

Thick-GEM sampling element for DHCAL: First beam tests & more

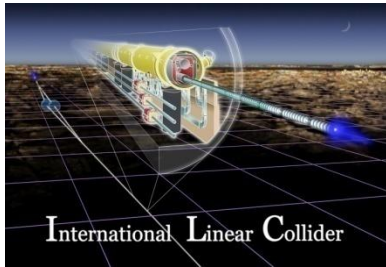
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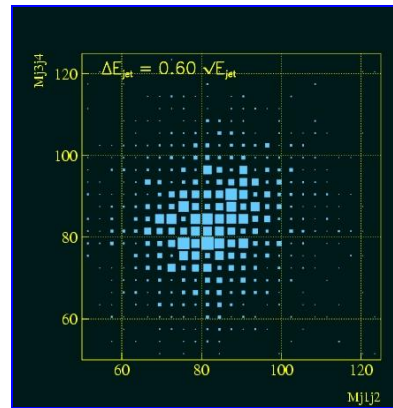
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Digital Hadron Calorimetry for ILC



International Linear Collider
Precision studies of new physics

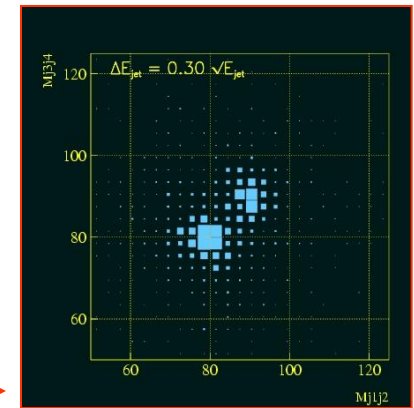
ILC: Separate W,Z boson masses on event-by event basis



← **60%/√E**

Best JET resolution with traditional calorimetry

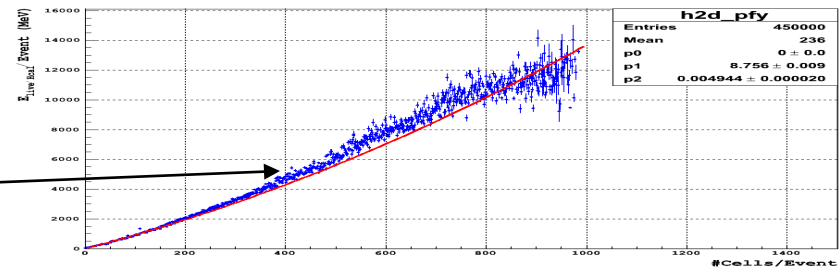
Need 30%/√E →



Generally need $\sigma/E_{jet} \sim 3-4\%$

Digital calorimetry

associate “hits” with charged tracks, remove hits, measure neutrals in calorimeter using **hits vs. energy**



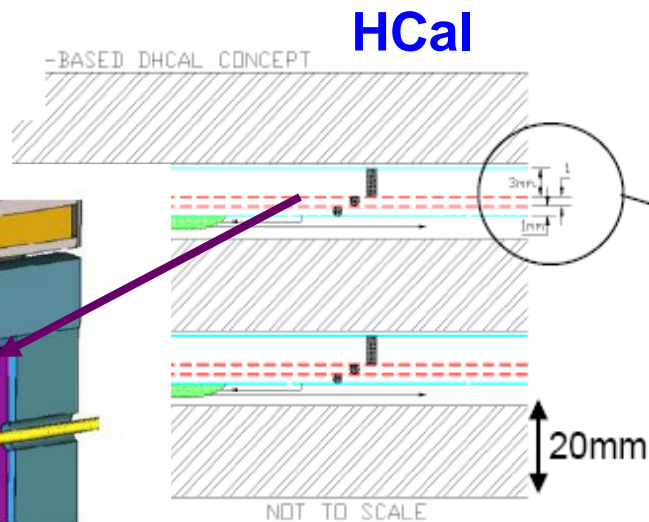
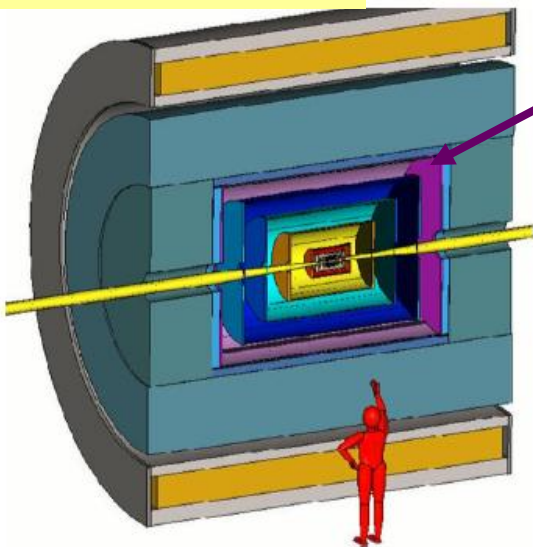
Particle Flow Algorithms now achieve the required energy resolution!

Requires thin, efficient, highly segmented, compact, robust medium,
(**competitors: D-GEM, Micromegas, RPC, THGEM**)

New concept for DHCAL: THGEM

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General detector scheme



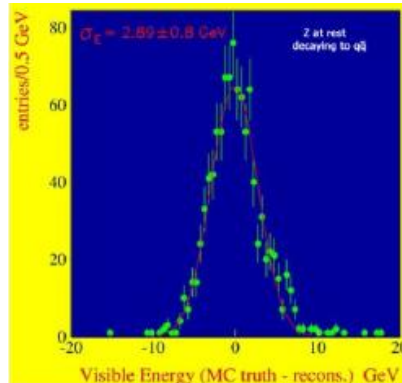
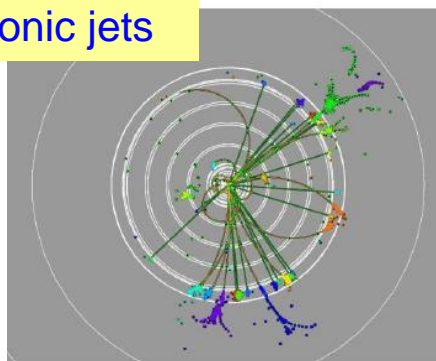
D-GEMs @ UTA:
1m² in process

~6.5mm

2 sampling layers (out of 40) with THGEM-based elements

Sampling jets + advanced pattern recognition algorithms
→ Very **high-precision jet energy** measurement.

Simulated event
w 2 hadronic jets



Reconstructed jet:
Simulated energy resolution
 $\sigma/E_{\text{jet}} \sim 3\%$
(CALICE)

KPiX Analog Readout for GEM & THGEM DHCAL

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DHCAL anode pad

Leakage current subtraction

Dynamic gain select (GEM/Si)

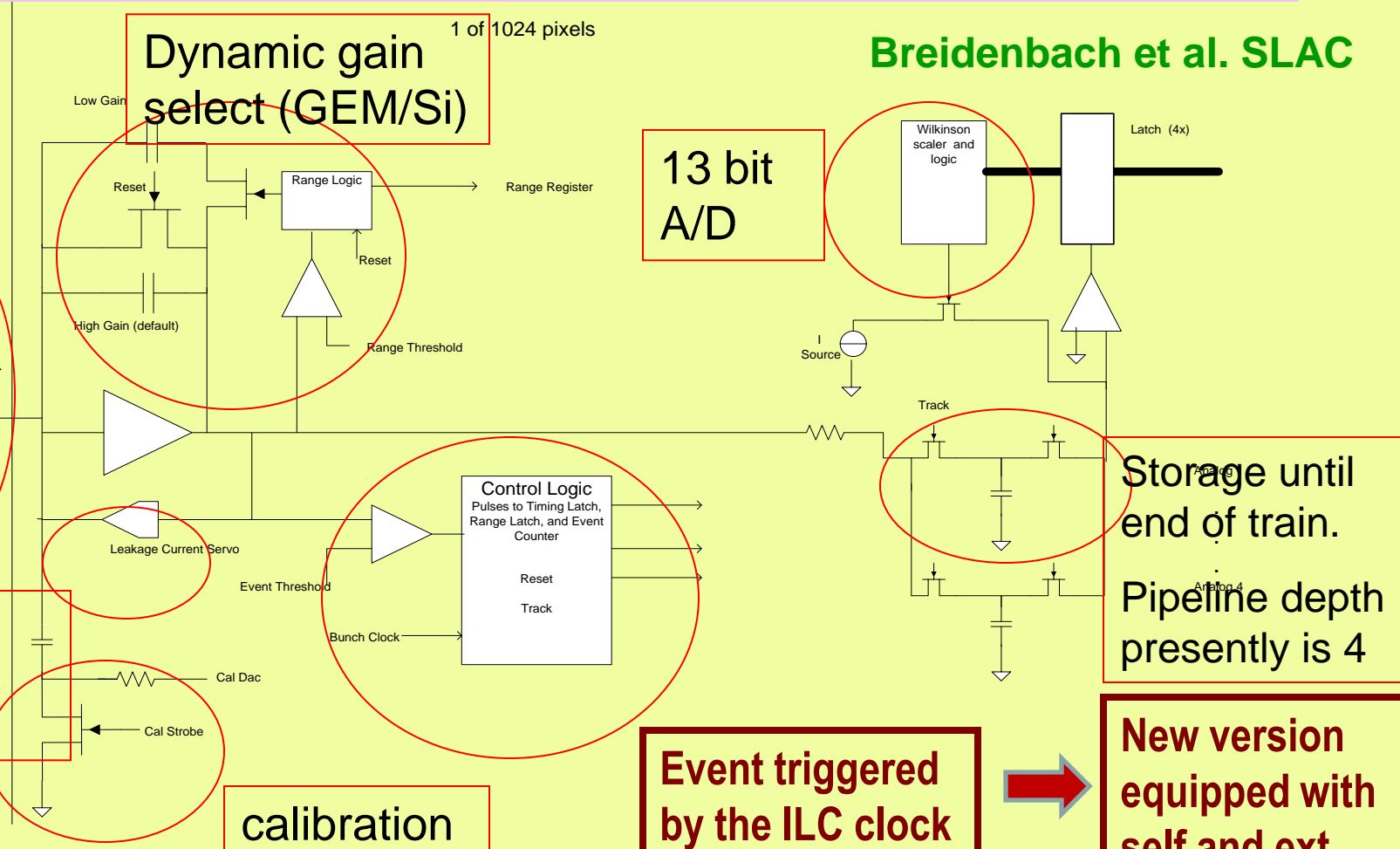
13 bit A/D

calibration

Event triggered by the ILC clock

Storage until end of train.
Pipeline depth presently is 4

New version equipped with self and ext. trigger



Simplified Timing:

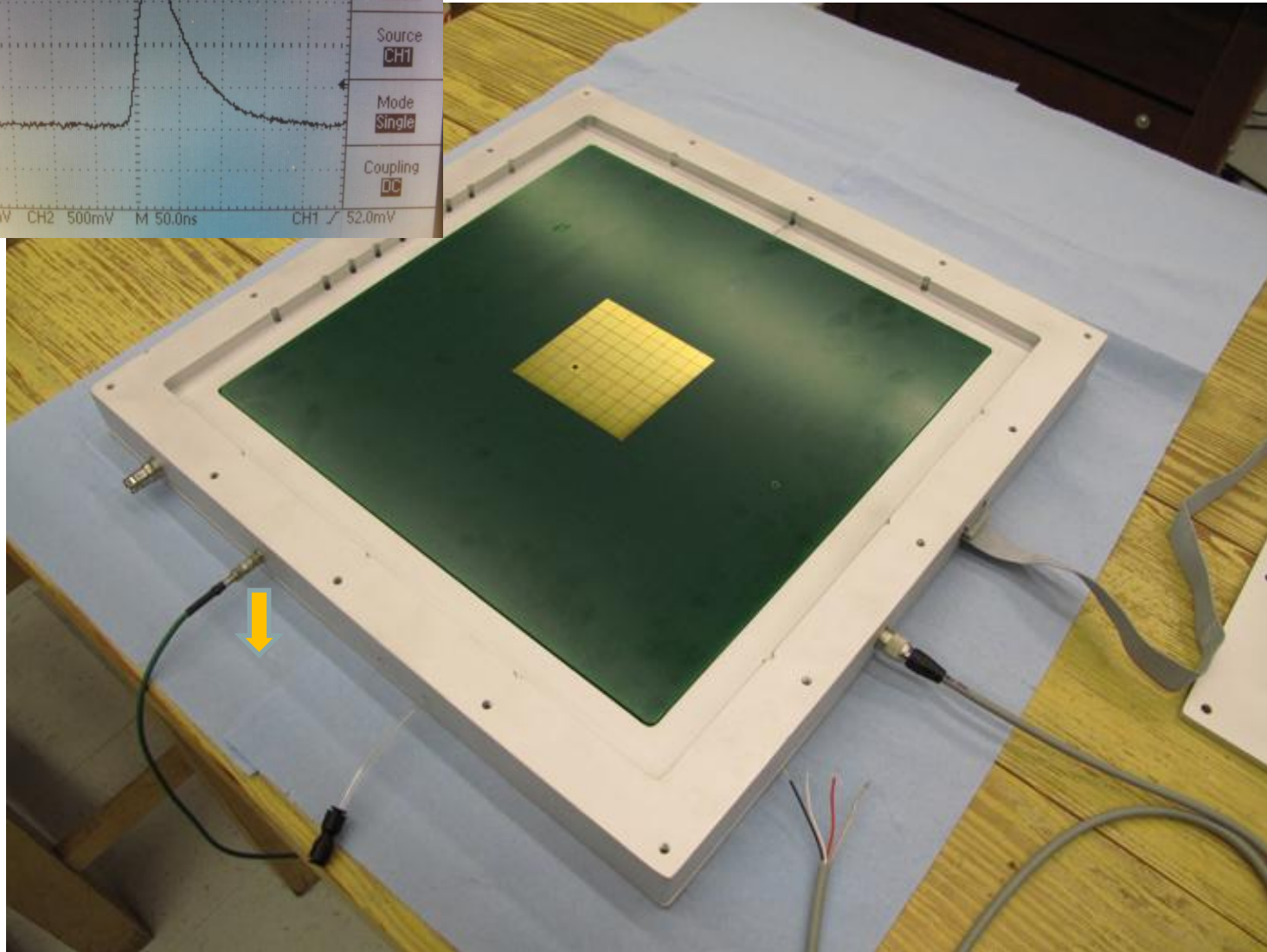
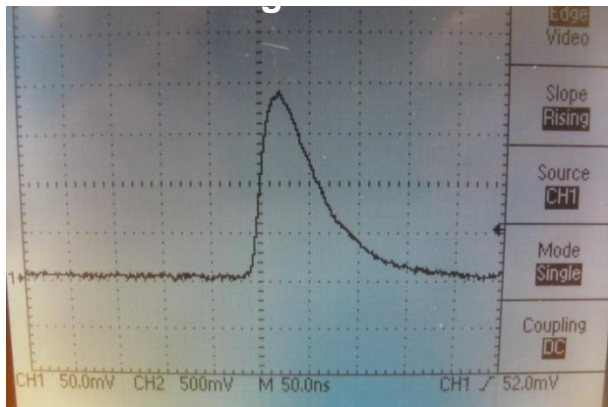
There are ~ 3000 bunches separated by ~300 ns in a train, and trains are separated by ~200 ms.

Say a signal above event threshold happens at bunch n and time T₀.
 The Event discriminator triggers in ~100 ns and removes resets and strobes the Timing Latch (12 bit), range latch (1 bit) and Event Counter (5 bits).
 The Range discriminator triggers in ~100 ns if the signal exceeds the Range Threshold.
 When the glitch from the Range switch has had time to settle, Track connects the sample capacitor to the amplifier output.
 The Track signal opens the switch isolating the sample capacitor at T₀ + 1 micro s. At this time, the amplitude of the signal is measured by a Wilkinson converter.
 Reset is asserted (sync'd to the bunch clock). Note that the second capacitor is reset at startup and following an event while processing an event.
 The system is ready for another signal in ~1.2 microsec.
 After the bunch train, the capacitor charge is measured by a Wilkinson converter.

- 1024 channel 13 bit ADC chip
- Developed for Si/W ECAL@ SLAC

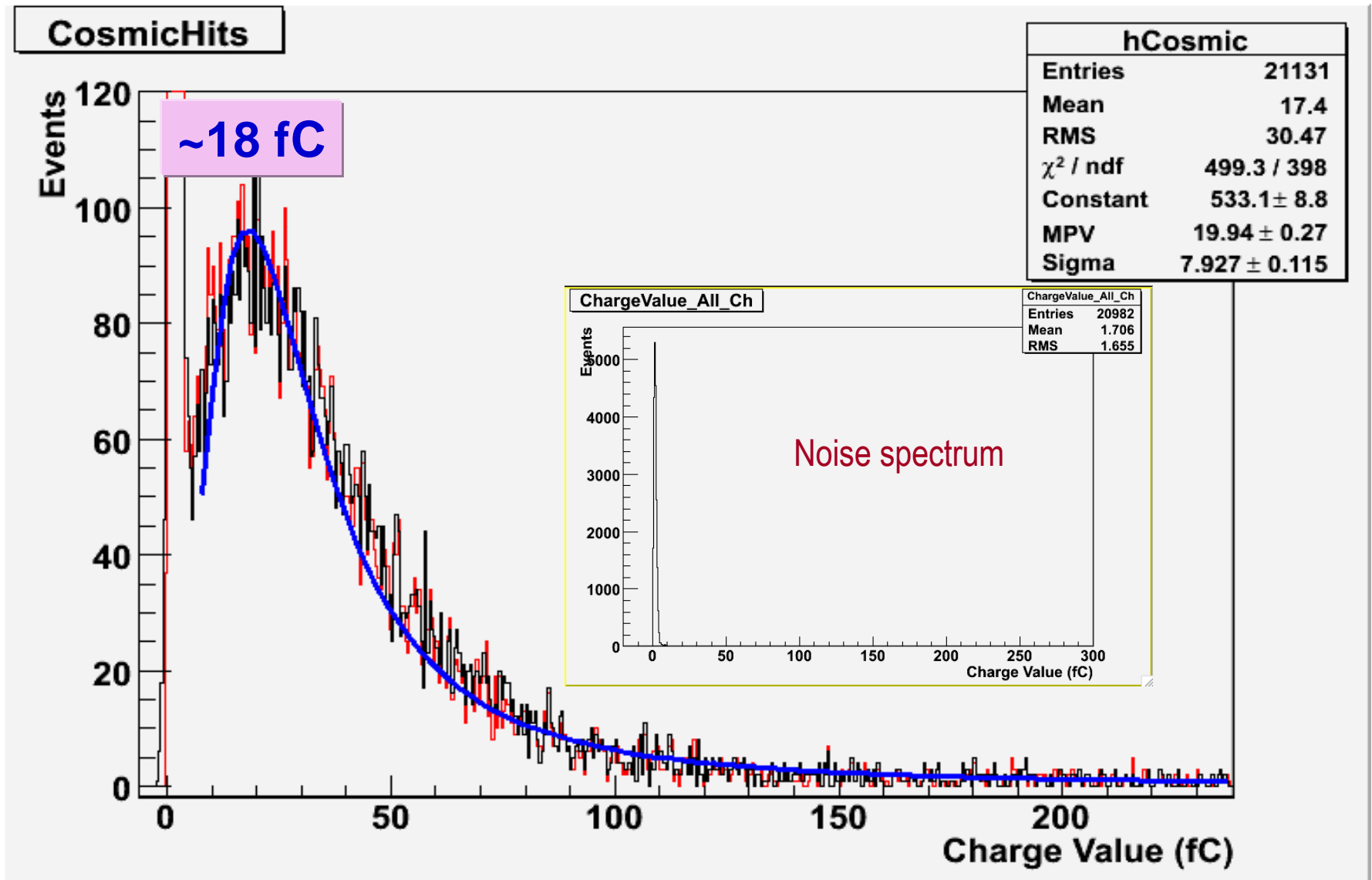
D-GEM / 64 anode-pads + KPix

30x30 cm D-THGEM/KPix



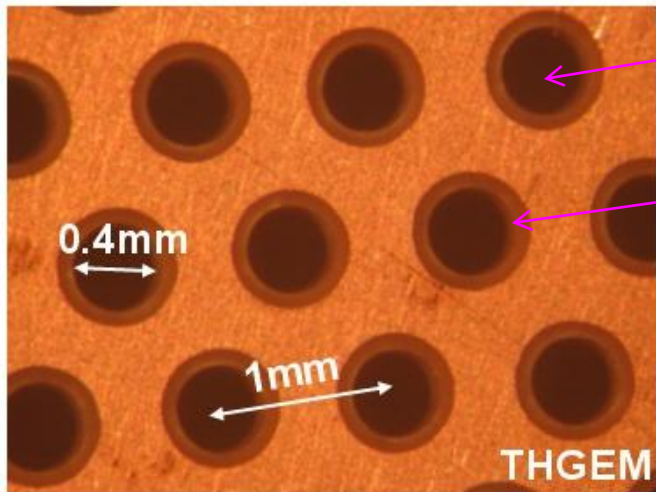
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D-GEM / kPiX with Cosmics - with Ext. Trigger



Thick Gas Electron Multiplier (THGEM)

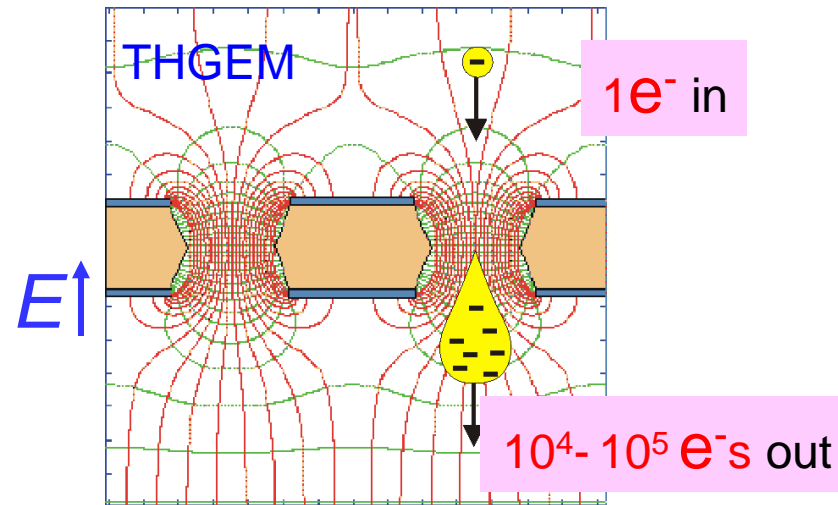
~ 10-fold expanded GEM



drilled

etched

Thickness 0.5-1mm



Double-THGEM: 10-100 higher gains

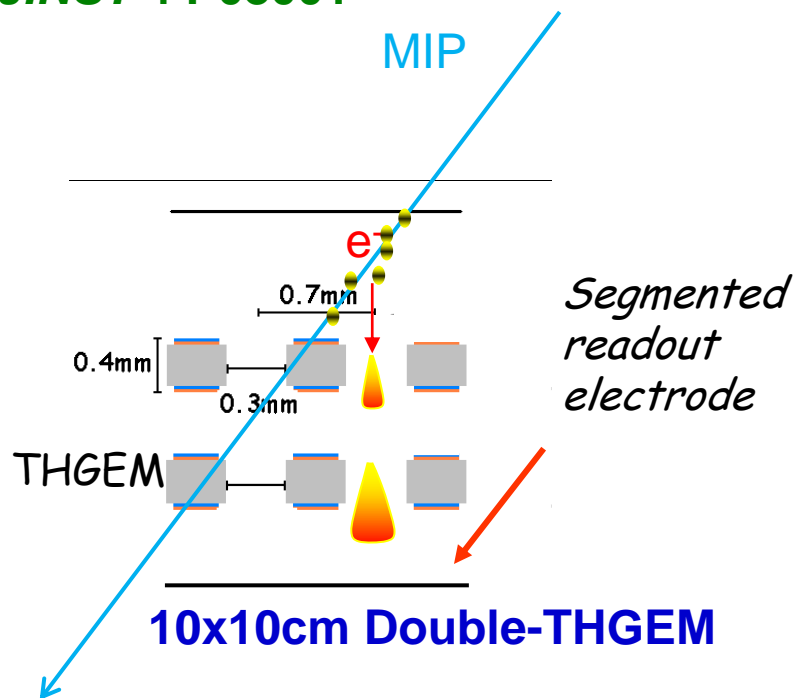
THGEM advantage for DHCAL:
SIMPLE, ROBUST, LARGE-AREA
Cheap: Printed-circuit technology
Digital counting →
gain fluctuations not important

THGEM Recent review
NIM A **598** (2009) 107

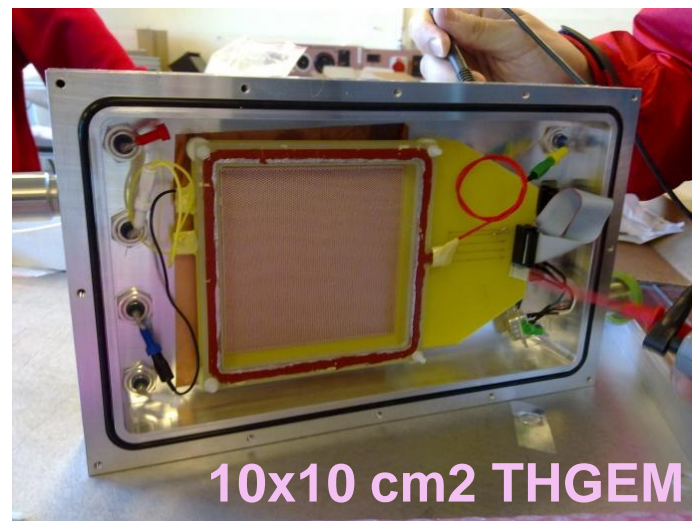
- Robust, if discharge no damage
- Effective **single-electron** detection
- **Few-ns** RMS time resolution
- **Sub-mm** position resolution
- **>MHz/mm²** rate capability
- Broad pressure range: **1mbar - few bar**

Gain: THGEM in Ne-mixtures

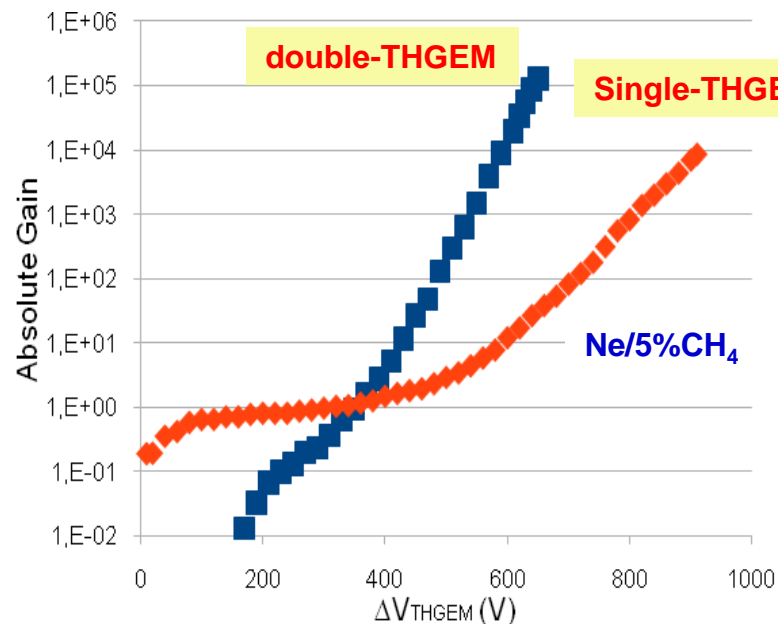
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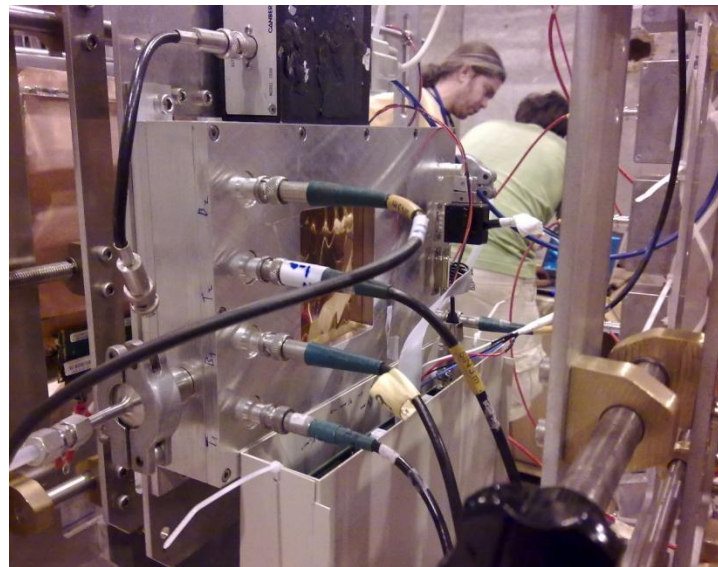
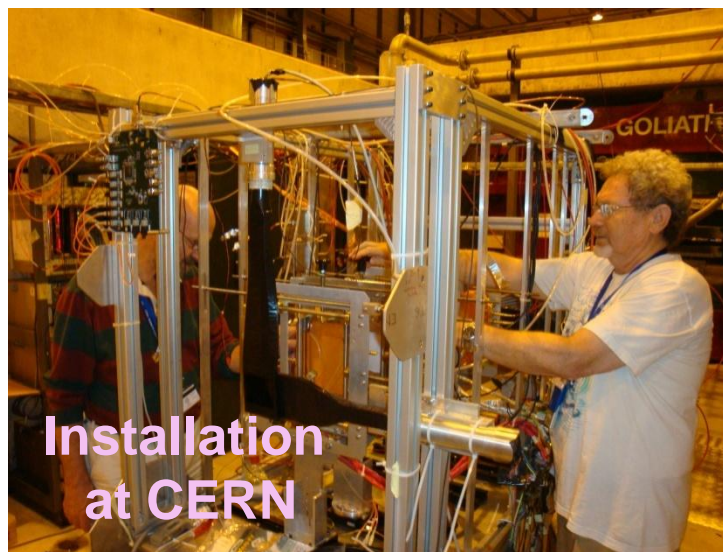
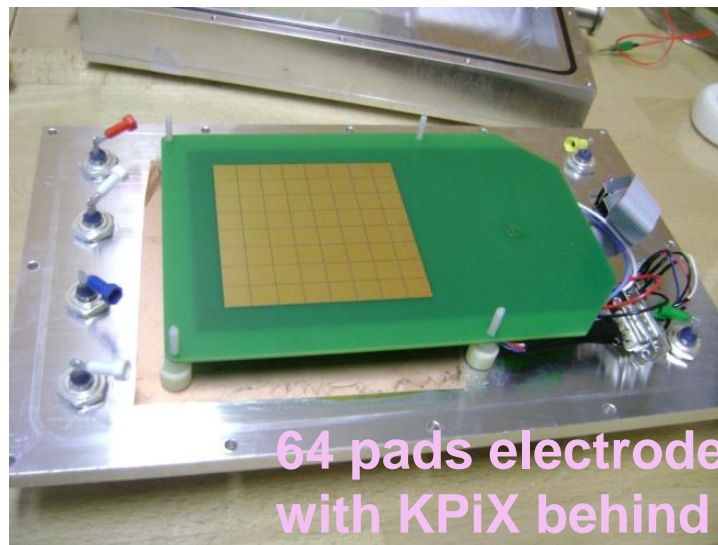
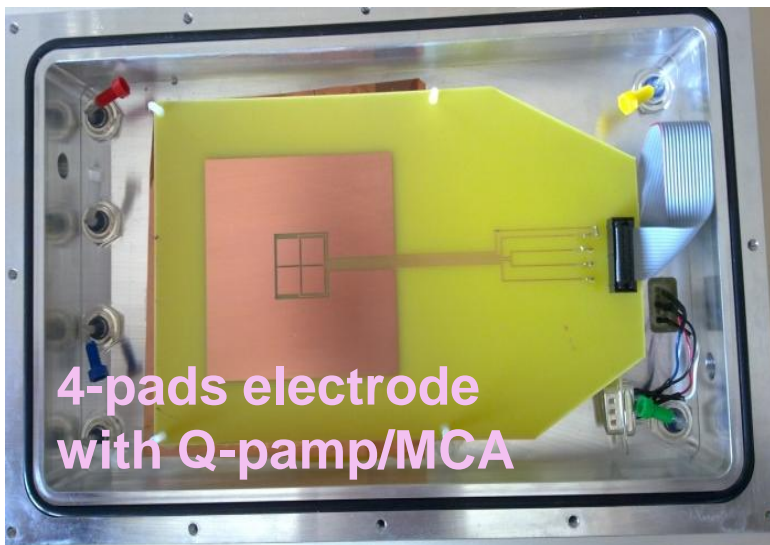
- High gain in Ne mixtures
- **2-THGEM: higher gains/lower HV**
- But: low ionization ($n_{\text{tot}} \sim 40 \text{ e/MIP}$)



Gain: single UV-photons

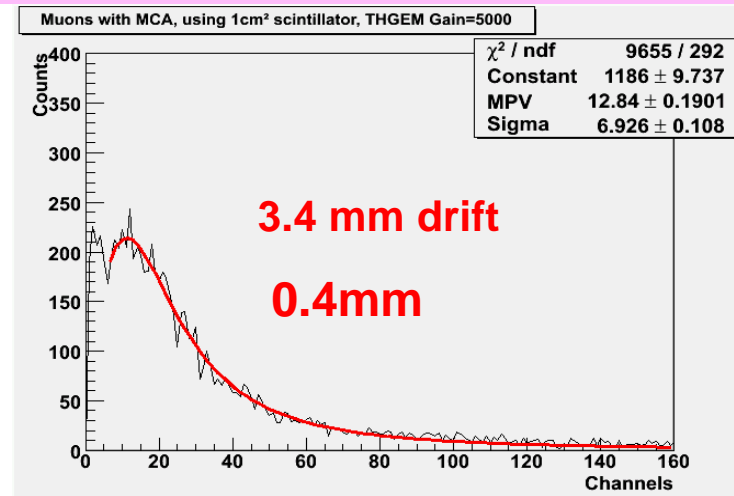


CERN test-beam detector



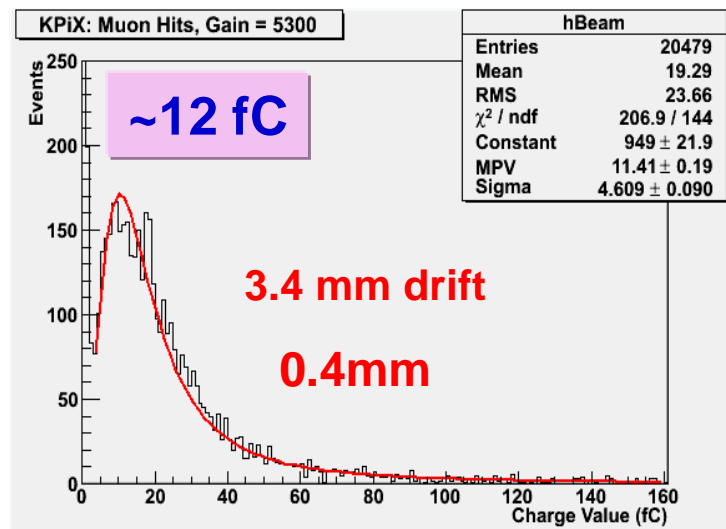
Muons w Double-THGEM KPIX or Q-preamp/MCA

2-THGEM BEAM TESTS with Q-preamp/MCA



Double-THGEM, Ne/5%CH₄; Average gain ~5000

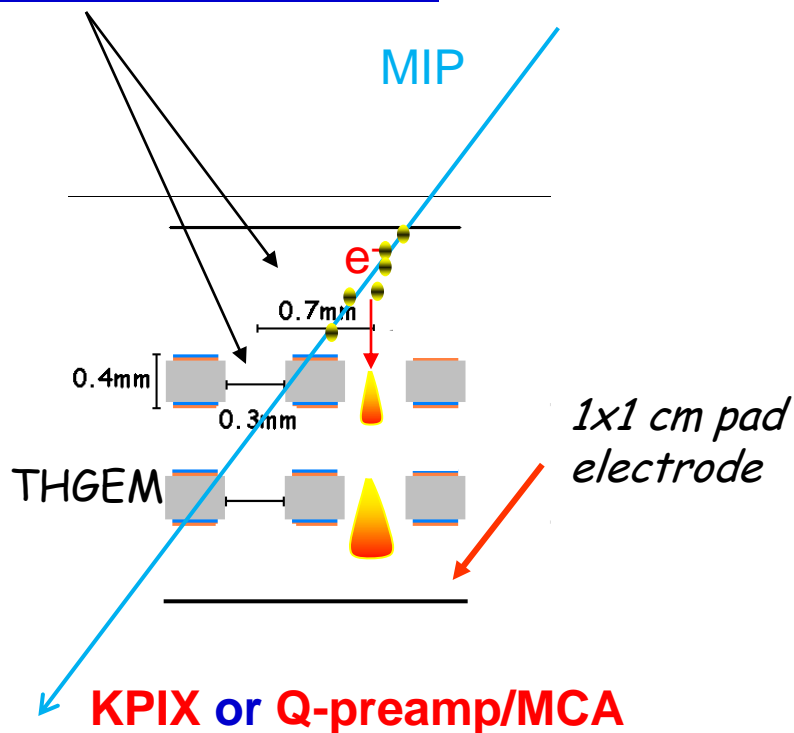
2-THGEM BEAM TESTS with KPIX



Double-THGEM, Ne/5%CH₄; Average gain ~5300

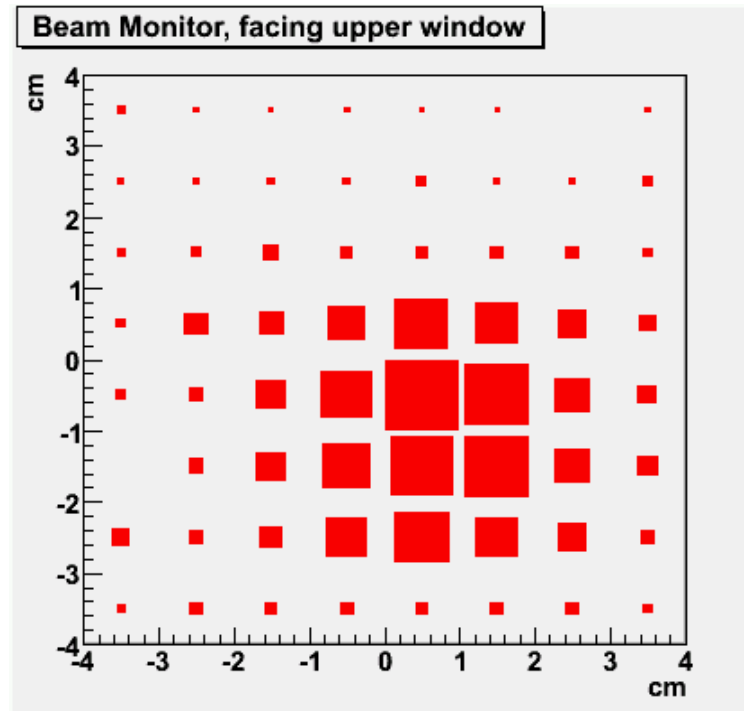
Here we had:

0.5mm holes / 1mm space



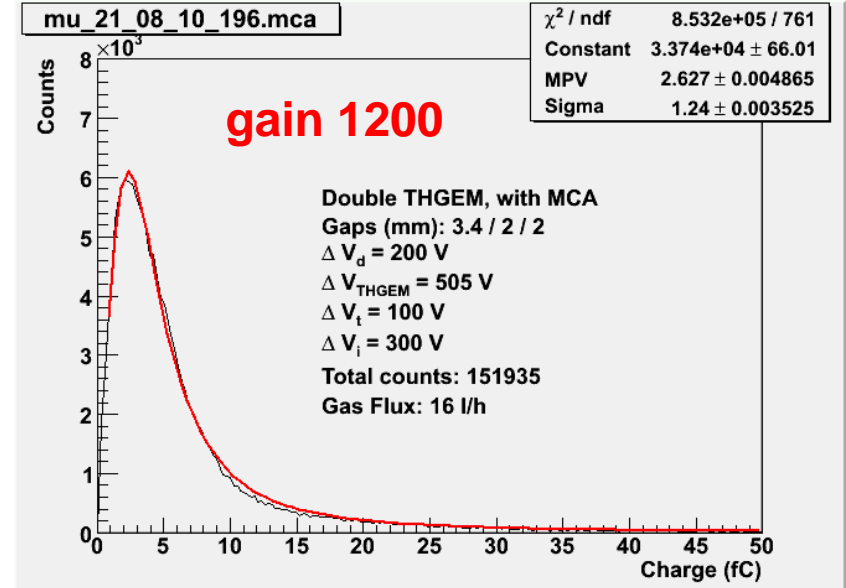
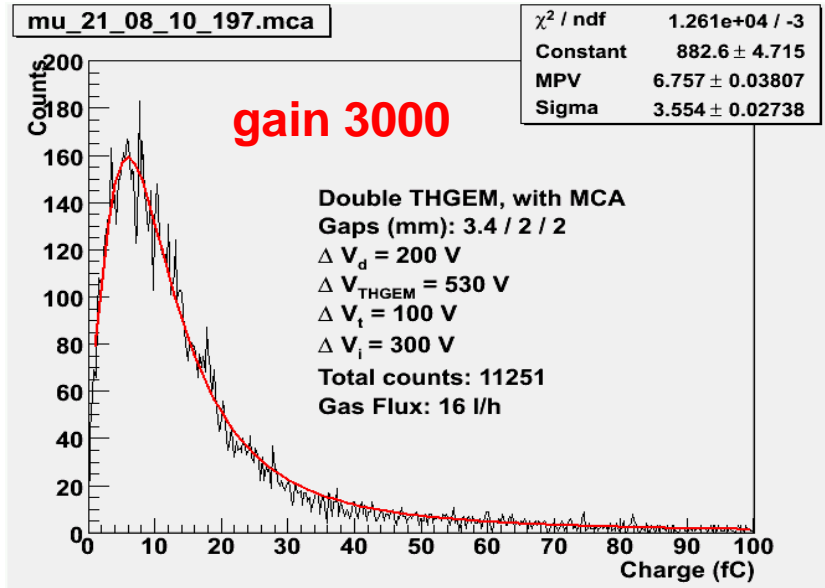
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Double-THGEM & KPiX



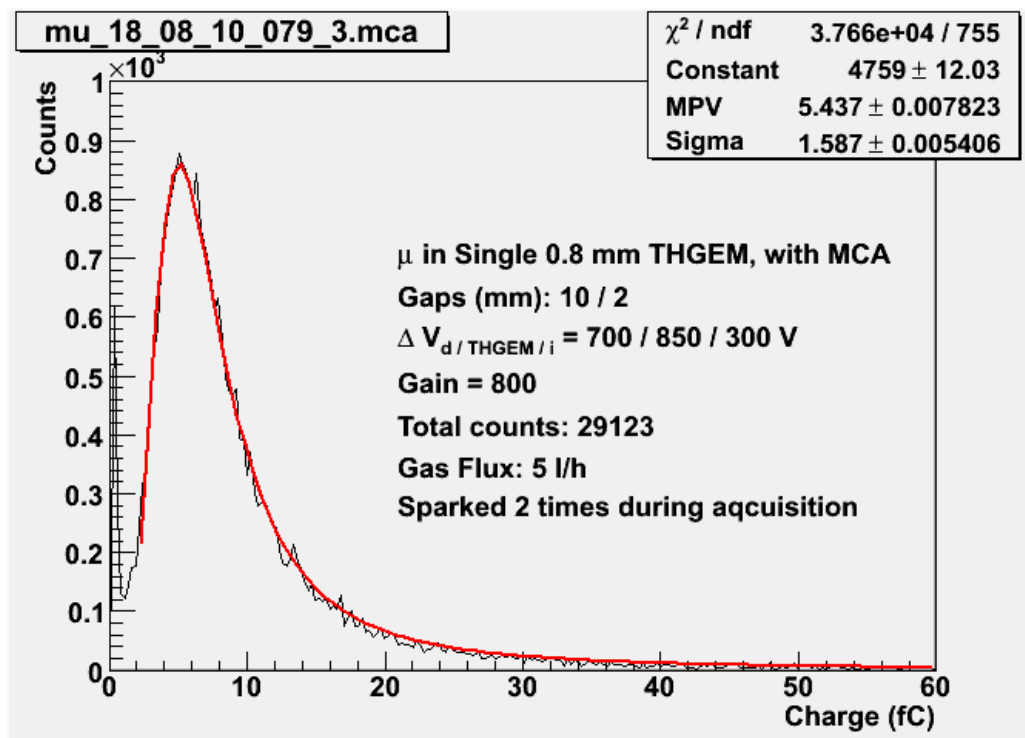
Muon beam profile

Muons with double-THGEM



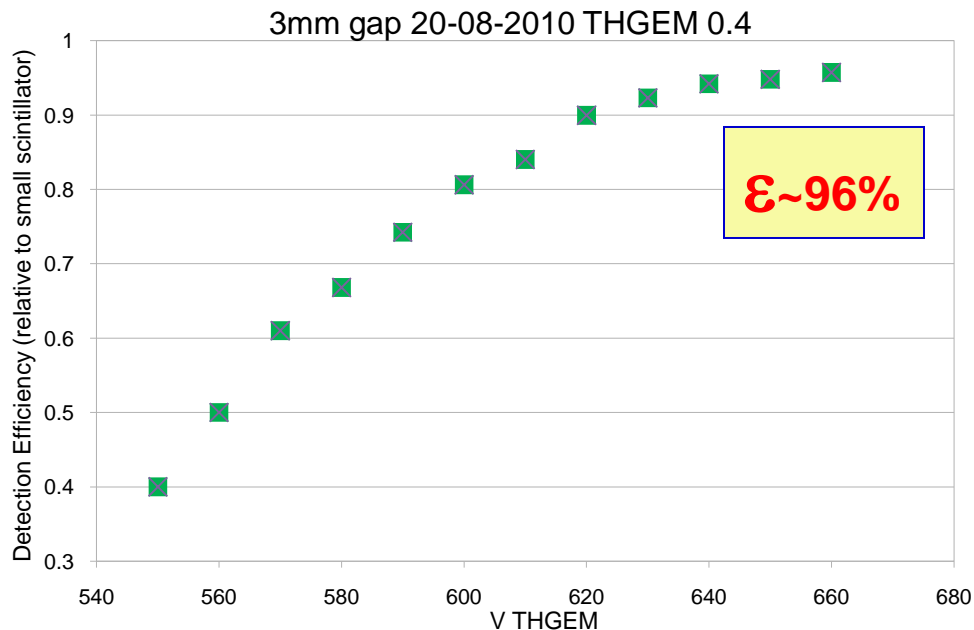
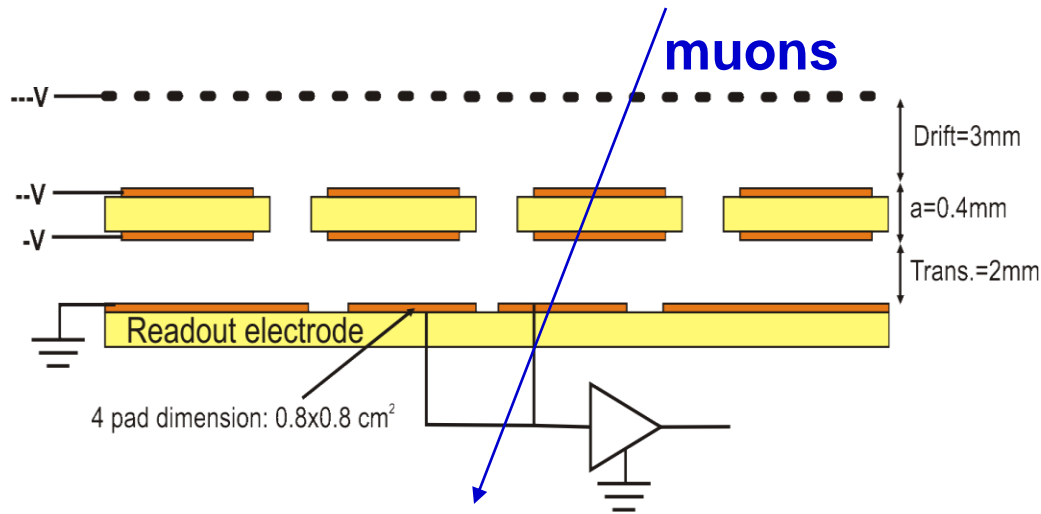
Double-THGEMs in Ne/5%CH₄. Landau distributions recorded with an **MCA**.
Thickness: 0.4mm
Drift gap: 3.4mm

Single-THGEM, 10mm drift gap, muons



Single-THGEM with muons
Landau distribution at a gain of 800.
Thickness: 0.8mm
Drift-gap: 10mm

Single-THGEM with muons: efficiency



Single THGEM
10x10 cm

Thicknes: **0.4 mm**

Particles: muons

Gas: Ne/5%CH₄

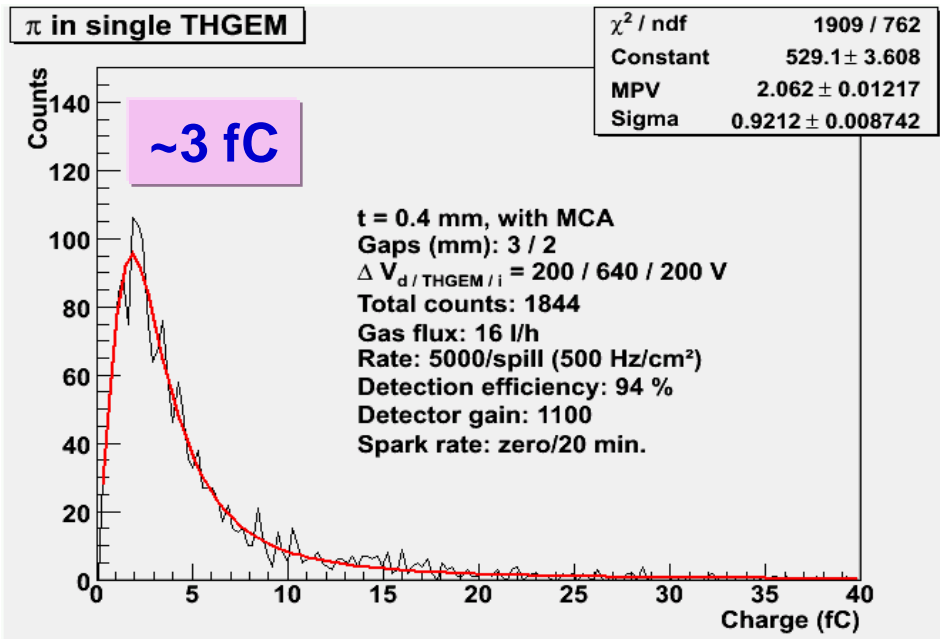
Drift gap: **3 mm**

Charge preamp/MCA

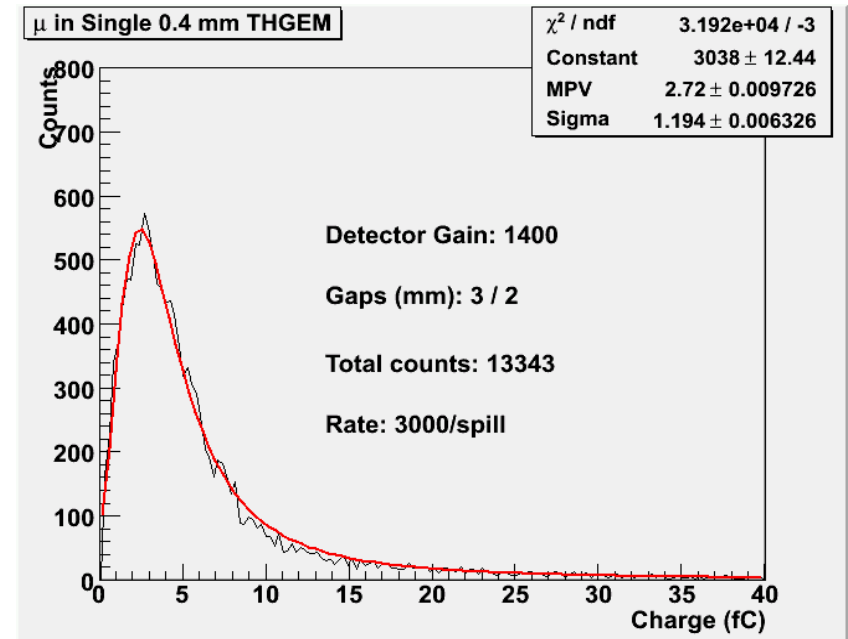
0.5 cm² trigger

Single-THGEM/3mm drift

PIONS



MUONS



Measured very low discharge rates even with pions @ rates >>ILC

THGEM: 0.4mm
Gain: 1200-1400

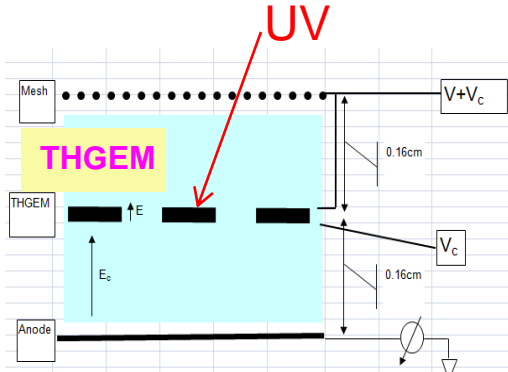
THGEM for DHCAL: next...

- **October 2010**: run at CERN with muons/pions
- Investigations with **1-THGEM & 2-THGEM with KPIX**
- Gain & Efficiency
- Crosstalk between pads
- Discharge rates with μ/π (continuation study)
- With SLAC: improving KPIX protection
- 30x30 cm THGEMs
- **OCT RUN**: New multiplier geometries & operation modes
→ **well, gain in ind gap, resistive film...**
- Other gases (Ne/CF₄?)

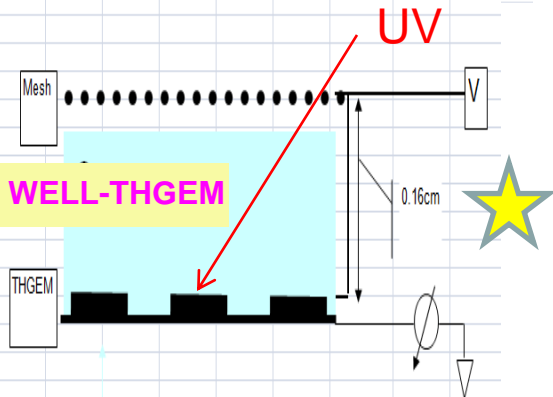
Compact WELL-THGEM

(similar to:
Well-Counter of Bellazzini &
of Alfonsi et al. CRETE 09)

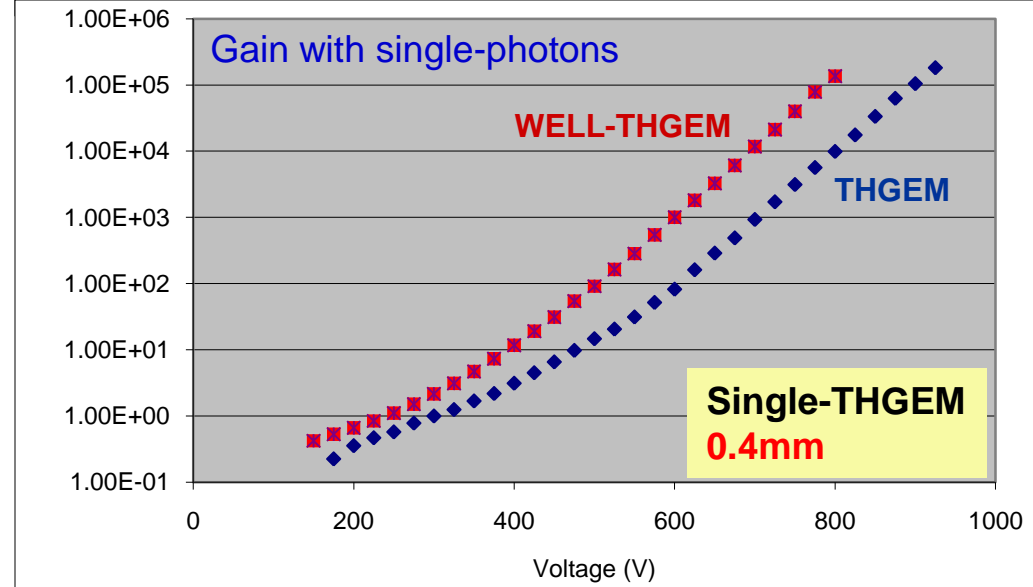
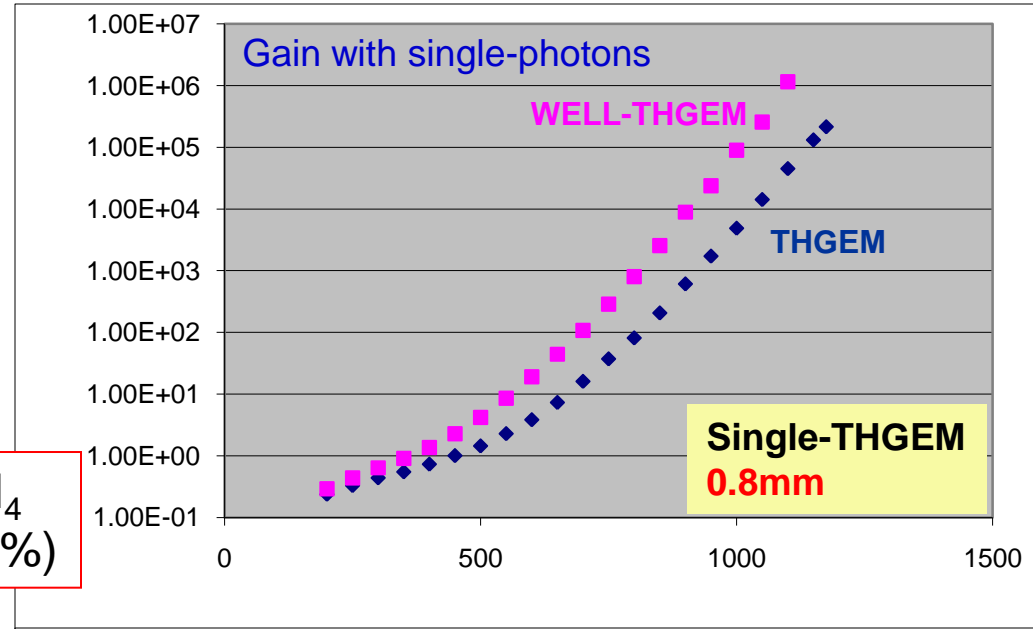
Present goal:
Reduce to minimum multiplier thickness



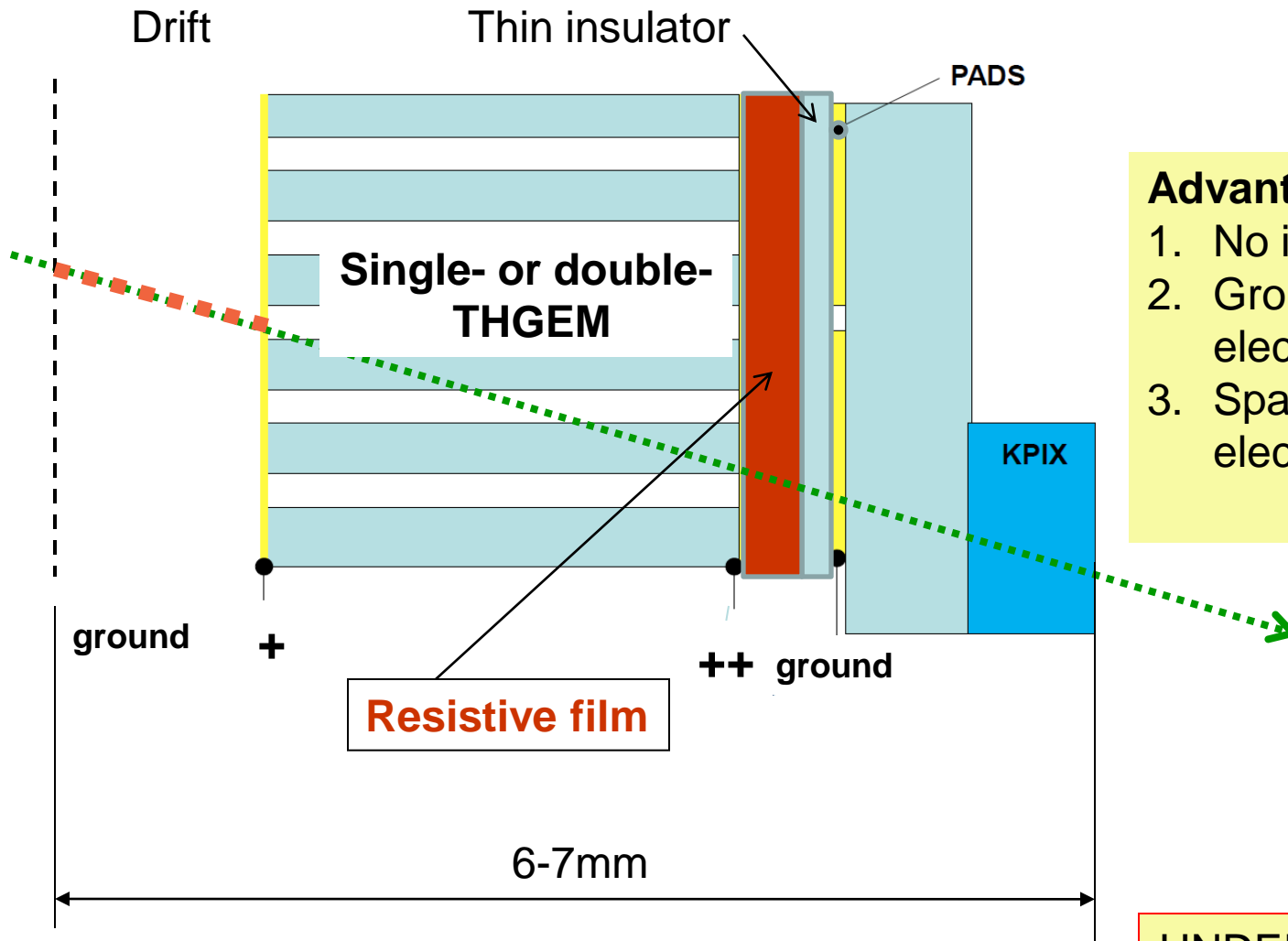
Gas: Ne/CH₄
(%CH₄ ~ 10%)



WELL: lower HV
0.8mm → higher gain



RESISTIVE-WELL-THGEM

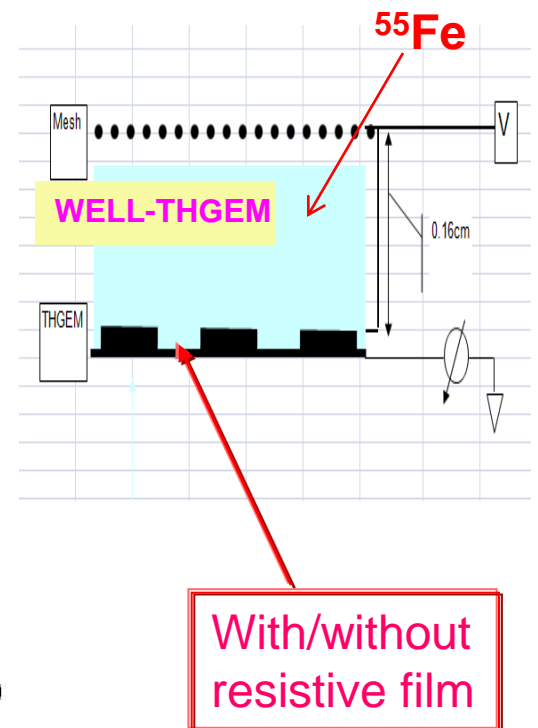
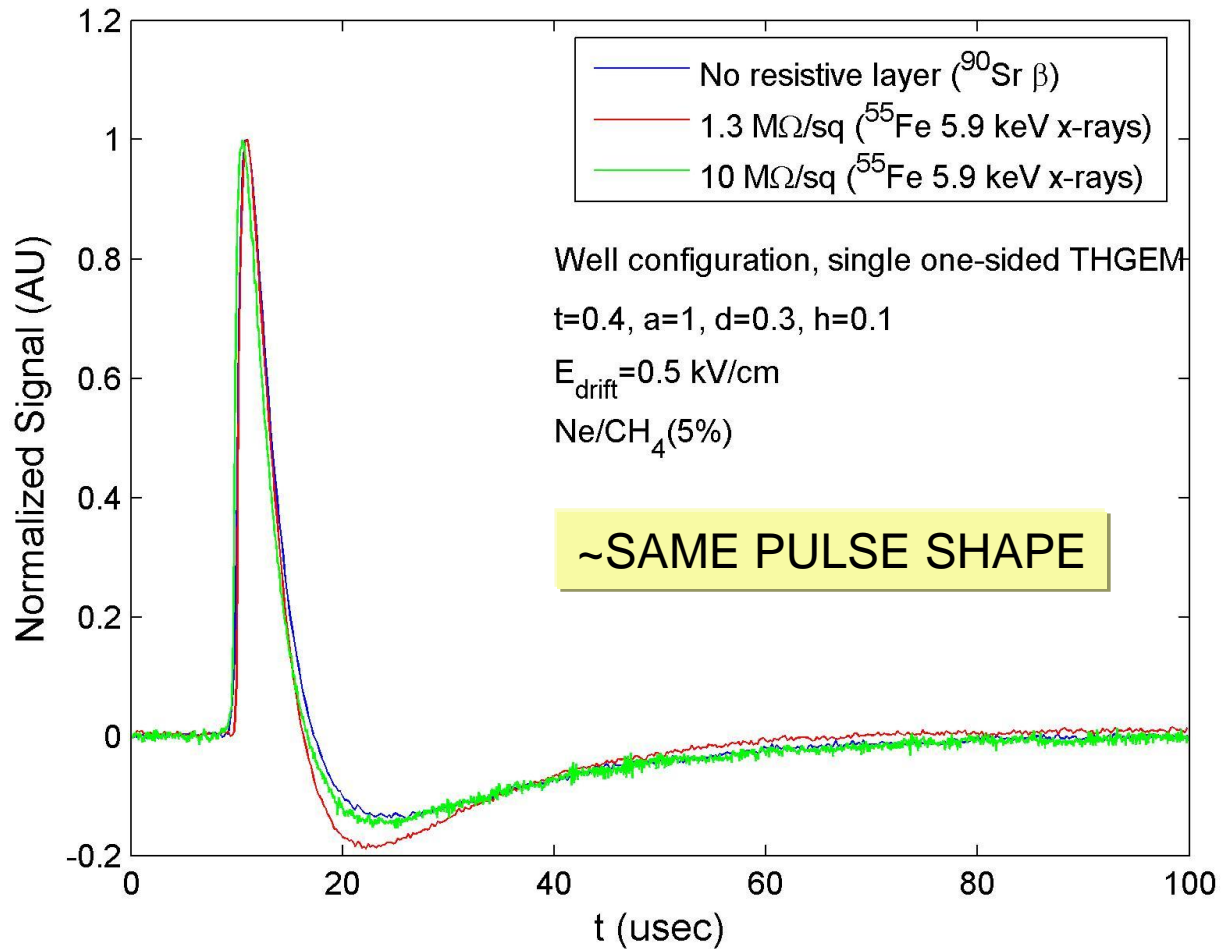


Advantages:

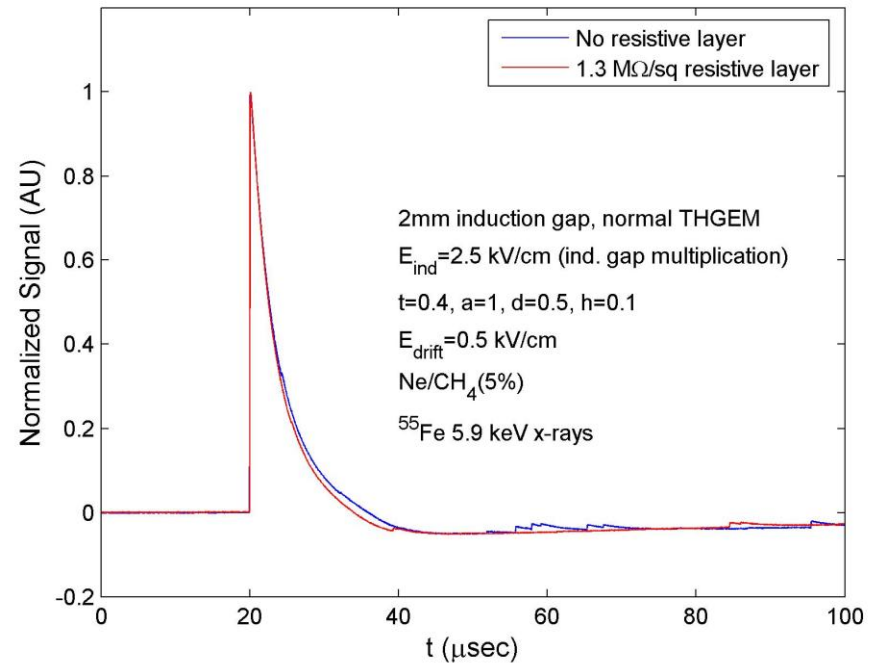
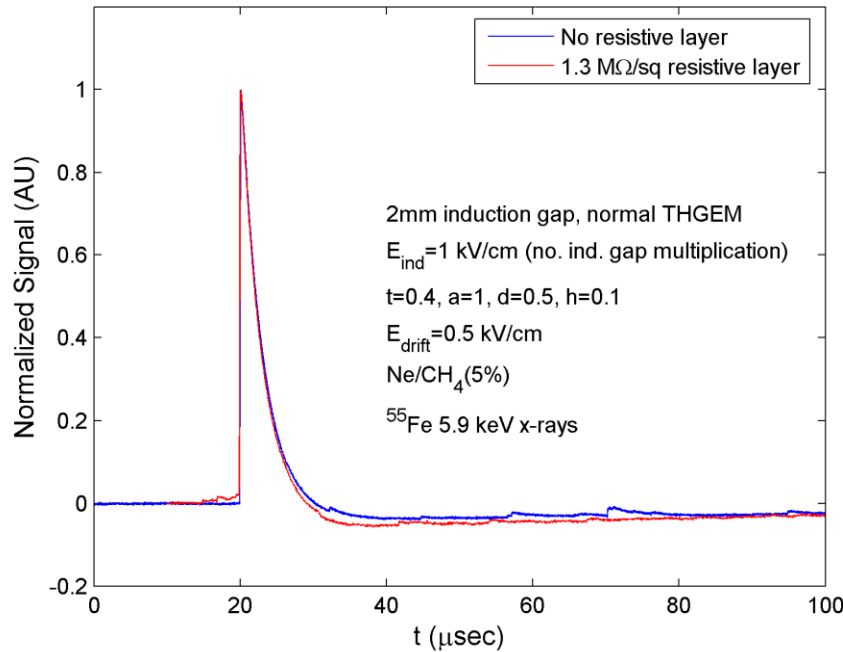
1. No induction gap
2. Ground on both external electrodes
3. Spark-protection of electronics

UNDER INVESTIGATIONS
@ Weizmann

Well: Charge pulses on pad

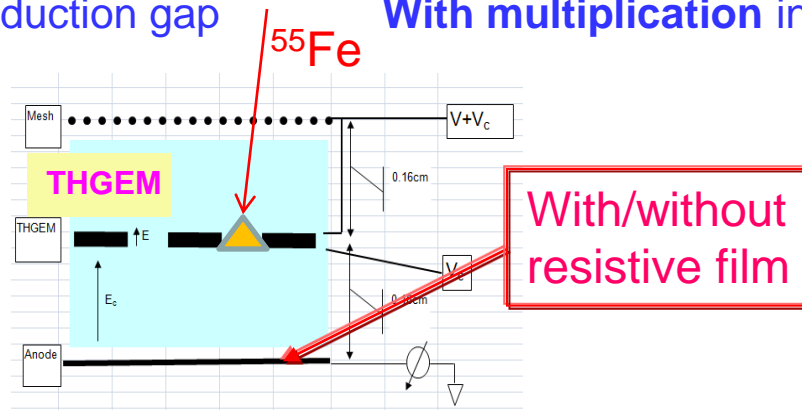


THGEM: Induction gap configuration: effect of adding a resistive layer ($1.3 \text{ M}\Omega/\square$)



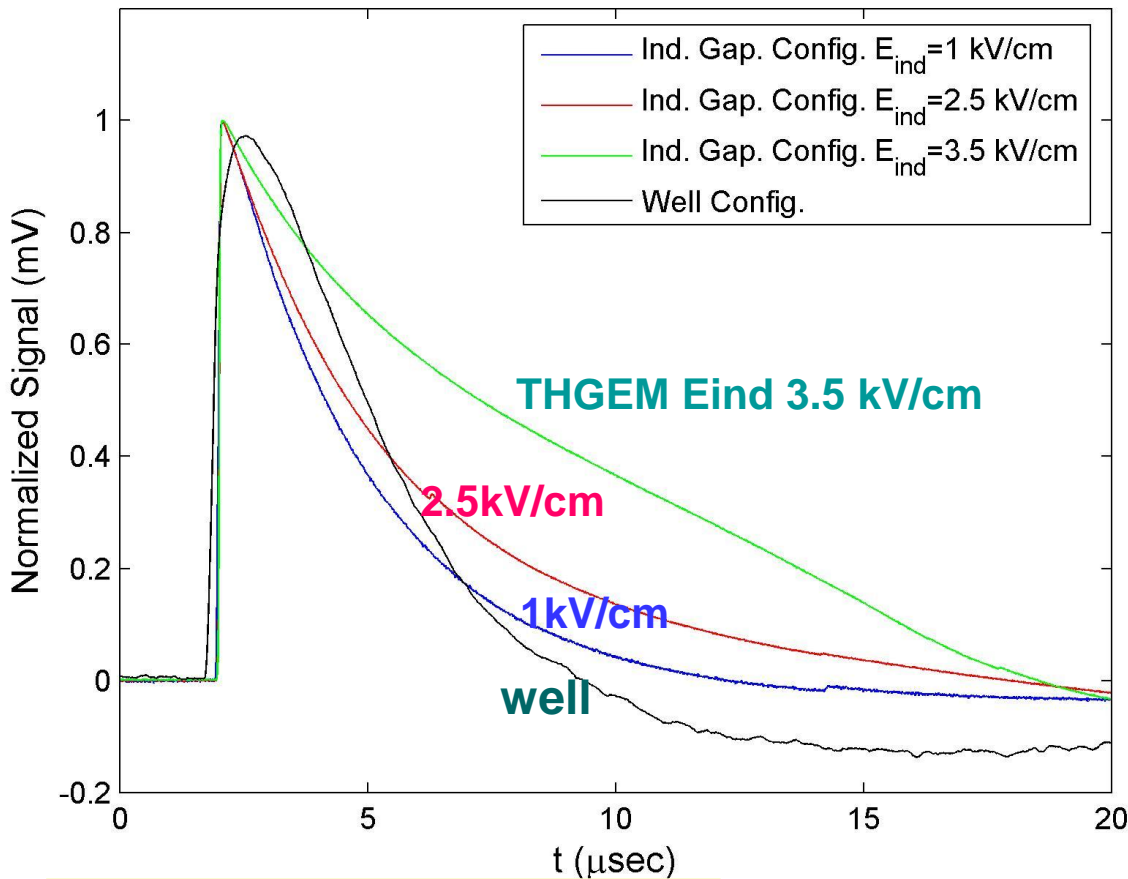
Without multiplication in the induction gap

With multiplication in the induction gap



THGEM Charge pulses

WELL, THGEM and with multiplication in induction gap



**Gain in induction gap:
Broader pulse (IONS!)
Might be beneficial for KPiX**

