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T2K/ND280 HA-TPC

ENCAPSULATED RESISTIVE ANODE MICROMEGAS DETECTOR

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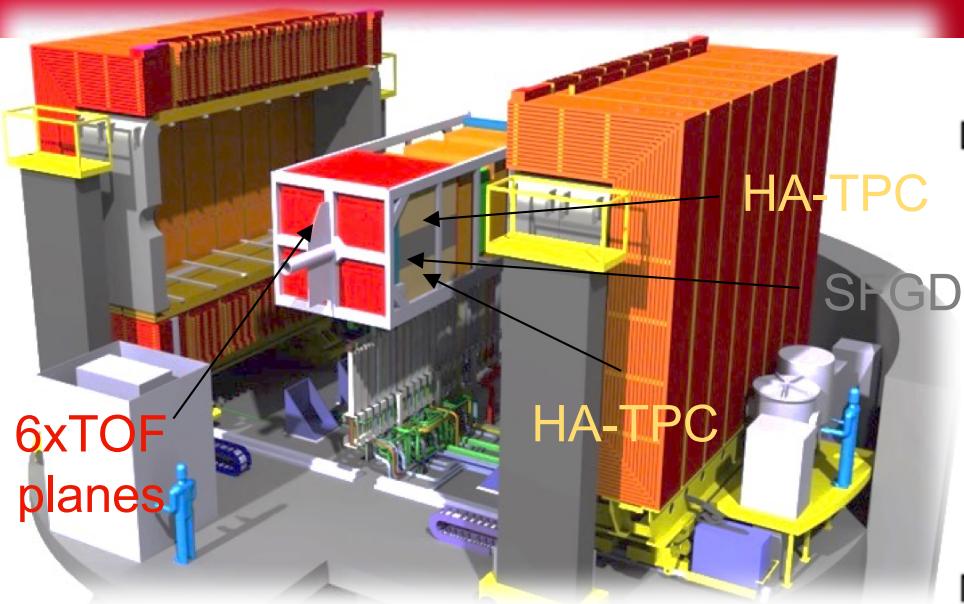
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Within the T2K/ND280 - HA-TPC collaboration

ERAM : Encapsulated Resistive Anode Micromegas

- ND280 upgrade ERAM modules history
- 2019 MM1 & 2020 ERAM#1 prototypes
 - DLC resistivity measurements
 - Beam tests (CERN & DESY)
 - First operation of an ERAM with its final FEE

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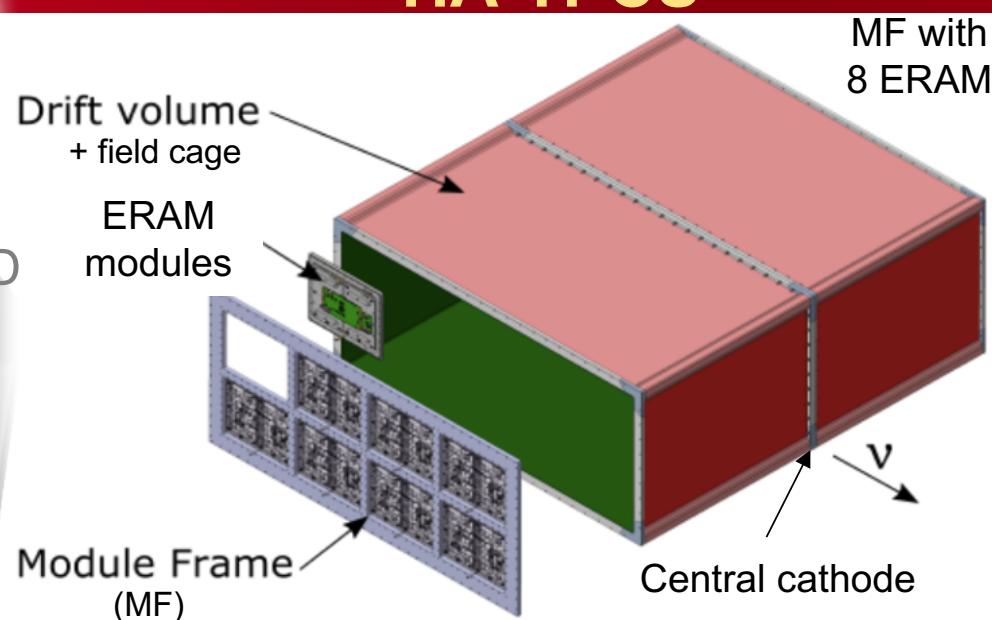


2x T2K/ HA-TPC (2022)

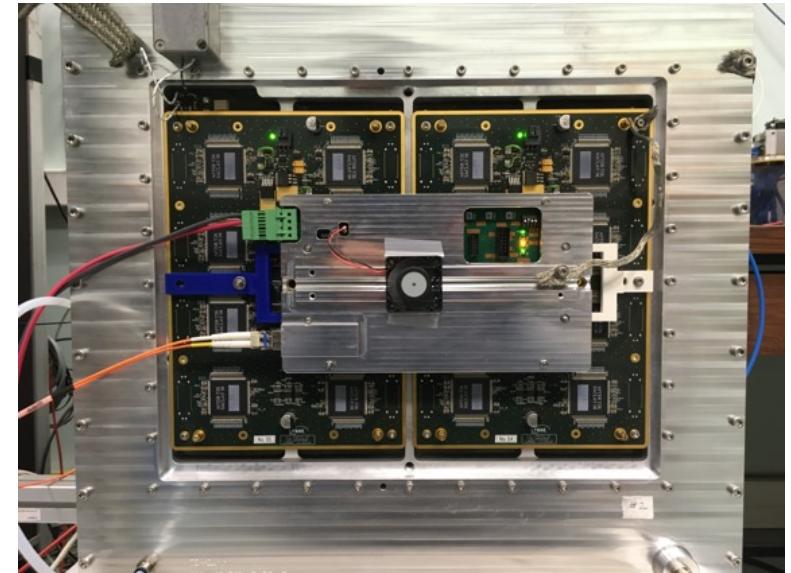
Parameter	Value
Overall $x \times y \times z$ (m)	$2.0 \times 0.8 \times 1.8$
Drift distance (cm)	90
Magnetic Field (T)	0.2
Electric field (V/cm)	275
Gas Ar-CF ₄ -iC ₄ H ₁₀ (%)	95 - 3 - 2
Drift Velocity $cm/\mu s$	7.8
Transverse diffusion ($\mu m/\sqrt{cm}$)	265
Micromegas gain	1000
Micromegas dim. $z \times y$ (mm)	340x420 (32)
Pad $z \times y$ (mm)	10 \times 11
N pads	36864
el. noise (ENC)	800
S/N	100
Sampling frequency (MHz)	25
N time samples	511

3x T2K/ V-TPC (2010)

0.85 \times 2.2 \times 1.8



T2K HA-TPC ERAM module (2020)



RESISTIVE ANODE BULK-MICROMEGAS WITH DIAMOND-LIKE CARBON

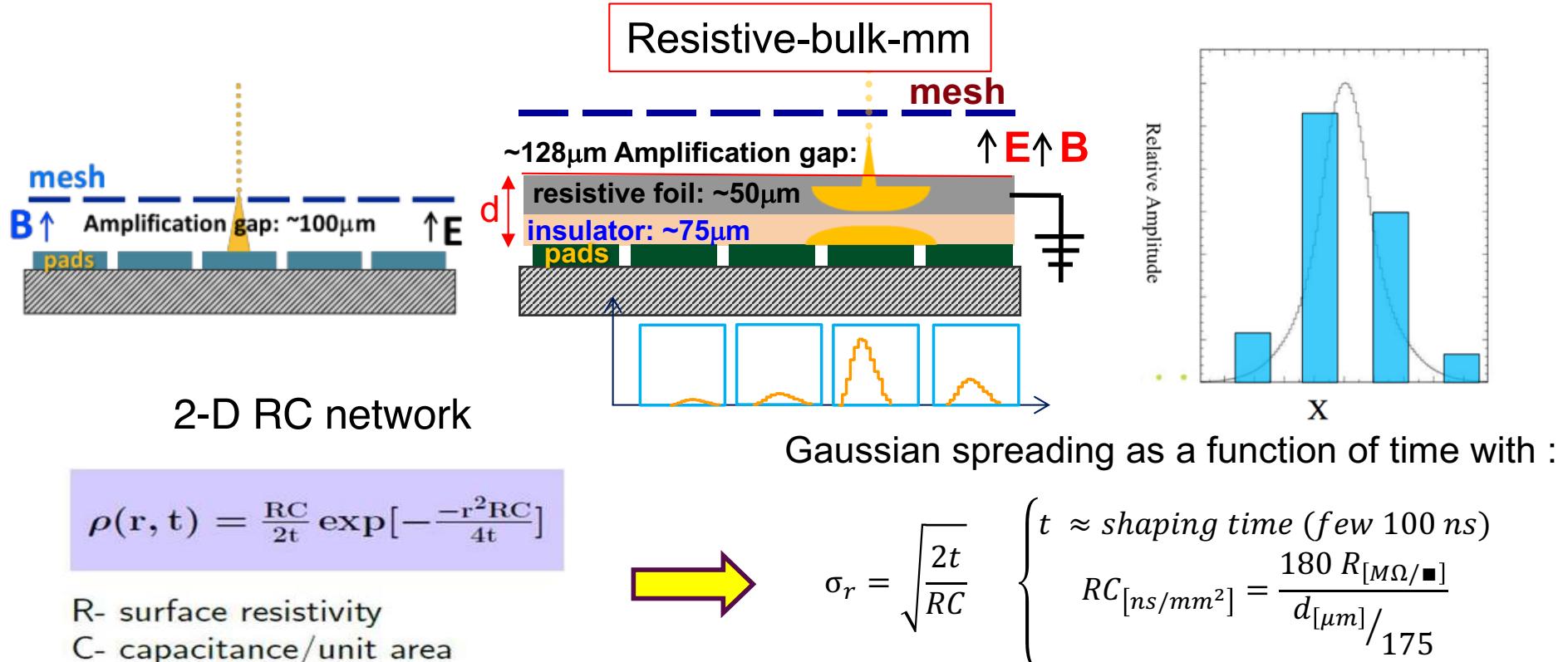
ILC/TPC R&D: P. Colas et al.



Ref: M.S. Dixit et al. NIM A518, p. 721, 2004

Choice of the Resistive foil technology for the HA-TPC micromegas readout

- Charge spreading which should enable keeping the $\sim 600 \mu\text{m}$ spatial resolution with larger pads and improves it at short drift distance \rightarrow less electronic channels, cost reduction
- ASIC spark protection no longer needed \rightarrow more compact FEE, maximize HA-TPC acceptance
- Encapsulated mesh @ GND + insulating layer \rightarrow potentially lower track distortions & better S/N



For pads of $\sim 11 \times 10 \text{ mm}^2$, the Kapton foil resistivity could be **around** $0.4 \text{ M}\Omega/\blacksquare$ and glue thickness $\sim 75 \mu\text{m}$ for a good charge spreading ($\sim 5 \text{ mm}$) $RC \sim 50 \text{ ns/mm}^2$

Version	Delivery date	pad number (Y x Z) Pad size (mm) FE Type	DLC R (Mohm) foil	DLC R (Mohm) detector	Glue thick. (μm) (not measured)	RC (ns/mm ²)	expected sigma (mm) for 200 ns peaking time	Goal	Main results
<i>R&D (MM0) T2K v-TPC design 34 x 36 cm²</i>	2018	36 x 38 (1726) 6.9 x 9.7 T2k v-TPC						charge spreading testing	
MM0-DLC1	january 2018		2.5 (not measured)	?	200	310	1,6	tested on HARP TPC @ CERN (08/2018) Nucl Instrum Meth A 957 (july 2019)	Manufacturing procedure validation achieved required performances for 412ns peaking NIM A957 (july 2019) 10.1016/j.nima.2019.163286
MM0-DLC2	june 2018		2.5 (not measured)	?	200	310	1,6		
MM0-DLC3#1	november 2018		0.29 to 0.40 foil #2/7	~0.2	75	50	4,0	destroyed after connector soldering	bulk delamination after 216°C soldering 7/24 wrong connectors !
MM0-DLC3#2	january 2019		0.4 to 0.66 foil #2/7	0.40 to 0.64	75	100 to 159	2,2 to 2,8	at INFN	Non reproducible Resistivity change during manufacturing process
<i>Pre-design (MM1) 34 x 42 cm²</i>	2019	32 x 36 (1152) 10.09 x 11.18 ARC						Final size / first RC optimization FEE connection + shielding validation	
MM1-DLC1	april 2019		0.32 to 0.44 foil #7/7	0.2 to 0.27	75	50 to 67	3,5 to 4	tests at DESY 2019	Detector / FEE interface validation Manufacturing process control achieved required performances for 412 ns peaking time
MM1-DLC2	june 2019		0.32 to 0.43 foil #5/7	0.2 to 0.27	75	50 to 67	3,5 to 4	tests on single-RMM 2019 prototype @ CERN (EHN1) FEE cooling mock-up (feb 2020-)	
<i>Pre-series (ERAM) 34 x 42 cm²</i>	2020	32 x 36 (1152) 10.09 x 11.18 ARC & Final FEE V1						Final design / Last RC optimization for 200 ns peaking time	
ERAM #01 (S/N002)	january 2020		0.28 to 0.40 foil #3/7	0.16 to 0.22	200	20 to 27	5,4 to 6,3	Desy test beam (oct 2020)	First cosmic tracks on june 10 with final FEE
ERAM#2	30 august 2020 ?				TbC			Possible use of new DLC foils	
<i>ERAM production 34 x 42 cm²</i>	dec 2020 to feb 2022	32 x 36 (1152) 10.09 x 11.18 Final FEE							
ERAM #03-#10	feb 2021		goal : same ERAM #01 with better uniformity		TbC			New DLC foil production better R uniformity ?	first new DLC batch (7 foils) received 16 february (R x 2 !)

Name	2018 MM0-DLC#	2019 MM1-DLC#	2020 ERAM#
Readout PCB	Original T2K-TPC	HA-TPC	HA-TPC V2 + final FEE
Size	34 × 36 cm ²	34 × 42 cm ²	34 × 42 cm ²
Pads	48 × 36 cm ²	32 × 36 cm ²	32 × 36 cm ²
Pad size	6,85 × 9,65 mm ²	10,09 × 11,18 mm ²	10,09 × 11,18 mm ²
Pad number	1728	1152	1152
Isolation layers	75 -200 µm glue + 50 µm APICAL	75 µm glue + 50 µm APICAL	200 µm glue + 50 µm APICAL

Expected charge
Spreading:

- MM0-DLC1 (2,5 MΩ/sq):
 $\sigma \sim 1,6 \text{ mm for } t=400 \text{ ns}$

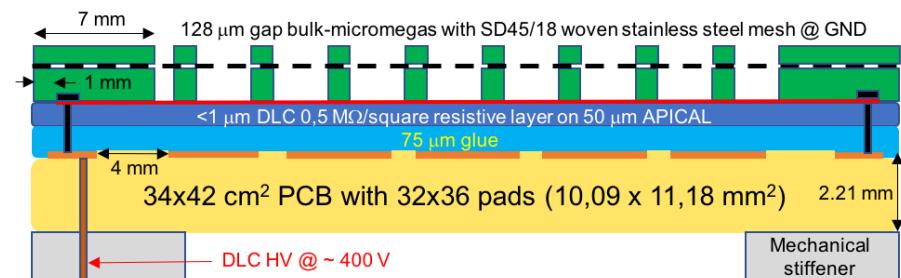
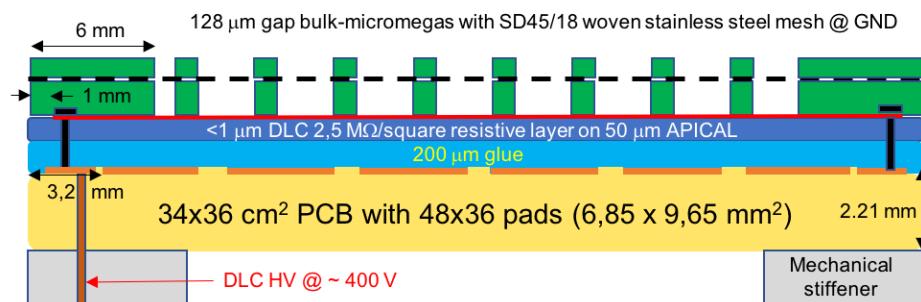
- MM1-DLC1 (~0,25 MΩ/sq):
 $\sigma \sim 2,5 \text{ mm for } t=200 \text{ ns}$
 $\sigma \sim 3,5 \text{ mm for } t=400 \text{ ns}$

- ERAM#1 (~0,2 MΩ/sq):
 $\sigma \sim 4,2 \text{ mm for } t=200 \text{ ns}$
 $\sigma \sim 6 \text{ mm for } t=400 \text{ ns}$

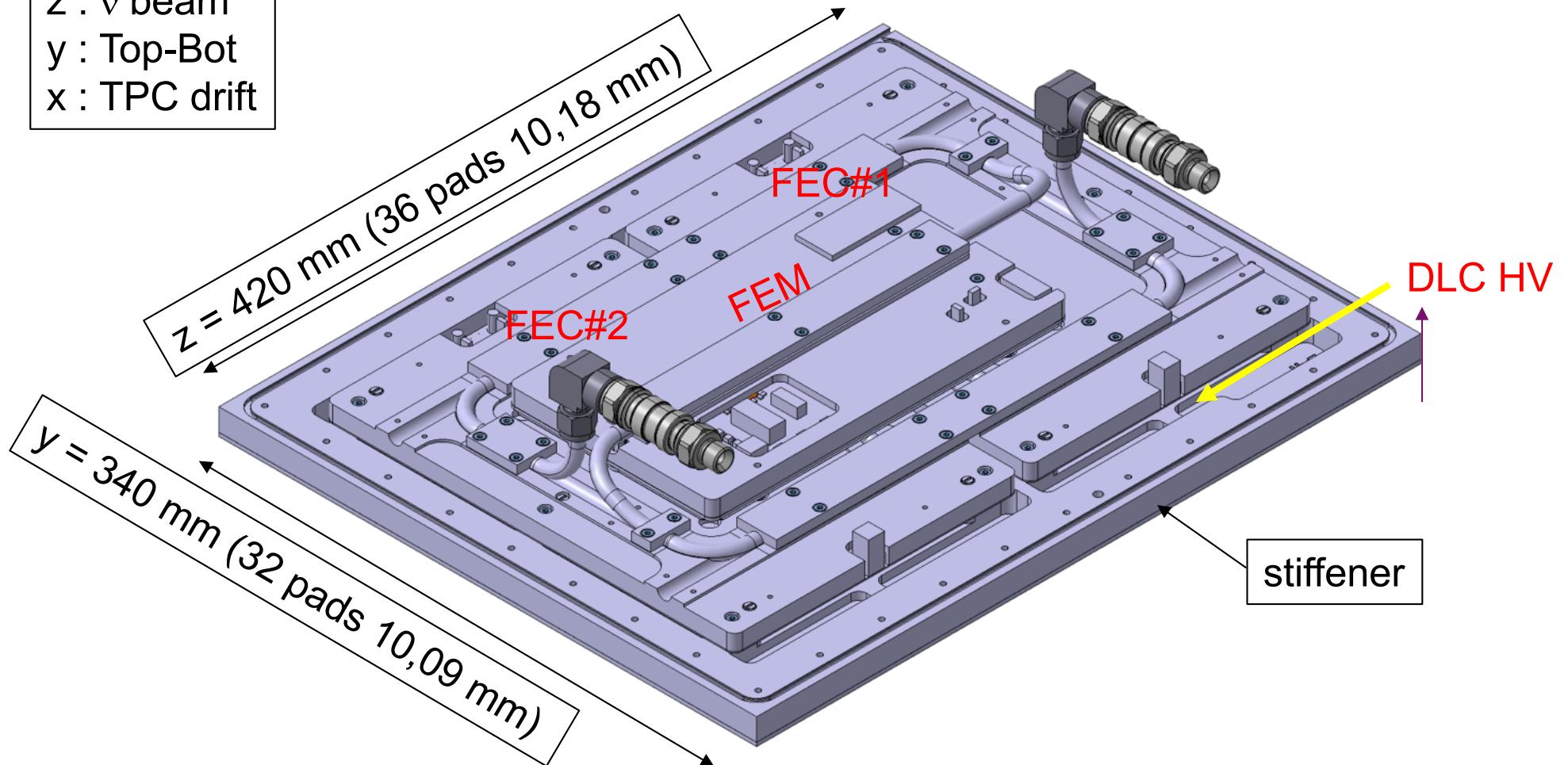
2018 CERN test beam : 2-3 pads
Multiplicity, ~320 µm @ 30 cm drift
2x better than non-resistive 2010 TPCs

2019 DESY test beam

Oct 2020 DESY test
On-going data taking
with cosmics



z : ν beam
 y : Top-Bot
 x : TPC drift

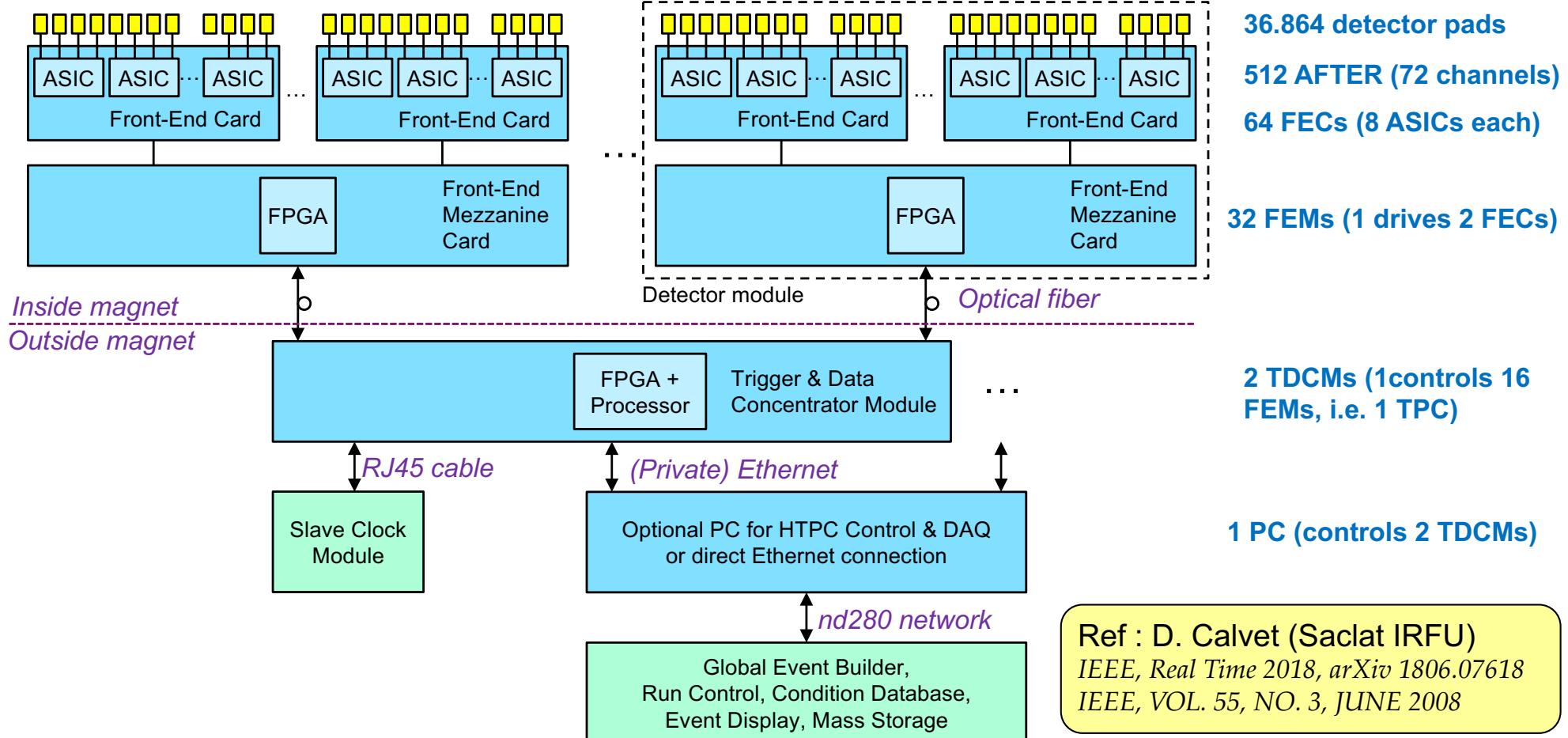


Total x thickness < 20 mm

Ref: J. Porthaul/F. Rossi (Saclay Irfu)
H. Przybilski (IFJ-PAN)

HA-TPC READOUT ELECTRONICS

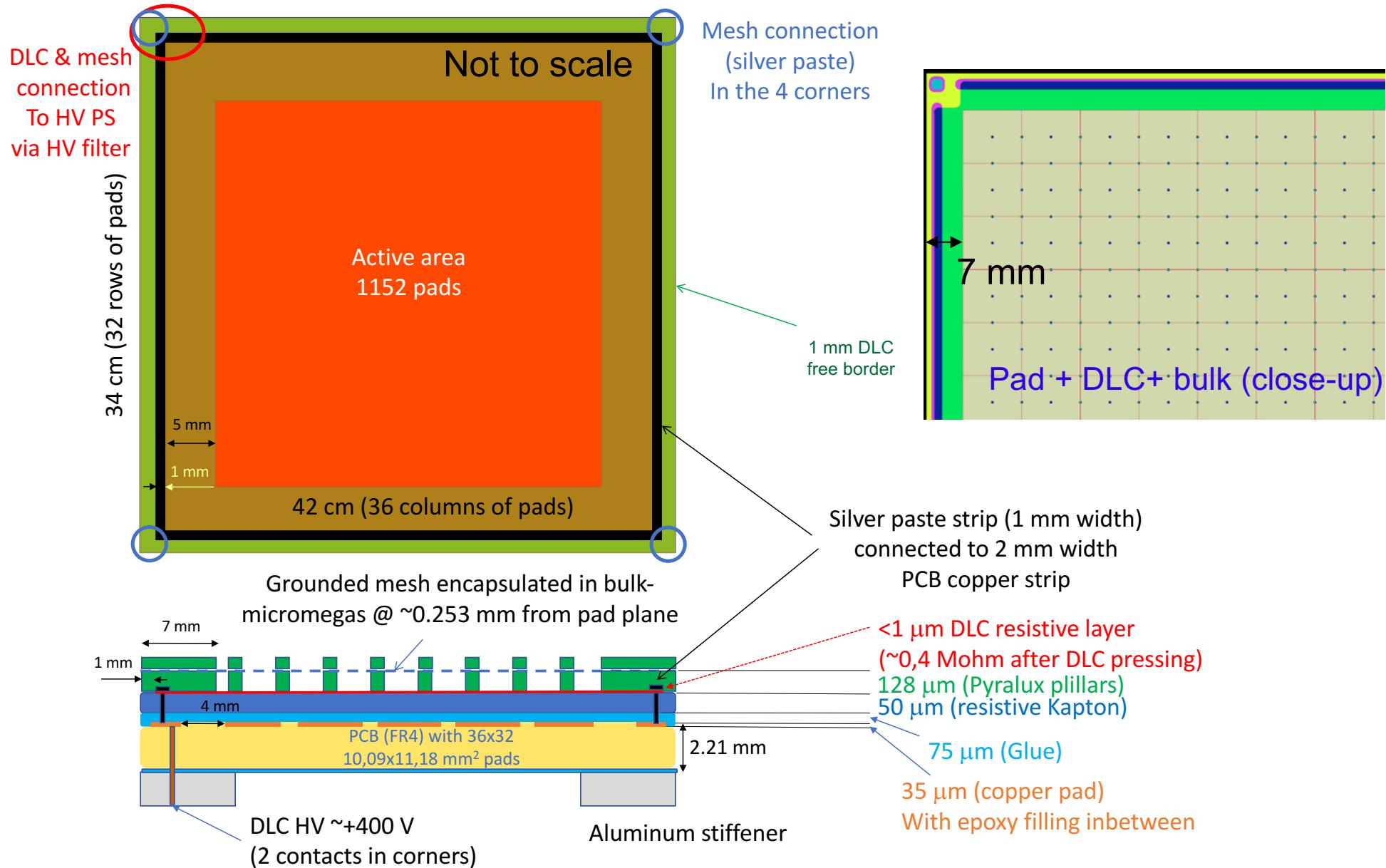
A NEW AFTER-BASED ARCHITECTURE



Main concepts

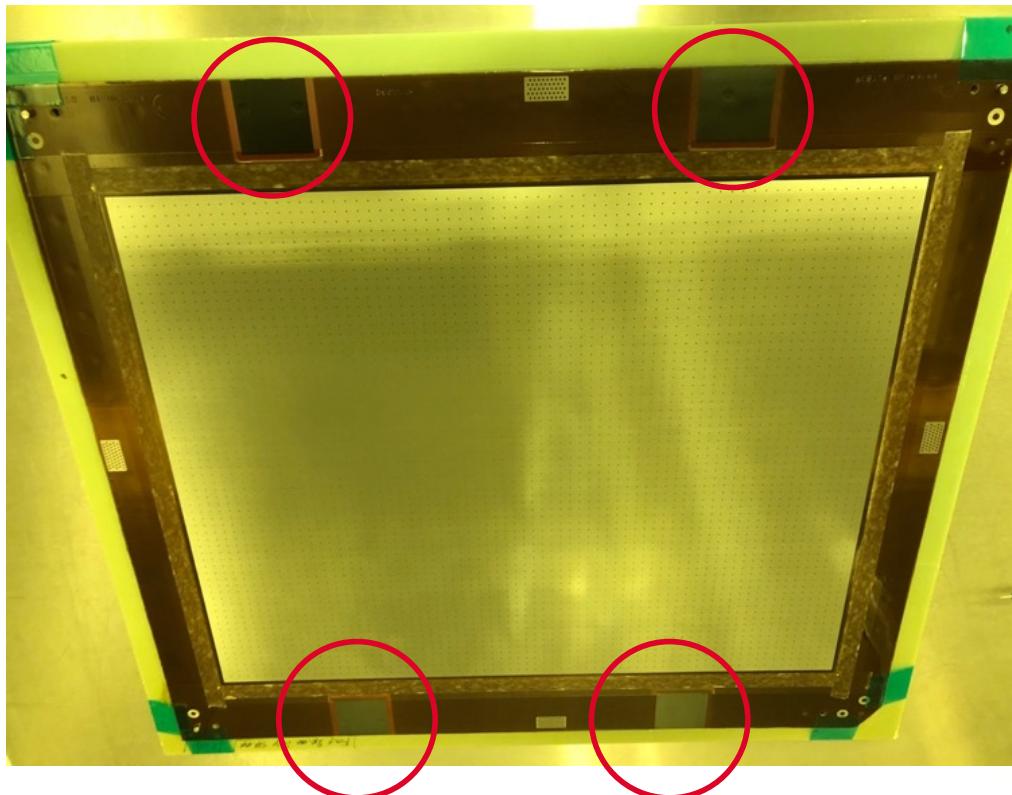
- AFTER chip designed for T2K (511 bucket SCA sampling@25 MHz, 120fC-600 fC, 100ns-2μs peaking time)
- New FEC with 8 AFTER chips which digitizes pad signal with an 8 ch. ADC (minimum dead time of 3.3 ms)
- FEM provides control (&trigger), synchronization, data aggregation, data buffering & data zero suppression
- The TDCM is a generic clock and trigger distributor and data aggregator (FPGA+2 xilinx CPU+1 GB DDR3)

THE HA-TPC MM1 PROTOTYPE

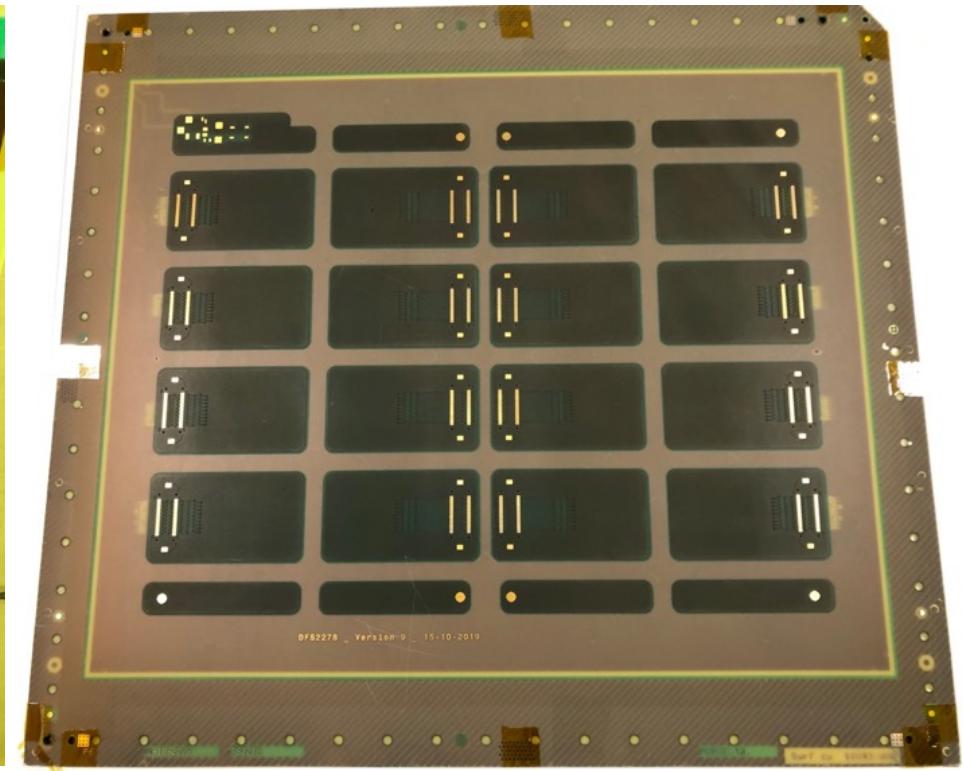


ERAM#1 before connector soldering

4 zones to measure final detector DLC resistivity



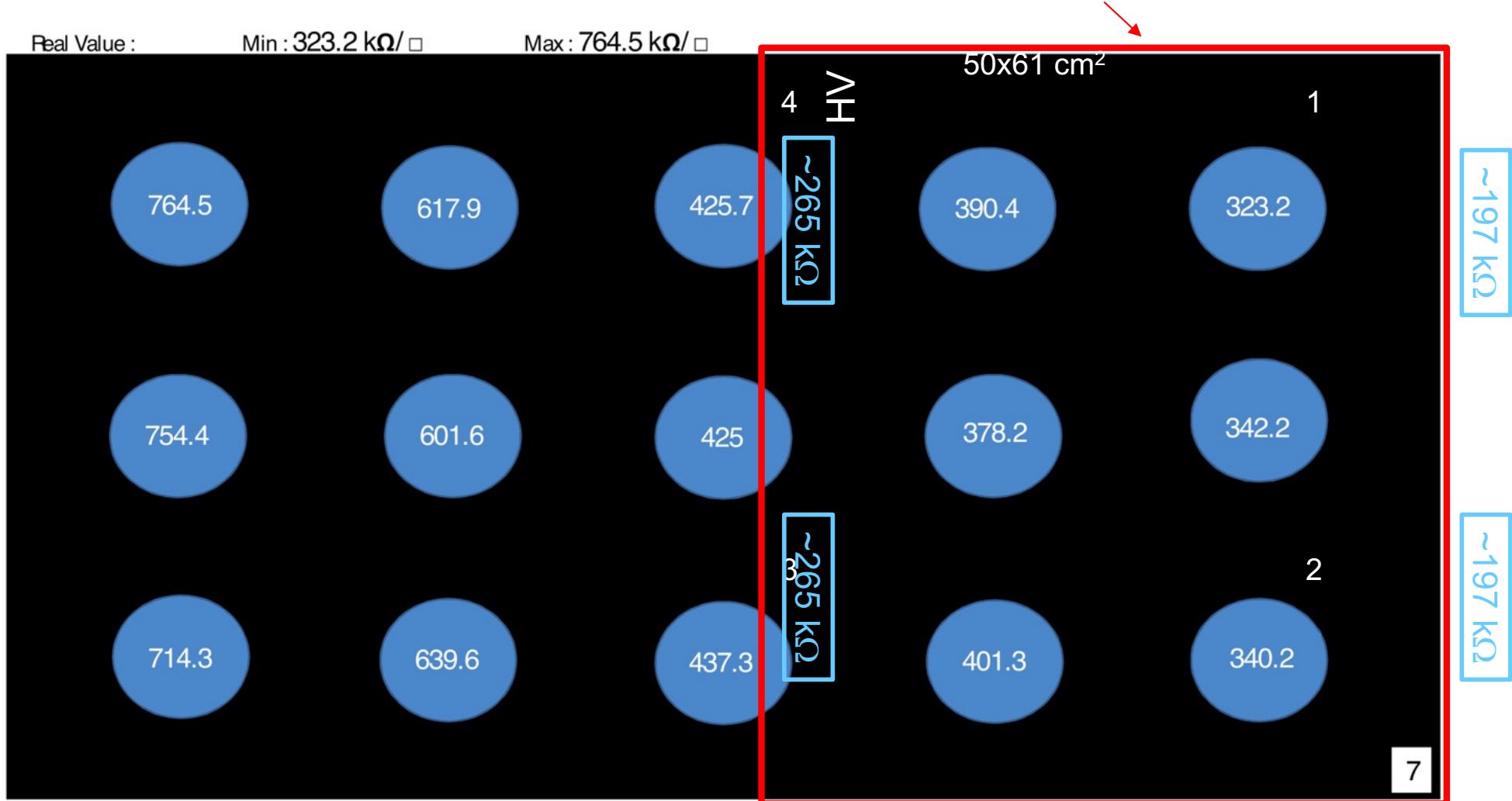
Bulk-micromegas side



Connector side

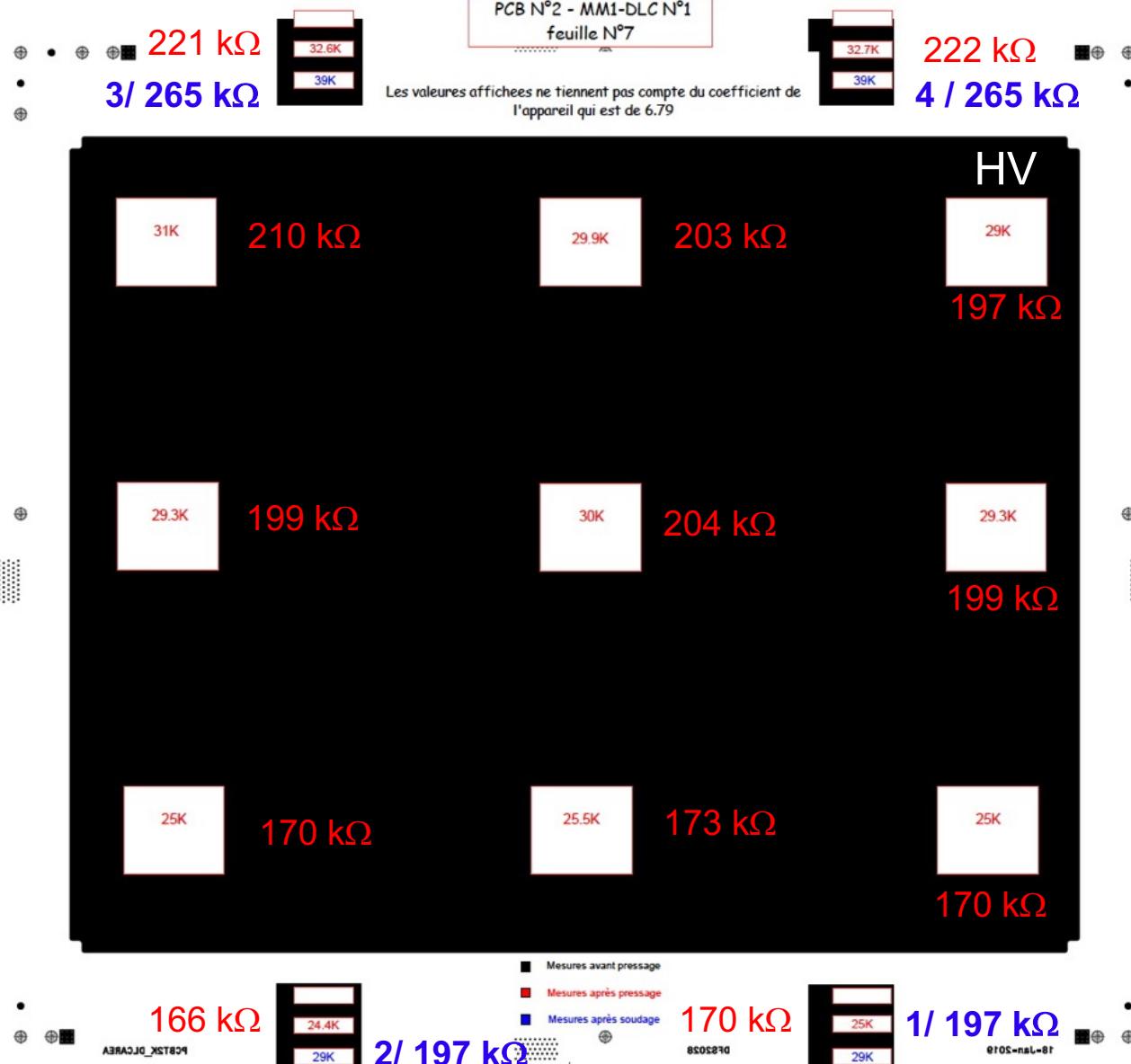
DLC was polarized @ 850V in air with a measured current of 7 à 8 nA.

Part of DLC foil #7 used for MM1-DLC1

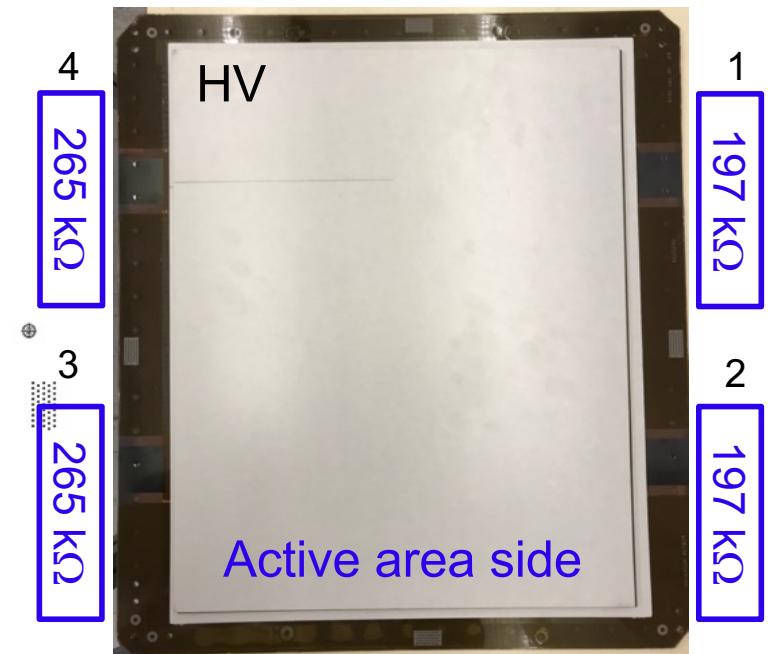


MM1-DLC1 : RESISTIVITY MEASUREMENT @ CERN WITH “OCHI” PROBE

MM1-DLC1 resistivity – active area side (CERN “ochi” probe, k=6,79)



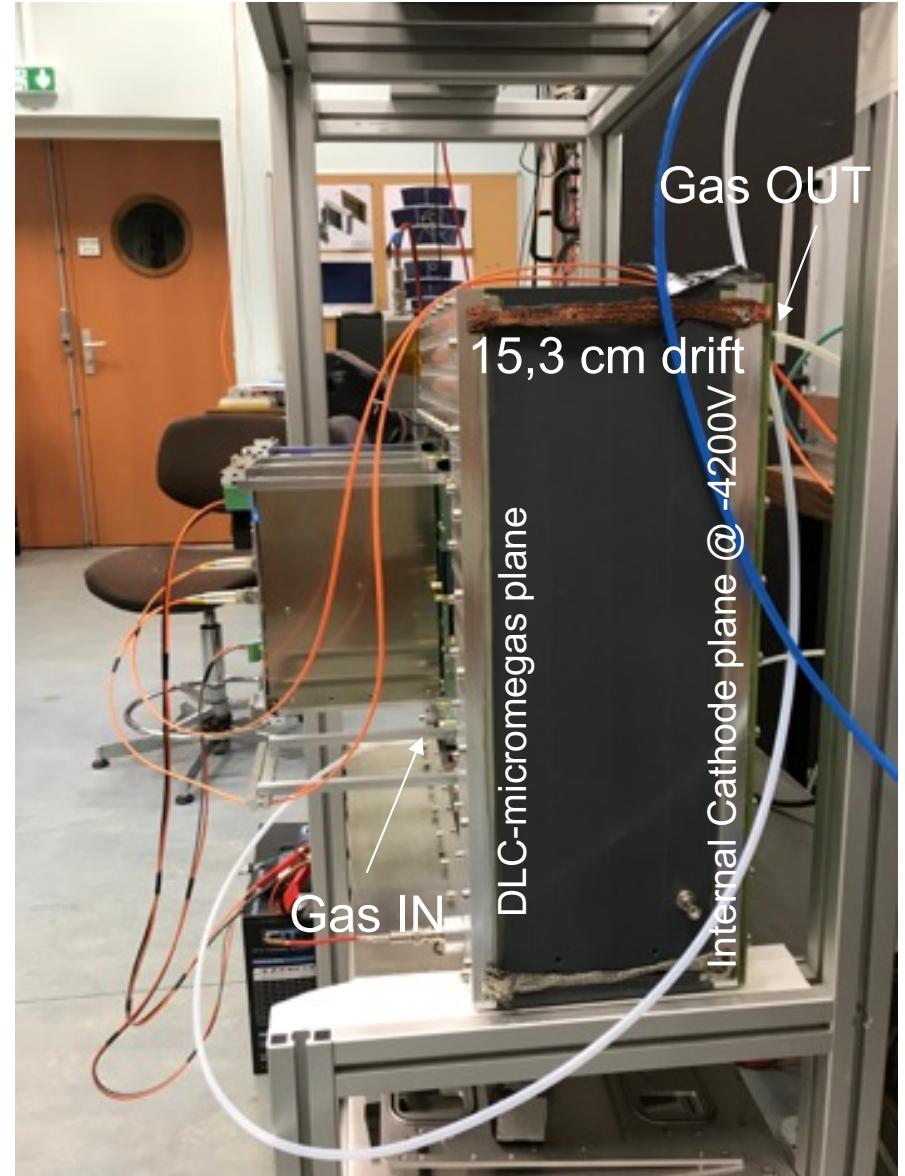
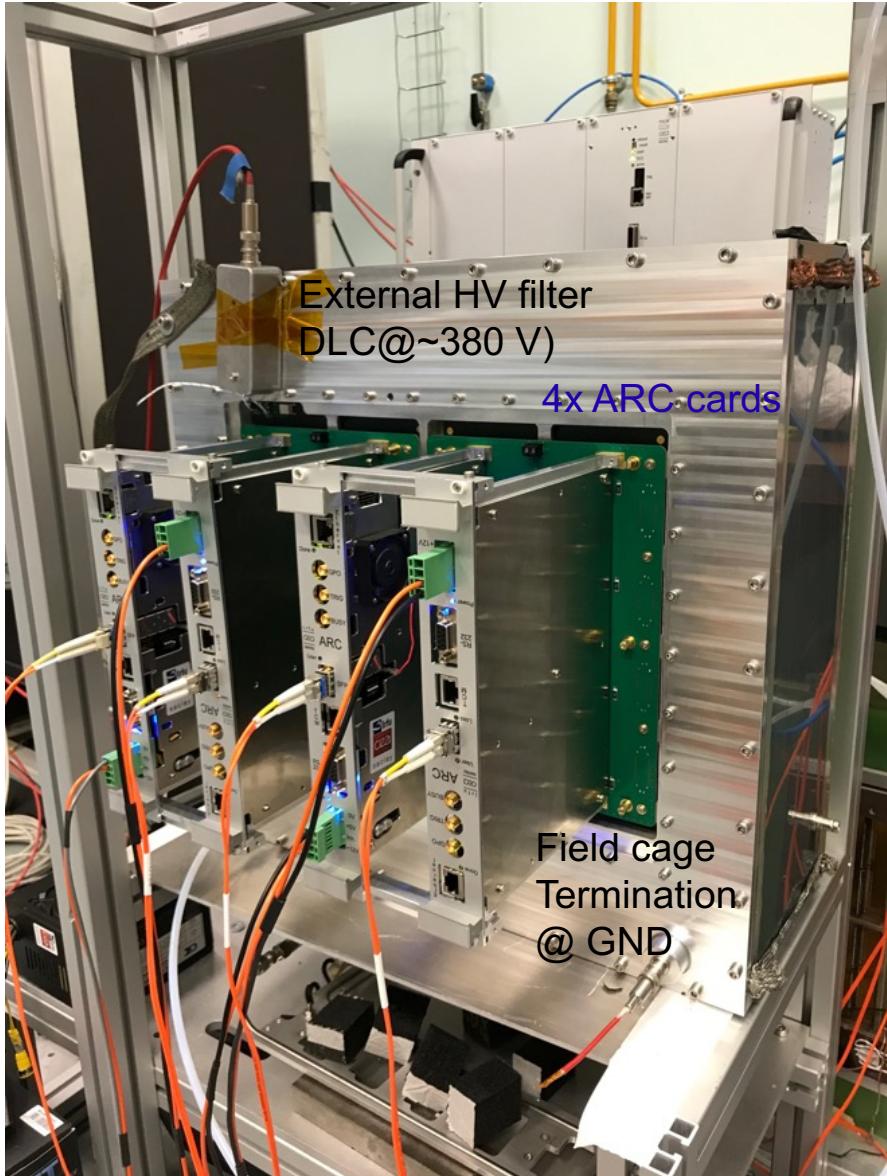
MM1-DLC1 resistivity



Active area side

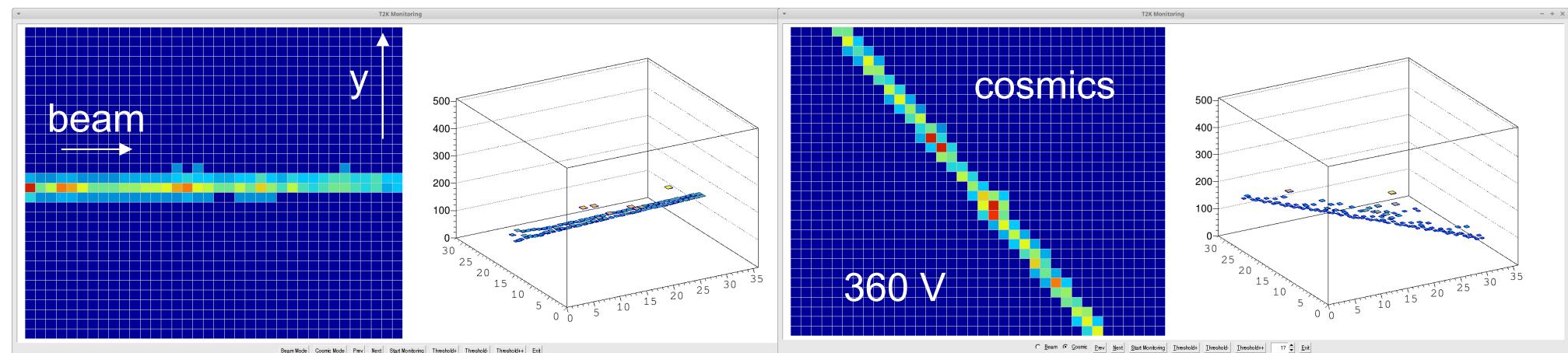
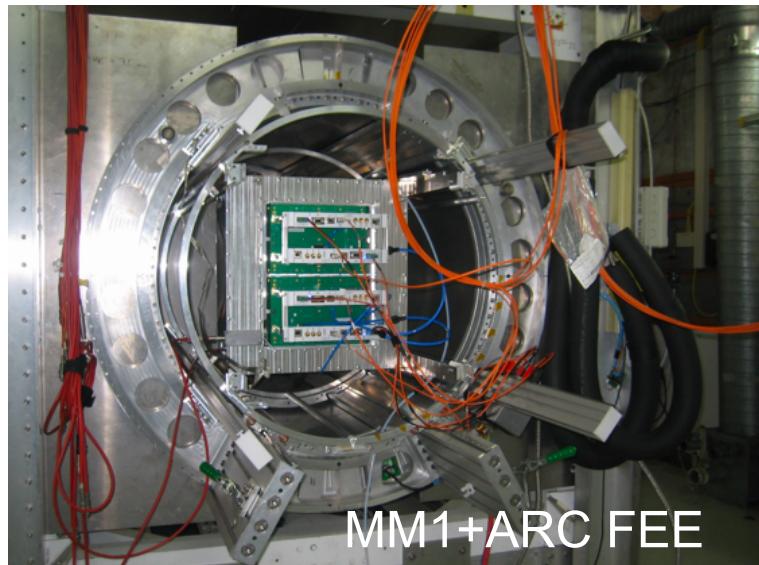
Foil#5 used for MM1-DLC2
→ Same resistivity within 10%
→ Same Final resistivity

MM1 ON ITS MINI-TPC CHAMBER ARC ELECTRONICS (2019)



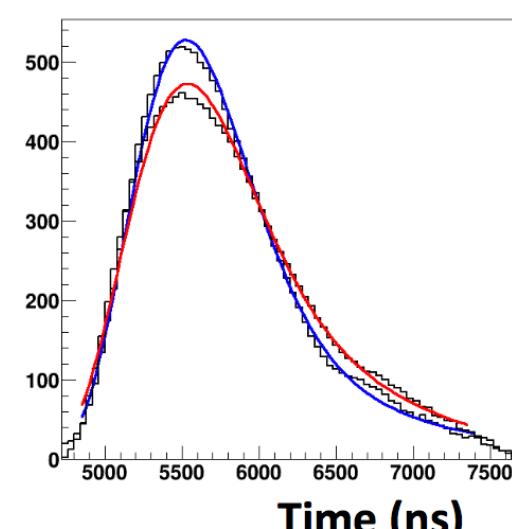
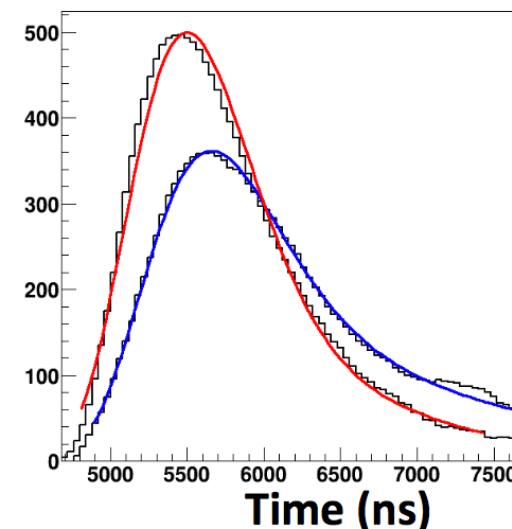
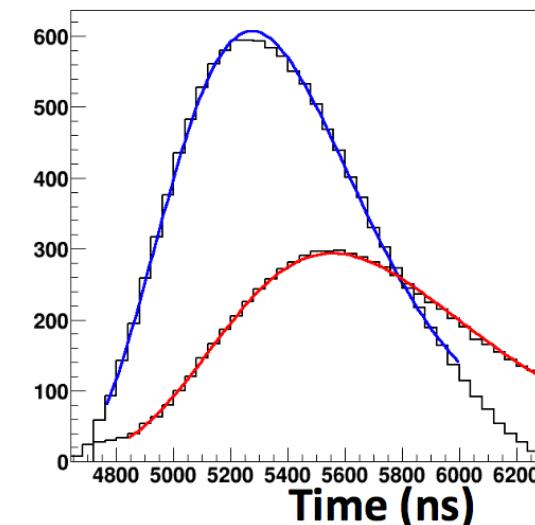
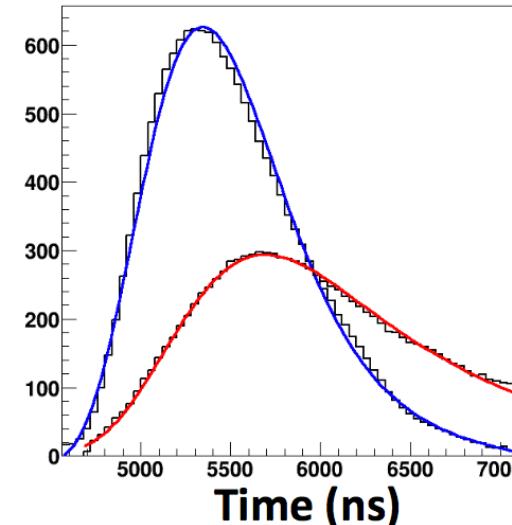
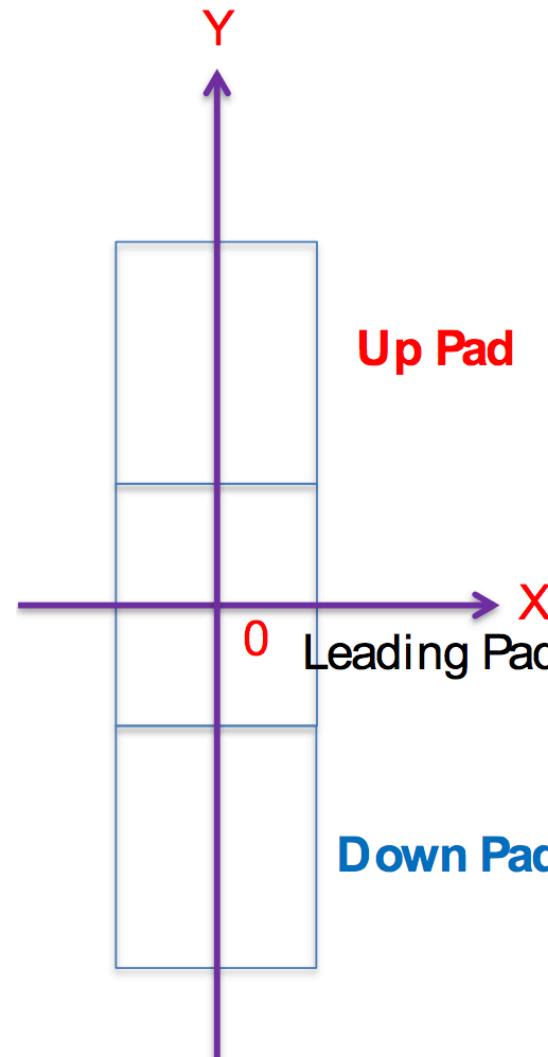
MM1 PROTOTYPE TESTS BEAM @ DESY T24/1 (JUNE 2019)

- T2K gas Argon(95%)/CF4(3%)/isobutane(2%), 280 V/cm drift field
- Front-end electronics : 4 x 288-channel AR Cv2-AFTER
- 4 GeV e- beam, PCMAG magnet set @ 0,2 T (ND280 B field)



Down resistive pad ; Up resistive pad

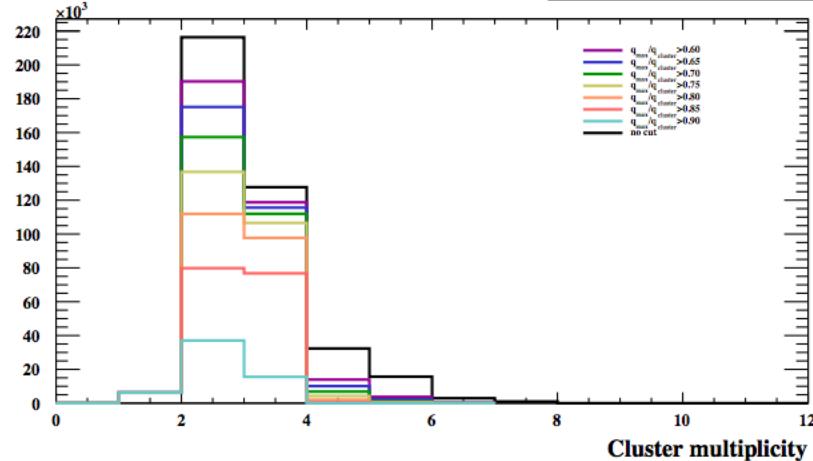
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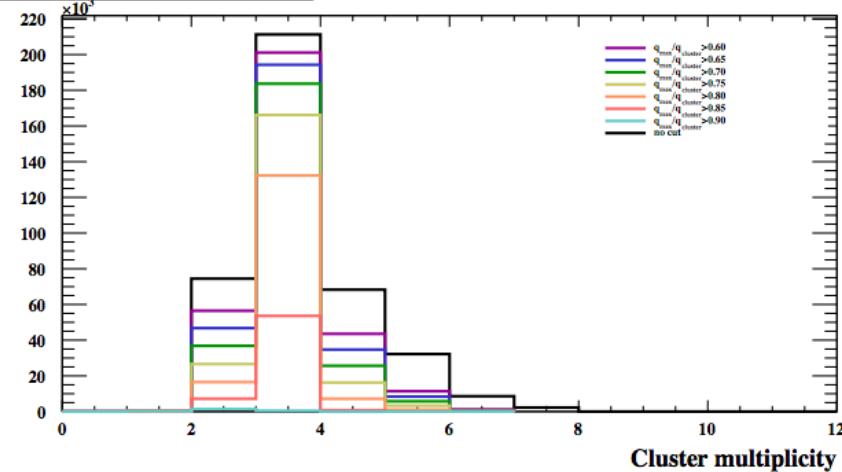
On-going work to extract RC map

Peaking Time = 116 ns

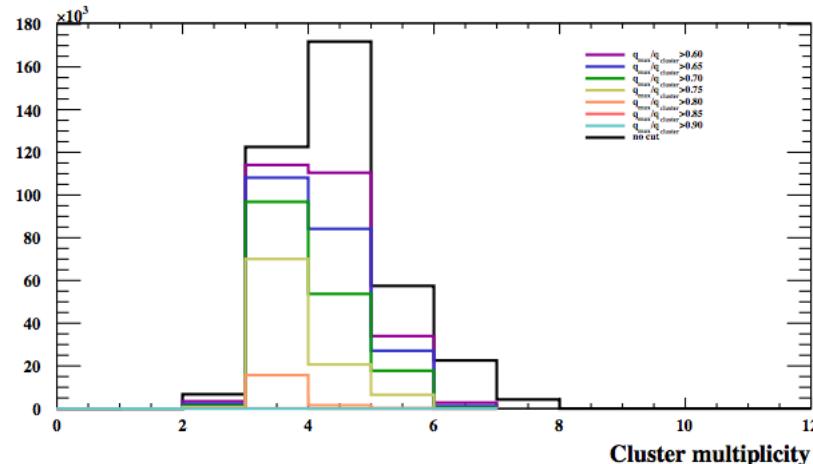
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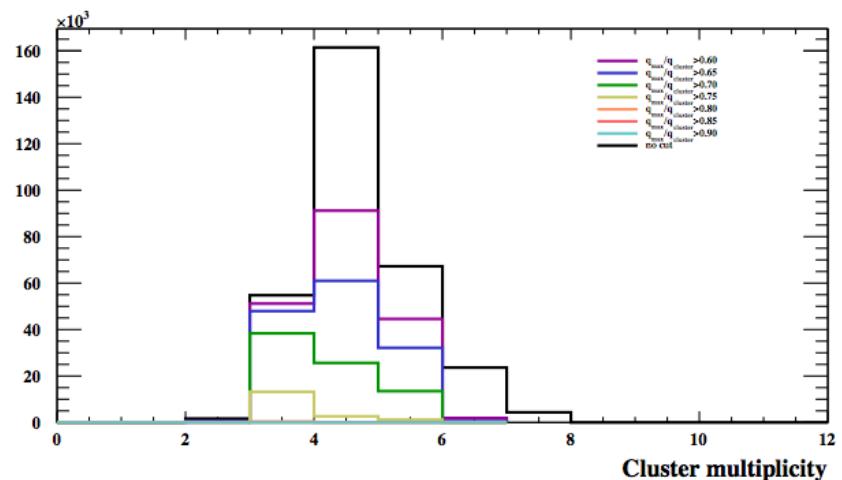
Peaking Time = 200 ns



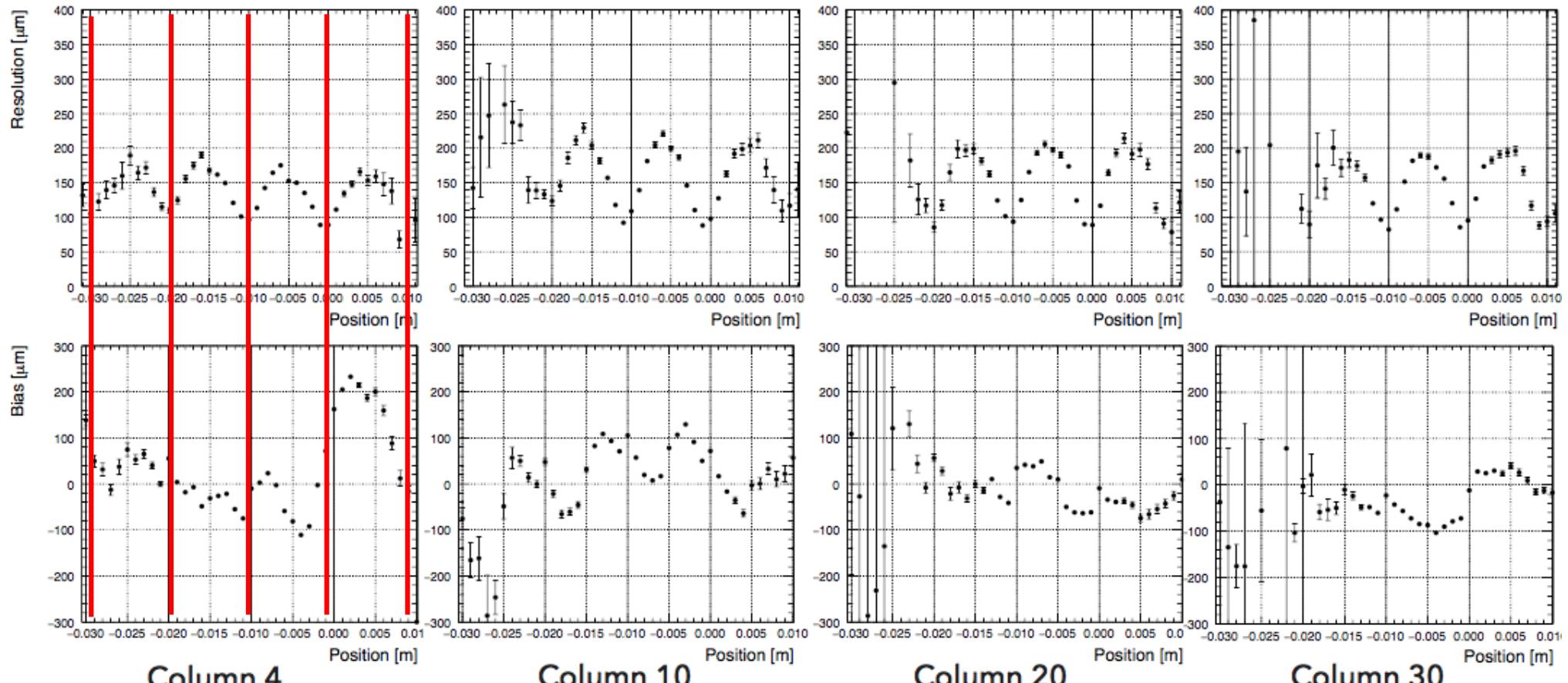
Peaking Time = 400 ns



Peaking Time = 612 ns



Y axis
row 14 15 16 17

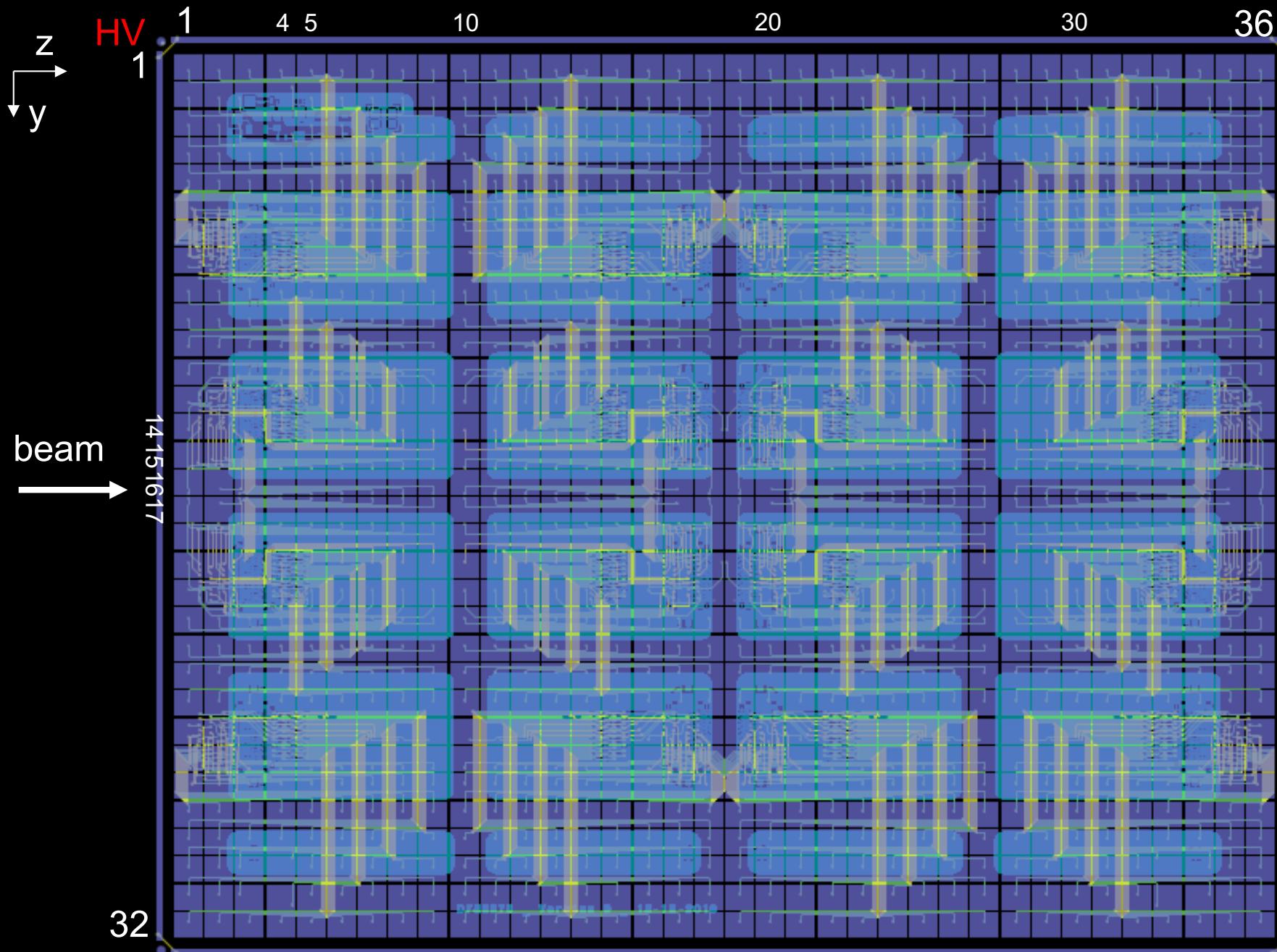


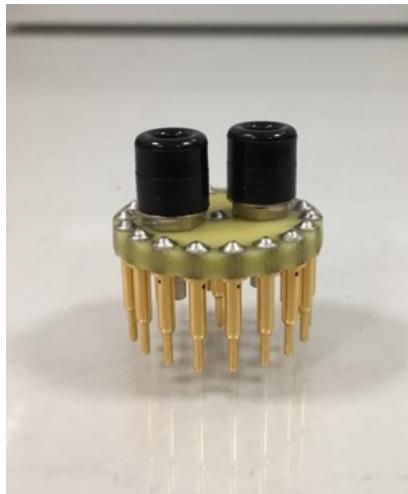
Column 5 is similar

Column = z axis

The bias is still under investigations : may be due to large capacitance steps between neibouring pads coming from the PCB layout (pad to connector layout) (measurements to be done)

ERAM PCB DFS-2278 PAD-CONNECTOR LAYOUT





CERN calibrated custom-made probe

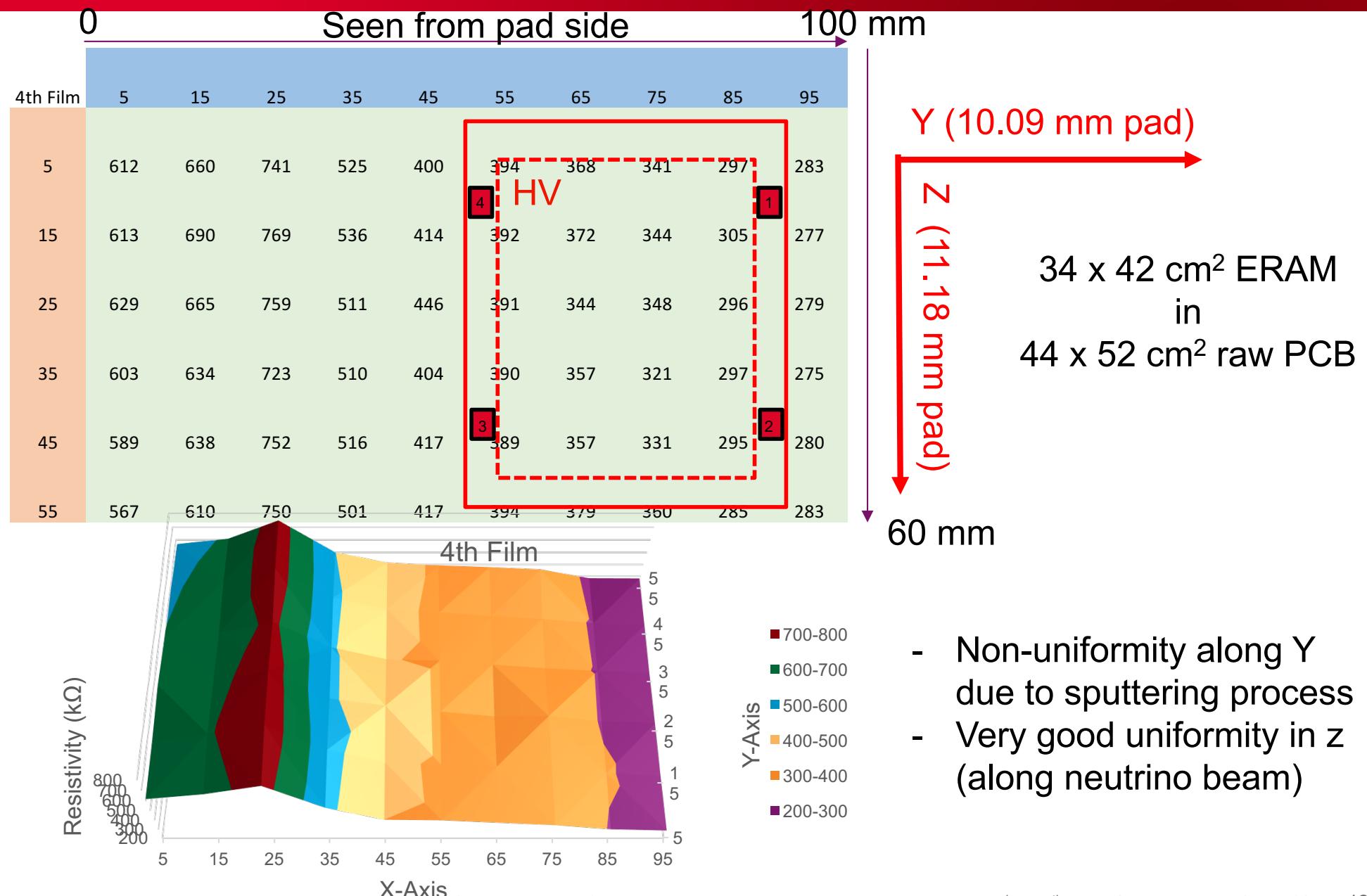


- By measuring the center of the squares, the film is scanned and results are transferred to Excel for 3D graph.

This new probe will be used for ERAM production

Ref: Elcin Akar (CERN/EP-DT-EF)

Foil #4/7 used for ERAM #01



Comparison of resistivity measurement for ERAM#01 DLC foil #4

CERN Custom made probe

4th Film	5	15	25	35	45	55	65	75	85	95
5	612	660	741	525	400	394	368	341	297	283
15	613	690	769	536	414	392	372	344	305	277
25	629	665	759	511	446	391	344	348	296	279
35	603	634	723	510	404	390	357	321	297	275
45	589	638	752	516	417	389	357	331	295	280
55	567	610	750	501	417	394	379	360	285	283

Theoretical value $500 \text{ k}\Omega/\square$ CERN « Ochi » probe (2018)

Foil size : 100x61cm

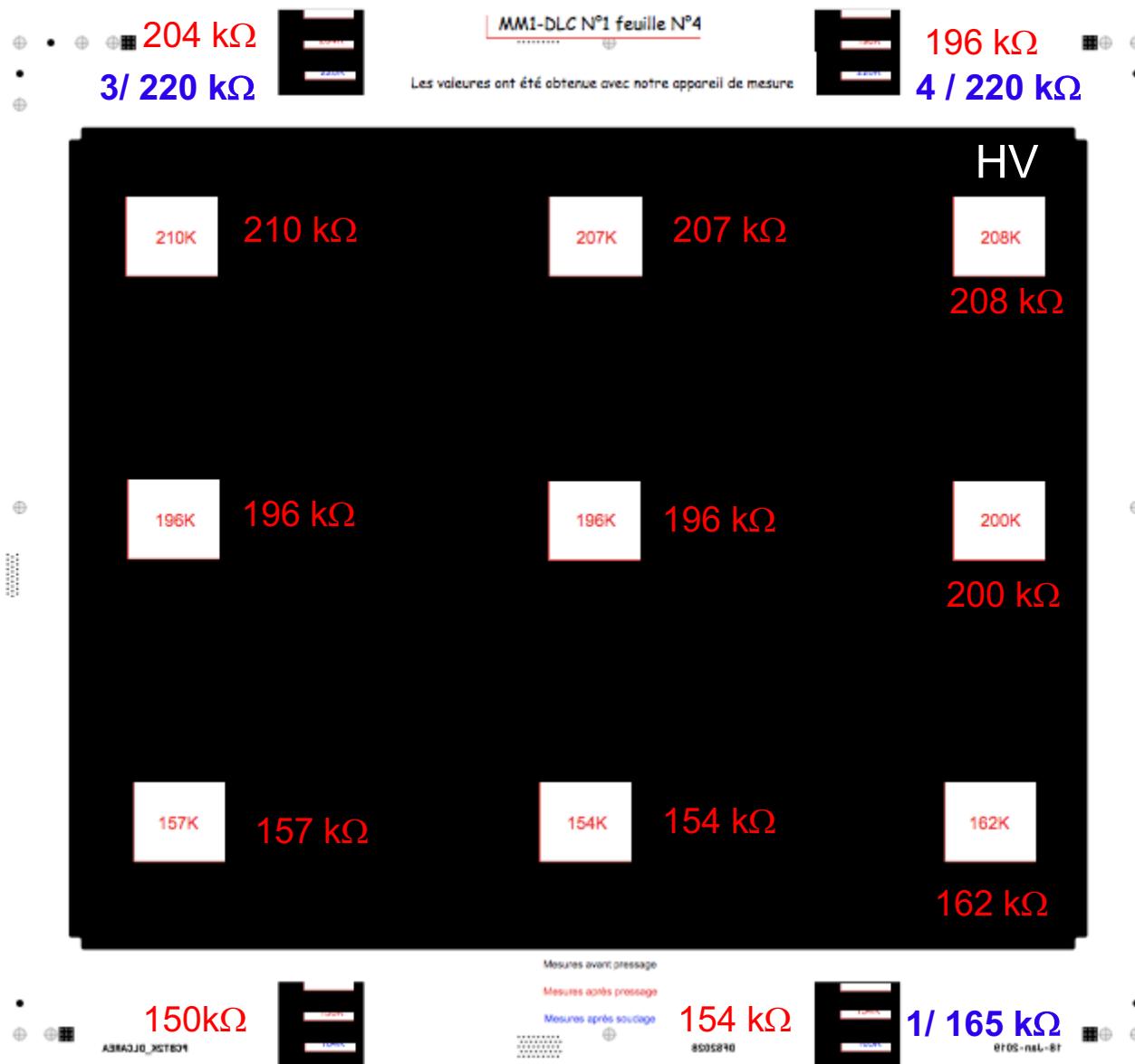
Real value : Min : $286.5 \text{ k}\Omega/\square$ Max : $740.1 \text{ k}\Omega/\square$



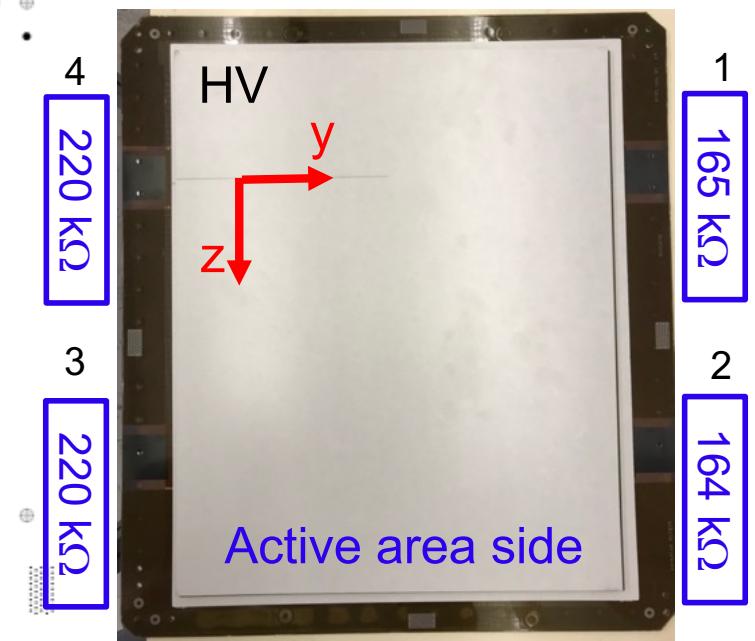
7-15 % difference
better reproducibility
with CERN probe
~2-3 %

ERAM#1 : RESISTIVITY MEASUREMENT WITH CERN CUSTOM MADE PROBE

ERAM#1 (S/N 002) resistivity – active area side



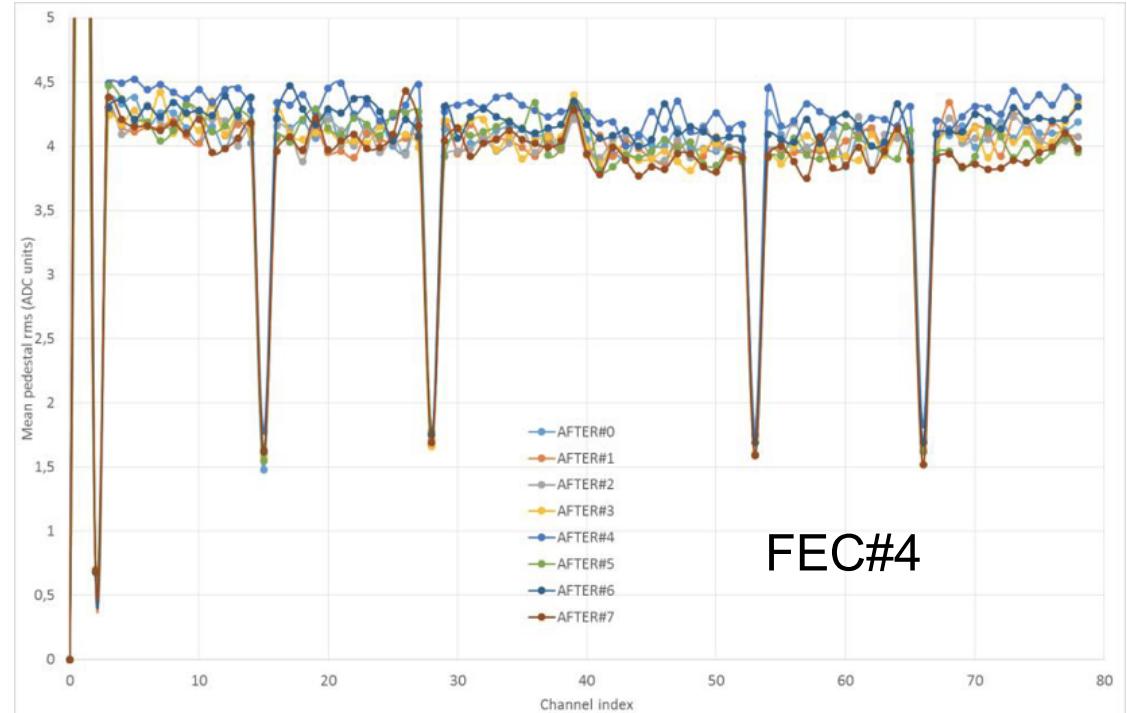
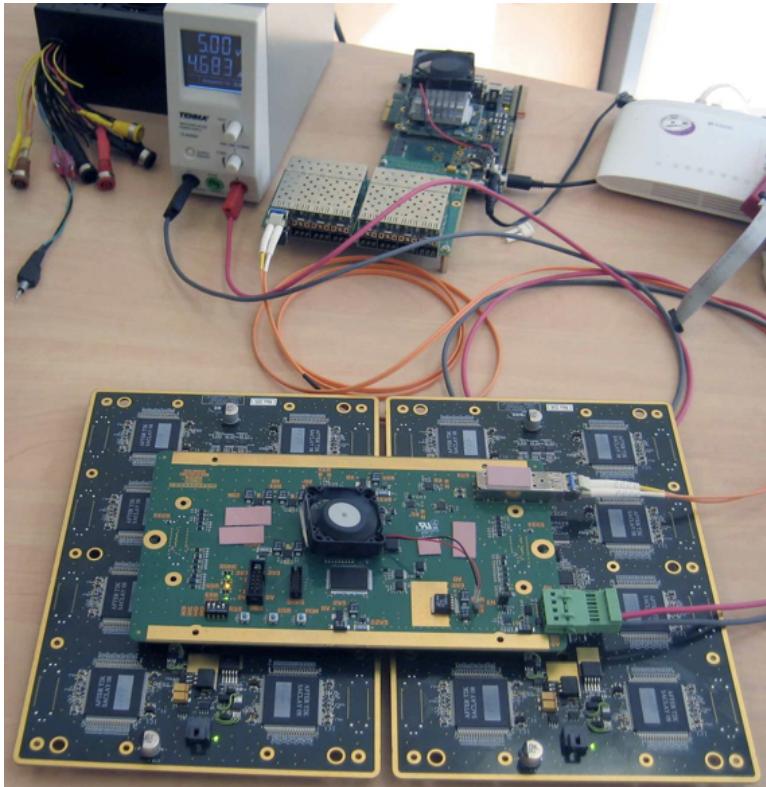
ERAM#1 (S/N 002)



Same ~60% drop as for MM1

Reminder for MM1-DLC1 & 2

- 1: 197 kOhm
- 2: 197 kOhm
- 3: 265 kOhm
- 4: 265 kOhm



120 fC/range; 116 ns peaking time; 25 MHz Fwrite

- 800 to 1200 e-rms of pedestal noise seen in average for the 72 channels of each chip
Still some debug needed (card shielding, power of FEC through the FEM instabilities, ..)

But these first card prototypes are a very robust design which validates the technical choices

including its coupling to the detector

Ref : D. Calvet (Saclay Irfu)
J-M Parraud (LpnHe)

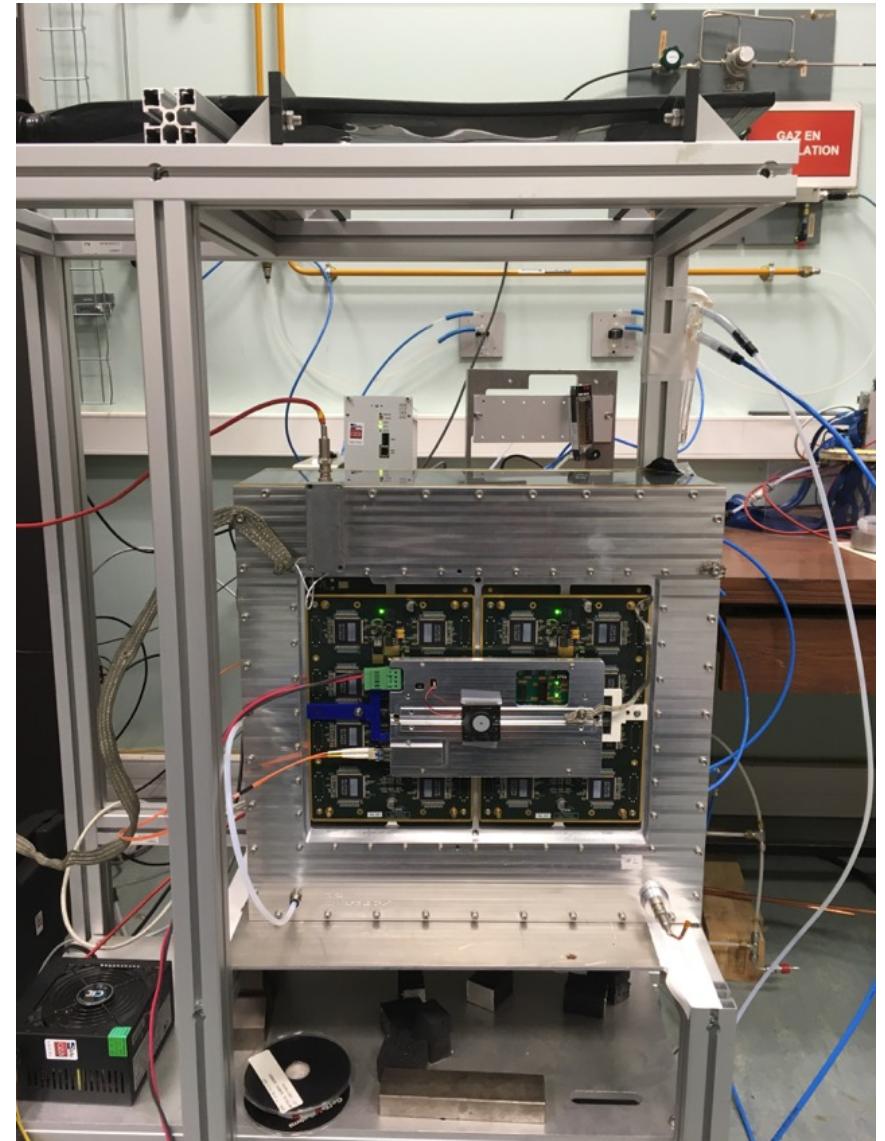
Noise issues

- Identification of floating ground (FEM/FEC): rms~17-20 ADC after correction (> 100 ADC before)
- Using an external RCR HV filter, noise was lowered to the usual 7-8 ADC rms
- → GND or shielding problem with on-board HV filter

ERAM active area (mesh@ GND)

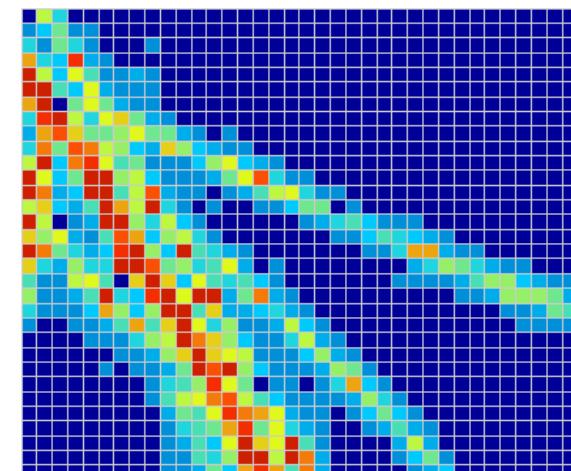
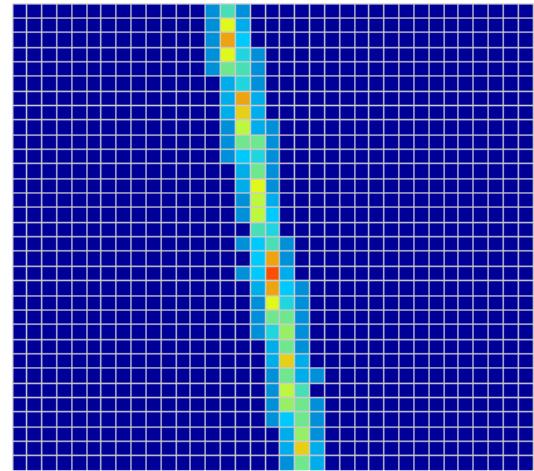
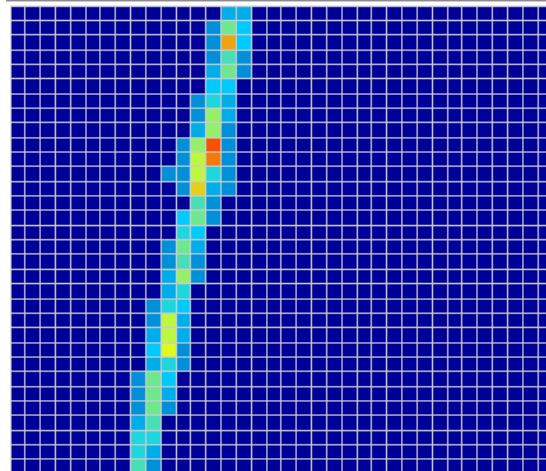
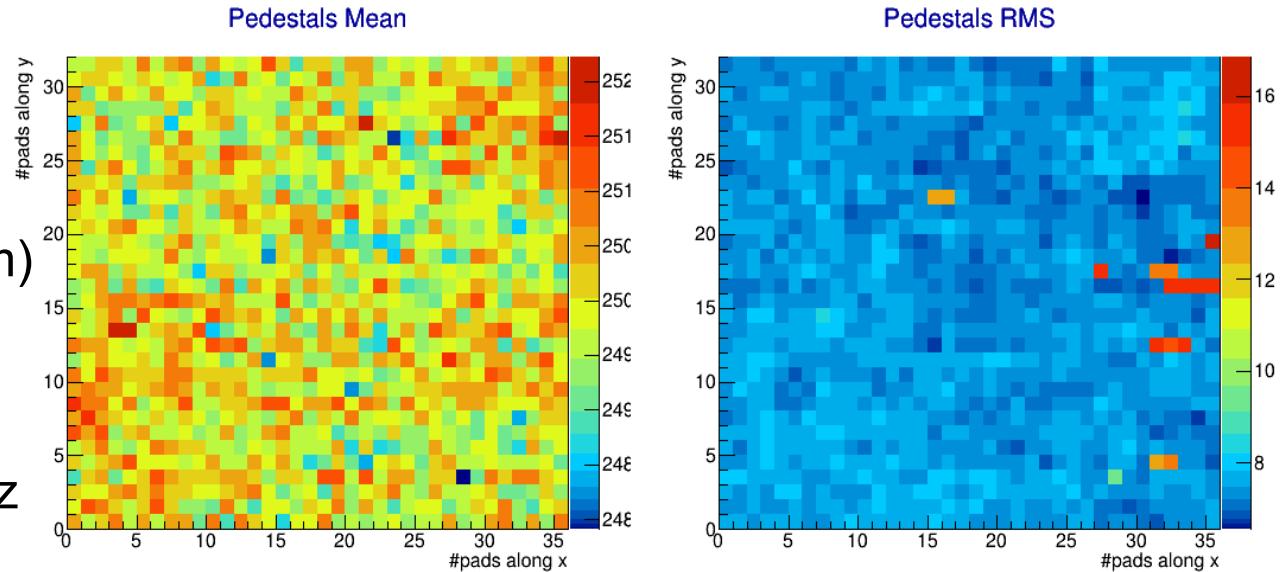


Experimental setup



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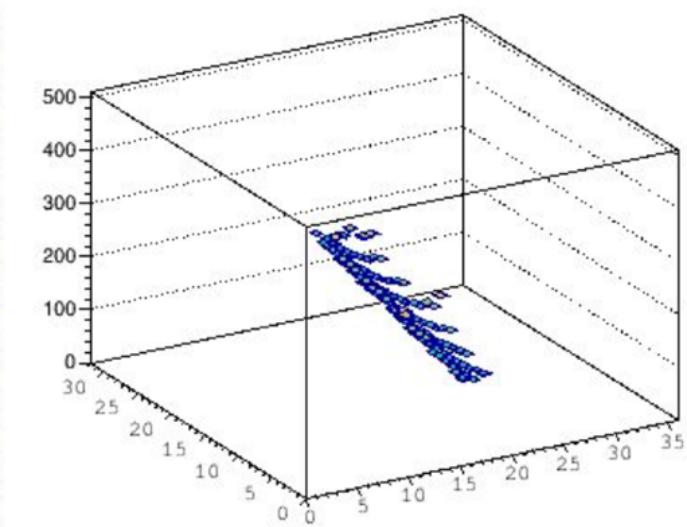
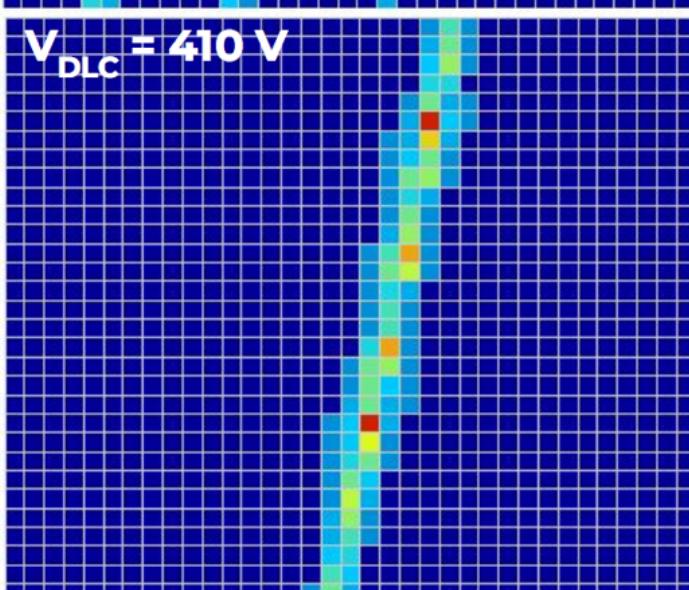
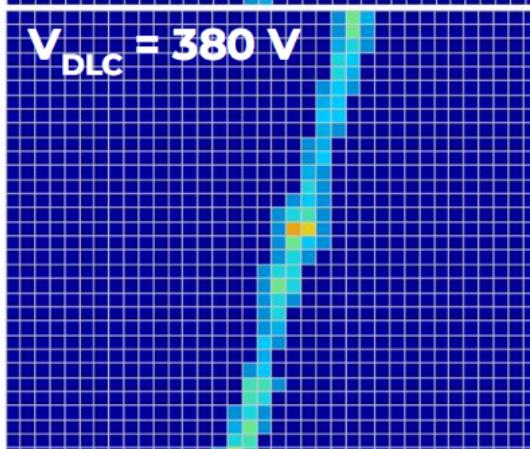
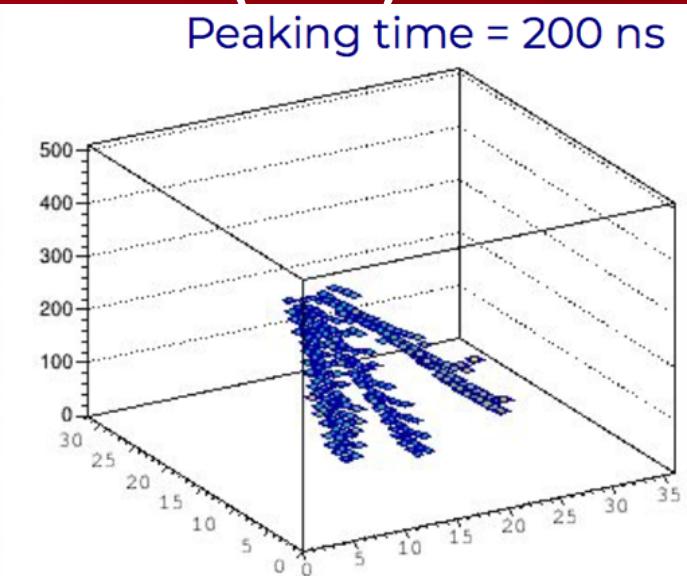
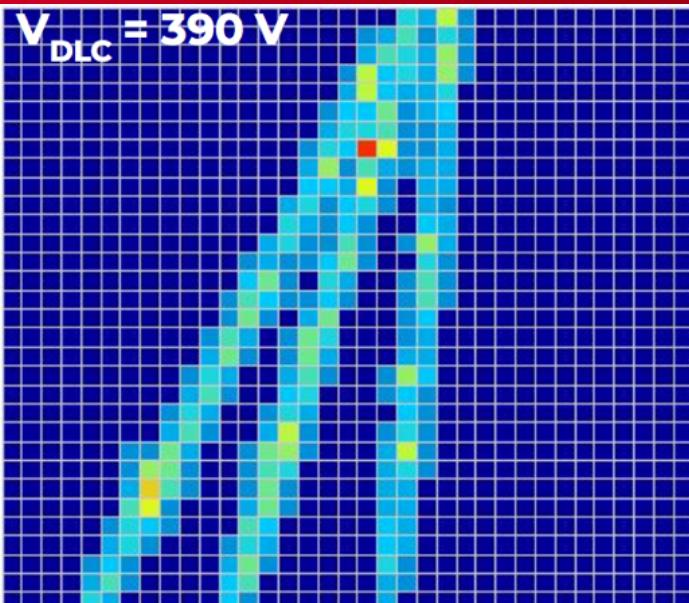
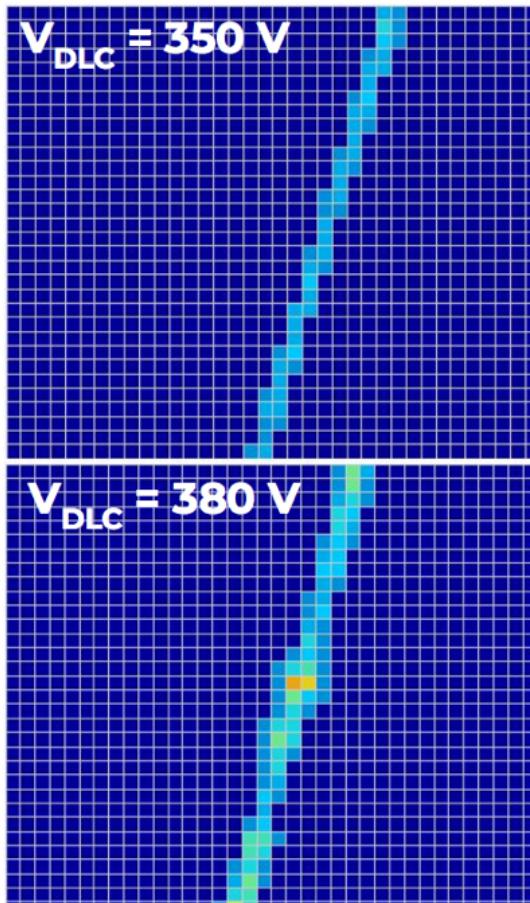
- Zero-suppressed data
- Ddrift = 15 cm
- $V_{\text{cathode}} = -4207 \text{ V}$ (280 V/cm)
- $V_{\text{DLC}} = 380 \text{ V}$
- Peaking time: 220 ns
- Sampling frequency: 25 MHz
- Trigger rate ~0.6 Hz



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FIRST COSMIC TRACKS WITH ERAM CHARGE SPREADING VS DLC VOLTAGE (GAIN)

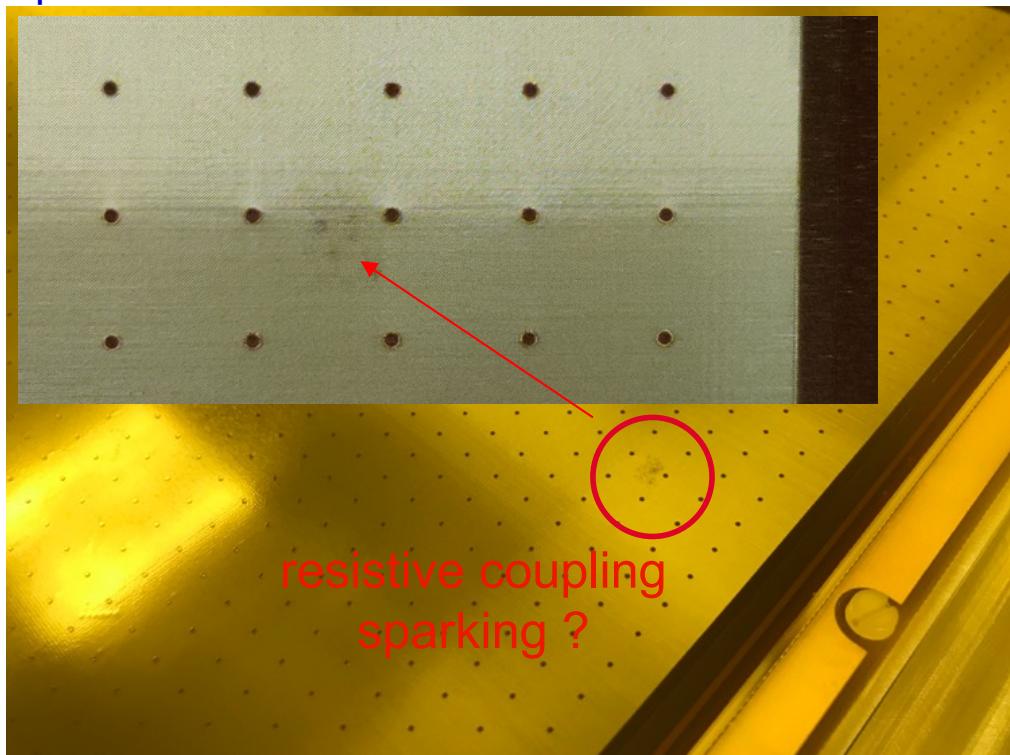
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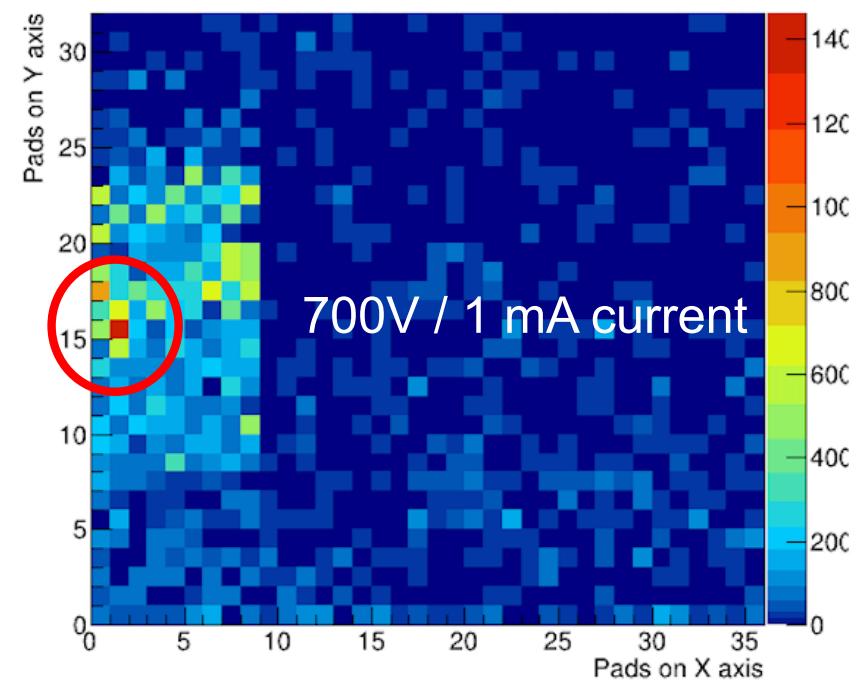
Larger charge spreading to be confirmed, but less effective charge collection (thicker glue)

After 2 days of operation current fluctuations occurred followed by a permanent ~400 kOhm DLC-mesh short

- A “Dark” zone was identified.
- Solved with washing using soap, rinsing with deionized pressurized water & drying @ 50 °C during 5h
- But reappeared after 3 more days ...
- Probably due to dust released when the melamine protection was removed in clean room



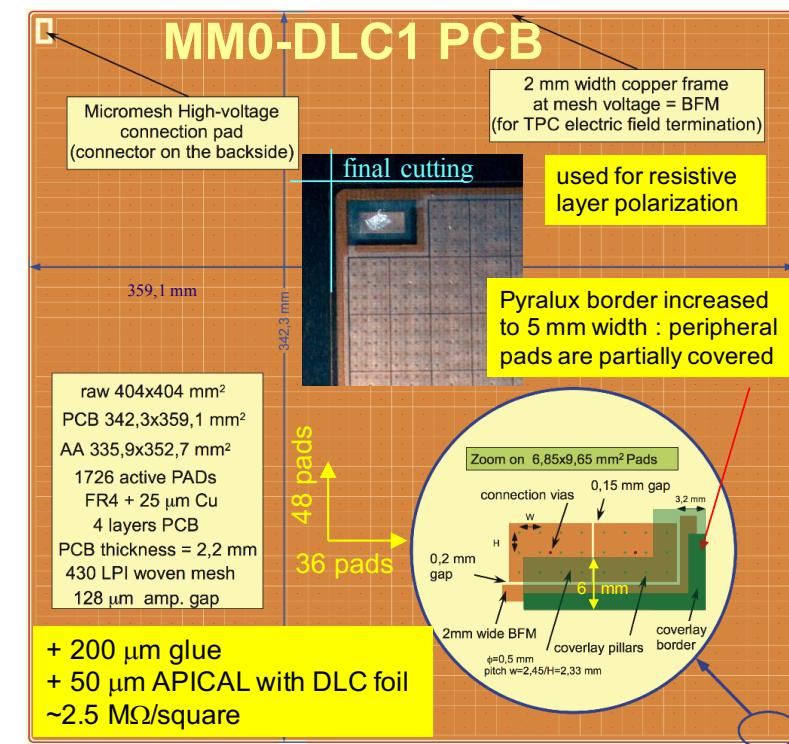
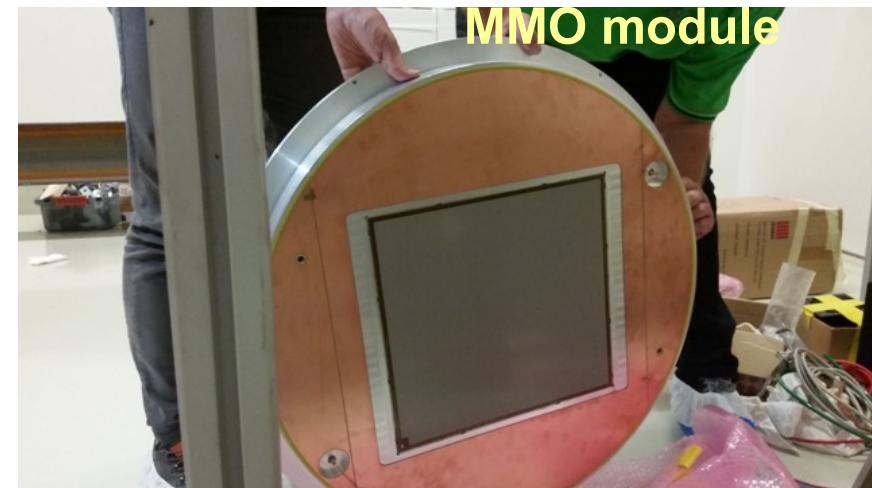
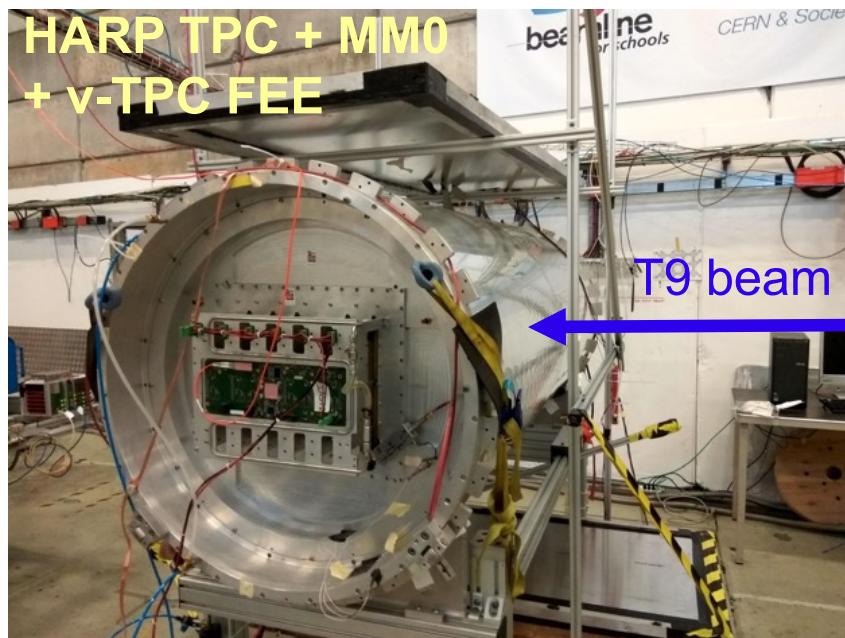
Occupation



- The resistive anode Micromegas technology will be used for the new HA-TPCs of the T2K Near Detector upgrade.
- The ERAM design is close to be ready for production. Data analysis of test beams of prototypes and modelization of the signal waveforms are on-going to fix the DLC foil resistivity and the RC of the structure. The sensitivity of the detector performances on the RC non-uniformities also needs to be characterized.
- DLC resistivity seems under control for the ERAM production stage at CERN (DLC foil pressing & wave soldering) but the required tolerances on the DLC foils resistivity needs to be discussed & fixed with the manufacturer.
- HA-TPCs are planned to be installed in ND280 in summer 2022. We are on the path to start the production of 32 ERAM modules at CERN and the corresponding FEE cards for 40k ch. at the end of this year after a test beam at DESY.



2018 MM0 PRE-PROTOTYPE TEST BEAM @ CERN/PS-T9 SETUP



Gas volume : HARP TPC

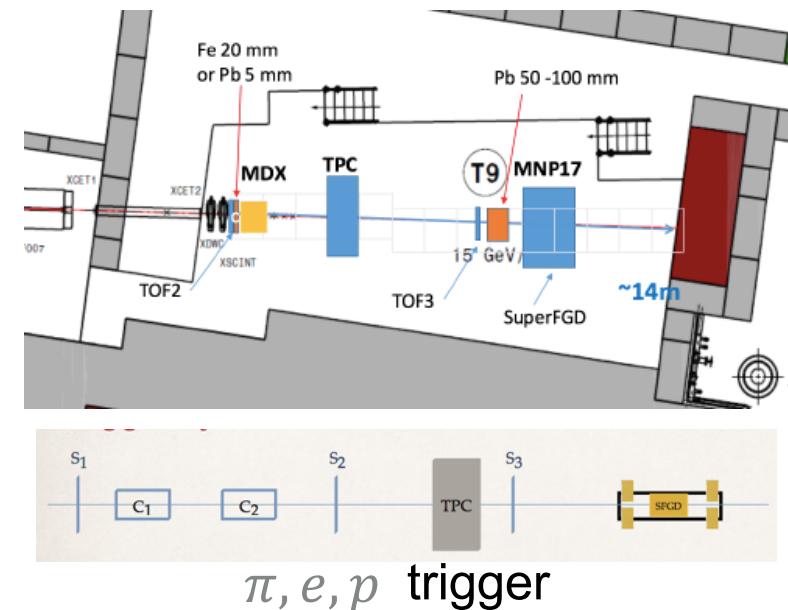
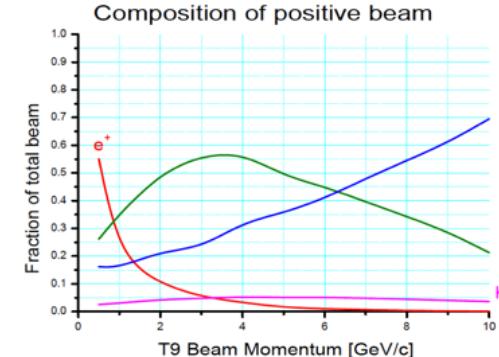
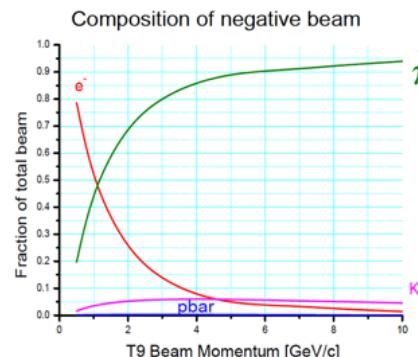
- 1.5 m drift distance / 25 kV (166 kV/cm)
- 25 l/h Argon(95%)/CF4(3%)/isobutane(2%)

Detector : MM0 module

- Micromegas module MM0 with $2.5 M\Omega/\square$ DLC
- horiz. x vert. = 36 x 48 pads
- each pad 0.97 x 0.69 cm
- nominal MM voltage 340 V (up to 380 V)
- V-TPC FEE: Sampling time 80 ns (12.5 MHz)
- nominal peaking time 600 ns

Data taking

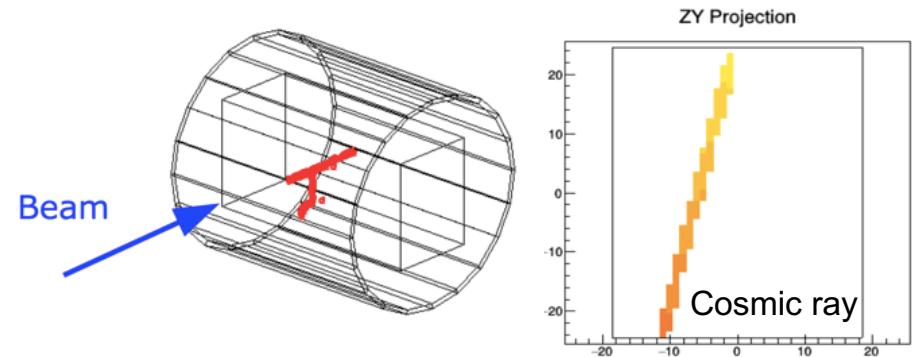
- Cosmic trigger with 2 plastic scintillators +MPPC
- Fe55 source for 5.9 keV X-rays
- Beam : 0.5, ± 0.8 , 1, 2 GeV/c momentum



π, e, p trigger

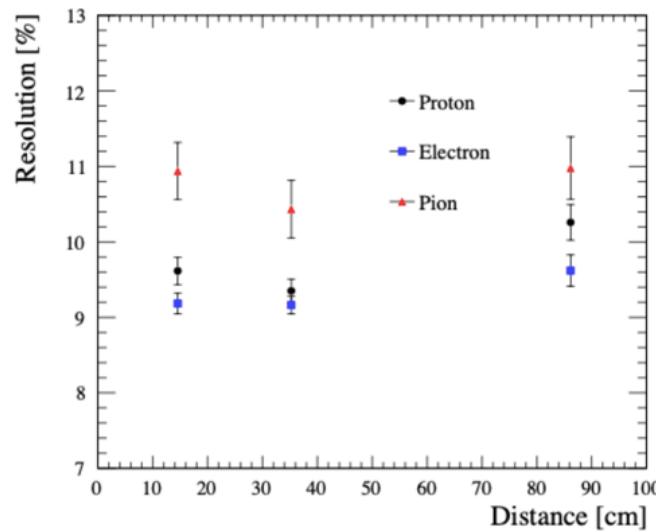
Particle	Selection
Electrons	Scintillators + Cherenkov
Protons (+Kaons)	S1(delayed) * S2 (delay proton TOF between S1 and S2)
Pions (+ muons)	Scintillators * protons * electrons
Cosmic ray	from the scintillators panels (only out of spill)

+ ^{55}Fe X-ray source in the middle of the cathode

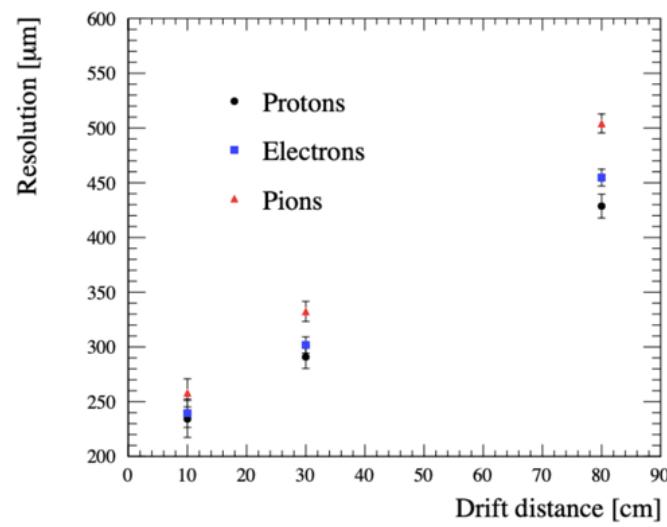


RESISTIVE MICROMEGAS MODULE MM0 TEST BEAM @ CERN/PS-T9 SETUP : RESULTS

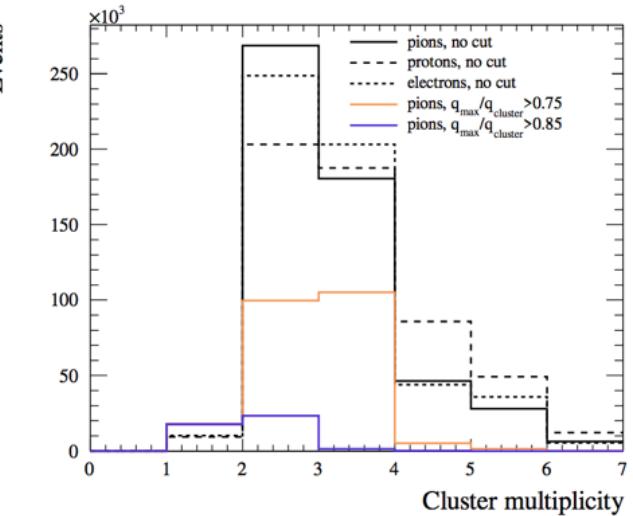
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7% for 2 modules track length
<10% requirement



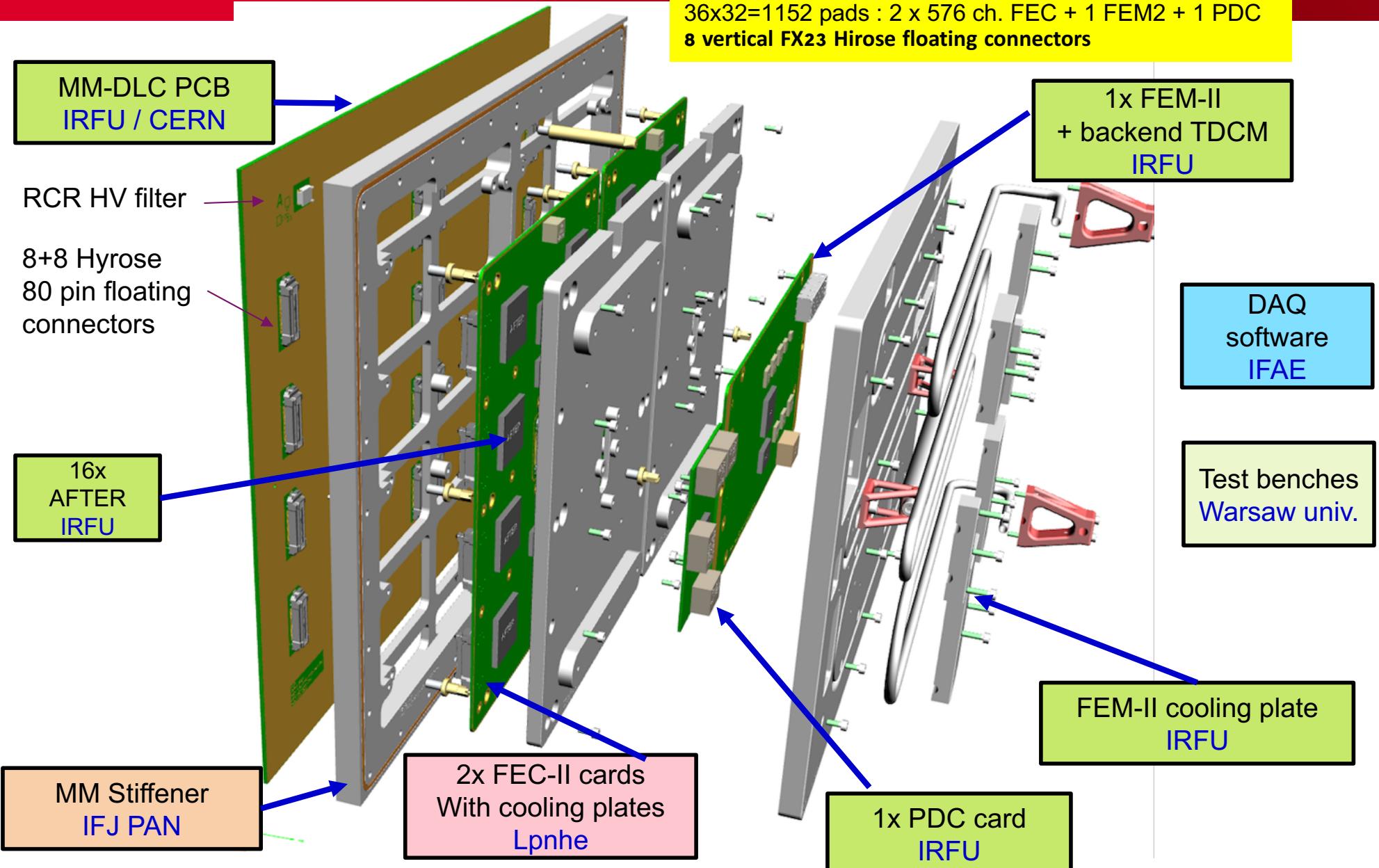
~ 2 times better ~320 μm
@ 30 cm than non-resistive
v-TPC modules (~600 μm)



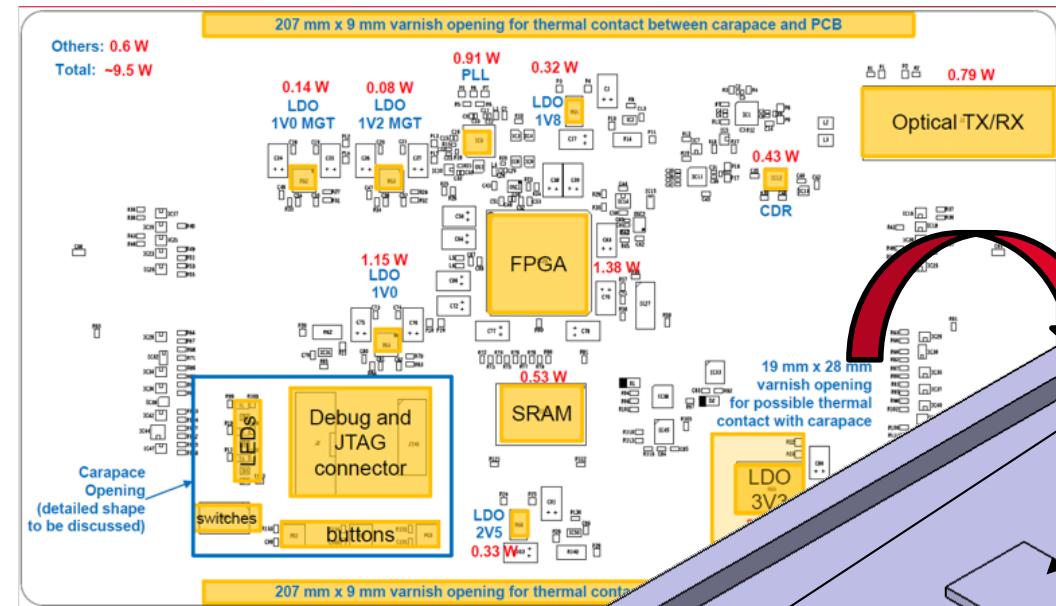
Multiplicity of 2-3
(for 600 ns shaping time)

- Next step : lower the number of electronics channels with full size ERAM module
- Increase charge spreading for final ERAM segmentation (~10x11 mm² pads)

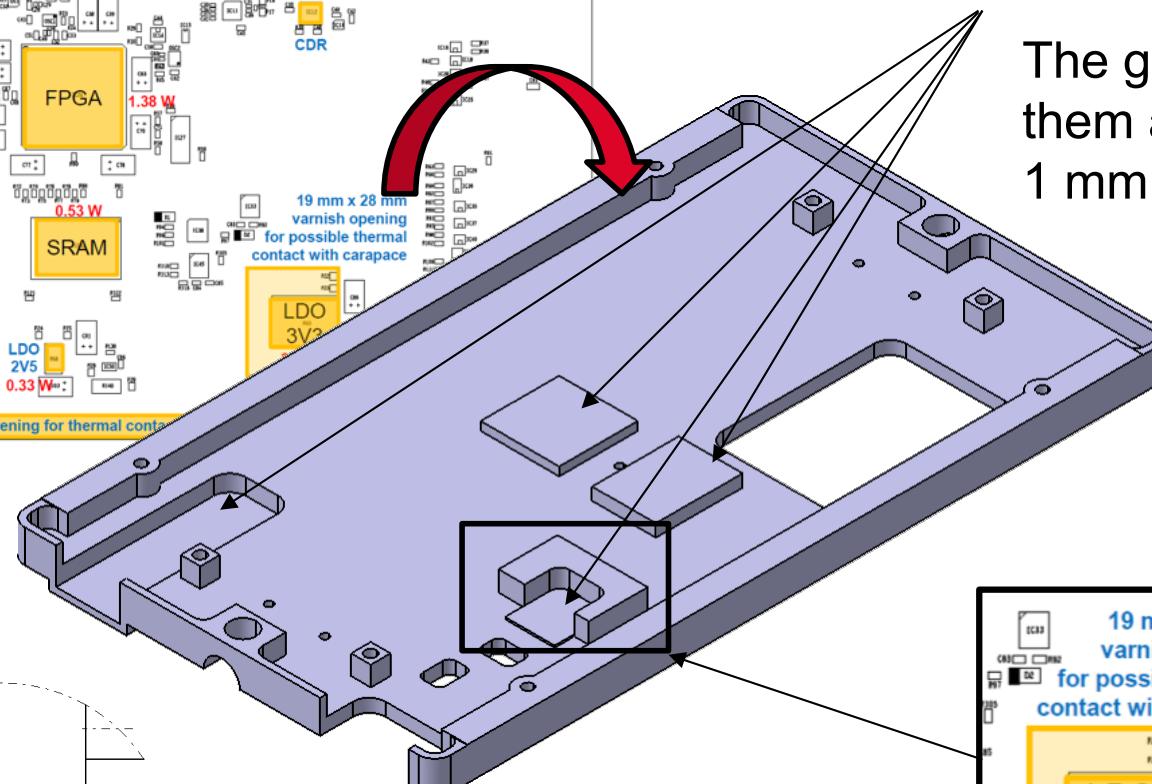
cea The ERAM module



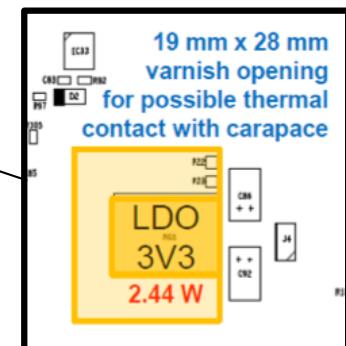
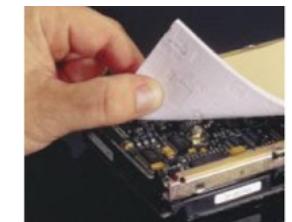
AFTER BASED NEW ELECTRONICS FIRST TESTS 2XFEC + FEM (1152 CHANNELS)



Cooling of FPGA, SRAM, LDO 3V3 and Optical TX/RX

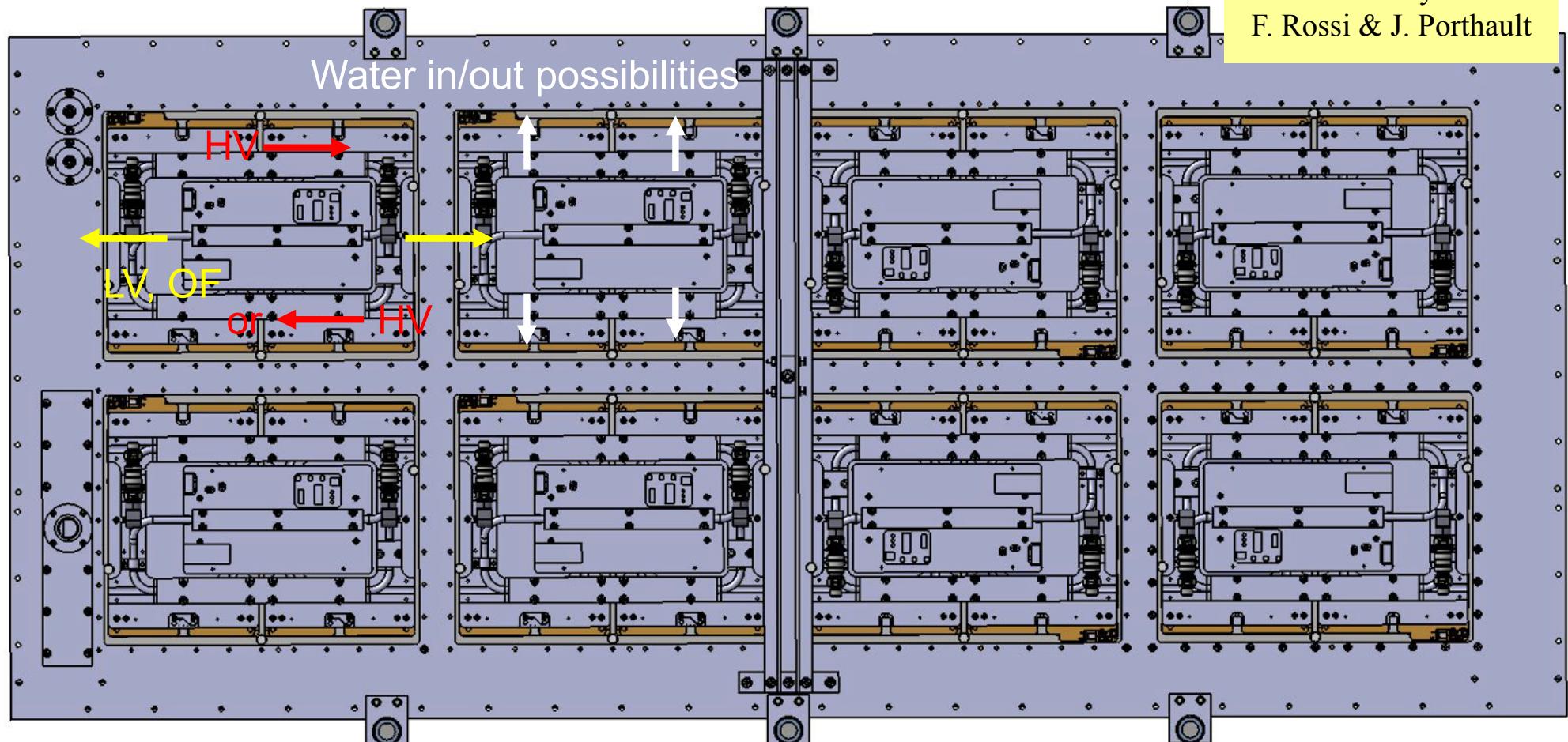


The gap between them and the chips is 1 mm



Ref: J. Porthaul/F. Rossi (Irfu)

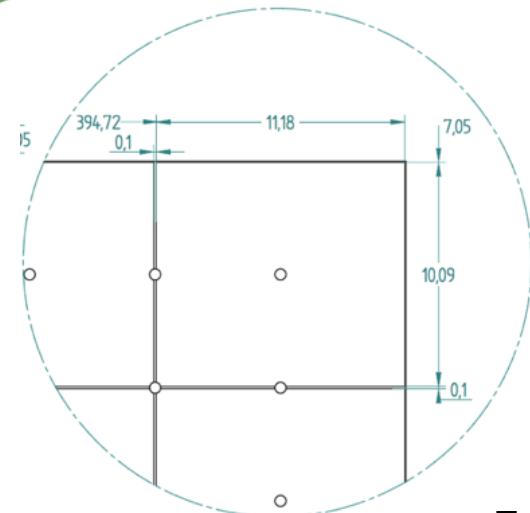
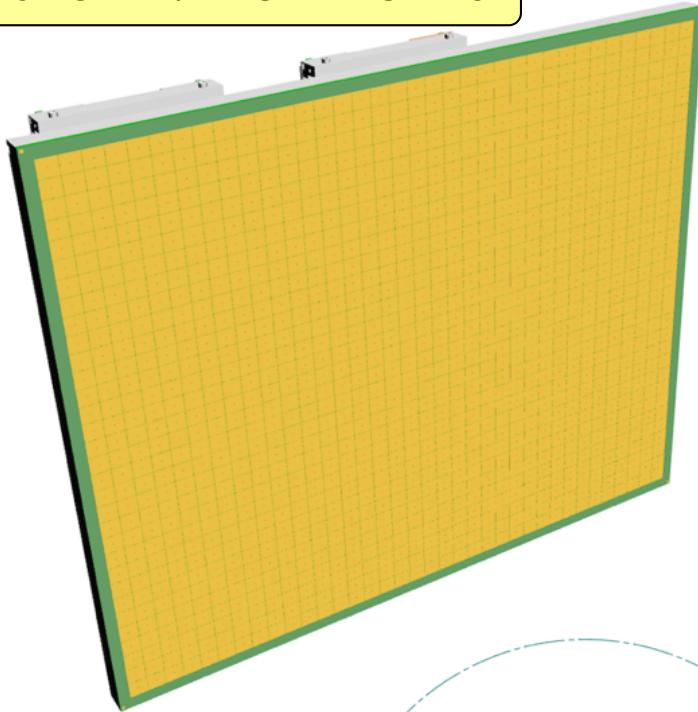
- MF dimensions : 820 mm x 1865 mm
- cooling pipes connectors, cooling pipes path, HV and LW cables paths to be defined & fixed
- Cooling pipes paths to be fixed in order to fix connectors orientation on ERAM
- Symmetries : ERAM can be flipped 180° on MF



ERAM PCB FINAL 6 LAYERS STACK



ref: CERN/IRFU – DFS2278

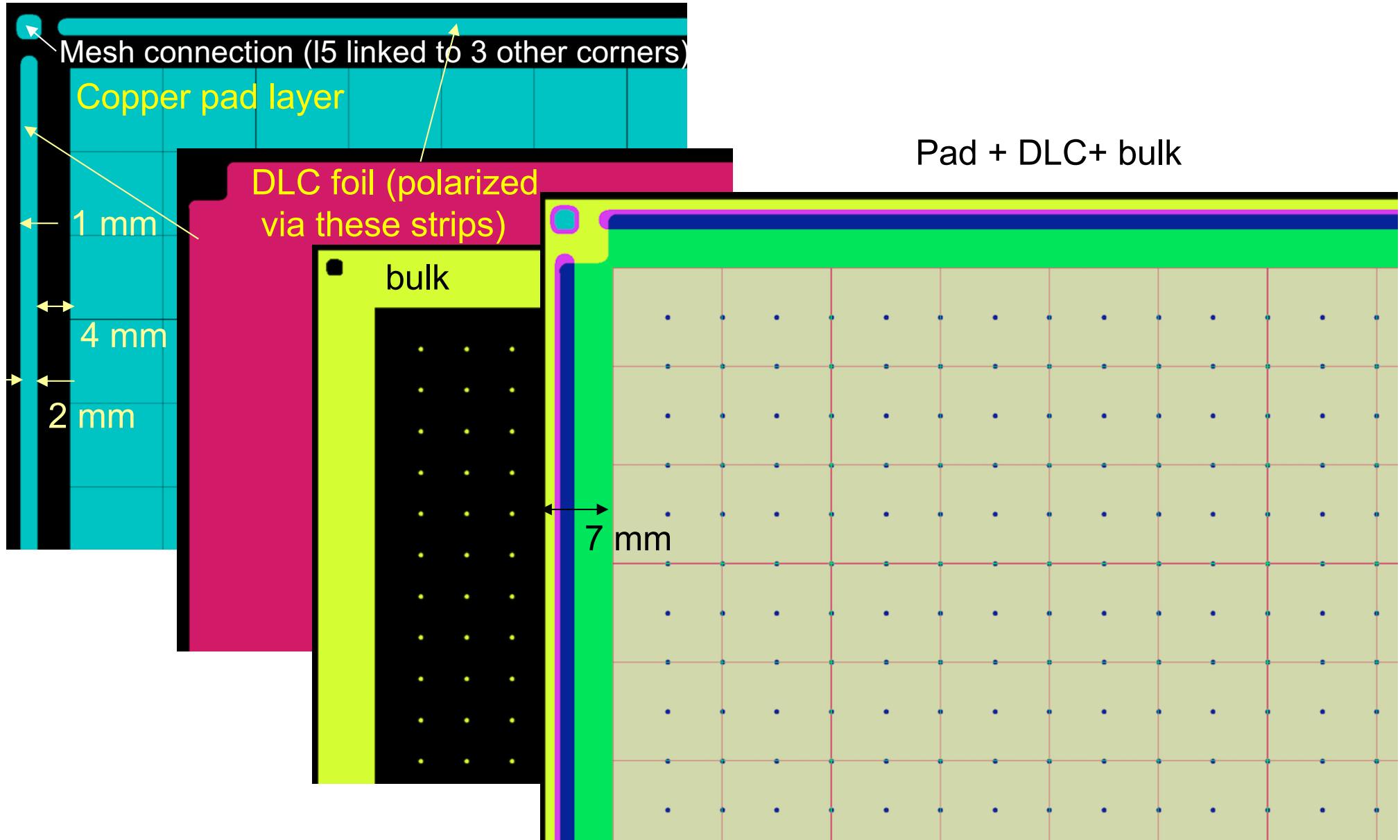


6 Couches

CLASSE	5	Ep. TOTALE	2.4
EMPILAGE	TOP-BOT => 2.2mm +0.2/-0		
etm	Solder mask	SPRAY 30 µm	
	Finition	NiAu	Ep. Ni 0.005
ltop	Feuillard Cu	9	35
	Type de colle	prepreg	3x125
L2	Feuillard Cu	9	35
	Type de colle	prepreg	3x125
L3	Cuivre de base	35	
	Matière	EPOXY	Ep. 1
L4	Cuivre de base	35	
	Type de colle	prepreg	3x125
L5	feuillard cu	9	35
	Type de colle	prepreg	3x125
lbot	feuillard cu	9	35
	Type de colle	prepreg	125 ss fibre
			Ep. 0
	Type de colle	prepreg	1x75
	Matière	APICAL NP	Epaisseur 0,05
DLC	DLC	500-600 K ohm + ligne AG	
BULK	Coverlay	BULK gap 128µ mesh 45/18	
DÉBIT MATIÈRE	P6:508x457	TAILLE FINALE	420 x 340

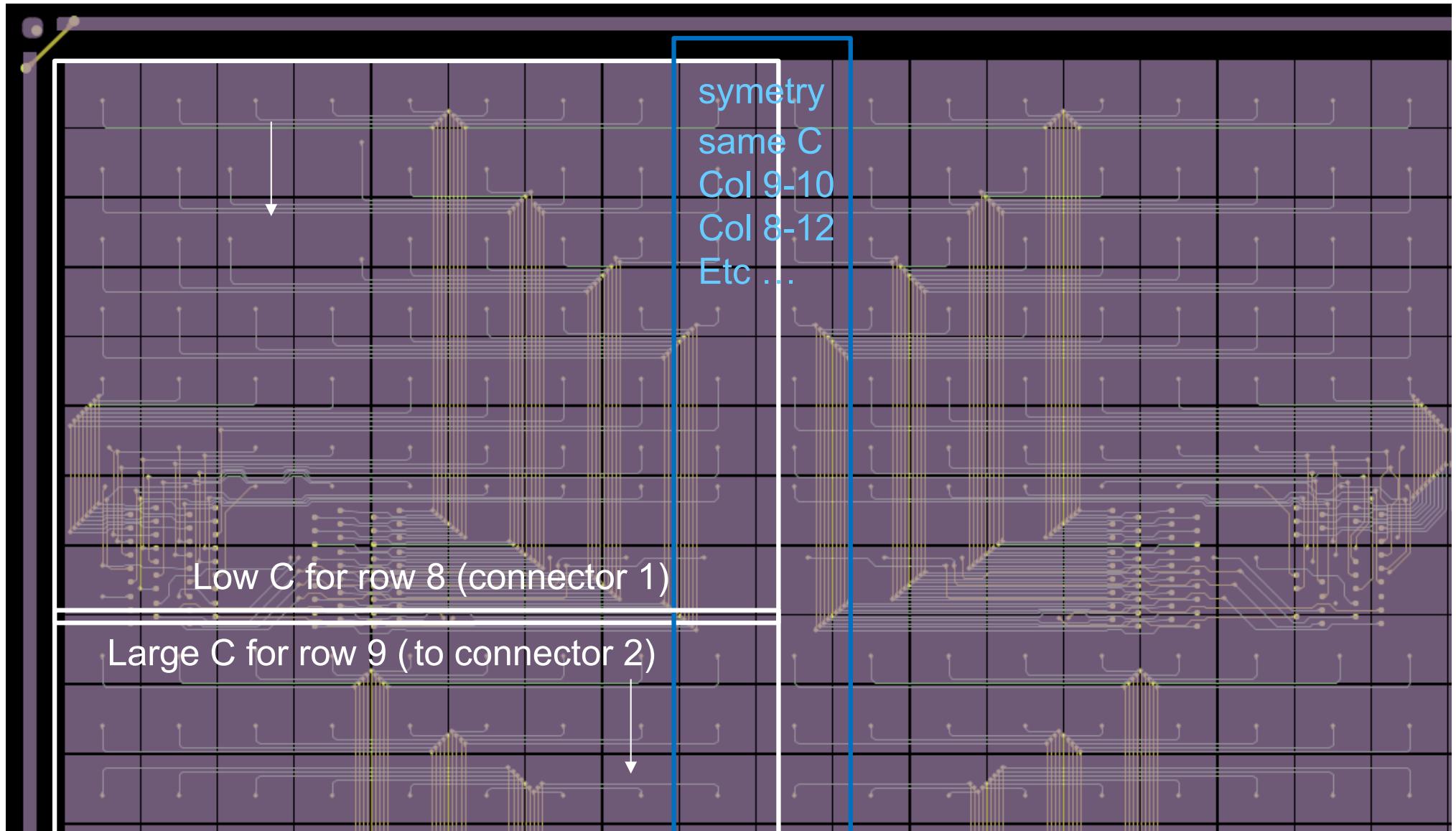
Epoxy (~0,02 mm) is used to fill the gap between copper pads

ERAM PCB FINAL DESIGN BOTTOM (ACTIVE AREA) : UNCHANGED / MM1



EXAMPLE OF CAPACITANCE STEPS DUE TO THE PAD-CONNECTOR LAYOUT

Largest C steps between two connectors with no layout symmetry

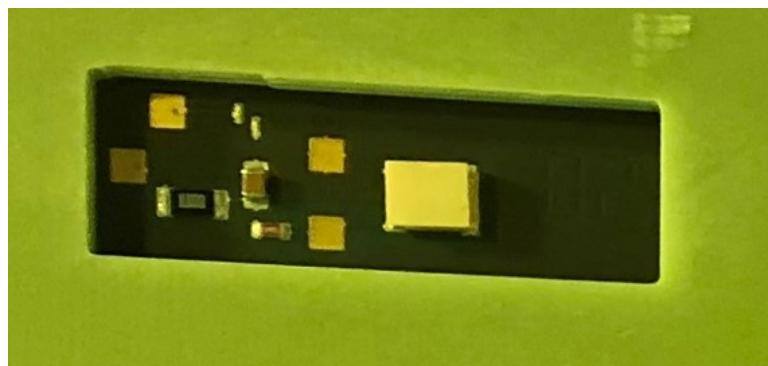
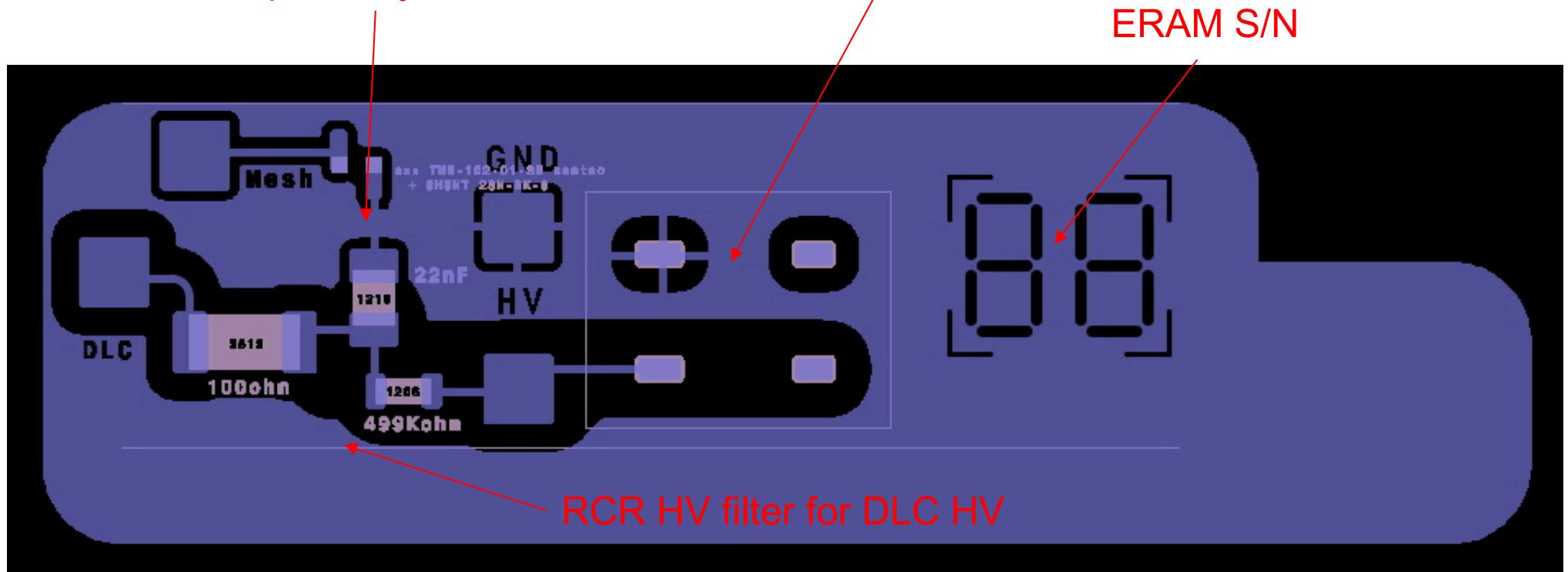


Removable Mesh connection
to GND for pulse injection on mesh

connector

ref: CERN/IRFU – DFS2278
Top layer, upper left corner

ERAM S/N



ERAM#01 RCR cabled filter
(january 18, 2020)

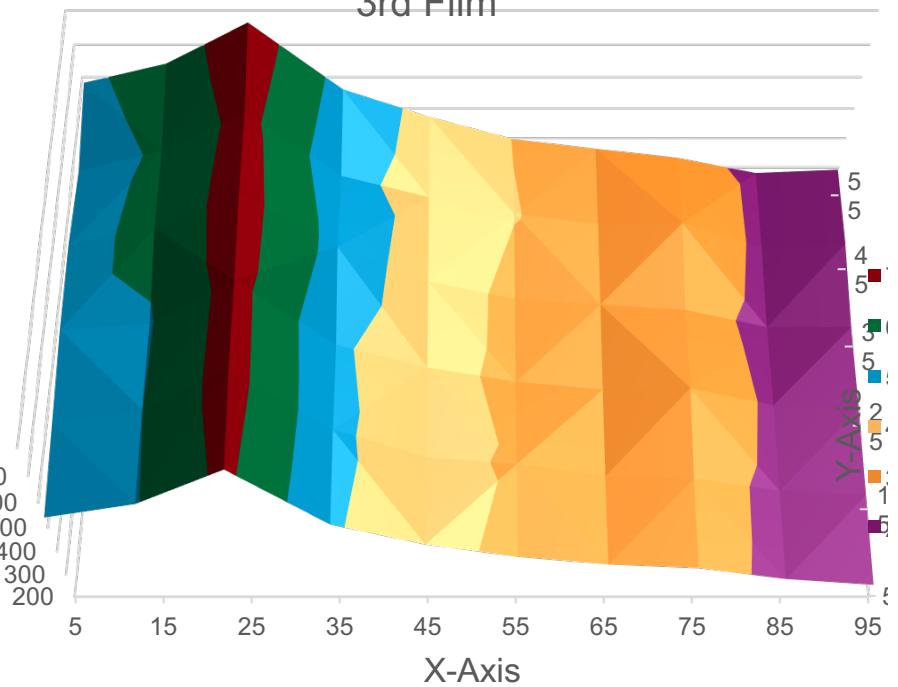
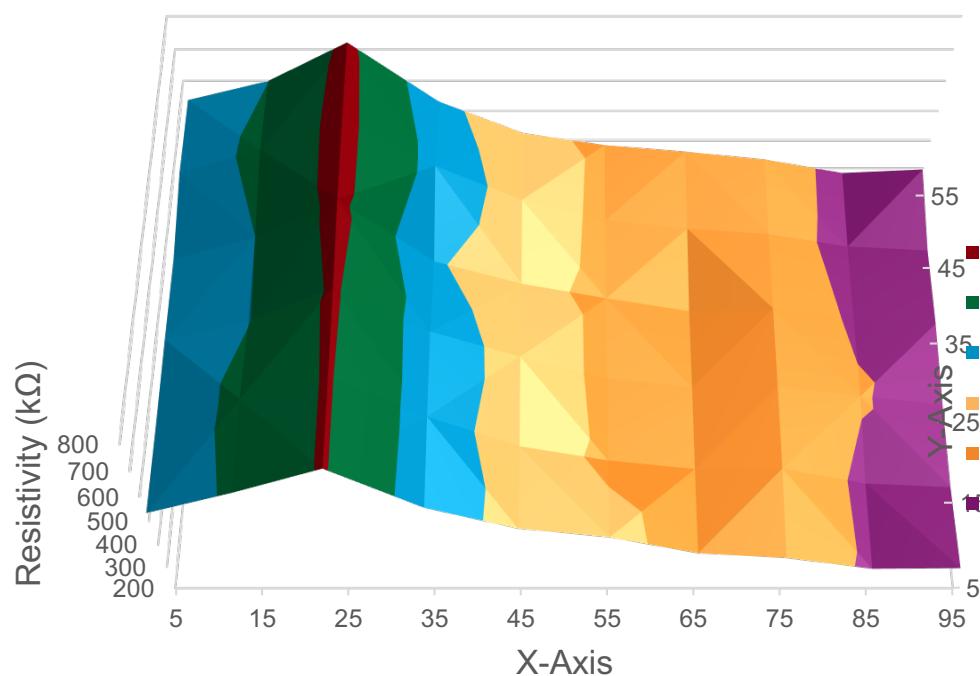
Resistivity measurements of foil #1 & #3 With CERN custom made probe

1st Film	5	15	25	35	45	55	65	75	85	95	3rd Film	5	15	25	35	45	55	65	75	85	95	
	5	532	615	708	554	467	430	360	339	290	293	5	540	593	723	512	430	378	345	329	281	255
	15	526	625	708	559	442	384	348	350	286	270	15	554	599	742	526	419	392	342	333	282	264
	25	525	597	712	556	462	377	342	346	305	270	25	569	593	738	516	432	378	348	354	287	273
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1st Film

Ref: Elcin Akar (CERN/EP-DT-EF)

3rd Film



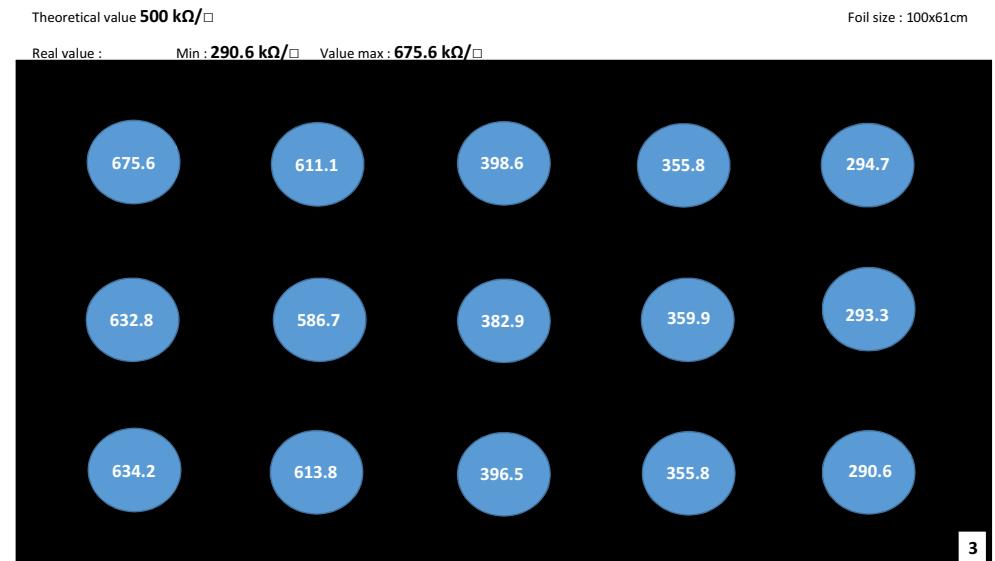
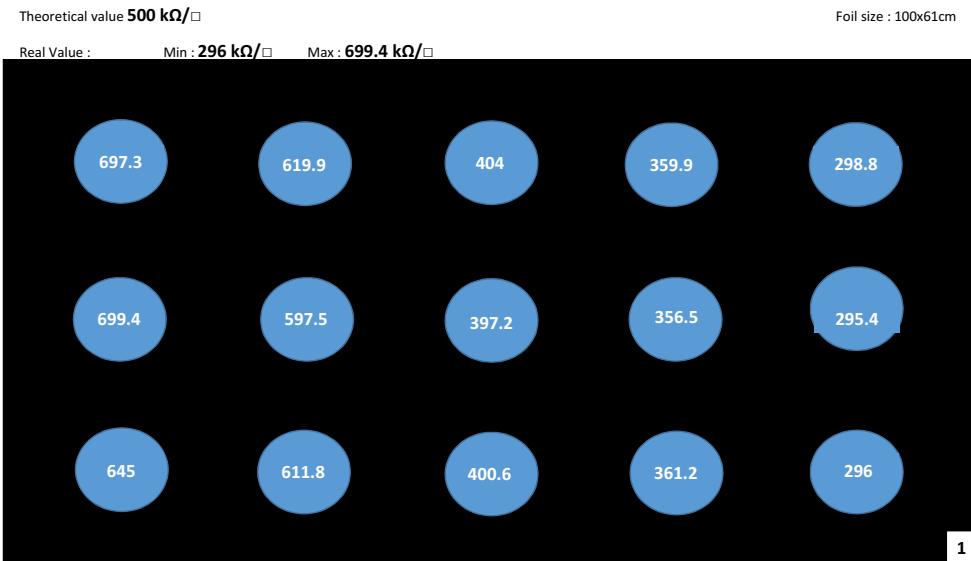
Comparison with previous “ochi” probe measurements

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CERN « Ochi » probe (2018) → 10-20 % higher



Theoretical value **500 kΩ/□**

Part of DLC foil #5 used for MM1-DLC2 (same as DLC1 at 10%)

Foil size : 100x61cm

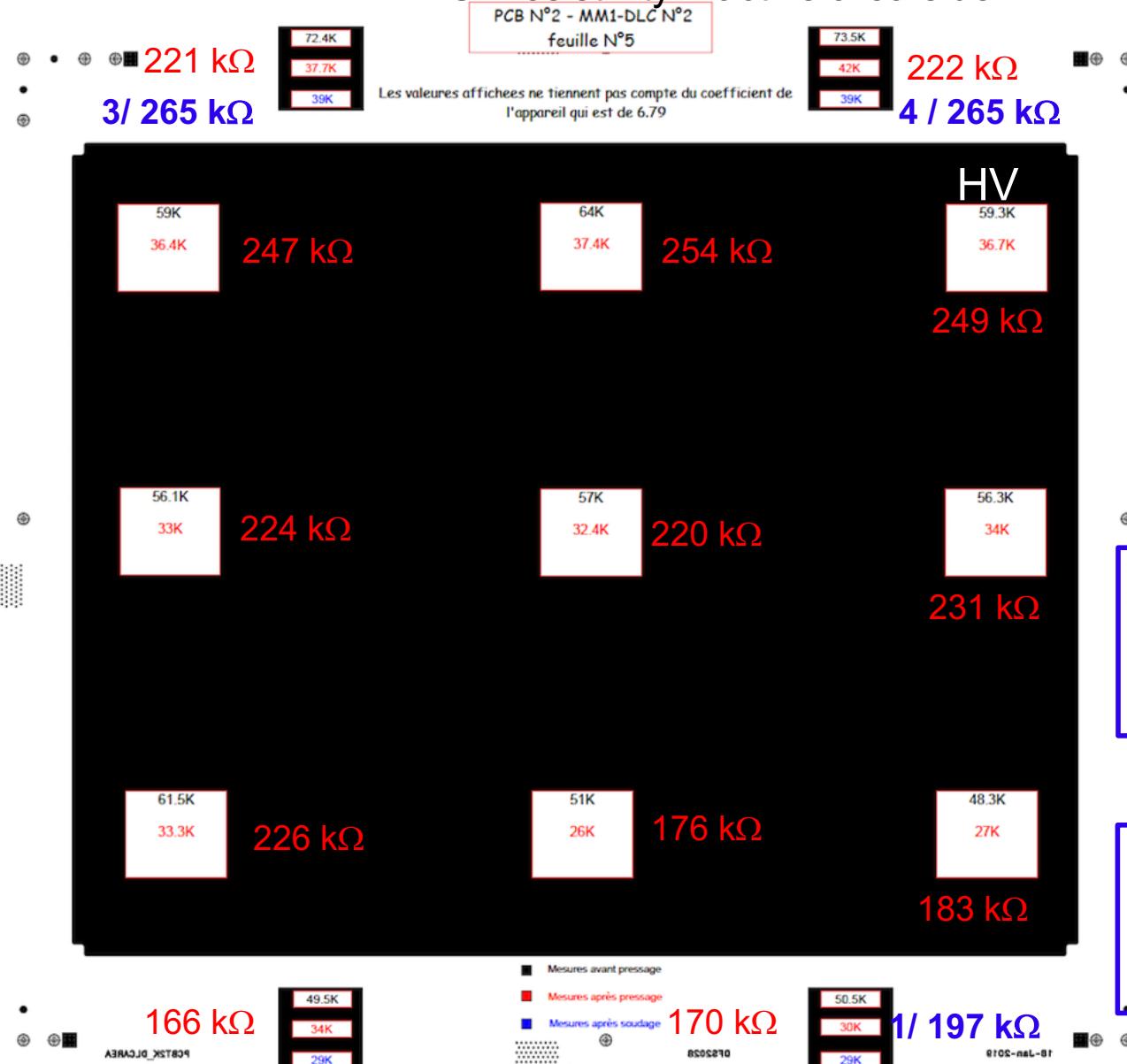
Real value : Min : **323.2 kΩ/□** Max : **727.9 kΩ/□**



In blue boxes: measured value outside detector area once detector is finished

MM1-DLC2 : RESISTIVITY MEASUREMENT @ CERN WITH “OCHI” PROBE

MM1-DLC2 resistivity – active area side



Same resistivity as DLC1 !

MM1-DLC2 resistivity
(CERN “ochi” probe, k=6,79)

