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# Mid-Scale Drift Chamber Prototype: Design and Construction

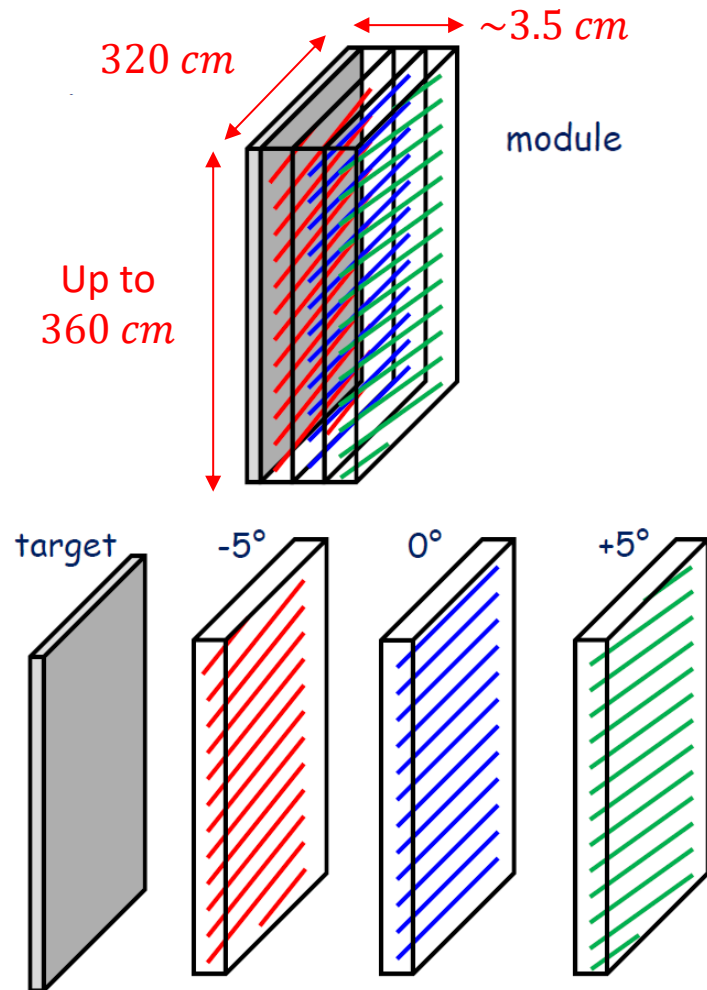
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# The Drift Chamber Concept



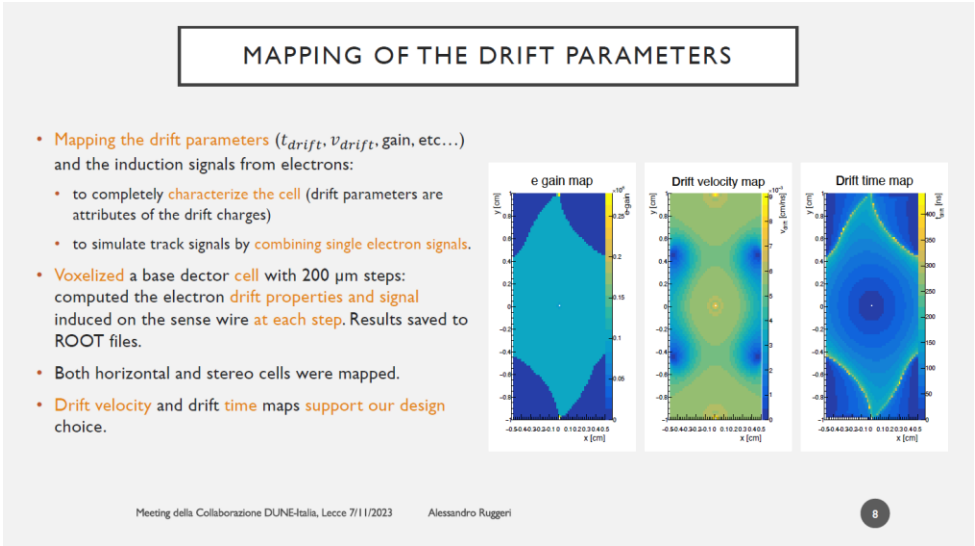
- Backup solution for the SAND tracker
- **Same target configuration** as for the STT
- **Reduces the number of channels** (and the complexity), ensuring the **same performances**
- **2 prototypes** have been successfully built and operated in Bologna

## Module layout:

- Target layer of CH<sub>2</sub> or C
- **3 multiwire planes** with **stereo view**

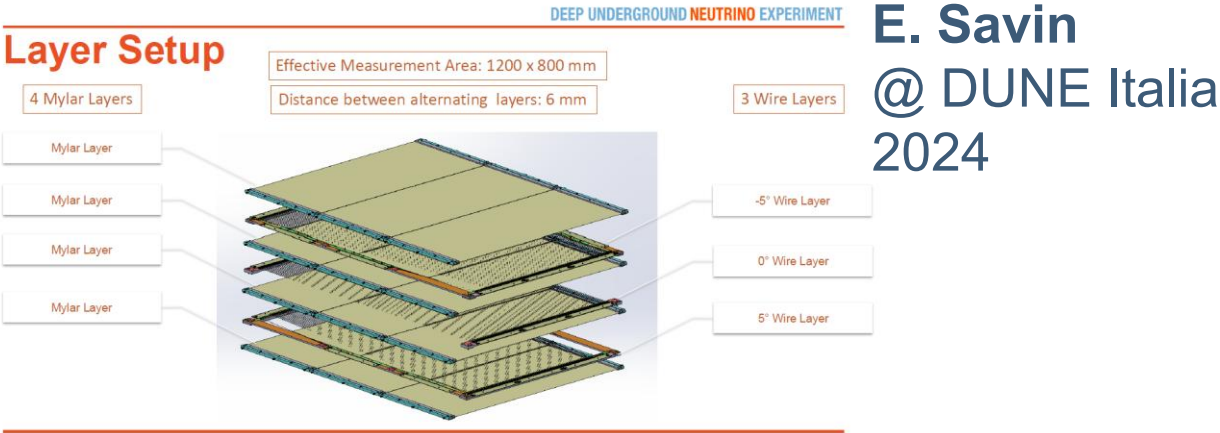
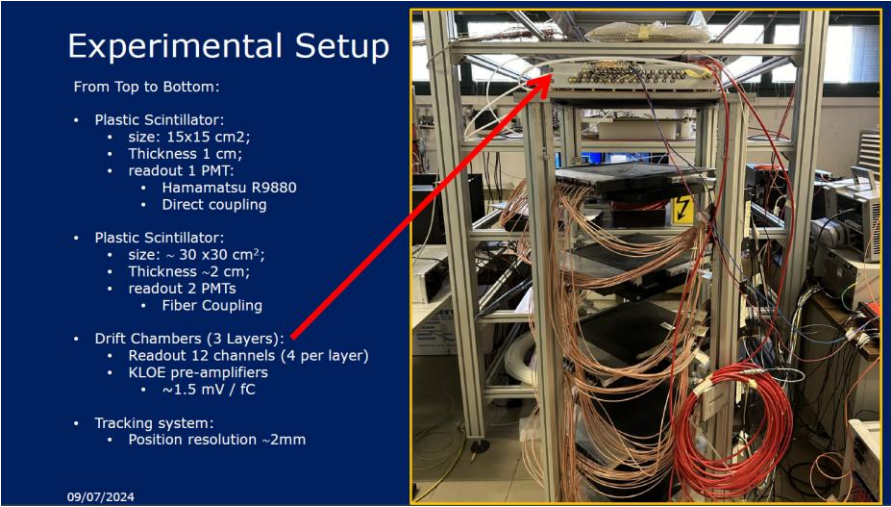
# The Road So Far...

- Drift cell simulations with Garfield
- Mid-scale prototype mechanical design
- Test of the small-scale prototype



A. Ruggeri @ DUNE Italia 2023

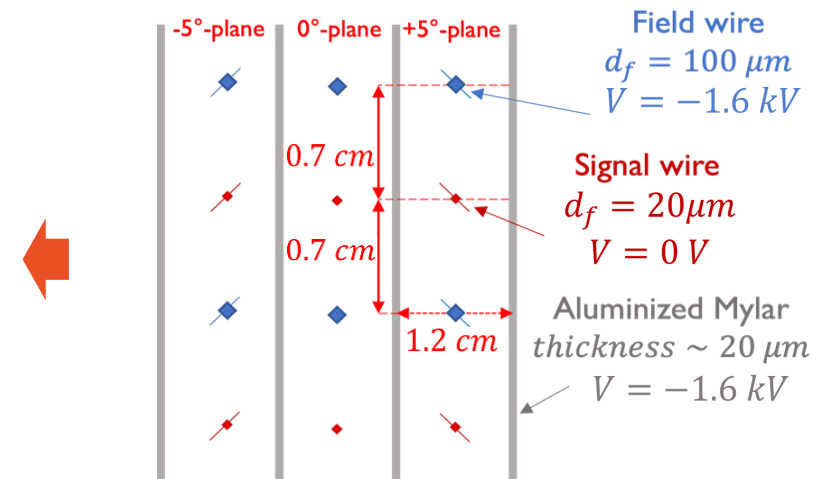
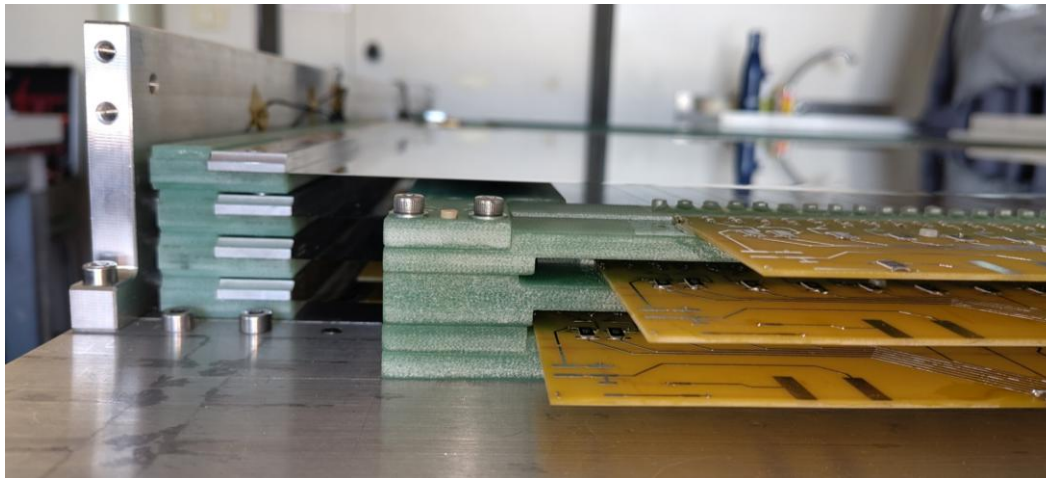
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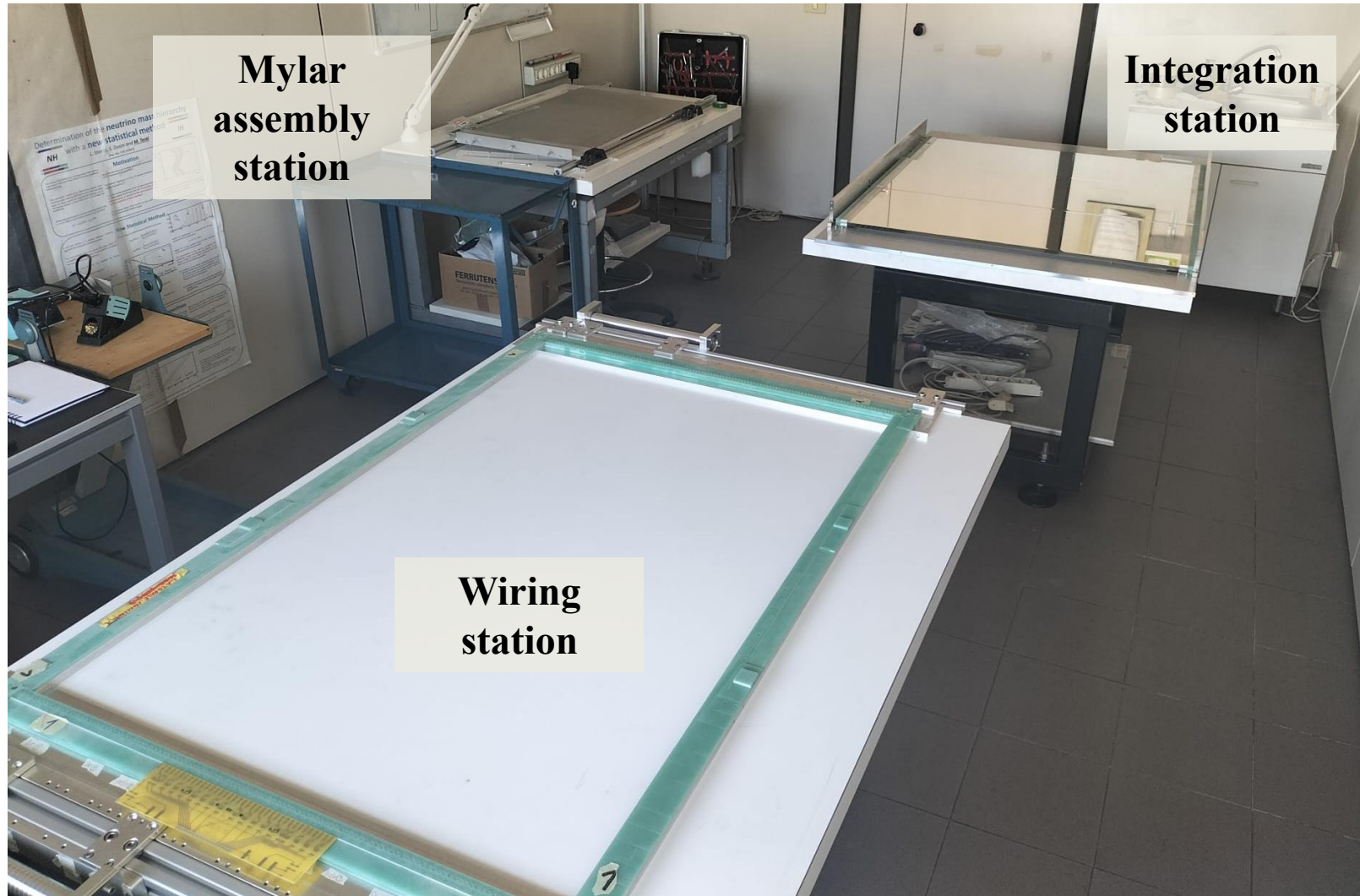
E. Savin  
@ DUNE Italia  
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# The New Prototype

- **120×80 cm<sup>2</sup>** active area
- **wire planes** with stereo angles (-5°, 0°, +5°)
- **4 segmented mylar planes** (20 μm thick)
- Gold-plated tungsten **sense** wire (20 μm)
- Copper-beryllium **field** wire (100 μm)
- **168** readout channels
- Gas mixture **Ar-CO<sub>2</sub> 85/15**

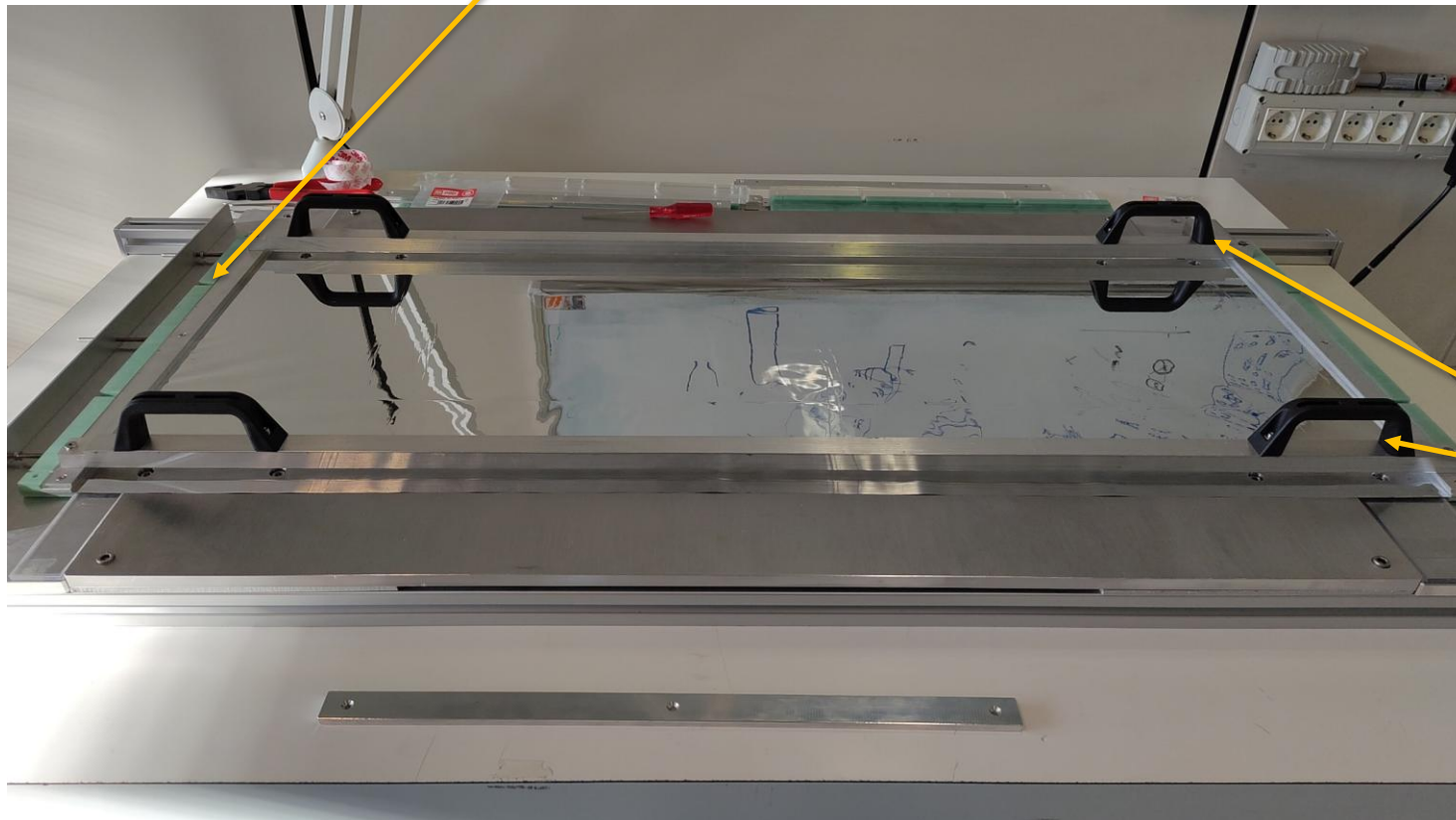


# The Assembly Setup in Bologna



# Mylar Layer – Assembly

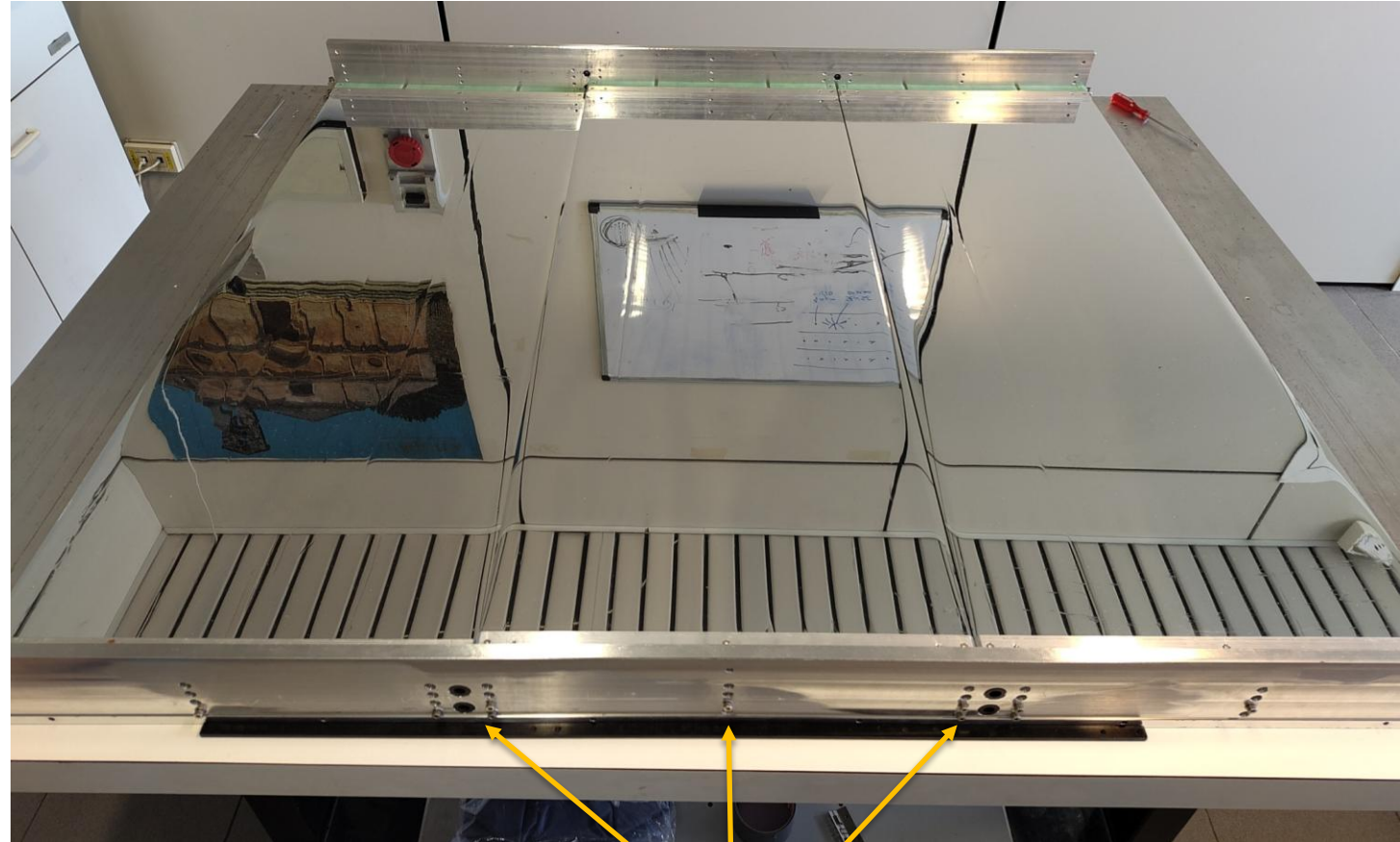
The Mylar sheet is laid on a flat plane to **avoid uneven tensions** and glued on two Stesalite bars with double-sided adhesive tape.



Tools to transfer  
Mylar sheets

# Mylar Layer – Integration

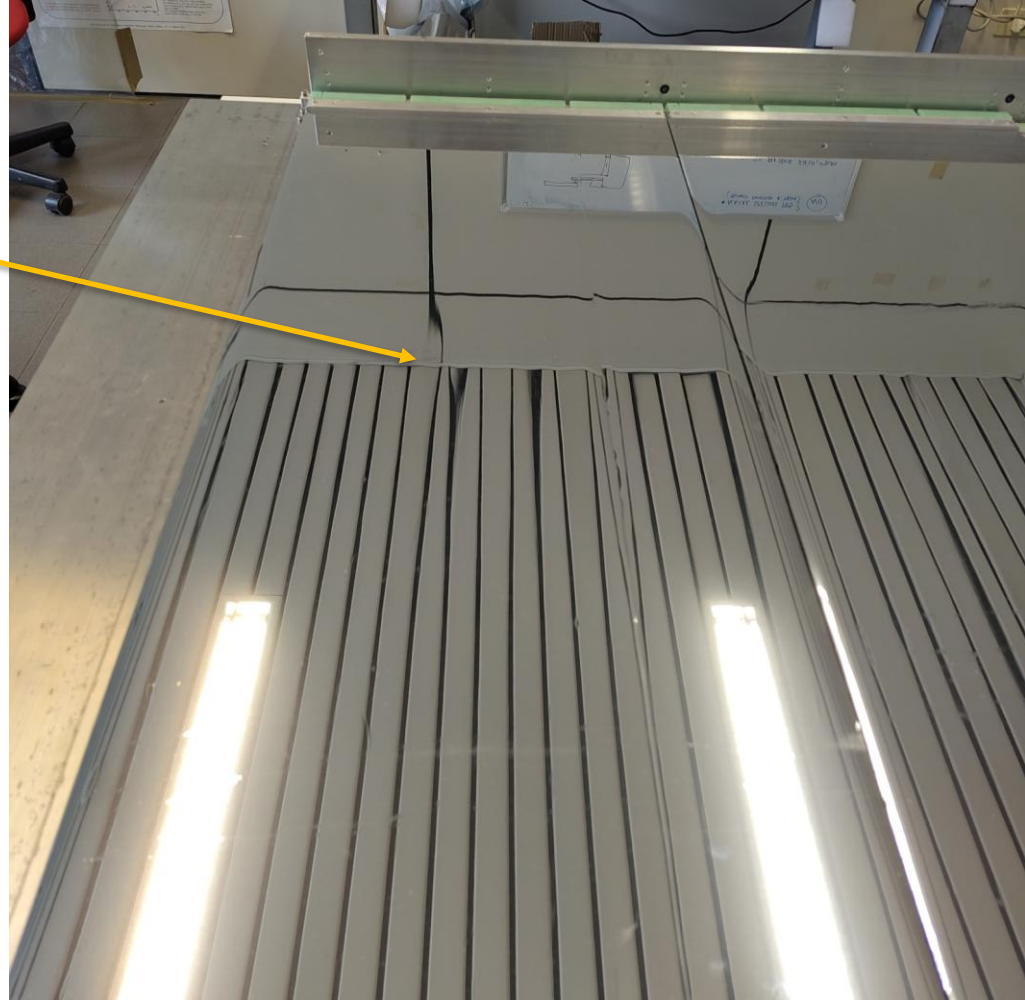
Three mylar sheets  
form a cathode  
plane



Every sheet is tensioned  
using 3 screws per side

# Mylar Layer - Tensioning

- Few **creases** appeared in the middle of the sheet during the first tests.
- Fixed:
  - I. using a **stronger adhesive** tape
  - II. by tuning the tension of Stesalite bars.



# Wire Planes

## Procedure:

1. The wire is first soldered at one end
2. A weight is applied at opposite end
3. The second wire end is soldered

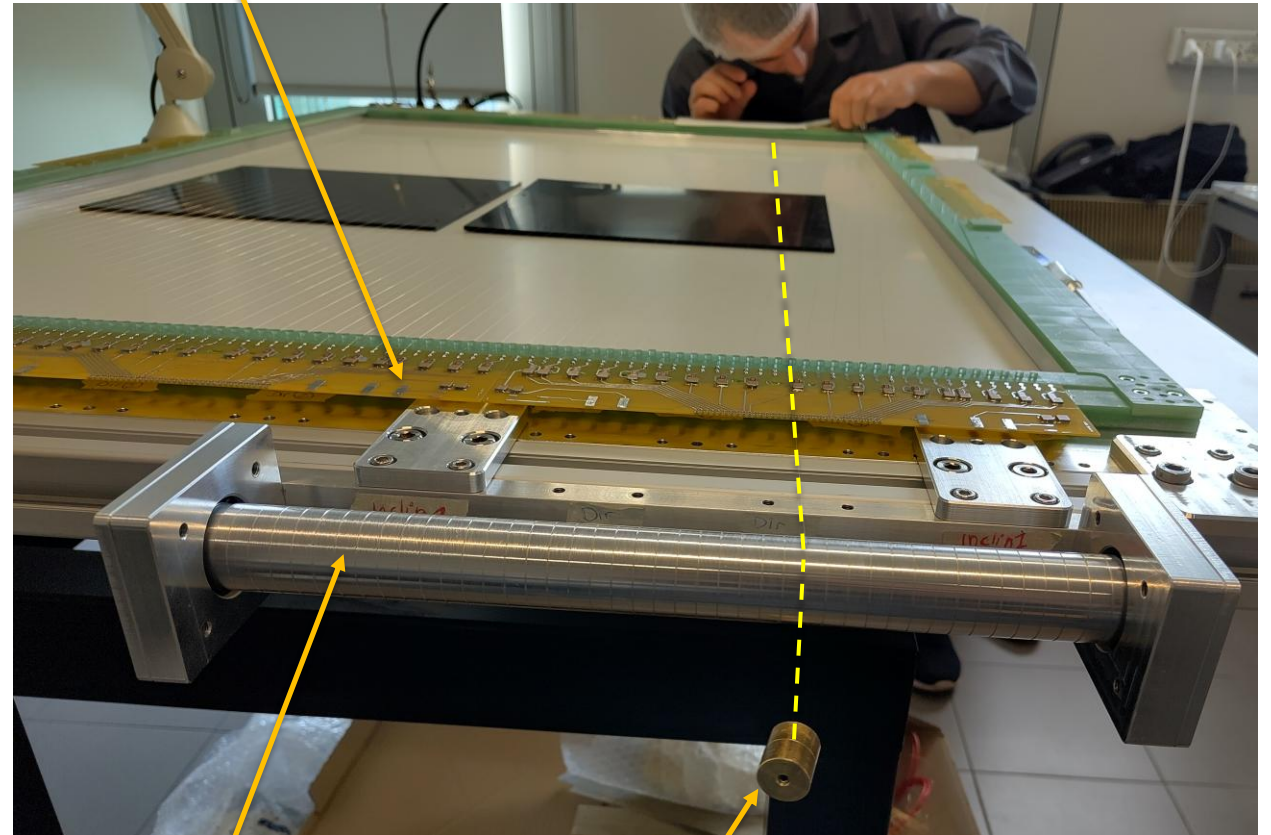
**Goal:** obtain the same *sagitta* when the DC is put in vertical position

Preliminary tests done with wires tensioned with:

- **50 g** for sense wires  
(20  $\mu\text{m}$  gold-plated tungsten)
- **250 g** for field wires  
(100  $\mu\text{m}$  copper-beryllium)

Wire board:  
HV + Readout

Thanks to D. Calabro  
for its suggestions

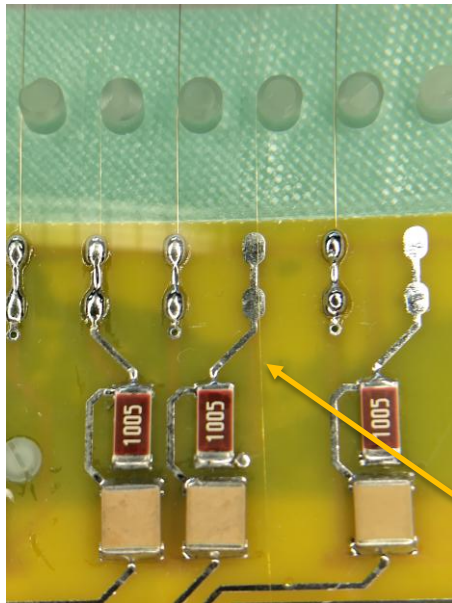


Grooved cylinder

weight

# Wire Planes

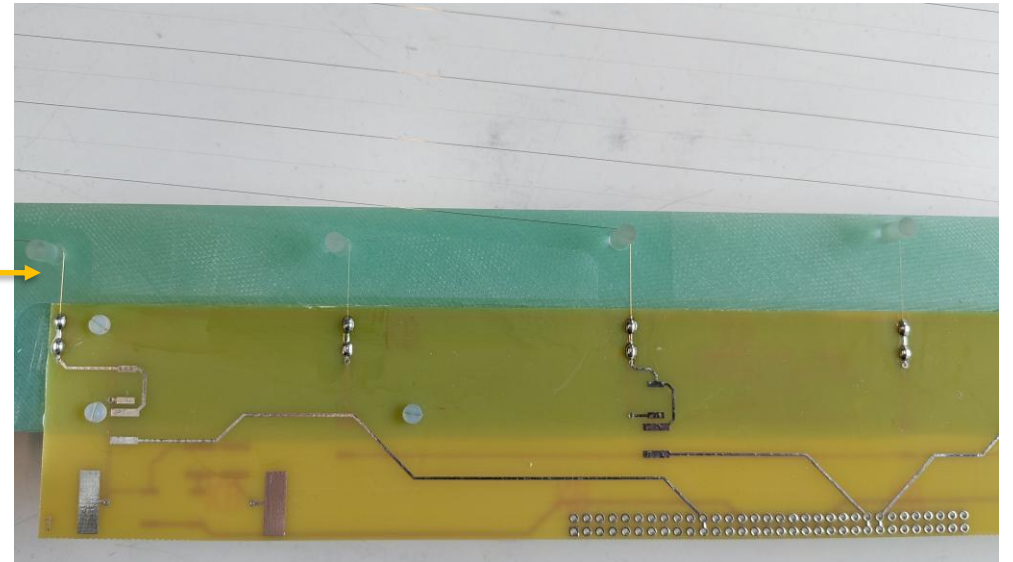
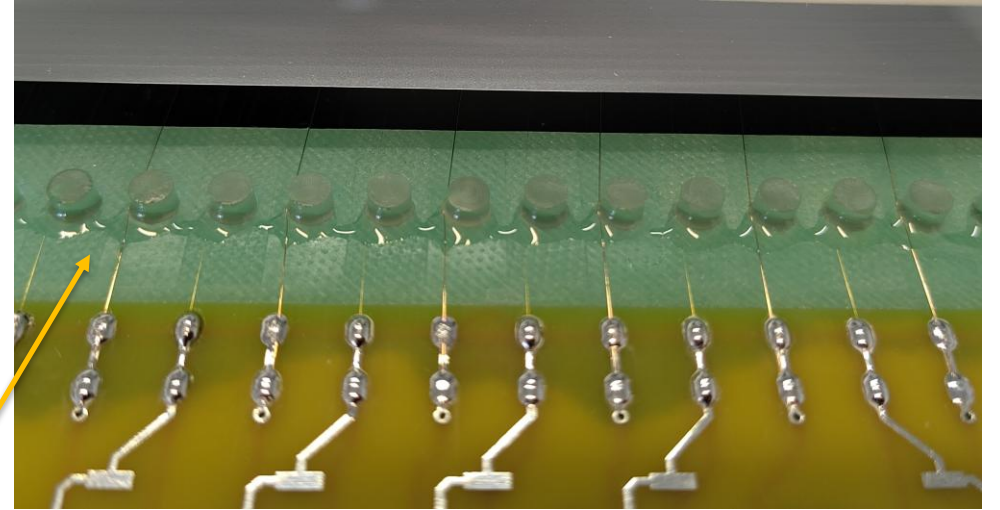
- **Plexiglass cylinders** provide a **precise positioning** for the wires
- Two solder points at both ends of each wire
- Wires and pins **glued with epoxy** (Araldite2011)



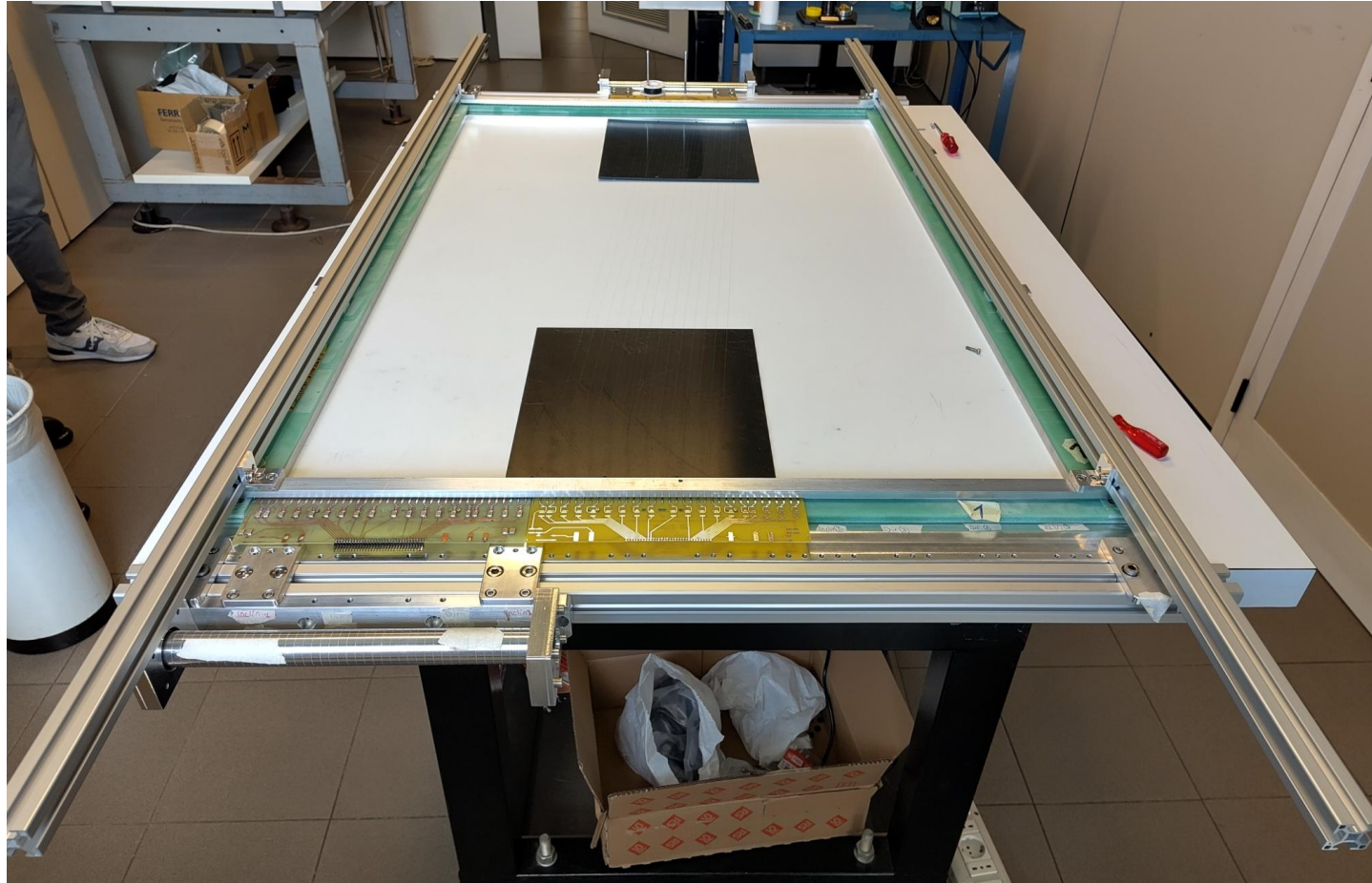
Wire ready to be welded

Inclined wires ending on the lateral bars

Epoxy glue



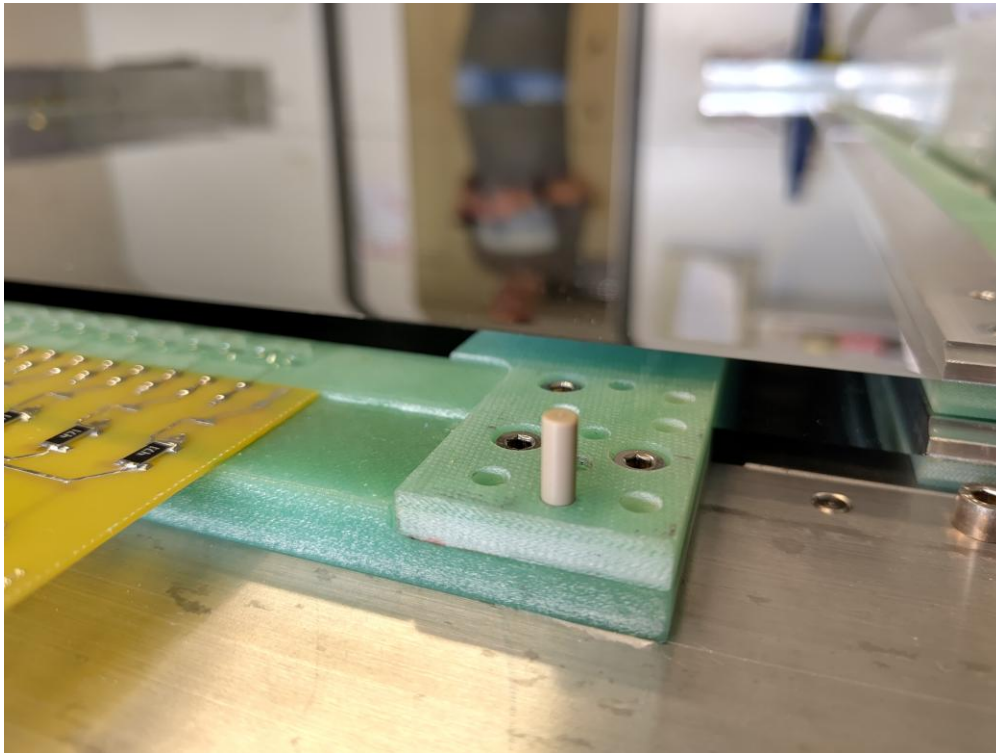
# Wire Frame Transfer



- This structure allows to **transfer a wire plane** (once completed) to the **integration table**.
- Tests performed to ensure **no dangerous deformations** are applied to the wire frame during the transfer.

# Wire Planes - Installation

- Installation of the second wire plane
- Pins made of peek are used to obtain a precise positioning

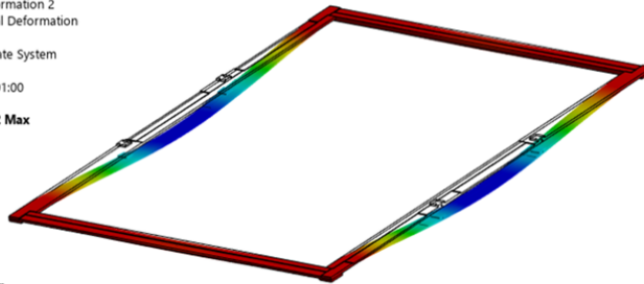


# Wire Frame Deformations

- Additional **peek pins** of 4 mm diameter are inserted in the middle of short the bars to reduce deformations due to wires tension **from 200 to 150  $\mu\text{m}$**
- Vertical deformations can be reduced **from 1.4 to 0.2 mm** by adding four **long screws** (two per side)

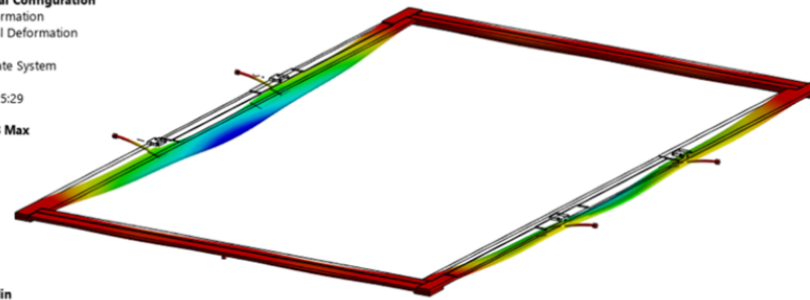
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-0.37407  
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-1.6837 Min

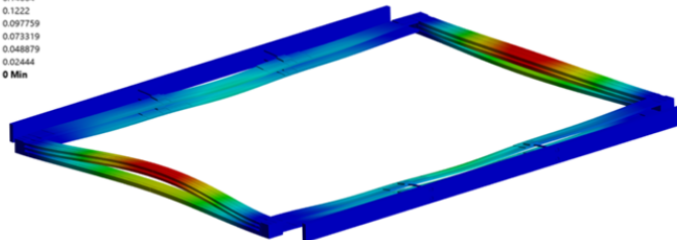


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-0.10373  
-0.11678 Min



0.21996 Max  
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0.097759  
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0 Min



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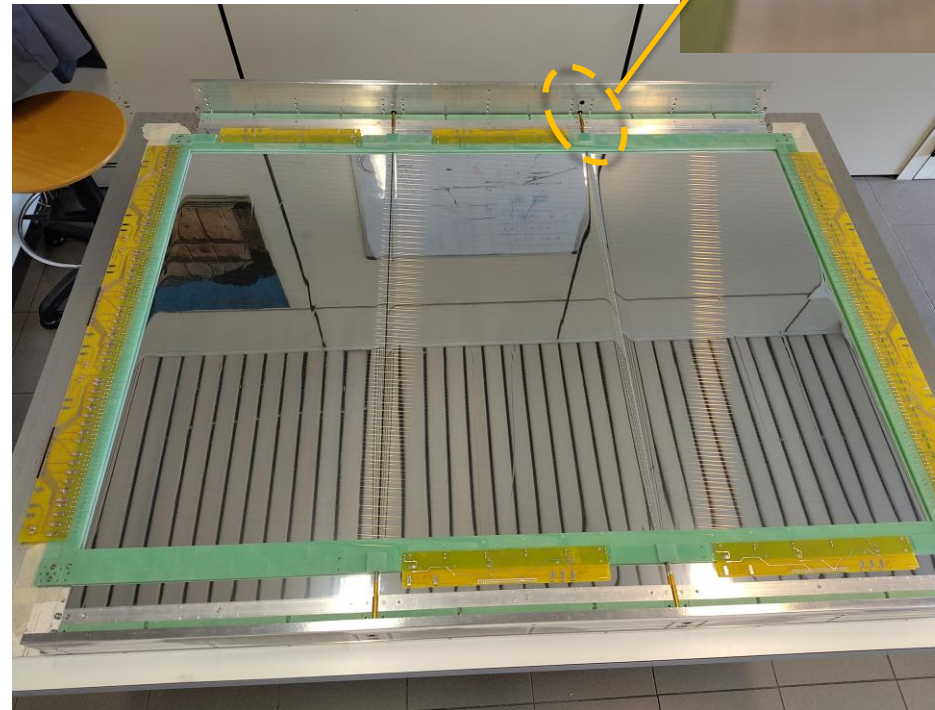
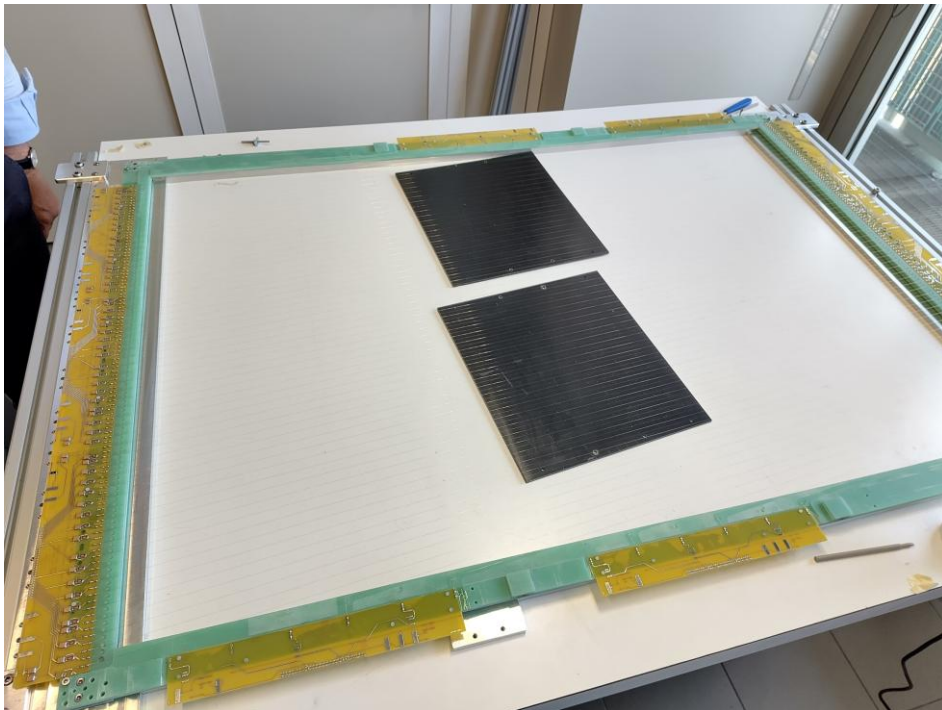
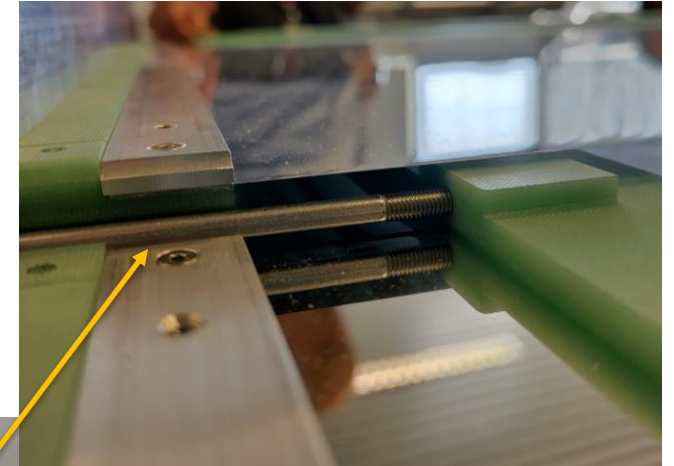
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-0.14595 Min



# Wire Planes - Installation

- 3rd wire plane just transferred to the assembly station

Long screws  
provide lateral  
support to the wire  
frame



# Wire Tension Measurement

\* Thanks to the  
DUNE Pavia group

Mechanical tension measured for sense and field wires using the resonance frequency method:

- One probe is connected at each end of the wire
- A magnet is hung at the centre of a wire
- AC current is generated by the instrument
- The frequency of the current is varied until it matches the resonance

tension

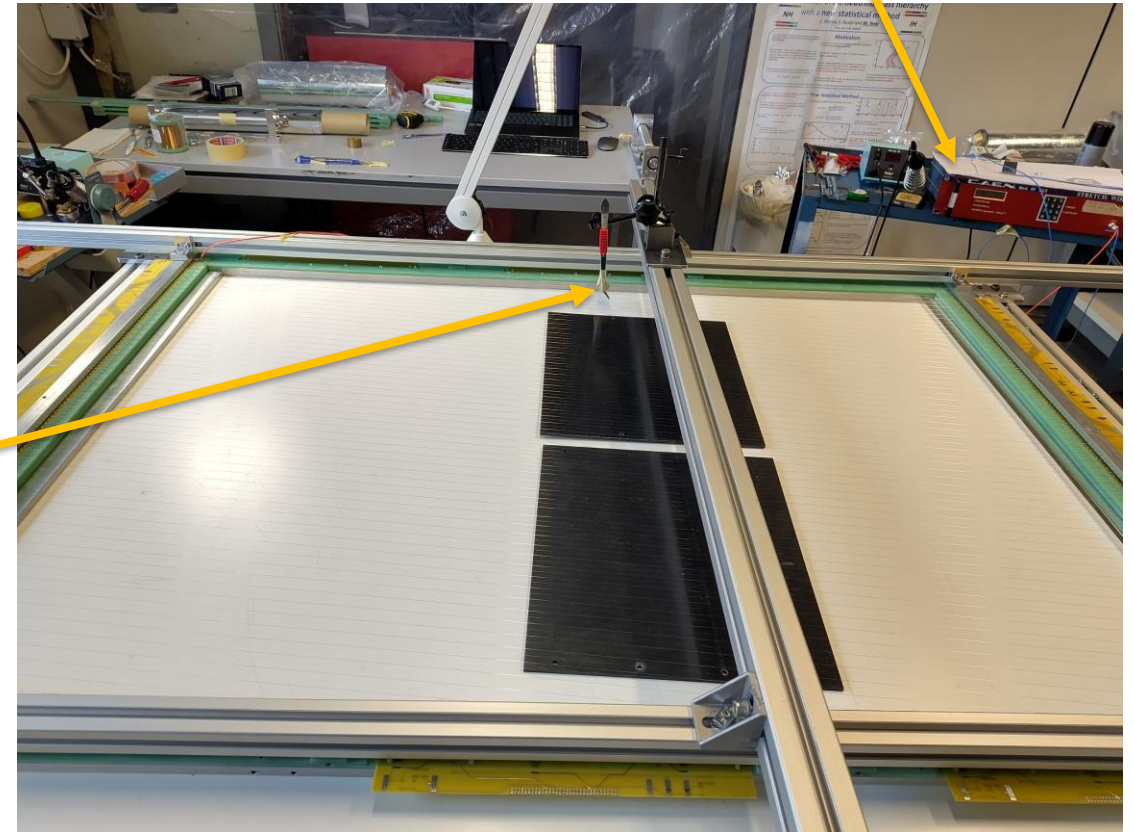
$$F = \frac{L^2 d \rho \pi}{g T^2}$$

Oscillation period

Magnet

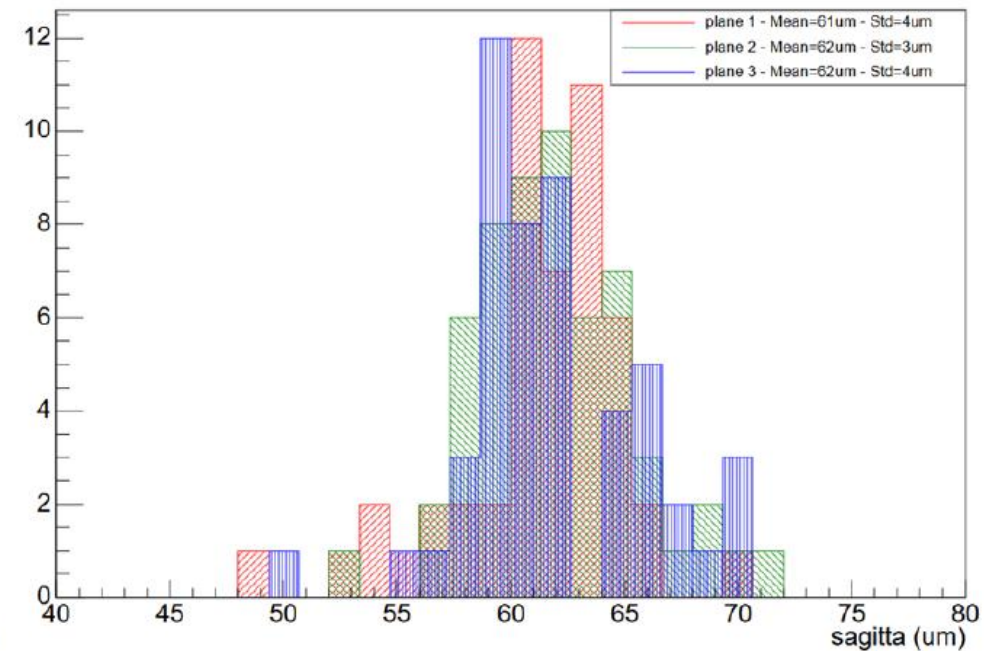
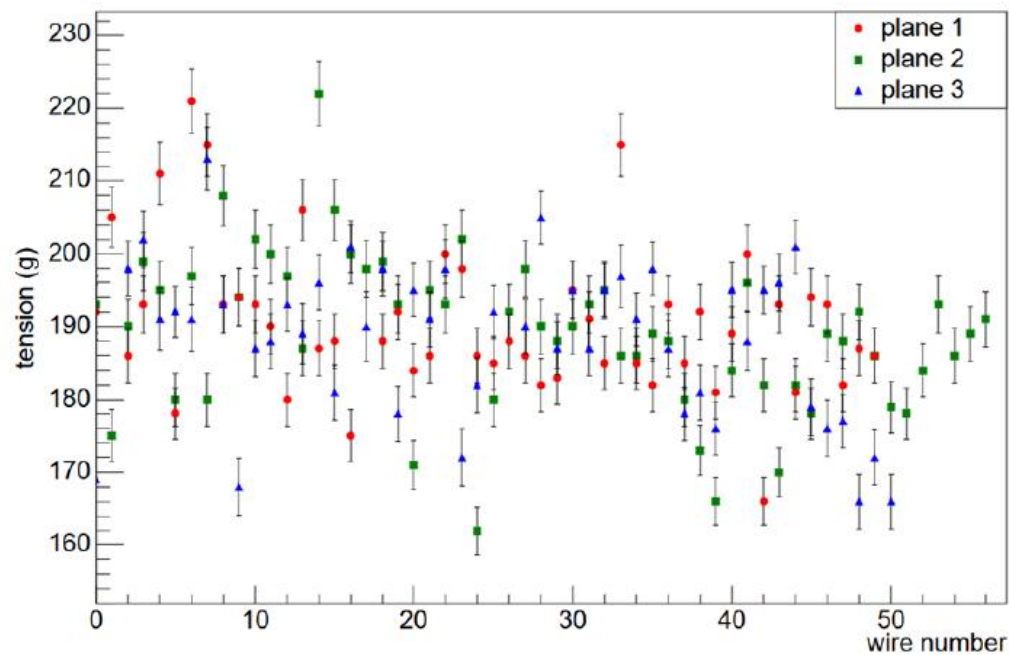


CAEN wire<sup>\*</sup>  
stretch meter



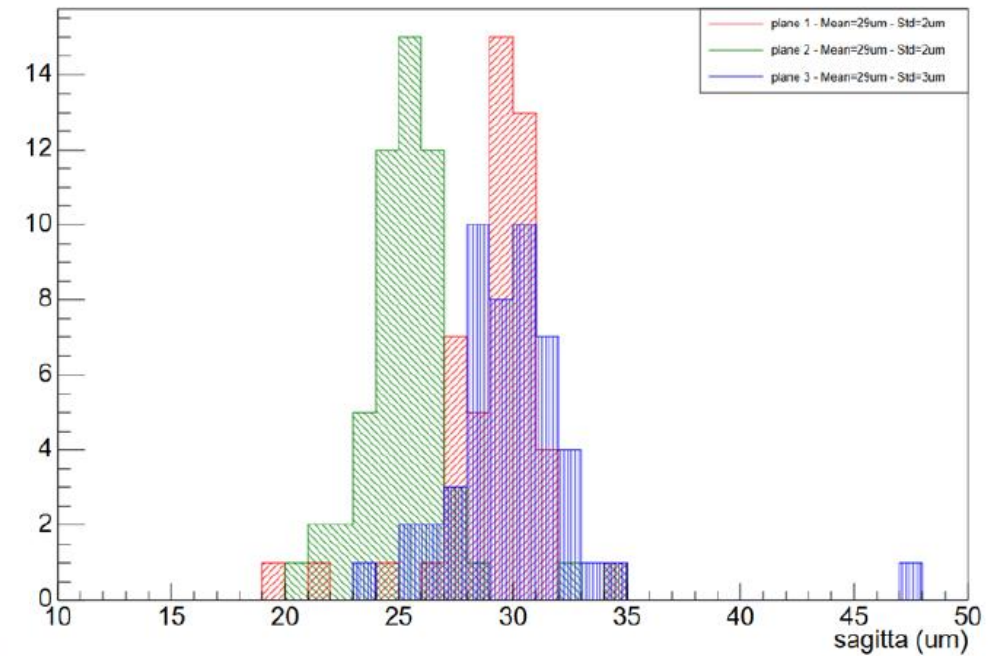
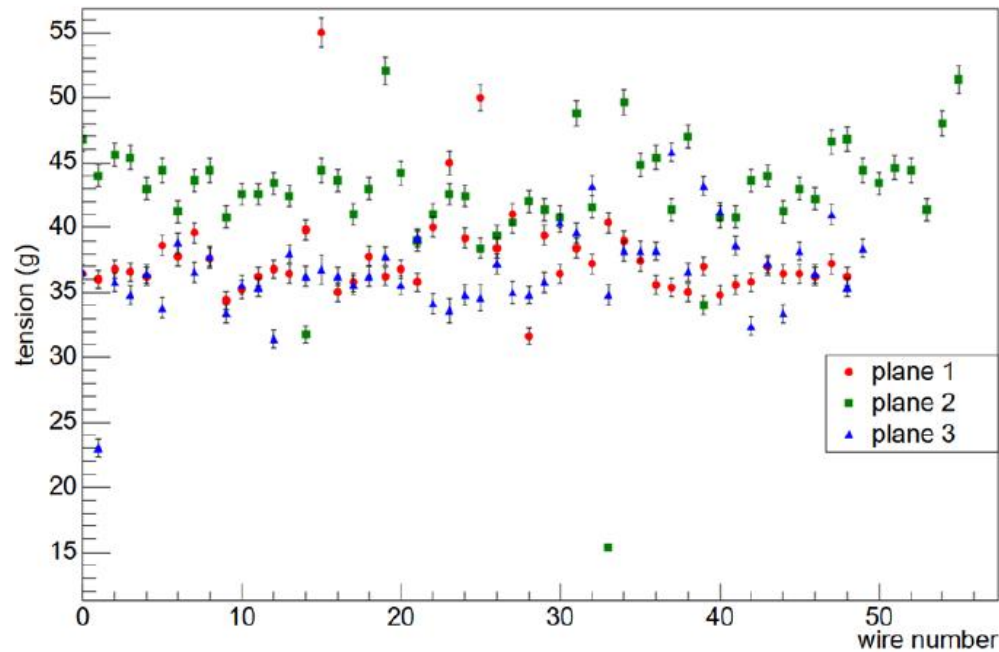
# Wire Tension Measurement

- 100  $\mu\text{m}$  field wires
- Average tension is **190 g** , 250 g expected



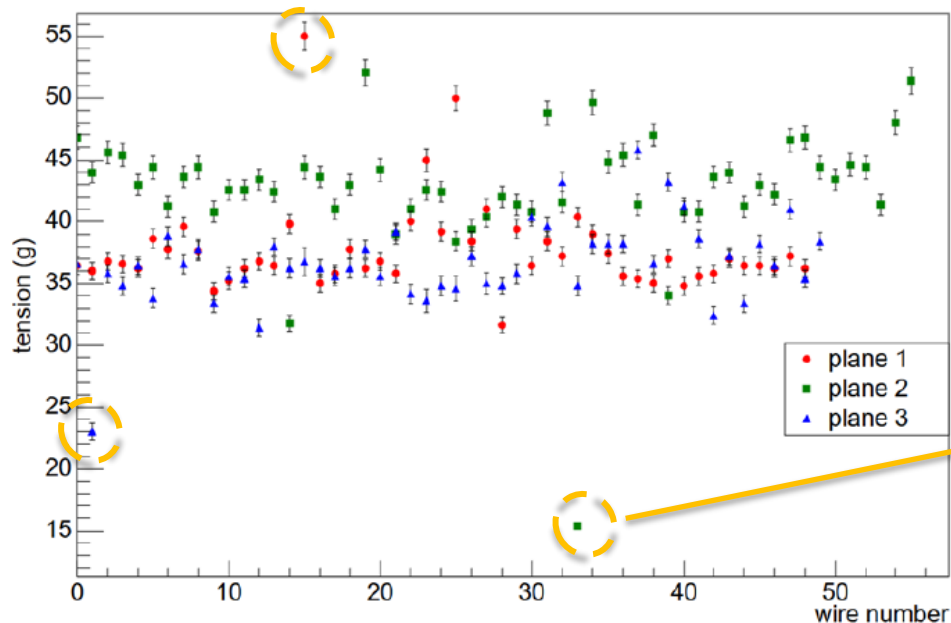
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- 20  $\mu\text{m}$  field wires
- Average tension is 40 g , 50 g expected

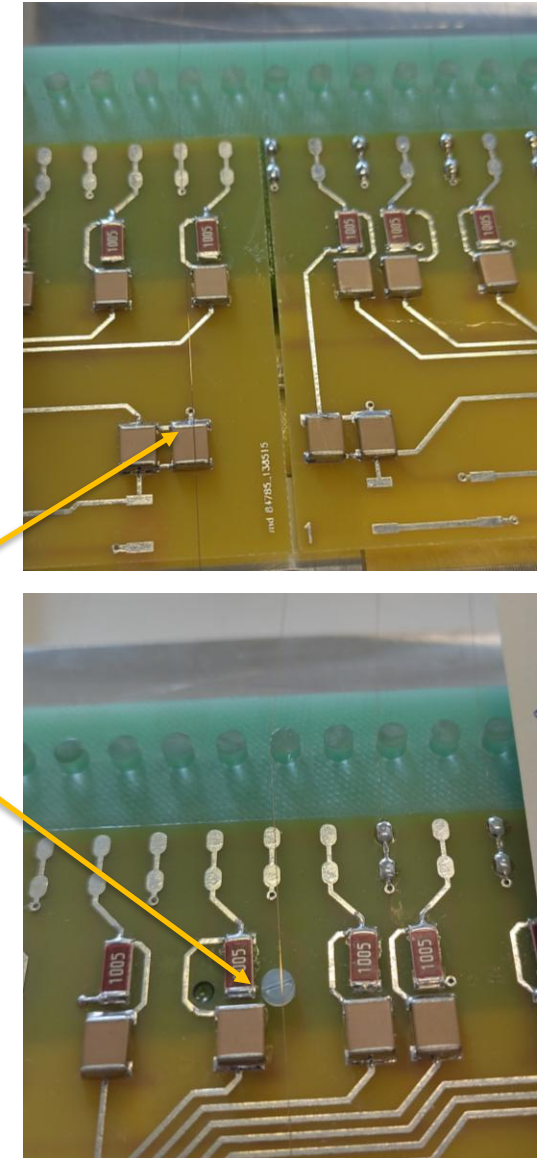


# Wire Tension Measurement

- The reduced effective mechanical tension is due to the **friction of the wire with the grooved cylinder** used during the spinning.

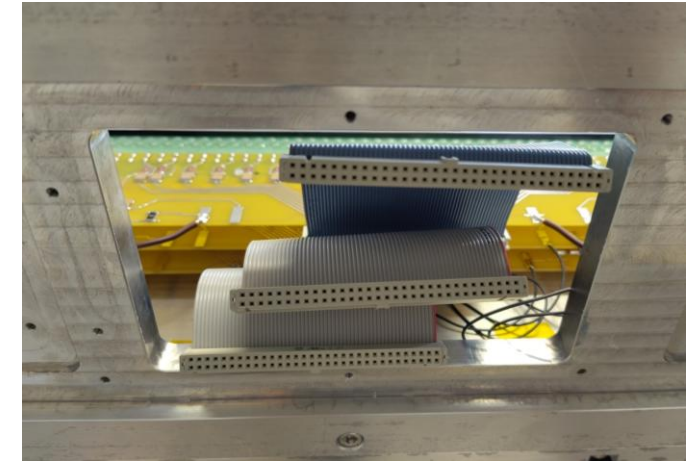


In few cases the **tensioning procedure** is **hindered** by the presence of one of the **small Teflon screws** or **components** on the PCB board

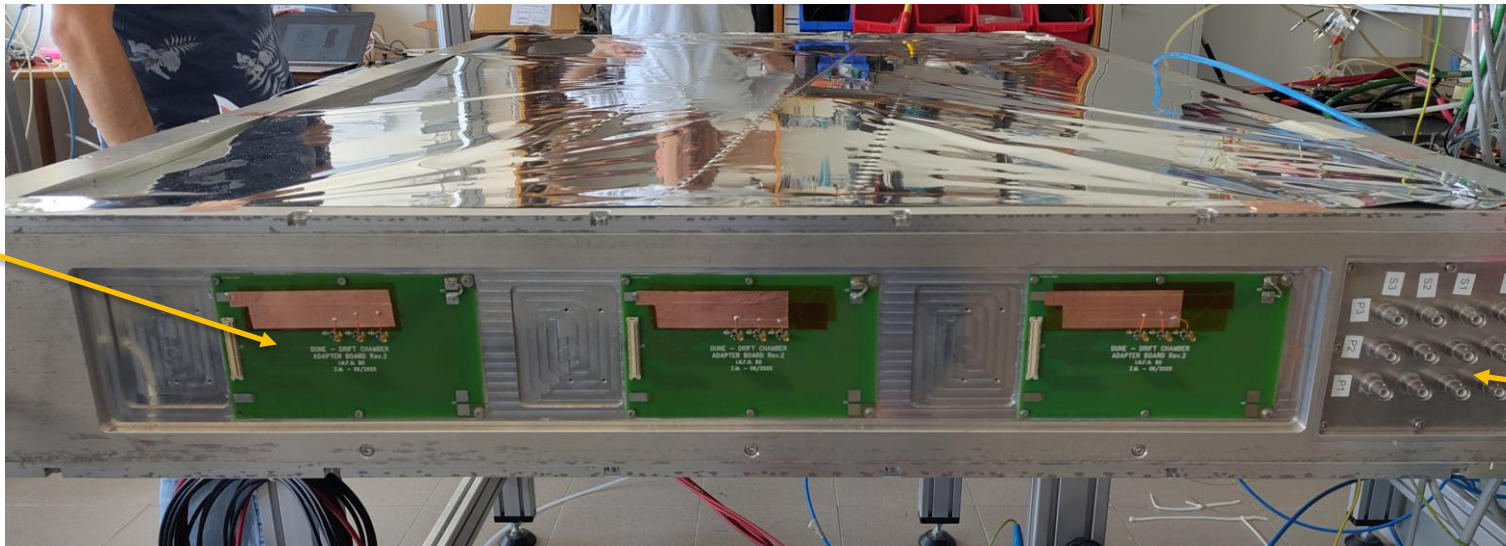


# Detector Front-End

- For the DCH, an **interface card** routes **57 channels** to a readout connector
- Every interface card reads **18 channels from each wire plane**
- **3 interface cards** are necessary to read all DCH channels

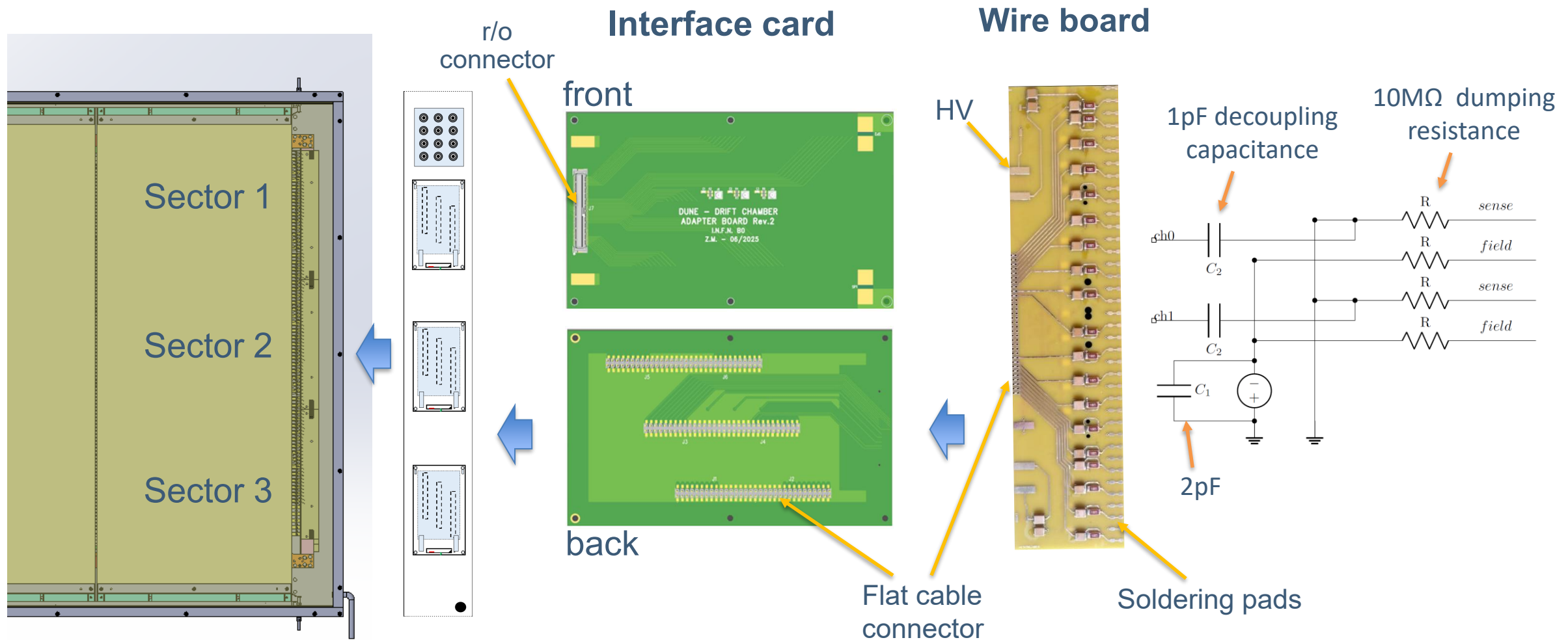


Interface card



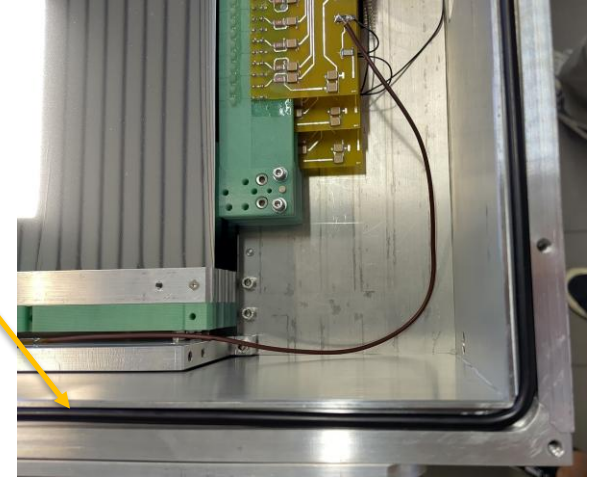
HV panel

# Detector Front-End



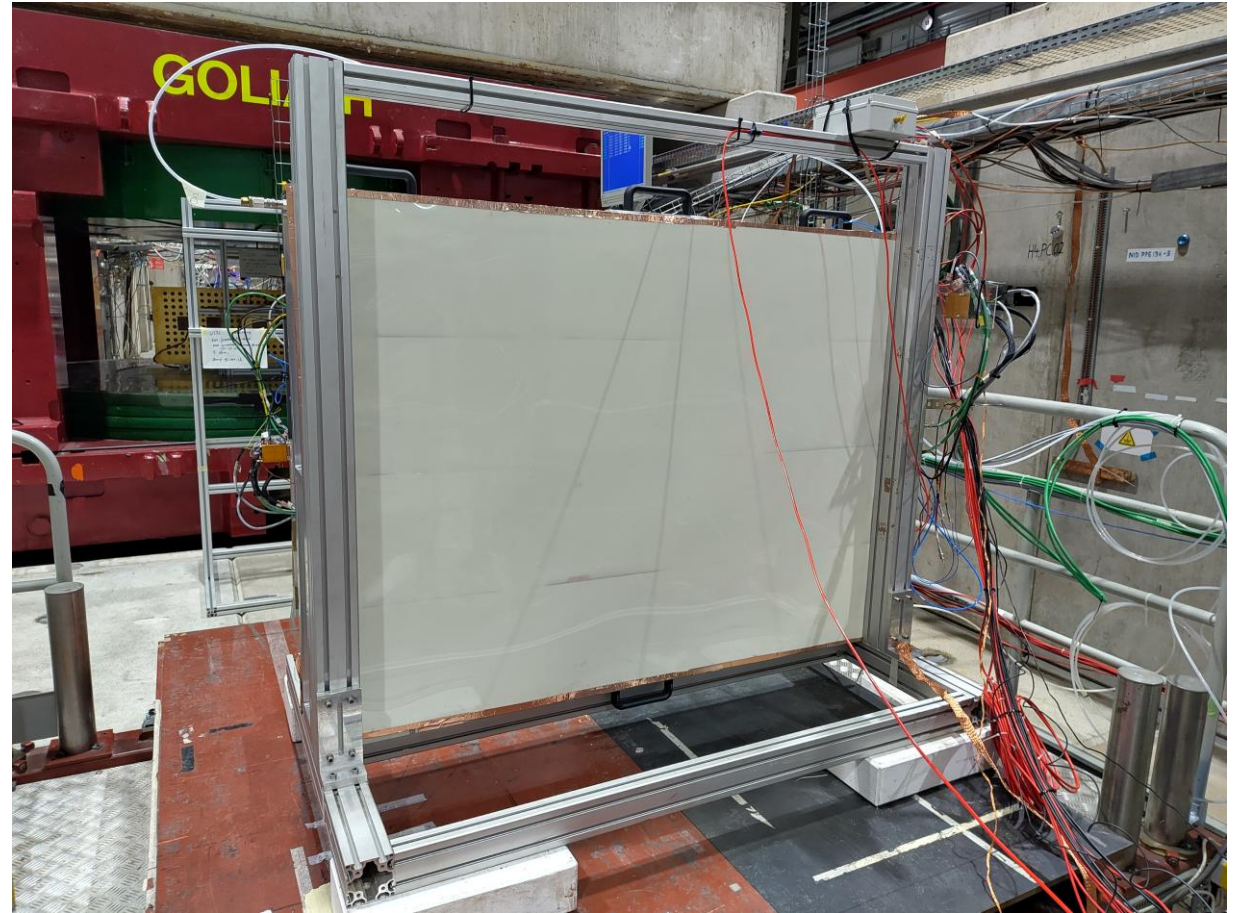
# The Final Sealing

- Chamber closed with a **300  $\mu\text{m}$  thick Mylar foil**
- Gas-tightness ensured by o-ring and silicone between metallic junctions



# Conclusions

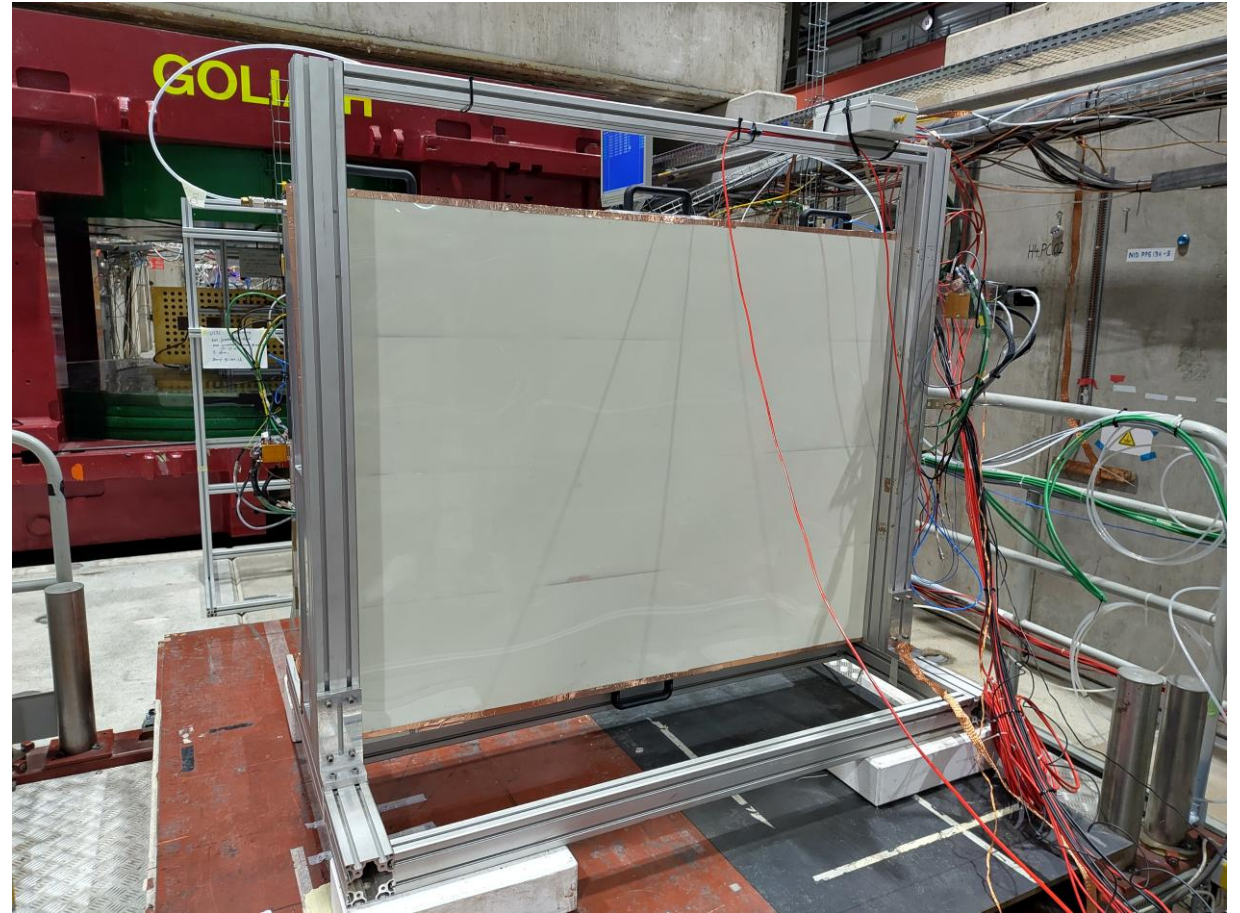
- Procurement was the most time-consuming task. The entire camera was effectively realized in 2 months.
- The wiring process **easily handled by three people** (~1.5 days / frame).
- The external box is **gas tight** but is just a temporary design.
- **Wire tension is uniform**, but the measure cannot be repeated after the sealing



# Outlooks

After the validation of this prototype, next steps could be:

- The usage of **carbon-fiber frames** will be considered
- The **design of the wire boards** must be improved
- The choice for the best glue/adhesive tape for Mylar planes and requires **long-term validation tests**
- **Start to design the full-scale tracker**



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# Thank you

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# Backup

# SAND

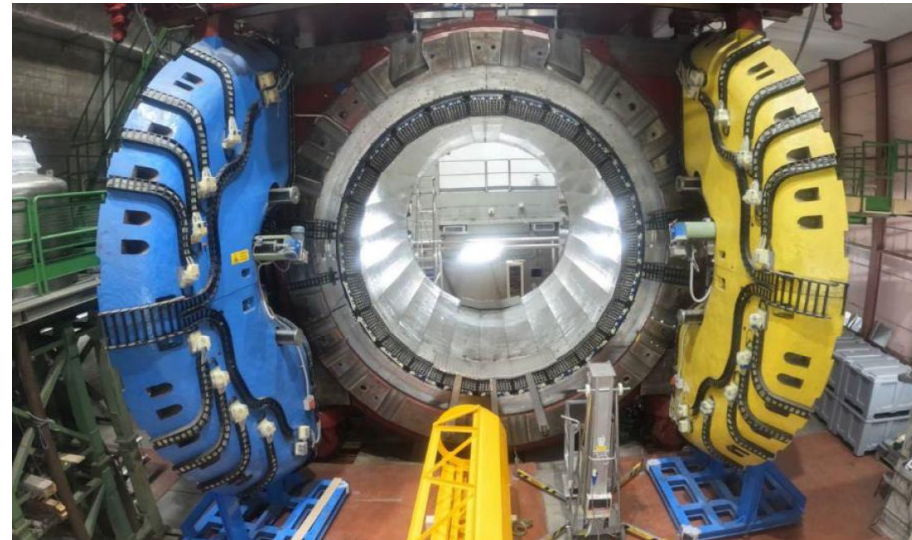
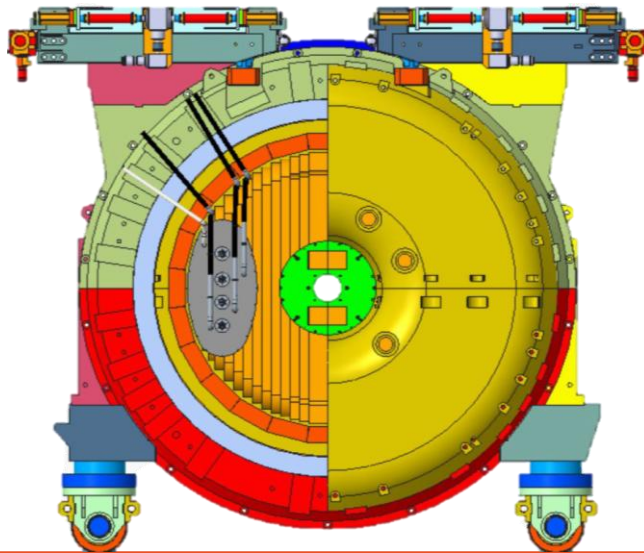
## System for on-Axis Neutrino Detection

- Permanently on-axis
- **ECAL**: Pb + scintillating fibers

$$\sigma_E/E \cong 5\%/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$$

$$\sigma_t \cong 40\text{ps}/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$$

- **GRAIN** : 1t LAr active target
- **Inner Tracker**

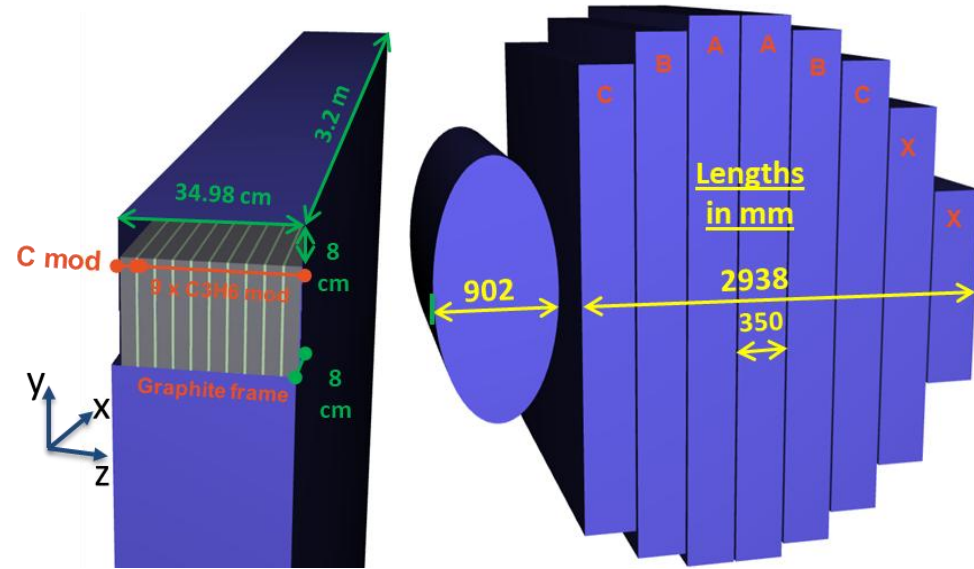


## Objectives:

- Measurement of  $\nu/\bar{\nu}$  flux (absolute and relative)
- Measurement of  $\nu$  cross sections on Ar, CH<sub>2</sub>, C ( $\rightarrow$  H)
- Calorimetry
- High precision tracking

# The Inner Tracker

- 4.7 t tracker composed of **8 super-modules**
- Each super-module contains 10 modules
  - 9 with **polypropylene** ( $C_3H_6$ ) targets, used as C-H target
  - 1 with **graphite** target
- A single module is composed by
  - a drift chamber with **3 wire planes**
  - the **target** material

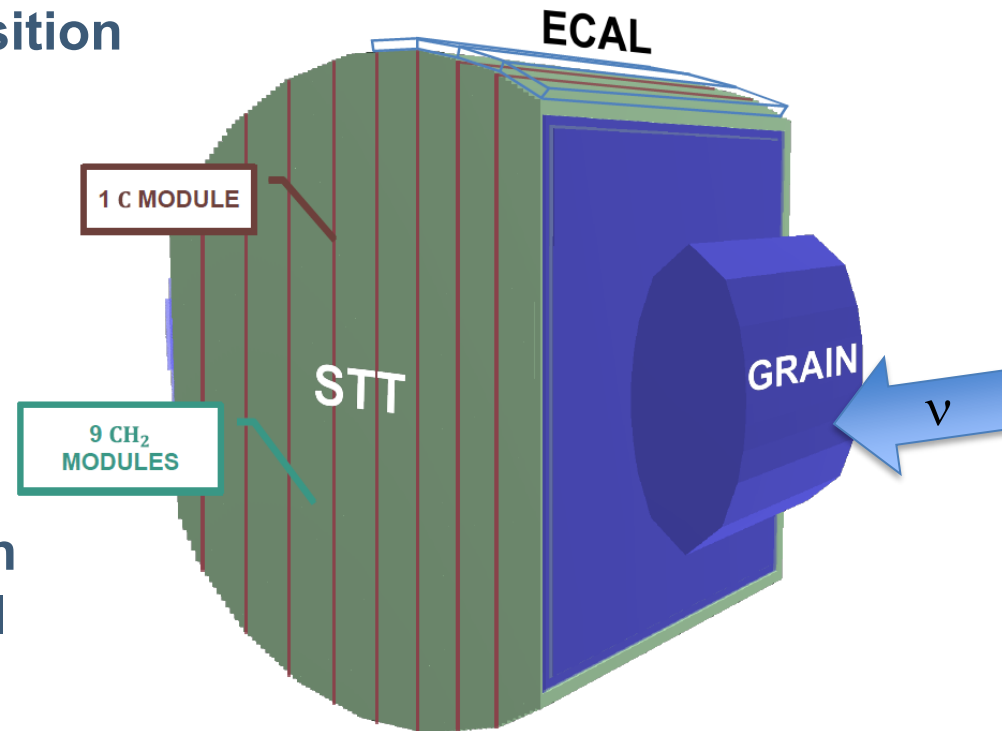


- Modules height varies **from 1.2 to 3.8 m**, for a fixed width of **3.2 m**
- **~220 drift planes**
- From  $3.6 \cdot 10^4$  to  $5.2 \cdot 10^4$  **readout channels**, depending on the cell geometry

# The Inner Tracker

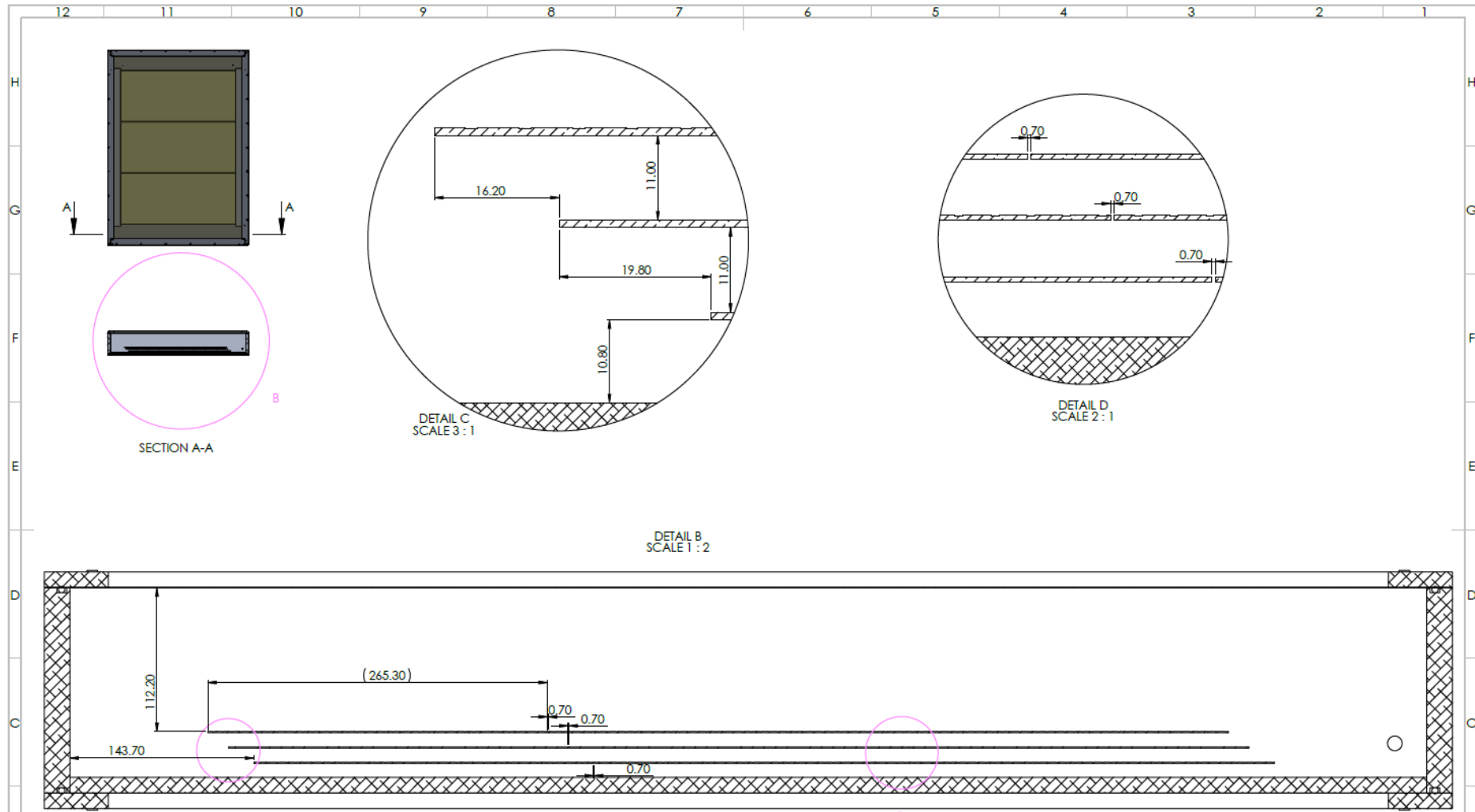
## Objectives:

- Separate **neutrino and antineutrino events** (charge ID)
- Identify **beam flavor composition**
- Measure the **energy** of **charged and neutral particles\*** ( $\pi_0$ ,  $n$ )
- **Correct systematic errors** combining H and Ar cross sections
- Localize **neutrino interaction vertices** in the target material (precision < 5 cm)
- Timing resolution < **10 ns**



\* with the help of the calorimeter

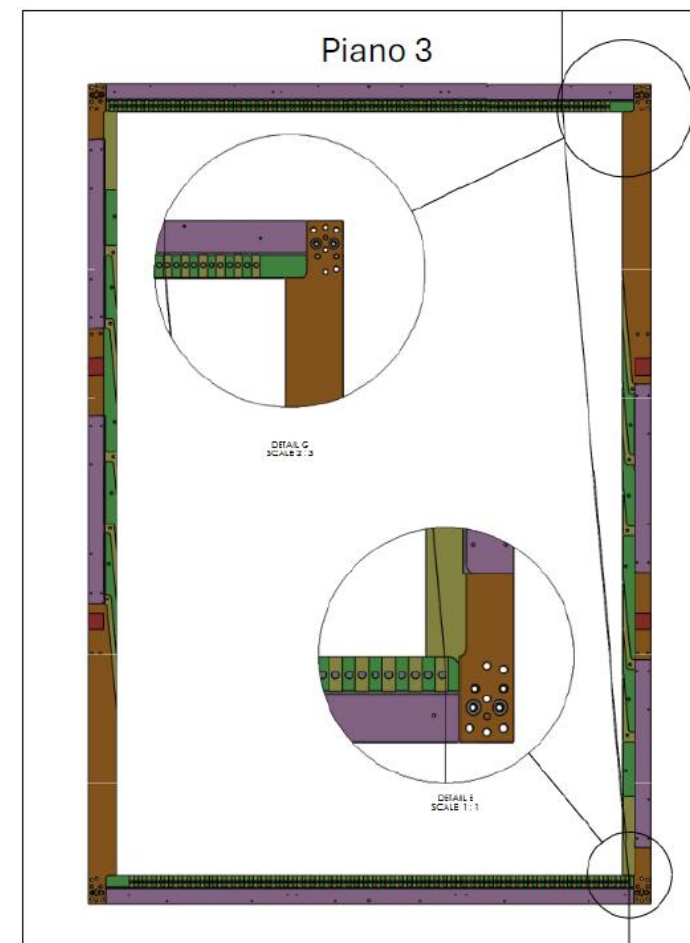
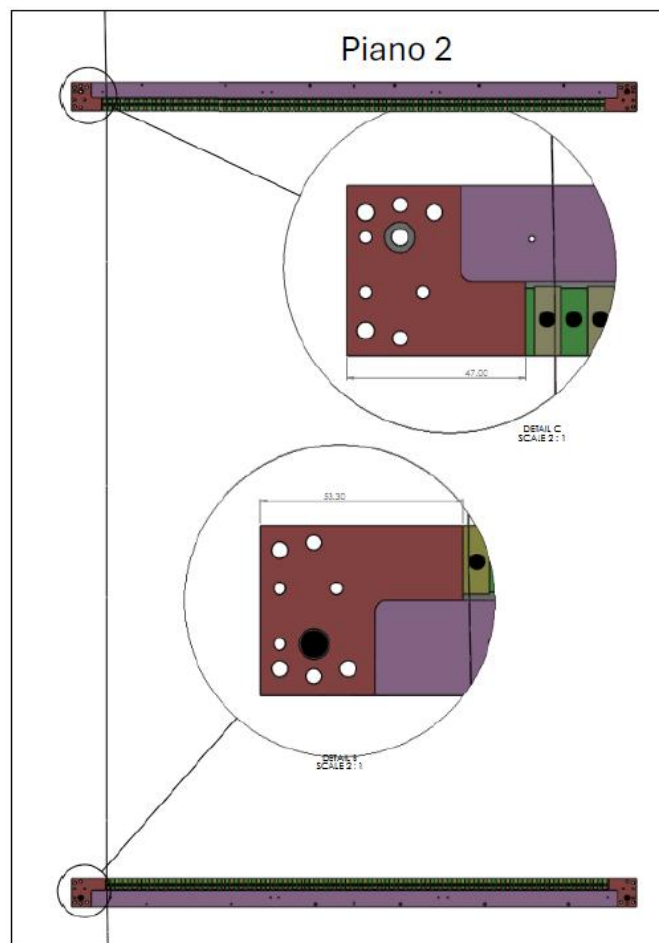
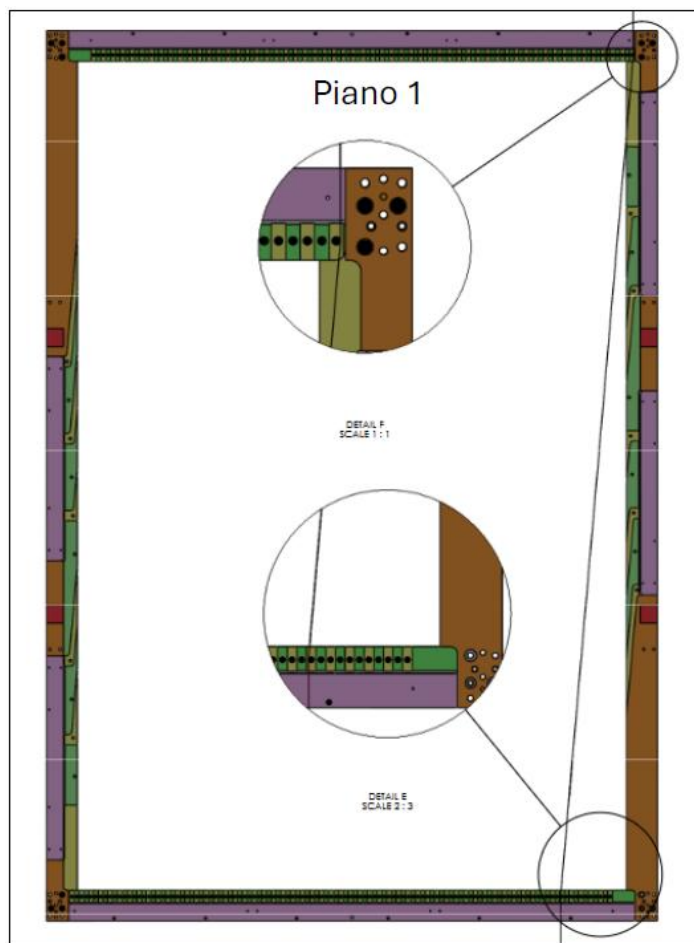
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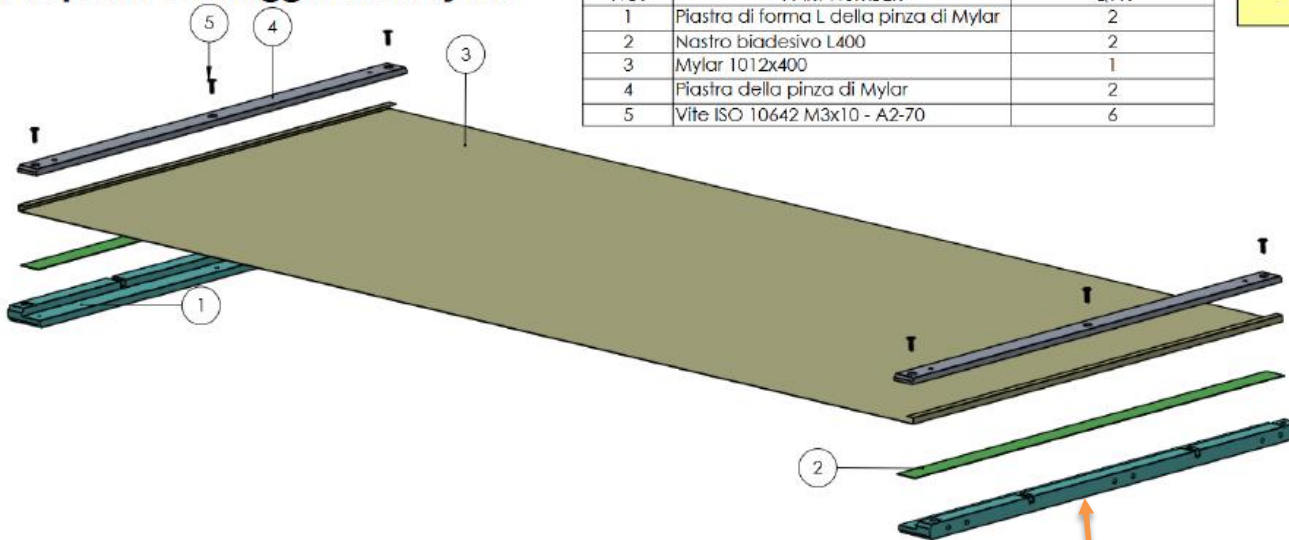


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## Prepara: Serraggio del Mylar



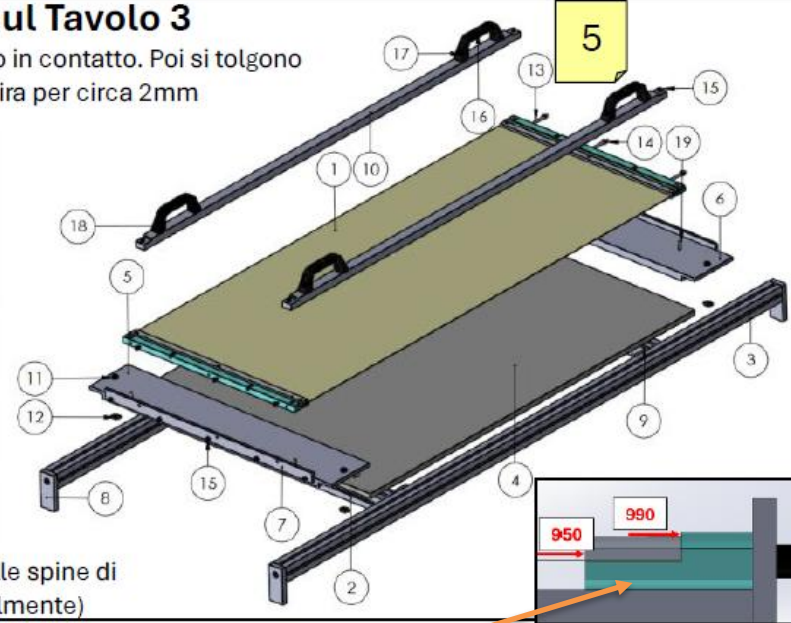
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## Montaggio del Mylar sul Tavolo 3

In modo rilassato No. 4,5, e 6 sono in contatto. Poi si tolgono le due spine (No. 19) da No.6 e si tira per circa 2mm

| NO. | PART NUMBER                        | QTY. |
|-----|------------------------------------|------|
| 1   | Serraggio del Mylar                | 1    |
| 2   | Bosch 30x30 L500                   | 2    |
| 3   | Bosch 30x30 L1300                  | 2    |
| 4   | Piastra di supporto sotto il mylar | 1    |
| 5   | Piastra di Montaggio del Mylar     | 1    |
| 6   | Piastra di Montaggio del Mylar 2   | 1    |
| 7   | Lastra Montaggio Mylar             | 2    |
| 8   | Linguette Montaggio Mylar          | 4    |
| 9   | Stoffa angolare                    | 4    |
| 10  | Piastra del Trasporto di Mylar     | 2    |
| 11  | Vite ISO 4762 - M6x16 - A2-70      | 16   |
| 12  | 2768170 (Dado 8)                   | 12   |
| 13  | Barra filettata M4 x 55            | 3    |
| 14  | Dado ISO 4032 M4 - 10              | 3    |
| 15  | Vite ISO 4762 - M4x16 - A2-70      | 12   |
| 16  | 456589 (Maniglia)                  | 4    |
| 17  | Vite ISO 4762 - M5x20 - A2-70      | 8    |
| 18  | Dado ISO 4032 M5 - 9               | 8    |
| 19  | Spina ISO 2338 - 4 h6x20           | 4    |

Per comodità si possono usare delle spine di h7 invece da m6 (per toglierli facilmente)



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