### Status of the Front Tracker GEM

Evaristo Cisbani

2013 –August– 28 SBS Collaboration Meeting

INFN - Catania, Genova, Bari and Rome/Sanità

New GEM foil revision

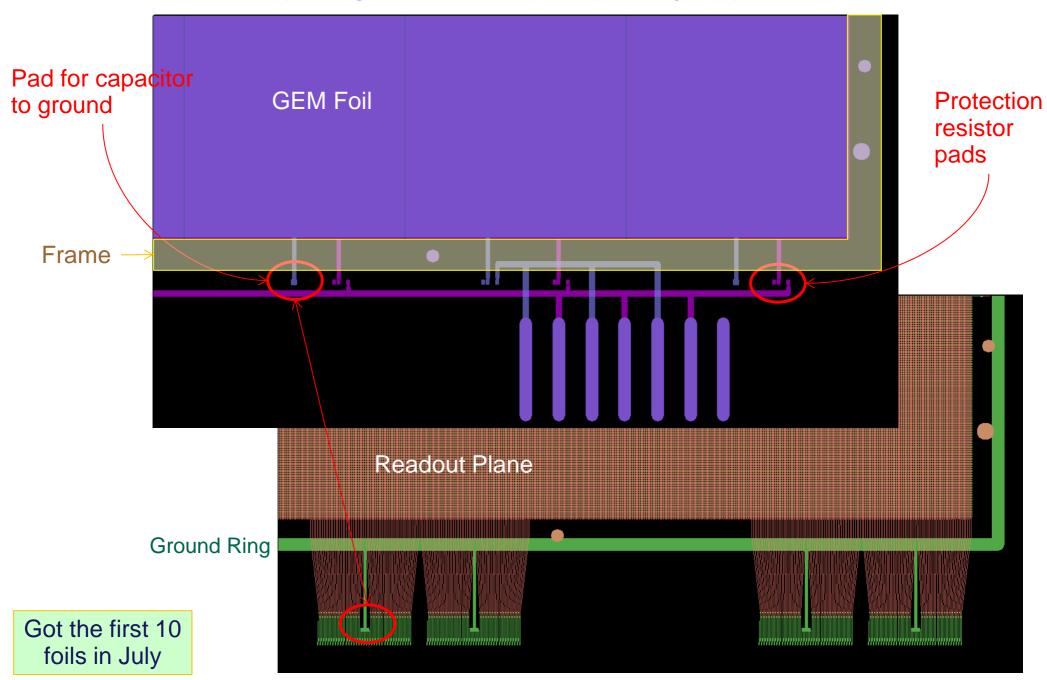
Gas system and humidity level

New Front-End cards with Panasonic 133pins (CERN Standard)

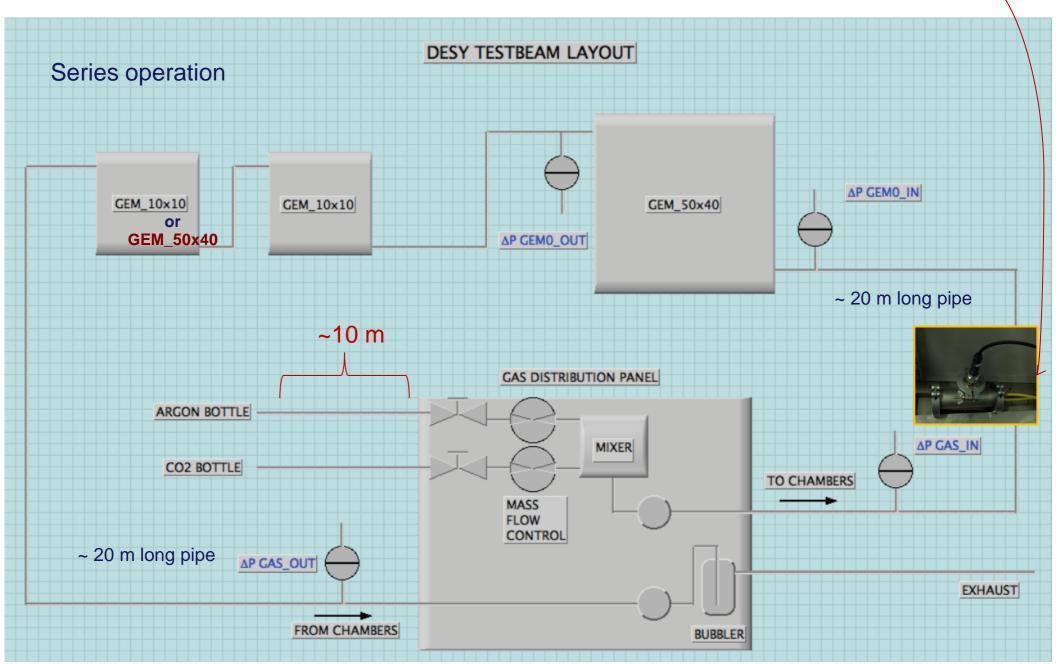
#### New GEM foil revision

Pad for capacitor Resistor pads moved 2 mm out of the GEM frame. to ground □ Larger HV paths □ New pads for soldering grounding capacitors to readout plane Pros: Access GEM sector HV directly for «cleaning» protocol proposed by Rui Capacitors to grounds may improve noise Cons: Resistors are no longer protected by the frames Assembling more complex **Protection** resistor pads

#### New GEM foil revision / detail



## Gas System in Rome w/Humidity Sensor



# Humidity in the gas line

Try to understand the gain drop in DESY test.

Humidity in gas line may play some role

Polyester pipes are permeable to water

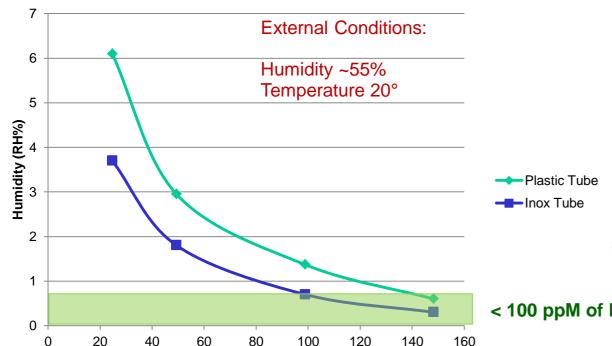
→ replaced 10 m with inox pipes

In literature <100 ppM H<sub>2</sub>O seems to be acceptable for stable operation (and negligible spark rate)

Increase flux and/or add hydrosorb/oxysorbe cartridges

Gas Flow (ccpm)

before chambers inlet



#### S. Kappler et al. / 2001 - CERN gy resolution analysis of the Low Rate SWPC TriGEM TriGEM 2000 1800 PH [a.u.] 1600 1400 1200 1000

Fit of exponential model for each line:

0.290

0.291

T/P [K/hPa]

0.292

0.293

0.294

$$G = A \cdot e^{-B \cdot \frac{T}{P}}$$

G: Eff. Gain T: Temp. P: Press. A, B: Fit parameters

IEKP, Karlsruhe University (Germany)

 $< 100 \text{ ppM of H}_2\text{O}$ 

0.288

0.289

### New APV Card with Panasonic 133pins connector

We now have two versions of the APV cards:

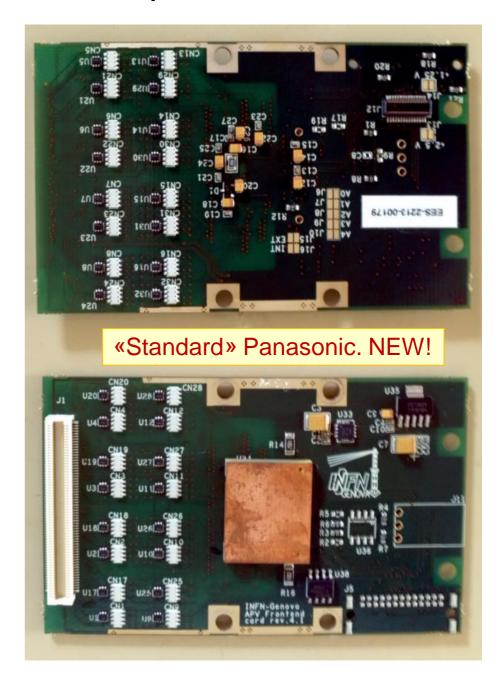
- 2xZIF connectors
- Panasonic 133 pins «CERN Standard connector (few mm longer)

All other components identical

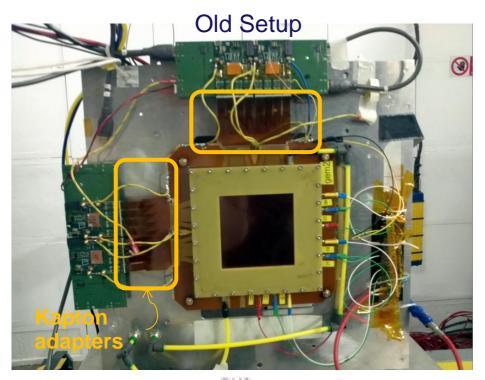
Both versions will be maintained

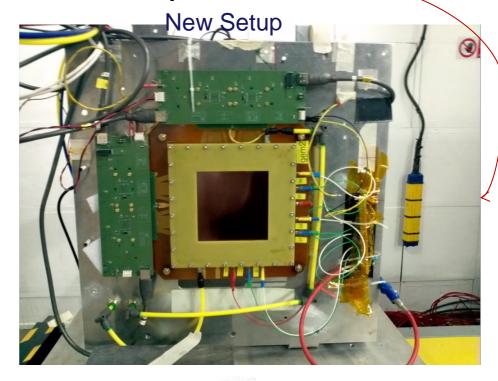
**ZIF Connector version** 

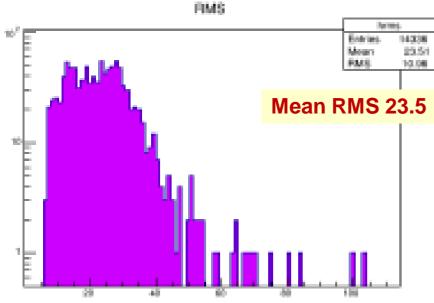


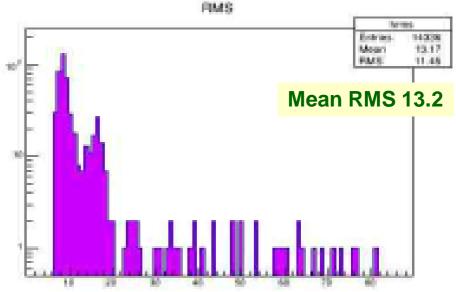


### Performance of Panasonic 133pins card







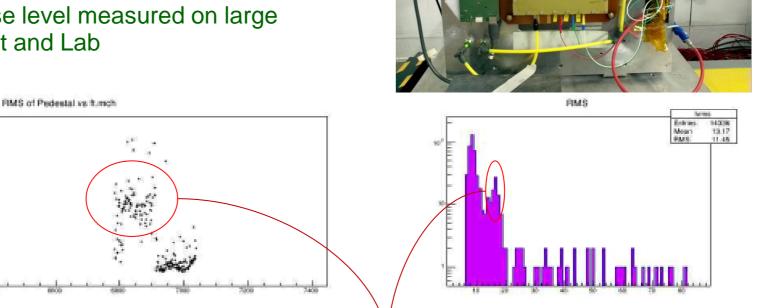


#### Performance of Panasonic 133pins card / Details

Confirmed large noise introduced by the kapton adapters used to match «standard» panasonic equipped GEM modules with ZIF connector of our APV cards

#### Effetive Noise level at ~ 10 ADC unit!

Consistent to the noise level measured on large chamber in DESY test and Lab

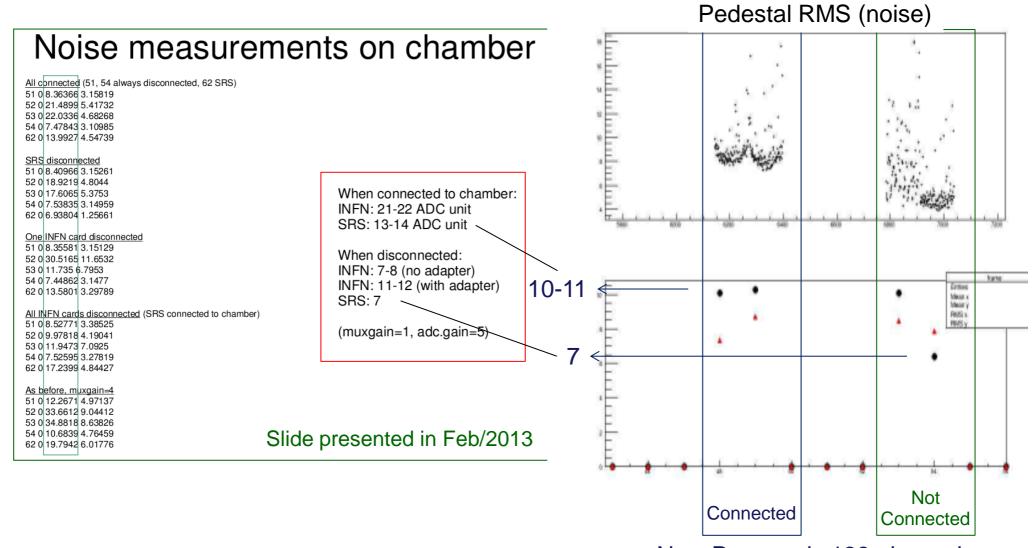






Defect in one channel of the home made HDMI-A-to-B adapter (used to match old and new MPD versions – not required in the future)

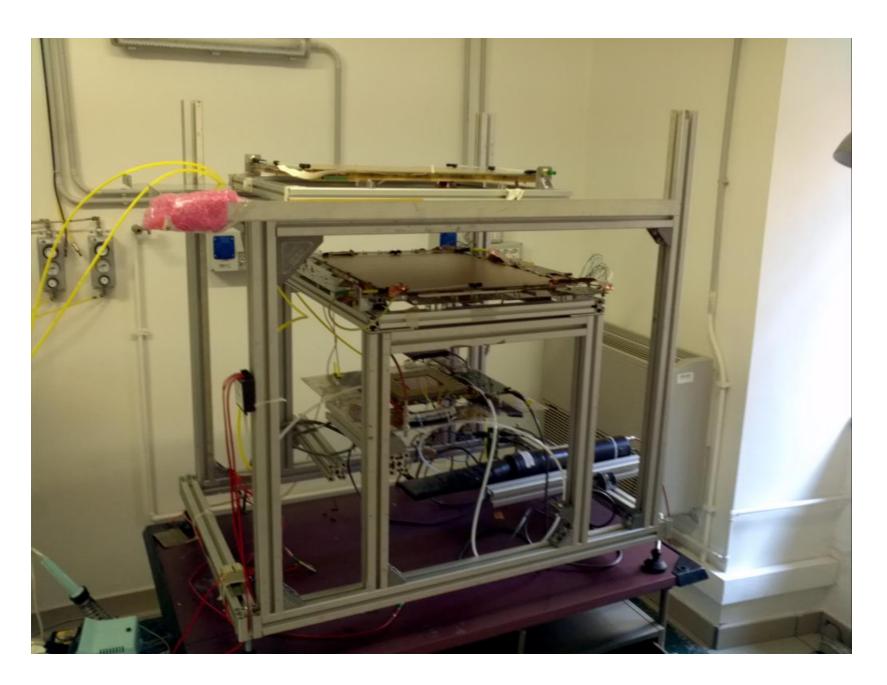
## Comparison to SRS measurements in Feb/2013



New Panasonic 133 pin cards

#### Noise at the same level of SRS cards!

# Characterization Stand in Rome



## **Current Status**

#### 1. Material:

- 1. 3 large modules assembled (2 preliminary tested, 1 has a shorted sector)
- Procured and availabled:
  - 1. All PERMAGLAS frames procured and available
  - 2. Almost all drifts foils procured and available
  - 3. 10 readout foils + 3 honeycomb planes
  - 4. 10 GEM foils new revision, additional 20 coming soon
- 3. Ordered:
  - 1. Outer frame prototype (support 3 modules + electronics + gas pipes ...)
- Electronics: 2 front/end card versions identical performances; MPD v4 final (under production), firmware under development (external RAM tested)
- Gas system main functionalities, test and improvement for H<sub>2</sub>O and O<sub>2</sub> monitor and control
- 4. HV system ... Optimization to be done, spark detection (?)
- 5. DAQ Software ... stable versions/development
- 6. Analysis Tools ... Under development
- 7. Characterization stand ... in progress
- 8. DESY Analysis ... slow progress