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Characterization of charge spreading in resistive Micromegas

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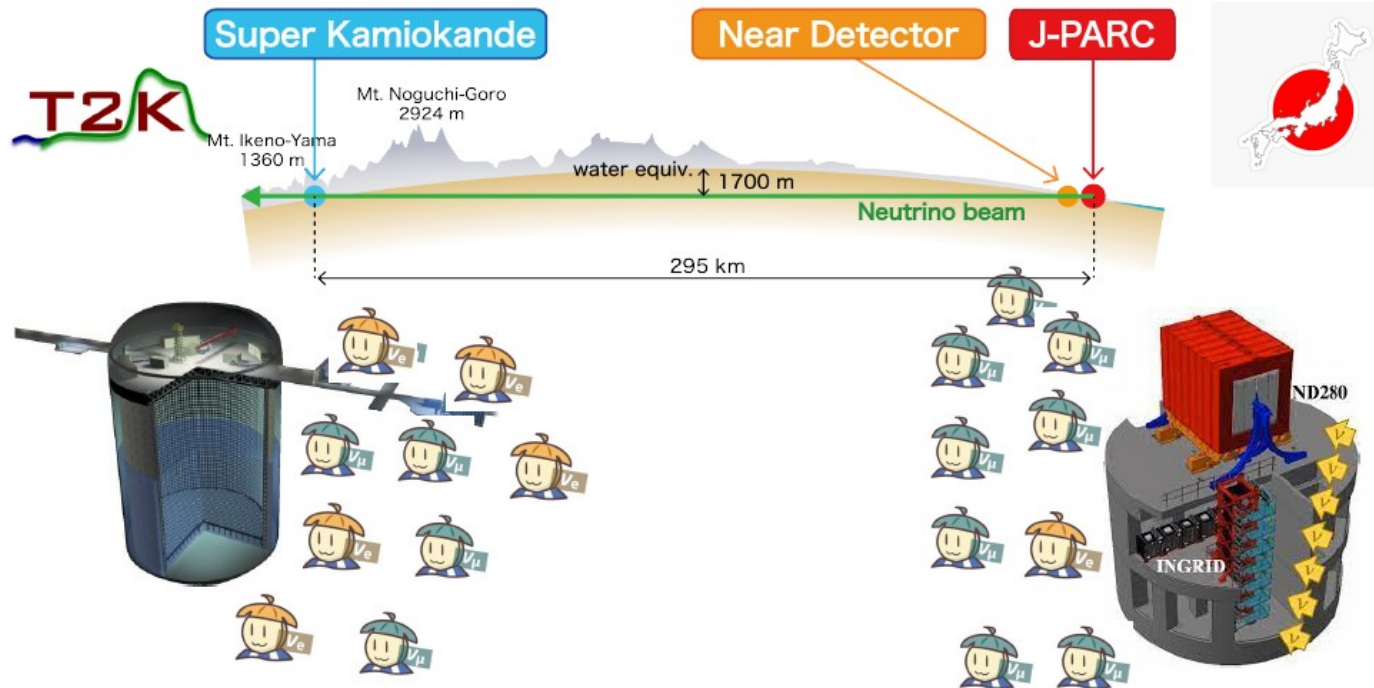
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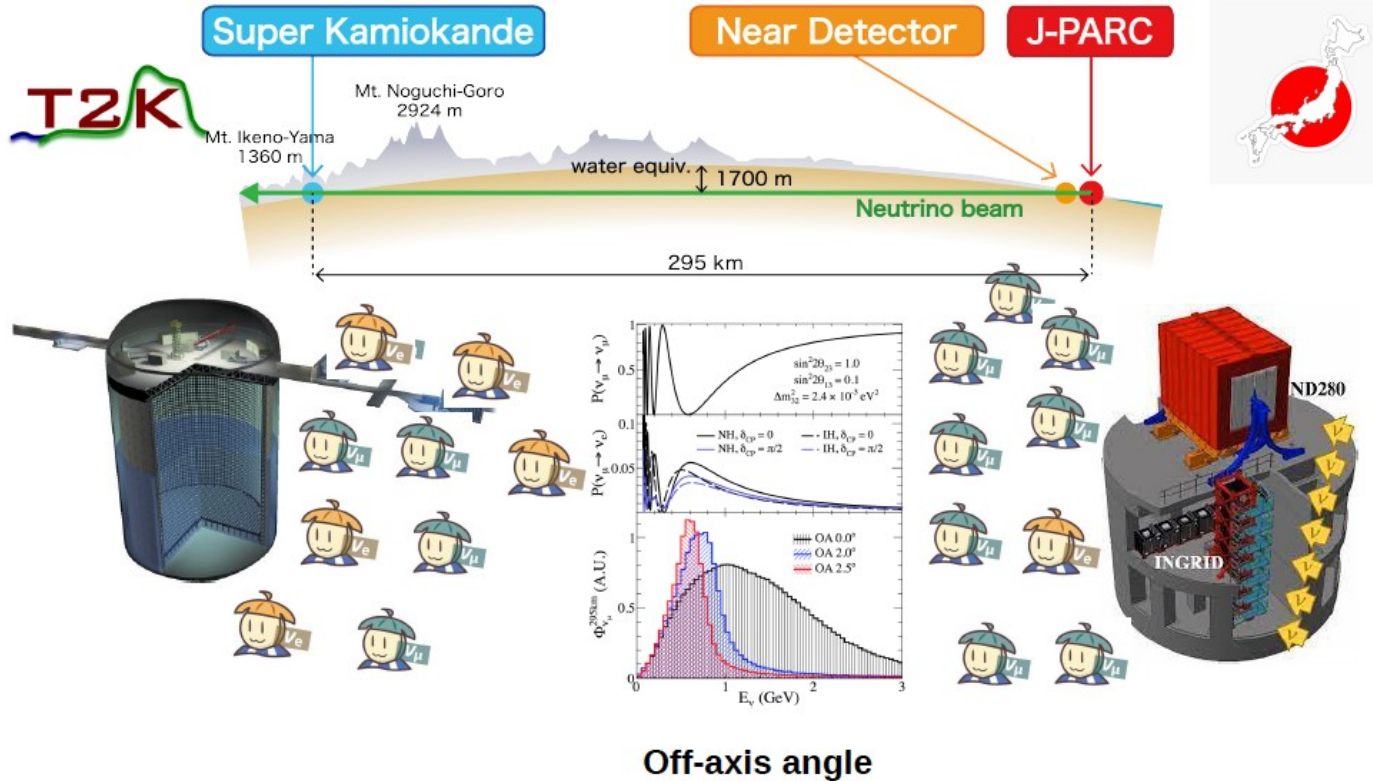
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1. T2K near detector upgrade (ND280) using resistive Micromegas for HA-TPC.
2. Modelling of charge spreading with resistive Micromegas.
3. Model validation using both toy Monte Carlo and X-ray data.
4. Resistive Micromegas performance using testbeam data.
5. Conclusion



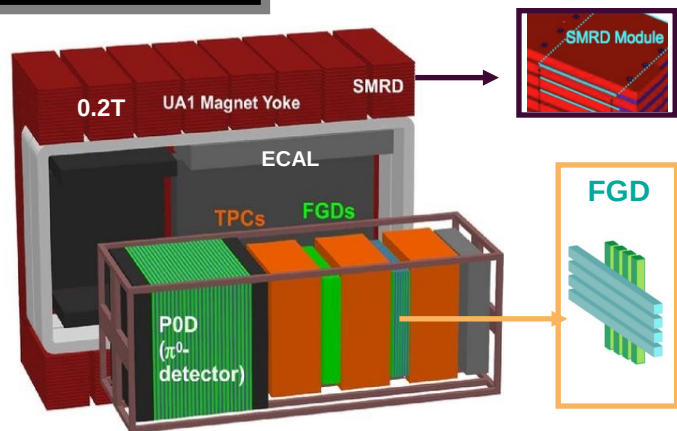
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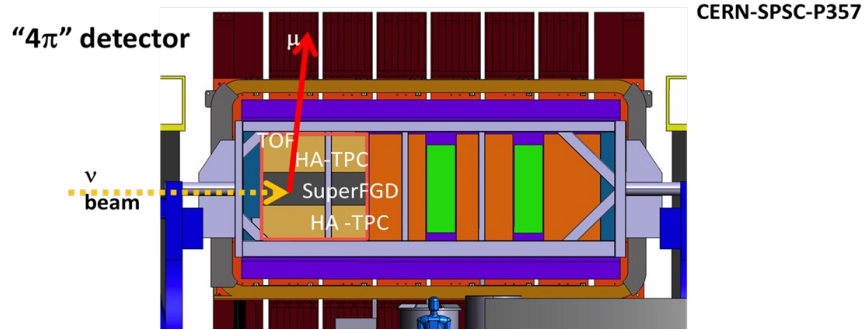
Current ND280



ND280 measures beam spectrum and flavor composition before the oscillations

- Detector installed inside the **UA1/NOMAD magnet (0.2 T)**
- **A detector optimized to measure π^0 (POD)**
- **An electromagnetic calorimeter to distinguish tracks from showers**
- A tracker system composed of:
 - **2 Fine Grained Detectors (target for ν interactions).**
 - **FGD1 is pure scintillator,**
 - **FGD2 has water layers interleaved with scintillators**
 - **3 vertical Time Projection Chambers: reconstruct momentum and charge of particles, PID based on measurement of ionization**

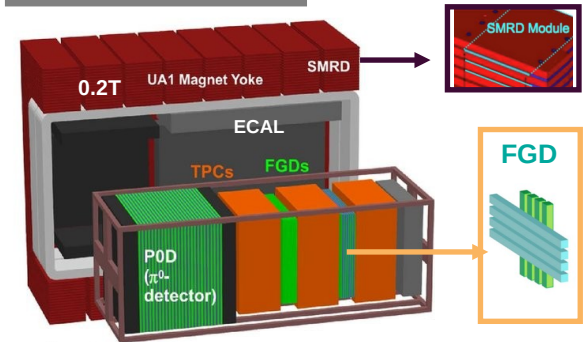
ND280 upgrade

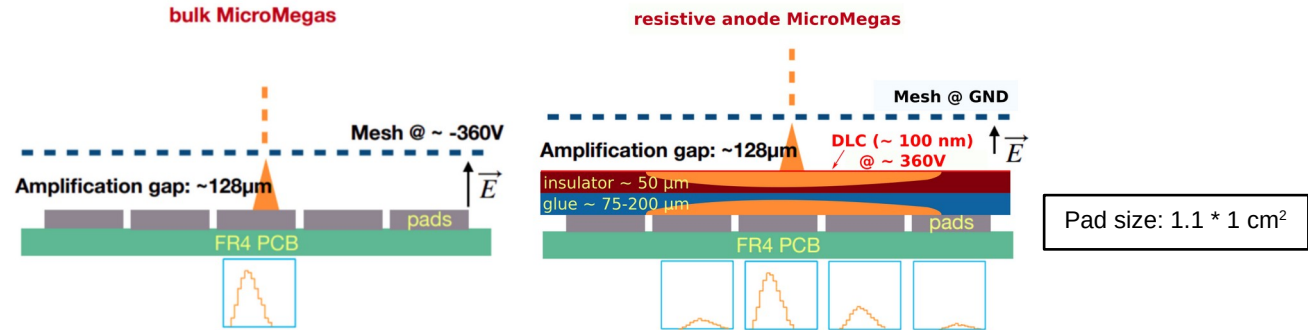


The HA-TPC should at least have the same performance as the current vertical TPCs

- Average 700 μ m space resolution (and possibly even better)
- 7-8% energy loss resolution for MIP
- Stability and longevity (>10 years)

Current ND280





Resistive MicroMegas detectors achieved thanks to the addition of a resistive layer (DLC)

- Charge sharing between pads \implies More precise position reconstruction
- Better resolution with lower number of pads \implies Cost-effective and compact technology
- Reduced risk of sparks \implies No need for protection circuit on readout electronics
- Allows to put mesh at ground for better E-field uniformity.
- DLC allows smaller RC \implies Larger charge spreading (better spatial resolution)

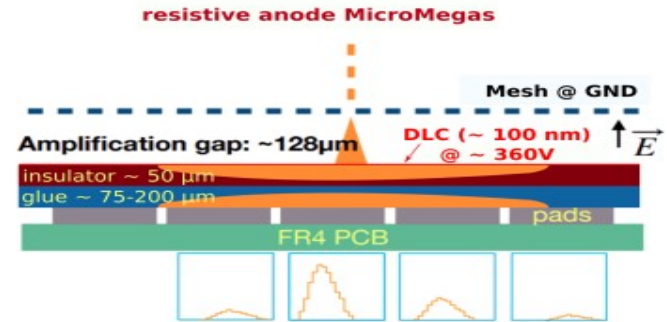
$$\rho(r, t) = \frac{RC}{4\pi t} e^{-\frac{r^2 RC}{4t}}$$

R = Surface resistivity
C = Capacitance / unit area

- Charge dispersion on anode achieved with a resistive foil glued on PCB.
- Continuous RC network, defined by material properties and geometry, shares evenly the charge among several pads.
- Obeys Telegraph equation:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{RC} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho(r, t) = \frac{RC}{2t} e^{-\frac{r^2 RC}{4t}}$$



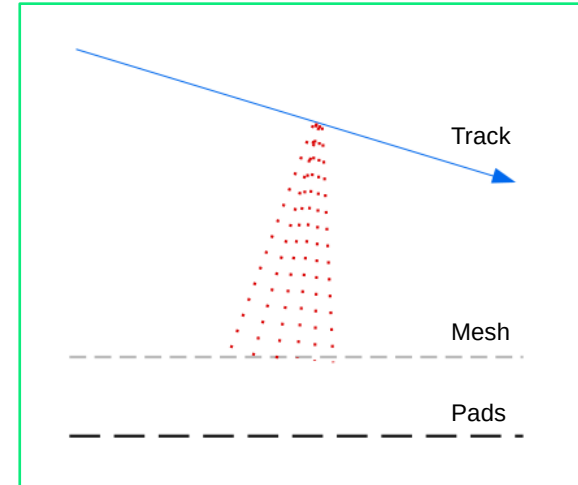
- The anode charge density is time dependent and sampled by readout pads.

Pad size: 1.1 * 1 cm²

References : M.S. Dixit et.al., NIM A518, 721 (2004) , M.S. Dixit & A. Rankin, NIM A566, 281 (2006)

Transverse diffusion

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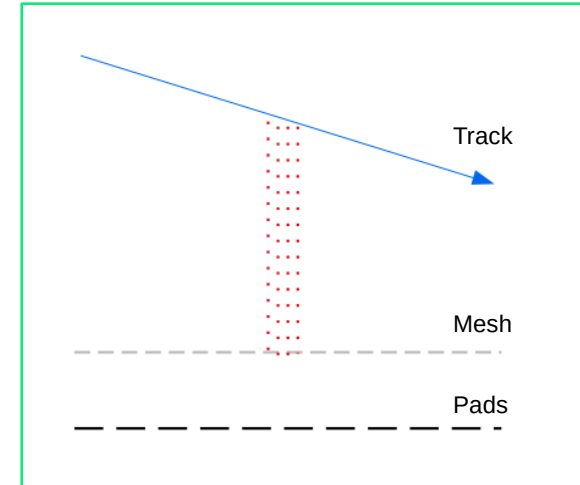


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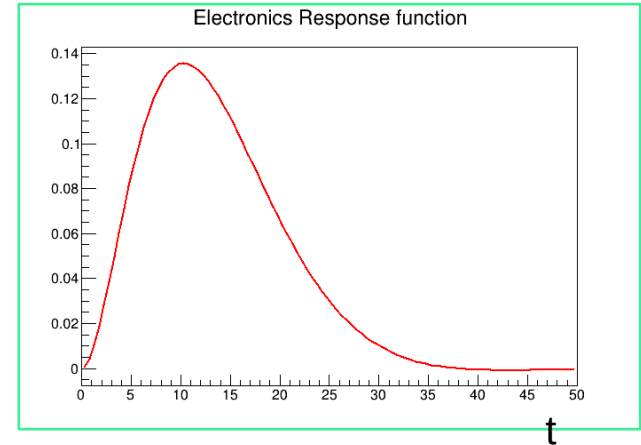
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Electronics Response

R(t)



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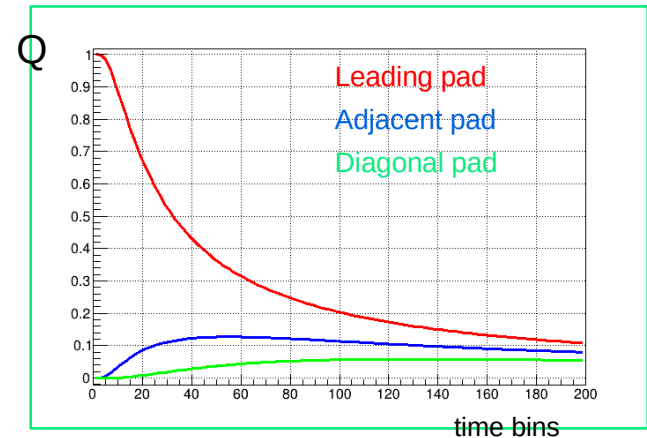
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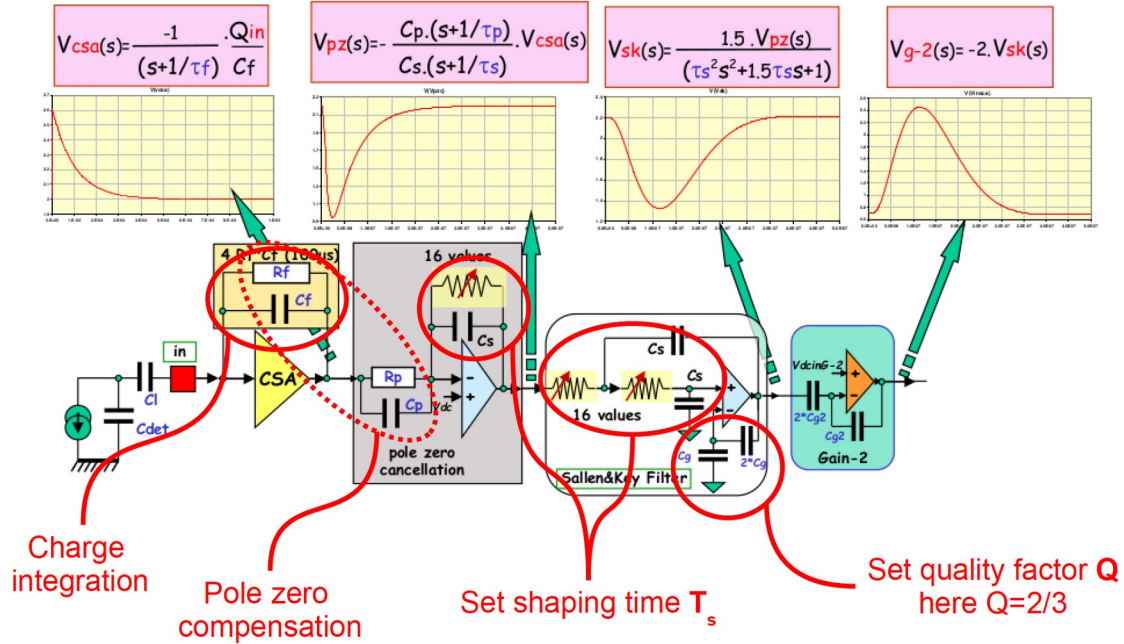
Resistive foil + glue

$$\rho(x, y, t) = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_t \sqrt{\pi th}}\right)^2 \exp\left(\frac{-(x^2 + y^2)}{4th}\right)$$

$$h = 1/RC$$

$$Q = \int \rho(r) dr$$





Transfer function $\frac{V_0}{I_s} = \left[-\frac{1}{C_f} \frac{1}{w_f + s} \right] \left[-\frac{C_p}{C_s} \frac{w_p + s}{w_s + s} \right] \left[\frac{Q w_s^2}{s^2 + \frac{1}{Q} w_s s + w_s^2} \right]$

with $T_f = w_f^{-1} = R_f C_f$, $T_p = w_p^{-1} = R_p C_p$ and $T_s = w_s^{-1} = R_s C_s$

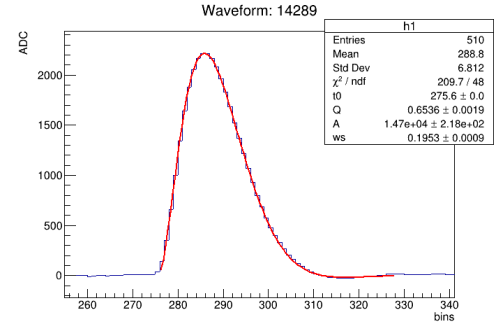


Response to a Dirac pulse
for perfect pole zero compensation

$$V_o(t) \propto e^{-w_s t} + e^{-\frac{w_s t}{2Q}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{2Q-1}{2Q+1}} \sin\left(\frac{w_s t}{2} \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{Q^2}}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{w_s t}{2} \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{Q^2}}\right) \right)$$

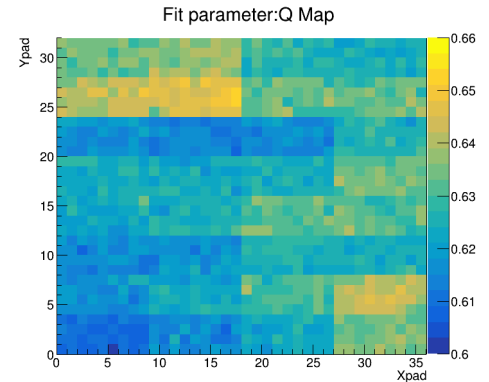
- Each channel of an Electronics card is injected with multiple pulses of different amplitudes.
- Resulting output signals(response of Electronic cards) are fitted with the Electronics response function.

$$R(t) = A \left[e^{-w_s t} + e^{-\frac{w_s t}{2Q}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{2Q-1}{2Q+1}} \sin \left(\frac{w_s t}{2} \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{Q^2}} \right) - \cos \left(\frac{w_s t}{2} \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{Q^2}} \right) \right) \right]$$



- Parameterized by 2 main variables related to shape of a signal waveform: Q and w_s .
- Variation in these fit parameters over all the pads was studied to determine if they can be set as constants.

- $Q = 0.6368$
 - $w_s = 0.1951$
- } fixed (400ns peaking time)

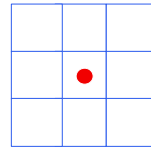


Charge diffusion function:

$$Q_{pad}(t) = \frac{Q_{norm}}{4} \left[\operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{x_H - x_0}{\sigma(t)\sqrt{2}} \right) - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{x_L - x_0}{\sigma(t)\sqrt{2}} \right) \right] \left[\operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{y_H - y_0}{\sigma(t)\sqrt{2}} \right) - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{y_L - y_0}{\sigma(t)\sqrt{2}} \right) \right]$$

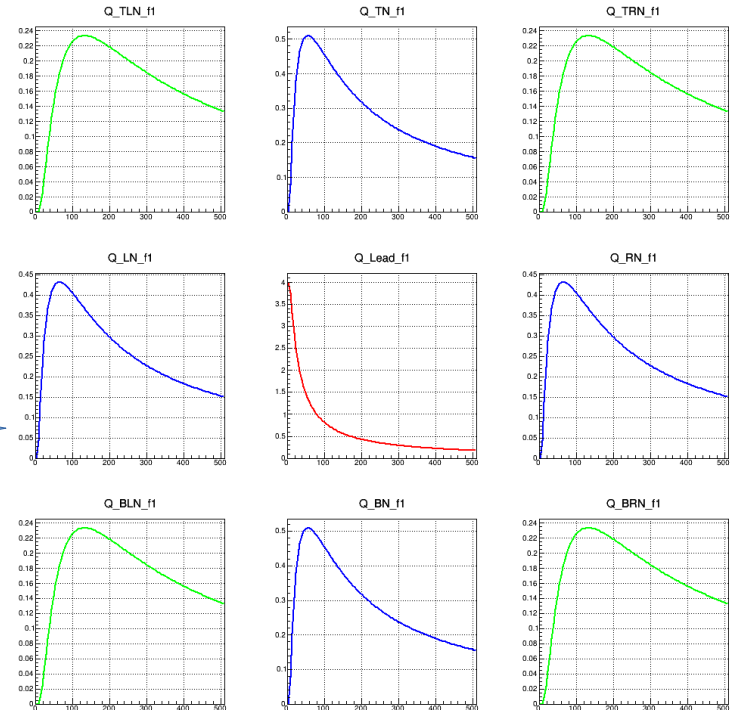
- Obtained from Telegraph equation for charge diffusion.
- Integrating charge density function over area of 1 readout pad.
- Parameterized by 5 variables:

- x_0 } Initial charge position
- y_0 }
- t_0 : Time of charge deposition in leading pad
- RC : Describes charge spreading
- Q_{norm} : Total charge deposited in an event



$$RC = 60 \text{ ns/mm}^2$$

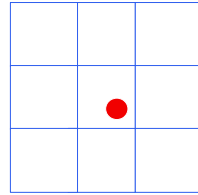
$$Q_{norm} = 4 \text{ units}$$



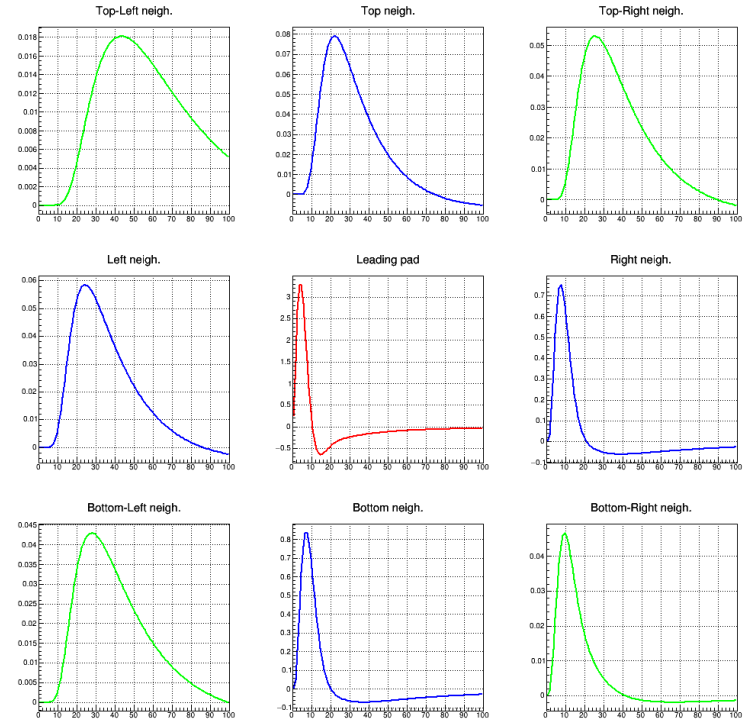
x_H, x_L : Upper and lower bound of a pad in x-direction
 y_H, y_L : Upper and lower bound of a pad in y-direction

- Convolution of charge diffusion function with derivative of electronics response function.

$$S(t) = Q(t) * \frac{dR}{dt}$$

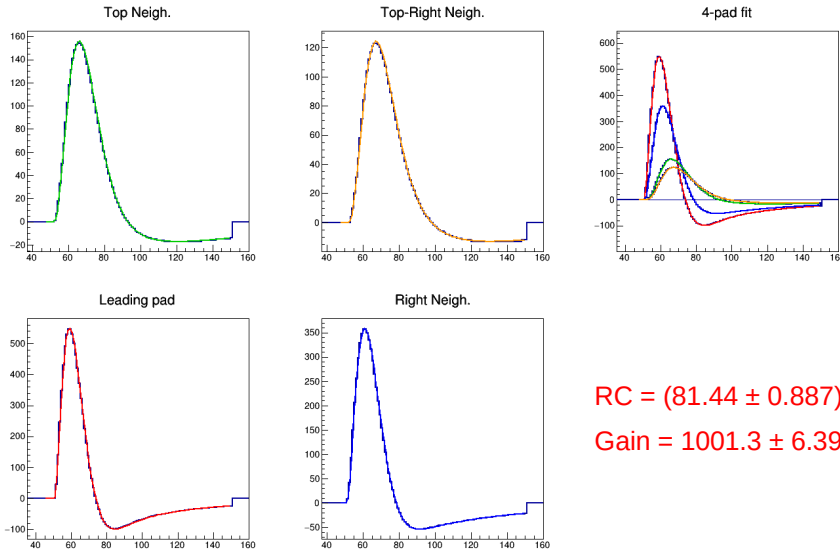


RC = 60 ns/mm²
Q_{norm} = 4 units



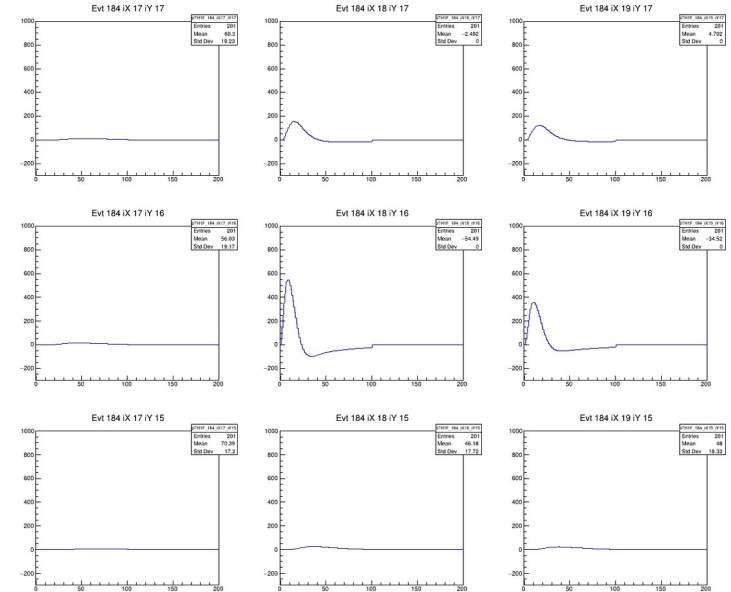
- 1000 events generated using toy MC with random charge deposition points(x_0, y_0), RC = 83 ns/mm² and Gain = 1000.
- All the waveforms(ADC > 70) in an event, fitted simultaneously with signal function.
- 5 fit parameters- t_0 , x_0 , y_0 , RC and Q_{norm} are extracted from each fit.

Example of a generated event



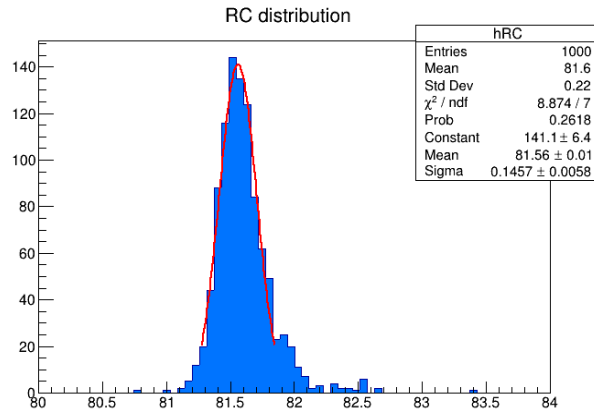
$$\text{RC} = (81.44 \pm 0.887) \text{ ns/mm}^2$$

$$\text{Gain} = 1001.3 \pm 6.397$$

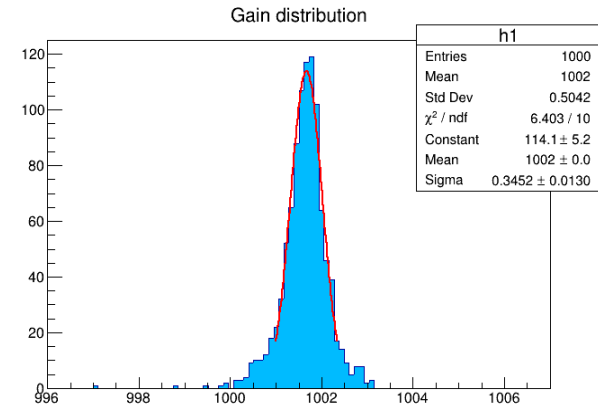


Simultaneous fit of that event

- Results from fitting all events-

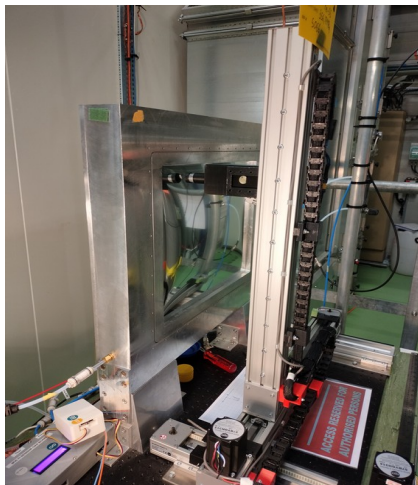


$$\begin{aligned} \text{RC}_{\text{mean}} &= 81.56 \text{ ns/mm}^2 \\ \sigma &= 0.15 \text{ ns/mm}^2 \end{aligned}$$



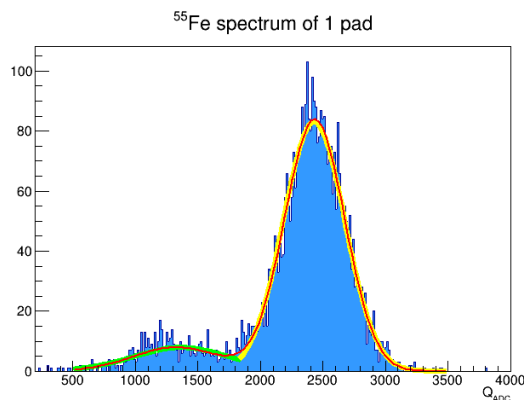
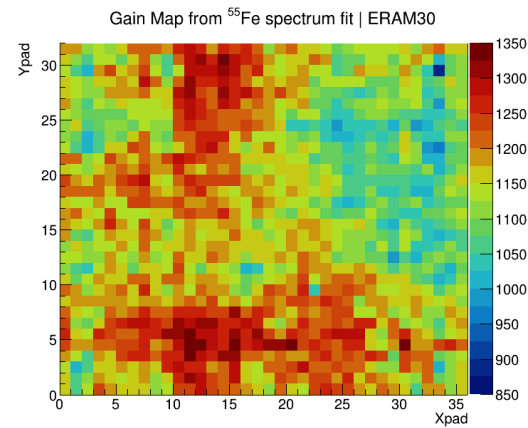
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gain}_{\text{mean}} &= 1002 \\ \sigma &= 0.34 \end{aligned}$$

- Toy MC with RC = 83 ns/mm² and Gain = 1000.
- Toy and fit are using independent codes.

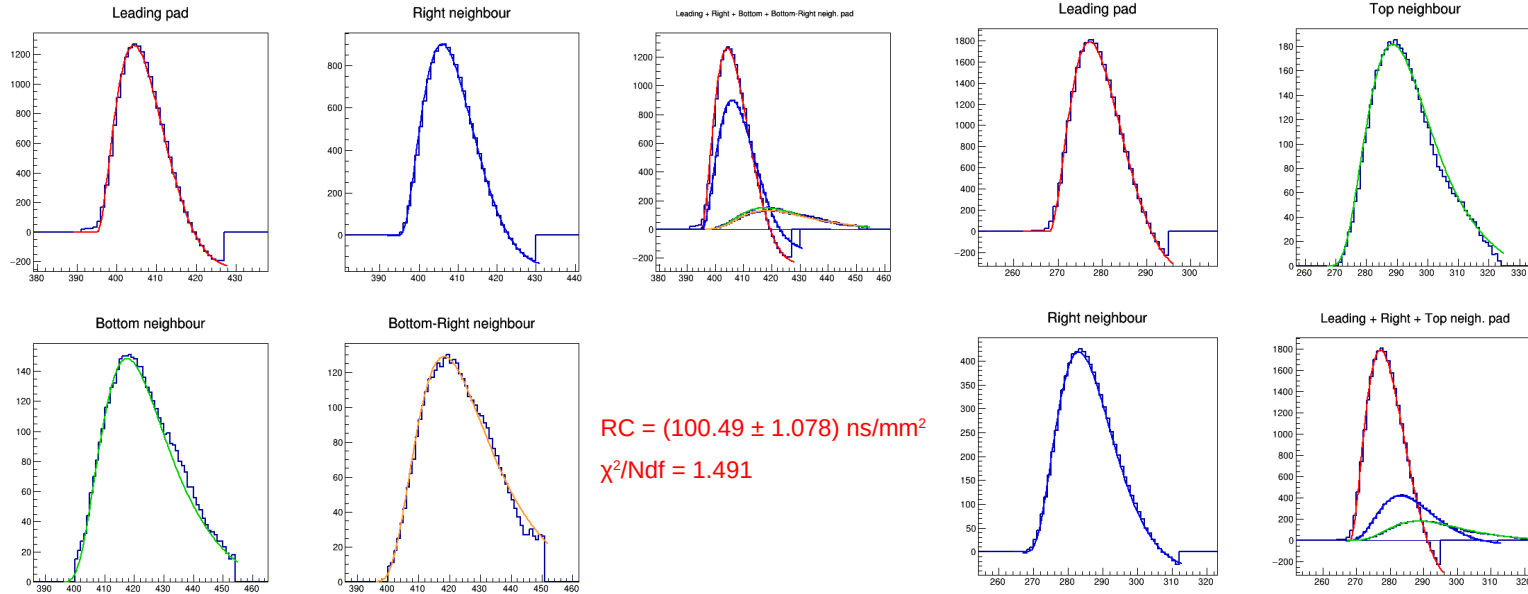


X-ray test bench at CERN

- Each pad(1152) of an ERAM placed inside an X-ray chamber is scanned using a robot holding an ^{55}Fe X-ray source.
- Source is collimated to ensure charge deposition in targeted pad and its neighbouring pads(due to charge spreading), from electron avalanche caused by an X-ray photon.
- ^{55}Fe spectrum can be reconstructed using all events in one pad. Summing all waveforms in each event and taking amplitude of summed waveform
- Gain is obtained for a pad by fitting its ^{55}Fe spectrum. Resolution of 10% is obtained.

Example of an ^{55}Fe spectrum

Gain map of ERAM30



$$RC = (110.82 \pm 1.363) \text{ ns/mm}^2$$

$$\chi^2/Ndf = 1.903$$

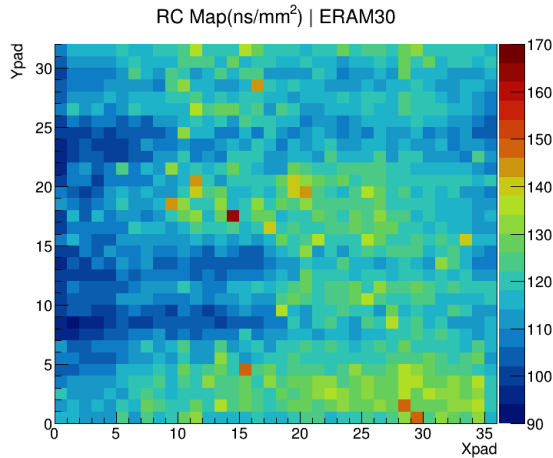
4-waveform simultaneous fit of an X-ray event

3-waveform simultaneous fit of an X-ray event

- RC is obtained for a pad by simultaneous fit of waveforms in each event.

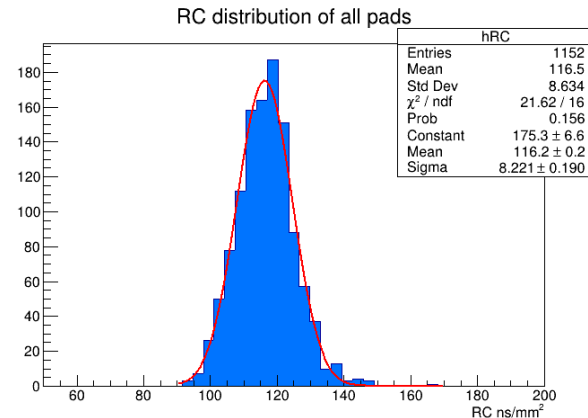
Simultaneous fit: Leading pad + Neighbouring pads are fitted simultaneously

- Fitting process is carried out for all pads to obtain RC map.
- RC is more homogeneous in horizontal direction than in vertical direction.
- RC maps and Gain maps will be used in global event reconstruction algorithm.



RC map of ERAM30

$$RC_{\text{mean}} = 116.2 \text{ ns/mm}^2$$



RC distribution of ERAM30

Charge density:

$$\rho_{0D}(r, t) = \frac{Q_{primary} G}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sigma^2(t)} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2(t)}}$$

Charge on a pad:

$$Q_{pad}(t) = \frac{Q_{primary} G}{4} \left[\operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x_H - X_0}{\sigma(t)\sqrt{2}}\right) - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x_L - X_0}{\sigma(t)\sqrt{2}}\right) \right] \left[\operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{y_H - Y_0}{\sigma(t)\sqrt{2}}\right) - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{y_L - Y_0}{\sigma(t)\sqrt{2}}\right) \right]$$

Electronics response: (upto ADC) Dirac impulse response

$$ADC_{Dirac}(t) = \frac{4096}{120 fC} \frac{F(t)}{F_{Max}} \text{ with } F(t) = e^{-w_s t} + e^{-\frac{w_s t}{2Q}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{2Q-1}{2Q+1}} \sin\left(\frac{w_s t}{2} \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{Q^2}}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{w_s t}{2} \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{Q^2}}\right) \right)$$

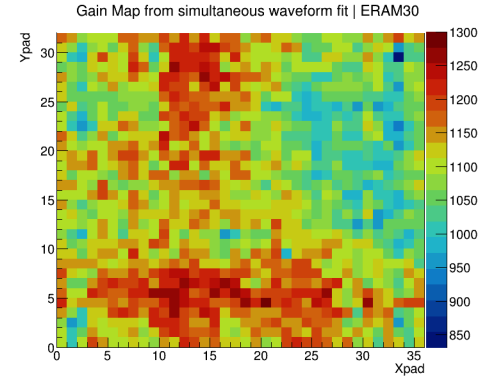
- Implementing the correspondence- 120 fC ↔ 4096 counts.
- Dirac current pulse carrying 120 fC → ADC(t) impulse response with a maximum amplitude of 4096 counts.

ADC counts:

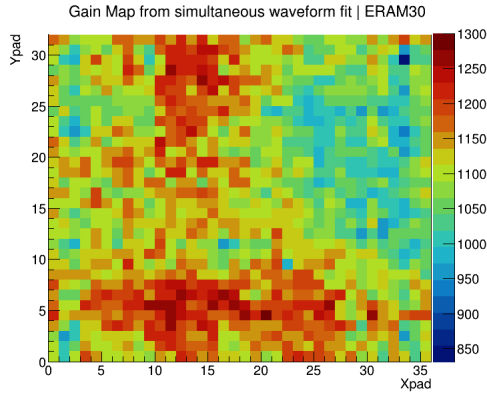
$$ADC(t) = \frac{dQ}{dt} \otimes ADC_{Dirac}$$

$$\frac{Q_{norm}}{4} = \frac{Q_{prim} \times G}{4} * \frac{4096}{120 fC \times f_{max}}$$

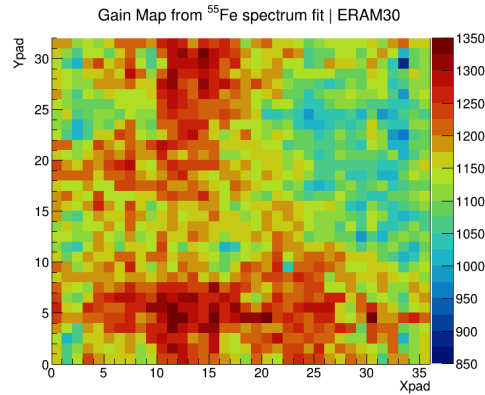
Gain



Gain map of ERAM30
from simultaneous fit



Gain map from
simultaneous fit
method



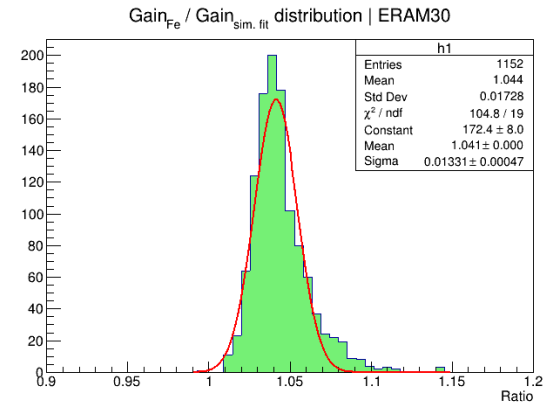
Gain map from
waveform sum
method

- Very high similarity in Gain maps obtained from 2 different methods \Rightarrow

^{56}Fe spectrum can be re-constructed from simultaneous fit (using Q_{norm}) too.

- Gain results serve as validation for Electronics Response function, and robustness of entire model.

Ratio of Gain (of each pad)
obtained from 2 different methods

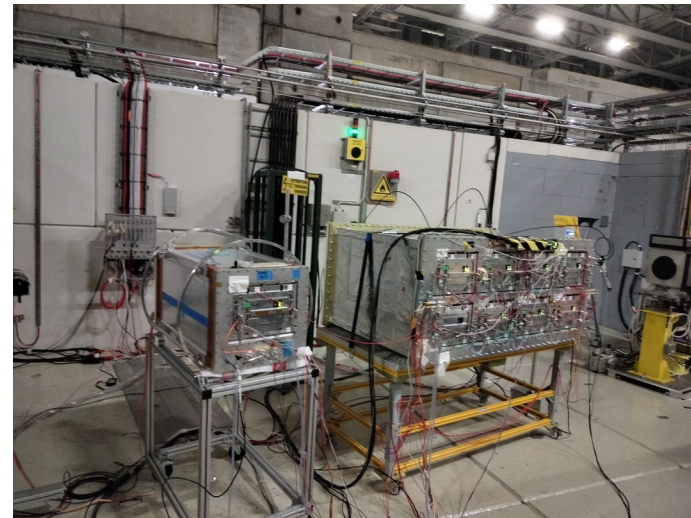
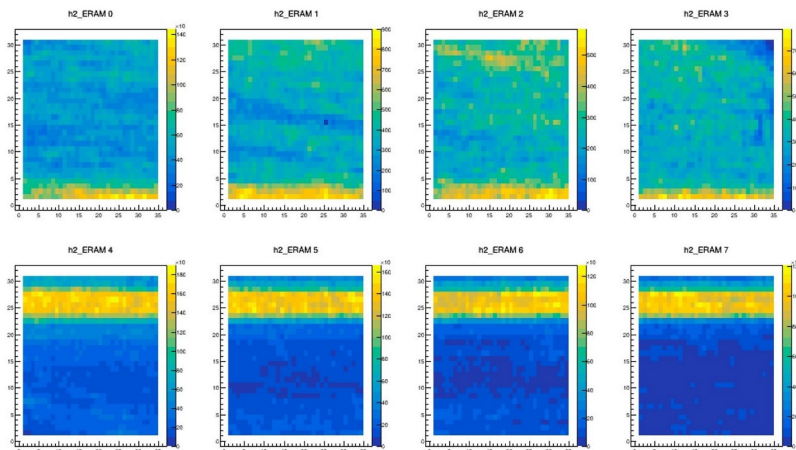


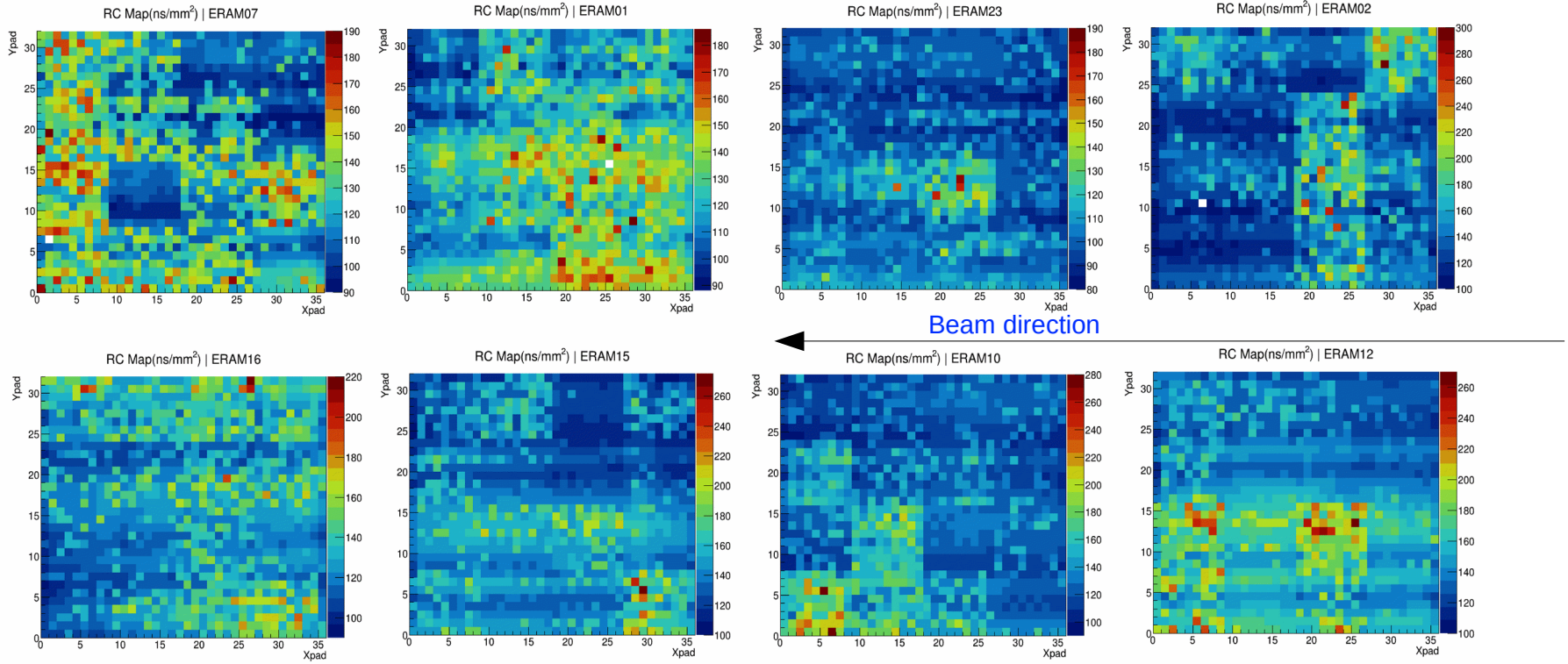
Ratio_{mean} = 1.041

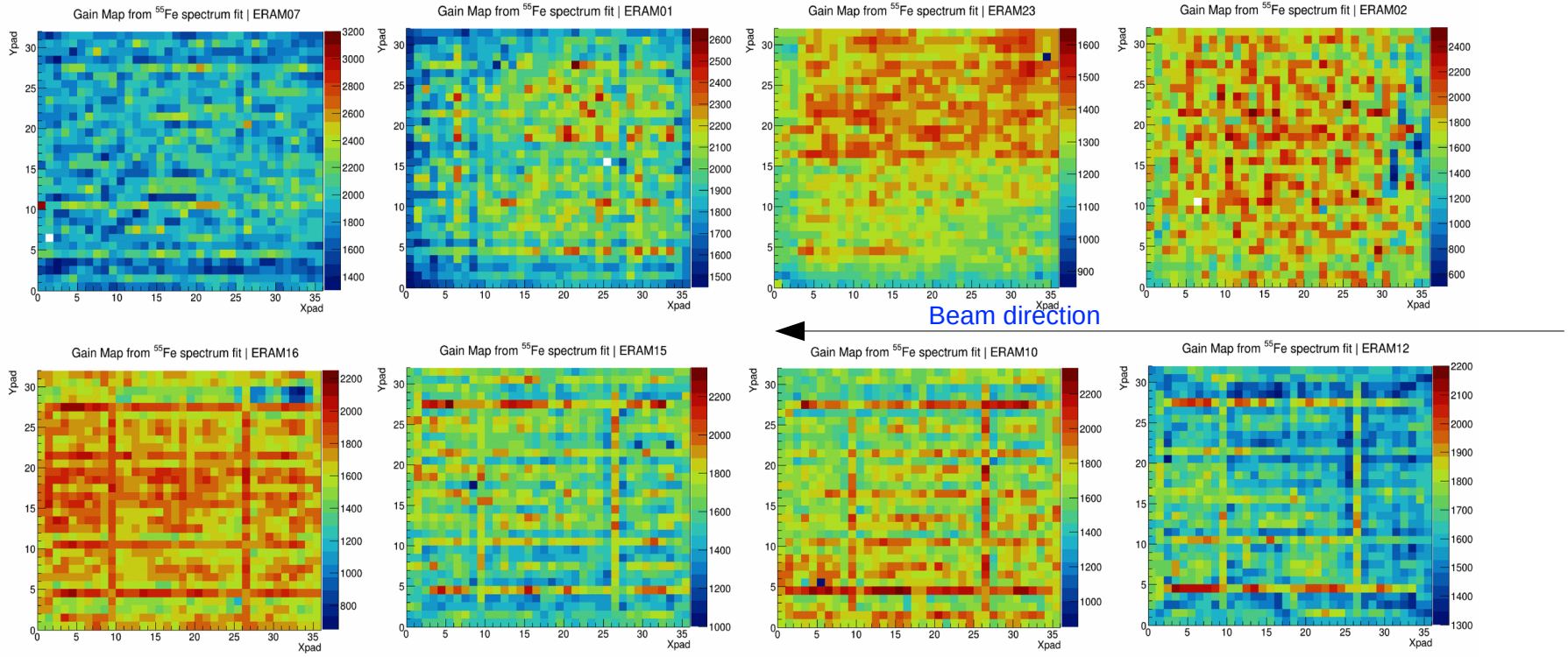
- Commissioning with beam and characterization of final 8 ERAM detectors and electronics using Field Cage mockup.

Mockup Data analysis:

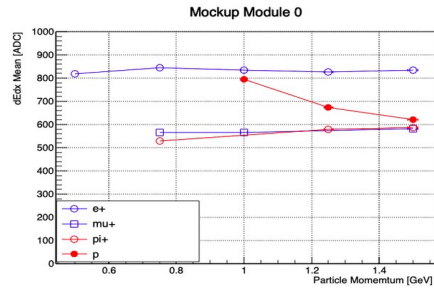
- Track dE/dx resolution & PID study:
e⁻, proton, muon, pion (momentum range 0.5 –1.5GeV).
- Track spatial resolution (No B field):
scan along 5 drift distances and 3 Y-positions.



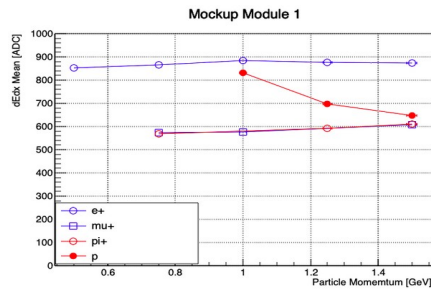




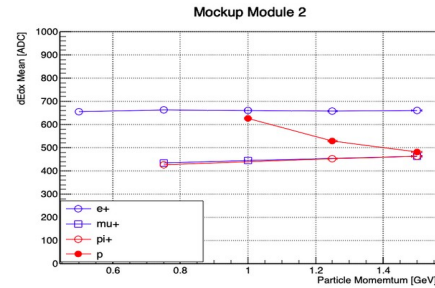
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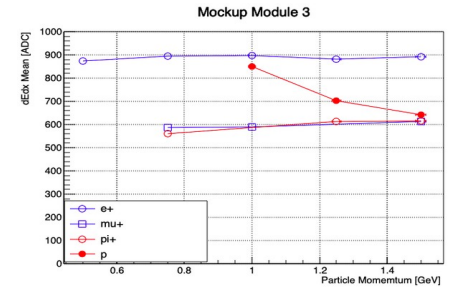
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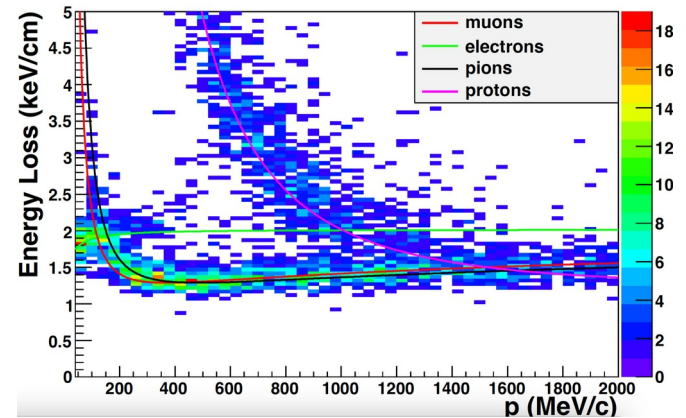
ERAM-23



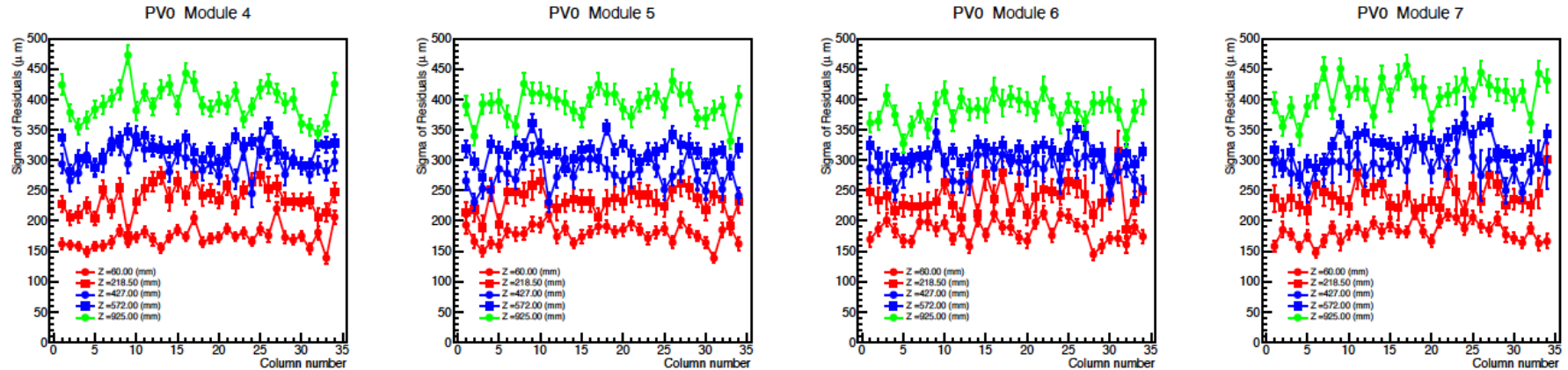
ERAM-02



- The mean dEdx for different ERAMs, particle and momentum are nicely following the simulation.
- ERAM-23 has small mean E_{loss} compared to the others.
- ERAM detectors show different Gains, correction necessary.
- dEdx resolution (10%) is within ND280 upgrade requirements.

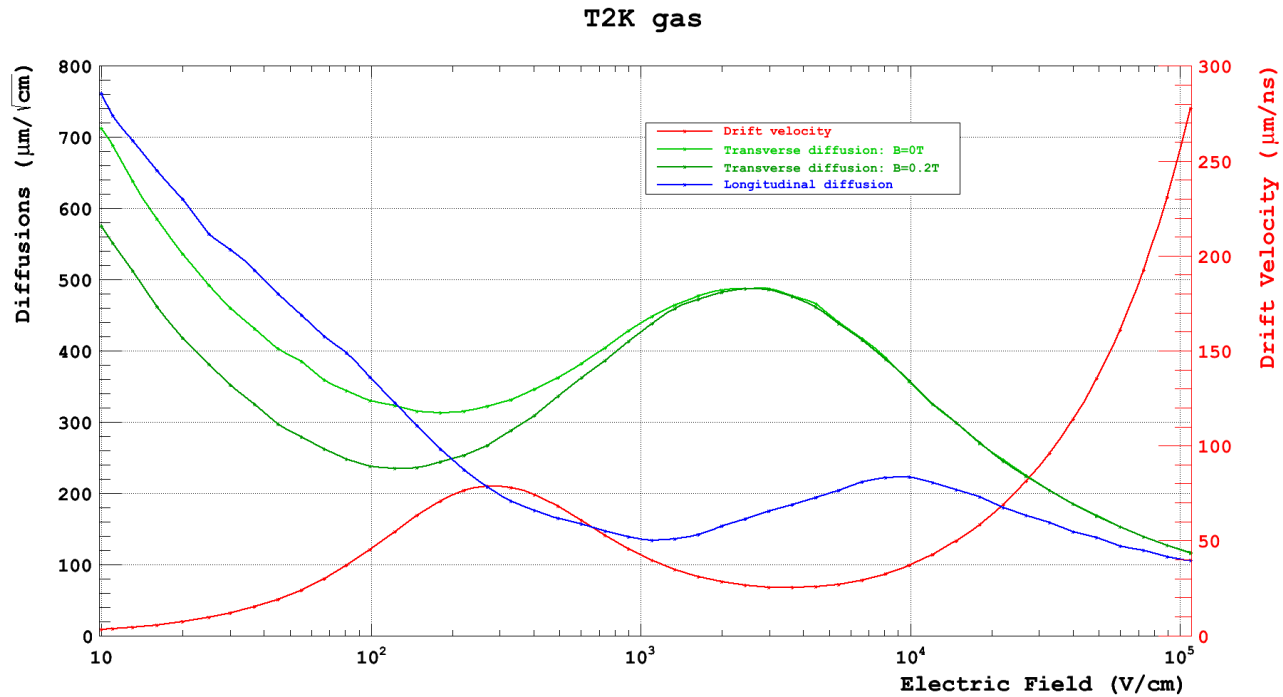


Resolution VS Column number

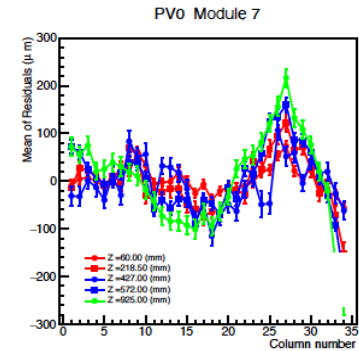
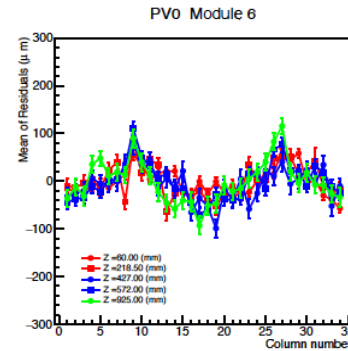
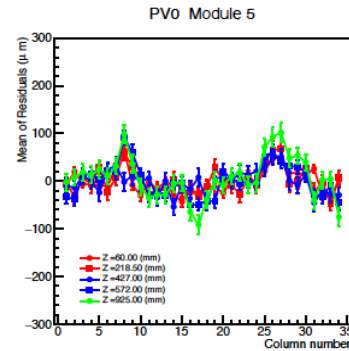
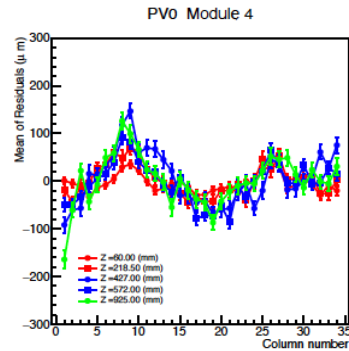


- Similar spatial resolution in 4 ERAM modules.
- Spatial resolution for horizontal tracks is within ND280 upgrade requirements

- ND280 upgrade will employ resistive Micromegas for the read-out of HA-TPC, which works on the principle of charge spreading.
- Resistive Micromegas will enable- better position reconstruction, reduction in sparks rate and improvement in E-field homogeneity.
- Charge spreading model is obtained from convolution of charge diffusion function and derivative of electronics response function.
- The model is able to successfully fit waveforms from both- toy MC and X-ray data.
 - RC and Gain can be simultaneously extracted from X-ray data.
 - RC maps and Gain maps will be useful in Global event reconstruction algorithm.
 - Gain obtained from simultaneous fit is in accordance with Gain obtained from waveform sum method.
- A test beam was conducted at CERN to characterize 8 ERAM modules inside a field cage mockup.
 - Mean dEdX of various ERAMs is in agreement with simulations, and within ND280 upgrade requirements.
 - Spatial resolution for horizontal tracks is also within ND280 upgrade requirements.
- Many Thanks to Samira Hassani and Jean-François Laporte for providing material for this talk.



Bias VS Col. Nber



- Much more shaky than for ERAM 18
- Would this improve with Gain non-uniformity corrected for?
- Do we see Electric field non-uniformity on the mockup borders?
- Do we see the trace (L/R) of 2 electronics cards?