

# ePIC @CPAD2024

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# Presentations about ePIC @CPAD2024

9 parallel talks and 3 posters related to ePIC Detector were presented at [CPAD2024!](#)

## Barrel Imaging Calorimeter (2 parallel talks, 1 poster)

- [Jared Richards](#): Electron and Pion Response Benchmarks for the ePIC Barrel Imaging Calorimeter (poster)
- [Henry Klest](#): The Barrel Imaging Calorimeter of the ePIC Detector
- [Bobae Kim](#): AstroPix for the Barrel Imaging Calorimeter in ePIC

## Forward HCAL (4 parallel talks, 2 posters)

- [Fernando Flor](#): First Test Beam Results from the LFHCal Prototypes for the ePIC Detector at the EIC
- [Tristan Protzman](#): First Test Beam Results from the ePIC LFHCal Prototype utilizing the HGCROC Digitization
- [Everett Hagen](#): ePIC LFHCAL Testbeam Module Production (poster)
- [Cordney Nash](#): LFHCAL Test Modules (poster)
- [Prakhar Garg](#): Automatization of LFHCal scintillating tile evaluation for the ePIC detector at the EIC
- [Weibin Zhang](#): Testing a SiPM-on-tile calorimeter prototype with 200 GeV pp collisions at RHIC

## pfRICH (1 parallel talk)

- [Alexander Kiselev](#): EIC HRPPDs and their application in a proximity focusing RICH for the ePIC detector

## Gaseous Trackers (1 parallel talk)

- [Kondo Gnanvo](#): MPGD Trackers in the ePIC Detector at the EIC

## Si Trackers (1 parallel talk)

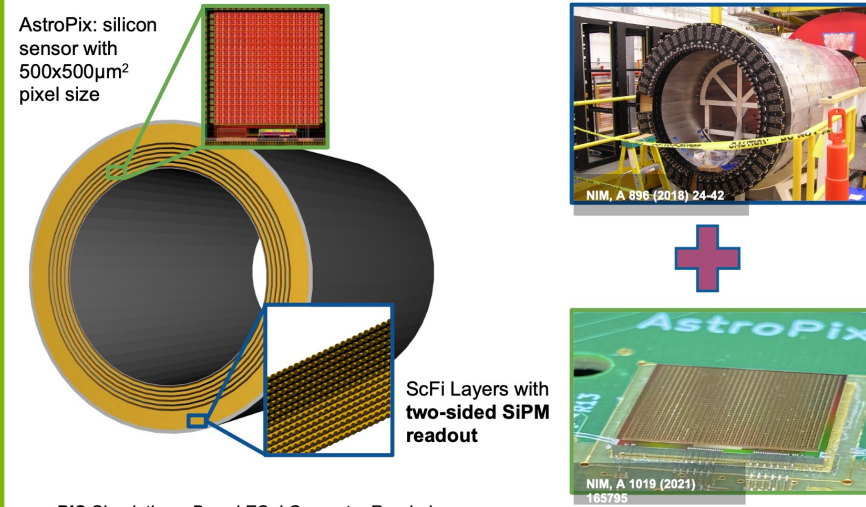
- [Zhenyu Ye](#): MAPS Silicon Vertex Tracker and AC-LGAD Time-of-Flight Detectors for the Electron-Ion Collider



# Barrel Imaging Calorimeter (1)

## Barrel Imaging Calorimeter: The Concept

High-performance sampling calorimeter with Si sensors for shower profiling



Start from mature layered Pb/ScFi technology with side-readout (same as the GlueX calorimeter) for **state-of-the-art sampling calorimeter** performance

Insert layers of monolithic **AstroPix silicon sensors** (ultra-low-power, developed for NASA at ANL) to capture a **3D image of the shower**

ePIC Simulations: Barrel ECal Geometry Rendering

## Pb/SciFi Technology

### Mature technology

Pb/SciFi follows the **GlueX & KLOE Barrel Calorimeters**

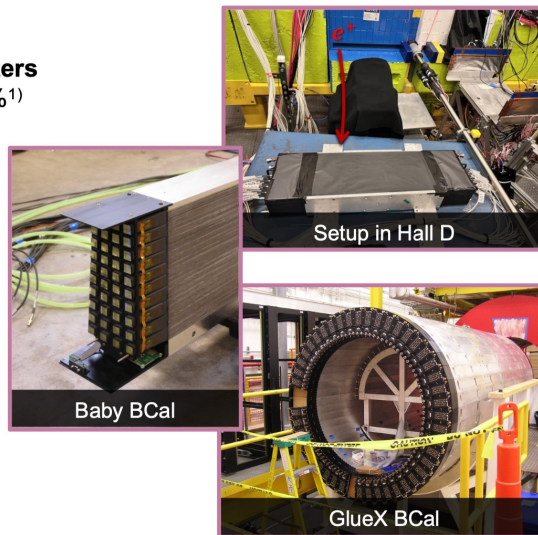
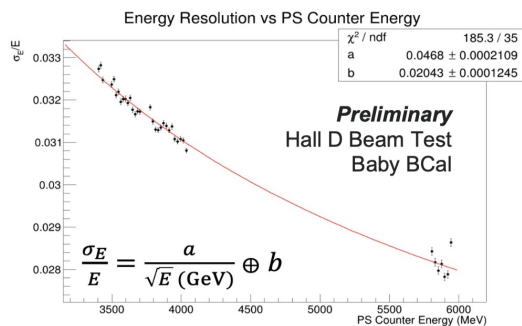
**GlueX BCal Energy resolution:**  $\sigma = 5.2\% \sqrt{E} \oplus 3.6\%$ <sup>1)</sup>

- 15.5 X<sub>0</sub>, extracted for low energy  $\gamma < \sim 2.5$  GeV

**Position resolution in z:** 1.1cm/ $\sqrt{E}$ <sup>2)</sup>

- 2-side SiPM readout,  $\Delta t$  measurement

### Snapshot of R&D:



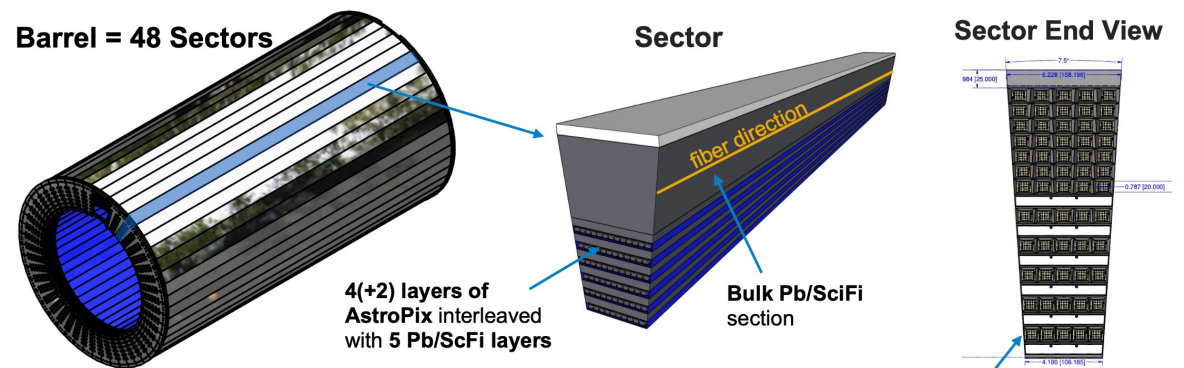
1) Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A, vol. 896, pp. 24–42, 2018  
2) Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A, vol. 596, pp. 327–337, 2008

## Detector Structure

Barrel = 48 Sectors

Sector

Sector End View



Length: ~435 cm

Radius: ~82 cm

$\eta$  Coverage:  $-1.71 < \eta < 1.31$

Depth: 17.1X<sub>0</sub> at  $\eta = 0$

Sampling fraction ~ 10%

AstroPix layers built from **Modules**



**Pb/SciFi Layer (1.4X<sub>0</sub>)**

- 5 readout cells per layer
- 1 light-guide per cell
- Instrumented with 1.2x1.2 cm HPK S14160-6050-04 SiPM

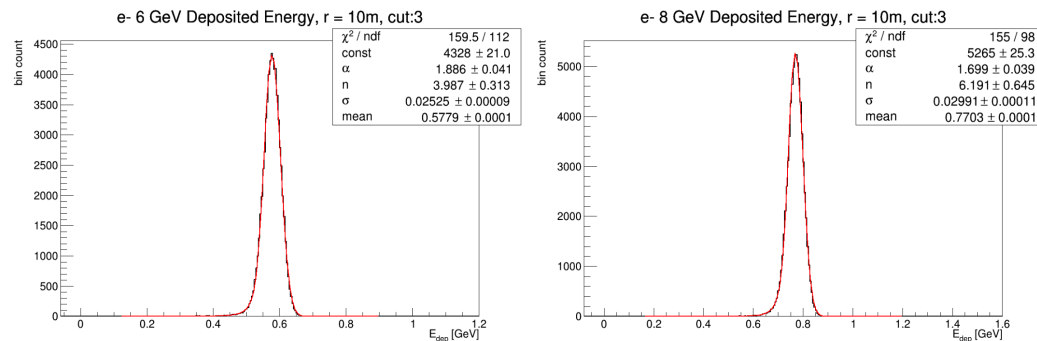
# BIC (2): Beam test result

Beam test at FANL, June 2024

- e/π Beam at 4, 6, 8, and 10 GeV
- μ/π Beam at 10 GeV, inserted lead sheet absorbs electrons
- e/π PID: Two FTBF Cherenkov detectors
- Trigger: FTBF Beamline Scintillators

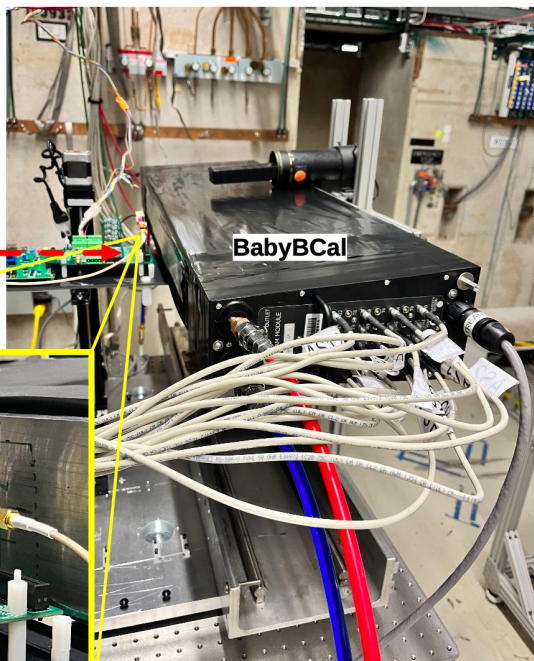
## Calibration

- Plot MIP peaks by channel in ADC units
- Convert ADC units to Energy by adjusting MIP peaks to simulated Energy deposits

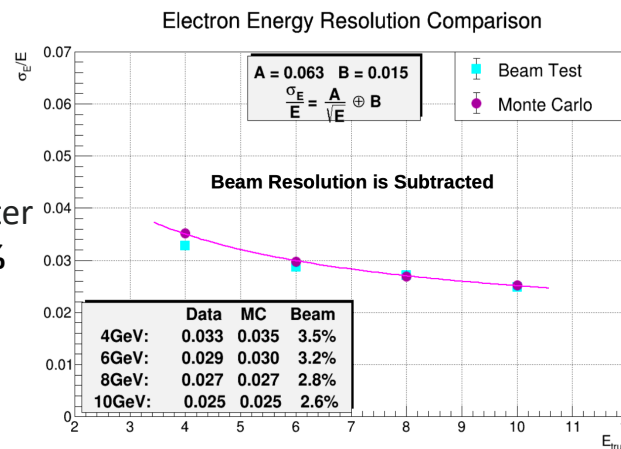


## SETUP

Fermilab Test Beam Facility (FTBF)  
June 5-11, 2024

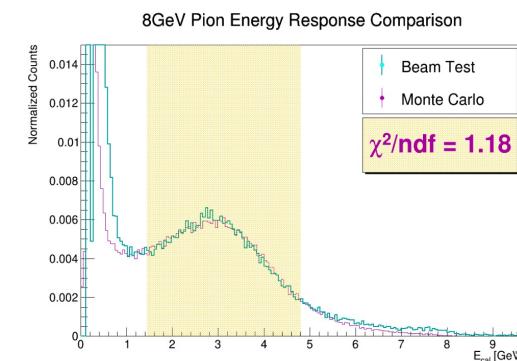
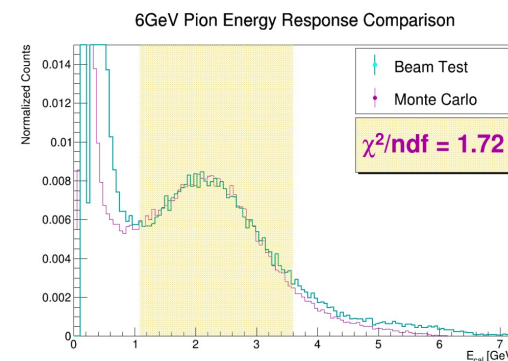


Key Challenges of barrel EM calorimeter  
Energy resolution <  $10\%/ \sqrt{E} + (2-3)\%$



## Analysis, e/π

- # of Photoelectrons was converted to Energy
- Energy was attenuated in the Scintillating Fibers
- Threshold of 1.0 MeV was applied at each SiPM
- Attenuated Energy was corrected back
- Containment Cuts applied to minimize leakage



# BIC (3): Beam test result of Astropix

## Testing and characterization of AstroPix\_v3 is underway:

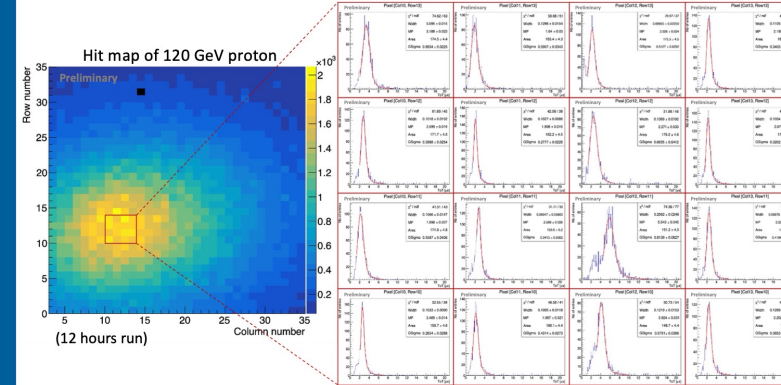
- First 120 GeV proton response: **39.41 keV for MIP** which sits well within dynamic range (25 keV - 200 keV) in v3
  - The proof-of-concept demonstration of the integration of two daisy-chained AstroPix layers in a beam-like environment
- For the upcoming beam test at FNAL in 2025,**
- Integration of AstroPix & Pb/SciFi DAQ using **HGCROC** (CALOROC)
  - External clock in the current AstroPix readout system

## Performance Test Results (3)

### Beam Test of AstroPix\_v3 (1)

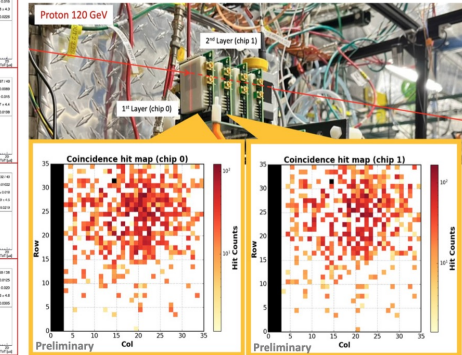
#### Single layer

- Data collected with a 120 GeV proton beam.
- The hit map reveals the proton beam profile:  $\sigma_x \times \sigma_y = 5.8 \text{ mm} \times 4.5 \text{ mm}$
- Histograms of collected ToT values for the marked pixels with MIP response
  - Fit with Landau convoluted with gaussian function
- Behaves well in the particle rates of 13 kHz



#### Double layer

- 120 GeV proton beam events from the first two layers, read in coincidence, showing the position of the hit pixel.
- The proof-of-concept demonstration of the integration of two daisy-chained AstroPix\_v3 layers in a beam-like environment



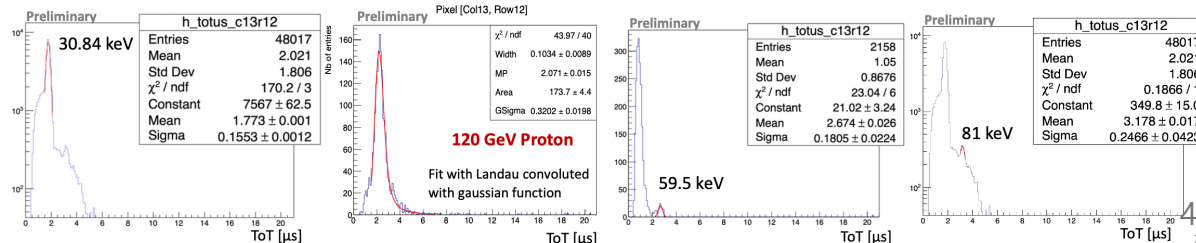
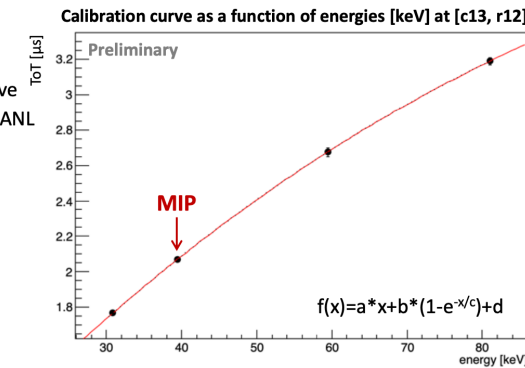
## Performance Test Results (4)

### Beam Test of AstroPix\_v3 (2)

#### One example pixel [column 13, row 12] in single layer

- ToT Histograms of measuring gamma energies to obtain a calibration curve
  - Ba-133 (30.84 keV and 81 keV), Am-241 (59.5 keV) at bench test in ANL
- Calibration curve fitted using pol2 or linear+exp. decay functions
- MPV of 120 GeV Proton at pixel [c13,r12] ~ **39.41 keV**
- Paper in progress

	Ba133 (30.84 keV)	Proton (120 GeV)	Am241 (59.5 keV)	Ba133 (81 keV)
$\mu \pm \sigma$ [ $\mu\text{s}$ ]	$1.773 \pm 0.1553$	$2.071$ (MPV)	$2.674 \pm 0.1805$	$3.178 \pm 0.2466$
$E_{\text{res}}$ (FWHM)	20.6 %	.	15.9 %	18.2 %

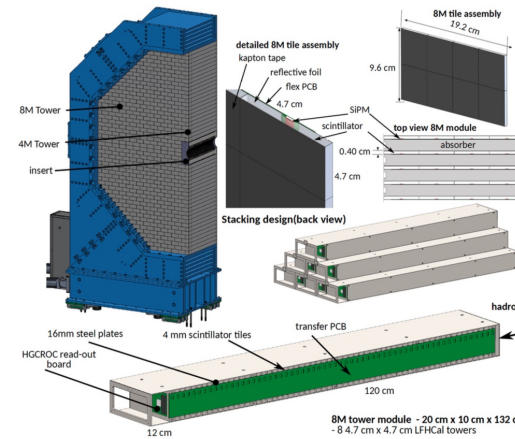


# Forward HCAL: LFHCaI



- Steel absorber, 4x2 plastic scintillator tiles + SiPM  
→ Total 74 scintillation layers for beam test
- Module Production for beam test
- Beam test at CERN using HGCR0C readout and CAEN readout
  - Muon @ 5 GeV
  - Electrons @ 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 GeV
  - Pions @ 3, 5, 8, and 10 GeV
  - Additional hadrons @ 5, 8, 10 and 15 GeV
- QA for scintillator tiles

## LFHCaI at ePIC Purpose and Design

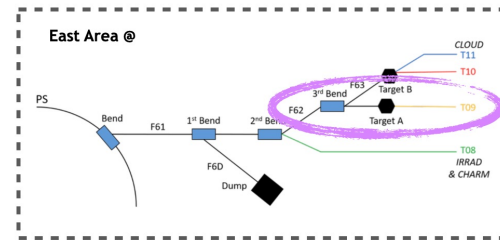


- When colliding electrons into a proton/ion, copious amounts of hadrons are generated in the scattering process
  - ▶ Majority of these particles will be produced in the same direction as the hadronic beam
  - ▶ Jets of particles of energies up to 150 GeV are thus expected to reach the forward region of the ePIC detector
  - ▶ Poses challenges at forward rapidities ( $\eta > 3$ )
    - Worsened tracking momentum and angular resolution
- The Longitudinally Segmented Forward Hadronic Calorimeter (LFHCaI) will capture highly energetic particles up to ( $\eta < 4$ )
  - ▶ Providing excellent energy and spatial resolution
  - ▶ Located at  $z = 3.68$  m from interaction point
  - ▶ 1.52 cm steel absorber layers alternating with ~600k 0.4 cm plastic scintillators coupled to SiPMs
  - ▶ Composed primarily of 8M and 4M modules
- Dedicated high granularity LFHCaI insert closest to beam pipe
  - ▶ Talk by [W. Zhang \(Wednesday @ 4:15PM\)](#)

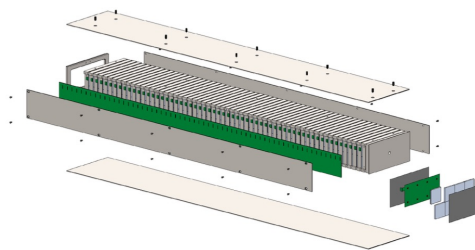
## LFHCaI Test Beam Overview and Objectives



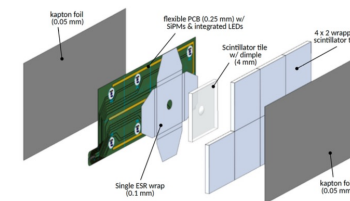
- Test Beam took place at the T09 beam line in the CERN East Area
  - ▶ A multi-target configuration in place in order to produce different types of secondary beam types
    - T09 beam line received ~3 spills per every 40 second cycle
- Two continuous weeks of beam time (August 28 - September 11)
  - ▶ Week 1: HGCR0C readout
    - Talk by [T. Protzman \(Wednesday @ 4:00PM\)](#)
  - ▶ Week 2: CAEN DT5202+DT5215 readout
- Purpose was to fully expose the LFHCaI module to multiple beam species in the 1 - 10 GeV energy range at different operating SiPM Voltages
  - ▶ Muons
    - Cell-by-cell MIP calibration
  - ▶ Electrons
    - Response and resolution
      - ▶ Single cell hit spectra and SiPM saturation effects
      - ▶ GEANT4 comparison
  - ▶ Pions
    - Longitudinal shower profiles
    - Lateral containment of shower outside of acceptance



## LFHCaI at ePIC Purpose and Design



- Each active scintillator layer is segmented into plastic tiles (5 x 5 x 0.4 cm), wrapped with highly reflective film
- Scintillation light from each tile is detected by the SiPM encased by a circular dimple in the center
- SiPM-tile couples are attached to a thin, flexible printed circuit board carrying the readout to the side of each module
  - ▶ 68,264 read-out channels in total
  - ▶ *This talk:* one channel = one “cell”
- 74 scintillation layers were assembled and tested at ORNL prior to the test beam at CERN
  - ▶ Posters by [E. Hagen](#) and [C. Nash](#)
- Various QA efforts in place in order to test the quality of the tiles (e.g. dimensional uniformity and light yield)
  - ▶ Talk by [P. Garg \(Wednesday @ 11:30AM\)](#)



# Forward HCAL: LFHCa1 (1)

## Module Production for beam test

SiPM calibration using LED and cosmic test

## Construction

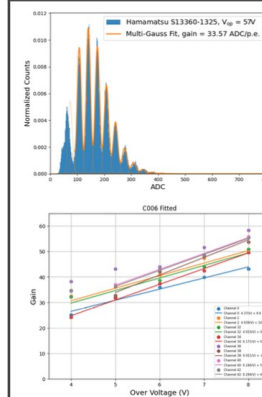
Each layer assembly consists of 8 tiles put together in a similar fashion to the tiles



The flexible PCB boards are then attached to the tile assemblies, so that the SiPMs fit into the dimples of the tiles

Completed a total of 76 layer modules, leaving 11 spares for the test beam

## SiPM Characterization

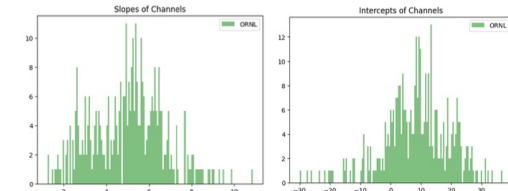
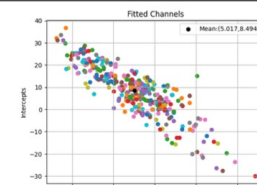


For the purpose of calibrating ADC to the number of photons in every SiPM

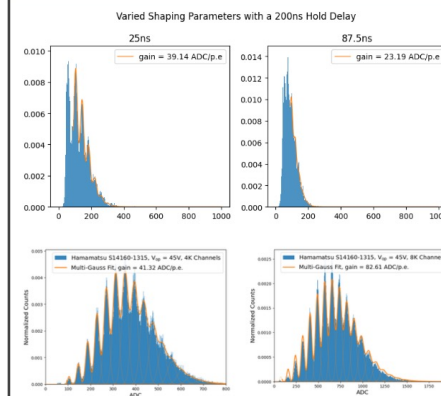
- Tested by exposing SiPMs to an LED with a 5ns pulse length for 3 ~ 5 minutes.
- performed with a different HV bias to obtain voltage scans for each board
- Fitting each channel with a multi-gaussian function that grouped the peaks together
- Data put into a linear regression function which excluded any data points where their Poisson distributions  $< 0.5$ , or standard deviations  $> 20$

Most channels behaved as expected

- a mean increase of 5.017 for every volt
- an mean intercept of 8.494



## Impact of Digitization Settings



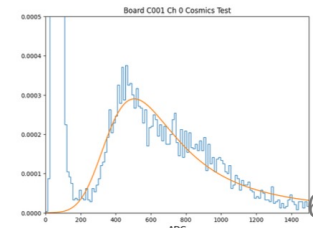
Inversely proportional relationship between the shaping parameter and the gain.

Directly proportional relationship between the number of channels and the gain

## Cosmics Testing

For the purpose of finding the most probable amount of photo-electrons going through the channel during a hit.

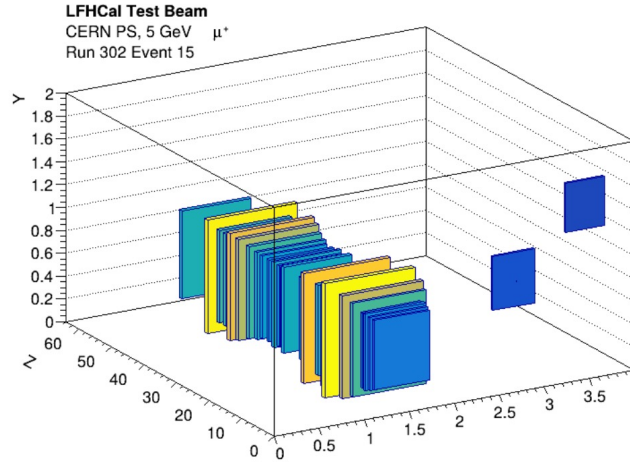
- Found by comparing the peak of the landau gaussian to the ADC to PE conversion found from the SiPM characterization
- For these tests, 8 layer assemblies were stacked and tested all together for roughly 16 - 24 hours



# Forward HCAL: LFHCaI (2)

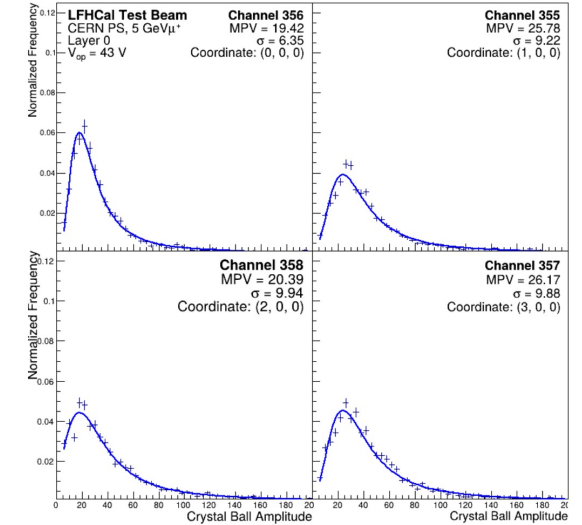
## Beam test using HGCROC readout

- Full module at CERN PS
- First  $\mu^+$  ADC results



## MIP peak

- Fit for each channel the crystal ball amplitude distribution of muon hits
- Known good channels show preliminary MIP peak
  - Deliberately low to enable measurement of many-GeV showers
  - Still considerable work to do to refine



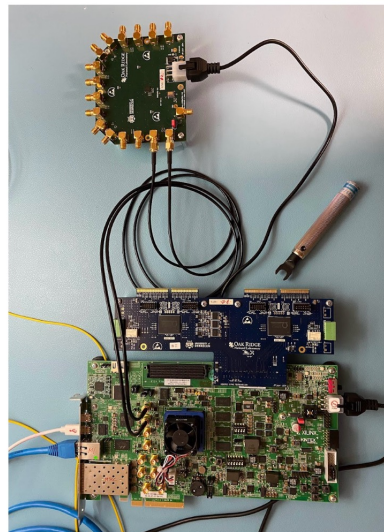
## HGCROC readout

- Developed for CMS HGCal Project
  - H2GROC features front end for SiPM readout
  - Measures ADC, Time of Arrival (ToA), and Time over Threshold (ToT) with large dynamic range
  - Adapted to sampled mode for ePIC streaming readout
  - EIC-specific CALOROC variant in development
- Two H2GCROC3A ASICs driven by Xilinx KCU 105 evaluation board
  - Each H2GCROC divided into two 36 channel halves
  - 4 KCUs, 8 H2GCROC needed to read 512 channel calorimeter prototype
- H2GCROC applied to ALICE FoCAL-H
  - Talk by [S. Jia](#)

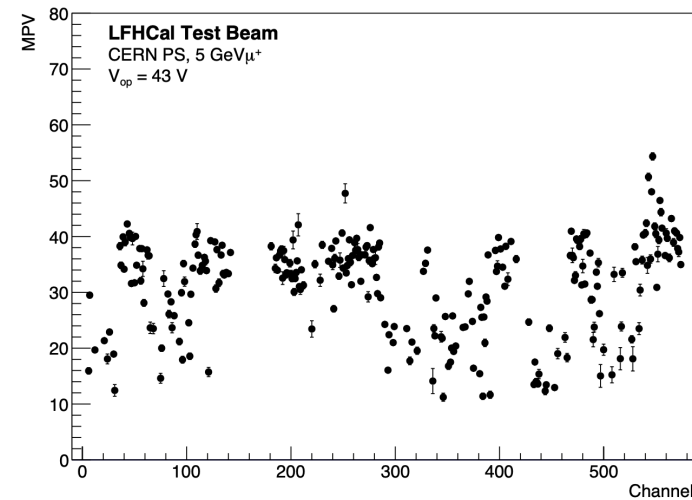
Common clock

Protoboard 2.0 with two H2GCROC3A

Xilinx KCU



## MPV per channel



- First steps towards understanding electron and hadron data
  - Create per channel calibration to give all channels an equal MIP response



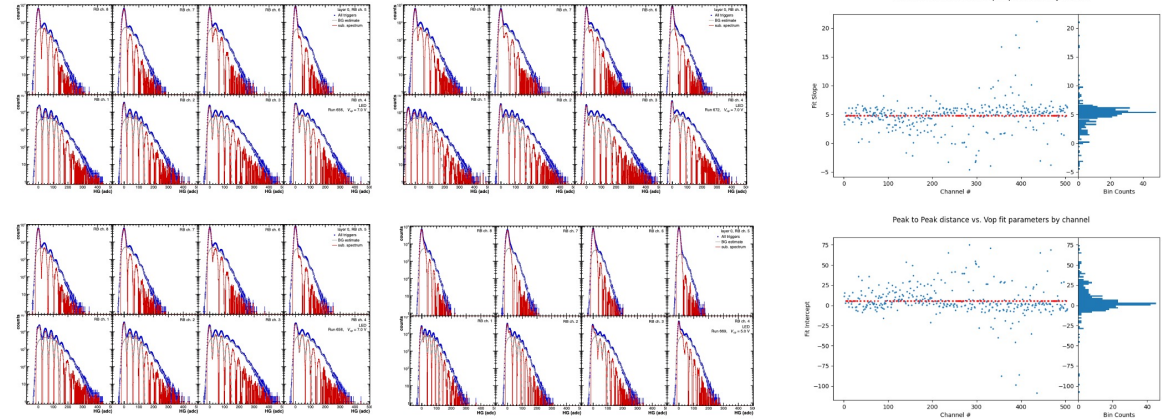
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## Beam test using CAEN DT5202+DT5215 readout

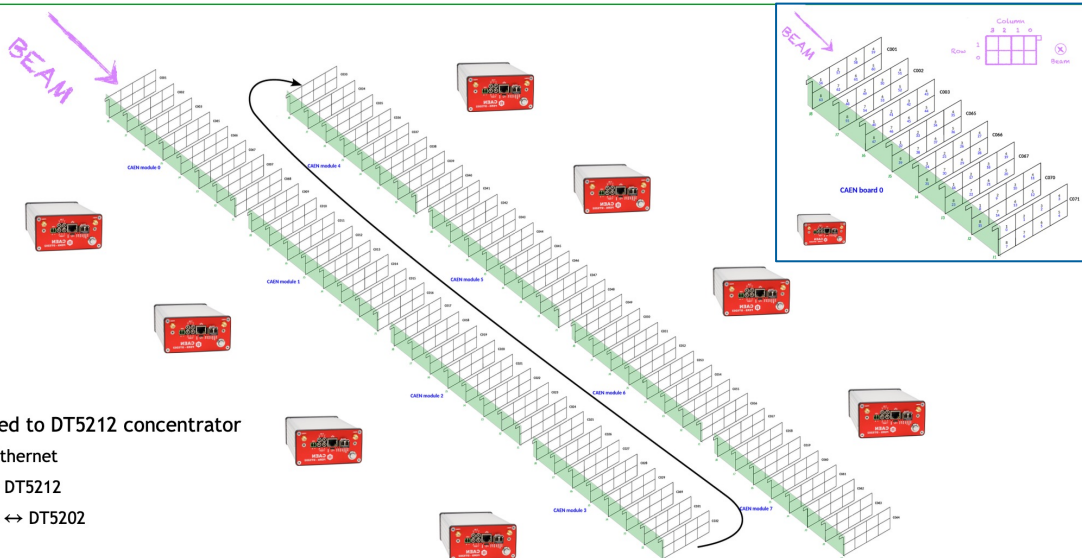
- DT5202 x 8 coupled to DT5212 concentrator
- First look at results from Fall 2024 Test beam at CERN PS using CAEN readout
- Cell-by-cell MIP calibration performed across entire 64-layer module (512 cells)

## SiPM LED Scans: ADC-to-PE Conversion

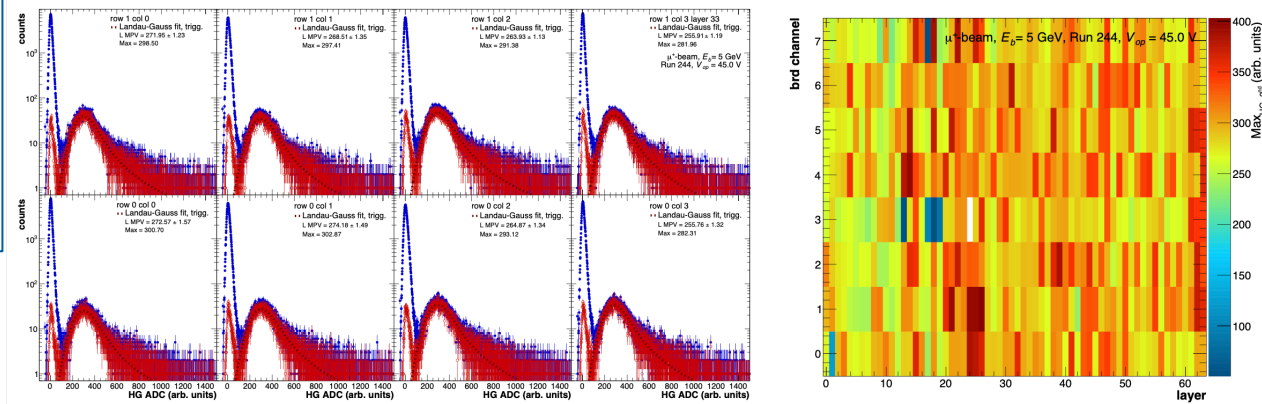
- Single photon to ADC conversion for all cells show consistent gain for test beam operating voltages



## Test Beam Set Up (Week 2: CAEN DT5202s)



## MIP Extraction: A First Look

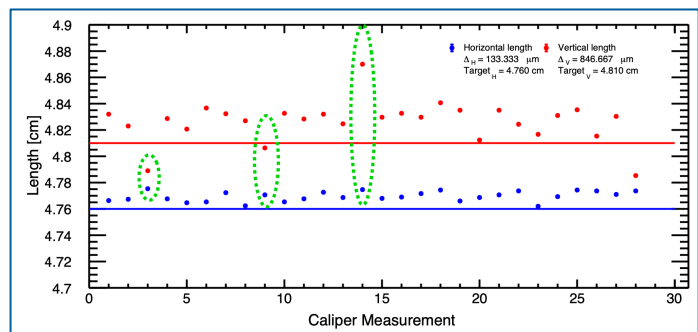


- Noise subtracted muon data with a Landau fit was used to extract MIP signal
- ADC distribution shifted by pedestal values to account for a large proportion of noise
- MIP signals can then be scaled from ADC to single photon spectra for comparison across operating voltages

# Forward HCAL: LFHCa1 (4)

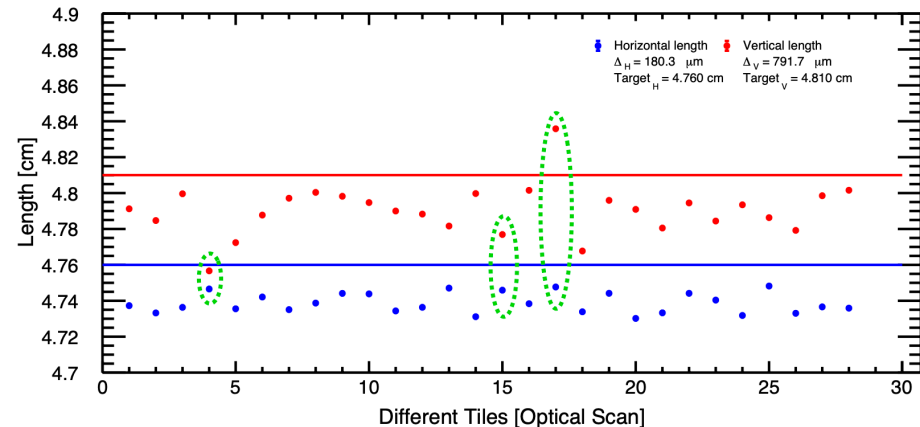
## Automatization of LFHCa1 scintillating tile evaluation

- evaluate the quality of these tiles in terms of Dimensions (by optical scan) and Light yield (by Sr90 scan)
- Economic and easy to use setup for tiles characterization has been developed and initial results are very satisfactory
- Some fine-tuning is still in progress to be ready for prime time

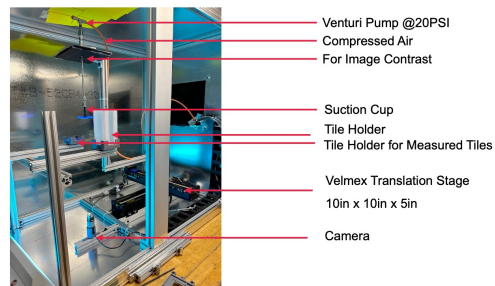


## Measurements with Optical Scan setup

- Indeed the image processing process can also identify them!
- Note that the numbers are lower than the calipers (in microns) but gross features are captured
- Can be of great use for sorting anomalous tiles because of machining tolerances



## Optical Scan Setup

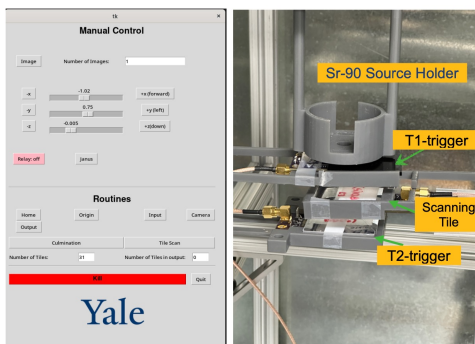


- Easy to use
- Minimum user interference required
- Fast and reliable



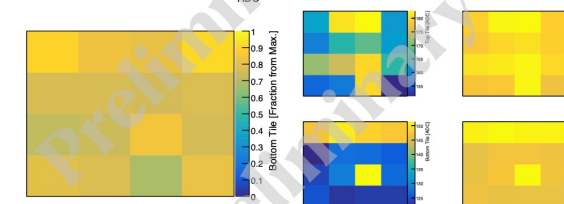
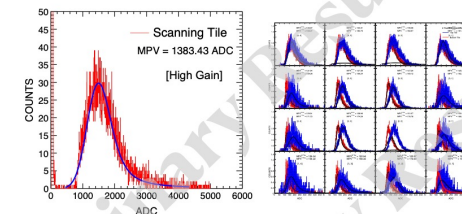
- Solenoid Valve
- Relay with serial Communication

## Sr-90 Scan Set-up



## Some Preliminary Results From scanning

- Establish Proof of Principle
- Establish Communication from GUI to Electronics, DAQ and motion control
- Automatization worked successfully and reliably.
- Few minor modifications are in progress! after learning from the first scanning process



# pfRICH: HRPPDs (1)

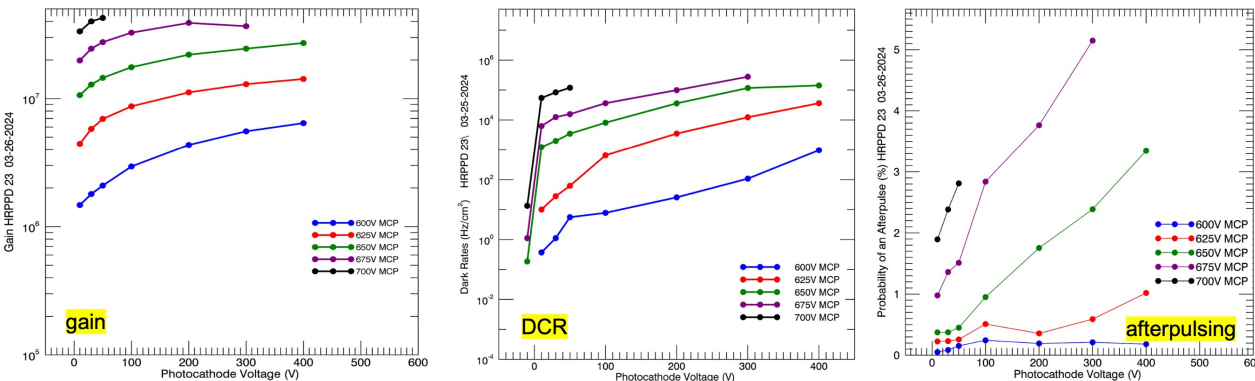
## EIC HRPPD photosensors

- A 120mm x 120mm DC-coupled MCP-PMT produced by Incom Inc.
- 104 mm x 104 mm active area (~75% geometric efficiency)
- 5mm thick fused silica window with a bialkali photocathode
- A pair of 10 μm diameter pore MCPs in a chevron configuration

## Demonstrate production capability and reproducibility of key performance parameters

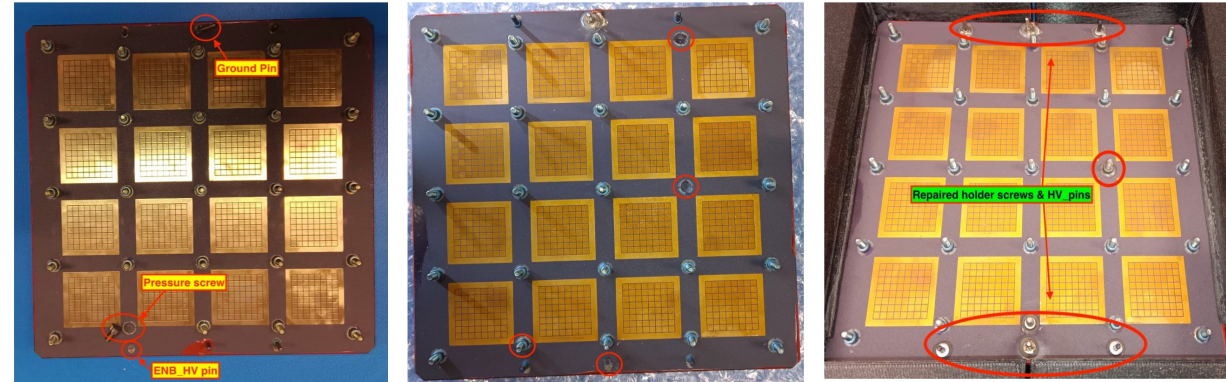
- Gain, QE, Photon Detection Efficiency (PDE), Dark Count rates (DCR), timing resolution, ...

## Incom's internal testing: DCR, gain, afterpulsing



- Newly developed ALD process allows for a high gain at a remarkably low bias voltage
- HRPPD #23: dark rates at mid-10<sup>6</sup> gain are below 1 kHz/cm<sup>2</sup> with afterpulsing on a ~1% level
- Gain uniformity yet to be confirmed, especially towards the acceptance edges

## Highlights from initial QA process at JLab

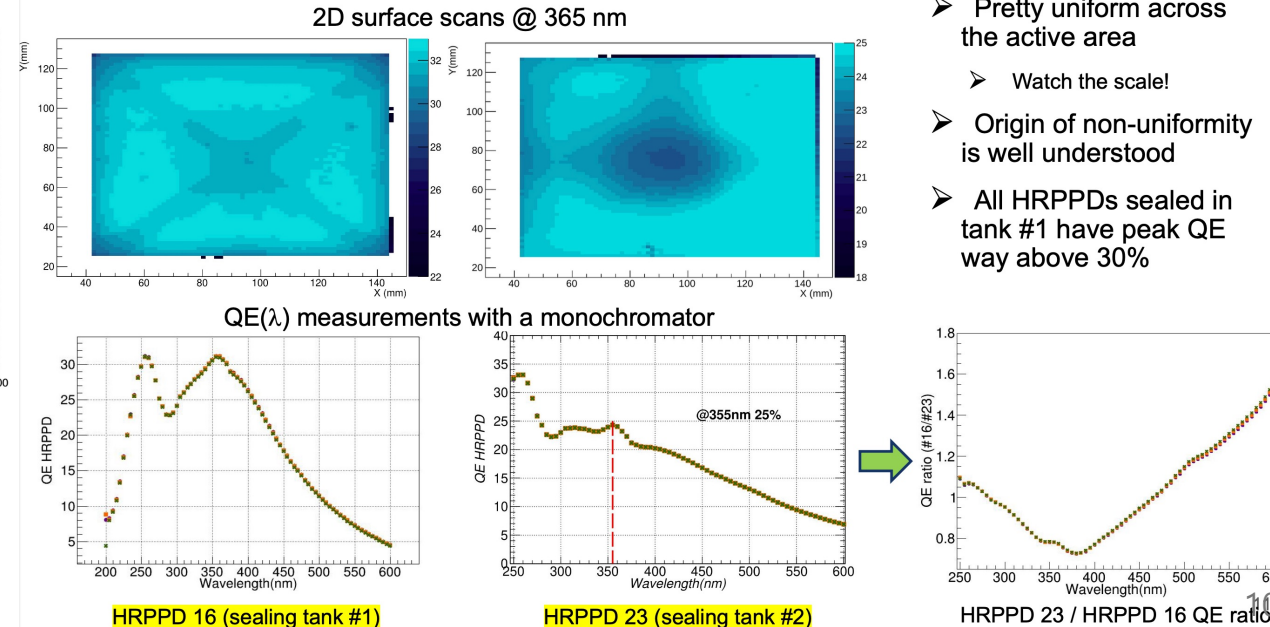


Examples of failed HV pins and screws

A present fix by Incom

- Several HRPPDs showed issues with falling off HV pins and mechanical screws
- Those were promptly fixed by Incom
- Solutions for a "final EIC HRPPD design" are being developed
- Get rid of HV pins; embed screws into the ceramic anode body

## QE measurements at BNL



- Pretty uniform across the active area
- Watch the scale!
- Origin of non-uniformity is well understood
- All HRPPDs sealed in tank #1 have peak QE way above 30%

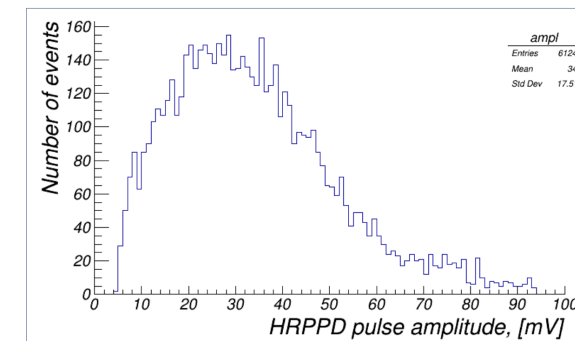
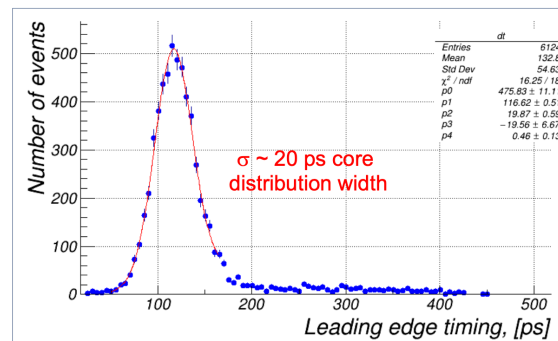
# pfRICH: HRPPDs (2)

## EIC HRPPD photosensors

- PDE and gain uniformity scans to be completed at BNL on a time scale of few months
- B-field resilience studies are planned at BNL, CERN (by INFN groups) and Argonne
- Aging studies are planned at JLab, INFN Trieste and BNL
- A final design and test production pass is anticipated (depends on the full evaluation outcome)

## Single photon timing resolution using Elmo fs laser

- Laser beam focused on a single HRPPD pad center; intensity tuned down to >95% empty events
- HRPPD signal used for triggering (5 mV effective threshold)
  - To increase data taking efficiency
- Signal waveform data taken with a Tektronix MSO66B scope (50 GS/s, 8 GHz ABW)
  - Leading edge fits [10% .. 90%] performed offline;  $\Delta t = t_{\text{HRPPD}} - t_{\text{FastPD}}$  is a plotted quantity



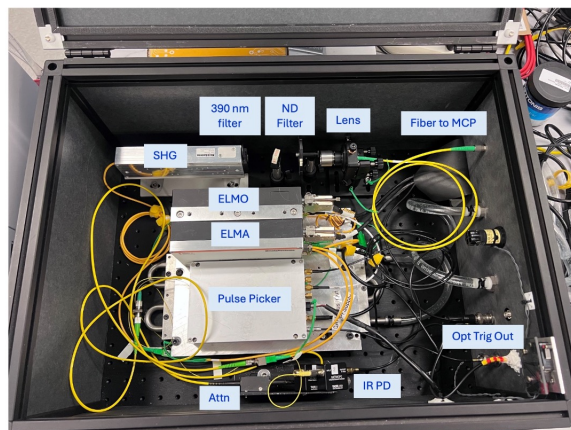
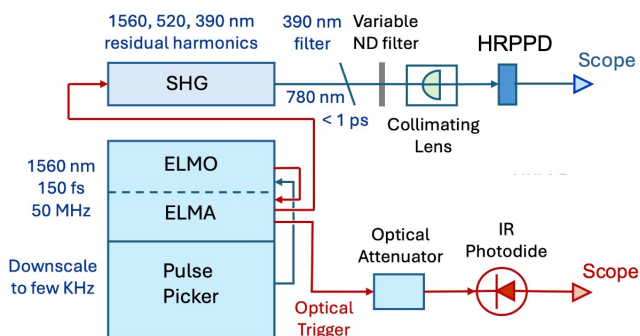
HRPPD 15: bias voltage 775 V, photocathode voltage 100 V (gain  $\sim 1.5 \cdot 10^6$ )

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## Elmo 780 femtosecond laser system at BNL

Menlo Systems Elmo 780 Erbium Fiber Femtosecond Laser

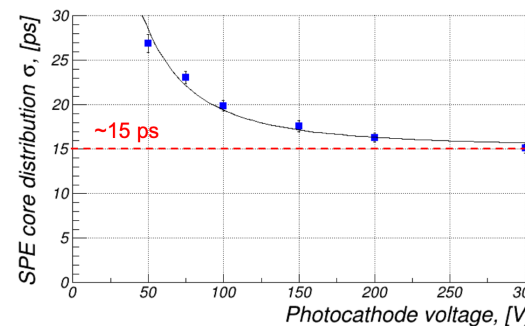
ELMO = Primary Laser Oscillator  
 ELMA = Optical Amplifier  
 SHG = 2<sup>nd</sup> Harmonic Generator



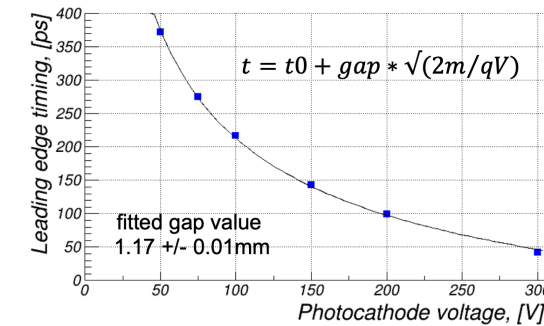
We make use of a very low intensity 4<sup>th</sup> harmonic @ 390 nm

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## Single photon timing resolution using Elmo fs laser



Single photon timing resolution



Primary electron drift time PC->MCP#1

- SPE timing resolution is below 20 ps for nominal HRPPD 15 HV settings (bias 775 V, PC 200 V)
- A scale cross-check: primary electron drift time decreases with PC voltage as expected
  - Nominal PC->MCP#1 gap is 1.1 mm per design [compare to a fit value of  $\sim 1.2$  mm]

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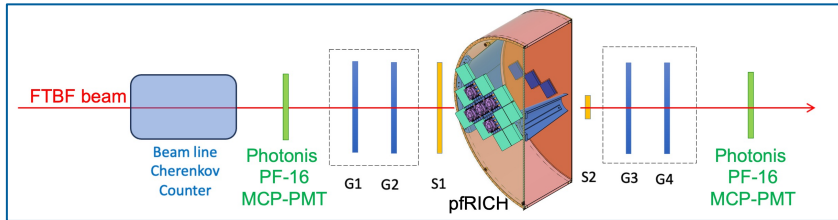
# pfRICH (3)

pfRICH with HRPPD photosensors meets EIC Yellow Report requirements

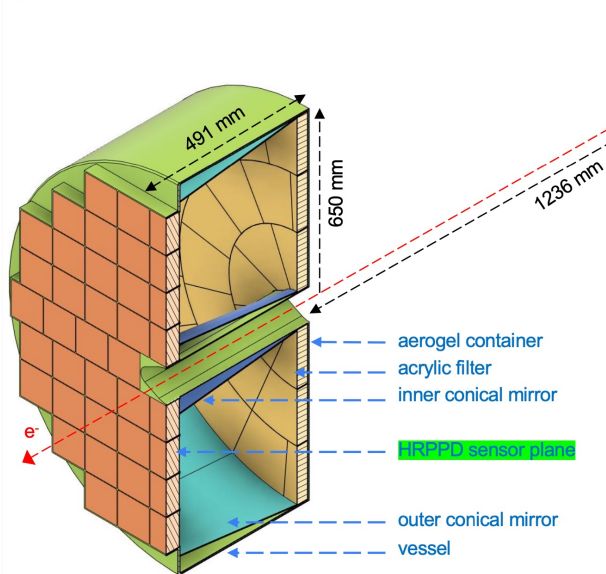
- Track-level p/K/p identification up to 7 GeV/c (or higher, if efficiency can be somewhat sacrificed)

pfRICH prototype beam test at Fermilab is planned for spring 2025

- Confirm p/K separation reach (ring imaging) and high-resolution timing performance at once

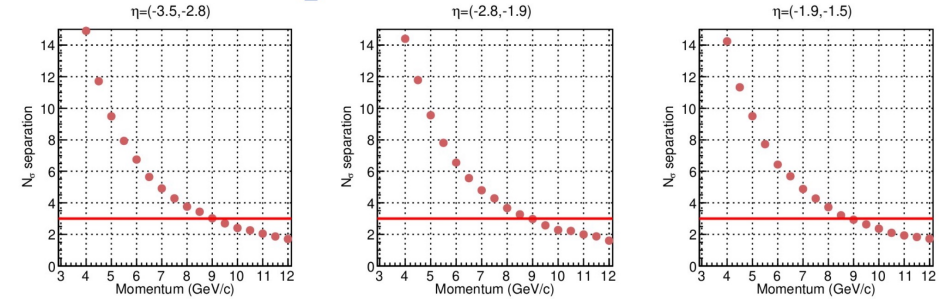


## pfRICH for ePIC detector electron-going endcap



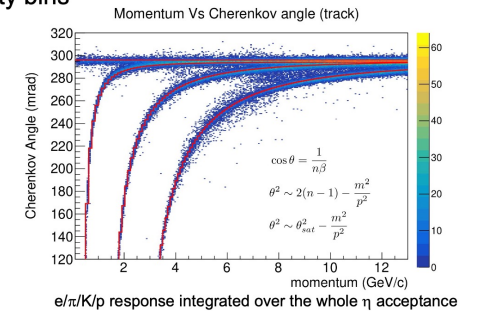
- A classical proximity focusing RICH
  - with a high-resolution timing capability
- Pseudorapidity coverage:  $-3.5 < \eta < -1.5$
- Uniform performance in this  $\{\eta, \phi\}$  range
- $< 20\text{ps}$   $t_0$  reference for the ToF subsystems
- $> 3\sigma$   $\pi/K$  separation up to  $\sim 7.0$  GeV/c
- $\sim 100\%$  geometric efficiency

## GEANT modeling



$\pi/K$  separation in pseudo-rapidity bins

- Standalone GEANT4 code with (almost) all known optical effects included
- Event-level digitization / reconstruction chain
  - $\chi^2$  based algorithm with a full combinatorial hit-to-track ambiguity resolution
- Comfortably reach 7 GeV/c momentum range with a higher than  $3\sigma$   $\pi/K$  separation level



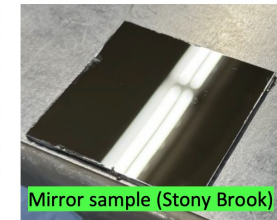
## pfRICH prototyping



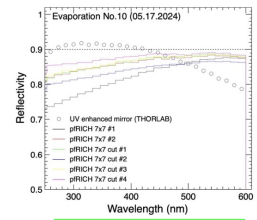
Vessel construction is in progress



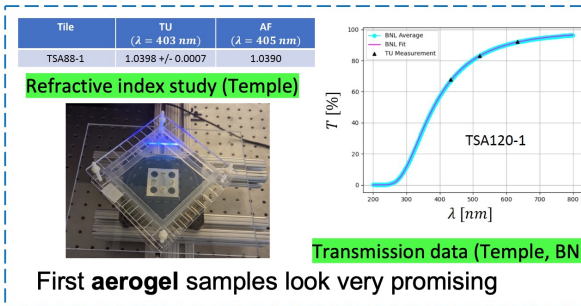
End rings (Purdue)



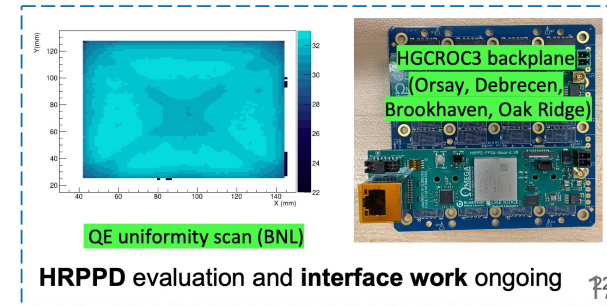
Mirror reflectivity approaches a target goal of 90%



Reflectivity data (BNL)



First aerogel samples look very promising



HRPPD evaluation and interface work ongoing

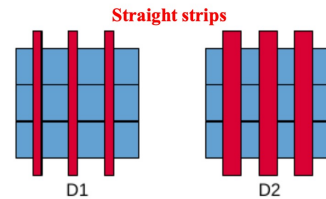
# Gaseous Trackers: MPGD (1)

MPGD subsystems in ePIC Central tracking detectors:

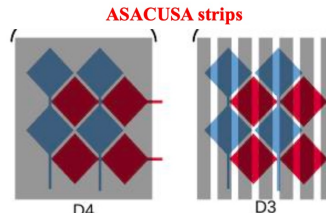
- **CyMBAL: Barrel Inner Cylindrical Micromegas Layer**

- 12 cm X 12 cm micromegas prototypes tested.
- Module prototype is in progress.

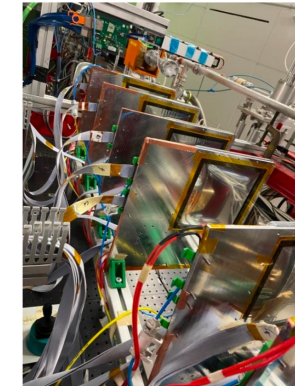
Several 12 cm × 12 cm low material budget (0.2% X0) micromegas prototypes tested with various R/O pattern and resistive motifs



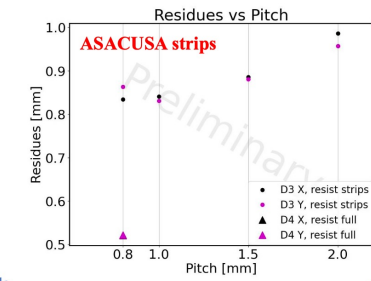
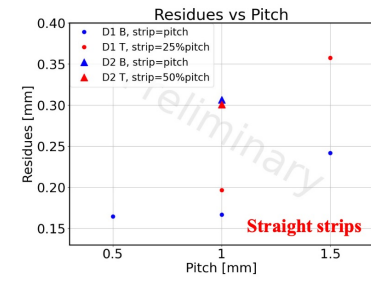
- ❖ D1: pitch from 0.5 to 1.5 mm, interstrip 25%
- ❖ D2: pitch 1 mm, interstrip 50%
- ❖ Resistive layer: full, resistivity ~10MΩ/□



- ❖ D3: resistive strips of 500μm pitch
- ❖ D4: full layer with resistivity ~500kΩ/□



- MAMI beam test (June 2023)
- ❖ 880 MeV electron beam
  - ❖ ALPIDE-based reference telescope
  - ❖ Important multiple scattering effect
  - ❖ Geant4 simulations to cross check

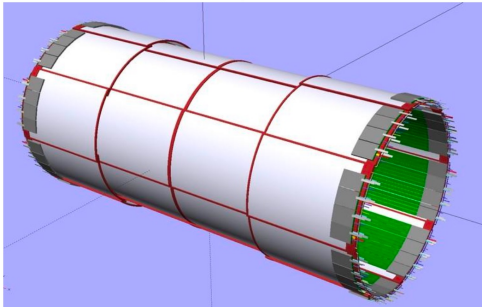


## ePIC Barrel Inner MPGD Layer - CyMBAL

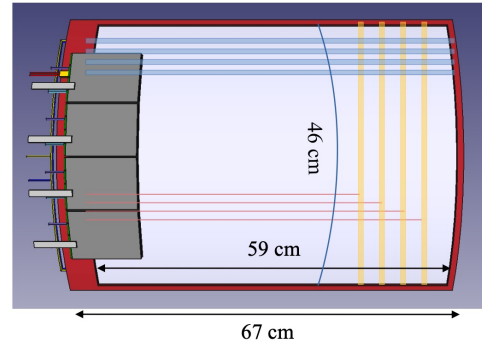
## CyMBAL module: Toward a scale 1:1 prototype

Cylindrical Micromegas Barrel Layer (CyMBAL)

CyMBAL layout in ePIC



CyMBAL module design



Requirements:

- ❖ Spatial resolution ~150μm
- ❖ Time resolution ~10ns
- ❖ Light, less than 1% X0
- ❖ Hermetic
- ❖ Tight space: ~5cm in R
- ❖ Magnetic field: ~2T

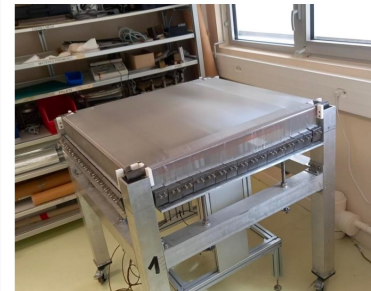
Detector layout:

- ❖ 32 modules: 8 modules in φ × 4 modules in z
- ❖ Full overlaps in φ and in z for hermeticity
- ❖ 1024 readout channels/module
- ❖ 32K readout channels

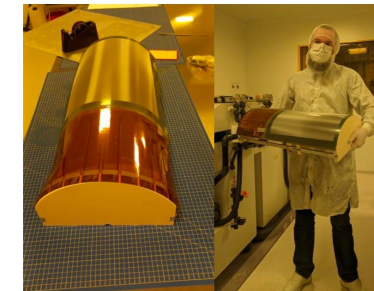
Module dimensions

- ❖ Z = 67 cm
  - ❖ R\*phi = 48 cm
- Active zone dimensions
- ❖ Z = 59 cm
  - ❖ R\*phi = 46 cm

Mesh tensioning system: it allows us to reach low tension values

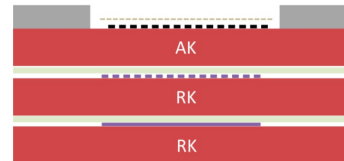


- Bulk of a resistive CLAS12 PCB
- Bent in shape



Low material budget: Achieved by stretching flexible PCB on a carbon frame

Mesh – resistive layer



R/O flexible PCB (Kapton)

Photo-resistive material:

- ❖ Pyralux out of production
- ❖ Switched to Vacrel (was used in the past)
- ❖ Difference film thickness (from 64 μm to 50 μm)
- ❖ Difference in composition:
  - Check adherence
  - Adjustments of the development stage
- ❖ Tests with 40x40cm<sup>2</sup> detectors ongoing

# Gaseous Trackers: MPGD (2)

## MPGD subsystems in ePIC Central tracking detectors:

- **μRWELL-BOT:** Barrel Outer MPGD tracker
  - Thin-gap double-amplification GEM-μRWELL hybrid detector

**ePIC Barrel Outer MPGD Layer - μRWELL-BOT** CPAD<sub>2024</sub>

**μRWELL-BOT Layout**

- ◆ L = 340 cm (-165 cm ≤ Z ≤ 175 cm), R = 72.5 cm
- ◆ 24 modules in 12-sided polygon shape trackers
  - Segmented into 12 sectors along φ
  - 2 modules (left & right) per sector along z
- ◆ Fast timing layer ~ 10 ns
- ◆ Radiation length < 2% in active area

**μRWELL-BOT Tracker in ePIC central detector**

**Front view of μRWELL-BOT module**

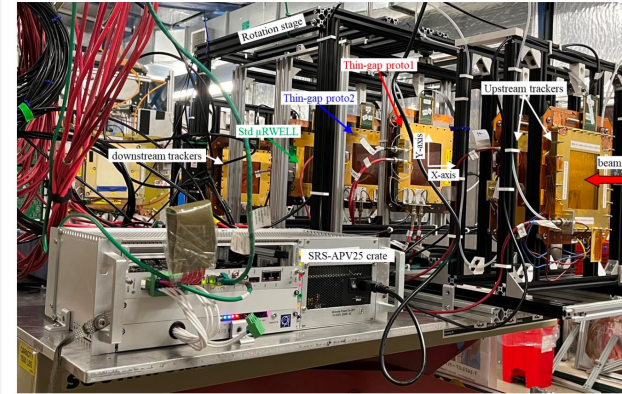
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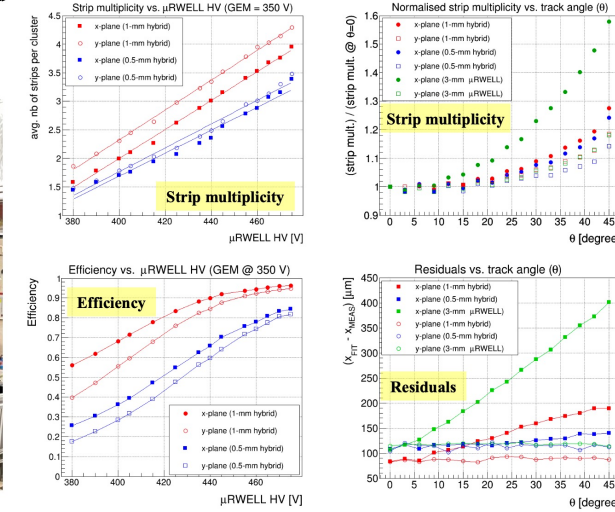
## Thin-gap GEM-μRWELL hybrid detector: Proof of concept

### Performance in beam of thin-gap GEM-μRWELL hybrid (FNAL 2023)

- ◆ ~10 small thin-gap MPGD prototypes tested
  - All 3 MPGD technologies: GEM, μRWELL, Micromegas tested
- ◆ 2 thin-gap GEM-μRWELL hybrid & 1 standard gap prototypes
  - 0.5-mm tin-gap, 1-mm thin-gap & 3-mm std-gap



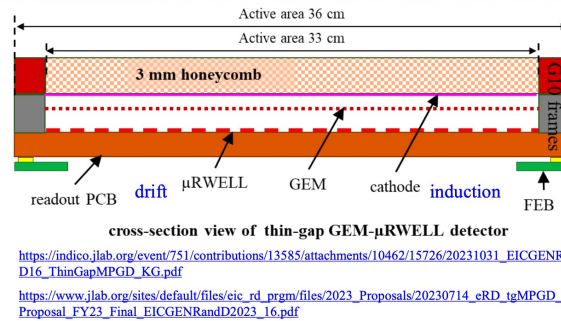
Space resolution < 150 μm & efficiency > 92% on for 1-mm prototype (red) - track angle range of between 0 – 45 degrees



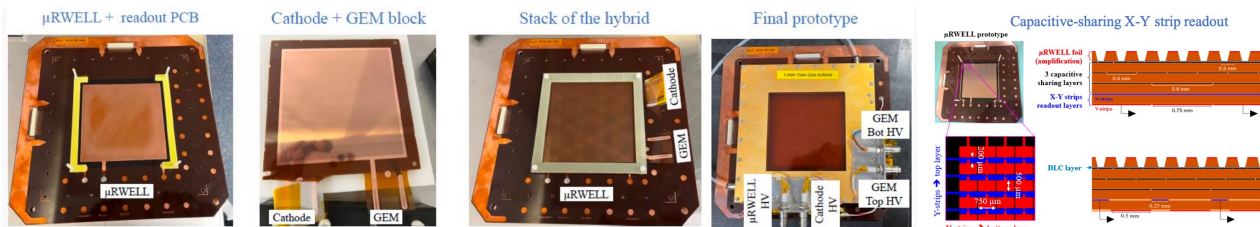
## Thin-gap GEM-μRWELL hybrid - R&D and prototyping

### 3 critical components of thin-gap MPGDs:

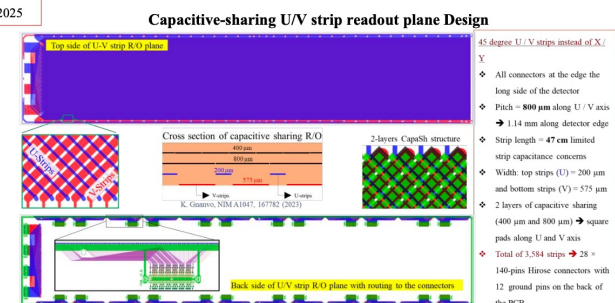
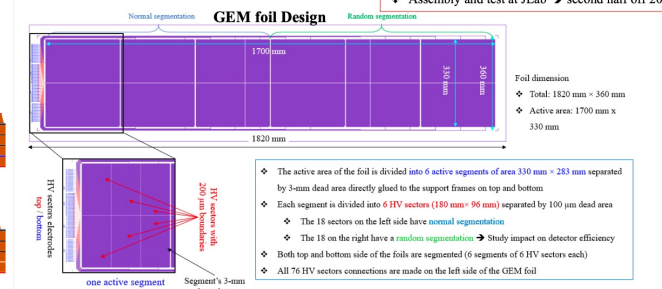
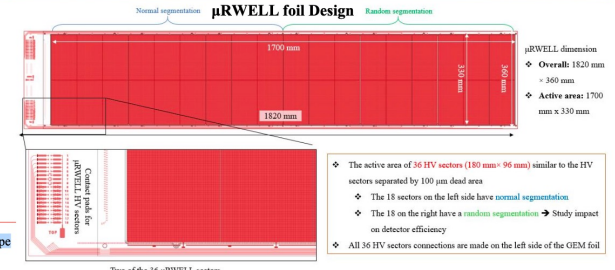
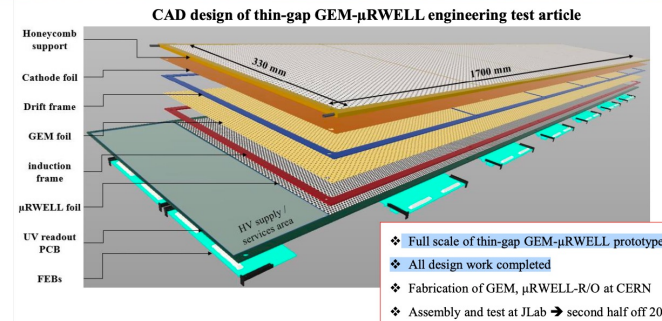
- ◆ **Thin gap drift:** 1 mm gas gap in the ionization region
  - Improve both spatial and time resolution
  - Reduce E × B effect
- ◆ **Double amplification:** High gain & stable detector operation
  - Hybrid amplification → GEM pre-ampl. + μRWELL for 2<sup>nd</sup> ampl.
  - Compensate for ionization charges loss in the thin gap
- ◆ **Capacitive-sharing structures:** Coarse pitch / Excellent spatial resolution
  - Versatile readout pattern (U / V, X / Y, zigzag strips ...)
  - [K. Gnanvo, NIM A1047, 167782 \(2023\)](#)



### Assembly of small (10 cm × 10 cm) thin-gap GEM-μRWELL hybrid detector



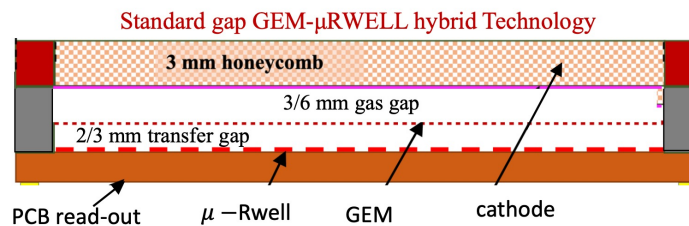
## μRWELL-BOT module: Design of full scale engineering test article



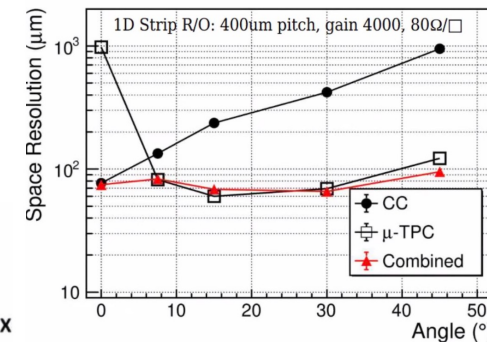
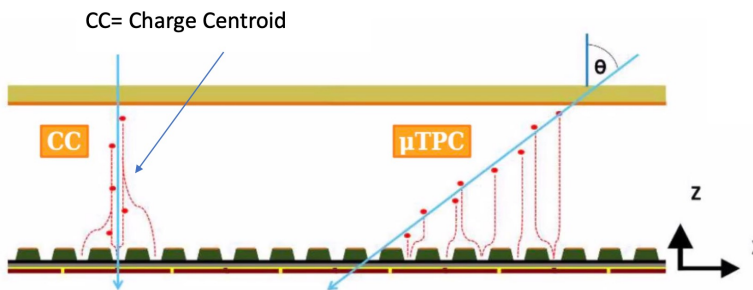
# Gaseous Trackers: MPGD (3)

MPGD subsystems in ePIC Central tracking detectors:

- $\mu$ RWELL-ECT: End cap MPGD disks

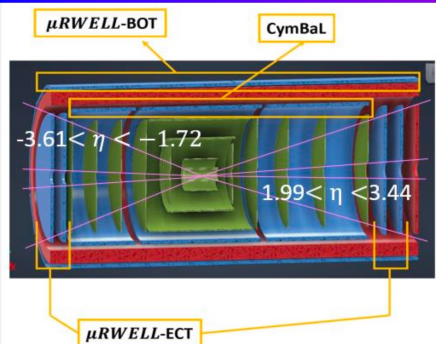


Combining the CC and  $\mu$ TPC reconstruction (through a weighted average) a resolution well below 100  $\mu$ m could be reached over a wide incidence angle range.

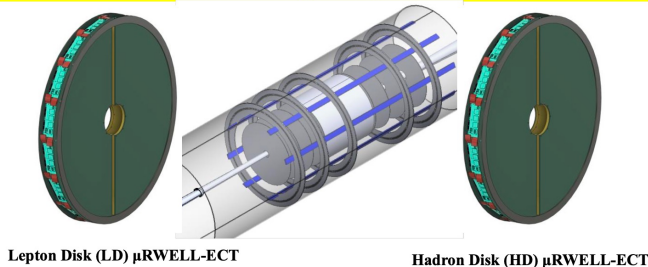


Ongoing test beam effort (Oct / Nov 2024)

## ePIC End Cap Tracker - $\mu$ RWELL-ECT Disks



Adding two MPGD Endcap Tracking (ECT) disks both in the hadronic and in the leptonic regions increased the number of hits in the  $|\eta| > 2$  region to improve pattern recognition.



Lepton Disk (LD)  $\mu$ RWELL-ECT

Hadron Disk (HD)  $\mu$ RWELL-ECT

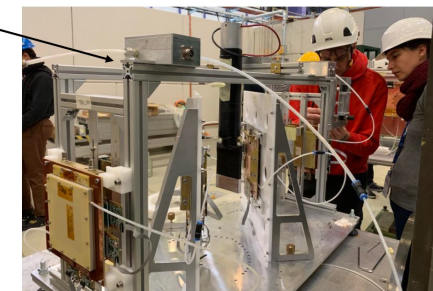
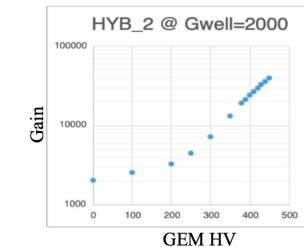
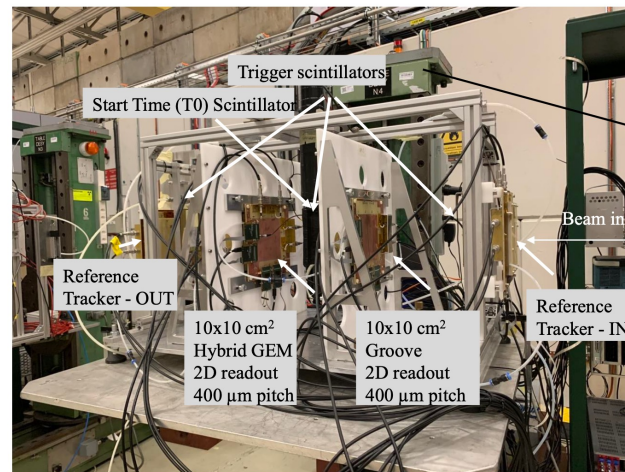
MPGD Disk	Z Pos (cm)	Outer Radius (cm)	Outer Active Reg. radius (cm)	Calculated Beam pipes radii (cm)	Offset (mm)	Inner Radius (cm)	Inner Active Reg. radius (cm)
HD MPGD 2	163.5	50	45	5.58	22.5	9	10.5
HD MPGD 1	150.5	50	45	5.31	19.9	9	10.5
LD MPGD 1	-112.5	50	45	3.77	-3.1	4.5	6.0
LD MPGD 2	-122.5	50	45	3.92	-3.4	4.5	6.0

### GEM- $\mu$ RWELL hybrid disks

- Double amplification with hybrid configuration  $\rightarrow$  high gain  $> 10^4$
- 2D strip read-out a la "COMPASS"
- 500 - 600  $\mu$ m pitch guarantees a spatial resolution better than 150  $\mu$ m
- time resolution  $\sim 10$  ns
- On-detector Front End Boards (FEBs)
- based on SALSA chips

## Ongoing R&D: Test at CERN PS T10 beam line (Nov 2024)

- Reference Trackers: 2 Hybrid GEM- $\mu$ RWELL with 2D readout
- Detectors Under Test:
  - 2 Hybrid GEM- $\mu$ RWELL with 2D readout
  - 2 Groove with 2D readout



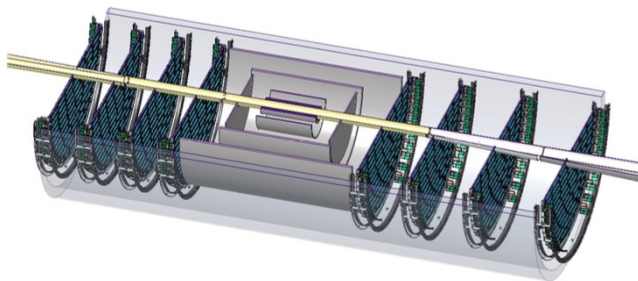
Detectors Under Test may be rotated to study resolution dependence for inclined tracks



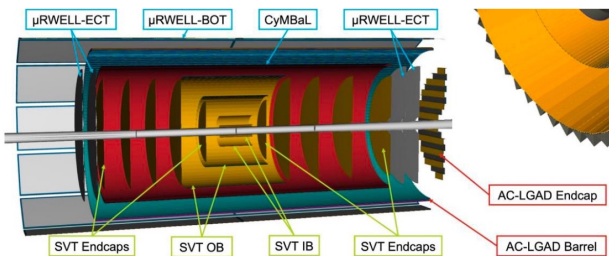
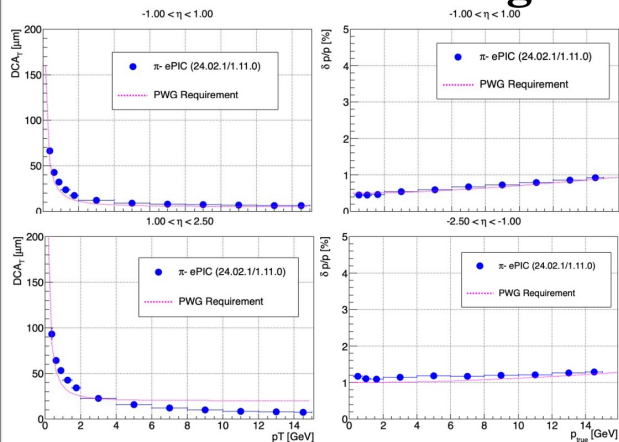
# Si Trackers (1)

## MAPS Silicon Vertex Tracker

### MAPS-based Silicon Vertex Tracker



## ePIC Central Tracking Detectors



### Silicon Vertex Tracker (SVT): ~6 μm point resolution

- 3 inner barrels: ITS3-curved wafer-scale sensor, 0.05% X/X<sub>0</sub>
- 2 outer barrels: ITS3-based sensors (EIC-LAS), 0.25/0.55% X/X<sub>0</sub>
- 5 disks (forward/backward), EIC-LAS, 0.25% X/X<sub>0</sub>

### AC-coupled LGAD TOF: 30 μm + 30 ps resolutions

- Barrel TOF: 0.05 x 1 cm strip, 1% X/X<sub>0</sub>
- Forward TOF: 0.05 x 0.05 cm pixel, 5% X/X<sub>0</sub>

### Multi Pattern Gas Detectors (MPGD): 10 ns+150 μm resolutions

- 2 GEM-μRwell detectors: 1-2% X/X<sub>0</sub>
- 1 inner Micromegas barrel: 0.5% X/X<sub>0</sub>
- 1 outer GEM-μRwell planar layer + Barrel ECAL AstroPix: improve angular and space point resolution on hpDIRC

Rapidity Range	Momentum Resolution	Spatial Resolution
Backward (-3.5 to -2.5)	~0.10% x p ⊕ 2.0%	~30/pT μm ⊕ 40 μm
Backward (-2.5 to -1.0)	~0.05% x p ⊕ 1.0%	~30/pT μm ⊕ 20 μm
Barrel (-1.0 to 1.0)	~0.05% x p ⊕ 0.5%	~20/pT μm ⊕ 5 μm
Forward (1.0 to 2.5)	~0.05% x p ⊕ 1.0%	~30/pT μm ⊕ 20 μm
Forward (2.5 to 3.5)	~0.10% x p ⊕ 2.0%	~30/pT μm ⊕ 40 μm

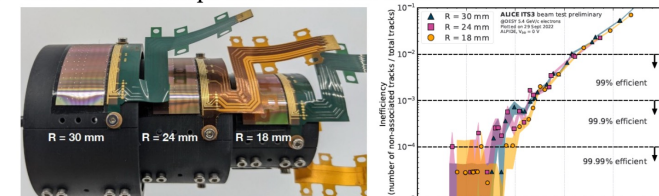
# ePIC Silicon Vertex Tracker – Inner Barrel Layers

## Inner barrels (L0-L2) inspired by ITS3

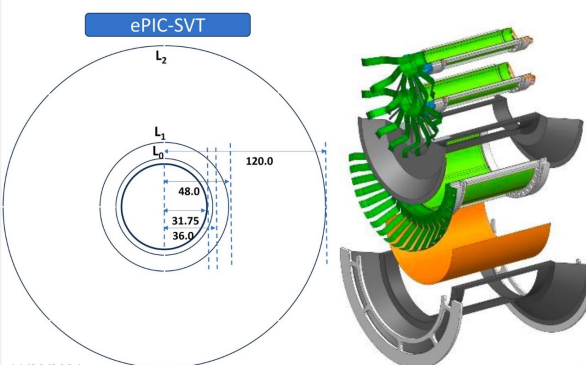
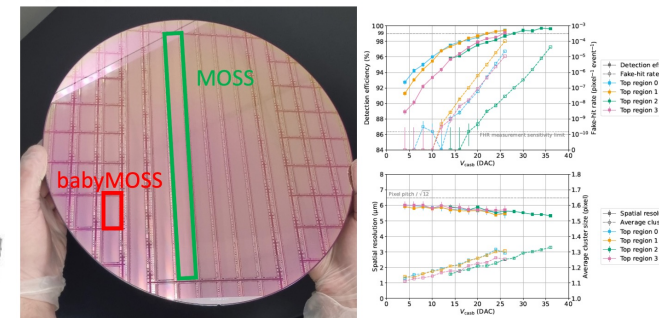
- Same sensor as ALICE ITS3 with thinned, curved, self-supporting wafer-scale MAPS sensors based on 65nm CMOS technology
- Pixel pitch O(20×22.5) μm<sup>2</sup>; power consumption 40 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>; integration time 2 μs;
- Radii of 36, 48, and 120 mm; length of 27 cm
- X/X<sub>0</sub> ~0.05%

CERN-LHCC-2024-003 ; ALICE-TDR-021

ITS2 ALPIDE chips bent to different radii



ITS3 300mm ER1 wafer



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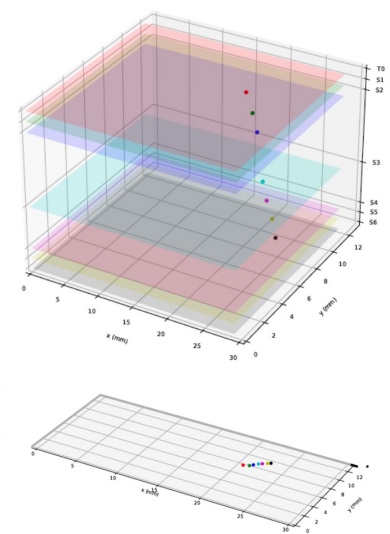


## BabyMOSS Beam Tests at FTBF in 2024

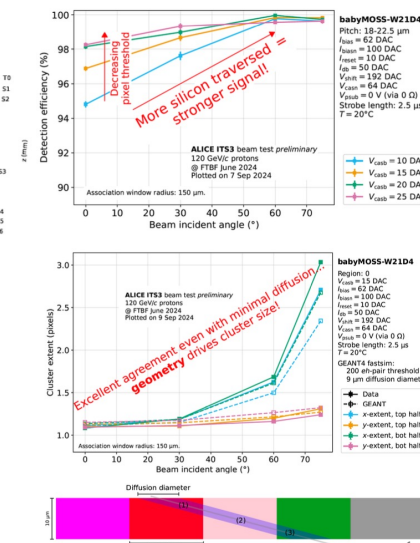
### babyMOSS Telescope at FTBF



### A 120 GeV proton event



### Performance vs Incident Angle



~5 μm resolution consistent with ITS3 TDR

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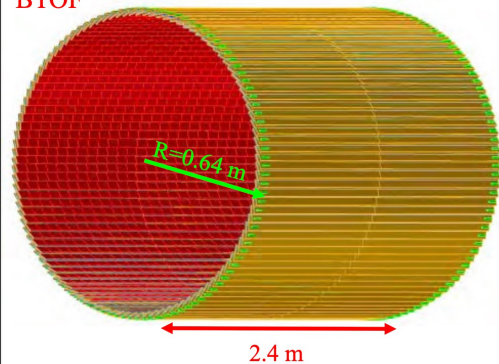
# Si Trackers (2)

## AC-LGAD Time-of-Flight Detectors

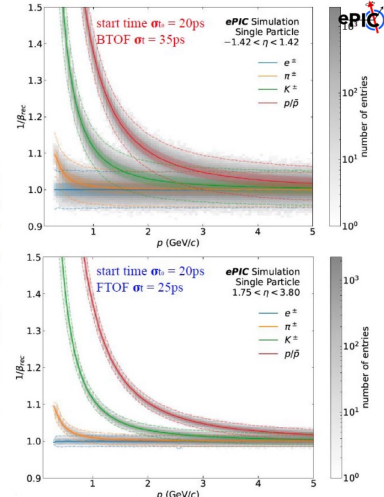
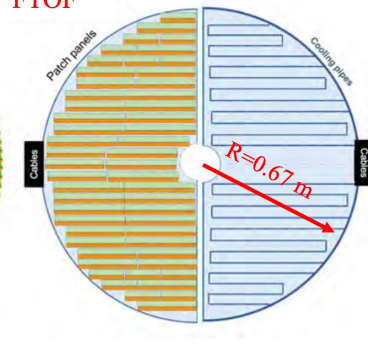
- Backward: HRPPD with 10-20 ps resolution
- Barrel: AC-LGAD strip sensors with 35 ps resolution
- Forward: AC-LGAD pixel sensors with 25 ps resolution

## AC-LGAD Detectors for ePIC

BTOF



FTOF

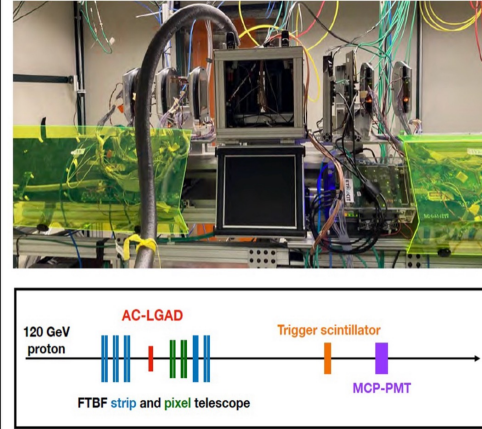


	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Channel size (mm <sup>2</sup> )	# of Channels	Timing Resolution	Spatial resolution	Material budget
Barrel TOF	10	0.5*10	2.4M	35 ps	30 μm in r · φ	0.01 X <sub>0</sub>
Forward TOF	1.4	0.5*0.5	5.6M	25 ps	30 μm in x and y	0.05 X <sub>0</sub>
B0 tracker	0.07	0.5*0.5	0.28M	30 ps	20 μm in x and y	0.05 X <sub>0</sub>
RPs/OMD	0.14/0.08	0.5*0.5	0.56M/0.32M	30 ps	140 μm in x and y	no strict req.

# Sensor Prototyping for ePIC AC-LGAD (BNL, HPK) <sup>ePIC</sup>

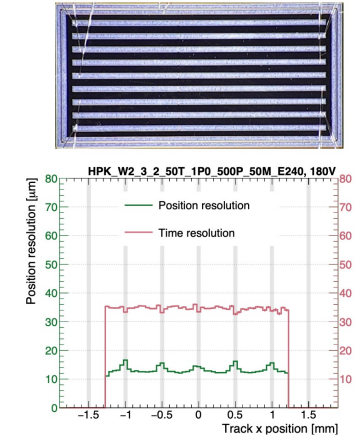
- Sensors with different configurations produced by BNL-IO and HPK, and tested with 120GeV protons
  - Prototype strip sensors with ~35 ps time resolution and <15 μm spatial resolution. \* ~50 μm under metal. To be improved
  - Prototype pixel sensors with ~20 ps time resolution and ~20\* μm spatial resolution.
- New HPK strip sensors as large as 3.2x4 cm<sup>2</sup> (and 1.6x1.6 cm<sup>2</sup> for pixel sensors) under evaluation

## Fermilab Test Beam Setup



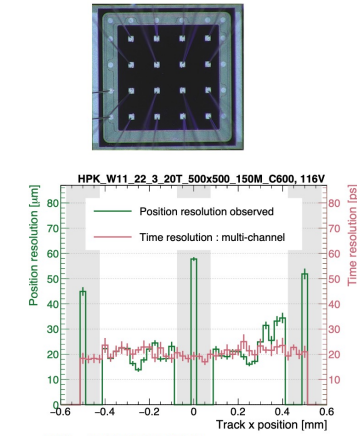
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## HPK Strip Sensor (4.5x10 mm<sup>2</sup>)



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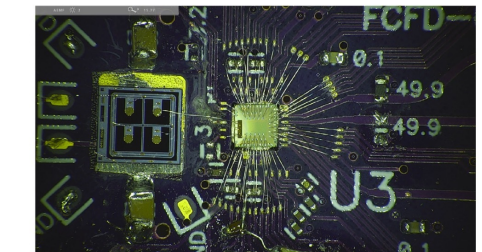
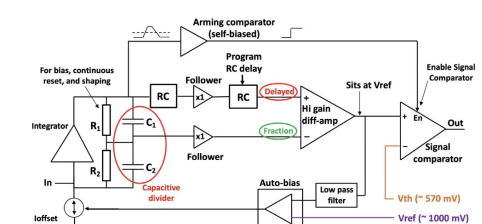
## HPK Pixel Sensor (2x2 mm<sup>2</sup>)



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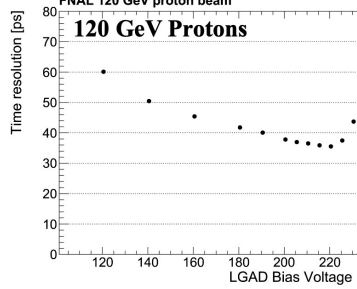
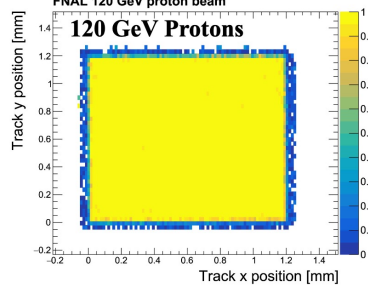
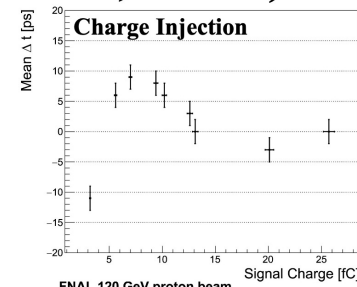
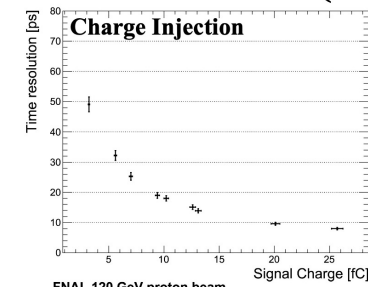
## ASIC Prototyping for ePIC AC-LGAD (EICROC, FCFD) <sup>ePIC</sup>



- Charge injection: TOA varies less than +/-10 ps for 3-26 fC. Jitter smaller than 20 (10) ps for charge > 10 (20) fC.
- Timing resolution with 120 GeV protons is around 35 ps, close to the limit of the LGAD sensor.

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# Summary

- Total 9 parallel talks and 3 posters related to ePIC Detector were presented at CPAD2024.
    - Barrel Imaging Calorimeter (2 parallel talks, 1 poster)
    - Forward HCAL (4 parallel talks, 2 posters)
    - pfRICH (1 parallel talk)
    - Gaseous Trackers (1 parallel talk)
    - Si Trackers (1 parallel talk)
- Presented significant R&D progress, highlighting key advancements and promising results.