

DHCAL studies in the US

(RPC and GEM progress)

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Concept of a Digital Hadron Calorimeter

Optimized for the application of Particle Flow Algorithms

Trades resolution on a small number of cells (towers) in traditional calorimeters with low (one-bit) resolution on a large number ($\sim 10^7 - 10^8$) of cells

Novel concept which needs to be validated

Active Element and readout

Resistive Plate Chambers (RPCs)

1 x 1 cm² readout pads

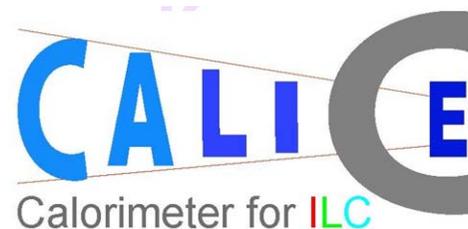
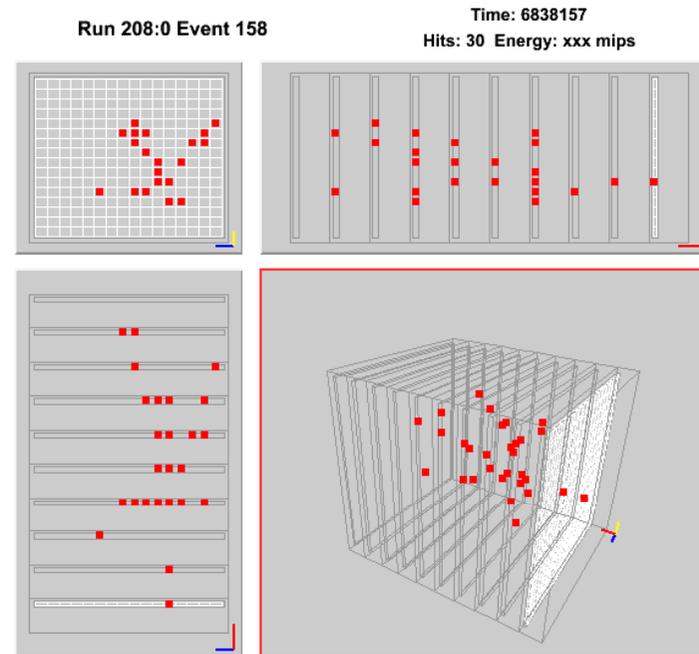
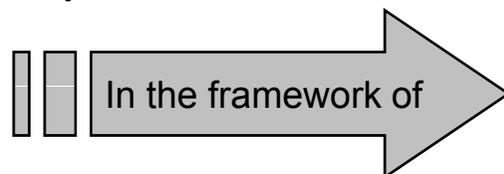
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Boston University

Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory

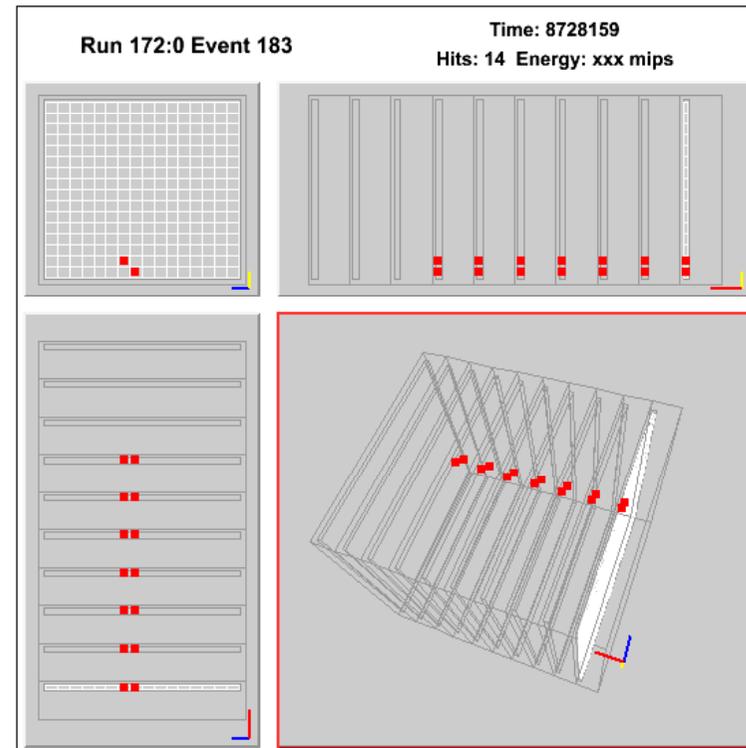
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Staged Approach

- I Investigation of Resistive Plate Chambers as active elements
- II Development of the electronic readout system
- III Vertical Slice Test with 10-layer prototype calorimeter

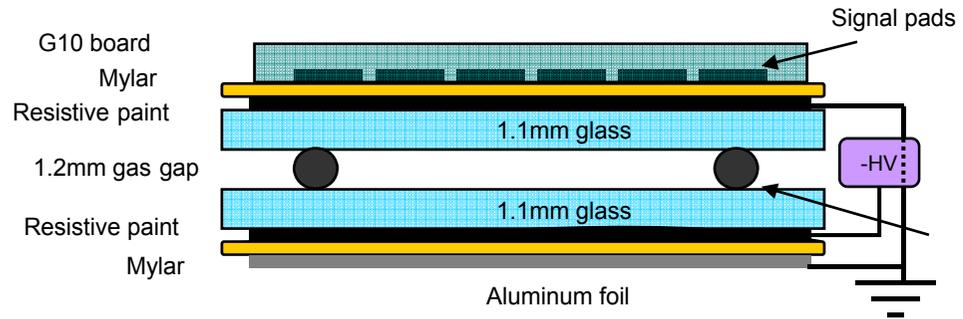
- IV Construction of a 1 m³ prototype section
- V Further developments



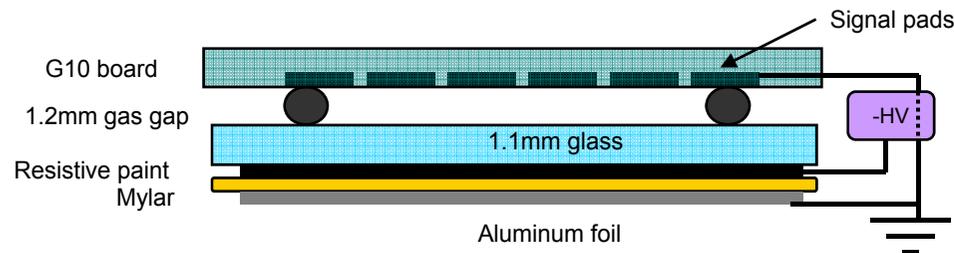
I Resistive Plate Chambers

Pursued two design options

Two-glass design 

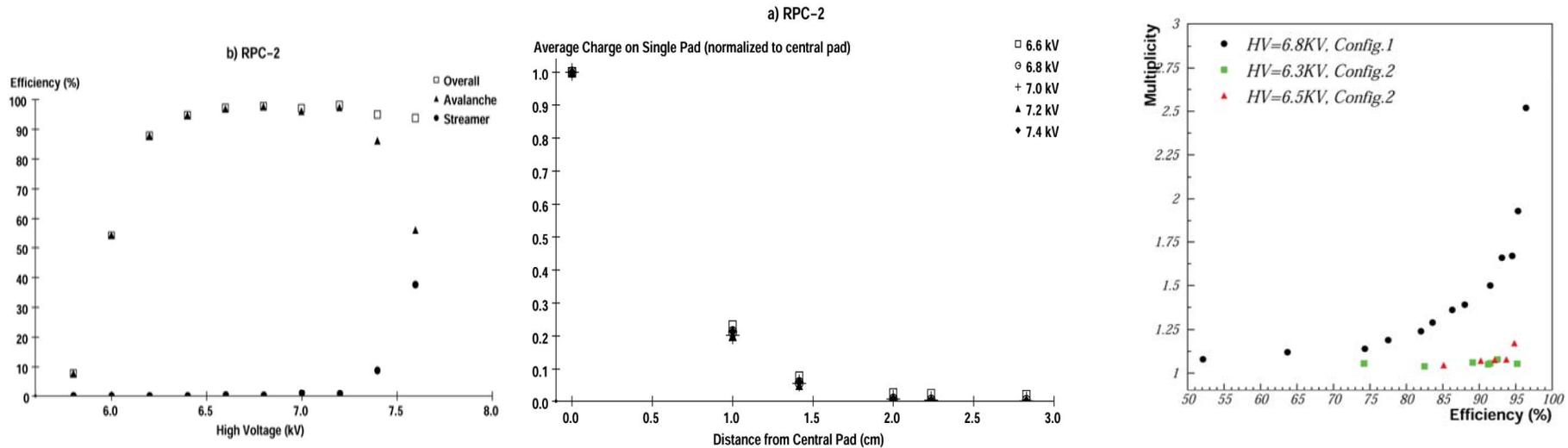


One-glass design 



Extensive tests with single readout pads, multiple pads, analog and digital readout 

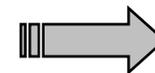
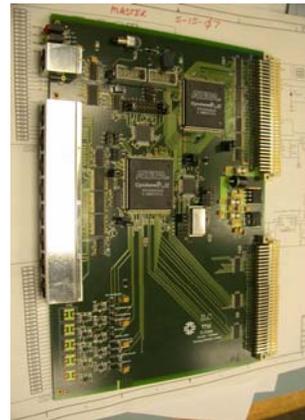
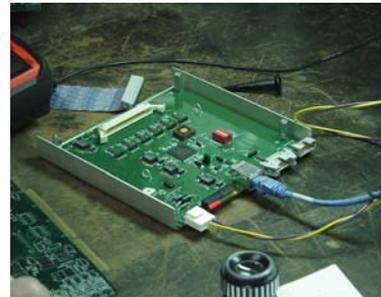
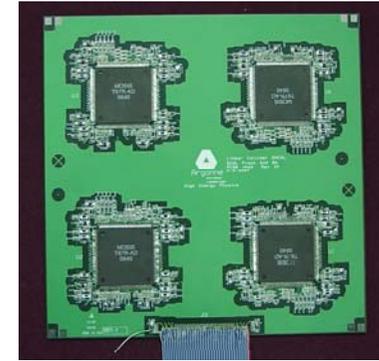
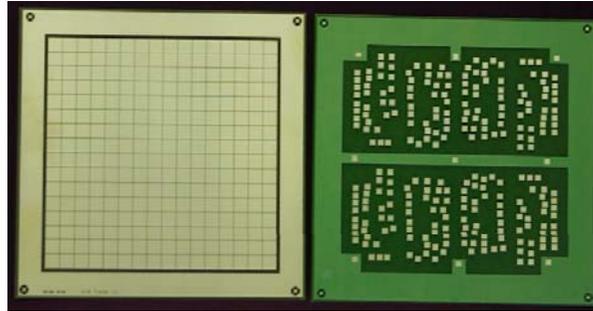
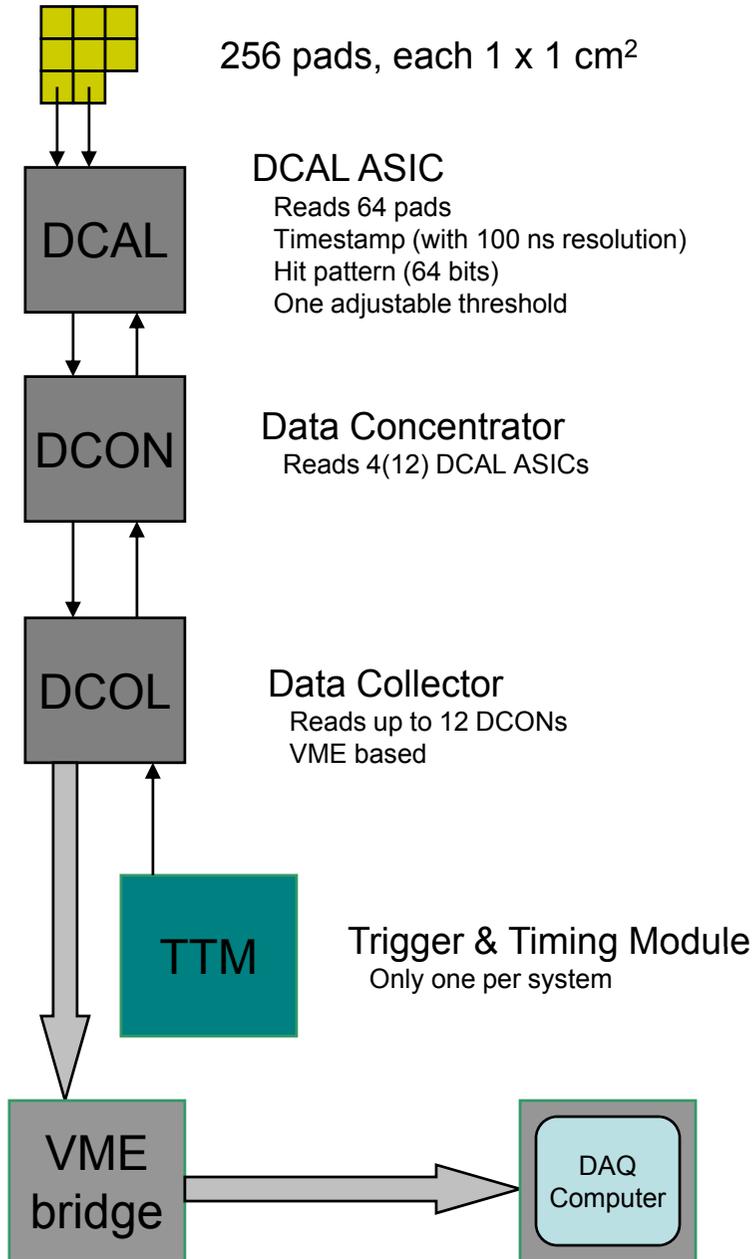
G.Drake et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A578, 88 (2007)



Studies completed: RPCs excellent choice for Digital Hadron Calorimetry

RPC

II The Electronic Readout System



J. Butler et al., IEEE transactions (2007)
 RPC

Performance of the Electronic Readout System

Operation in

Triggered (Cosmic rays, test beam) or
Triggerless (Noise measurements) mode

Data push

Dead time free up to ~1 kHz

Gain choices

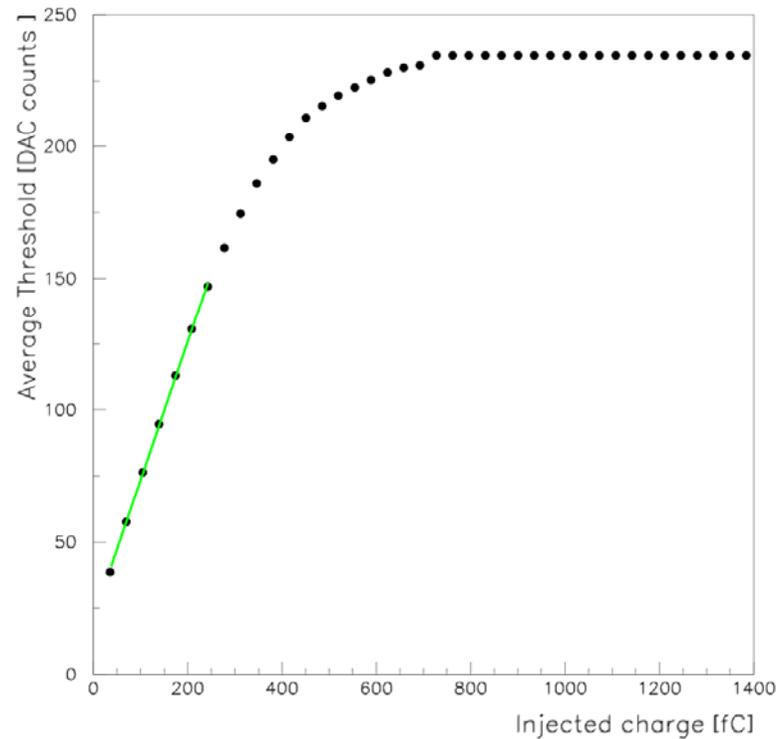
High gain (GEMs) }
Low gain (RPCs) } x 5

Noise

Without detector $< 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$ Hz/cm²

Cross talk

At the 0.3% level



III Vertical Slice Test

(vertical slice of a complete system)

Test of whole system with

Up to 10 RPCs, each 20 x 20 cm²
(Up to 2560 channels)

Test stands

Horizontal for cosmic rays
Vertical for testbeam

RPCs

Up to nine 2-glass designs
One 1-glass design
Thickness = 3.7 mm (chamber) + 4.6 mm (readout) = 8.3 mm

Absorber

For cosmic rays, muon, pions, electrons: Steel (16 mm) + Copper (4 mm)
Rate capability measurement (120 GeV protons): 16 mm PVC with whole cut out in center

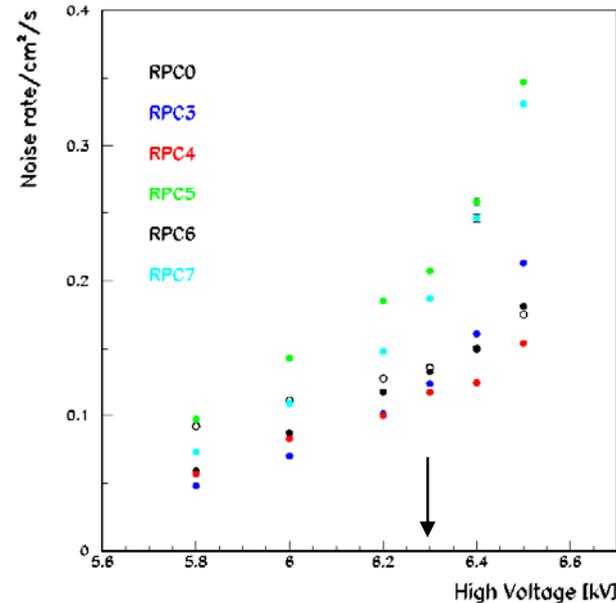
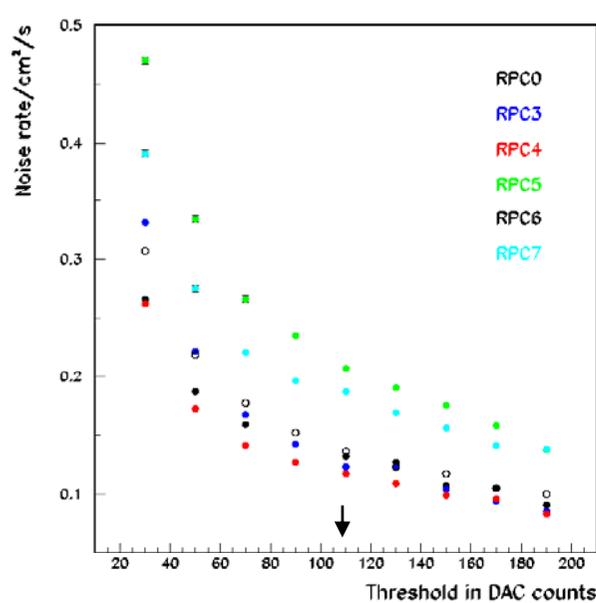
Data acquisition

Not fully debugged in the test beam (July 2007)
Run continuously at Argonne in cosmic mode
Now 100 % error free!



Measurement of Noise Rates

B.Bilki et al., 2008 JINST 3 P05001



**At the default setting
the rate measures
~ 0.1 Hz/cm²**

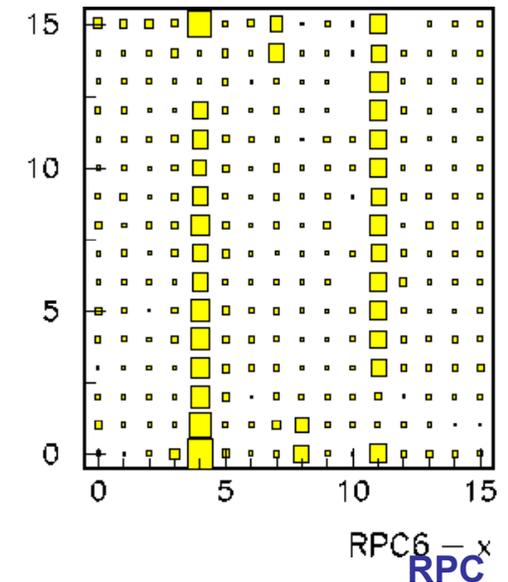
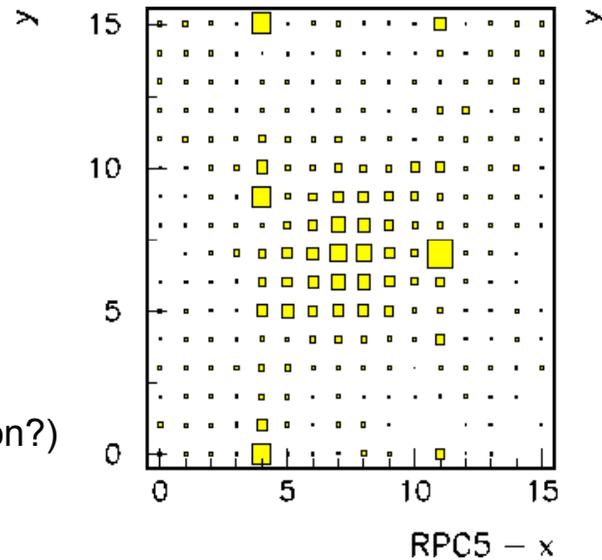
For a $5 \cdot 10^7$ channel calorimeter this rate corresponds to 1 hit in a 200 ns gate

Noise rates

- Decrease with increasing threshold
- Increase with increasing high voltage

x – y map

- Noise rates higher around location of spacers (fishing lines)
- Somewhat higher in center (beam activation?)



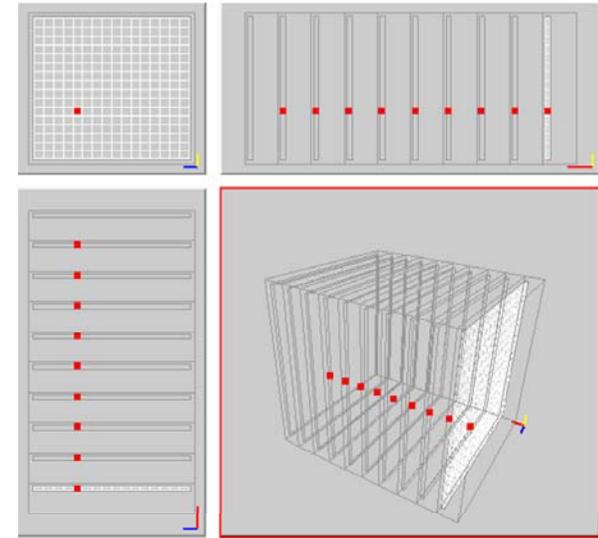
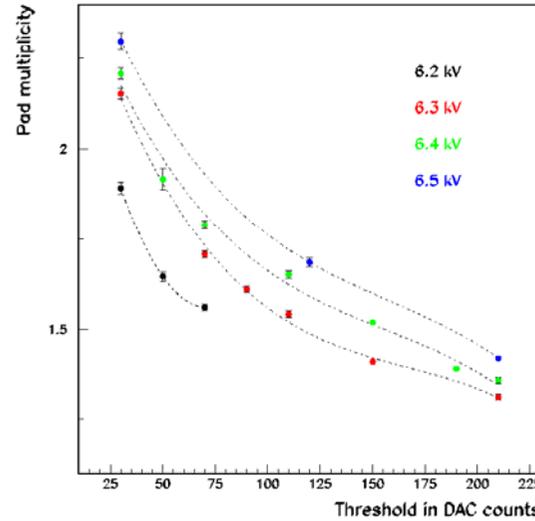
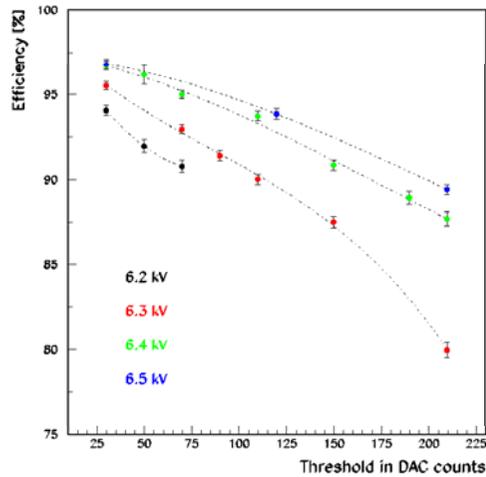
RPC

Calibration with Muons

Explored operating space

Dependence on threshold & HV

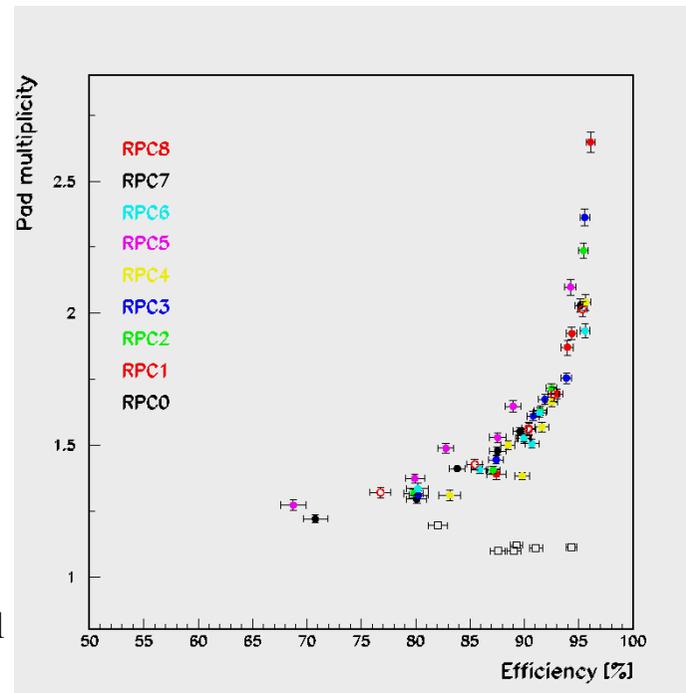
Results confirmed earlier studies



Efficiency vs. pad multiplicity

2-glass RPCs: results on common curve

1-glass RPC: constant $\mu^{\text{MIP}} \sim 1.1$



Chose as default operating point
HV = 6.3 kV, THR = 110



$\epsilon^{\text{MIP}} \sim 90\%$
 $\mu^{\text{MIP}} \sim 1.5$

Monte Carlo Simulation

Simulate avalanches and hit distributions

- Generate **muons** (at some energy) with GEANT4
- Get x,y,z of each energy deposit (point) in the active gaps
- Generate measured charge distribution for each point
(according to our own measurements)
- Noise hits can be safely ignored

- Distribute charge according to exponential distribution with slope **a**
- Apply threshold **T** to flag pads above threshold (hits)
- Adjust **a** and **T** to reproduce measured hit distributions

- Generate **positrons** at 8 GeV with GEANT4
- Filter hits if closer than **d_{cut}** (pick one hit randomly)
(RPCs do not generate close-by avalanches)
- Adjust **d_{cut}** to reproduce the hit distribution
- Generate predictions for other beam energies
- Generate **pions** at any beam energy

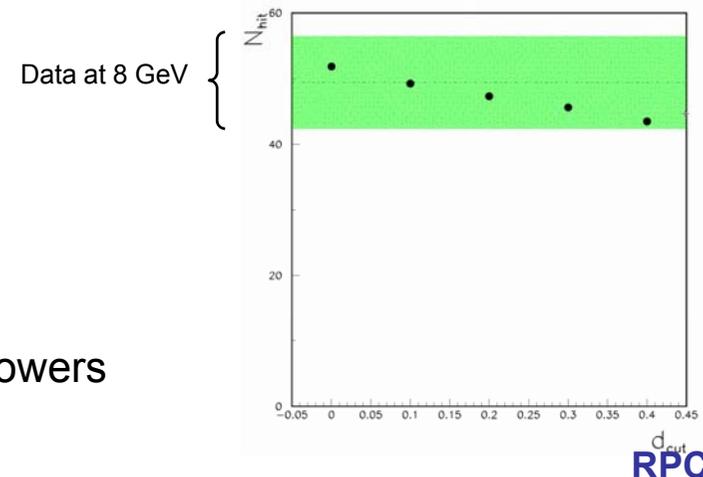
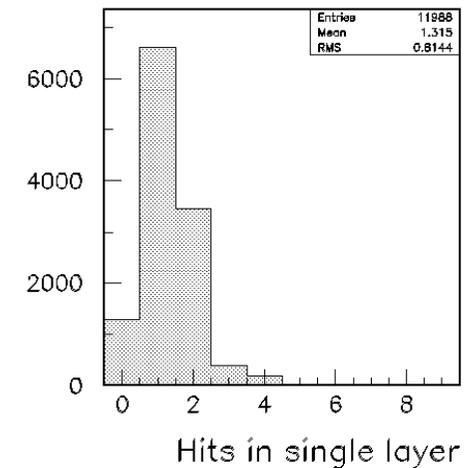
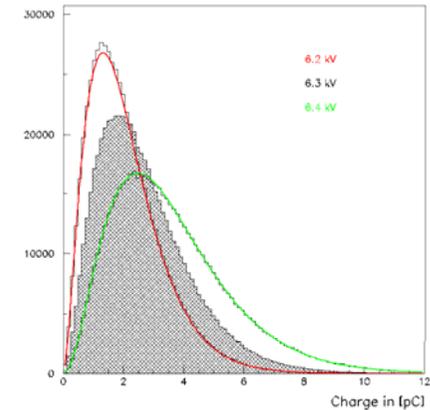
Final parameters

$$\mathbf{a} = 0.13 \text{ cm}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = 0.60 \text{ pC}$$

$$\mathbf{d}_{\text{cut}} = 0.1 \text{ cm}$$

← only needed for electromagnetic showers
(expected to be of the order of the gap size)



Response to Positrons

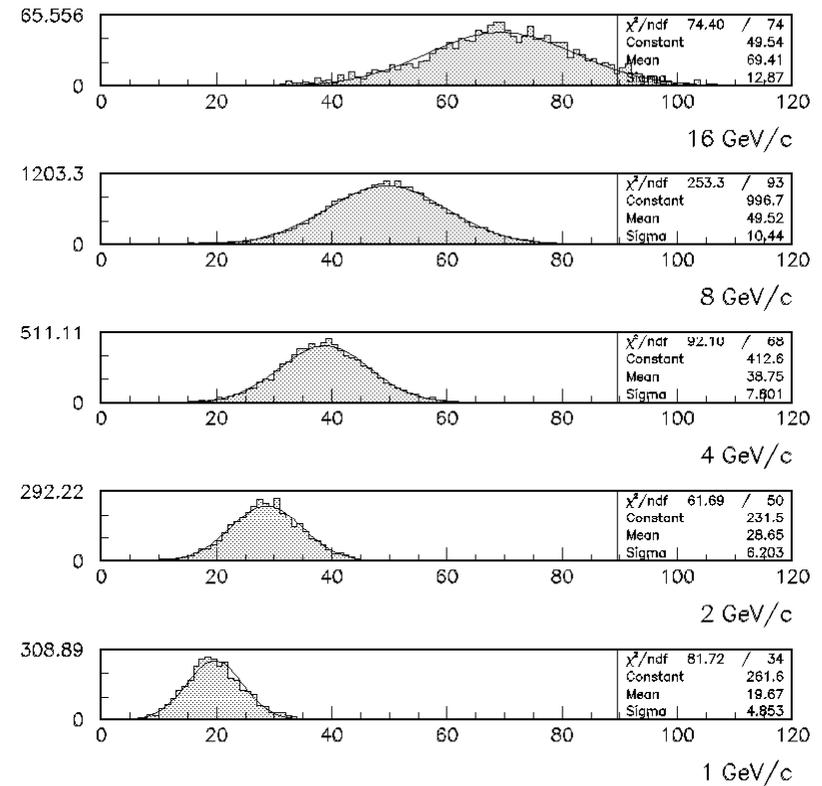
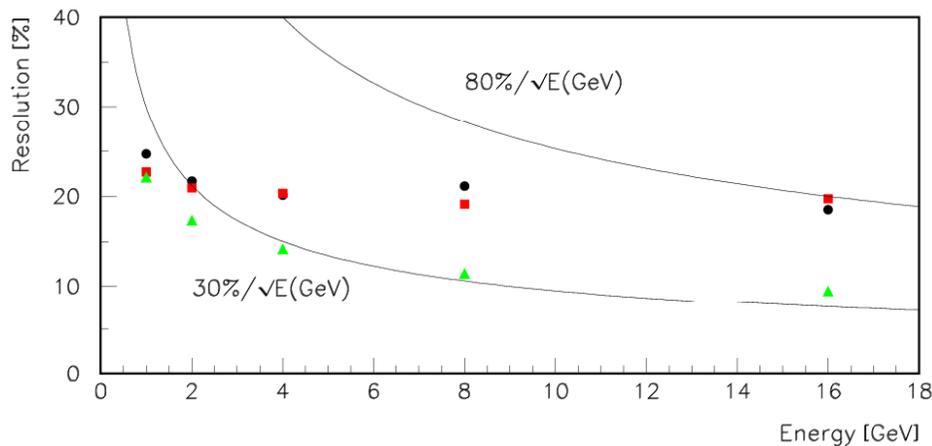
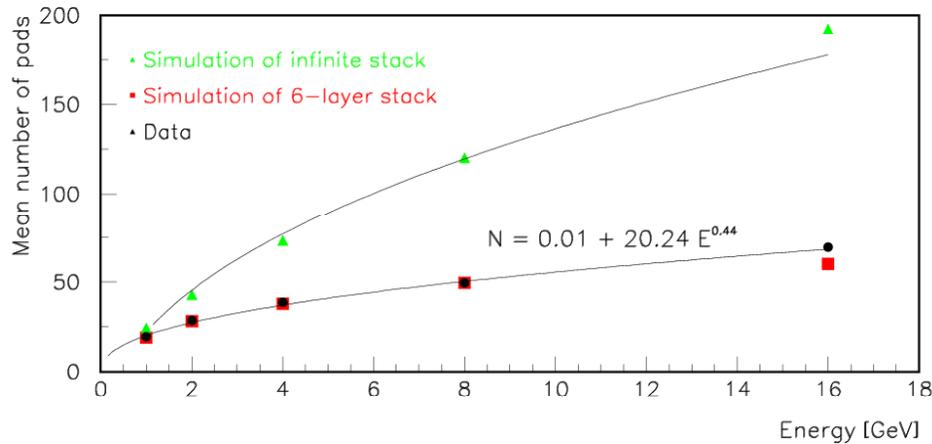
Preliminary: To be published soon

Data at

1, 2, 4, 8, 16 GeV (electrons selected by Čerenkov)

Response well fit by Gaussian

Accident!



Monte Carlo simulation

Both mean and sigma well reproduced

Large non-linearity

Dominated by leakage out the back (only 6.8 X_0)
Infinite stack – non-linearity due to overlaps in pads

Resolution

Effect of non-linearity ignored in this plot
Infinite stack – should reach $30\%/\sqrt{E}$ at least

Response to Pions

Preliminary: To be published soon

Data at

1, 2, 4, 8, 16 GeV (electrons rejected by Čerenkov)

Analysis separates

Non-interacting pions/muons

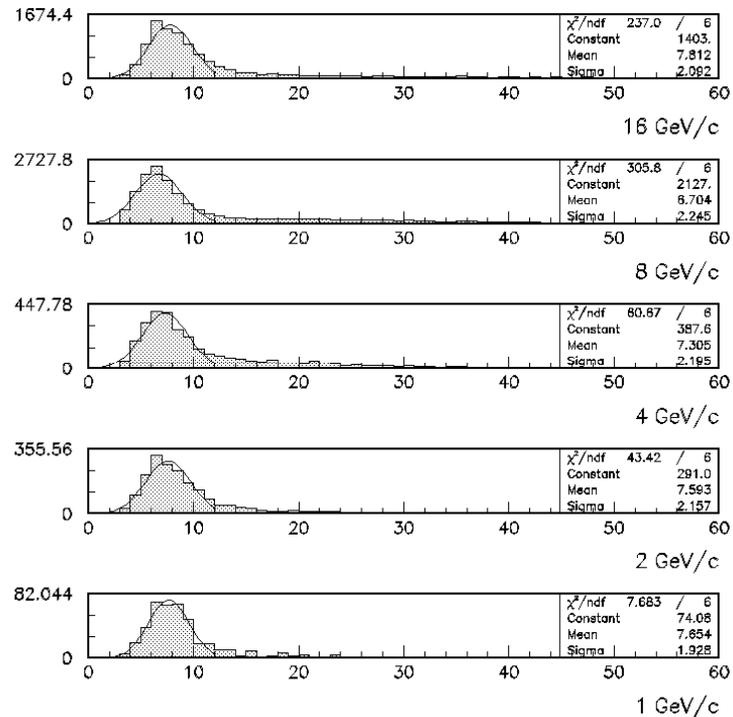
Pions interacting in first layers

Pions interacting later (rejected)

Exactly one cluster in first layer
Distance $R < 5$
Number of hits in **first** layer < 5

MIP selection

Number of hits in **second** layer < 5

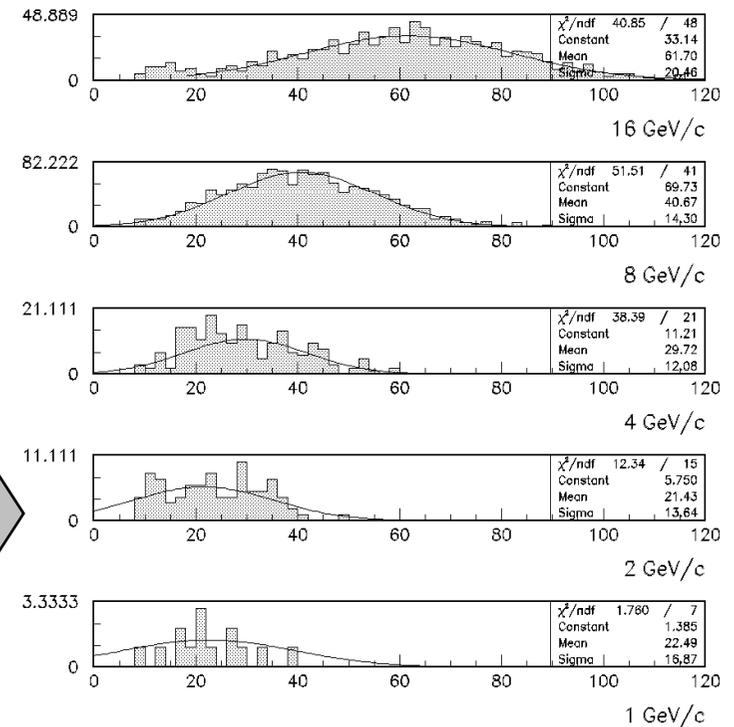


Nice MIP peaks

Gaussian distributions

Pion selection

Number of hits in **second** layer ≥ 5



MIP selection

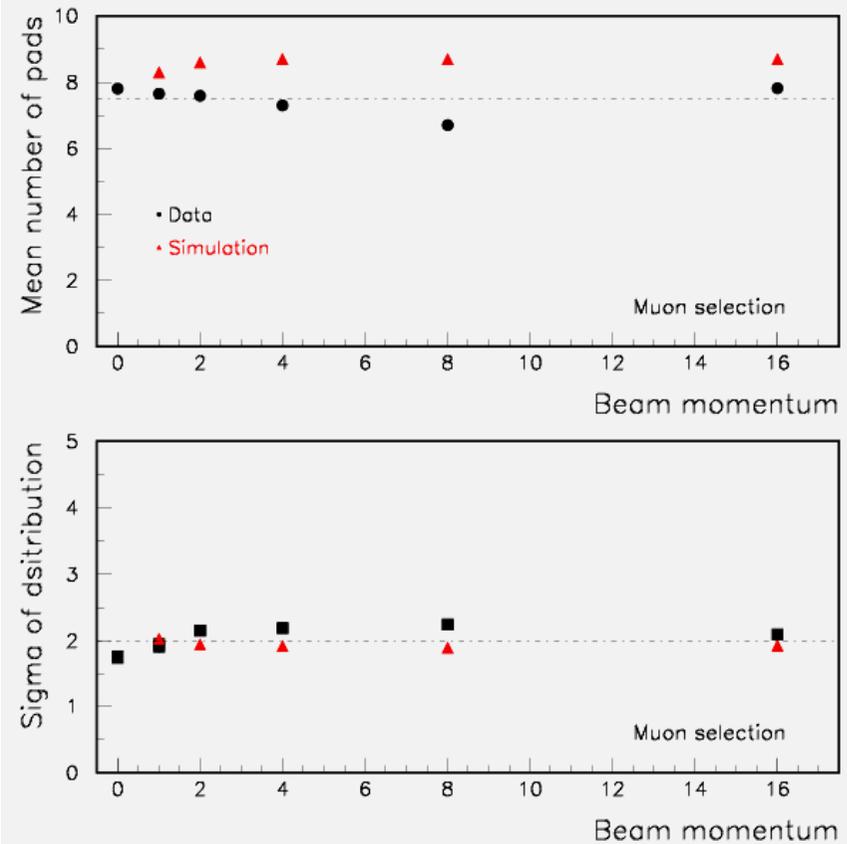
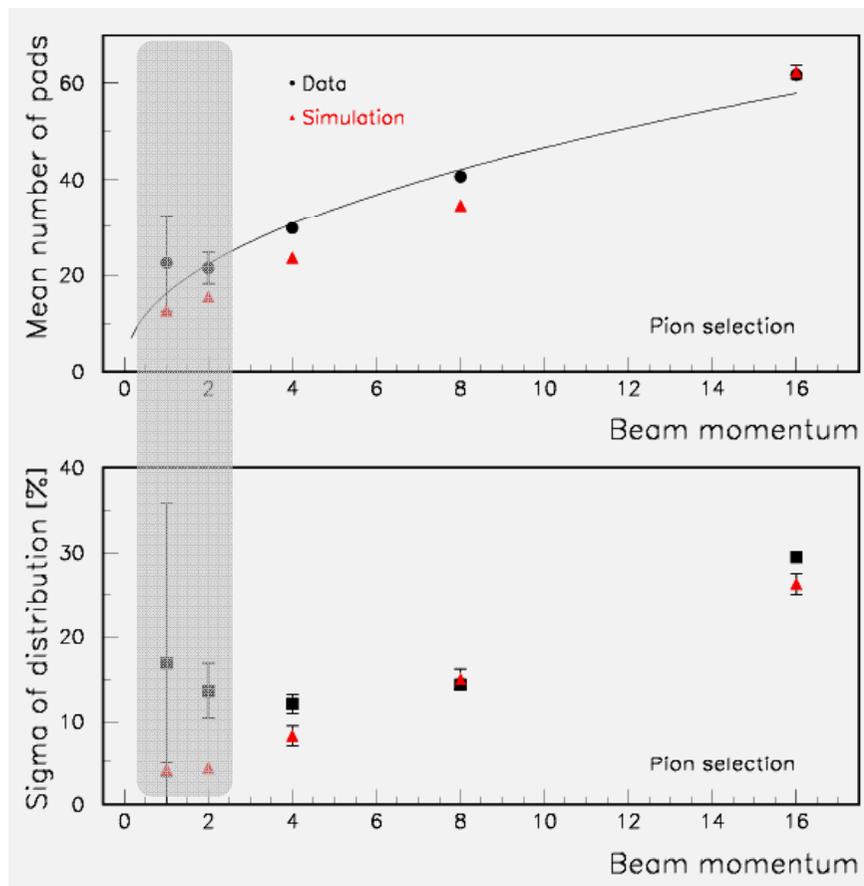
Mean and sigma ~independent of beam momentum

Mean not very well reproduced by simulation

→ Beam contains muons, simulation does not

(data are cleaner !!!)

Width of distributions adequately reproduced



Pion selection

Measurements at 16, 8 and 4 GeV/c

Not sufficient statistics at 2, 1 GeV/c

Non-linearity due to leakage

Adequate agreement with simulation

IV Construction of a 1 m³ Prototype section

Larger prototype section needed to

- Measure hadronic showers in detail
- Gain experience with larger system
- Compare performance with scintillator approach to granulated calorimetry

Description of the prototype section

- 40 active layers each 1 x 1 m²
- Each layer contains 3 chambers with an area of 32 x 96 cm²
- 1 x 1 cm² pads read out with 1 – bit resolution → 400,000 channels
- Absorber structure and test beam stage from CALICE Analog HCAL

Status

- Larger chambers being tested (32 x 96 cm²)
- Assembly for chamber production and test procedures being developed
- Final touches to design of front-end ASIC → submission in July (engineering run → ~8,000 chips)
- Redesign of pad- and front-end boards → tested successfully
- Redesign of data concentrator ongoing (Cheaper)
- (Data Collector and TTM module designs final)

Plan

- Produce all DCAL chips in 2008
- Construction of 10 layers by early 2009
- Followed by tests in Fermilab test beam
- Construction of remaining layers in 2009
- Followed by tests in Fermilab test beam



Conclusions on RPCs

Development of a Digital Hadron Calorimeter for the PFA approach

Resistive Plate Chambers as active elements
Readout pads with an area of $1 \times 1 \text{ cm}^2$

Resistive Plate Chambers

Investigated both the traditional 2-glass and the exotic 1-glass design
Excellent performance for calorimetry
→ [G.Drake et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A578, 88 \(2007\)](#)

Vertical Slice Test with Small Prototype Calorimeter

Contained up to 10 RPCs
Tested entire readout chain
Very successful
Calibration with muons --- published
Response to positrons
Response to pions
Rate capability measurements → Data not yet analyzed



Reasonable agreement
with simulation



**Beginning of Validation
of concept of
Digital Hadron
Calorimetry**

1 m³ prototype section

Preparing for construction
10 – layer stack by early 2009 → **funded**
Complete 40 – layer stack later in the year

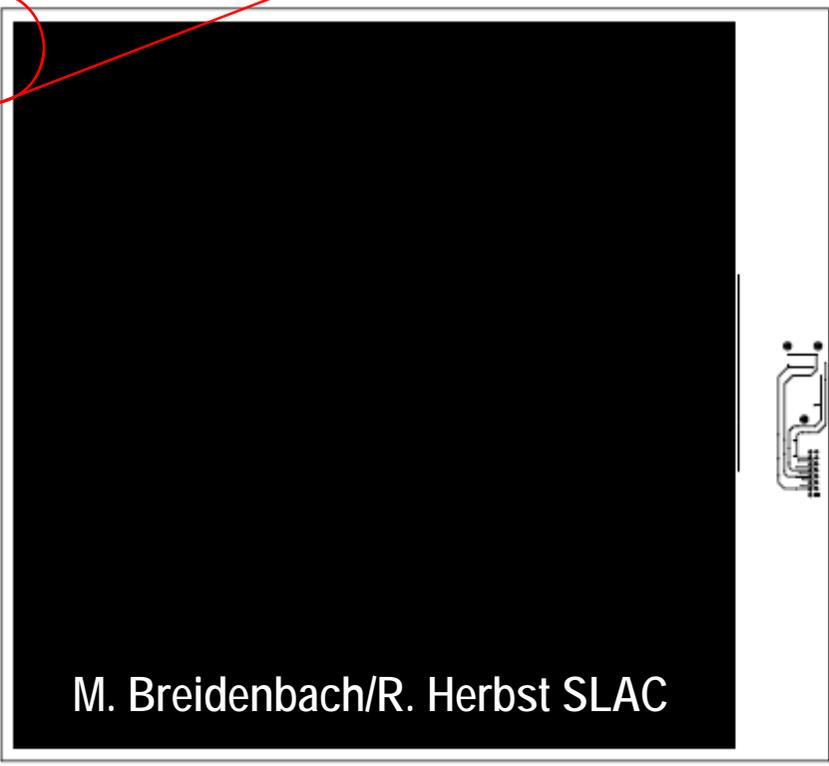
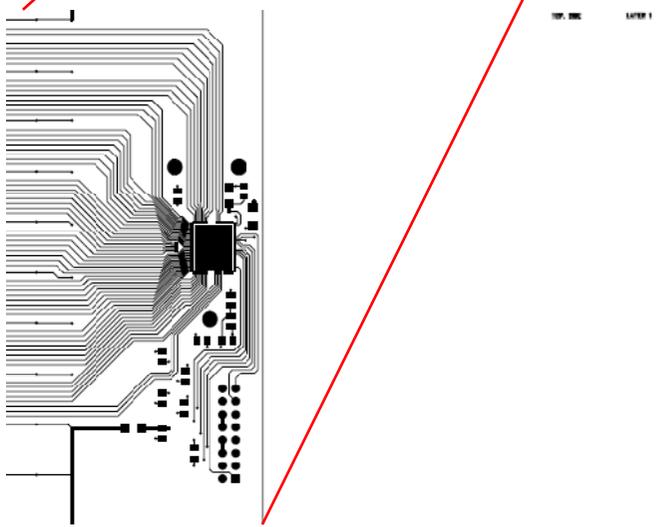
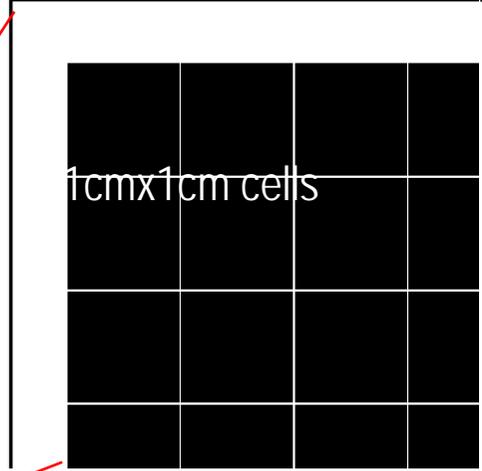
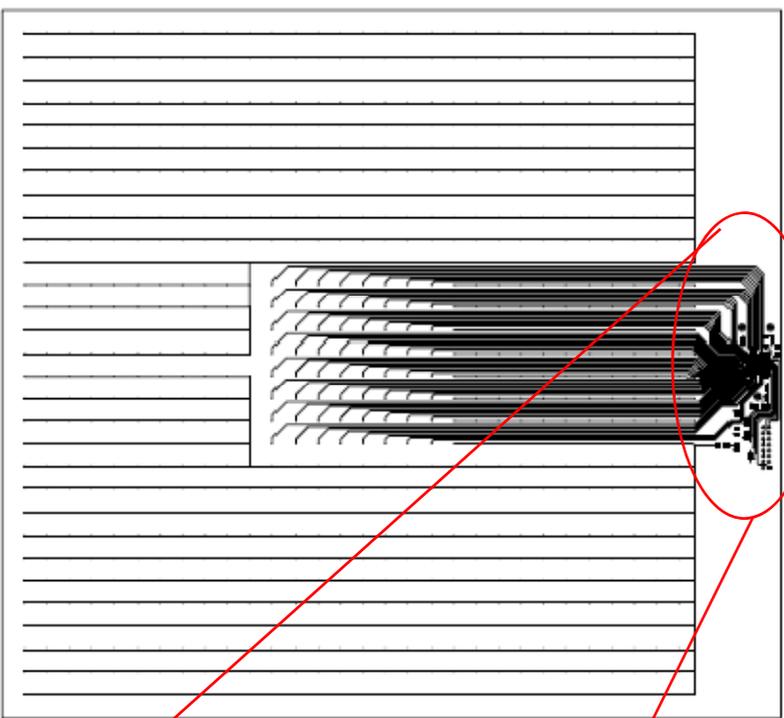
GEM-DHCAL: Update on recent activity

for the GEM-DHCAL Group

Development of a GEM-based DHCAL

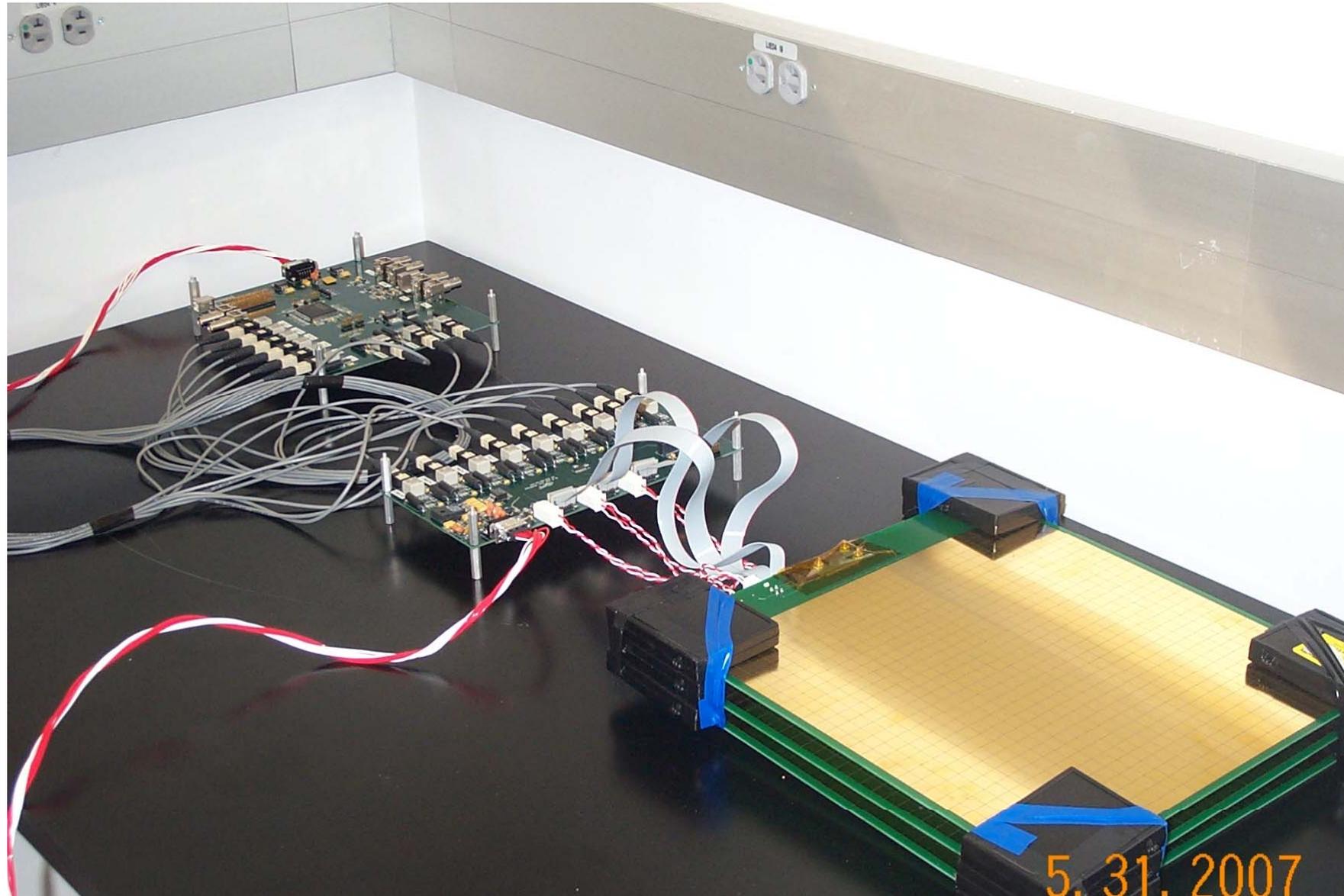
- Focused on construction and operation of a new double-GEM chamber read out via KPiX (v6)
- After solving a charging-up problem with a plastic spacer, we see the expected correlation between source position and channels hit.
- We are presently constructing another chamber, with further design improvements, to work with KPiXv7.
- Since the SLAC test beam is now not available this summer, we will return to Fermilab/MTBF for further tests.
- KPiXv7 allows for more flexible timing, and thus higher efficiencies for trigger with random timing.

GEM FEB for Analog KPix Chip

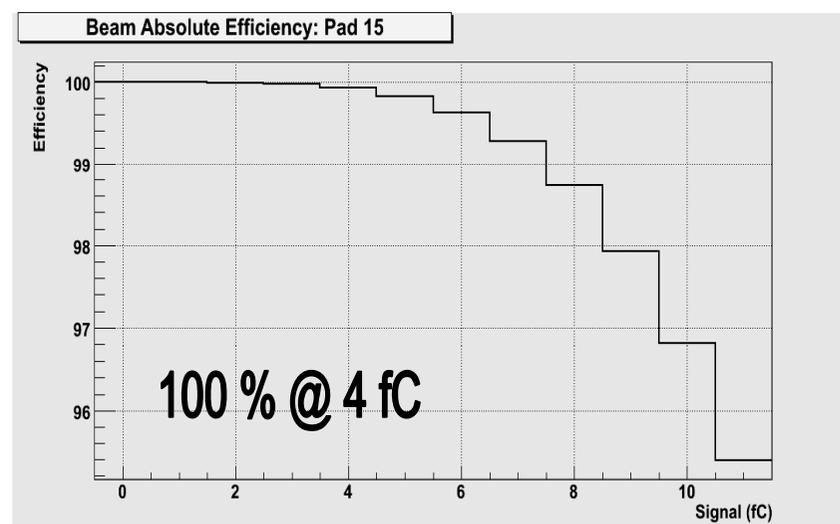
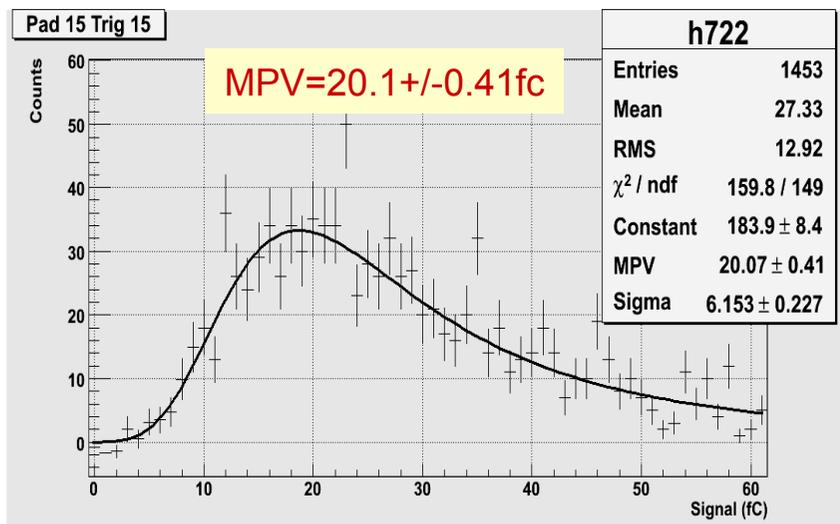
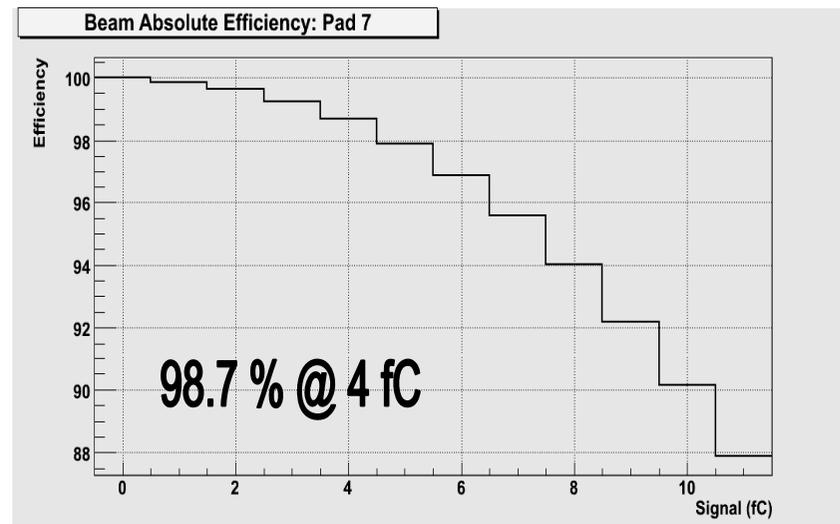
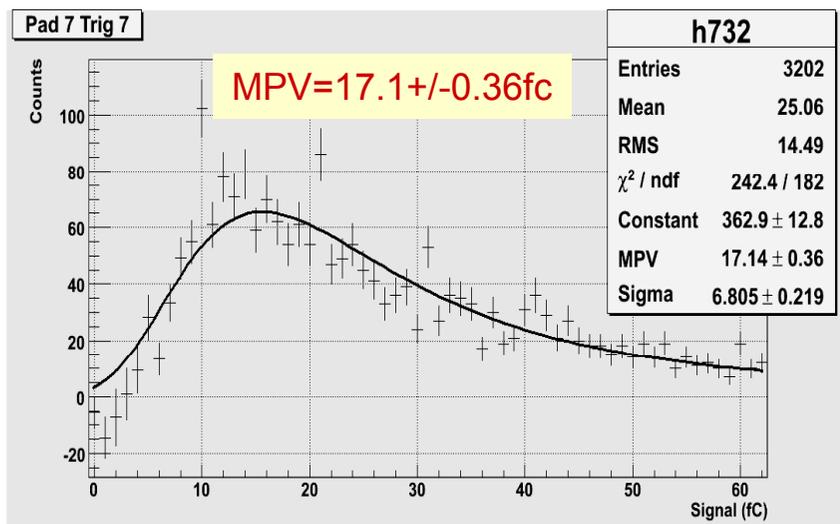


TOP SIDE LAYER 1

GEM-DHCAL/KPiX boards with Interface and FPGA boards

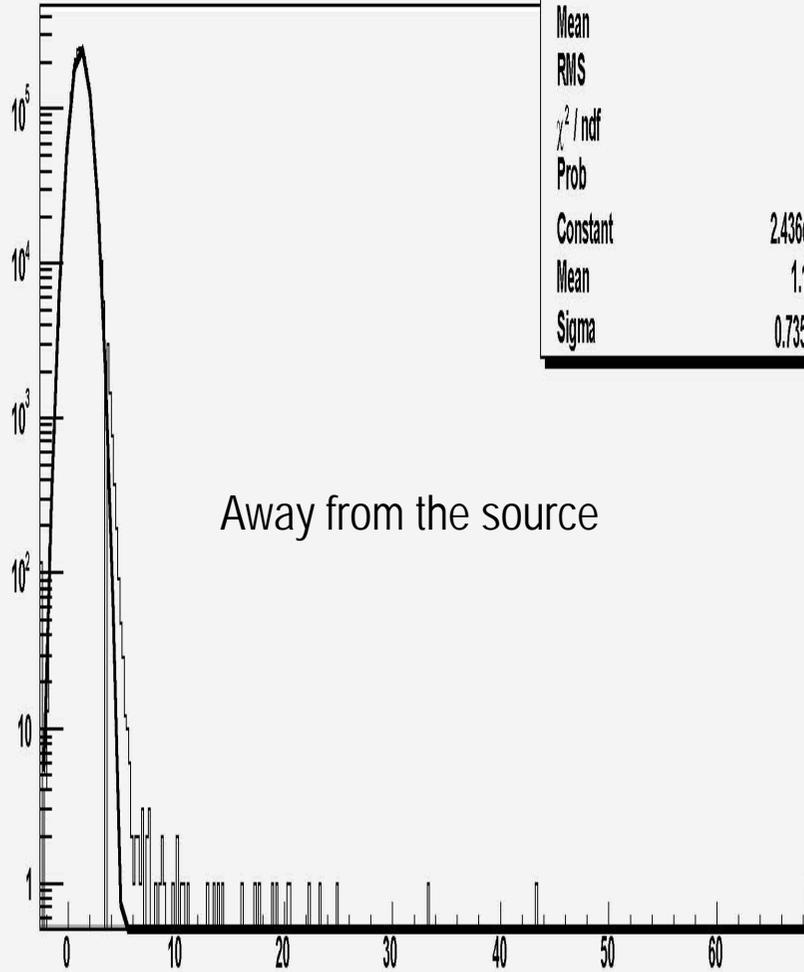


Absolute Efficiency vs Threshold w/ 120GeV P



Reponses to Source – GEM-kPix

Charge, KPIX=0x190, Chan=0x1a

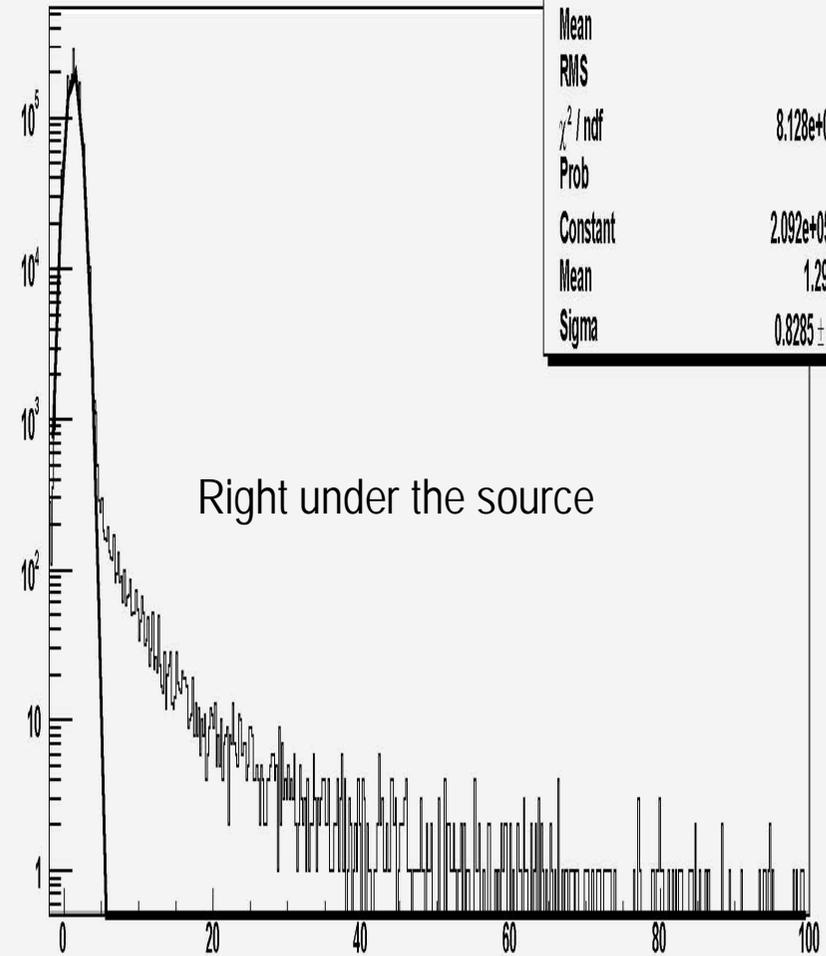


c_0x190_1a

Entries	2253710
Mean	1.171
RMS	0.7493
χ^2 / ndf	9495 / 71
Prob	0
Constant	$2.436 \times 10^5 \pm 203$
Mean	1.167 ± 0.000
Sigma	0.7357 ± 0.0004

Away from the source

Charge, KPIX=0x190, Chan=0x32



c_0x190_32

Entries	2253708
Mean	1.316
RMS	1.142
χ^2 / ndf	$8.128 \times 10^4 / 348$
Prob	0
Constant	$2.092 \times 10^5 \pm 174$
Mean	1.29 ± 0.00
Sigma	0.8285 ± 0.0004

Right under the source

Future Plans for GEM/DHCAL

- Construct $\sim 1\text{m}^2$ plane(s) as precursor to 1m^3 GEM/DHCAL stack.
- Issue with foil supplier: 3M closing plant in Missouri
- Have obtained quotes from CERN for 99cm x 32cm foils.
- LCDRD Supplement, 2nd year - minimal amount to purchase foils + limited postdoc support.
- Attention to 1m^2 plane design - walls/thickness, gas supply, KPiX readout...
- Next generation KPiX (256...1024 channels)

The End

V Further Developments

1 – glass RPCs

Investigation of ways to protect the front-end electronics from sparks

→ Need more than the protection diodes inside ASIC
(so far has not created problems!)

Front-end readout

Investigation of ways to **increase multiplexing**

increase number of channels for the front-end chip
token ring passing between chips

....

Investigation of ways to **reduce the thickness** of the readout boards

embedded ASICs, non-packaged ASICs...

Implementation of **power pulsing**

tuned to the timing of the ILC bunch crossings
reduced power consumption

Digital Hadron Calorimeter: Calibration Procedure

Convert number of hits into the energy of particle

Data

$$E_{\text{hadron}} = \alpha_{\text{samp}} (\sum_i H_i) \cdot \sum_i (H_i - B_i) \cdot (\epsilon_0^{\text{MIP}} / \epsilon_i^{\text{MIP}}) \cdot (\mu_0^{\text{MIP}} / \mu_i^{\text{MIP}})$$

i ... index running over layers
 H_i ... number of hits in layer i
 ϵ_0^{MIP} ... average MIP efficiency
 μ_0^{MIP} ... average pad multiplicity

From testbeam

Number of pads firing for one MIP in layer i

Efficiency for having at least one pad firing in layer i

Average noise rate in layer i

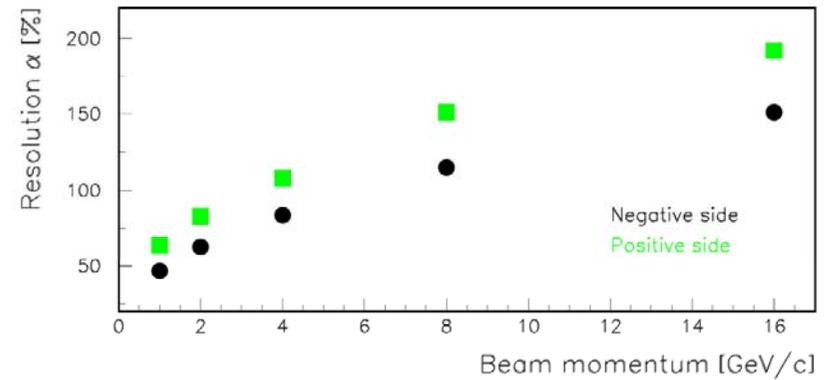
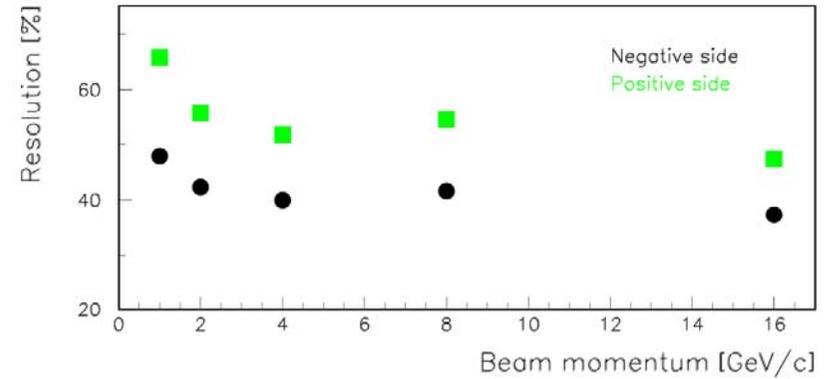
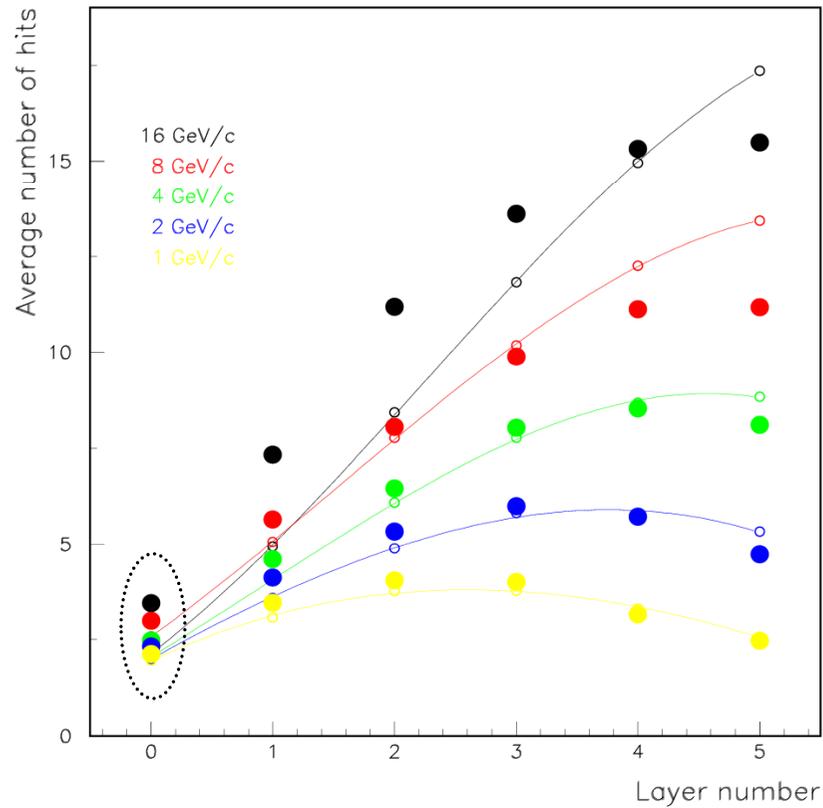
From measurement with MIPs

Monte Carlo

Generate events using ϵ_0^{MIP} and μ_0^{MIP} → see later
Allows for direct comparison with data (at the hit level)

Resolution values corrected for non-linearity

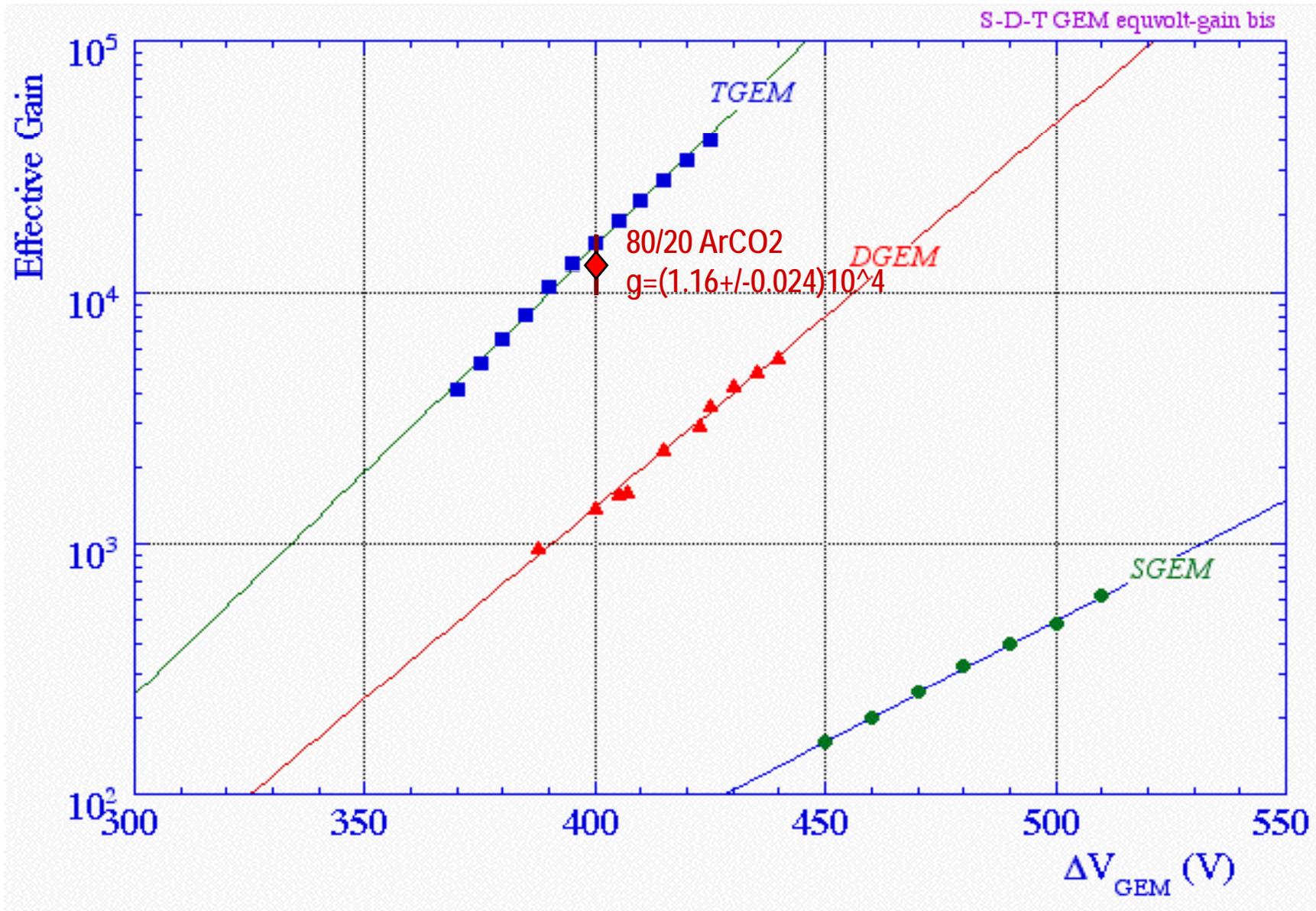
Remember → Dominated by leakage
Effect of overlaps (saturation) secondary



Measurement of longitudinal shower shape

Agreement with simulation adequate (at best)
Simulation - Requires additional material in beam line

UTA GEM Chamber Gain



Source Runs with kPix Readout

