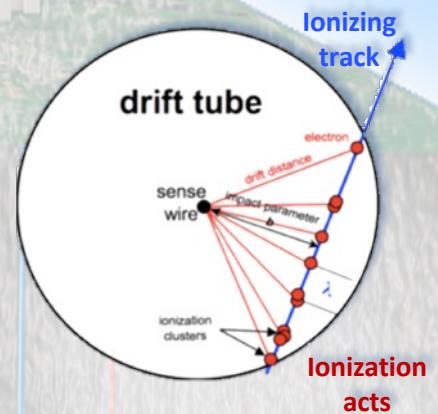
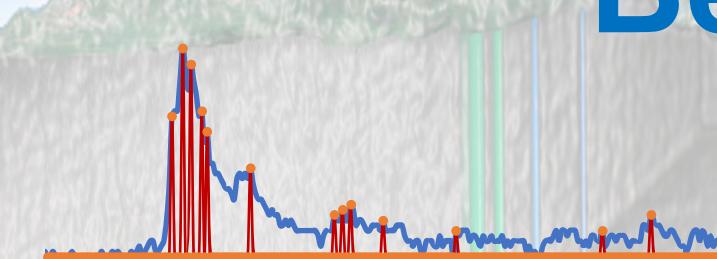


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# Beam test results on cluster counting



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on behalf of the H8/CERN cluster counting Test Beam Community  
26<sup>th</sup> October 2022

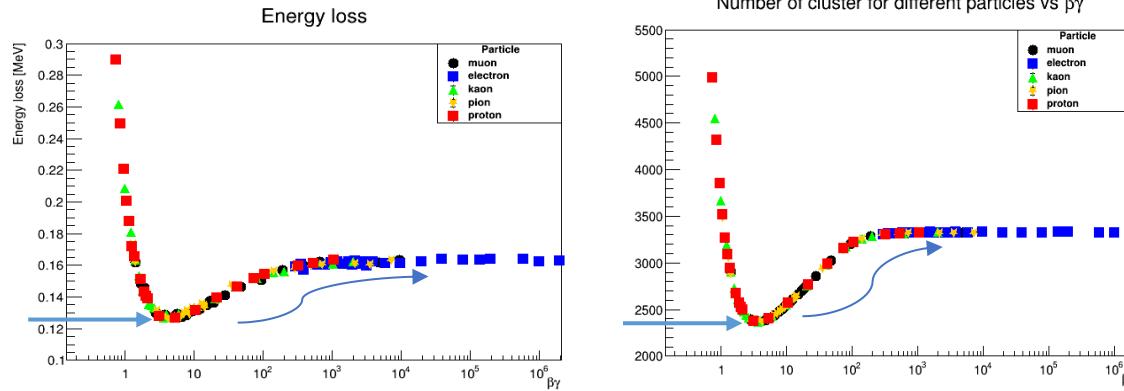


# Beam test motivations

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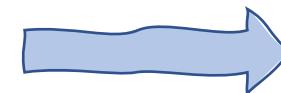
- 📌 Lack of experimental data on cluster density and cluster population for **Helium-based gas mixtures**, particularly in the relativistic rise region to be compared with predictions [1].
- 📌 Despite the fact that the Heed model in Geant4 reproduces reasonably well the Garfield predictions, why **particle separation**, both with  $dE/dx$  and with  $dN/dx$ , in **Geant4** is considerably **worse** than in **Garfield** (see Federica Cuna's Talk PID performance study with IDEA Drift Chamber by Federica Cuna)?
- 📌 Despite a **higher value** of the  $dN_{\text{clusters}}/dx$  **Fermi plateau** with respect to  $dE/dx$ , why this is reached at **lower values of  $\beta\gamma$**  with a **steeper slope**?



These questions are crucial to **predict the particle identification performance** at FCC-ee, CEPC: use the experimental results to fine tune the predictions on cluster counting performance for **flavor physics** and for **jet flavor tagging** both in **DELPHES** and in **full simulation**.

## Beam test plans (presented in Nicola De Filippis's Talk The IDEA Drift Chamber)

- Need to demonstrate the **ability to count clusters** at a fixed  $\beta\gamma$  (e.g. muons at a fixed momentum):
  - doubling and tripling the **track length** (**different cell size**) and changing the **track angle**;
  - changing the **gas mixture**.
- Establish the **limiting parameters** for an efficient cluster counting:
  - cluster density (by changing the **gas mixture**)
  - space charge (by changing **gas gain**, **sense wire diameter**, **track angle**)
  - **gas gain saturation**
- In optimal configuration, **measure the relativistic rise as a function of  $\beta\gamma$** , both in  $dE/dx$  and in  $dN_{\text{cluster}}/dx$ , by scanning the muon momentum from the lowest to the highest value (from a few **GeV/c** to about **250 GeV/c** at CERN/H8).



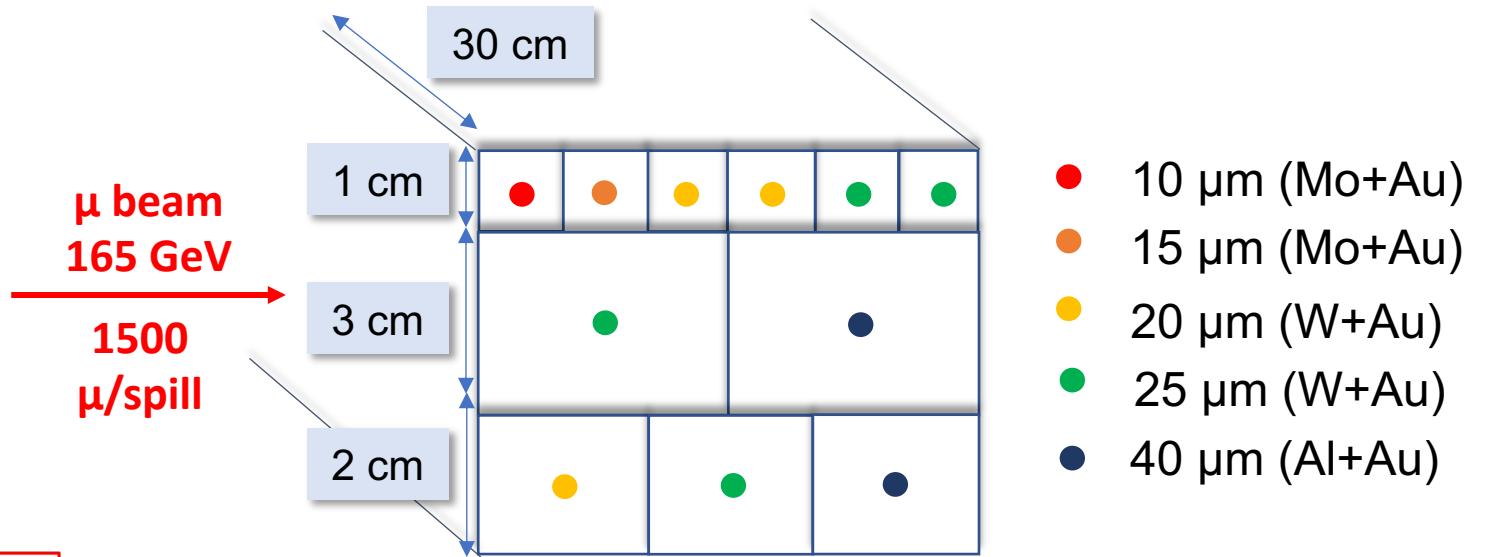
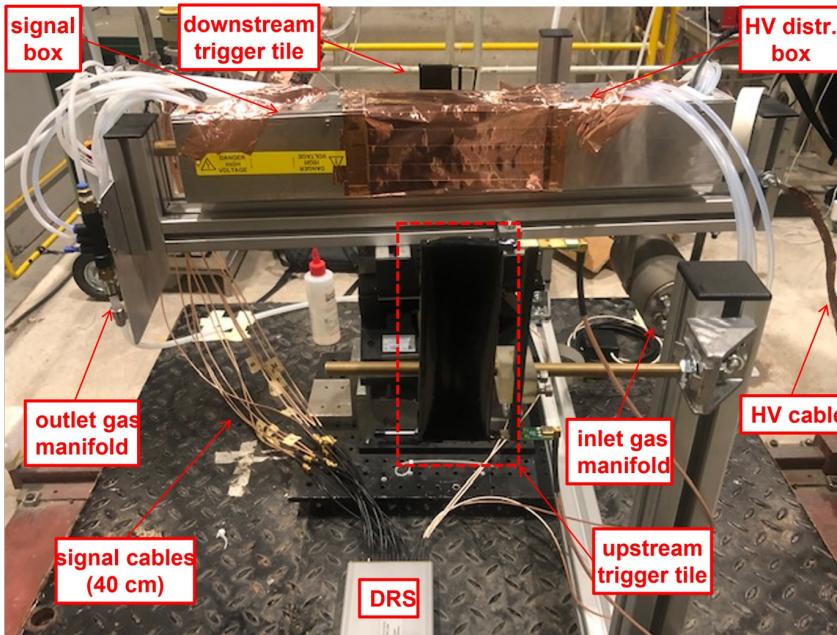
**Two data-taking beam tests!**

# November 2021 beam test setup at H8/CERN

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Keep it simple!

11 drift tubes with different cell size, material and diameter sense wires, to test different configurations.

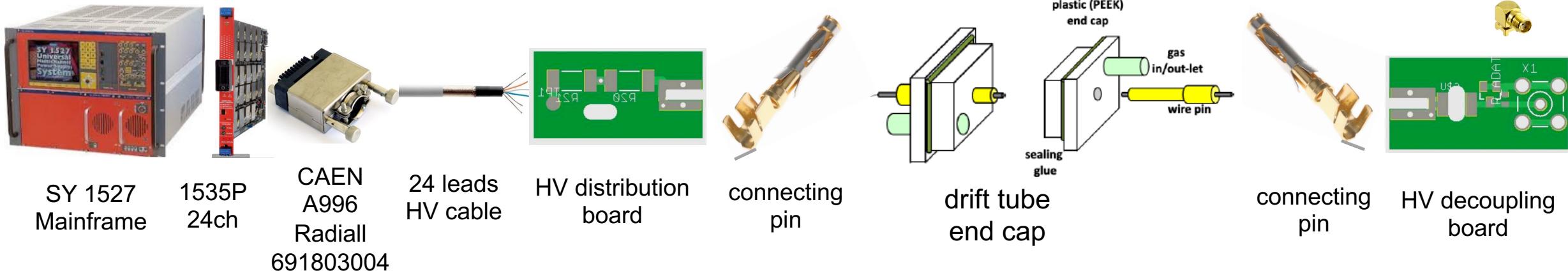


The set up consists of:

- 6 drift tubes  $1 \text{ cm} \times 1 \text{ cm} \times 30 \text{ cm}$ 
  - 1 with 10  $\mu\text{m}$  sense wire, 1 with 15, 2 with 20  $\mu\text{m}$ , 2 with 25  $\mu\text{m}$
- 3 drift tubes  $2 \text{ cm} \times 2 \text{ cm} \times 30 \text{ cm}$ 
  - 1 with 20  $\mu\text{m}$  sense wire, 1 with 25  $\mu\text{m}$ , 1 with 40  $\mu\text{m}$
- 2 drift tubes  $3 \text{ cm} \times 3 \text{ cm} \times 30 \text{ cm}$ 
  - 1 with 20  $\mu\text{m}$  sense wire, 1 with 40  $\mu\text{m}$
- DRS for data acquisition
- Gas mixing, control and distribution (only He and iC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>)
- Trigger scintillators (x2)

# The connecting scheme

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## Trigger scintillator

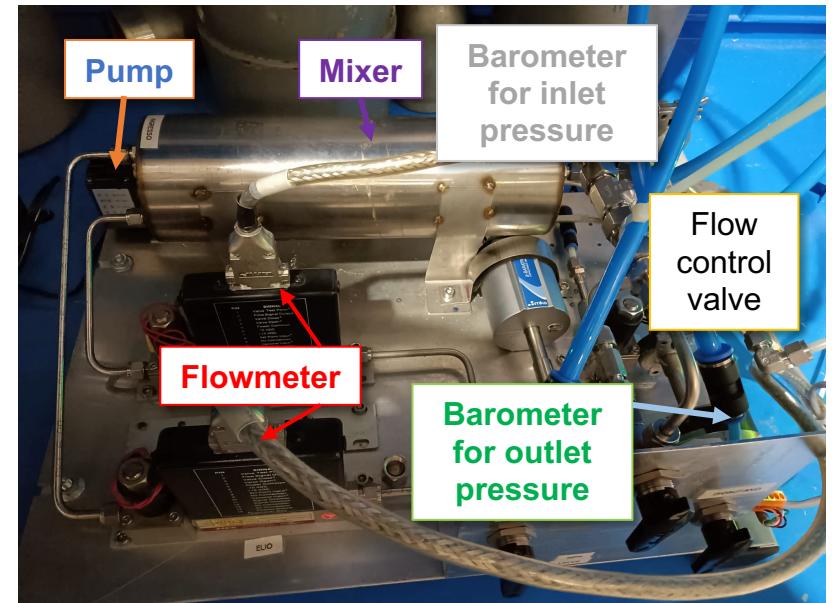


**Two scintillator tiles** (12 cm x 4 cm), placed **upstream** and **downstream** of the drift tubes pack, instrumented with SiPM.

## The gas system

- sets the **needed gas mixture**
- checks the **gas pressure** at the entrance and at the exit of the tubes
- keep the **gas pressure constant** inside the tubes, by using a proportional valve and a pump.

## Portable gas system



# The DAQ system: WDB wave dream board

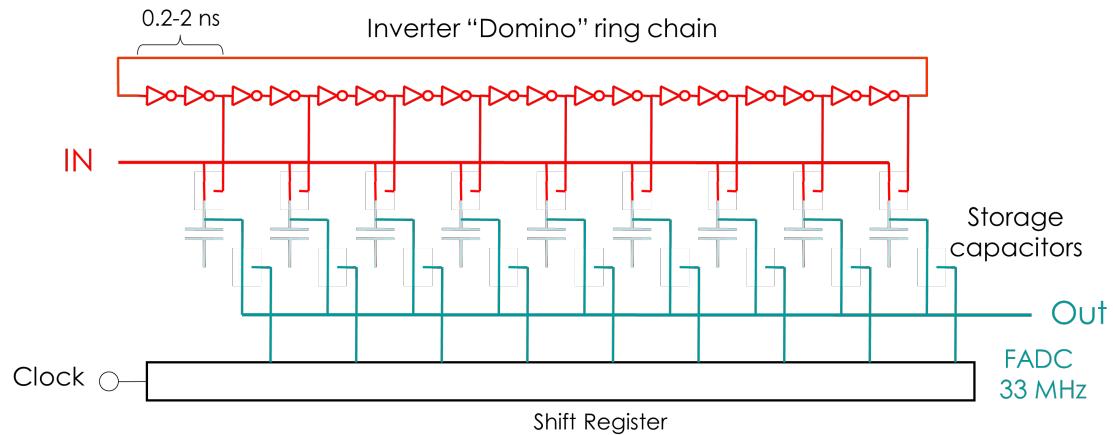
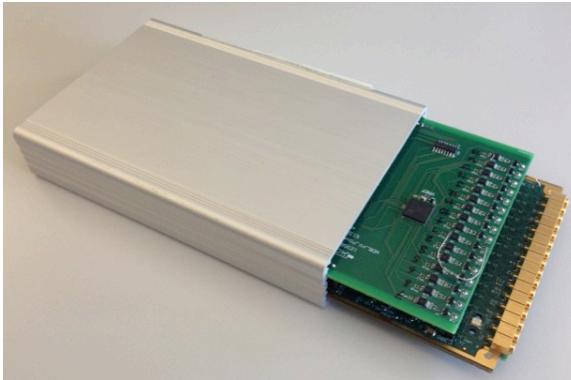
16 ch Drs4 REAdout Module

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Special thanks to the  
MEG collaboration

16 channels data acquisition board designed and used by the **MEG-2 experiment** at PSI ( $\mu \rightarrow e + \gamma$ )



- **Analog switched capacitor array:** analog memory with a depth of 1024 sampling cells, perform a “**sliding window**” sampling.
- **500 MSa/s  $\leftrightarrow$  5 GSa/s sampling speed** with 11.5 bit signal-noise ratio
  - 8 analog channels + 1 clock-dedicated channel for sub 50 ps time alignment.
- Pile-up rejection: O( $\sim 10$  ns)
- Time measurement: O(10 ps)
- Charge measurement: O(0.1%)

Details at: Application of the DRS chip for fast waveform digitizing, Stefan Ritt, Roberto Dinapoli, Ueli Hartmann, *Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A* 623 (2010) 486–488

The data files have been converted in **ROOT format** to accomplish the data analysis.

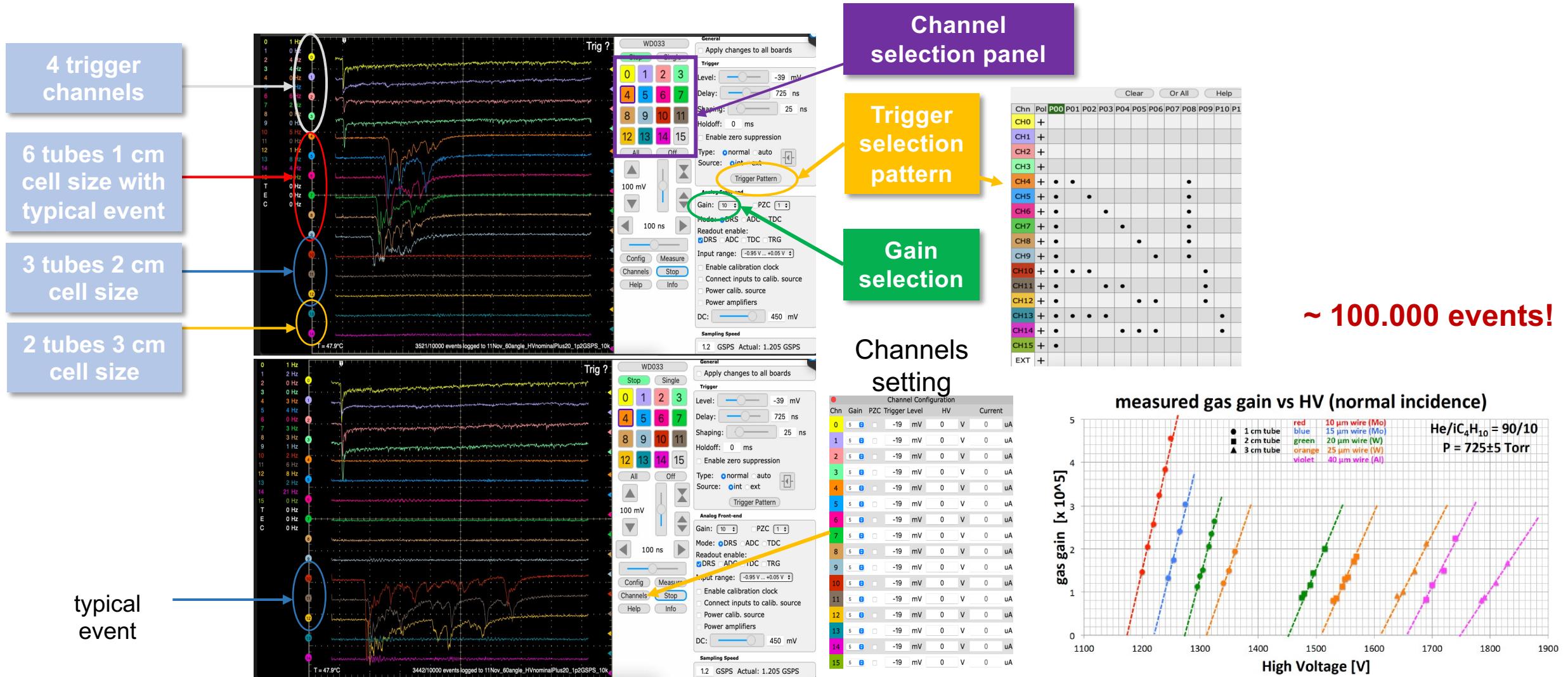
Data at **different configurations** have been collected:

- **90%He - 10% $iC_4H_{10}$**
- **80%He - 20% $iC_4H_{10}$**
- HV nominal (+10,+20,+30,-10,-20,-30)
- Angle between the anode wire direction and the ionizing tracks **0°, 30°, 45°, 60°**
- **1.2 GSa/s** sampling rate

# The DAQ system: an oscilloscope interface

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WDB interface is similar to the interface of an oscilloscope with 16 channels:



# Find electron peaks algorithms (1/2)

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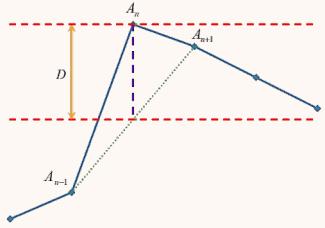
Find good electron peak candidates at **position bin  $n$**  and amplitude  $A_n$ :

## FIRST AND SECOND DERIVATIVE (DERIV) ALGORITHM

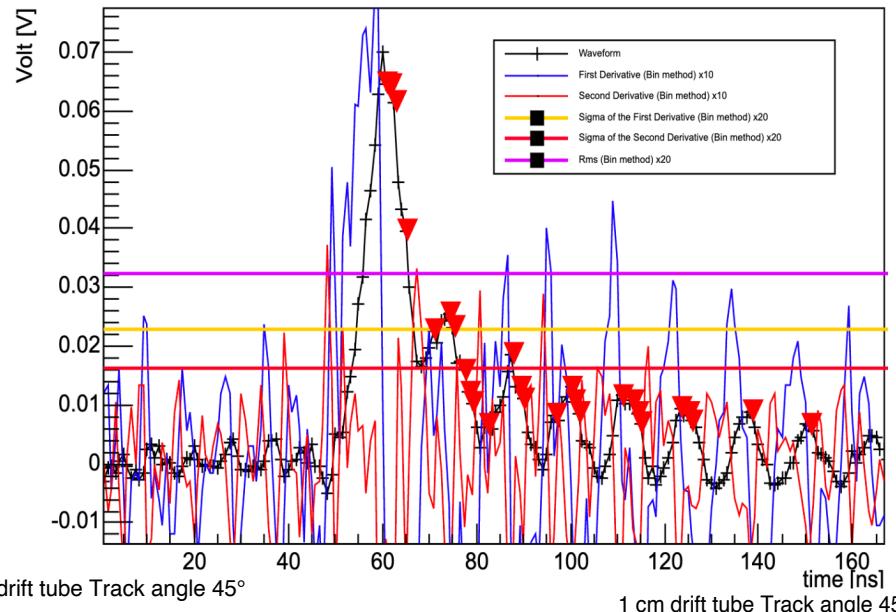
- ◆ Compute the first and second derivative from the **amplitude average** over **two consecutive bins** (1.6 ns for 1.2 GSa/s) and require that, at the **peak candidate position**, they are **less than a r.m.s. signal-related small quantity** and they increase (decrease) **before (after) the peak candidate position** of a r.m.s. signal-related small quantity.
- ◆ Require that **the amplitude** at the **peak candidate position** is greater than a r.m.s. signal-related small quantity and the **amplitude difference** among the **peak candidate** and the **previous (next) signal amplitude** is greater (less) than a r.m.s. signal-related small quantity.

### NOTE:

- ◆ R.m.s. is a measurements of the **noise level** in the analog signal

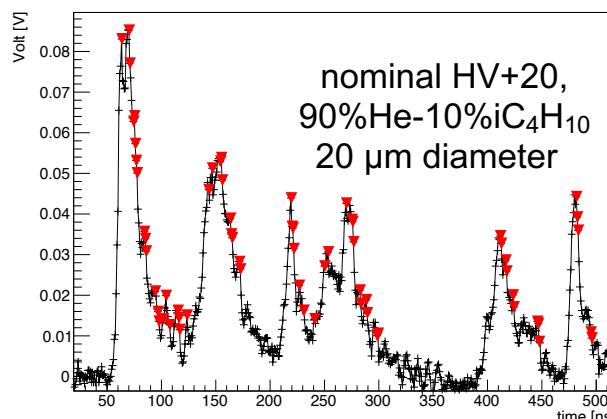


0°, nominal HV+20, 90%He-10% $i\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$   
Tube with 1-cm cell size and 20 μm diameter

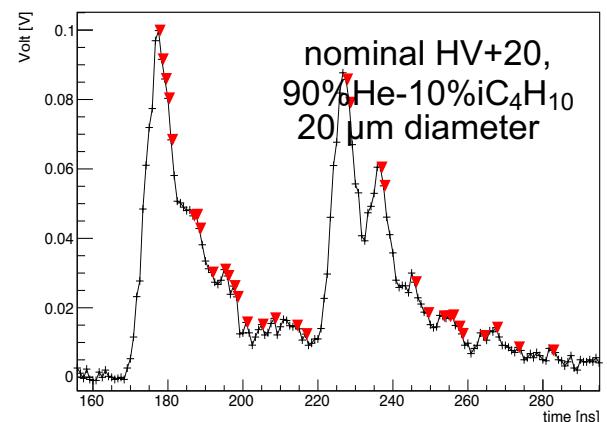


2 cm drift tube Track angle 45°

1 cm drift tube Track angle 45°



nominal HV+20,  
90%He-10% $i\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$   
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# Find electron peaks algorithms (2/2)

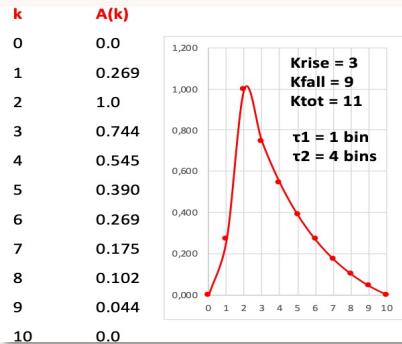
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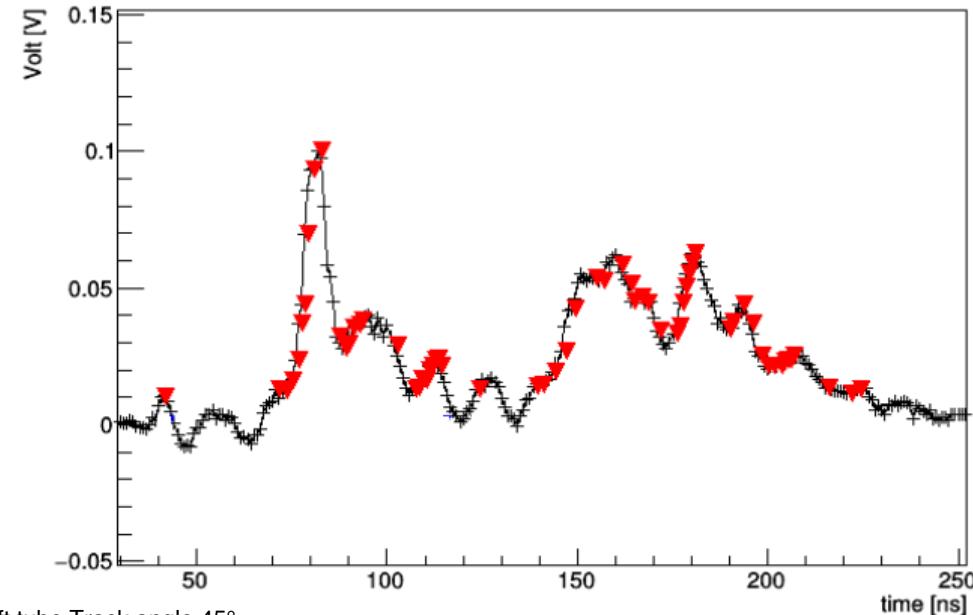
Find good electron peak candidates at **position bin  $n$**  and amplitude  $A_n$ : 30°, nominal HV+20, 90%He-10% $iC_4H_{10}$

## RUNNING TEMPLATE ALGORITHM (RTA)

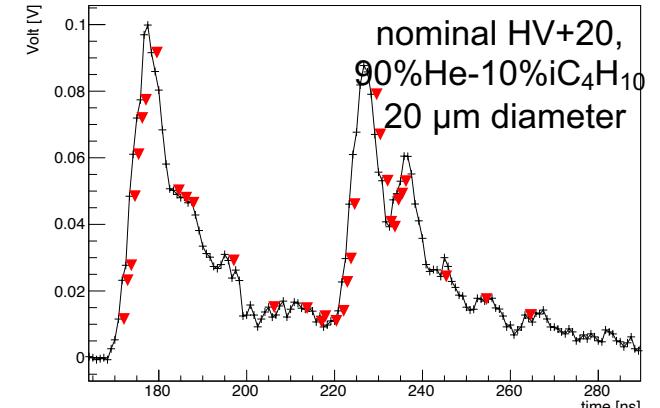
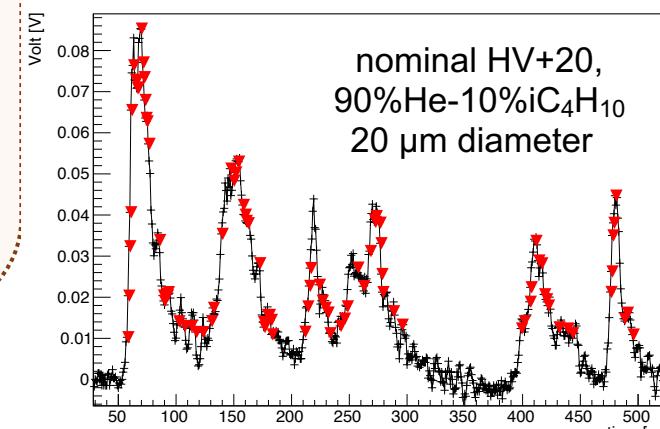
- Define an **electron pulse template** based on experimental with a **raising** and **falling exponential** over a fixed number of bins ( $K_{tot}$ ) and **digitized ( $A(k)$ )** according to the data sampling rate.
- Run over  **$K_{tot}$  bins** by comparing it to the subtracted and normalized data (**build a sort of  $\chi^2$  and define a cut on it**).
- Subtract the found peak** to the signal spectrum and **iterate the search** and **stop** when no new peak is found.



Tube with 1 cm cell size and 20  $\mu m$  diameter



2 cm drift tube Track angle 45°

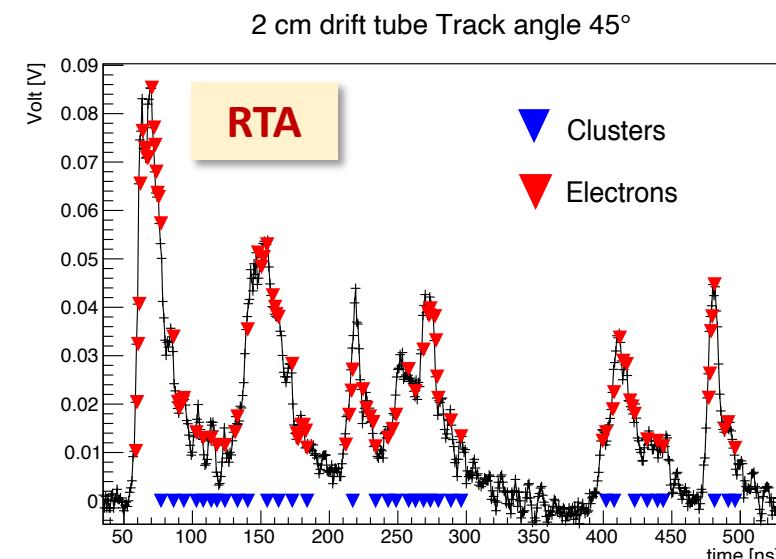
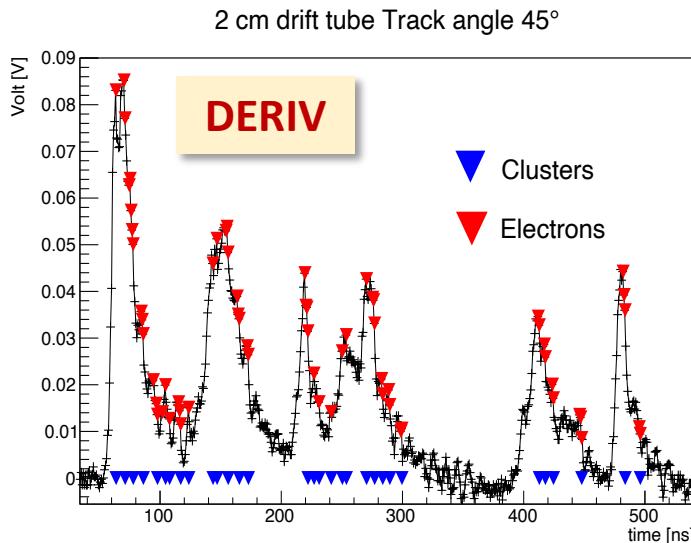


# Clusterization algorithm

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Once electron peaks have been found, clusterization of the electron peaks into ionization clusters has been implemented:

- 1) **Association of electron peaks** in consecutive bins (difference in time  $0.833 \text{ ns} == 1 \text{ bin}$ ) electrons to **a single electron** to remove **fake electrons**.
- 2) **Contiguous electrons peaks** which are compatible with the electrons diffusion time ( $2.5 \text{ ns}$ ) must be considered belonging to the **same ionization cluster**. For them, a counter for electrons per each cluster is incremented.
- 3) **Position of the clusters** corresponds to the position of the **last electron** in the cluster.
- 4) We expect a **Poissonian distribution for the number of cluster distributions [2]!** It tends to a gaussian when the mean value tends to values higher than 20.



# The DERIV algorithm: results

## Theoretical expectations of physical variables:

A

NCluster (Expected number of cluster =  $\delta$  cluster/cm (M.I.P.) \* drift tube size [cm] \* 1.3 (relativistic rise [3])\*  $1/\cos(\alpha)$ )

- $\alpha$  corresponds to the angle of the muon track w.r.t. drift tube direction
- $\delta$  cluster/cm (mip) changes from 12 to 18 respectively for 90%He and 80%He gas mixtures
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Poissonian distribution

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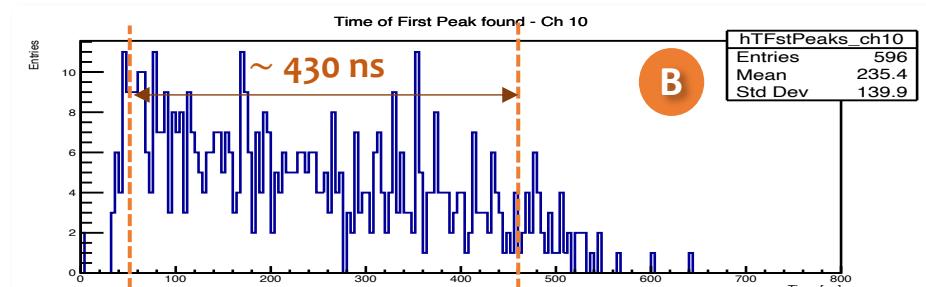
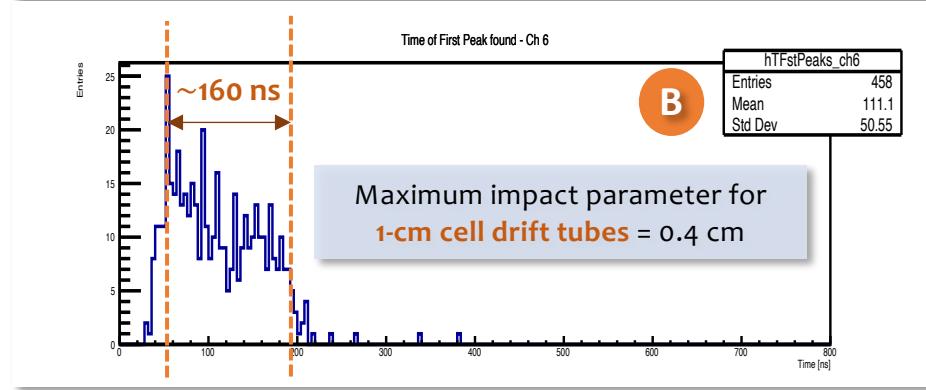
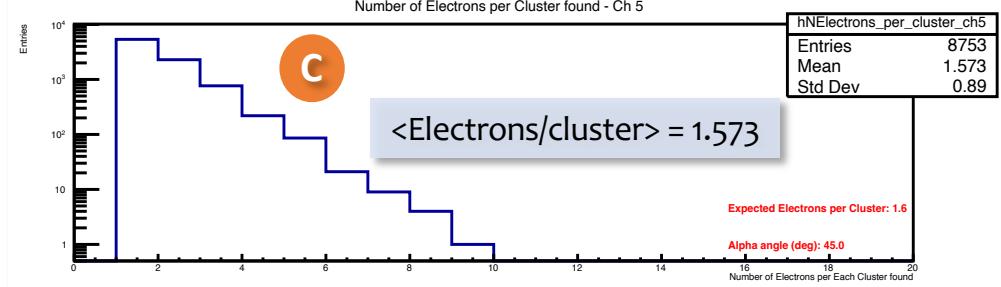
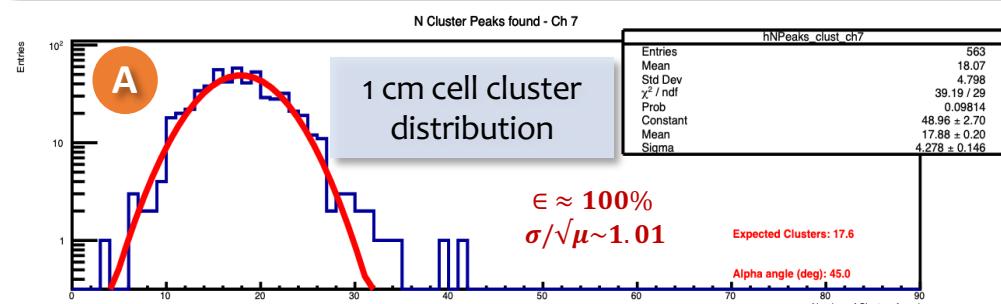
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Cluster population = 1.6 electrons/cluster

90%He-10%iC4H10  
nominal HV+20, 45°,  
Gas gain  $\sim 2 \cdot 10^5$ ,  
165 GeV/c

- Poissonian behaviour
- Measurements vs predictions about the number of clusters are in very good agreement
- Same results in independent drift tubes with same features



# The RTA algorithm: results

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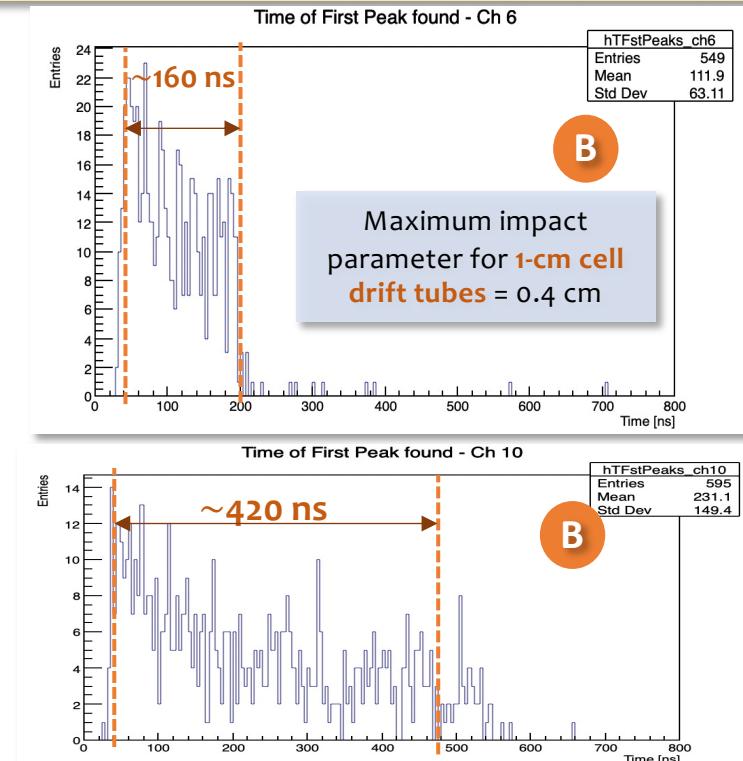
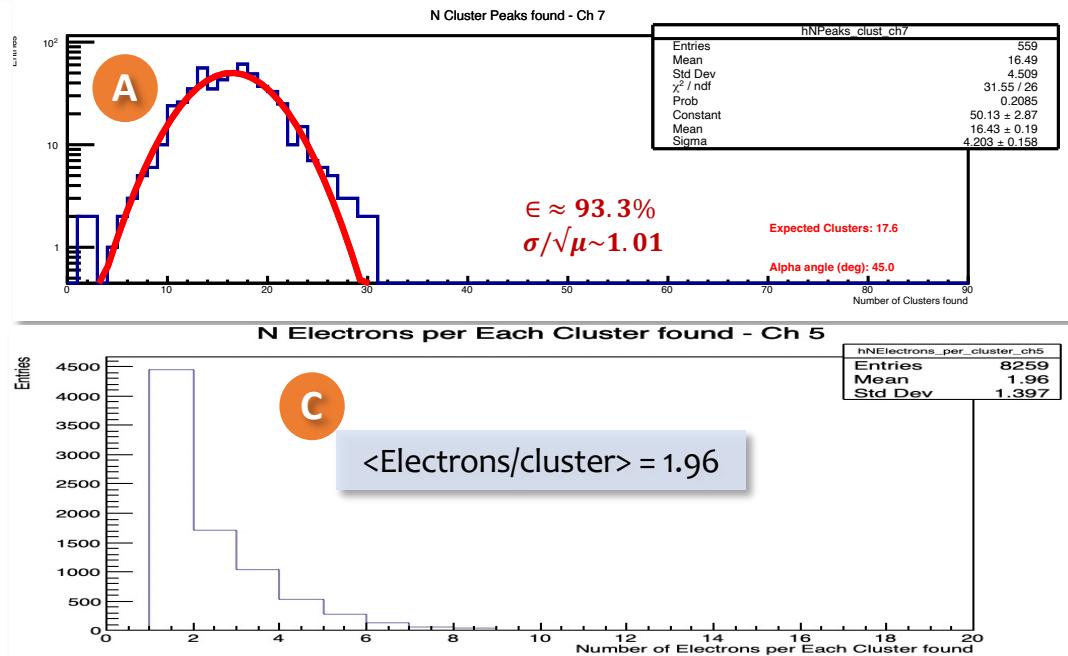
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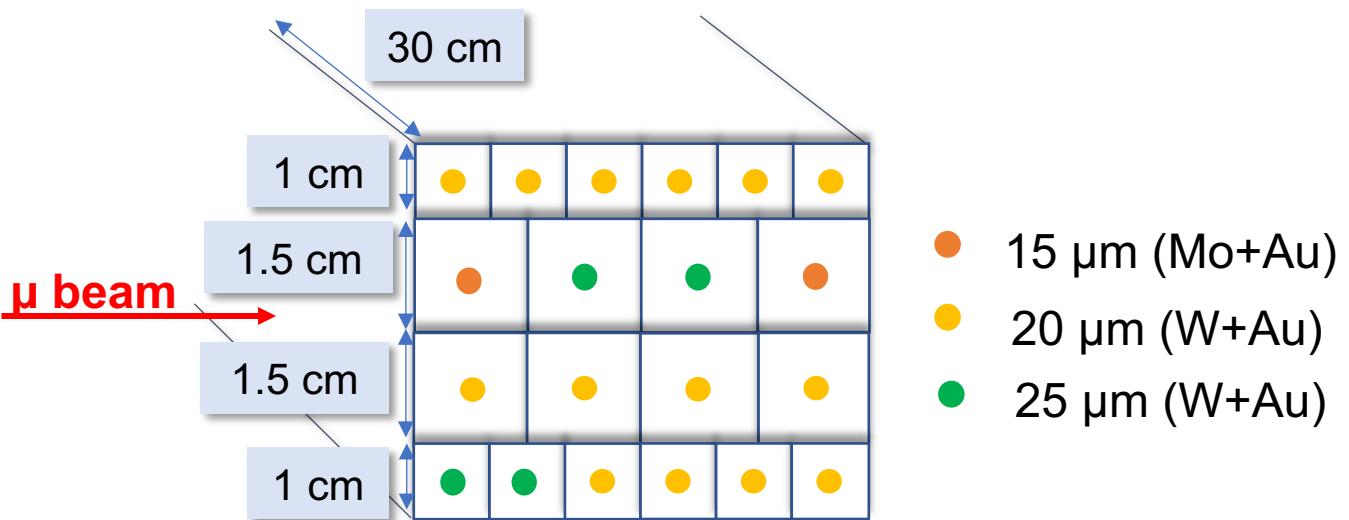
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# July 2022 beam test setup at H8/CERN (1/2)

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- 20 tubes with different (material and diameter) sense wires and different cell size.
- 16-channel DRS (x1)
- 4-channel DRS (x3)
- The portable gas system
- Custom PCBs for the 2 trigger scintillators.
- Two external hard disk to store the data collected



We plan to collect data at different percentages of helium and isobutane:

- 90-10
- **85-15**
- 80-20

to study the **relativistic rise** of the  $dE/dx$  and the  $dN/dx$ .



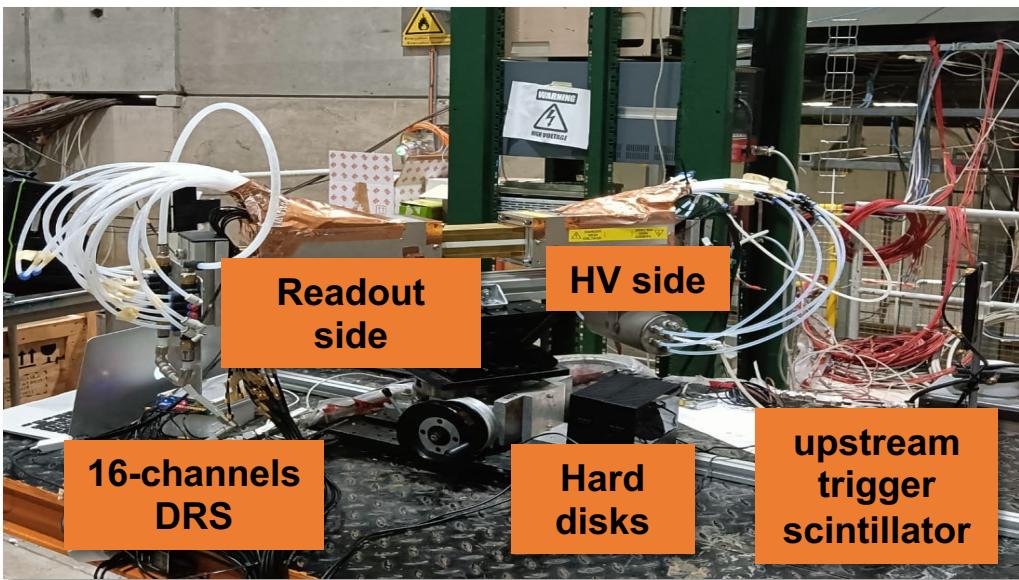
## NEW CONNECTION SCHEME plan

- Connect the 2 trigger scintillators to a 4-channels DRS
- Propagate the trigger signal to the 4-channel DRS and 16-channel DRS, where the tube are connected.

# July 2022 beam test setup at H8/CERN (2/2)

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- During the setup preparation, some of the tube broke:
  - 1.5cm 25 $\mu$ m
  - 1.0cm 15 $\mu$ m
  - 1.5cm 20 $\mu$ m
  - 1.5cm 25 $\mu$ m
  - 1.5cm 20 $\mu$ m
  - 1.0cm 20 $\mu$ m
- The idea to propagate the trigger signal didn't work, so 4 channels of the **16 channels DRS** have been used to host the 4 trigger scintillator signals. The association between the DRS channels and the HV channels is reported in the table.
- The **minimum muon beam momentum available** was **40 GeV/c**, at an **extremely low rate** → We collected data which will be useful to **study the Fermi plateau** instead of the relativistic rise, as initially planned.



DRS channels	HV channels	Drift Tubes sense wire (cell size – diameter)
0	0	1.5cm-20 $\mu$ m
1	15	1.0cm-20 $\mu$ m
2	22	1.0cm-15 $\mu$ m
3	13	1.0cm-15 $\mu$ m
4	18	1.5cm-25 $\mu$ m
5	7	1.0cm-20 $\mu$ m
6	1	1.0cm-20 $\mu$ m
7	21	1.5cm-15 $\mu$ m
8	8	1.0cm-20 $\mu$ m
9	11	1.0cm-25 $\mu$ m
10	10	1.0cm-25 $\mu$ m
11	23	1.5cm-15 $\mu$ m
12	-	Upstream scintillator up
13	-	Upstream scintillator down
14	-	Downstream scintillator up
15	-	Downstream scintillator down

# July 2022 data sets



Gas mixture (He-iC <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> )	$\mu$ beam energy	Sampling rate	Angles scan	HV scan
90/10	180	1.0, 1.5, 2.0	0°, 30°, 45°, 60°	Nominal, +10 V, +20 V, -10 V
	80	1.0	45°	Nominal
	40	1.0	0°, 45°	Nominal
80/20	180	1.5, 2.0	0°, 30°, 45°, 60°	Nominal, +10 V, +20 V, -10 V
	40	1	0°, 45°	Nominal
85/15	180	1, 2	0°, 45°	Nominal, +10 V, +20 V, -10 V

~ 700.000 events (x7)!

## Important news:

- Higher sampling rate (up to **2 GSa/s**).
- HV scan properly set for each configuration



# Conclusions and future plan

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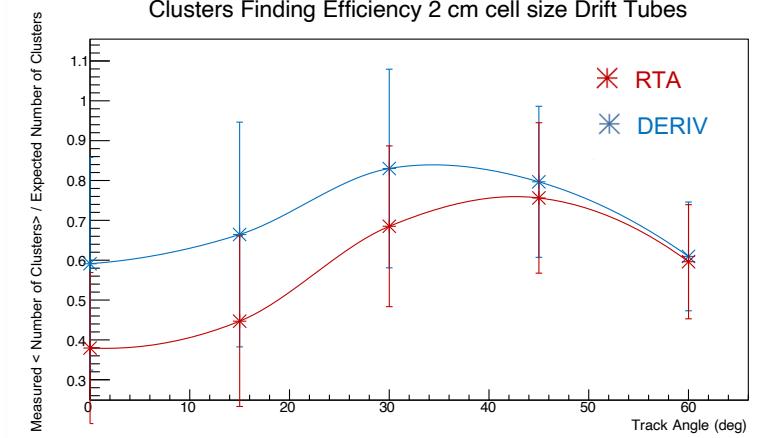
- The beam test plays a key role in predicting the **performance of cluster counting** for flavor physics and for jet flavor tagging at **future colliders**.

## Next steps

- Investigate the inefficiency at **high track angle** (first hypothesis: **space charge + attachment + recombination effects**).
- Optimization of variable cuts for **2-cm drift tubes (1-cm drift tubes)** November 2021 Beam Test data set against **undercounting** (overcounting).
- Apply the algorithms to new Test Beam data sets with cuts' dependence (**rms, derivatives** for **DERIV** and **x2** for the **RTA**) on the sampling rate and the ADC resolution.



90%He-10%iC4H10  
nominal HV+20,  
Gas gain  $\sim 2 \cdot 10^5$





# Thanks for your kind attention!

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