# Micromegas for sampling calorimetry

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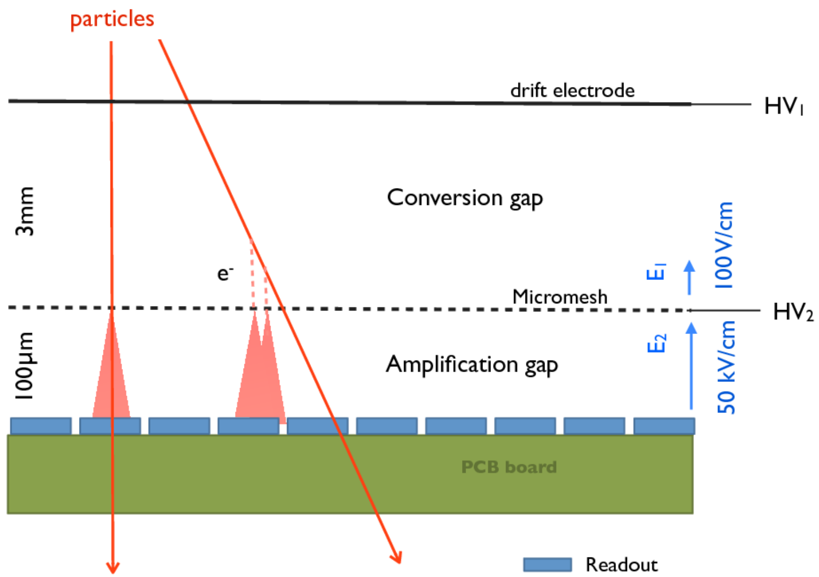
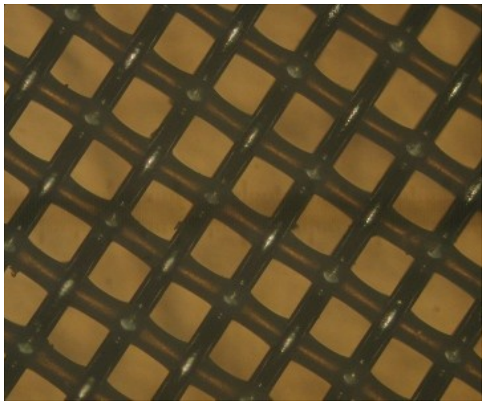
- ✗ *Micromegas & gaseous calorimetry*
- ✗ *Group expertise & resources*
- ✗ *Achievements*
- ✗ *Future*

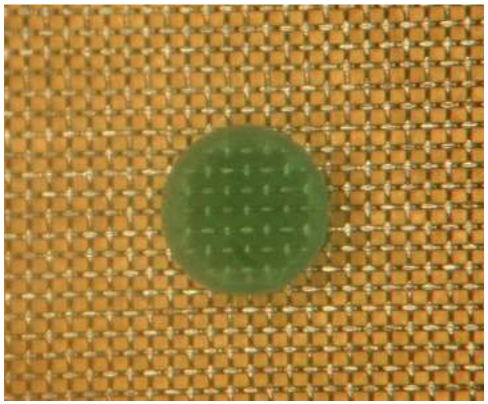
# Micromegas & gaseous calorimetry

Low multiplication factor – Narrow avalanche – Fast charge collection → Space charge field ~ 0

→ Signal are proportional to the energy deposited in the gas ↔ ***linear response***





Mesh lies on pillars (1% dead zone) → uniform E-field → *Small constant term & easy calibration*

High rate capability of tens of MHz/cm$^2$ → *Barrel/endcap/forward region-compatible*

Simple gas (e.g. Ar/$CO_2$) & low voltages (500 V, 40 kV/cm) → *No ageing*

Gas gain dependence on P/T/V well known → *Response stable with time*

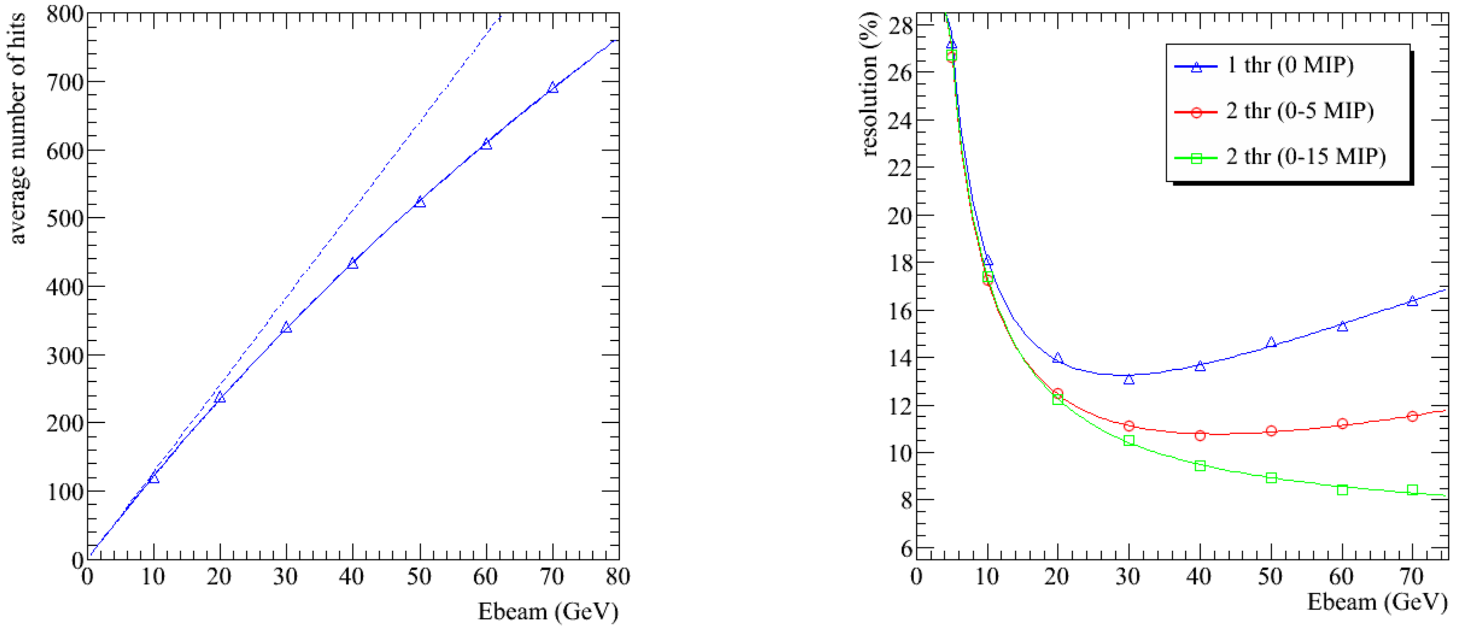
# Semi-digital hadron calorimetry

Micromegas suitable for ECAL & HCAL. In the case of Particle-Flow calorimetry:

✗ Alternative to Si for W-ECAL but with larger Molière radius & worse energy resolution;

✗ *Candidate for a Fe-DHCAL (ILC)* and W-DHCAL (CLIC).

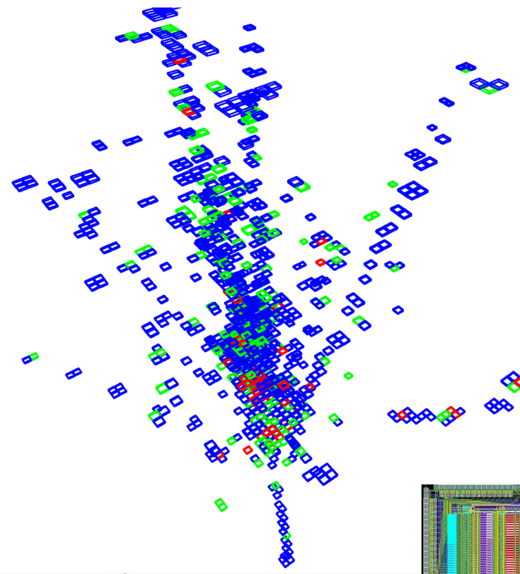
Expected response & resolution to pions of a HCAL with 1-bit & 2-bit readout (Geant4)




The response of a DHCAL is saturated with consequences on the energy resolution.

But off-line compensation techniques can be used to correct for it, e.g. 2- bit readout.

# Group expertise

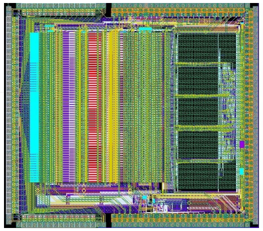


## Prototyping

Large area Micromegas with embedded ASICs

Spark protection with resistive coatings

Micro-electronics (MICROROC ASIC with Omega)

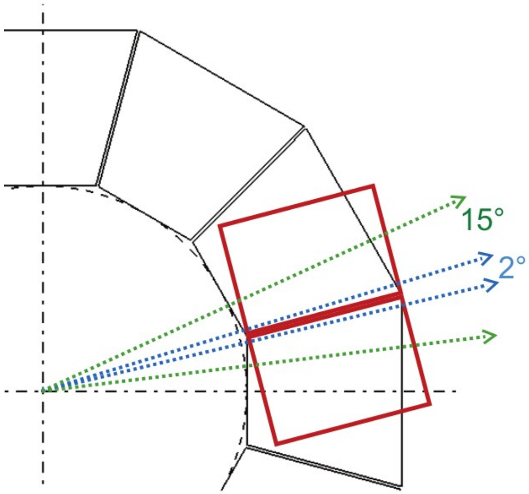


## Detector optimisation (simulation)

Analogue/digital performance

Compensation algorithms

Geometry optimisation (SDHCAL & SiD barrel)




## Data acquisition for SDHCAL

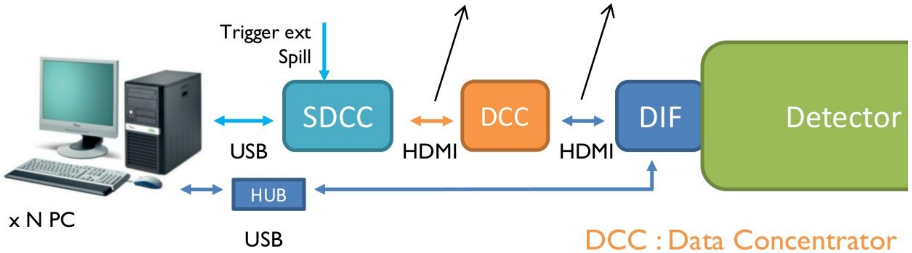
Design of front-end board (DIF)

Firmware of all readout boards

## Software

Acquisition for Micromegas (Labview)

Reco & analysis of SDHCAL (C++ framework)




## Physics studies

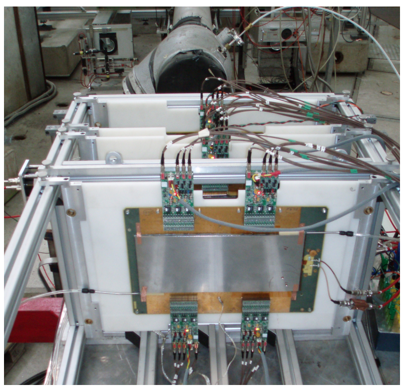
Z' & SUSY particles @ CLIC

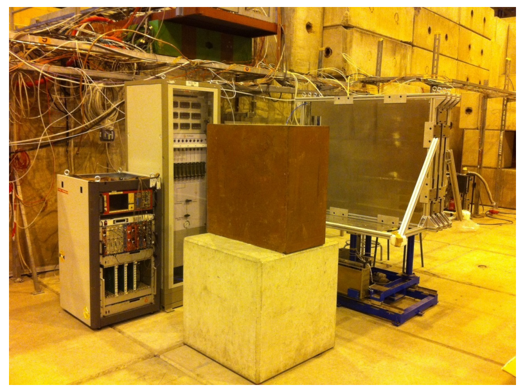
# Collaborations, resources & chronology

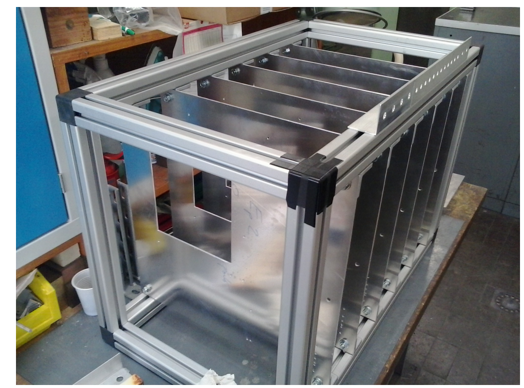
Strong implication in CALICE (SDHCAL), RD51 (large MPGD), CLIC (det. & phys.)

Collaborators: IN2P3 groups, Irfu, Athens NTUA, Weizmann institute

Funds: IN2P3, ANR (SDHCAL & SPLAM), AAP





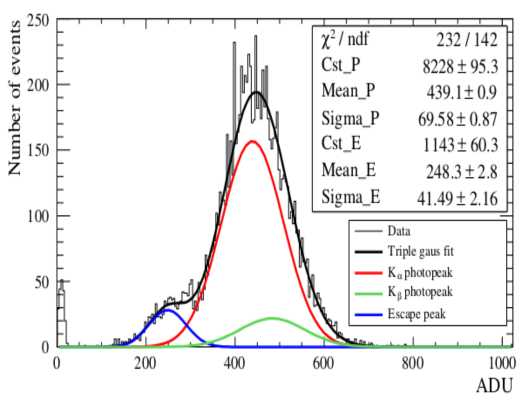


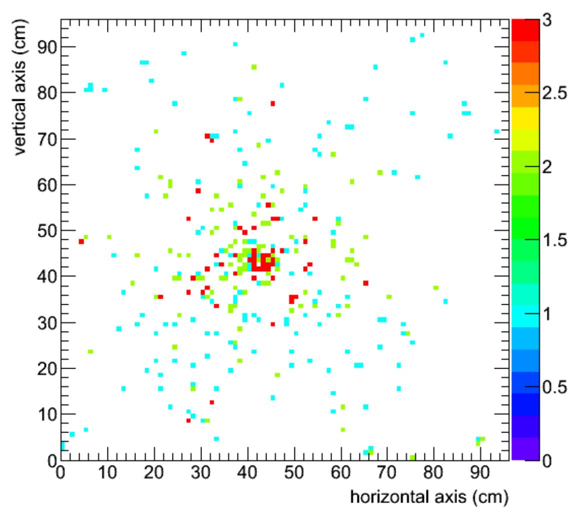
*2006-2009* *2009-2012* *2012-2013*

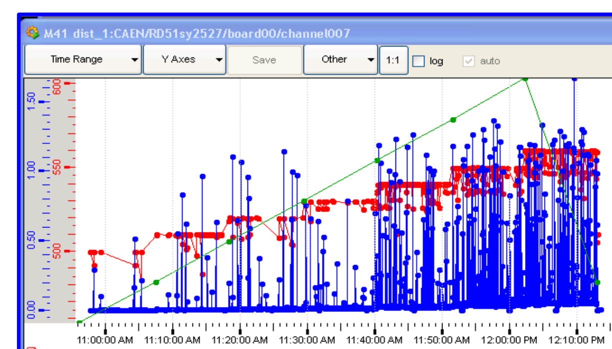
*Proof-of-principle*

*Large area (SDHCAL)*

*Spark protection (SPLAM)*



# Micromegas prototype of 1x1 m$^2$

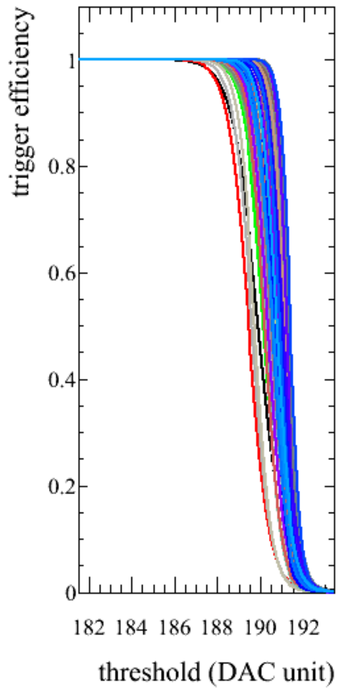
ASIC (MICROROC) with noise of ~ 6500 e$^-$ RMS

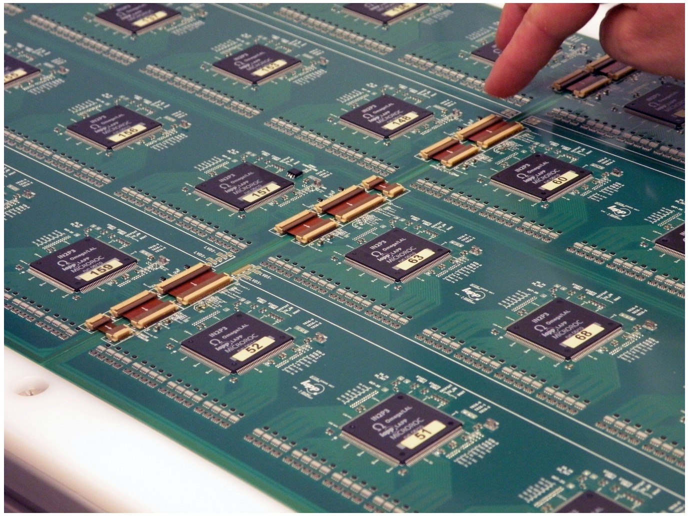
Threshold of 1 fC (S/N~25) with a dispersion of 0.2 fC RMS

Active Sensor Units (24 ASIC) with flexible interconnects + spark protections

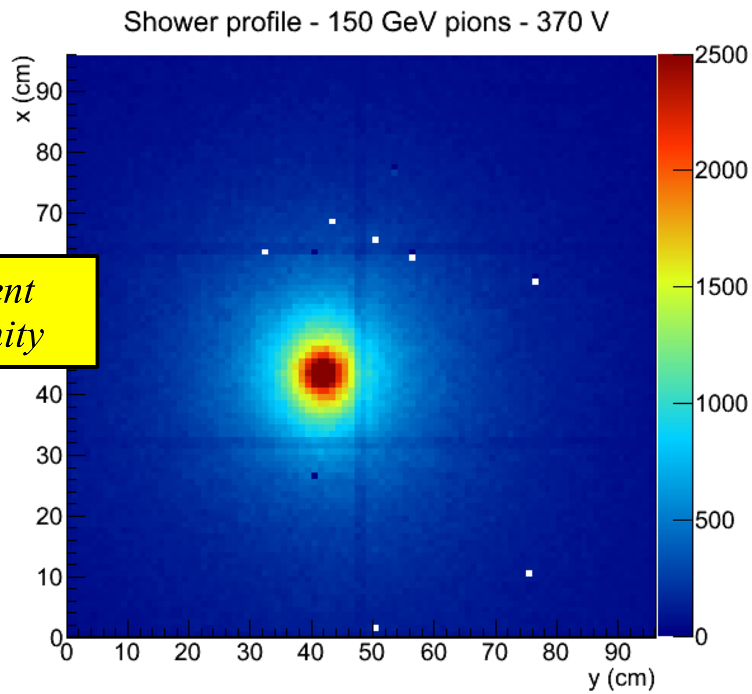
(+ calibration inputs, analogue readout & T sensor)

Modular mechanical design based on 6 ASU: thickness <1 cm, 2% dead zones



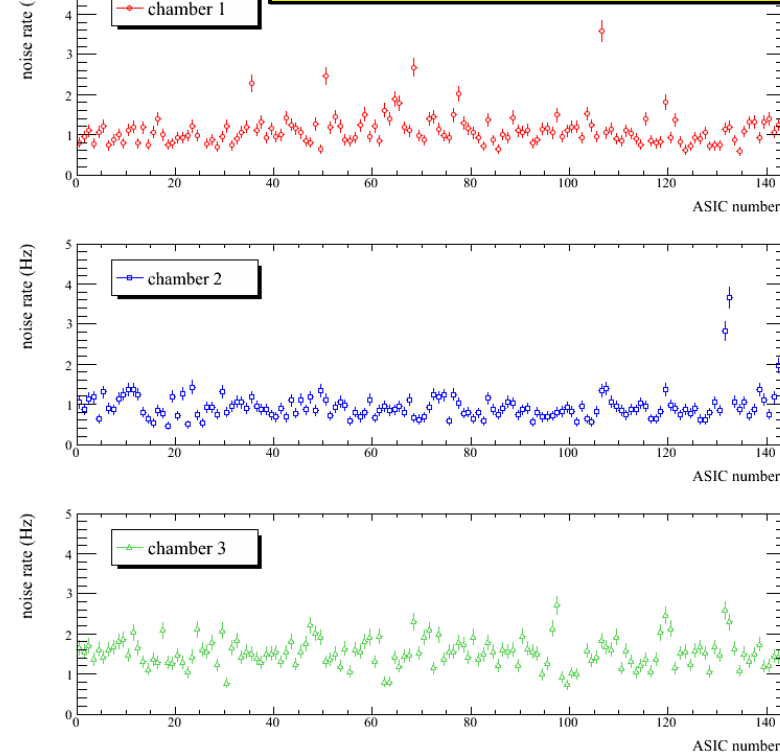



# Highlights of testbeam results (characterisation)

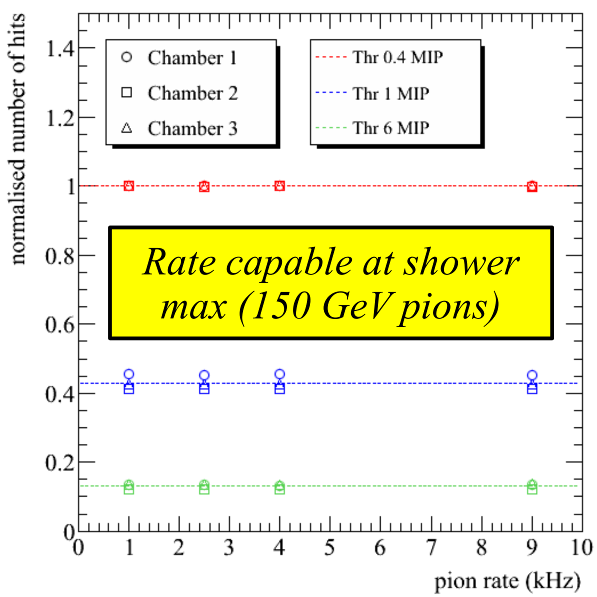



*Excellent uniformity*

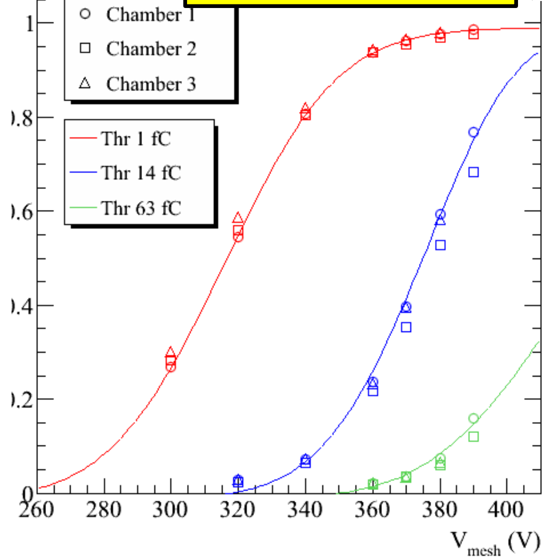
*Low noise (1 Hz/ASIC in SDHCAL)*



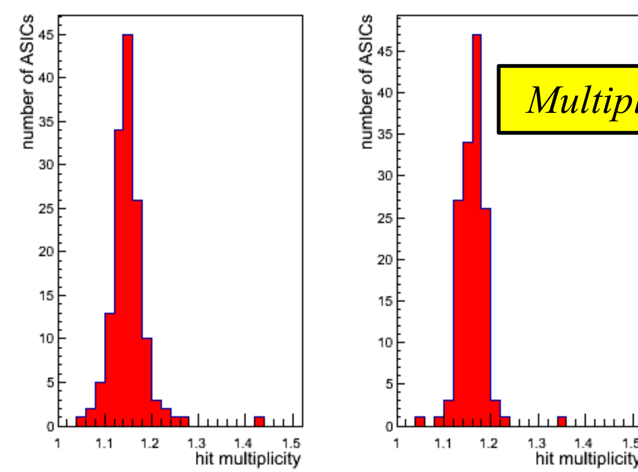

*Rate capable at shower max (150 GeV pions)*




*Efficiency > 95%*

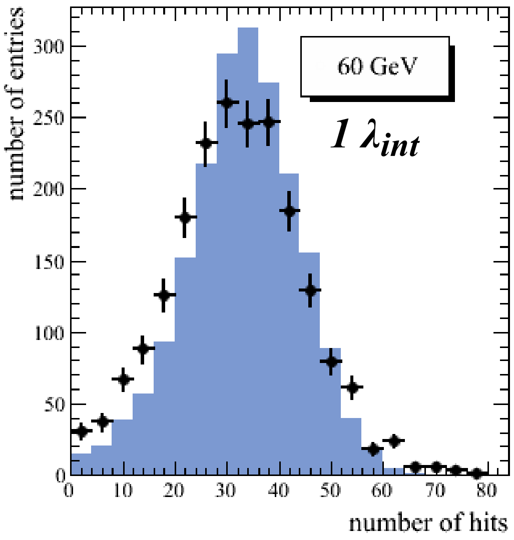



*Multiplicity ~ 1*



# Highlights of testbeam results (calorimetry 1/2)

1. we measured the number of hits behind various Fe-absorber thickness...




*Pions (SPS) 20-150 GeV*

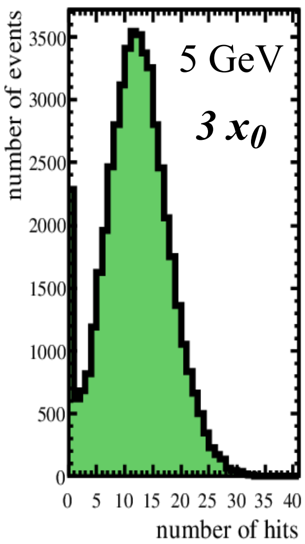
SDHCAL (46 RPC + 4 Micromegas)

→ Shower start ID

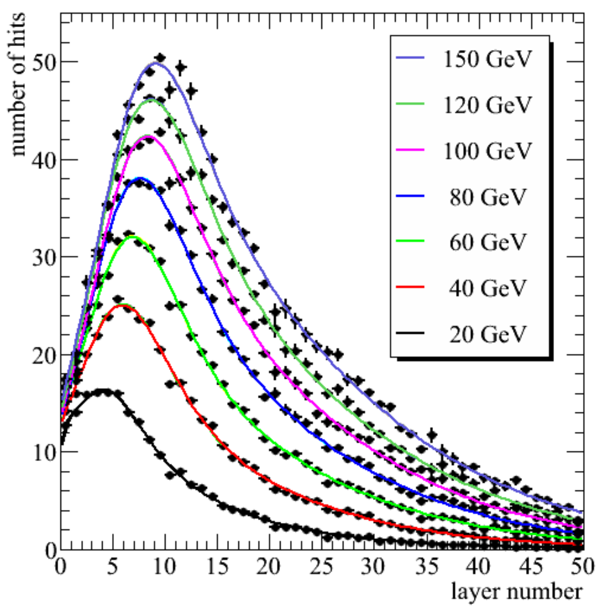
*Electrons (DESY) 1-5 GeV*

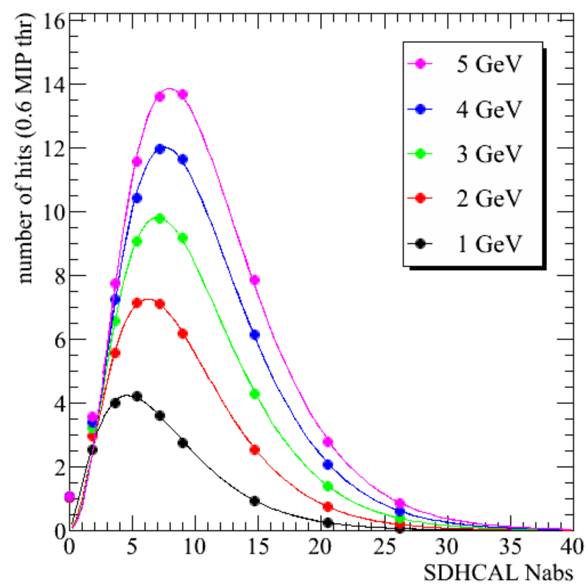
1 Micromegas + N absorbers

No shower start ID but little fluctuations




2. and determine the shower longitudinal profile in a SDHCAL at various energies...

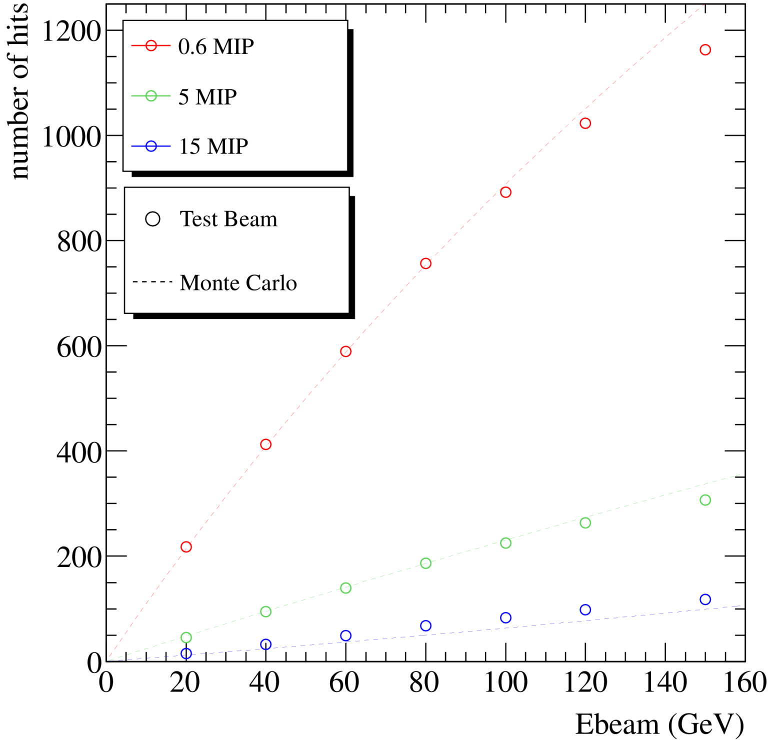


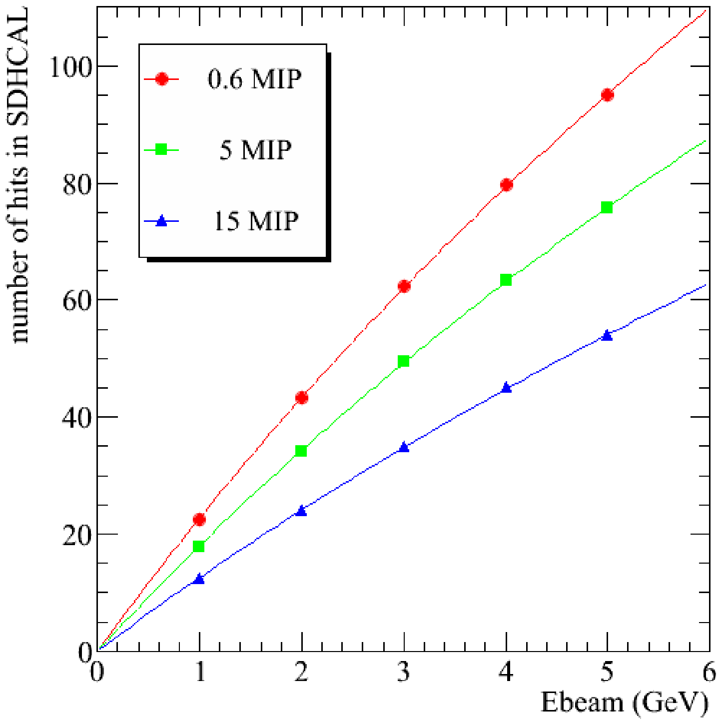
# Highlights of testbeam results (calorimetry 2/2)

3. by integration of the profile, we obtain the response of a virtual Micromegas SDHCAL...

*pions (CERN)*




*electrons (DESY)*




4. and start testing Monte Carlo (so far for pions only)

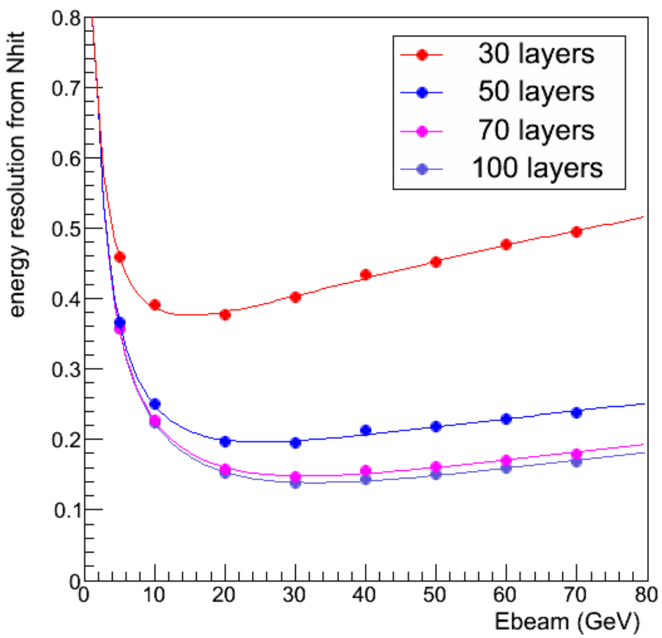
→ Lots of (shower) physics with a few layers!

# Highlights of simulation work (1/2)

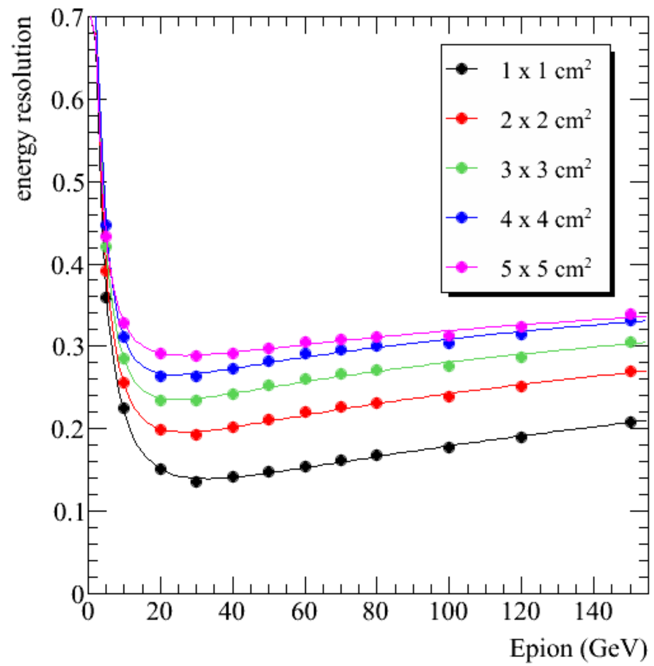
Our model of Micromegas SDHCAL fits well the measured pion response

It is used to investigate the energy resolution of a SDHCAL to single pions (before studying jets)

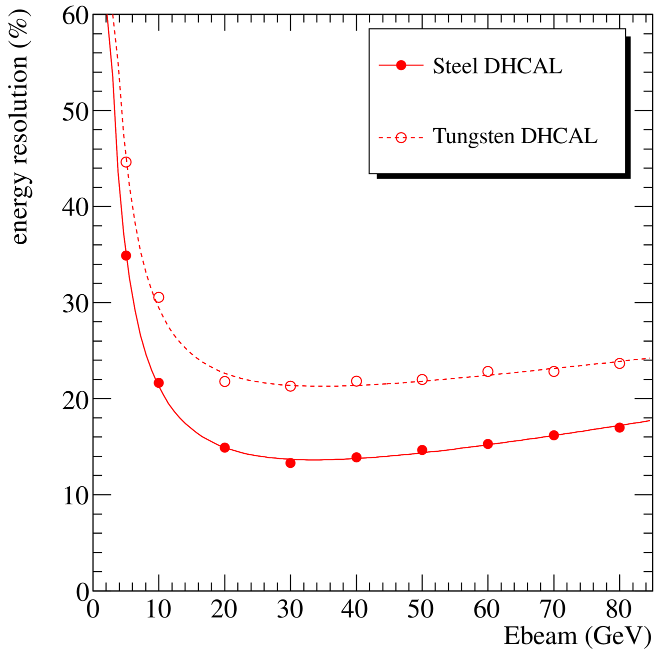
*Raw DHCAL response needs corrections for leaks & saturation*




***Rear leakage (Fe)***
*Number of layer*




***Saturation (Fe)***
*Pad size*




***Saturation***
*Absorber Fe-W*

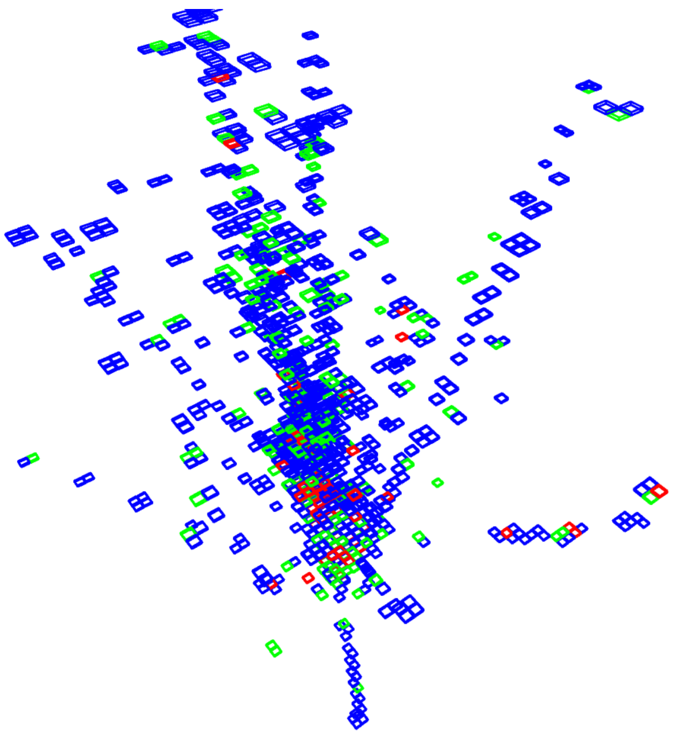
# Highlights of simulation work (2/2)

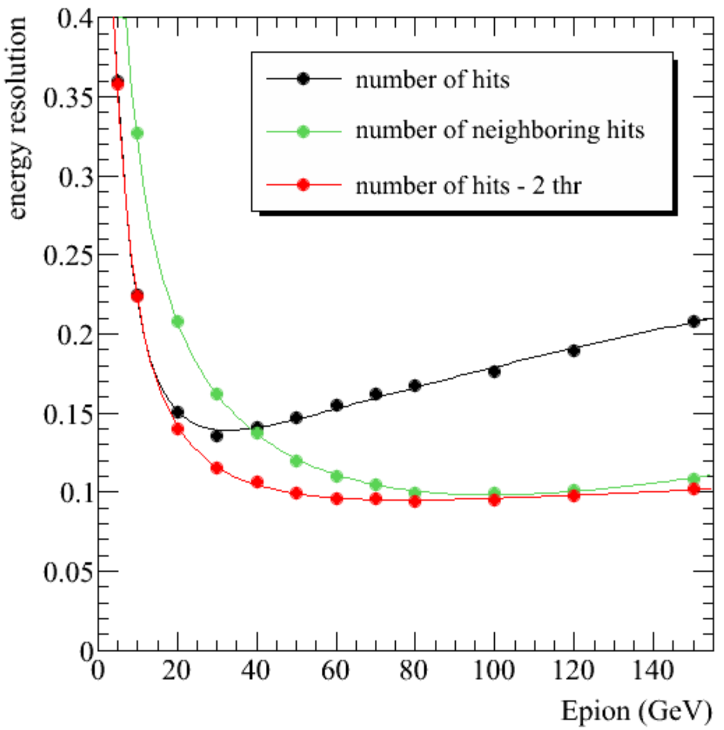
## Compensation

*= equalisation of response to EM and H part of hadron showers improves linearity & resolution*

→ EM energy is concentrated in a small volume (Molière radius) → geometric saturation

→ In a (S)DHCAL, it can be tagged with **hit density** or with **multi-threshold** readout



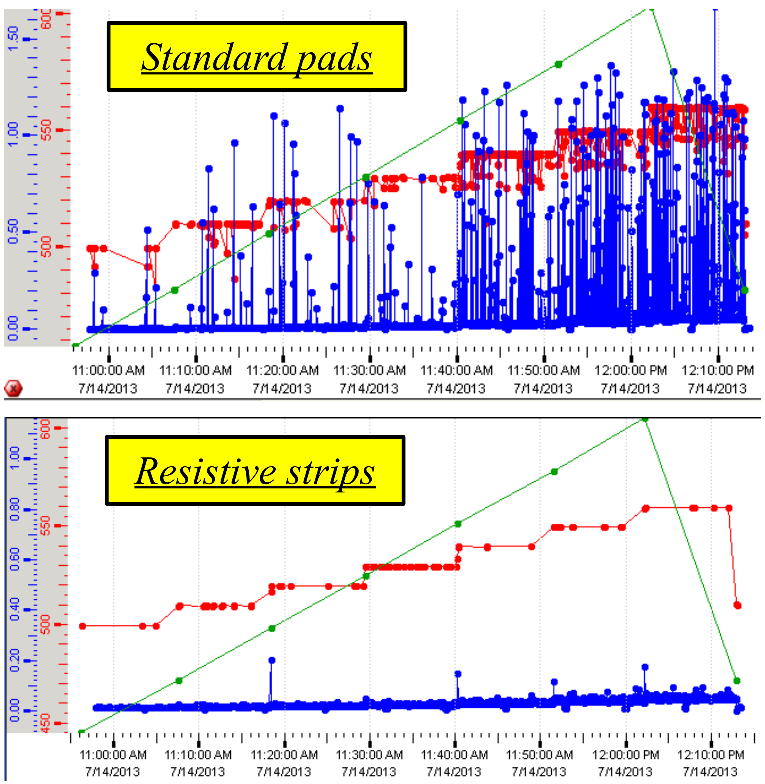


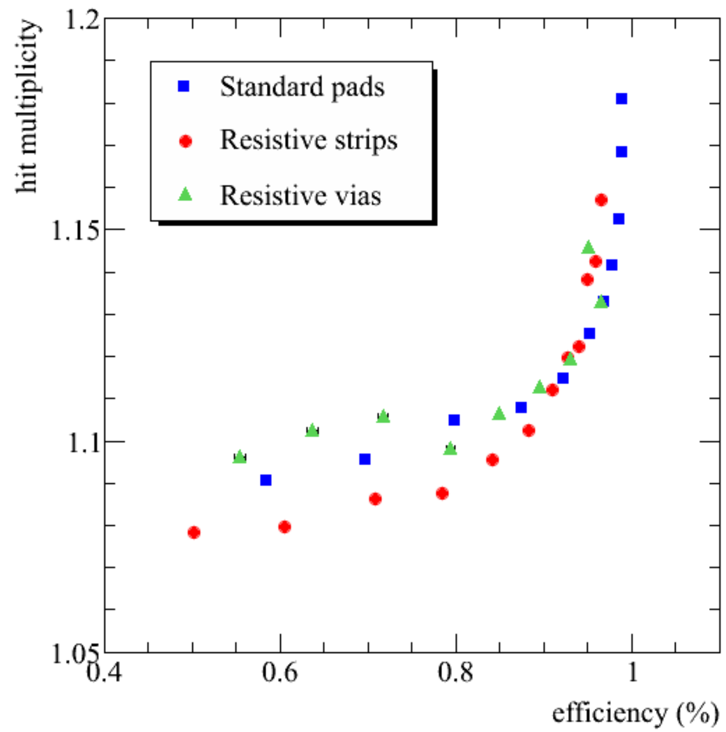
# Resistive Micromegas (1/2)

## Improvements of existing large prototypes

Avoid discharges (measured probability = $10^{-6}$ / showering pion / $m^2$) with resistive layers

Simplify PCB by removing current-limiting diodes

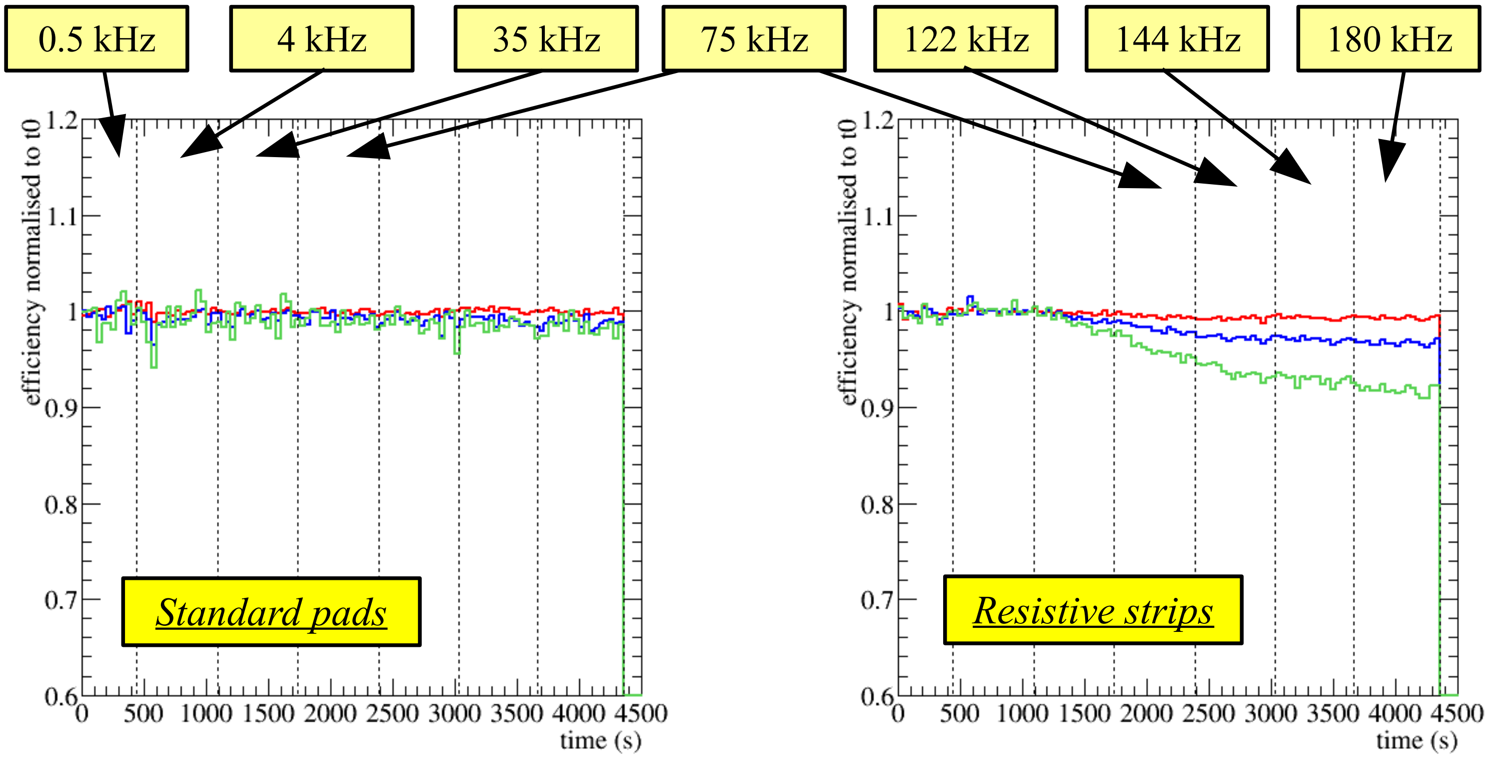



Challenge 1: do not change efficiency/multiplicity → specific R-strip patterns

# Resistive Micromegas (2/2)

Challenge 2: Maintain rate capability as high as possible




## Rate scan

5 GeV $e^-$ beam

Collim. 2x2 $cm^2$

Thr0 = 0.5 MIP

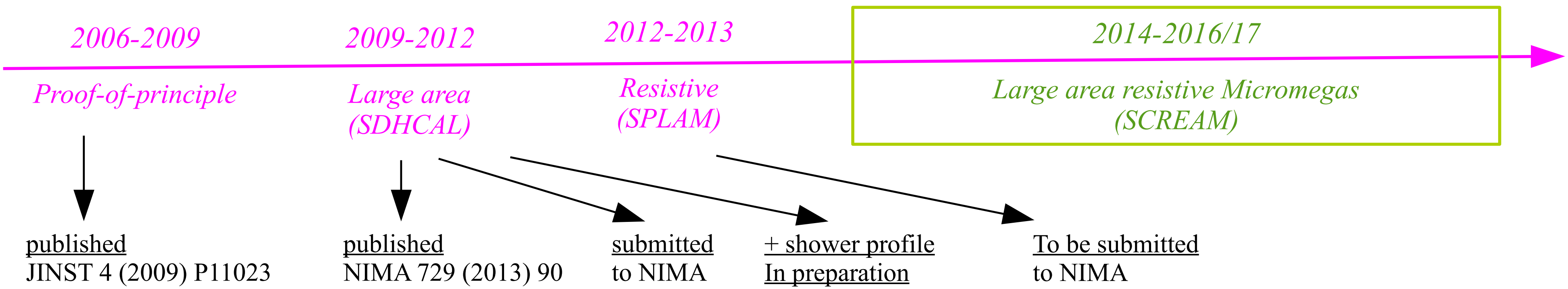
Thr1 = 5 MIP

Thr2 = 15 MIP

Rate effects in resistive prototypes seen but remain small

Analysis on-going to understand & model the underlying mechanisms

# Future plans (and publication)




Two R&D phases completed: large area Micromegas (SDHCAL) & resistive Micromegas (SPLAM)

→ Next is : calorimeter prototype with large area resistive Micromegas

*ANR proposal called Sampling Calorimetry with Resistive Anode Micromegas (SCREAM)*

**ANR = 0**

Validate resistive large area Micromegas

→ Enlarge PCB size to 48x48 cm$^2$

→ Modify 1x1 m$^2$ chamber design (4 ASU)

**ANR = 1**

Validate Micromegas calorimetry

→ 50 layers of 48x48 cm$^2$

→ Full characterisation completed in 2017

# Conclusions

✗All tests carried out so far prove that Micromegas is a very good choice for a SDHCAL

We expect that a Micromegas calorimeter would out-perform other gaseous technologies

✗Good and improving understanding of the SDHCAL possibilities

Sustained analysis effort of RPC-SDHCAL testbeam data & Geant4 simulation

✗LAPP group gained a strong expertise in R&D for calorimetry

✗Fruitful interaction with IN2P3 groups (ASIC, DAQ, software)

✗With/without ANR support: well defined road map till a possible positive decision of Japan