

Development of a modular mini-pad gaseous photon detector for RICH applications at the EIC



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- COMPASS RICH Hybrid PDs Mini-pad prototype architecture THGEMs preparation Micromegas performance Test-beam at CERN M4 Encouraging results
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#### The experience of COMPASS RICH-1

A large gaseous RICH providing:

hadron PID from 3 to 60 GeV/c

acceptance: H: 500 mrad V: 400 mrad

trigger rates: up to ~50 KHz beam rates up to ~10<sup>8</sup> Hz

material in the beam region: 1.2% X<sub>o</sub> material in the acceptance: 22% X<sub>o</sub>

detector designed in 1996 in operation since 2002 with MWPCs upgraded in 2006 with MAPMTs, in 2016 with THGEMs + Micromegas

total investment: ~ 5 M €



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# **Detected photons per ring**



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# The mini-pad PD architecture

Modular structure: all components and services within the active area

Prototype with 10x10 cm<sup>2</sup> active area.

1024 square pads of 3x3 mm<sup>2</sup> with 0.5 mm inter-pad space



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## **THGEM** raw material selection

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Our thickness uniformity requirements are stricter than those offered by producers  $\rightarrow$  material selection 50 foils of 1245 mm x 1092 mm  $\rightarrow$  cut out borders  $\rightarrow$  800 mm x 800 mm  $\rightarrow$  <u>thickness measurement</u>

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underpressure induced flatness

for each foil 36 x 36 points in square pattern are measured 2 measurements (direct and reversed) to allow consistency checks.

Positioning blocks

700 X 700 mm<sup>2</sup> active area borders



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# Good THGEM response





Test performed using Ar:CO2 70:30 gas mixture, <sup>55</sup>Fe source, AMPTEK Mini-X, Picoquant PLD 4000B Ar:CO2 70:30,

**CREMAT CR110 + ORTEC + AMPTEK MCA 8000A** 





THGEM gain uniformity: ~ 5%



# The mini-pad Micromegas





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Produced at CERN, standard bulk technology woven stainless steel mesh,18 µm wires, 63 µm pitch One pillar per pad, 500 µm diameter.

Gap = 128 µm.





## The anode structure



"surface anode" pad





"buried pad"





## HV and readout cards



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## Non uniform response



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## **HV and readout**



**SRS Scalable** 

developed in

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Readout System

**RD51** 





Ar:CH4 50:50

#### **Picoquant PLD 4000B pulsed UV laser source**





# Csl coating of THGEMs



















#### Installation in the RD51 beam area







### **Expected rings**









#### Rings in Ar:CH<sub>4</sub> 50:50 and pure CH<sub>4</sub>



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- A gaseous Photon Detector prototype was built with readout pads of 3 x 3 mm<sup>2</sup>
- It has the THGEM Micromegas architecture of the COMPASS RICH hybrid PDs
- A non uniformity of response from the pads was investigated and corrected for
- A test-beam at the CERN H4 beam line was performed
- The first results are encouraging