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*The CMS RPC system upgrade project
for HL-LHC*

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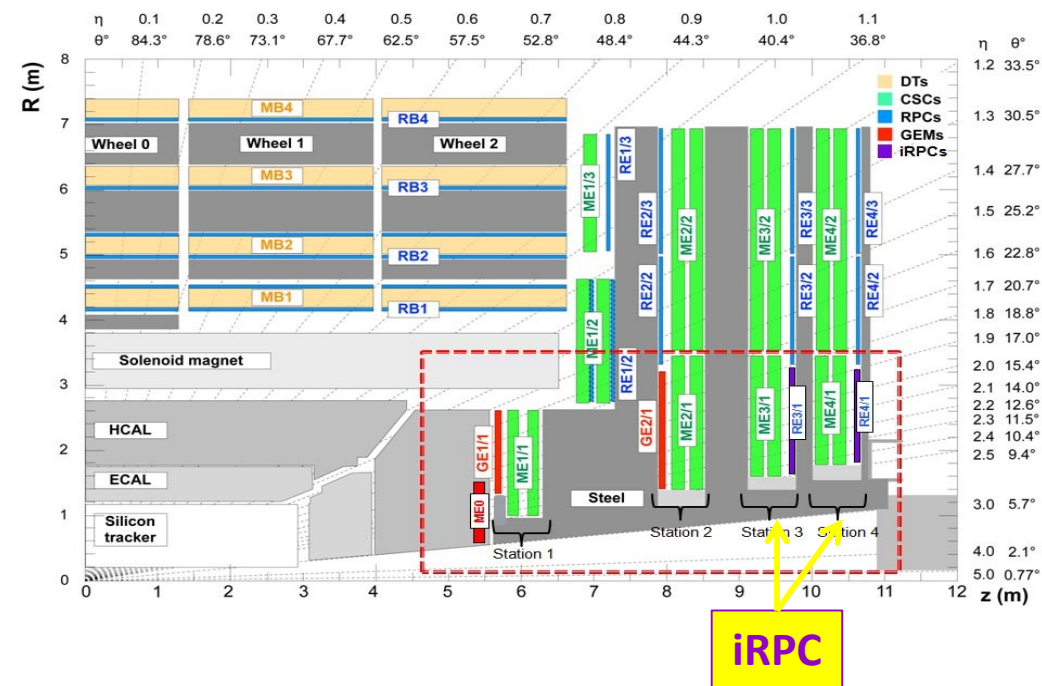
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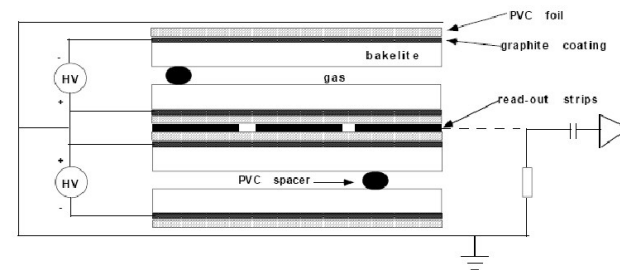


The CMS-RPC system

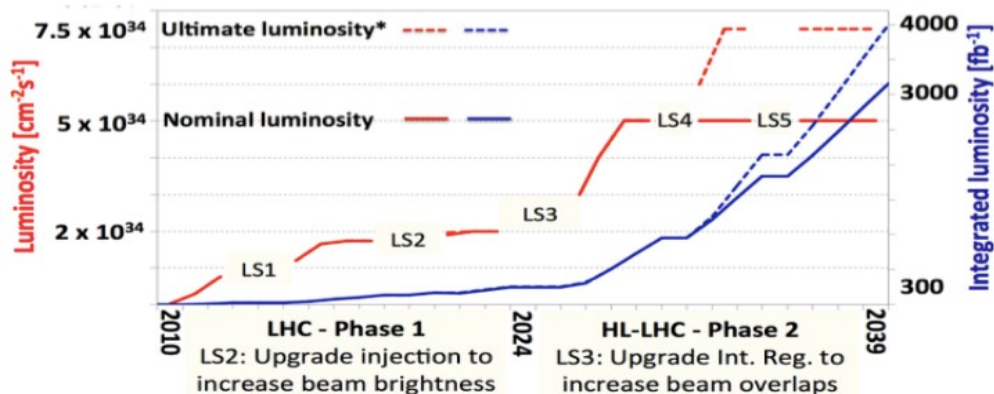


- RPC system covers $0 < |\eta| < 1.9$
- 1056 chambers: 480 in **Barrel** & 576 in **Endcap**

- Double gas-gaps RPC
- HPL bulk resistivity: $\rho = 1 - 6 \cdot 10^{10} \Omega\text{cm}$
- 2 mm gas gap and electrodes thickness
- Gas mixture:
 $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{F}_4 + \text{isoC}_4\text{H}_{10} + \text{SF}_6$
 95.2% 4.5% 0.3%



- RPC information used for muon trigger, reconstruction and identification
- RPC designed and certified for **10 years of LHC** ($10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)



RPC Upgrade program in view of HL-LHC



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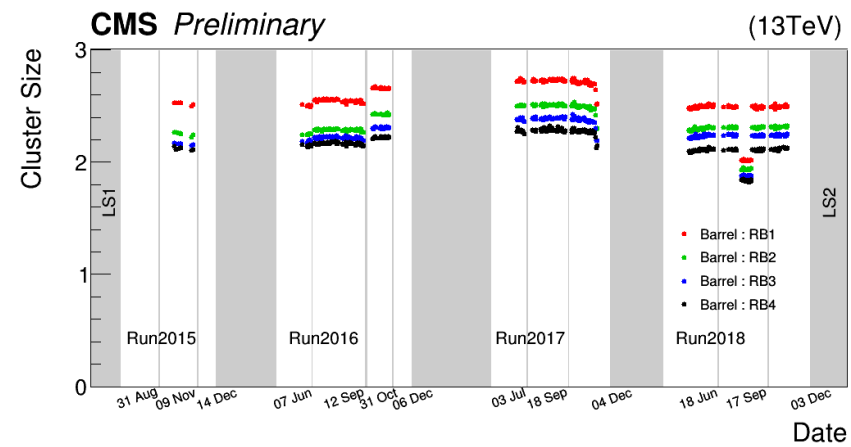
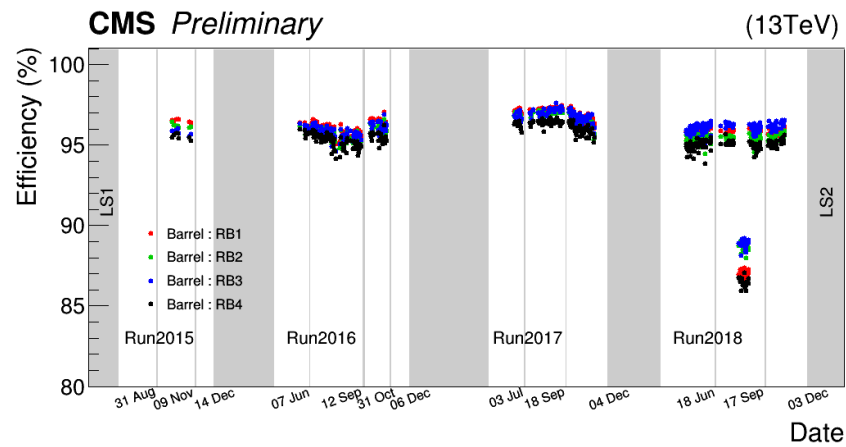
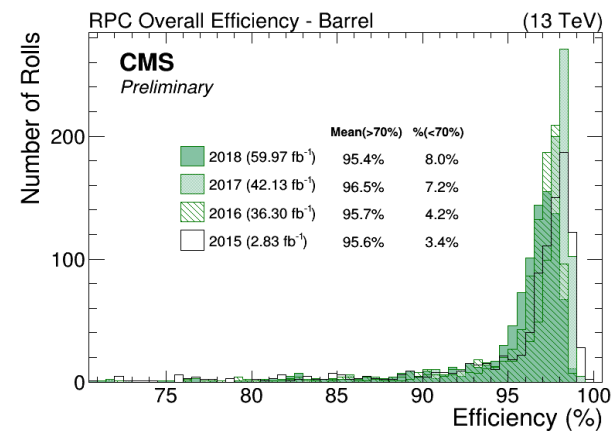
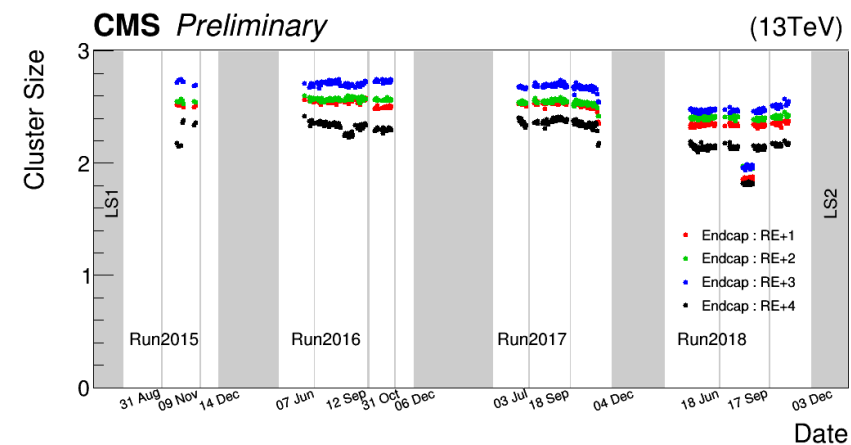
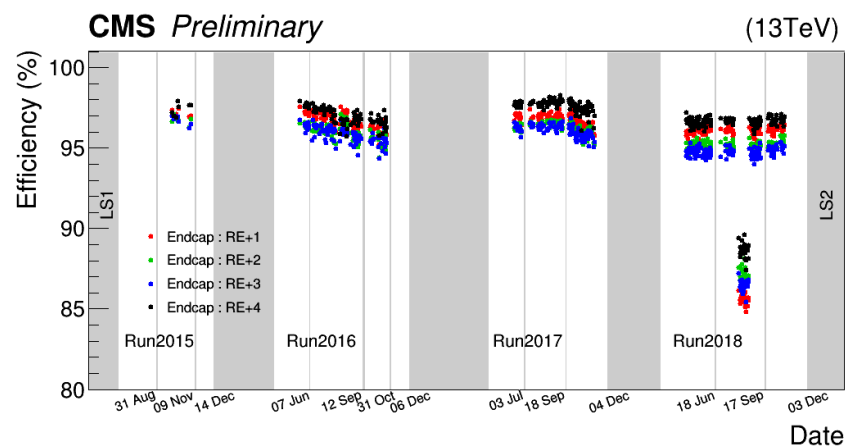
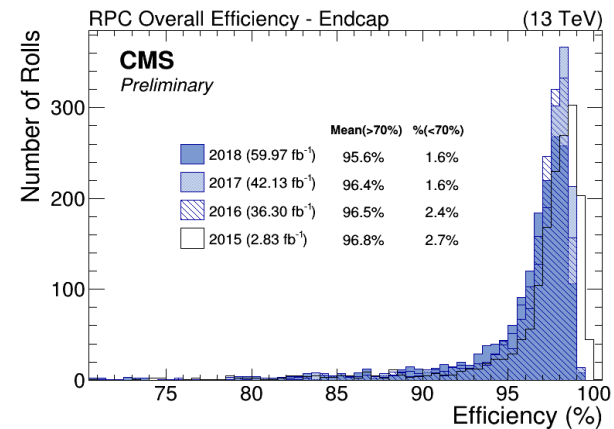


CMS-RPC performance during LHC Run-II

After ~ 7 years operation $\rightarrow \sim 185 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ integrated luminosity:

CMS RPC **efficiency $>95\%$ and stable**

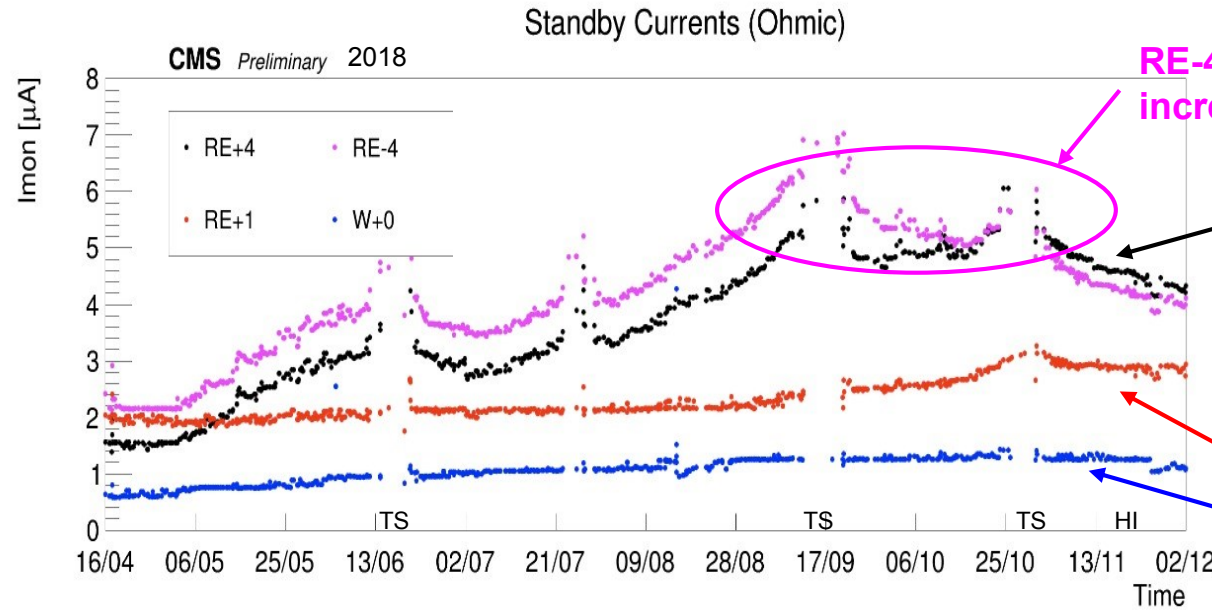
CMS RPC **cluster size stable**



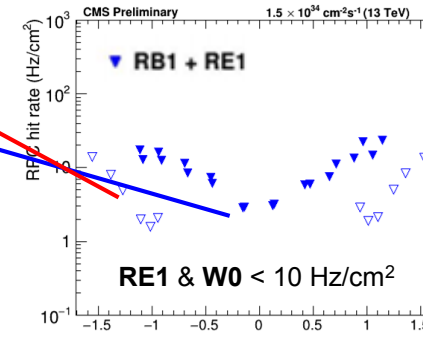
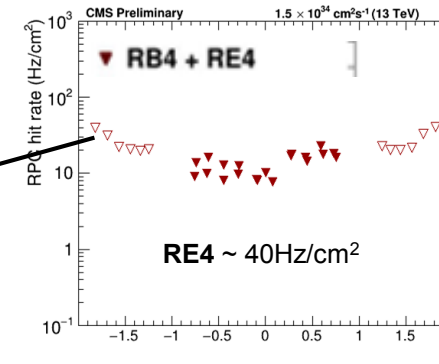


CMS RPC ohmic current monitoring during LHC Run-II

- **Ohmic current increase** in the furthestmost parts of the detector (Endcap RE4)
- **Ohmic current decrease** when there is no beam (TS) or the luminosity is very low (HI)



RE-4 gas flow increase



- **Ohmic current** depends on the **background** and **gas flow**

The RPC gas mixture is based on HFC molecules:

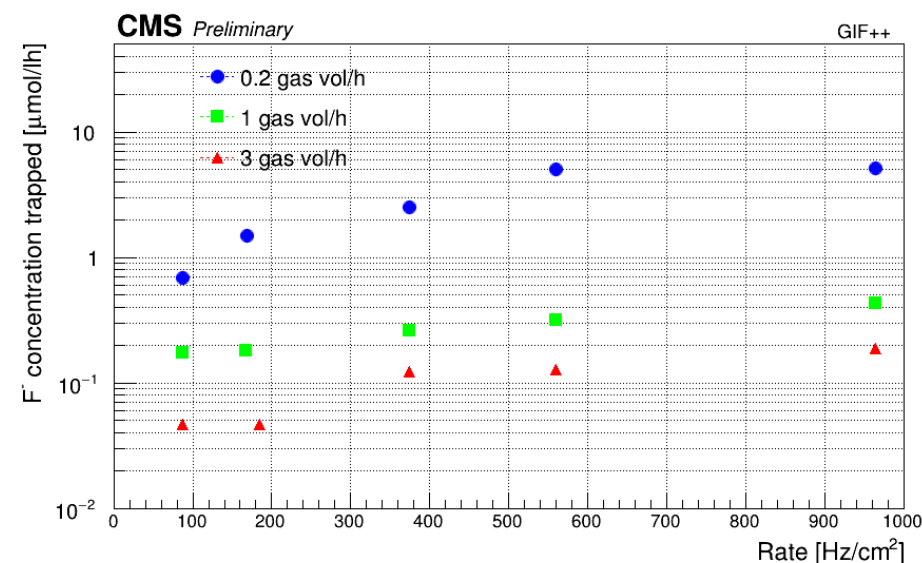
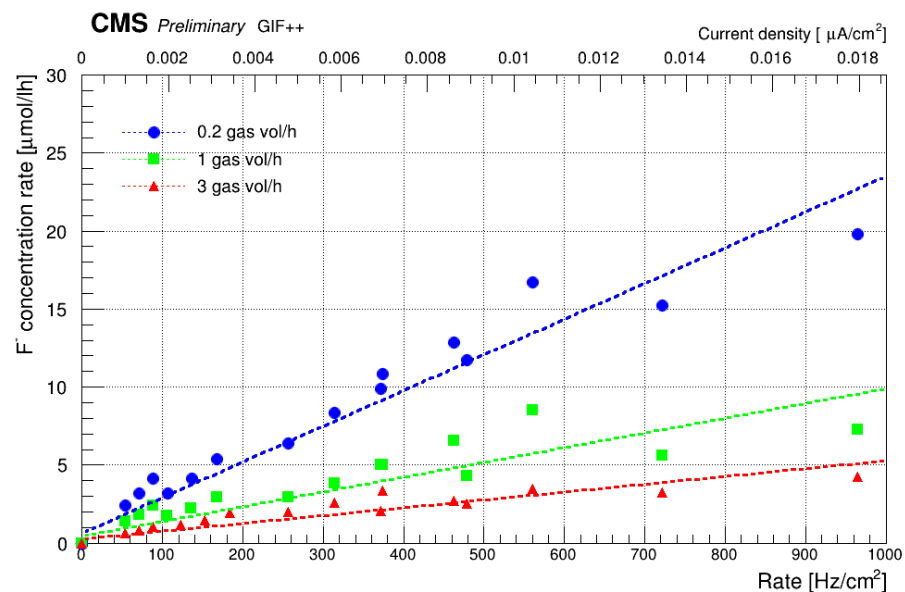
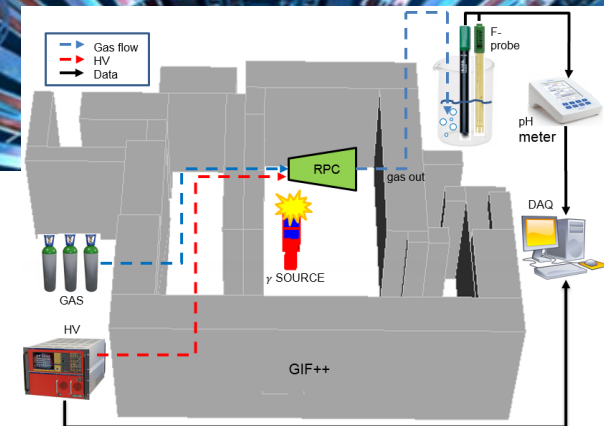
→ HFC decomposition under electrical discharge produces Fluorine ions $\text{F}^- \rightarrow \text{F}^- + \text{H}^+ = \text{HF acid}$

HF represents a possible cause for inner surface damaging due to its high chemical reactivity, especially if it is not efficiently removed by the gas flow and it remains for a not negligible time inside the chambers



HF measurements @ GIF++

- 1) HF production rate study @ GIF++ as a function of the background rate and gas flow
- 2) Study the HF production in CMS RPC system



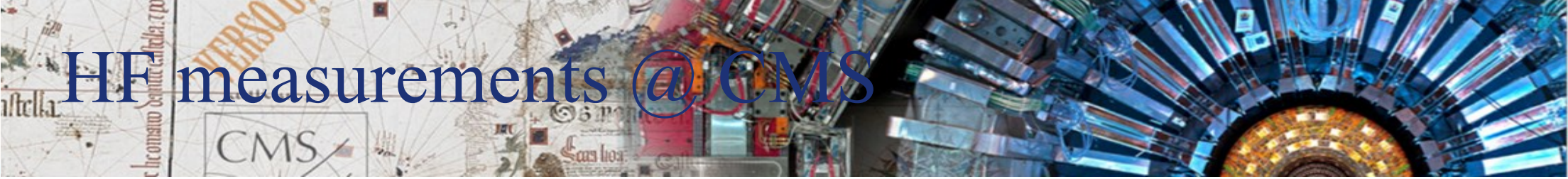
- ✓ HF concentration rate depends linearly on the background
- ✓ HF concentration rate slope depends on the gas volumes exchanges

HF trapped within the gas gap depends on:

- background rate
- gas flow
- removable operating the chamber with argon

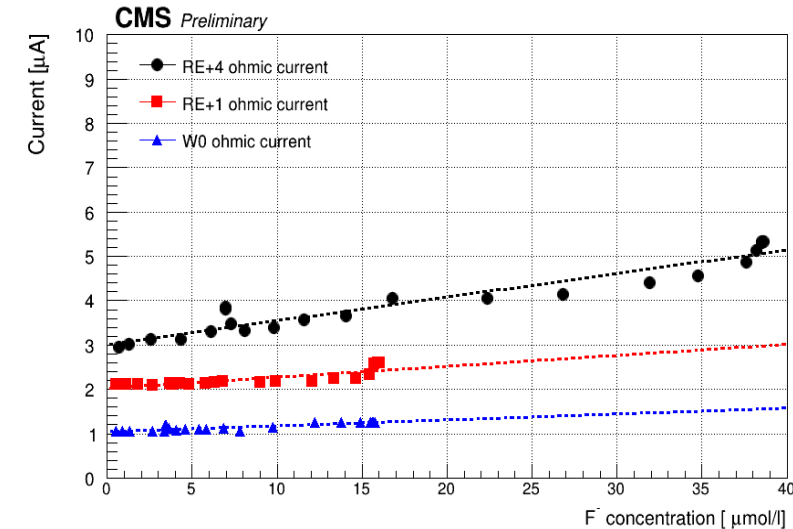
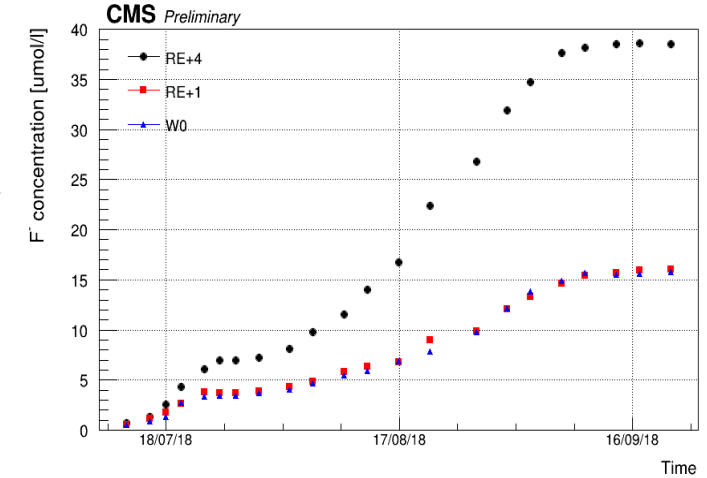


HF measurements @ CMS



HF measurements performed during run II (July - October 2018) @ CMS:

- Endcap **RE+4** → ~ 1.1 gas vol/h → $\sim 40\text{Hz/cm}^2 @ 1.5 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Endcap **RE+1** → ~ 0.7 gas vol/h → $< 10\text{Hz/cm}^2 @ 1.5 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Barrel **W0** → ~ 0.6 gas vol/h → $< 10\text{Hz/cm}^2 @ 1.5 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$



The ohmic current and the HF concentration are linearly dependent

- **W0 & RE+1**: lower background → lower HF production → lower current increase
- **RE+4**: higher background → higher HF production → higher current increase

HF can be the reason of the observed dark current increase

It is necessary to fine tune the gas flow as a function of the background rate so that the HF is efficiently removed



Consolidation of the present RPC system

- The RPC system has been certified for 10 years of LHC (at nominal luminosity of $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)
- LHC collision data have been used to estimate the **expected background rate** and the **integrated charge** at HL-LHC

❖ Setup @ GIF++:

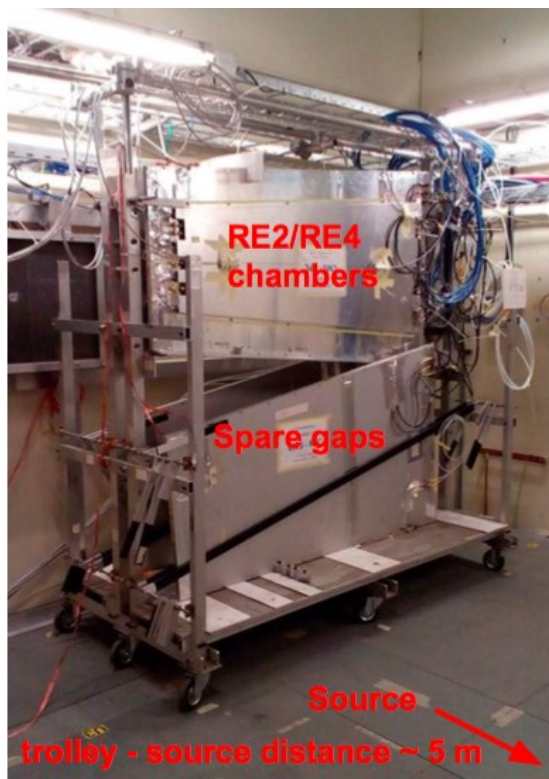
- ⇒ 2 RE2 chambers (Irr & Ref)
- ⇒ 2 RE4 chambers (Irr & Ref)

HL-LHC expected conditions:

- Max bkg rate $\approx 600 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$
- Max int. charge $\approx 840 \text{ mC/cm}^2$

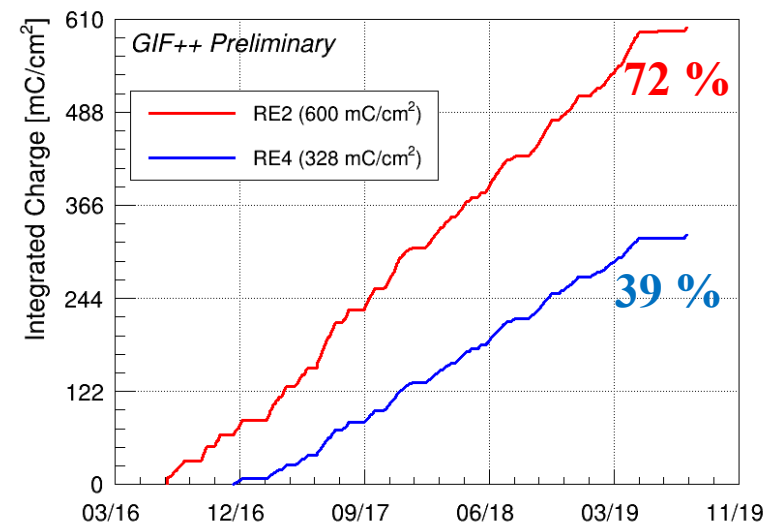
(safety factor of 3 included)

* Barrel chambers factor 2 less



Longevity procedure:

- Irradiation @ $\sim 600 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$ (NO AF)
- Constant **current** measurements
- **Current** and **rate** monitoring at different bkg and without background
- HPL **resistivity**
- **Performance** monitoring

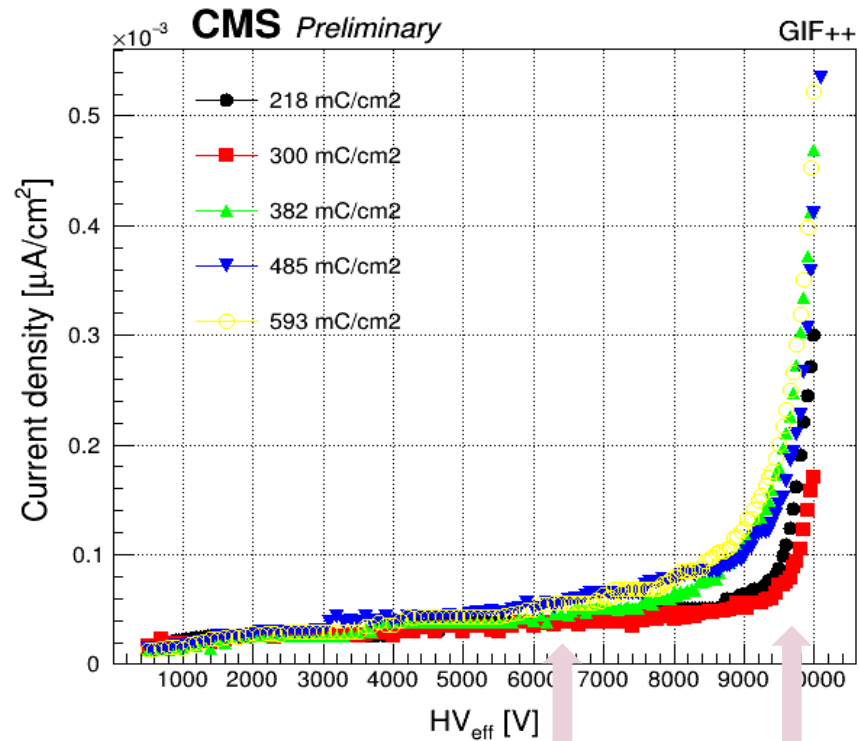




Dark current & noise rate monitoring

Dark currents & **noise rate** periodically monitored to spot variations of the gas gap surface

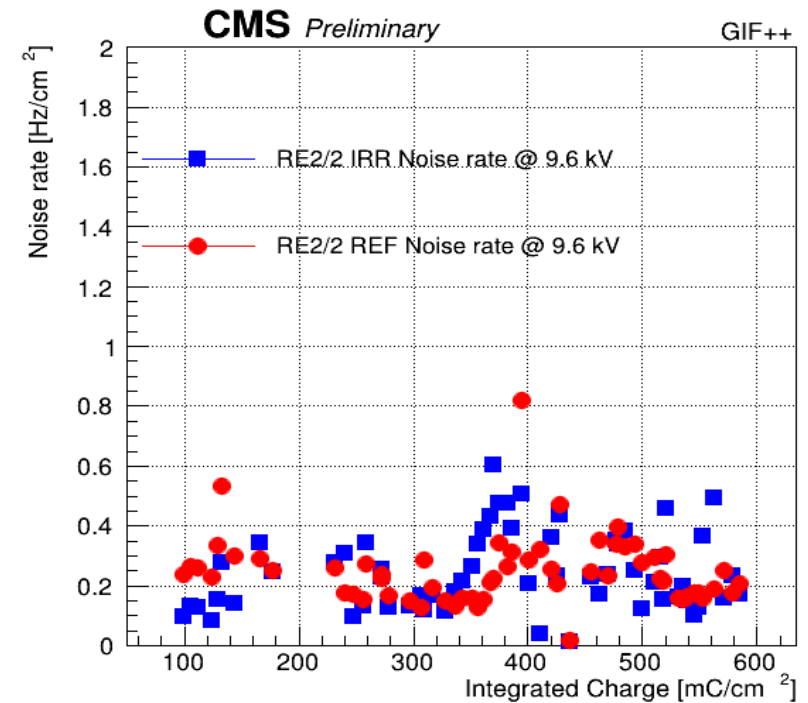
RE2/2 IRRADIATED dark current



HV = 6.5 kV
Ohmic Current

HV = 9.6 kV
Physics Current

RE2/2 IRRADIATED noise rate

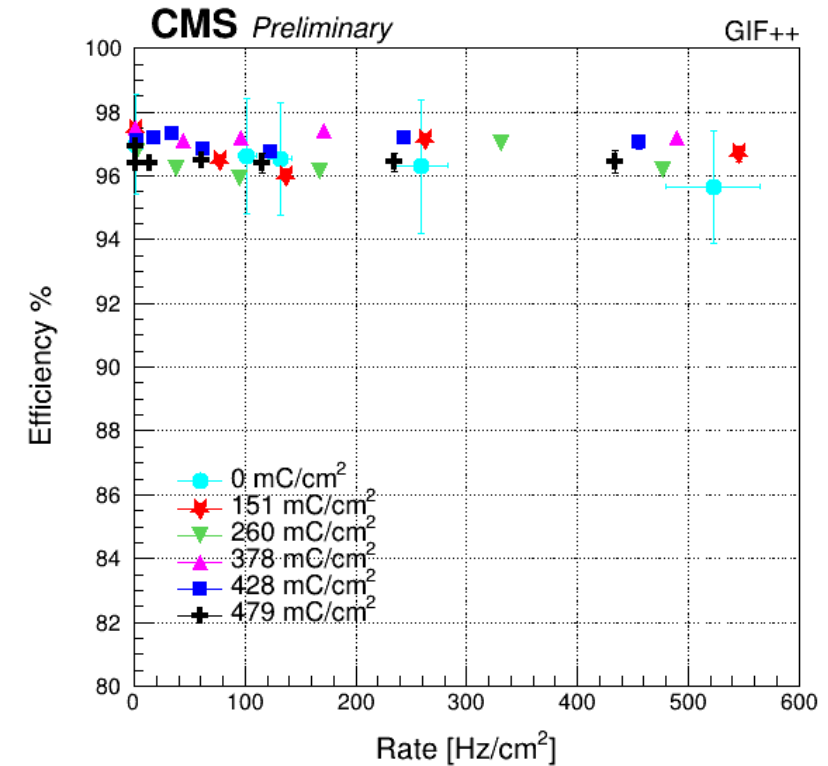
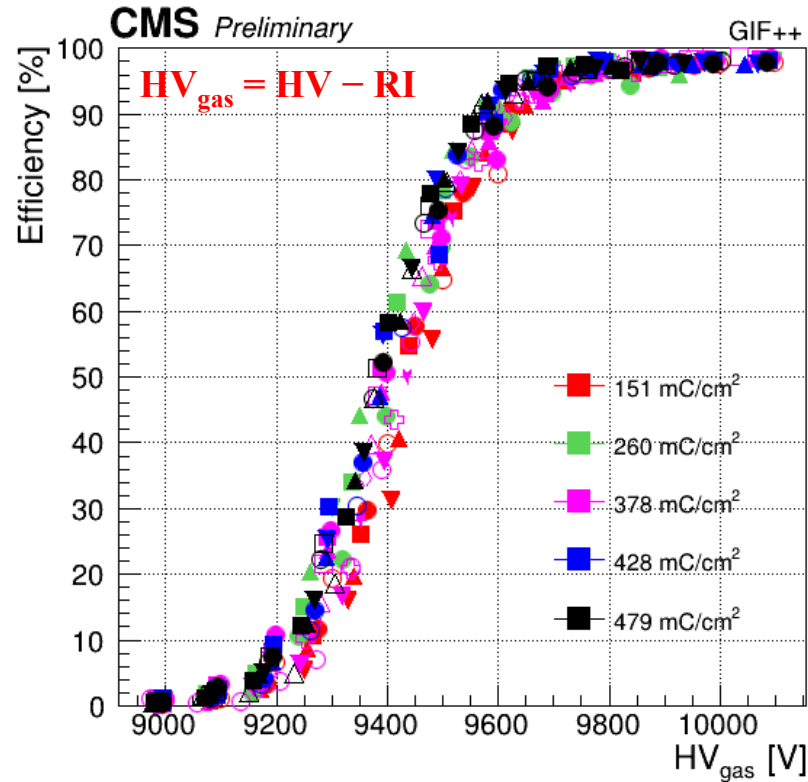


Noise rate & strip profile almost stable in time
Average noise rate less than 1 Hz/cm²
No noisy strips → no degradation of the gas gap surface

✓ **Ohmic and physics current** almost stable and in agreement with values before the irradiation



RPC performance monitoring



- Efficiency at different background and at different integrated charge (different TB) overlap.
- NO any efficiency degradation observed

- Efficiency at WP stable in time
- Efficiency decrease of ~2 % at the highest expected background rate (600 Hz/cm²)

No evidence of any aging effects has been observed



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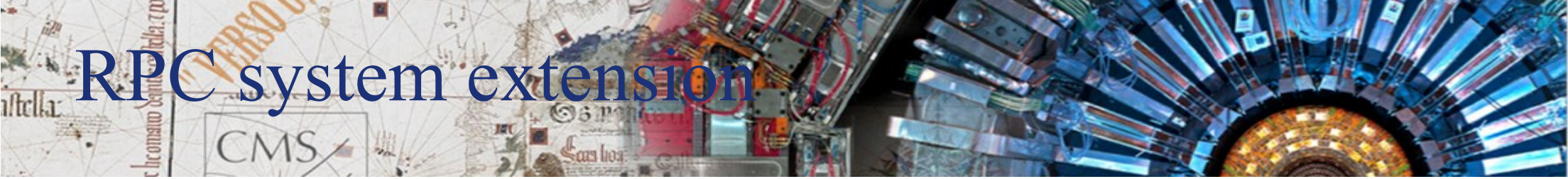
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RPC system extension

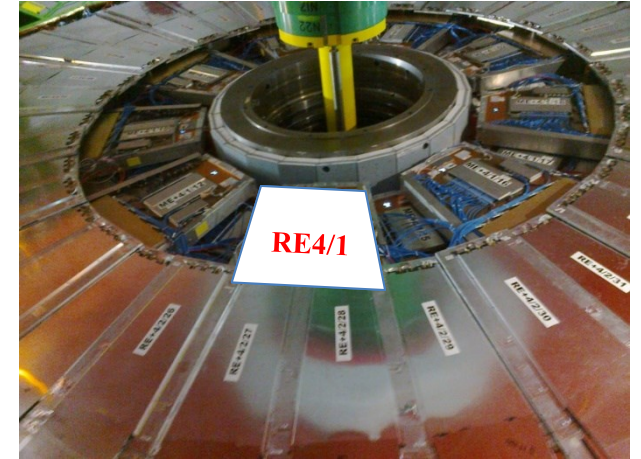


iRPC will complete the coverage in the RE3/1 and RE4/1 Endcap stations,
 $1.8 < |\eta| < 2.4$ **18 chambers per disk (20°) → 72 in total**

Main requirements:

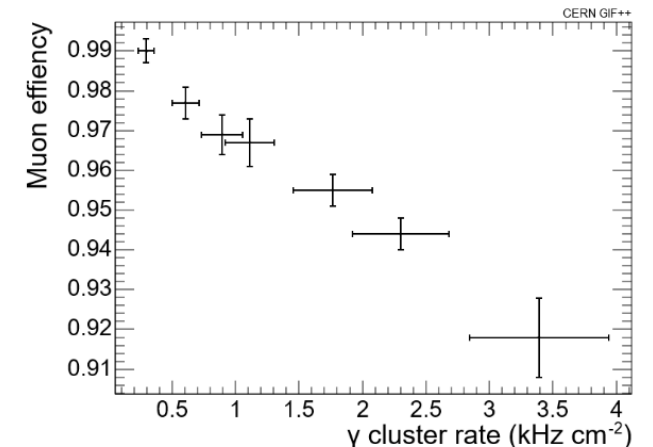
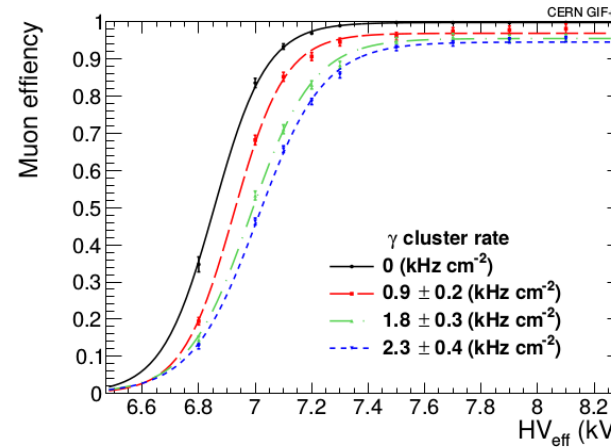
- Rate capability $\sim 2 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$ [1]
- Aging tolerance $\sim 1 \text{ C/cm}^2$ [1]
- Space resolution $\sim 1 \text{ cm}$
- Time resolution $\sim 1.5 \text{ ns}$

[1] including safety factor 3



iRPC efficiency equipped with the new FEB
 $\sim 94\%$ at $\sim 2 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$

iRPC BASELINE		
	RPC	iRPC
Gas Gap & Electrode width	2 mm	1.4 mm
High Pressure Laminate	2 mm	1.4 mm
Resistivity (Ωcm)	$1 - 6 \times 10^{10}$	$0.9 - 3 \times 10^{10}$





iRPC background rate estimation @ HL-LHC

iRPC sensitivity study: detector geometry simulated with Monte Carlo simulation (GEANT)

Validation of the simulated iRPC geometry:

→ Comparison between simulated and experimental data from GIF++

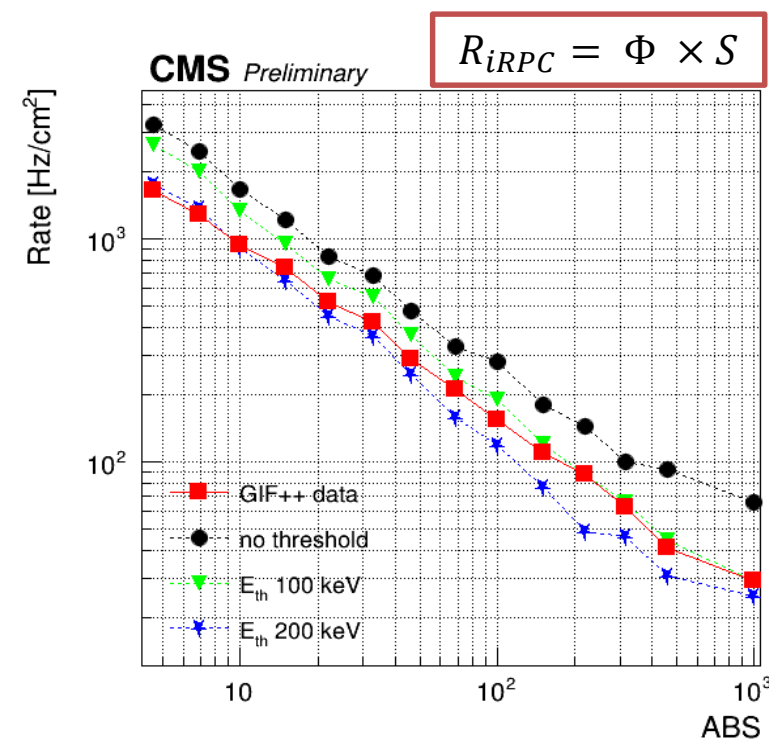
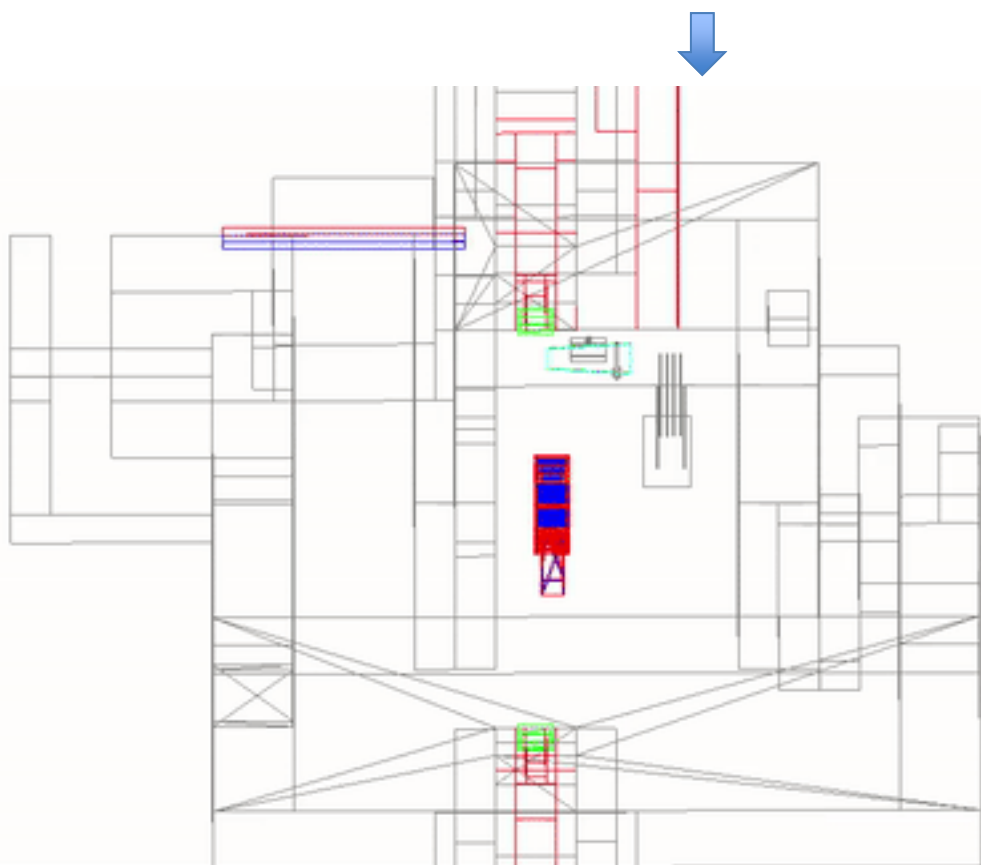


Good agreement between simulated and experimental data:

iRPC geometry validated @ GIF++



Optimal charged particles $E_{Th} > 100$ keV



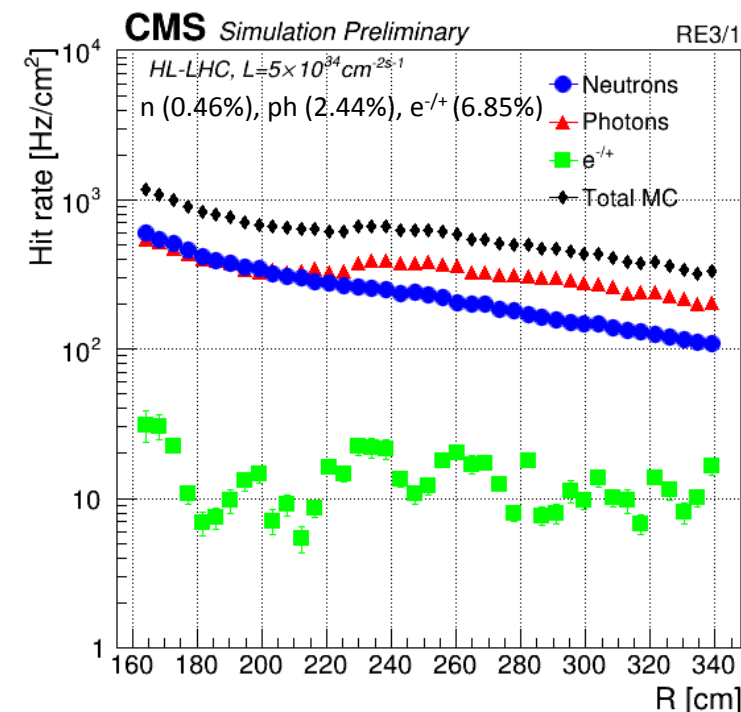
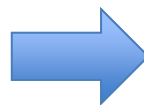
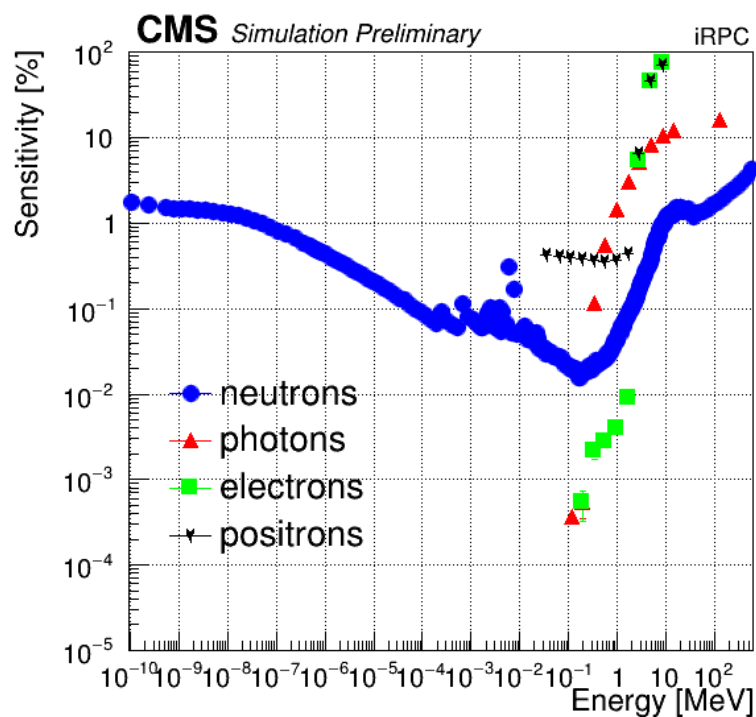


iRPC background rate estimation @ HL-LHC

Convolution of flux and sensitivity \rightarrow **Background rate vs R**

iRPC sensitivity

$$R_{iRPC}(E) = \phi_{bkg}^{CMS}(E) \times S(E)$$



Average background rate of $\approx 600 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$ indicates the requirement of a minimum rate capability of \approx **2 kHz/cm²** for the iRPCs when considering a safety factor of 3



iRPC longevity studies



iRPC certification for the equivalent HL-LHC integrated luminosity

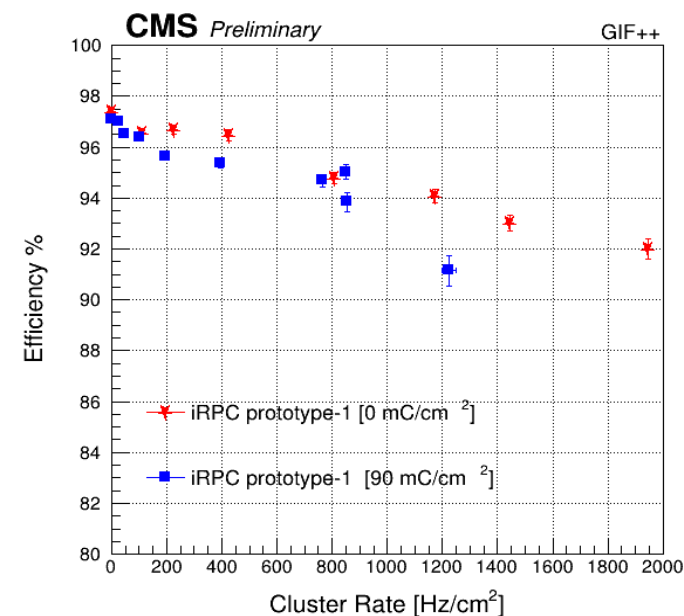
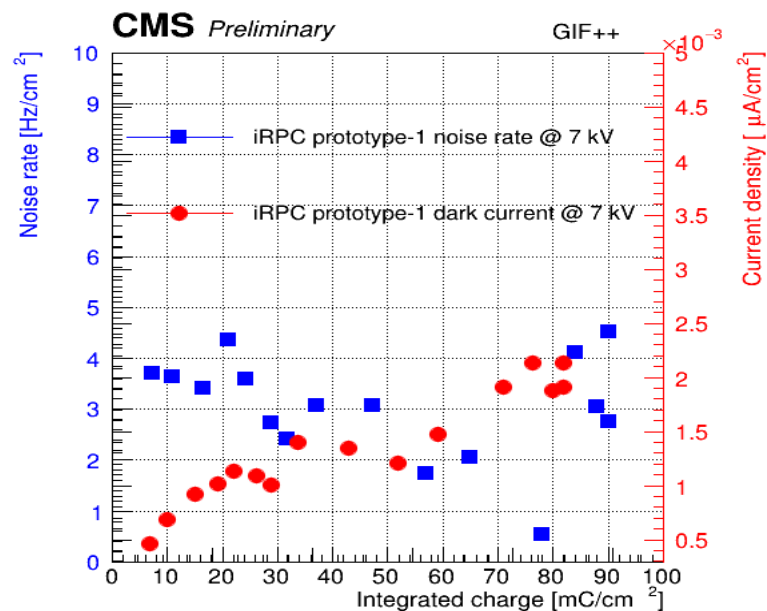
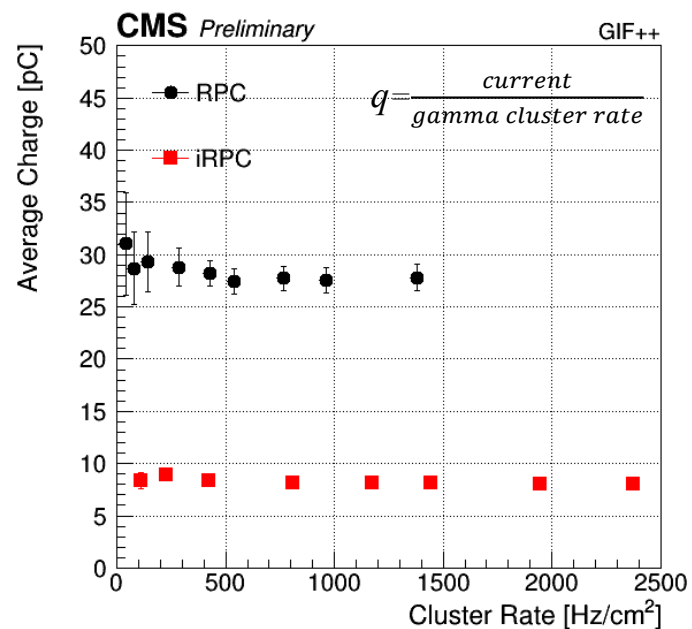
Expected simulated integrated charge:

$$Q = R \cdot q \cdot T = 2 \text{ kHz/cm}^2 \cdot 9 \text{ pC} \cdot 6 \cdot 10^7 \text{ s}$$

$$\cong \mathbf{1 \text{ C/cm}^2} \text{ (safety factor 3 included)}$$

Prototype-1: $\sim 90 \text{ mC/cm}^2$

- Dark current increase
- Efficiency loss

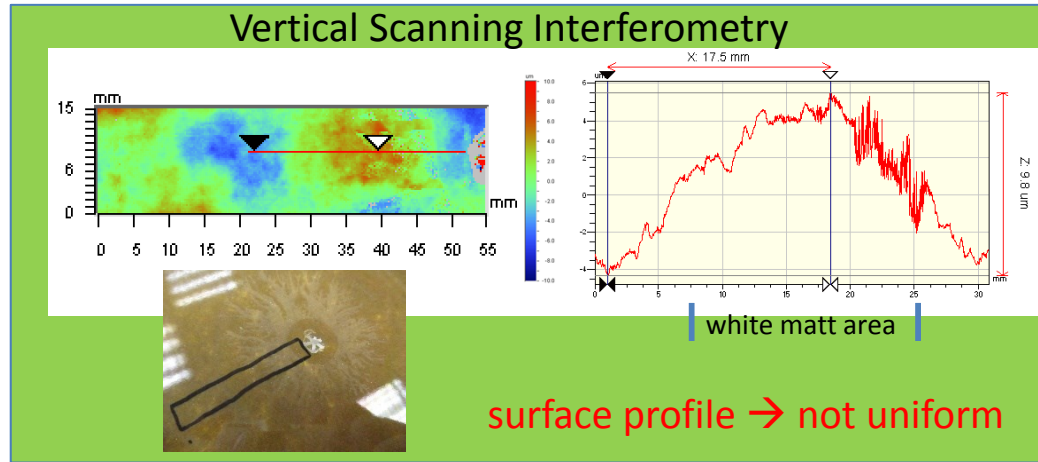
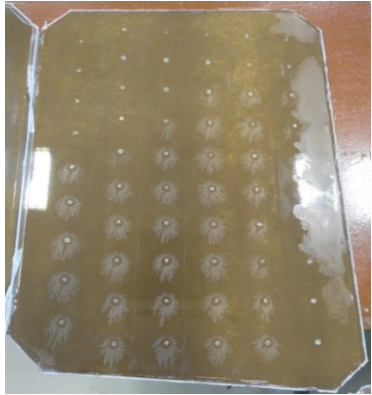


iRPC avalanche charge 3 times lower than RPC



Inner-gap surface analysis

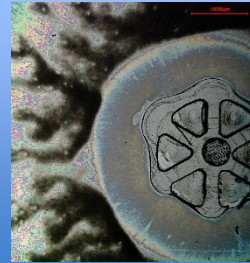
iRPC prototype-1 surface analysis



Scanning Electron Microscope

NOT AFFECTED AREA

WHITE MATT AREA

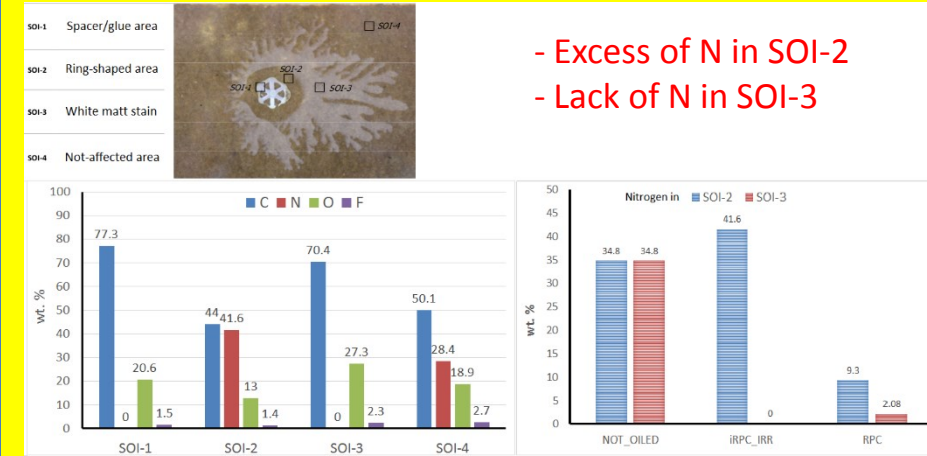


- Not uniform and thinner oil layer
- Lack of oil around the spacers
- White matt area around the spacers and the edges

→ not polymerized linseed oil



Energy Dispersive Spectrometer



- Lower HPL roughness wrt RPC
- Different spacers wrt RPC

Oiling procedure improvements:

- Smaller spacers
- Oil dry time increased
- “Fast double” oil coating
- More dense oil 50-50 (oil - heptane)



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Search for RPC eco-friendly gas mixture

In view of the Green-House-Gases (GHGs) usage limitation, **an extended R&D program** has been started in collaboration with ATLAS, ALICE and EP-DT groups, to find a new RPC ecogas mixture

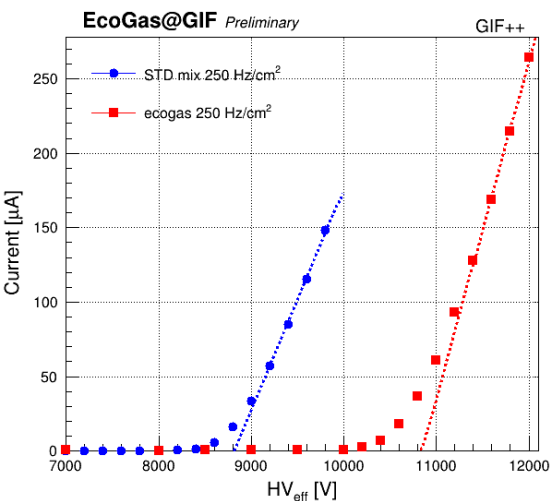
RPC gas mixture Global Warming Potential GWP ~ 1433
95.2% $C_2H_2F_4$ (tetrafluoroethane): GWP = 1430



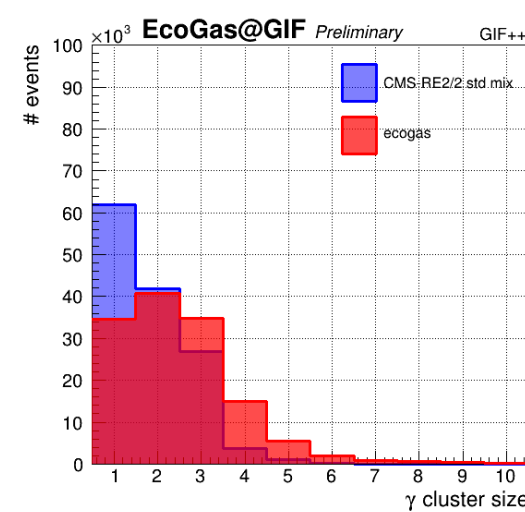
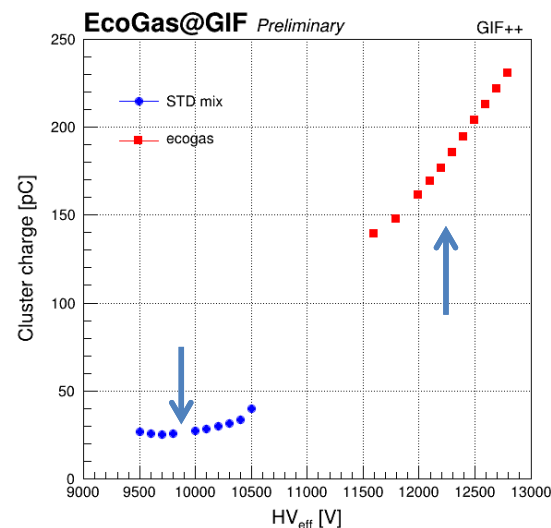
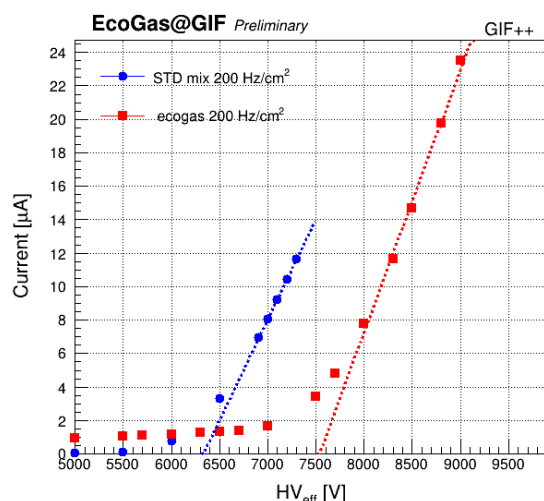
PROMISING ECOGAS MIXTURE:
HFO 45%, CO2 50%, isobutane 4%, SF6 1%
HFO 1234ze ($C_3H_2F_4$) → GWP = 6

Ecogas mixture characterization @ GIF++

RPC: ~ 2 kV of HV shifts



iRPC: ~ 1.2 kV of HV shifts



- Average charge ~ 5 time higher:** ≈ 27 pC for STD mix and ≈ 150 pC for ecogas
- Average Cluster size at WP:** 1.9 strips for CMS and 2.6 strips for eco-gas



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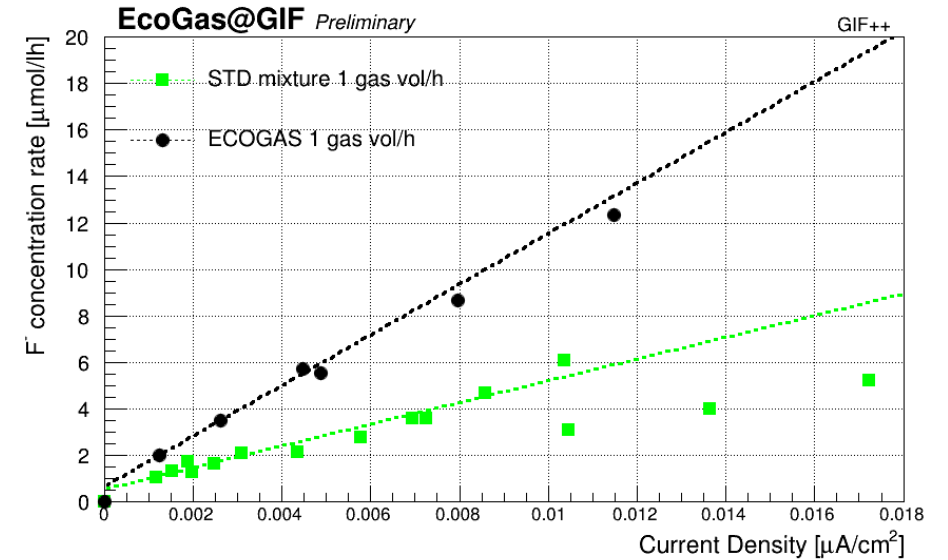
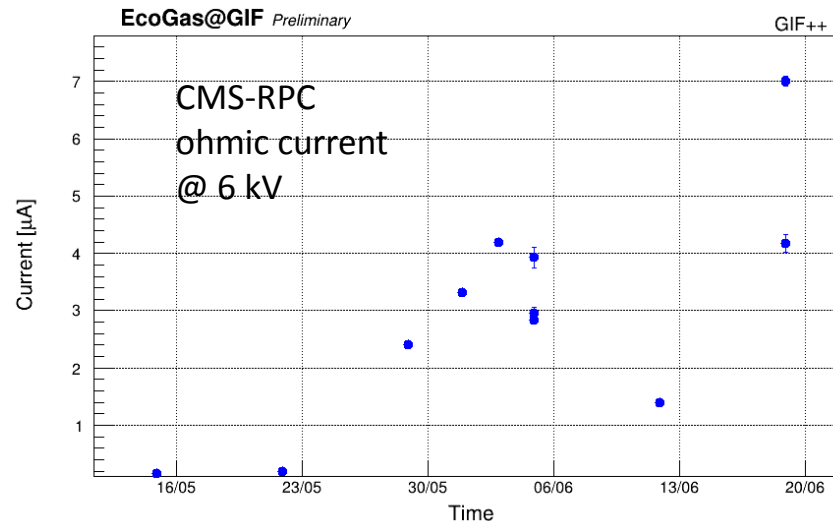
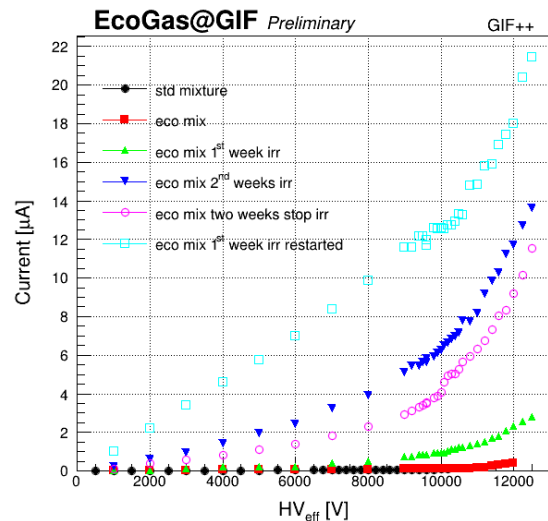
Irradiation test @ GIF++ using ecogas mix
 $\sim 800 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$, 1 gas vol/h

General dark current increase for all the tested chambers

- Chamber off allows the current recovery
- At the irradiation restart, the dark current increase again

HF measurements using ecogas mix:

- ✓ The HF concentration depends linearly on the current
- ✓ HF concentration: factor 2.5 higher with ecogas



Plan: fine tune the gas mixture in order to:

- optimize the detector performance under irradiation
- mitigate the irradiation effect (HF production)



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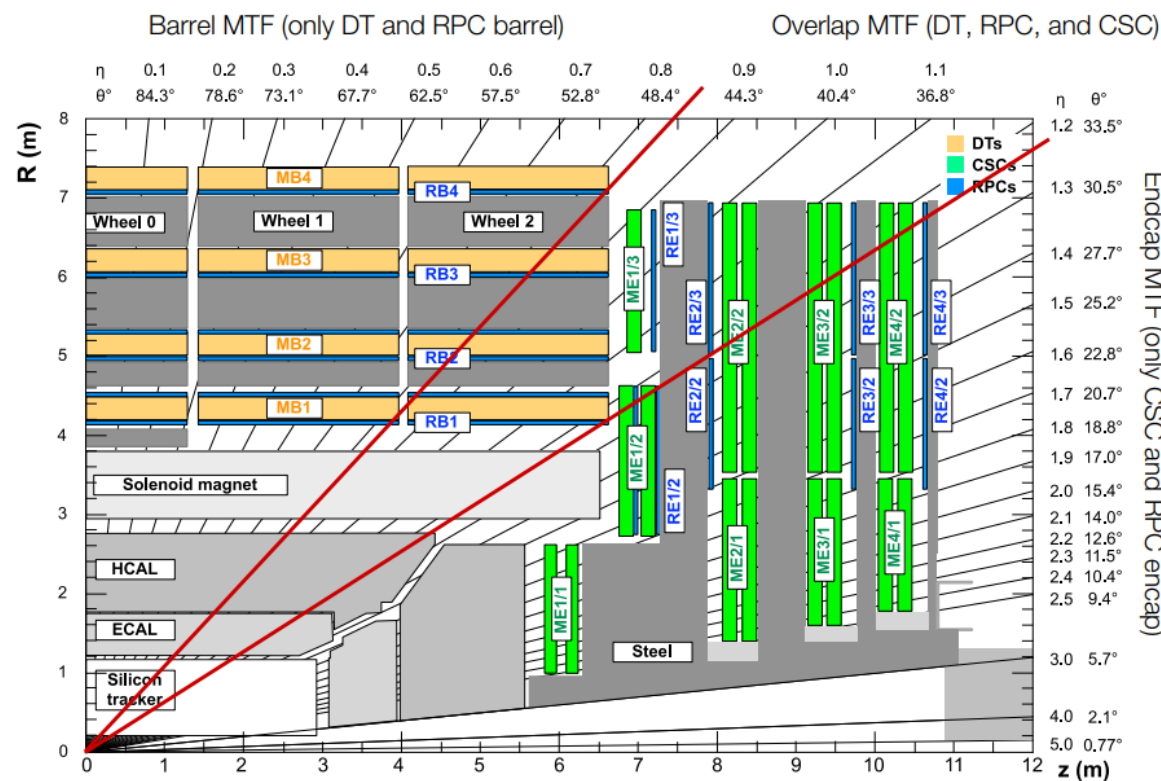
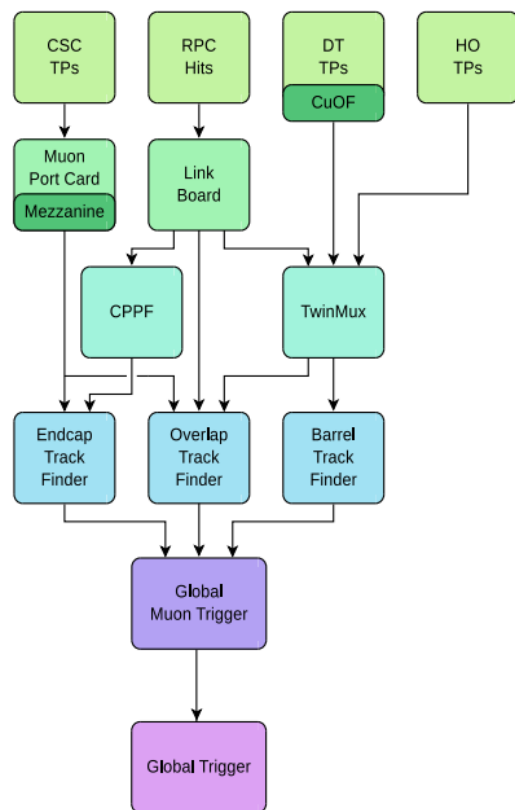
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L1 muon trigger study



RPC participate in the three L1 Muon Track Finders' η regions:

- **BMTF (DT+RPC)**: assign bunch crossing of low-quality DT segments & only segments (MB1 and MB2) if no DT segment
- **OMTF (DT+RPC+CSC)**: 8 RPC layers are also used for position information
- **EMTF (RPC+CSC)**: RPC hits are used in case of CSC segment absence

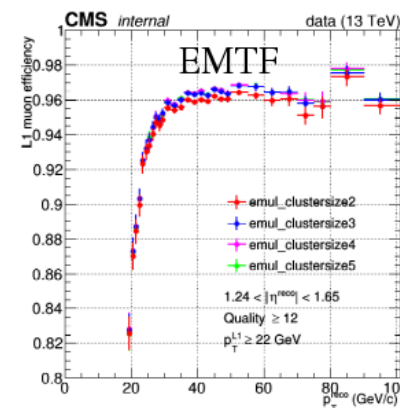
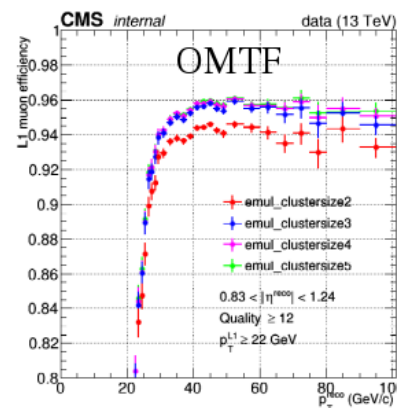
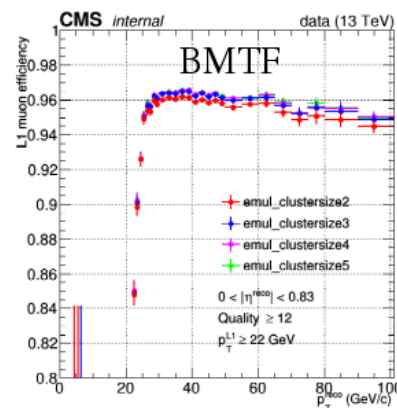
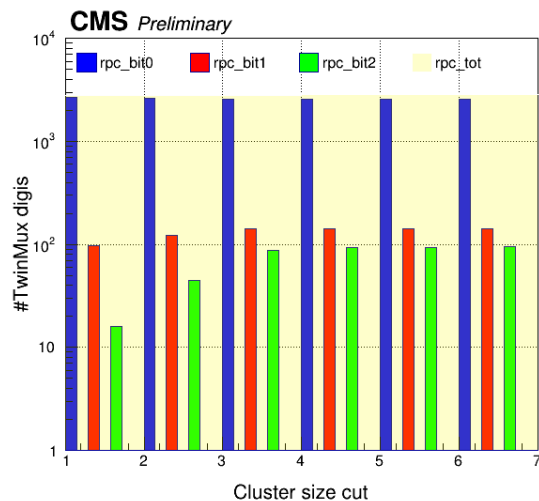
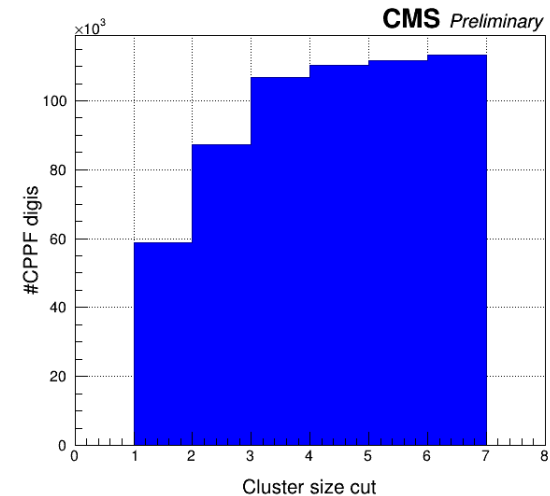
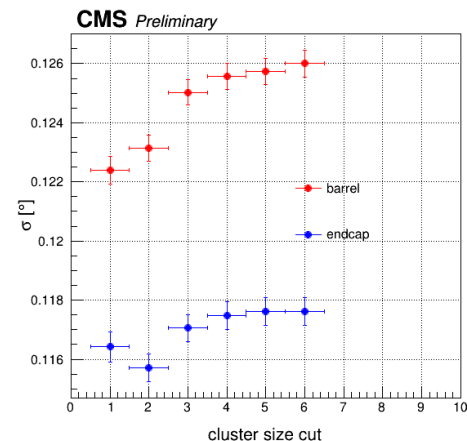
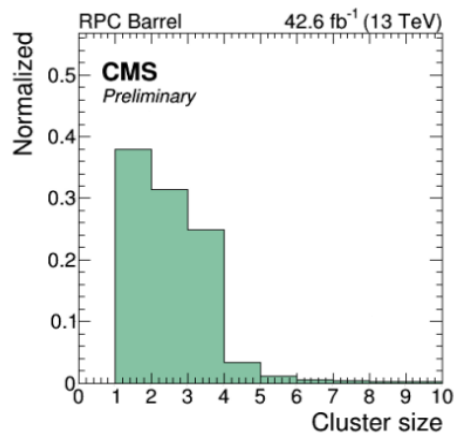


RPC cluster size cut optimization

- RPC hits are clustered in Trigger Primitive (TP) before to be used by L1 Muon Track Finders
- Only TP ≤ 3 strips are used at L1 muon trigger (average RPC TP CLS = 2)
- Not negligible fraction ($\sim 4\%$) of muon hit have cluster size higher than 3

Optimization study: CLS cut 3 \rightarrow 4

- spatial resolution (Φ) is not degraded
- CPPF TP: $\sim 3\%$, TwinMux TP $\sim 0.2\%$ ($\sim 7\%$ “RPC only”)
- MTFs muon efficiency $\sim 0.5\%$ in OMTF



OMTF decided to apply CLS cut = 4 for the future runs
EMTF and BMTF are evaluating to increase the CLS cut to 4



Conclusions



- **Longevity study for the CMS RPC system:**
 - Stable performance and high efficiency
 - Ohmic current increase correlated with background rate and gas flow
 - HF study performed @ GIF++ & in CMS: HF can be the reason of the dark current increase
- **RPC longevity study for HL-LHC @ GIF++:**
 - ~ 72% of the expected integrated charge has been accumulated
 - Stable detector parameters and performance → no any evidence of aging effect was observed
- **Extension of the RPC system at the high eta region (RE3/1 & RE4/1 stations):**
 - iRPC technology development + new FEB
 - Monte Carlo simulation to study the detector sensitivity and to estimate the expected background rate
 - iRPC performance study
 - iRPC longevity study: oiling problems, several surface analysis, oiling procedure improvements
- **Search for RPC eco-friendly gas mixture:**
 - Ecogas mixture characterization in presence of background: higher HV, charge and CLS
 - Longevity studies: dark current increase → HF ~ 2.5 times higher wrt the standard mixture
- **L1 muon trigger study:**
 - RPC CLS cut optimization → spatial resolution, TP rate, RPC efficiency, MTF trigger efficiency and rate
 - OMTF increased the RPC cluster size cut at 4 in view of the next runs



Attended schools

Schools:

- International School Of Trigger and Data AcQuisition (ISOTDAQ), London (UK), 3-12 April 2019.
- CMS Machine Learning workshop, 2-4 July 2018, CERN, Switzerland
- XXX National seminar of nuclear and subnuclear physics, 5-12 June 2018, Otranto, Italy
- First International RPC detector school, 14-17 February 2018, Mexico City, Mexico
- RD51 Gaseous detectors lectures, 11-15 December 2017, CERN, Switzerland
- “CMS Physics Object School POS”, Bari, Italy, September 2017, participating as facilitator and giving a lesson about the introduction of “GEANT4” and a short exercise
- “XIV Seminar on Software for Nuclear, Subnuclear and Applied Physics”, Alghero, Italy, June 2017

Teaching activity

- Attività didattico-integrative per l’insegnamento di “Fisica Generale” A.A 2017/18 della durata di 40 ore @ Politecnico di Bari, responsabile Prof.ssa Pugliese. & Prof. Maggi

Time abroad

1 year simil-fellow at CERN: from June 2018 to June 2019



Contribution presented at conferences

- [European Physical Society Conference on High Energy Physics \(EPS2019\)](#), Ghent (Belgium), 10-17 July 2019.

Oral presentation: "Fluoride production in CMS Resistive Plate Chambers (RPC) and aging studies".

- [Students' Poster Session at the 2019 Winter LHCC meeting \(Posters@LHCC\)](#), CERN, 27 February 2019.

Poster: "improved-RPC for the CMS muon spectrometer upgrade for HL-LHC".

- [2018 IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium and Medical Imaging conference \(IEEE 2018\)](#), Sydney (Australia), 20-27 November 2018.

Oral presentation: "Long-term aging studies on Resistive Plate Chambers (RPC) of the CMS muon system for HL-LHC".

- [Incontri di Fisica delle Alte Energie IFAE 2018](#), 4-6 April 2018, Milano, Italy.

National conference, oral presentation: "RPC upgrade project for CMS Phase II".

- [14th Pisa Meeting on Advanced Detectors PM2018](#), 27 May - 2 June 2018, La Biodola, Isola d'Elba, Italy.

Poster: "Background rate study for the CMS improved-RPC at HL-LHC using GEANT4".

- [XIV Workshop on Resistive Plate Chambers and Related Detectors \(RPC 2018\)](#), 19-23 February 2018, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Oral presentation: "Longevity studies for the CMS-RPC system"

["Upgrade of the RPC system of the CMS Muon Spectrometer"](#), "2017 Fall Meeting of the Korean Physical Society", Gyeongju-si, Republic of Korea, October 2017

- ["Upgrade of the RPC system of the CMS Muon Spectrometer"](#), "SIF2017: 103-esimo congresso nazionale società italiana di fisica", Trento, Italy, September 2017



Publications

CMS Publications:

CMS Collaboration Author since 11th November 2017: 196 papers

CMS Collaboration, ["The Phase-2 Upgrade of the CMS Muon Detectors"](#), CERN-LHCC-2017-012. CMS-TDR-016

First author publications:

- A. Gelmi et al. [CMS Muon Collaboration & CERN-EP-DT group], "[Fluoride production in CMS Resistive Plate Chambers \(RPC\) and long-term aging studies](#)", EPS 2019 proceeding submitted.
- A. Gelmi et al. [CMS Muon Collaboration], "[Long-term aging studies on Resistive Plate Chambers \(RPC\) of the CMS muon system for HL-LHC](#)", IEEE Xplore, 2019. doi: 10.1109/NSSMIC.2018.8824516.
- A. Gelmi et al. [CMS Muon collaboration], "[Background rate study for the CMS improved-RPC at HL-LHC using GEANT4](#)", Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A, 2019, doi: 10.1016/j.nima.2018.10.046,
- A. Gelmi et al (CMS RPC group)., "[Longevity studies for the CMS-RPC system](#)", JINST, JINST-017P-0818, 2018.



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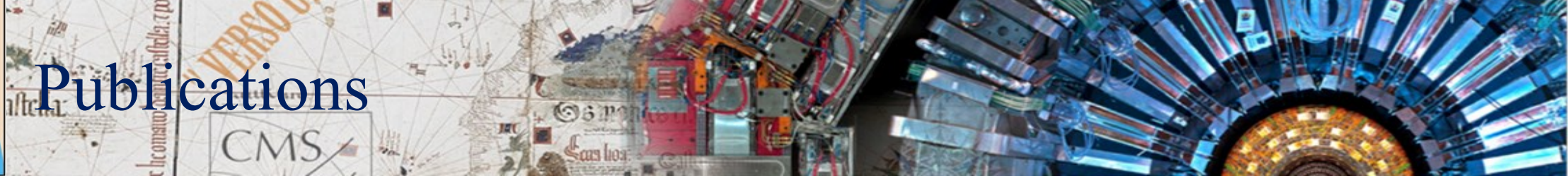


RPC group & Ecogas collaboration publications:

- *“CMS RPC system operation and performance during LHC Run II data-taking”*, CMS RPC group, to be submitted 2019.
- *“Studies of RPC operations with ecological gas mixture under irradiation at GIF++”*, G. Rigoletti et al. (Ecogas Collaboration), EPS 2019 proceeding submitted.
- *“RPC upgrade project for CMS Phase II”*, M.I. Pedraza et al. (CMS RPC group), JINST, 2018.
- *“R&D results of iRPC tested at GIF++ for CMS Phase II upgrade”*, J. H. Lim et al. (CMS RPC group), JINST, 2018.
- *“Fast timing measurement for CMS RPC Phase II upgrade”*, C. Combaret et al. (CMS RPC group), JINST, 2018.
- *“RPC Radiation Background Simulations for the High Luminosity Phase in the CMS Experiment”*, B. Carpinteyro et al. (CMS RPC group), JINST, 2018.
- *“High rate, high time precision RPC detector for LHC”*, F. Lagarde et al. (CMS RPC group), JINST, 2018.



Publications



- “The CMS RPC Detector Status and Operation at LHC”, M.Shah et al. (CMS RPC group), JINST, 2018
- “Test of a real-size Mosaic MRPC developed for CMS muon upgrade”, Y. Yu et al. (CMS RPC group), JINST, 2018.
- “CMS RPC efficiency measurement using the Tag and Probe method”, J. Goh et al. (CMS RPC group), JINST, 2018
- “CMS RPC Integrated Charge”, M. Cecilia et al. (CMS RPC group), JINST, 2018.
- “CMS RPC background studies during LHC run II”, R. Trejo et al. (CMS RPC group), JINST, 2018.
- “The CMS RPC system calibration”, R. Reyes et al. (CMS RPC group), JINST, 2018.
- “RE3/1 and RE4/1 chambers integration with Forward region of CMS Muon spectrometer”, E. Voevodina et al. (CMS RPC group), JINST, 2018.
- “CMS RPC Condition Data Automation”, O. M. Colin et al. (CMS RPC group), JINST, 2018.
- “Search for Heavy Stable Charged Particles in the CMS Experiment using the RPC phase II upgraded detectors”, G. Sanchez et al. (CMS RPC group), JINST, 2018.



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Back up

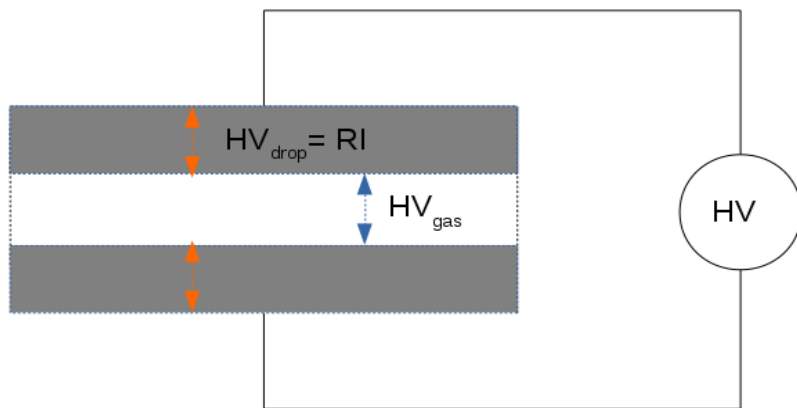


HV correction

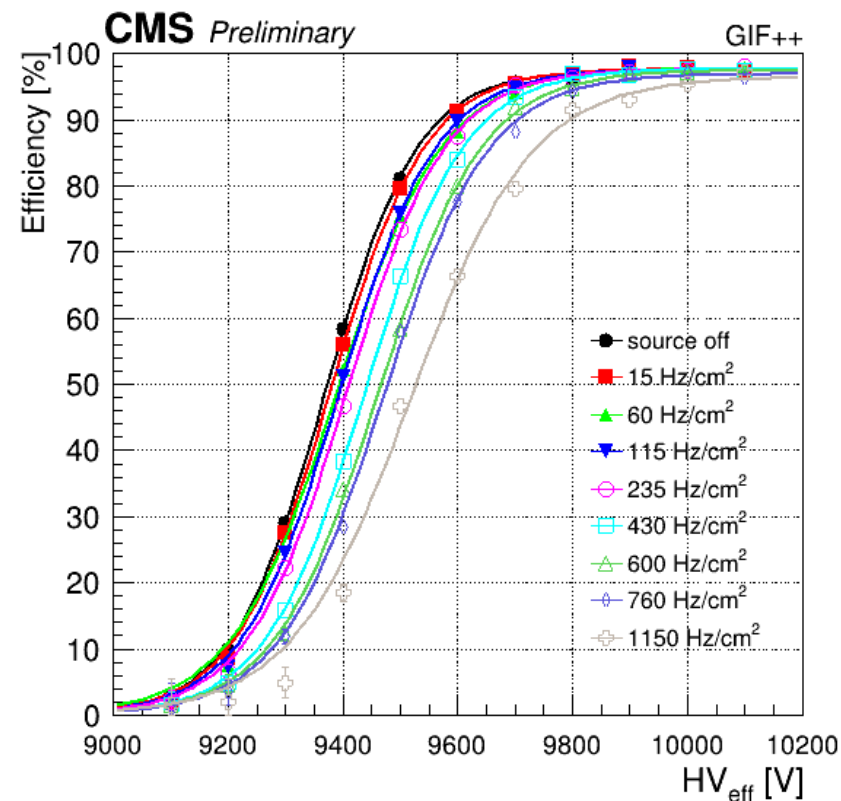
- ❖ The effective voltage applied to the gas volume (HV_{gas}) is reduced by the voltage drop (HV_{drop}) across the electrodes:

$$HV_{gas} = HV - RI$$

Where R the bakelite resistance and I is the current produced by the ionizing particles.

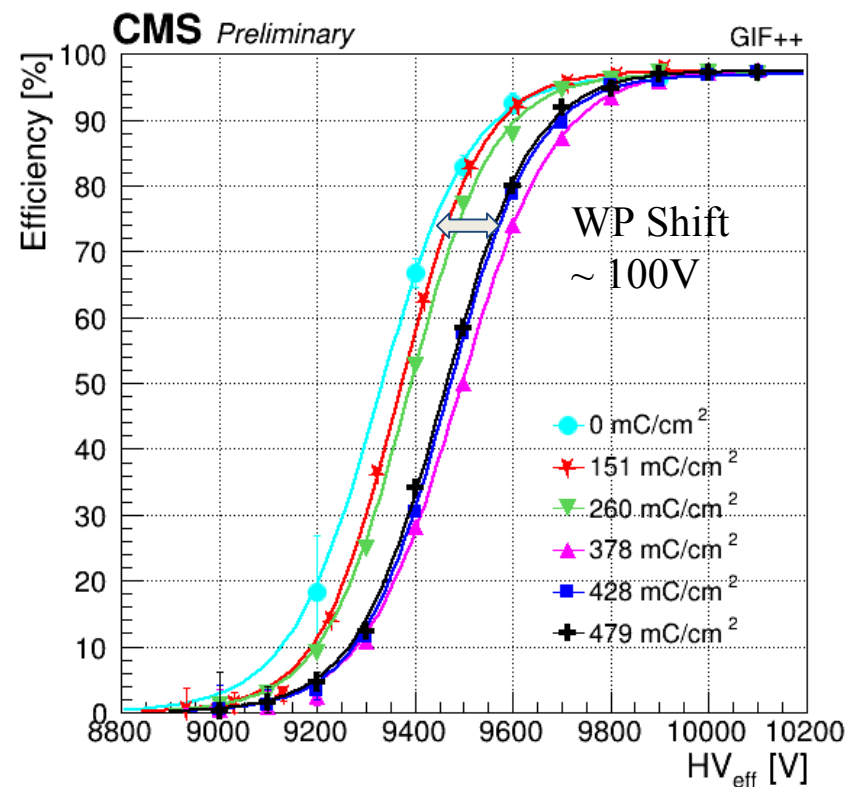
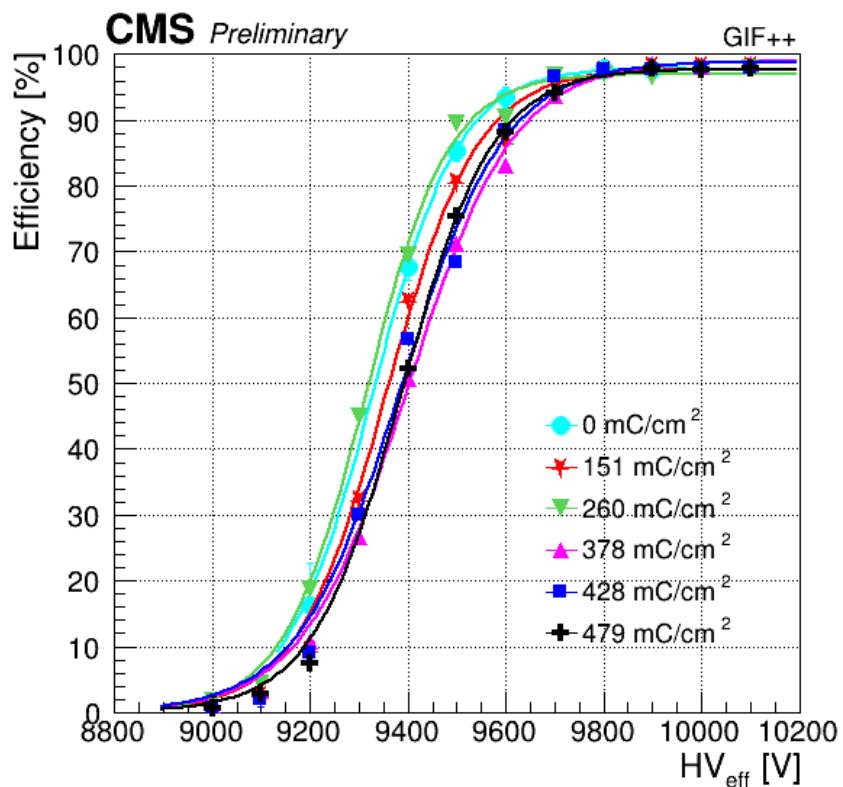


- ❖ The efficiency plotted as a function of HV_{gas} does not depends on the background conditions.





RPC performance monitoring



Efficiency vs HV_{eff} measured without background

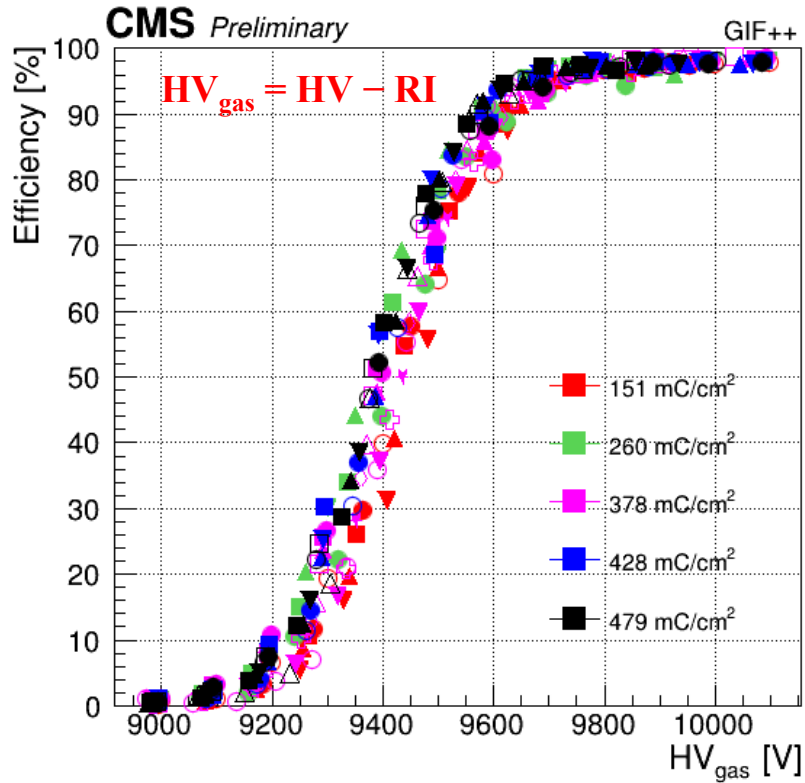
- ★ Stable performance: stable WP and efficiency

Efficiency vs HV_{eff} measured with background (600 Hz/cm²)

- ★ Stable performance
- ★ WP shift of ~ 100 V (after 378 mC/cm²)

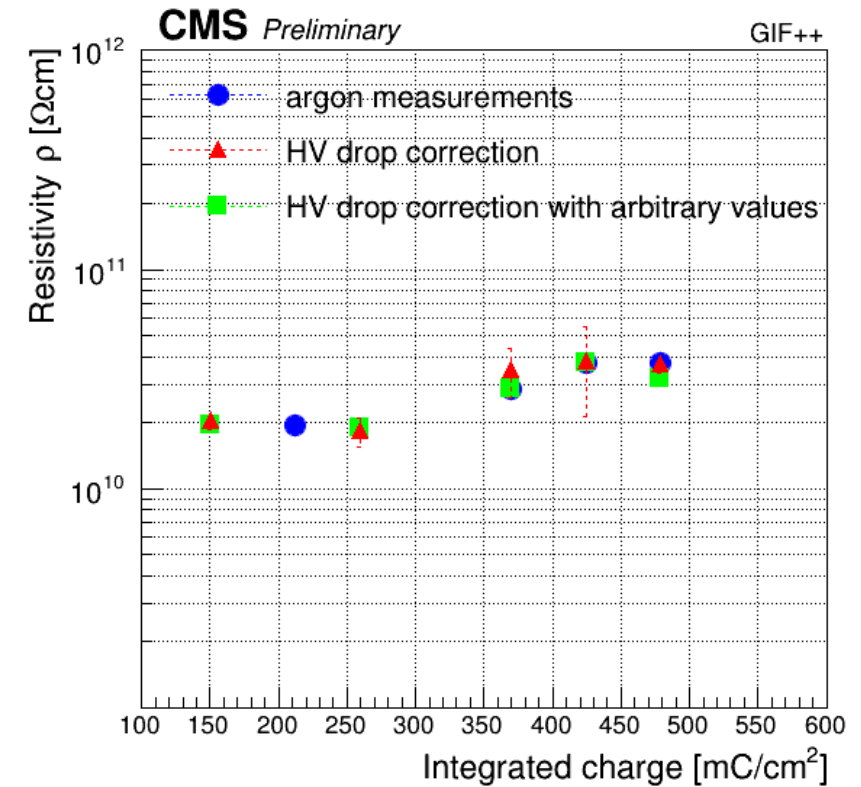


RPC performance monitoring



➤ Efficiency at different ABS and at different Integrated charge (different TB) overlap.

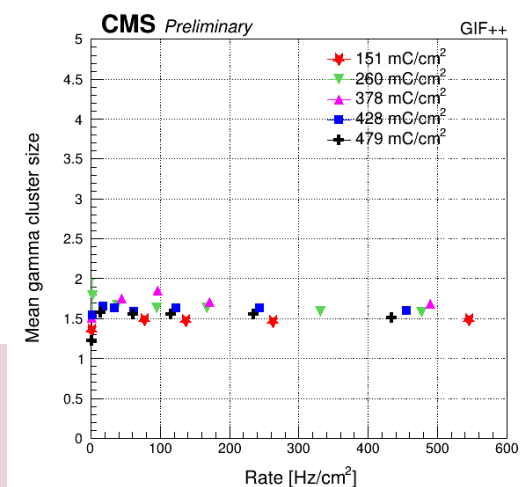
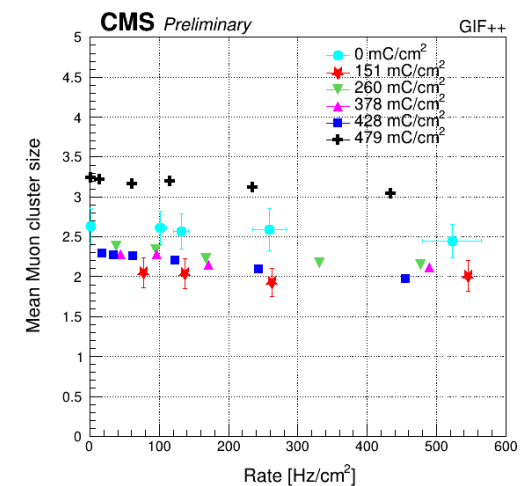
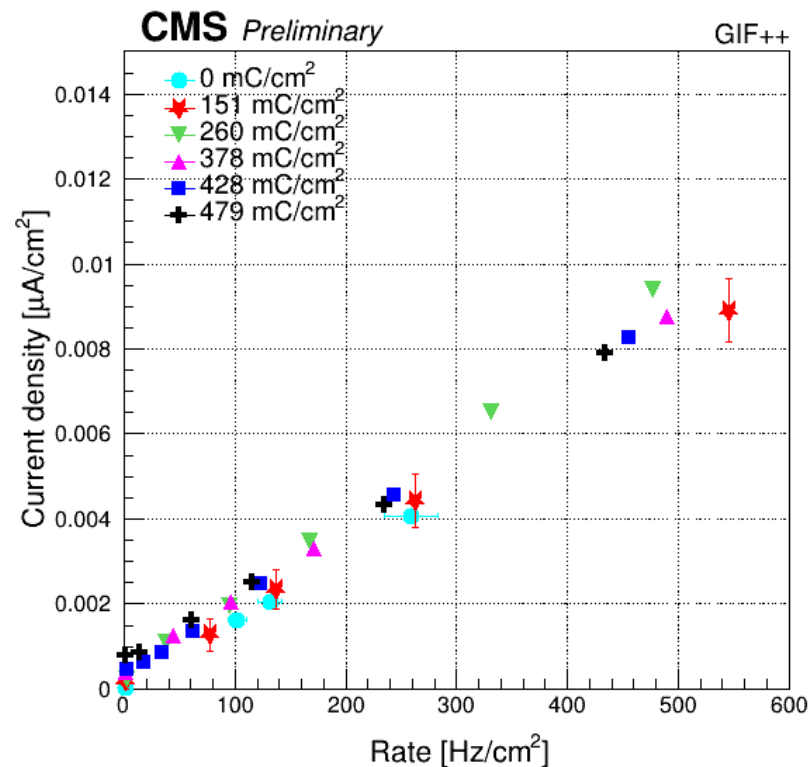
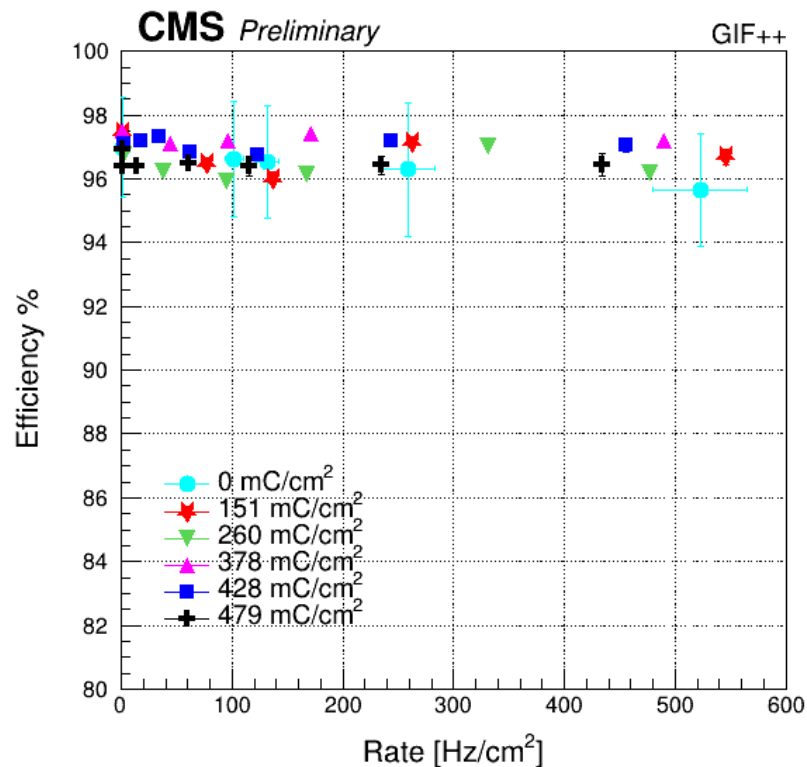
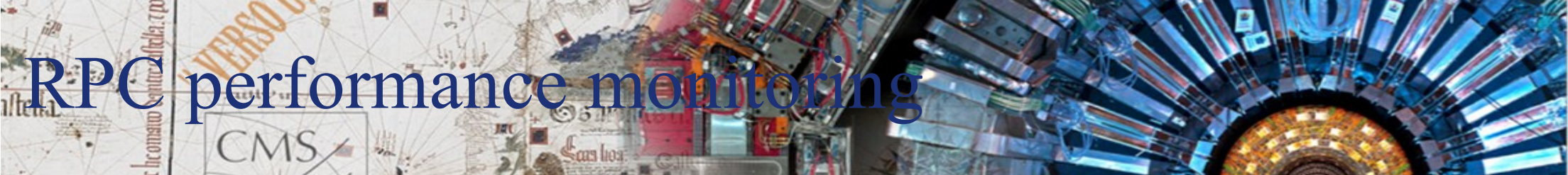
➤ NO any shift observed vs time and up to background rate of 600 Hz/cm².



➤ Rescale method confirmed by the resistivity measurements



RPC performance monitoring



- ★ Efficiency at WP remains stable in time up to the maximum expected rate (600 Hz/cm²)
- ★ A decrease of about 2% of the efficiency at the highest expected background rate (600 Hz/cm²)
- ★ Stable deposited charge
- ★ Stable gamma and muon cluster size

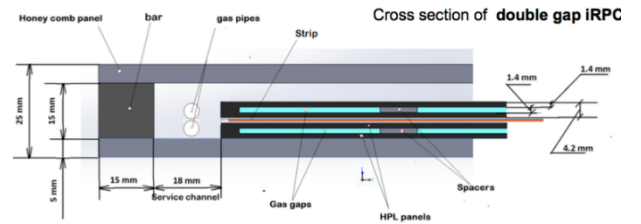
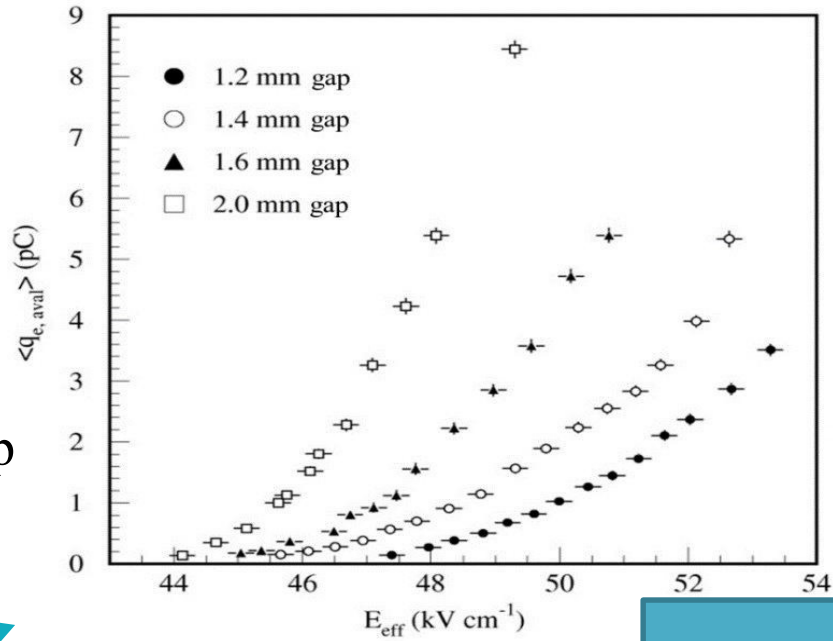


improved-RPC (iRPC) technology

- **Resistivity of the HPL**
from $1-6 \cdot 10^{10} \Omega\text{cm} \rightarrow 0.9-3 \cdot 10^{10} \Omega\text{cm}$
 - Enhance the rate capability
- **Electrodes thickness**
from 2.0 mm \rightarrow 1.4 mm
 - Recovery time reduced
 - Efficiency of extracting the pickup charge from the avalanche charge
- **Gap thickness**
from 2.0 mm \rightarrow 1.4 mm
 - retards the fast growth of the pick up charge
 - reduce of the operational high voltage
 - reduce aging effect



Move part of the signal amplification from the gas gap to the electronics



iRPC BASELINE

	RPC	iRPC
Gas Gap & Electrode width	2 mm	1.4 mm
High Pressure Laminate	2 mm	1.4 mm
Resistivity (Ωcm)	1 - 6 x 10 ¹⁰	0.9 - 3 x 10 ¹⁰



iRPC background rate estimation @ HL-LHC

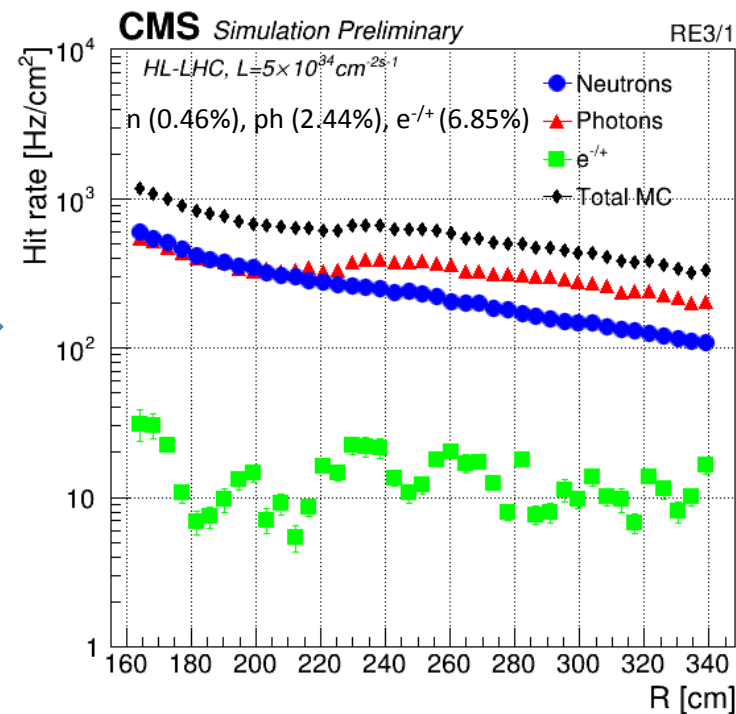
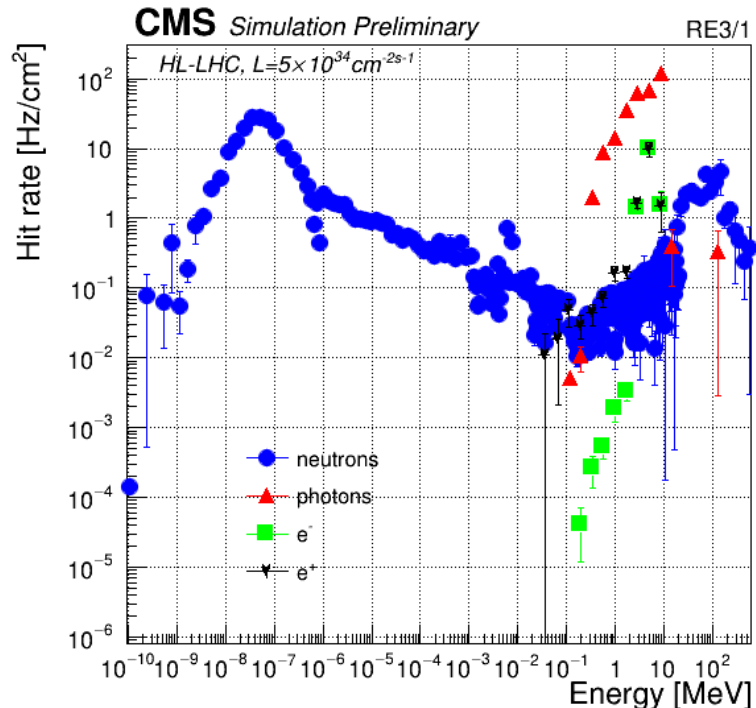
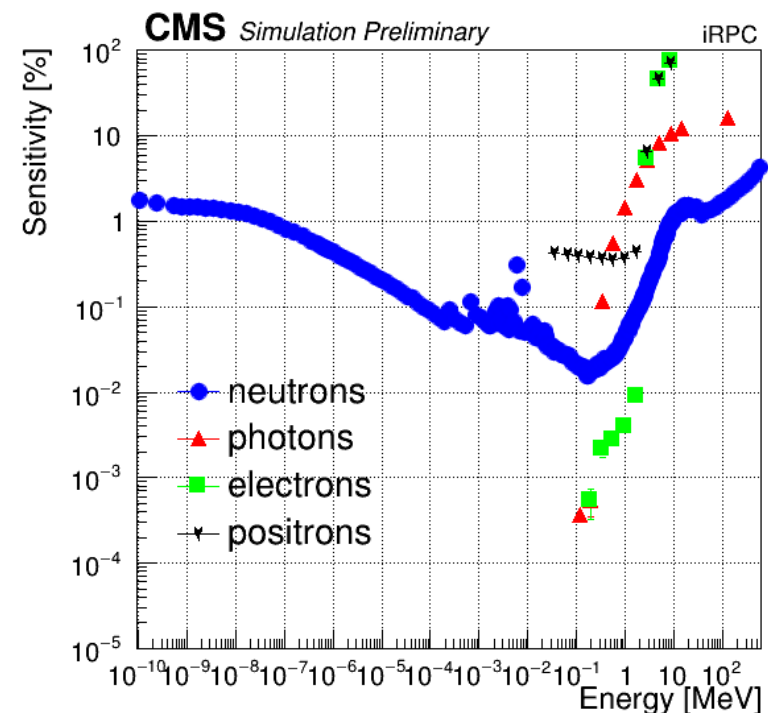
iRPC sensitivity @ HL-LHC particles spectra

$$S(E) = \frac{R_{iRPC}}{\phi_{bkg}^{CMS}}(E)$$

Convolution of flux and sensitivity

$$R_{iRPC}(E) = \phi_{bkg}^{CMS}(E) \times S(E)$$

Background rate vs R



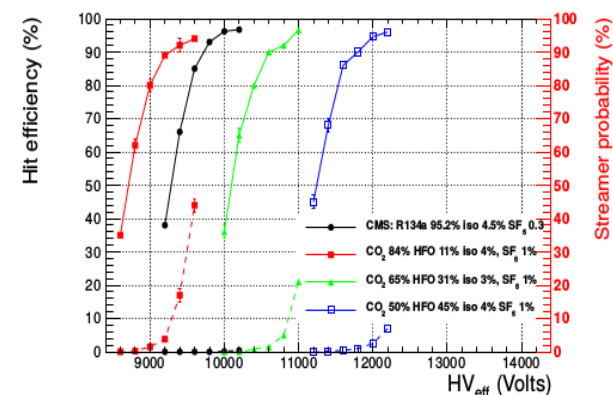
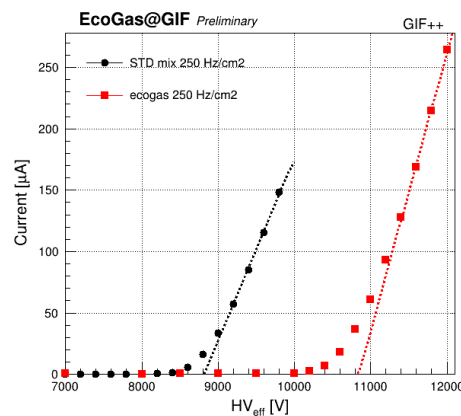
Average background rate of $\approx 600 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$ indicates the requirement of a minimum rate capability of $\approx \mathbf{2 \text{ kHz/cm}^2}$ for the iRPCs when considering a safety factor of 3



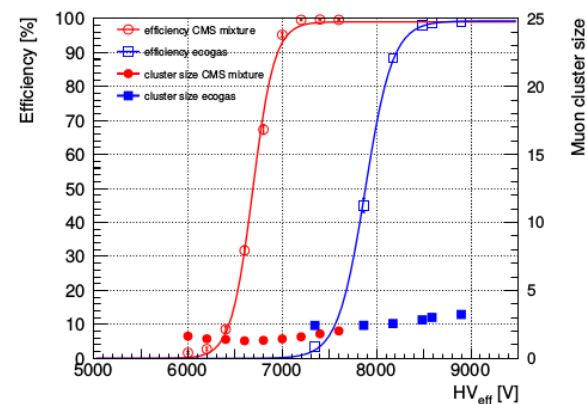
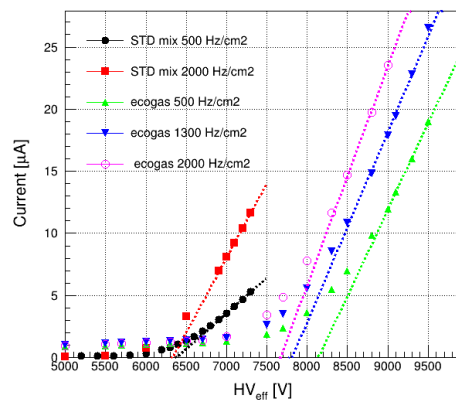
Search for RPC ecogas



- **2mm gap:** 2 kV of HV shifts @ 250 Hz/cm² between the eco-gas and CMS mixture was measured in agreement with TDR results done with cosmic muons



- **1.4 mm gap:** ~ 1.5 kV of HV shift between the eco-gas and CMS mixture was measured in agreement with TDR results done with cosmic muons (similar gas mix: 50% HFO, 4.5% isobutane, 0.3% SF₆, 45.2% CO₂)

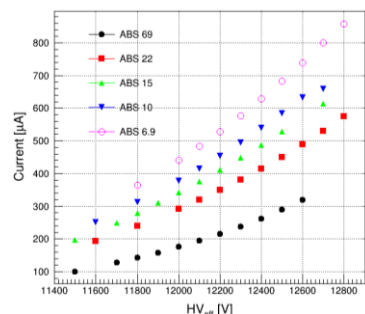




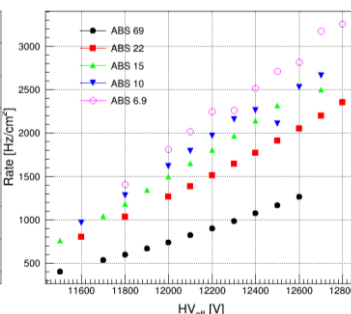
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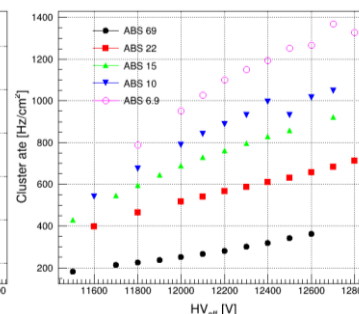
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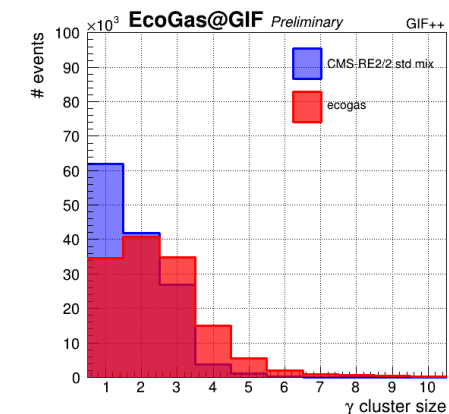
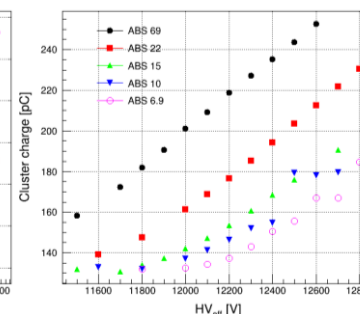
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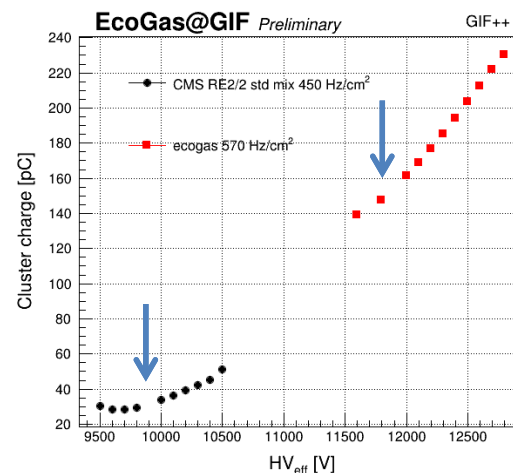
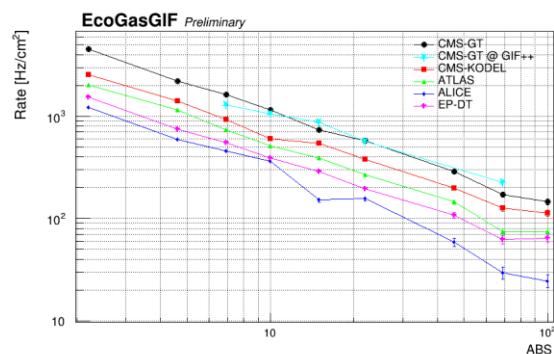
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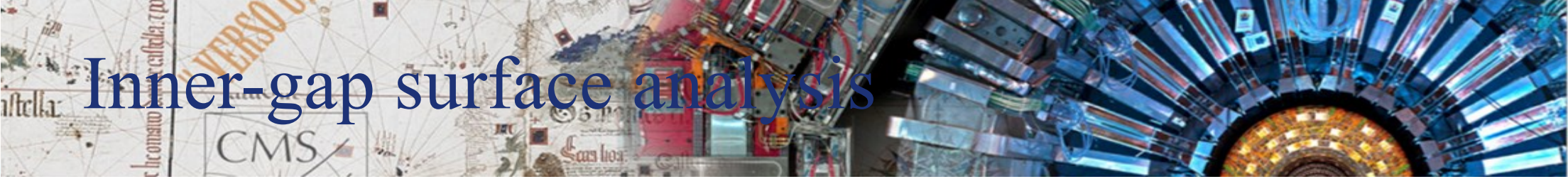
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Good agreement between simulated rate and rate measured @ GIF++



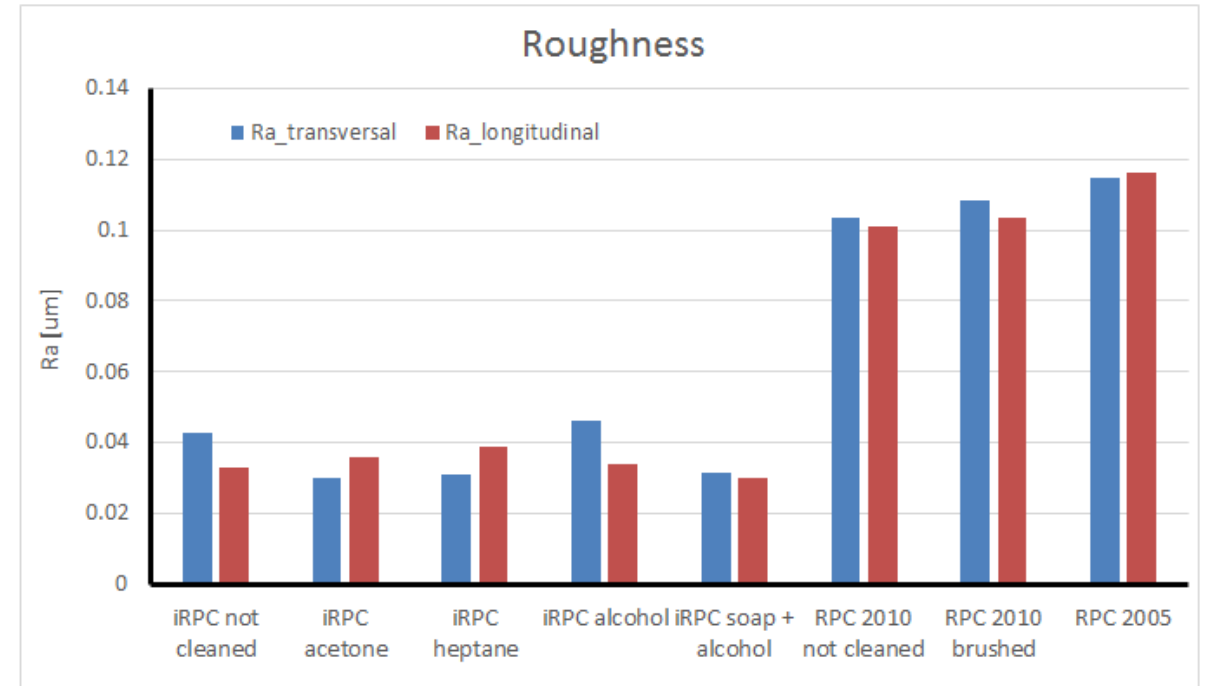
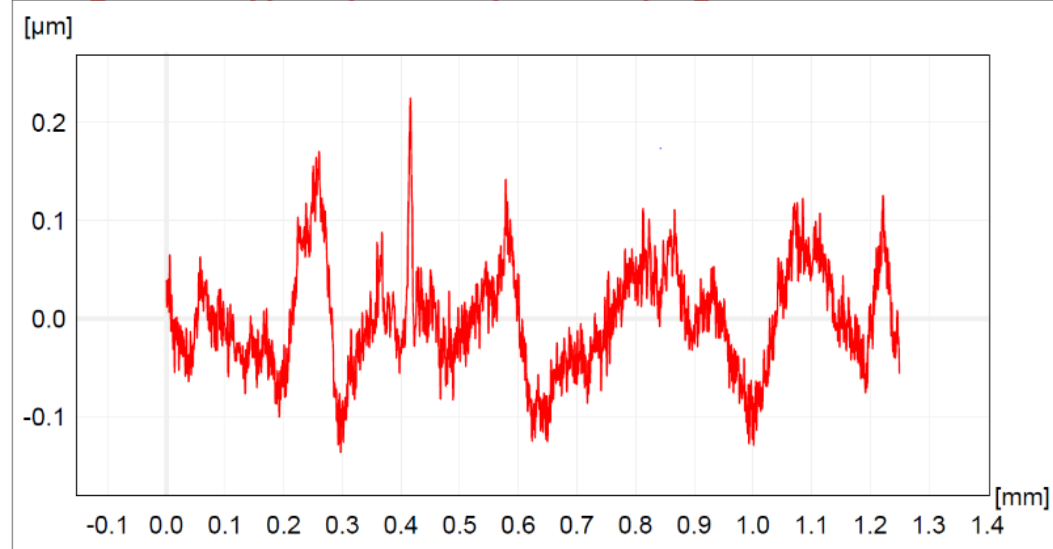
- **Average charge ~ 5 time higher:** $\approx 25\text{-}30$ pC for STD mix and ≈ 150 pC for ecogas
- **Average Cluster size at WP:** 2.6 strips for eco-gas and 1.9 strips for CMS



Inner-gap surface analysis

SURFACE ROUGHNESS

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PhD courses I year

Course	Credits	Status
LHC phenomenology	2 CFU	✓
Gas detectors	2 CFU	✓
Interpolation methods and techniques for experimental data analysis	2 CFU	✓
LabVIEW introductory course	2 CFU	✓
Programming with Python	2 CFU	✓
European research model and promotion of research results	2 CFU	✓
How to prepare a technical speech in English	2 CFU	✓
C++	2 CFU	✓