

Development of Resistive Electrodes for MPGDs

Task 7.3a

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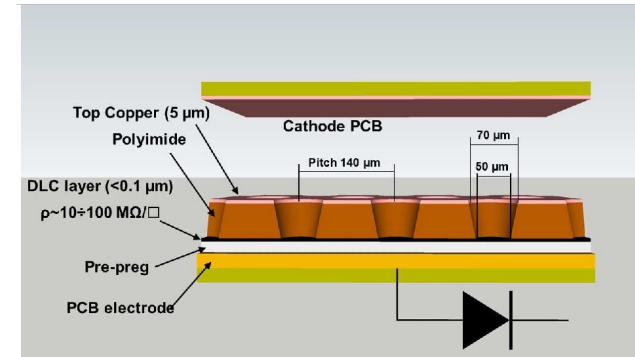
Resistive electrodes improve detector stability of single amplification stage MPGDs (micromegas, μ RWELL) and might be the bridge to higher gains (reach wire-chambers gain of $\sim 10^5$) and stable operation

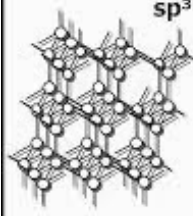
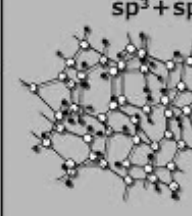
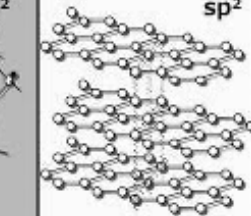
Resistive electrodes can be used for:

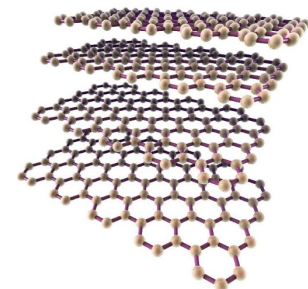
- Discharge quenching: *well established*
- Signal charge smearing: *being studied*
- Creation amplification structures: *hard, R&D ongoing*

Diamond Like Carbon (DLC) coating techniques are currently **explored by several groups** to develop new structures and new detectors profiting from coating properties (e.g. robustness, resistivity,...) and on the possibility of controlling them.

Explore **innovative resistive coatings** such as **Multi-Layer Graphene (ML-Graphene)** that are very strong, have high conductance and low material budget



Diamond	D L C (Diamond-like carbon)	Graphite
sp^3	$sp^3 + sp^2$	sp^2
		



Task 7.3. Development of resistive electrodes for MPGDs and Industrial engineering of high-rate μ -RWELL detector

- Production of Diamond Like Carbon (DLC) with ion beam deposition and pulsed laser deposition
- Study of the resistance of graphene to polyimide etching liquids
- Characterisation of 10×10 cm² foils by DLC and graphene
- Industrial production of small-size prototypes and their characterisation
- Industrial production of large-size prototypes (# 0.5 m²) and their characterisation

Tasks

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7.3	Development of resistive electrodes for MPGDs and Industrial engineering of high-rate μ -RWELL detector	

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MS26	Production of DLC with ion beam deposition and pulsed laser deposition	21 - INFN	23	Report (Task 7.3)

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Beneficiaries:

- INFN Bari: Ion Beam Deposition DLC, Detector Design & Testing, Task Leader
- INFN Lecce: Pulsed Laser Deposition DLC
- INFN Pavia: Detector Testing

AIDA innova collaborators (not included in Proposal, but essential contributors):

- CERN: Micro-Pattern Technology (MPT) Workshop: Rui De Oliveira

Collaborating Institutes:

- CNR Nanotec (Bari) ML-Graphene Deposition, ML-Graphene Etching
- CNR IFN (Bari) Photo-Lithography, Patterning

Further possibilities (*already ongoing collaboration within INFN R&D activities*)

- CNR Nanotec (Lecce) Photo-Lithography, Patterning, DLC Etching

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USTC (Hefei, CN) – Magnetron Sputtering - Resistive DLC collab RD51

High-Resistive GEM with DLC electrodes

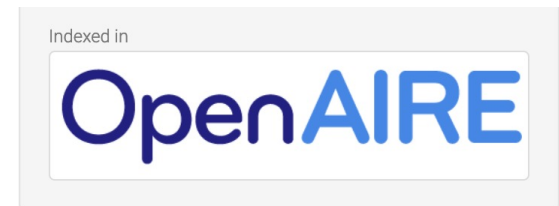
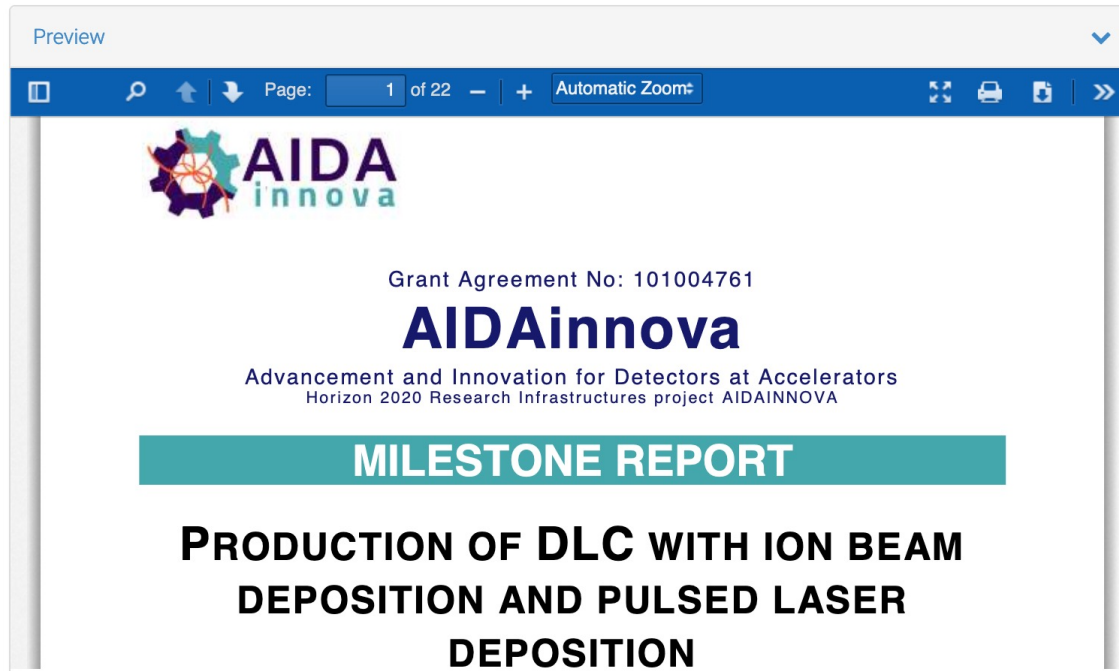
- Pulsed Laser Deposition (PLD) and Ion Beam Deposition (IBD) of DLC on Polyimide
- *in first year the work concentrated on the production of DLC - only*
- **In the second year we moved on towards creation of DLC – Cu sandwich**
- For etching tests to be feasible we scaled up the size
 - - for PLD deposition from 1cm² to 5 x 5 cm²
 - - for IBD deposition from 5 x 5 cm² to 10 x 10 cm²
- **Most of last year's activity was concentrated on obtaining the right recipe for the Etching tests**
 - - *deposition of multilayers without vacuum breaking*
 - - *transport under vacuum to avoid Cu-oxidation*
 - - *increase of Cu-layer to 500nm for better adherence to final 7um Cu layer created through Electroplating*
- **Milestones:** Report delivered at month 23
- **Deliverables:** none

MS26	Production of DLC with ion beam deposition and pulsed laser deposition	WP7	7.3	M23	28/02/2023	Achieved	Report
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Production of DLC with ion beam deposition and pulsed laser deposition

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Diamond-Like Carbon (DLC) resistive layers are a key ingredient for increasing the rate capabilities of Micro-Pattern Gaseous Detectors (MPGDs). Their production method and related quality is studied by ion beam deposition and pulsed laser deposition. The current DLC sample size will be scaled up gradually to 10x10 cm², their quality is assessed for the production of detector-grade amplification structures.



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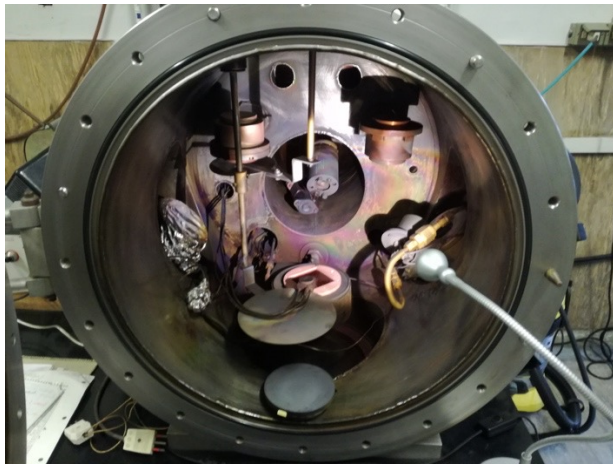
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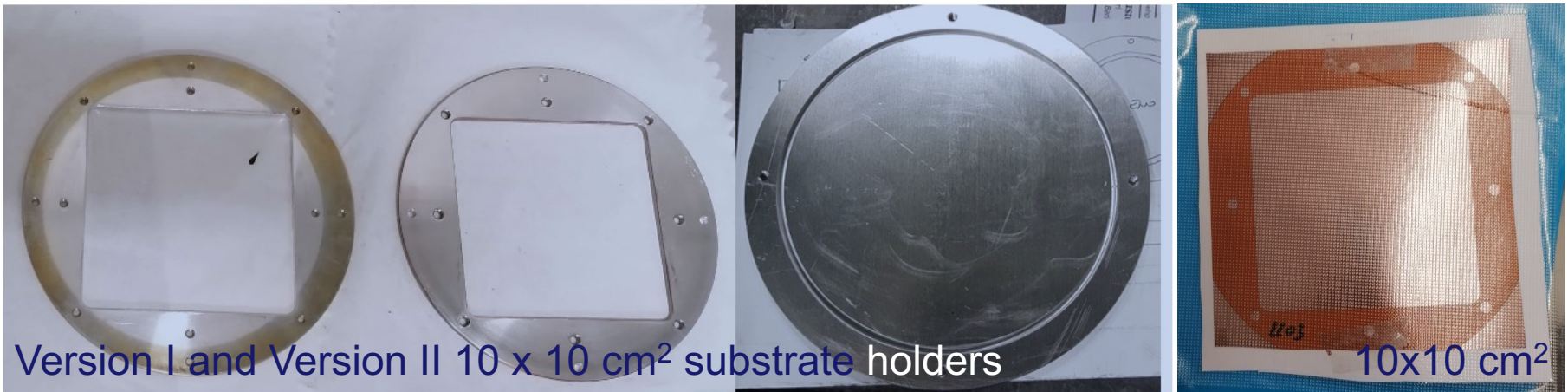
22 pages – 15 figures – Introduction to various PVD techniques for DLC

- Obtained correct recipe for 100M Ω /sq DLC covered by 500nm Cu layer
- Scaled up production to 10x10 cm²



⊕ Tab. 2 Parameters for main and assistance ion beam sources for the deposition of a multi-layer DLC-Ti-Cu film

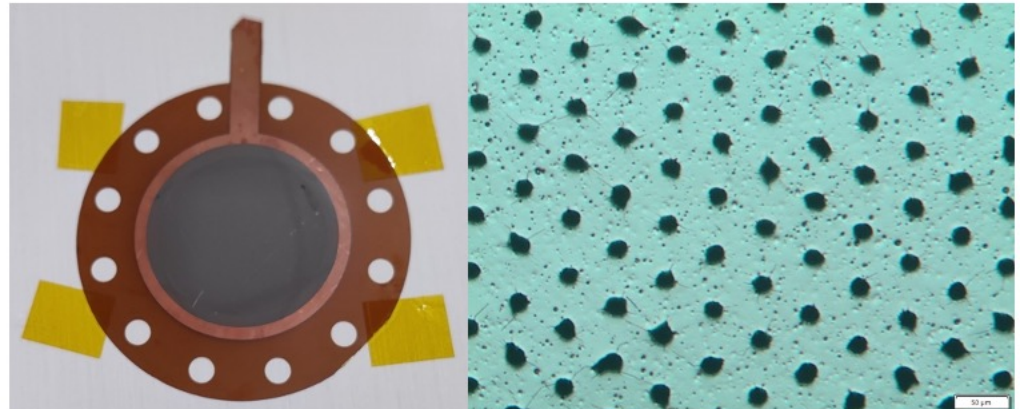
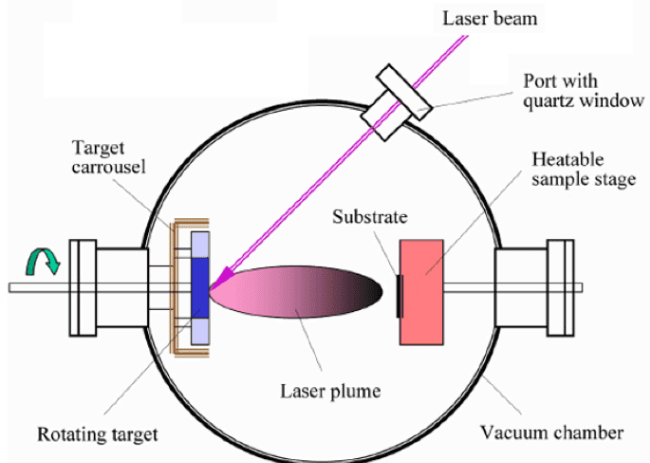
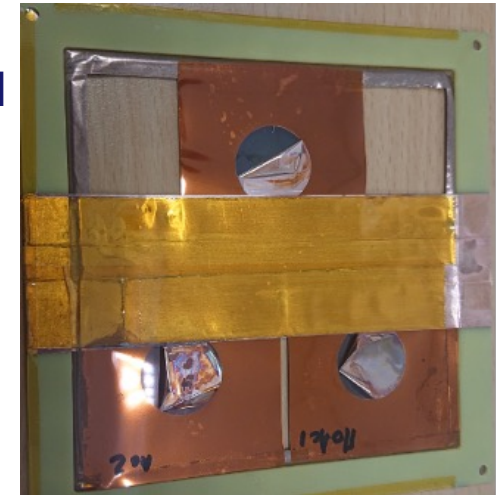
		Main ion source			Assistance ion source				Notes	
	step	V_{beam}	I_{beam}	Ar	V_{beam}	I_{beam}	Ar	H ₂	time	thickness
1	PI cleaning	-	-	-	150V	1A	5.1 sccm	4.0 sccm	300s	-
2	DLC layer	800V	50mA	2.5sccm	80V	50mA	7.3 sccm	2.0 sccm	7200s	50 nm
3	DLC cleaning	-	-	-	150V	1A	5.1 sccm	-	300s	-
4	Ti interlayer	1300V	35mA	2.5sccm	-	-	-	-	1260s	10 nm
5	Cu layer I	1000V	50mA	2.5sccm	-	-	-	-	720s	30 nm
6	Cu cleaning	-	-	-	150V	1A	5.1 sccm	-	300s	-
7	Cu layer II	1200V	60mA	2.5sccm	-	-	-	-	8520s	470nm



Version I and Version II 10 x 10 cm² substrate holders

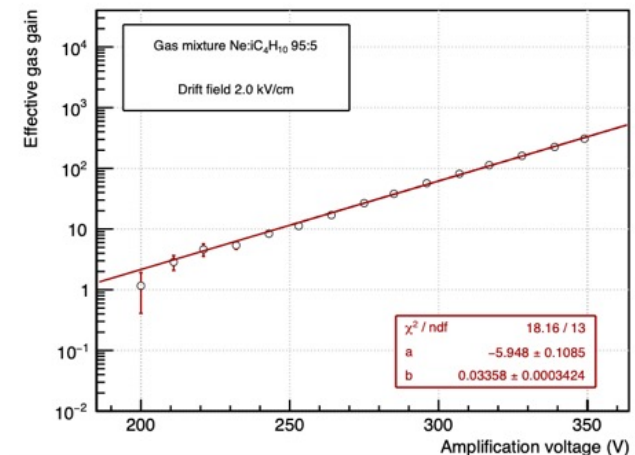
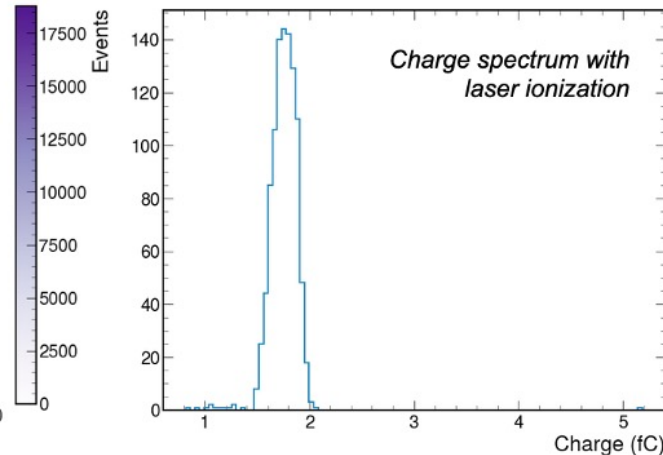
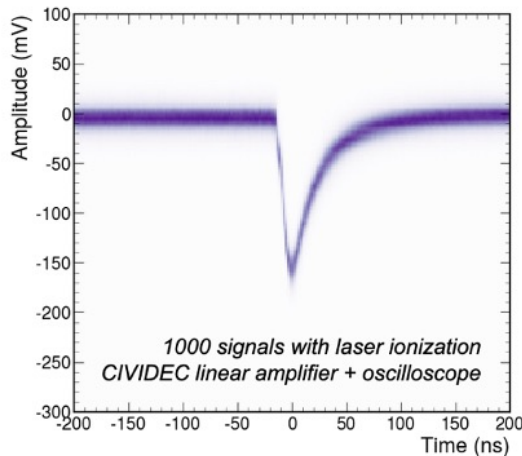
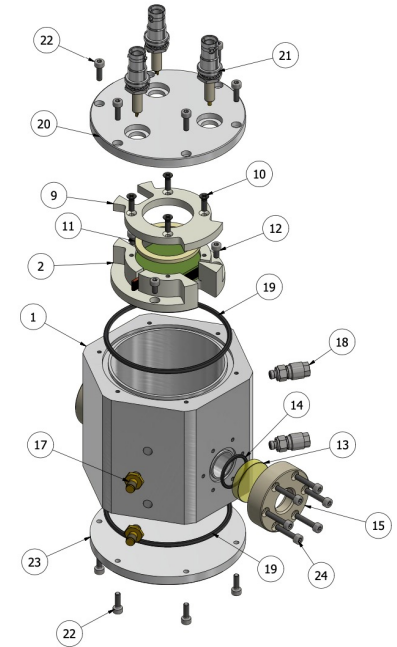
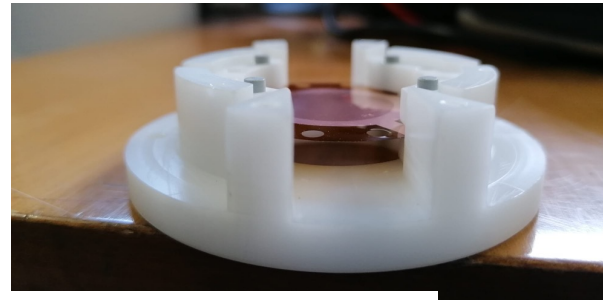
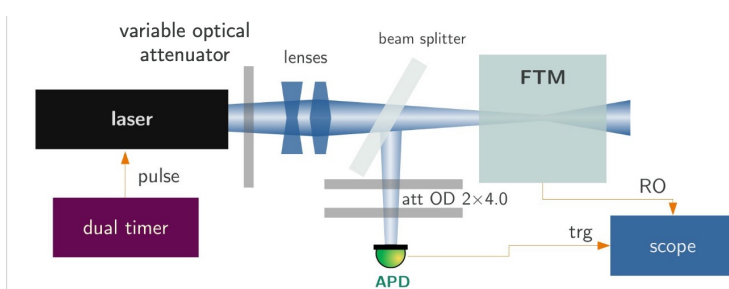
10x10 cm²

- Obtained correct recipe for 100M Ω /sq DLC covered by 500nm Cu layer
- Scaled up production to 5x5 cm²
- Several failed Etching tests
- Understood due to delamination of final 7 μ m Cu layer made through electroplating on top of original 100nm of Cu made through PLD
- Solution
- increase to 500nm Cu thickness through PLD
- shipment under vacuum
- Finally good detector-grade DLC foil produced
- Many thanks to CERN MPT workshop



Test of the DLC foil inside the small-size detector

- has both quartz (UV-laser) as mylar (^{55}Fe) window
- Stable operation under 450V in Ar:CO₂:iC₄H₁₀ 93:5:2
- Signals clearly visible (150mV) and 1.75fC
- Gain up to 500 measured – not bad for a first production foil



- Progress was made with the Etching Tests of the PLD and IBSD DLC foils
- A First 5x5 cm² foil was successfully etched after several failed attempts
- A detector-grade foil was produced and tested inside the detector
- Milestone report MS26 was written and reviewed in time