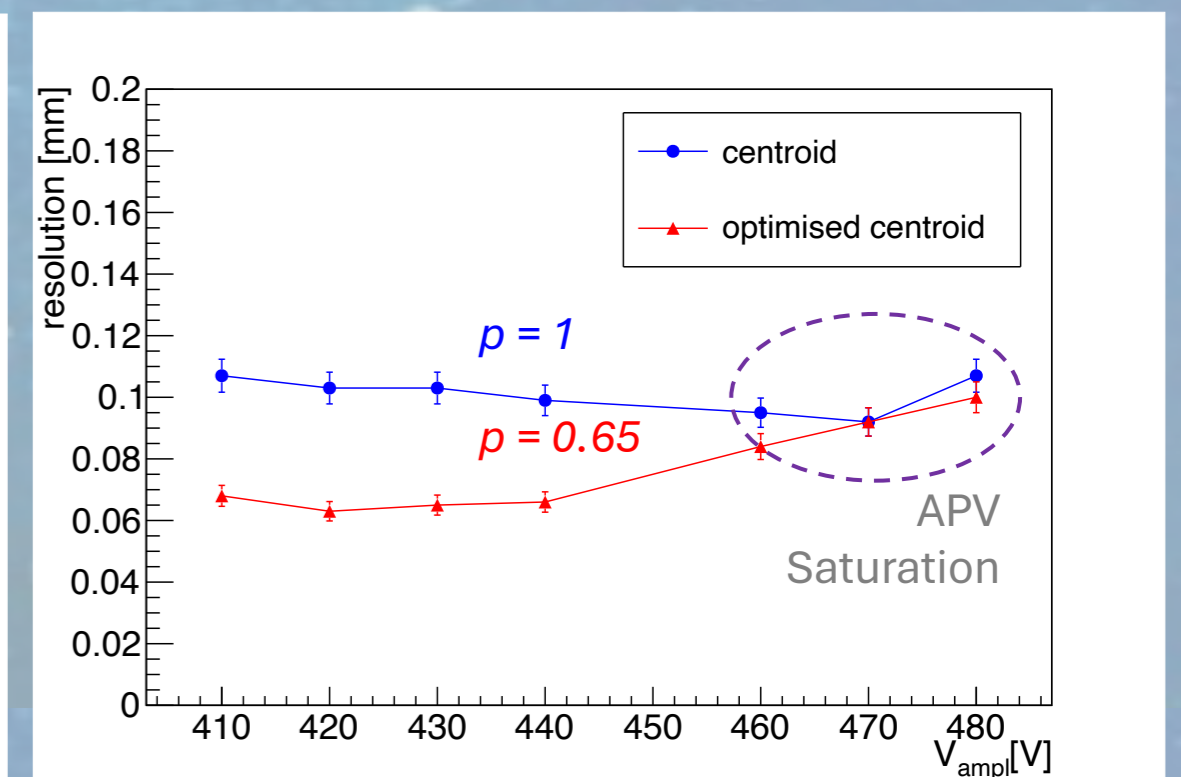
## Test-Beam Results: Efficiency and Spatial Resolution for the Medium-Size Detector



Efficiency for perpendicular tracks is nearly 100% except at pillar positions.

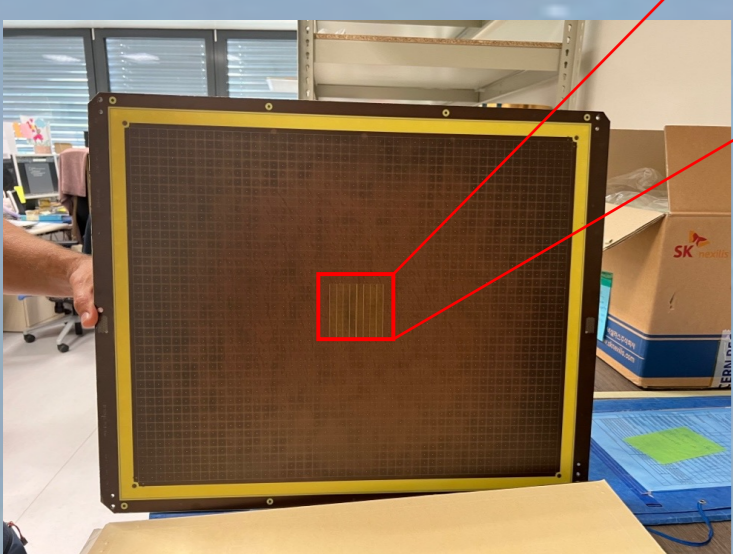


Spatial resolutions measured for perpendicular tracks (from residuals clusters vs track)  
 Optimised resolution:  $\sim 65$  μm with charge weighted centroid using  $p = 0.65$



## Towards Large Area: 50 x 40 cm<sup>2</sup>

Double DLC layer Resistive Layout

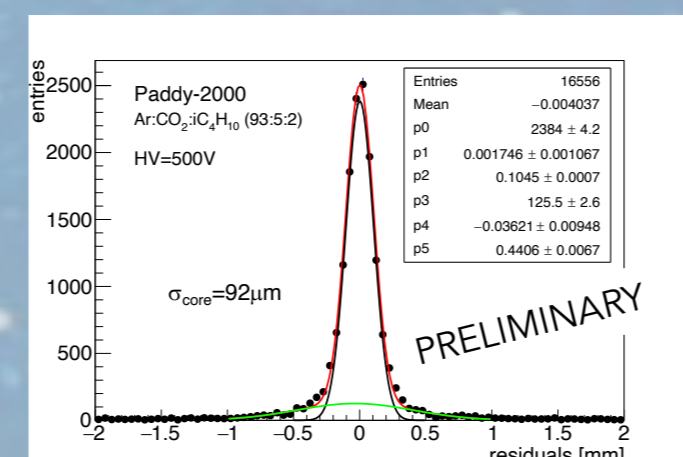
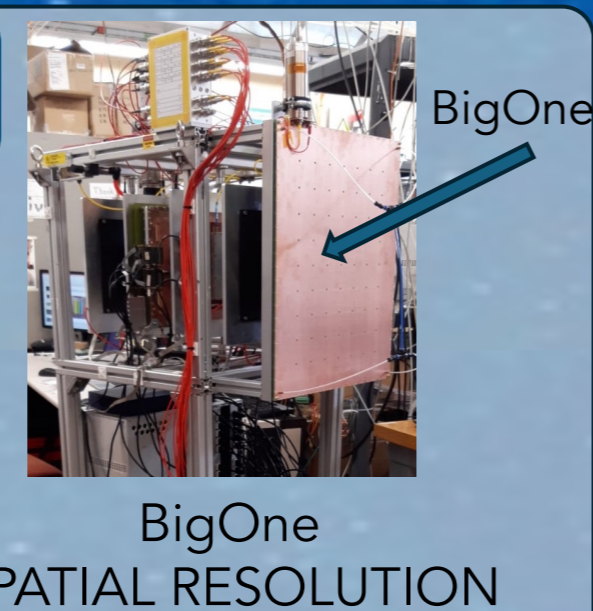


50x40 cm<sup>2</sup> construction completed  
 Fine granularity in the centre  
 1 cm<sup>2</sup> pads elsewhere

Central region 6.4x6.4 cm<sup>2</sup> with 1x8 mm<sup>2</sup> pads



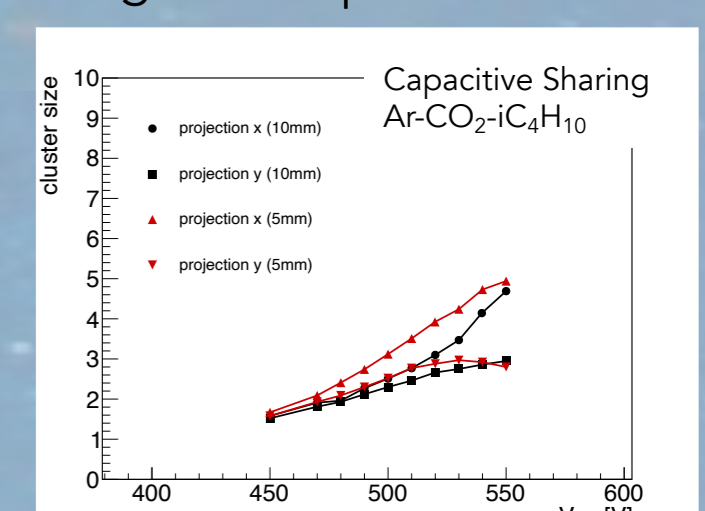
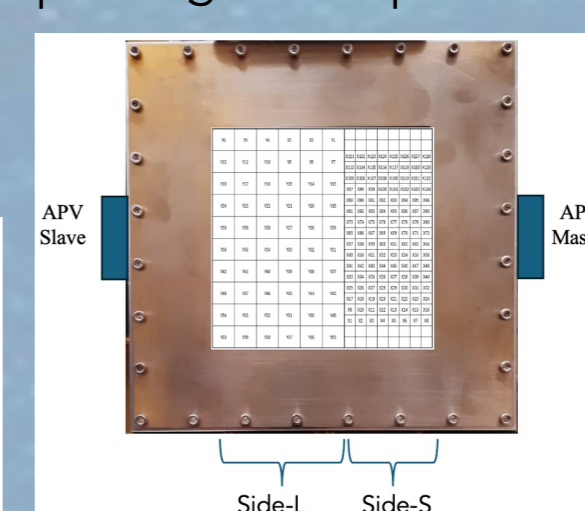
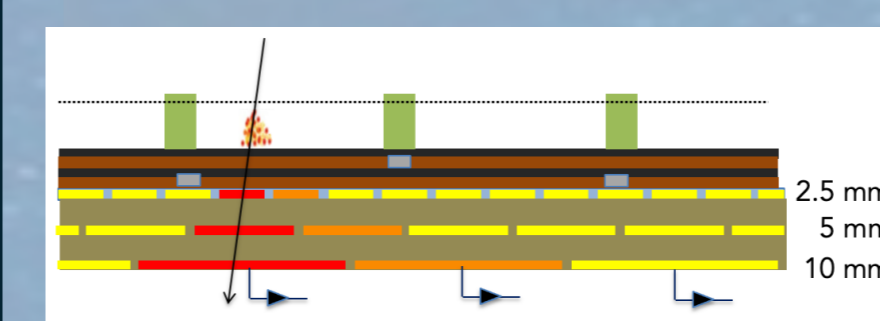
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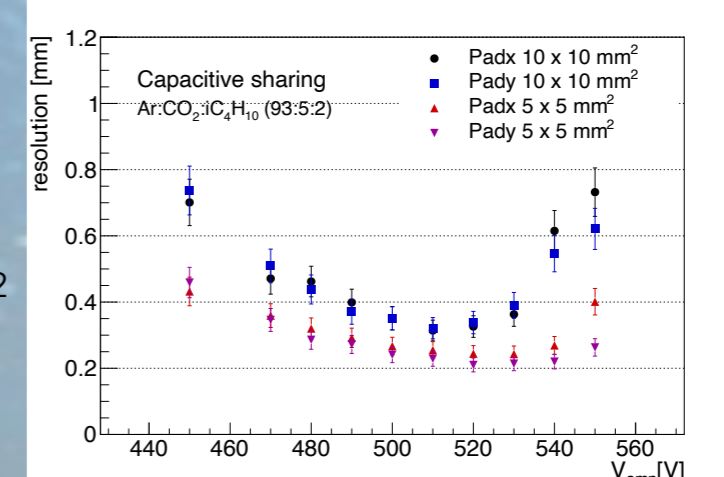
## Medium/Low-rate Version – Capacitive Sharing

Reduction of the Readout Channels Exploiting the Capacitive Sharing Technique

(K. Gnanvo et al., Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 1047 (2023) 167782)



- Pad size of "top-layer" (signal induction): 2.5x2.5 mm<sup>2</sup>
- Side-L: three layers capacitive sharing: 2.5x2.5 mm<sup>2</sup> → 5x5 mm<sup>2</sup> → 10x10 mm<sup>2</sup>
- Side-S: two layers capacitive sharing: pad-size: 2.5x2.5 mm<sup>2</sup> → 5x5 mm<sup>2</sup>



Dependence on HV (Cluster-size)  
 REACH  $\sim 350$  μm  
 → A factor 1/30 of the pad size  
 (~200 μm with 5x5 cm<sup>2</sup> pads)

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