

# The status and perspectives of the MPGDs and of the dedicated Collaboration RD51

**S. Dalla Torre**

# OUTLOOK

## INTRODUCTION

## RD51

## MPGD TECHNOLOGIES

- PRINCIPAL ARCHITECTURES
- NOVEL ARCHITECTURES
- NOT ONLY TRACKING

## MPGD-RELATED ACTIVITIES

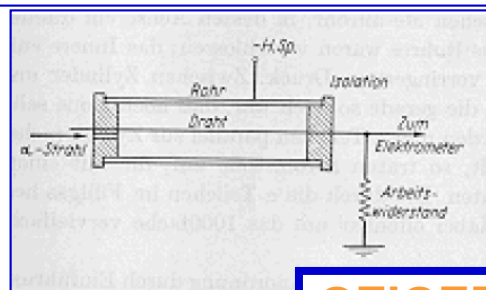
- APPLICATIONS
- FRONTIER R&D

## CONCLUSIONS

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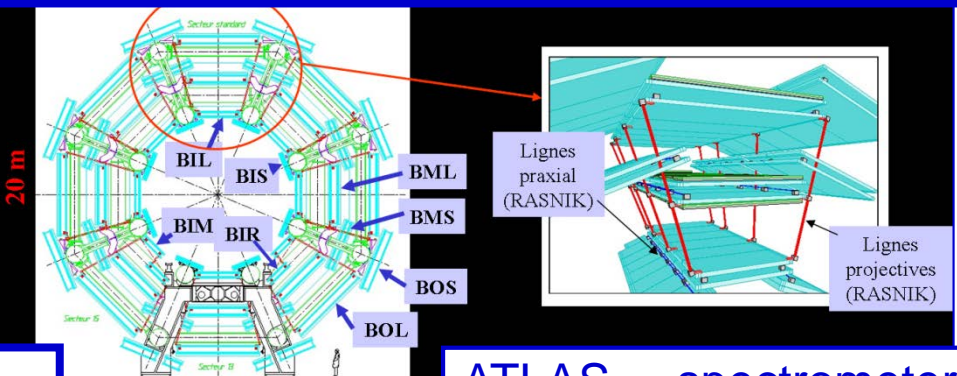
# GAS DETECTORS & FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH

STILL NOWADAYS THE ONLY WAY TO INSTRUMENT LARGE VOLUMES AT **MODERATE COSTS** AND LIMITED MATERIAL BUDGET; THEY OPERATE IN B FIELD

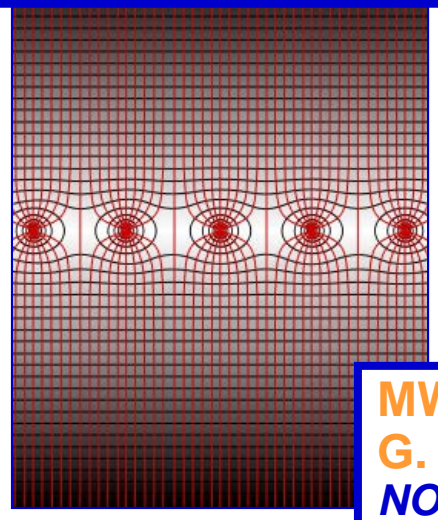


**GEIGER counter**  
Rutherford, Geiger 1908

the only approach to achieve good space resolution before introducing the Si trackers

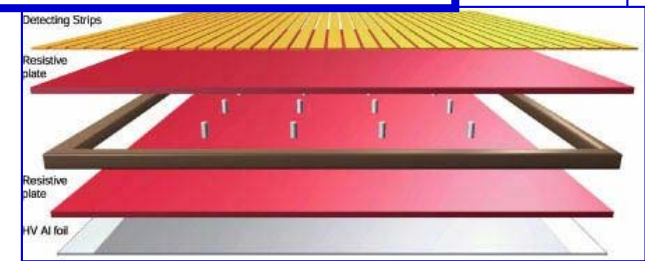


ATLAS,  $\mu$  spectrometer



**MWPC,**  
G. Charpak, 1968  
**NOBEL prize in 1992**

Time resolution record in extended counters  
**RPC:  $\sigma_t \leq 1$  ns**  
**trigger in ALICE, ATLAS, CMS**

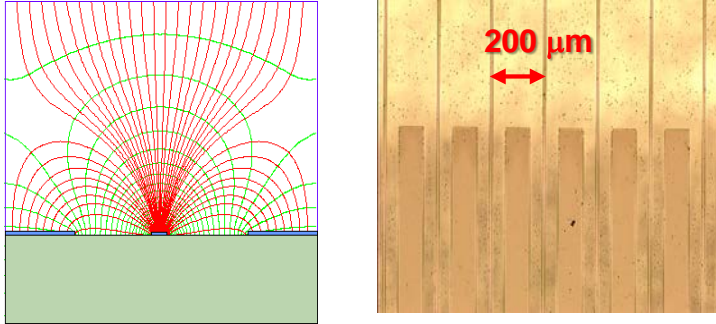


# MPGDs: THE EARLY DAYS

slide by W. Riegler,  
CERN Academic Training,  
April 2008

## MSGC - MicroStrip Gas Chamber

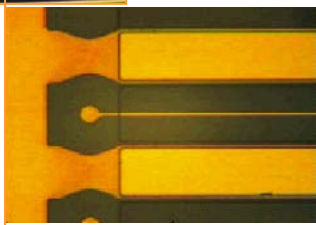
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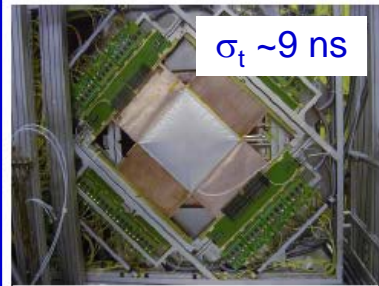
- High E-values at the edge between insulator and strips → damages
- Charge accumulation at the insulator → gain evolution vs time



Later (~ 1999-2000):  
Passivation of the  
cathode edges  
→ MSGC  
operational !

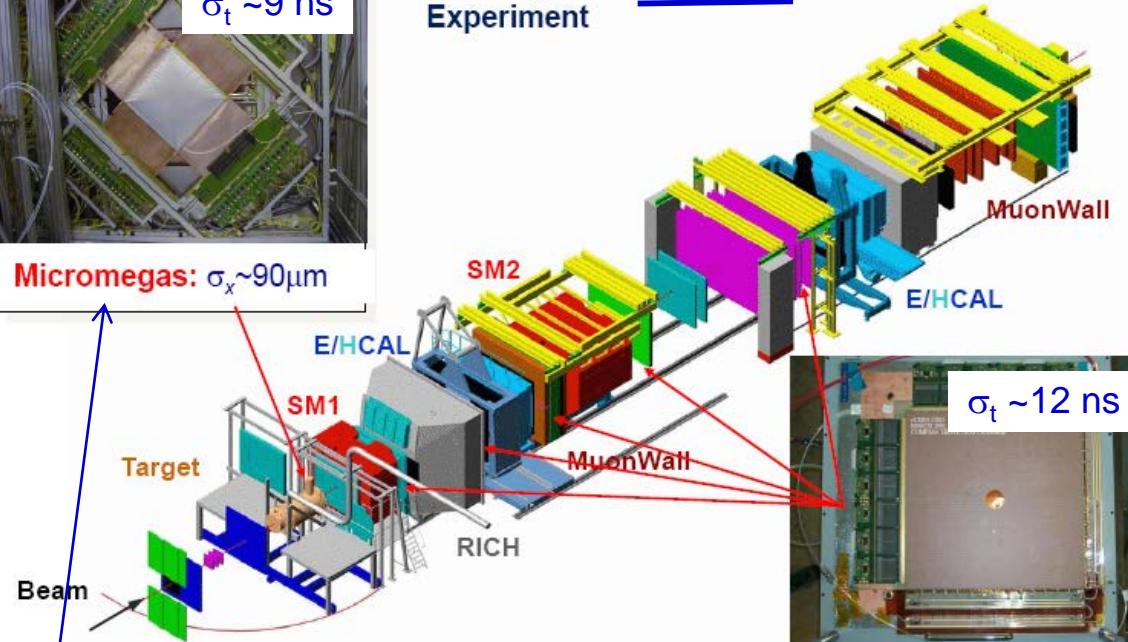


## First Large Scale Use of GEMs and MICROMEAS



Micromegas:  $\sigma_x \sim 90 \mu\text{m}$

Tracking in the COMPASS  
Experiment



GEM:  $\sigma_x \sim 70 \mu\text{m}$

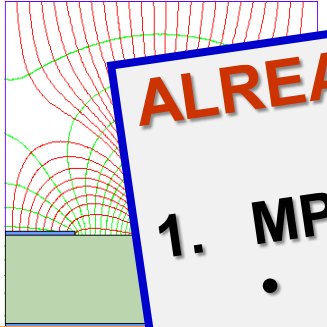
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NIMA A376 (1996) 29

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slide by W. Riegler, CERN Academy

April 2008

First LHC

MEGAs

## ALREADY SOME LESSONS:

1. MPGDs, why?
  - High rates (granularity & occupancy, signal formation time)
  - Fine space resolution→ Moving towards high luminosity / high precision experiments, i.e. towards the future

2. MPGDs, how?
  - Mastering the industrial processes of photolithography makes MPGDs possible
  - Technological maturity and accurate engineering are FUNDAMENTAL ingredients for successful MPGDs

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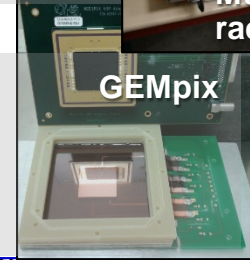
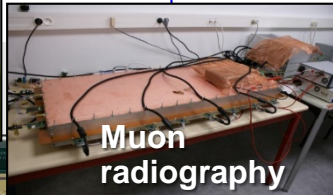
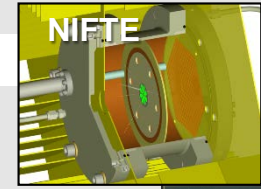
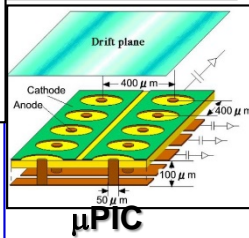
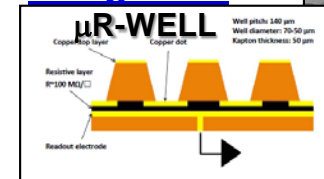
# MPGDs NOWADAYS

## DEVELOPMENT

- Consolidation of the better established technologies
  - GEM**: single mask for large size; mechanical stretching for mass production
  - MICROMEAS**: resistive anode for reliability of large size and at high rate
- Novel architectures
  - $\mu$ PIC,  $\mu$ R-WELL, GRIDPIX, hybrids, ...

## DISSEMINATION by recent examples

- In HEP
  - ALICE**, TPC read-out, 130 m<sup>2</sup> to be instrumented
  - ATLAS**, small wheels, 1200 m<sup>2</sup> to be instrumented
  - CMS**, forward detectors, 1000 m<sup>2</sup> of GEM foils to be instrumented
  - COMPASS RICH**, 4.5 m<sup>2</sup> hybrid MPGDs for single photon detection
  - KLOE2 & BES III**, cylindrical GEMs
- In fundamental research, beyond HEP
  - LBNO-DEMO (WA105)**, 3 m<sup>2</sup> of THGEM PCBs
  - TPC read-out in **low-energy nuclear physics (NIFTE)**
- Beyond fundamental research
  - n-detection**: D20 diffractometer @ ILL, neutron GEM @ ISIS, n-detection at ESS
  - Muon radiography** for geological and archeological studies
  - Medical sector**: GEMPIX detector



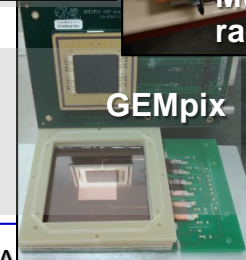
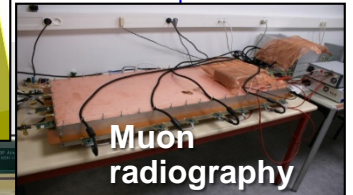
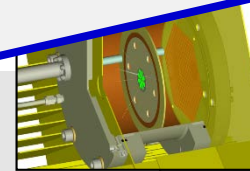
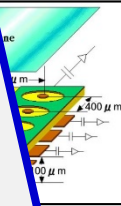
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**A remarkable flourishing of activity**  
where a fundamental boost is offered by the  
technological collaboration **RD51**:  
from isolated MPGD developers to a world-wide net

- ... nuclear physics (NIFTE)
- ... research
- ... section: D20 diffractometer @ ILL, neutron GEM @ ISIS
- **Muon radiography** for geological and archeological studies
- **Medical sector**: GEMPIX detector



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# RD51

“The proposed R&D collaboration, RD51, aims at facilitating the development of advanced gas-avalanche detector technologies and associated electronic-readout systems, for applications in basic and applied research.” (RD51 proposal, 28/7/ 2008)

*First term: 2009-2013, second term: 2014-2018, preparing a proposal for a third term*

**Unique in providing support for R&D related & non-related to experiments**

## SUPPORT

- **Common infrastructures** (GDD lab, common test beam)
- **Electronics** (read-out, dedicated instrumentation)
- **Simulation** (Garfield maintenance, update and development)
- Scientific cultural reference, know-how entry point, MPGD net-working

## SPECIFIC MPGD PROJECTS

- **resources** (financial, manpower) **from the Institutes participating in the project**
- **support from RD51:** cultural, know-how, infrastructure, tools
- **from the specific projects to RD51:** the feedback from their experience and progress

# RD51 - HOW ?

## MPGD community integration: 91 Institutes, ~500 members

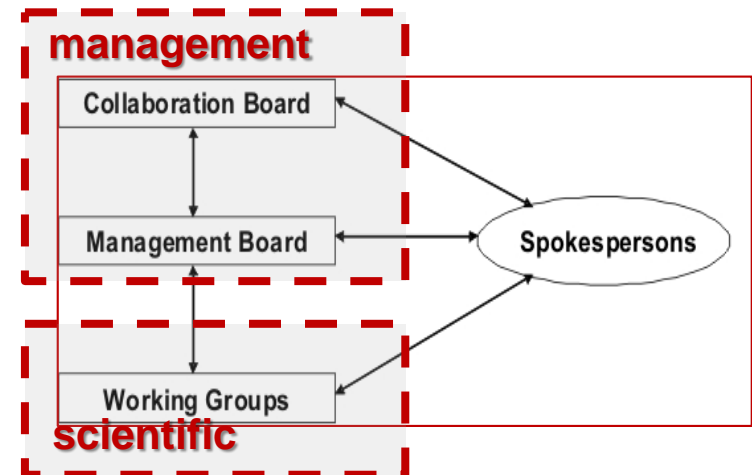
- From CERN
- From Europe (including Russia, Israel)
- From Korea, Japan, India, China
- From USA, South America

## Organization

- Members of the RD51 Management Board (MB):
- two Co-Spokespersons: Silvia Dalla Torre, Leszek Ropelewski
- CB Chairperson and its deputy: Joao Veloso, Atsuhiko Ochi
- Scientific Secretary: Maxim Titov
- Technical Coordinator: Eraldo Oliveri
- MB members: Amos Breskin, Paul Colas, Klaus Dehmelt, Ioannis Giomataris, Supratik Mukhopadhyay, Emilio Radicioni, Hans Taureg (Finances), Yorgos Tsiolitis, Andy White
- Working Groups Conveners:
- WG1 - New Structures and Technologies (Paul Colas, Filippo Resnati)
- WG2 - Detector Physics and Performance (Diego Gonzalez Diaz, Max Chefdeville)
- WG3 - Training and Dissemination (Fabrizio Murtas, Joao Veloso)
- WG4 - Modeling of Physics Processes and Software Tools (Ozkan Sahin, Rob Veenhof)
- WG5 - Electronics for MPGDs (Jochen Kaminski, Hans Muller)
- WG6 - Production and Industrialization (Fabien Jeanneau, Hans Danielsson, Rui de Oliveira)
- WG7 - Common Test Facilities (Eraldo Oliveri, Yorgos Tsiolitis)



**CERN-based collaboration  
formed by a world wide community !**



## **MEETINGS** (always with options for videoconference access)

- **2 Collaboration meetings / y (one outside CERN)**
- **2 miniweeks / y**

# RD51 ACTIVITY

**Enlarging the community & the applications portfolio: HEP & beyond**

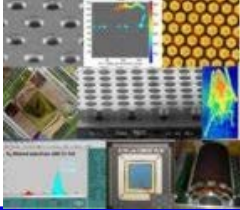
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## R & D of the MPGD technologies

- Technology consolidation
- physical phenomena in MPGDs
- novel architectures

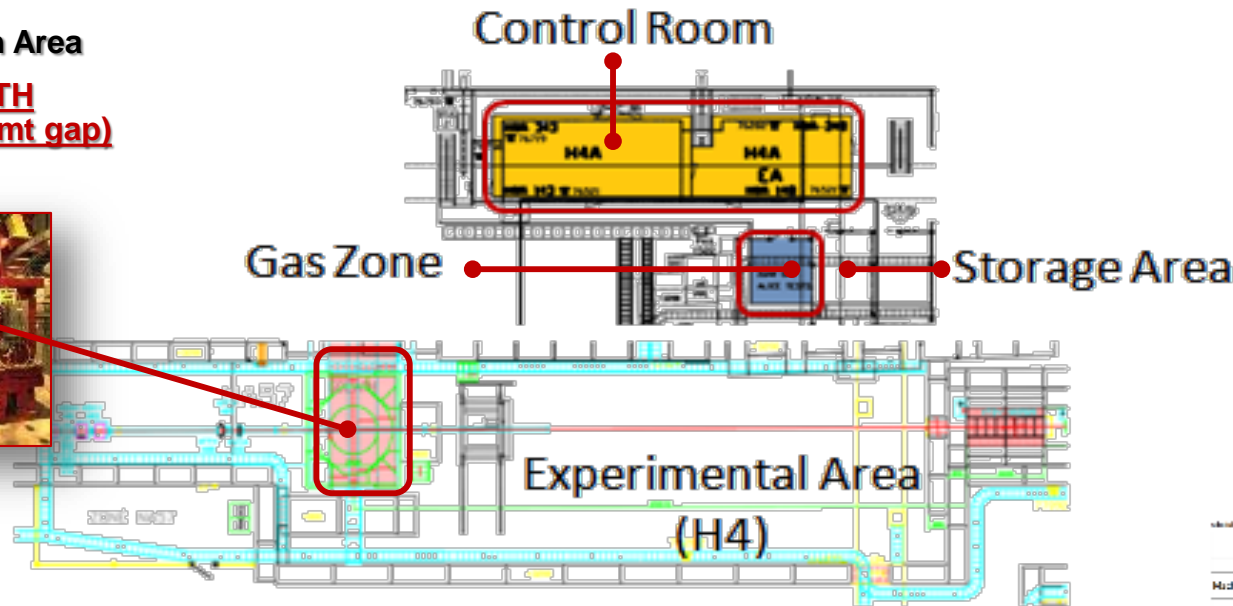
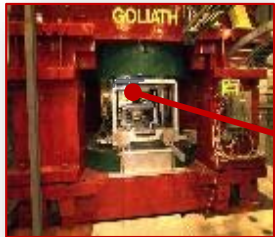
**tools:**  
Facilitating MPGD progress and dissemination

# RD51 COMMON TEST BEAM FACILITY



EHN1-H4 North Area

**GOLIATH**  
(1.5T Max, 1mt gap)



**RD51 Semi-Permanent Installation**

Provided:

- Gas distribution
- Magnet, meas.ed B
- monitoring P,T

**2016 RD51 Test Beams :**

**3 periods of 2 weeks**

**10 different groups in total with several running in parallel**

**2017 RD51 & GIF++ Test beams:**

**3 periods of about 2 weeks**

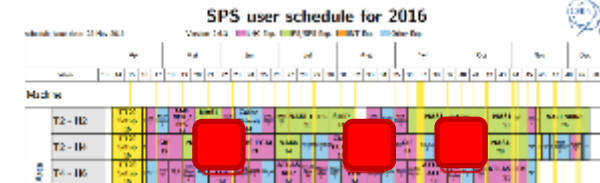
**7 different groups in total with several running in parallel**

**2018 RD51 & GIF++ Test beams:**

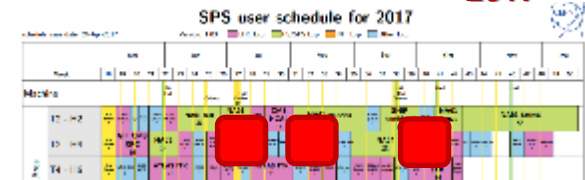
**3 periods, 5 weeks in total**

**similar number of setups foreseen**

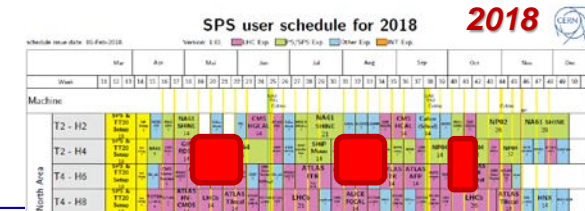
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2017



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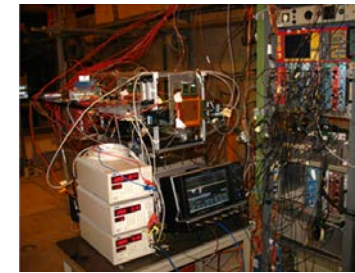
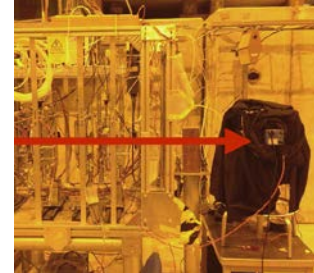
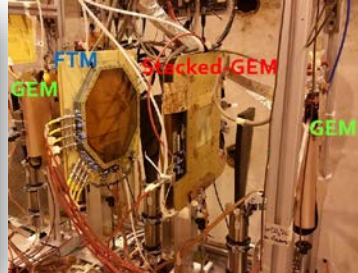
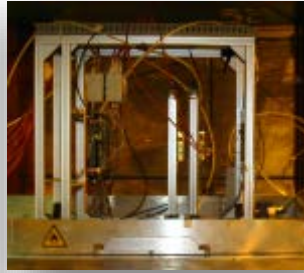
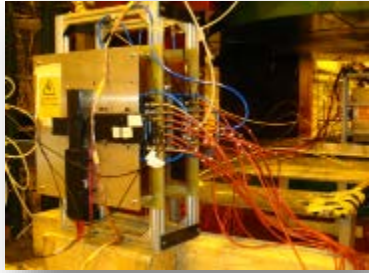


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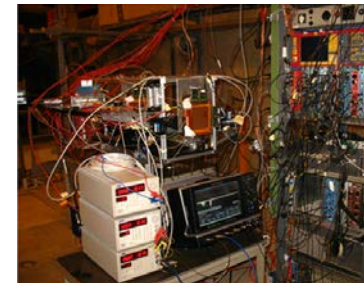
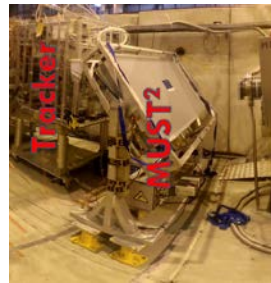
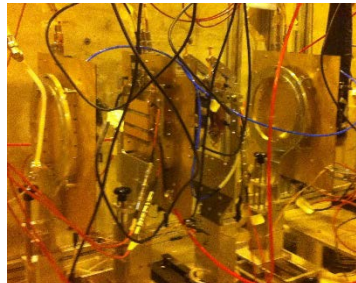
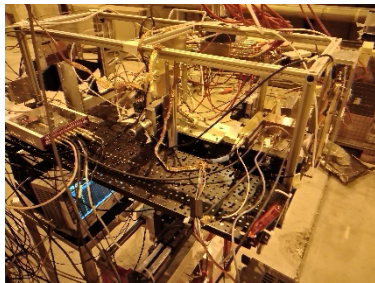
**BESIII (Cylindrical GEM)  $\mu$ RWell CMS GEM&FTM Optical readout (GEM) PICOSEC**

June



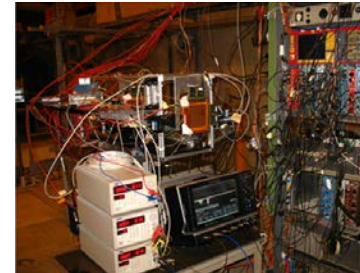
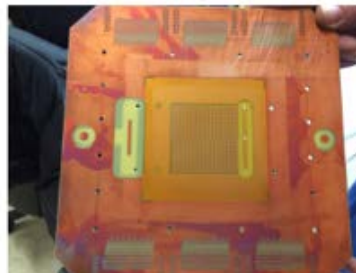
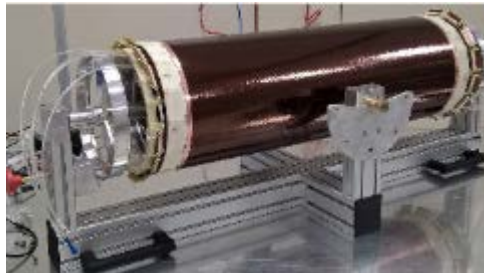
**Hyperfast Silicon RPWELL MUST<sup>2</sup> R-PHI mm (srEDM) PICOSEC**

August



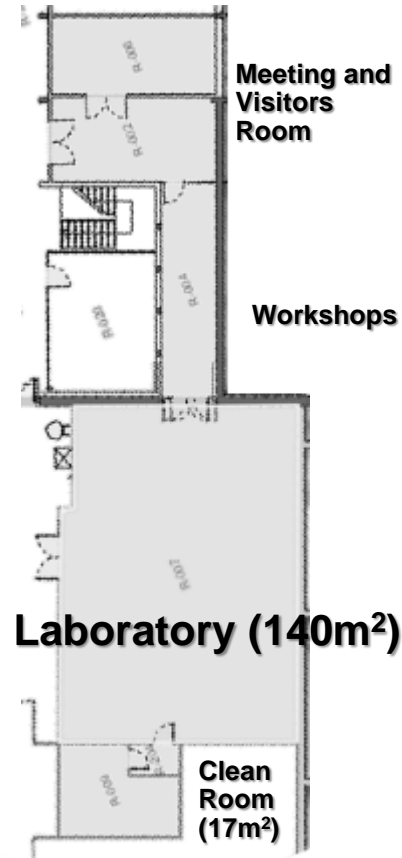
**BESIII (Cylindrical GEM) R-PHI mm (srEDM) Small Pads ResMM PICOSEC**

October



**SHIP  
Emulsion  
and MM**

# EP-DT-DD GDD Laboratory (Detector R&D)



**Permanent Users (ALICE, ATLAS, ESS) stations**

**Temporary Users Working stations**



**Active (X-Ray) and Radioactive Sources**

**Cosmic Stands**

**Clean Room**

**Workshops**



**Optical Readout & Measurements**

**Vacuum Systems**

**Gas & Monitoring Systems**

**MPGD Electronics**



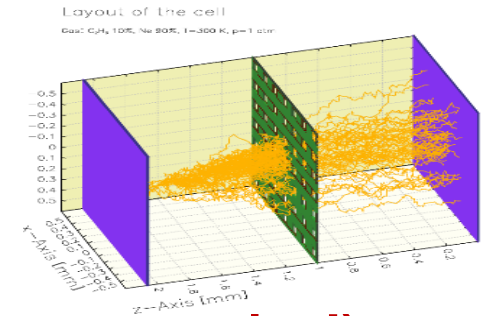
# SIMULATION FOR GASEOUS DETECTORS

## SIMULATION

### ■ GARFIELD → GARFIELD ++

R. Veenhof, NIMA419 (1998) 726; <http://garfield.web.cern.ch/garfield>

- **Maintenance (a service to the whole gas detector community !)**
  - **Interface to software packages, generic & specific**
    - electron and photon transport using cross sections provided by **Magboltz**
    - ionization processes in gases, provided by **Heed, MIP**
    - ionization and electron transport in semi-conductors
  - **Description of the physical phenomena, continuous improvements (ions, e-, photons)**
    - Ion mobility, diffusion, recombination,  $e^-$  cross sections
    - Photons (UV emission, IR production, trapping, absorption, photocathodes)
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- **MPGD specific:**
    - **dramatic E variations over microscopic distances (~ the  $e^-$  mean free path)**
    - **open dielectric surfaces**
      - Simulation of the charging-up phenomena, material properties

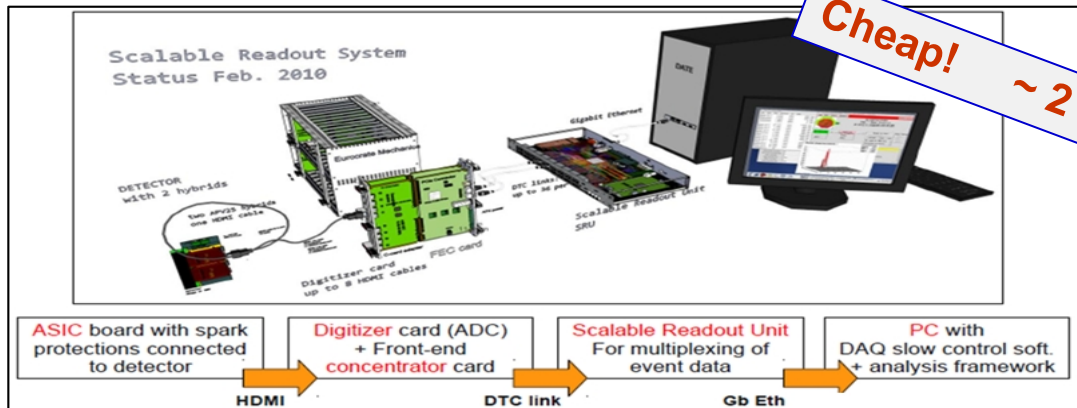


# ELECTRONICS FOR MPGDs

## SRS - Scalable Readout System

- **Interfacing different FE: APV25, VMM3 (NEW !!!)**
- **Scalable: ~100 ch.s → ~100 k ch. (ATLAS NSW project)**
- **So successful, to be used outside MPGDs (SiPM, ALICE Ecal, ...)**
  - 54 groups around the world are using SRS
- **SRS components now produced by industry (NEW !!!)**

VMM3 RD51 hybrid under test



**SRS procurement from 2017+**

**INHOUSE production RD51: stopped !**

**CERN Store:** continued for team account owners only

**NEW SRS production and purchase licencies\* 2017**

No team account ? ask CERN/KT for SRS purchase licence

**Direct SRS sales starting in 2017:**

**SAMWAY Electronics:** <http://www.samwayelectronic.com>

**SAMWAY** FEC and ADC cards, Eurocrates, SRS-ATCA mezzanines etc

**SRS Technology:** <http://www.srstechology.ch>

**SRS** APIC, hybrids, Powerbox, DVMcards, SRU, AVD etc

**More electronic tools:** **APIC**, pre-amplifier-shaper box, ready for industrial production  
**FEMTO**, femtoamper meter with real-time output  
**ADV**, active voltage divider and generator for multilayer MPGDs



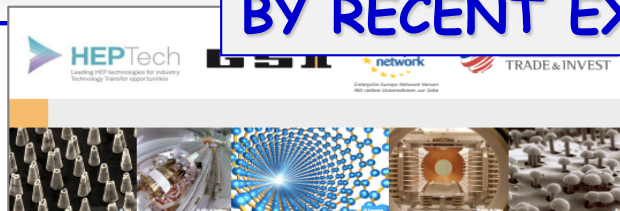
# NETWORKING & TRAINING

**Workshop: applications beyond science**  
**AVEIRO, September 2016**

*MPGD Applications Beyond Fundamental Science Workshop*  
 and the *18<sup>th</sup> RD51 Collaboration Meeting*, Aveiro, Portugal



## BY RECENT EXAMPLES



### ACADEMIA-INDUSTRY MATCHING EVENT

#### Nanotechnology & High-Energy Physics: From Material to Innovation

Academia and Industry coming together to identify innovative synergies between the broad field of Energy Physics (HEP) and Nanotechnology. This event will bring together nanotechnology and physics researchers and industrialists to:

- Showcase new developments in nanotechnology and HEP
- Address the needs of industry
- Provide an opportunity for collaborative R&D and technology transfer partnerships

**Organizing Committee:** Tiago Rodrigues de Araujo (CERN), Martina Bauer (GSI), Jero (ILL), Tatiana Correia (KTN), Andrea Crottoni (EPFL), Tobias Jean-Marie Le Goff (CERN), Symeon Kokovidis (CERN), Valladares Pacheco (KTN/HEPTech), Leszek Ropelewski (J Jaime Segura (ILL), Alicja Surowiec (GSI), Christina Trautmann



20-21 October 2016  
 GSI Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung  
 Darmstadt, Germany  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/503276/>



**Contribution to academy-industry matching event, GSI October 2016**

## Precise Timing Workshop

### CERN, 21-22 February 2017

FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY

09:00 → 13:00 Precise timing workshop

09:00 Welcome

This workshop is intended to address the needs of a rapidly developing interest group in RD51 for a results from the RD51 PICOSEC project demonstrate feasibility of MPGD-based timing devices in the



**5th International Conference on Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors (MPGD2017) and RD51 Collaboration Meeting**

Temple University, Philadelphia, USA  
 May 22-26, 2017

Meeting Home Page: <https://phys.cst.temple.edu/mpgd2017/>

May 22 - 25, 2017: MPGD2017 Conference — May 26, 2017: RD51 Collaboration Meeting



## Previous conferences:

MPGD2009, Crete, Greece  
 MPGD2011, Kobe, Japan  
 MPGD2013, Zaragoza, Spain  
 MPGD2015, Trieste, Italy

### RD51 Open Lectures and Mini Week

11 Dec 2017, 12:00 → 15 Dec 2017, 18:30 Europe/Zurich  
 593-R-010 - Salle 11 (CERN)

Eraldo Oliveri (CERN), Spyros Tzamanias (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (GR))

**Description** Monday 11th December, 14:00 - Wednesday 13th December 12:30

*RD51 Open Lectures: Signal generation, modelling and processing*

*W. Riegler, R. Veenhof, F. Nessrat, S. Tzamanias*

*Purpose of the lectures is to discuss new developments on the methods and tools used to describe the signal generating processes as well as techniques of analysing data of gaseous detectors. The lectures are geared towards people who are doing, or intend to do, research and developments on gas-based detectors but are also open to anyone interested on the subject.*

**3-day school on detector data analysis,**  
**CERN Dec. 2017**

# A CRITICAL POINT: MPGD-RELATED TT

## Production of detector components at CERN, updated mid 2017 (presently the main producer)

•Production			
•SBS tracker	GEM 600mm x 500mm		150 GEM
•ALICE TPC upgrade	GEM 600mm x 400mm		350 GEM
•CMS muon	GEM 1.2m x 450mm		450 GEM
•BESIII	GEM 600mm x 400mm		30 GEM +read-out
•SOLID	GEM 1.1m x 400mm		8 GEM + 2 read-out
•CLAS 12	Micromegas 500mm x 500mm		30 Micromegas
•CBM	GEM 1m x 450mm		100 GEMs
•BM@N	GEM detectors 1.8m x 0.6m		12 full detectors
•Bonus 12	GEM		30 GEMs
•European Spallation Source		GEM	9 GEMs
•sPhoenix TPC Stonybrook	GEM		100 m2
•CMS GE2/1	GEM		prototype
•C rad industry		GEM	prototype
•Beomocular industry	GEM		10 GEMs
•Mcube muon detectors	Micromegas		12 x 50cm x50cm

- R&D
- ATLAS resistive Micromegas Muon large pitch
- ATLAS resistive Micromegas embedded resistors for high granularity high rate
- CMS FTM multiple resistive well detectors for sub ns time resolution
- CMS R-well Muon detectors
- Resistive micro gap for calorimetry
- Embedded front end electronics in read-out boards



**CMS production :**  
 > 170 GEM already produced  
 Production rate  
 20 GEM/month



**ALICE production:**  
 > 260 GEM already produced  
 Production rate  
 40 GEM/month



GEM UV tight "fridge" containing one batch of 14 GEM (1.8m x 0.6m max)

# A CRITICAL POINT: MPGD-RELATED TT

## Industrial production of detector components, status

- **GEMs**
  - TECHTRA (PL)
    - 10 x 10 cm<sup>2</sup> GEM foils, yield 90%
    - Complete 10 x 10 cm<sup>2</sup> detectors (30 x 30 coming)
    - Large GEMs foils (CMS-size) in progress, promising status, present yield 30% & long production time
  - MICROPACK (IND)
    - 10 x 10 cm<sup>2</sup> GEM foils, yield ~ 80%
    - 30 x 30 cm<sup>2</sup> GEM foils, in preparation; CERN evaluation in Spring 2017
  - KCMS-MECARO (ROK)
    - Well-equipped workshop
    - Gem foils up to 30 x 30 cm<sup>2</sup> successfully produced
    - Large GEMs foils (CMS-size) BEING EVALUATED → production
  - TECH-ETCH (USA)
    - Successful in the past up to 40 x 40 cm<sup>2</sup>
    - Apparently production abandoned (lacking users' interest ?)
- **BULK MICROMEAS**
  - ELVIA (F)
    - 16 working detectors of 50 x 50 cm<sup>2</sup> built
  - ELTOS (I)
    - TT ongoing, 10 x 10 cm<sup>2</sup> produced
- **THGEMs**
  - ELTOS (I)
    - 60 x 30 cm<sup>2</sup> produced for COMPASS RICH, **in house post processing**
    - 60 x 30 cm<sup>2</sup> produced for WA105 (prototype of a cryogenic double-phase Ar detector)

# A CRITICAL POINT: MPGD-RELATED TT

**FRESH INCOURAGING NEWS** from CMS mu system upgrade  
(A. Colaleo, deputy PM, private communication)

Validation of a second production line in Korea- Mecaro on-going in CMS.

**CERN Bd904: 1<sup>st</sup> GE1/1-size detector built Korean foils**

- First 2 batches of GEM foils delivered:
  - no major issues found
    - quality
    - Uniformity same as CERN foils



- First CMS GEM GE11 detector built with Korean foils at CMS CERN Lab:
  - Preliminary QC tests are ok
  - Aging test starting at CERN GIF++."

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# A CRITICAL POINT: MPGD-RELATED TT

## Production of detector components by industry, how should it work

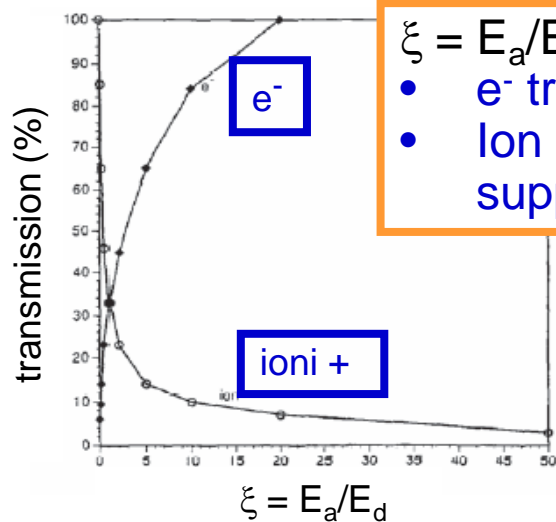
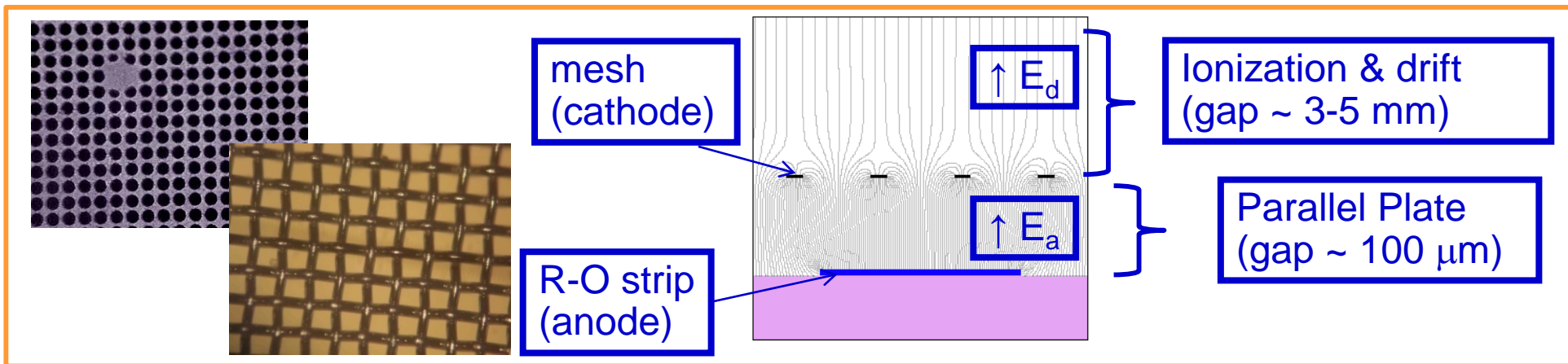
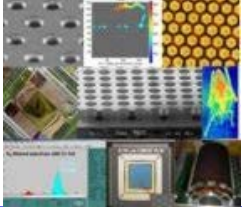
- **Relevant ONLY for large productions, namely in case of Large-Size Projects (LSP)**
- **The decision makers are the LSPs (having responsibility for scientific aspects & related financial resources)**
  - *LSPs have to identify resources to cover the industrial cost of the learning/training process*
- **Potential producers contacted by RD51 or by the LSPs**
- **RD51 facilitates the know-how transfer**
  - also formal agreement with CERN required
- **RD51 is willing to contribute to validation of the products**
  - if requested by the LSPs
- **The involvement of the LSP people remain central**
- **The final decision is taken by LSPs**

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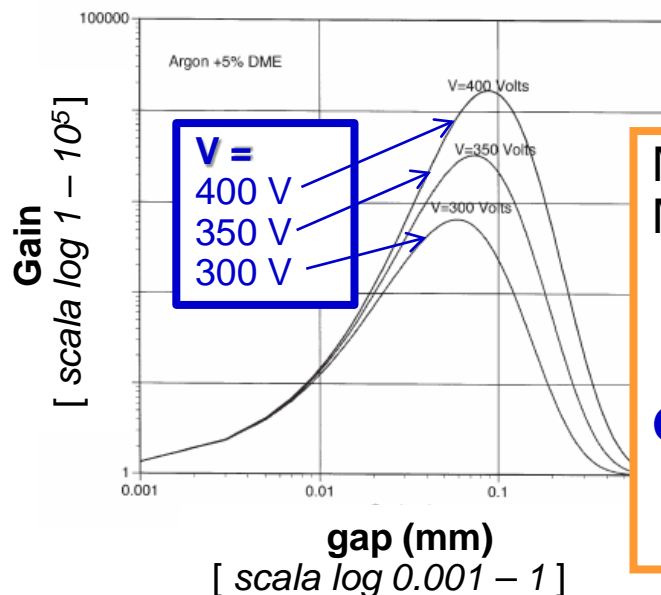
*All subjects illustrated by examples:  
a fully comprehensive review is impossible!*

# MICROME GAS, the principle



$\xi = E_a/E_d > 20 \rightarrow$

- $e^-$  transparency
- Ion backflow suppression



MICROME GAS  
Must be  
operated at  
peak  
conditions:  
**Gap (gas) & V  
are  
correlated**

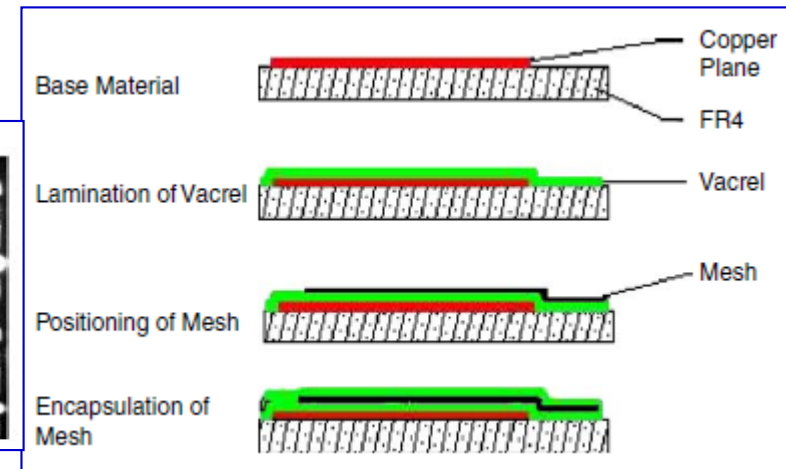
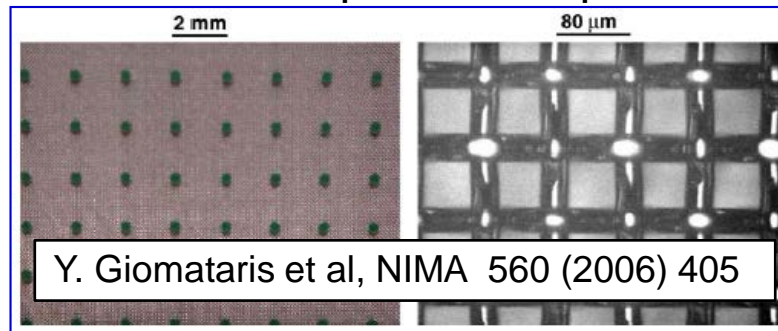
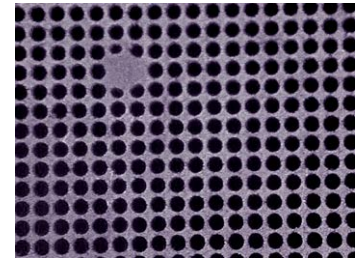
Y. Giomataris et al, NIMA A376 (1996) 29

Y. Giomataris, NIMA A419 (1998) 239

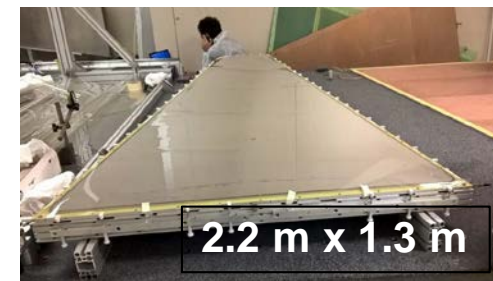
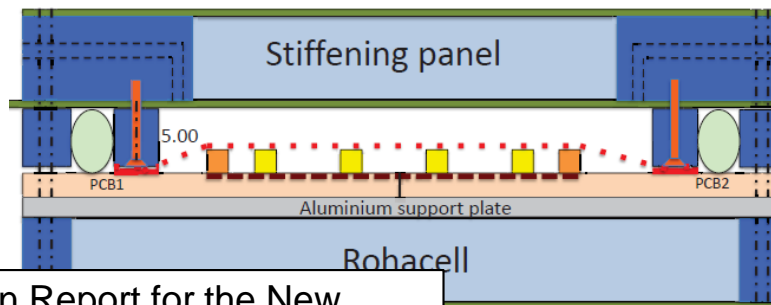
# MICROME GAS, construction

construction challenge: preserve the thin gap homogeneity by insulating spacers

- 1) Nichel mesh by **elettroformation** + **quartz fibers**, diameter:  $75 \mu\text{m}$
- 2) a **metalized polyimide micromesh** by chemical etching supported by small **pillars** by photoresist material
- 3) **Bulk micromegas**: pre-stretched steel mesh laminated together with a photoresist layer and the PCB; photoresist then removed apart where pillars are formed



- 4) Grow **pillars** at the anode surface, keep the **mesh in place by mechanical tension** (ATLAS-NSW)

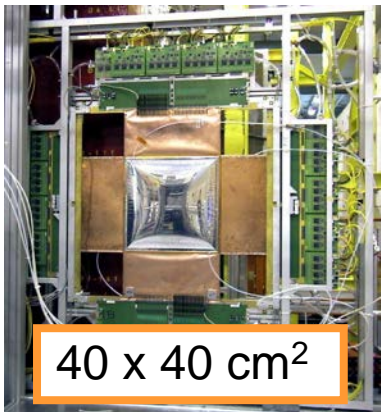


The ATLAS Collaboration, "Technical Design Report for the New Small Wheel," CERN-LHCC-2013-006 / ATLAS-TDR-020, June 2013



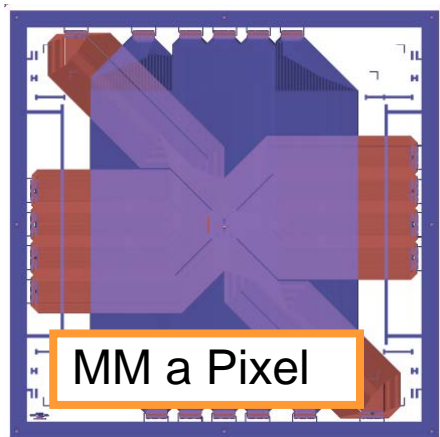
# MICROME GAS & experiments

Non exhaustive example list

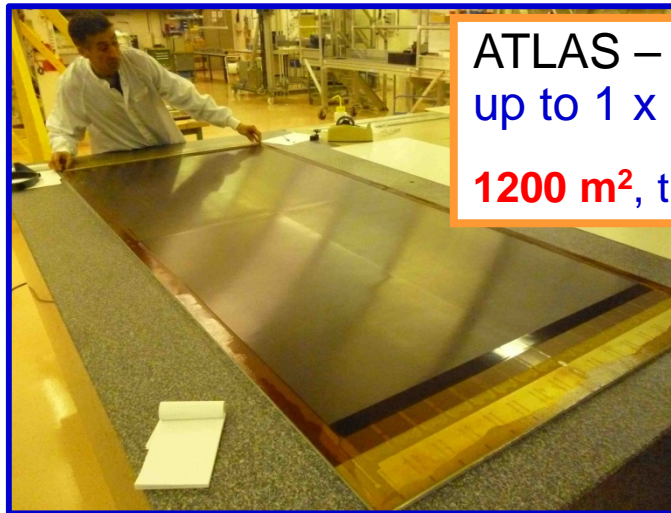


40 x 40 cm<sup>2</sup>

COMPASS

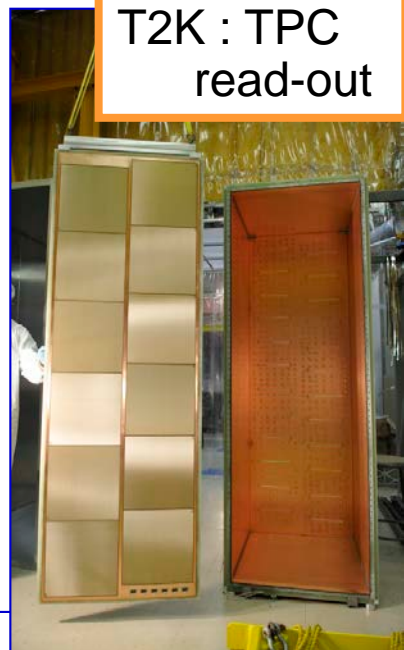


MM a Pixel



ATLAS – NSW project  
up to 1 x 2.5m<sup>2</sup>

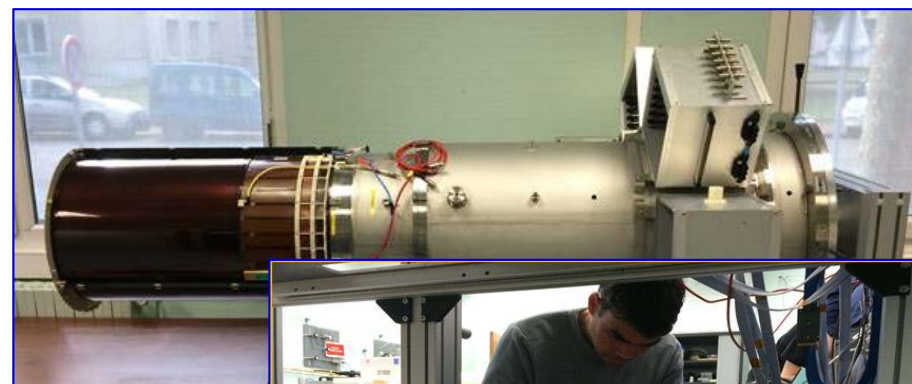
1200 m<sup>2</sup>, tracking & trigger



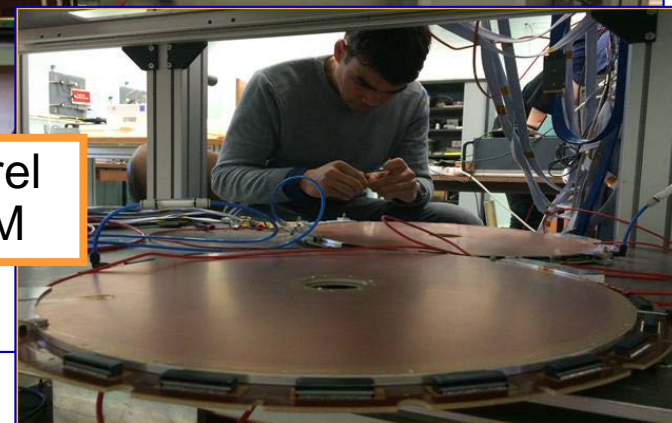
T2K : TPC  
read-out



CAST



CLAS12: barrel  
& end-cap MM

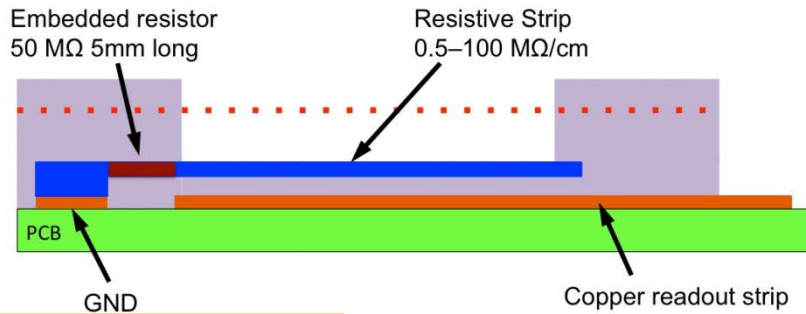


# MICROMEAS: recent developments

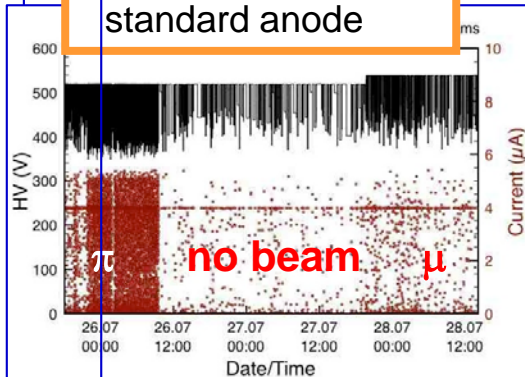
mitigating / overcoming the high discharge rate

## Resistive Anodes

Developed within the ATLAS-NSW project

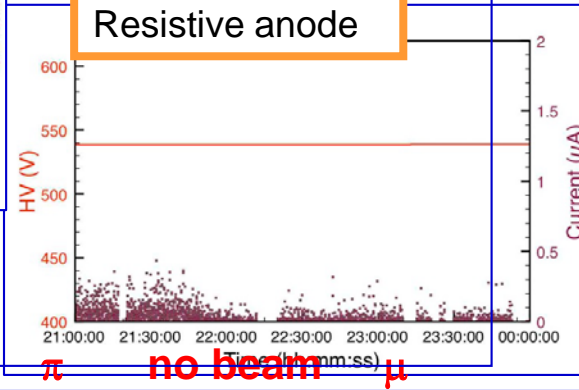


standard anode



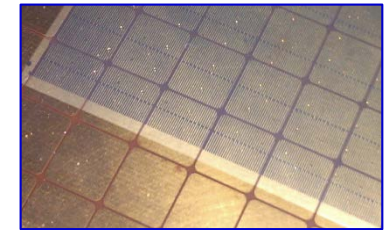
beam:  $\pi$ ,  $\mu$   
120 GeV/c

Resistive anode



## Resistive strips, how?

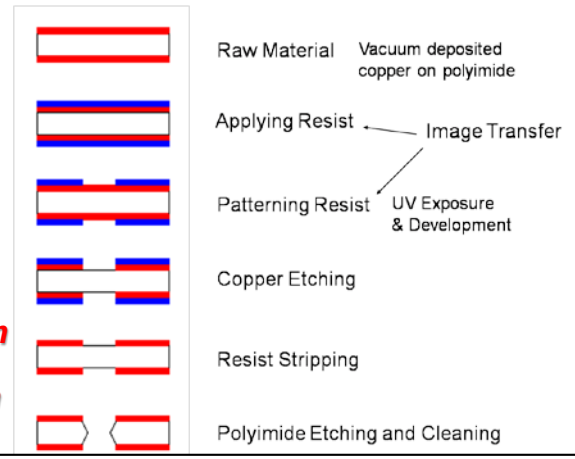
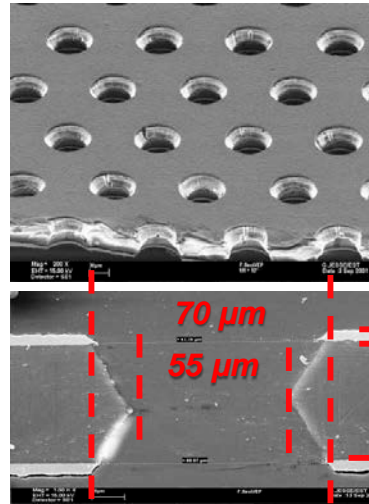
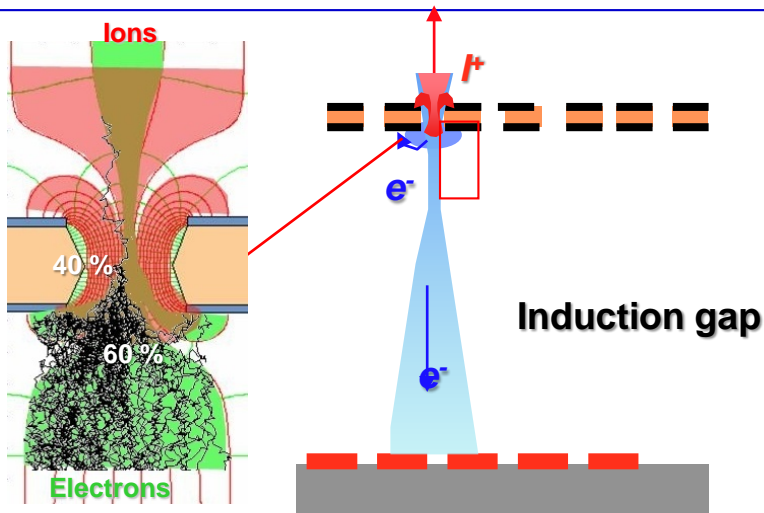
- Photolithography
- Screen printing
- Sputtering



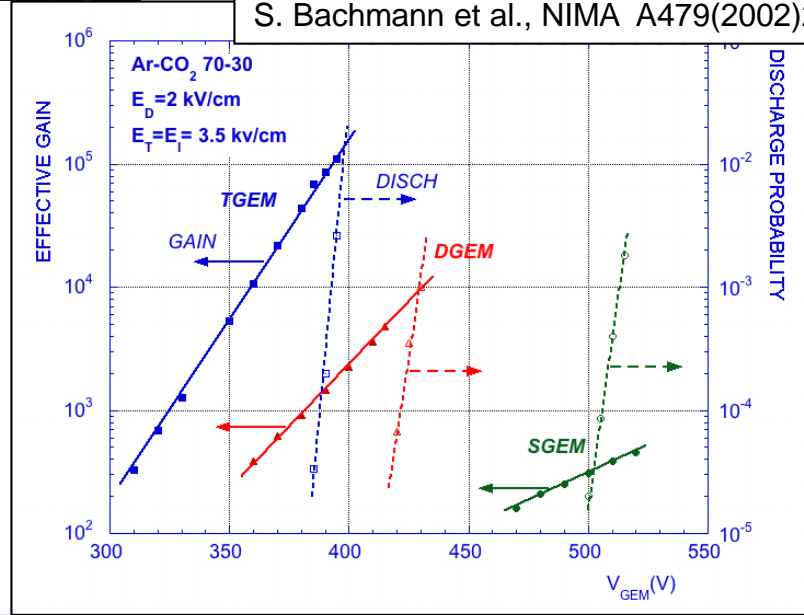
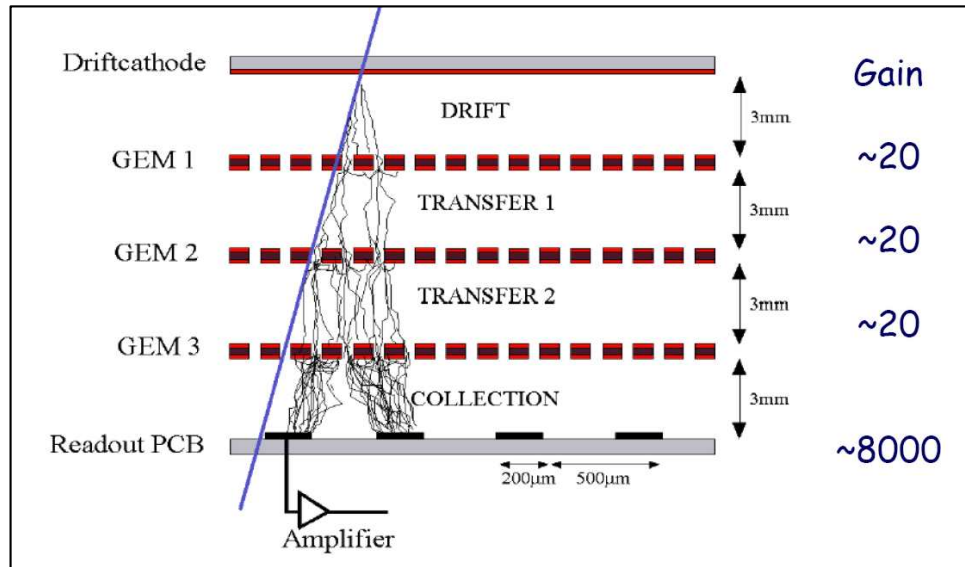
J. Wotschack  
CERN Det. seminar,  
18/11/2011

# GEMs, principle & construction

Metalized polyimide foil,  
Holes by etching



S. Bachmann et al., NIMA A479(2002)294

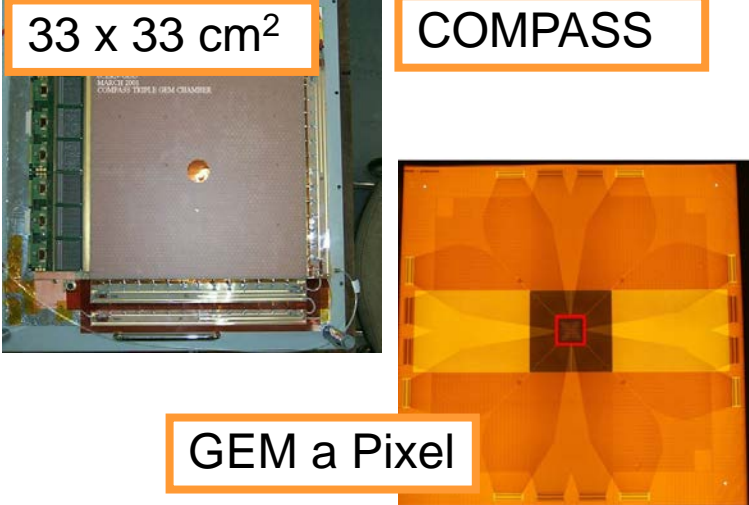


# GEMs & EXPERIMENTS

Non exhaustive example list

33 x 33 cm<sup>2</sup>

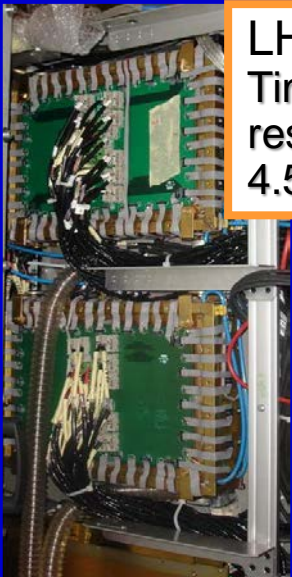
COMPASS




GEM a Pixel

This block contains three images related to the COMPASS experiment. On the left is a photograph of a GEM detector assembly with a label 'SENSOR 200 COMPASS TRIPLE GEM CHAMBER'. In the center is a schematic diagram of a GEM detector showing a central square region. On the right is a photograph of a GEM detector assembly with a red square highlighting a specific area.

LHCb  
Time resolution:  
4.5 ns rms




This block shows a photograph of the LHCb GEM detector assembly, which is a large cylindrical structure with many layers of GEMs and associated electronics.

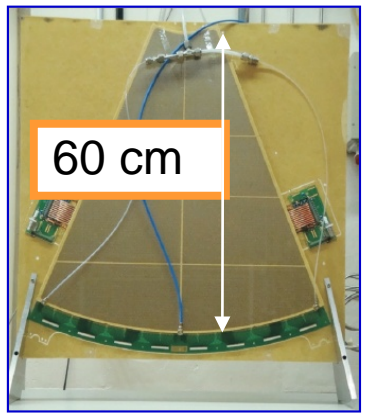


KLOE2: Cylindric triple GEM

This block shows a photograph of the KLOE2 detector, which is a cylindrical triple GEM detector used for particle physics experiments.




TOTEM



60 cm

This block contains two images of the TOTEM detector. The left image shows a circular GEM detector assembly. The right image shows a GEM detector assembly with a vertical dimension of 60 cm.



105 cm

123 cm

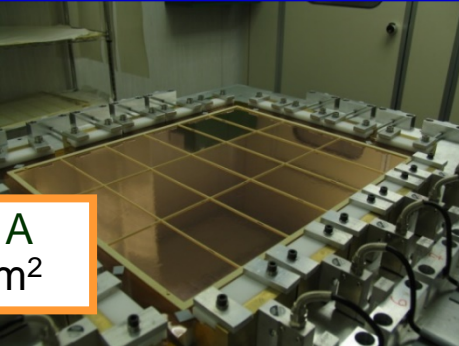
PRad

This block shows a photograph of the PRad detector, a large rectangular GEM detector assembly. The dimensions 105 cm and 123 cm are indicated on the image.



BESIII, second cylindric GEM

This block shows a photograph of the BESIII detector, which is a second cylindrical GEM detector used for particle physics experiments.



JLab Hall A  
40 x 50 cm<sup>2</sup>

This block shows a photograph of the JLab Hall A detector, which is a large rectangular GEM detector assembly with dimensions 40 x 50 cm<sup>2</sup>.

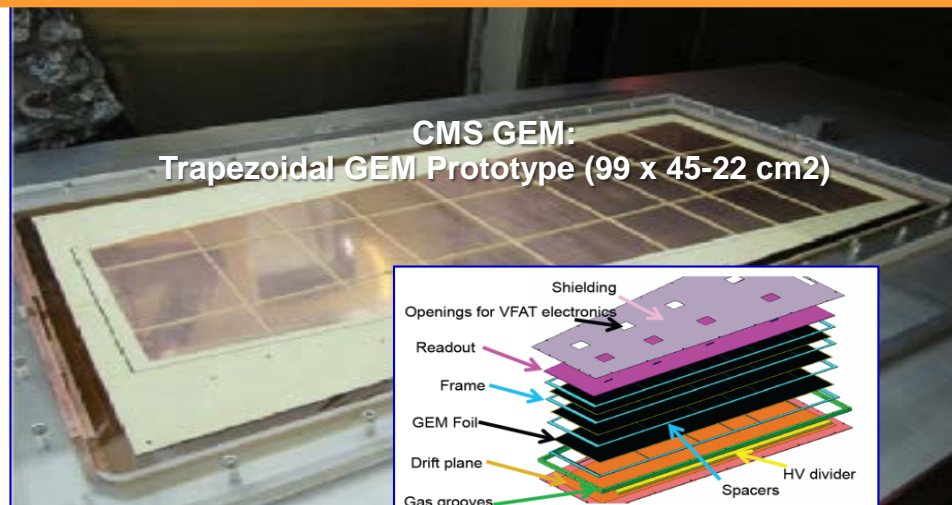
# GEMs & EXPERIMENTS, more

Non exhaustive example list

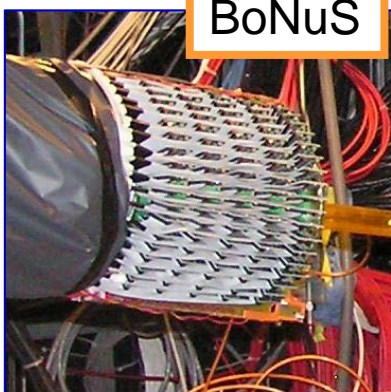
STAR - Forward GEM Tracker



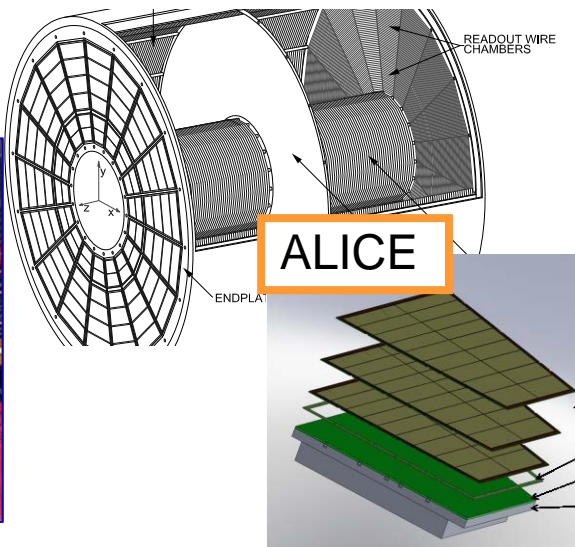
CMS forward muon spectrometer : tracking & trigger



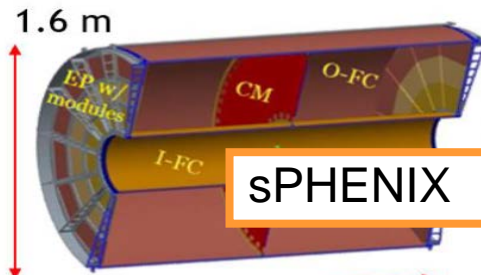
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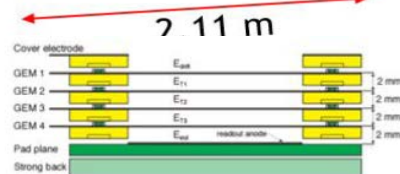
BoNuS



ALICE



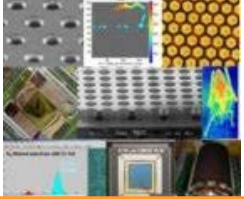
sPHENIX



Quad-GEM Gain Stage  
Operated @ low IBF

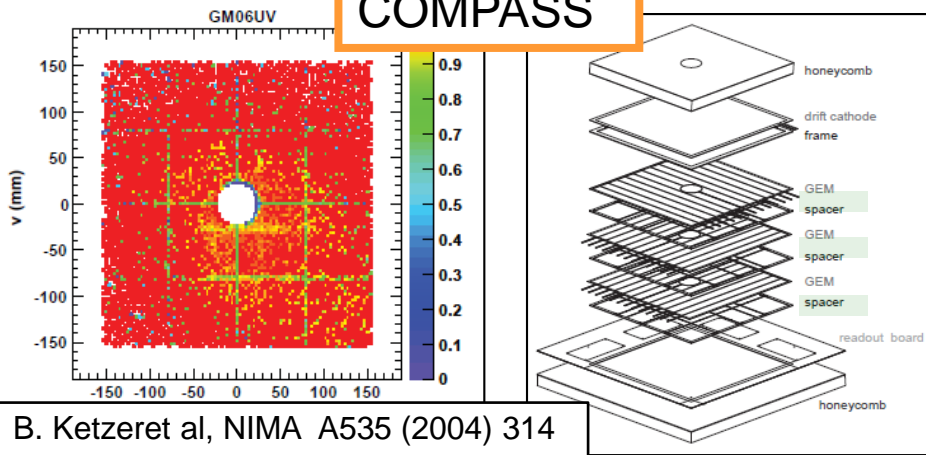
Super BigBite spectrometer

# GEMs, spacers vs stretching



## GEM detectors w/ spacers

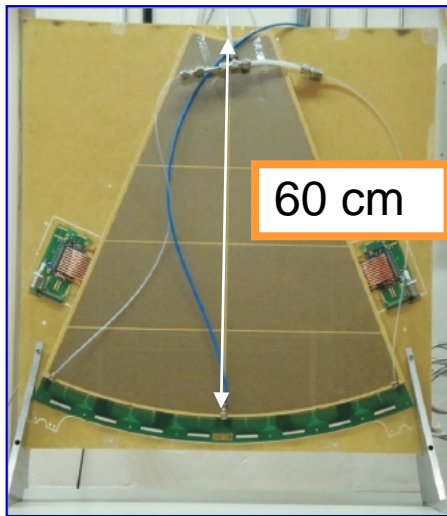
### COMPASS



B. Ketzer et al, NIMA A535 (2004) 314



TOTEM



60 cm

## Emphasis on GEM foils stretching

### no spacers



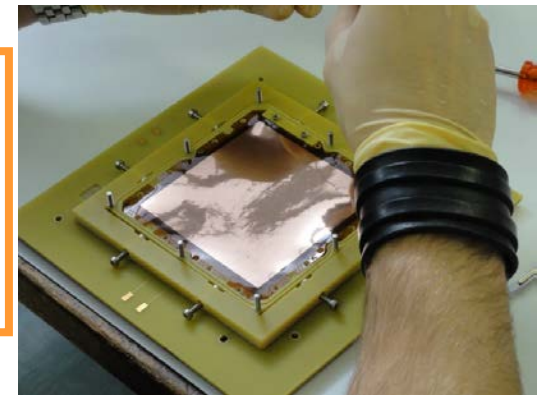
LHCb

### KLOE2: Triple cylindrical GEM assembly completed 14/3/2013



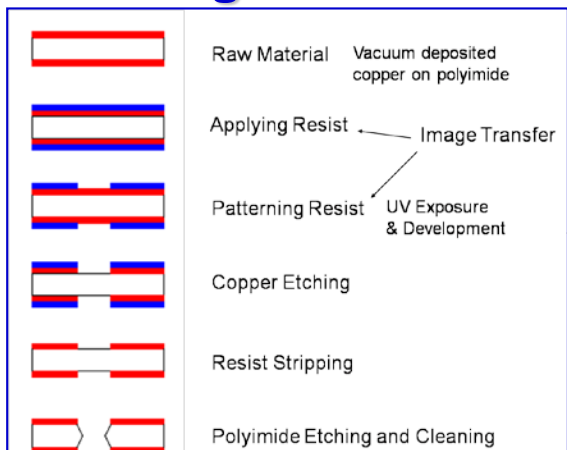
no spacers

CMS upgrade:  
mechanical stretching  
for mass production



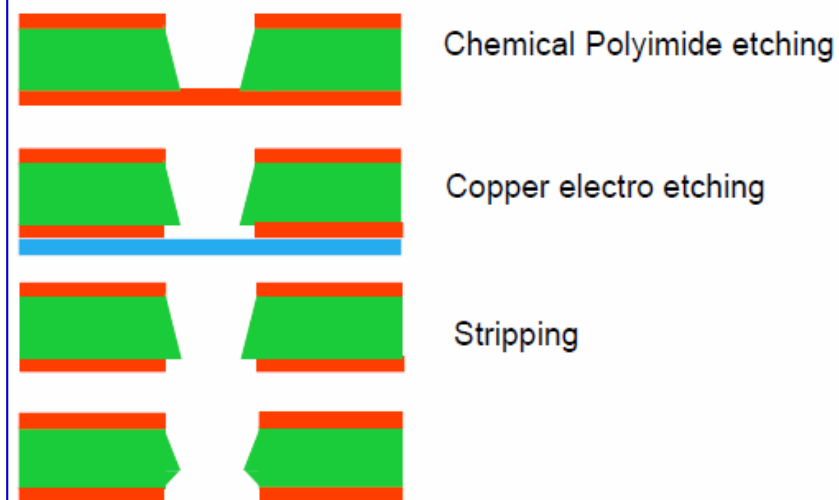
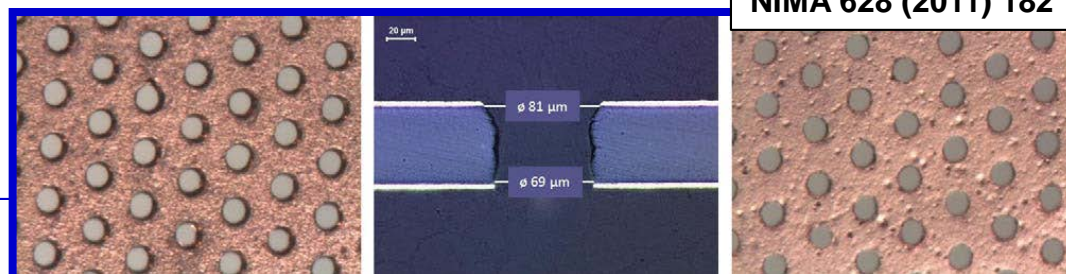
# GEMs, large foils

## Single mask: the way towards large size



•standard (double mask)

•single mask



The path:

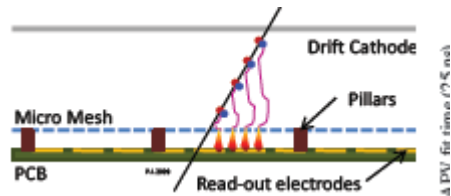
- TOTEM upgrade
- KLOE2
- CMS

# ALGORITHMS FOR IMPROVED PERFORMANCE

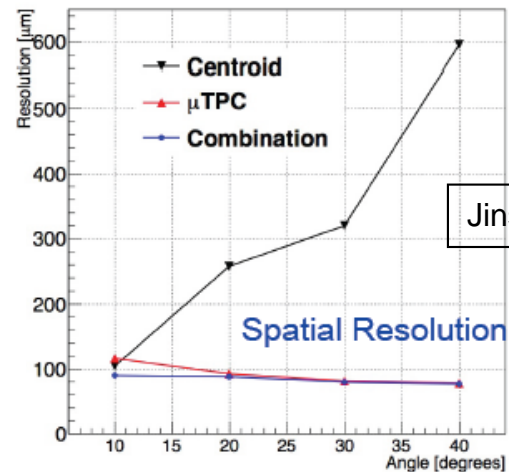
for a more powerful tracking

## MM operated in $\mu$ TPC mode

- Development in the context of ATLAS NSW

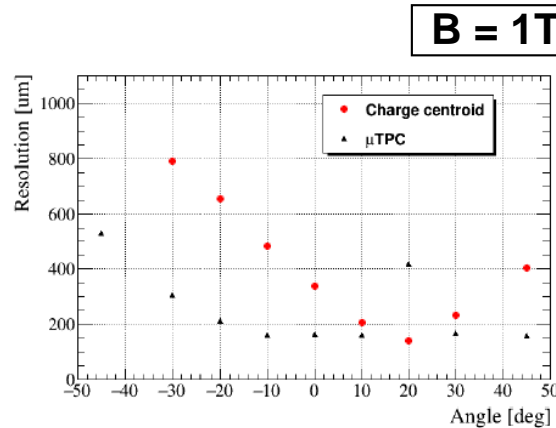
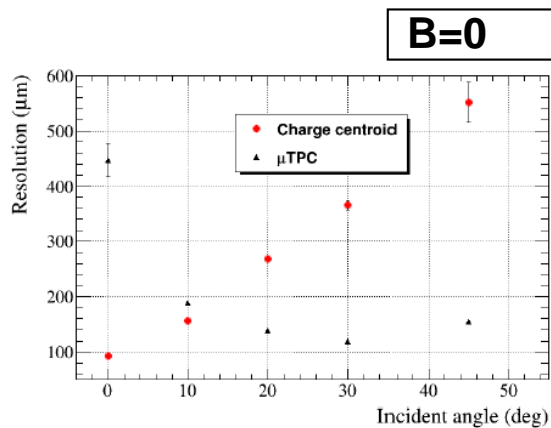


Single Segment Reconstruction in a Micromegas



Jinst10 (2015) C02026.

More recently a  $\mu$ TPC approach has been introduced also for GEMs



Jinst12 (2017) C07038



# MPGD trackers, performance

## MICROMEGAS

### Space resolution

- COMPASS,  $\sim 90\mu\text{m}$  (NIMA 577 (2007) 455)

### Time resolution

- COMPASS,  $\sim 9\text{ ns}$  (NIMA 577 (2007) 455).

### Gain

- COMPASS:  $G \sim 6400$  (NIMA 469 (2001) 133)
- T2K TPC:  $G \sim 1500$  (NIMA 637 (2011) 25)

### Material budget

- COMPASS,  $0.3\% X_0$  (NIMA 577 (2007) 455)

### Rate capability

- ATLAS-NSW **resistive**, lin. up to  $100\text{kHz}/\text{cm}^2$  (2013 JINST 8 C12007 )
- COMPASS **pixelated with GEM pre-amplification**, operated up to  $\sim 1 \cdot 10^5/\text{s}/\text{mm}^2$  (D. Neyret, MPGD2015)

## GEM

### Space resolution

- COMPASS,  $\sim 70\mu\text{m}$  (NIMA 577 (2007) 455)

### Time resolution

- COMPASS,  $\sim 12\text{ ns}$  (NIMA 577 (2007) 455)
- LHCb (**dedicated effort**)  $4.5\text{ ns}$  (NIMA 535 (2004) 319)

### Gain

- COMPASS,  $G \sim 8000$  (B. Ketzer, pr. comm.)
- LHCb,  $G \sim 4000$  (NIMA 581 (2007) 283)
- Phenix HBD:  $G \sim 4000$  (NIMA 646 (2011) 35)

### Material budget

- COMPASS,  $0.4\% X_0$  (NIMA 577 (2007) 455)
- COMPASS **pixelated**,  $0.2\% X_0$  (NP B PS 197 (2009) 113)

### Rate capability

- COMPASS **pixelated**, stable up to  $1.2 \cdot 10^5/\text{s}/\text{mm}^2$  (NP B PS 197 (2009) 113)

# THGEM (LEM), HOW and WHY

## PCB technology, thus:

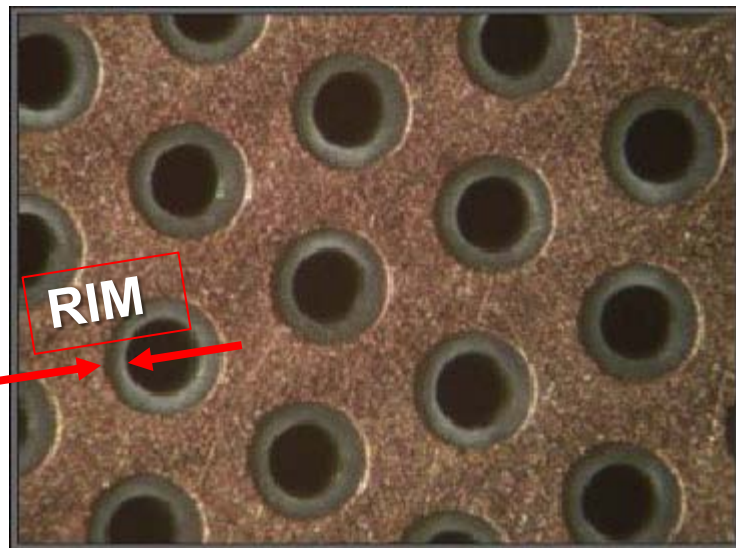
- robust
- mechanically self supporting
- industrial production of large size boards (1€/1k holes; 1-2 M holes/1m<sup>2</sup>)
- large gains have been immediately reported (**rim** !)

## Comparing to GEMs

- Geometrical dimensions X ~10
  - But e<sup>-</sup> motion/multiplic. properties do not!
  - Larger holes:
    - dipole fields and external fields are strongly coupled
    - e<sup>-</sup> diffusion plays a minor role

## About PCB geometrical dimensions:

Hole diameter :	0.2 - 1 mm
Pitch :	0.5 - 5 mm
Thickness :	0.2 - 3 mm

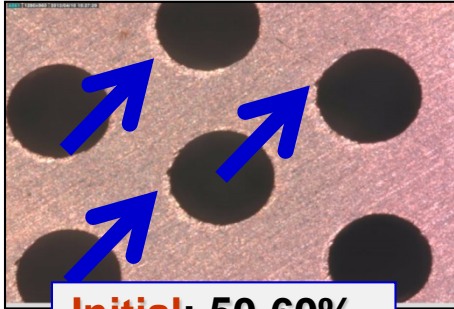


## introduced in // by different groups:

L. Periale et al., NIM A478 (2002) 377.  
P. Jeanneret, PhD thesis, Neuchatel U., 2001.  
P.S. Barbeau et al, IEEE NS50 (2003) 1285  
R. Chechik et al, NIMA 535 (2004) 303

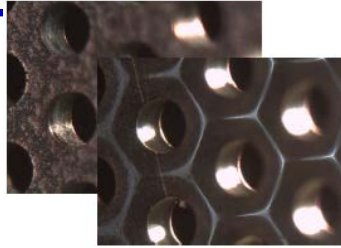
# THGEM CONSOLIDATION

polishing (Pumice Powder)  
ultrasonic bath (~1 h) @ 50-60 °C in  
Sonica



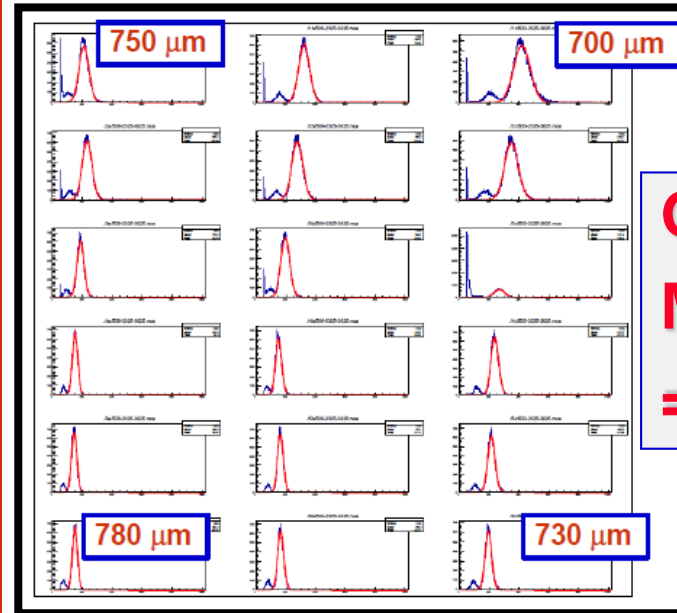
**Initial: 50-60%  
Paschen curve**

Polyurethane Treatment

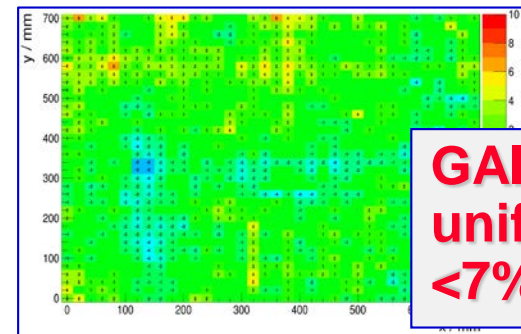


**Final: > 90%  
Paschen curve**

## Engineering aspects

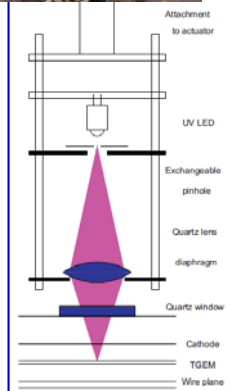


**GAIN  
Max/Min  
= 2.9**

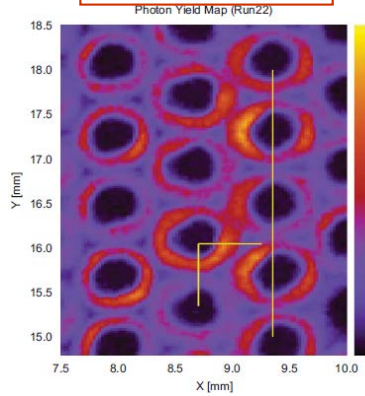


**GAIN  
uniformity  
<7% r.m.s.**

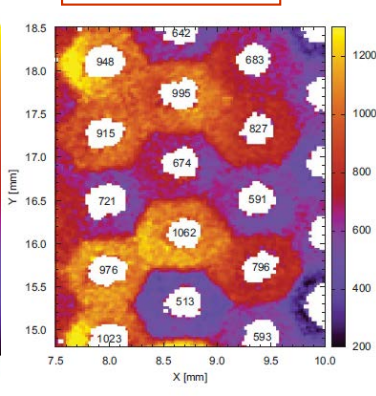
Selecting uniform of the fiberglass plates:  $\pm 15 \mu\text{m}$



**Efficiency map**



**Gain map**



G.Hamar and D. Varga, NIMA 694(2012)16

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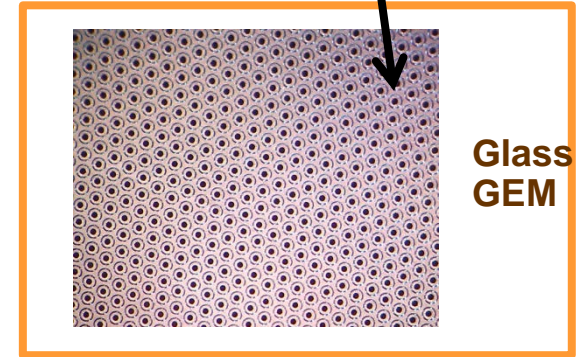
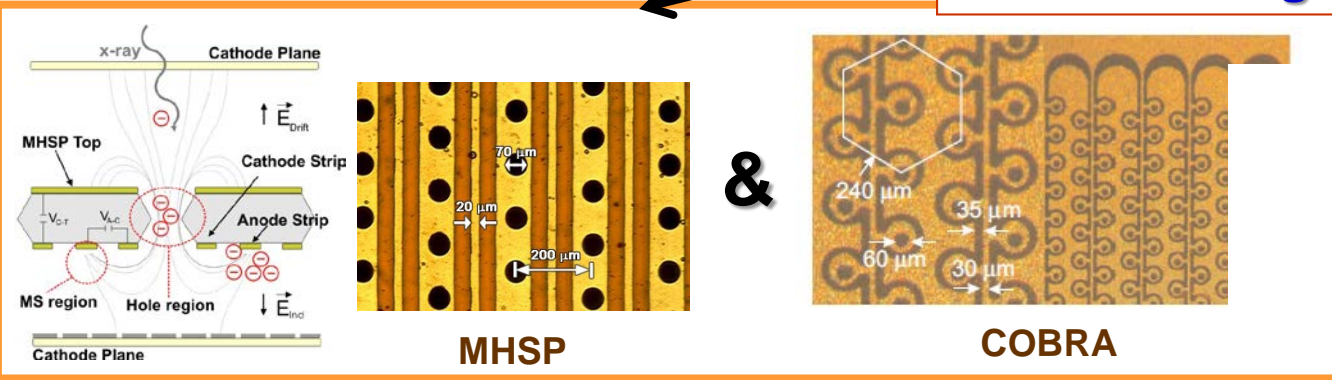
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# NOVEL ARCHITECTURES BY IMAGES

## (1) (TH)GEM-derived

Towards gas PMTs by

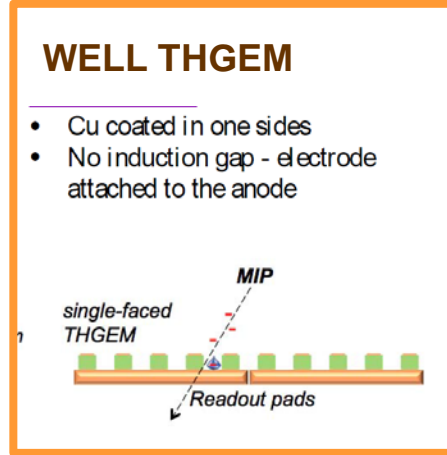
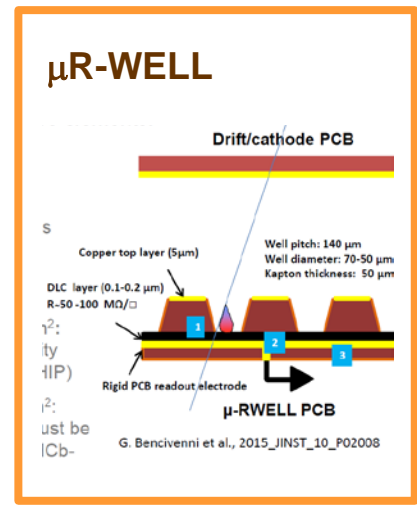
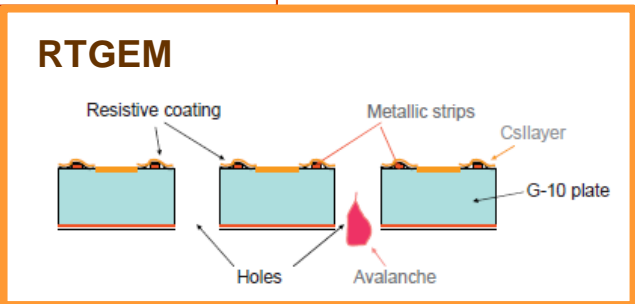
- Extremely reduced ( $\sim 10^{-4}$ ) IBF to PC
- Non outgassing materials



Limit the discharge damages



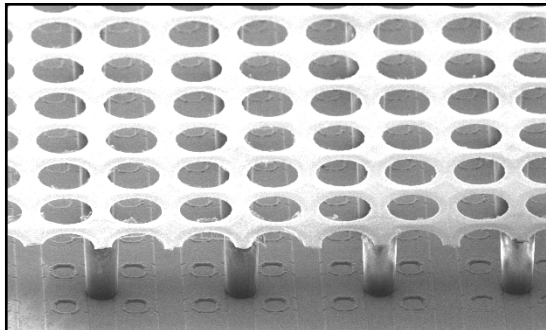
Re-GEM: electrodes by resistive kapton



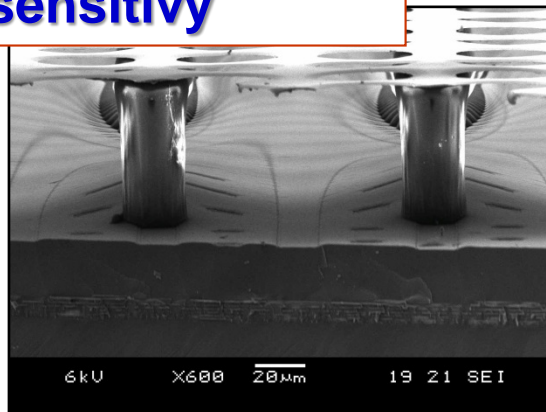
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## (2) MM-derived

Timepix chip + SiProt + Ingrid

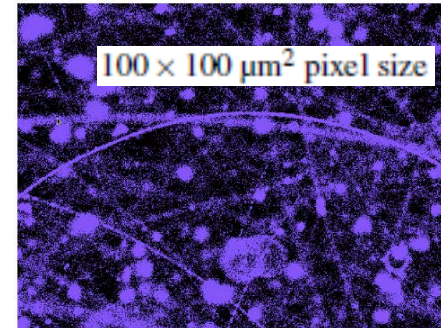
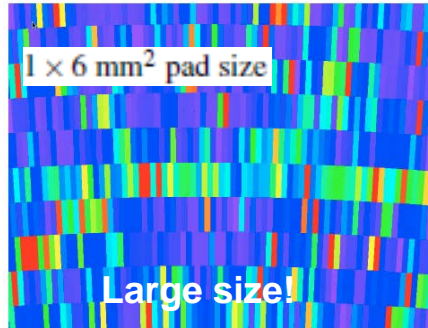


Single electron sensitivity



GRIDPIX

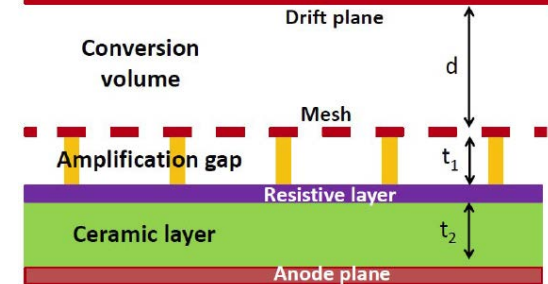
Simulations for CLIC, M. Killenberg, LCD-Note-2013-005



On-line Event display  
ILC-TPC proto

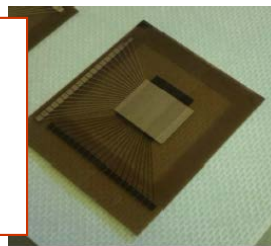


J. Kaminski @ MPGD2015



**Piggy Back:** read-out separated from the active volume

**Microbulk:**  
Low material budget,  
radioactive pure

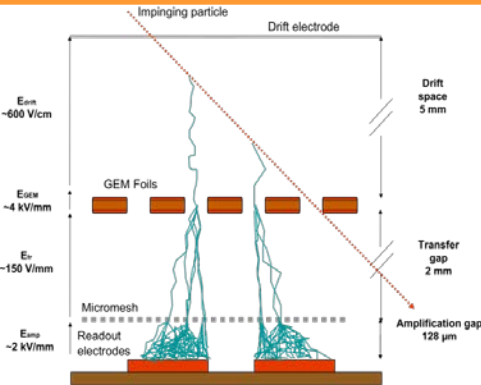
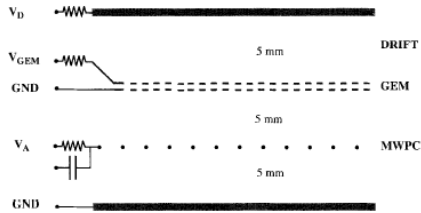


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## (3) hybrids

Since the beginning (Sauli et al.):

- GEM + MWPC,**
  - GEM + MSGD**
- (NIMA 396 (1997) 50)



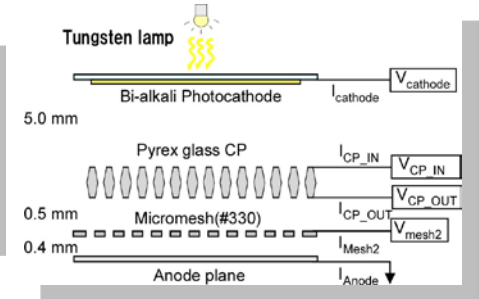
MM w GEM pre-amplification

**GEM pre-amplification:**  
control the discharge rate in tracking

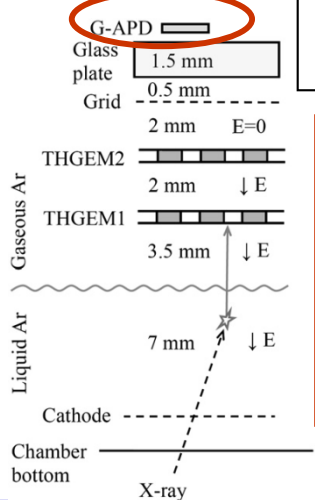
**Towards gas PMTs:**  
IBF control



**GAS PMT**

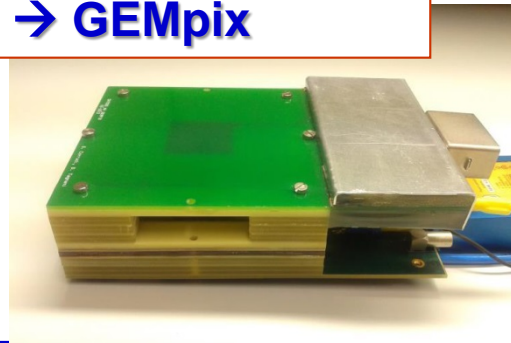


A. Bondaret al.,  
NIMA 628  
(2011) 364

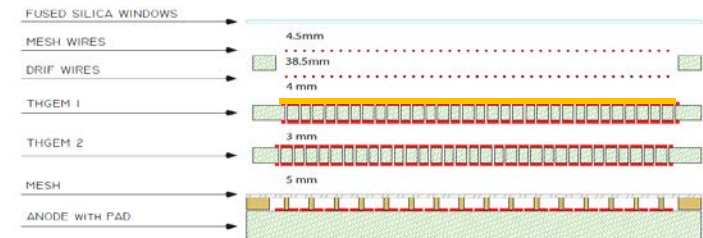


**THGEM + G-APD**  
Detect electroluminescent light

**GEM + medipix**  
→ **GEMPix**



**THGEM + MM**  
for single photodetection: IBF control

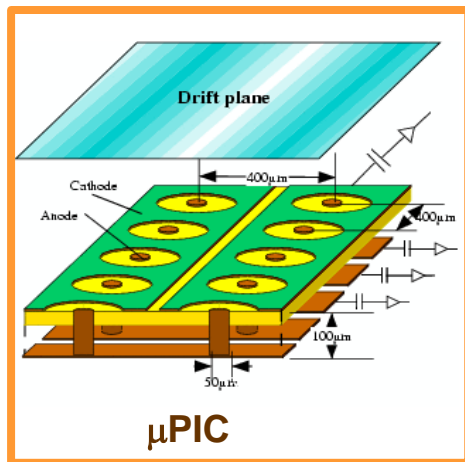


## (4) novel geometries

General purpose tracking: fundamental research & applications

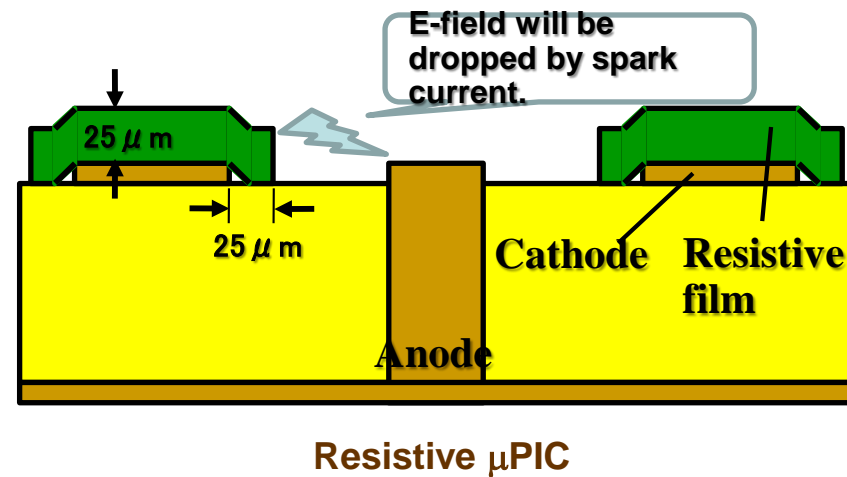
Motivation:

- use PCB technology for mass production,
- no floating structure



A.Ochi and T.Tanimori,  
NIMA 471 (2001) 264

Spark-tolerant structure



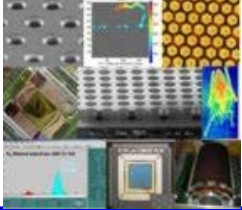


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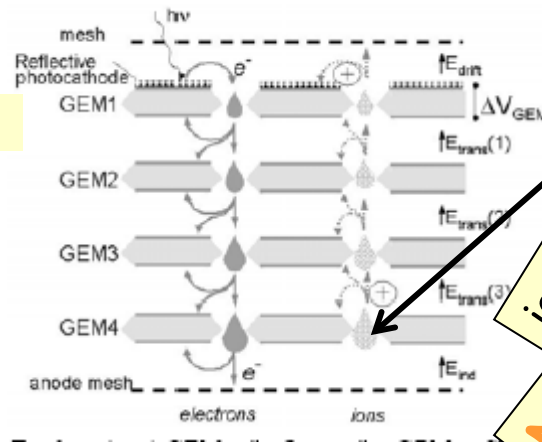
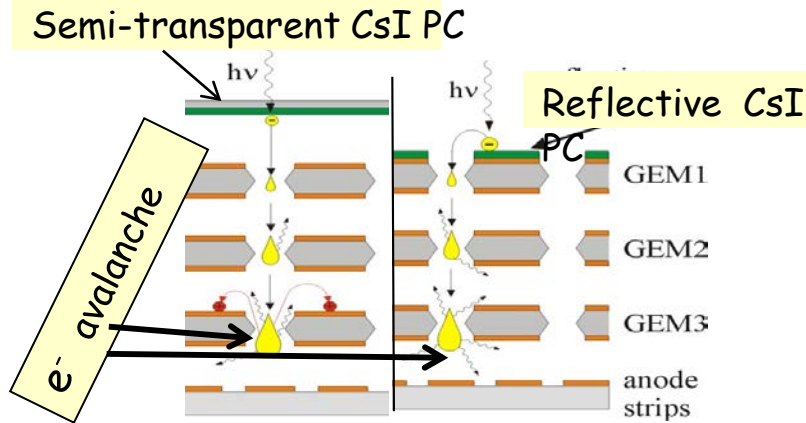
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# WHY PHOTON DETECTION BY MPGDs?



## ... first ideas

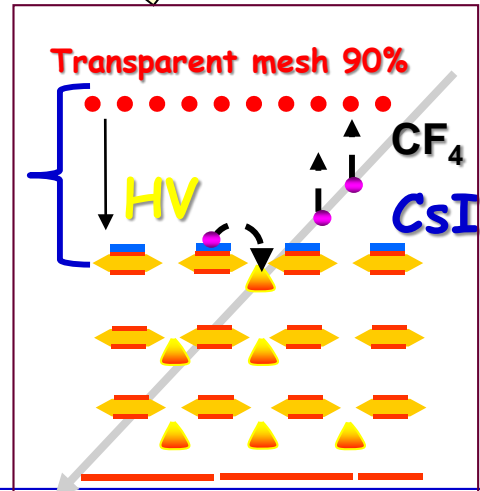
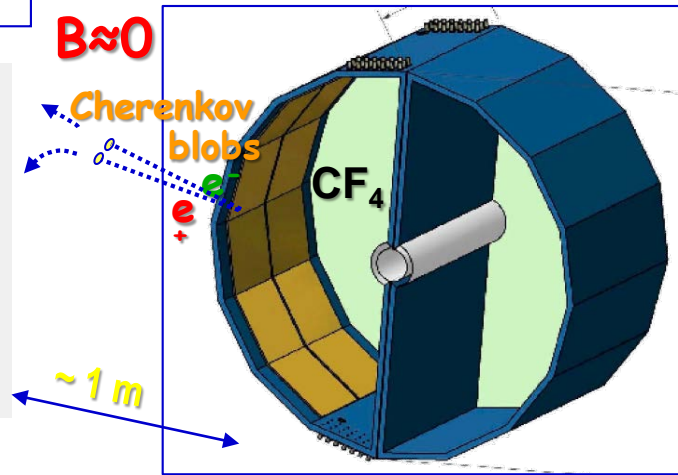


**ion avalanche**

**NO photon feedback**  
**Reduced ion feedback**  
**Signal by e motion: fast!**

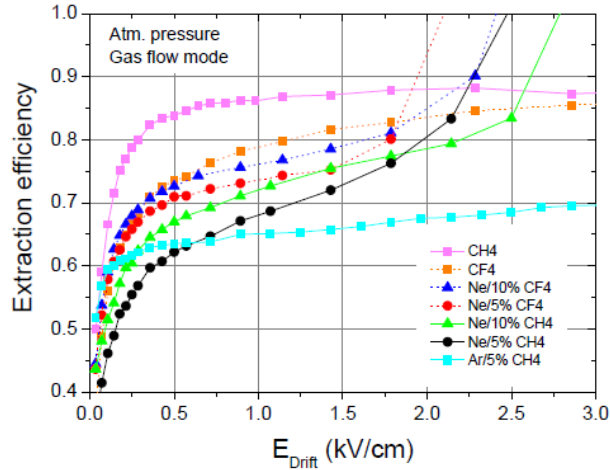
## ... and first application

**PHENIX HBD,**  
 a threshold Cherenkov  
 counter  
 (window-less)



# THE DILEMMA

C. D. R. Azevedo et al., 2010 *JINST* 5 P01002



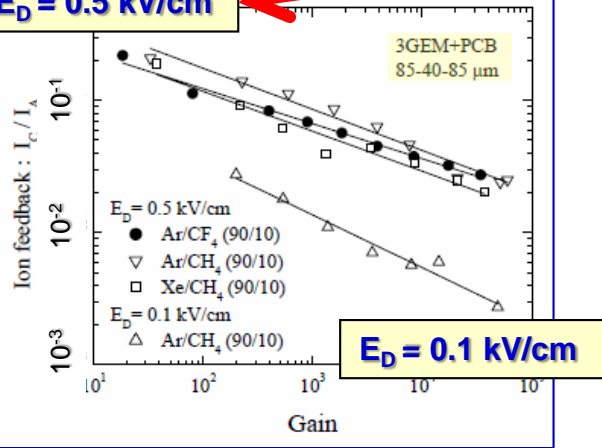
In front of the photocathode:

**$E > 0.5 - 1 \text{ kV/cm}$**   
 needed for effective  
 photoelectron extraction in gas  
 atmosphere

$E \sim 1 \text{ kV/cm}$  needed  
 for good photoelectron  
 extraction

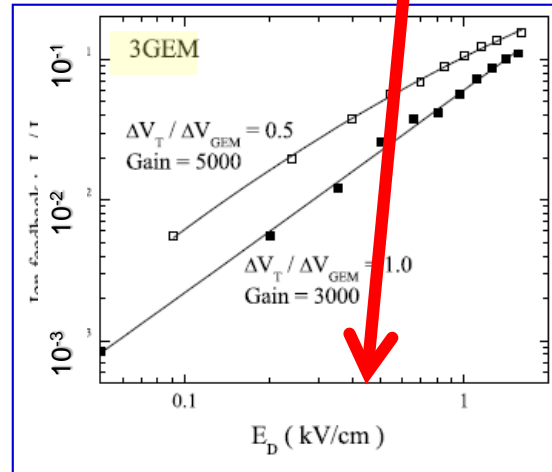
Tension between  
 the 2 requirements !

$E_D = 0.5 \text{ kV/cm}$



$E_D = 0.1 \text{ kV/cm}$

A. Bondar et al., NIMA 496 (2003) 325



A. Breskin et al., NIMA 478 (2002) 225d

When  $E > 0.5 - 1 \text{ kV/cm}$   
 in front of the photocathode,  
 then non negligible  
 Ion BackFlow (IBF)

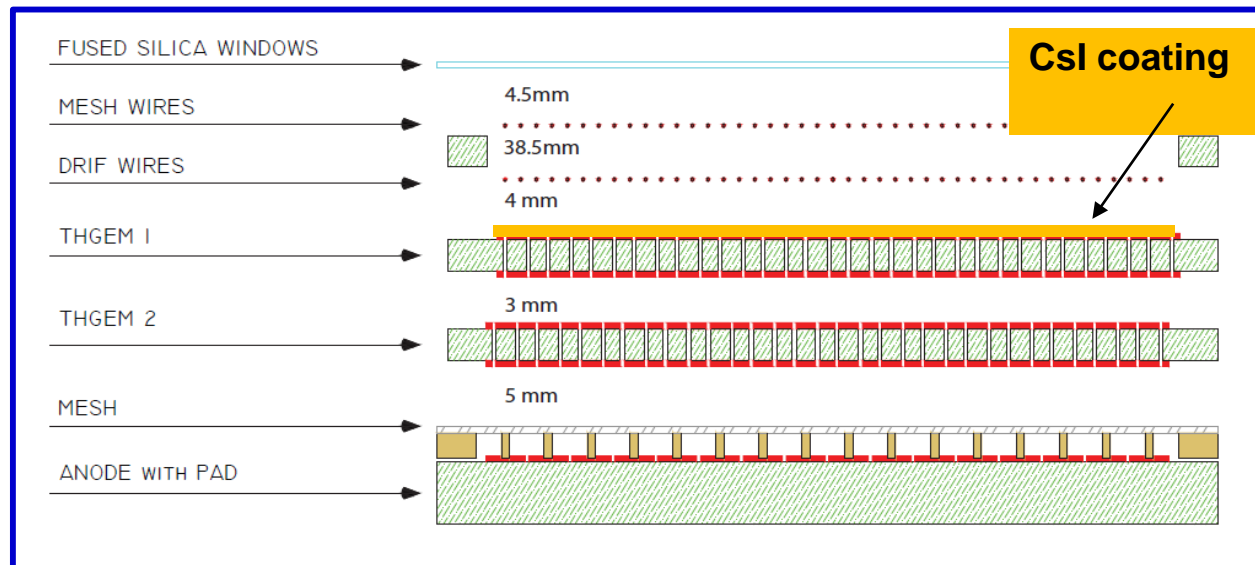
# THE DILEMMA and COMPASS RICH PDs

*Hybrid architecture (intrinsic MM IBF control) :*

2 THGEM layers +  
1 MICROMEAS (MM) stage

→ **IBF rate: 3%**

**in large size detectors ( $60 \times 60 \text{ cm}^2$ )**



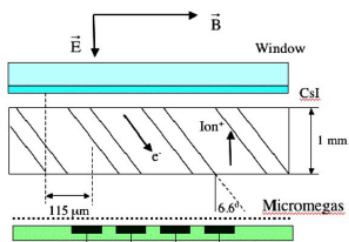
# GASEOUS PMTs

## ■ photocathodes for visible light

- Chemical reactivity (gas purity better than ppm level needed → UHV materials and sealed detectors)
- PC stability under ion bombardment - work function lower than CsI one
- AGEING CsI: -16% QE at  $25\mu\text{C}/\text{mm}^2$  F.Tokanai et al., NIMA 628 (2011) 190  
 Bilkaly: -20% QE at  $0.4\mu\text{C}/\text{mm}^2$  T.Moriya et al., NIMA 732 (2013) 263

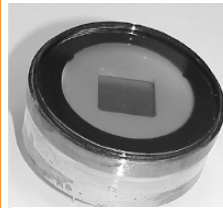
### By capillary plates

MCP coupled to Micromegas  
 Inclined to reduce more the IBF (tested with CsI)



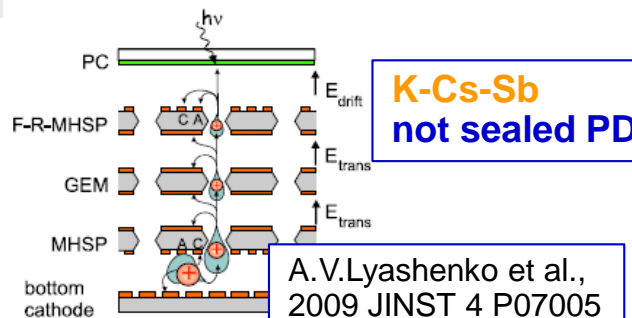
J.Va'vra and T. Sumiyoshi,  
 NIMA, 435 (2004) 334

### By GEMs



Multiple GEM sealed

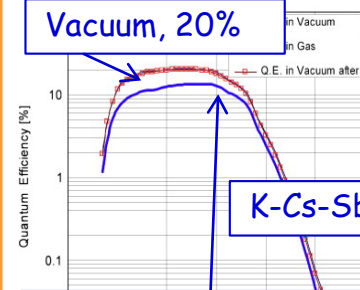
R.Chechik et al., NIMA  
 502 (2003) 195



**K-Cs-Sb**  
 not sealed PD

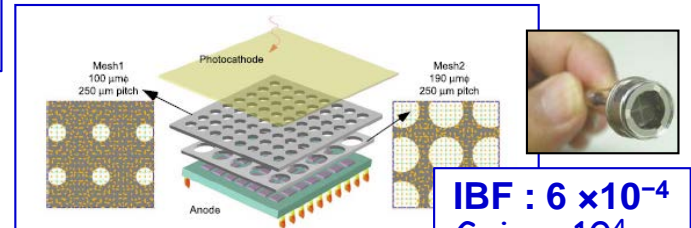
A.V.Lyashenko et al.,  
 2009 JINST 4 P07005

### By MMs



**In collaboration with HAMAMATSU, (now abandoned?)**

Ar (90%)+CH<sub>4</sub> (10%)  
 12% (stable) after 1.5 y F. Tokanai et al., NIMA 610 (2009) 164



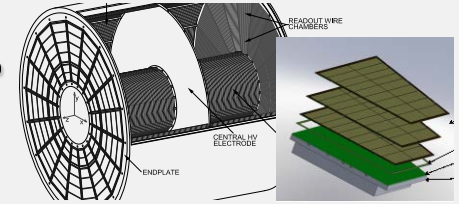
**IBF :  $6 \times 10^{-4}$**   
**Gain :  $10^4$**

F. Tokanai et al., NIMA (2014) in press

# TPC R-O, ONCE MORE IBF PRESCRIPTIONS

## ALICE TPC

IBF modifies the electric field in front of the detector  
 → Distorted information (in particular at high rates)



### Requirements for ALICE TPC:

- IBF < 1% at Gain = 2000 →  $\epsilon$  (=IBF × G) = 20
- Preserve good dE/dx measurement

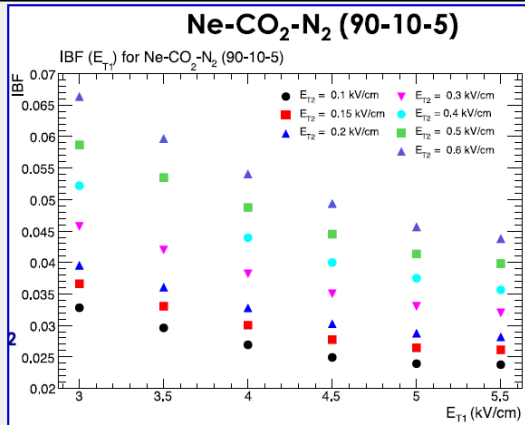
Conflicting requirements!

### MPGDs considered:

- use 4 layers alternating standard(S) and Large Pitch (LP) GEMs
- Selected option:  
 IBF = 0.6%     $\sigma_E/E \approx 9.5\%$

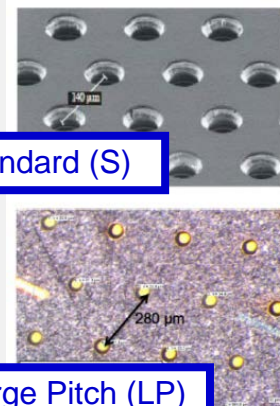
Hybrid:  
 • 2 GEM + 1 MM

IBF ≈ 2.5% with 3-GEM in Ne-CO<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>2</sub>



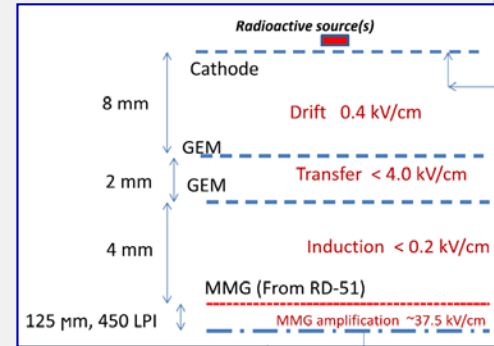
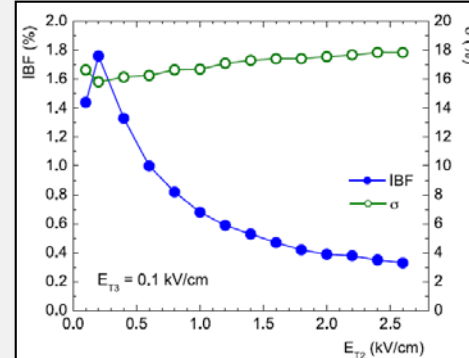
Standard (S)

Large Pitch (LP)



A. Mathis, MPGD2015

Baseline solution with S-LP-LP-S



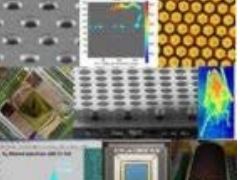
IBF < 0.2% using 3 component gas mixtures

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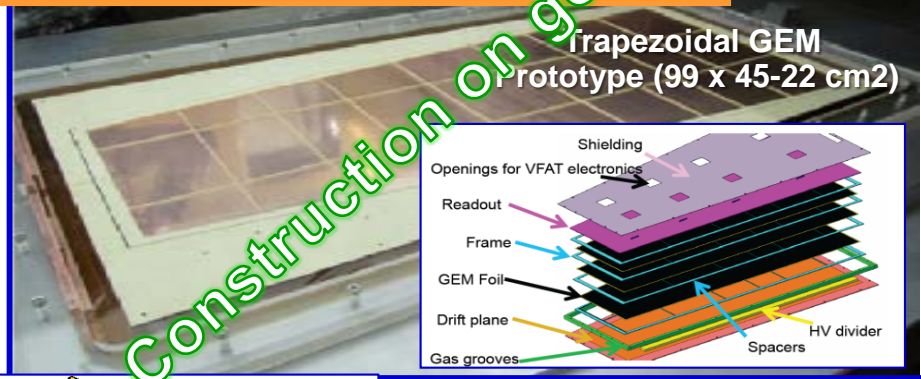
# MPGDs & UPGRADE OF CERN EXPERIMENTS



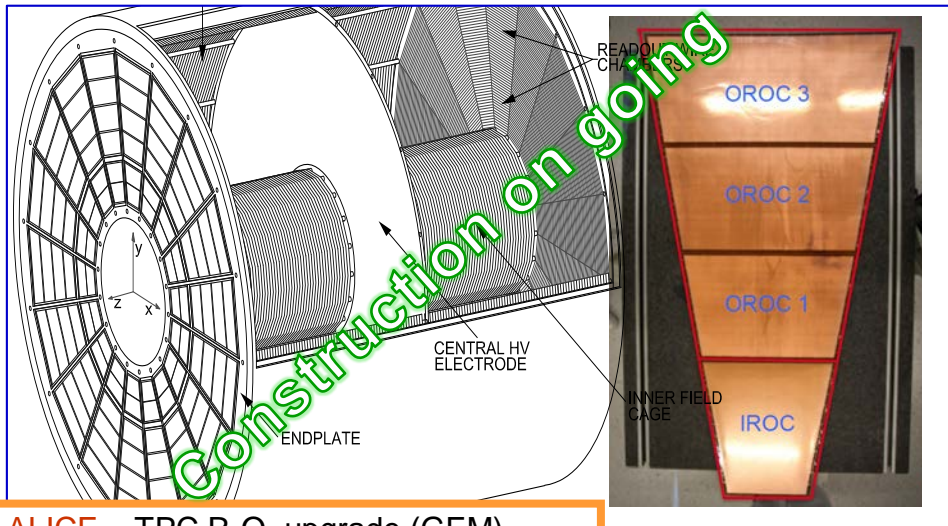
Construction on going

**CMS** – forward muon spectrometer (GEM)  
 Goal:  $\sim 1.2 \times 2 \text{ m}^2$   
**1000 m<sup>2</sup> of GEM foils**, tracking & trigger

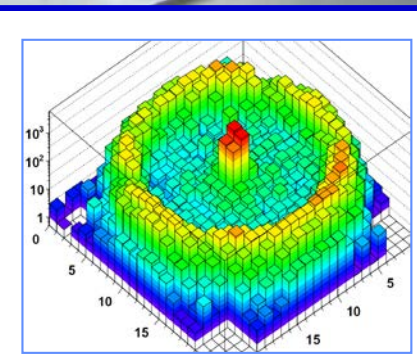
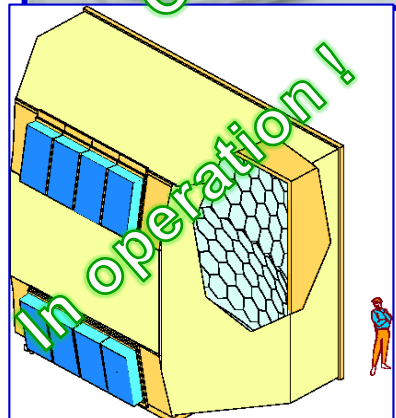
**ATLAS** – NSW project (MM)  
 Detector size:  $\sim 1 \times 2.5 \text{ m}^2$   
**New Small Wheel, ATLAS muon system, 1200 m<sup>2</sup>**, tracking & trigger



Construction on going



Construction on going



In operation!

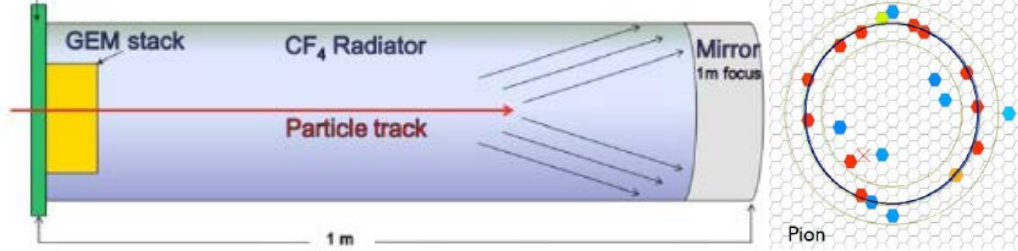
**COMPASS RICH-1 upgrade**  
 Hybrid MPGD-based photon detectors  
**4.5 m<sup>2</sup> of MPGD multipliers (THGEM, MM)**

**ALICE** – TPC R-O, upgrade (GEM)  
 size:  $\sim .9 \times 1.6 \text{ m}^2$   
**130 m<sup>2</sup> of GEM foils**

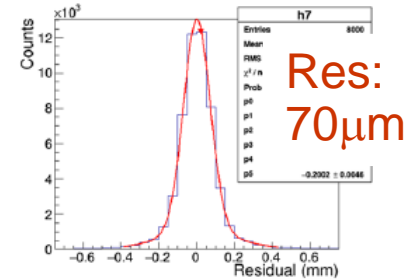
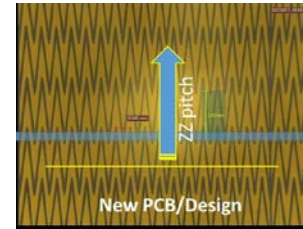


# MPGD R&D for EIC

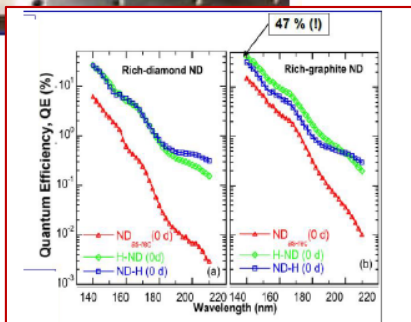
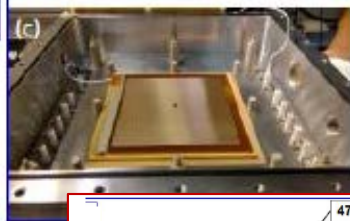
**Quintuple GEM** photon detector for a windowless gaseous RICH



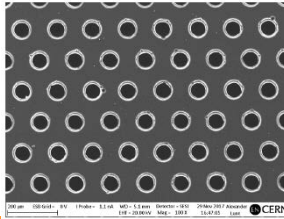
**Zigzag GEM read-out** for low channel count preserving fine space resolution in TPC r-o



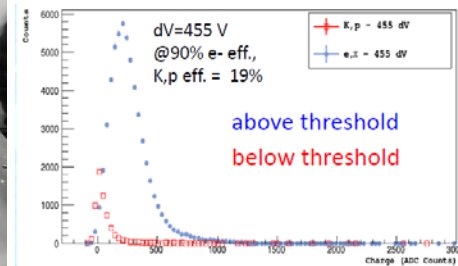
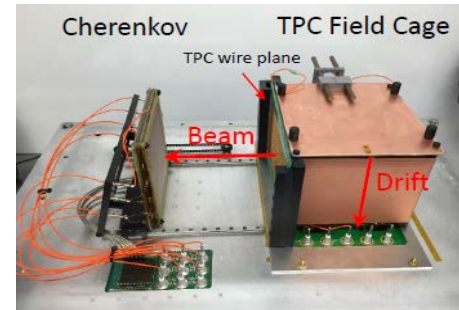
**RICH r-o** with hybrid MPGDs with miniaturized pads and novel nanodiamond photoconverter



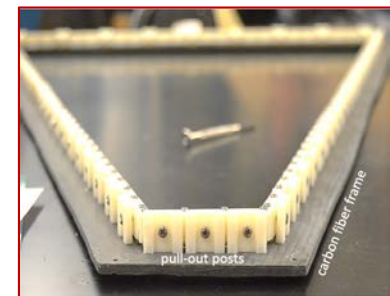
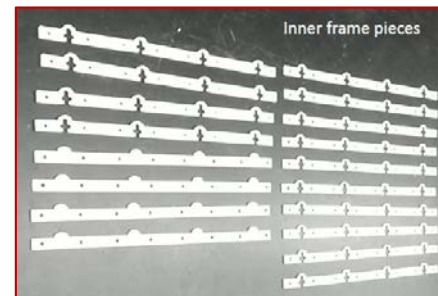
Low material-budget with **ultra-low mass Chromium GEM foils**



Extended e-PID with a **GEM-based Cherenkov TPC**



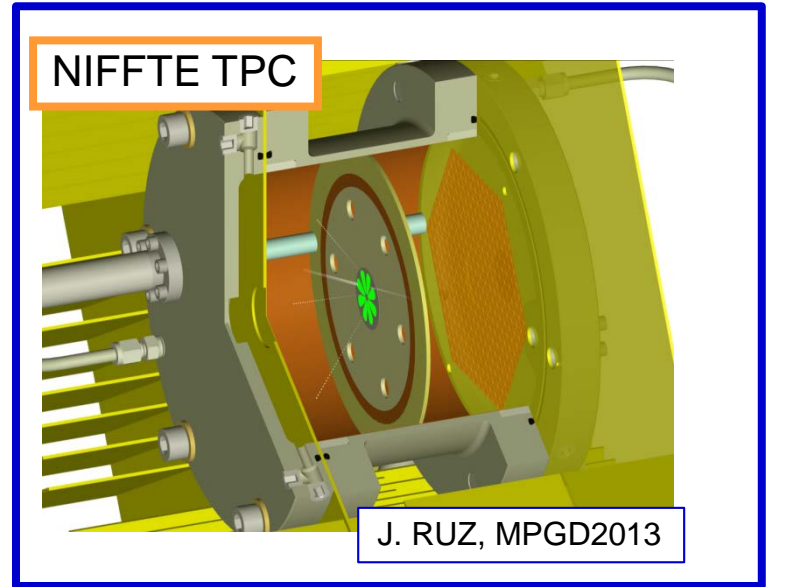
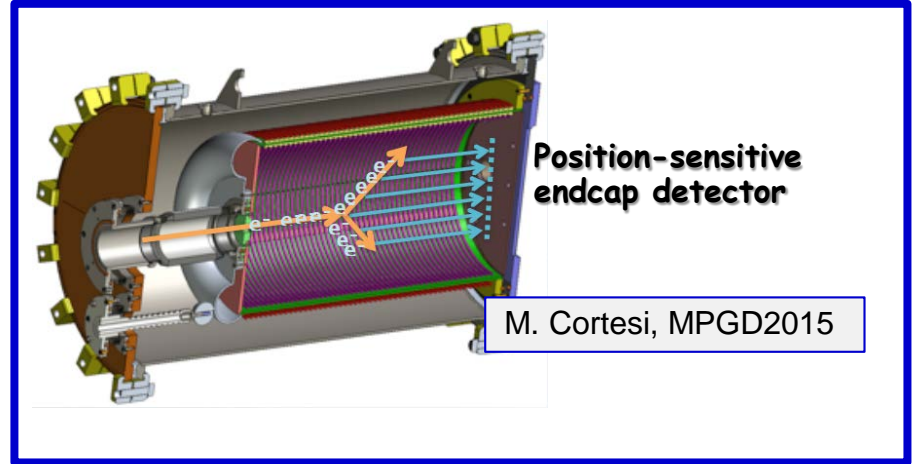
**Large-size GEM** detectors with low-mass low-cost 3-D ABS printed components



# MPGDs in LOW ENERGY NUCLEAR PHYSICS

**HYBRID MPGD (THGEM + MM) operated  
IN LOW-PRESSURE H, D, He,  
FOR Active Target -TPC  
@ National Superconducting  
Cyclotron Facility (NSCL), MICHIGAN**

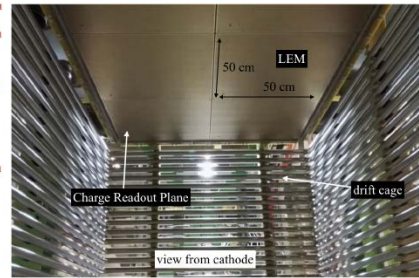
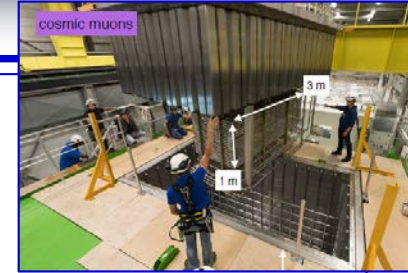
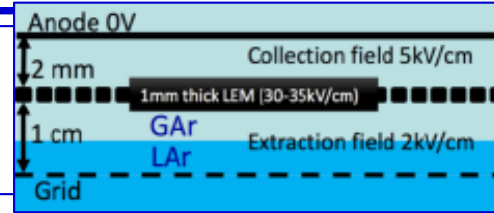
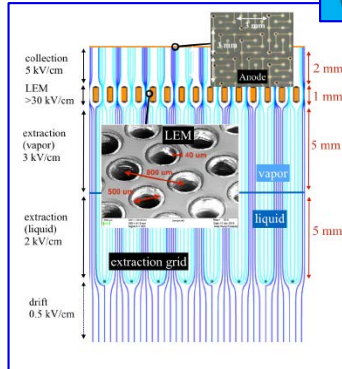
**Neutron Induced Fission Fragment  
Tracking Experiment (NIFTE) is a  
double-sided TPC with micromegas  
readout designed to measure the  
energy-dependent neutron-induced  
fission cross sections of the major  
and minor actinides at Los Alamos LANSCE**



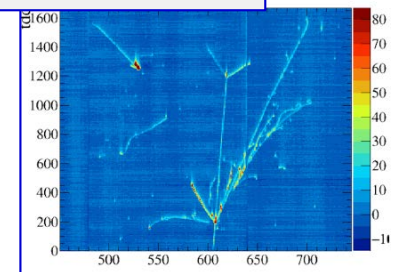
# MPGDs & DETECTION OF RARE EVENT

## WA105 (3x1x1 m<sup>3</sup> LAr prototype) (LBNO-DEMO)

- double phase for read-out by LEMs (THGEM)
- Top: 50 x 50 cm<sup>2</sup> LEMs, 2-D anode
- PMT plane, bottom

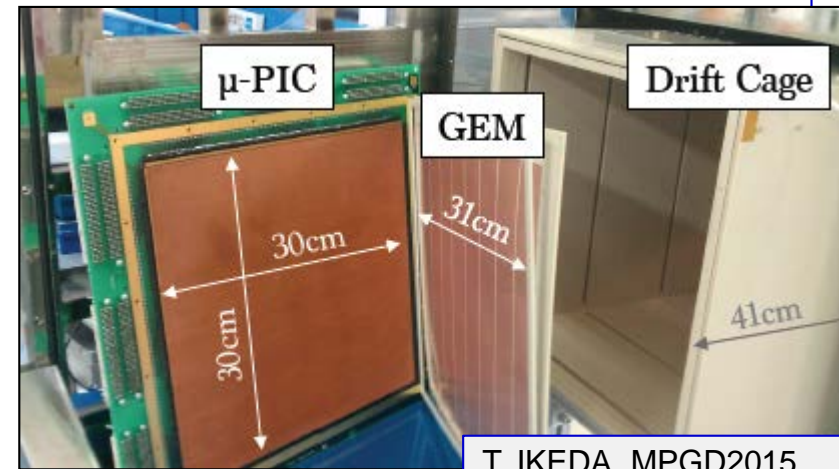


event by cosmic



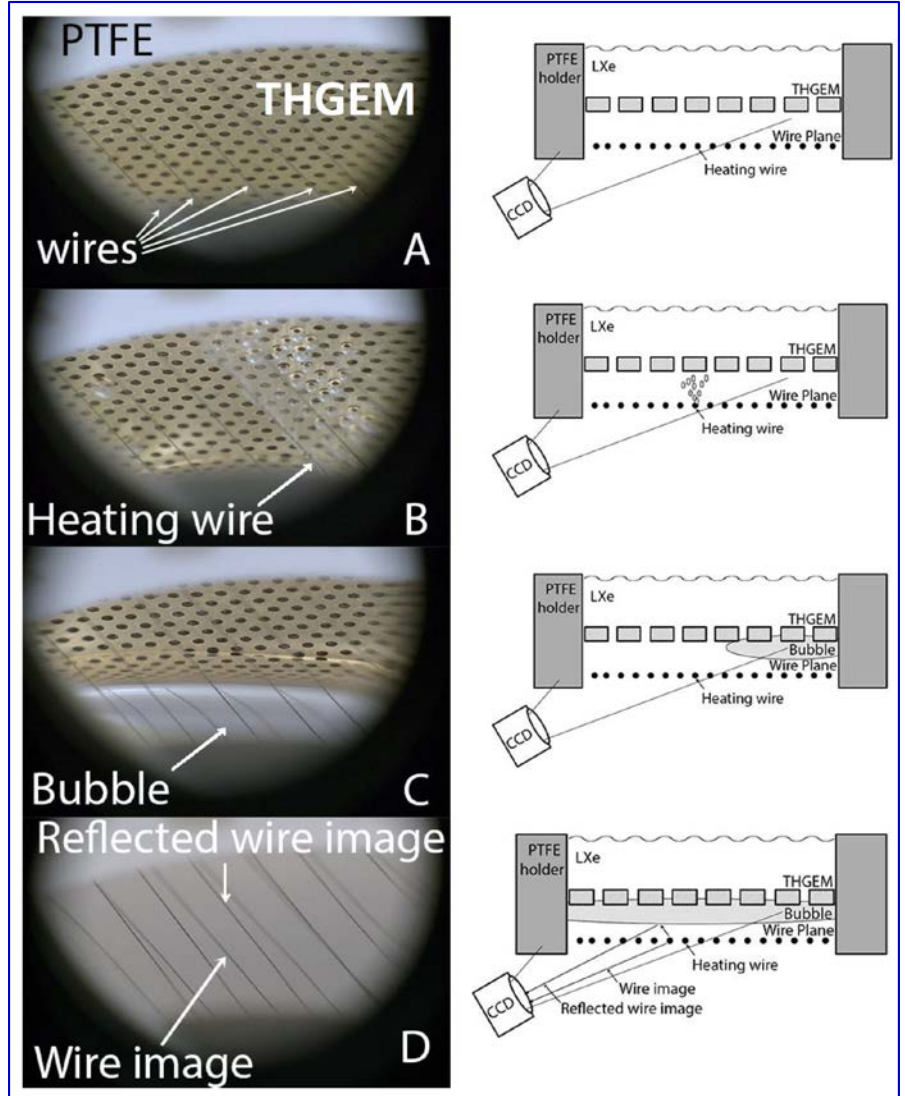
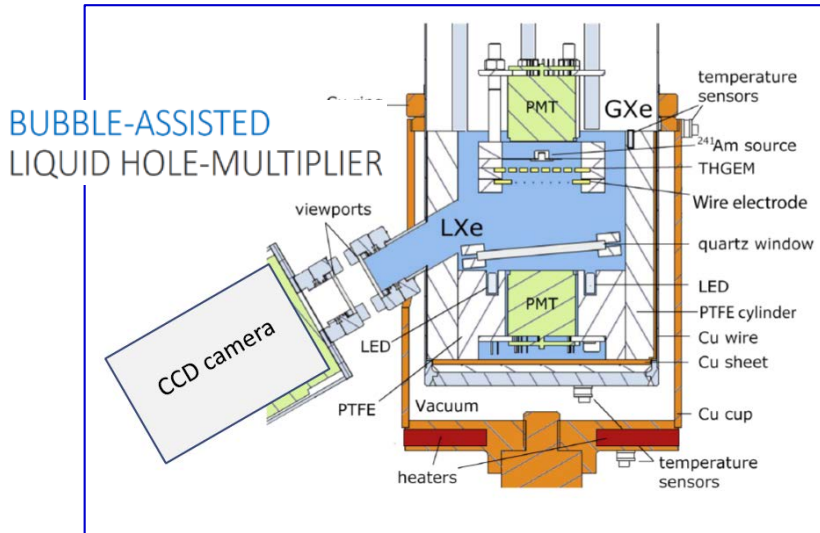
## NEWAGEO Detector @ Kamioka mine

- Negative-Ion TPC using  $\mu$ -PIC + GEM for Directional Dark Matter search
- Absolute z to define the fiducial volume (background rejection)
- Self-triggering: absolute z from 2 measured times: ions & e-
- Gases under study: CS<sub>2</sub>, SF<sub>6</sub>



# MPGDs operated in LXe

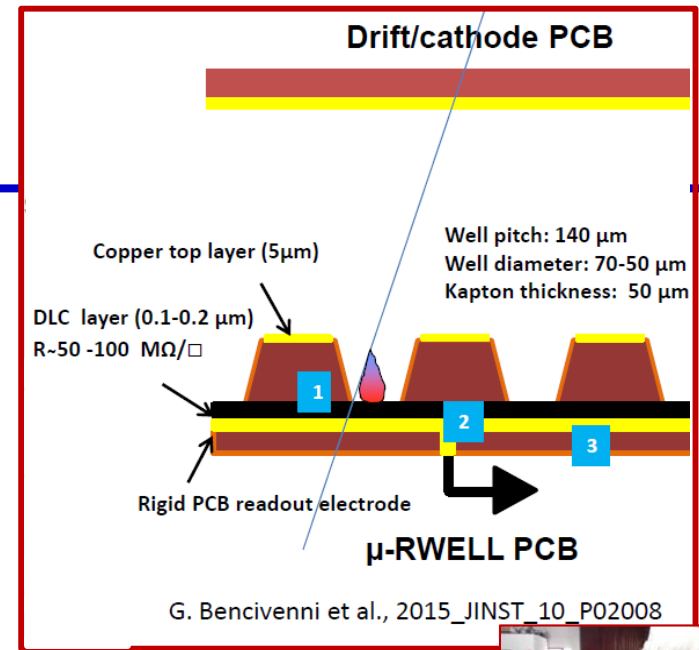
## THGEMs for rare event noble liquid detectors



# $\mu$ R-WELL

## Compact, single amplification stage

- Thanks to the resistive plane:
  - very reliable
  - almost completely *discharge-free*
  - adequate for high particle rates  $O(1\text{MHz}/\text{cm}^2)$  thanks to the *segmented-resistive-layer*
- performance:
  - gain  $\geq 10^4$
  - rate capability  $> 1 \text{ MHz}/\text{cm}^2$
  - space resolution  $< 60 \mu\text{m}$
  - time resolution  $< 6 \text{ ns}$



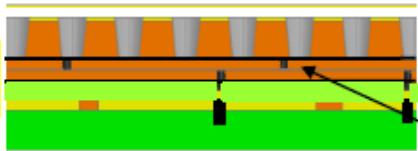
## Perspectives

single-resistive layer (moderate-rate):

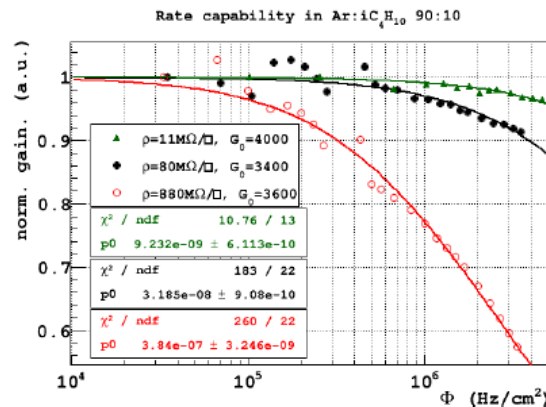
- Quickly progressing towards large-size (ind. Partners: ELTOS, MDT)

double-resistive layer (high rate):

- suitable for LHCb-Muon upgrade

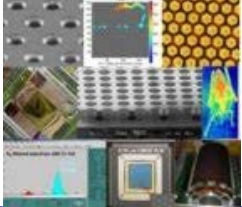


High rate version:  
Double resistive layer and multiple connections



Rate capability up to  $10^7 \text{ Hz}/\text{cm}^2$

# n DETECTION



**PRESENT**



D20 diffractometer @ILL, MSGD

F. Murtas, MPGD2013

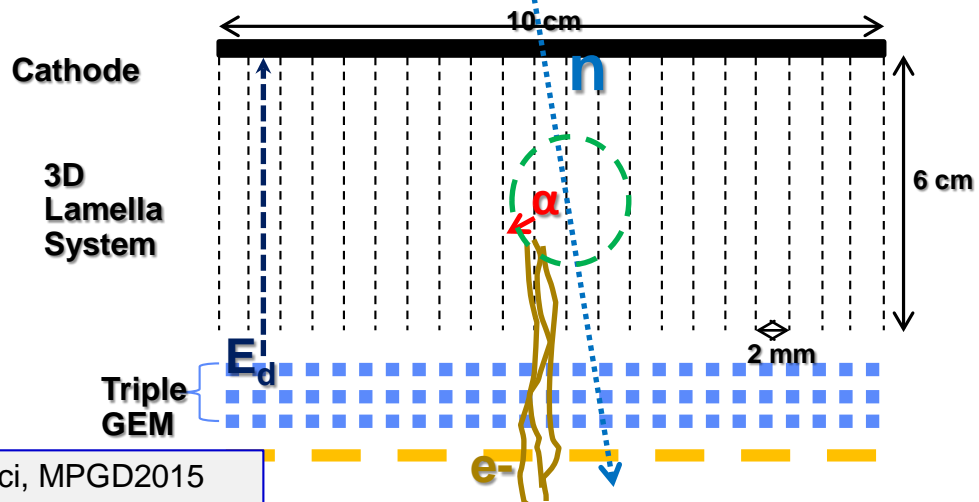


Neutron GEM (@ ISIS)

**FUTURE**

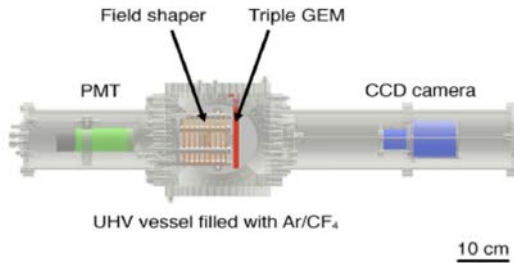
**The BAND-GEM detector for ESS:**

**Lamelle with  $^{10}\text{B}_4\text{C}$  coating**



G. Croci, MPGD2015

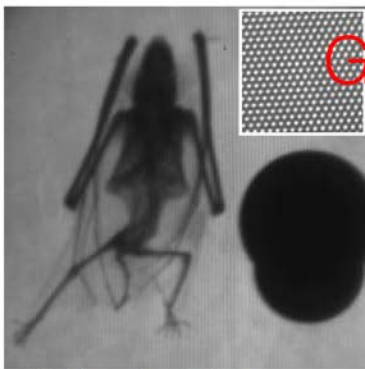
# GEM OPTICAL READ-OUT



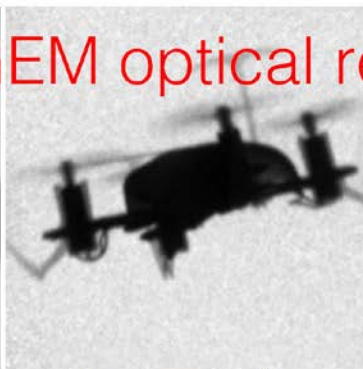
Camera → 2D projection of the track

PMT → Projection of the track in 3rd dimension

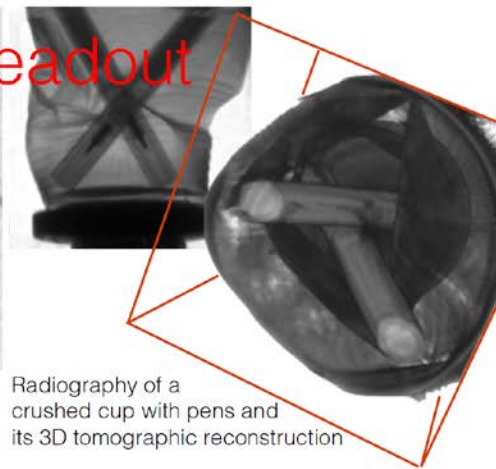
## GEM optical readout



Radiography of a bat and closeup of the GEM holes



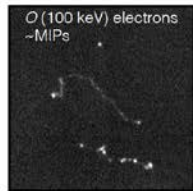
Freeze-frame of an X-ray movie of a flying drone



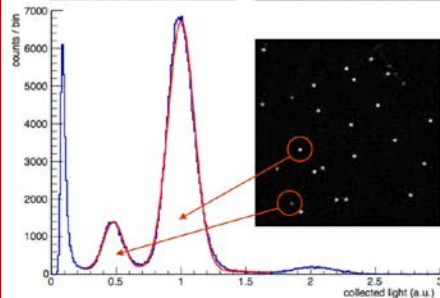
Radiography of a crushed cup with pens and its 3D tomographic reconstruction



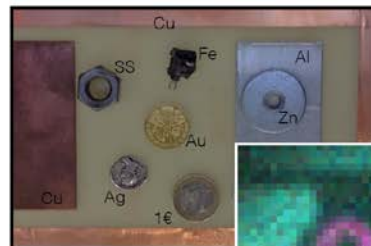
Alphas from  $^{220}\text{Rn}$  decay and its daughter  $^{216}\text{Po}$



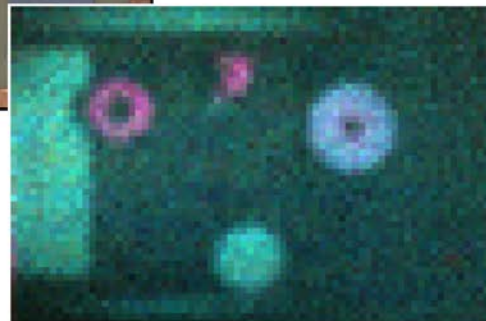
O (100 keV) electrons ~MIPs



Single X-rays from  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  and the energy spectrum extracted from the images



Visible picture of a painting and its X-ray fluorescence image. Different colours refer to different materials (energy resolved)



MIPGD-RDST

## TECHNOLOGY BRIEF



Find out more at [kt.cern](http://kt.cern) or [Tiago.Araujo@cern.ch](mailto:Tiago.Araujo@cern.ch)

### Optical readout system for gas-based detectors

By coupling CERN's Gaseous Electron Multiplier (GEM) detector technology with a Charge-Coupled Device (CCD) camera, CERN's optical readout system can record the light emitted during the electron avalanche using the detector as a scintillating plate.

#### Features

- Sensitive to: charged particles; X-rays (1-15keV, extendable), neutrons
- Single events down to MIPs
- Radiography - imaging and energy resolved
- Fluoroscopy and Fluorescence - imaging and energy resolved

#### Applications

- UV imaging, Neutron Imaging,  $\gamma$ -imaging
- X-ray crystallography - possibly over large surfaces
- Spatially resolved X-ray fluorescence - e.g., artworks in order to unveil underlying paintings over large surfaces
- 3D Medical Imaging - e.g., small animals or targeted anatomy (mammography)

#### Benefits of Working with CERN

- Outputs of the world's leading scientific research institute
- Research-developed and experimentally-validated technologies
- World-class infrastructures and facilities
- Possibility of using CERN labels for your branding and marketing

muon and $\delta$ -ray	Acquisition (<1 s) no processing time	CT and 3D imaging	IP Status: Patented
Technology Readiness Level: First generation Prototype			Technology Domain: Detector technology

# Measurements of $^{55}\text{Fe}$ in Radioactive Waste with GEMPix

## Radioactive waste treatment

- CERN needs to treat considerable amounts (several hundreds of  $\text{m}^3$  per year)
  - Cables, magnets, concrete blocks, targets, detector components, steel supports, ...
- **Large fraction: metallic waste**  $\rightarrow$   $^{55}\text{Fe}$
- Radiological characterisation necessary for treatment

## Radiological analysis: $^{55}\text{Fe}$

- Current Swiss exemption limit: **30 Bq/g**  
 $\rightarrow$  will be increased to 1 kBq/g
- Standard method: **radiochemical analysis**, performed by external companies, 2-month delay for results



## Sample preparation

The sample is reduced to a powder with a milling machine (to reduce background from sample)



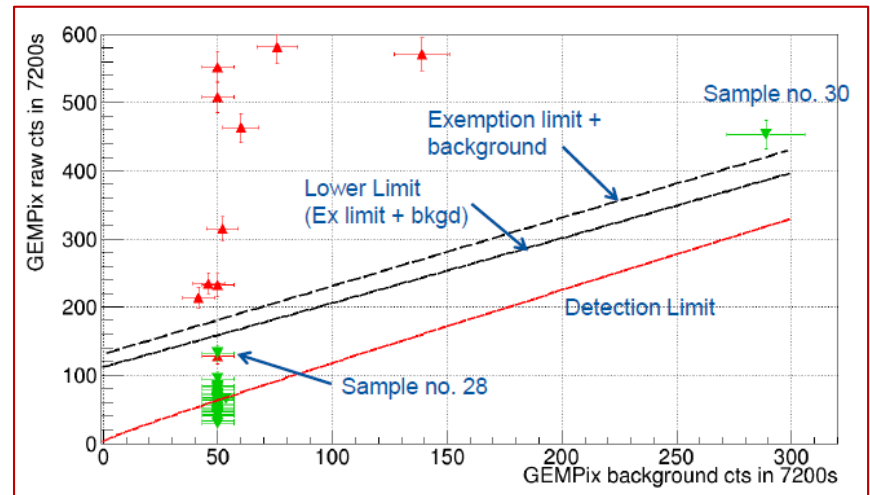
Filtered with a mesh

The sample is inserted below the detector for the measurement



The powder is attached to a double tape in a small plastic box of  $3 \times 3 \text{ cm}^2$  size

## 2-h measurements: GEMPix has adequate sensitivity



F.Murtas, M.Silari, J.Leidner, J.Alozy, M Campbell



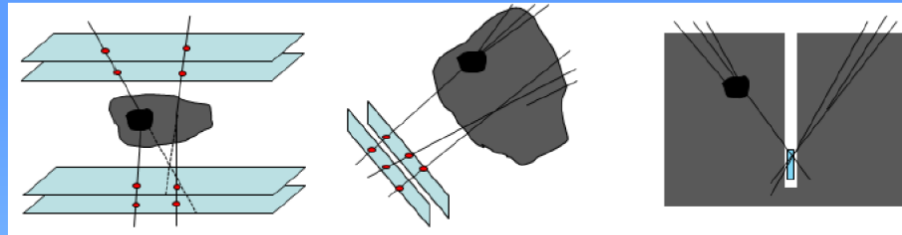
# Muography of Pyramids with MICROMEAS

## Muography principle

Applications: volcanology, archeology, civil engineering, nuclear reactor monitoring

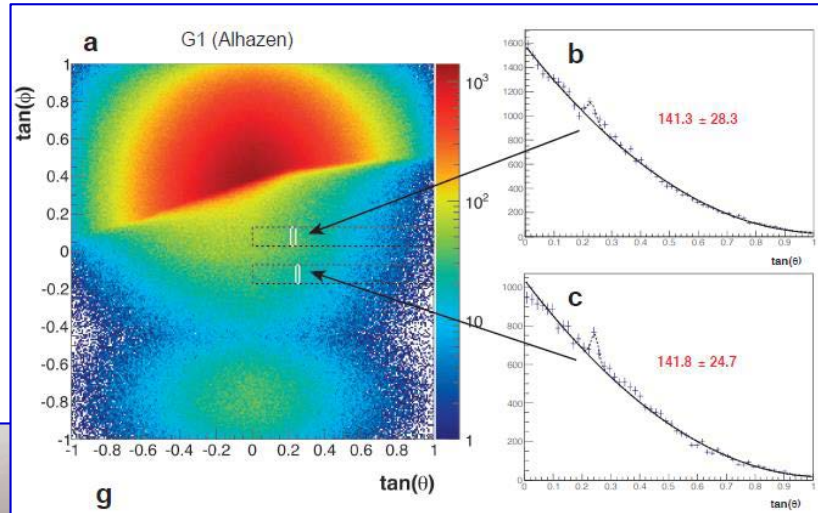
• Multiple scattering

• Energy loss



Deviation

Transmission (& Absorption)



**Discovery of a big void in Khufu's Pyramid by observation of cosmic-ray muons**

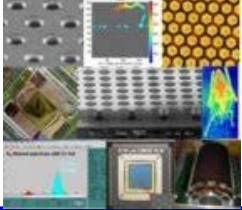
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# OUTLOOK

- INTRODUCTION
- RD51
- MPGD TECHNOLOGIES
  - PRINCIPAL ARCHITECTURES
  - NOVEL ARCHITECTURES
  - NOT ONLY TRACKING
- MPGD-RELATED ACTIVITIES
  - APPLICATIONS
  - FRONTIER R&D
- **CONCLUSIONS**

*All subjects illustrated by examples:  
a fully comprehensive review is impossible!*



# MPGDs & RD51

- **MPGDs: born within HEP, now required for rare event physics and low energy nuclear physics**
- **Applications beyond fundamental research**
  - **Already facts!**
  - **A part the Geiger counter, **for the first time** gaseous detectors leave labs to match society requirements**
- **RD51, a fundamental ingredient of MPGD success:**
  - **Development and consolidation of technologies**
  - **Support, cultural and by tools/infrastructure**
  - **4 $\pi$  action for dissemination**
    - **Schools, thematic workshops, academy-industry matching events, conferences, successful use in experiments**
  - **An advanced model of information/know-how transfer in a genuine world-wide networking**