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The RD51 Collaboration

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World-wide organization for MPGD R&D

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RD51 Collaboration



- 75 institutes
- ~ 450 people involved
- Representation (Europe, North America, Asia, South America, Africa)

Collaboration meetings & events:

<u>RD51 mini week (19-20 July 2010)</u> <u>RD51 mini week (17-18 January 2011)</u>

6th RD51 Collaboration Meeting, Bari (07-10 October 2010) 7th RD51 Collaboration Meeting, CERN (13-15 April 2011)

RD51 Simulation School (19-21 January 2011)

105th LHCC Meeting AGENDA OPEN Session (23-24 March 2011)





WG1: Technological Aspects and Developments of New Detector Structures

Objective: Detector design optimization, development of new multiplier geometries and techniques.

Task 1: Development of large-area Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors (large-area modules, material budget reduction).

Task 2: Detector design optimization including fabrication methods and new geometries (Bulk Micromegas, Microbulk Micromegas, single-mask GEM, THGEM, RETGEM, MHSP, charge-dispersive readout, Ingrid).

Task 3: Development of radiation-hard and radiopurity detectors.

Task 4: Design of portable sealed detectors.

WG2: Common Characterization and Physics Issues

Objective 1: Development of common standards and comparison of different technologies, performance evaluation of different MPGD detectors.

Objective 2: Development of radiation-hard gaseous detectors operating beyond the limits of present devices.

Task 1: Development of common test standards (comparison of different technologies in different laboratories).

Task 2: Discharge studies and spark-protection developments for MPGDs.

Task 3: Generic aging and material radiation-hardness studies (creation of database of "radiation-hard" materials & detectors depending on application, commercially available materials, cleanliness requirements, validation tests for final detector modules, gas system construction, working remedies).

Task 4: Charging up (gain stability issues) and rate capability.

Task 5: Study of avalanche statistics: exponential versus Polya (saturated-avalanche mode).

WG3: Applications

Objective: Evaluation and optimization of MPGD technologies for specific applications.

Task 1: MPGD based detectors for tracking and triggering (including Muon Systems).

Task 2: MPGD based Photon Detectors (e.g. for RICH).

Task 3: Applications of MPGD based detectors in Calorimetry.

Task 4: Cryogenic Detectors for rare events searches.

Task 5: X-ray and neutron imaging.

Task 6: Astroparticle physics applications.

Task 7: Medical applications.

Task 8: Synchrotron Radiation, Plasma Diagnostics and Homeland Security applications.

Applications area will benefit from the technological developments proposed by the Collaboration; however the responsibility for the completion of the application projects lies with the institutes themselves.

WG4: Simulations and Software Tools

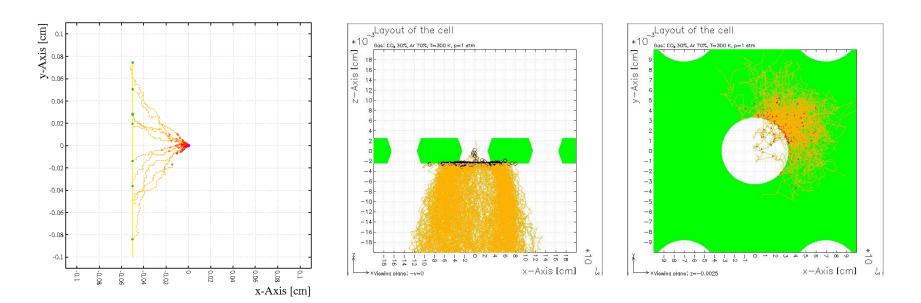
Objective: Development of common, open access software and documentation for MPGD simulations.

Task 1: Development of algorithms (in particular in the domain of very small scale structures).

Task 2: Simulation improvements.

Task 3: Development of common platform for detector simulations (integration of gas-based detector simulation tools to Geant4, interface to ROOT).

Task 4: Explore possibilities to further integrate detector and electronics simulation.



WG5: MPGD Related Electronics

Objective: Readout electronics optimization and integration with detectors.

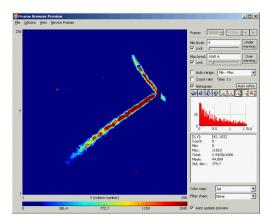
Task 1: Definition of front-end electronics requirements for MPGDs. Conventional readout systems: GASSIPLEX, ASDQ, CARIOCA, ALTRO, SUPER ALTRO; APV, VFAT

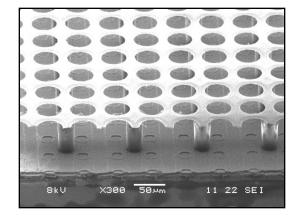
Task 2: Development of general-purpose pixel chip for active anode readout. GOSSIP (Gas On Slimmed Si Pixels)

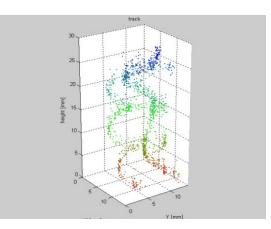
Task 3: Development of large area detectors with pixel readout. Medipix2, Timepix

Task 4: Development of portable multichannel systems for detector studies.

Task 5: Discharge protection strategies.







Timepix+Siprot+Ingrid

WG6: Production

Objective: Development of cost-effective technologies and industrialization (technology transfer)

Task 1: Development and maintenance of a common "Production Facility".

Task 2: MPGD production industrialization (quality control, cost-effective production, large-volume production).

Task 3: Collaboration with Industrial Partners.

- 1. Production requirements
 - detector dimensions
 - GEM (single mask) 120*50 cm², Micromegas (bulk) 200*100 cm²
- 2. Inventory of production capabilities
 - material limitations
 - equipment limitations
 - today: GEM (single mask) 70*40 cm², Micromegas (bulk) 150*50 cm²
- 3. Common facility to produce prototypes at CERN TS workshop (production facility improvements, if technological developments in the RD51 will require this, participation in the upgrade of production infrastructure from common investments.)
- 4. Industrialization
 - which production steps do we transfer to industry
 - how to teach and check industrial partners
 - IP and licensing issues treated with the help of DSU/TT

WG7: Common Test Facilities

Objective: Design and maintenance of common infrastructure for detector characterization.

Task 1: Development and maintenance of a common Test-Beam Facility.

- 1. A basic setup in the first year, including trigger devices and logic, tracking telescope and high precision mechanics, gas system and infrastructures.
- 2. A flexible DAQ and slow control system.
- 3. A common approach in data analysis and the development of a common analysis framework.

Task 2: Development of common irradiation infrastructures and irradiation test programme.

For this task the collaboration will provide to the facilities experts:

- 1. A common list of material and components to be validated in PS-T7;
- 2. The specifications requested to the new GIF++ facility;
- 3. The infrastructures and devices (trigger, DAQ.. see test beam facility) required inside GIF++ facility

RD51 in 2011

- Created in 2008. Reports to LHCC every year.
- consolidation of the Collaboration and MPGD community integration

• considerable progress in MPGD technologies in particular large area GEM, THGEM, Micromegas; some picked up by experiments (including sLHC upgrades) for feasibility studies and prototyping

- secured future of the MPGD technologies development through the TE MPE workshop upgrade and FP7 AIDA contribution
- improved MPGD simulation software framework allows for first applications
- Infrastructure for common RD51 test beam facility (~20 user groups)
- Development of common, scalable electronics (17 development and user groups)
- TTN; contacts with industry for large volume production

RD51 active in common project activities:

- Large area detectors and new MPGD technologies development
- Development and support of the simulation tools
- Support and production of SRS electronics
- Completion of the MPGD production upgrade
- Maintenance of the RD51 beam facility

Now possibility for several member institutes to propose a common project and obtain funding from RD51.

Access to CERN infrastructures:

- Access to test beam facility (including the possibility to keep "semi permanent" setup).
- Access to CERN TE MPE Printed Circuit Workshop
- Access to Silicon Bonding Laboratory
- Access to central computing resources for MPGD simulations.
- Limited amount of office space

RD51 Collaboration Web Page

http://rd51-public.web.cern.ch/RD51-Public

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RD51 Collaboration Development of Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors Technologies

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. The main objective of the R&D programme is to advance technological development and application of Micropattern Gas Detectors.

The invention of Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors (MPGD), in particular the Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM), the Micro-Mesh Gaseous Structure (Micromegas), and more recently other micro pattern detector schemes, offers the potential to develop new gaseous detectors with unprecedented spatial resolution, high rate capability, large sensitive area, operational stability and radiation hardness. In some applications, requiring very large-area coverage with moderate spatial resolutions, more coarse Macro-patterned detectors, e.g. Thick-GEMs (THGEM) or patterned resistive-plate devices could offer an interesting and economic solution. The design of the new micro-pattern devices appears suitable for industrial production. In addition, the availability of highly integrated amplification and readout electronics allows for the design of gas-detector systems with channel densities comparable to that of modern silicon detectors. Modern wafer post-processing allows for the integration of gas-amplification structures directly on top of a pixelized readout chip. Thanks to these recent developments, particle detection through the *ionization of gas* has large fields of application in future particle, nuclear and astro-particle physics experiments with and without accelerators.

The RD51 collaboration involves ~ 350 authors, 59 Universities and Research Laboratories from 20 countries in Europe, America, Asia and Africa. All partners are already actively pursuing either basic- or application-oriented R&D involving a variety of MPGD concepts. The collaboration established common goals, like experimental and simulation tools, characterization concepts and methods, common infrastructures at test beams and irradiation facilities, and methods and infrastructures for MPGD production.



RD51 Conference Contributions, Seminars http://rd51-public.web.cern.ch/RD51-Public/Documents/ConferenceContributions.html http://rd51-public.web.cern.ch/RD51-Public/Documents/Seminars.html

RD51 Collaboration Internal Notes

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RD51-Note-2010-006 – "A spark-resistant bulk-micromegas chamber for high-rate applications" (by T. Alexopoulos, J. Burnens, R. de Oliveira, G. Glonti, O. Pizzirusso, V. Polychronakos, G. Sekhniaidze, G. Tsipolitis, J. Wotschack)

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RD51 Collaboration Organization

<u>Consolidation around common projects:</u> large area MPGD R&D, CERN/MPGD production facility, common electronics developments, software tools, beam tests

WG1: large area Micromegas, GEM; THGEM R&D; MM resistive anode readout (discharge protection); design and detector assembly optimization; large area readout electrodes and electronics interface

WG2: double phase operation, radiation tolerance, discharge protection, rate effects, singleelectron response, avalanche fluctuations, photo detection with THGEM and GridPix

WG3: applications beyond HEP, industrial applications (X-ray diffraction, homeland security)

WG4: development of the software tools; microtracking; neBEM field solver, electroluminescence simulation tool, Penning transfers, GEM charging up; MM transparency and signal, MM discharges

WG5: scalable readout system; Timepix multi-chip MPGD readout

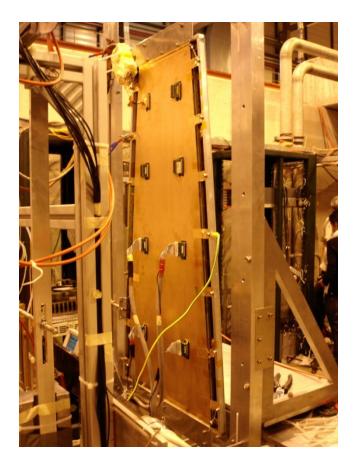
WG6: CERN MPGD Production Facility; industrialisation; TT Network

WG7: RD51 test beam facility

CMS High Eta MPGD Project (GE1/1 1.6>η>2.1)

<u>CMS High Eta MPGD - Workshop (30 September 2010)</u> Gatto ? Collaboration 15 institutes, 60 participants

Large Prototype: GE1/1 Beam Test @ RD51 setup October 2010



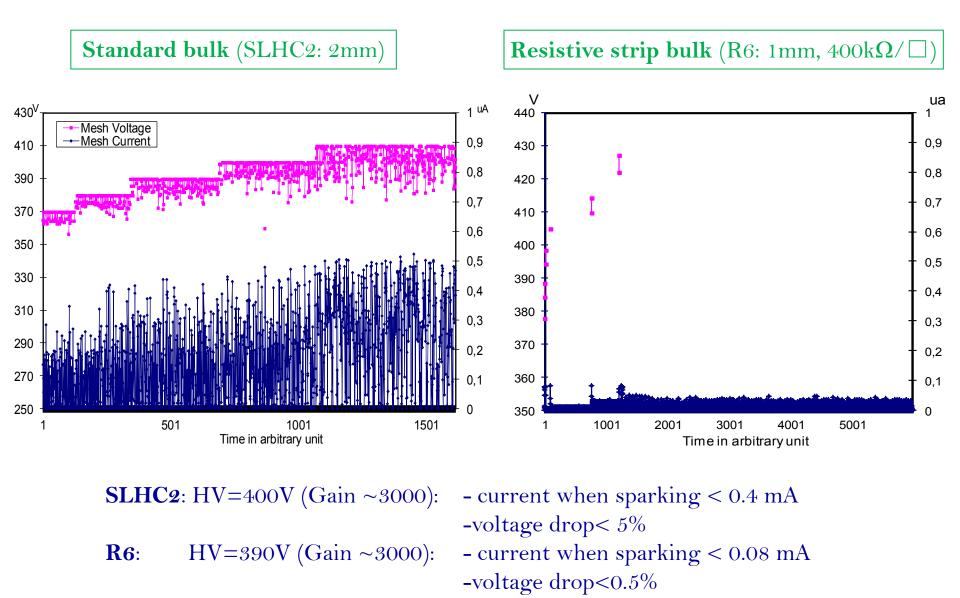
MicroMegas detectors for the upgrade of the ATLAS muon system

MAMMA Collaboration (21 institutes, including Arizona, Athens, BNL, CEA Saclay, CERN, Naples) in close collaboration with CERN/TE-MPE (R. de Oliveira) & CERN/PH-DT

1.2 x 0.6 m² prototype chamber with 2048 readout strips (0.5 mm strip pitch) during construction in CERN/TE-MPE workshop



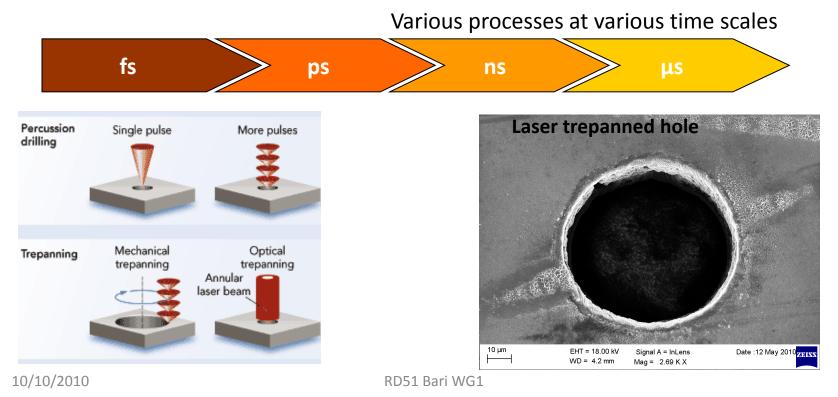
Resistive anodes : Current and voltage behaviour at 10 KHz/cm²



 $Ar / CF_4 / Iso (95/3/2)$

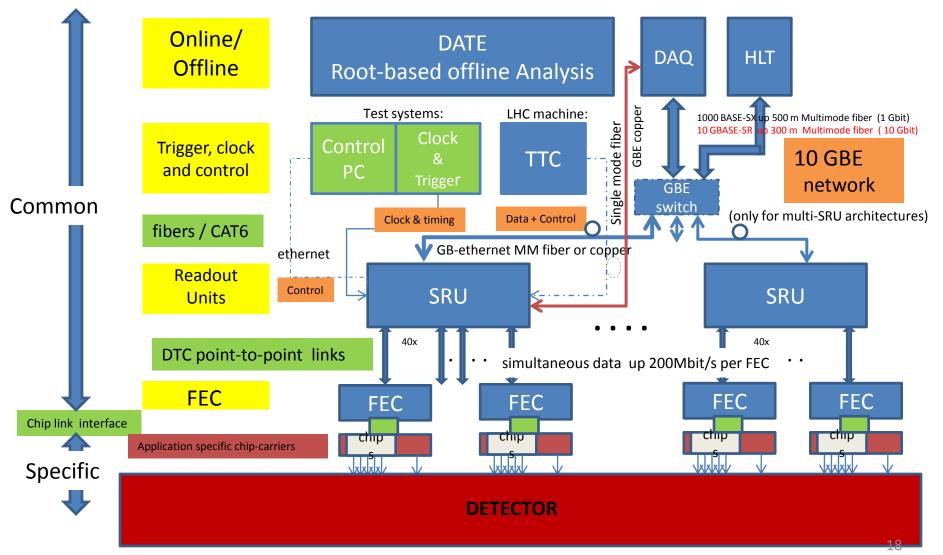
Ultrafast laser drilling

- New high-rate 'fs' lasers make it possible to drill more perfect holes (no melting) in quantities.
- Might replace wet etching for some materials (ceramics) or down to 10 μ diameter



WG5: Electronics for MPGDs

SRS general readout architecture



WG5: Electronics for MPGDs

SRS registered developers and users

F	Detector		
Experiment/Team	Detector	Activity	
DAQ team ALICE	ALICE DAQ upgrade	Extension of DATE to Gigabit Ethernet Slow controls Program for SRS	
and	Detector upgrade ALICE (DAQ, CALO etc)	R&D and management of SRS	
		Electronic design SRS hybrids,	
RD51-CERN	SRS system modules	ADC, SRU, Firmware etc	
ALICE , CCNU Wuhan, CN and	ALICE DCaL and PHOS Calorimeters	DTC link protocol and Adapter, Firmware, SRU Electronics Design	
ALICE ORNL Oak Ridge, USA	ALICE EMCaL and DCal Calorimeter		
ATLAS Coll, MM, short term, CERN, CH	Micromega (Res. Strip) protos	Hybrid adapter to MM chamber	
ATLAS Coll. MM, med. Term, CERN USA	N x MICROMEGA DETECTORS	New Hybrids and Adapters	
Bonn and Mainz Uni. DE	TPC	Timepix adapter to SRS FEC	
Florida Tech. Univ, USA	GEM for Muon Tomography (MTS)	Offline and Online developments link for DATE users RD51	
LIP, Coimbra, PT	micropatterned RPC for s. animal PET	TesterCan take some technical work (manual soldering, cables,etc)	
HELSINKI, HIP, Finland	GEM detector and Si- 3D	Online and Offline	
Istituto Superiore di Sanita INFN Roma, IT	GEM TRACKER	share information, common dev.	
INP, Novosibirsk, USSR	Triple GEM with small angle stereo readout	?	
LAPPP, Annecy, Fr	bulk MicroMega	hybrid design for SRS with MICROROC chip	
MEXICO, UNAM, MX	TGEM	?	
SAHA Inst Nucl Phys,KOLKATA, IN	MICROMEGAS	?	
UPV Valencia, NEXT Collaboration, ES	Xe-filled TPC with PMT and SiPM readout via SRS	FEC card design, Firmware modules Online and Offline	
USTC Shanghai, CN USTC Shanghai, CN	GEM and MicroMegas	work on hybrids	
Zaragoza Univ, ES	MicroMegas	test and assembly of MM	

CERN experiments (large systems)

- ATLAS CSC upgrade MicroMegas
- ALICE EMCaL new readout backend
- NA62 Straw tracker MicroMegas

HEP experiments (medium systems)

- NEXT Collaboration, dual Beta decay
- BUDKER, INP, triple-GEM Deuteron

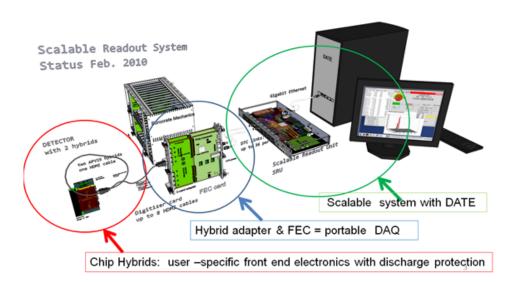
Public usage with Cosmic Tomography

- FIT Florida, homeland security, GEMs
- Geoscienes Azur CRNS Water quality

R&D with MPGD's (small systems)

- Weizmann Inst, THGEM tests
- Tsinghua Univ, GEM Imaging
- Bonn/Mainz Univ, Timepix readout
- Helsinki HIP, GEM detector
- LIP Coimbra, micropattern RPC, for PET
- INFN Trieste, THGEM photon detection
- MEXICO UNAM, THGEM
- SAHA Kolkatta, MicroMegas
- USTC Shanghai, GEM and MicroMegas
- Zaragoza Univ, GEM and MicroMegas
- CE Saclay, MicroMegas
- some more non-confirmed

physical overview SRS of RD51





ADC frontend adapter

for APV and Beetle chips

ADC plugs into FEC to make a 6U readout unit for up to 2048 channels 18 ADC V1.0 produced in 2010 18 ADC V1.1 waiting for production 2011

Frontend hybrids

so far all based on APV25 chip Version 1 proto: 5 working Version 2 users: 11 Version 3 systems: 16 (CERN PCB + bonding workshops) 320 (ELTOS + Hybrid SA) = ongoing

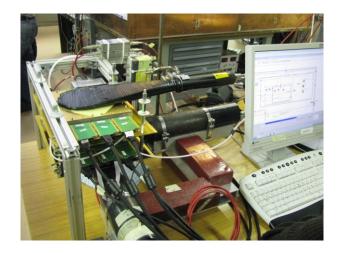
FEC cards

Virtex-5 FPGA, Gb-Ethernet, DDR buffer, NIM and LVDS pulse I/O High speed Interface connectors to frontend adapter cards 22 FECs V1.1 produced in 2010 16 FEC V1.3 ready for production all users booked

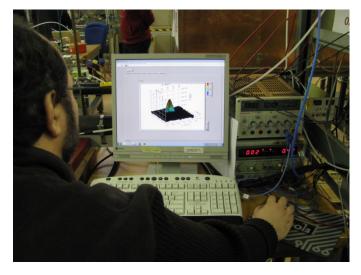


Industrial partners survey for the production !!

First SRS systems: ATLAS MAMMA



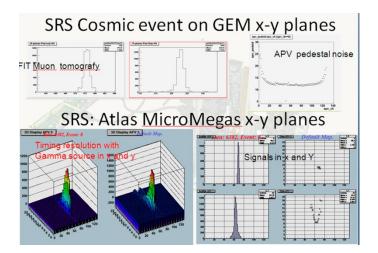
MicroMegas test with cosmic trigger



Online display



CSC –sized Micromegas



WG4: MPGD Simulation Tools

C++ version of Garfield:

• C++ class that has the functionality of the Garfield Fortran for gas has been developed. Lots of effort went into benchmarking and validating the new C++ code.

• Gas properties (*i.e.* Magboltz) and primary ionization (*i.e.* Heed) have been implemented.

•Drift path integration algorithms and **analytic field calculations** had already been translated, and it opens the path to TPC-like calculations.

•Microscopic, MC and Runge-Kutta charge transport techniques are in place.

•Progress is being made in a second generation and final **interface to Geant4** from Garfield C++.

•Silicon detectors implementation in Garfield

Maintenance:

•Ionization processes – Heed and MIP (cluster size distribution, electron range and Fano limit)

•Field calculations – BEM method validated for MPGD

•Gas properties – Magboltz tables extended and updated (Ar, Xe, He, Ne; GeH₄,SiH₄, C₂H₂F₄)

(Import ant in view of the next generation electroluminescent detectors for dark matter and double beta decays searches)

Generic studies:

Penning transfers – published (2010 JINST 5 P05002)
Avalanche statistics and gain fluctuations –published (NIM 624 (2010)78-84)
Neutron detection in gases – in progress
Photon feedback (ALICE TPC & MicroMegas) – in progress

Modeling:

•MicroMegas transfer properties •GEM charging up

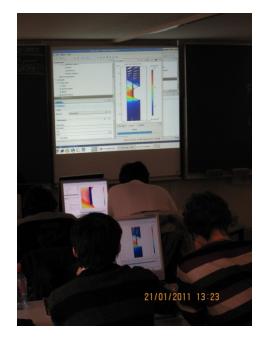
RD51 Simulation School

RD51 Simulation School (19-21 January 2011)

Contents:

Introduction to Geant4 Introduction to FEM, COMSOL Field calculations Transport of electrons in small-scale devices Calculation of signals and their processing

25 participants; enthusiastic feedback







WG6: TE/MPE/EM Workshop upgrade

- Last year, agreement was reached with CERN management to purchase the subset of machines necessary to carry out R&D on large size GEM (2m x 0.5 m) & Micromegas (2m x 1m) and the associated large size read-out boards in the current CERN TE/MPE/ME facility.
 - Additional funds for the workshop will come from the FP7 AIDA project

•	GEM	market survey	call for tender	order	ready
	 1 continuous polyimide etcher 	x	X	x	06/2011
	 1 Cu electroetch line 	X	X		06/2011
•	Micromegas				
	 1 large laminator 	X	x	x	06/2011
	 1 large Cu etcher 	X			09/2011
	 1 large UV exposure unit 	x	X	x	06/2011
	 1 large resist developer 	x			09/2011
	 1 large resist stripper 	x			09/2011
	 1 large dryer 	X	X	x	06/2011

Machines should be available in 2011 \rightarrow according to the schedule

WG6: TE/MPE/EM Workshop upgrade

- CERN investment:
 - •Equipments for large size GEM manufacturing (2m x 0.5m)
 - Equipments for large size MicroMegas manufacturing (2m x 1m)
 - Participation of 4 technicians (15% of their time)
- <u>AIDA</u> contribution:

AIDA KICK-OFF MEETING (16-18 February 2011)

- Finance a technician during 2 years to:
 - •Set up the new equipment

• Produce large prototypes for: (non exhaustive list)

- •SLHC ATLAS Muon detector upgrade
- •CMS Muon detector upgrade
- •KLOE2 inner tracker (Frascati)
- STAR tracker
- •Panda inner tracker (Munich)
- •FAIR/CBM trackers (GSI)
- •Florida Tech university (homeland security)
- •ILC calorimeters (Lapp Annecy, Arlington Texas)
- Large area, High spatial resolution Tracker at Jefferson Lab
- Etc...

WG6: Technology Industrialization Potential partners

THGEM Technology – ELTOS S.p.A. (Italy)

GEM Technology

Micromegas Technology

- New Flex (Korea, Seoul)
- Tech-ETCH (USA, Boston)
- Scienergy (Japan, Tokyo)
- Keerthi Industries (India)
- MicroMETAL GmbH (Germany, Muellheim)

SACLAY bulk MicroMegas workshop

- Very inventive detectors being tried.
- Double-sided : coarse readout on one side, finer multiplexed readout on the other side
- Bulk with thin meshes
- Also trying thick meshes (90% cheaper)
- The Saclay bulk workshop is now ready to help

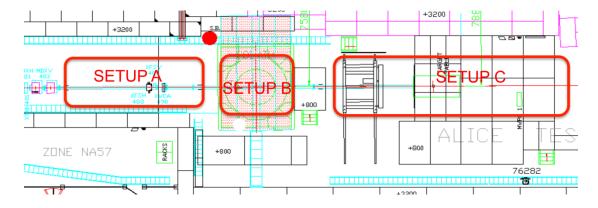
- TRIANGLE LABS (USA, Nevada)
- SOMACIS (Italy, Castelfidarco)
- CIREA (France, CHOLET)

Industrial test runs for each technology foreseen in 2011 after selection of the best candidates !!!



Clas12 double sided bulk MicroMeg26 26

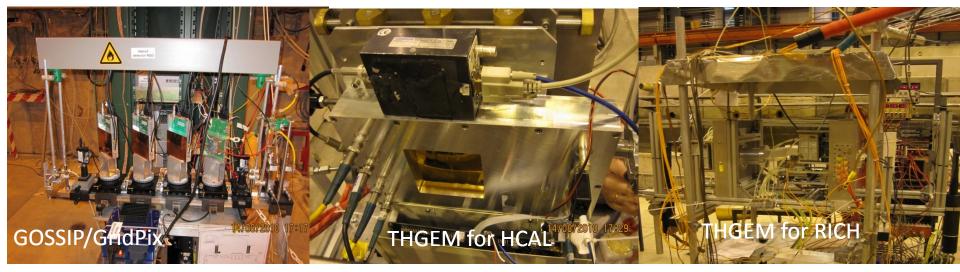
WG7: Test Beam Facility at H4 SPS



2011 RD51 beam allocation

The PS/SPS/AD Users Schedule

•27/June - 4/July (8 days)
•9/August - 21/August (13 days)
•17/October - 24/October (7 days)



Excellence in Detectors and Instrumentation Technologies CERN, Geneva, Switzerland - 31 January - 10 February 2011

"GEM Detectors"

The principles of GEM-based detectors and their applications will be explained. GEM detectors will be assembled, and afterwards tested in X-ray stands. Concepts such as detection of X-rays will be explained and pulse height gain, and counting rate measurements will be carried out. *Professors of excellence and Tutors: L.Ropelewski, G.Bencivenni*

"GridPix and Micromegas"

The set-up consists of two tests stations:

A complete GridPix/Gossip detector(s): PolaPix, Dice, Gossip including gas system, new miniHV supplies and readout systems. Students will operate the set-up and take data with various sources and cosmic rays, followed by data analysis: track fitting, dE/dX, interaction of ionization radiation with gas.

The second set-up consists of a 10x10 cm2 bulk Micromegas read out by a charge preamp, amplifier- shaper and a Multi-Channel analyzer, and a 1726-channel TPC in a gasbox, read out by T2K electronics. Fundamental concepts such as X-ray conversion, diffusion, electron collection and gas amplification will be understood via measurements with a full DAQ and analysis chain.

Professors of excellence and Tutors: H.van der Graaf, P.Colas





