

# Status of the SALTRO16 readout system.

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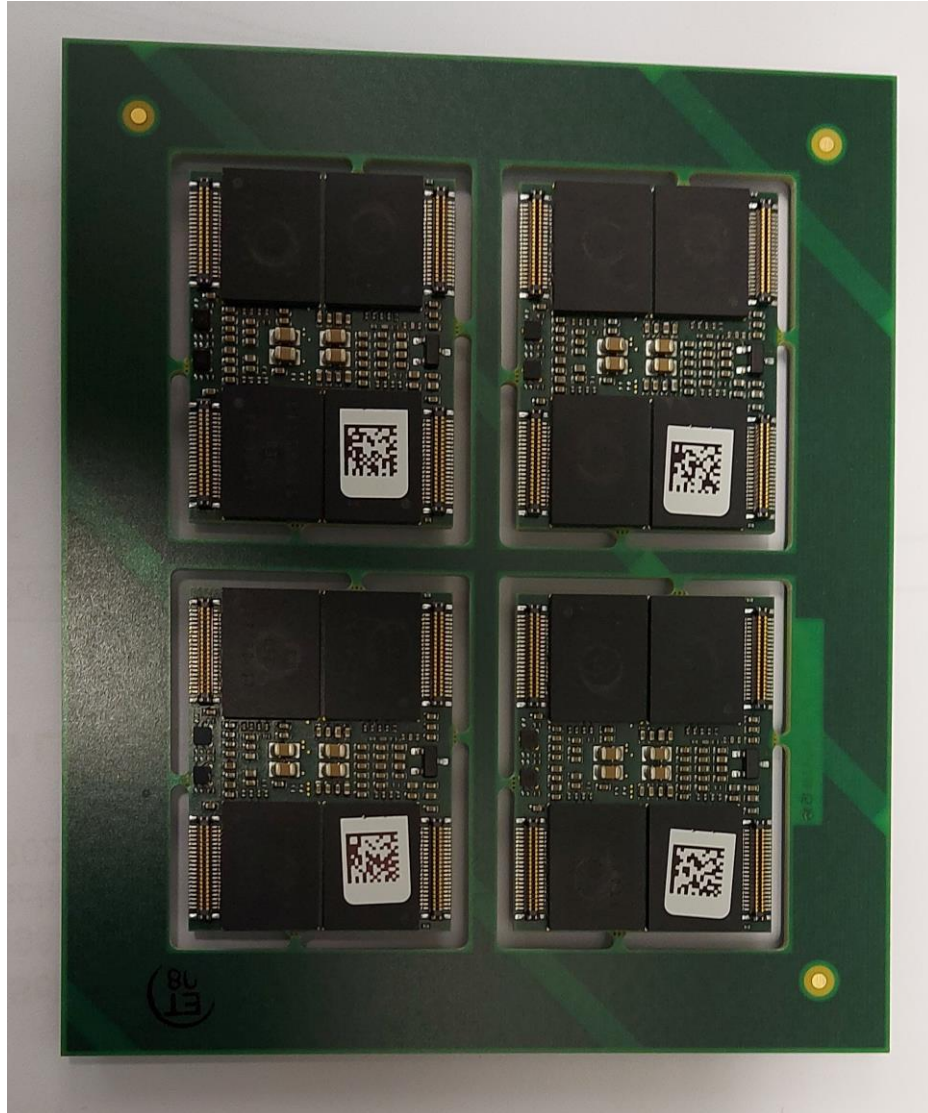
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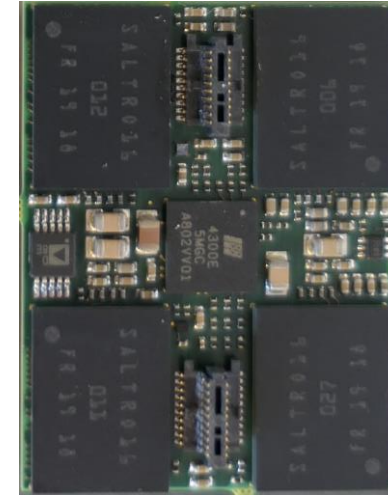
## Time development

- After extensive testing and optimisation in Lund we went for the full production of 60 MCM boards at DESY in February 2024.
- In addition we have 8 MCM boards from a preproduction.
- The assembled boards passed the quality tests at DESY and I picked up the boards on the 29.2.2024.
- I will bring them to Lund in week 13.
- A special testing board for tests of all MCM boards has been designed and is ordered.
- We prepare for using the readout system in the nnbar-experiment at the ESS (European Spallation Source) in Lund.
- What about the future of the large prototype TPC at DESY?

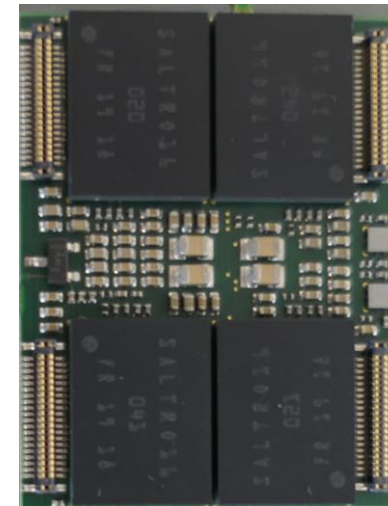
A panel with 4 MCM boards



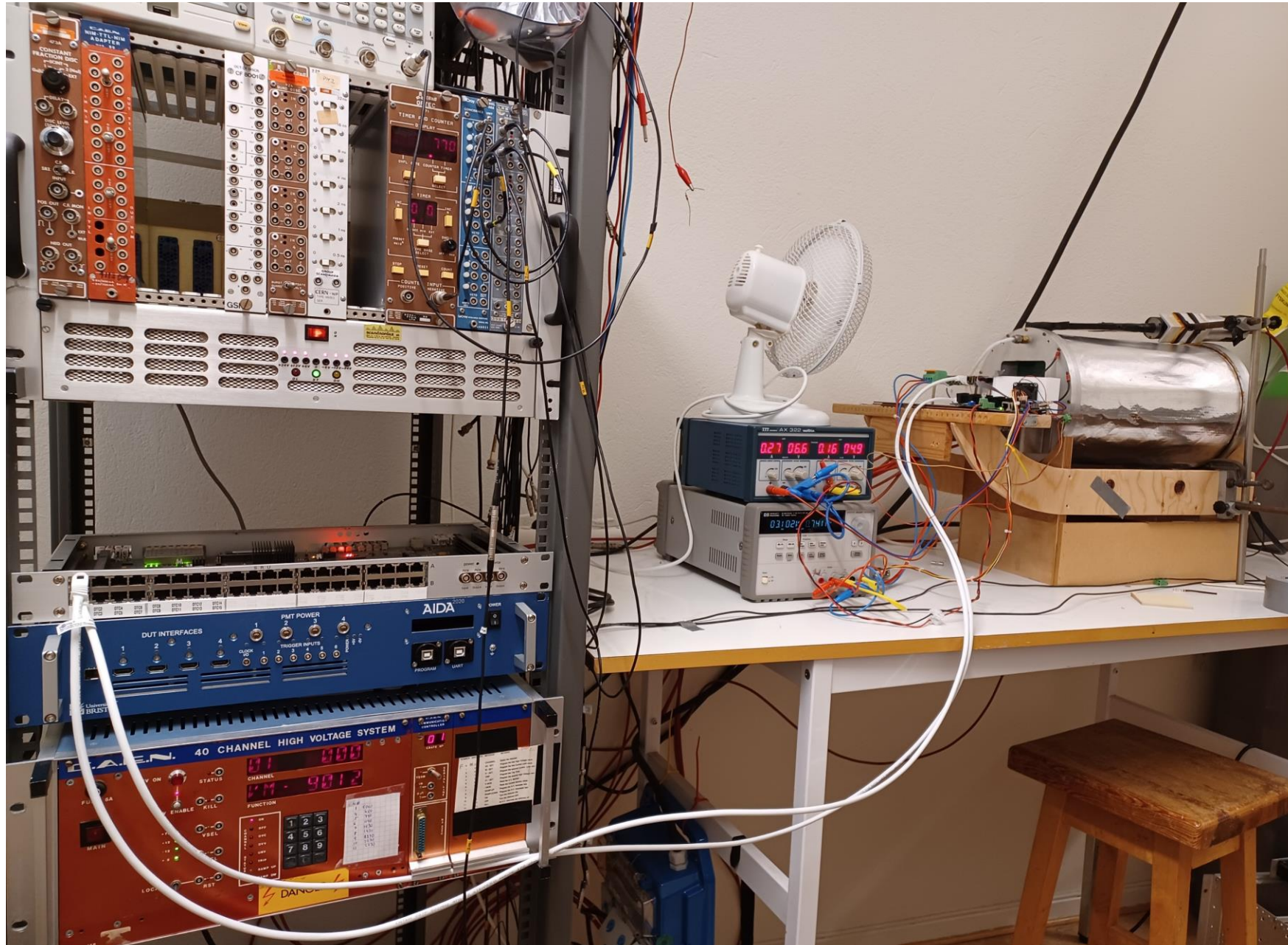
Top side of one MCM board



Bottom side of one MCM board



# The test set-up

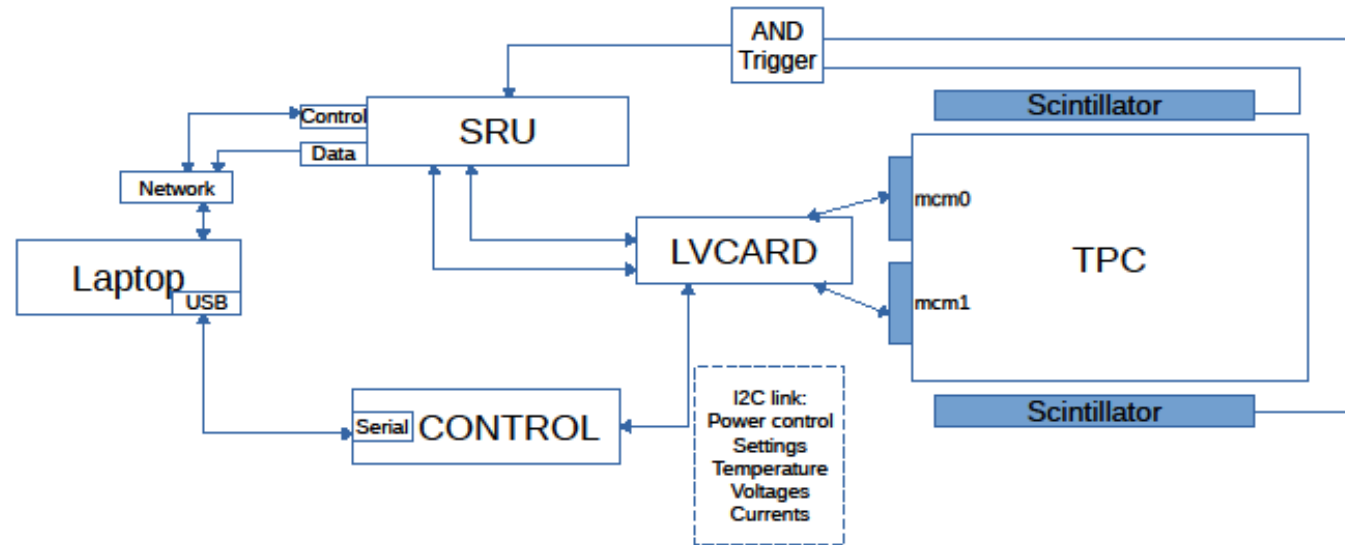


# The Lund TPC

This and further TPC:s were built in Aachen by Stefan Roth.  
Lund received this contact through Joachim Mnich.

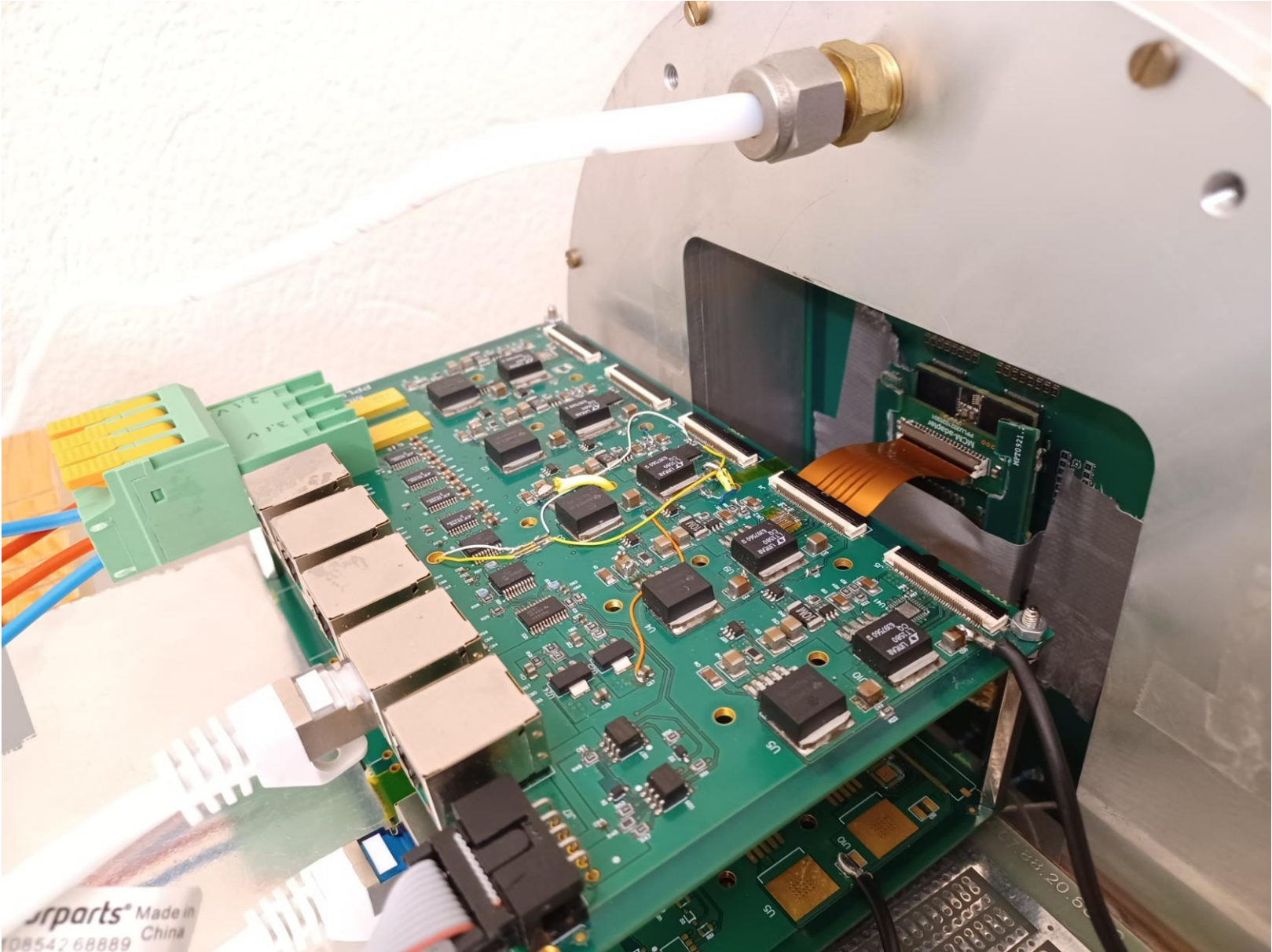
Diameter:	~ 25 cm
Length:	~27 cm (drift length)
Gas:	ArCO <sub>2</sub> 20% CO <sub>2</sub>
Drift field:	200 V/cm
Space between GEM:s:	2mm
Voltage over GEM:s:	350 V
Ø Gem-holes:	50 µm - 70 µm
Pitch GEM-holes:	140 µm
Size of pad plane:	10x10 cm

# Schematics of the readout system



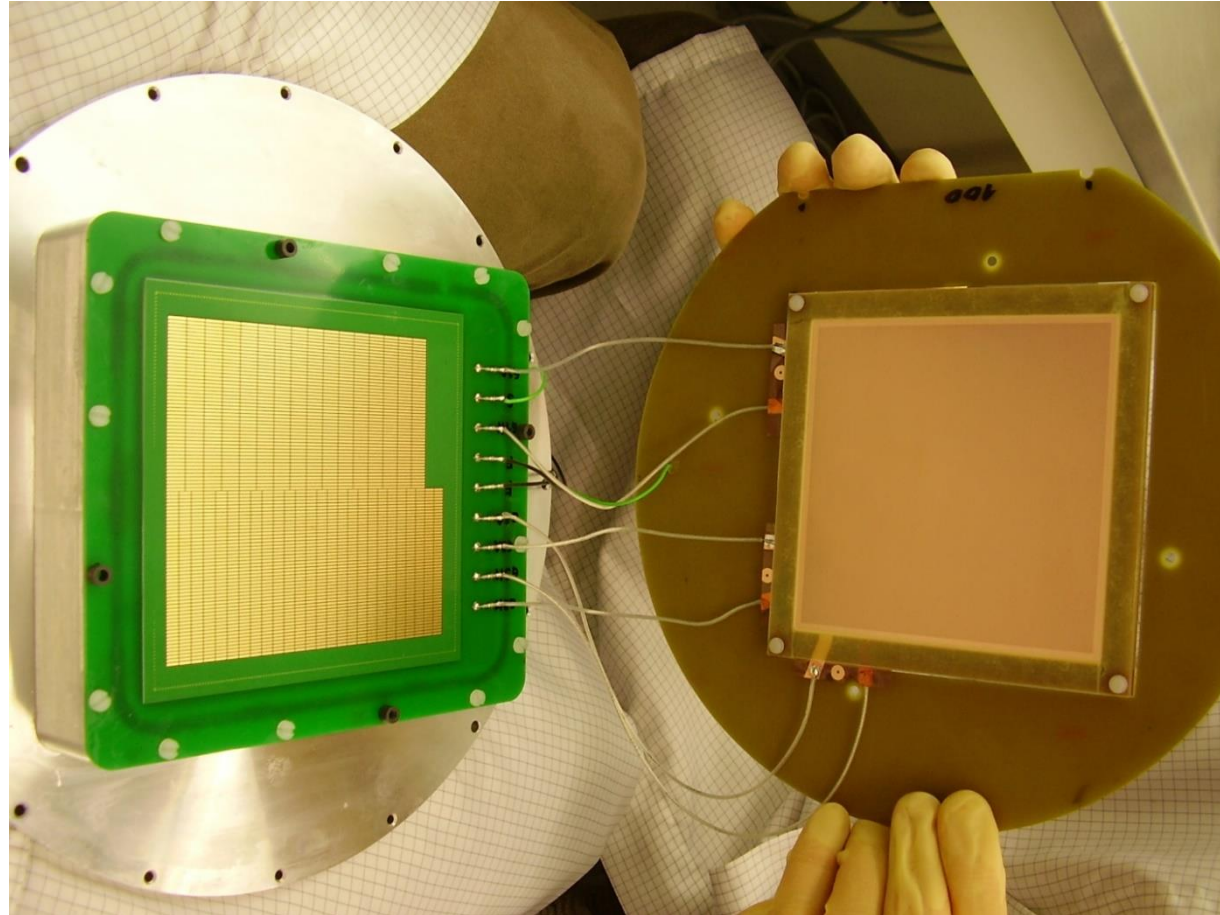
The SRU (Scalable Readout Unit) was supplied by RD51

The LV board on the TPC

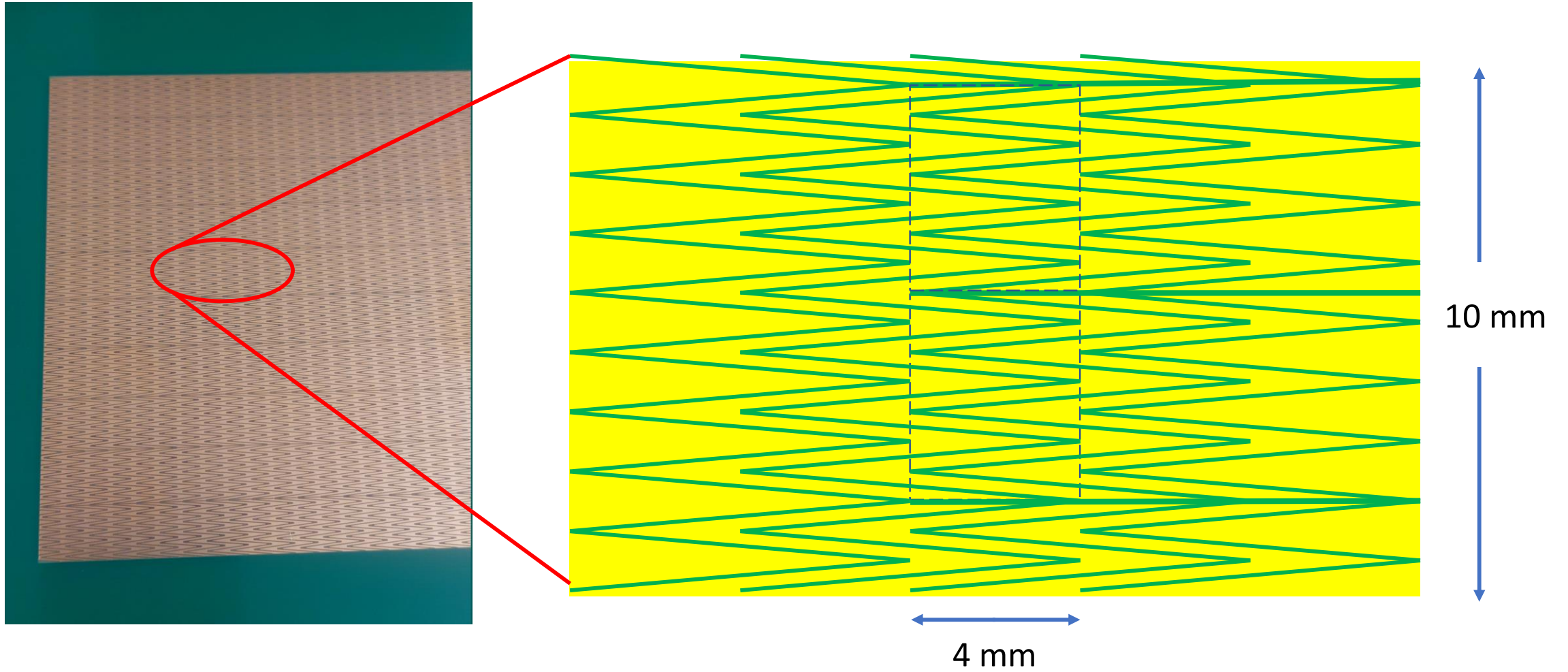




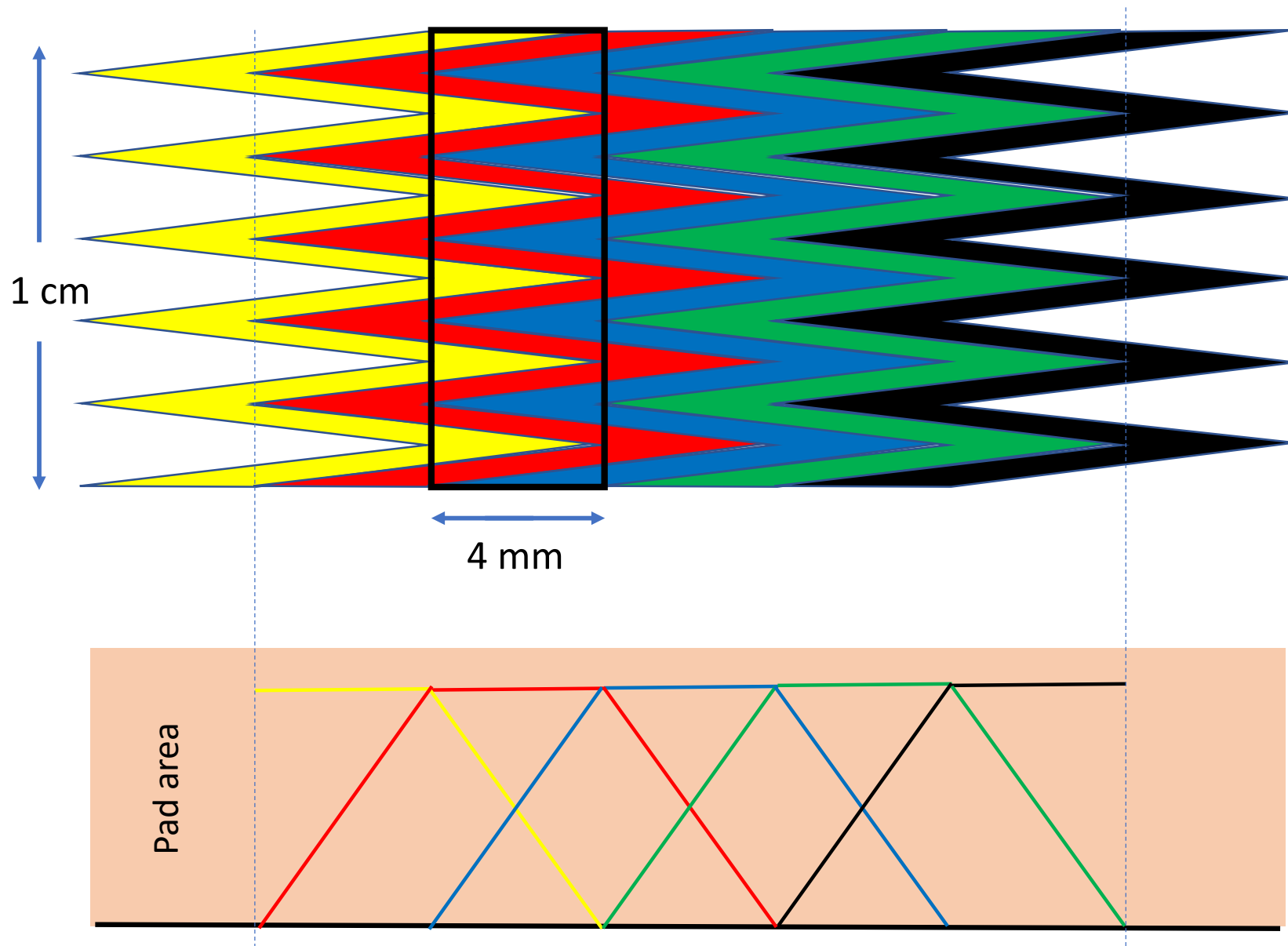
## The old pad plane & the GEM stack



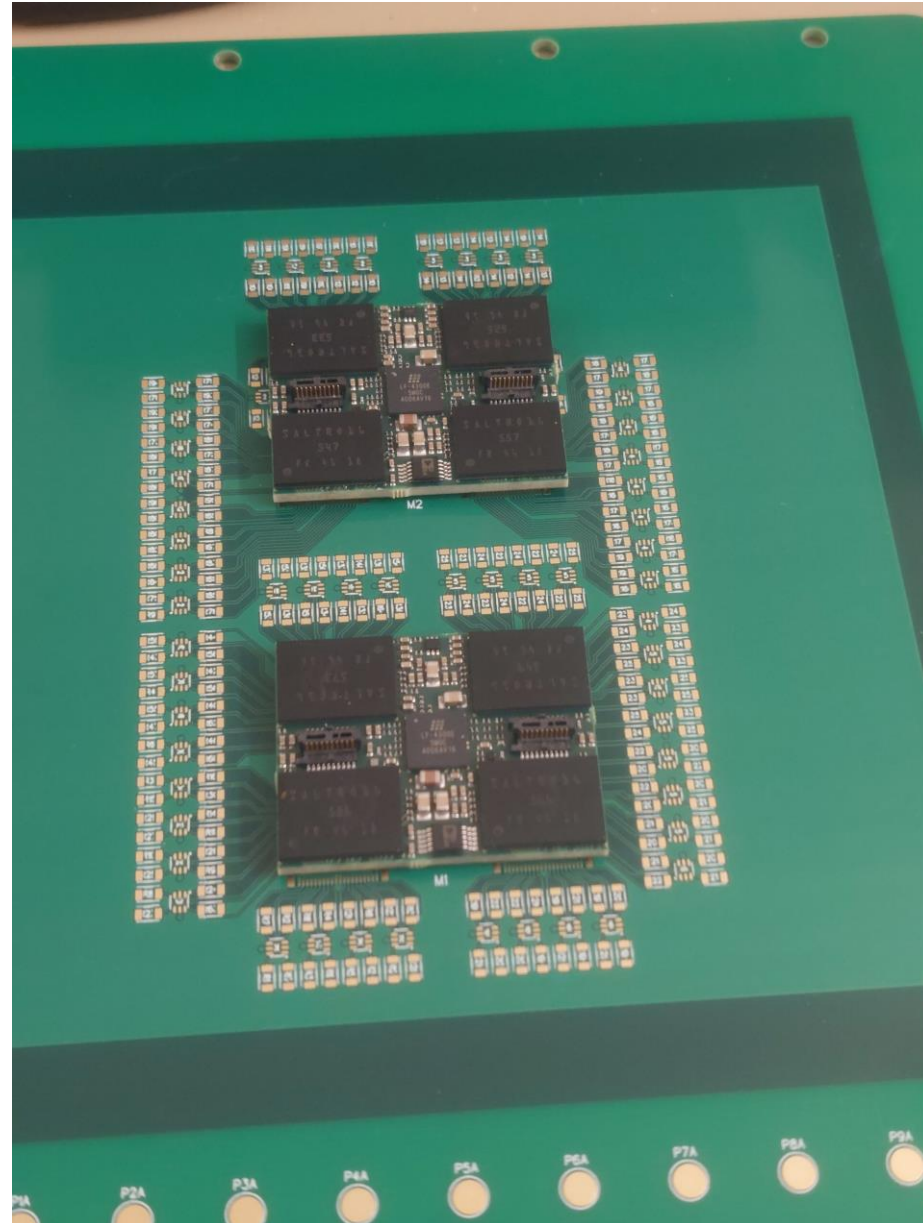
# The new Pad Plane



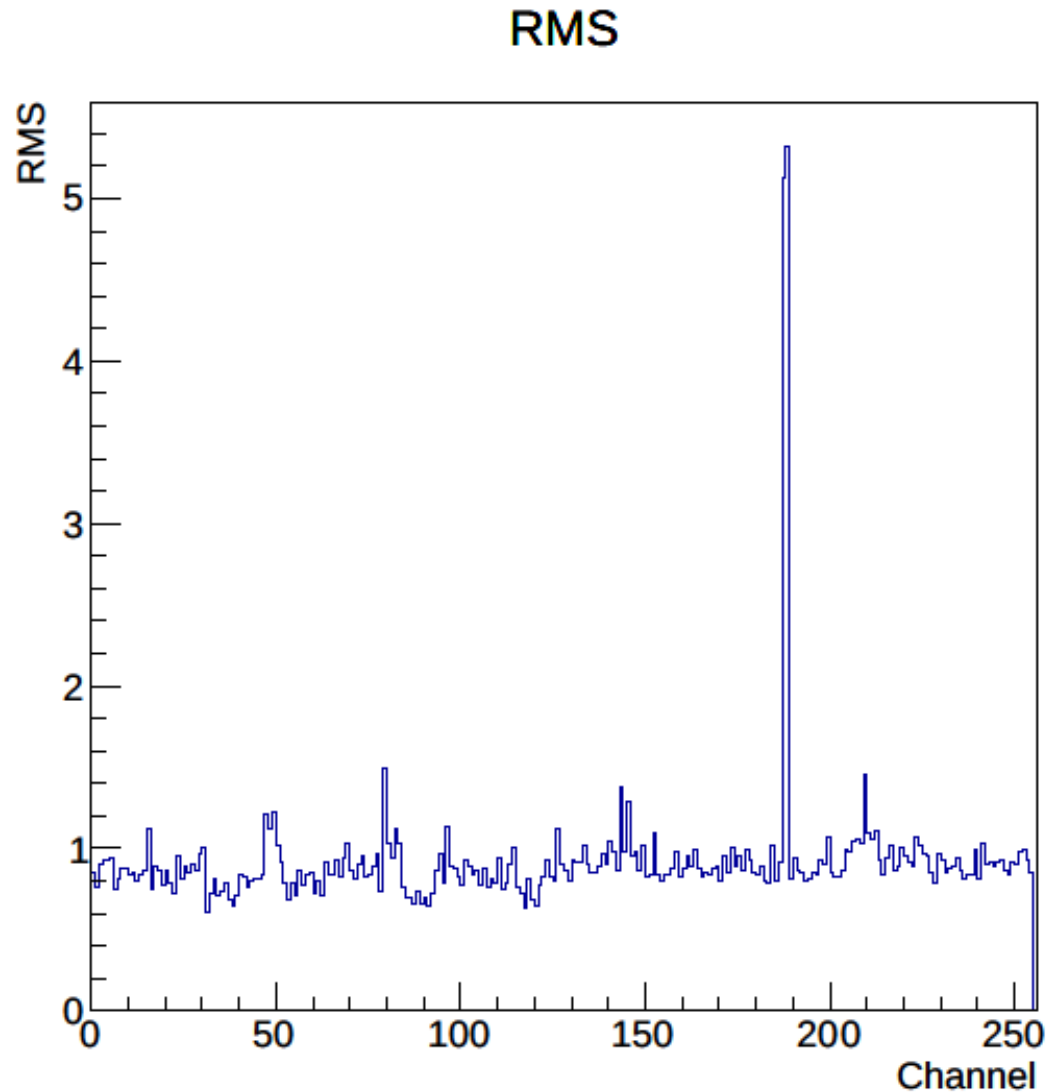
# The principle of charge division with zigzag pads



## 2 MCM boards mounted on the pad plane

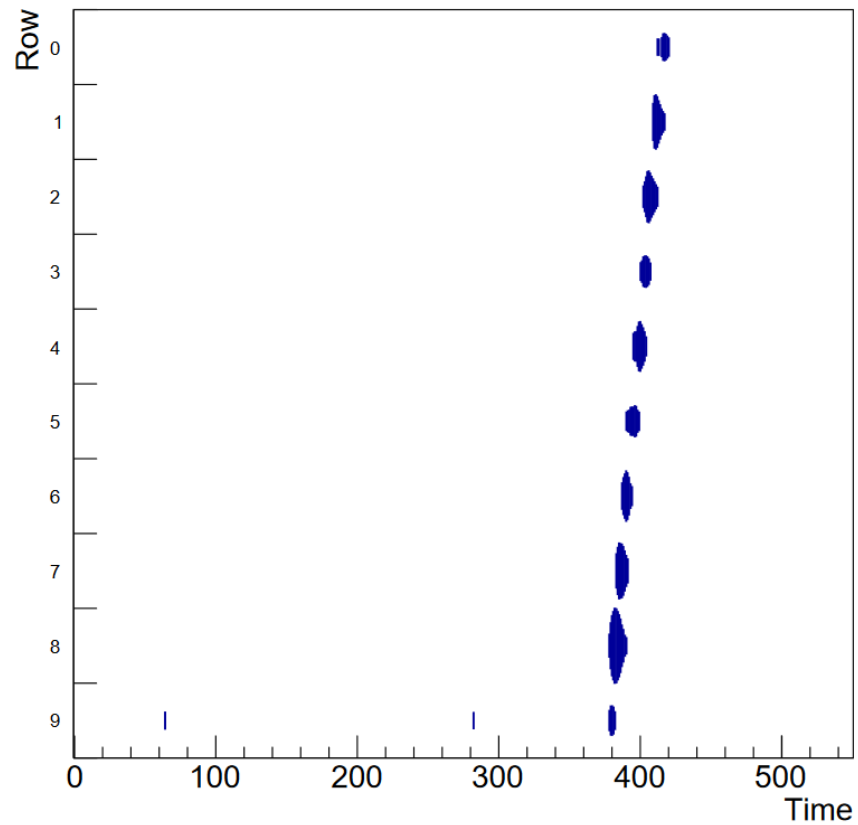


RMS of pedestals (in ADC-counts) for 256 readout channels measured with the whole readout system mounted but without the chamber voltage connected.

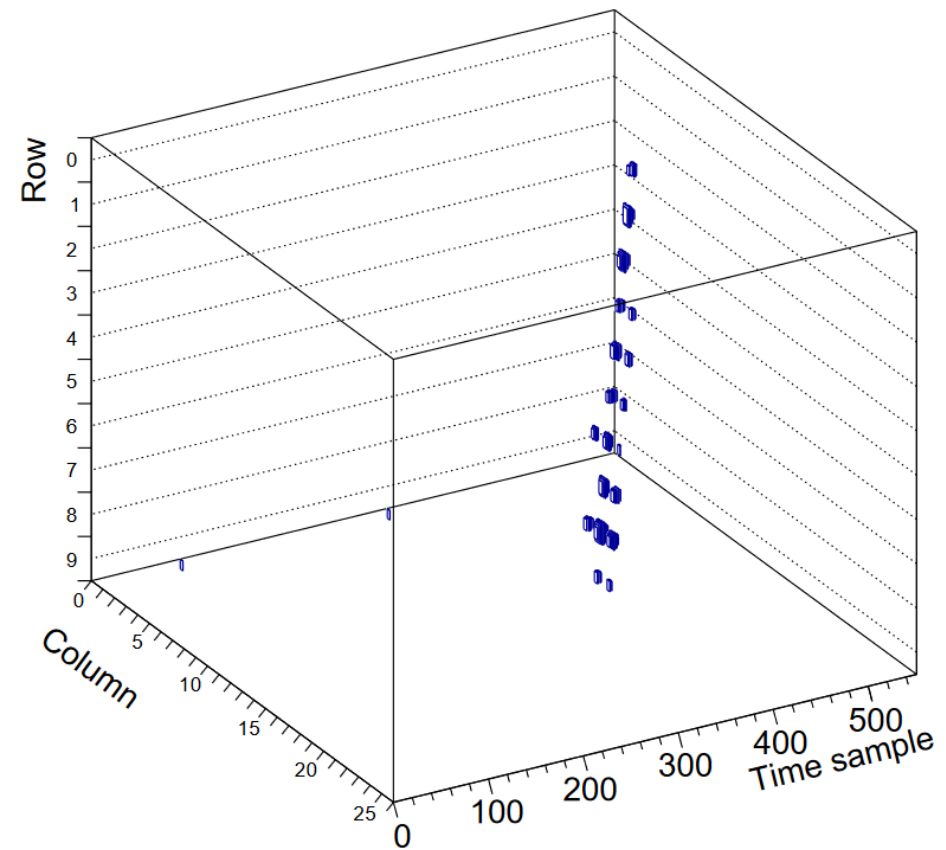


## The first cosmic events in the chamber (two examples)

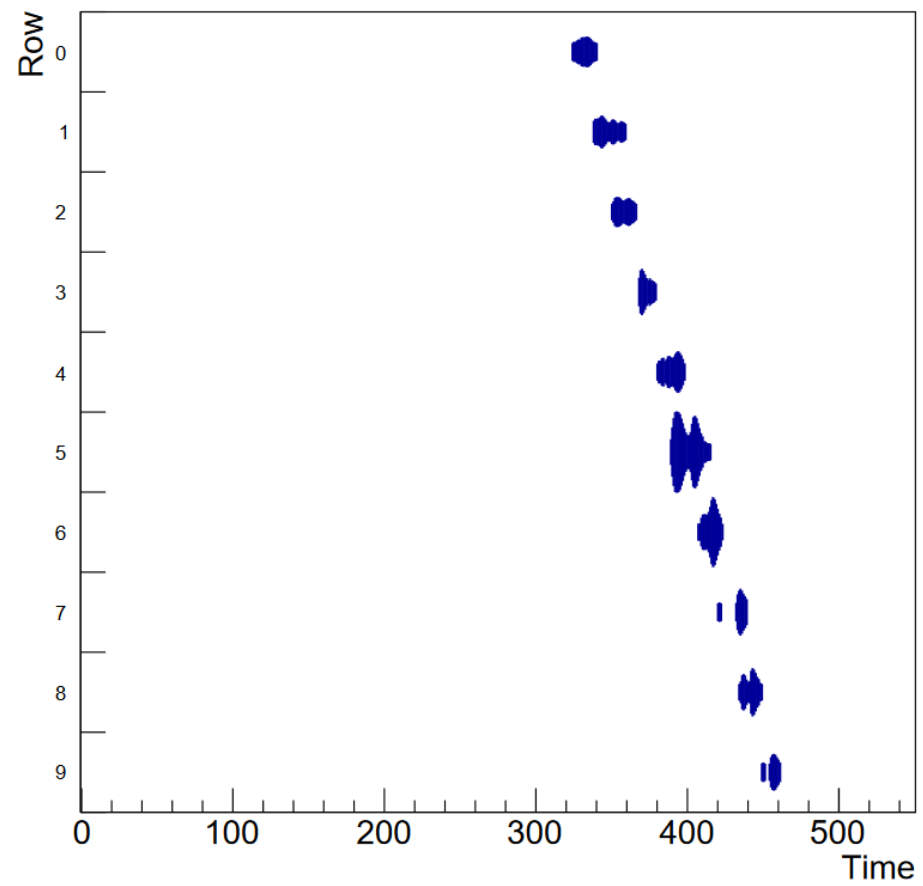
TimeProjection EVENT 7



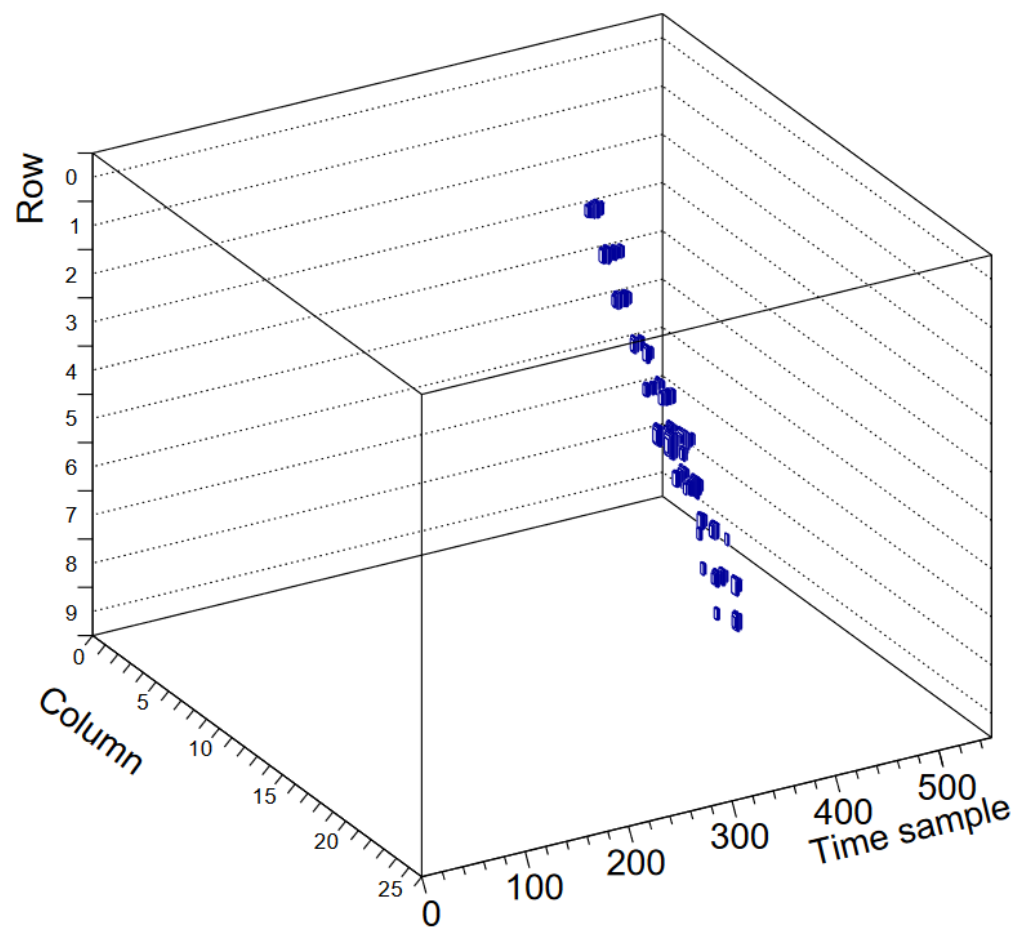
Time View EVENT 7



### TimeProjection EVENT 4



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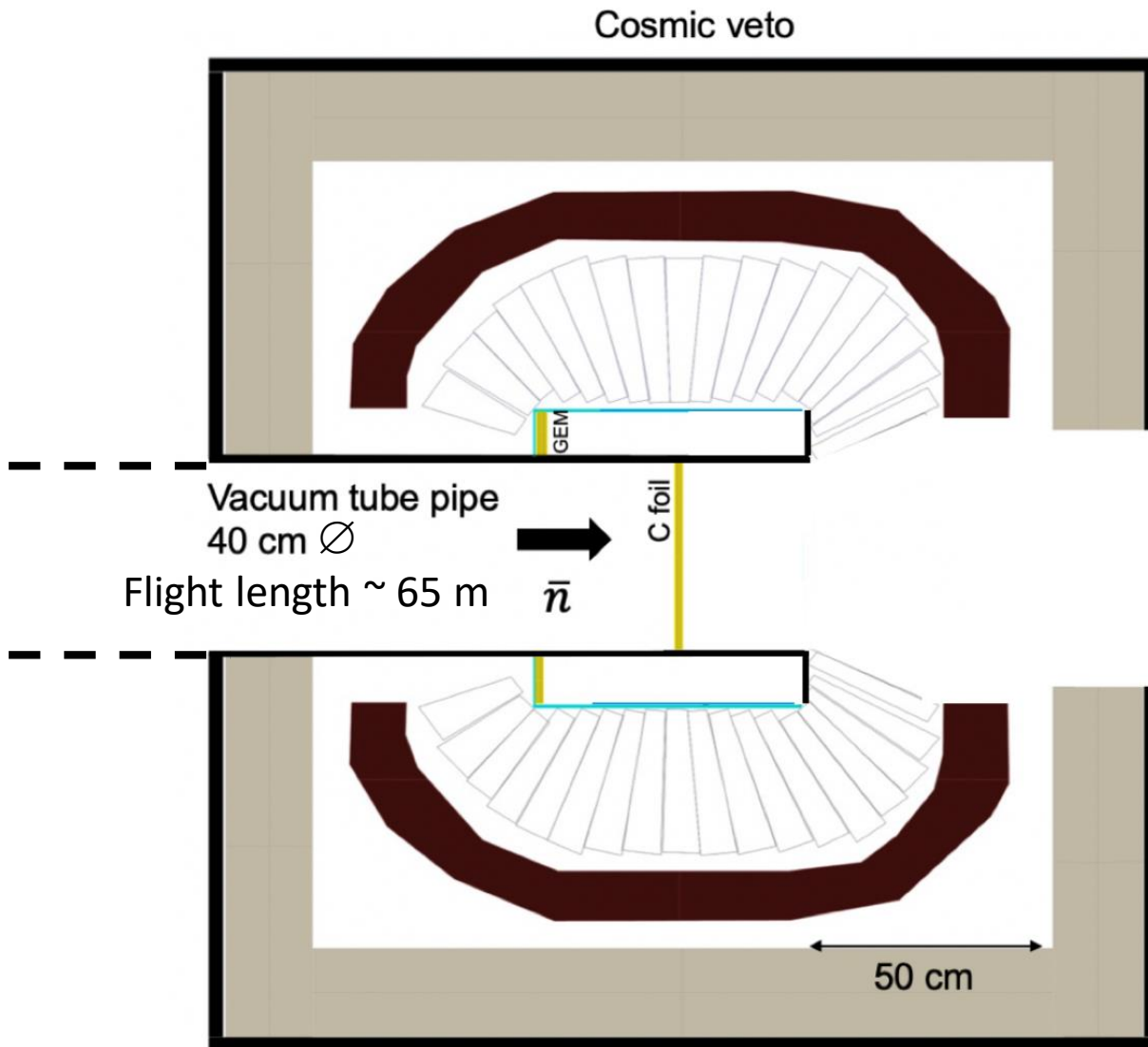


## Next steps

- Further system optimization to improve the signals and suppress the background
- The test board will be assembled.
- All MCM boards will be tested.
- We will need the expertise from DESY to build the TPC for the nnbar experiment.
- If there is an interest to use the readout electronics in the large prototype TPC a pad plane is needed.



# A pre-experiment to the nbar experiment



Cylindrical TPC: inner  $\varnothing$  40 cm  
outer  $\varnothing$  60 cm  
With zigzag pads  $\sim$  400 readout channels

Calorimeter:  
CsI (Na) crystals