

# Operation and readout of CGEM Inner Tracker

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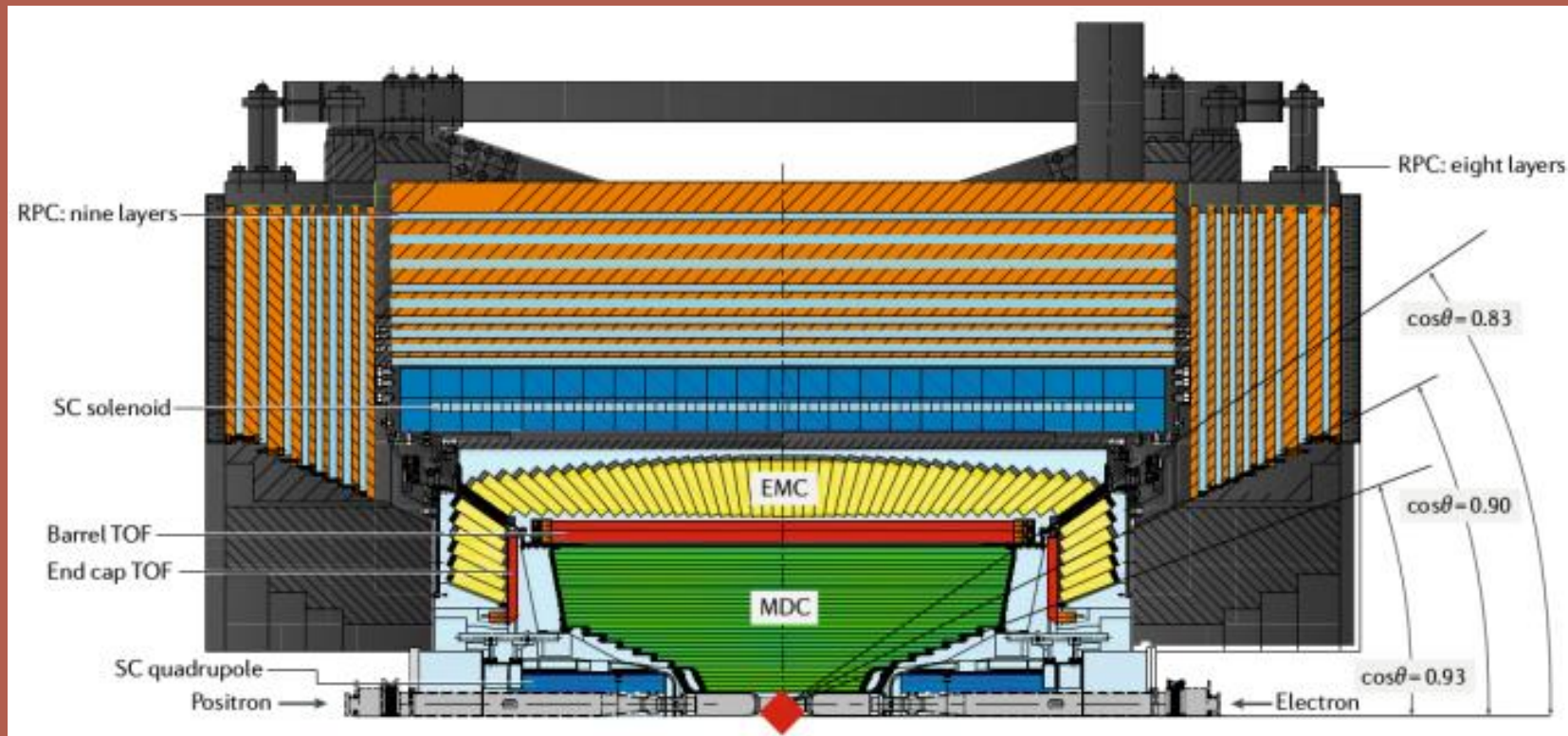
# BEPCII & BESIII

- The Beijing Spectrometer III (BESIII) is optimized for the studies of hadron physics and tau-charm physics
- BESIII is placed at the interaction point of the Beijing  $e^-e^+$  collider II (BEPCII) at the **Institute of High Energy Physics (IHEP)**
- BEPCII C.M. energy range [2.00,4.95] GeV
- BEPCII peak luminosity:  $1.05 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  @  $\psi(3770)$  achieved in

January 7th, 2023

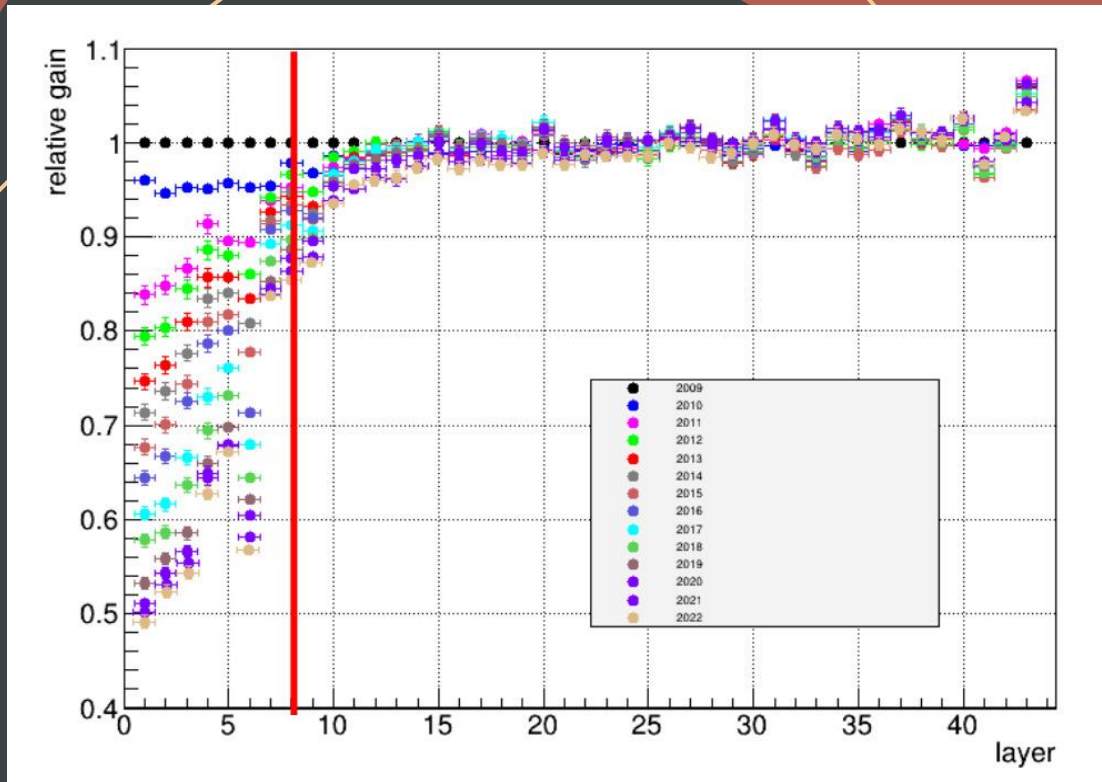


# The BEijing Spectrometer III (BESIII)



- The BESIII physics program includes studies of hadron spectroscopy and exotic states
- It is composed of: a MUon Counter (MUC), an Electro-Magnetic Calorimeter (EMC), a Time Of Flight system (TOF), and a Main Drift Chamber (MDC)

# The MDC ageing



Inner part

Outer part

- The MDC is divided into an Inner and Outer parts, which share the same gas volume
- The inner part is suffering from ageing due to beam induced background, with a gain drop of about the 51% for the first layer in 2022
- This gain loss led to the decision to replace the inner part

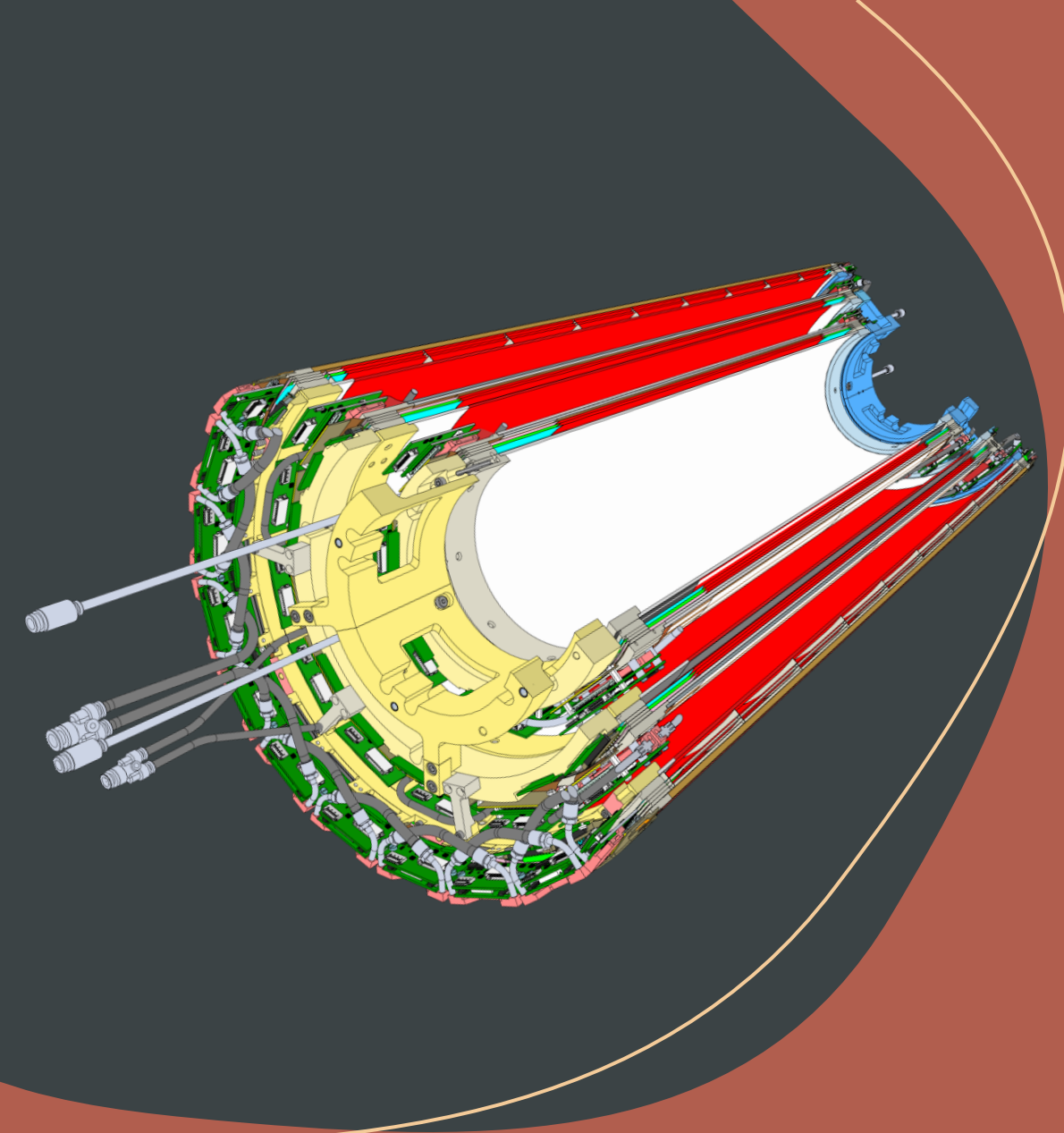
For more details:

[Dong M. Y. et al. "Aging effect in the BESIII drift chamber", Chinese Physics C, vol.40, no. 1, 201](#)



# The CGEM-IT project

- A system based on Cylindrical Gas Electron Multiplier (CGEM) has been proposed by a group of institutes led by the Italian members of BESIII
- The CGEM-IT consists of 3 independent cylindrical **triple GEM** layers, called Layer 1 (L1), Layer 2 (L2) and Layer 3 (L3)
- The CGEM-IT allows an improvement of the radiation hardness, rate capability, and spatial resolution along the beam axis, while keeping the same momentum resolution





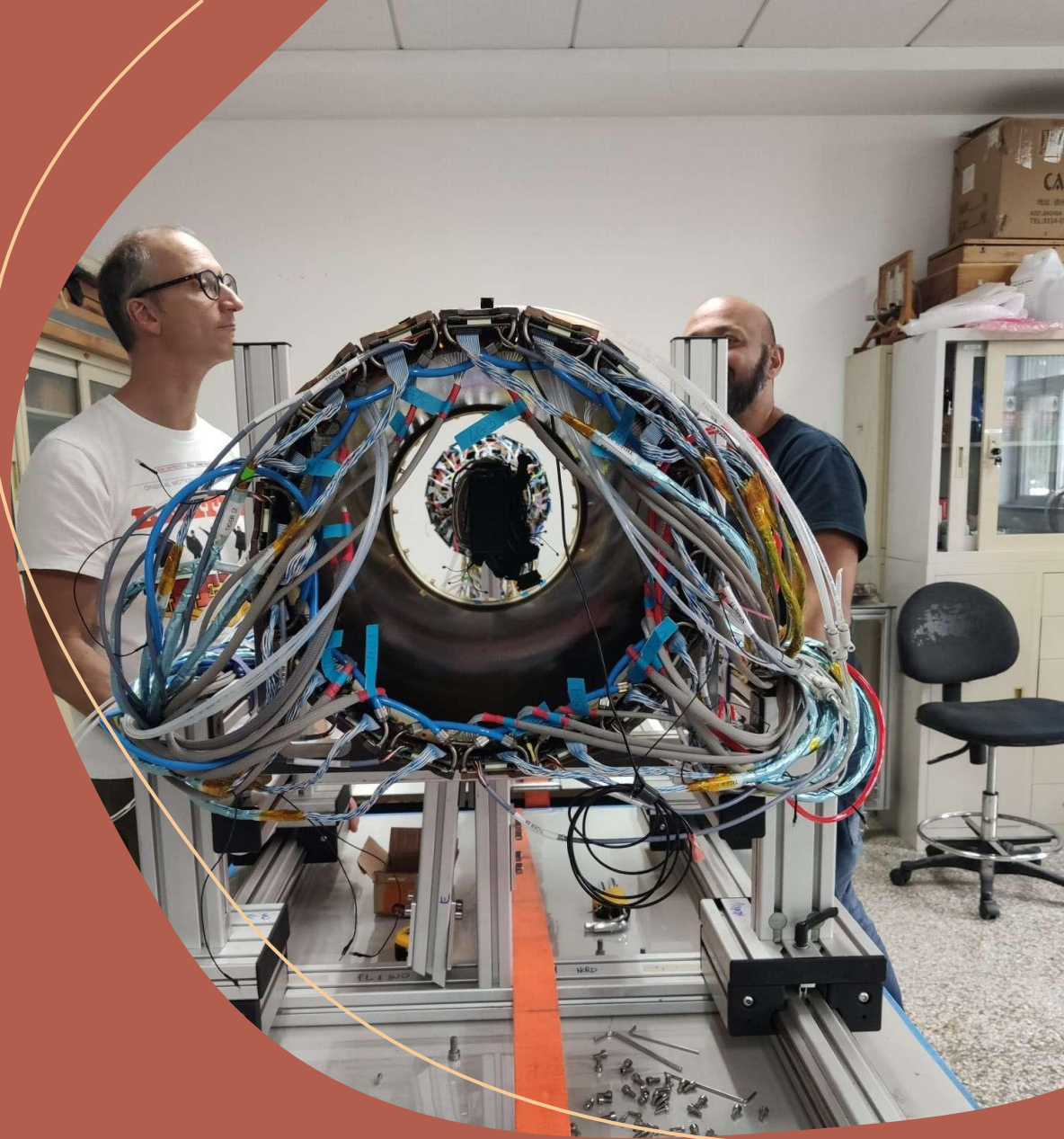


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# LAYER 3 CONSTRUCTION & INSERTION

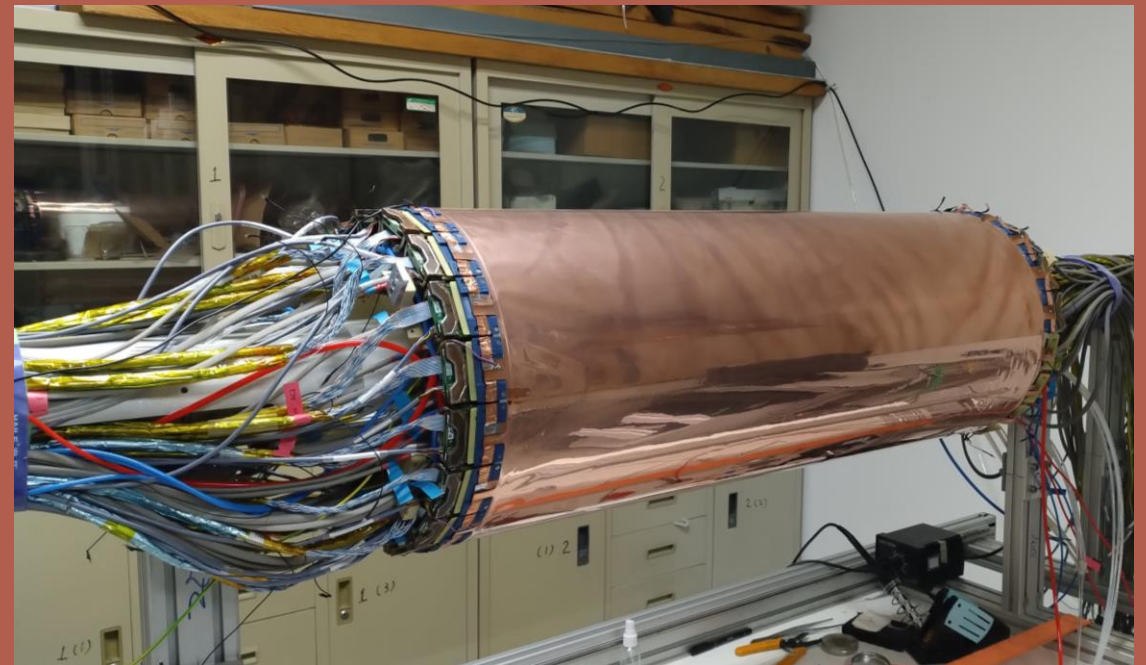
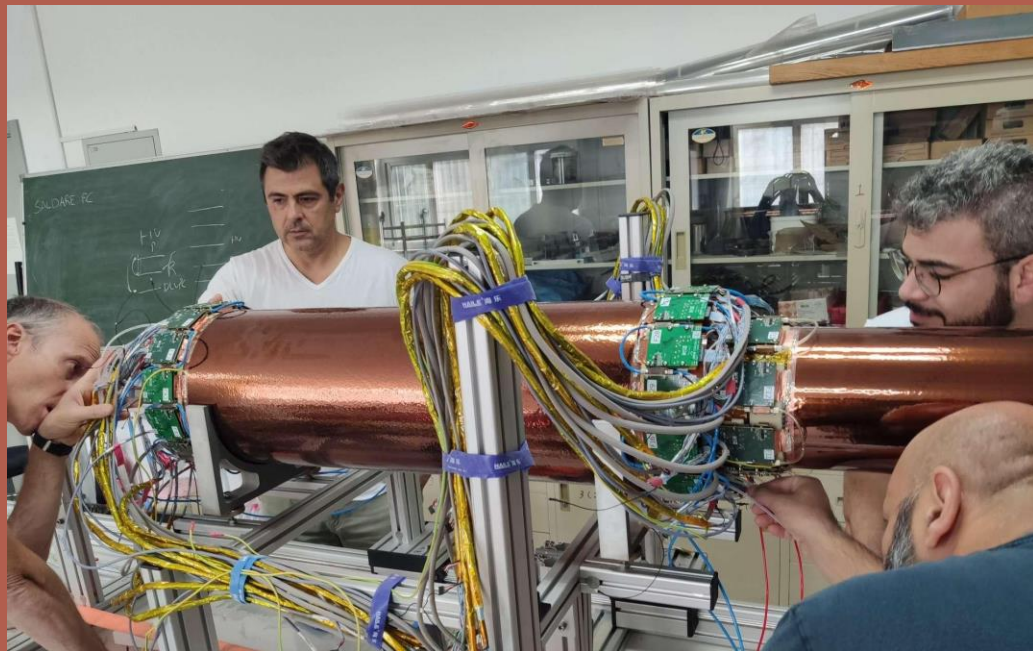
- The construction of the last layer took place in a clean room dedicated to Beijing, in summer 2023
- In August 2023, L3 was moved from the clean room to the laboratory having **validated the HV system** and the **Gas system**
- In September 2023, the very first cosmic ray data taking on L3!





# CGEM-IT COMMISSIONING

After all the tests on the detectors, in **October 2023**, the 3 layers were finally **assembled!**



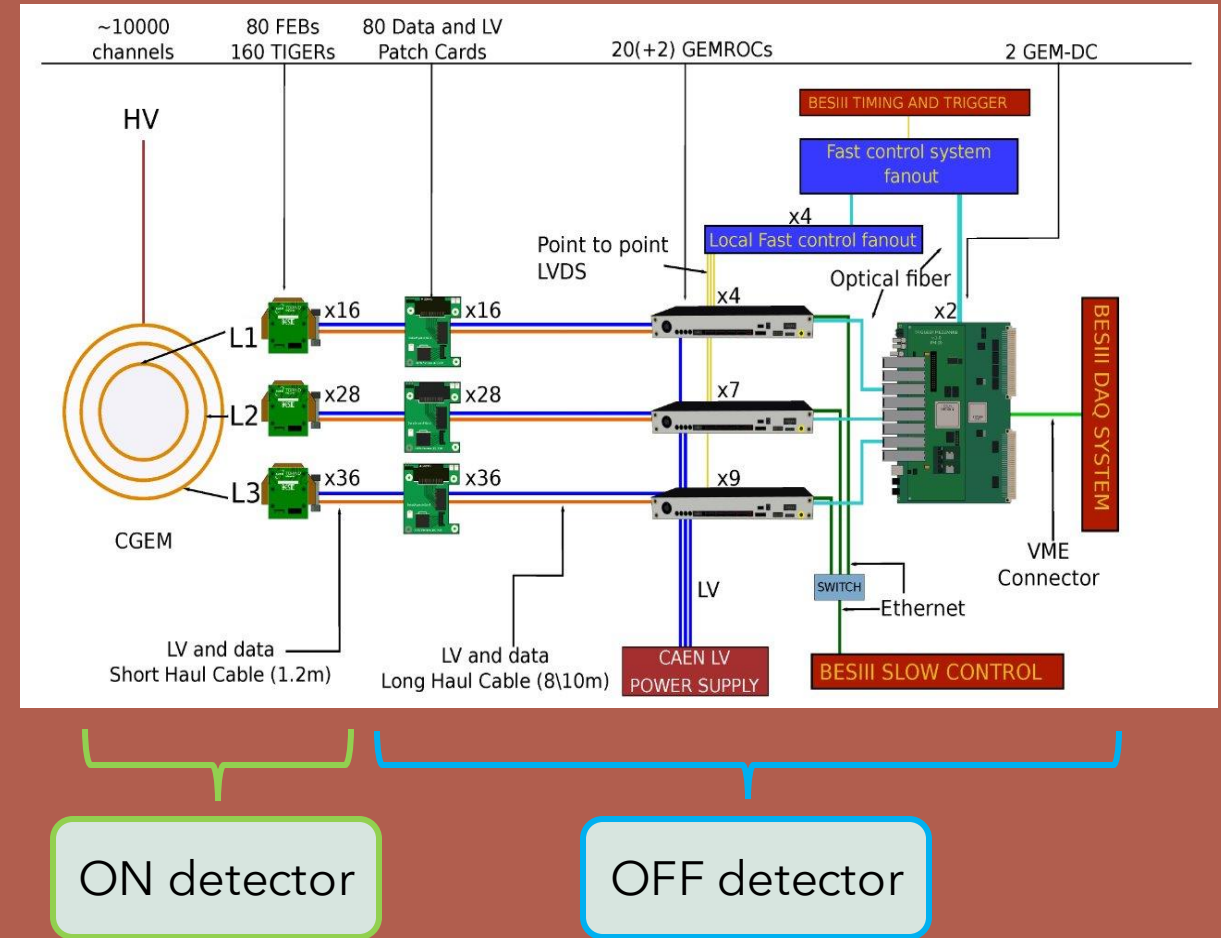


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- The about  $10^4$  strips of the CGEM-IT are read by a dedicated readout chain
- The readout chain consists of **ON-detector** and **OFF-Detector** electronics
- The OFF-detector electronics is based on GEM Read-Out Cards (GEMROC) and Data Low Voltage Patch Cards (DLVPC)
- GEMROC is an FPGA based backend module for configuring the ON-detector electronics, powering it, and managing data flow during acquisition



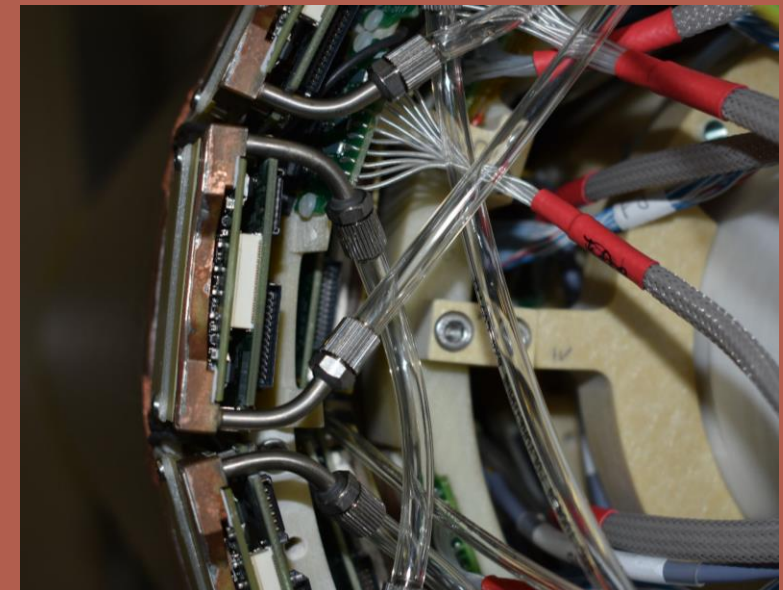
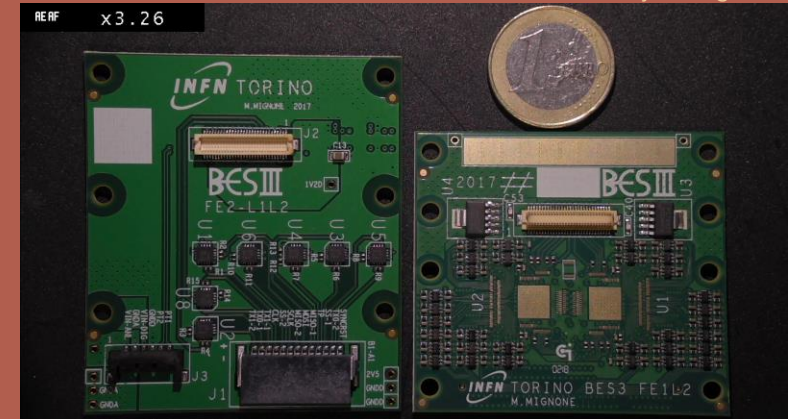
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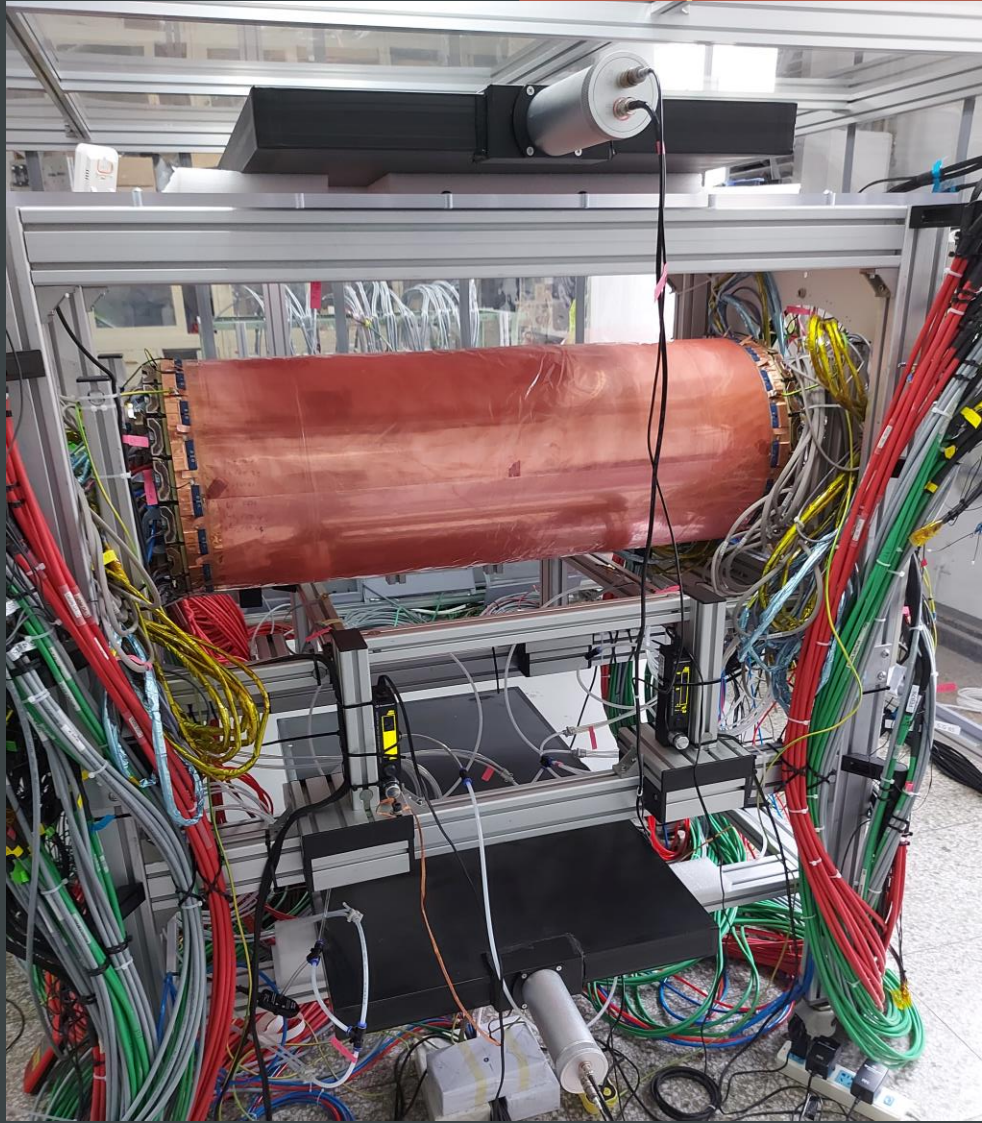
- The **ON-Detector electronics** is composed by Front-End-Boards (FEBs). Each FEB host two **TIGER** ASIC chip
- TIGER (Torino Integrated GEM Electronics for Readout) is a 64-channel mixed signal ASIC capable of performing simultaneous charge and time measurements
- Each FEB was calibrated and tested by **INFN Turin** before being installed
- A cooling system ensures a constant operating temperature

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Photo by M.Mignone



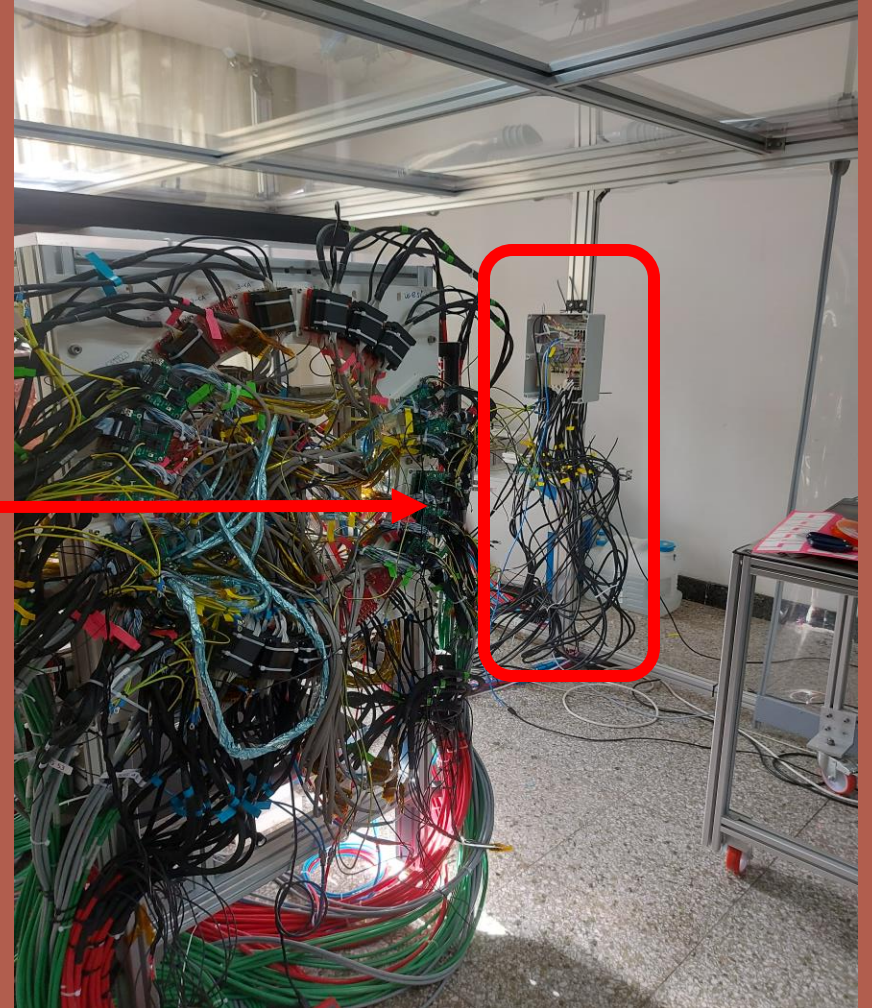




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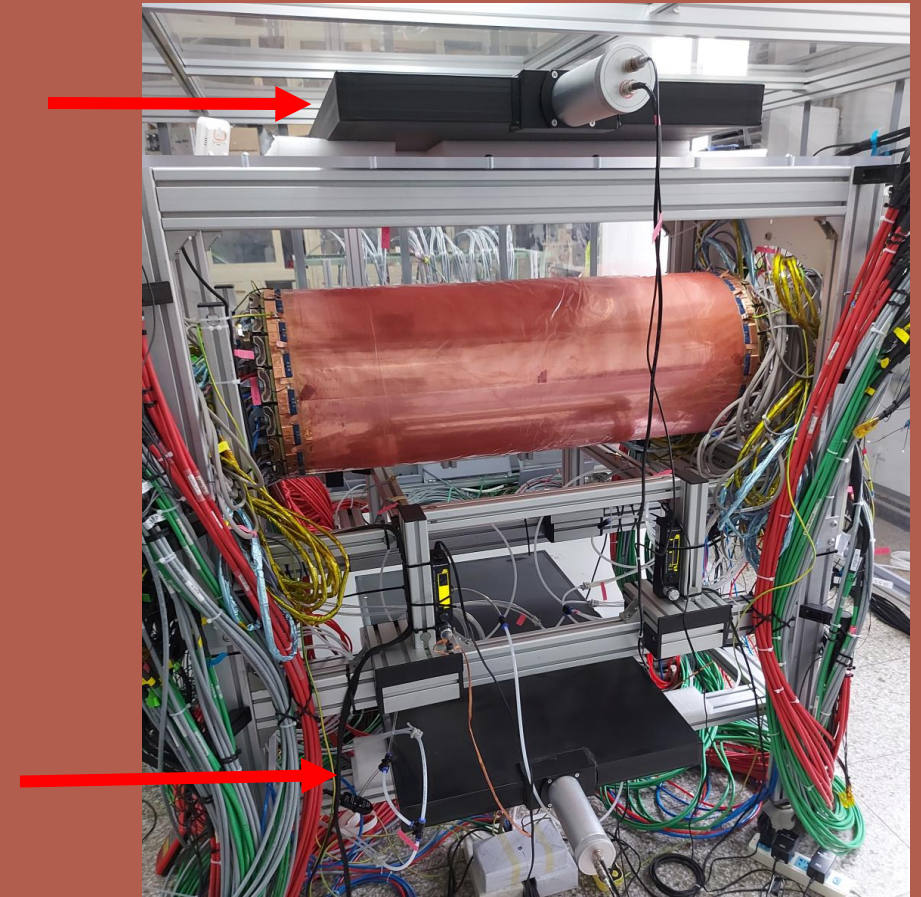
- The detector was equipped with a dedicated **Interlock System (IS)**, to allow long periods and remotely controlled safe operation
- The IS continuously measures the main detector parameters, such as gas flow, cooling flow, temperature & humidity
- Based on the measurements made, the IS is able to classify the system configuration, and if it is found to be dangerous it **automatically** returns the detector to a safe condition and notifies the experts





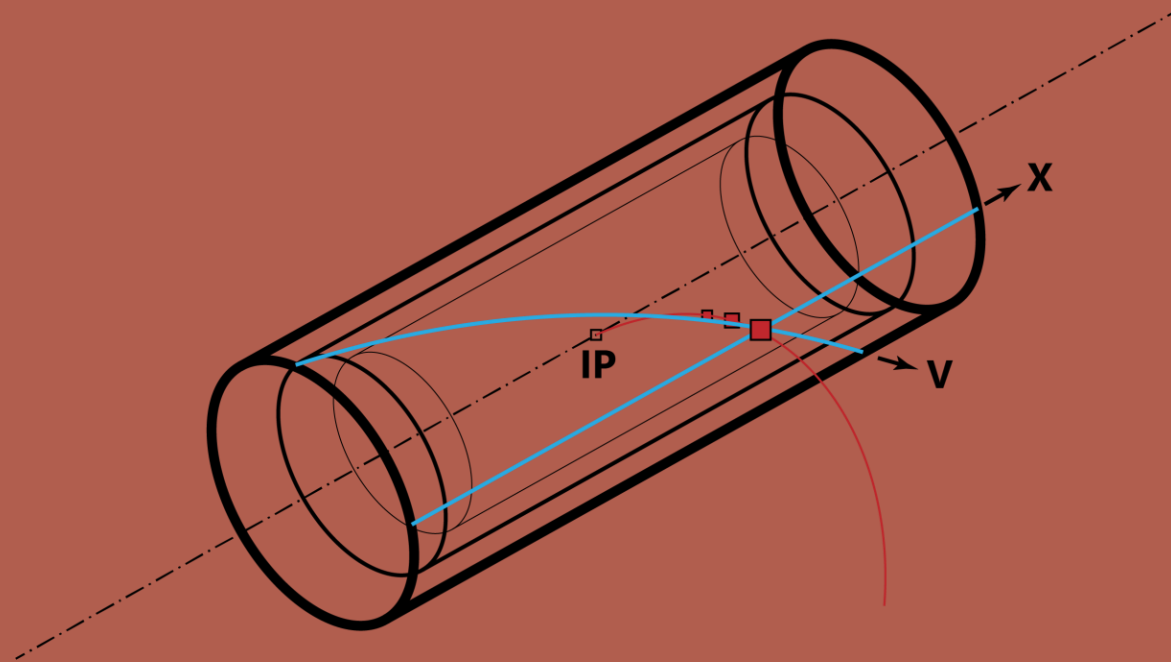
# Cosmic Ray data taking

- The scintillators are placed above and below the detector, and have been moved to test **different areas of the detector**
- Data taking began in December 2023 and ran until May 2024



# DATA

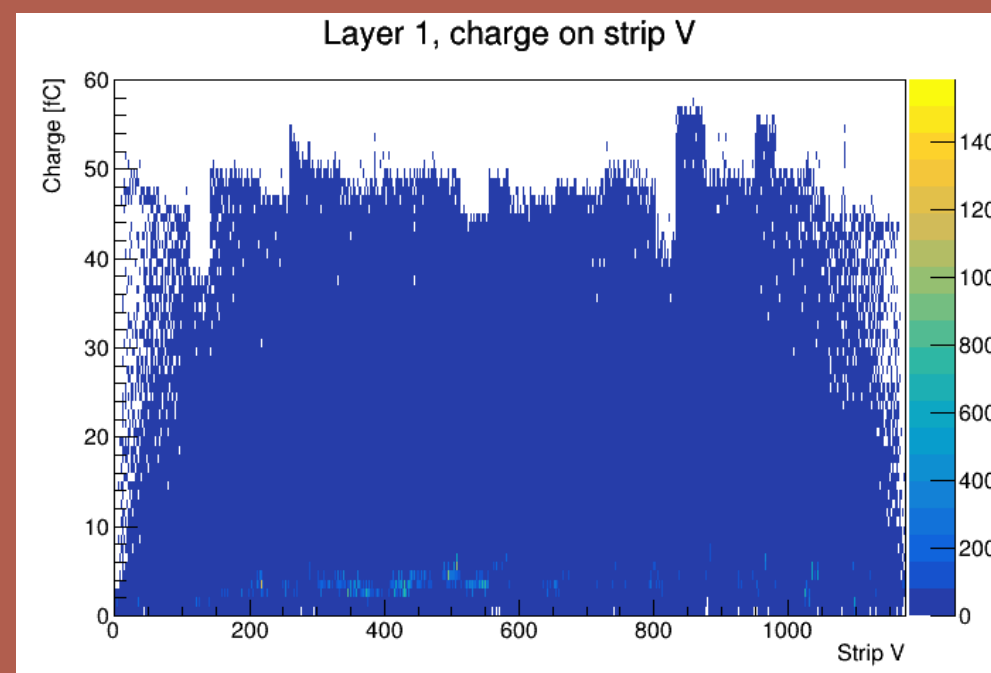
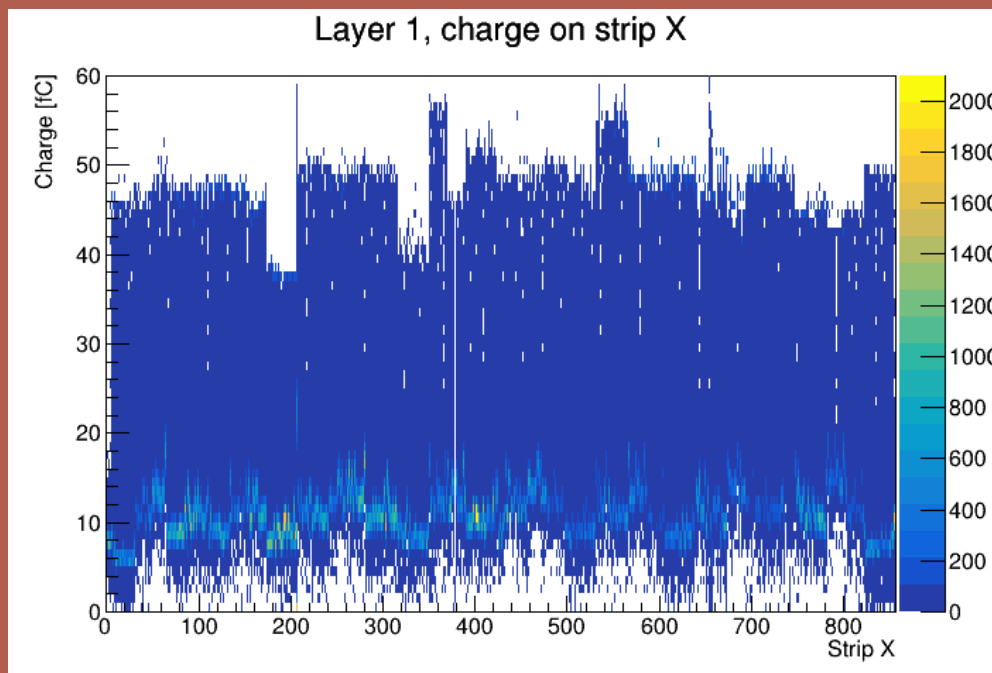
- The detector reconstructs tracks thanks to about  $10^4$  X & V strips
- X strips parallel to the beam axis,
- V strips provide the azimuthal coordinate and for each layer are oriented with a different stereo angle





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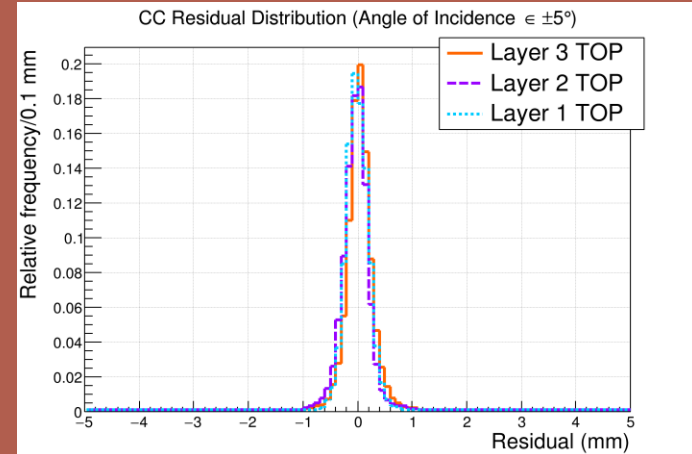
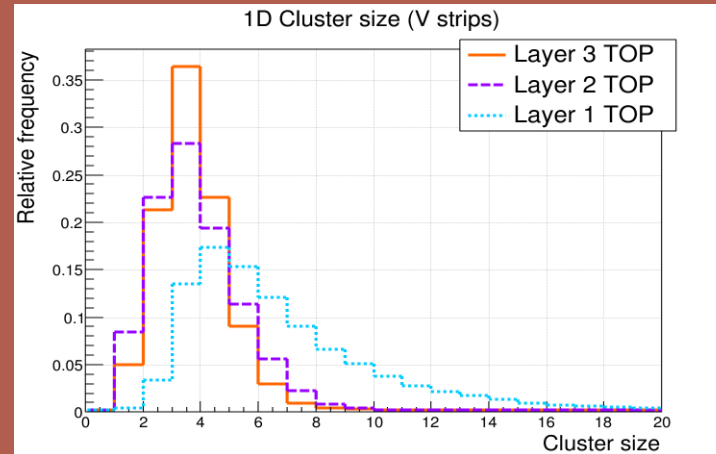
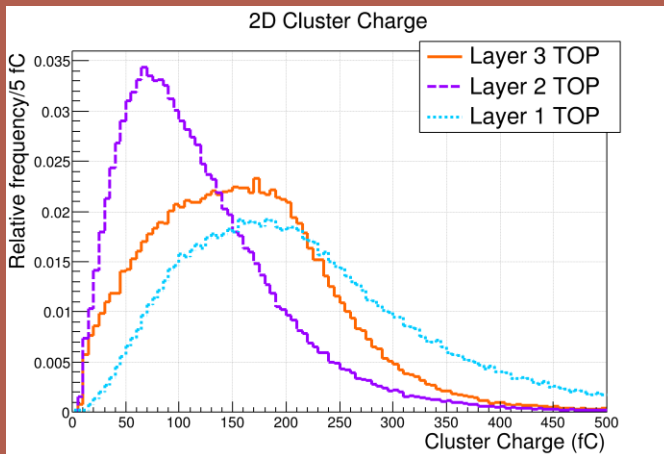
All the detector strips **collect charge** and are **read correctly by the electronics**



[ the X and V strips of the innermost layer ]

# DATA

The data collected are very useful for **characterizing** the detector and testing the **reconstruction** software



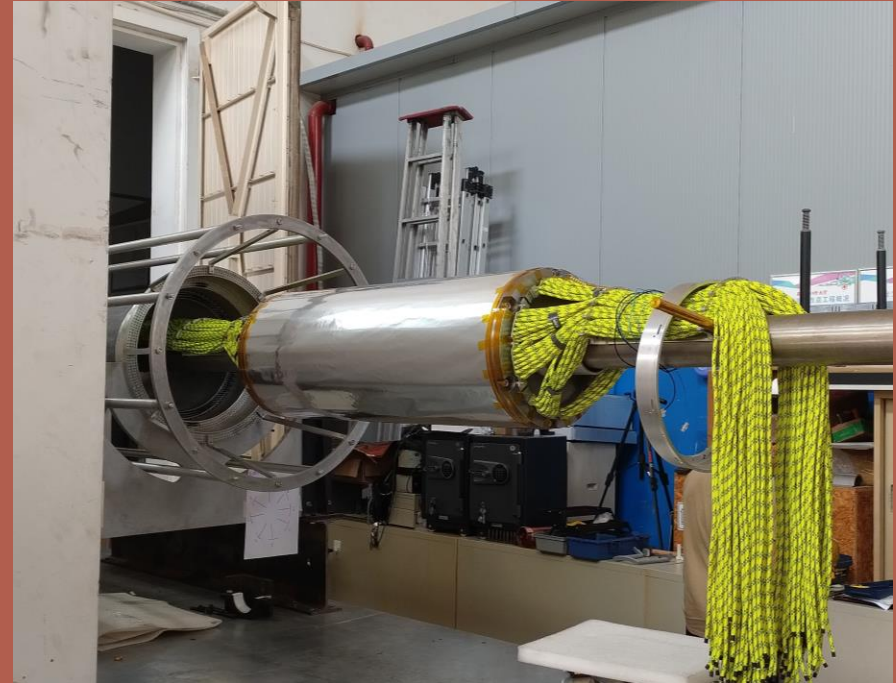




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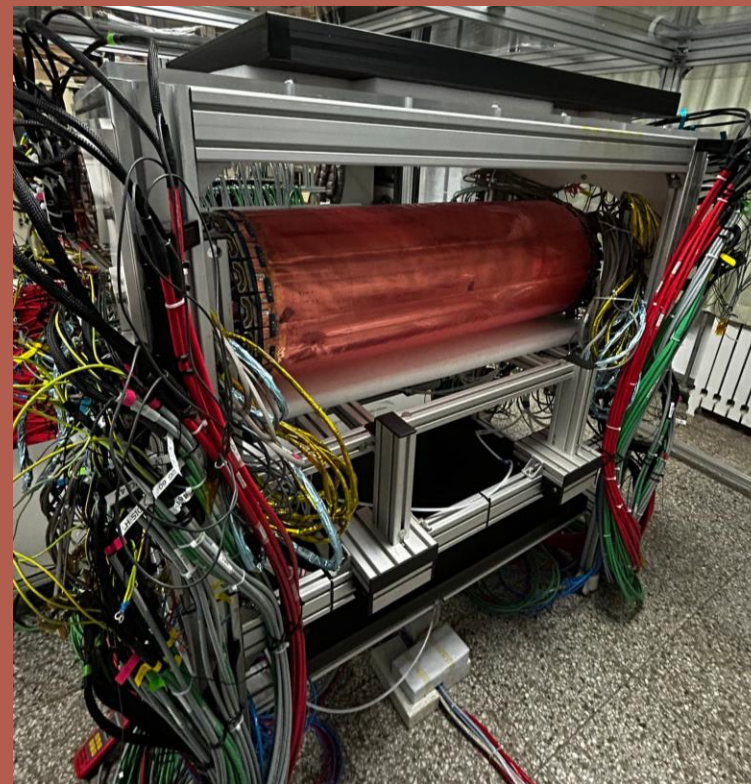
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- The cosmic ray data taking and the data analysis continues in parallel with other activities
- The data acquired were submitted to an internal review committee, which **recommended the installation of CGEM-IT in BESIII**







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# BACKUP SLIDES

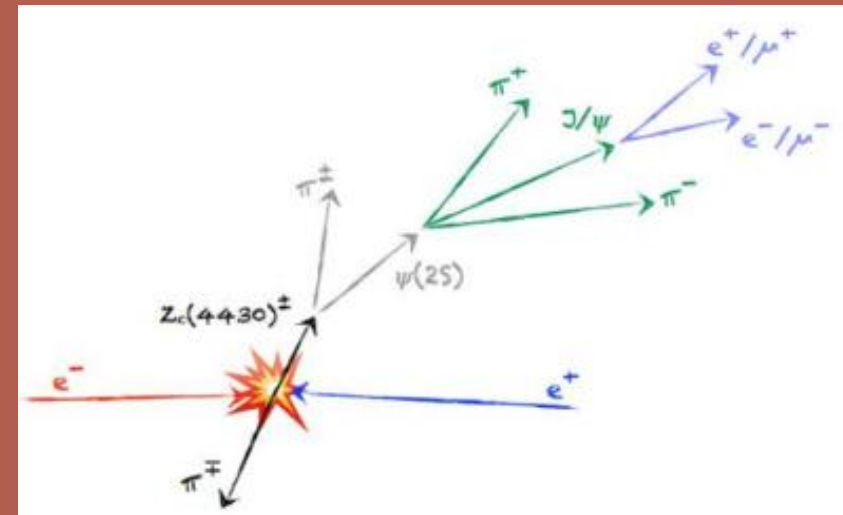
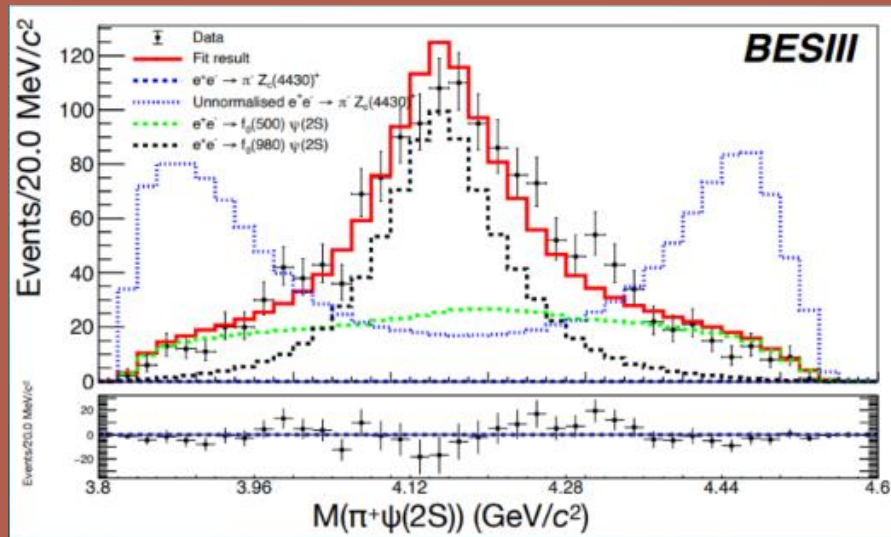
# BESIII PHYSICS PROGRAM

- $\tau$  - QCD: R-value,  $R = \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})/\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$
- 2. LIGHT HADRON SPECTROSCOPY (10 billions of  $J/\psi$ , HYBRIDS AND GLUEBALLS)
- 3. CHARMONIUM: SPECTROSCOPY + EXOTIC STATES
- 4. CHARM: INPUT FOR CKM PARAMETERS CALCULATIONS, LEPTON FLAVOR VIOLATION
- 5. NEW PHYSICS....



# CHARMONIUM-LIKE XYZ STATES

- spectrum features supernumerary states
- Exotic states don't fit potential model predictions
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\psi(2S)$  offers the possibility to probe the XYZ sector
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow Y(4660) \rightarrow \pi^\pm Z_c(4430) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^+\pi^-\pi^-\psi \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^+\pi^-\pi^-\ell^+\ell^-$
- $Z_c(4430)$  was observed and studied in the B-decays in the  $\pi\psi(2S)$  invariant mass by BELLE and LHCb



# SECONDARY VERTEX

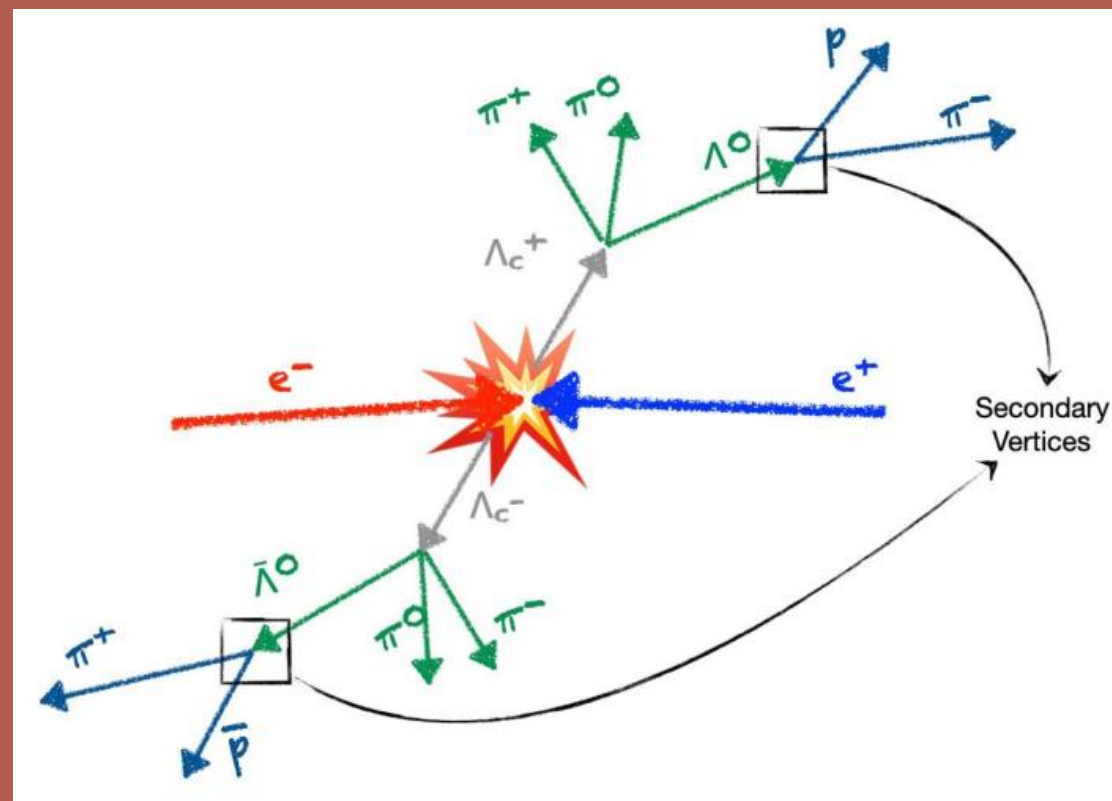
$\Lambda_c^+$  is the lightest charmed baryon:

- Mass:  $2286.46 \pm 0.14$  MeV
- Mean Life:  $(200 \pm 6) 10^{-15}$  s

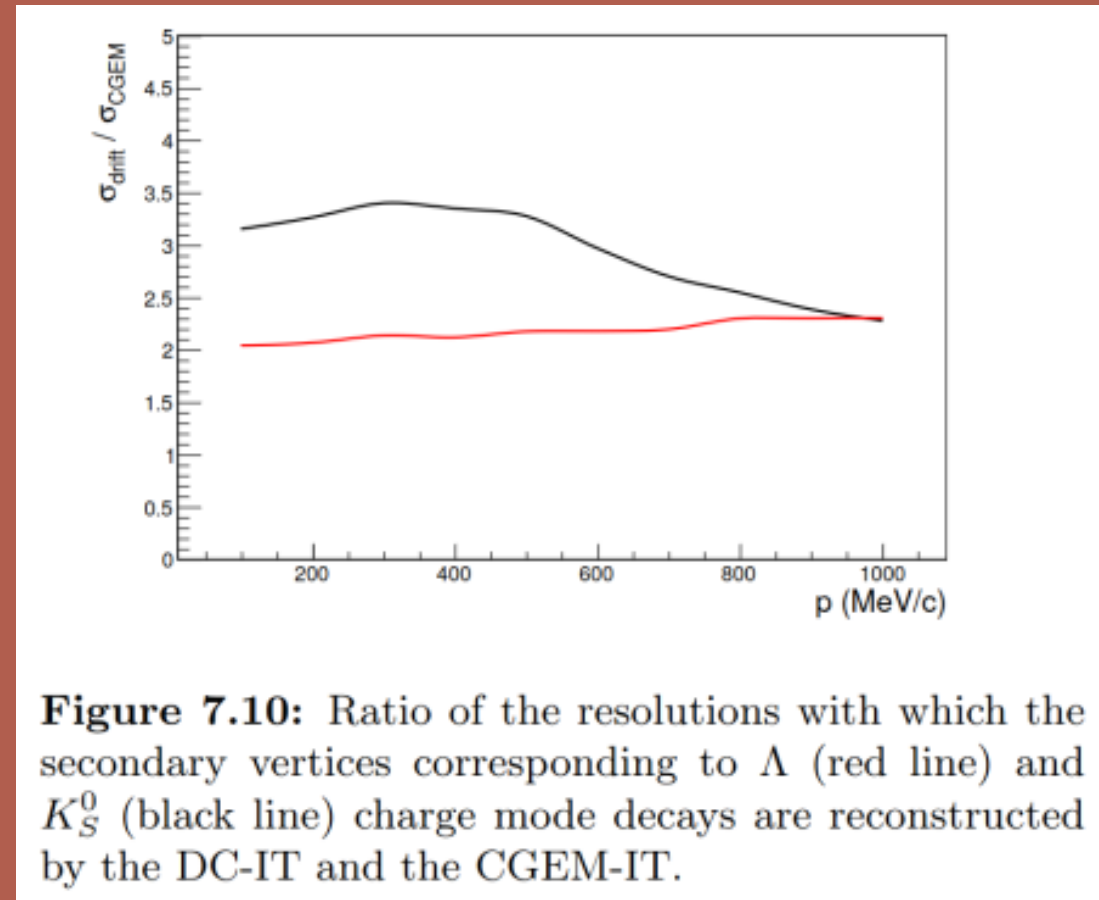
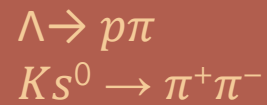
The knowledge of its properties is important to study other charmed baryons

$\Lambda_0$  is a strange baryon

- Mass:  $1115.683 \pm 0.006$  MeV
- Mean Life:  $(2.632 \pm 0.020) 10^{-10}$  s



# SECONDARY VERTEX RECONSTRUCTION

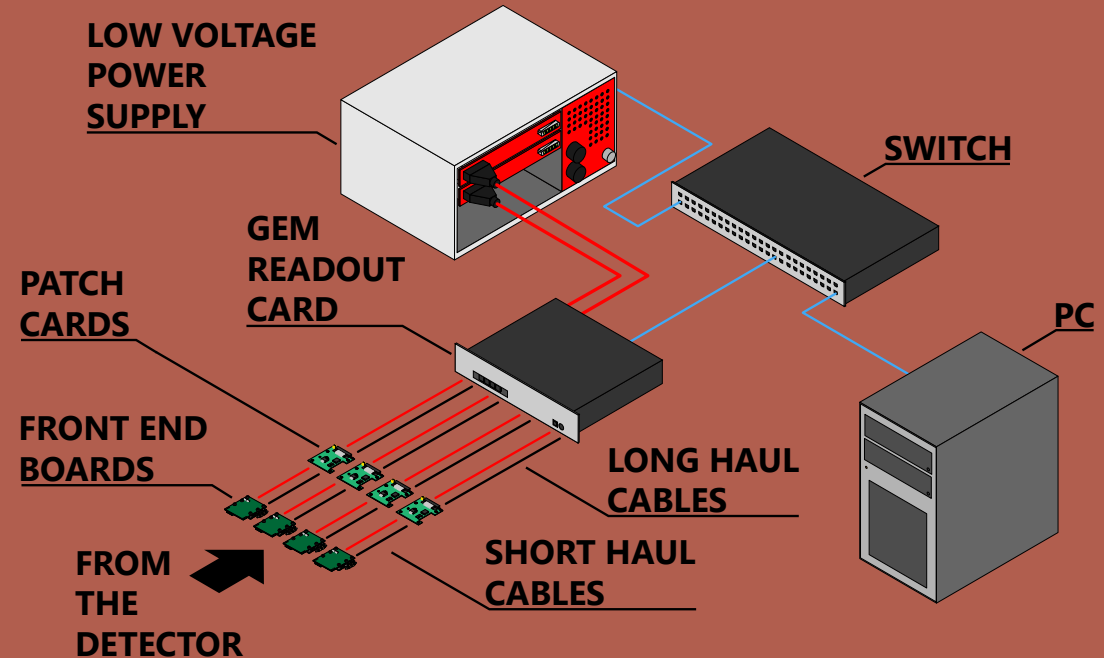




# TIGERs PARAMETERS

## TIGER Parameters

- Input capacitance up to 100 pF
- Input dynamic range from 2 to 50 fC
- Noise on the Energy branch  $< 1800 e^-$  ENC (0.29 fC)
- Jitter on the Time branch  $< 4$  ns
- Thermal load 12.5 mW per channel
- Rate capability 60 kHz per channel



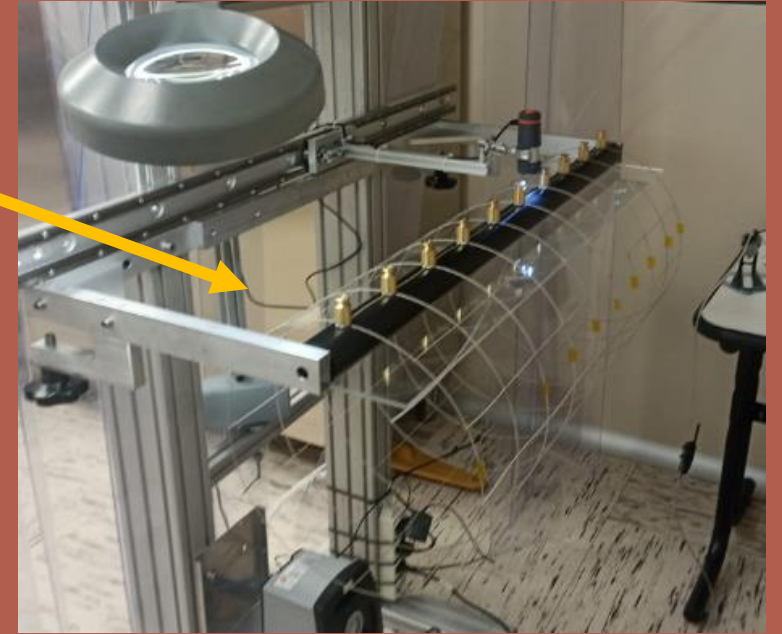
# LAYER-3 CONSTRUCTION

- In 2023 the construction of the last layer (L3) was completed
- Each GEM foil has been carefully tested electrically
- Each electrode was glued into its final cylindrical shape in Ferrara, then shipped to Beijing



# LAYER-3 CONSTRUCTION

- **PEEK spacer grids** were inserted between the GEM sheets to ensure the mechanical stability of the detector
- Once in Beijing, the L3 electrodes were assembled into their final configuration, thanks the "Vertical Insertion Machine" (VIM)
- All testing, glueing, and assembly operations were carried out in a clean room through careful procedures to avoid external contamination





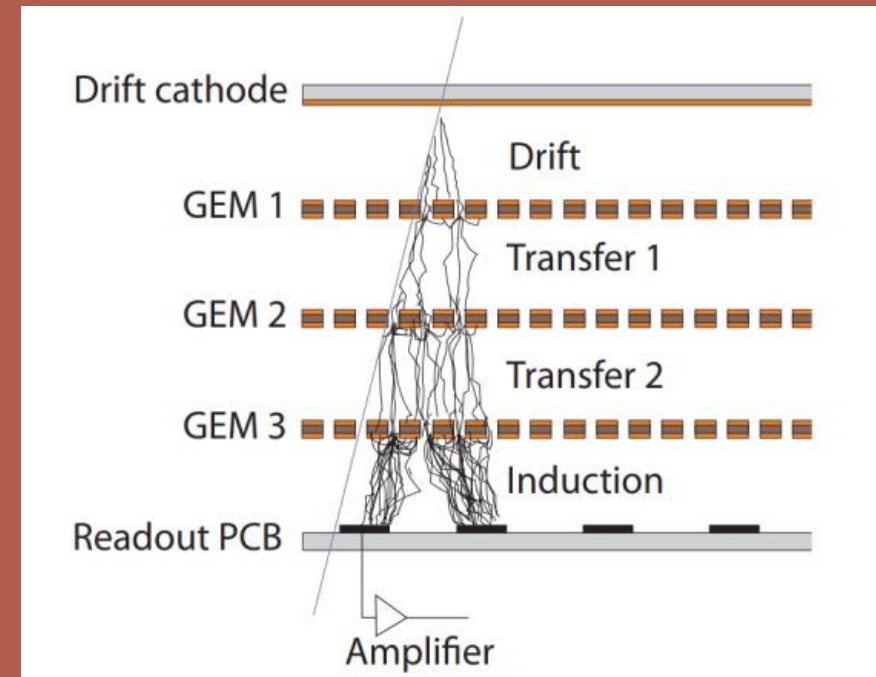
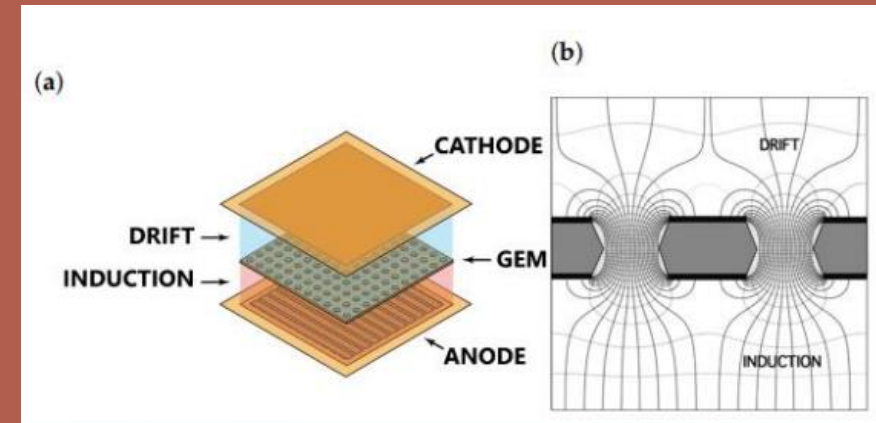
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- **PEEK spacer grids** were inserted between the GEM sheets to ensure the mechanical solidity of the detector
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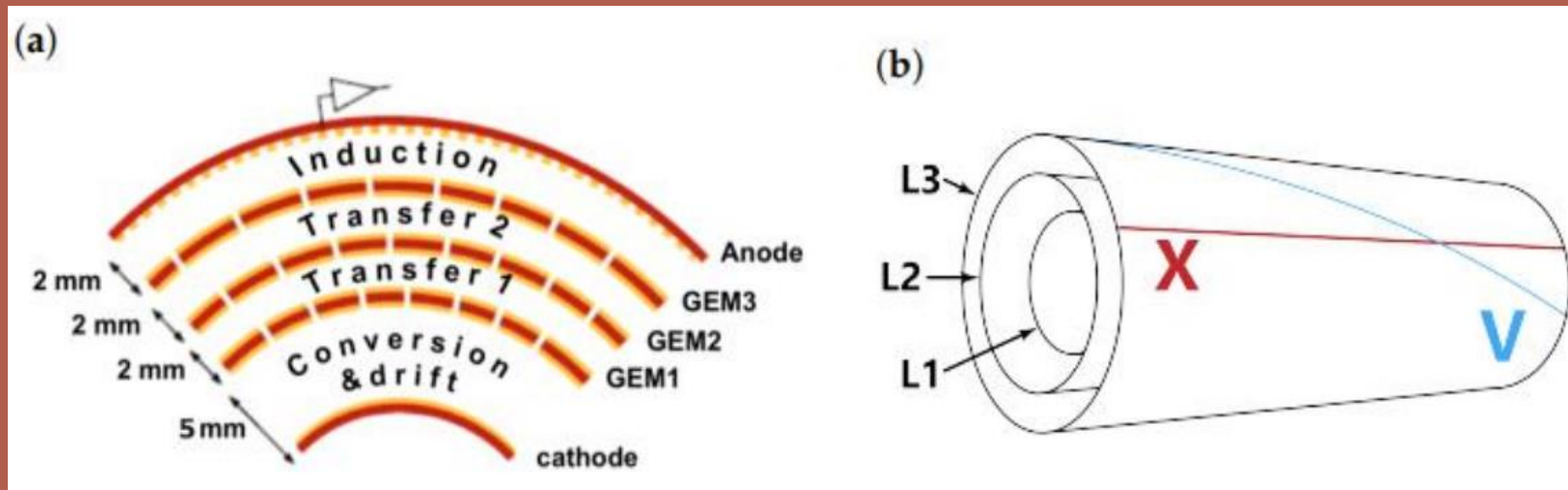
# GEM detector

- The volume of this detector can be divided into three main regions: the drift gap, the multiplication region, and the induction gap
- Single GEM gain of the order of  $10^2$ – $10^3$
- The triple-GEM structure gain is  $\sim 10^4$
- Time resolution is  $\sim 10$  ns,
- The spatial resolution  $\sim 50\mu m$  (depends on the strip pitch, limited by the Delta electrons)
- Drift velocity  $\sim 4$  cm/ $\mu s$



# CGEM-IT

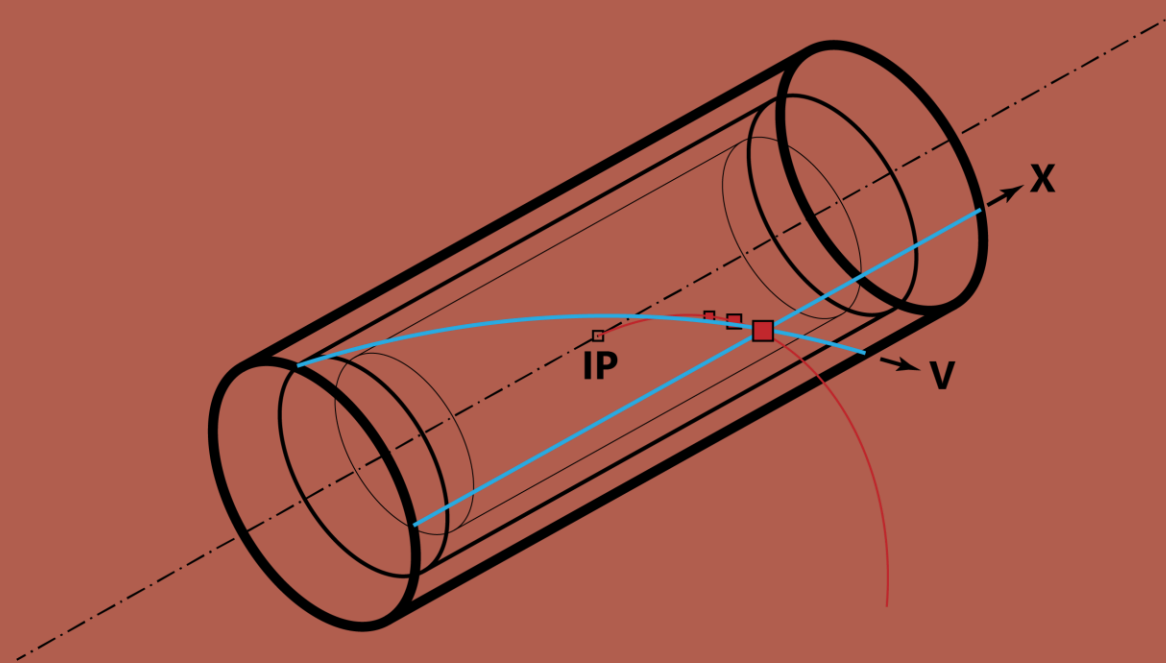
- The operating values of the fields are: 1.5 kV/cm for the drift, 3kV/cm for T1 and T2, and 5 kV/cm for the induction
- The GEM voltage difference 280 V, 280 V, and 275 V
- This structure has a gain  $\sim 10^4$  (discharge probability below  $\sim 10^6$ )





# CGEM-IT

- The readout anode circuit, hosts the readout plane which is segmented in **5  $\mu\text{m}$  thick strips**. The **strip pitch is 650  $\mu\text{m}$** , with a **570  $\mu\text{m}$  wide X-strips** parallel to the CGEM axis providing the coordinates in a plane perpendicular to the beam pipe (the coordinates XY). **V-strips are 130  $\mu\text{m}$  wide** and are oriented in each layer with a different stereo angle
- The V-strips present a stereo angle with respect to the X-strips. They give, together with the information on the X, the measure of the **z-coordinate** (the coordinate parallel to the beam direction).



# CGEM-IT & MDC FEATURES

- Value Requirements

$$\sigma_{xy} < 130 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\sigma_z < 1 \text{ mm}$$

$$dp/p \text{ for } 1\text{GeV}/c \text{ } 0.5 \%$$

$$\text{Material budget} \leq 1.5 \%X_0$$

$$\text{Angular Coverage } 93 \% \times 4\pi$$

$$\text{Hit Rate } 10^4 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$$

$$\text{Minimum Radius } 65.5 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Maximum Radius } 180.7 \text{ mm}$$

- MDC

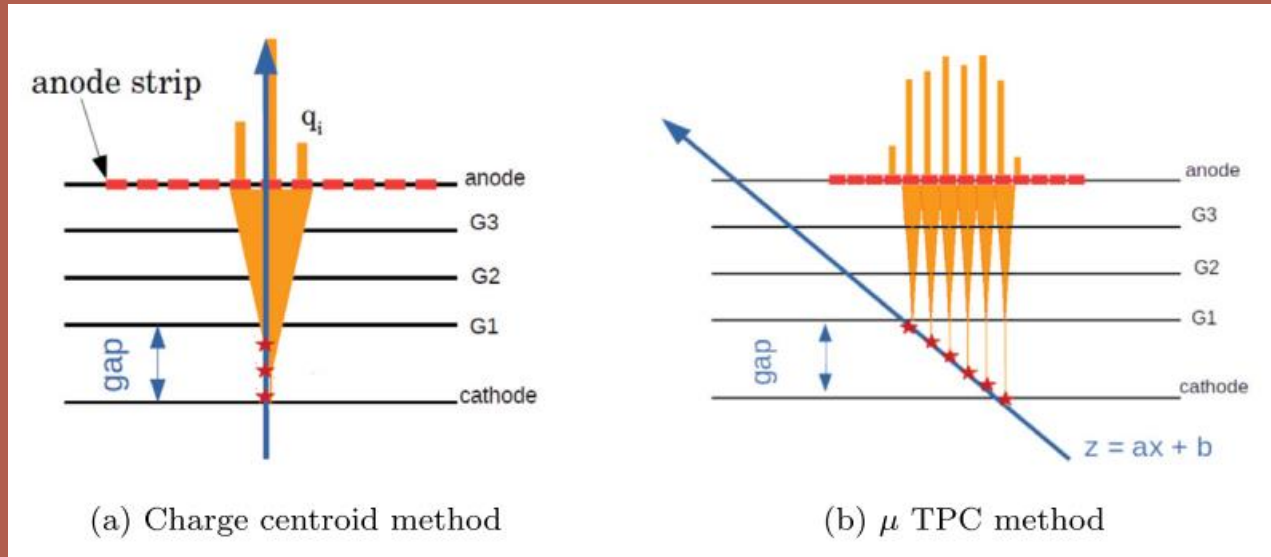
$$\sigma_{xy} \text{ (at } 1 \text{ GeV, singel wire) } \sim 130 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\sigma_z \text{ (at } 1 \text{ GeV) } \sim 2 \text{ mm}$$

$$\sigma_p/p \text{ (at } 1 \text{ GeV) } 0.5 \%$$

$$\sigma_{dE/dx} \text{ (at } 1 \text{ GeV) } 6 \%$$

# Charge centroid & $\mu$ TPC concepts



$$x_{CC} = \frac{\sum_i^{N_{hit}} Q_{hit,i} x_{hit,i}}{\sum_i^{N_{hit}} Q_{hit,i}}$$
$$x_{\mu TPC} = \frac{gap/2 - b}{a}$$

- The CC averages the charge of all the strips of the cluster by weighting it by its charge
- The  $\mu$ TPC instead considers the drift gap as a tiny TPC and with position and time information, it associates each strip with a bi-dimensional point and uses a linear fit to extrapolate the particle position

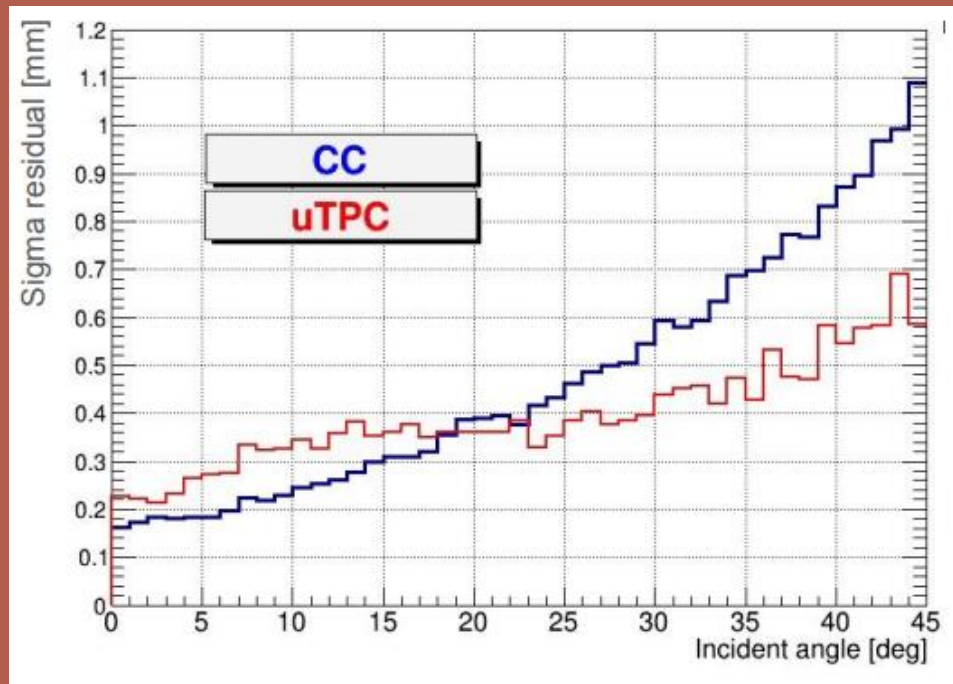


# Charge centroid & $\mu$ TPC CGEM-IT state

**Preliminary result**, also need to take into account:

- time calibrations to be optimized (contribution of 200-250 $\mu$ m)
- the contribution of tracking must be subtracted (contribution of 100-200  $\mu$ m)

PRELIMINARY PLOT



# EFFICIENCY L1 BOTTOM - 1D EFFICIENCY

