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# sPHENIX and EIC tracker development

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- EIC introduction
- Development to lower radiation length  $X_0$  of micromegas
- Zigzag readout R&D for MPGD
- TPOT : sPHENIX TPC Outer Tracker monitoring with Micromegas

Brookhaven National Laboratory, NY, USA

Two polarized beams:

- **Electron** beam: 5-20 GeV
- **Ion** beam : 40-250 GeV
- e+p center-of-mass : 20-140 GeV
- Luminosity :  $10^{33}$ - $10^{34}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>

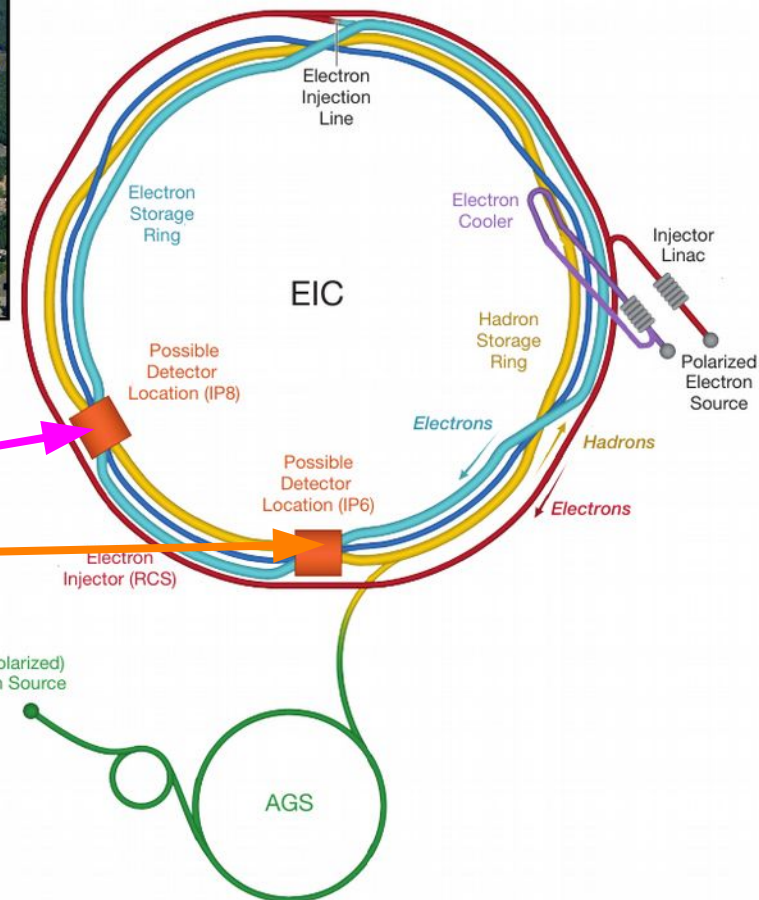
Broad nuclear and hadron physics program :

- Nucleon structure, QCD, hadronization, spin physics...

Two experiments located at **IP8/IP6**

Construction in 2025, **expected first beam 2030**

Today: CD-1 stage → targeting R&D starting now

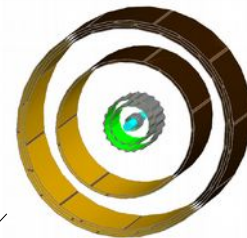


# EIC : Proposal of a Micromegas tracker

## Cylindrical tracker at CLAS12 (JLAB)

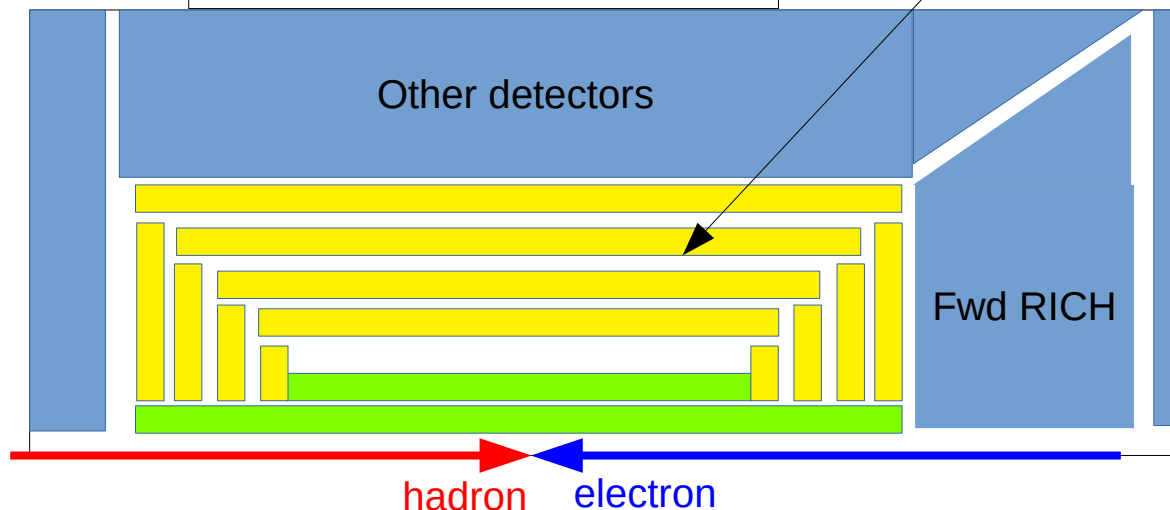
- 6 cylindrical Micromegas layers
- $\sim 4\text{m}^2$ , 24k channels readout
- **Low momentum proton**  
→ 0.4% of  $X_0$  per layer

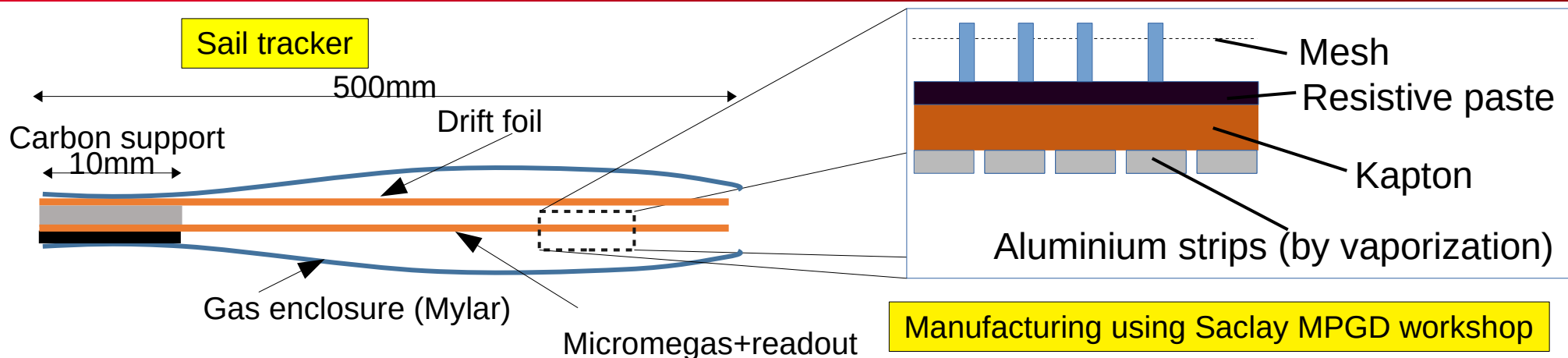
- **EIC** → **low momentum electrons**
- Require  $X/X_0 < 5\%$  overall, **3% max** for 6 layers MPGD
- Micromegas as **Barrel**
- Barrel baseline: **5 Silicon layers + 6 Micromegas layers**
- Required **2D readout** (diamond like from zigzag)



CLAS12 barrel and 5 tiles in the background

## EIC detector : Si+MPGD at IP6





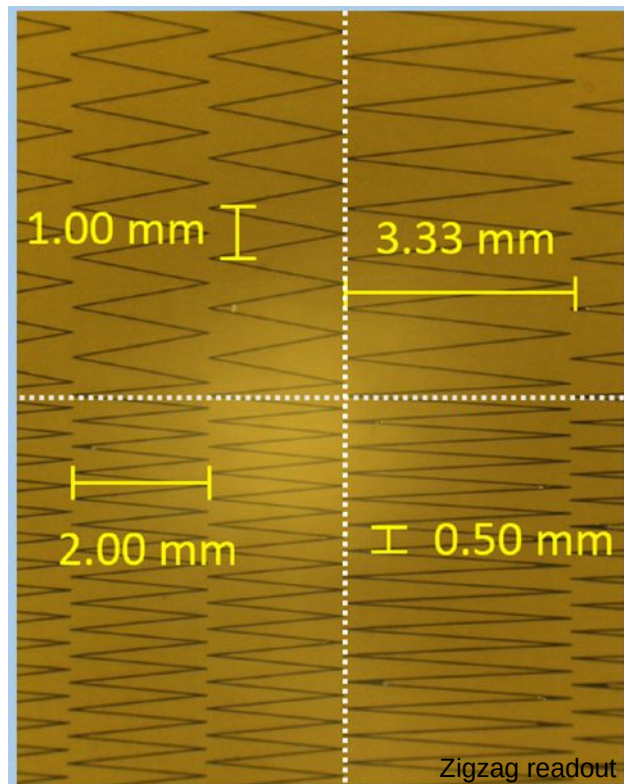
Challenging goal: Factor 10 from CLAS12  
(0.4% → 0.04% X0)

Year	Barrel Micromegas Tracker (BMT)
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full simulation design</li> <li>Stretch bulked Kapton demonstrator</li> </ul>
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aluminium based strips</li> <li>Thin aluminium mesh manufactured with laser ablation</li> <li>Design of cylindrical Micromegas tracker structure within EIC detector</li> </ul>
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prototype of ultralight Micromegas construction</li> <li>Cylindrical 2D readout Micromegas construction</li> </ul>

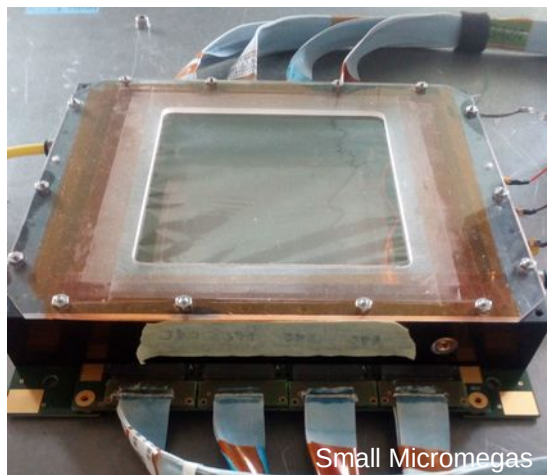
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## 1. Zigzag patterns



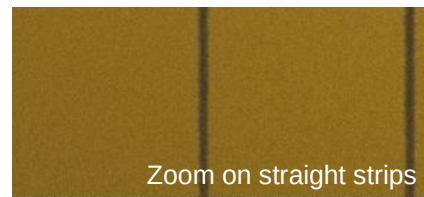
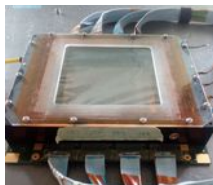
## 2. 10x10cm<sup>2</sup> detectors with ~100 different patterns (2019)



## 3. 40x40cm<sup>2</sup> full size zigzag Micromegas (2021, test beam ongoing). **Big Zigzag (BIZ).**

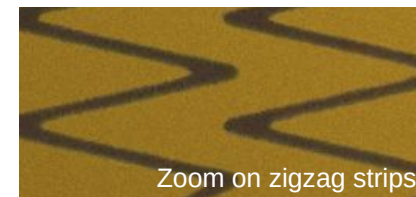


- ▶ FNAL test beam **2019**:
- ▶ 10x10cm<sup>2</sup> active area
- ▶ 100 different zigzag patterns
- ▶ Ar: Iso(9505)
- ▶ Amplification E field of 31kV/cm



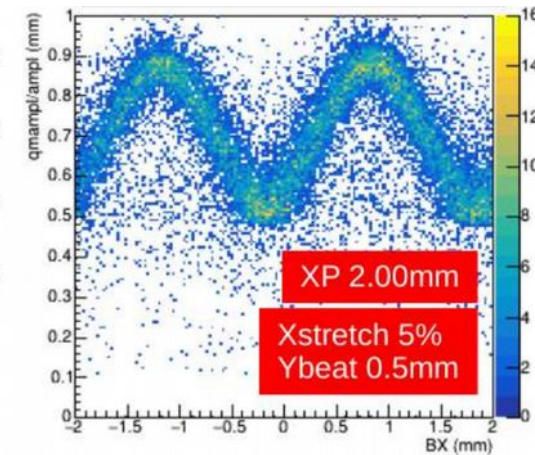
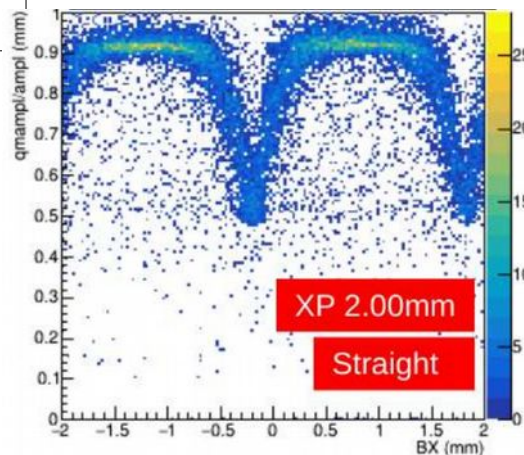
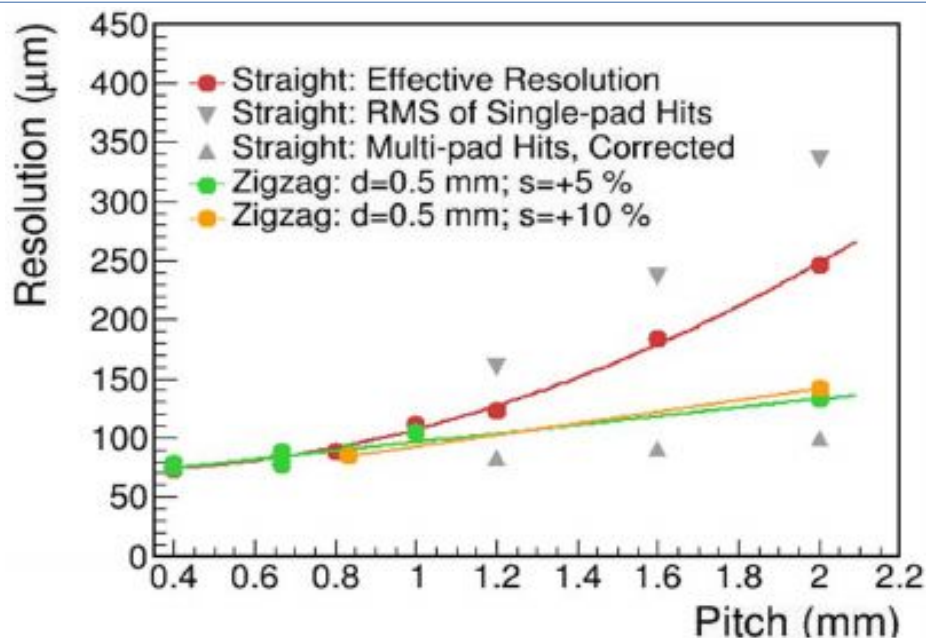
Zoom on straight strips

Almost no charge sharing for straight strips



Zoom on zigzag strips

Charge sharing improved for zigzag pattern



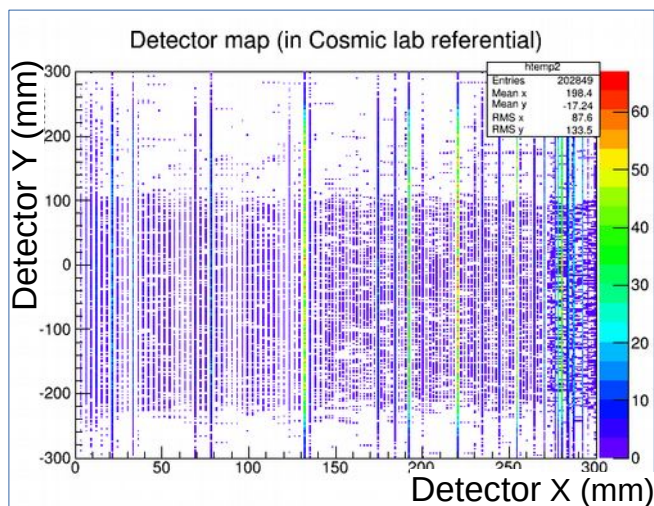
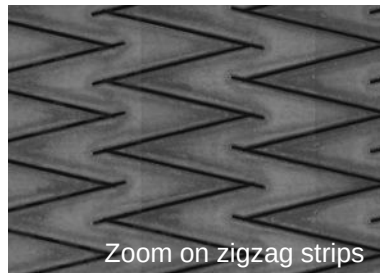
Max charge per total charge of cluster, along the strips

**Spatial resolution less dependant wrt the pitch**  
**Improvement for large pitch : 150μm with 2mm pitch**

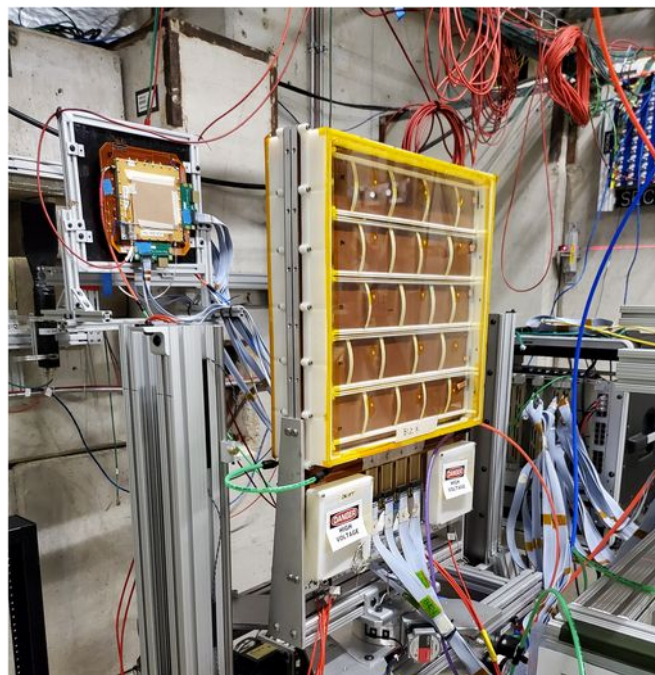


40x40cm BIZ detectors → capacitance test

Much larger capacitance  
than straight strips



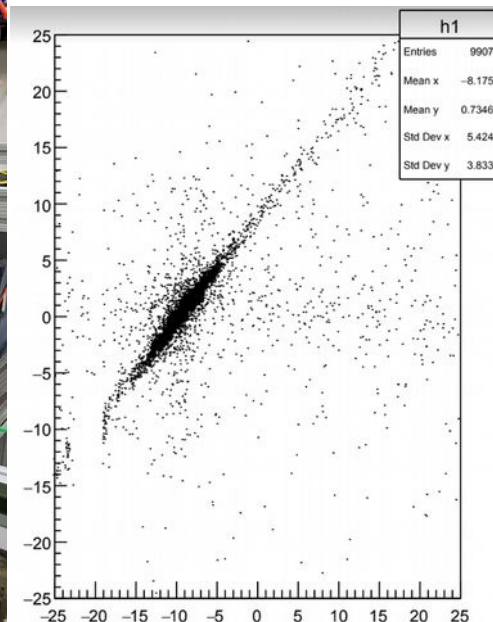
BIZ cosmic map



Ongoing Test Beam at Fermilab  
from BNL colleagues

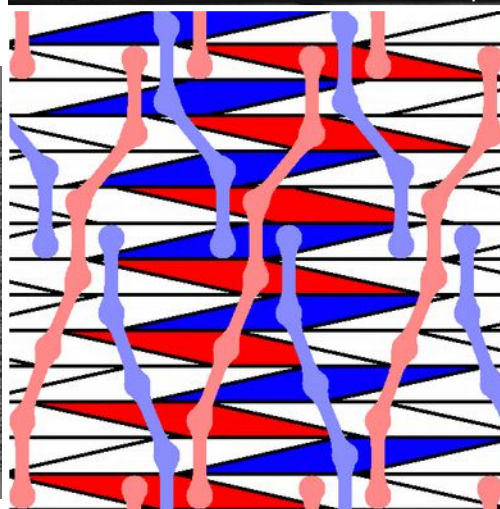
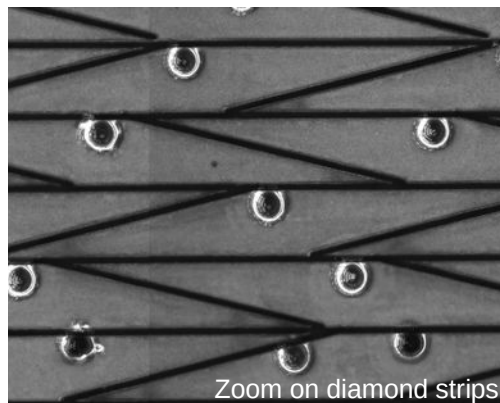
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**PRELIMINARY  
RESULTS**



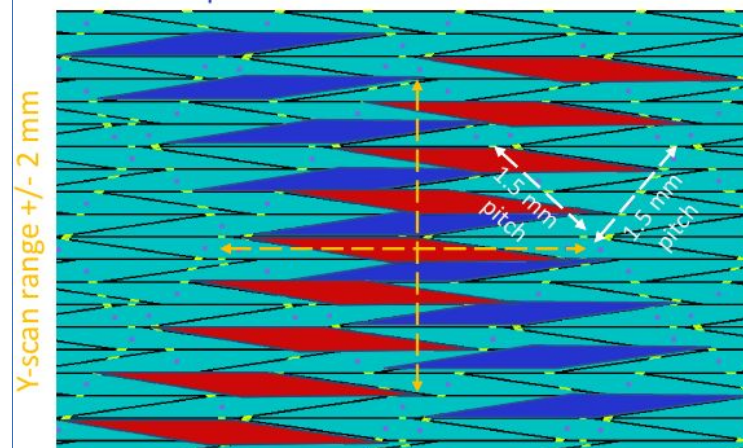
Tracks correlation

- 1x1cm<sup>2</sup> patterns on 10x10cm<sup>2</sup> detector
- Laser etched
- Different settings (angle, pitch...)
- Currently tested with proton beam at Fermilab



4-GEM tested with X-ray gun at BNL

U-strip



V-strip

X-scan range +/- 2 mm

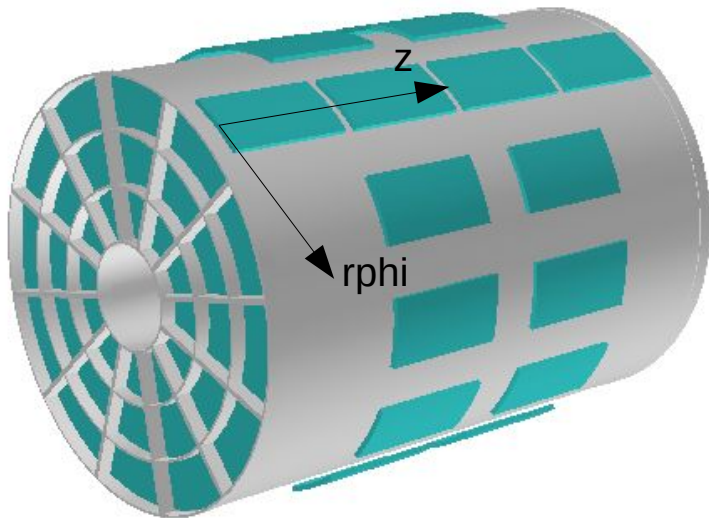
- Residuals ~75μm
- Pitch of 1.5mm

Presented at TIPP 2021 by Alexander Kiselev

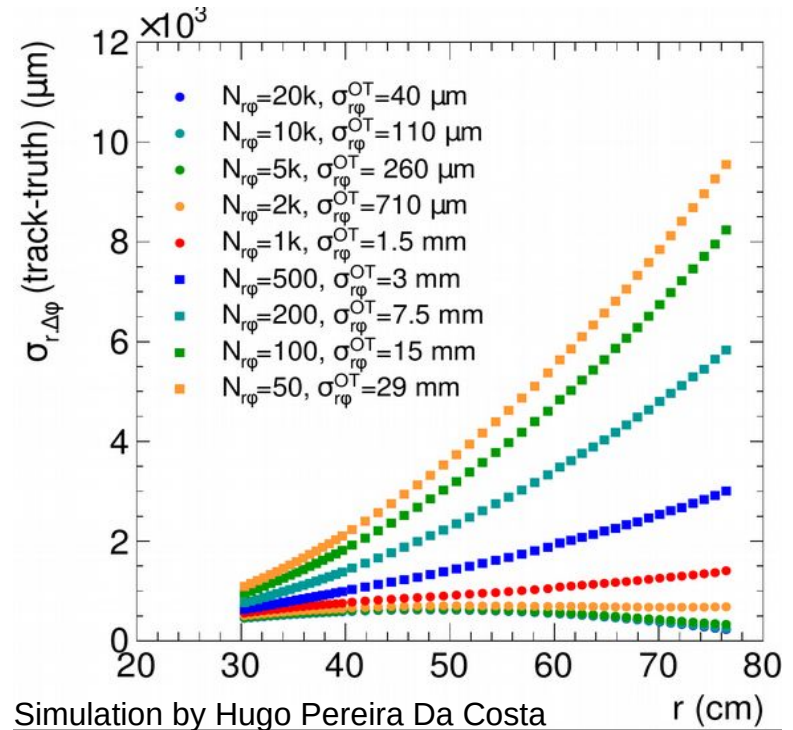
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- ▶ Study the QGP in 200 GeV Au-Au collisions at RHIC
- ▶ Central tracking with TPC
- ▶ Distortions in TPC due to space charge
- ▶ Laser and digital current correction
- ▶ Monitoring with micromegas layer outside of the TPC
- ▶ 4 micromegas along drift coordinate
- ▶ 22 Micromegas along rPhi
- ▶ 50kHz collision rate → challenging environment



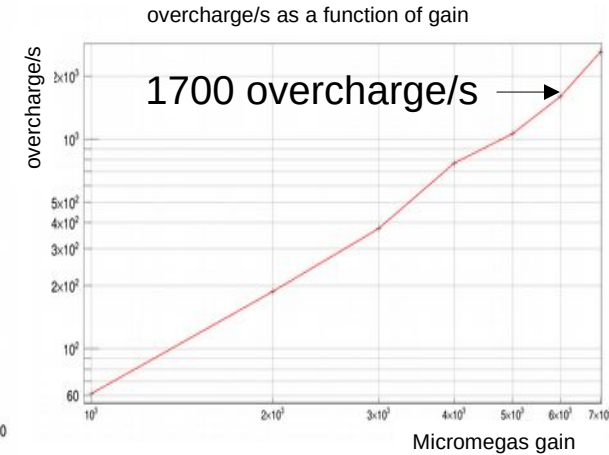
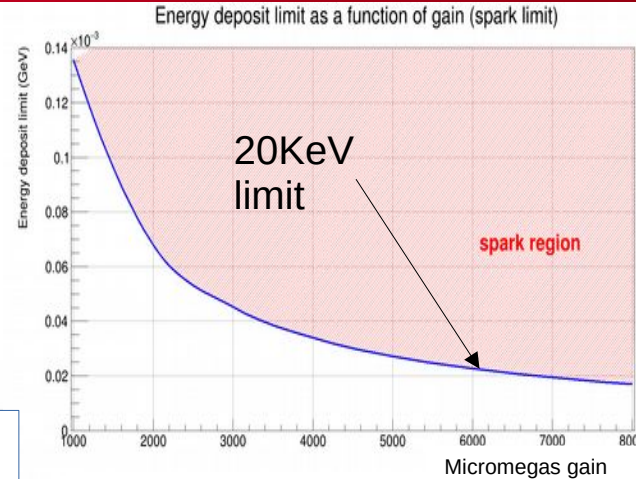
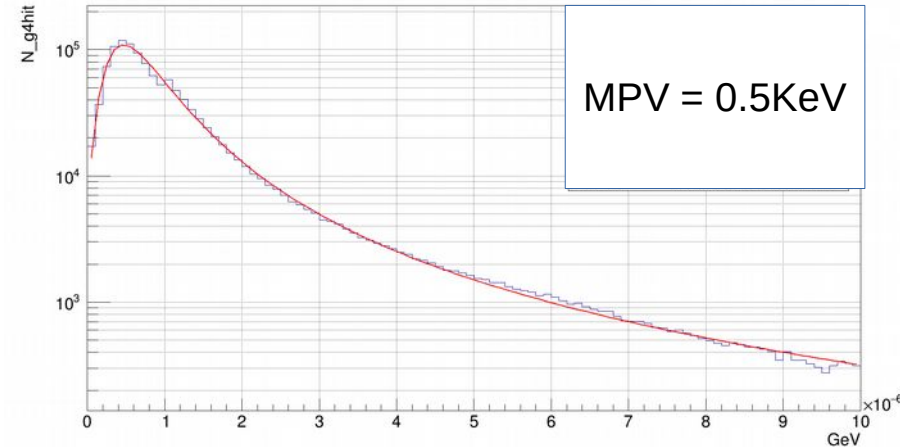
## Influence of Micromegas resolution on extrapolated position resolution in the TPC



Resolution of tracks for different micromegas resolution (simulation)  
 → less than 500 $\mu\text{m}$  resolution required

Charge density limit : Experimental\*  
limit of the electron density  
 $= 2.10^9 \text{ e}^-/\text{mm}^2$   
Proportional to gain and energy deposit

Energy deposit by G4hits in single  
micromegas layer



50k event/s, 7 particles/event, Gain of 6000 ( SNR of 10 )\*\*

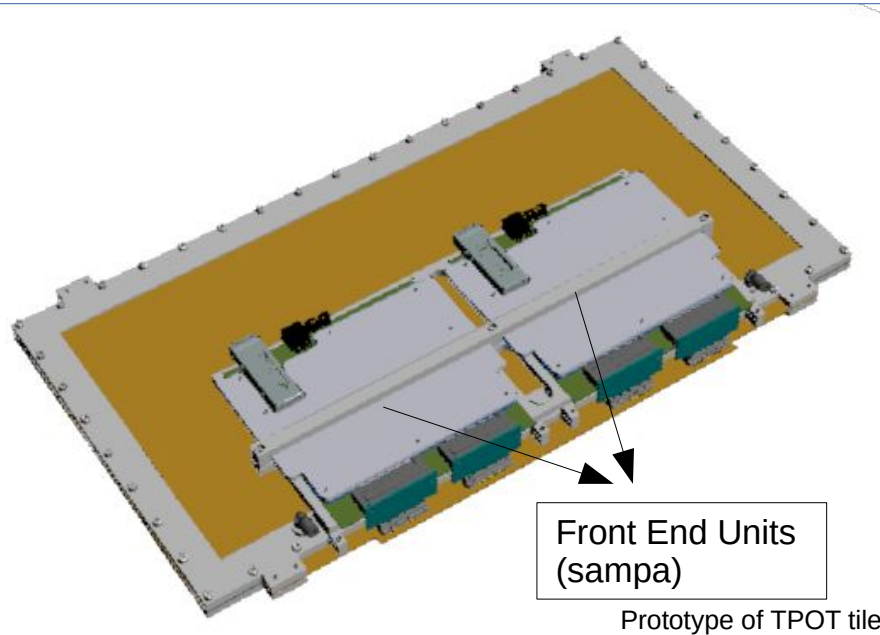
→ Resistive Micromegas required

\* Origin and simulation of sparks in MPGD, S. Procureur et al, 2012, JINST 7 C06009

\*\*SAMPA Chip: the New 32 Channels ASIC for the ALICE TPC and MCH Upgrades, J. Adolfsson and al.

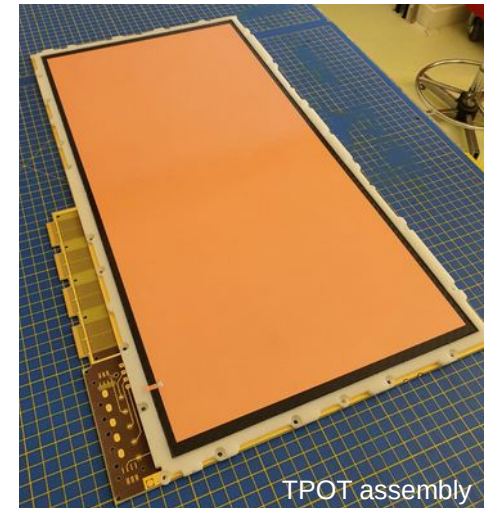
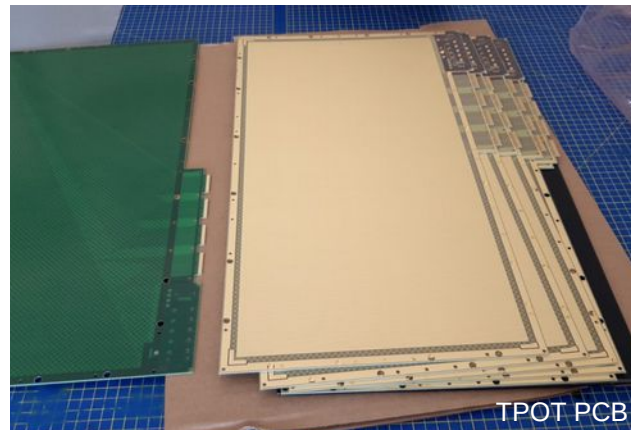


# Sphenix : TPC Outer Tracker (TPOT) prototype



- ▶ **512x256mm** active area with 2 readout plane X/Y (1D)
- ▶ Strips of 1 and 2mm pitch
- ▶ 512 channels/detectors
- ▶ Expected resolution  $< 300\mu\text{m}$
- ▶ Radiation length  $< 10\% x_0$
- ▶ 50kHz collision rate  $\rightarrow$  resistive micromegas (next slide)

PCB delivered few days ago for prototype  $\rightarrow$



## EIC :

- **CLAS12**, expertise for cylindrical Micromegas tracker
- **Low  $X_0$  detector** with Kapton-based support
- **2D readout** based on zigzag (diamond)

## Zigzag readout:

- **150 $\mu$ m spatial resolution** for 2mm pitch
- 2D being tested on small detectors
- **full-size 1D detectors** being tested
- next step: analysis of test beam and construction of full-size 2D

## sPHENIX:

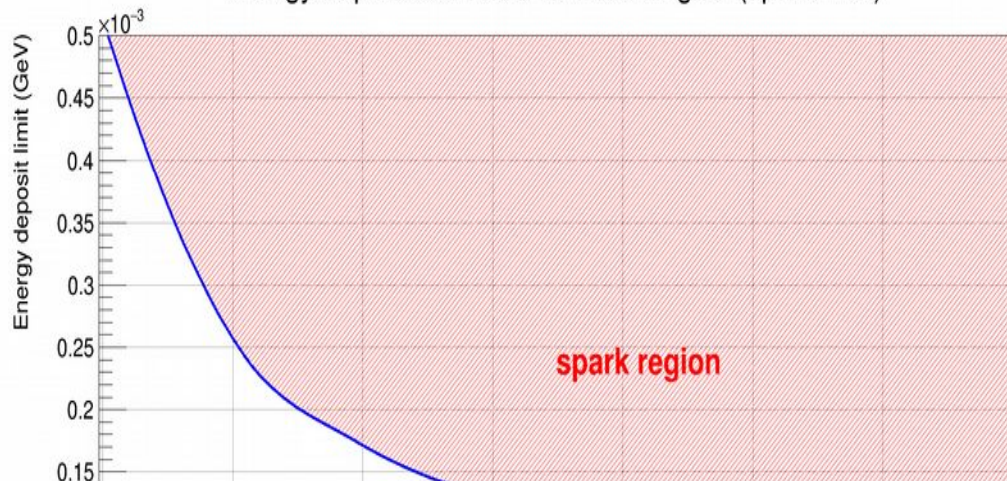
- **TPOT**, a monitoring tracker
- Prototypes to be soon assembled and tested
- possible 52 resistive Micromegas detectors at CEA-Saclay MPGD workshop

## Raether limit

$$\text{Raether limit} = 2.10^7 \text{ e}^-$$

$$E_{dep} > \frac{w_i * 2 * 10^7}{Gain}$$

Energy deposit limit as a function of gain (spark limit)



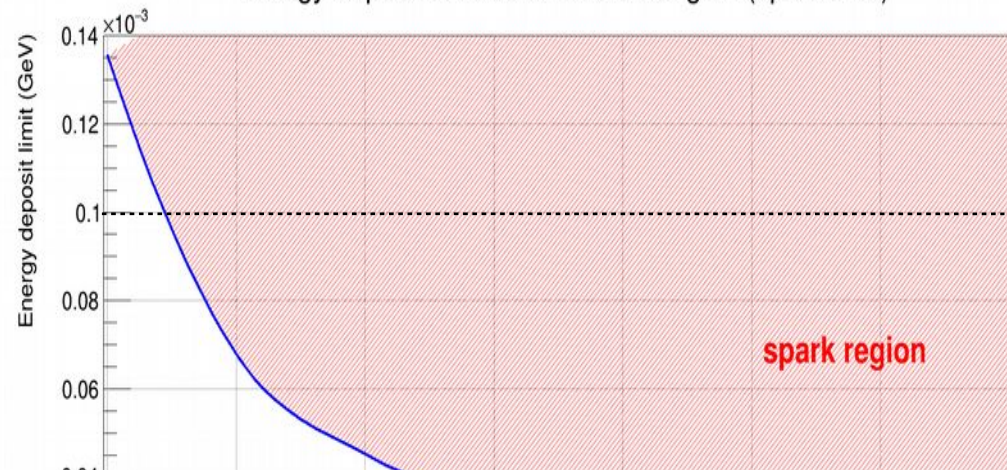
## Charge density limit

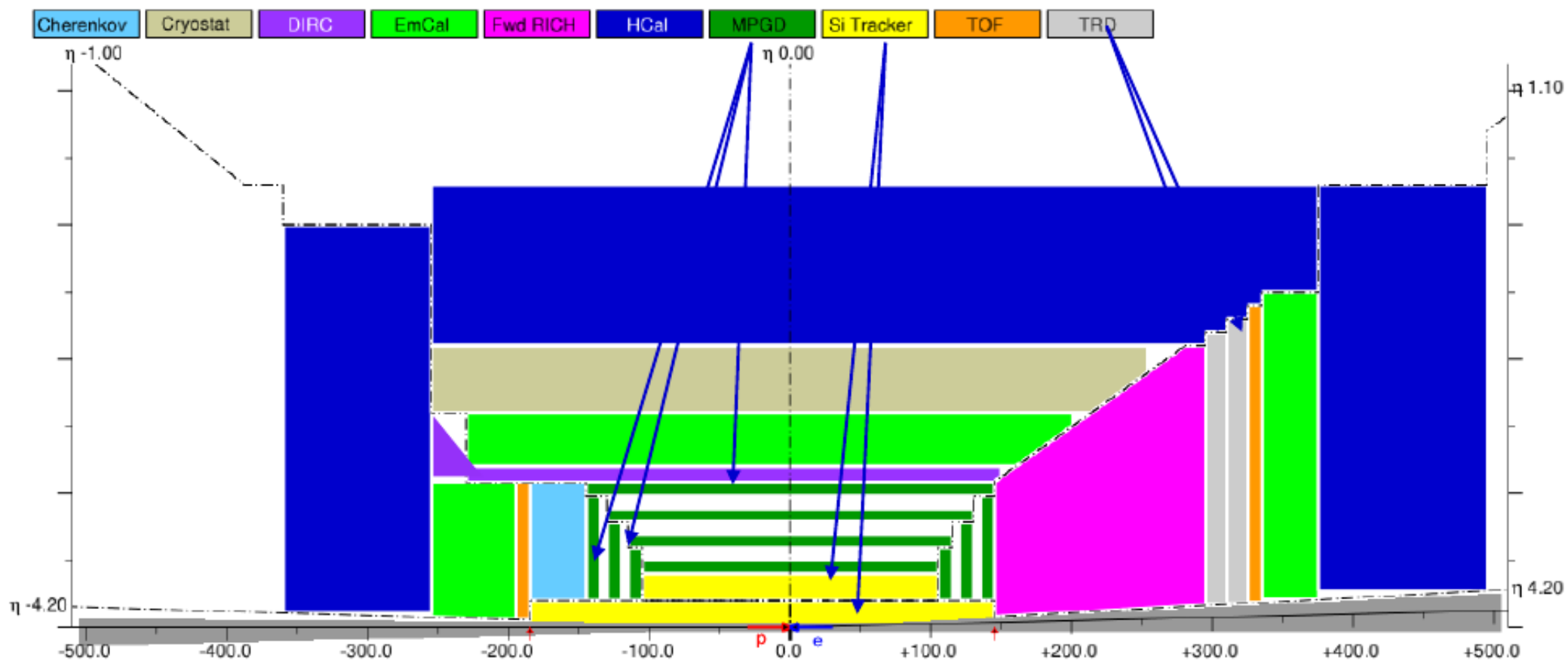
$$\text{Density limit} = 2.10^9 \text{ e}^-/\text{mm}^2$$

$$d_s = \frac{E_{dep}}{w_i} * Gain * \frac{4}{\pi * D^2}$$

$$D = \text{diffusion} * \sqrt{\frac{\text{drift space}}{2}}$$

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## LDRD zigzag 2016-2021

- On readout pattern geometry (zigzag)
- Higher pitch without degrading performance
- Include Micromegas, GEM and  $\mu$ RWell
- Pronton Beam test at Fermilab

## Tracker focus 2020 - now

- R&D on lowering  $X_0$
- Zigzag resistive strip in micromegas

