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Libation scene on a painted sacrophagus found at Haghia Triada. The priestess and her handmaiden are pouring the contents of conical vessels on an altar adorned with double-axes (on the left).

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# The new Inner Tracker based on GEM detectors for the BESIII Experiment

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## Outline

- **BESIII Experiment**
- **The new CGEM Inner Tracker**
- **Beam Test Measurements**
  - **Planar and Cylindrical prototypes**
- **Readout Electronics: TIGER ASIC**
- **Conclusions and Outlook**



## BESIII Experiment @ BEPCII

Running since 2009, foreseen to run until 2022

- Double Ring 237 m circumference
- Large crossing angle  $\pm 11$  mrad
- Achieved Luminosity  $1 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  @  $\psi(3770)$
- Optimum Energy 1.89 GeV
- Energy Spread  $5.16 \times 10^{-4}$
- No. of Bunches 93
- Bunch length 1.5 cm
- Total current 0.91 A

### BEPCII - Beijing $e^+e^-$ Collider



#### EMC CsI(Tl) crystals

- Energy resolution 2.5% @1GeV
- Spatial resolution 6mm

#### SC Magnet 1T

#### MDC

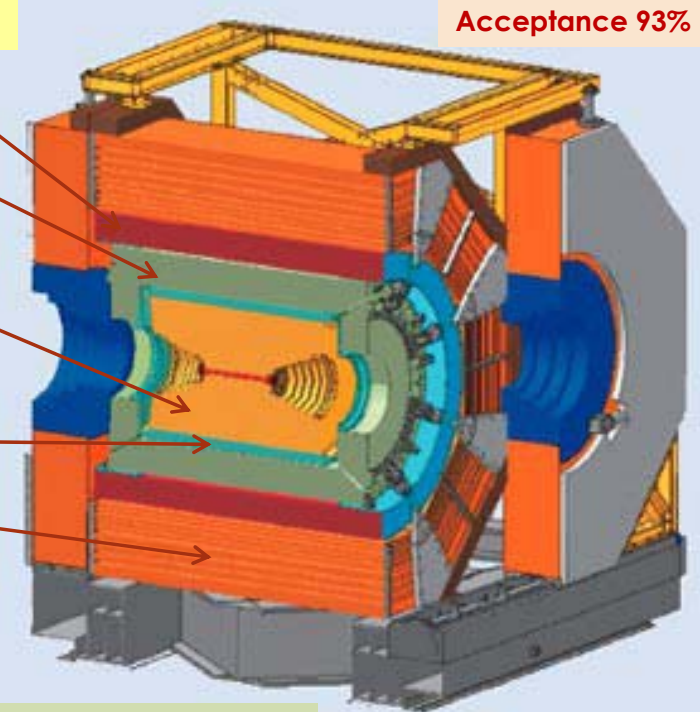
- Spatial resolution  $\sigma_{r\phi} = 130 \mu\text{m}$
- Momentum resolution 0.5% @1GeV
- $dE/dx$  resolution 6%

#### TOF

- Time resolution 80(110) ps barrel (endcaps)

#### Muon Counter RPC (9) Barrel, (8) Endcaps

- Spatial resolution 1.5 cm

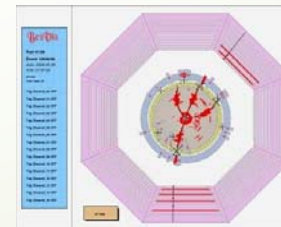


NIM A614, 345(2010)

Excellent performance detector

Physics goals cover a large and diverse range  
Charmonium, Open Charm and Light Hadron Spectroscopy,  
 $\tau$ -physics and more

$$\sqrt{s} = 2 - 4.6 \text{ GeV}$$

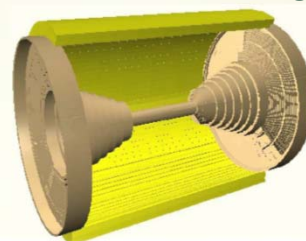


## Aging of the MDC Inner Tracker

### MDC (Main Drift Chamber)

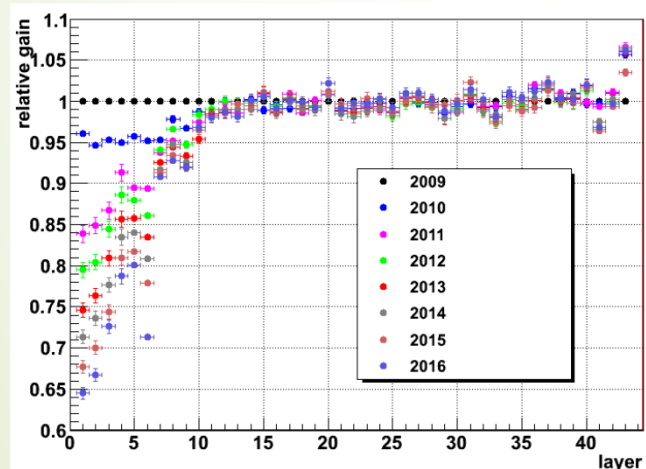
43 layers into Two Trackers sharing the same He-based gas mixture

- Inner Tracker
  - 8 stereo-layers
- Outer Tracker
  - 12 axial layers
  - 16 stereo layers
  - 7 axial layers



### Performance

- Spatial resolution  $\sigma_{r\phi} = 130\mu\text{m}$
- Momentum resolution **0.5% @1GeV**
- dE/dx resolution **6%**



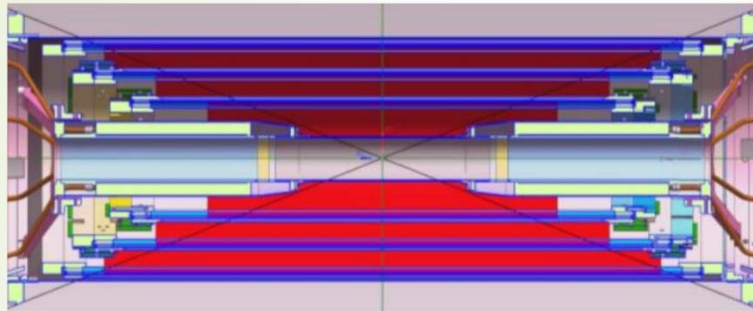
### Issues

- Significant ageing in the Inner Tracker
- The increase of Luminosity is speeding up the ageing
- Working at lower HV to keep current under control
- Lower Efficiency
- Gain loss/year  $\sim 4\%$

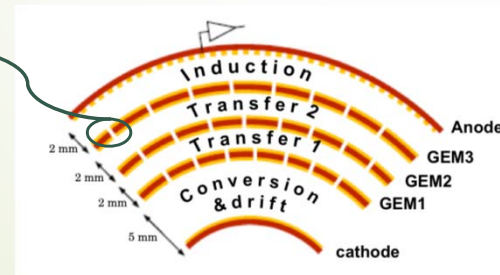
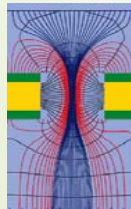
How to run until 2022 and beyond ?  
**A replacement is needed**

## CGEM: a new Inner Tracker for future data taking

*Replace the 8 layers of MDC with 3 layers of cylindrical triple GEM*



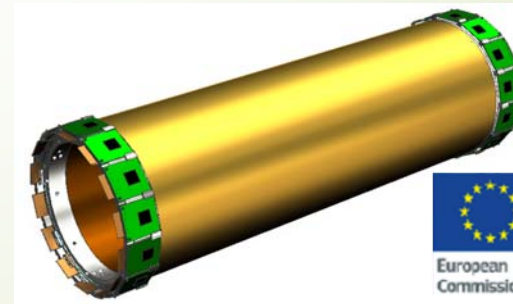
Each layer is made by a triple GEM **5/2/2/2** moulded upon a cylindrical shape



[arXiv:1706.02428](https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.02428)

### Requirements

- Spatial resolution  $\sigma_{r-\phi} \sim 130 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\sigma_z \sim 1 \text{ mm}$
- Momentum resolution  $\sim 0.5 \% @ 1 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Rate capability  $10^4 \text{ Hz}/\text{cm}^2$
- Efficiency  $\sim 98\%$
- Material budget  $\leq 1.5 \% X_0$  all layers
- Solid angle coverage  $\sim 93 \%$
- Magnetic field **1T**
- Inner radius **78 mm** Outer radius **179 mm**



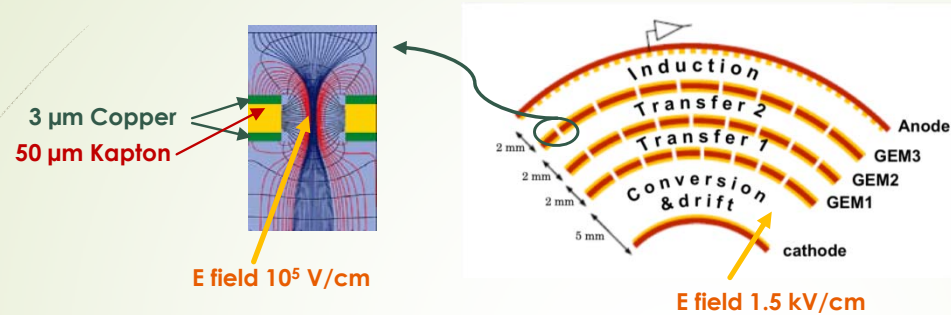
Beneficiaries and  
Partner Organisation  
INFN (FE, LNF, TO)  
Mainz U - Uppsala U - IHEP



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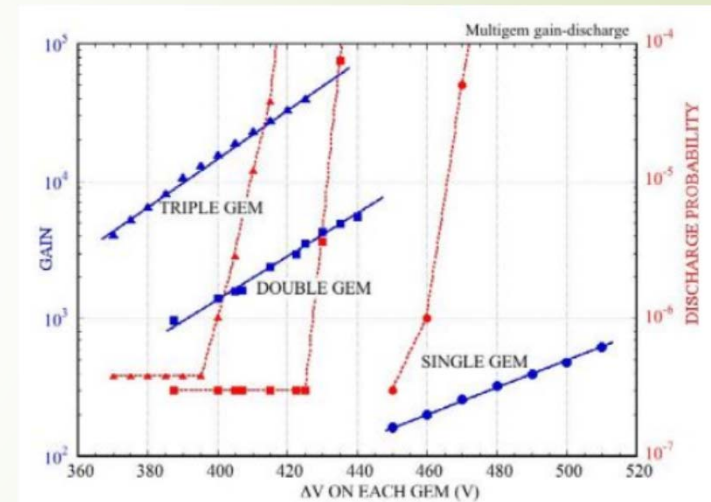
BESIII CGEM Project  
RISE-MSCA-H2020-2014 call

## GEM Technology



- The signal depends on the gas mixture, the geometry and the applied fields
- High efficiency needs a gain of  $10^3 - 10^4$ , while safety standard requires a discharge probability below  $10^{-5}$

- **XV** segmented anode
- Readout strips (pitch, X, V) **650/570/130  $\mu\text{m}$**



The GEM foils placed between anode and cathode provide a gain of  $\sim 10^3 - 10^4$  at lower voltages  $\rightarrow$  lower discharge probability

## Physics advantages using CGEM in BESIII

- Better analysis for final states with **short life particles**
- Better precision on **secondary vertex** reconstruction
- **XV** readout improves spatial resolution in **z coordinate** (2mm  $\rightarrow$  1mm)
- Triple-GEM technology shows higher resistance to **high particle flux**
- Triple-GEM technology shows **lower aging effects**

**Vertex resolution of  $K^0_s$  and  $\Lambda$  particles improves between 2 and 3 times over the drift chamber**

## State of the Art and Innovation

### Previous Experiment

- First Cylindrical GEM detector (4 layers) designed and implemented by **KLOE-2** at DAΦNE
- Operated at **0.5 T** with a spatial resolution of **350  $\mu\text{m}$**
- **Digital** readout (XV strips with stereo angle 25°-30°)

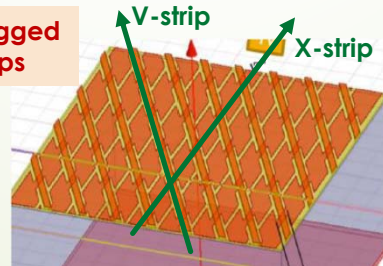
### Innovations @BESIII

- Cathode and Anode frame made of **Rohacell** instead of Honeycomb
- New anode design with a **jagged layout** to reduce of **30%** the inter-strip capacitance
- **Analogue** readout to achieve the required spatial resolution with a limited number of channels
  - **TIGER**, a dedicated custom ASIC to provide **Charge and Time** measurements by TDC, ADC and ToT
  - Both **Charge and Time** information will be used to reconstruct the position **with  $B = 1\text{ T}$**

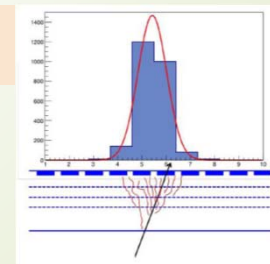
Rohacell  
 $X_0 \sim 0.33\%$   
per Layer



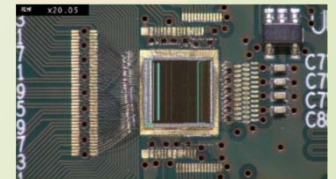
Jagged  
strips



Analogue  
readout



TIGER ASIC



## Measurements of performance

### Beam Test

- Planar GEM December 2014 @ CERN
- Planar GEM June 2015 @ CERN
- Planar GEM May/June 2016 @ CERN
- Cylindrical GEM October 2016 @ CERN
- Cylindrical GEM next July 2017 @ CERN

### Cosmic rays

- Cylindrical GEM ongoing



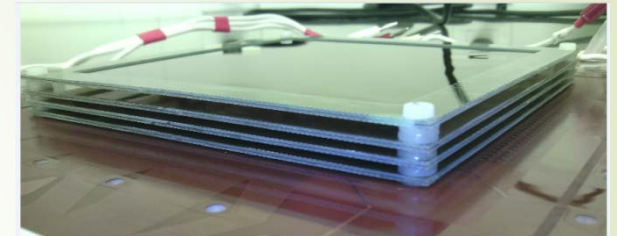
### @ CERN

- H4 beam line at SPS, North area
- Magnetic field
- GOLIATH dipole
- B field 1.5 T both polarity

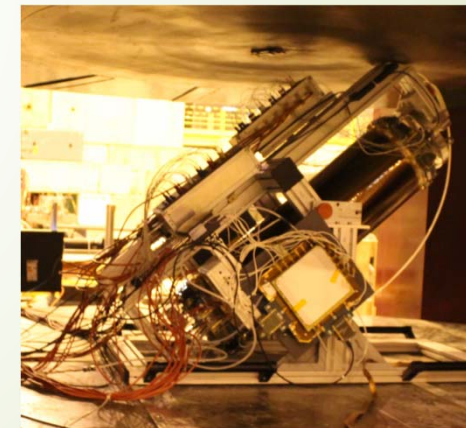
### Beam

- Muons/pions
- Momentum 150 GeV/c
- Intensity  $10^4$ - $10^6$  events/spill

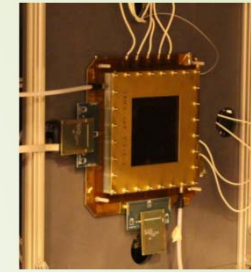
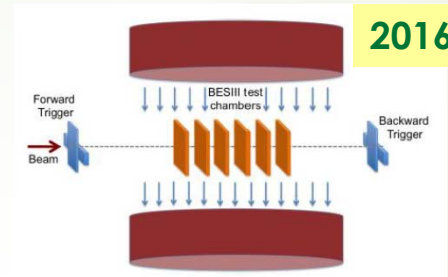
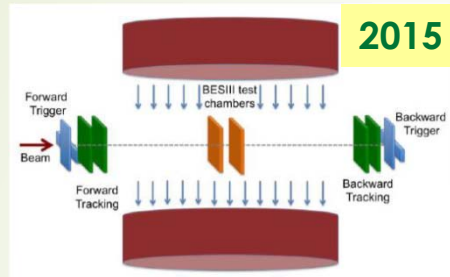
### Planar triple GEM prototype



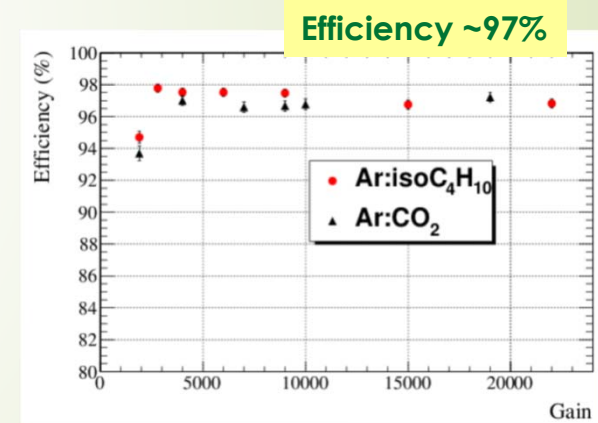
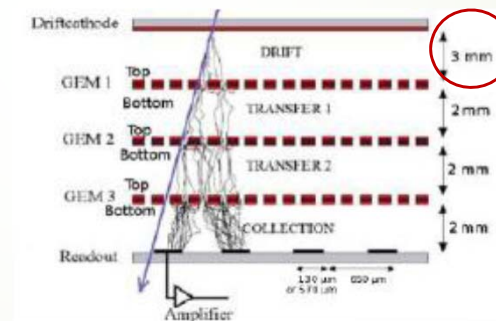
### Cylindrical triple GEM



## Beam test with Planar GEM



- Triple GEM 10x10 cm<sup>2</sup>
- X view + Y view
- Strip pitch 650 μm
- Gas mixture
  - Ar/CO<sub>2</sub> (70/30)
  - Ar/iC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub> (90/10)
- Readout by APV25 ASIC



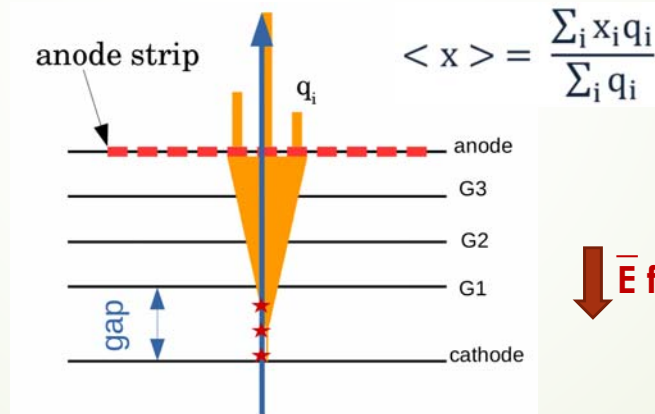
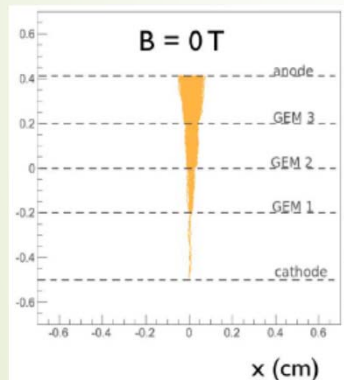
- Performance measured with different geometries, gas mixtures and E fields
- Efficiency plateau on the two views reaches ~97% at a gain of ~6000

## The Charge Centroid method

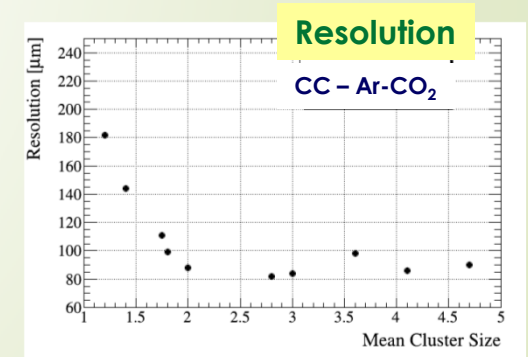
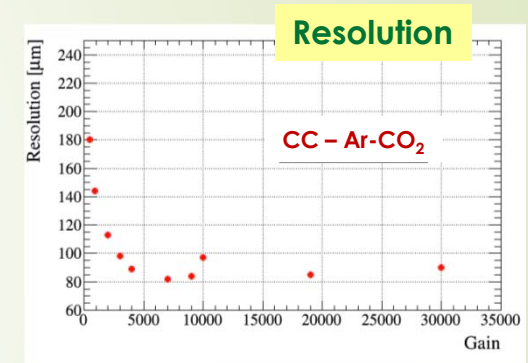
- The avalanche size depends on the gas diffusion, which is affected by E field and gas mixture
- A weighted average position is measured from the fired strips and its performance is better than the digital readout, which is limited by the strip pitch

### Results with Orthogonal tracks and $B = 0$

- The charge distribution on the anode is **Gaussian**
- Charge Centroid method

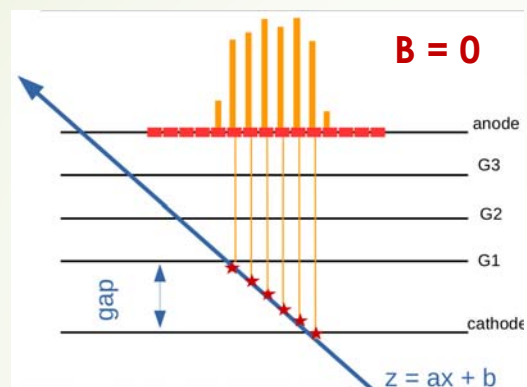


↓  $\bar{E}$  field



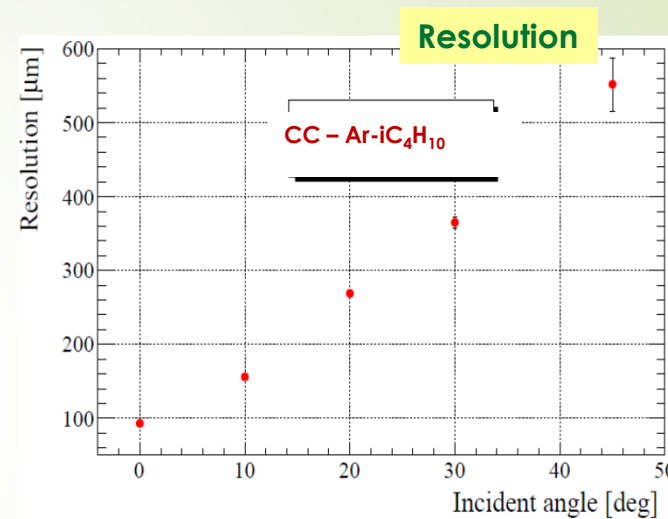
The best performance of CC method is achieved when the number of fired strip  $> 2$

## The Charge Centroid method

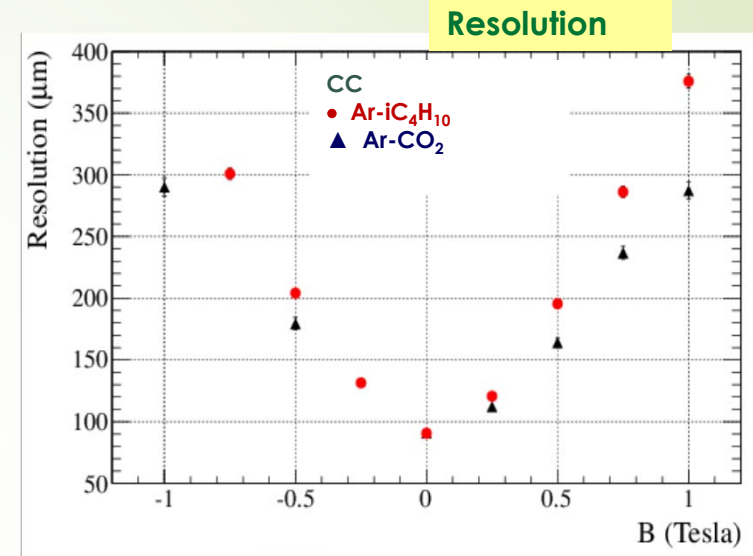
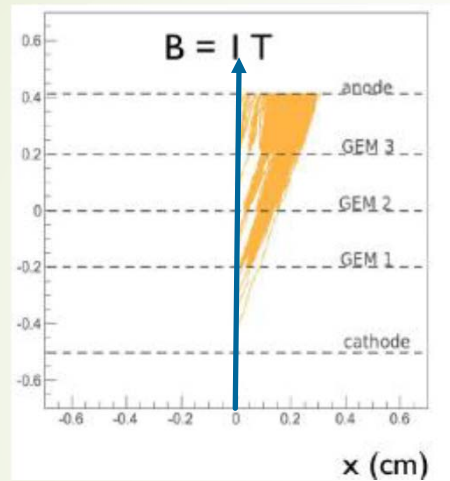


### Inclined tracks and $B = 0$

- The cluster size increases and the charge distribution on the anode is **no more Gaussian**
- Charge Centroid method fails



## The Charge Centroid method



### $B \neq 0$

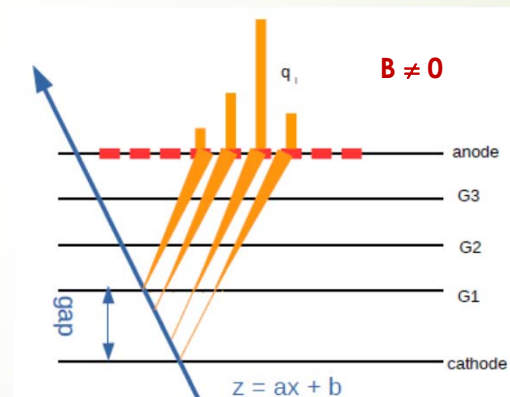
- The simultaneous presence of E and B fields bends the electron trajectories  
→ the charge distribution on the anode is **no more Gaussian**
- Charge Centroid method fails again

Inclined tracks and/or magnetic field increase the cluster size

**A different method to reconstruct the position is needed**

## The $\mu$ TPC method

- Inclined tracks and/or magnetic field  $\rightarrow$  Increase cluster size  $\rightarrow$  The  $\mu$ TPC can be used
- The drift gap is seen as **a micro Time Projection Chamber** JINST, 9 C01017, 2014
- The spatial resolution can be improved for inclined tracks and with  $B \neq 0$  using the Time information on each strip and the drift velocity

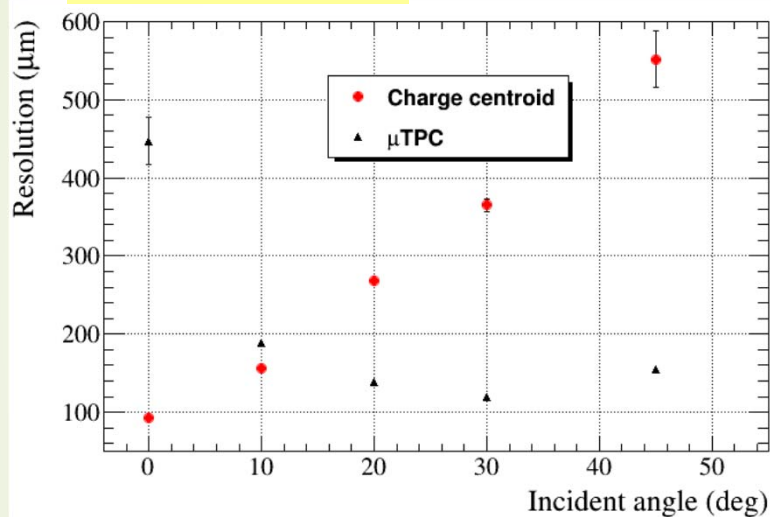


$$x = \frac{\frac{gap}{2} - b}{a}$$

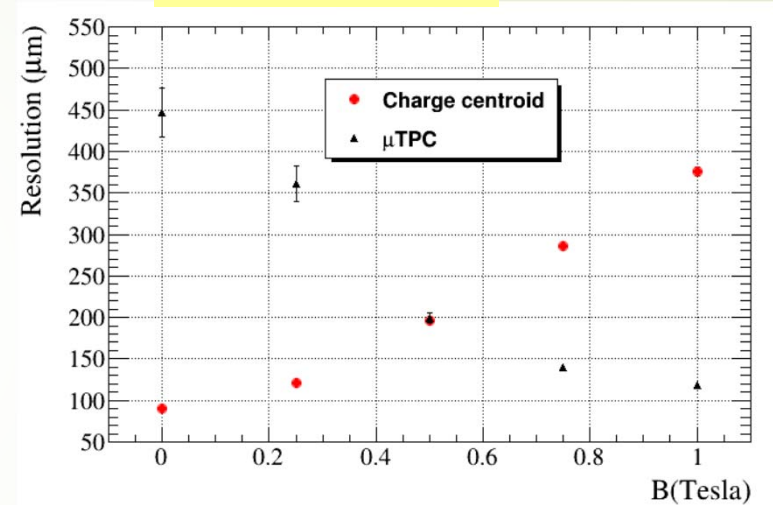
- Knowing the drift velocity from Garfield simulation, a bi-dimensional point is assigned to each fired strip. These points are used to reconstruct the track in the conversion region
- A linear fit is used to reconstruct the path and to measure the particle position

## Charge Centroid & $\mu$ TPC methods

### Resolution vs angle

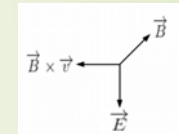
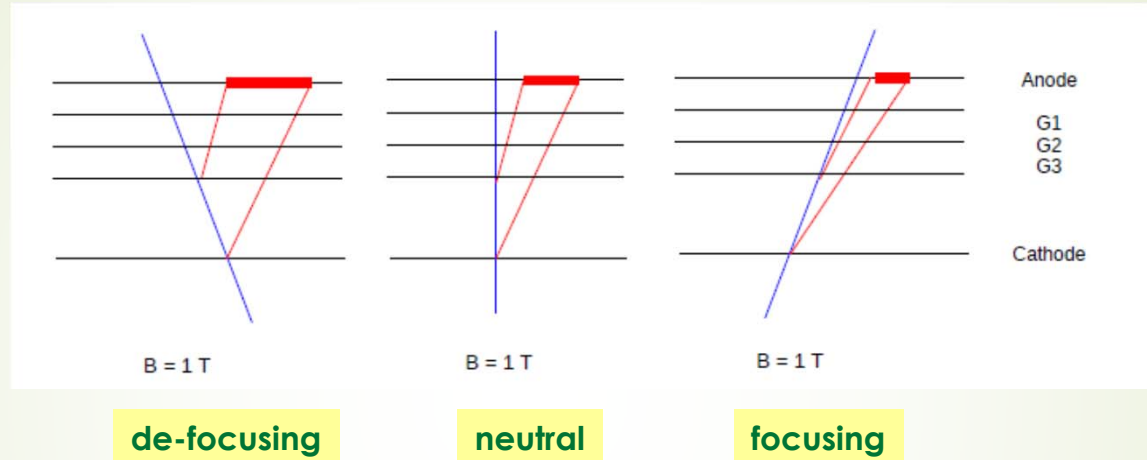


### Resolution vs B field



**A combination of the two methods is needed**

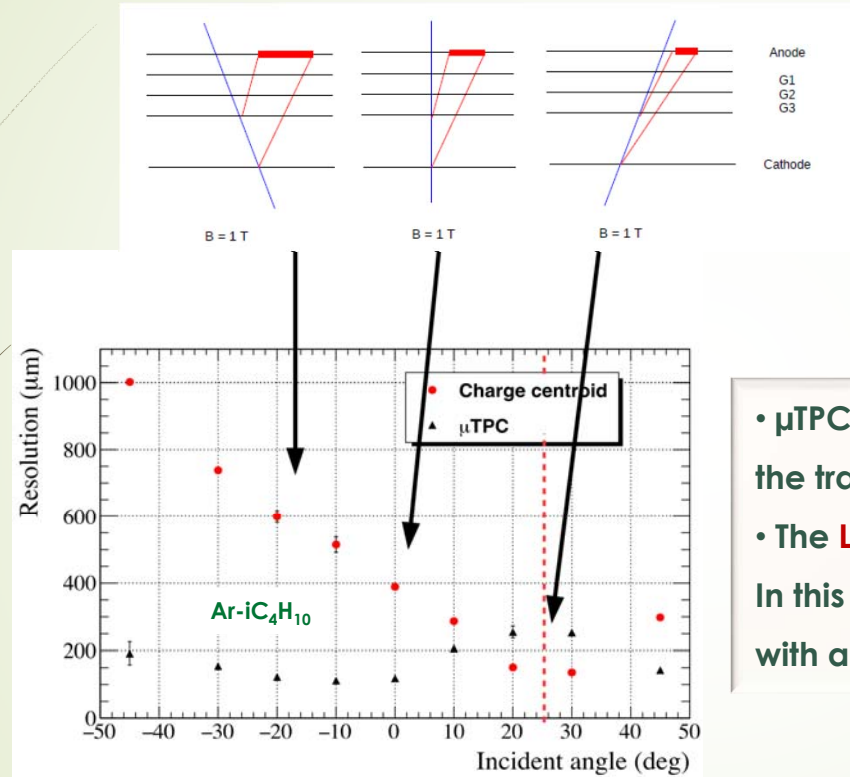
## Inclined tracks and $B \neq 0$



Two different effects can be observed

- **focusing effect:** Lorentz & inclination angles concordant  
 → smaller cluster size
- **de-focusing effect:** Lorentz & inclination angles discordant  
 → bigger cluster size

## Combining Charge Centroid & $\mu$ TPC methods



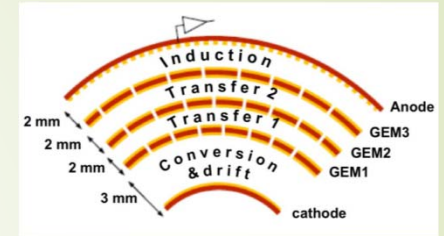
$B = 1\text{ T}$

- $\mu$ TPC takes into account the Lorentz angle to reconstruct the tracks with  $B \neq 0$
  - The Lorentz angle using  $\text{Ar-iC}_4\text{H}_{10}$  @ 1.5 kV/cm drift field is  $\sim 26^\circ$
- In this region CC is more efficient. In the other regions  $\mu$ TPC is flat with a resolution  $\sim 130\ \mu\text{m}$

**A combination of the two methods should keep the resolution stable in the full range of incident angle**

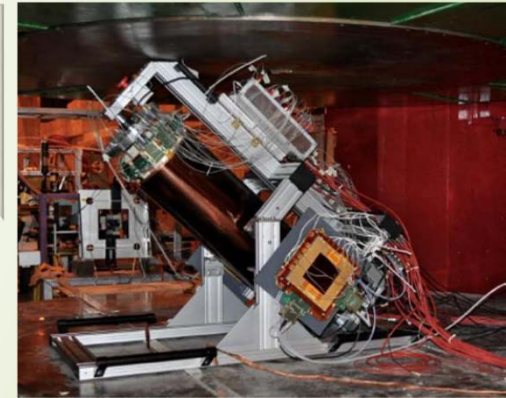
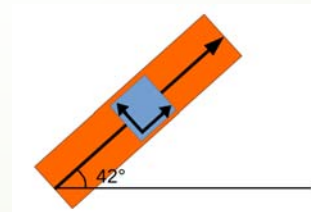
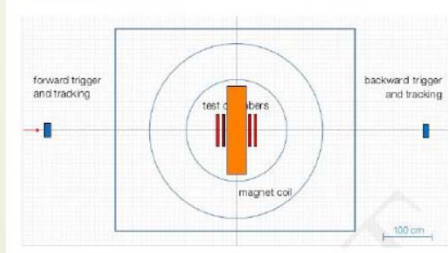
## Beam test with the Cylindrical triple-GEM

- First beam test @ CERN with prototype of **Layer-2**
- **3 mm** drift gap (new Layer with **5 mm** is under assembly)
- Gas mixture **Ar/CO<sub>2</sub>** (70/30)
- X and V views, **only X instrumented**
- CGEM and 4 planar GEM have been used



### Goals

- CGEM at **42°** to test the performance along the longitudinal strip @ **B = 1 T**
- Test the **stability** of the detector under beam conditions
- Test under **high intensity pion beam**
- **Comparison** between cylindrical and planar GEM measurements



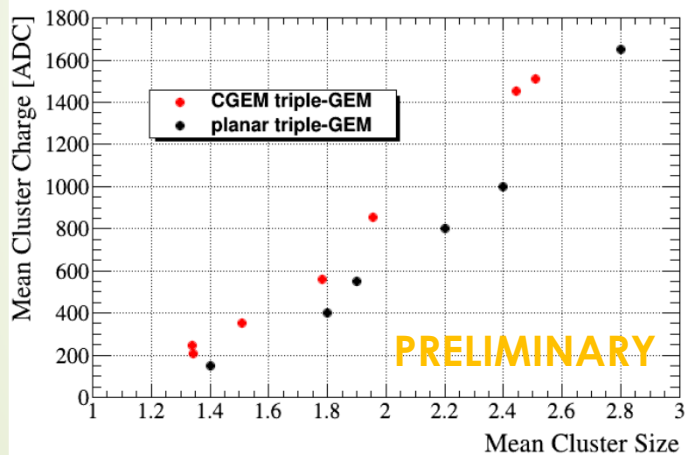
### Test under extreme conditions

- HV = 400 V for each GEM foil → gain  $10^5$  → **Stable**
- High intensity beam → **some tenth of kHz/cm<sup>2</sup>** → **No current peaking problem**

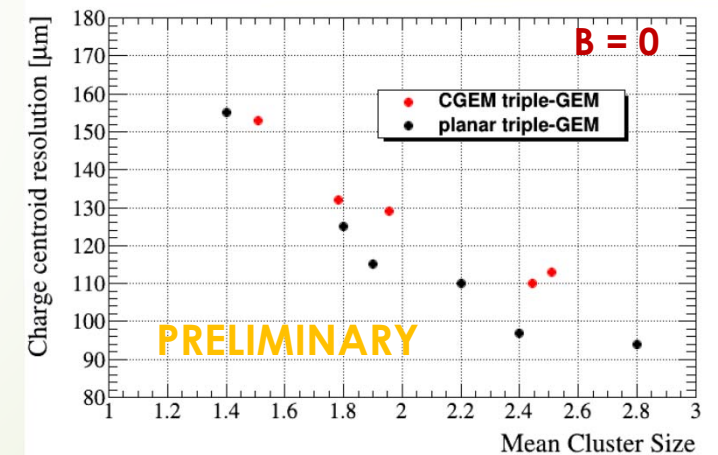
## Comparison between Planar and Cylindrical triple-GEM

- Analysis as a function of cluster size
- Measurements with **orthogonal pion tracks** and **B = 0**
- Cluster size shows the number of the fired strips. This is related to the signal dimension rather than to the gain and the drift properties of the electron

### Mean Cluster Charge vs Mean Cluster Size



### CC Resolution vs Mean Cluster Size



CC Resolution shows that the CGEM performance is in agreement with planar GEM

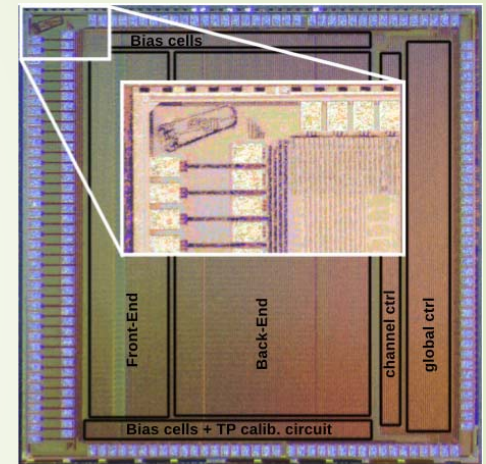
## Readout Electronics: TIGER ASIC

*Our Aim:* Spatial Resolution  $\leq 130 \mu\text{m}$   $\Rightarrow$  Analogue Readout is needed

### Requirements

- Should provide **Charge** and **Time** measurements for Charge Centroid and  $\mu\text{TPC}$  modes and feature a **fully-digital output**
- Input charge: **1 – 50 fC**
- Sensor Capacitance: **up to 100 pF**
- Rate per Channel: **60 kHz** (safety factor of 4 included)
- Time resolution: **4-5 ns**
- Power consumption  **$\sim 10 \text{ mW/channel}$**
- Should be **radiation tolerant for Single Event Upset**

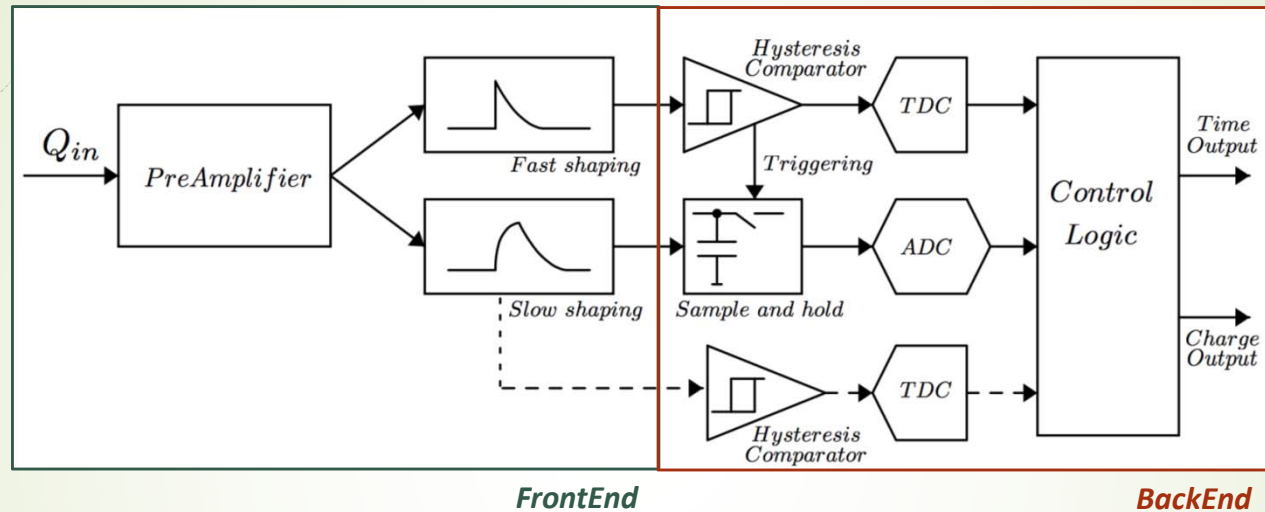
A custom ASIC has been designed and developed **TIGER** (Torino Integrated GEM Electronics Readout)



*Tape out of 1st silicon May 2016*

- 64-channels
- 5x5 mm<sup>2</sup> UMC110 CMOS
- Digital Backend inherited from TOFPET2 ASIC for PET medical applications (+ SEU)

## TIGER Design



arXiv:1706.02267

- First silicon Tape-out MPW in **May 2016**
- Test on silicon started in **Nov 2016**

### Front End

- Charge Sensitive Amplifier + two shapers (Time and Charge)

### Time-based readout

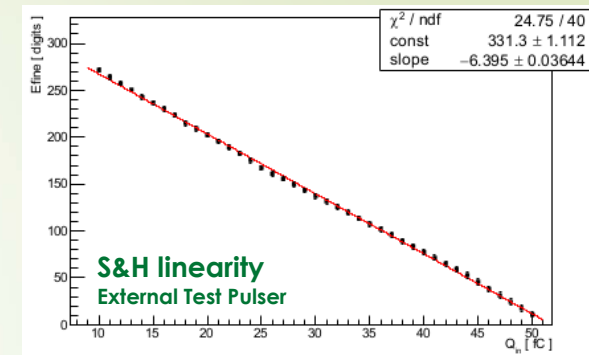
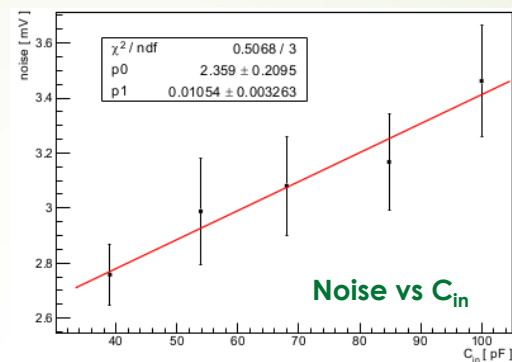
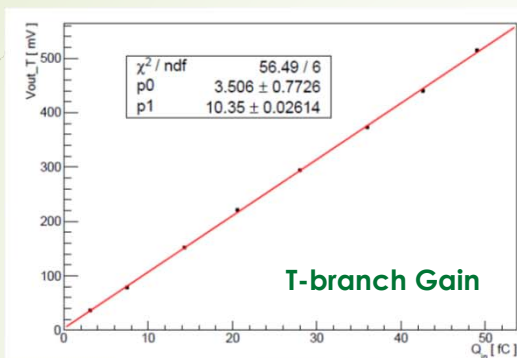
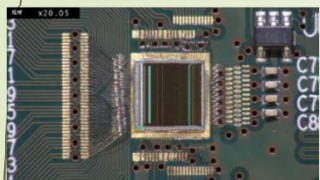
- Single or double threshold readout
- Time stamp on rising/falling edge (sub-50 ps binning quad-buffered TDC)
- Charge measurement with Time-Over-Threshold

### Time and amplitude sampling

- Time stamp on rising edge (sub-50 ps binning quad-buffered TDC)
  - Sample-and-Hold circuit for **peak amplitude sampling**
- Slow shaper output voltage is sampled and digitised with a 10-bit Wilkinson ADC

- TDC/ADC local controller
- on-chip bias and power management
- on-chip calibration circuitry

## TIGER preliminary tests



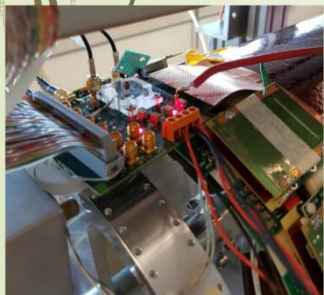
- ✓ *T-branch Gain*  $\approx 10.4 \text{ mV/fC}$  in agreement with simulations
- ✓ RMS Noise  $\approx 3.5 \text{ mV}$  @  $100 \text{ pF}$  50% higher than simulations - RMS Jitter  $\approx 3.7 \text{ ns}$  for  $Q_{in} = 3 \text{ fC}$  @  $100 \text{ pF}$
- ✓ Charge measurement with S&H: **linearity assessed**

### Electrical characterization

- Time-based readout working properly
- Charge measurement S&H linearity assessed
- Baseline dependence on Temp, due to bias conditions of holder circuit  $\rightarrow$  **minor revision needed**
- Second Prototype not needed  $\rightarrow$  Engineering Run **within July 2017**

### Test with CGEM prototype

- First signals acquired with Cosmic rays and  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  source – Data analysis ongoing
- Next step: test with conditions close to the final ones (HV system, cables, FEB, ...)



# Conclusions and Outlook

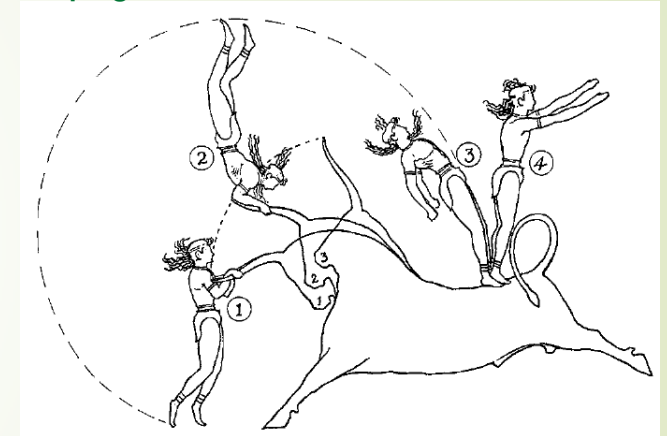
- ▶ An innovative Cylindrical GEM detector with Charge and Time readout is under construction and test to replace the BESIII Inner tracker which is affected by ageing
- ▶ Performance and optimization of a **planar GEM prototype** have been studied under several conditions (HV, gas mixtures, fields)
- ▶ Combining **Charge Centroid and  $\mu$ TPC modes**, the spatial resolution is stable and results are beyond the state of the art for GEM detectors operated in B field
- ▶ A **first Cylindrical GEM** layer has been tested w/o B field and **its performance is close to planar GEM**
- ▶ A second Cylindrical GEM layer is almost ready for **test beam @ CERN in July 2017**
- ▶ **TIGER**: a custom ASIC for analogue readout (featuring Charge and Time measurements) has been developed and it is under test with real CGEM signals with cosmic rays and  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  source
- ▶ **TIGER engineering run** is foreseen with minor revisions and different design flavours **within July 2017**
- ▶ Three CGEM layers will be tested with TIGER and will be ready for **shipping in February 2018**
- ▶ CGEM detector installation @ IHEP is planned **in Summer 2018**



We have a tight and challenging schedule ahead



Bull-leaping in the Minoan Ancient World in Crete



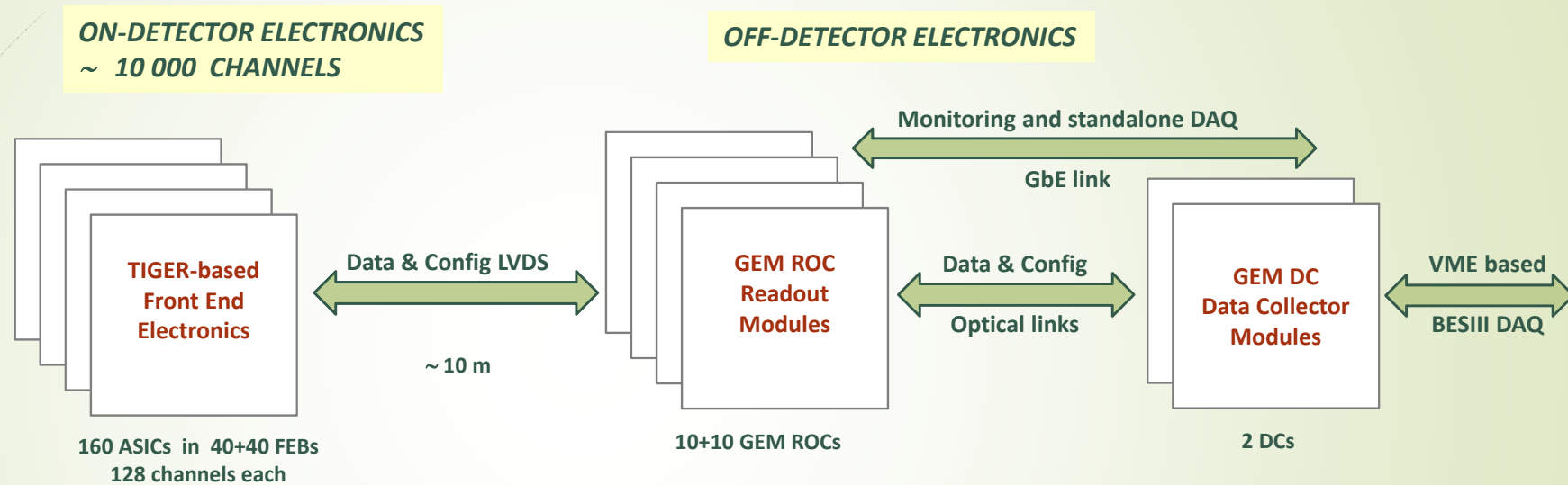
**But we are ready for the bull-leaping**

# Spares



Libation scene on a painted sarcophagus found at Haghia Triada. The priestess and her handmaiden are pouring the contents of conical vessels on an altar adorned with double-axes (*on the left*).

## Readout Electronics



- **ON-DETECTOR electronics**  
Front End boards located on the detector to preserve the S/N ratio
- **OFF-DETECTOR electronics**  
Readout Cards and Data Collector boards as close as possible to the detector

