# Prototype and mass production tests of Avalanche Photo Diodes for the Electromagnetic Calorimeter in the ALICE experiment at LHC

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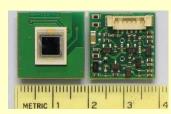
A new
Electromagnetic
Calorimeter (EMCal)
is being installed in
ALICE

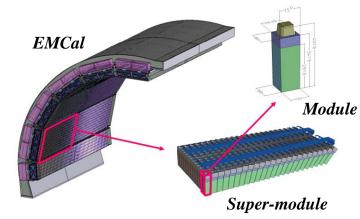
# **Optical System and Photo Sensors**

The light collected by the optical fibers is read by Avalanche Photo Diodes

Hamamatsu S8148 APD

~13K APDs to be tested





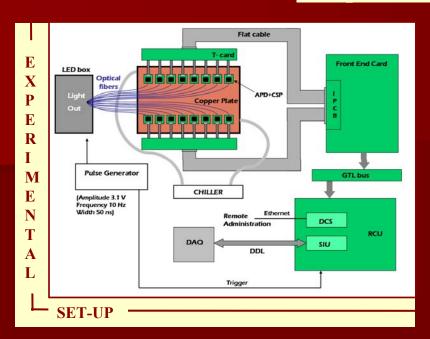
# EMcal design

- Coverage:  $|\eta| < 0.7$ ,  $\Delta \Phi = 110^{\circ}$
- Lead-scintillator sampling calorimeter
- Shashlik fiber geometry
- Avalanche photodiode readout





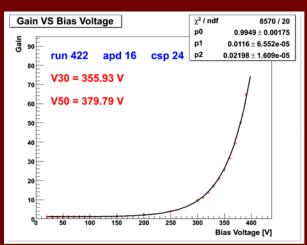
# Test procedure and results



#### Tasks

- Selecting APDs according to their performances
- Measuring the APD gain dependence on the bias voltage (Voltage Coefficient  $dM/dV \times 1/M$ )
- Evaluating the nominal voltage setting for the APD to obtain gain M=30
- Measuring the APD gain dependence on the operating temperature (Temperature Coefficient  $dM/dT \times 1/M$ )

# Gain dependence on the bias voltage



# Temperature coefficient 1/M x dM/dT

