

## The <u>high voltage system</u> for the novel MPGD-based photon detectors of COMPASS RICH-1

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- The HV requirements for the novel COMPASS RICH photon detectors
- The HV system and its control
- HV performance of the hybrid MPGDs for COMPASS RICH-1
- Future perspectives in Trieste for MPGD-dedicated HV systems
- Summarizing



# THE CONTEXT

## The novel photon detectors for the upgrade

of the sensor system of COMPASS RICH-1









## THE DETECTOR HV REQUIREMENTS



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# HV DISTRIBUTION

## HV distribution to the electrodes involved in multiplication



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## More electrodes needed to shape the electric field at the detector edges Field shaping electrodes : The applied voltage must properly scale with the THGEM voltage !



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#### THGEM HV distribution

- 1 chamber: 2 hybrids (detectors)
- 1 hybrid: 2 sectors

 $\rightarrow$  1 sector is 25% of a detector, i.e. 6 % of the total instrumented surface

I sector: 6 segments

 $\rightarrow$  1 segment is 4% of a detector, i.e. 1 % of the total instrumented surface



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- First exercise to identify the feeble channels
  - only the THGEM1 (2) sectors on at high HV, with THGEM2(1) at lower HV



#### → THGEM1's (Csl coated) are performing better !





#### Studying segment by segment

- 2 dedicated voltage distribution boxes built
  - 6 segments per box, independent HV supply
- Dedicated software control tool





## Parametrizing the test results via a single figure

- Extract it from the spark rate vs voltage
  - 3 algorithm used
    - When they give the same indication
      - (LARGE MAJORITY OF CASES), use it



When they are at variance, repeat the measurement



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#### Identified feeble sectors have separate HV supply channel providing scaled HV



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# THE (commercial) HARDWARE



- THGEMs:
- CAEN A1561HDN, -6kV, SHV, 12 channels, 50 pA current monitor resolution
  - Fully satisfactory

- **MMs**:
- CAEN A7030DP, +3kV, SHV, 12 channels, 2 nA current monitor resolution
  - Not enough current resolution, unstable current off-set

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# HV control

## **HV control**

# In total 136 HV channels with correlated values

## Gain stability vs P, T:

- G = G(V, T/P)
- Enhenced in a multistage detector
- $\Delta T = 1^{\circ}C \rightarrow \Delta G \approx 12 \%$
- $\Delta P = 5 \text{ mbar } \Rightarrow \Delta G \approx 18 \%$

## • THE WAY OUT:

- Compensate T/P variations by V
  - → Gain stability at 10% level



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<u>Custom-made</u> (C++, wxWidgets)

- Compliant with COMPASS DCS (slow control)
- "OwnScale" to fine-tune for gain uniformity
- V, I measured and logged at 1 Hz
- Autodecrease HV if needed (too high sparkrate)
- User interaction via GUI





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# HYBRID DETECTORS: about THGEMs

- Lessons about THGEMs
  - Full correlation of discharges THGEM1 & THGEM2
  - Recovery time <10 s</li>
  - Discharge rates: ~ no dependence on beam intensity and even beam on-off



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# HYBRID DETECTORS: about MMs

## Our approach to resistive MMs and spark control

#### Pads A & B (the two adjacent pads being studied) are powered by the same PS



The HV of the non tripping pad is very limited affected:

#### 2V drop $\rightarrow$ ~4% drop in G

<u>**R** ~ 0.5 G $\Omega$  is preserving the non-tripping pads efficient all the time !</u>

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## Lessons about MMs

- A part 1 MM, full correlation between THGEM and MM sparks
- Recovery time ~1s



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# MPGD-dedicated HV system

## Main goal: match the HV PS MPGD-requirements not commercially available

- true real-time monitoring of the main parameters (voltage, current)
- the <u>fast control</u> of the HV channels
- the use of local intelligence for the application of <u>feedback protocols</u> when pre-breakdown conditions are detected
- <u>HV generated at the detector level</u>: HV cabling, connectors, space constrains, **cost**, **accumulated charge** issues
- Modularity of the system: large size projects employing MPGDs may use a large number of channels (M/S architecture)
- Compactness

#### **Goal parameters:**

- <u>Time stamp</u> resolution for current and voltage monitoring in the order of 10 ns or better
- <u>High resolution voltage monitoring</u> better than 0.5 Volt on several kVolt scale at sampling rate > 100 kHz
- <u>Precise current monitoring</u> at the level of 10 pA at sampling rate > 100 kHz







Block diagram of the architecture of the HV system

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## SUMMARIZING

## In spite of the complexity of hybrid MPGDs:

- The implemented HV system with sophisticated control allows for
  - · Safety operation
  - Collection of information for understanding and monitoring the detector behavior
- The electrical stability of the hybrid detectors is satisfactory at gains >/= 20 k
  - Not trivial: so far all MPGDs are operated in exp.s with gains < 10 k
- A MPGD-dedicated HV system is under development in Trieste
  - Main Features:
    - Generation of the HV at the detector
    - Real-time V, I information and handling
  - Goals:
    - Support to R&D activity
    - . Tool for experiments (debugging, monitor, local feedback protocols)

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