

Basic R & D for HPLs Consisting of Melamine + Phenol: $\rho < 10^{11}$

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1. Introductions

RPCs : Gaseous detectors for trigger of high-energy particles

Designed by R. Santonico in 1981 {NIMA187(1981)377}.

Consists of thin layers of uniform gas gaps which form electrodes.

Materials for the RPC electrodes : high resistive plates to reduce spark noises

⇒ Bakelite, melamine, or glass plate

RPCs for LHC : 2 mm thick double gap RPCs

Timing RPCs for high time resolution

⇒ Multi-gap RPCs : gap thickness : 0.2 ~ 0.5 mm

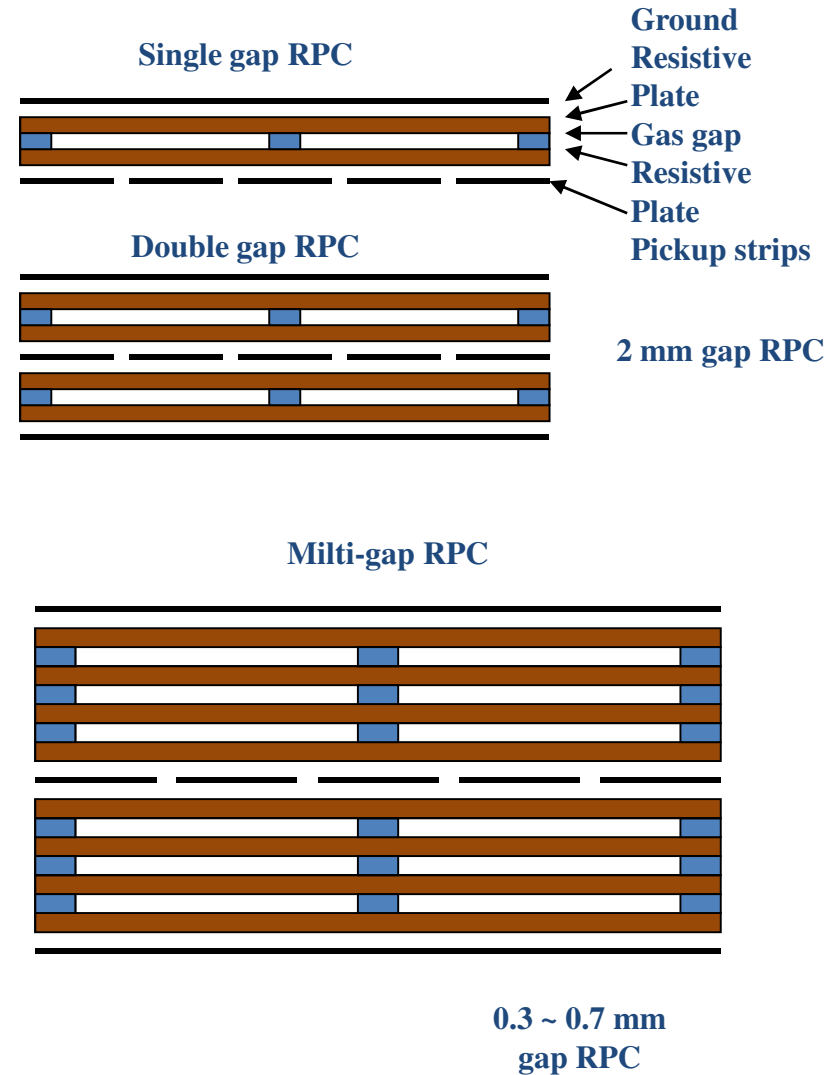
Operation mode :

- Spark mode (original)

BELLE (glass), Argo YBJ (HPL)

- Avalanche mode for high rate capability

LHC (HPL), PHENIX (HPL), All timing RPCs (glass)



2. Why R&D of multi-gap RPCs for CMS ?

- Higher rate capability > 5 kHz/cm²
- Aiming for future muon triggers at RE1/1 for CMS
- SLHC requires faster trigger with higher background

Higher rate with smaller avalanche charge

- Rate capability ~ 1 / q_e (actually depends on $\langle Q_e \rangle$)
- Rate capability ~ 1 / ρ (ρ : resistivity of electrode material)

Typical Timing RPCs consisting of multi-gap glass RPCs

- $\langle Q_e \rangle$ more than 10 times smaller compared to CMS RPCs
- ρ ~ a few 100 times larger compared to CMS RPCs
 $10^{10} \sim 10^{11}$ for CMS/ATLAS RPCs, $\sim 10^{13}$ for timing RPCs
- Rate capability < 1 kHz/cm² for timing RPCs

Then, what if multi-gap RPCs with HPLs ?

- $\langle Q_e \rangle$ ~ 10 times smaller compared to the current CMS RPCs
- New HPL : Melamine-Phenol-Melamine $\rightarrow \rho < 10^{11}$
- Oiling required to reduce noises (nobody tried)
- **Expected rate capability > 5 kHz/cm²**

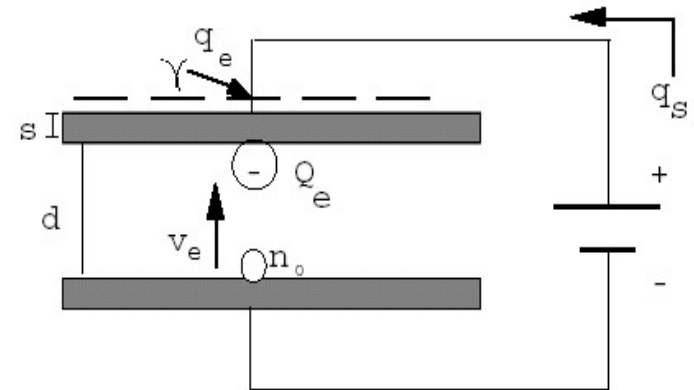
Advantage : we can keep the current RPC technology for the CMS trigger.

Disadvantage : more difficult in the detector construction compared to the current double-gap RPCs

$$q_e = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1} \frac{q_{el}}{\eta d} n_{0ij} M_{ij} k [e^{\eta(d-x_{ij})} - 1]$$

$$\langle q_e \rangle = m \sum_{j=1} \frac{q_{el}}{\eta d} \mu k e^{\eta d} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \eta} \right)^j$$

$$\langle Q_e \rangle = \frac{\eta d}{k} \langle q_e \rangle \quad k = \frac{\epsilon_r d / s}{\epsilon_r d / s + 2}$$



Forward Region CMS RPCs System

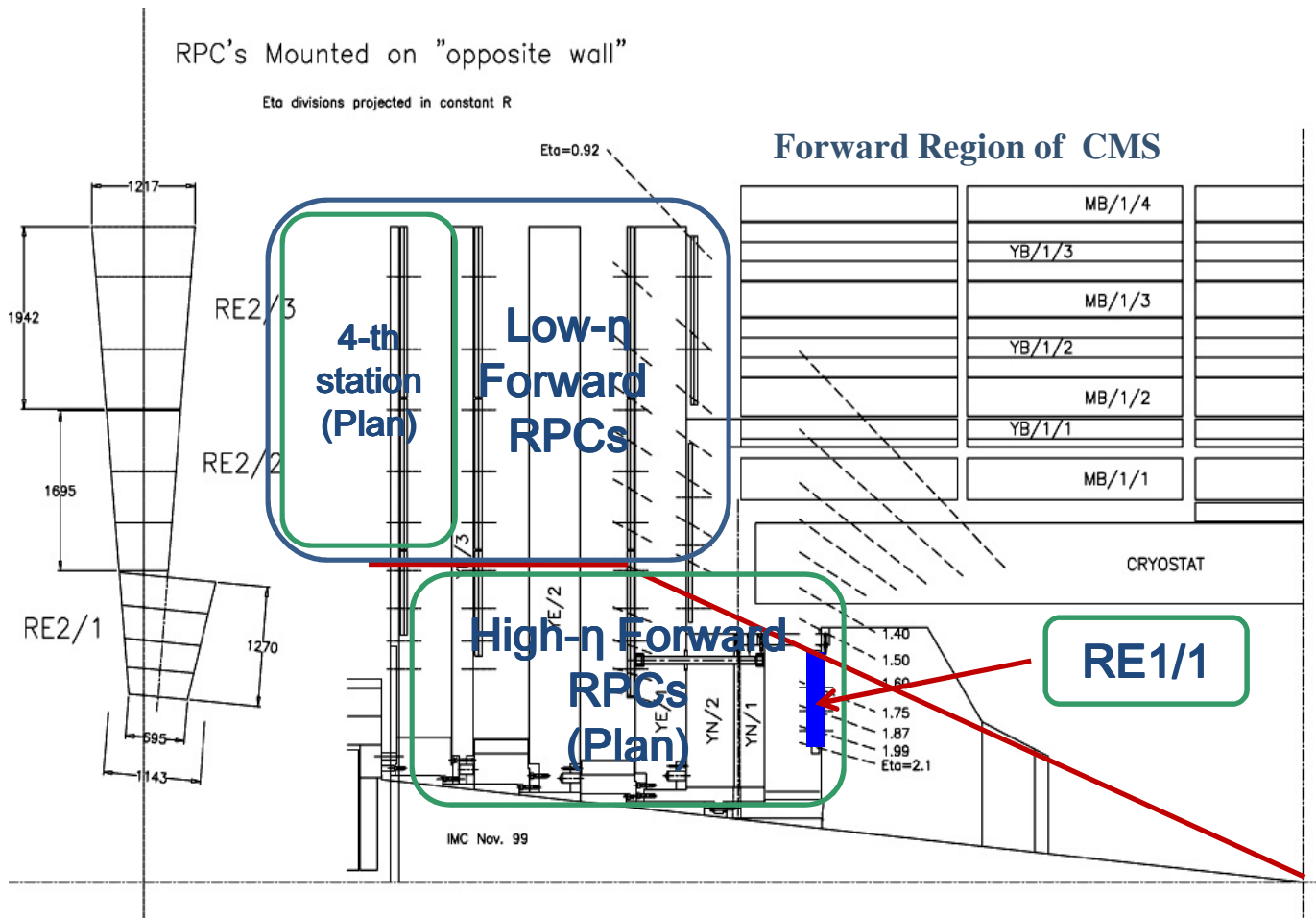
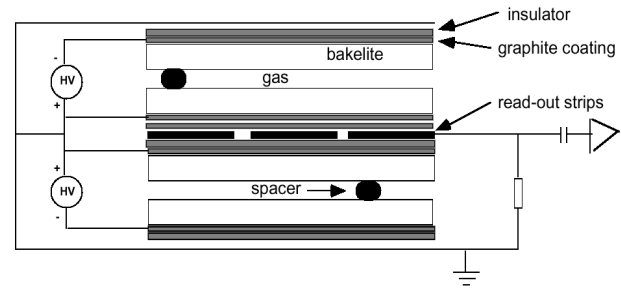
Function : L1 muon triggers

2 wings (RE+, RE-)

4 stations (RE1, RE2, RE3, RE4)

Pseudo rapidity covering $0.9 < \eta < 2.1$ (1.6)

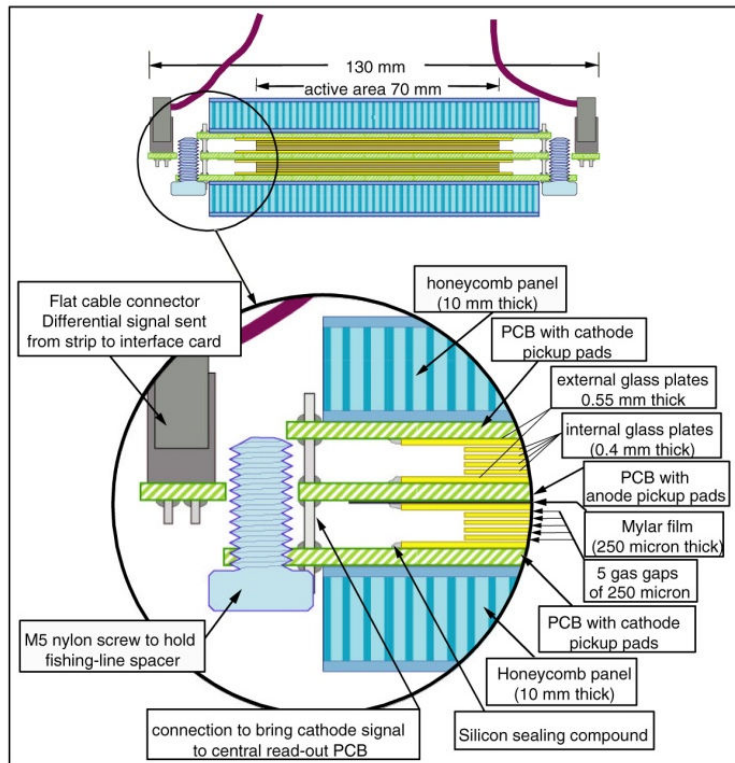
η segmentations : 10 (6)



Benchmark

Multi-gap timing RPCs for ALICE (glass, C. Williams)

Cross section of double-stack MRPC - ALICE TOF



Double stack
- each stack has 5 gaps
(i.e. 10 gaps in total)

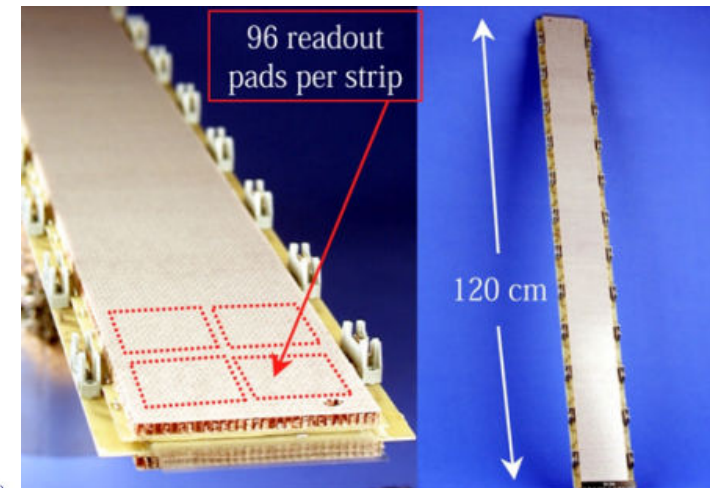
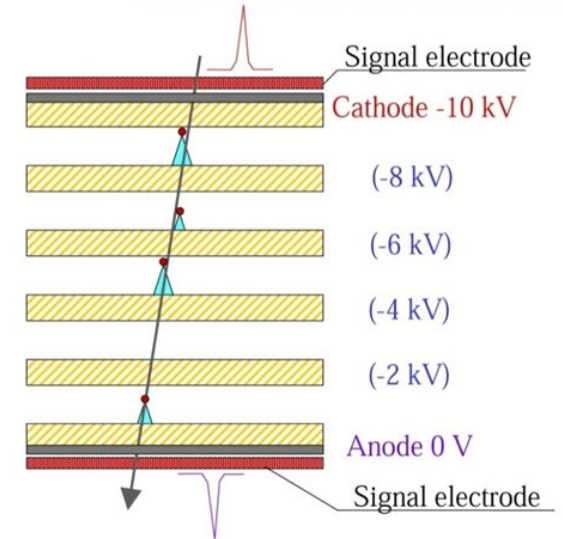
250 micron gaps with spacers
made from fishing line

Resistive plates 'off-the-shelf'
soda lime glass

400 micron internal glass
550 micron external glass

Resistive coating
5 M Ω /square

MULTIGAP RESISTIVE PLATE CHAMBER



ALICE timing RPCs

N. Akindinov, et al., NIMA 533 74 (2004)

Time resolution $\sigma \sim 50$ ps

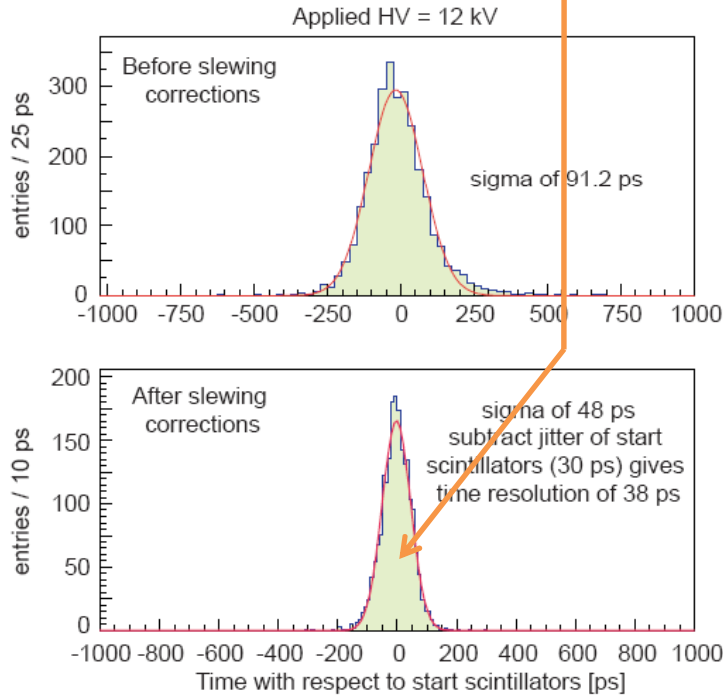


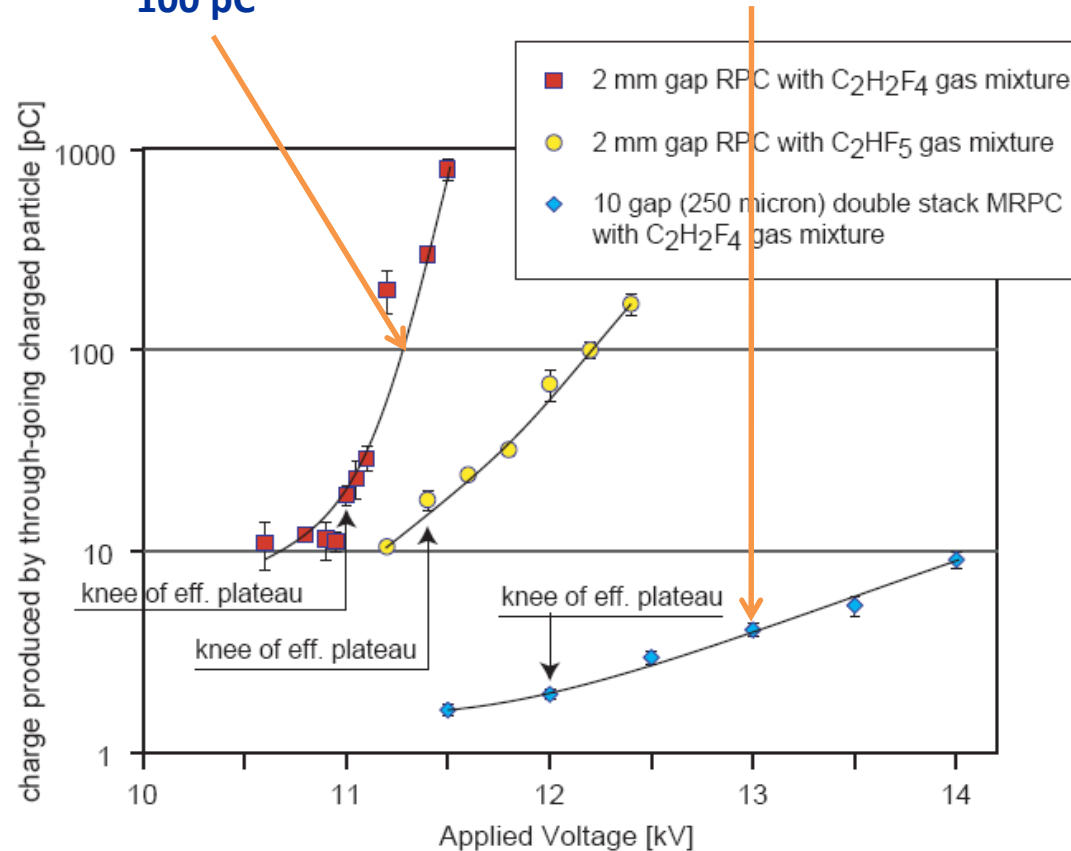
Fig. 3. Time distribution of MRPC before and after slewing corrections.

Mean avalanche charge induced in the gas volume

$$\langle Q_e \rangle = \frac{\eta d}{k} \langle q_e \rangle \quad k = \frac{\epsilon_r d/s}{\epsilon_r d/s + 2}$$

Typical $\langle Q_e \rangle$ for 2-mm double-gap RPCs (CMS) ~ 100 pC

Typical $\langle Q_e \rangle$ for multi-gap RPCs ~ 4 pC



Choice of R&D for future CMS RPCs ?

- Higher rate capability $> 5 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$
- Aiming for future muon triggers at RE1/1 for CMS
- SLHC requires faster trigger with higher background
- Proposing 6-gap RPCs with melamine-phenol HPLs → $\rho < 10^{11}$
- First oiled multi-gap RPCs (for curing noises)

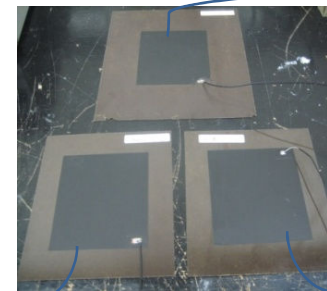
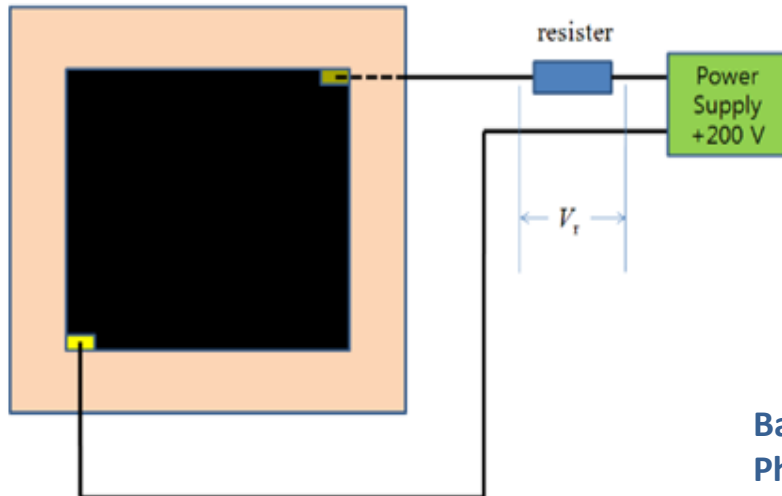
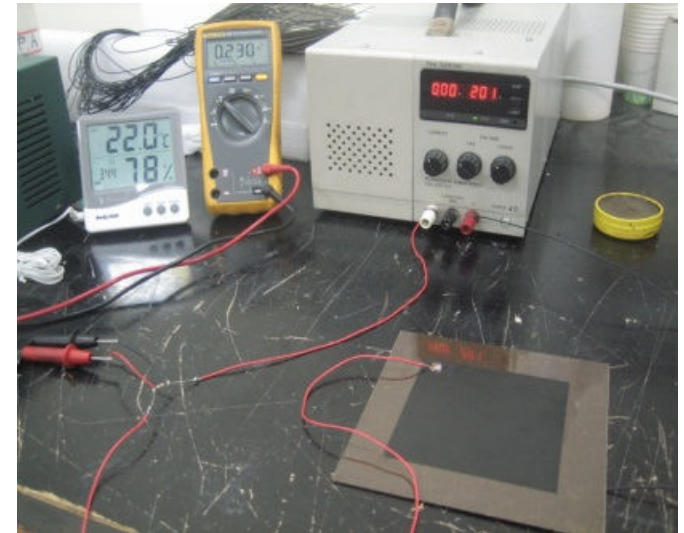
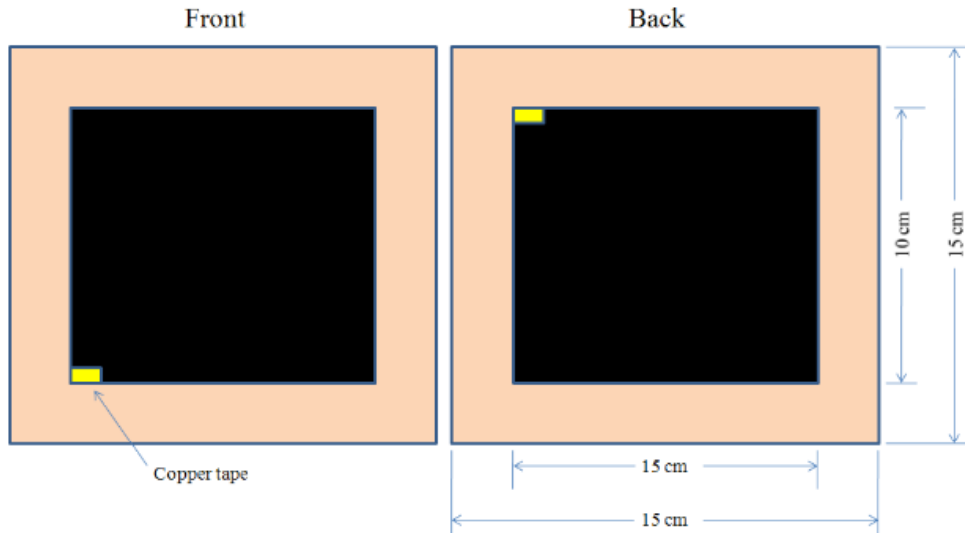
Multi-gap RPCs working in the current environment of the CMS forward RPC ?

- Same gas system → same gas mixture
- Same electronics → same FEE
- The detector characteristics should lie between the standard double-gap and the timing RPCs.

	CMS Double gap RPC	6-gap RPC
Gap width	2 mm	0.65 mm
Total gas volume	4 mm	3.9 mm
$\langle q_e \rangle$	2 ~ 5 pC	~ 0.7 pC
$\langle Q_e \rangle$	60 ~ 150 pC	~ 10 pC
Threshold	~ 200 fC	~ 70 fC
Type of HPLs	phenol	melamine+phenol
Thickness of resistive plate	2 mm	1.0 mm
Number of resistive plate	4	8
Resistivity of HPL	1 ~ 5 x 10 ¹⁰ Ohm-cm	$< 10^{11}$ Ohm-cm
Rate capability	2 ~ 3 kHz/cm ²	~ 10 kHz/cm ²

3. Basic R&D of HPLs

Resistivity tests for HPLs consisting of Melamine + Phenol sheets



Batch 1
(0.5mm Melamine)

Batch 2 (0.5mm HPLs Melamine-Phenol)

Batch 3
(1mm HPLs Melamine-Phenol)

Using simple math, we can calculate the resistivity.

$$\rho_b = R_r \frac{A}{d} \left(\frac{V_0 - V_r}{V_r} \right)$$

- Power supply voltage= V_0
- Voltage difference from $R_r = V_r$
- Area of electrode= A
- Thickness of HPL = d
- Resistance= R_r

Normalization to the expected values at $T=20^\circ$

$$\rho_b^{20} = \rho_T e^{\alpha(T-T_0)}$$

Coefficient for temperature-dependence ($0.12/^\circ\text{C}$)

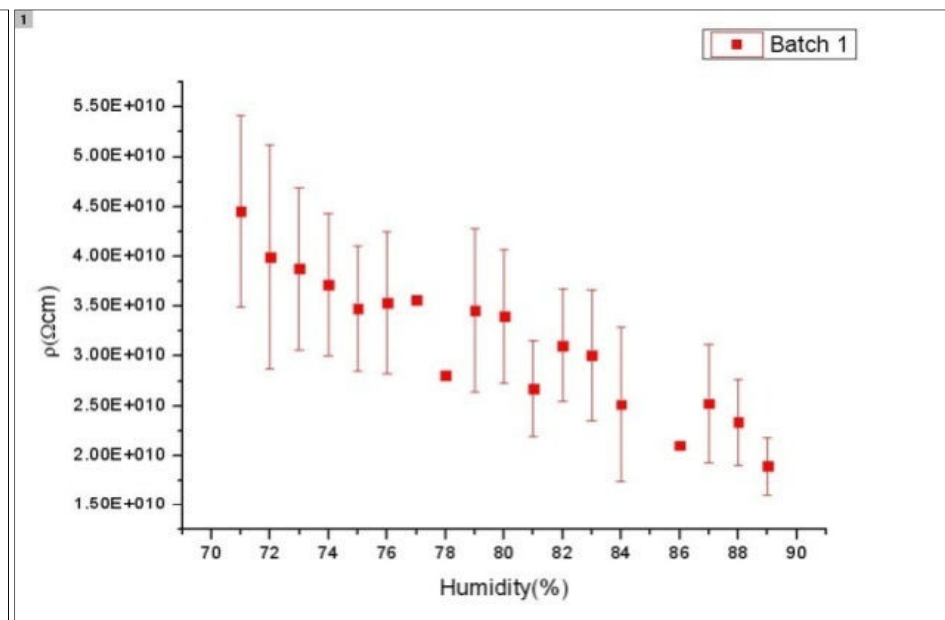
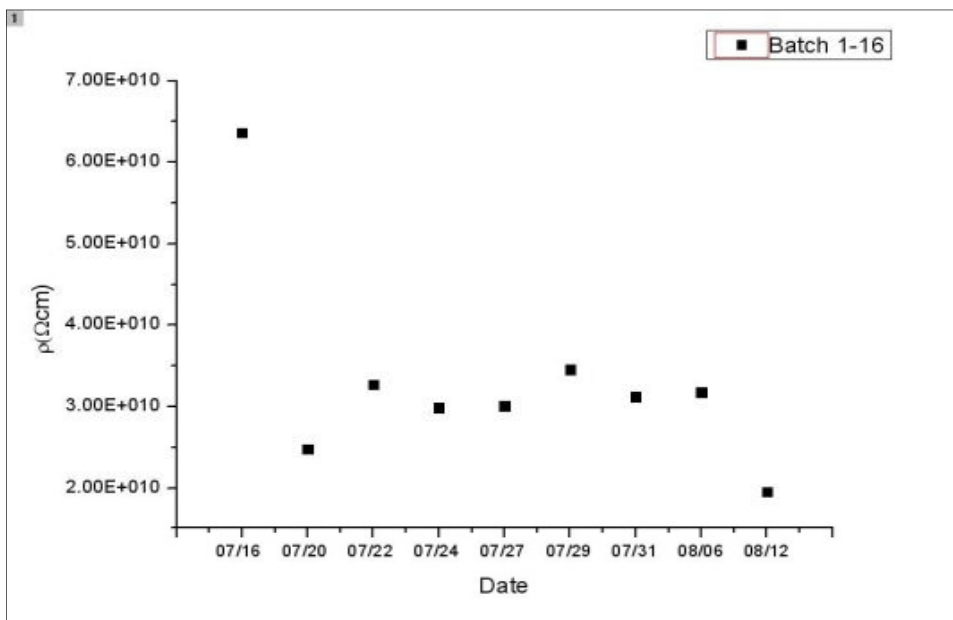


- Resistivity ~ strongly depends both on temperature and humidity

4. Results

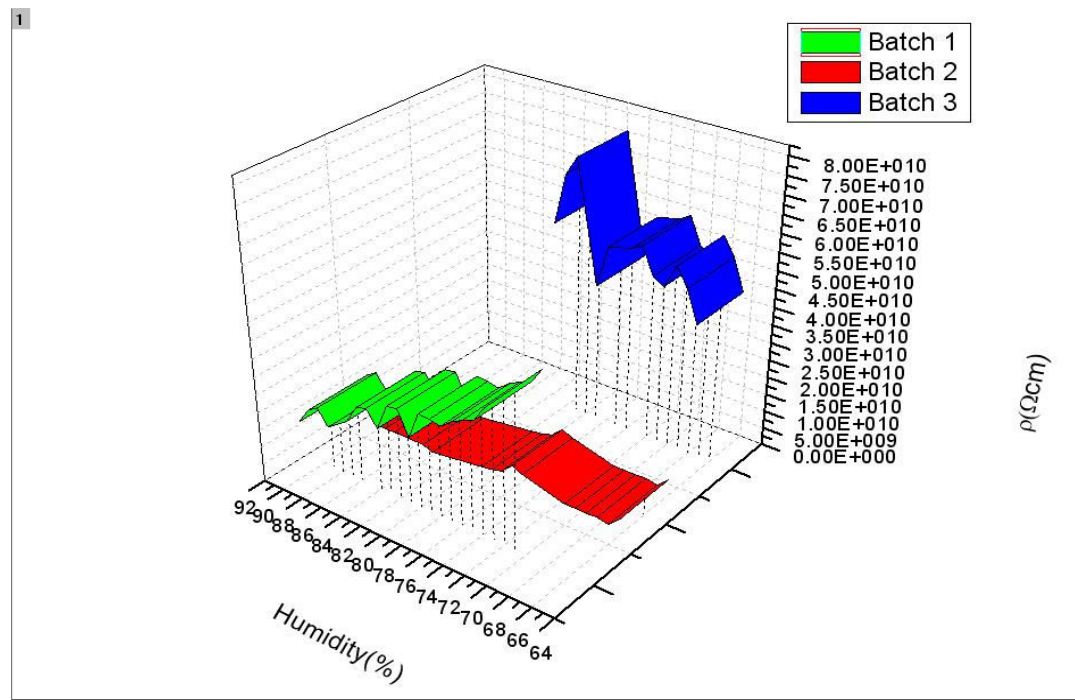
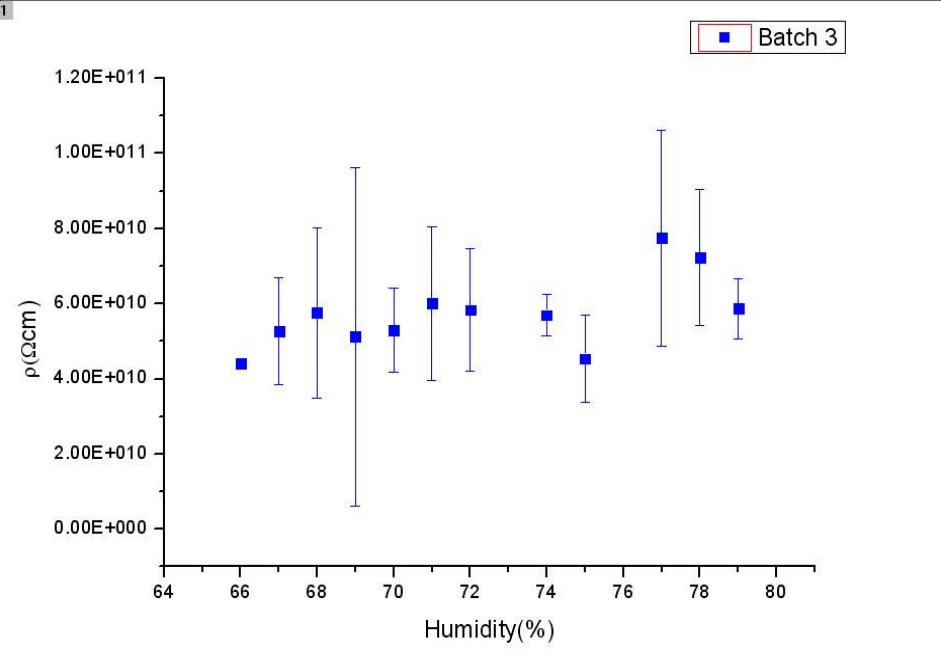
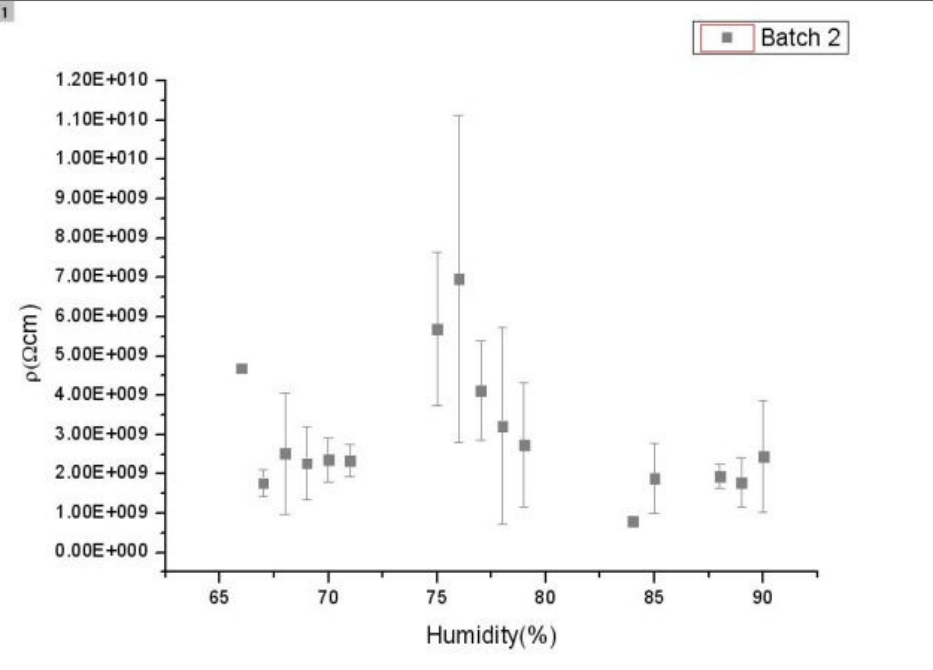
Initial Condition	
V_0 (V)	200
A (cm^2)	100
R_r ($k\Omega$)	47.46

	Batch 1 (M-P 0.5mm)	Batch 2 (HPLs M-P 0.5mm)	Batch 3 (HPL M-P 1mm)
Average Voltage Difference V_r (V)	0.697	8.21	0.205
Thickness d (cm)	0.05	0.05	0.1
Average ρ_{20} (Ωcm)	3.91×10^{10}	5.13×10^9	6.94×10^{10}
$\text{L}^{\text{Max.}}$ (Ωcm)	1.28×10^{11}	2.21×10^{10}	1.95×10^{11}
$\text{L}^{\text{Min.}}$ (Ωcm)	1.59×10^{10}	8.00×10^8	5.94×10^{10}
$\text{L}^{\text{Standard Deviation}}$	1.77×10^{10}	4.39×10^9	3.47×10^{10}



Date	July 19th	July 20th	July 22nd	July 24th	July 27th	July 29th
ρ_{20}	6.4×10^{10}	2.5×10^{10}	3.3×10^{10}	3.0×10^{10}	3.0×10^{10}	3.5×10^{10}
Humidity(%)	76	84	75	75	79	74
Date	July 31st	August 6th	August 12th	Standard Deviation	1.25×10^{10}	
ρ_{20}	3.1×10^{10}	3.2×10^{10}	1.9×10^{10}			
Humidity(%)	75	74	88			

Data for batch 1-16



5. Conclusions

- Resistivity ~ strongly depends both on temperature and humidity

- HPL samples : successful to build low-resistive multi-gap RPCs

Resistivity :

Batch 1 : $\rho = 3.91 \times 10^{10} \Omega \text{ cm}$ ($\sigma = 1.77 \times 10^{10} \Omega \text{ cm}$)

Batch 2 : $\rho = 5.13 \times 10^9 \Omega \text{ cm}$ ($\sigma = 4.39 \times 10^9 \Omega \text{ cm}$)

Batch 3 : $\rho = 6.94 \times 10^{10} \Omega \text{ cm}$ ($\sigma = 3.47 \times 10^{10} \Omega \text{ cm}$)

⇒ Able to select HPLs with resistivity in a range $10^{10} < \rho < 10^{11}$ at **T=20°** and **H=50%**

- We recently manufactured

1 oiled and 1 non-oiled 6-gap RPCs with Batch 3 HPLs (1 mm)

to address the feasibility for the future CMS muon triggers.