

*Studiul dependentei parametrilor functionali ai  
detectorilor RPC si TRD pentru CBM functie de  
fluxul de particule incidente*

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# Motivation

The RPC rate capability is limited with the time interval needed for the localized charge avalanche to dissolve from the glass electrode. The drop of the electric field in the gas gap at high particle rates affects efficiency and time resolution. For a single gap of width  $b$  the average field reduction is:

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle = \rho(a/b)\Phi\langle Q \rangle$$

$\rho$  = glass resistivity

$a$  = glass thickness

$\Phi$  = the particle flux

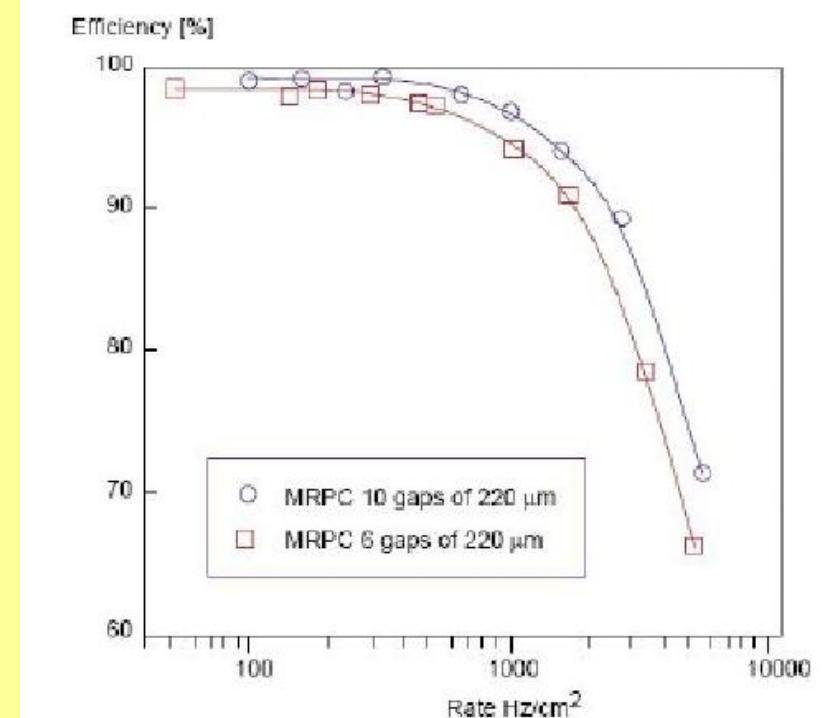
$Q$  = the avalanche charge

$$\langle \Delta V \rangle = IR = \rho a \Phi \langle Q \rangle$$

Timing RPC –in present: intensive R&D activity for high counting rate performance:

- time resolution better than 100 ps ,
- high efficiency (> 95%)

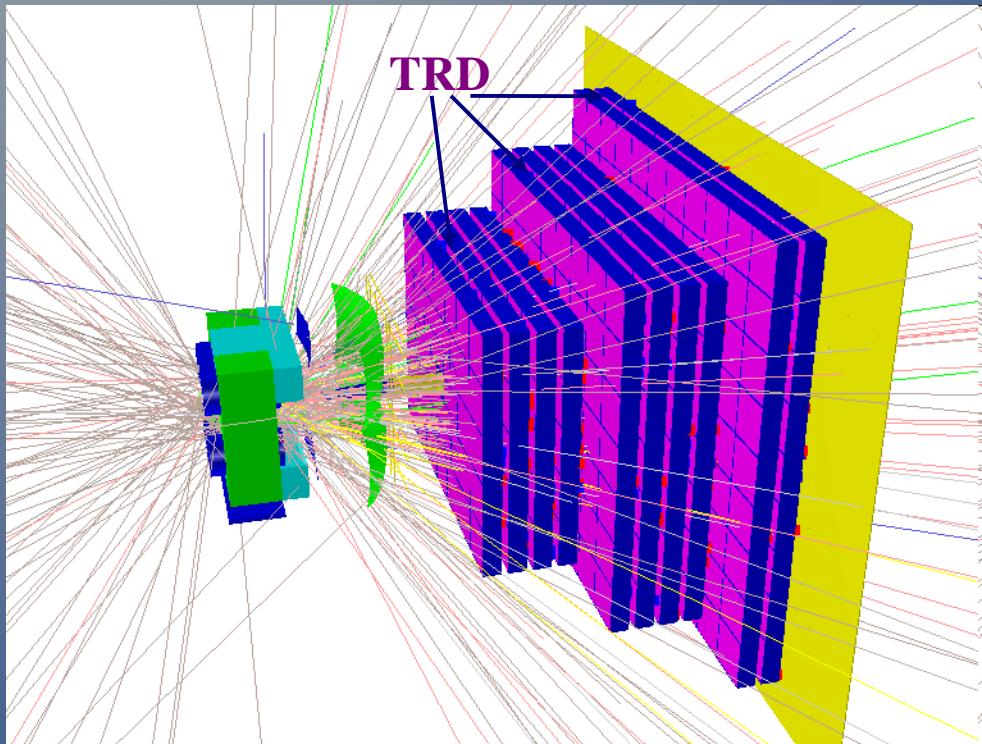
ALICE-MRPC: Resistive electrodes - float glass of  $10^{12} - 10^{13}$   $\Omega\text{cm}$  resistivity



ALICE-TOF TDR CERN/LHCC 2000-12

# Motivation

## The CBM-TRD requirements



**585 m<sup>2</sup> surface**  
**708 modules**  
**785.408 channels**

**matching STS &  
 TOF acceptance**

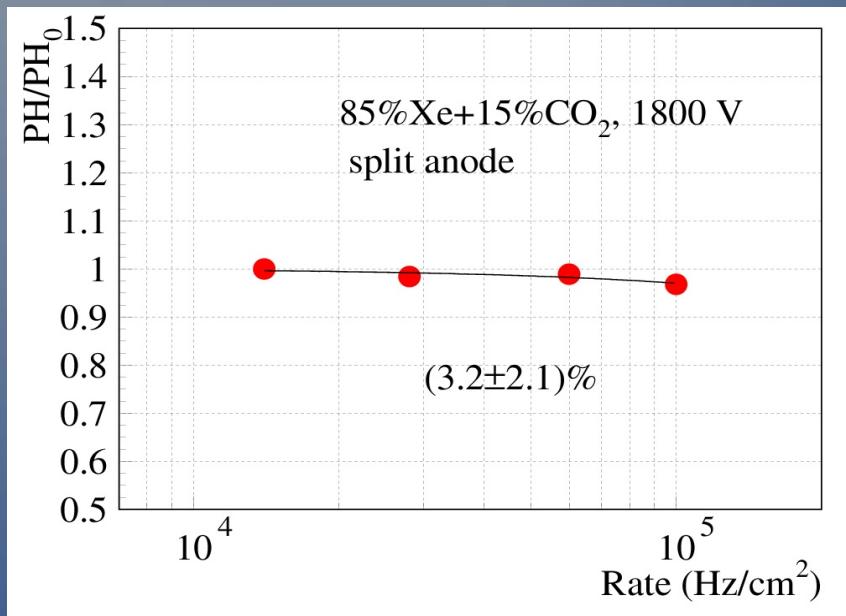
### TRD subdetector – possible scenario:

- *3 stations @ 4.5, 6.75, 9 m from target*
- *Highly granular and fast detectors which can stand counting rates up to  $10^5$  part/cm<sup>2</sup>·sec*
- *Tracking of all charged particles with a position resolution of:*
  - $200 - 300 \mu\text{m}$  across the pads
  - $3 - 30 \text{ mm}$  along the pads
- *Identification of high energy electrons ( $\gamma > 1000$ ) with a pion rejection factor  $> 100$  @ 90% electron efficiency*

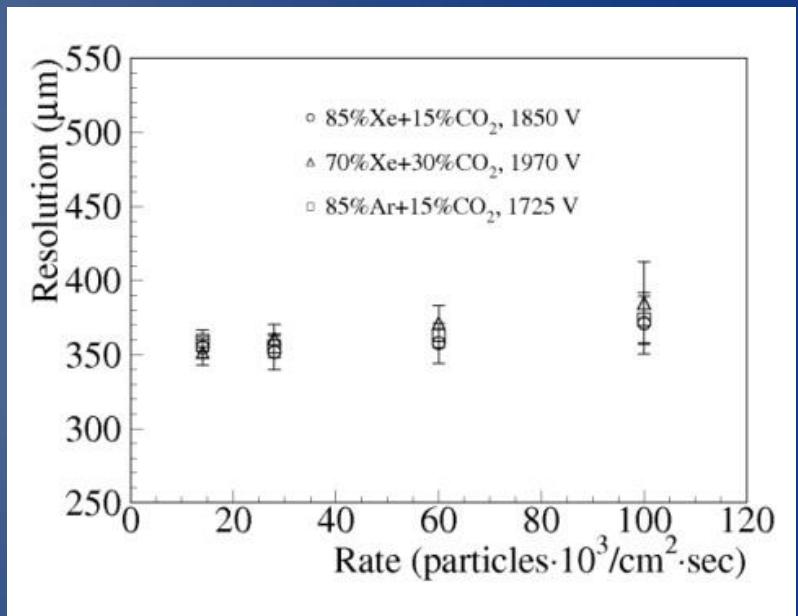
# Motivation

## *TRD High Counting Rate Effect Ion space charge with consequences on*

### *Pulse Height – e/pi discrimination*



### *Position Resolution*



*M. Petris et al., Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A 581(2007), 406*

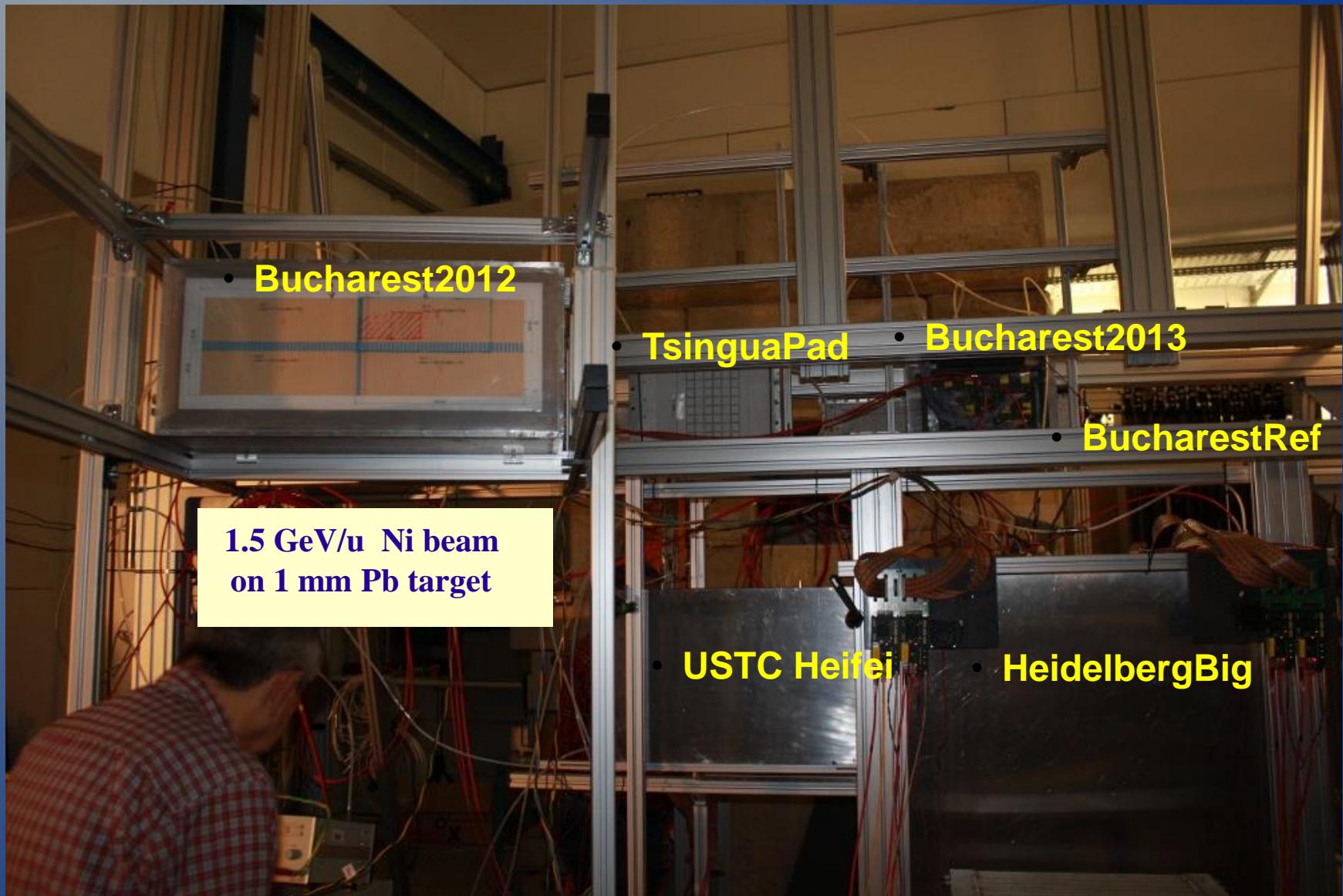
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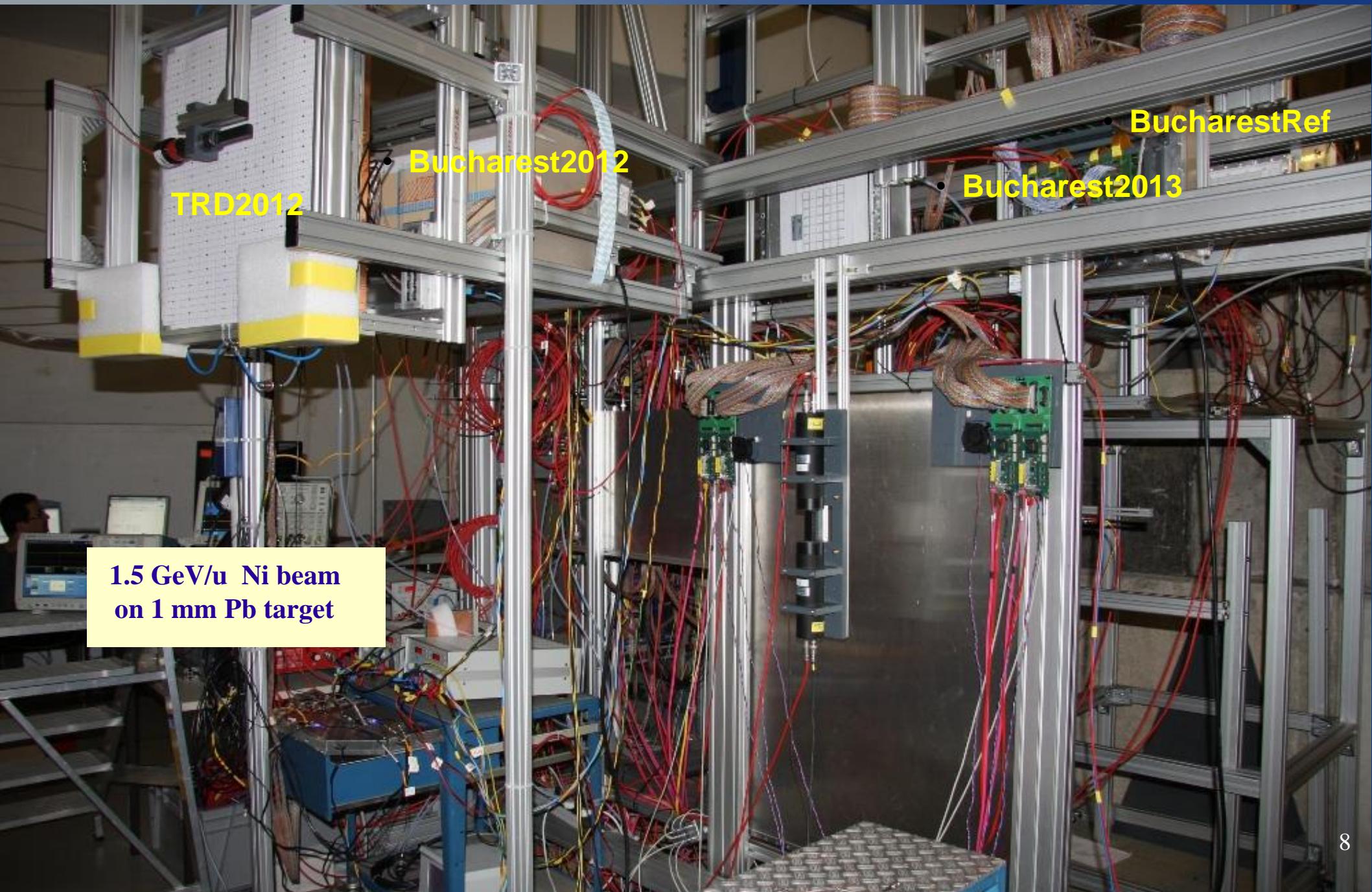
# *Motivation*

- *Proper choice of the HV power supplies for both CBM-TOF & CBM-TRD detectors*

# *GSI Beam time April2014*



# Photo of the Experimental Setup



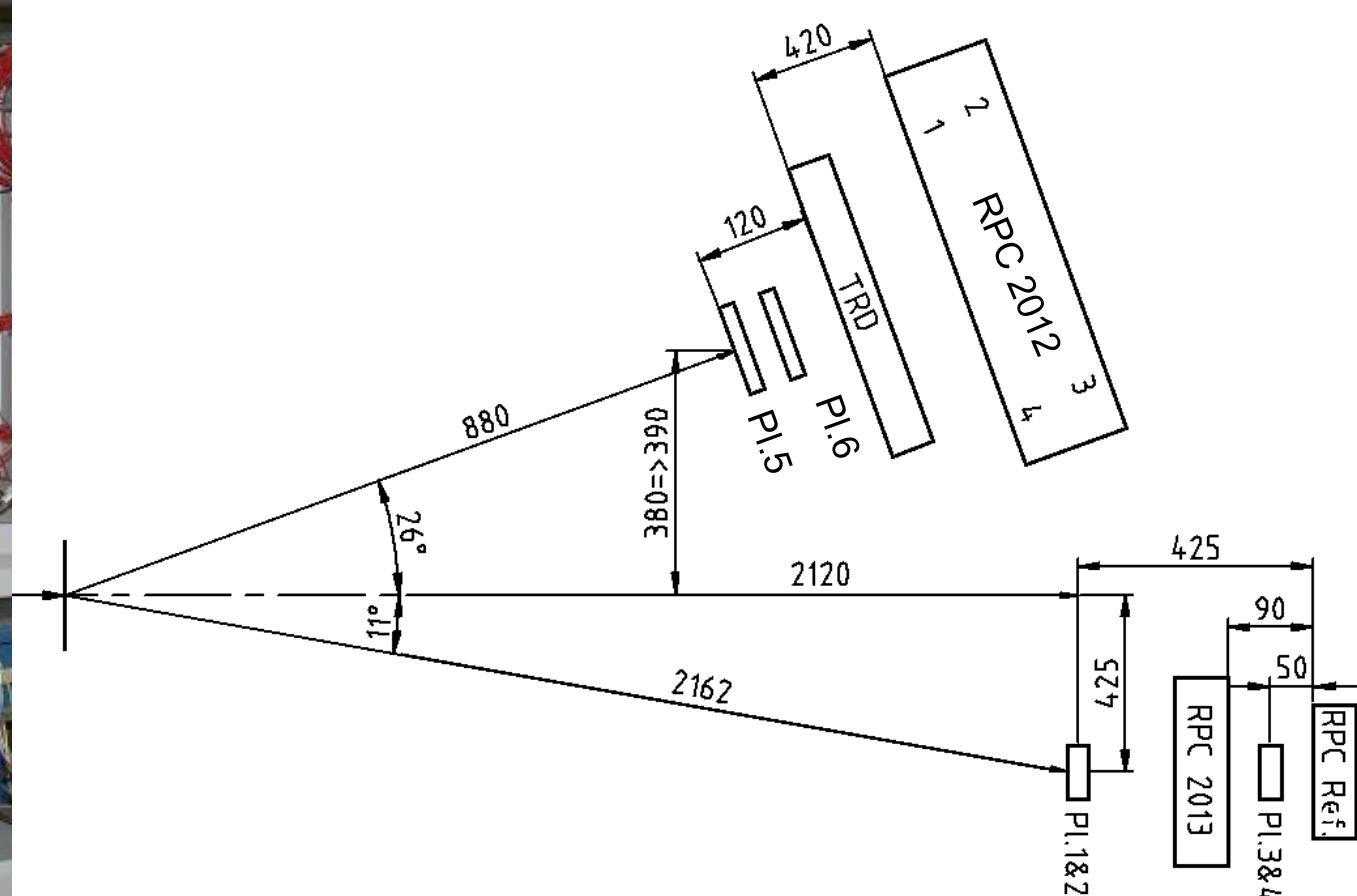
# Photo of the Experimental Setup



RPC 2013:  
FEE - PADI8  
Converter: TRB3

RPC Reference:  
FEE – PADI3 + splitters  
Converter: TRB3

4 counter RPC 2012:  
FEE - NINO  
Converter: CAEN TDC



# Photo of the Experimental Setup



TRD gas mixture: 80%Ar+20%CO<sub>2</sub>

RPC gas mixture:

85% C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>+10% SF<sub>6</sub> + 5% iso-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>

Scaler 2: Pl.1& Pl.2 (1.6 cm x 8 cm)

Scaler 3: Pl.3 &Pl.4 (1.6 cm x 8 cm)

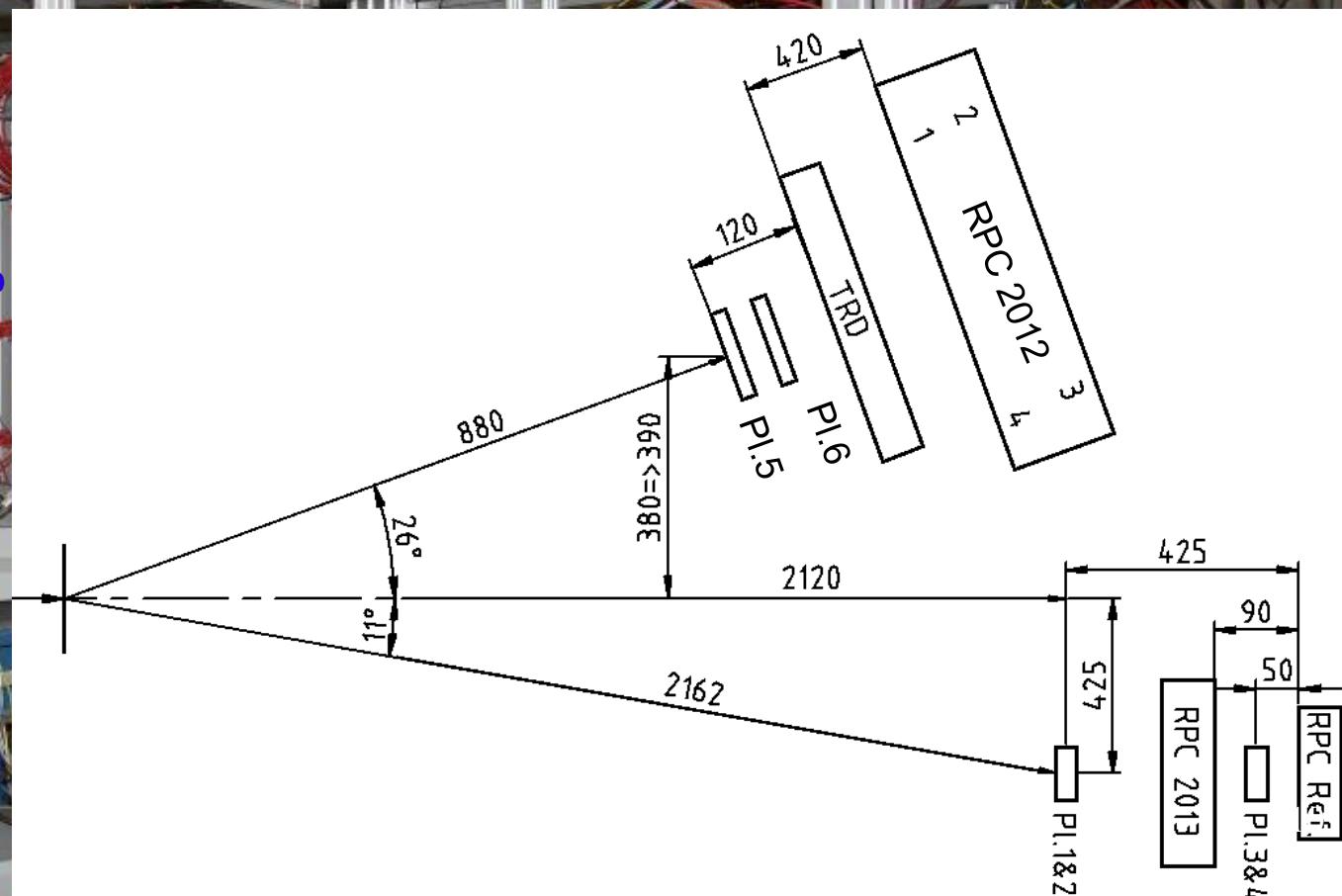
Scaler 4: Pl.5 & Pl.6 (2 cm x 9 cm)

HV power supply: CAEN A1526

N/P polarity, 10 nA current resolution

0 – 15 kV HV range, 100 µA/1 mA full scale

Current & high voltage protection



## *Currents & HV @ different rates*

*Time evolution of current and high voltage were recorded during the measurements.*

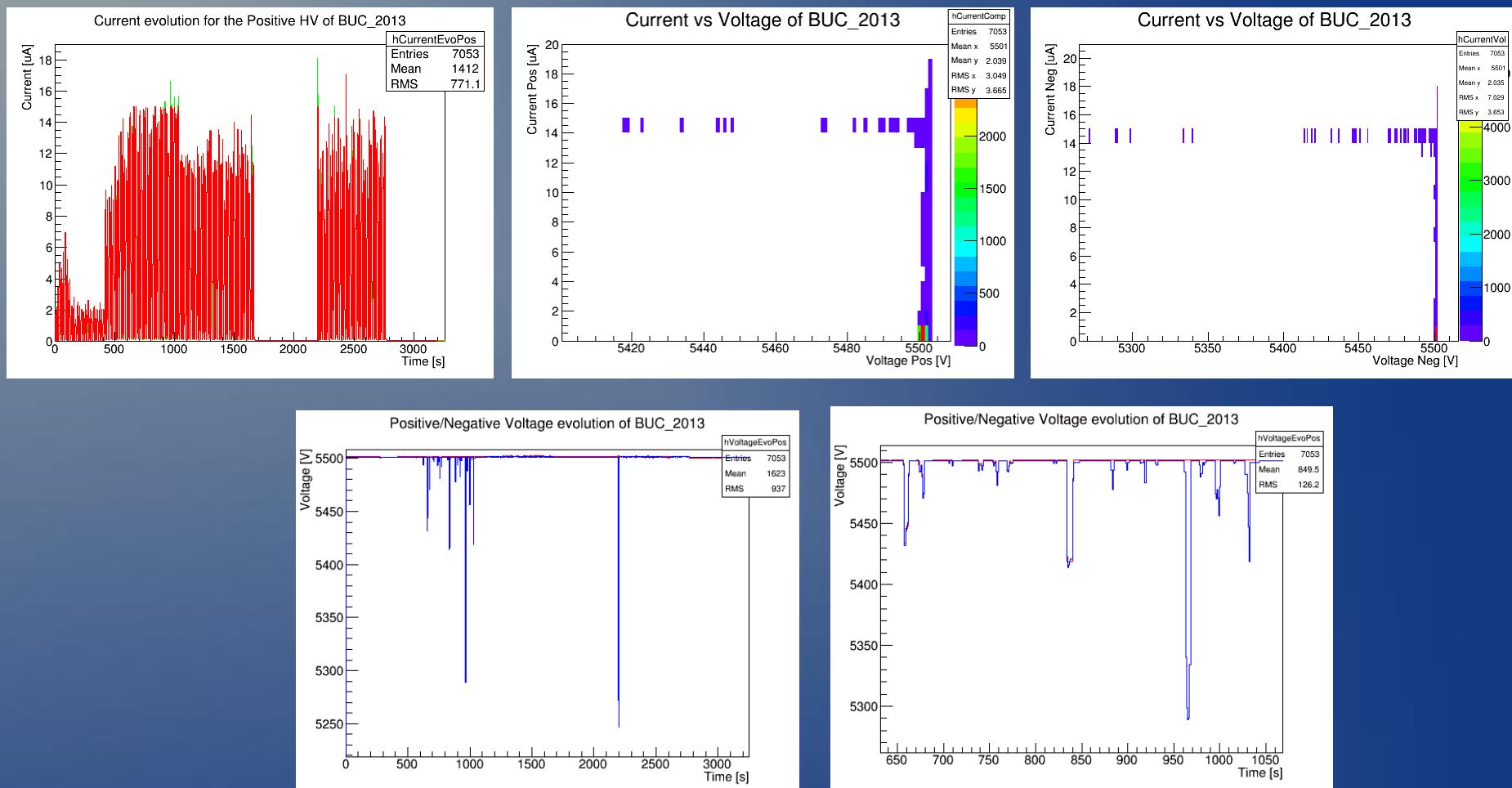
*Detector current data have been combined with the DAQ scalers for rate estimation in the off-line analysis .*

*The scalers were the plastic scintillators.*

*The mean value of the two scalers was considered in the counting rate estimation.*

# Current & HV evolution for RPC2013

## Run230414\_2204



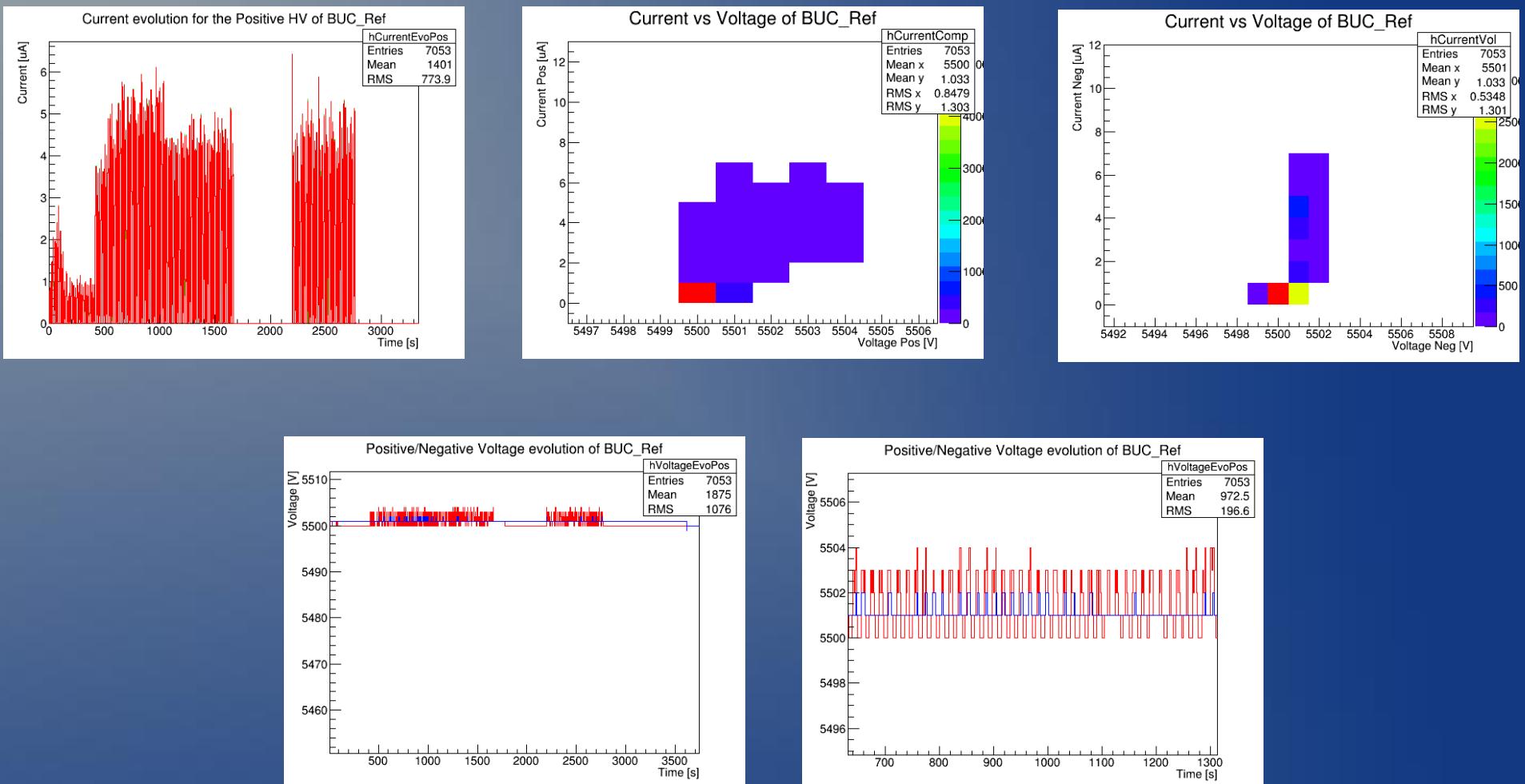
Negative & positive current have almost the same values  
 Negative and Positive HV have different behaviour @ the same current  
 Current protection setting?

$$\Delta V_P = 5500 \text{ V} - 5420 \text{ V} = 80 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta V_N = 5500 \text{ V} - 5250 \text{ V} = 250 \text{ V}$$

# Current & HV evolution for RPCref

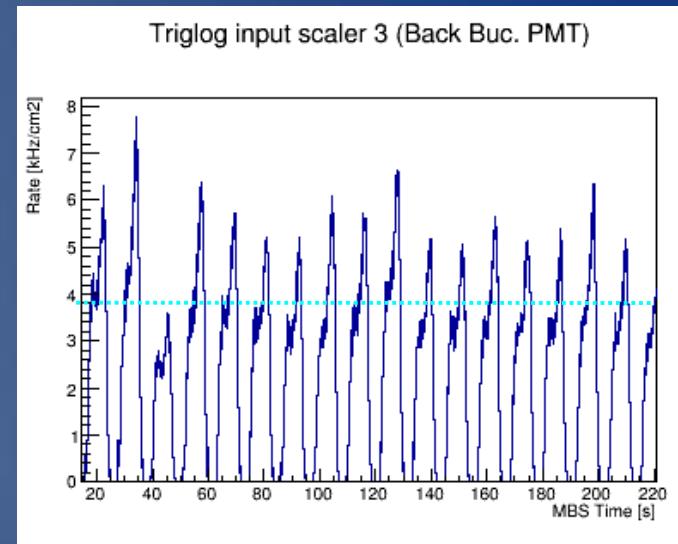
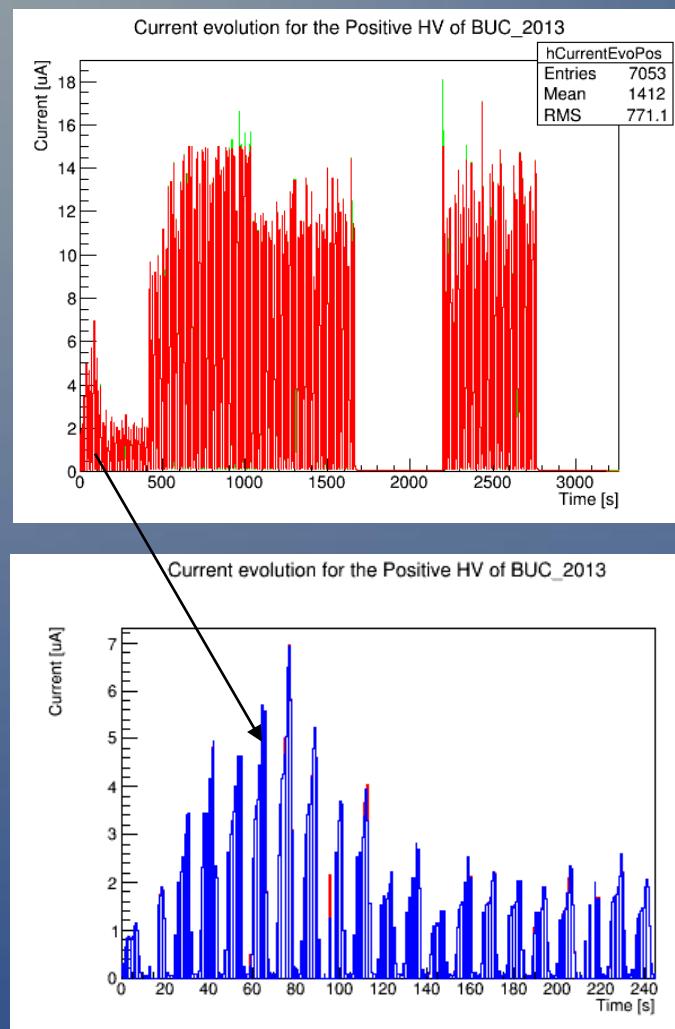
## Run230414\_2204



Stable behaviour of reference RPC

# *Current/rate estimation for RPC2013*

## Run230414\_2204



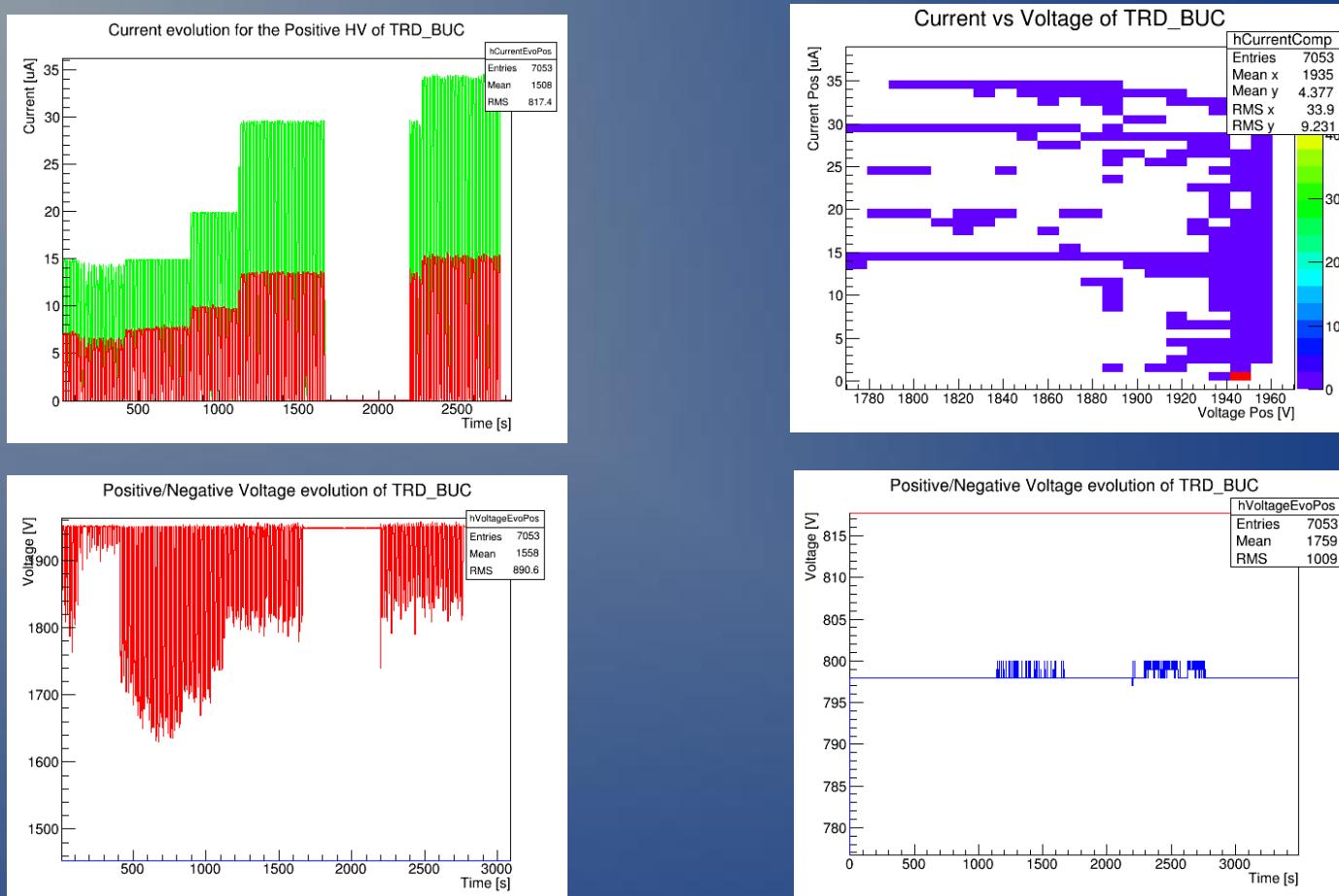
DAQ didn't work more for the time period of this csv file

$$\text{Active area} = 532 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$I \lesssim 12 \text{ nA/cm}^2 @ \sim 4 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$$

# Current & HV evolution for TRD2012

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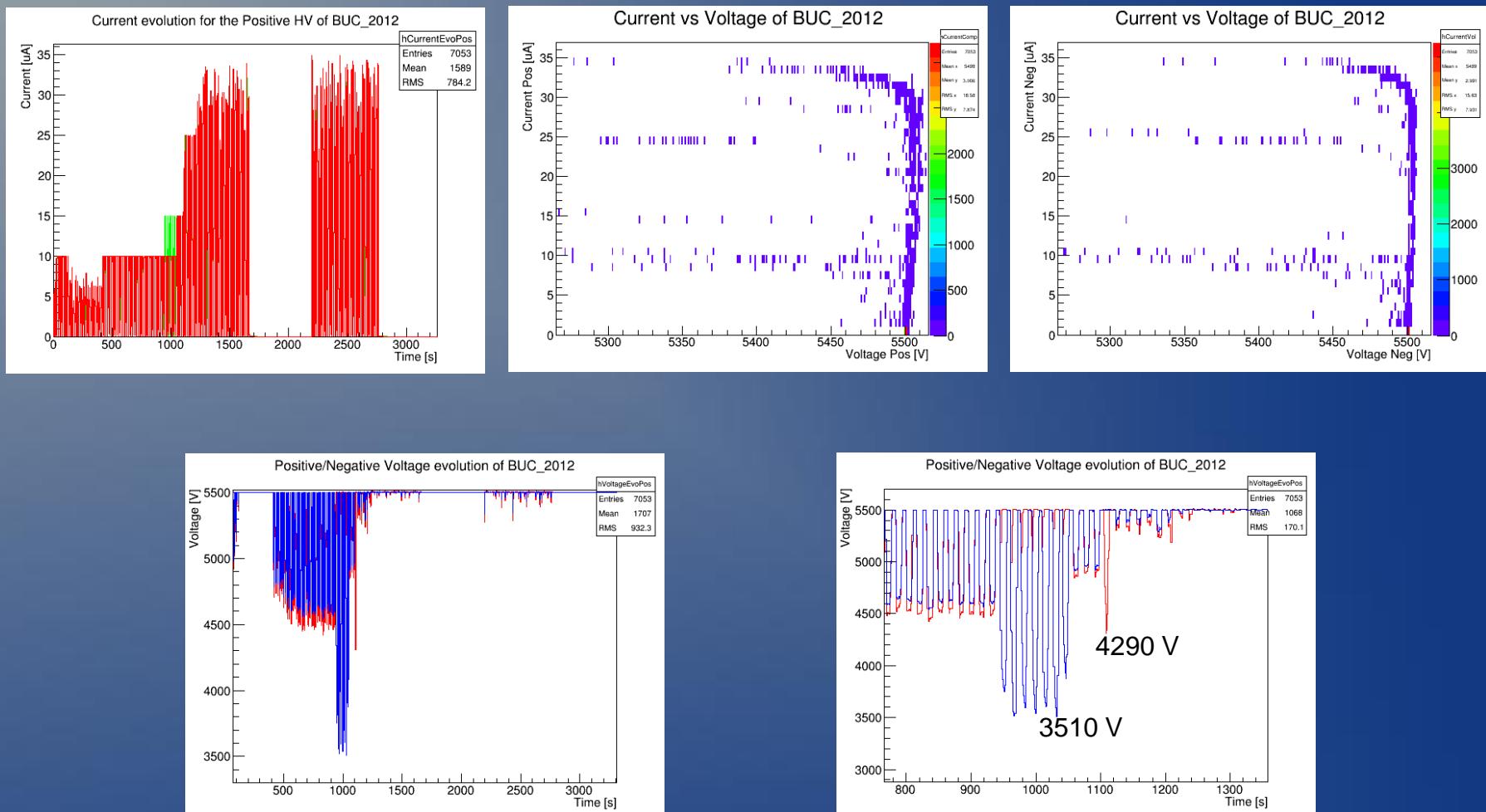


$$I_{\text{TRD}} = 15 - 35 \mu\text{A} @ V_{\text{ANODE}} = 1950 \text{ V} - 1630 \text{ V} = \Delta V = 320 \text{ V}$$

HV variations due to the current protection setting

# Current & HV evolution for RPC2012

## Run230414\_2204



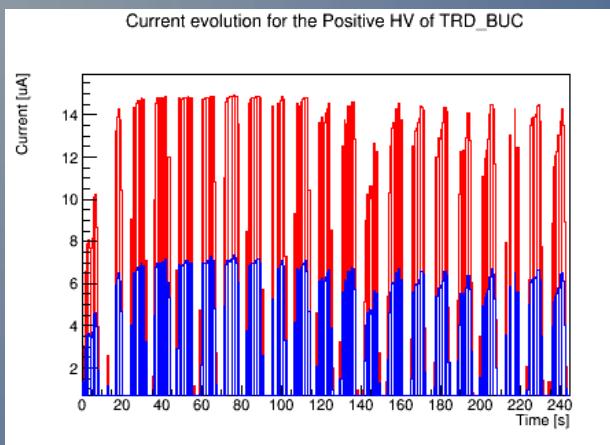
$$\Delta V_P = 5500 \text{ V} - 4290 \text{ V} = 1210 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta V_N = 5500 \text{ V} - 3510 \text{ V} = 1990 \text{ V}$$

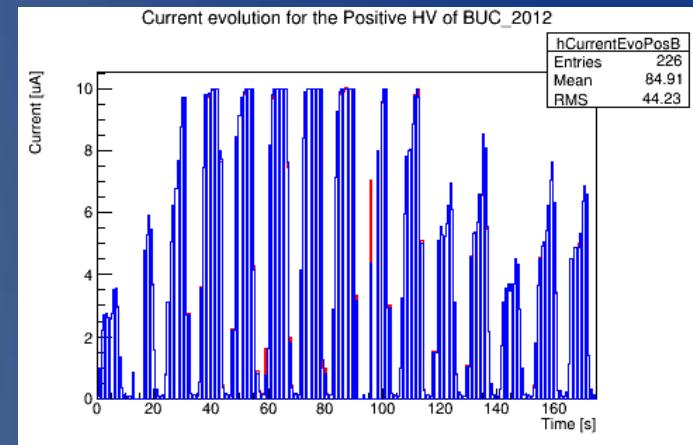
Large HV variations due to the current protection setting;  
Smaller variations could be due to the counting rate

# Current/rate estimation for

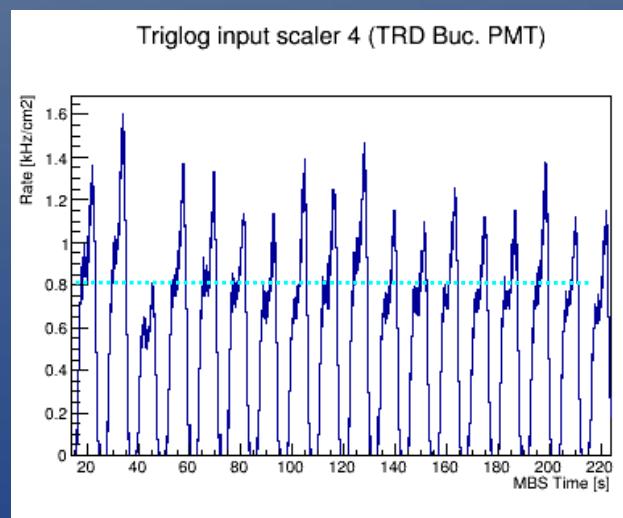
## TRD2012      RPC2012



Active area  $54 \text{ cm} \times 56 \text{ cm} = 3024 \text{ cm}^2$   
 $I > 12.6 \text{ nA/cm}^2 @ \sim 0.8 - 0.9 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$



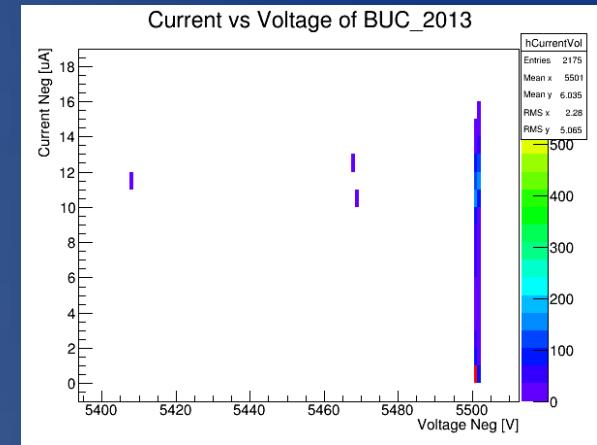
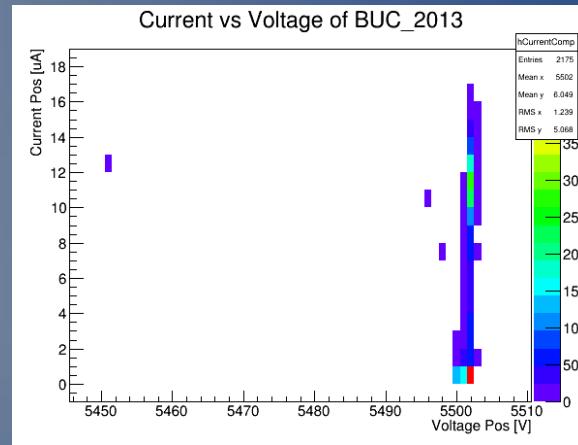
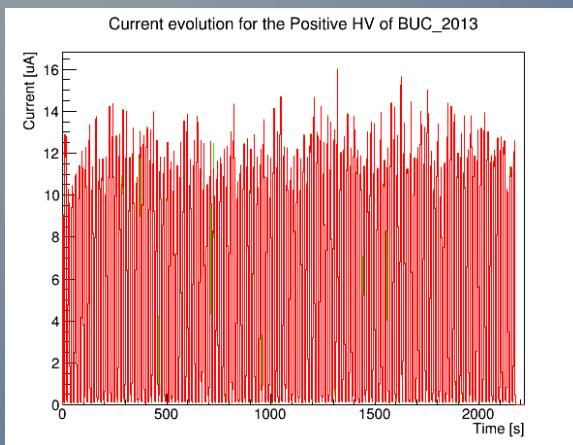
Active area =  $1090 \text{ cm}^2$   
 $I > 9 \text{ nA/cm}^2 @ \sim 0.8 - 0.9 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$



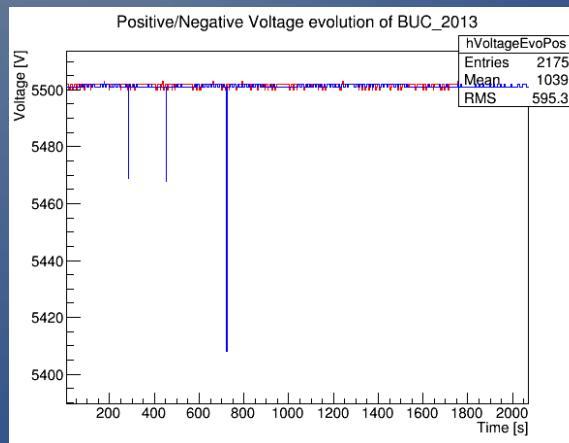
- the exposure was not uniform,
- larger on the side closer to the target
- linear rate extrapolation at the TRD edge:  $4.21 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$

# Current & HV evolution for RPC2013

Run230414\_2336



Current protection setting was not reached



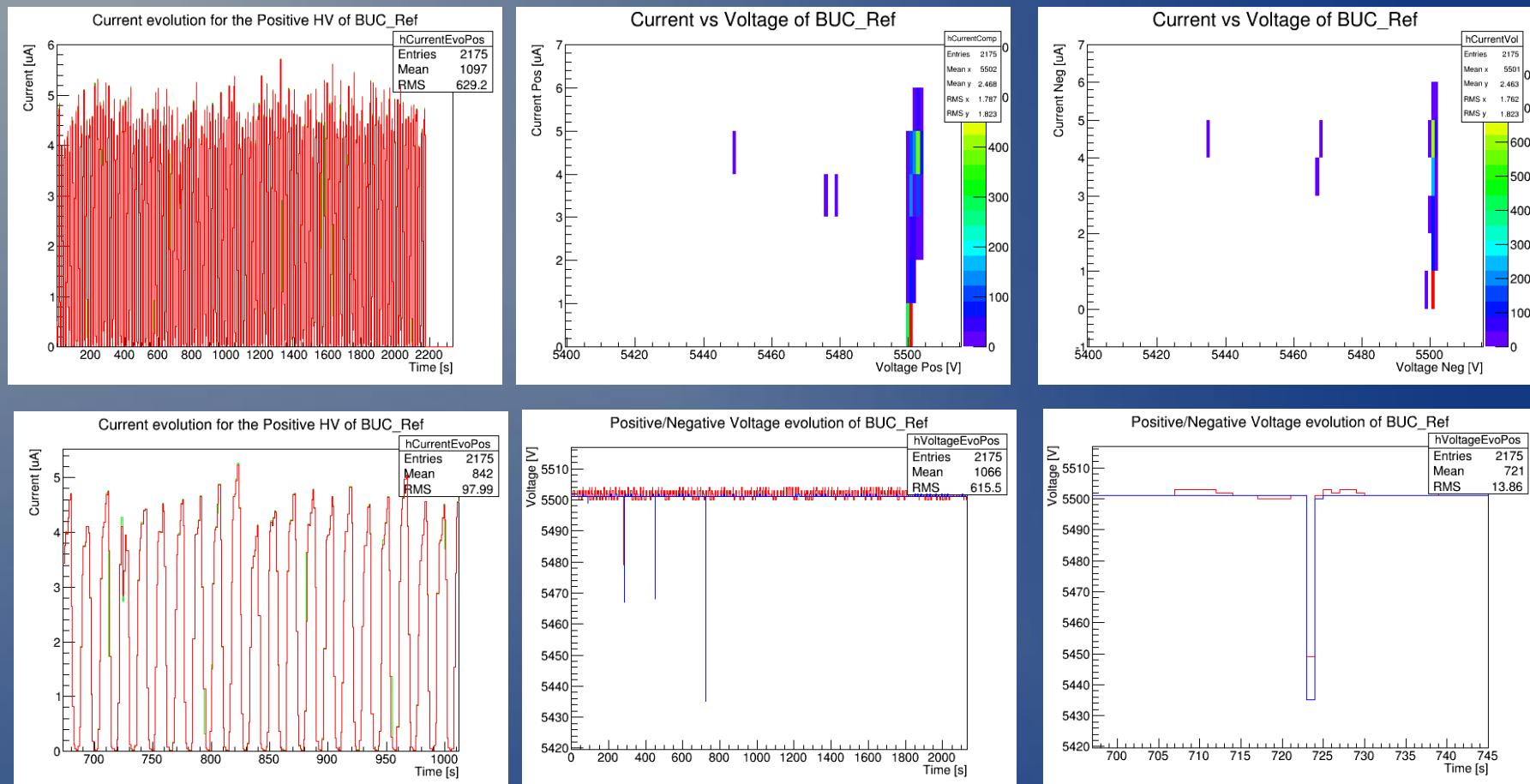
$$\Delta V_P = 5500 \text{ V} - 5450 \text{ V} = 50 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta V_N = 5500 \text{ V} - 5410 \text{ V} = 90 \text{ V}$$

HV variations due to the high counting rate

# Current & HV evolution for RPCref

Run230414\_2336



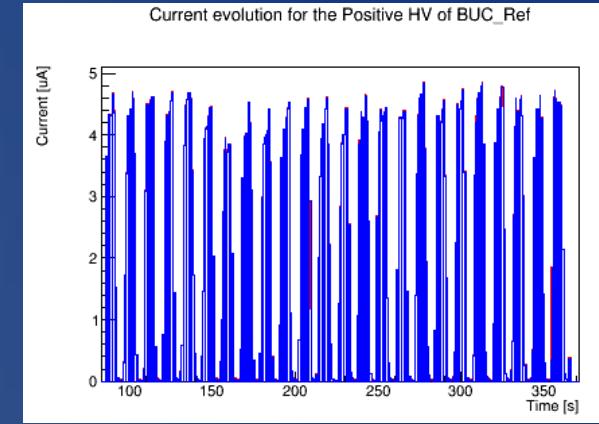
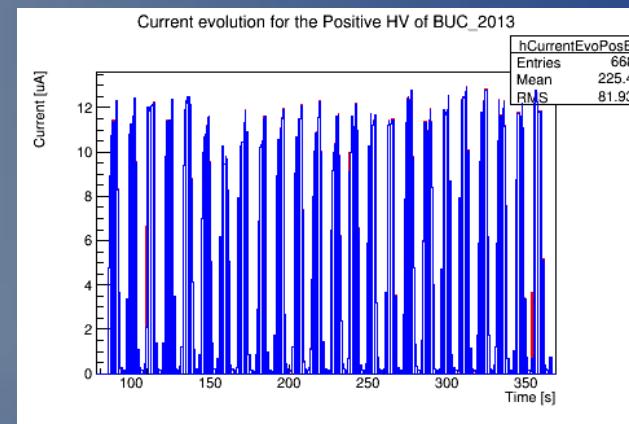
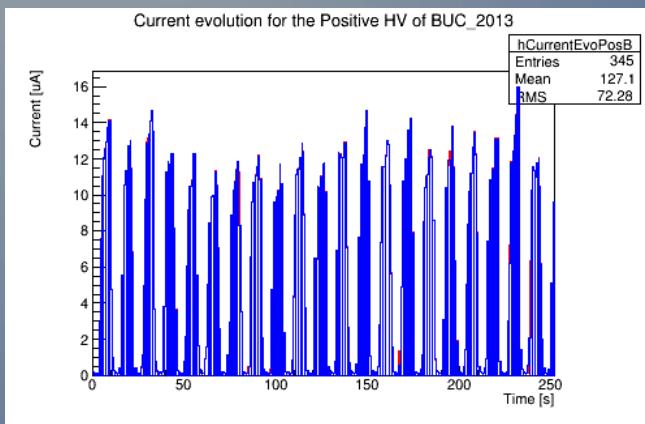
$$\Delta V_P = 5500 \text{ V} - 5450 \text{ V} = 50 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta V_N = 5500 \text{ V} - 5435 \text{ V} = 65 \text{ V}$$

HV variations due to the high counting rate

# Current/rate estimation for RPC2013

## *RPCref*

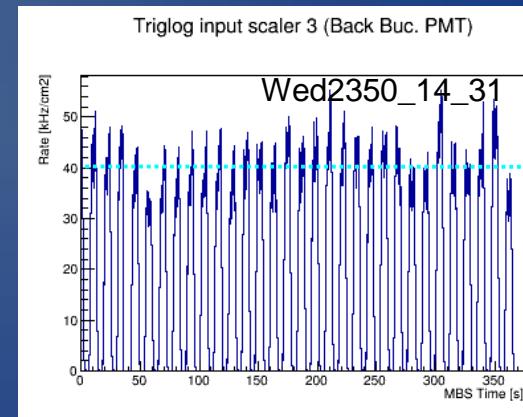
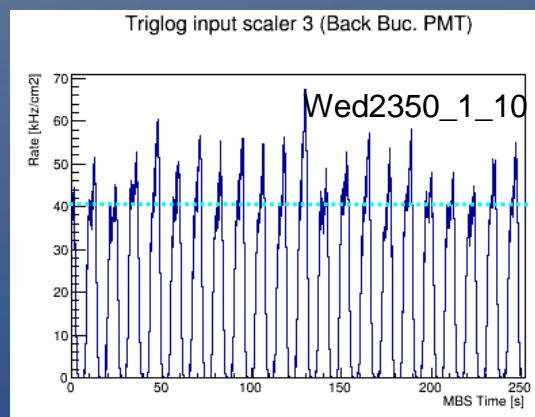


Active area = 532 cm<sup>2</sup>

I = 25 - 30 nA/cm<sup>2</sup> @ ~35 – 40 kHz/cm<sup>2</sup>

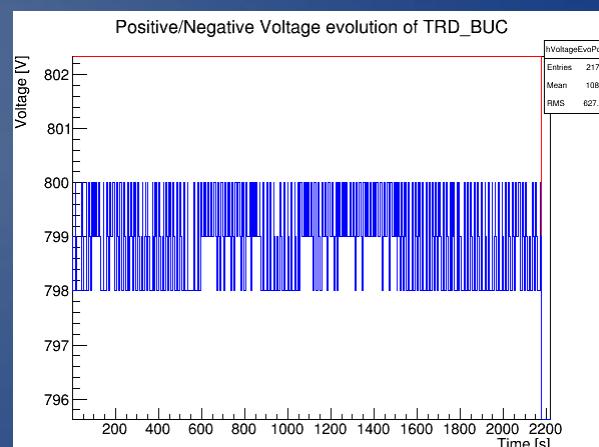
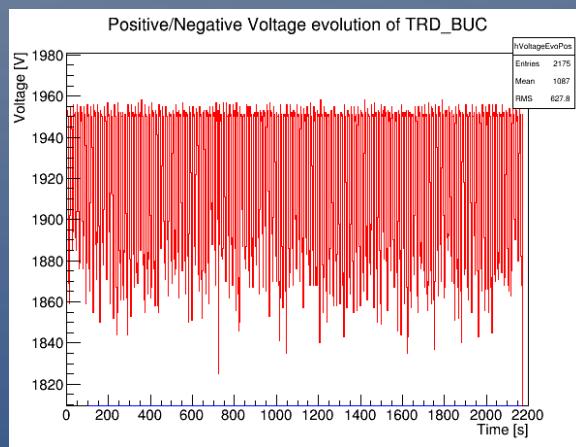
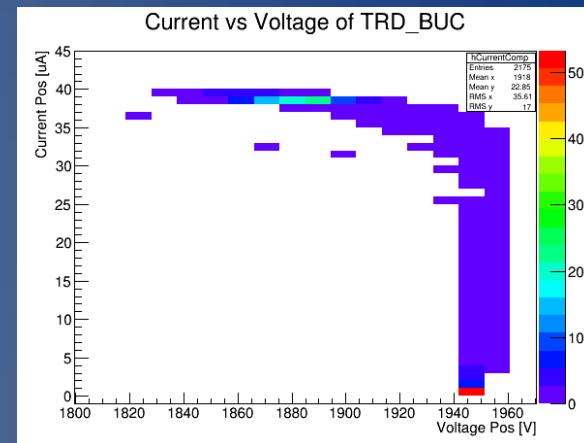
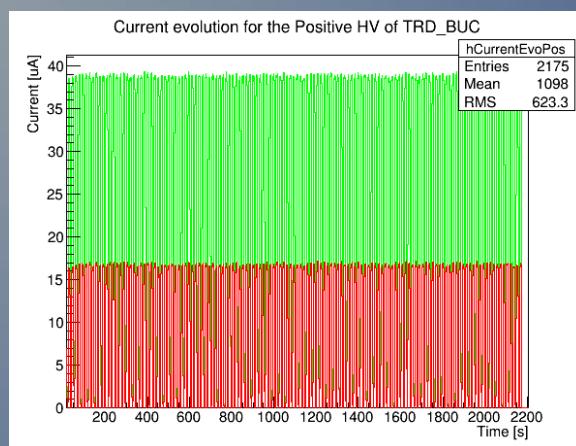
Active area = 84 cm<sup>2</sup>

I = 55 - 60 nA/cm<sup>2</sup> @ ~35 – 40 kHz/cm<sup>2</sup>



# *Current & HV evolution for TRD2012*

## Run230414\_2336

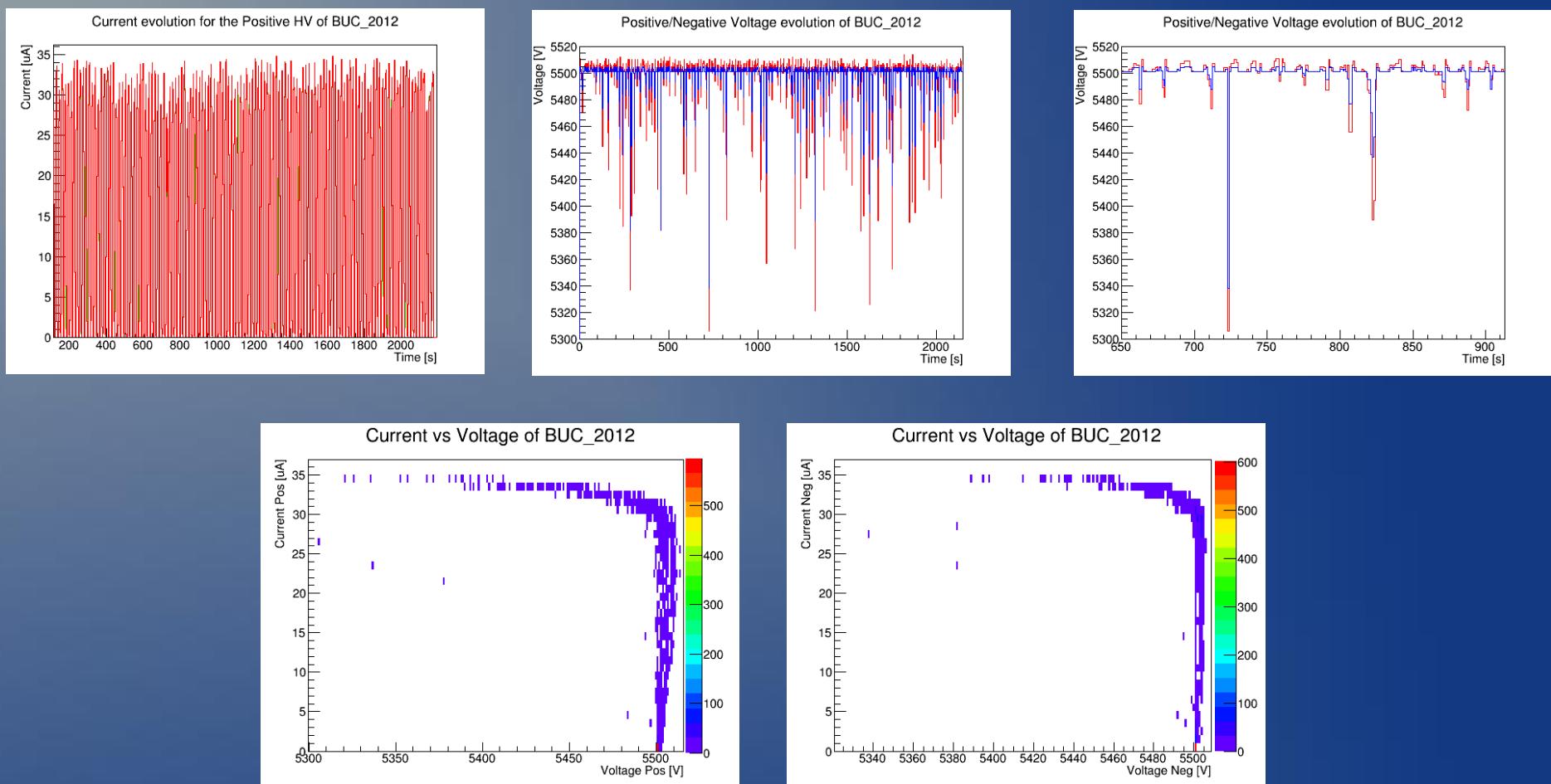


$$\Delta V_{\text{ANODE}} = 1950 \text{ V} - 1825 \text{ V} = 125 \text{ V}$$

HV variations due to the current protection setting

# *Current & HV evolution for RPC2012*

## Run230414\_2336

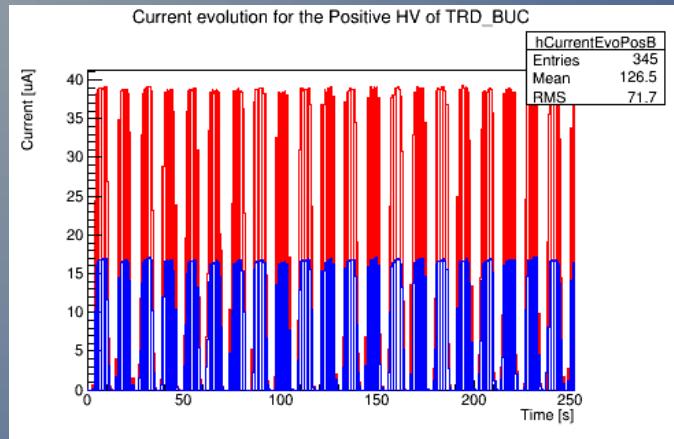


$$\Delta V_P = 5500 \text{ V} - 5305 \text{ V} = 195 \text{ V}$$

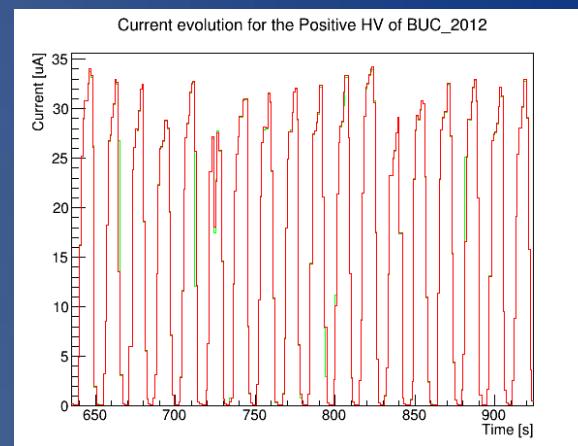
$$\Delta V_N = 5500 \text{ V} - 5335 \text{ V} = 165 \text{ V}$$

HV variations due to the high counting rate ?

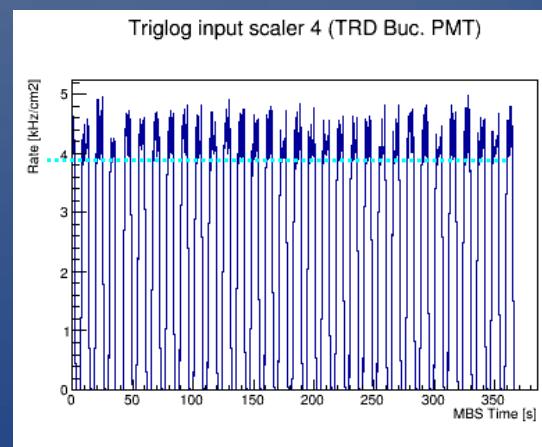
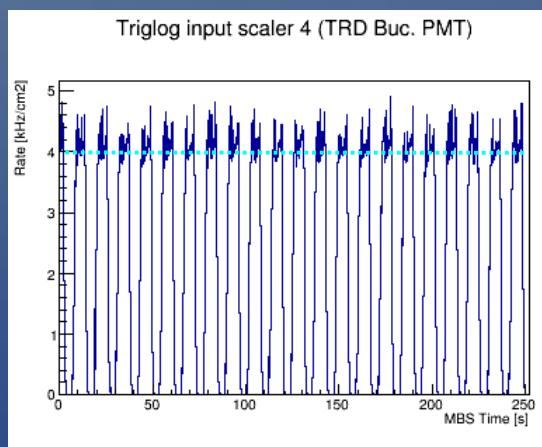
# Current/rate estimation for TRD2012



Active area  $54 \text{ cm} \times 56 \text{ cm} = 3024 \text{ cm}^2$   
 $I > 12.6 \text{ nA/cm}^2 @ 4 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$



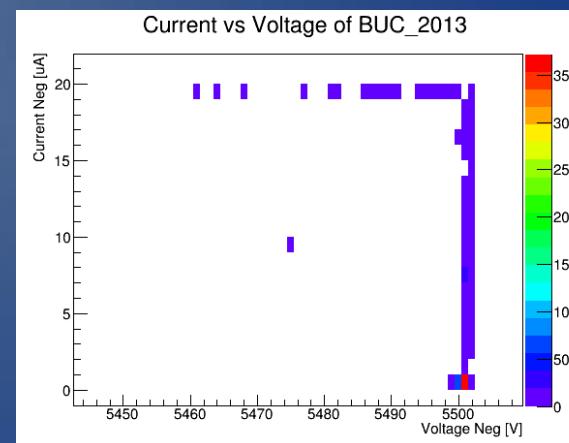
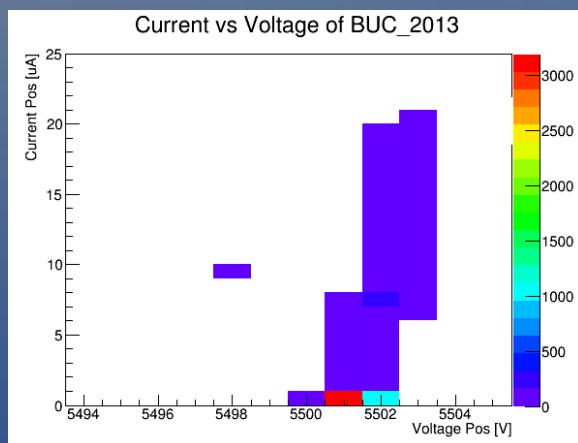
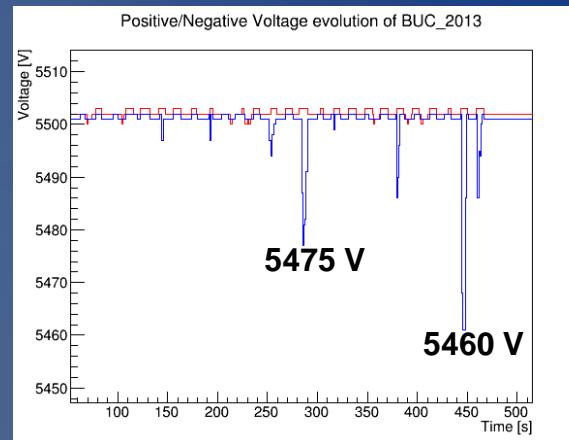
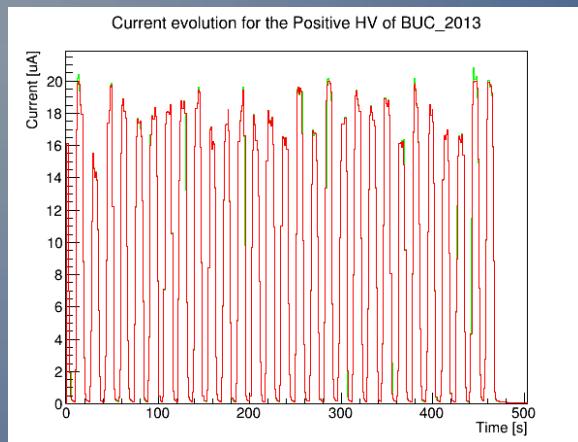
$I = 31 \text{ nA/cm}^2 @ \sim 4 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$



- the exposure was not uniform,
- larger on the side closer to the target
- linear rate extrapolation at the TRD edge:  $42.4 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$

# *Current & HV evolution for RPC2013*

Run240414\_0041



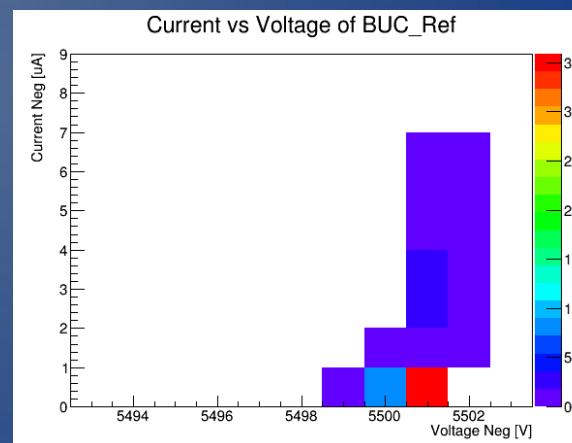
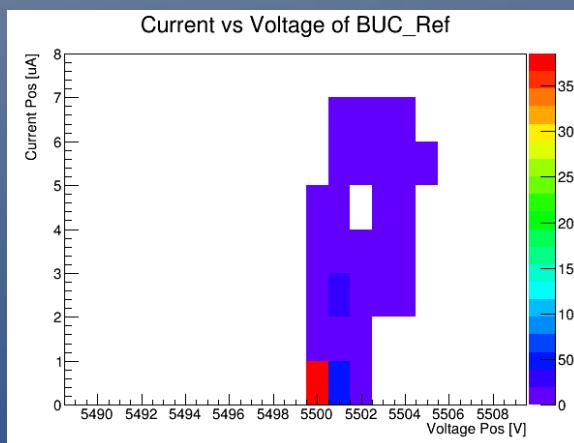
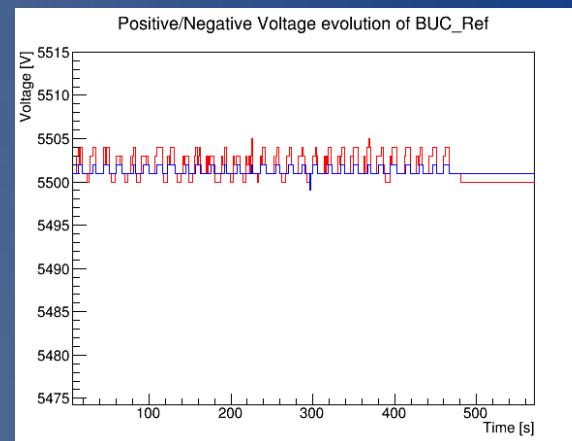
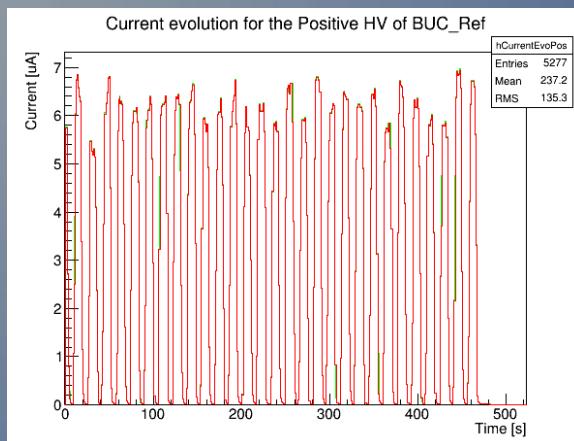
$$\Delta V_P = 5503 \text{ V} - 5500 \text{ V} = 3 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta V_N = 5500 \text{ V} - 5460 \text{ V} = 140 \text{ V}$$

HV variations due to the high counting rate

# *Current & HV evolution for RPCref*

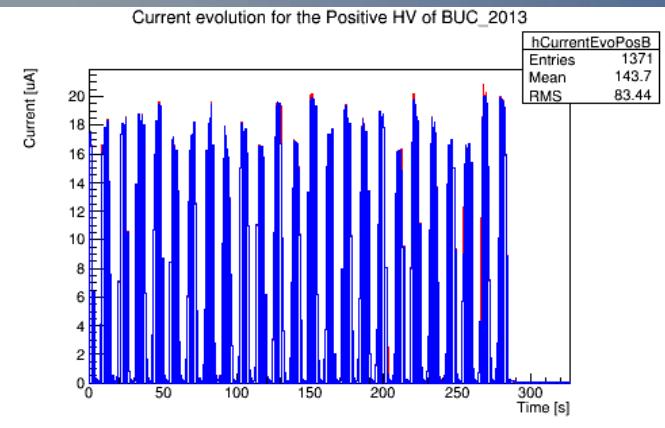
Run240414\_0041



$$\Delta V_P = 5505 \text{ V} - 5500 \text{ V} = 5 \text{ V}$$
$$\Delta V_N = 5499 \text{ V} - 5503 \text{ V} = 4 \text{ V}$$

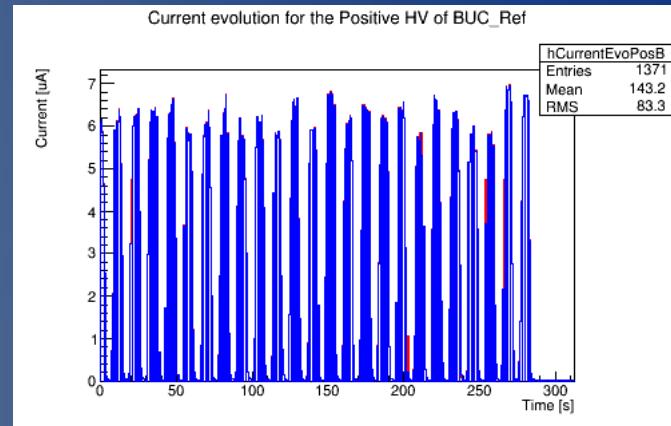
Stable behaviour

# Current/rate estimation for RPC2013 & RPCref



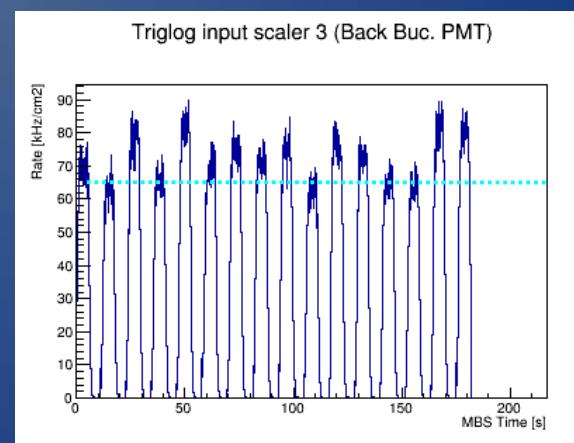
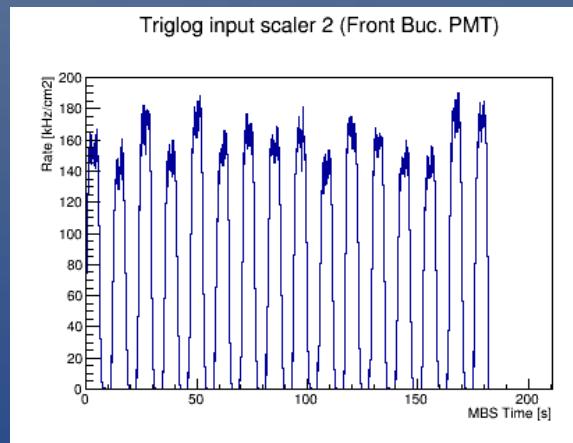
Active area = 532 cm<sup>2</sup>

Highest current RPC2013 = 20  $\mu$ A;  
 $I = 37.5 \text{ nA/cm}^2 @ 65 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$



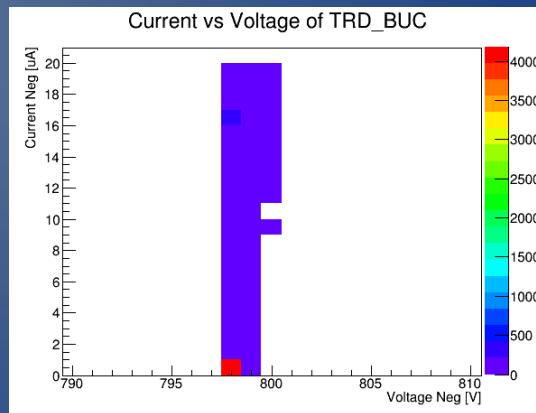
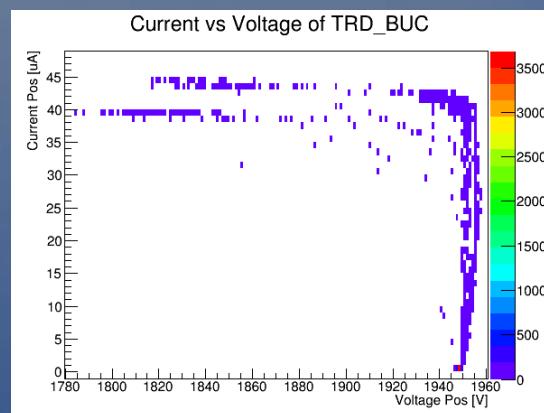
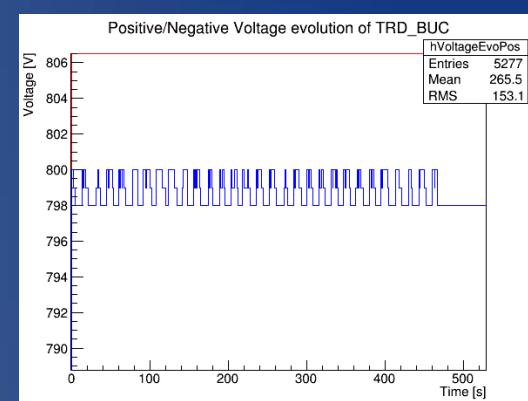
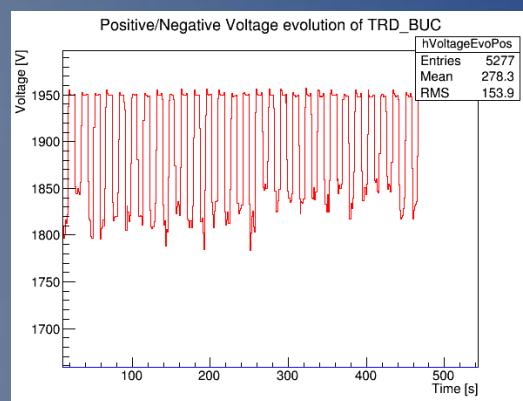
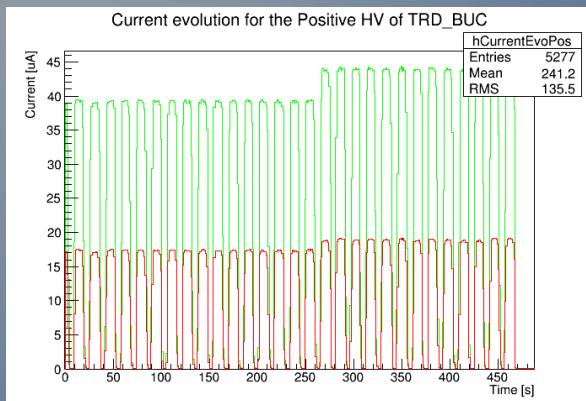
Active area = 84 cm<sup>2</sup>

Highest current RPCRef = 7  $\mu$ A;  
 $I = 83 \text{ nA/cm}^2 @ 65 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$



# *Current & HV evolution for TRD2012*

Run240414\_0041

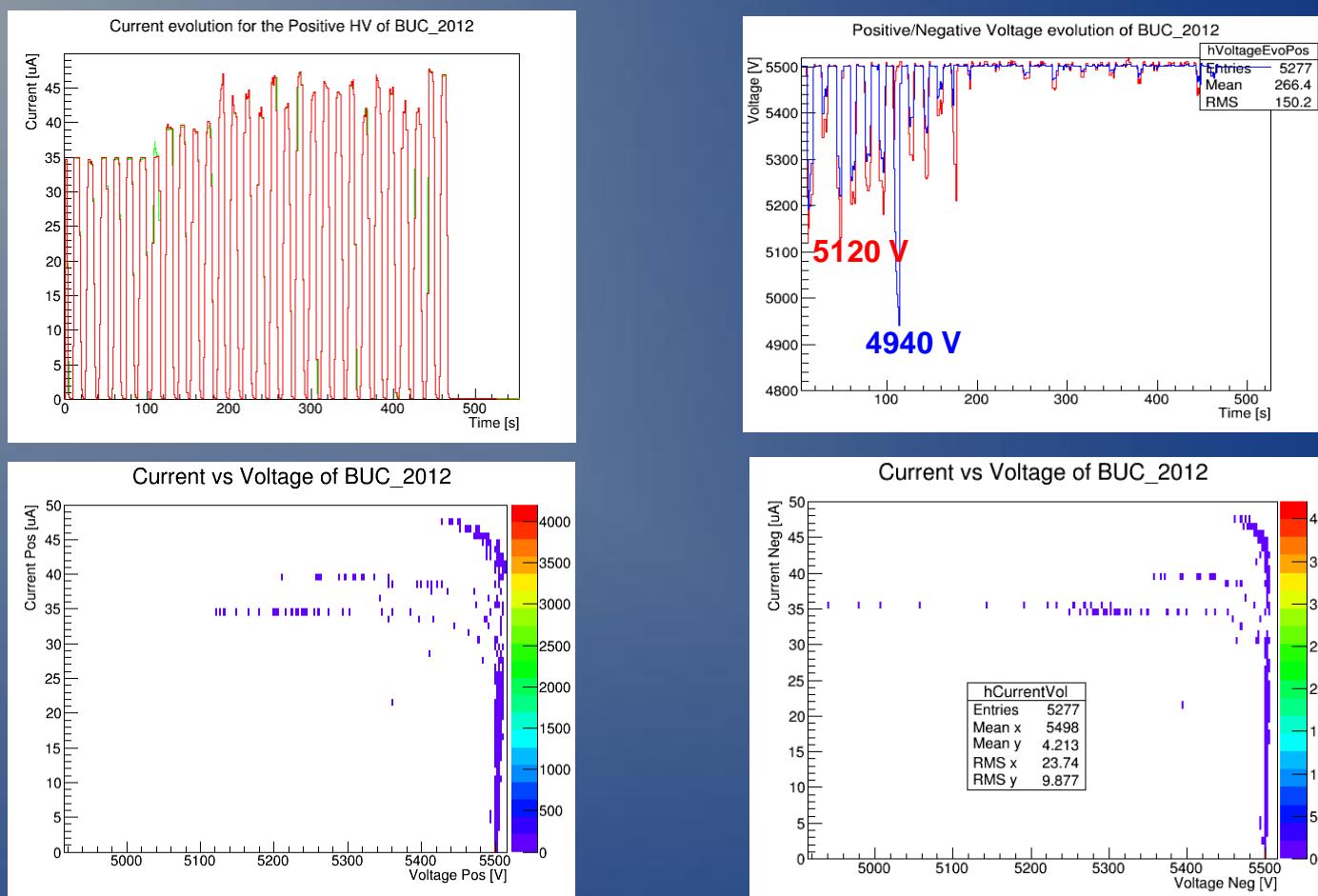


$$I_{\text{TRD}} = 38 - 43 \mu\text{A}; V_{\text{ANODE}} = 1950 \text{ V} - 1785 \text{ V} = \Delta V = 165 \text{ V}$$

HV variations due to the current protection setting

# Current & HV evolution for RPC2012

## Run240414\_0041

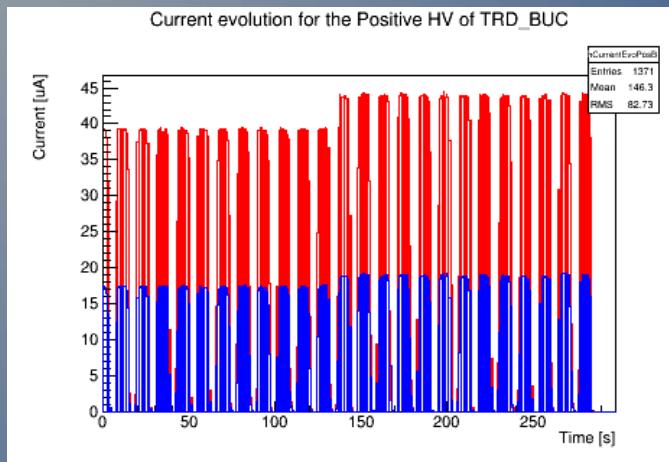


$$\Delta V_P = 5500 \text{ V} - 5120 \text{ V} = 380 \text{ V}$$

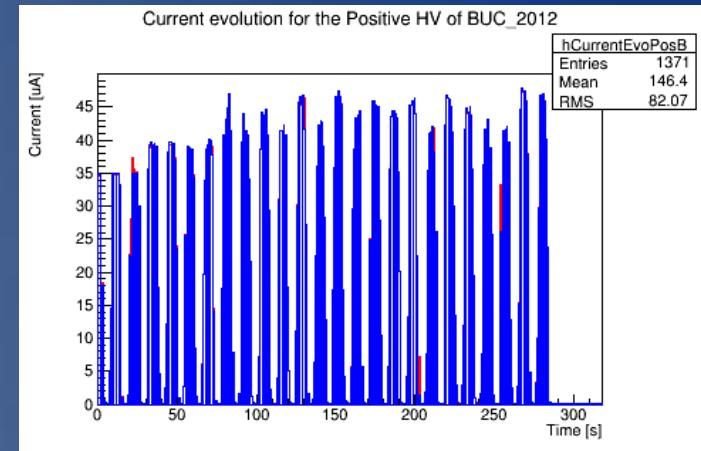
$$\Delta V_N = 5500 \text{ V} - 4940 \text{ V} = 560 \text{ V}$$

Large HV variations due to the current protection setting,  
smaller variation when the protection was removed

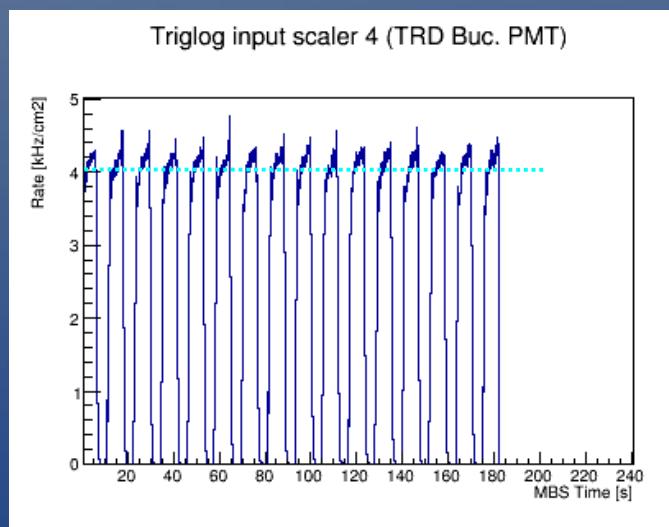
# Current/rate estimation for TRD2012      RPC2012



Active area:  $54 \text{ cm} \times 56 \text{ cm} = 3024 \text{ cm}^2$   
 $I > 15 \text{ nA/cm}^2 @ \sim 4 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$



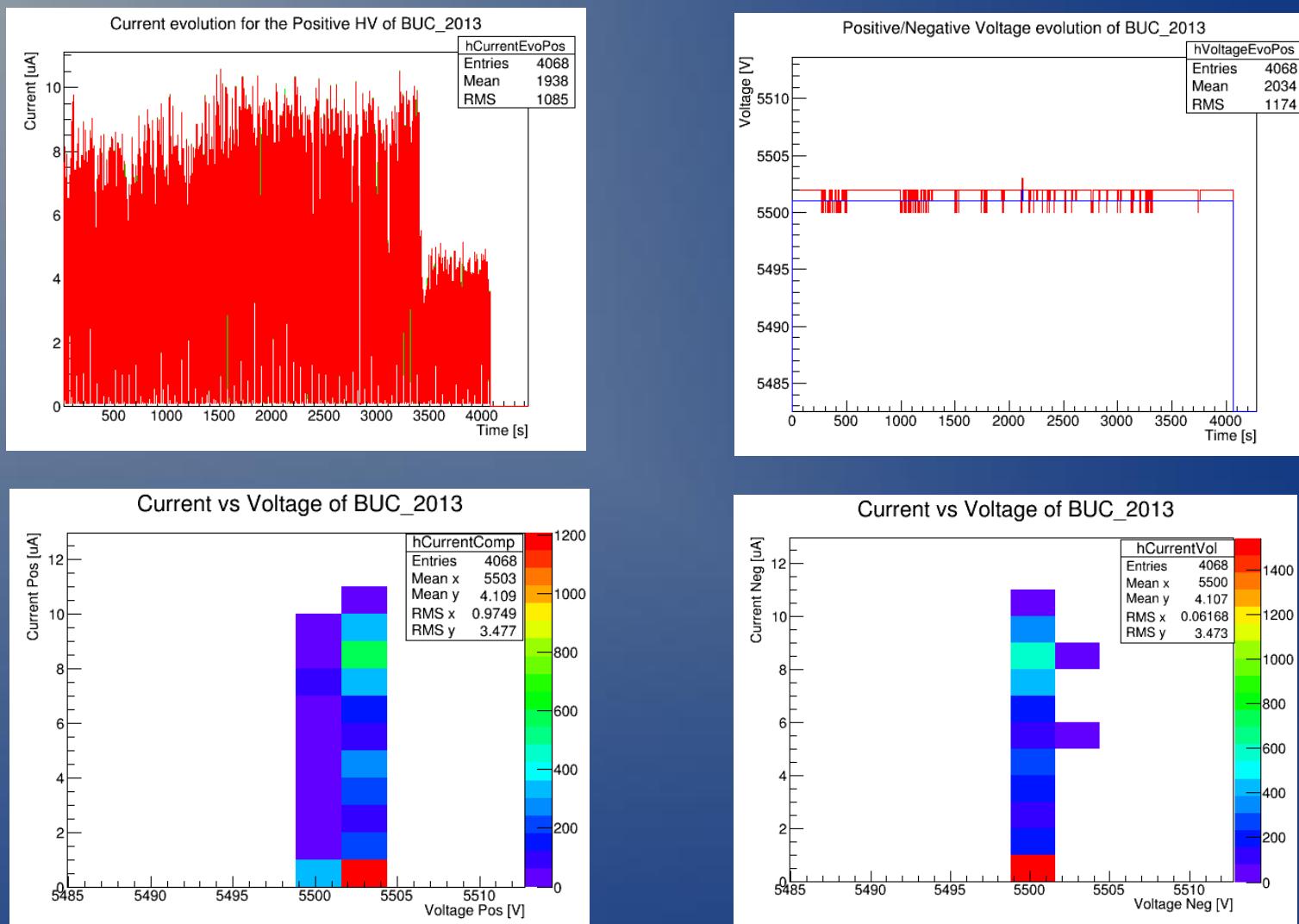
Active area =  $1090 \text{ cm}^2$   
 $I = 41 \text{ nA/cm}^2 @ \sim 4 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$



- the exposure was not uniform,
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- linear rate extrapolation at the TRD edge:  $69 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$

# Current & HV evolution for RPC2013

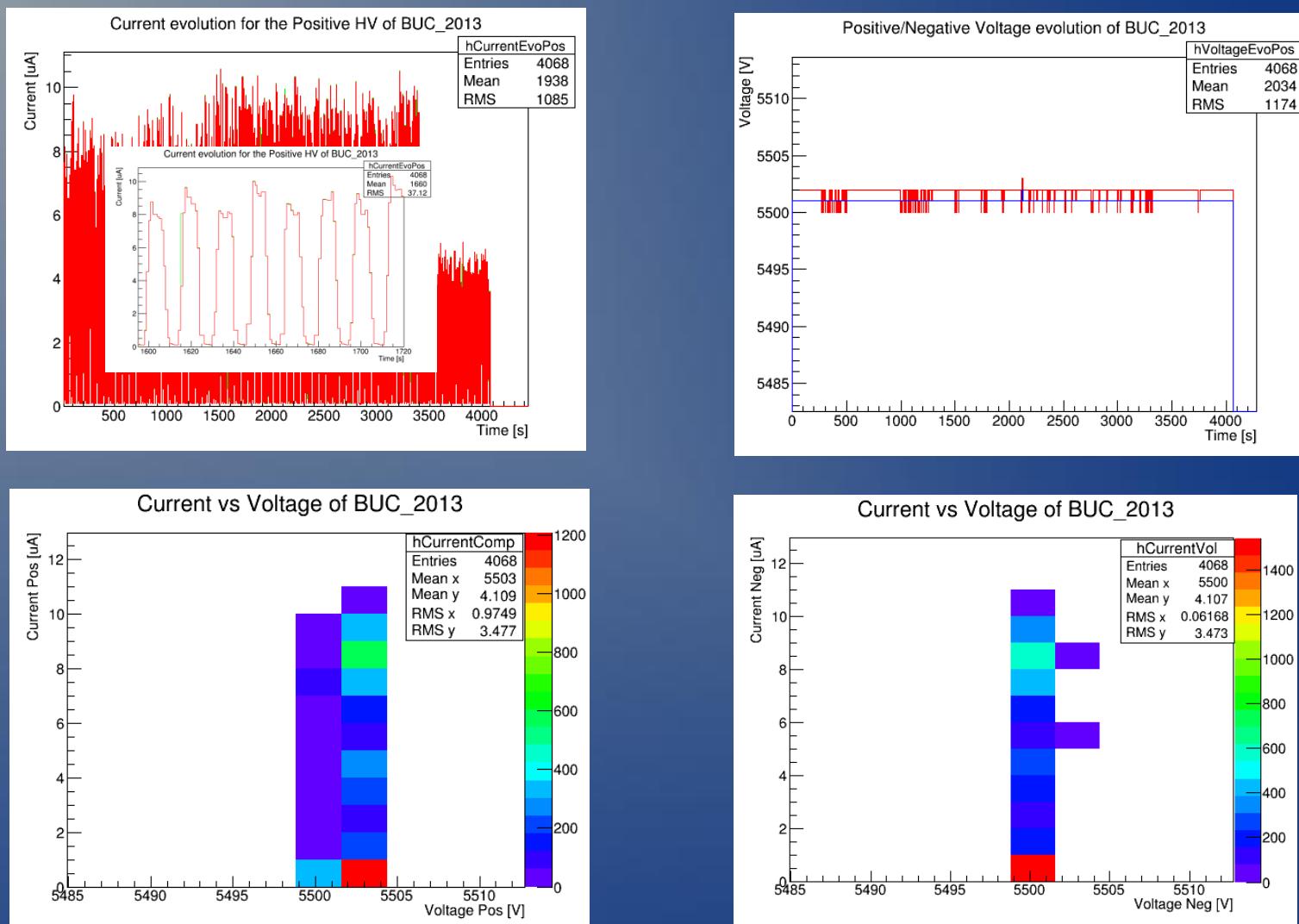
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Stable behaviour of RPC 2013

# Current & HV evolution for RPC2013

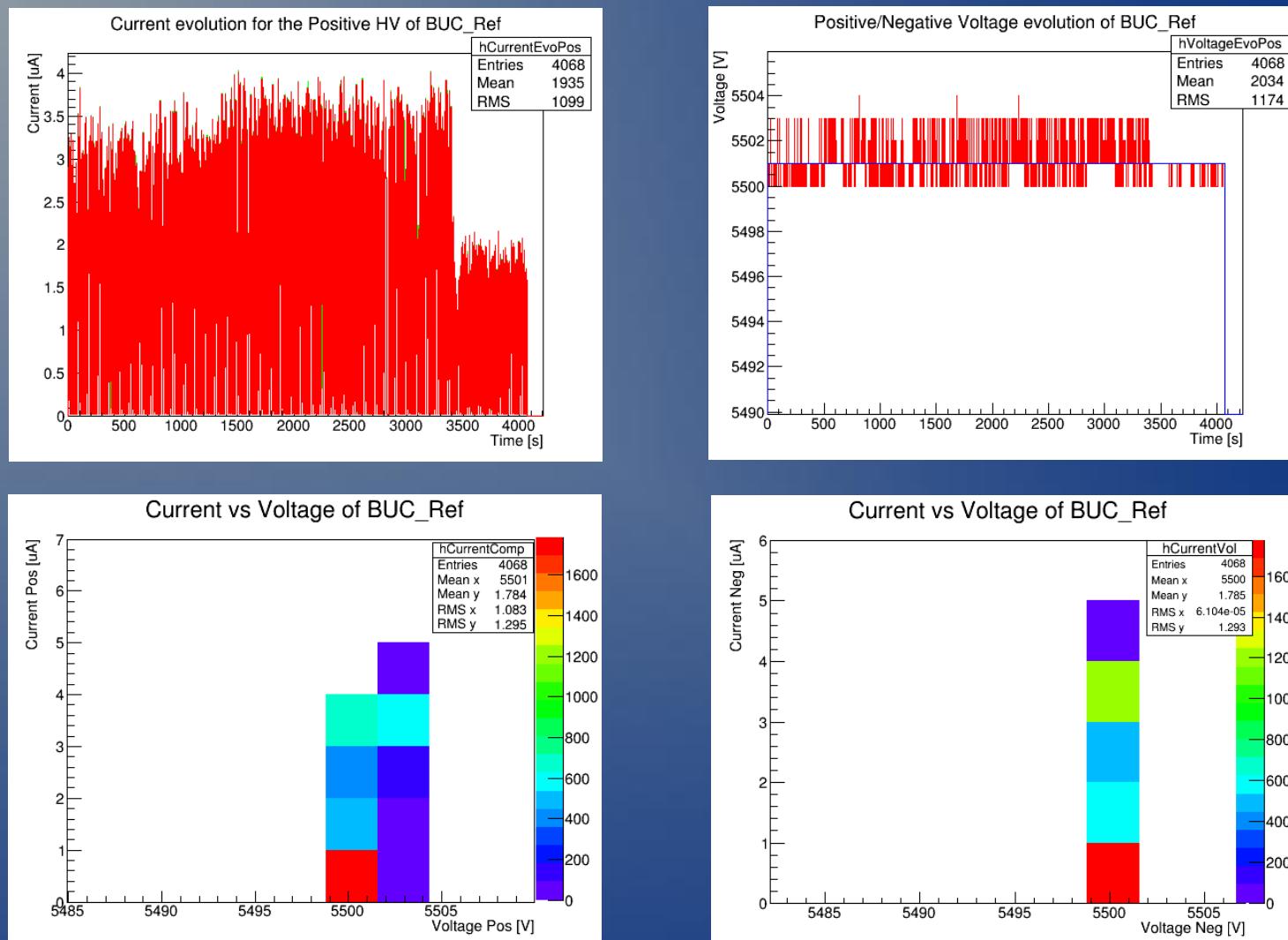
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Stable behaviour of RPC 2013

# *Current & HV evolution for RPCref*

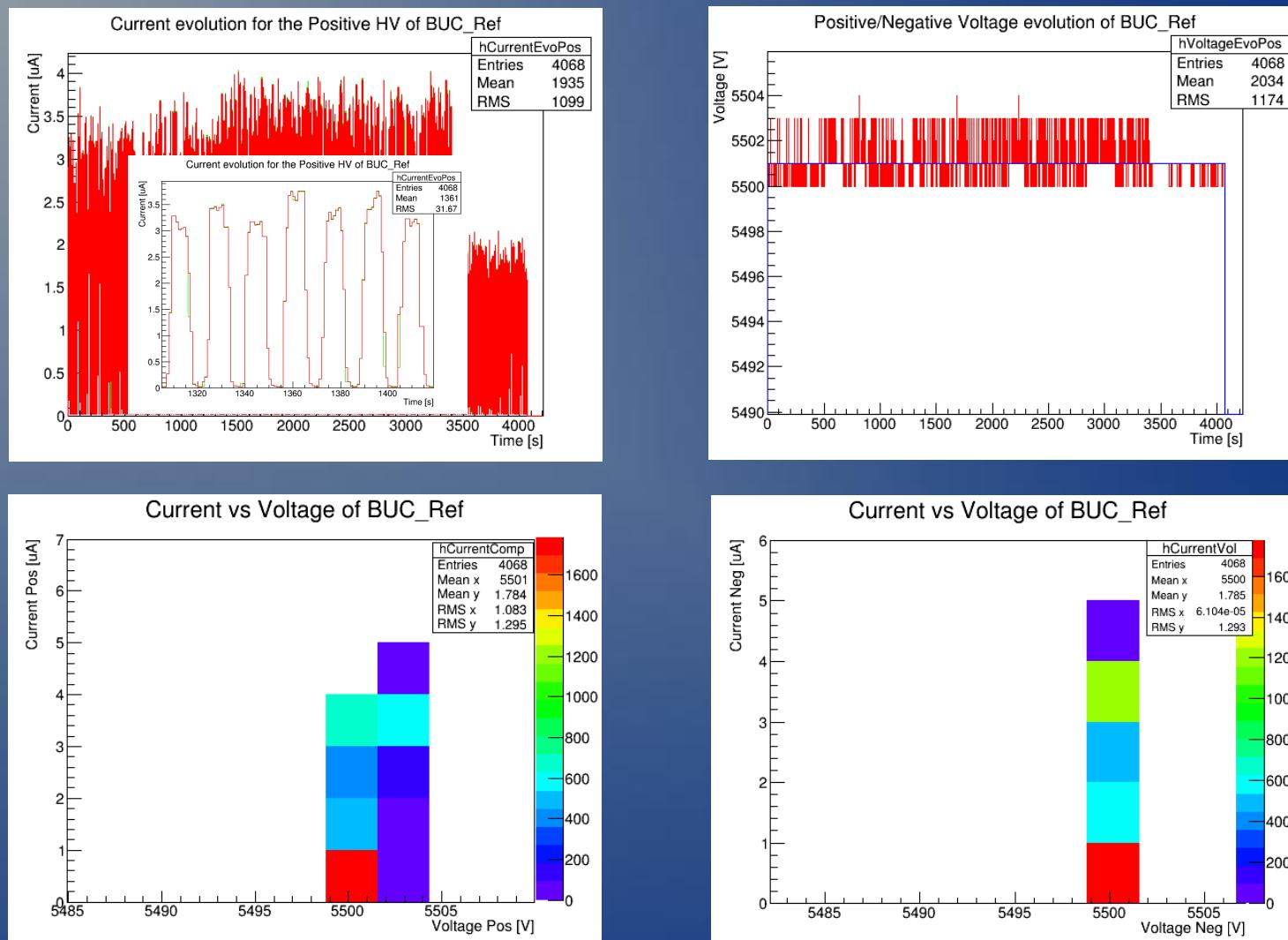
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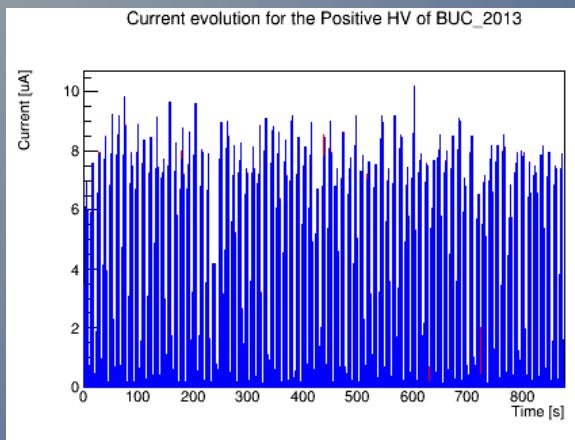
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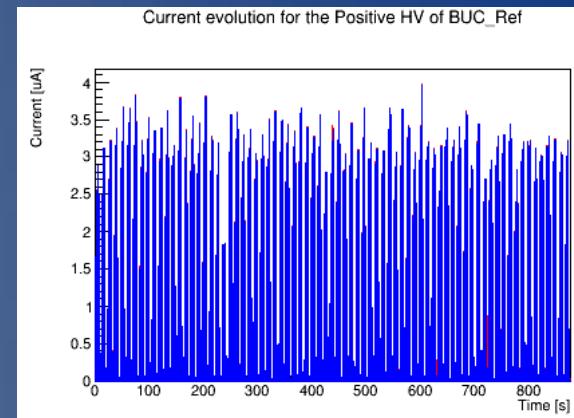


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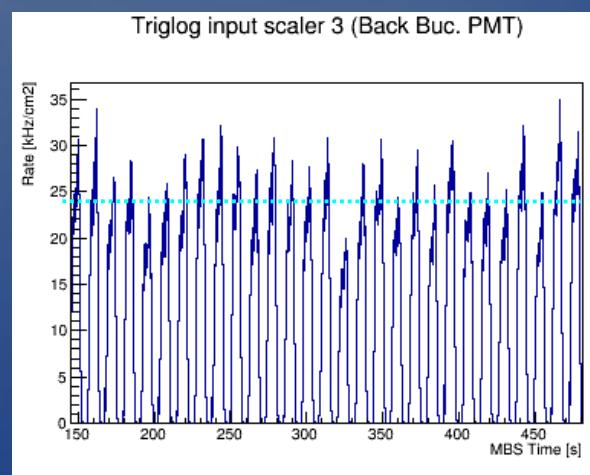
# *Current/rate estimation for RPC2013 & RPCref*



Active area =  $532 \text{ cm}^2$   
 $I = 16 \text{ nA/cm}^2 @ \sim 24 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$

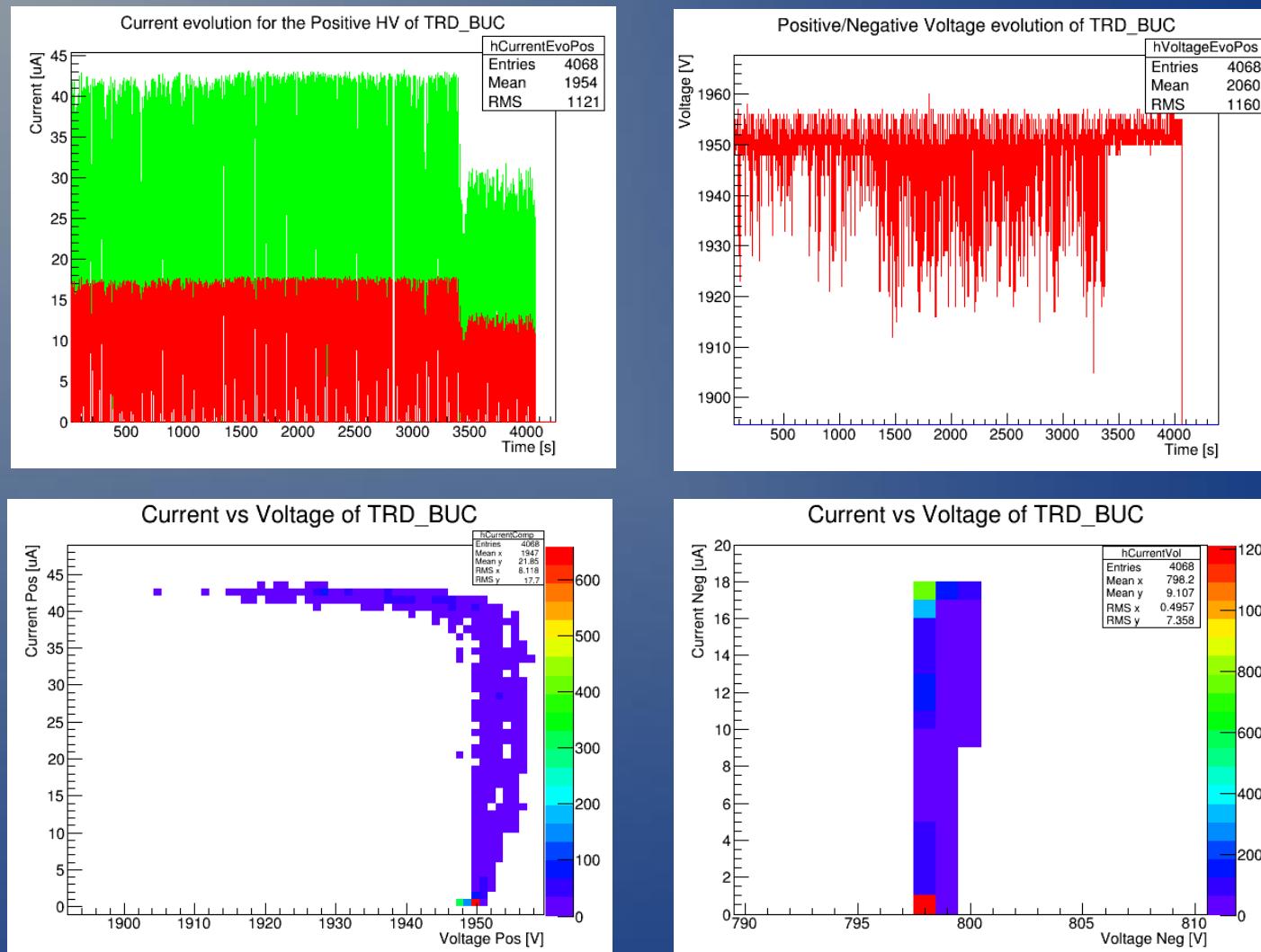


Active area =  $84 \text{ cm}^2$   
 $I = 42 \text{ nA/cm}^2 @ \sim 24 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$



# Current & HV evolution for TRD2012

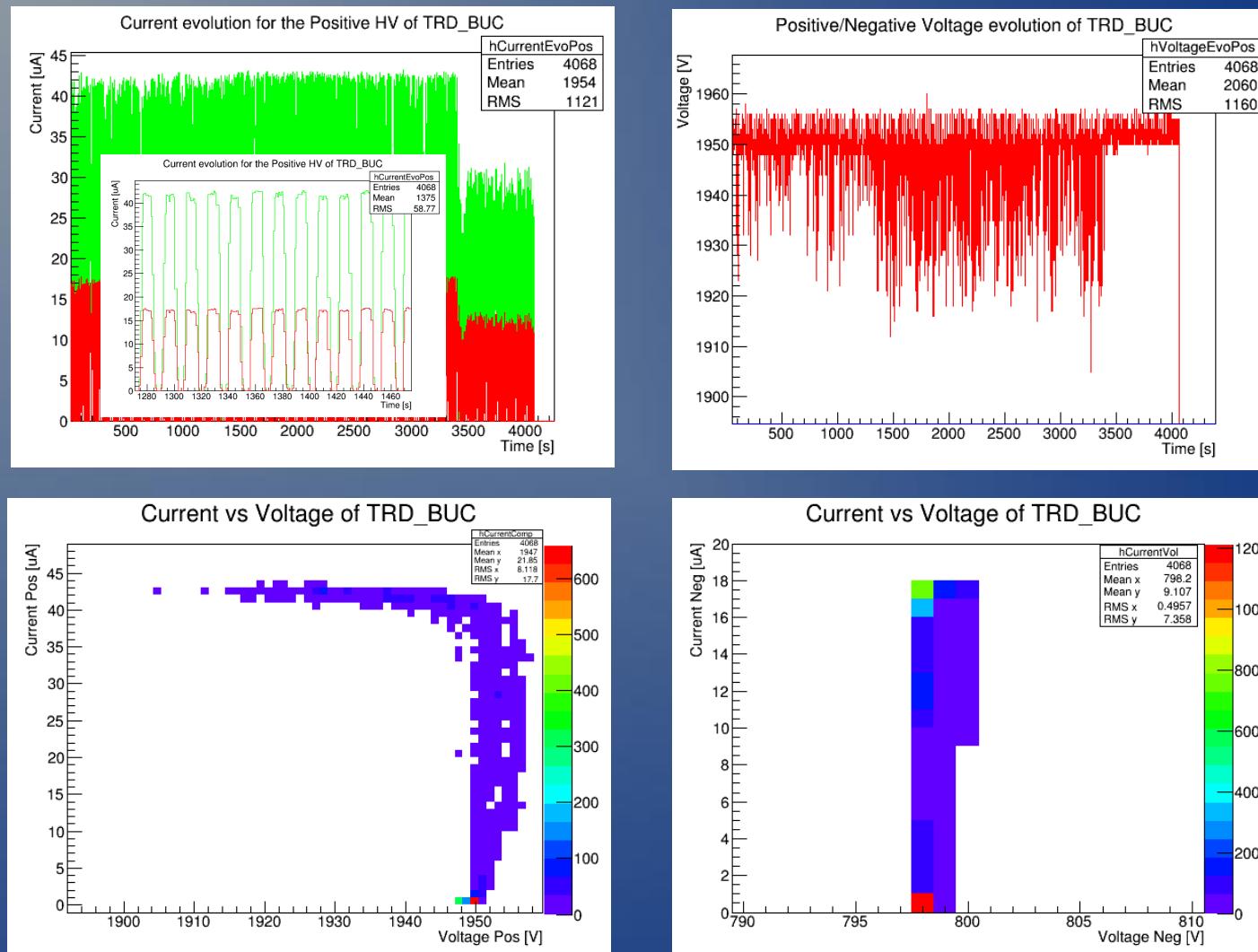
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HV variations due to the current protection setting

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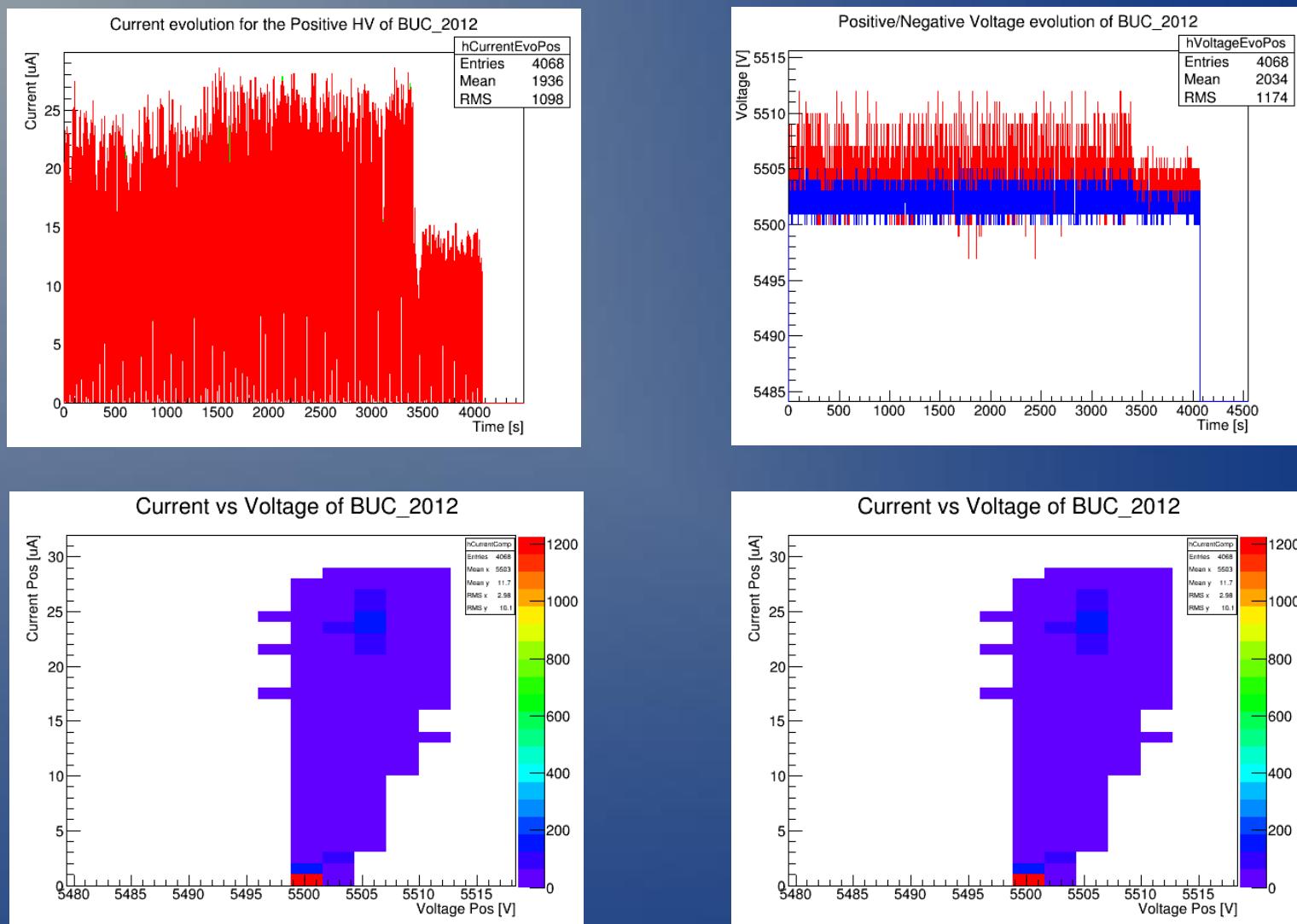
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HV variations due to the current protection setting

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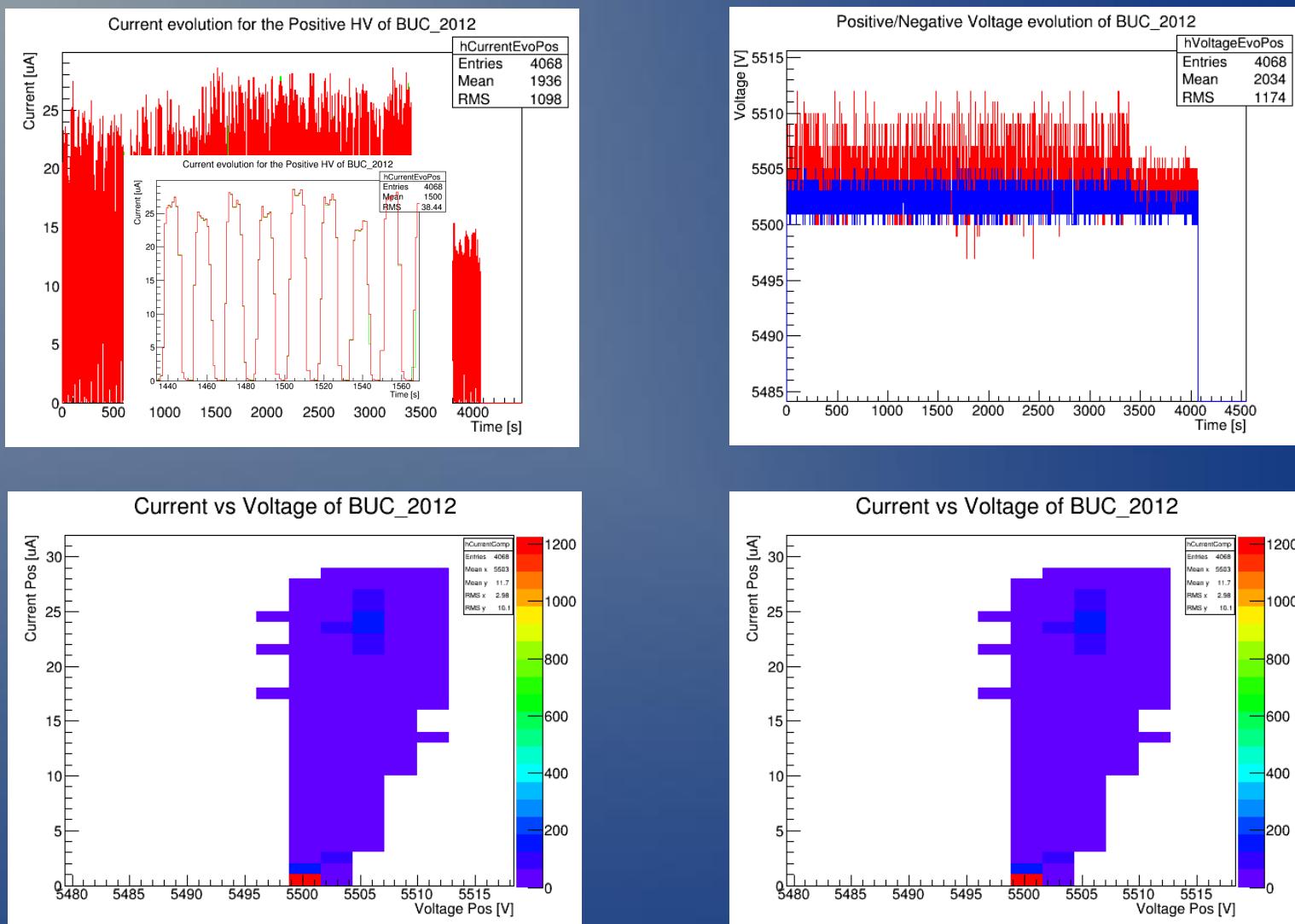
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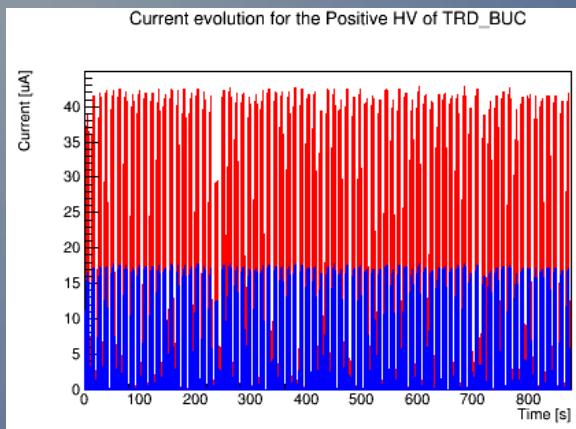
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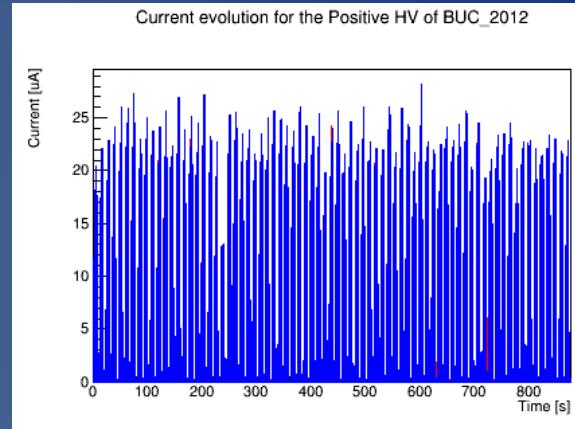


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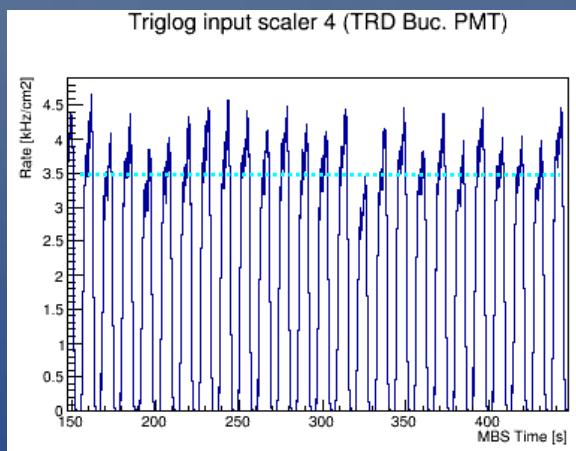
# *Current/rate estimation for TRD2012      RPC2012*



Active area:  $54 \text{ cm} \times 56 \text{ cm} = 3024 \text{ cm}^2$   
 $I > 15 \text{ nA/cm}^2 @ \sim 4 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$

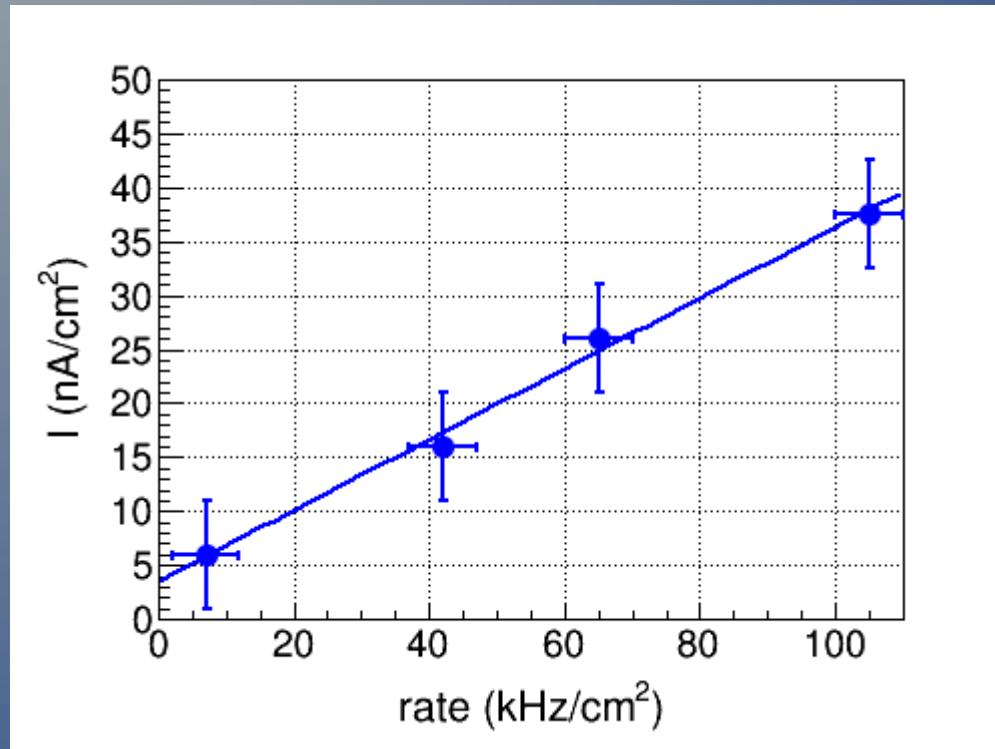


Active area =  $1090 \text{ cm}^2$   
 $I = 41 \text{ nA/cm}^2 @ \sim 4 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$



- the exposure was not uniform,
- larger on the side closer to the target
- linear rate extrapolation at the TRD edge:  $25.37 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$

# *Current & HV @ rate for RPC2013*



$$\langle V_{\text{drop}} \rangle = \langle I(nA/cm^2) \rangle * \rho(\Omega cm) * (nd)$$

**n = number of glass plates**

**d = glass thickness**

**$\rho$  = glass resistivity**

The largest measured current value was of about  $0.037 \mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$  at the highest counting rate of  $105 \text{ kHz}/\text{cm}^2$

The total voltage drop on the all five gaps is 165 V.

For a counting rate of  $25 \text{ kHz}/\text{cm}^2$ , the calculated voltage drop on all five gaps is 50 V.

As the detector is supposed to be operated within the efficiency plateau, this voltage drop has no consequences on the detector performances.

# *Dissipated power in RPC counters due to the high current*

Counter	Strip width (w) (mm)	Strip gap (g) (mm)	64 x (w+g) (L) mm	Strip length l (mm)	I (μA)	S = L x l (cm <sup>2</sup> )	I (μA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	R (MΩ)	Dissipated power (mW)
RPC2013	2.16	2.03	266	200	20	532	0.04	17	6.765
MRPC2	2.18	2.54	299.8	200	22.54	599.64	0.04	15	7.62
MRPC1	2.18	2.54	299.8	100	11.27	299.82	0.04	30	3.81

$$R (\Omega) = \rho * (l/S) = 1.5 \cdot 10^{10} \Omega \text{cm} \times (6 \times 0.1 \text{cm})/S$$

6 = number of glass plates

0.1cm = glass thickness

$$\text{M1: } 24 \times 7.62 \text{ mW} + 8 \times 3.81 \text{ mW} = 213 \text{ mW}$$

$$\text{M2: } 15 \times 7.62 \text{ mW} + 12 \times 3.81 \text{ mW} = 160 \text{ mW}$$

$$\text{M3: } 42 \times 7.62 \text{ mW} = 320 \text{ mW}$$

# *Summary*

## RPC

Not identical behaviour off positive and negative voltage

Detectors recovered even after large HV trips

## TRD

Non-uniform exposure of the TRD surface -> the rate for TRD & RPC2012 was underestimated due to the position of the plastics used as scalers !

Large anode HV variations due to the current protection setting

It would be better to apply anode HV on groups of anode wires (split anode configuration)

Insignificant drift voltage variations

## General remarques:

FEE was not affected by the large variations of the detector high voltage.

Further systematic studies are needed in the upcoming beam times.

## The obtained results were reported in:

M. Petris et al., CBM Collaboration Meeting, 8-12 September 2014, Krakow, Poland

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