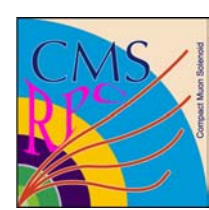


# **Assembly and Testing of RPCs in Pakistan**

**Hafeez Hoorani**

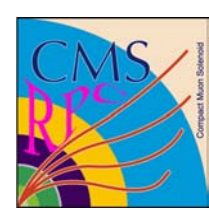
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# Layout



- **Introduction**
- **RPCs in CMS**
- **RPC: From Lab to Detector**
- **Assembly**
- **Testing**
- **QA & QC**
- **Installation and Commissioning**



# Resistive Plate Chambers



## PAST

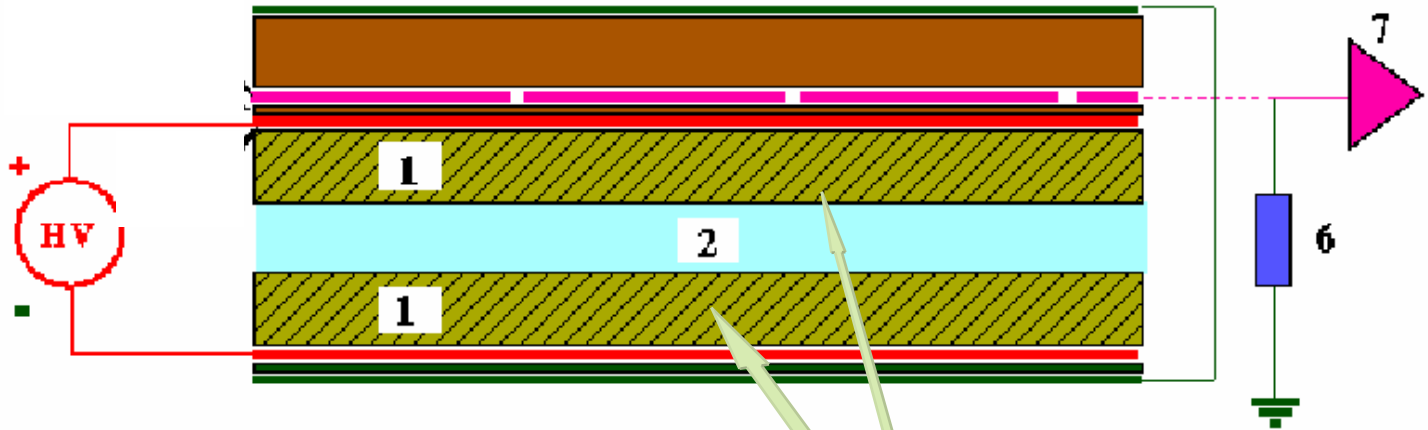
- Used in several HEP experiments: **L3, BaBar, Belle**
- No wires
- High efficiency
- Fast response
- Position measurement
- Low production cost
- Large surfaces

## PRESENT

- LHC experiments: **ATLAS, CMS, ALICE, LHCb**
- Cosmic rays experiments: (ARGO)
- High rate capability
- Low gas gain operation
- Long term performance

# Resistive Plate Chambers

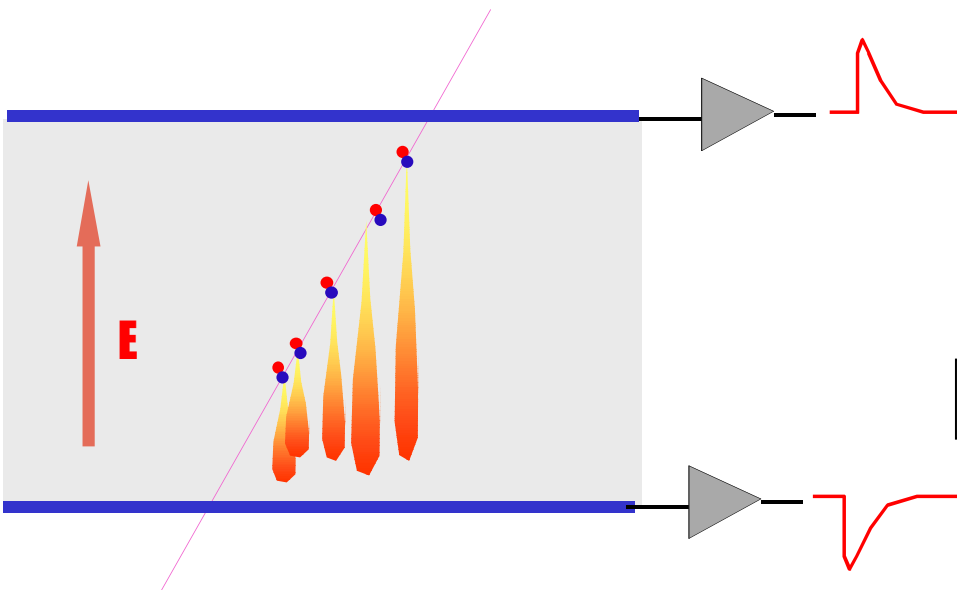
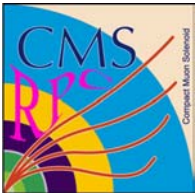
Developed by R. Santonico (Roma) in the early 80'



- Gap: 2 mm
- HV electrodes : 100  $\mu\text{m}$  graphite
- Gas pressure :  $\sim 1$  Atm
- Gas mixture: 70% Ar, 29% iso-Butane, 1% Freon
- Gas flow: 0.1 vol/hour

bakelite resistivity  $10^{10} - 10^{12} \Omega\text{cm}$   
Coated with linseed oil

# Operating Regimes



The avalanche size depends on the anode distance



RPC is not a proportional counter



The signal is induced on the read-out electrodes

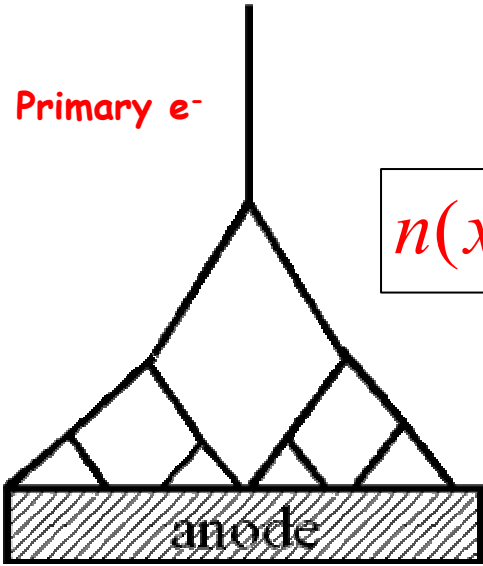
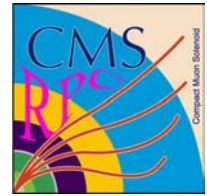
SPARK COUNTER

RESISTIVE PLATE CHAMBERS

AVALANCHE CHAMBERS

Different regimes with different HV

# The Avalanche Regime



Primary  $e^-$

anode

$$n(x) = n_0 e^{\alpha(E)x}$$

$\alpha$  = first Townsend coefficient

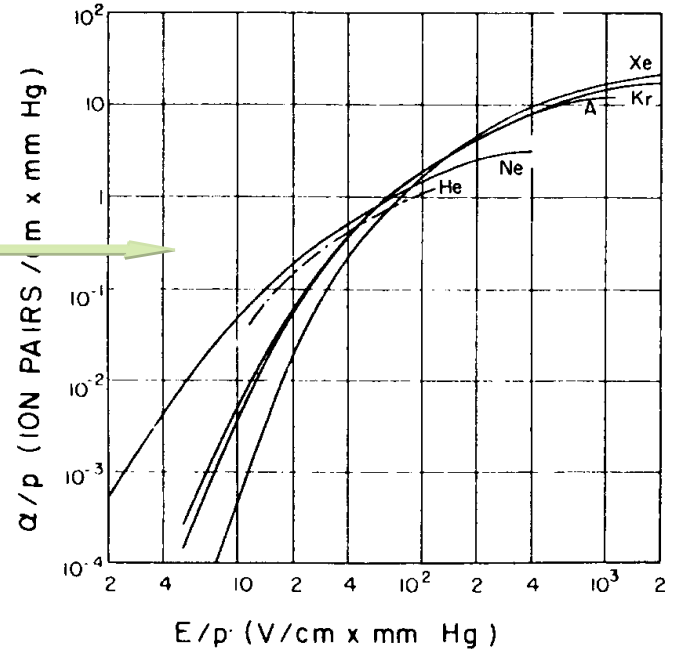
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad \lambda: \text{free mean path}$$

Korff approximation

$$\frac{\alpha}{p} = A e^{-\frac{Bp}{E}}$$

Gain

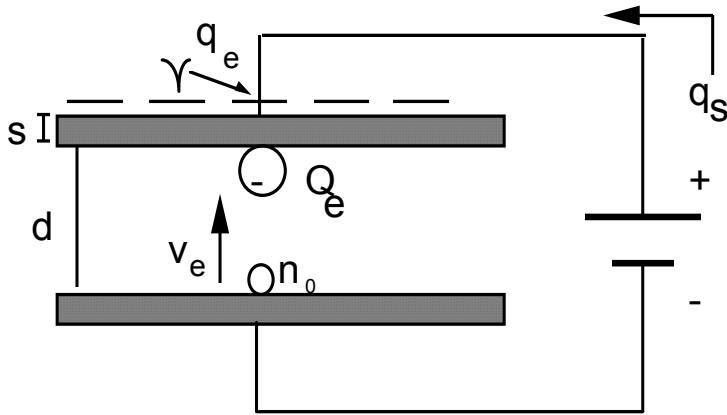
$$M = \frac{n}{n_0} = \exp \left[ \int_0^d \alpha(x) dx \right]$$



# The Avalanche Regime

High rate environment require low gas gain (avalanche operation)

$$\langle q_e \rangle = \frac{k}{\eta d} \langle Q_e(d) \rangle = q_{el} n_0 \frac{k}{\eta d} \frac{\lambda}{\eta + \lambda} e^{\eta d}$$



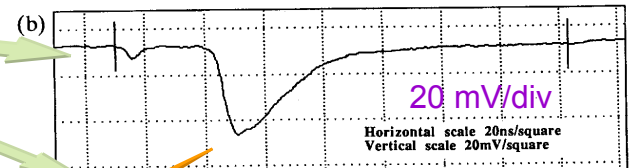
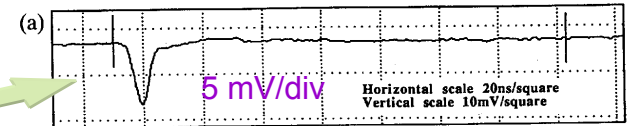
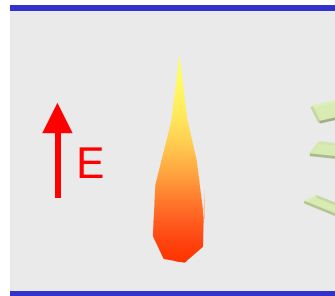
- $k = (\epsilon_r d/s) / (\epsilon_r d/s + 2)$
- $q_{el}$  is the electron charge
- $n_0$  is the average size of the primary cluster
- $\lambda$  is the cluster density in the gas mixture
- $\epsilon_r$  is the relative dielectric constant
- $d$  is the gap width
- $s$  is the electrode thickness

$\lambda$  should be large to achieve high efficiency----->  $C_2H_2F_4$  gas mixtures

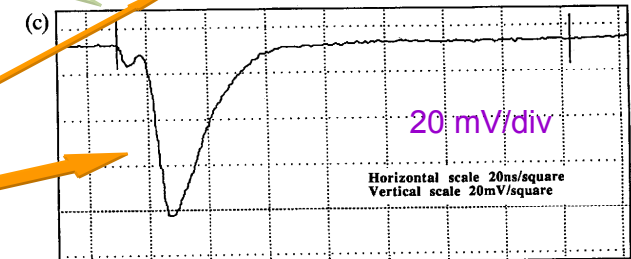
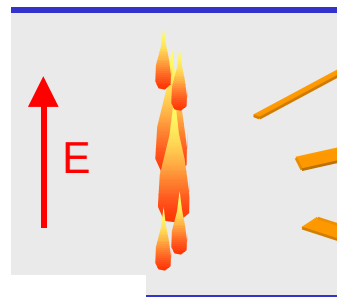
# The Streamer Regime

## Avalanche:

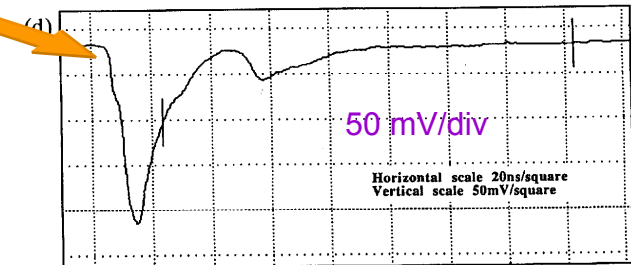
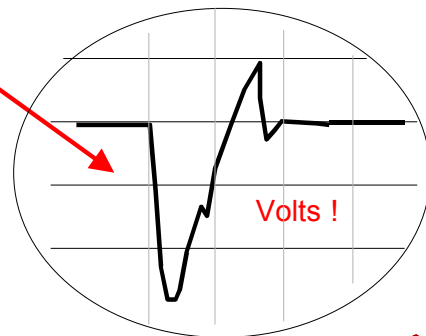
The electric field is such that the electron energy is larger than the ionising potential



## Streamer



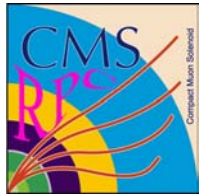
## Spark



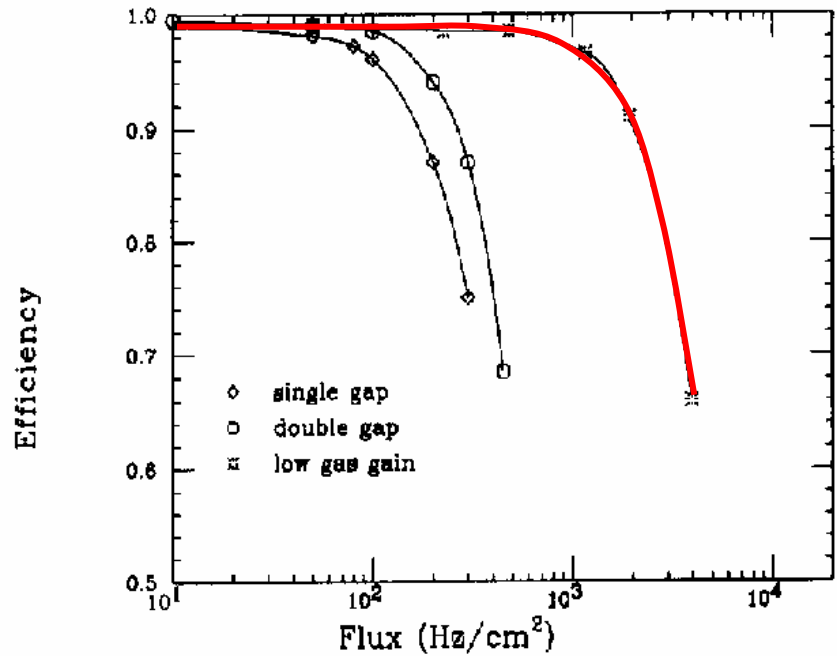
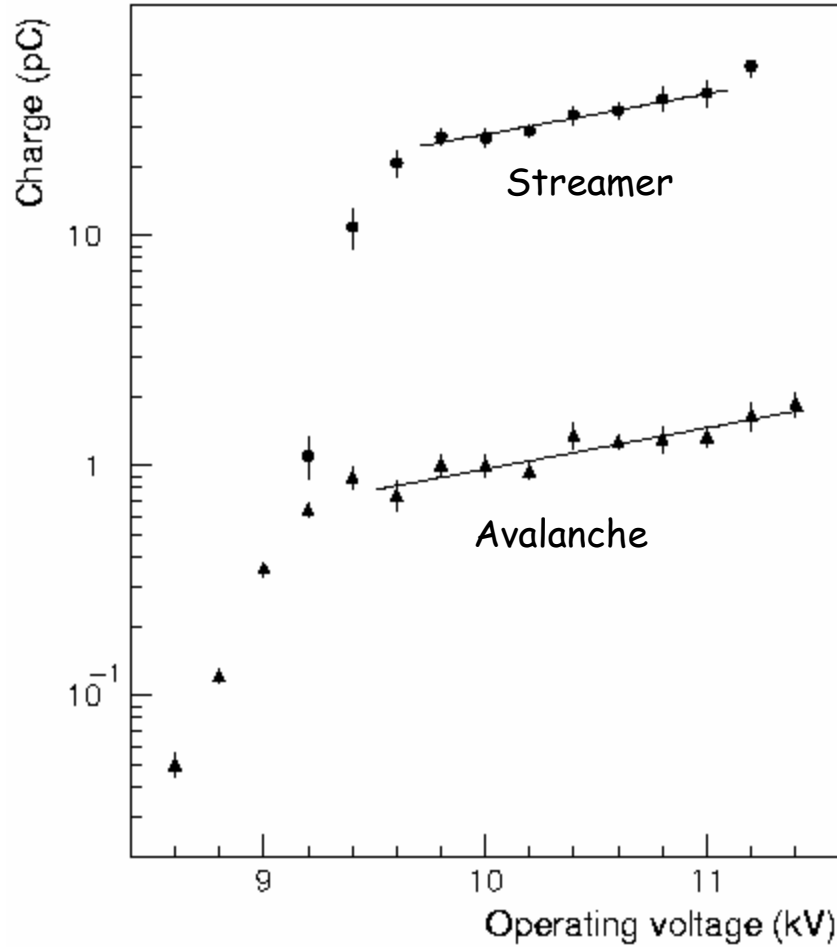
The separation avalanche-streamer decreases with increasing HV



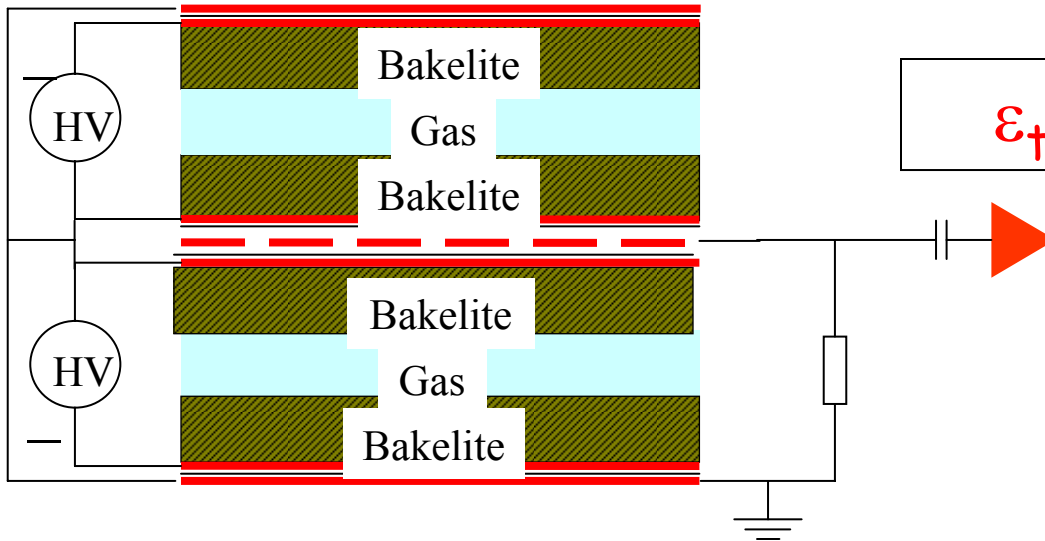
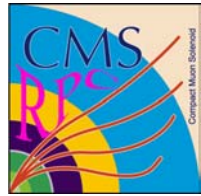
# RPC in Avalanche



Rate capability increases by a factor 10!

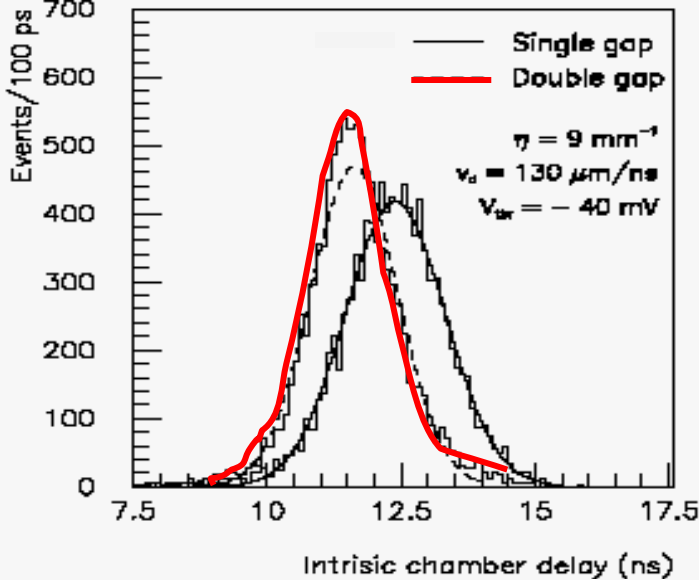
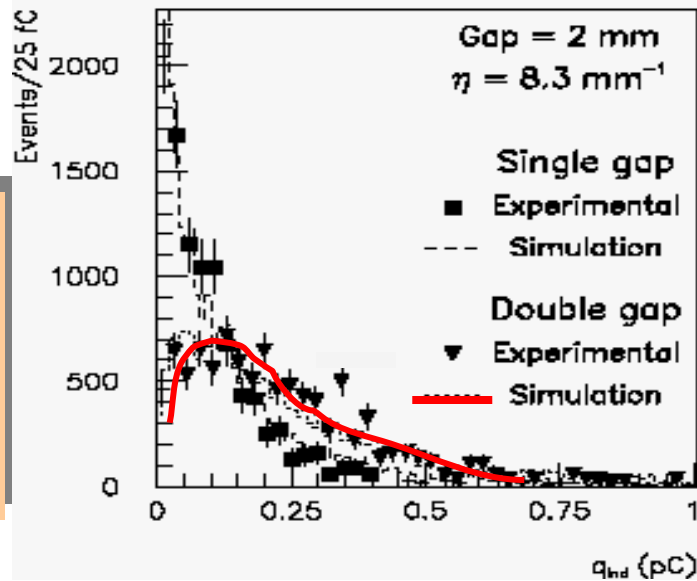


# Double Gaps



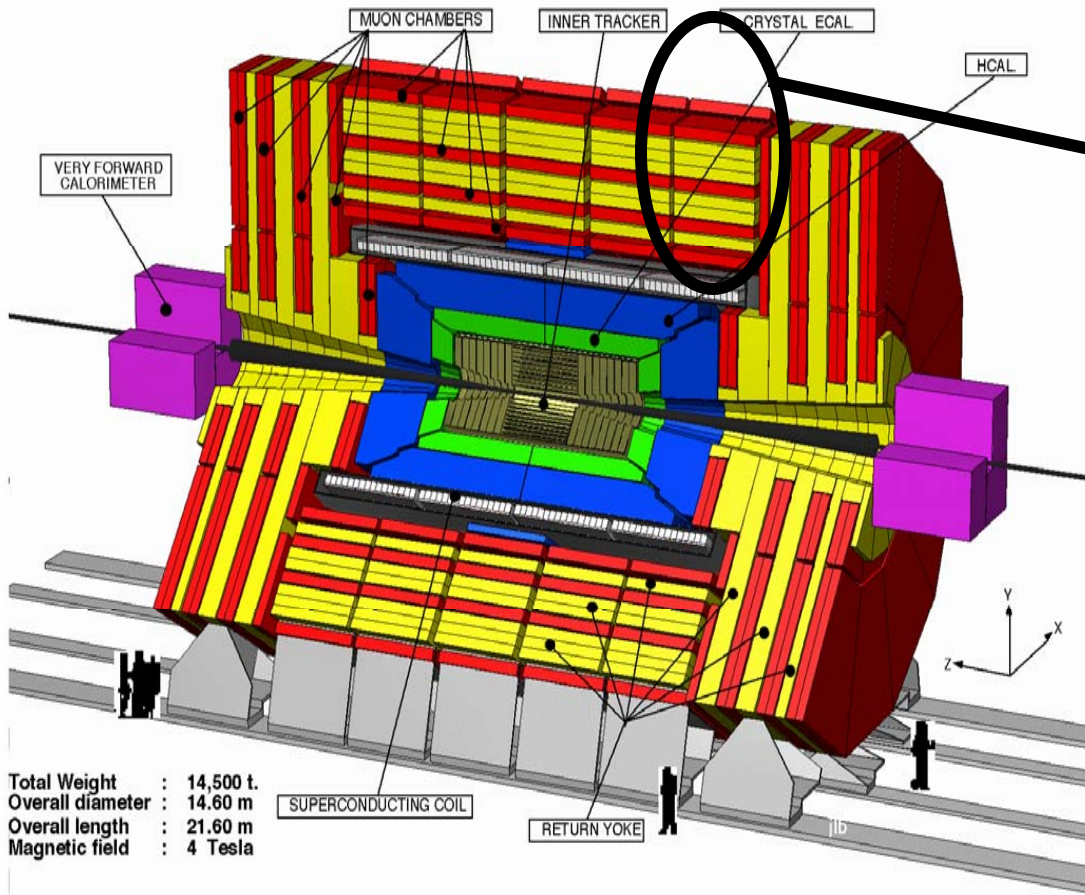
$$\epsilon_{tot} = \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1\epsilon_2$$

Double gap geometry improves the efficiency and allows safer operation at higher threshold. Also the time resolution improves.



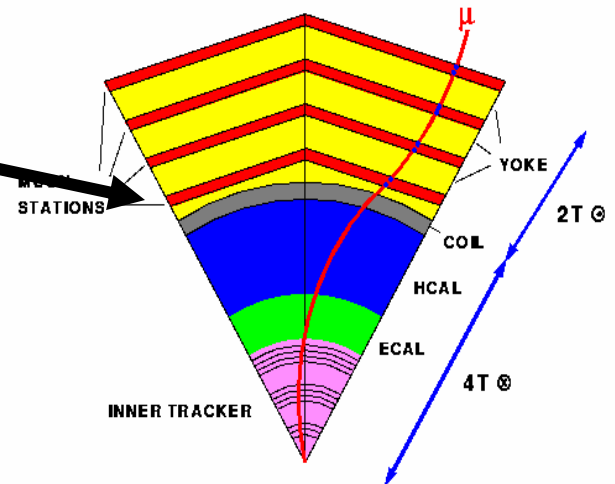
# Compact Muon Solenoid

*A Compact Solenoidal Detector for LHC*



Total Weight : 14,500 t.  
 Overall diameter : 14.60 m  
 Overall length : 21.60 m  
 Magnetic field : 4 Tesla

## CMS Muon Trigger



The CMS Muon Trigger is based on:

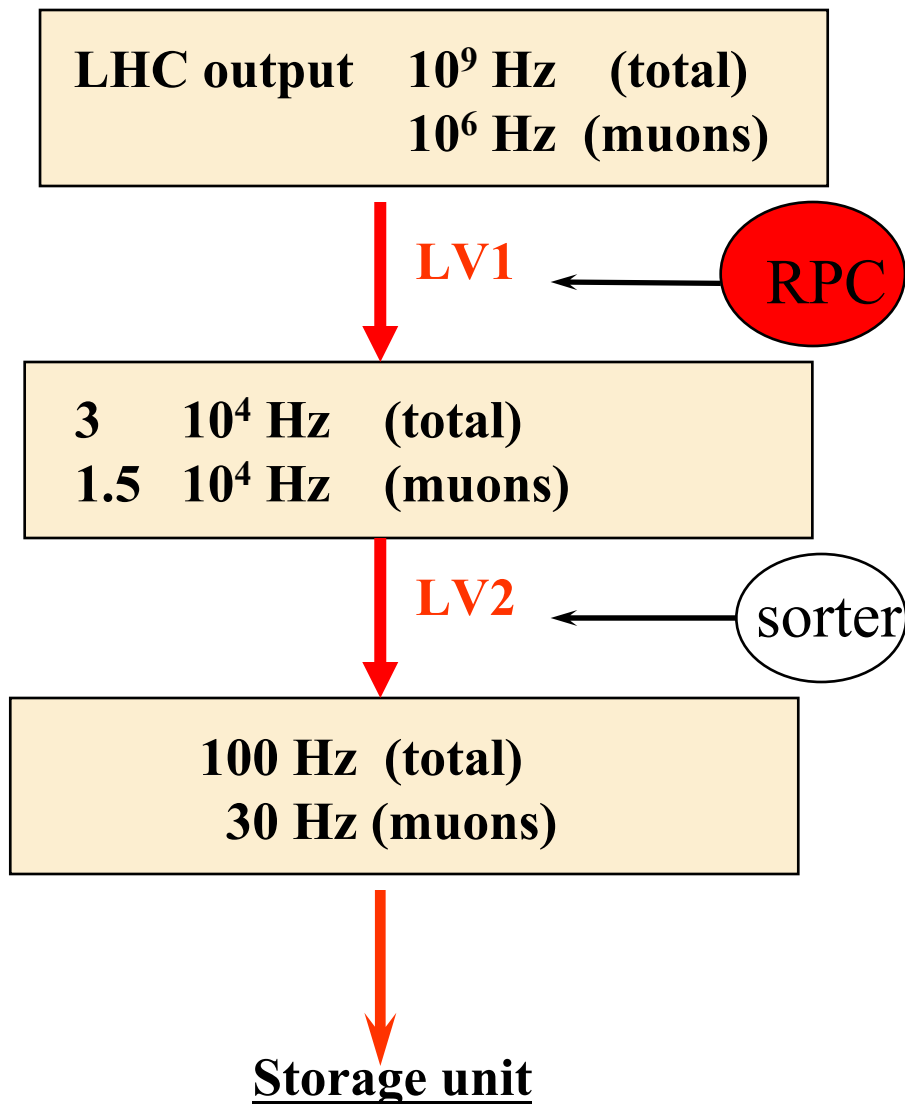
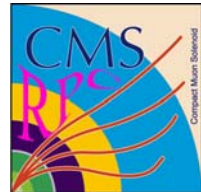
- dedicated trigger detectors (RPC)
  - precise timing
  - unambiguous position
  - crude momentum measurement
- muon chambers (Drift Tubes, CSC)
  - vector per station
  - more precise momentum measurement

Two component trigger provides

- sure bunch crossing identification
- sharp  $p_T$  cut
- powerful background rejection
- large flexibility:  $p_T$  cut = 3–100 GeV

$L = 10^{32} - 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

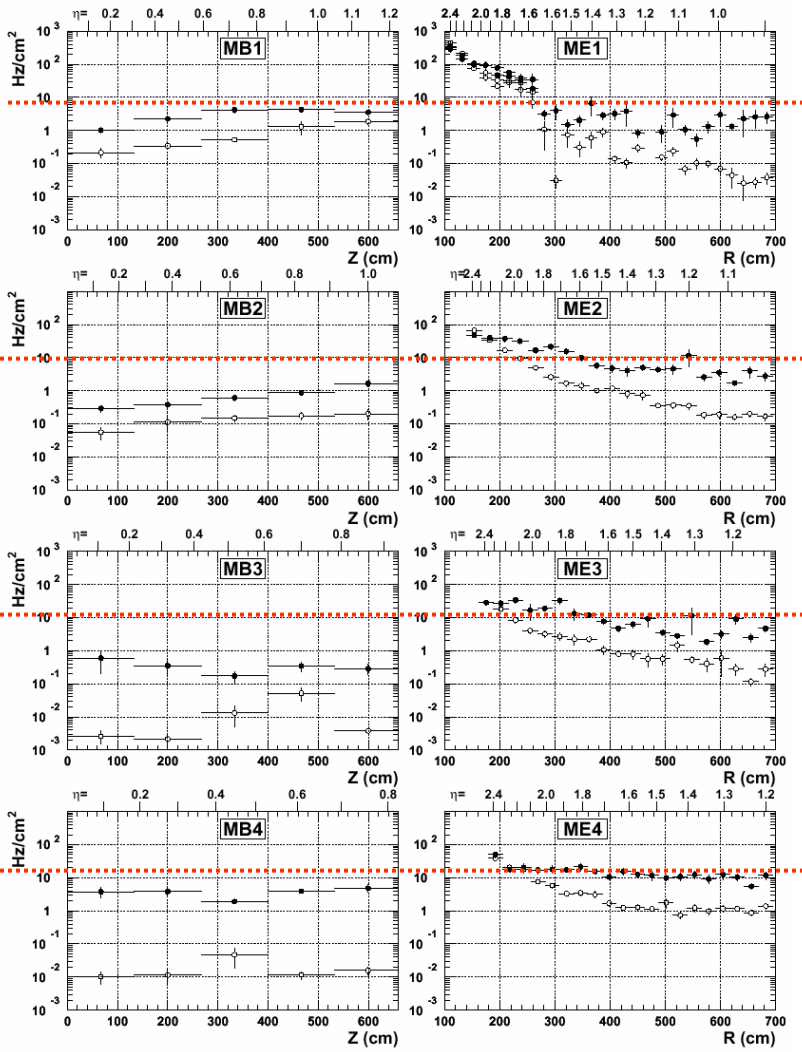
# Dedicated Trigger



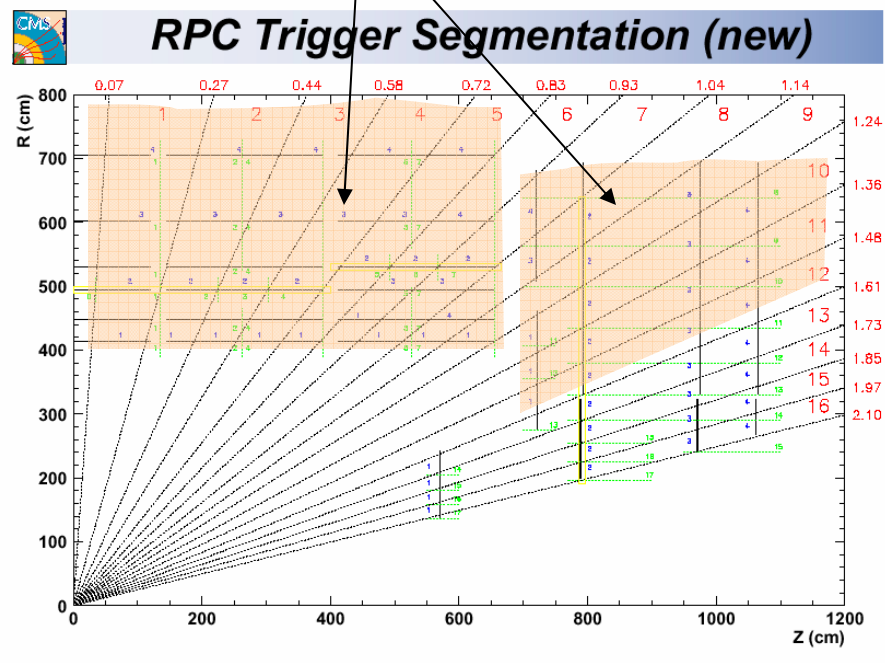
## CMS environment

- bunch separation of 25 ns
- high background of n and  $\gamma$
- long term operation with high irradiation

# Background



Rate in the shadow region ( $\eta \leq 1.6$ ) is  $\leq 10 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$



Red dashed line is at  $10 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$

Hits due to neutrons (full circles) and charged particles (open circles).

# Endcap Overview

**Korea**

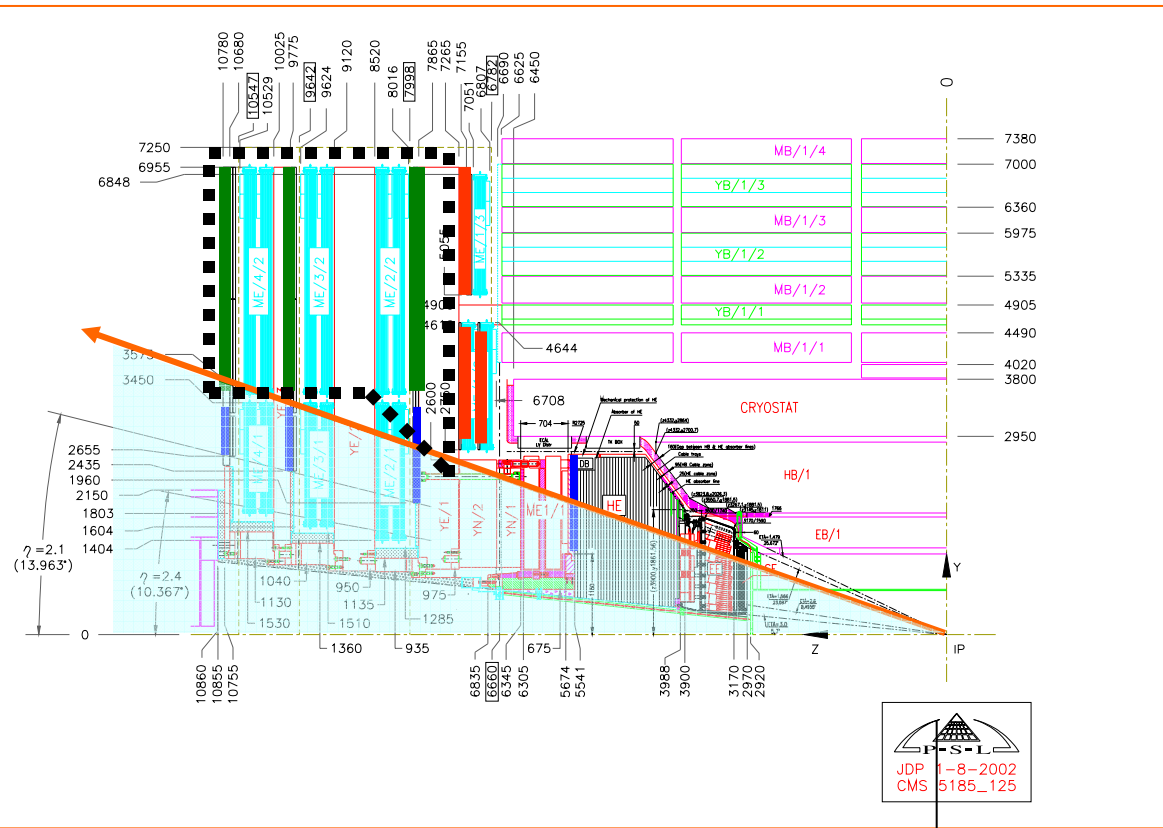
**Pakistan**

**China**

**Gap production**  
**Korea**

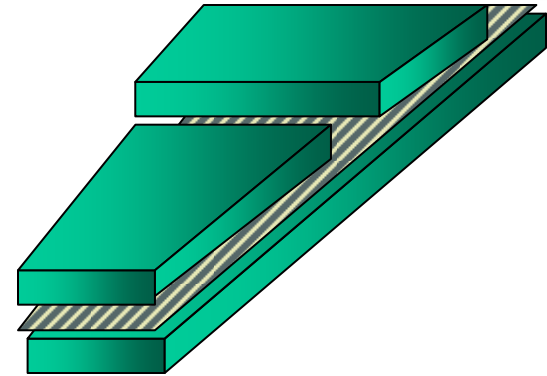
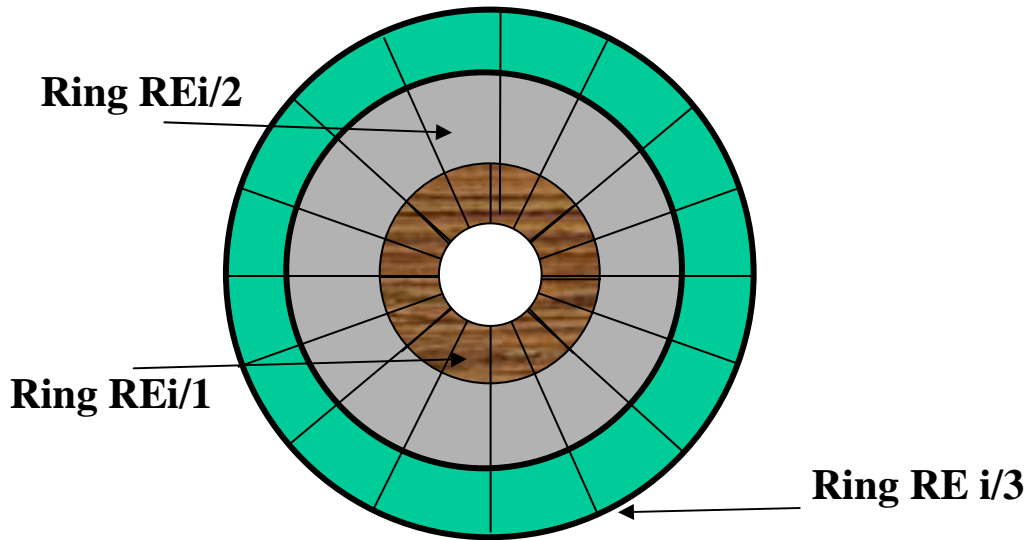
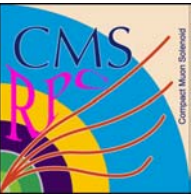
**Front-end electronics**  
**Pakistan**

**HV/LV system**  
**Pakistan**





# Endcap Overview



**RE1/1 Staged**  
**RE1/2 and RE1/3 in production at CERN**

**RE2/2 and RE2/3 under production in Pakistan**

**RE3/2 and RE3/3 to be produced in Pakistan**

	RE 1/1	RE 1/2	RE 1/3	RE 2/1	RE 2/2	RE 2/3	RE 3/1	RE 3/2	RE 3/3	RE 4/1	RE 4/2	RE 4/3
No. of chambers	36*2	36*2	36*2	18*2	36*2	36*2	18*2	36*2	36*2	18*2	36*2	36*

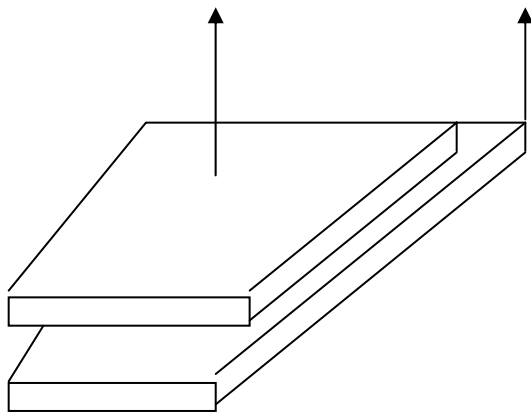
# Endcap Overview

RE3/1, RE4/1

All other chambers

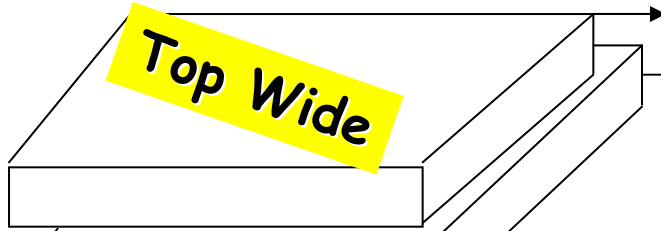
Gap ( a )

Gap ( b )

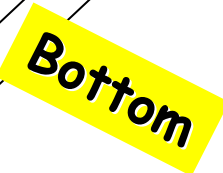


Gap ( a )

Gap ( c )



Gap ( b )



Sensitive Volume  
(Gaps) made in  
Korea





# Endcap Organization



<b>Bakelite Purchase Italy</b>	<b>Cut</b> 	<b>Clean</b> 	<b>Ship to S. Korea</b>
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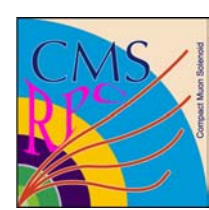
<b>Gaps</b>	<b>Built in Seoul</b>	<b>QC</b>	<b>Ship to CERN Pakistan</b>
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<b>Mechanics</b>	<b>Kit prep in China Pakistan</b>	<b>Procurement Cables and pieces</b>	<b>Assembly at CERN Pakistan</b>
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<b>FEBs, Adaptor Boards</b>	<b>Procured from Italy</b>	<b>Ordered by Pakistan</b>	<b>Ship to Pakistan CERN</b>
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<b>Chamber Assembly</b>	<b>CERN/Pakistan</b>	<b>QC</b>	<b>Construction Database</b>
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<b>Storage</b>	<b>Point 5</b>	<b>Installation</b>	<b>Production Database</b>
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# Organizational Structure



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- **Installation** M. Shariq Khan
- **Cosmic Testing** Waqar Ahmed
- **DAQ Software** Sajjad Asghar/Hassan Shahzad
- **Analysis** M. Irfan/M. Saleh
- **QA & QC** Imran M. Awan/Hafeez Hoorani

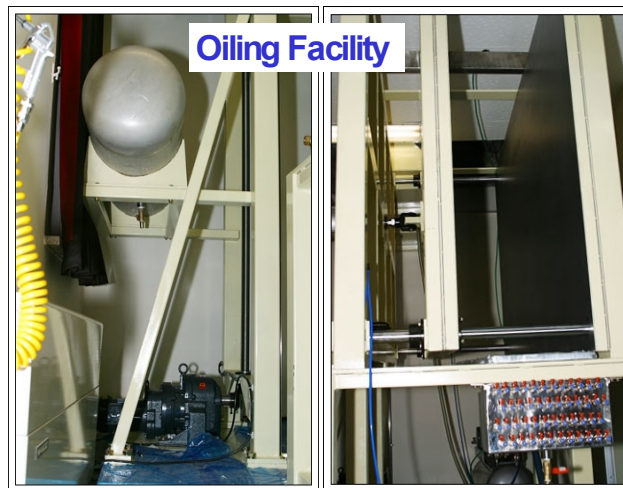
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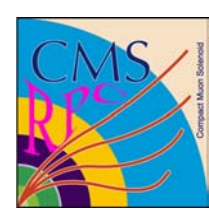
Oiling procedure successfully transferred to Korea 2003

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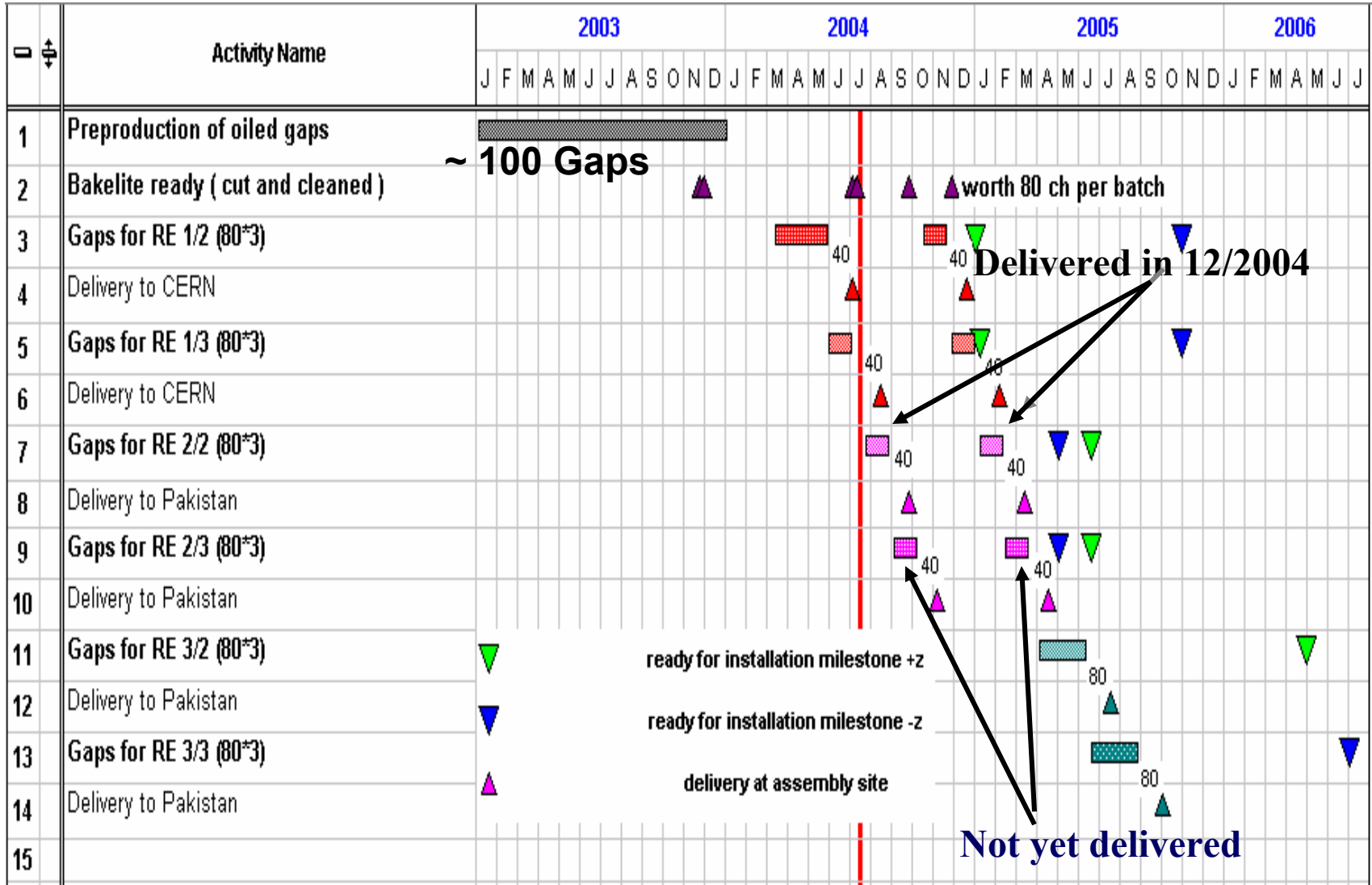


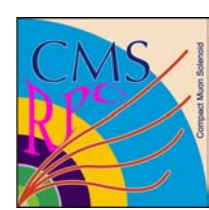
Hot melt of PET film





# Schedule for Gap Delivery





# RPCs from Lab to Detector



- Research & Development
- Prototyping
- Pre-Production
  - Mockups, Retrofitting
- Production
  - Quality Assurance
- On-site Installation
- Commissioning
- Maintenance

# Prototyping

- **PK-01/99** 400\*400 mm<sup>2</sup> double gap RPC, Italian bakelite 1999. (non-oiled)
- **PK-02/00** Full-size RE 2/2 chamber, tested at GIF in 2000, phenolic bakelite gaps fabricated in Italy ( $\rho \cong 10^9 \Omega \text{ cm}$ ). (non-oiled)
- **PK-03/01** Full-size RE 2/2 chamber, tested at GIF in 2001, melaminic bakelite gaps ( $\rho \cong 10^{10} \Omega \text{ cm}$ ). (non-oiled)
- **PK-04/02** Full-size RE 2/2, tested at GIF in 2002, gaps supplied from Korea ( $\rho \cong 10^{10} \Omega \text{ cm}$ ) (non-oiled)
- **PK-05/03** Full-size RE 2/2, tested at GIF in 2003, gaps supplied from Korea ( $\rho \cong 10^{10} \Omega \text{ cm}$ ) (Oiled)

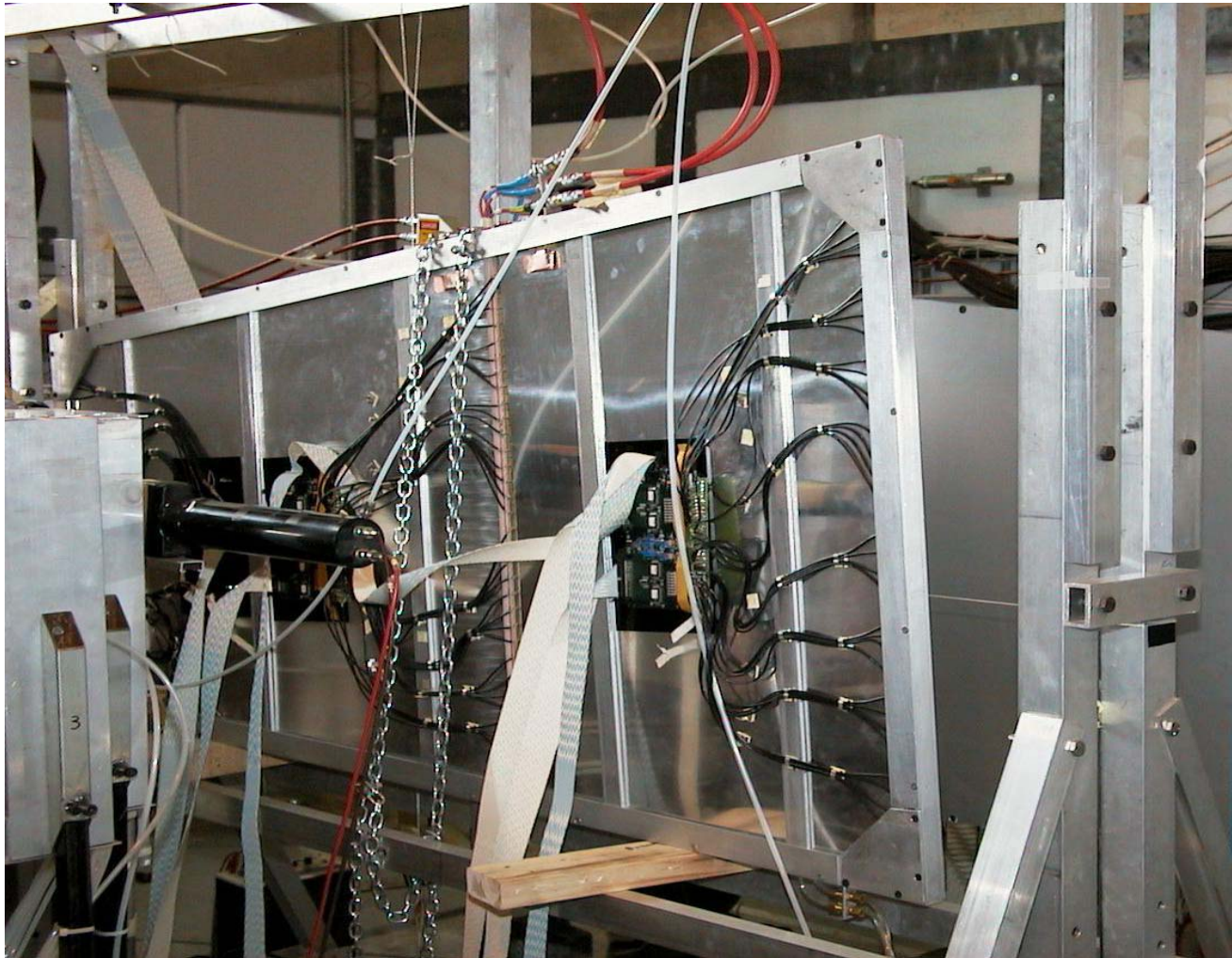
**Good results were achieved in all beam tests.**



# First Prototype RPC



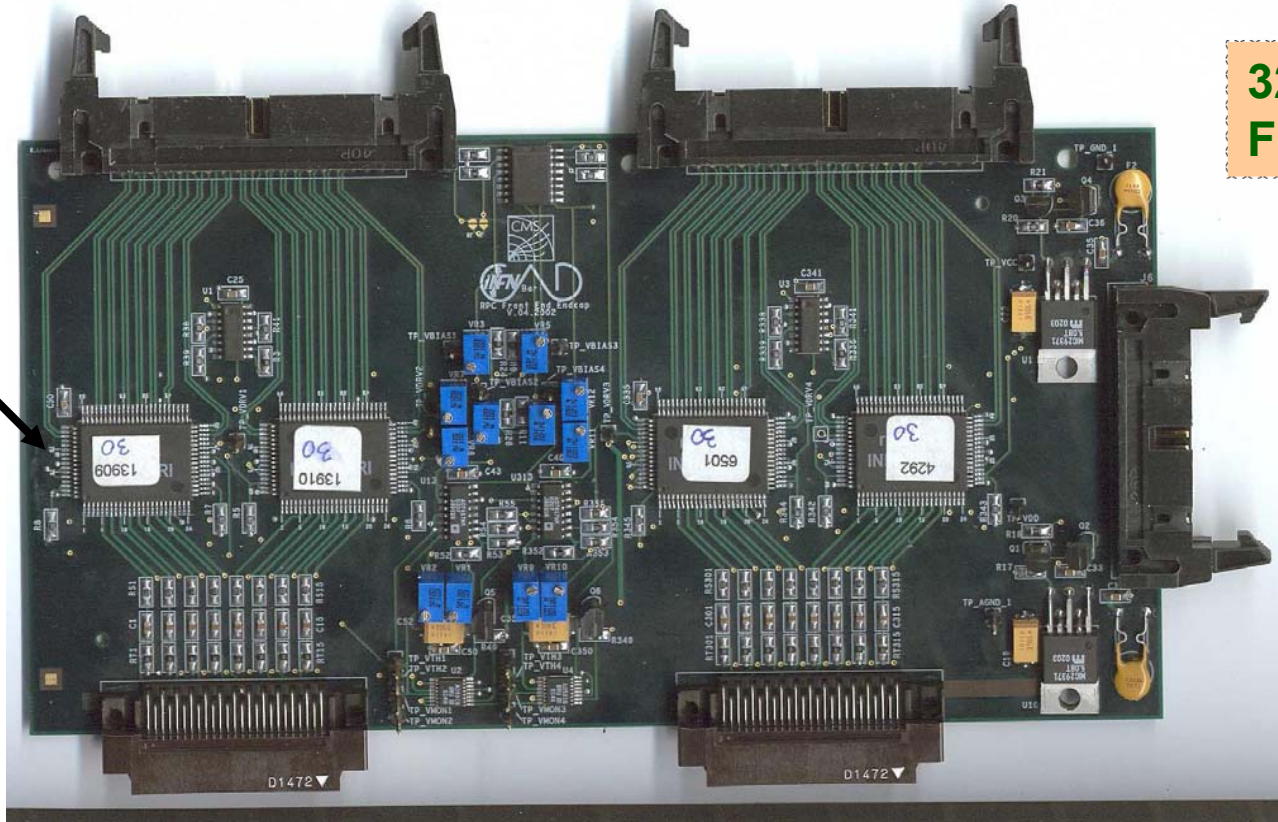
# RPC Prototype in 2002



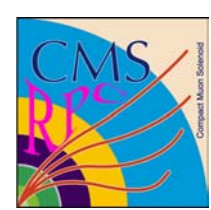


# Front End Board for RPC

ASIC  
0.14  $\mu$   
Bi CMOS



32 Channels  
FEB

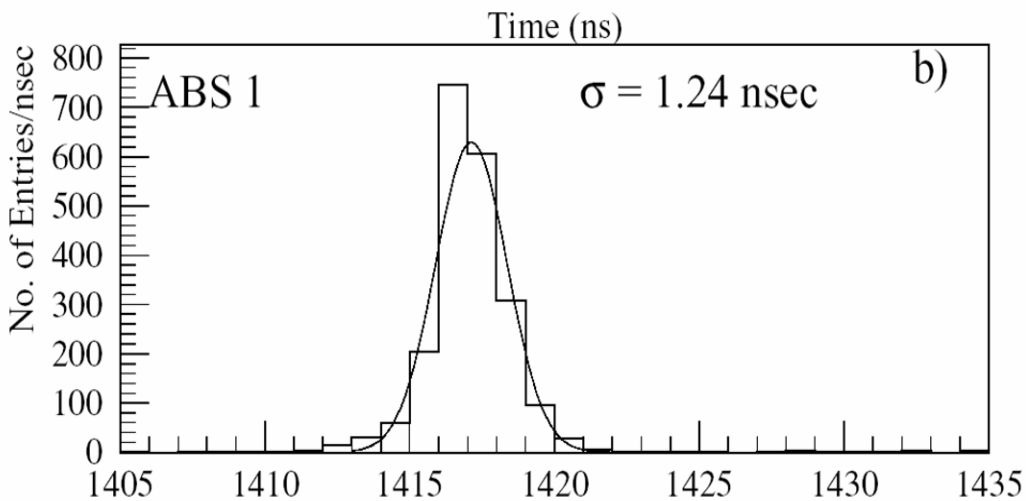
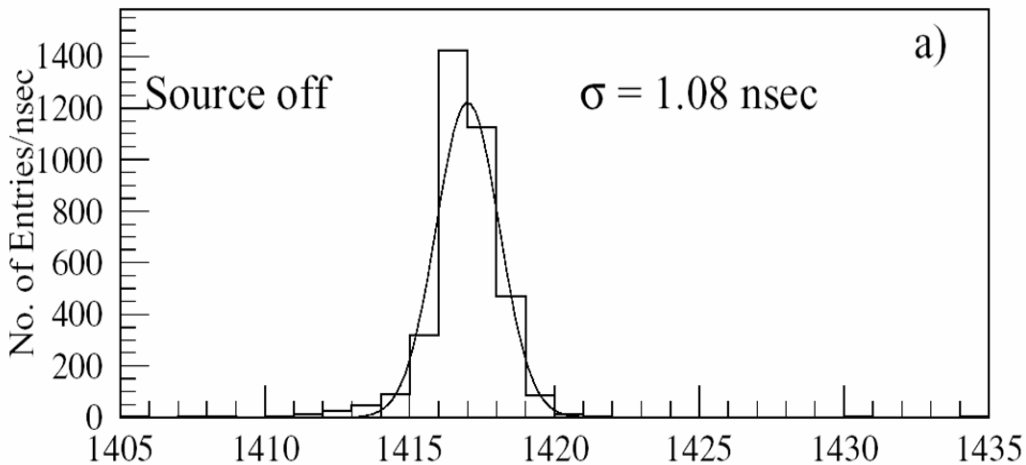


# CMS Criteria for good RPC

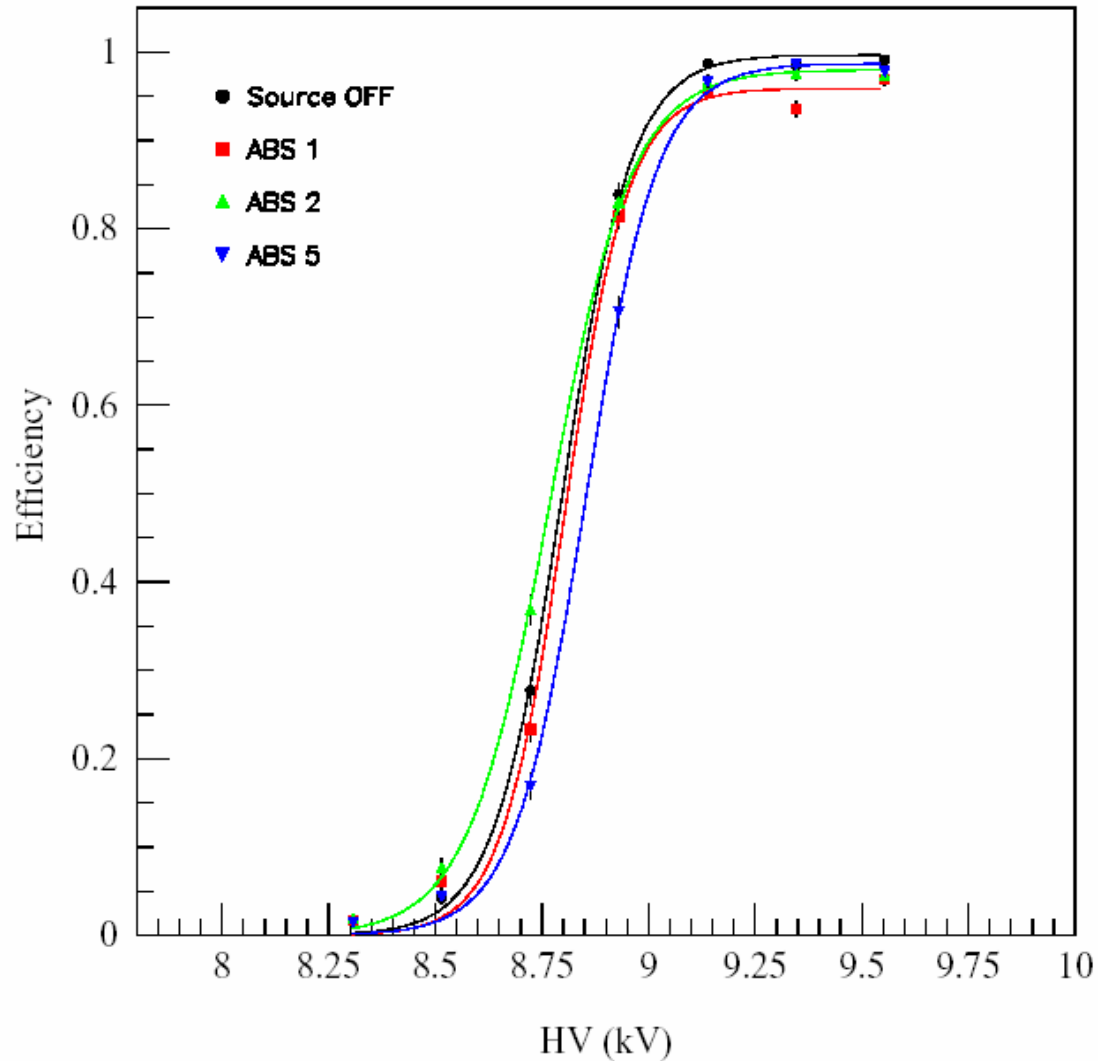


- **Good Rate Capability**  $> 1 \text{ KHz/cm}^2$
- **Efficiency**  $> 95\%$
- **Good Time Resolution**  $< 3 \text{ ns}$
- **Small Cluster Size**  $< 3$
- **Operational Plateau**  $> 300 \text{ V}$
- **Streamer Probability**  $< 10\%$

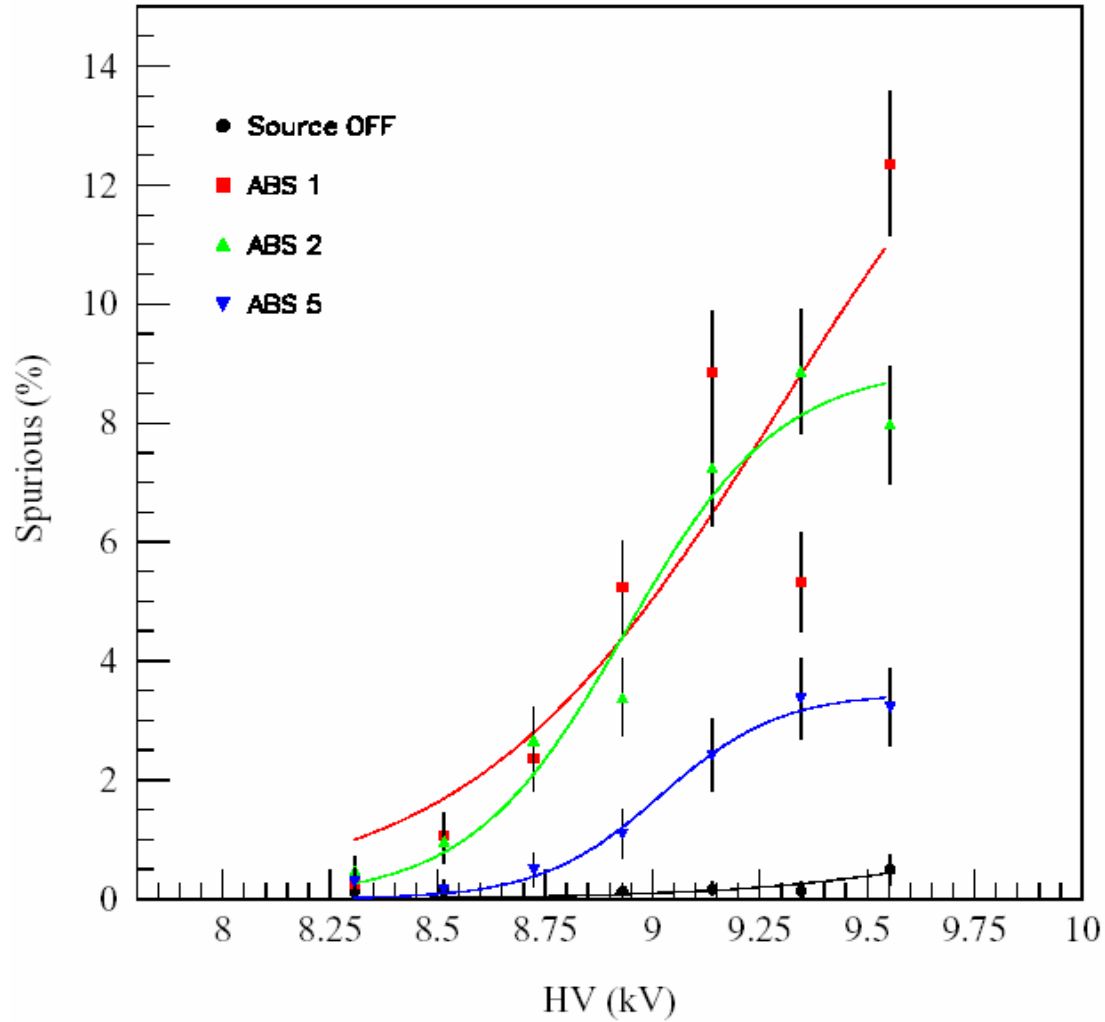
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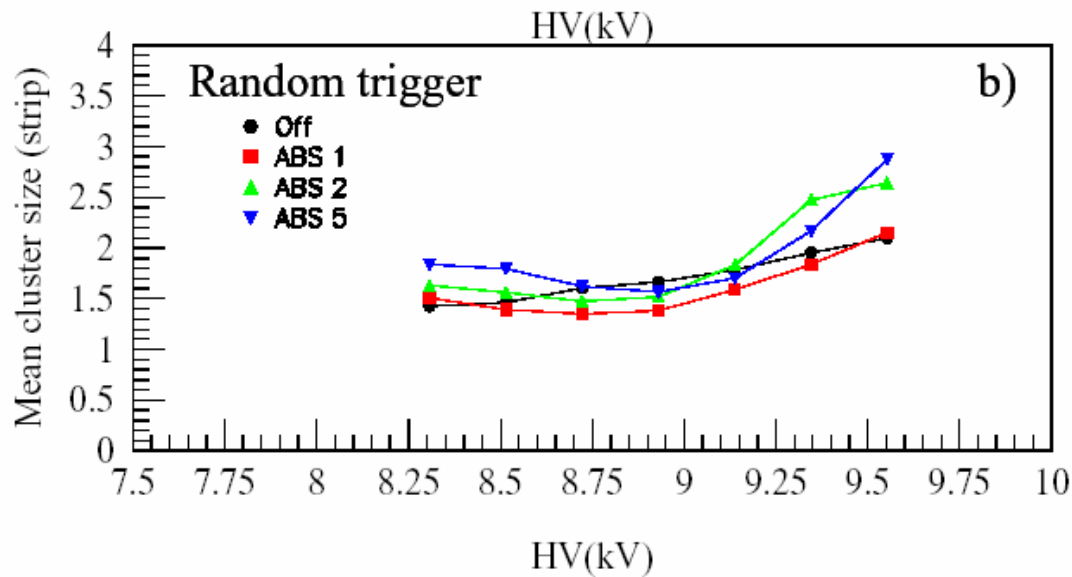
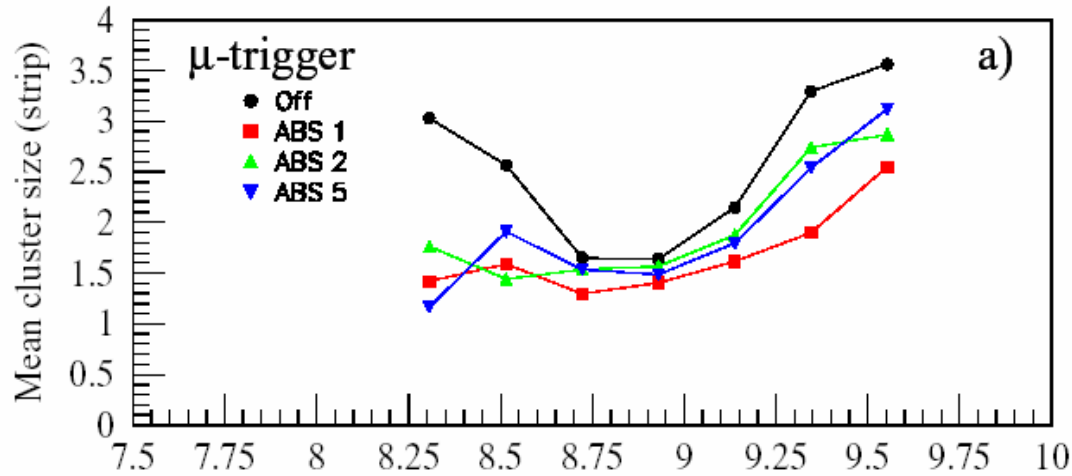
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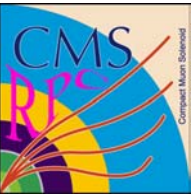
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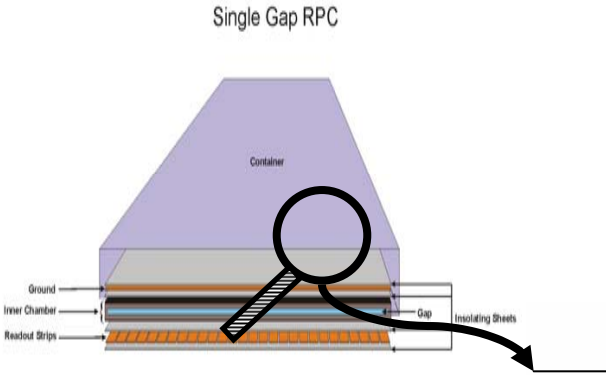
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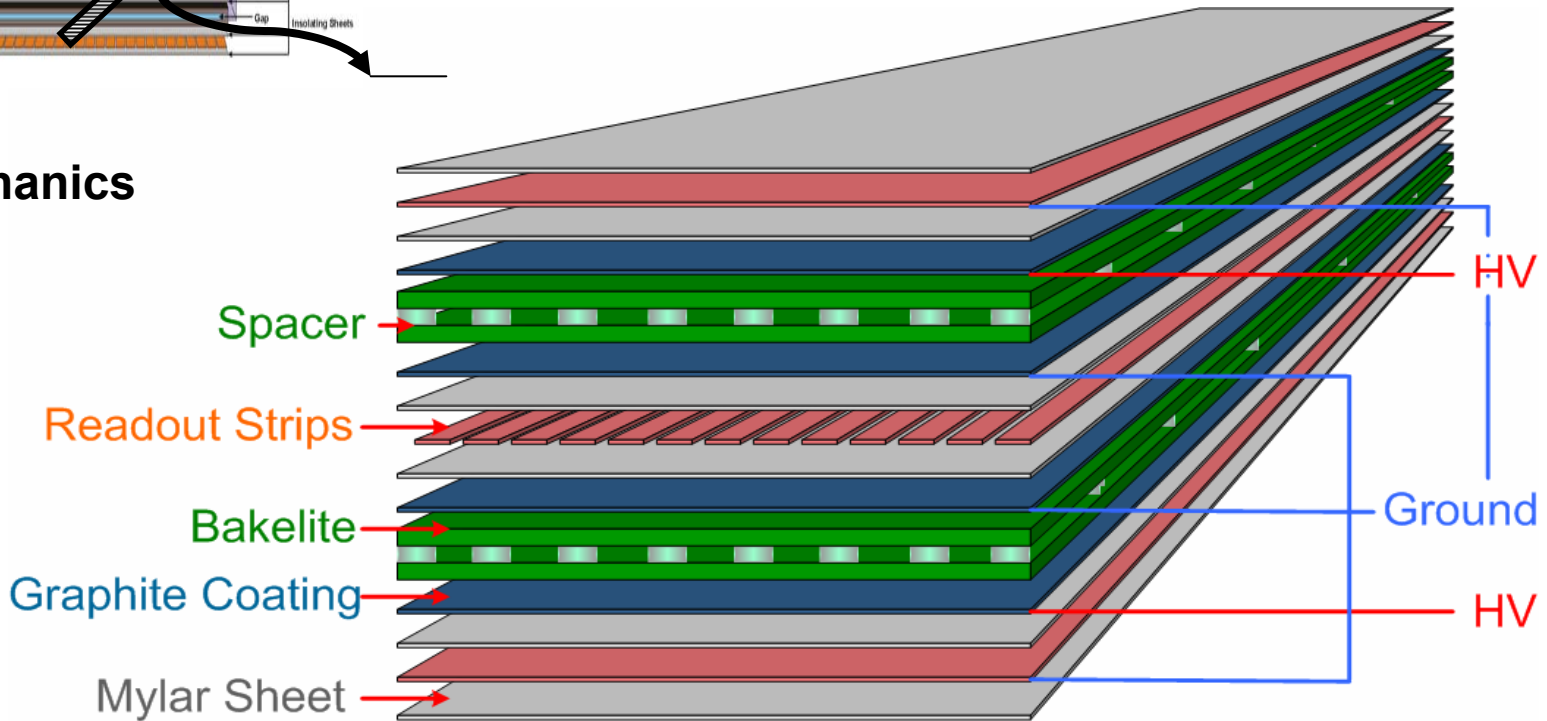
# RPC Layout



*Final Gas mixture used in all tests*  
 $95.5 \text{ Freon } 3.5 \text{ Isob } 0.3 \text{ SF6} + \text{RH } 50\% = 5000 \text{ ppm}$

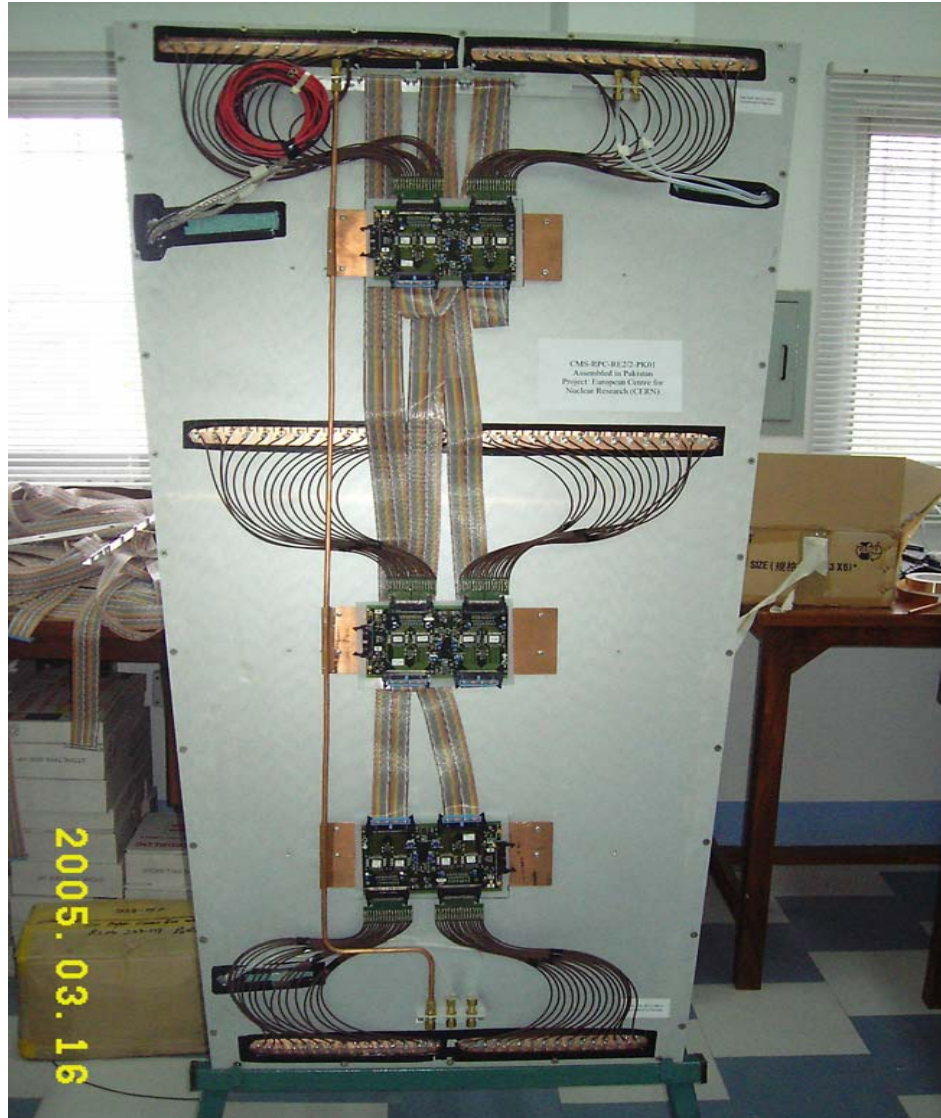


## GAP Mechanics



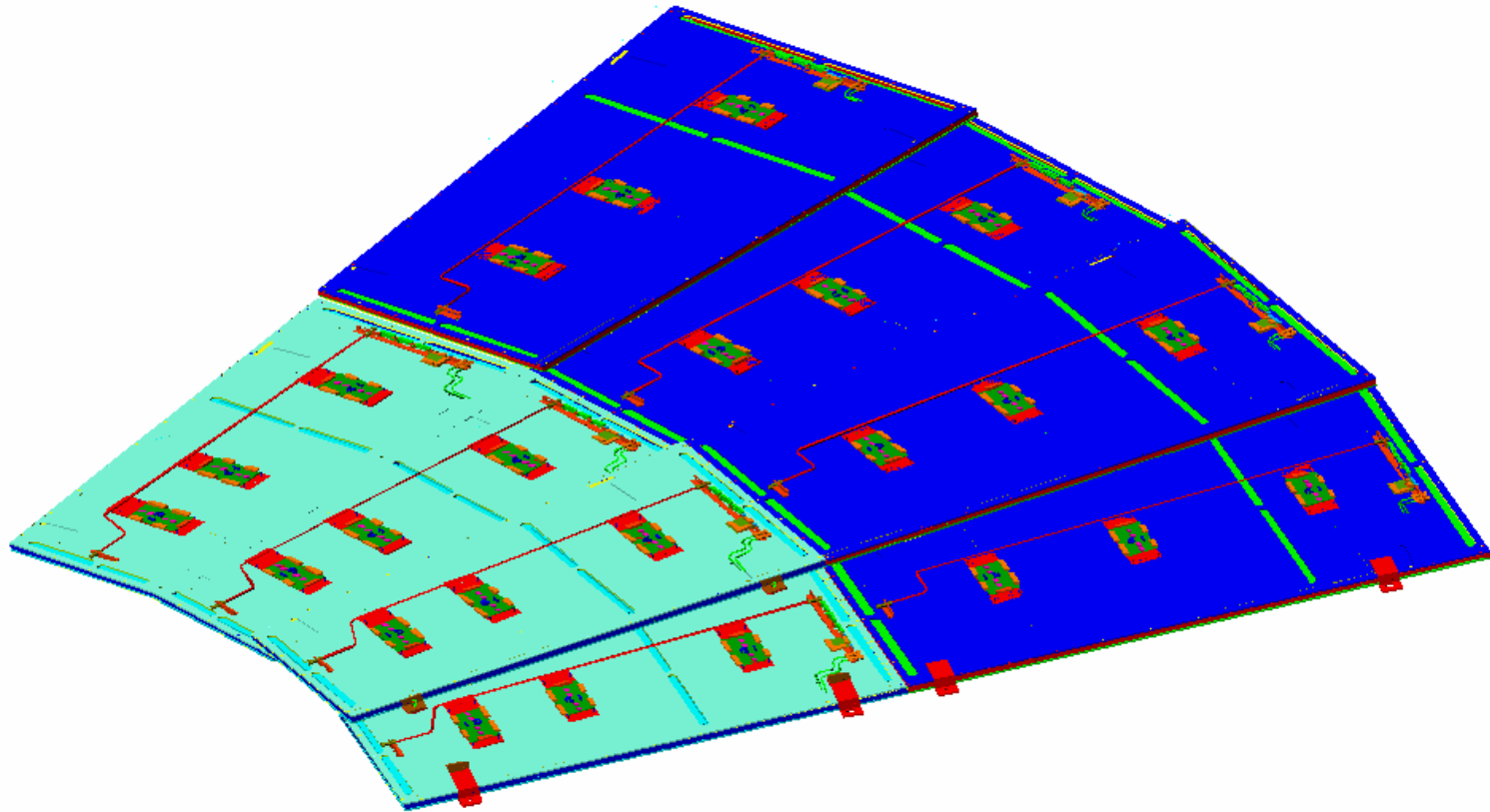


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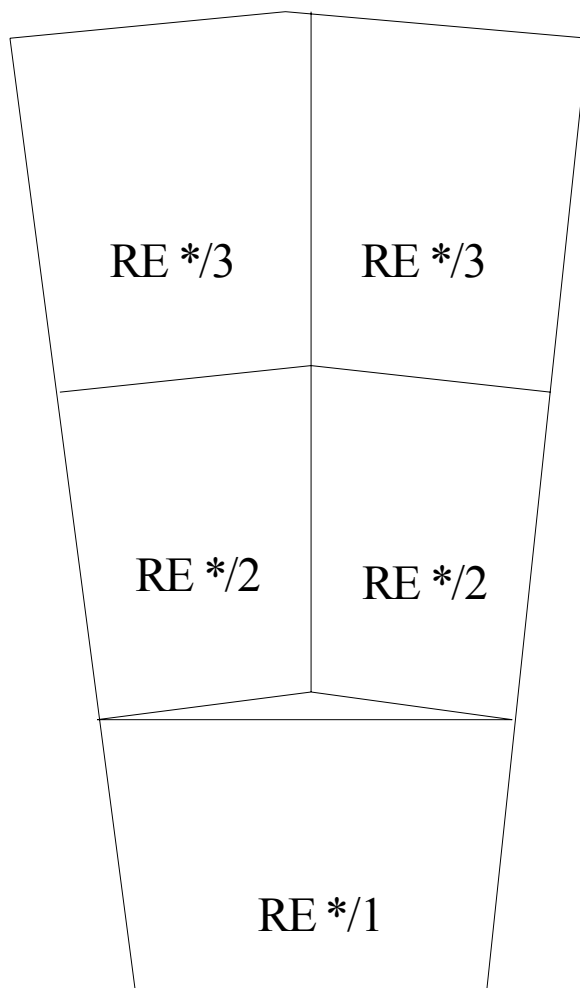


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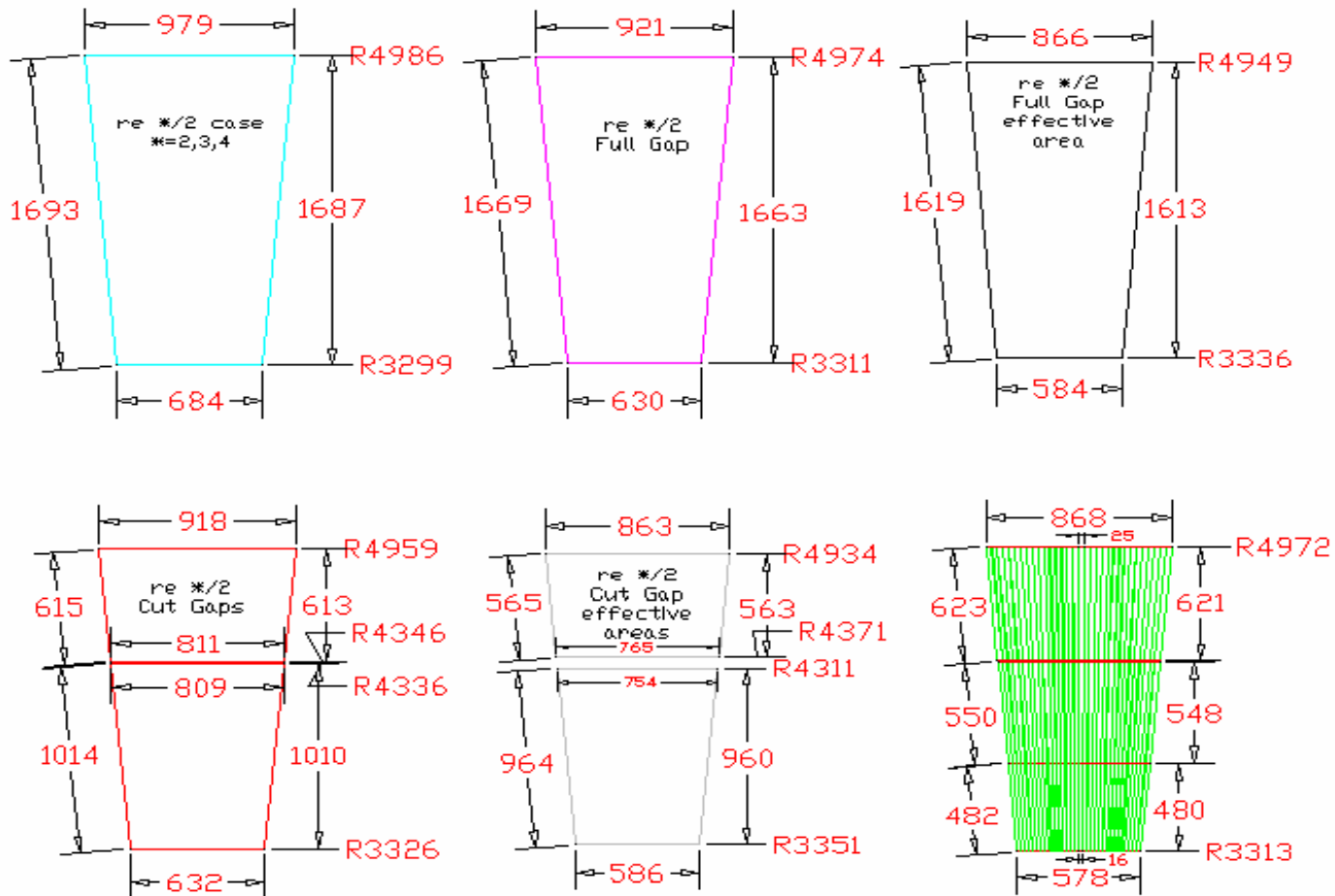
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# 20 ° Sector of Station 2, 3 & 4

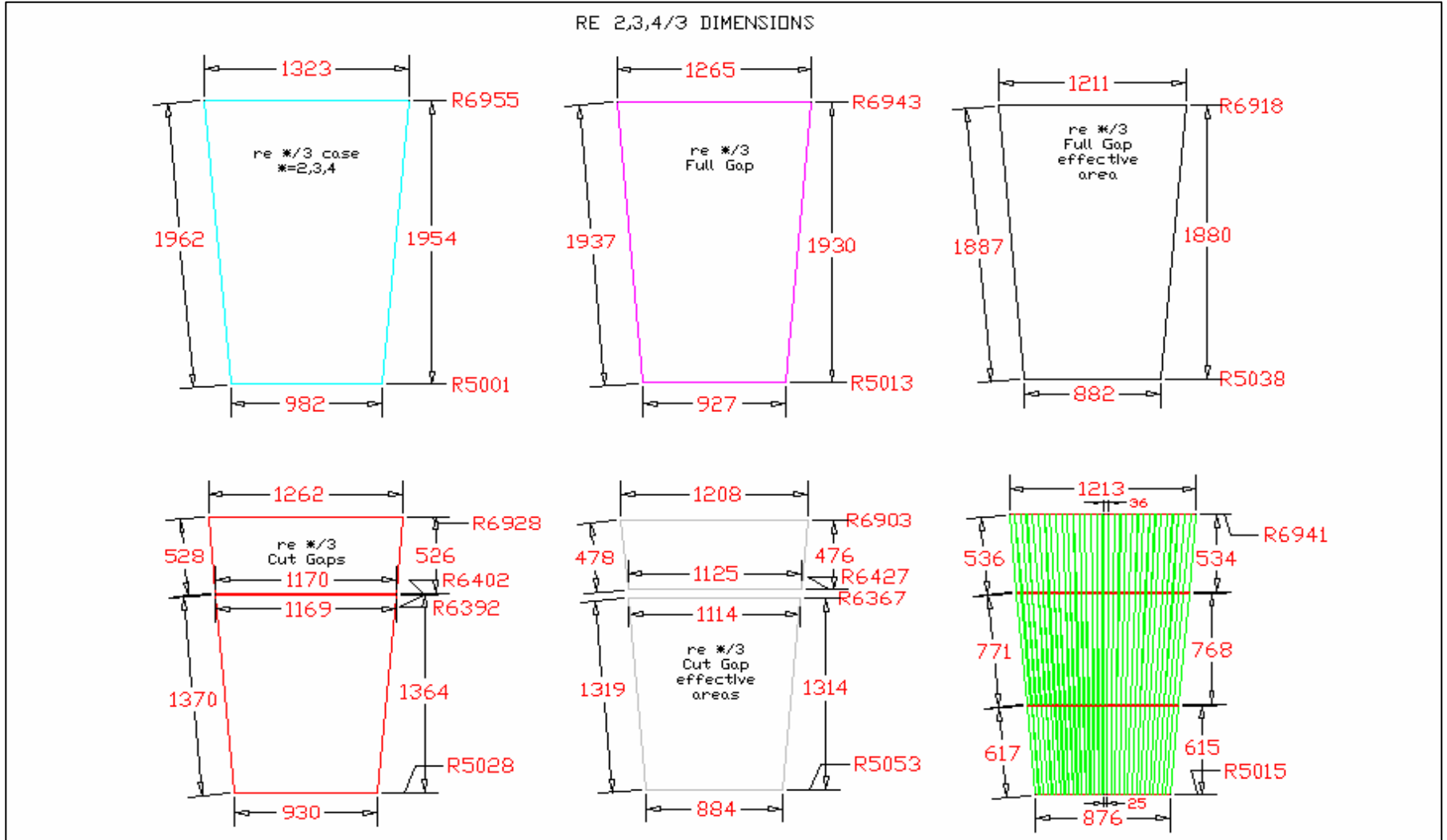


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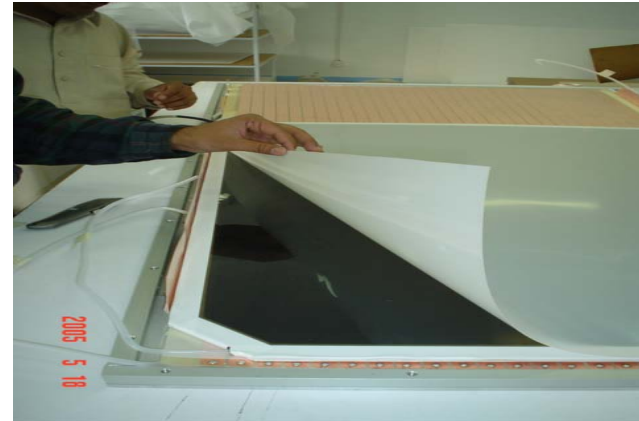
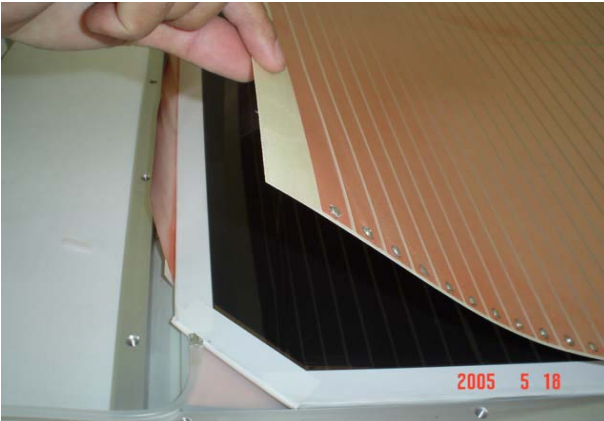
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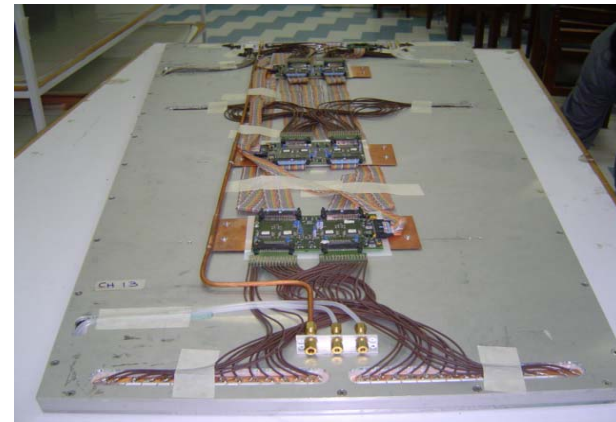
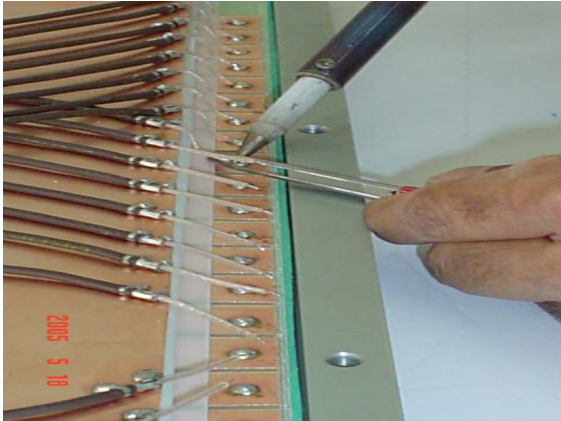
# RE \*/3 dimensions



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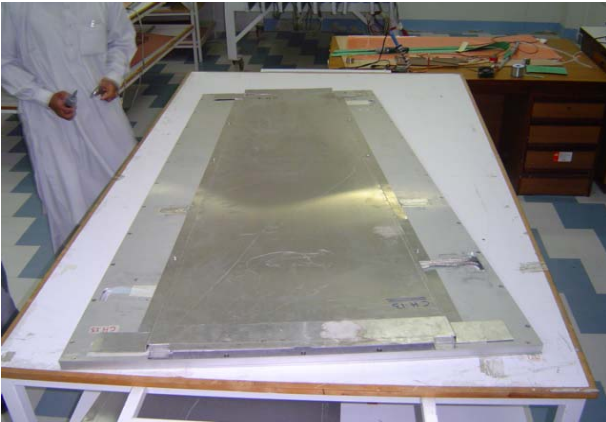


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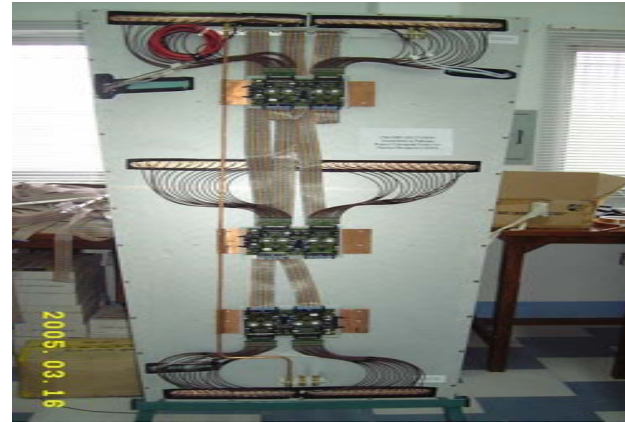




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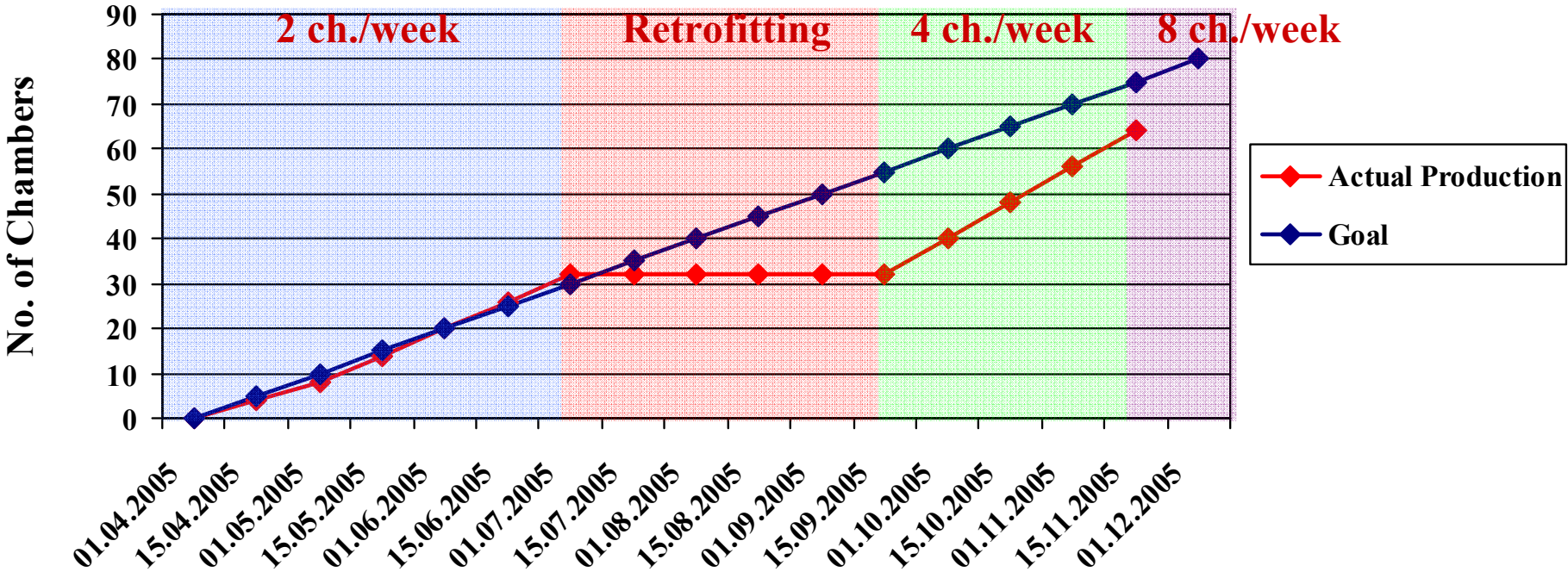


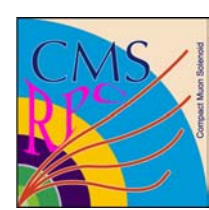
# Storage





# Chamber Production in Pakistan

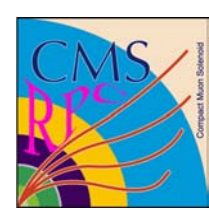




# Quality Assurance & Control

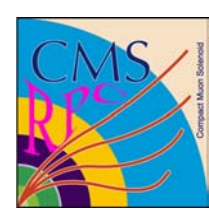


- Gas flow & leakage test
- Dark current test
- Cosmic ray test



# Cosmic Test Facility

- Testing of chamber done using Cosmic Rays
- VME based Data Acquisition System used:
  - **64 Channels TDC**
  - **NI Crate Controller**
- Trigger is generated using scintillators
  - Top & Bottom Layer consist of 8 scintillator each
  - **Scintillators are ORed in a layer**
  - **Trigger is the AND of two ORed top & bottom layers**
- Events are read automatically, stored and analyzed for chamber performance



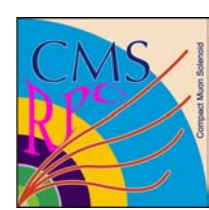
# Cosmic Test Facility



Each chamber consist of 96 readout channels

10 Chambers are tested in parallel

- Gas System is working (10 Chambers can be connected)
  - Gas Mixture (96% Freon, 3.5% Iso-butane, 0.5% SF6)
- HV Available for Chamber ( 5 modules CAEN, 1526N)
- LV is available for 30 FEBs
- 15 TDCs are available, each can read 64 channels
- Two Layers of scintillators, each layer consist of 8 scint.
- Most Scintillators have efficiency great than 90% Scint.  
trigger is working properly

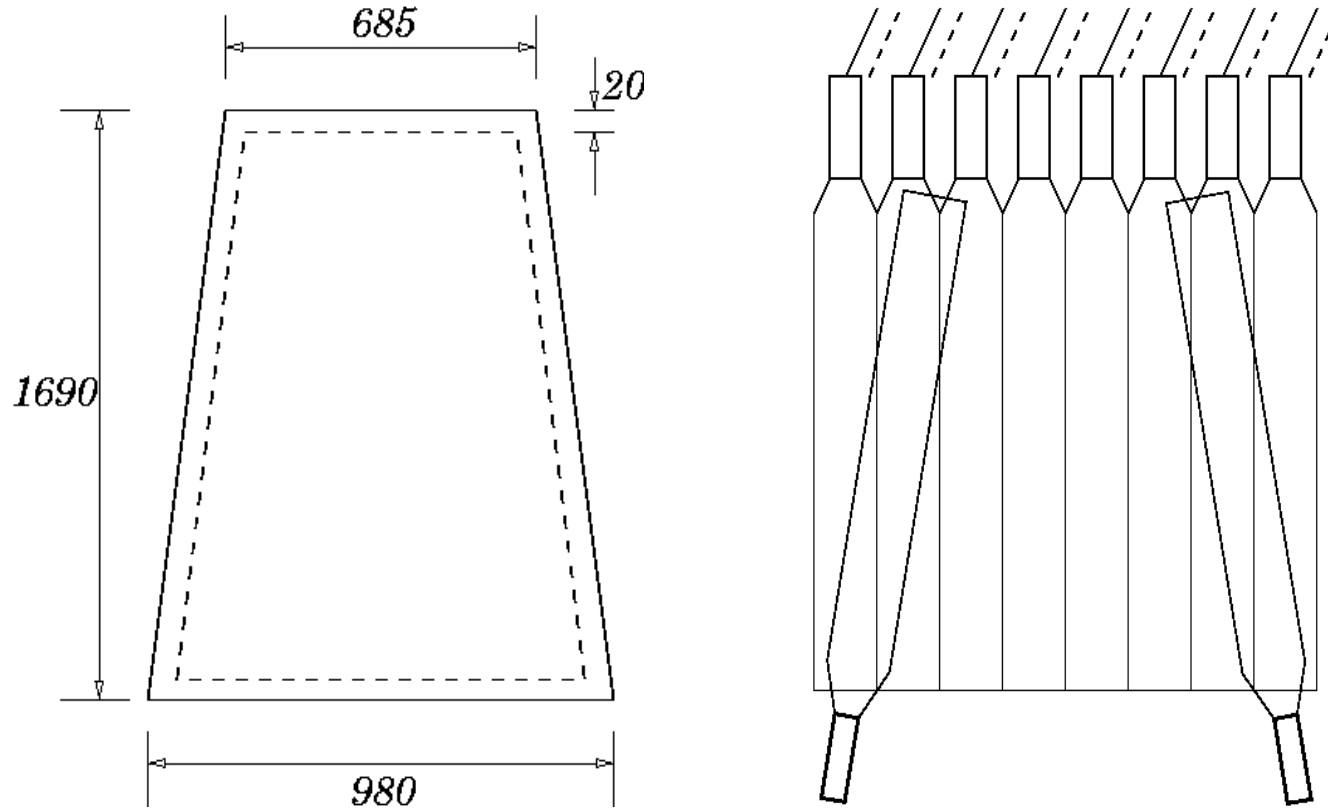


# Scintillators



- **Dimension – 195x20x1 cm**
- **Can work up to 180 cm**
- **18 scintillators**
- **For the trigger we need 18 scintillators + some spare**
- **2 layers – 8 scint. each + 2 additional scint.**

# Trigger set-up



- **Two movable scintillators to match the chamber's dimension**

# Timing

## ■ Trigger

- Cable 52 ns
- Amplifier 26 ns
- Discriminator 12 ns
- Coincidence 16 ns
- PMT 40 ns
- **Total Delay Trigger 146 ns**

## ■ RPC

- RPC + FEE 16 ns
- Cable 25 ns
- **Total Delay RPC 41 ns**

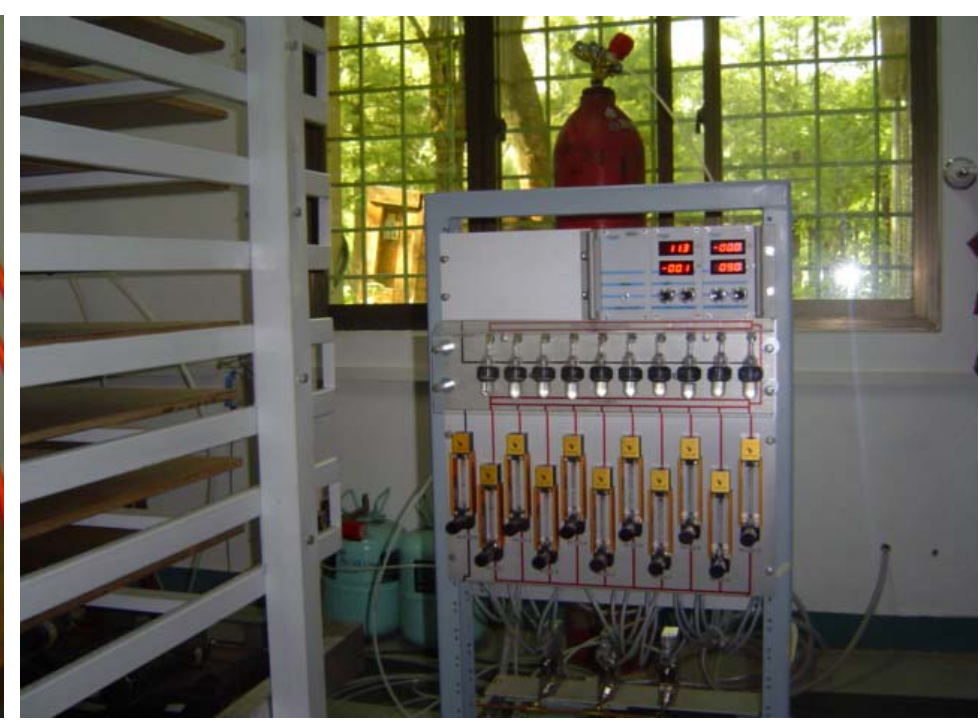
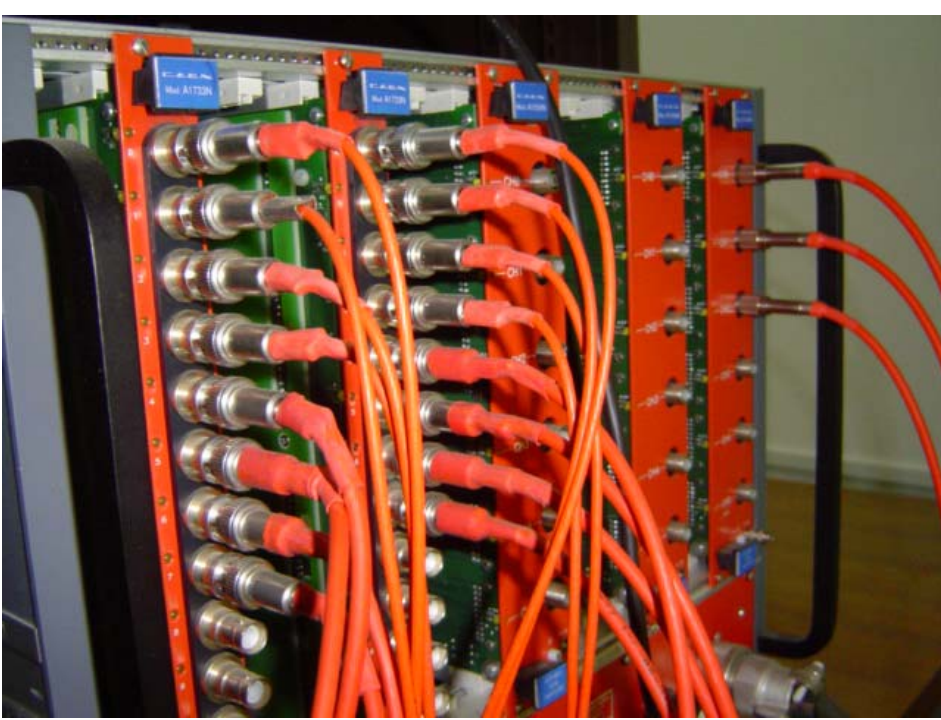
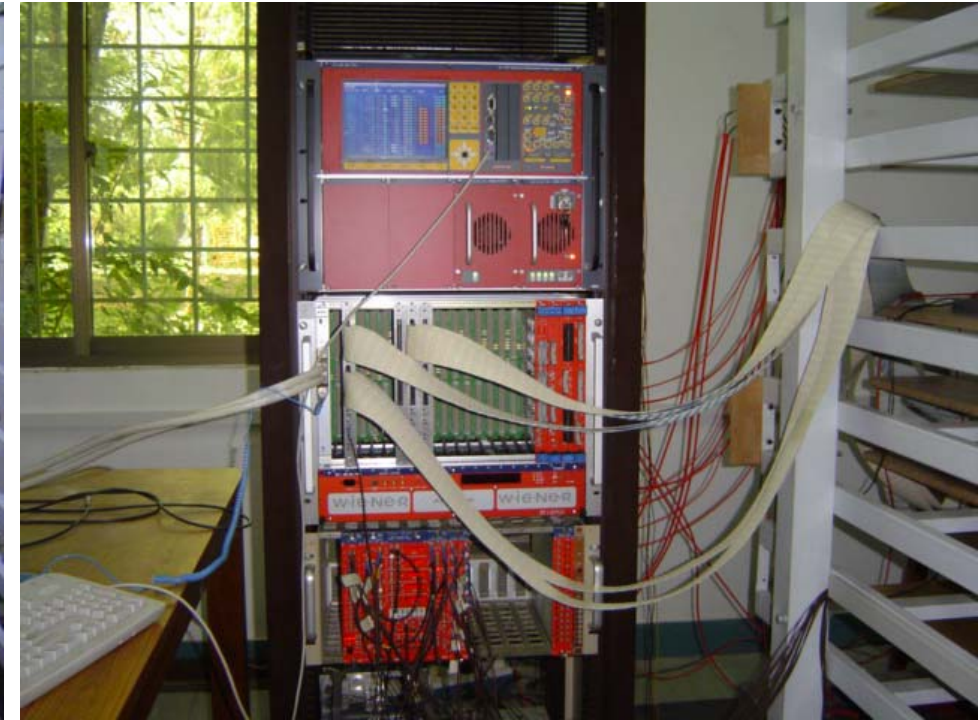
**Scintillator trigger is late by 100 ns compare to signal from RPC**

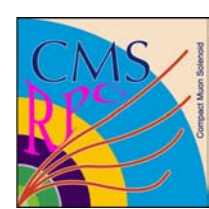


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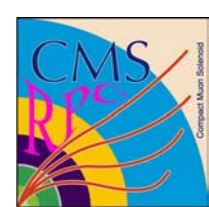




# Quality Assurance



- Each component has a unique identifier
- All information is stored in a central database “**Construction Database**”
- For each step of movement a traveler’s sheet is filled and signed by the person responsible for QA
- All test results are stored in the database

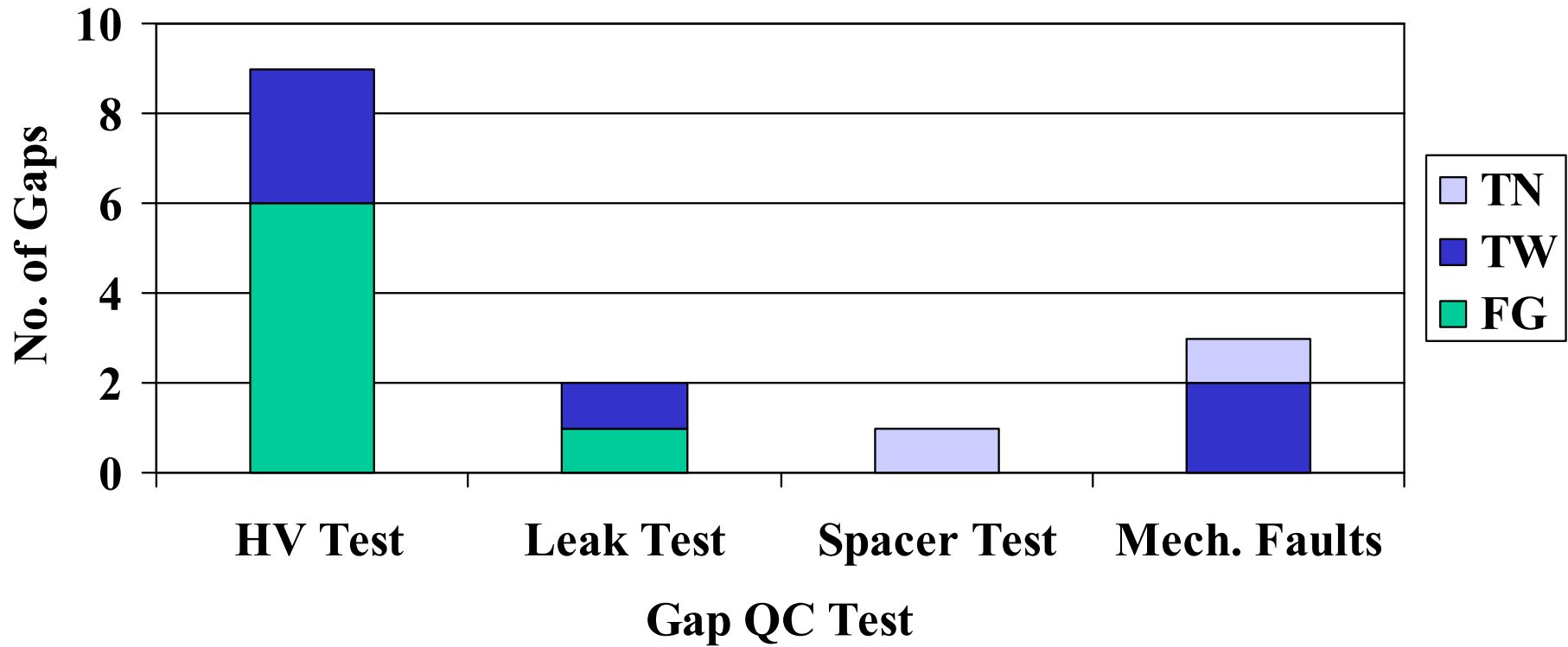


# Quality Assurance (Gaps)



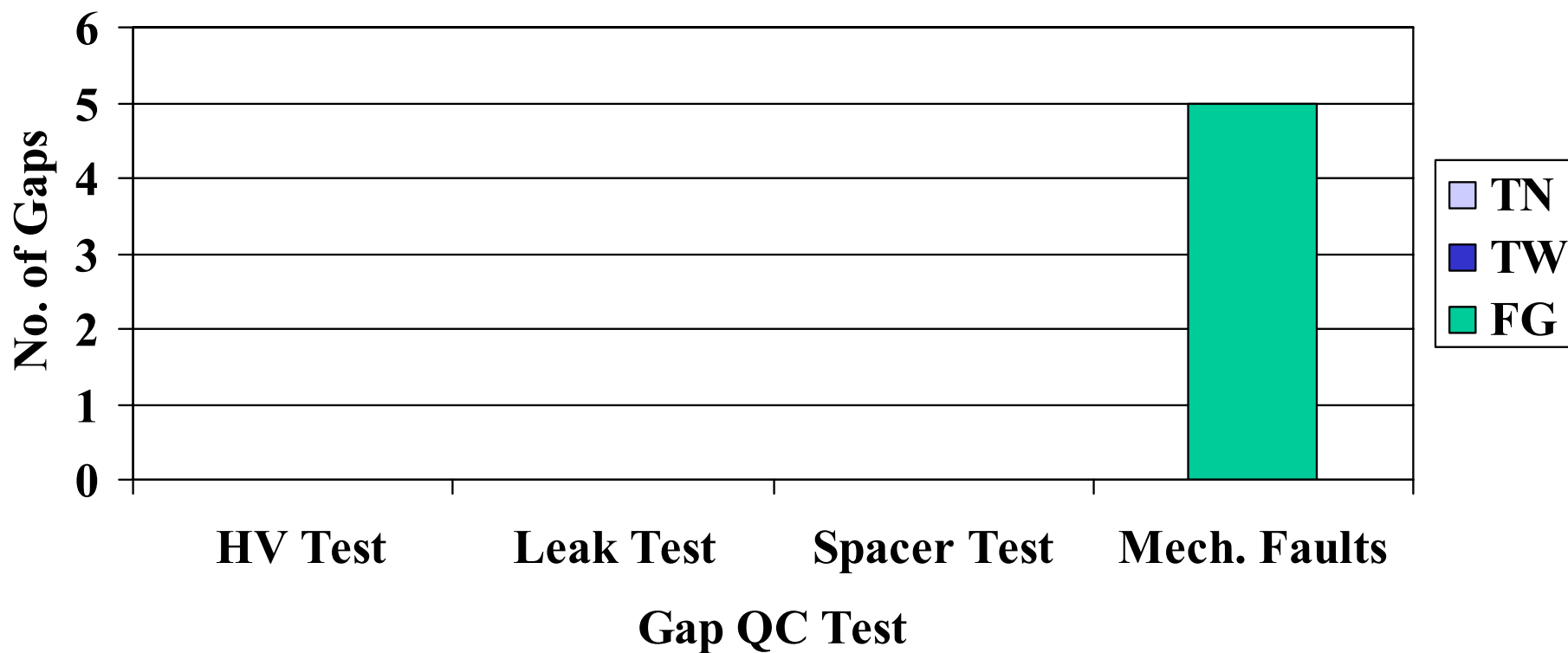
- **Visual Test**
  - Random check of dimensions
  - HV connectors and gas inlet/outlet
- **Leakage Test**
  - Checked with 20 mbar over pressure
- **Spacer Test**
  - Template sheet is used, 5 N pressure is applied
- **Dark Current (V vs I)**
  - Gaps with current more than 5  $\mu\text{A}$  are rejected

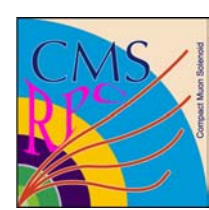
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## RE-2/3 Gaps QC (Total 120 Gaps)



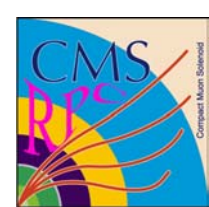


# Quality Assurance (Chambers)



- All chambers are **inspected visually** after assembly
- Chambers are conditioned using the gas mixture, **8 volume changes**
- HV of **8.6 kV** is applied for 6 hours and the behavior of dark current is observed. More than  $0.5 \mu\text{A}$  variation chamber is rejected

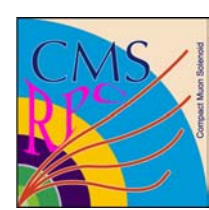




# Quality Assurance (Chambers)



- HV is varied:
  - **8.6, 8.8, 9.0, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5 & 9.6 kV**
- For each HV point 20,000 events are taken
- Using the data following parameters are obtained:
  - **Strip Occupancy**
  - **Efficiency**
  - **Cluster Size**

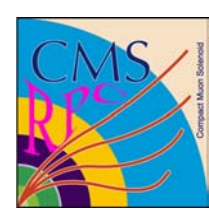


# Quality Assurance (Chambers)



- **Strip Occupancy**
  - Noisy and/or dead channels are identified
  - More than **2** noisy or dead channels, chamber is rejected
- **Efficiency**
  - Chamber is rejected if  $\varepsilon < 95\%$
- **Cluster Size**
  - Chamber is rejected if cluster size is greater than **3.0**





# Summary

- We started in 1999 with the notion, RPCs are cheap and easy to make. *None is correct.*
- Chambers are now produced at a constant rate.
- For assembly we have gone over the learning curve.
- For the testing (QA/QC), still some problems but situation is under control and improving.
- **Testing of 70 chambers in 6 weeks.**