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# R&D on particle identification and photon detection

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## **COMPASS RICH-1**









## COMPASS RICH-1: 2016 Upgrade



## Gaseous detectors HV system and monitoring



## **R&D** effort for EIC RICH

- COMPASS RICH upgrade motivated MPGD based photon detectors for future RICH applications.
- Two streams of R&D
  - To couple modular hybrid THGEMs + Micromegas with smaller size readout pads (3mmX3mm)
  - To study performances of the MPGD based detectors coupled with alternative photocathodes.



A modular mini-pad photon detector prototype for RICH application at the Electron Ion Collider; J. Agarwala et al 2020 J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 1498 012007 DOI 10.1088/1742-6596/1498/1/012007

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## Nanodiamond



## Minipad











## ePIC PID requirements





Challenging PID. LAPPD/HRPPD based sensors to provide time-of-flight to perform low momentum PID. Less than 100 ps time resolution for single photo-electron is required!

## LAPPD activities in TS





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XYZ moving system by Zaber

#### Thorough characterization of the LAPPD in **INFN TS lab**

## LAPPD in CERN test beam



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## LAPPD in magnetic field





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Gain and efficiency to detect single photo electrons has been studied in the magnetic field. All components were checked at INFN-TS before inserting to the magnet.

The loss in the gain and efficiency due to magnetic field can be improved by increased by increasing the MCP voltage. However, the right voltage configuration is object depended. Has to be tuned sensor by sensor.

#### Submitted to NIMA <sup>12</sup>

## ePIC dRICH gas radiator



#### VUV Trasparency of C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>



Exafluoroethane 5.0 at CERN Used for a test-beam



#### Measured in the COMPASS setup

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The system already existing for COMPASS gas system is used for the measurement of transparency  $C_2F_6$  (baseline for dRICH) INFN TS designed the mechanical system, assembly and beam test with a pressurized dRICH.



Using a Raspberry Pi and a USB oscilloscope Digilent Analog Discovery 3, 8kHz sampling

A set up for measuring precise refractive index of the gas radiator is procured and tested. With a simple readout is made. Studying refractive index <10 ppb is feasible

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dRICH radiator gas system

## LAPPD Aging studies in TS



Ch.020 Ch.020 DANGER HIGH / HAUTE TENSION Constructed for THGEM studies

Aging study aims to quantify the change in the performance of the detector components (PC, MCP) with light illumination.

Critical aspect to monitor currents in different electrodes.



Quit



## Soon arriving...

#### HRPPD - High Rate Picosecond Photodetector

10 cm × 10 cm MCP-PMT
 Chevron pair GCA-ALD-MCPs (10 μm)
 Ceramic package
 Capacitive (CC) or Direct (DC) Coupling
 100 cm<sup>2</sup> active area

High Gain (5\*10<sup>6</sup>)
 Dark Rates: <10kHz/cm<sup>2</sup>

- Photocathode Na<sub>2</sub>KSb
  - >20% QE at 365 nm
- >80% spatial uniformity
- Timing Resolution
  SPE: <50 psec</li>
- Position Resolution (TBD)







## S P E C I F I C A T I O N S UV/Vis Spectroscopy



Similar characterization for HRPPD is foreseen.

Preparation to characterize the SiPM based photosensors for dRICH is ongoing.

To characterize the radiator gas for dRICH in the interesting wavelength region will be made in INFN-TS.

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An Update on HRPPD/LAPPD Application Specific Developments for EIC

## Simulation studies (pfRICH)



## Simulation studies (dRICH optimization)



## Simulation studies (dRICH performance)

Intrinsic noise of SiPM

 $\rightarrow$  300 kHZ of noise



dRICH performance is studied within the ePIC simulation framework (with tracking resolution and magnetic bending) An initiative has started to study impact on physics of ePIC PID subsystems



Detailed simulation studies have been made. This is an ongoing effort. A potential synergy between pfRICH and dRICH. <sup>18</sup>

Particle Identification with the ePIC detector at the EIC; DOI: https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2410.20410

# Thank you!

## Jamin Interferometer



 $I = I_1 + I_2 + 2\sqrt{I_1 I_2} \Delta \phi(t)$ 

 $\Delta\phi(t) = \left(\frac{2\pi\ell}{\lambda}\right) \Delta n(t)$ 

#### Jamin interferometer:

- classical interferometer for gas refractive index measurement
- insensitive to rotation and translation of its two optical elements.

$$\ell/\lambda = 10^6 \rightarrow 1$$
 fringe = 1 ppm  $\Delta n$ 







- □ Input of the quadrature detector is the interference signal, composed from two linearly polarized beams, with orthogonal polarization with respect to each other
- □ In the detector both beams are splitted to X and Y component, giving final electrical output of two sinus signals (shifted by  $\pi/2$  with respect to each other)
- □ Adding both of the signals digitally on 2D imaging plane gives a circle
- $\square Advantage of quadrature detection lies in giving information of the direction of circulating \rightarrow the change of refractive index \delta is positive or negative$





## LAPPD in Magnetic field

### LAPPD in Magnetic Field: Changes compared to beam test

LAPPD 153 used in magnetic test has 10 micro pore diameter. Readout pads are 6mmX6mm





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## LAPPD in Magnetic field

LAPPD in Magnetic Field: Effect of Photocathode Voltage



## LAPPD in Magnetic field

#### LAPPD in Magnetic Field : Geometric effects

- Photo-electrons follow Electric field (normal to surface) in absence of magnetic field.
- 2) In Magnetic field (not normal to surface) they drift along field in helical path.
- An offset is expected to mean spot position as a function of the angle of inclination.
- W/ and W/O photocathode photoelectron drift path (H\_tot) os different.

- 1) Magnetic field focalizes the charge spot.
- 2) The focalization is almost independent of Magnetic field intensity.
- About 12% decreased RMS for field intensity larger than 0.5T.
- Small improvement with increased photocathode voltage.



## LAPPD in Digitizer



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## LAPPD cross-talk



Oscillatory signal observed when beam spot is larger and small Cherenkov signal. A Directly coupled readout will be better! HRPPDs are designed for ePIC are directly coupled

## Beam test with LAPPD









LAPPD Ageing



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