



Gaseous Detectors R&D, where do we stand / where do we go

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Outline

- **Introduction to the DRDs Collaborations**
- **DRD1, the collaboration focusing on gaseous detector technologies**
- **Is it worth doing? Concrete examples of collaborative efforts and activities within the RD51 Collaboration. One example as well on DRD1 and Work Packages (strategic R&D).**

Introduction to the DRDs Collaborations

This section will contextualize the setting up of several new R&D collaborations on instrumentation, specifically the newly established DRDs, following the recommendations from the latest European Strategy Update for Particle Physics. Motivation behind these collaborations and the main aims they should focus on will be highlighted.

European Strategy Update for Particle Physics (ESPPU)

<https://europeanstrategyupdate.web.cern.ch/>

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<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2721370/files/CERN-ESU-015-2020%20Update%20European%20Strategy.pdf>

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Other essential scientific activities for particle physics

C. The success of particle physics experiments relies on innovative instrumentation and state-of-the-art infrastructures. To prepare and realise future experimental research programmes, the community must maintain a strong focus on instrumentation. **Detector R&D programmes and associated infrastructures should be supported at CERN, national institutes, laboratories and universities. Synergies between the needs of different scientific fields and industry should be identified and exploited to boost efficiency in the development process and increase opportunities for more technology transfer benefiting society at large. Collaborative platforms and consortia must be adequately supported to provide coherence in these R&D activities. The community should define a global detector R&D roadmap that should be used to support proposals at the European and national levels.**

ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap Document

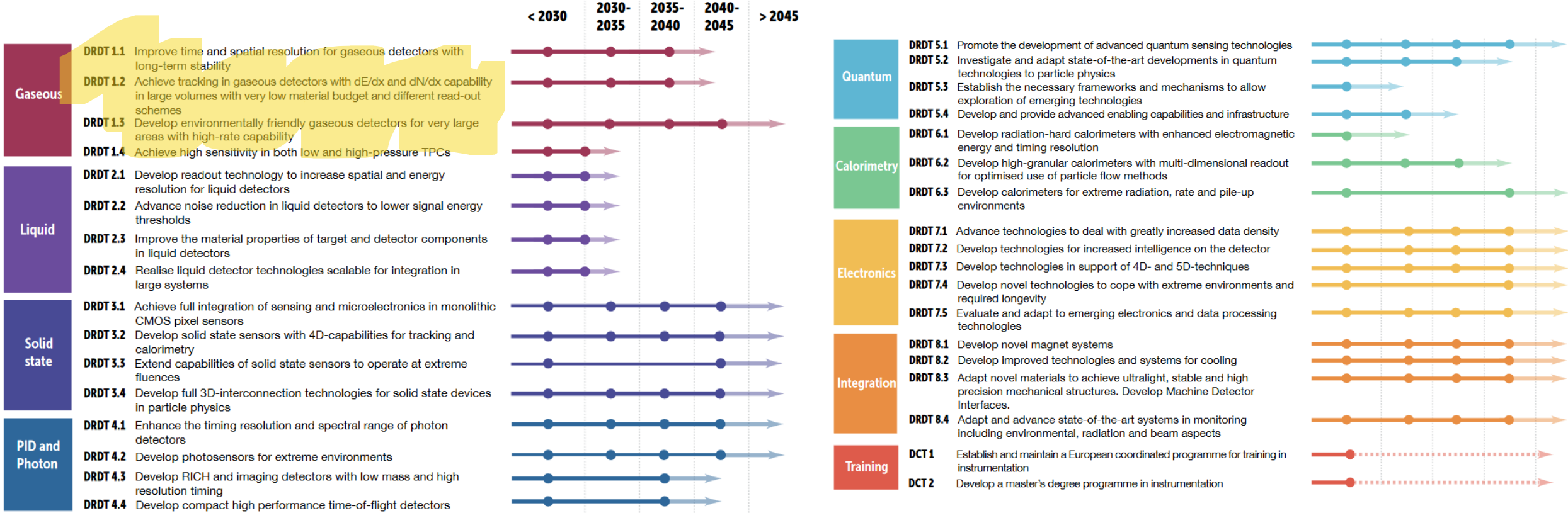
The links are here to the [Synopsis](#) and [Full Document](#) as presented to the Scientific Policy Committee and CERN Council in December 2021.

The Full Documents can be found on [10.17181/CERN.XDPL.W2EX](https://cds.cern.ch/record/10.17181/CERN.XDPL.W2EX)



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DETECTOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT THEMES (DRDTs) & DETECTOR COMMUNITY THEMES (DCTs)



<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2784893/files/Synopsis%20of%20the%20ECFA%20Detector%20R&D%20Roadmap.pdf>

General Strategic Recommendation

The report concludes with ten “General Strategic Recommendations” (GSRs). The aim of these is to propose mechanisms to achieve a greater coherence in detector R&D across Europe through better streamlining of local and national activities. Greater coordination will reduce duplication, improve effectiveness and give the area greater visibility. It will also give the field a greater voice at a European level to make the case for the additional resources needed for Europe to maintain a leading role in particle physics, with all the associated scientific and societal benefits that will flow from this.

The GSR topics covered by the detailed recommendations in the report are:

GSR 1 - Supporting R&D facilities

GSR 2 - Engineering support for detector R&D

GSR 3 - Specific software for instrumentation

GSR 4 - International coordination and organisation of R&D activities

GSR 5 - Distributed R&D activities with centralised facilities

GSR 6 - Establish long-term strategic funding programmes

GSR 7 - “Blue-sky” R&D

GSR 8 - Attract, nurture, recognise and sustain the careers of R&D experts

GSR 9 - Industrial partnerships

GSR 10 - Open Science

GSR 4 - International coordination and organisation of R&D activities

In some, but not all, areas of generic detector R&D, community-led collaborations provide vital fora for exchange of ideas and pooling of resources, thereby minimising duplication of effort. This ecosystem, which originally sprung from a CERN initiative around the challenges of detectors for the LHC and has evolved over three decades, has proved to be very effective and has also spawned a number of collaborations not linked to the original CERN structures. Within GSR 4, it is proposed to significantly refresh the structures and processes for the creation and peer-reviewing of such R&D collaborations, encouraging CERN and the other national laboratories to actively assist in catalysing this transformation

GSR 5 – Distributed R&D Activities with Centralized Facilities

A major concern for the future of several sensor R&D areas (particularly those linked to solid-state devices, microelectronics and on-detector data handling) is that R&D costs to exploit, adapt and further develop cutting-edge technologies are rising much faster than the rate of inflation. Although addressing the niche specifications of particle physics can provide an important vehicle for product development, the field remains by commercial standards a low volume market making it expensive. Increasingly, costs can only be met through a significant pooling of resources, particularly given the growing complexity and degree of specialisation required of those involved in the device design and the need to negotiate as a larger-scale organisation. GSR 5 proposes a solution to achieving the required critical mass through a network of national hubs which, while improving focus and cost-effectiveness, would still allow a vibrant research base in individual smaller institutes and university departments

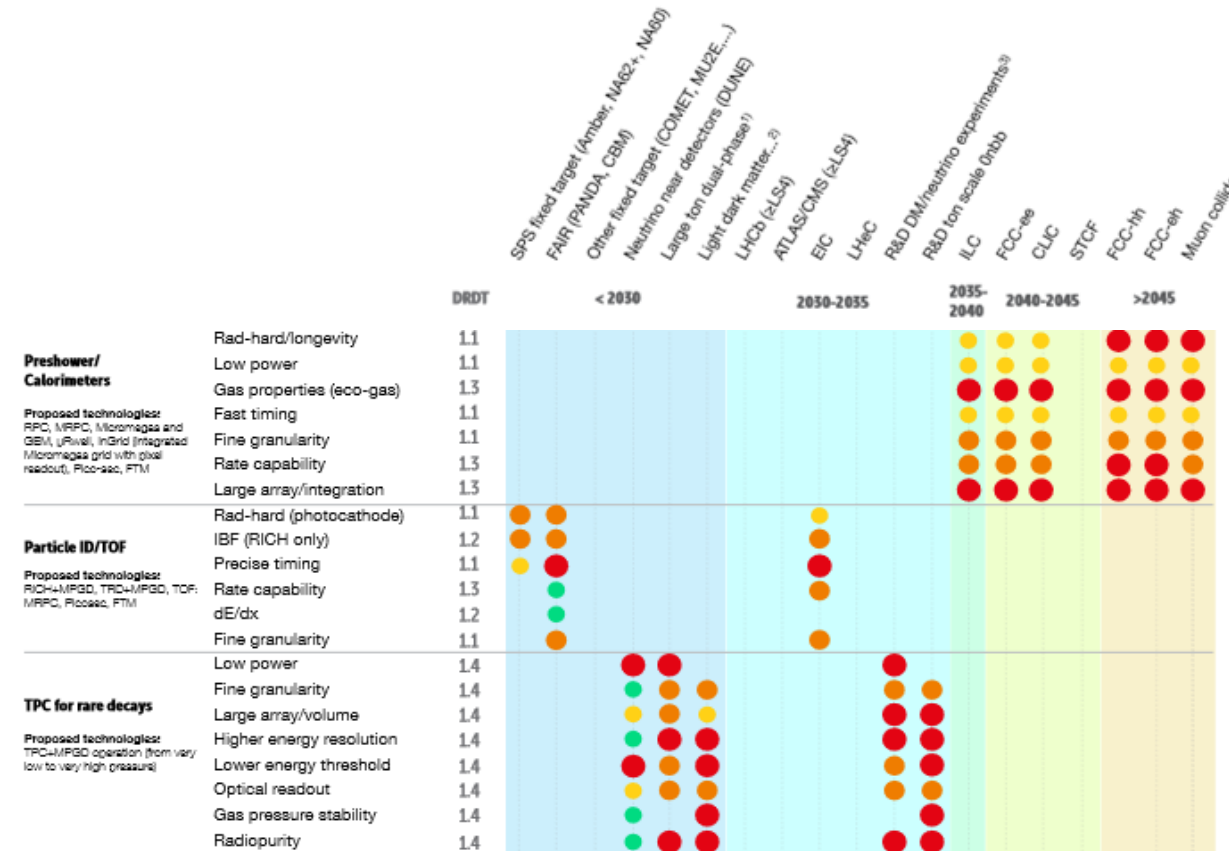
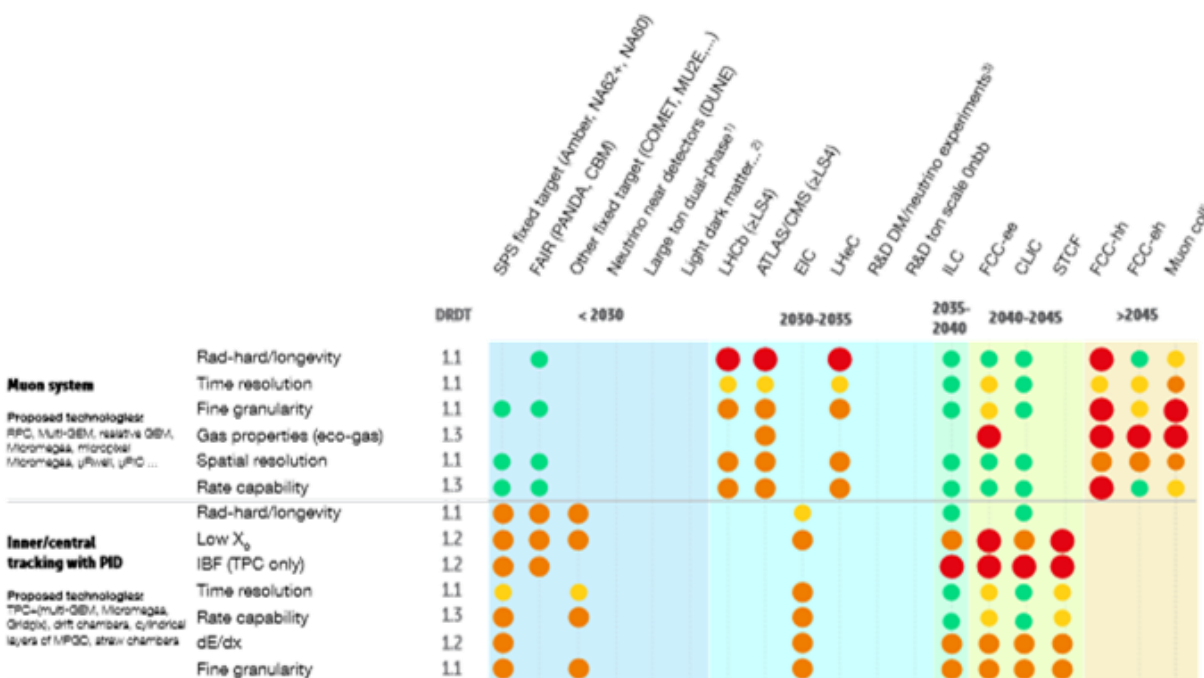
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The DRD1 Collaboration on gaseous detector technologies

This section will shift the focus to the DRD1 Collaboration, which encompasses a range of gaseous detector technologies, including Micro Pattern Gas Detectors (MPGD), Resistive Plate Chambers (RPC), and wire-based detectors. More than 160 institutes have shown interest in this collaboration, making it one of the largest and more diversified in terms of research activities.

Detector R&D Themes and Requirements from future experiments



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Requirements for future experiments at future facilities

Rate Capabilities	Up to several MHz/cm ²
Spatial Resolution	Down to 50μm
Time Resolution	Down to few tens of ps
Radiation Hardness	up to 10 ¹³ n _{eq} /cm ² /y
Ageing	Up to C/cm ²
Material Budget	<1% X/X ₀
Magnetic Field	Up to several Tesla
Gain	Larger than 10 ⁵ -10 ⁶
dE/dx	Down to 10%

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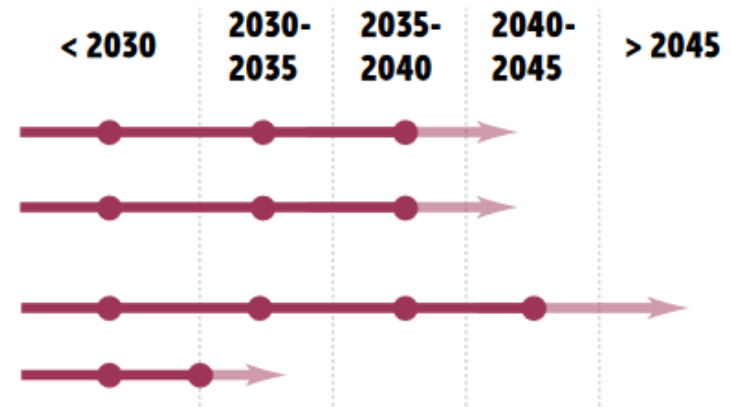
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- **Muon Systems** (HL-LHC, ILC/FCC-ee/CepC/SCTF, Muon Collider, Hadron Physics, FCC-hh),
- **Inner and Central Tracking** (HL-LHC, ILC/FCC-ee/CepC/SCTF, Rare/Atomic/Nuclear Physics, Hadron Physics),
- **Preshower/Calorimeters** (ILC/FCC-ee/CepC/SCTF, Muon Collider, Hadron Physics),
- **Particle ID/TOF: RICH and TRD** (Hadron and Nuclear Physics, FCC-ee/CepC), **TOF** (Hadron and Nuclear Physics),
- **TPC for Rare Decays** (WIMP, Solar Axions, Nuclear Physics, Neutrino and neutrino-less double beta decay, DM)

DETECTOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT THEMES (DRDTs) & DETECTOR COMMUNITY THEMES (DCTs)

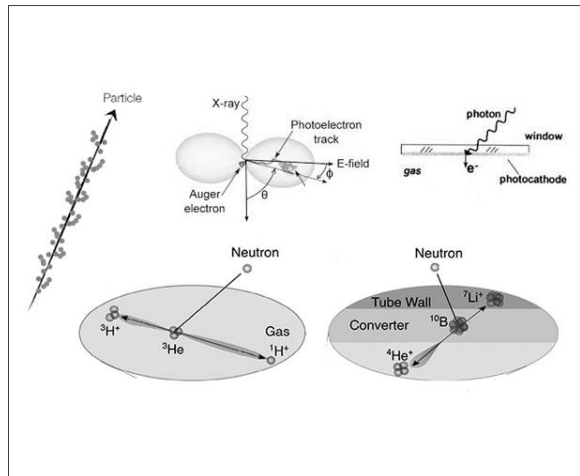
Gaseous

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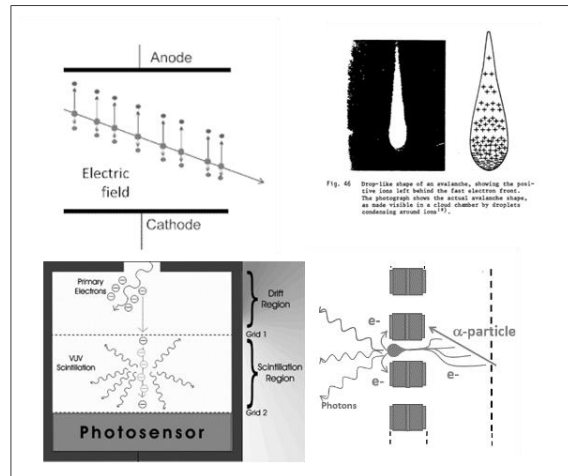


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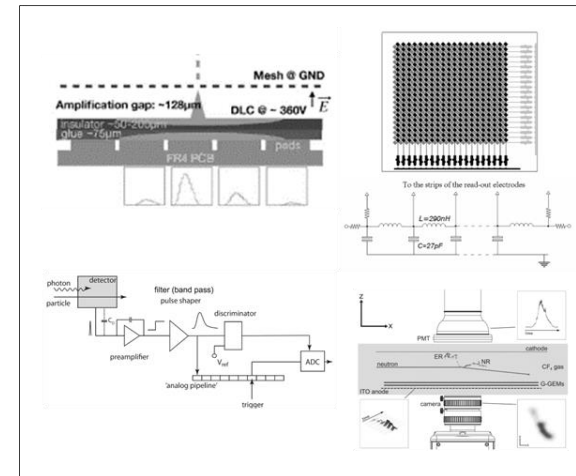
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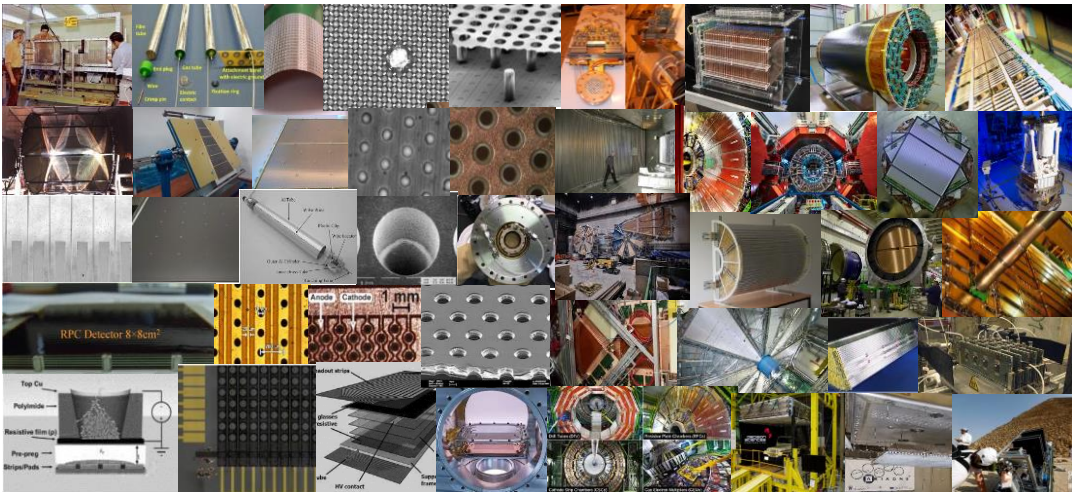
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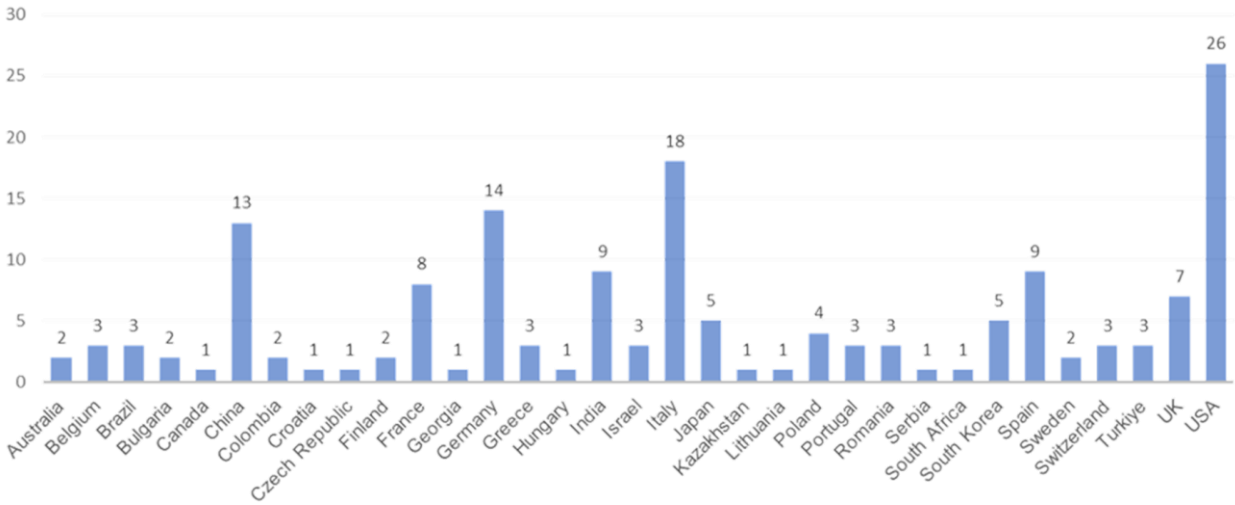
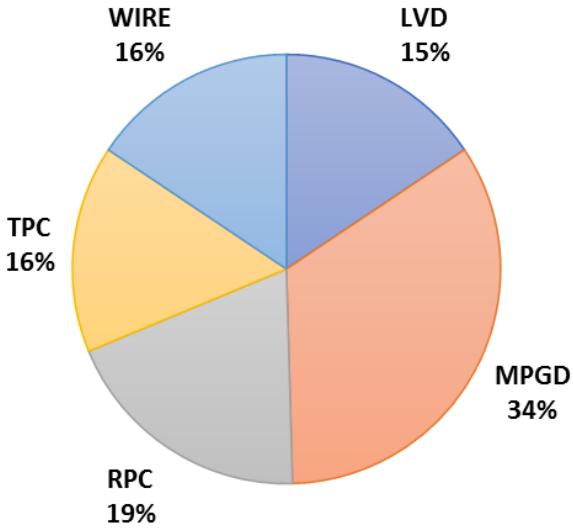
readout



DRD1: A very large and diversified set of technologies and solution, a very large and diversified community



- More than 160 Institutes
- More than 30 Countries
- More than 700 members
- 5 Industrial, Semi-Industrial and Research Foundations



Countries of DRD1 Institutes (today)

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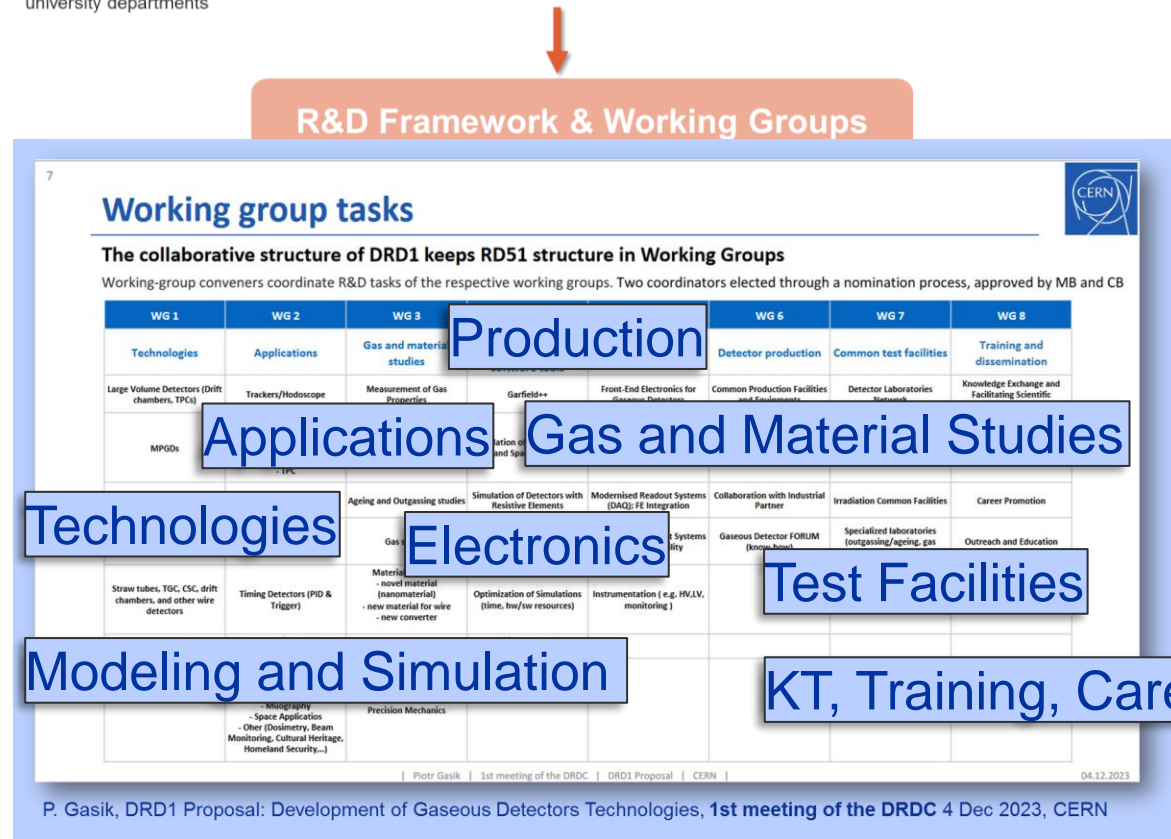
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More than 50 people, from different technologies, research fields and countries

Main goal: present how DRD1 is addressing the general recommendations (I)

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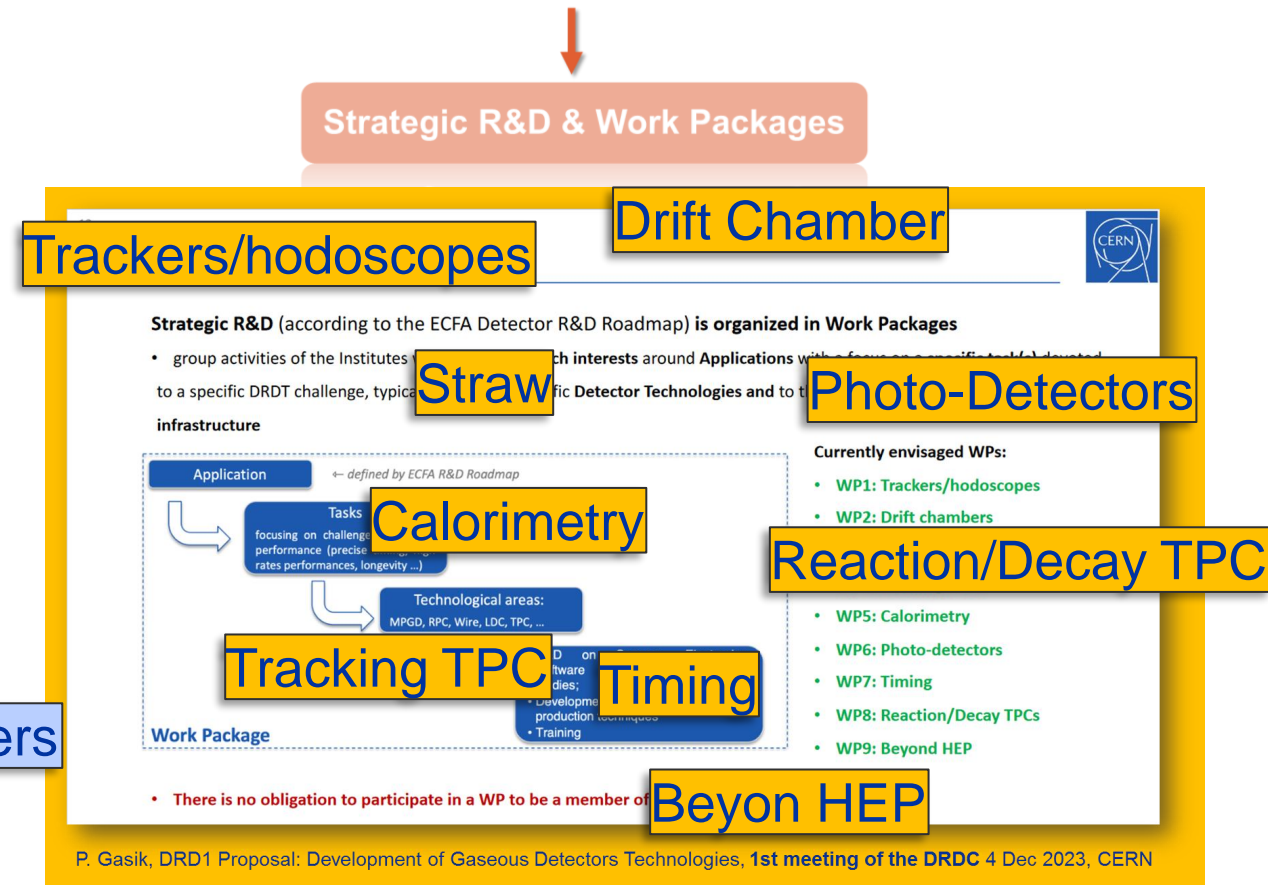
R&D FRAMEWORK

a simplified vision, reality is slightly more complex and mixed

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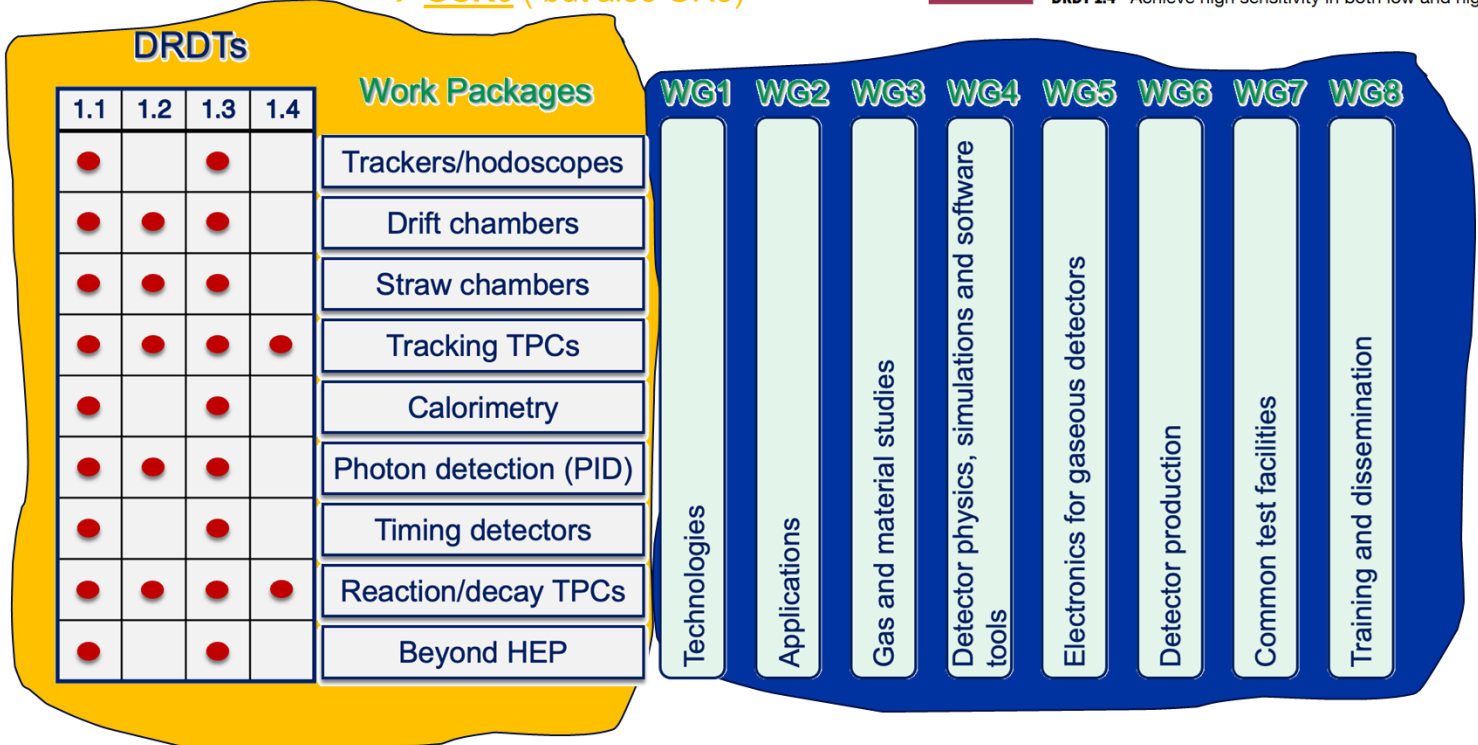
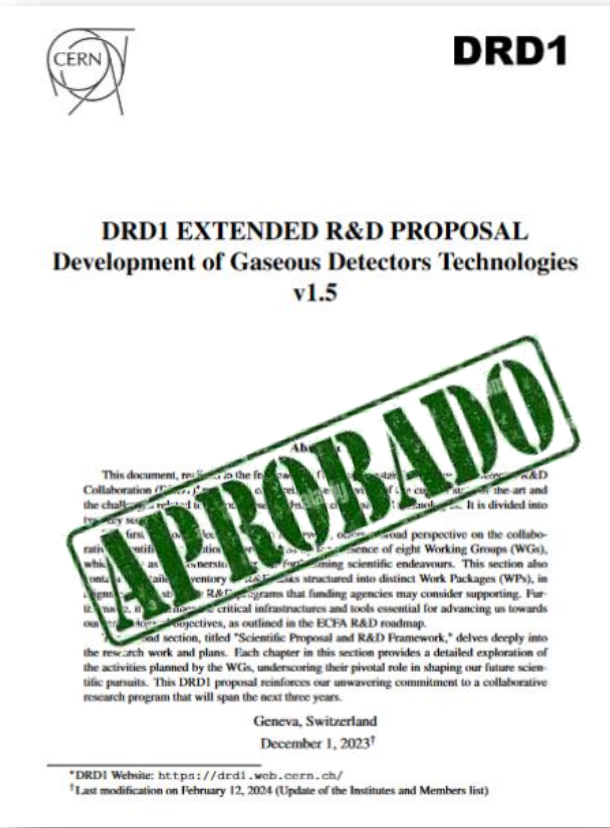
STRATEGIC R&D PROJECTS

DRD1 Proposal

Scientific Organization

Strategic R&D and Long-Term Funding based on Work Packages → **GSR6** (but also GR5)

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R&D Framework based on Working Groups → **GSR5** (but also GR6)

STRATEGIC R&D

R&D FRAMEWORK

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Is it worth building all of this?

Intermezzo (personal thoughts)

It is not possible today to guarantee that all motivations/expectations behind the DRDs collaboration will be satisfied.

Nevertheless, I firmly believe that a **community-led collaboration is beneficial** no matter what and that, while **preserving (*) the freedom, dynamism, and independence of each group**, it will provide more resources (in terms of knowledge, scientific, and technical support) and better optimize their sharing to support the research activities of each member group.

(*) From ECFA Roadmap Recommendation: *supporting and valorise the vibrant research in individual smaller institutes and university departments*

This will work best of course if we will be open to sharing our developments and participating in common initiatives. Often, this creates a win-win situation, and it works.

A set of examples based on my experience of collaborative efforts within the RD51 Collaboration

The formation of DRD1 has benefited from the experience and heritage of the RD51 Collaboration, an international R&D initiative based at CERN that was dedicated to advancing MPGD technologies. A series of concrete examples of collaborative efforts and activities will be given.

In the next slides I will pick up a few examples of activities done within RD51. I will focus on activities that were enriching the R&D framework available to all the members of the collaboration.

The examples I will cover are connected to:

- **Modelling and Simulation** → Garfield++ & Co.
- **Electronics** → The Scalable Readout System
- **Production** → The MPT Workshop
- **Common test Facilities** → The Semipermanent Test Beam installation at the SPS

I will close this part with **Common Project**, an initiative a support of blues sky and generic R&D.

These common projects had the objective of:

- Clustering of groups
- Supporting basic research and blue-sky activities that may have difficulties to be funded as such
- Seeding long terms initiatives

Let's start with Modeling and Simulation

RD51 supported directly the long-term clustering of developers and the training and formation of new generations. It additionally supported the clustering of research groups and valorize their contribution.

Garfield(++) & Co.

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DRIFT CHAMBERS WITH CONTROLLED CHARGE COLLECTION GEOMETRY
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INTRODUCTION

- WHO I AM
SUMMER STUDENT (C FABJAN)
Rob VEENHOF / LEIDEN - NETHERLANDS
- WHAT I HAVE BEEN DOING
WRITING A COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR
DRIFT CHAMBER
SIMULATION
- WHAT THE PROGRAM CAN DO
 - CALCULATE THE ELECTRIC FIELD AND POTENTIAL IN A DRIFT CHAMBER
 - PLOT ELECTRIC FIELD + POTENTIAL
 - CALCULATE AND PLOT DRIFT LINES AS WELL AS EQUAL-ARRIVAL-TIME CONTOURS,
 - SIMULATE THE SIGNAL ON THE SENSE WIRES DUE TO A CHARGED PARTICLE GOING THROUGH THE DC.
 - WRITE THE SIGNAL ON A FILE THAT CAN BE USED AS INPUT FOR SCEPTRE.

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Garfield(++) & Co.



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NUCLEAR
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Section A

GARFIELD, recent developments

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Abstract

Various developments have taken place in GARFIELD over the last 2 years: the limitation to analytic potentials and 2-dimensional geometries is being lifted via interfaces with finite element programs such as [1]; detailed calculations of the electrostatic wire movements have been added; cluster generation has been enhanced considerably thanks to an interface with the Heed program [2] and considerable effort has been put into the improvement of signal calculations. I will illustrate these points with calculations carried out by the researchers for whom these extensions were made. © 1998 Published by Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

CERN Consult Writeups Garfield

Garfield - simulation of gaseous detectors

Responsible at CERN: **Rob Veenhof**

Manual Type: **User Guide**

Version: **9**

Author: **Rob Veenhof**

Reference: **W5050**

Created: **1 Sep 1984**

Last Update: **7 Sep 2010**

Verified: **7 Sep 2010**

Valid until: **further notice**

Support Level: **High**

What Garfield does

Garfield is a computer program for the detailed simulation of two- and three-dimensional drift chambers.

<https://garfield.web.cern.ch/garfield/>

Today → Garfield++ (H. Schindler)

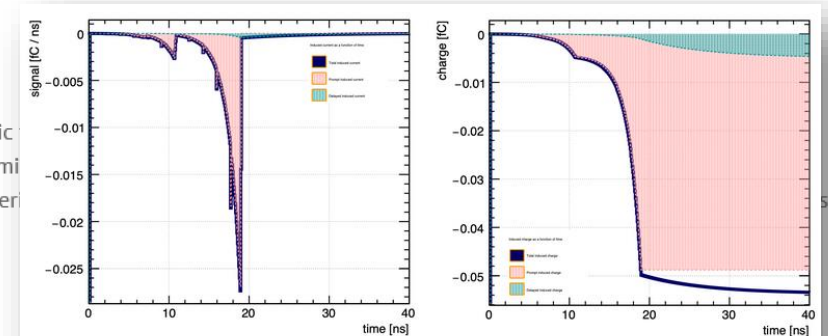
<https://garfieldpp.web.cern.ch/garfieldpp/>

The main differences are the more up-to-date treatment of electron transport, the possibility to simulate silicon sensors, and the user interface, which is based on **ROOT**.

Tutorials

First steps

- Simulating a drift tube: gas tables, analytic
- Simulating a GEM: finite element model, m
- Simulating a silicon sensor: user-parameter
- Simulating a Resistive Plate Chamber



A working example can be found in [Examples/RPC](#).

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Garfield(++)& Co. (I): Keeping together (and growing) the developers' team...



material properties

- gases (→ Magboltz)
- semiconductors

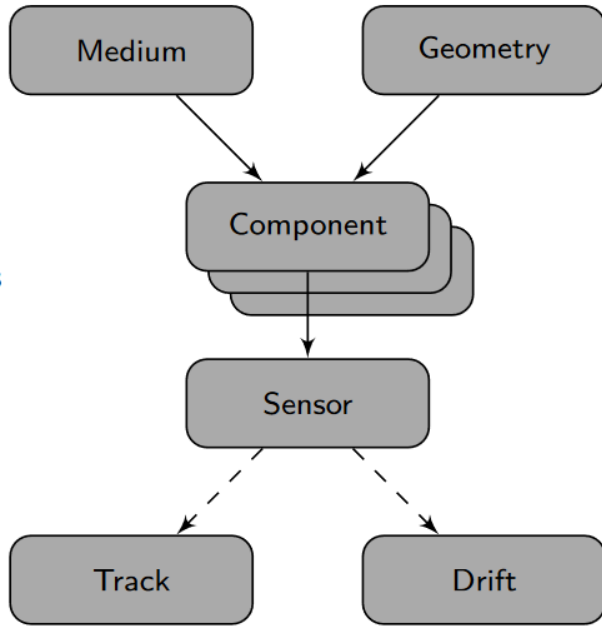
field calculation

- analytic
- field maps
- neBEM

primary ionisation

- Heed
- SRIM/TRIM
- Geant4

detector description



charge transport

- microscopic
- MC integration
- RKF integration

transport



Magboltz is being developed by Steve Biagi.

Heed was written by Igor Smirnov.

The authors of neBEM are Supratik Mukhopadhyay and Nayana Majumdar.



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Valorize the work of research groups: the Penning Transfer

Penning effect

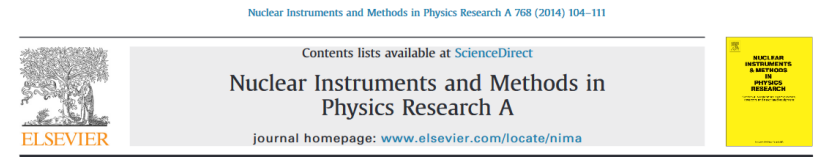
Frans Michel Penning
(1894-1953)



- ▶ $\text{Ar}^* 3p^5 4s$ can transfer to $i\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$, C_3H_8 and C_2H_6 ;
 - ▶ two $4s$ are metastable, the two others live 2.6 ns and 8.6 ns;
- ▶ $\text{Ar}^* 3p^5 4p$ can also ionise CH_4 ;
 - ▶ $4p$ decays to $4s$ with a lifetime of 20-40 ns;
- ▶ $\text{Ar}^* 3p^5 3d$ can in addition transfer to CO_2 ;
 - ▶ radiative $3d$ decays take ~3.5 ns, the others ~50 ns.
- ▶ Metastables: collision frequencies of Ar^* in pure quencher are ~100 ps.

Kraków measurement setup

- ▶ Single anode, cylindrical counters:
 - ▶ r_{anode} : 10-50 μm ;
 - ▶ r_{cathode} : 2 mm (Atlas TRT straws) to 26 mm;
 - ▶ p_{gas} : 50 hPa - 0.6 MPa;
 - ▶ in some cases, guard rings were added;
 - ▶ careful shielding to protect against noise.
- ▶ pA-nA range; usually < 5 nA to avoid space charge;
- ▶ ^{55}Fe , ^{109}Cd and ^{90}Sr sources.
- ▶ Available gases: Ar, Xe, Kr, (Ne,) $i\text{-C}_5\text{H}_{12}$, C_6H_{12} , $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$, C_2H_6 , H_2 , N_2 , CF_4 , CO_2 , O_2 , DME.



High-precision gas gain and energy transfer measurements in Ar-CO₂ mixtures

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ABSTRACT

Ar-CO₂ is a Penning mixture since a fraction of the energy stored in Ar $3p^3 3d$ and higher excited states can be transferred to ionize CO₂ molecules. In the present work, concentration and pressure dependence of Penning transfer rate and photon feedback parameter in Ar-CO₂ mixtures have been investigated with recent systematic high-precision gas gain measurements which cover the range 1-50% CO₂ at 400, 800, 1200, 1800 hPa and gas gain from 1 to 5×10^7 .
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Valorize the work of research groups: Cluster ions (and mobility)



A new experimental technique for positive ion drift velocity measurements in noble gases: Results for xenon ions in xenon

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Abstract

A new technique is described for measuring the drift velocities and mobilities of noble gas ions in noble gases that makes use of a gaseous electron multiplier (GEM) and a UV flash lamp to produce the ions in a thin, well-defined, planar region. The drift velocities are determined from measurements of the transit time of the ions in crossing the drift space. We present experimental results for xenon ions in xenon. For these ions, the reduced mobility values measured at various pressures when $E/N \rightarrow 0$ fall within the interval $[0.70, 0.74] \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$. A discussion of the results concerning the existence of Xe^+ , Xe_2^+ , Xe_3^+ , etc., ions is also made.
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Cluster ions in gas-based detectors

ABSTRACT: Avalanches in gas-based detectors operating at atmospheric pressure and using Ar-CO₂ or Ne-CO₂ as drift medium produce in a first instance mainly Ar⁺, Ne⁺ and CO₂⁺ ions. The noble gas ions transfer their charge to CO₂ in a few ns. A few ns later, the CO₂⁺ ions have picked up CO₂ molecules, forming cluster ions, in particular CO₂⁺ · (CO₂)_n. Since the cluster ions are slower than the initial ions, the signals induced by ion motion are altered. The effect is shown to be present in constant-field detectors and TPC readout chambers, and is expected to affect devices such as Micromegas and drift tubes.

<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-0221/10/07/P07004/pdf>

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4.1 Coimbra measurement

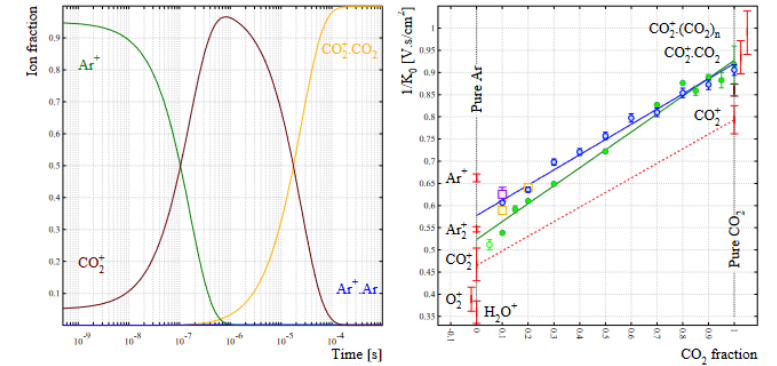


Figure 6. *Left:* ion and cluster count as function of time at $p = 1070 \text{ Pa}$. Even if 95% of the initial ions are Ar^+ hardly any $\text{Ar}^+ \cdot \text{Ar}$ is produced because Ar^+ prefers to transfer its charge to CO_2^+ at low pressure. *Right:* Blanc plot for Ar-CO₂ mixtures. Blue points are measurements by G. Schultz et al. [68]; the blue line is a linear fit to this data; green points come from P.M.C.C. Encarnação et al. [19]; the green line is a linear fit for which the light green point is not taken into account (see text); the purple point was measured in ALICE with wet gas (section 4.4), and the orange points come from an ALICE prototype chamber (“Praktikum”, section 4.3); red markers and error bars are mobilities for pure gases (section 3); the red line is the mobility expected for a CO₂⁺ ion; the brown error bar is the weighted average from figure 3. TPC data reduced from 999 hPa and 25 °C.

RD51 Collaboration – Mini-Week
June 2014

3 Collaboration Project within RD51

Title: Measurement and calculation of ion mobility of some gas mixtures of interest

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Electronics

Develop common electronics to support our R&D, offering more possibilities and improving the quality of our detector characterization.

Electronics for MPGDs: the RD51 Scalable Readout System

Working group 5

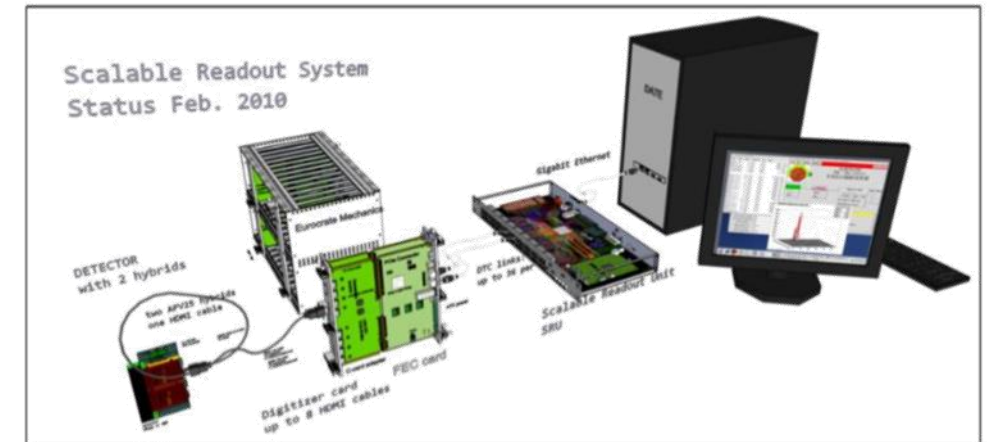
Electronics for MPGDs

Conveners: Hans Muller (CERN), Jochen Kaminski (Bonn University)

The availability of highly integrated electronics systems for the charge readout of high granularity MPGD systems poses a non-trivial problem to many of the modern MPGD applications. The specifications of such systems for the different fields of application will be collected. For the classical configuration of charge collecting pads or strips an easy-to-use portable readout solution will be developed. Ultimate granularity is achieved by using the inputs of a CMOS pixel readout chip directly as a charge collecting anode. The specifications of such a readout chip will be worked out and a common effort will be made towards a next-generation pixel chip for MPGD readout. The tasks are: (1) Definition of front end electronics requirements for MPGDs; (2) Development of general purpose pixel chip for active anode readout; (3) Development of large area detectors with pixel readout; (4) Development of portable multichannel data acquisition systems for detector studies; and (5) Discharge protection strategies.

WG5 tasks:

1. [Definition of front end electronics requirements for MPGDs;](#)
2. [Development of general purpose pixel chip for active anode readout;](#)
3. Development of large area detectors with pixel readout;
4. [Development of portable multichannel data acquisition systems for detector studies;](#)
5. Discharge protection strategies.

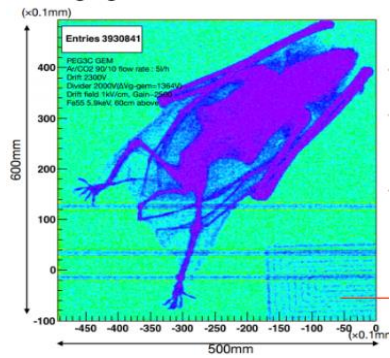


H. Muller, Scalable Readout System

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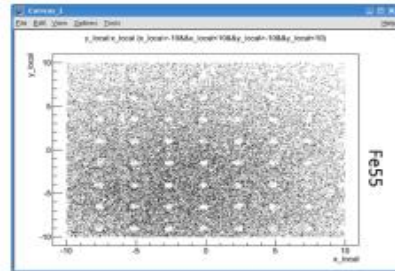
The experience with SRS/APV25

- Generic R&D (laboratory and test beam measurements)

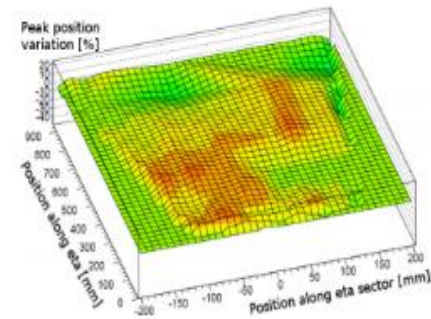


Detector Testing: X-Ray Imaging with GLASS GEM, Tokyo University

- Support to project driven R&D (e.g. support to LHC upgrades such as ATLAS NSW/R&D and CMS GEM/QA)

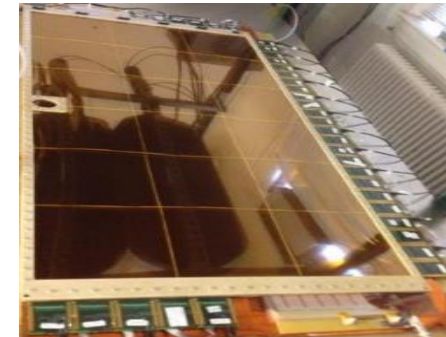


Detector Characterization: ATLAS NSW Resistive Micromegas Prototype



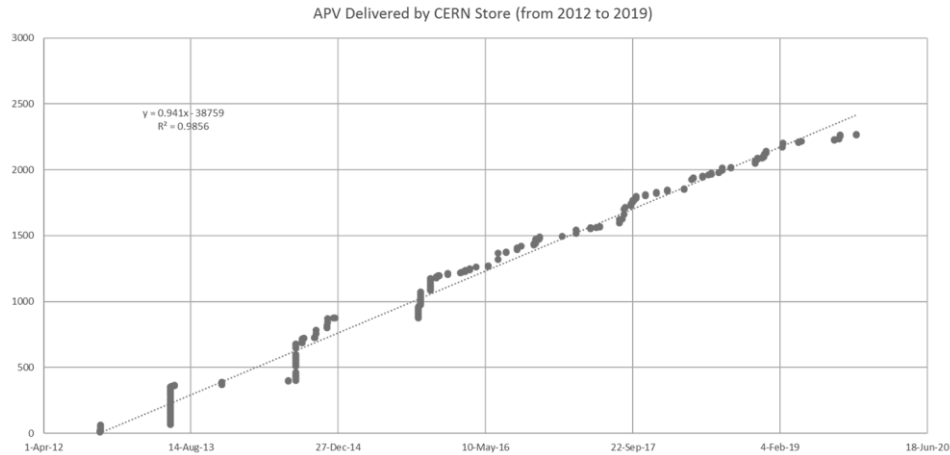
Quality Assurance: gain uniformity test of a Triple GEM, implemented in the CMS GEM QA

- Small and Medium Scale experiments (e.g. PRAD@JLAB)



Triple GEM PRAD chambers covering an area of ~ 120 cm x 110cm with 2D strips readout readout via the SRS Electronics (36 APV cards per Chamber, 4608 Readout Channels)

The experience with SRS/APV25 (CERN Store)



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SCEM Code: Keyword(s): SRS

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Total: about 2.4k hybrids (128 chs/hybrid)

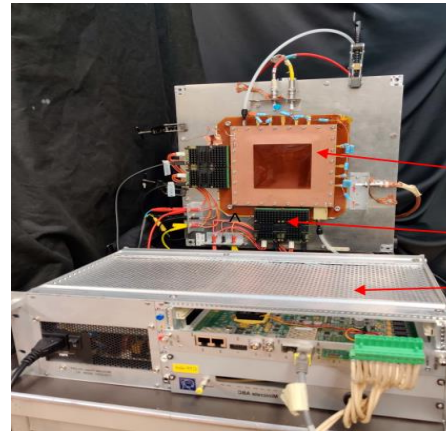
About 350 hybrids/year

Including: large/medium/small size experiments and laboratory R&D activities.

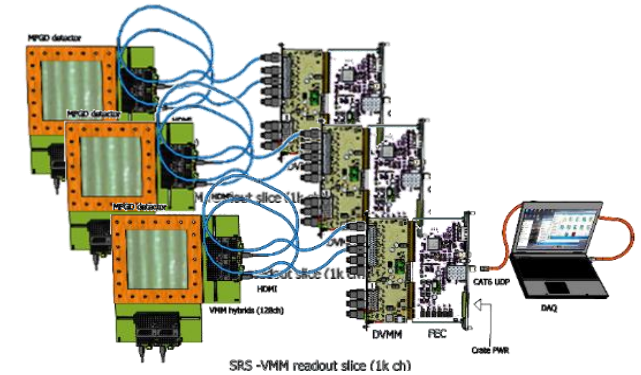
The after-APV25: the BNL/ATLAS NSW VMM3a FE ASIC (I)

Large interest in the new FE ASIC: about 2500 VMM3a in the expression of interest.

	Wafer yield = 0.85			
	VMM hybrids 2019	VMM hybrids by end 2020	Nr. VMM chips on wafer after	Nr. good VMM chips
	<small>(already available) thing else gets calculated</small>			
ESS	11	560	1318	1120
USTC		78	184	156
Bonn Univ. Physics		120	282	240
Mainz Univ, Physics		12	28	24
Mainz Univ, Physics		16	38	32
Budker	2	22	52	44
INFN		10	24	20
Univ. o. Tsukuba		50	118	100
GDD lab CERN	24	24	56	48
Peking Univ. HEP		50	118	100
LMU-HEP	8	8	19	16
LMU-Medphysics		48	113	96
ETH Zurich		40	0	0
CERN BE		18	42	36
Univ.o Virginia		8	19	16
Kobe Univ.		8	19	16
TUM Munich		0	0	0
LSBB Rustrel		160	376	320
Univ of Hawai		4	9	8
Universidad de Los Andes		16	38	32
Total VMM hybrids short term =	45			
Total VMM hybrids long term =		1252		
Total VMM ASICs (+10%) short term			2852	
Total VMM ASICs (+10%) long term			2852	2424
Total VMM wafers already in use =		already in use	4	
Total VMM wafers needed =				25



Triple GEM
RD51 VMM3a Hybrid
SRS crate



Supported by individual RD51 groups interested in the development (e.g., ESS), by RD51 common resources, and by AIDA2020 and AIDAinnova resources.

Access to wafers is provided through the collaboration (several wafers were purchased and redistributed to the community). The collaboration's investment is returned once the wafers have been used to produce hybrids.

The after-APV25: the BNL/ATLAS NSW VMM3a FE ASIC (II)

The community behind: WG5.1 sub-working group

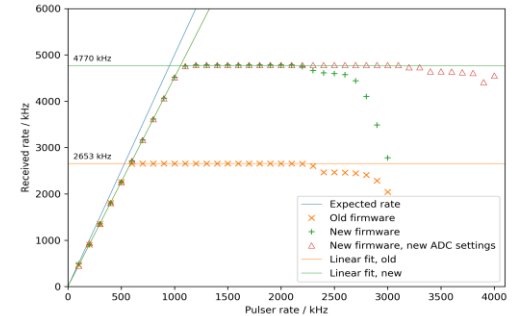
Synchronize activities and developments related to RD51's Scalable Readout System and the integration of the VMM3a ASIC.

Group together people and institutes interested in next-generation readout electronics for MPGDs and facilitate the exchange of developments and research interests.

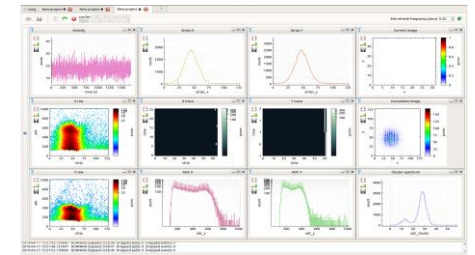
Collaborate on common developments in firmware, software, and hardware (including the improvement of existing SRS hardware and the development of auxiliary devices and components).

Provide the community's developments back to the community!
Coordinate hardware production and testing with the CERN KT Spin-Off: SRS Technology.

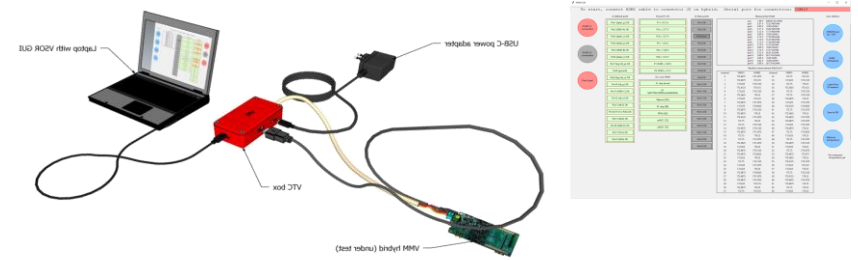
Firmware



Software



Testing SW/HW, procedures



First measurements using the first proto-system: Laboratory (x-ray) Measurements

Fluorescence Processes

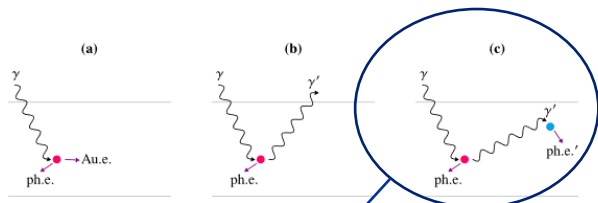


Fig. 1. Illustration of different interaction processes of an X-ray photon γ with a gas atom. (a) shows a single cluster event, the liberation of a photoelectron (ph.e.) followed by the emission of one or more Auger electrons (Au.e.) close to the initial interaction. (b) shows another type of single cluster event, the liberation of a photoelectron followed by the emission of a fluorescence photon γ' , which escapes the detector. (c) shows a double cluster event, in which the fluorescence photon does not escape the detector, but interacts in the gas volume and liberates another photoelectron (ph.e.).

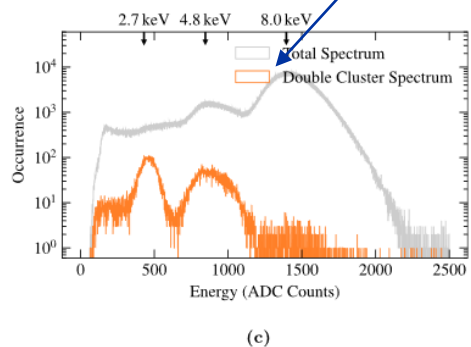
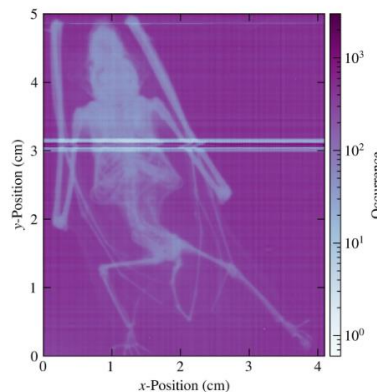


Fig. 4. Energy spectra, showing the total measured X-ray spectrum and the spectrum of the double cluster events for (a) ^{56}Fe at $E_d = 2.50\text{ kV/cm}$, (b) ^{56}Fe at $E_d = 1.25\text{ kV/cm}$ and (c) copper at $E_d = 1.25\text{ kV/cm}$.

Imaging (high rate)



Sauli's bat

L. Scharenberg et al.: *Resolving soft X-ray absorption in energy, space and time in gaseous detectors using the VMM3a ASIC and the SRS*, Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res. A **977** (2020) 164310.
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Drift velocities measurement

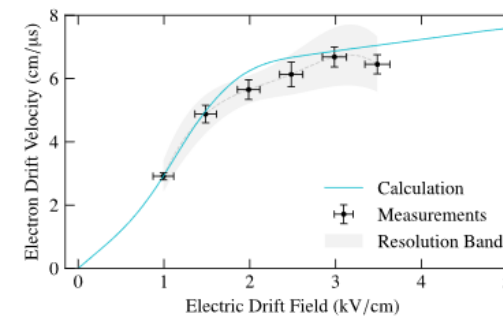
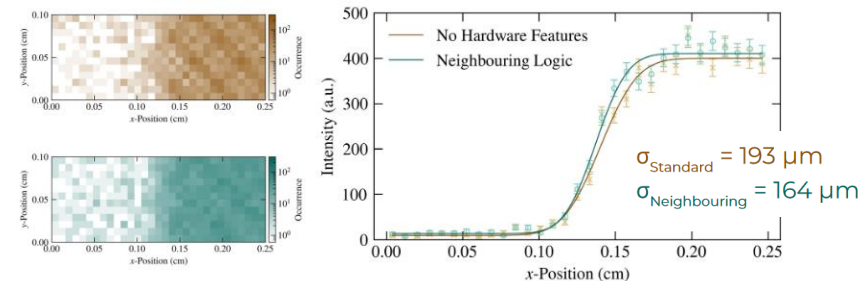


Fig. 9. Electron drift velocity as a function of the electric drift field for Ar/CO₂ (70/30%). The continuous line shows the results of a Magboltz calculation for NTP, while the points are measurements at ambient pressure and temperature. The grey area indicates standard deviation σ on μ of the error function from the fit of Eq. (1).

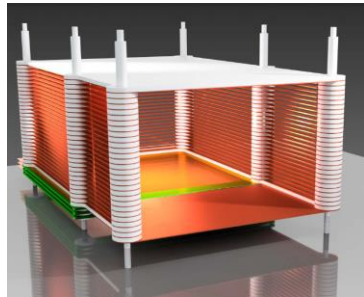
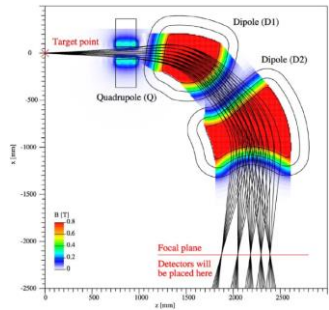
Space resolution



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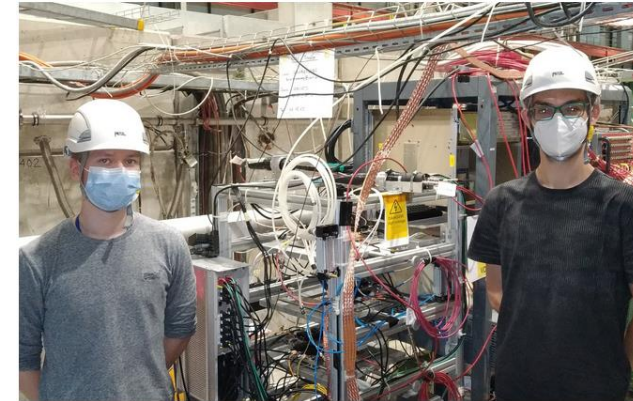
SRS/VMM3a in test beam

First measurements using the first proto-system: Beam Measurements (TPC@MAGIX)



RD51 Telescope Readout

First characterisation study for front-end and data acquisition systems aimed at future micro-pattern gas detectors



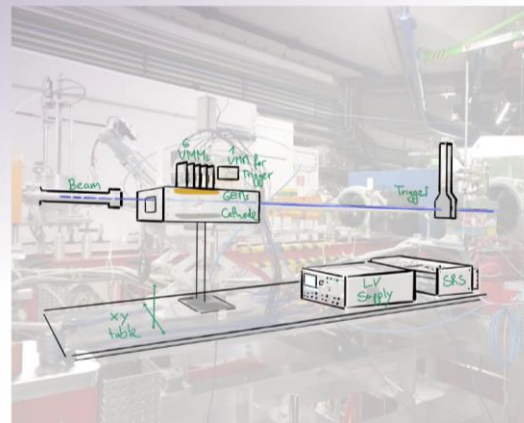
By Lucian Scharenberg (CERN)

In summer 2021, several state-of-the-art detector instrumentations conducted full characterisation studies at SPS.

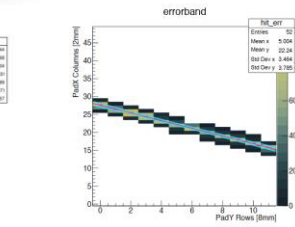
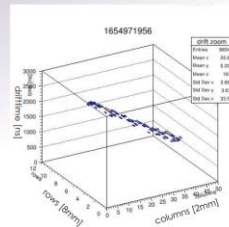


On Track, Nov. 2021
<https://aidainnova.web.cern.ch/first-characterisation-study-front-end-and-data-acquisition-systems-aimed-future-micro-pattern-gas>

Beamtime 2019



Beamtime 2019



Technical Progress (2)

- Several telescopes and DUTs operated: RD51 telescope: 21 hybrids (2688chs), UNIANDES/GSI/DUBNA (1920 chs), LMU (1152 chs).

Oct. 21 Telescopes equipped with SRS/VMM3a prototype systems



RD51 telescope GEMs and Scintillators

UNIANDES/GSI/DUBNA setup GEMs, Straw Tubes, Scintillators

LMU Trackers and TPC MicroMegs

- Different detector technologies read via VMM3a: GEM, MM, Straw Tubes, Scintillators/PMT/NIM.

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Manufacturing, the CERN MPT workshop

Cost-effective, industrial technology solutions will be developed and transferred to industry. A common “production facility” based on the MPGD workshop at CERN will be developed and maintained and procedures for industrialization will be set up. The tasks are: (1) Development and maintenance of a common production facility; (2) MPGD production industrialization (quality control, cost-effective production, and large-volume production), (3) Collaboration with Industrial Partners.

MPT workshop @ CERN

MPGD Projects

•SBS tracker	GEM 600mm x 500mm
•ALICE TPC upgrade	GEM 600mm x 400mm
•CMS muon	GEM 1.2m x 450mm
•ATLAS NSW muon	Micromegas 2m x 1m
•COMPASS pixel Micromegas	GEM & Micromegas 500mm x 500mm
•BESIII	GEM 600mm x 400mm
•KLOE	GEM 700mm x 400mm
•SOLID	GEM 1.1m x 400mm
•CLAS 12	Micromegas 500mm x 500mm
•LSBB (geoscience)	Micromegas 1m x 500mm
•Prad	GEM 1.5m x 55cm
•CBM	GEM 1m x 450mm
•ASACUSA	Micromegas

•Most of them are still at the R&D phase but some are already in production:

•ATLAS NSW	1300 m2
•SBS Tracker	100 GEMs
•ALICE TPC upgrade	350 GEMs
•COMPASS pixel Micromegas	20 GEM + Micromegas
•BESIII	15 GEM
•CLAS 12	30 Micromegas
•CMS	450 GEM

New Capabilities

	UV exposure unit limited to 2m x 0.6m → 2.2m x 1.4m	
	Resist developer limited to 0.6m width → 1.2m	
	Resist stripper "	
	Copper etcher "	
	Dryer "	
	GEM electro etch limited to 1m → 2m	
	GEM polyimide etch limited to 1m → 2m	
	Ovens limited to 1.5m x 0.6m → 2.2m x 1.4m	
	Laminator limited to 0.6m width → 1.2m	

installation of the new infrastructure (to produce 2x1m² Bulk MM & 2x0.5m² GEM)



Construction of the new workshop's building



CERN Building 107
Basis of Design



EN Engineering Department

EN-ICE/RS/se
18 December 2009

MEMORANDUM

To : S. Bertolucci

Cc : P. Bloch, R. De Oliveira, B. Magnin, L. Ropelewski, M. Titov, V. Vuillemin

From : R. Saban *Robert I. Saban*

Subject : Extending the present Fine Pitch Photolithography Workshop

The RD51 Collaboration approached EN-ICE with the request to extend the existing facilities in the Fine Pitch Photolithography Workshop for the construction of detector components with dimensions of up to 2m x 1m more than doubling the present limit (1.5m x 0.5m).

In order to continue the support at CERN to R&D on Micro-Pattern Gas Detector technology while the project for the construction of the new building for the workshop takes shape, we met on November 19th 2009 to review the different scenarios.

Three options were submitted to you: they are detailed in the document attached to this memorandum. We take note of your decision to fund Scenario 2, which allows limited R&D (longer development cycles) on large size MPPGD and the associated large size read-out boards in building 102.

MPT Workshop

DT Training Seminars

L'atelier Micro-Pattern Technology: Nouvelles et projets clés

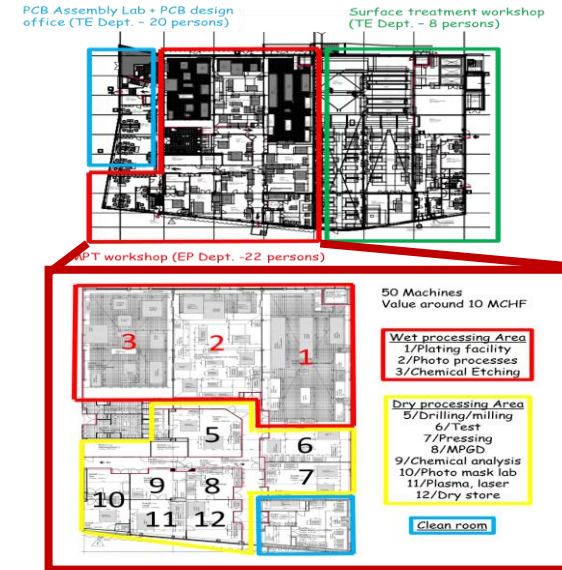
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Tuesday 16 Apr 2019, 11:00 → 12:00 Europe/Zurich

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Almost all families of MPGD produced...
GEM, THGEM, MM-THGEM, Micromegas,
mRWELL, RPWELL, DLC with MPGDs, ...



MPT/Production: GEM as one example

<https://ep-news.web.cern.ch/content/new-home-gem-detectors-cern>

EP Newsletter of the EP department

A new home for GEM detectors at CERN

DT (GEM detectors)

by Rui De Oliveira (CERN)

Jun 19 2019

New Micro Pattern Technology (MPT) workshop (building 107) of CERN EP-DT, [106]

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Several experiments

COMPASS, LHC-B, KLOE, CBM @FAIR, BM @ N, Phoenix TPC, SBS tracker, T2K, Compass tracker, Compass RICH, ILC TPC prototypes, ILC Calorimeter prototypes, ATLAS NSW ...



Fig. 3: GEM production team handling different type of GEMs

GEM production for ALICE GEM TPC and CMS GE1/1

ALICE TPC and CMS GE1/1

More than 1400 GEMs produced in the EP/DT/MPT

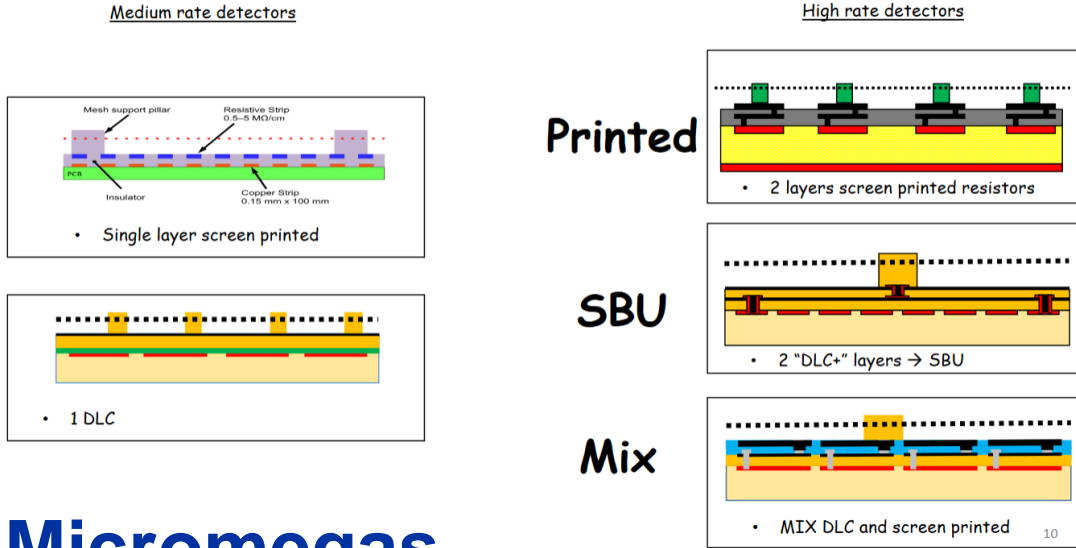
Production was spread over a period of 2 years and required the constant effort of a team of five people, up to seven at the peak of production.

The production yields of about 70% initially, reached 90% in average at the end of production, with peaks at 100% for some batches.

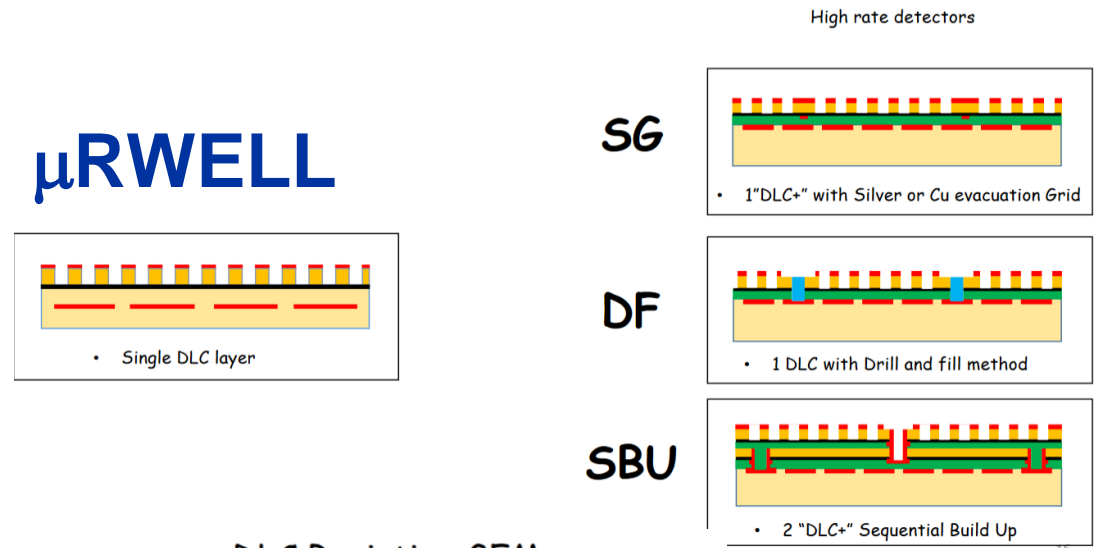
The deadlines fully respected.

MPT/R&D: Resistive MPGD

Different Resistive protection approach with Micro-Megas



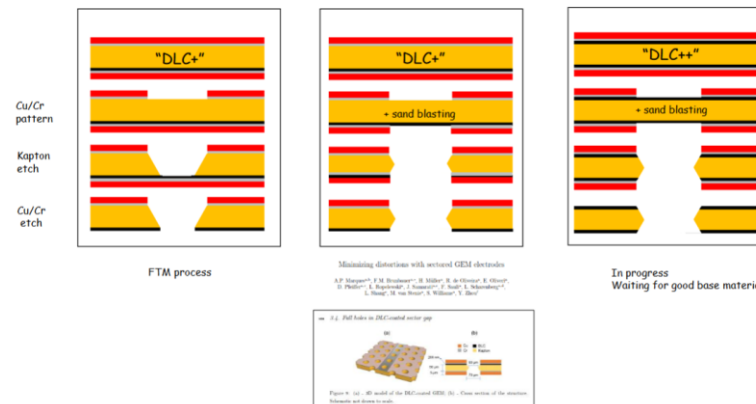
Different Resistive protection in μ Rwell



Micromegas

Resistive MPGD Processes and problems, Rui de Oliveira, 12/02/2020 CERN RD51 mini-week
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DLC Resistive GEM



MPT/Industrialization: Technology Transfer

- Crucial role of the MPT workshop.
- Quite stable (↑/↓) scenario
- Several companies involved in the past years. “Difficult” market.
- Long-lasting Effort

Some of the lessons learned:

- Industrialization possible if large involvement from large project
- Important to involve the industrial partner from the beginning (see μ RWELL with ELTOS involved in initial R&D phase)

Technology Industrialization → transfer “know-how” from CERN workshop to industrial partners

GEM Technology (contacts)

- Mecharonix (Korea, Seoul)
- Tech-ETCH (USA, Boston)
- Scienergy (Japan, Tokyo)
- TECHTRA (Poland, Wroclaw)

THGEM Technology (contacts):

- ELTOS S.p.A. (Italy),
- PRINT ELECTRONICS

GEM Industrialization Status (today):

TECH-ETCH

- Single Mask process fully understood. Many 10cm x 10cm produced and characterized.
- 40cm x 40cm GEM successfully produced
- CMS GE1/1 size of 1m x 0.5m started

TECHTRA

- Production Line Operational
- Stable process for 10cm x 10cm
- Single Mask process completely understood – 10cm x 10cm produced
- 30cm x 30cm Single Mask Produced

MECARO

- 10cm x 10cm double mask produced and tested
- 30cm x 30cm double mask under evaluation @ CERN
- CMS GE1/1 size of 1m x 0.5m

GEM Licenses signed by:

- Mecharonix, 21/05/2013
- TECH-ETCH, 06/03/2013
- China IAE, 10/01/2012
- SciEnergy, 06/04/2009
- Techtra, 09/02/2009
- CDT, 25/08/2008
- PGE, 09/07/2007

MicroMegas Technology(contacts):

- ELTOS S.p.A. (Italy)
- TRIANGLE LABS(USA, Nevada)
- SOMACIS (Italy, Castelfidardo)
- ELVIA (France, CHOLET)

MICROMEAS industrialization status (today):

ELVIA

- Bulk MM detectors are routinely produced with size up to 50x50cm²
- production for ATLAS NSW started

ELTOS

- Several small-size Bulk MM detectors produced
- production for ATLAS NSW started

THGEM industrialization status (today):

ELTOS

- THGEM for COMPASS RICH upgrade (final polishing in house)
- LEMs for LBNO-DEMO

From 139th LHCC Meeting - OPEN Session <https://indico.cern.ch/event/835603/>

Common Test Facilities

The development of robust and efficient MPGDs entails the understanding of their fundamental properties and performance at several stages of their development. This implies a significant investment for detector test beam activities to perform the R&D needed, to test prototypes and to qualify final detector system designs, including integrated system tests.

Test beam At the SPS

Common test facilities (WG7): three test beam campaigns in 2023.

Last RD51 test beam @ SPS in September (first one in June 2009, 15 years ago) - Links [1](#),[2](#),[3](#)

Generic and Application driven R&D

Muon/Tracking: GEM, Micromegas, uRWELL, ugroove, TPC, Straw

Timing: PICOSEC micromegas/uRWELL

Calorimetry: MPGD DHCAL

Project Driven R&D & Commissioning

HL-LHC: CMS ME0

PBC: GEM (AMBER/COMPASS++)

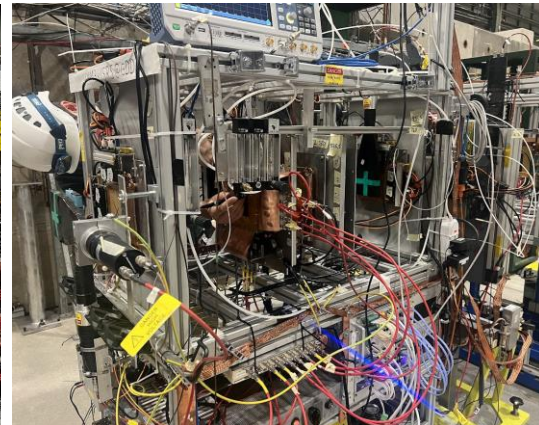
e+e- collider : BESIII

FE electronics and DAQ

Tracking: TIGER-GEMROC, VMM3a-SRS, VFAT3

Timing: Custom Amplifiers, SAMPIC Digitizer, FASTIC

2023 SPS Test Beam Campaign



RD51 H4(PPE134) April-May 2023 Test Beam

Mon. 24/04/2023 – Wed. 10/05/2023

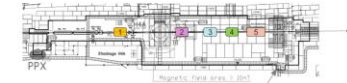
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Beam H4 – PPE134

Generic and Application driven R&D
Muon/Tracking: GEM and Straw
Timing: PICOSEC micromegas

Project Driven R&D
HL-LHC: CMS ME0

FE electronics and DAQ
TIGER-GEMROC
VMM3a-SRS
VFAT3

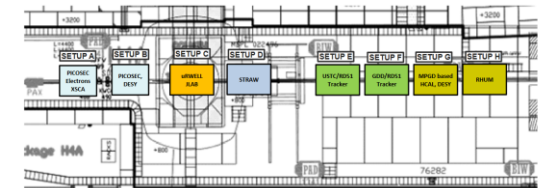


- PICOSEC
- STRAW (PARASITIC)
- TWIN TPC
- RD51 Tracker (VMM3a)
- CMS OEM ME0

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BEAM H4, PPE134 – INSTALLATION (RD51, 5-19 July)

7 setup

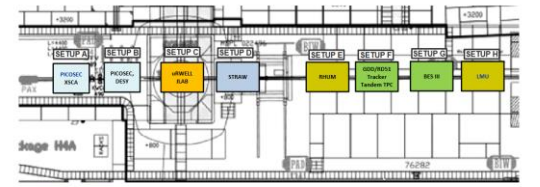


- SETUP A/B: PICOSEC [AUTH, CAE/IRFU, CERN-GDD, INFN PV, JLAB, RBI, USTC]
- SETUP C: JLAB uRWELL
- SETUP D: STRAW - PARASITIC → CANCELLED, late delivery of Detectors, POSTPONED TO AUGUST TB
- SETUP E: USTC/RD51 Tracker
- SETUP F: CERN-GDD/RD51 Tracker
- SETUP G: MPGD based HCAL [INFN Ba-Na-LNF-RM3, WIS] Details on planned measurements (for most of them) here: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1273825/sessions/488837/w202002001>
- SETUP H: RHUM [INFN Na-RM3]

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BEAM H4, PPE134 – INSTALLATION (RD51, 23 August – 6 September)

7 setup



- SETUP A: B: PICOSEC (F. Brunbauer, M. Lisowska)
- SETUP C: uRWELL-JLAB (K. Cranvo)
- SETUP D: STRAW (F. Eide, K. Kuznetsov) - PARASITIC
- SETUP E: RHUM (M. Iodice, G. Sekhriwadze)
- SETUP F: GDD/RD51 Tracker (R. Foellmer) & TANDEM TPC (F. Garcia)
- SETUP G: BES III (R. Farnik)
- SETUP H: LMU (R. Herberberger)

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ALICE TPC Upgrade with MPGD

Specific Requirements: End of the beam line (Shower)

ATLAS NSW Project (micromegas)

Specific Requirements: GOLIATH

CMS GEM Muon Upgrade : GEM Collaboration

Specific Requirements: One Tracker and APV/SRS & VFAT/TURBO readout

FRASCATI - Triple GEM in magnetic Field (BESIII and Ship experiment)

Specific Requirements: GOLIATH, Isobutane

WIS/Aveiro/Coimbra - Large single-stage THGEM detectors

Specific Requirements: One Tracker and APV/SRS readout

LAPP/UA/NCSR/IRFU – Resistive micromegas for calorimetry

Specific Requirements: End of the beam line (Showers)

**LHC experiments
Upgrades**

Project Driven R&D

Generic R&D

Application Driven R&D

**An almost unique
opportunity of exchange
between groups**

RD51 test beam, H4a, SPS

Goliath Magnet

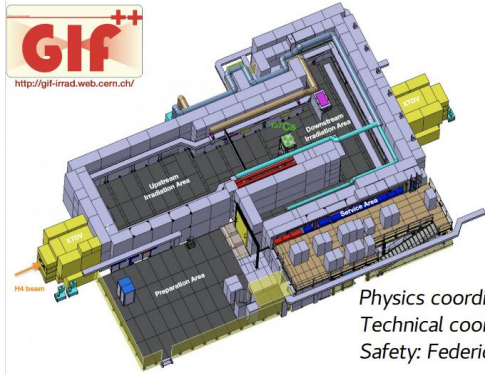
beam →



GIF++ status

K.Kuznetsova on behalf of GIF++ Active Users

(measurements during the spring and summer TBs)



- ^{137}Cs source
- ~12 TBq
- different attenuation factors with set of filters (A*B*C) per each side independently
- Muon beam of H4
- In parallel with RD51/DRD1

Filter System :	A	B	C
Absorption factor	0	0	0
	10	1.47	2.15
	100	100	4.64

- PH/D1/D1.R, Guida

Physics coordinator: Paolo Martinengo
 Technical coordinator: Giuseppe Pezzullo
 Safety: Federico Ravotti

Similar experience as in GIF++ Katerina Kuznetsova, GIF++ Status 2nd DRD1 Collaboration Meeting <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1413681/contributions/6011529/>

CMS Phase-2 GEM upgrade: ME0 station

So far we have:

- Measured the rate capability of the ME0 detectors in GIF++ with a 4-layer stack
- Acceptable (~2.5%) efficiency loss at 250 kHz/300
- Measured the muon segment timing with a 6-layer stack on H4 line
- Good BX identification (~4 ns)

What we want to do in GIF++ in June/July 2024:

- Measuring the segment timing and rate capability in high background with a 6-layer stack

EP-DT Gas Group

Test Beam April 2024 Campaign Overview

Summary:

- In total, 6 runs of data were acquired for the 2mm HPL-RPC over 2 weeks
- Standard Gas Mixture: 95.2% R-134a + 4.5% i-C₄H₁₀ + 0.3% SF₆ → x2
- ECO2: 60% CO₂ + 35% R-1234ze + 4% i-C₄H₁₀ + 1% SF₆ → x2
- ECO3: 60% CO₂ + 25% R-1234ze + 5% i-C₄H₁₀ + 1% SF₆ → x2
- Data was taken for Douma Off and 5 upstream Hubs: ABS 100, ABS 89, ABS 22, ABS 10, ABS 6.9

EP-DT Gas Group

Test Beam July 2024 Campaign Plans

- Participate again with the 2mm HPL-RPC chamber for the ECOGAS collaboration to repeat the measurements of the April Test Beam for the three gas mixtures: STD, ECO2, ECO3.
- Participate with 4, 2mm HPL-RPC chambers from EP-DT to test:
 - The addition of CO₂ to the standard RPC gas mixture (20%, 40%).
 - Performance validation after an irradiation period.
- Further improvements to the current ATLAS CO₂-based gas mixture
- These tests will allow us to understand the status of the mixture currently in use at ATLAS and investigate other mixtures that would reduce the R-134a consumption and equivalent emissions of the mixture.

Summary



- GIF++ is a unique facility for longevity studies
- Longevity studies with high intensity ^{137}Cs
- Ongoing CMS-RPC, CMS-CSC, ECOGAS, ATL-MM,...
- Unique combination beam+source
 - To emulate realistic BG occupancy for performance studies
 - To monitor detector performance as a function of the accumulated charge for longevity studies
 - This defines the traditional preference of spring-summer-autumn for the testbeam periods
- Very friendly, flexible and prompt user community
- Very friendly and prompt gas system support
- Outstanding management and technical coordination

CMS-RPC

April 2024 Test Beam

- Longevity chambers in T1: Existing RPC chambers in CMS longevity with existing gas mixture
 - Integrating charge since 2016
 - Efficiency scans every Test Beam
- R&D on alternative gas mixtures in T3: Existing RPC and RPC prototypes tests with eco longevity gas mixtures
 - RPC prototypes:
 - Performance of HFO based mixture and CO₂ based mixture with around 40 mC/cm² integrated charge (started last year)
 - RPC chamber:
 - Performance of HFO based mixture every test beam
 - Improved RPC chambers in T3: RPCs for Phase-2 upgrade of CMS
 - First mass production chambers (2) tested with final front-end version and back-end electronics with HL-LHC background levels
 - Trigger primitive studies

ATLAS-RPC

ATLAS RPC Performance with Additional CO₂

For 40% CO₂ - 1% SF₆ and 30% CO₂ - 0.5% SF₆ gas mixtures @ same ABS factor, it was observed that the current is increasing by ~20% with our gas of aging, 30% CO₂ 0.5% SF₆.

For 30% CO₂, the charge per count is 30% higher w/ STD gas mix. This is due to the presence of an higher amount of collected photons (See counts).

CMS-RPC

June/July 2024 Test Beam

- Longevity chambers in T1: Existing RPC chambers in CMS longevity with existing gas mixture
 - Integrating charge since 2016
 - Efficiency scans every Test Beam
- Alternative gas mixtures in T3: Existing RPC and RPC prototypes tests with alternative gas mixtures
 - RPC prototypes:
 - Energy resolution measurements with 2 identical chambers + tracking for HFO and CO₂ based mixtures
 - RPC chamber:
 - Performance of HFO based mixture every test beam
 - Improved RPC chambers in T3: RPCs for Phase-2 upgrade of CMS
 - More mass production chambers performance with final Front-end version, latest firmware features and uTCA based back-end electronics
 - Trigger primitive studies

CMS-CSC

CMS Cathode Strip Chamber Longevity Study @ GIF++

Goal: longevity studies with the nominal and reduced CF₂ content

Irradiation setup: ME1/1 and ME2/1 CSCs exposed with the 12 TBq ^{137}Cs gamma source at the GIF++ Facility (HV-ON on 4 layers and HV-OFF on 2 layers kept as reference).

Measurements: during irradiation (basic) and during TB (performance in realistic conditions)

CSC	HL-LHC (2000 B) (2000 B)	Automated (charge 0) (nC/cm ²)						
		before 2018	Nov-2021	Oct-2022	May-2023	19.07.23	23.08.23	30.04.24
ME1/1	300	330(10% O ₂)	700(20% O ₂)	755(19% O ₂)	770	760	800	840
ME2/1	180	310(10% O ₂)	420(19% O ₂)	430	370	370	420	740

ATLAS-RPC

ATLAS RPC Performance with Additional CO₂

The standard gas mixture of RPCs but has a very high GEM and the present test beam is about 1000 V.

The most obvious candidate as CO₂ which was already added to ATLAS RPCs during L3 (CO₂) as a solution for R-134a and other RFP operation for upgrading.

We test the RPC behaviour while irradiated in the photon background for which the RPC sensitivity is very low (about 0.3%).

We consider the current reduced by the photons as a function of the MPPS working point.

We can see the working point anticipation of 200 V between 30% + 40% CO₂ and for 0.5% SF₆ less than 100% @ the same ABS factor.

CMS-CSC

CSCs spatial resolution study: μ beam with GIF++ filter scan.

Spatial resolution of ME1/1 (left) and ME2/1 (right) vs mean CSC layer current with 5%CF₄ gas mixture. The measurements are performed with a muon beam. ^{137}Cs source is used to emulate the background at the experiment. The results are corrected for atmospheric pressure variation. The CSC current is current as the background intensity measure. The spatial resolution degrades linearly with the layer current increase. The HL-LHC background condition for $L=10^{15}$ #Hz/cm² corresponds to ME1/1 layer current of 20 μA , while for ME2/1 is ~15 μA .

RD51 Common Projects

- Support to blue sky and to generic research activities of common interest
- Promoting the clustering of different research teams, acting as a seed for long-term collaborations and activities

Common Projects

- *The RD51 Common Project Funding is intended to support a project cost in the areas of common interest to the RD51/MPGD community*
 - *Technology R&D projects towards developments of novel techniques, improvements of existing technologies, characterization methods and dedicated tools;*
 - *Development and optimization of MPGDs for novel applications;*
 - *Improvement of the MPGD technology transfer to industry.*
- *The program will fund only generic projects – not ones related to experiments.*
- *Transversal collaborations among groups from different countries, experiments, physics areas of interest encouraged and supported by RD51*
- *Started since 2011, 24 projects are approved in these 12 years.*

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Common Projects

Year	Title	Contact person
2011	A low mass microbulk with real XY strips structure	Theo Geralis
	MPGDs technology laboratory for training, development, fabrication, applications and innovation	Rafael Gutierrez
	Thin and high-pitch laser-etched mesh manufacturing and bulking	Paul Colas
	Development of innovative resistive GEM alpha detectors for earthquakes	Guy Paic
2012	Large-area THGEM detector evaluation with SRS electronics	Amos Breskin
	R&D on large area GEMs for the ALICE TPC upgrade	Chilo Garabatos Cuadrado
2014	High resolution UV scanner for MPGD applications	Dezso Varga
	Measurement and calculation of ion mobility of some gas mixtures of interest	Chilo Garabatos
	Fast Timing for High-Rate Environments: A Micromegas Solution	Sebastian White
2016	Development of a novel Micro Pattern Gaseous Detector for Cosmic Ray Muon Tomography	Paolo Iengo
	Sampling Calorimetry with Resistive Anode MPGDs (SCREAM)	Maximilien Chedeville
2017	New Scintillating gases and structures for next-generation scintillation-based gaseous detector	Diego Gonzalez Diaz
	Development of modular multilayer GEM units	Alexander Milov
2018	Modular & General purpose Ultra Low Mass GEM Based Beam Monitors	Gabriele Croci
	DLC based electrodes for future resistive MPGDs	Yi Zhou
	Study of negative ion mobility and ion diffusion for Negative Ion TPCs	André Cortez
2019	Discharge Consortium in quest for Spark-Less-Avalanche-Microstructures	Piotr Gasik
	Pixelated resistive bulk Micromegas with integrated electronics	Fabrizio Petrucci
	Resistive materials and resistive-MPGD concepts & technologies	Shikma Bressler
2020	Optical readout studies for negative ion TPCs	Florian M. Brunbauer
	Large area high-granularity segmented mesh microbulk for future rare event searches	Javier Galan
2021	Comprehensive studies of the glass, ceramic- and kapton-THGEMs in high- and low-pressure TPCs	Pawel Majewski
	Development for Resistive MPGD Calorimeter with timing measurement	Piet Verwilligen
2022	Study of MPGD performance in liquefied noble gases	Vitaly Chepel

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Blue Sky R&D: Study of MPGD performances in liquified noble gases

- **Technology R&D projects** towards developments of novel techniques, improvements of existing technologies, characterization methods and dedicated tools;
- Development and optimization of MPGDs for novel applications;
- Improvement of the MPGD technology transfer to industry

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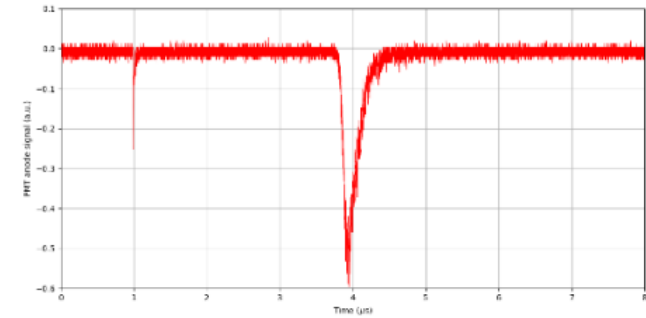
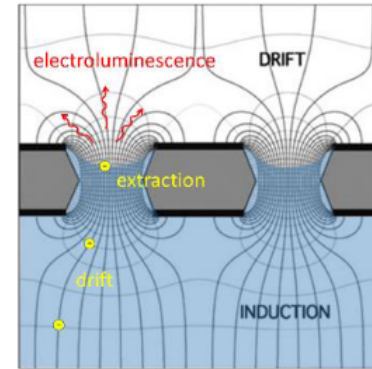


Figure 1. A double-phase TPC with a floating THGEM. (Left) – the principle; (Right) – preliminary results with a 0.4 mm thick THGEM, 0.3 mm holes and 1 mm pitch in liquid xenon. The ionization (in the liquid) is due to alpha-particles; the VUV photons are detected with a PMT. A fast pulse at $t = 1 \mu\text{s}$, corresponding to primary scintillation in the liquid, is followed by the secondary scintillation in gas.

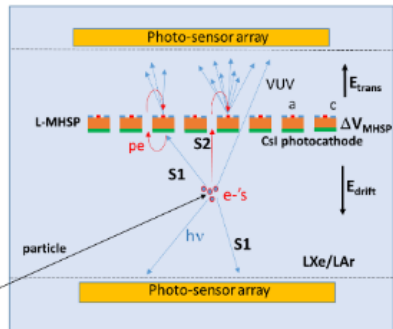


Figure 2. A single-phase TPC with a L-MHSP (or L-COBRA, shown) coated underneath with CsI. Ionization electrons and UV-induced photoelectrons from CsI are collected into the L-MHSP holes, and drift towards the anode strips. VUV photons emitted by EL + small avalanche near the strips, are detected by the top photo-sensors. Another fraction of S1 photons are detected by bottom photo-sensors.

Fundamental measurements: Ion Mobility

Request for Project Funding from the RD51 Common Fund

- Date: 13.04.2014-

Title of project: Measurement and calculation of ion mobility of some gas mixtures of interest

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June 2014


3 Collaboration Project within RD51

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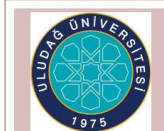
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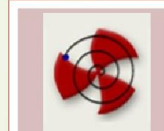
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Project description (Abstract, up to 100 words):

Data of ion mobility for mixtures of two and three gases is scarce, and is often replaced by educated guesses. On the other hand, the build up of positive space-charge in the large, $\sim 90 \text{ m}^3$, drift volume of the upgraded ALICE TPC determines the feasibility of a sufficient on-line correction of the track distortions for immediate data compression. The choice of the gas mixture thus hinges on the time it takes the ions to drift back to the central electrode. Therefore, an R&D program is proposed to measure the ion mobility of mixtures of Ar and Ne with CO_2 , N_2 and or CF_4 . This research should be completed with phenomenological understanding of the ion production and charge transfer processes.

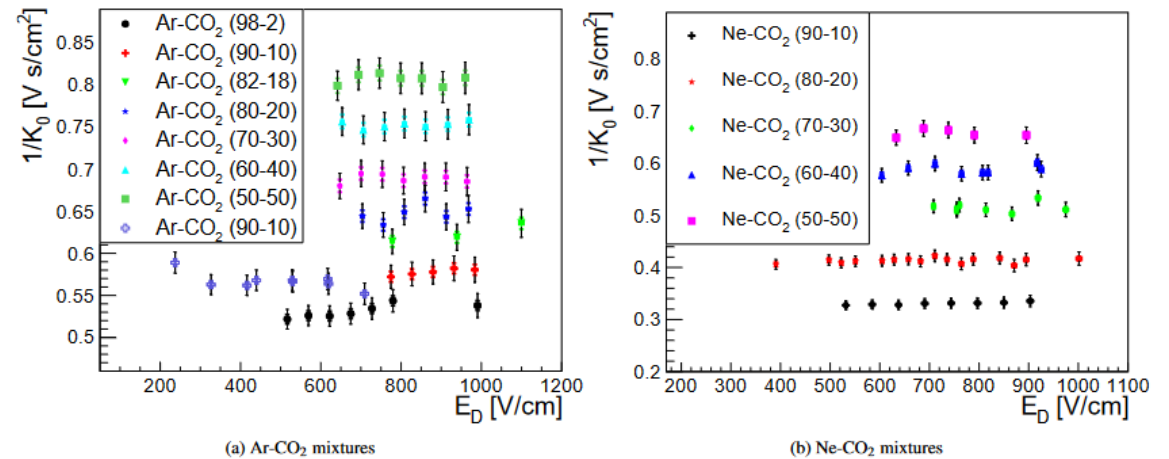


Figure 5: Inverse reduced ion mobility for Ar-CO₂ (Ne-CO₂, respectively) mixtures. All closed (open, respectively) points are measured with a drift length of 21.35 mm (25.31 mm, respectively). The water content in different measurements ranges from 34 ppm to 98 ppm (120 ppm to 180 ppm, respectively) for the Ar-CO₂ (Ne-CO₂, respectively) mixtures. The coloured error-bars represent the error due to the drift length uncertainty, while the black error bar represents the combined uncertainty of all other sources.

[ArXiv:1804.10288v2]

Clustering of groups and acting as a seed for potential long-term collaborations and activities.

As well a tool for:

- promoting collaboration between institutes
- promoting self-sustaining collaborations with large potential and impact

Clustering groups around new ideas

RD51 PICOSEC-MicroMegas Collaboration

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 3) Also University of Virginia.

K. Kordas - RD51-PICOSEC

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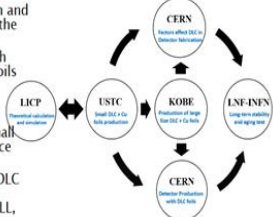
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Clustering groups working on the same fields to increase the impact

Resistive DLC collaboration

DLC Common project (2018-)

- LIP: on the basis of theoretical calculation and simulation, give USTC team a guidance of the work
- USTC: produce different bare DLC foils with different surface resistivity and also DLC foils with Copper coating (DLC-Cu)
- Kobe University: produce large size DLC & DLC-Cu foils in order to study the reproducibility of the process tuned on small prototypes and the uniformity of the surface resistivity of the DLC
- CERN: study the behavior and changes of DLC properties under manufacturing processes foreseen for MPGD construction (i.e. μ RWELL, resistive GEM and THGEM)
- LNF-INFN: study stability of bare DLC properties under current drawing on bench (w/irradiation)
- CERN: produce detectors with DLC foils
- LNF-INFN: perform aging and spark test of DLC based detectors (with different radiation)



2018 RD51 CP

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Behind the current advancement in DLC based detectors. Crucial in the purchase of the DLC magnetron sputtering machine by CERN/INFN

DLC Magnetron Sputtering Machine @ MPT

Production (WG6): DLC sputtering machine @ CERN MPT workshop (resistive layers, photocathodes, thin coatings, CERN/INFN joint investment) <https://indico.cern.ch/event/872501/attachments/1984404/4671553/RD51-NOTE-2021-002.pdf>

(2018-2020)



**DLC Community Contributions
from RD51 Common Project**

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On behalf of the Resistive DLC Collaboration



RD51 Mini-Week, 12-02-2020



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RD51 DLC Workshop Report
RD51 Mini Week 10-13 February 2020, CERN
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Abstract

This report highlights detector and technological aspects related to the Diamond Like Carbon (DLC) coatings that have been discussed during the RD51 DLC workshop. This event has been organized with the purpose of initiating a technical discussion on processes, problems and production centers with the aim of evaluating the impact and importance of enriching the existing MPT workshop infrastructure with a novel sputtering machine at CERN. In parallel, a survey has been conducted among the main suppliers to find an appropriate DLC coater. As an outcome, a Magnetron Sputtering Deposition refurbished DECORA 760+ [14] from ALLIANCE-CONCEPT [15] was identified as a promising candidate, both in terms of production capabilities and cost. Such a machine would allow enlarging the current RD and manufacturing capabilities, in particular, in the context of coating the large surfaces (up to 1.7 x 0.6 m²). The use of this machine would cover additional fields of research at CERN; in particular, aluminum deposition for low mass inner trackers conventional flex circuits and for direct flex-to-chip connection without wire bonding. The CERN MPT workshop building has all necessary space and services for the installation of such a machine.

(2021)

Geneva, Switzerland
February 19, 2021

COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

CONCERNING

THE ACQUISITION OF A MAGNETRON SPUTTERING DEPOSITION FACILITY

(THE "AGREEMENT")

BETWEEN: THE EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH ("CERN"), an Intergovernmental Organization having its seat at Geneva, Switzerland, duly represented by Manfred Kramer, Head of the Experimental Physics Departments,

AND: THE ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI FISICA NUCLEARE ("INFN"), a public research body dedicated to fundamental research under the supervision of the Ministry of Education and Research of the Italian Republic, having its seat in Frascati (Rome), Italy, duly represented by Antonio Zoccoli, President,

Independent agreement between collaboration members (CERN/INFN)

Done in the context of the RD51 MoU, article 9.3



(2022-2023)

Work Packages (Is it worth doing?)

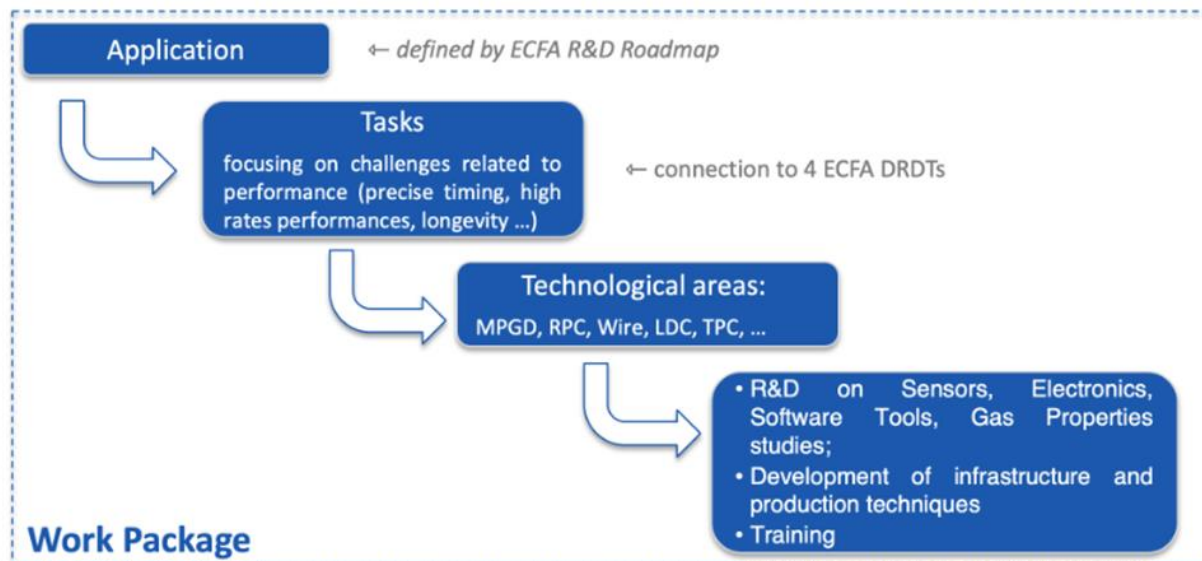
The way the DRDs want to address GSR 6 – Establish long-term strategic funding programs

Linked to rising R&D costs, the need for a critical mass and the decadal timescales for strategic R&D investments needed for the ESPP programmes, there is an urgent need to augment the short-term funding mechanisms, suited for exploratory stages of the R&D cycle, with funding mechanisms better suited to long-term programmes as outlined in GSR 6. The scale of the technical challenges, the long planning horizons and the need to build serious relationships with industrial partners make sustained strategic investment a must, particularly if matching resources are to be leverage.

Work Packages

Strategic R&D (according to the ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap) is **organized in Work Packages**

- group activities of the Institutes with **shared research interests** around **Applications** with a focus on a **specific task(s)** devoted to a specific DRDT challenge, typically related to specific **Detector Technologies** and to the development of **specific tools or infrastructure**



Currently envisaged WPs:

- **WP1: Trackers/hodoscopes**
- **WP2: Drift chambers**
- **WP3: Straw chambers**
- **WP4: Tracking TPCs**
- **WP5: Calorimetry**
- **WP6: Photo-detectors**
- **WP7: Timing**
- **WP8: Reaction/Decay TPCs**
- **WP9: Beyond HEP**

- **There is no obligation to participate in a WP to be a member of DRD1.**

P. Gasik, DRD1 Proposal: Development of Gaseous Detectors Technologies, **1st meeting of the DRDC** 4 Dec 2023, CERN

Work Package 7

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK PACKAGE

The project aims to cover strategic R&D towards the development of stable, robust and longest-running gaseous based detectors capable of offering precise timing (from tens of ps up to a few hundreds), good space resolution (from hundreds mm to mm), different readout granularities (from mm² to cm² size pads) and layouts, high rate capabilities (from hundreds of KHz to MHz per cm²), large gain (single electron sensitivity). and with a modularity that will allow to equip large area (several m²) at practical costs. Sensitivity and response to charged particles and photon will be explored.

The long-term plans of this projects aims to match the requirements highlighted in the 2021 ECFA detector research and development roadmap. The relevant parts in terms of facilities requirements and recommendation are reported here. The proposed activities are covering the Detector Research and Development Themes DRDT 1.1 (Improve time and spatial resolution for gaseous detectors with long-term stability) and DRDT 1.3 (Develop environmentally friendly gaseous detectors for very large areas with high-rate capability).

This work package contains two projects:

- **WP7 Project A** - High-rate, high-granularity precise timing with **MPGDs**
- **WP7 Project B** - High-rate, large, precise timing (M)RPC

Clustering groups around new ideas

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2015 RD51-CP

A new type of resistive plate chamber: The multigap RPC

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Abstract

This Letter describes the multigap resistive plate chamber (RPC). The goal is to obtain a much improved time resolution, keeping the advantages of the wide gap RPC in comparison with the conventional narrow gap RPC (smaller dynamic range and thus lower charge per avalanche which gives higher rate capability and lower power dissipation in the gas gap).

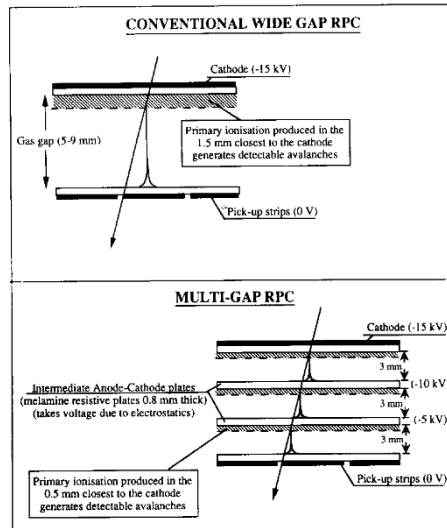


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram and principle of operation of multi-gap RPC compared to a conventional 9 mm single gap RPC.



PICOSEC: Charged particle timing at sub-25 picosecond precision with a Micromegas based detector

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ABSTRACT

The prospect of pileup induced backgrounds at the High Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC) has stimulated intense interest in developing technologies for charged particle detection with accurate timing at high rates. The required accuracy follows directly from the nominal interaction distribution within a bunch crossing ($\sigma_x \sim 5$ cm, $\sigma_z \sim 170$ ps). A time resolution of the order of 20–30 ps would lead to significant reduction of these backgrounds. With this goal, we present a new detection concept called PICOSEC, which is based on a “two-stage” Micromegas detector coupled to a Cherenkov radiator and equipped with a photocathode. First results obtained with this new detector yield a time resolution of 24 ps for 150 GeV muons, and 76 ps for single photoelectrons.

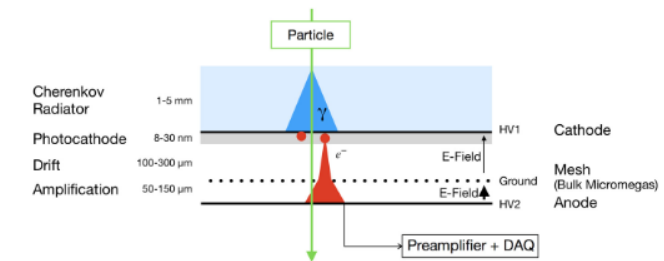


Fig. 1. The PICOSEC detection concept. The passage of a charged particle through the Cherenkov radiator produces UV photons, which are then absorbed at the photocathode and partially converted into electrons. These electrons are subsequently preamplified and then amplified in the two high-field drift stages, and induce a signal which is measured between the anode and the mesh.

WP7 Tasks

- T1: Optimize the amplification technology towards large-area detectors
- T2: Enhance timing performance
- T3: Enhance rate capability
- T4: Spatial resolution and readout granularity
- T5: Stability, robustness and longevity
- T6: Material studies
- T7: Gas studies for precise timing applications
- T8: Modelling and simulation of timing detectors
- T9: Readout electronics for precise timing
- T10: Precision mechanics and construction techniques
- T11: Common framework and test facilities for precise timing R&D

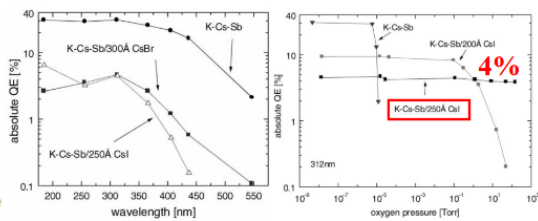
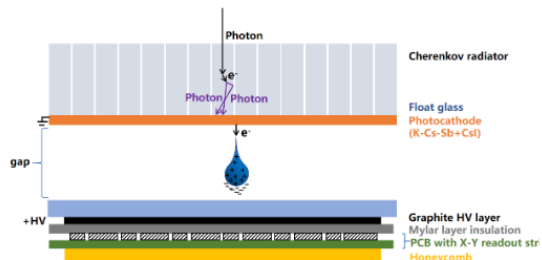
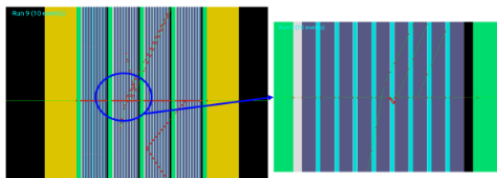
Tasks addressed by both MPGD and RPC/MRPC projects

#	Task	Performance Goal	DRD1 WG's	ECFA DRDT
T1	Optimize the amplification technology towards large-area detectors	- Uniformity over m^2 (time resolution, rate capability, efficiency)	WG1,	
T2	Enhance timing performance	- Time resolution < 50 ps up to 30 kHz/cm 2	WG2, WG3,	1.1, 1.3
T3	Enhance rate capability	- Time resolution < 200 ps up to 100 - 150 kHz/cm 2	WG4, WG5,	
T4	Spatial resolution and readout granularity	- Spatial resolution of mm with low number of readout channels	WG6, WG7	
T5	Stability, robustness and longevity	- IBF $< 1\%$ with < 100 ps time resolution for single photoelectrons - Stable, high-gain operation		
T6	Material studies	- Radiation-hardness - Longevity		
T7	Gas studies for precise timing applications	- Eco-friendly mixtures - Recuperation - Ageing mitigation - CO $_2$ -based mixture with geometrical quenching		
T8	Modelling and simulation of timing detectors	- Accurate modelling of charge transport and signal induction processes in precise timing detector geometries		
T9	Readout electronics for precise timing	- Low-noise FEE - High input capacitance - Large dynamic range - Fast rise time - Sensitivity to small charges - Multi-channel readout solution for timing detectors		
T10	Precision mechanics and construction techniques	- Precise mechanics (μ m) over relatively large active areas (hundreds of cm^2)		
T11	Common framework and test facilities for precise timing R&D	- Test bench for precise timing studies		

Ultrathin, high efficiency, high time resolution RPC

◆ Detection efficiency for γ (128 μ m gas gap)

- 1-chamber 1-gap $\sim 0.2\%$
- 1-chamber 8-gap $\sim 1.5\%$
- 4-chamber 32-gap $\sim 6.3\%$



[A. Breskin et al. Israel 2000]

◆ Performance indicators

- time resolution < 20ps, detection efficiency $\sim 6.4\%$
- sensitive area thickness < 3mm, energy resolution < 20%

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Jianing Liu, Study of time resolution of MRPC for cosmic rays and 0.511MeV photons, XVI Workshop on Resistive Plate Chambers and Related Detectors ,26–30 Sept 2022, CERN

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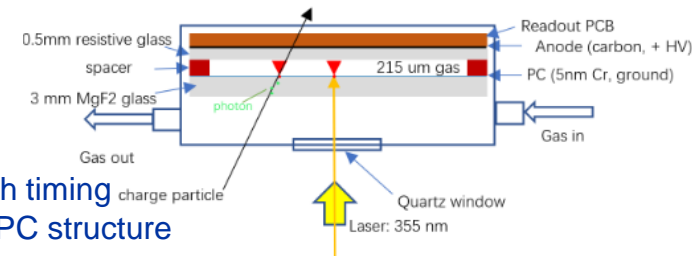


Figure 1: Schematic design of detector.

A high rate and high timing photoelectric detector prototype with RPC structure

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Abstract

To meet the needs of high counting rate and high time resolution in future high energy physics experiments, a prototype of gas photodetector with RPC structure was developed. Garfield++ simulated the detector's performance, and the single photoelectron performance of different mixed gases was tested with an ultraviolet laser. The detector uses a low resistivity ($\sim 1.4 \cdot 10^{10} \Omega \cdot cm$) float glass so that its rate capability is significantly higher than that of ordinary float glass ($10^{12} \sim 10^{14} \Omega \cdot cm$), the laser test results show that in MRPC gas ($R134a/iC_4H_{10}/SF_6(85/10/5)$), the single photoelectron time resolution is best to reach 20.3 ps at a gas gain of $7 \cdot 10^6$. Increasing the proportion of iC_4H_{10} can effectively reduce the probability of photon feedback, without changing the time resolution and maximum gain. In addition to being applied to high-precision time measurement scenarios (eg:T0, TOF), the detector can also quantitatively test the single photoelectron performance of different gases and will be used to find eco-friendly MRPC gases.

Keywords: gas photodetector, RPC, high time resolution, high-rate capability

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High rate (up to 10^5 Hz/cm²), high position resolution (30 μ m) photosensitive RPCs

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Abstract

In many applications there is a need for high position resolution VUV and UV imagers. For these applications we have developed and successfully tested 1D and 2D VUV imaging detectors based on microgap RPCs. Two versions of these detectors were extensively tested: one filled with photosensitive vapours and the other one with the GaAs cathode coated by a 400 nm thick CsI layer. The main feature of these detectors is the high position resolution—30 μ m in digital form. Additionally, it is spark-protected and can operate at high counting rates (up to 10^5 Hz/cm²). In this study the results in application for these detectors for spectroscopy are presented.

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Summary and Conclusion (I)

- The requirements arising from future experiments at future facilities in the next decades have defined a series of **strategic R&D lines**.
- To facilitate exchange of ideas, resource pooling and effort sharing, the formation of international **community-led R&D collaborations** (DRDs), like the previously existing RD50 and RD51, has been strongly supported in Europe.
- DRD1 will focus on gaseous detectors and aims to offer a proper R&D framework to support both **strategic and generic, blue-sky, and technology-driven R&D**.
- Respect with RD51, DRD1 enlarged the scope covering on **all gaseous detector technologies**. This offers several opportunities for inspiration and cross-fertilization, synergies, cooperation, and complementarity between technologies.
- The core **R&D framework** of DRD1 is based on **Working Groups**, a very positive experience coming from the past RD51 experience.
- In addition, the required **strategic R&D** is organized into application-driven **Work Packages** that have been created in view of **long-term funding lines**. This is a new approach connected to the formation of DRDs, and it is in our interest to exploit it to the fullest.
- Even though it is still unclear what will be the impact on our R&D future funding, **the R&D framework that we can collaboratively build will undoubtedly support the quality of our research**.

Summary and Conclusion (II)

- A non exhaustive list of concrete examples of common activities done withing RD51 has been shown.
- The R&D framework created by the community and available to the community cover different fields, today we went through examples connected to:
 - Modelling and Simulation
 - Electronics
 - Manufacturing and production
 - Common test Facilities
- The support of blues sky and generic R&D through Common Project has been presented emphasizing :
 - Clustering of groups
 - Basic research and blue-sky activities
 - Seed of long terms initiatives
- In the context of Work Packages, Work Package 7 on timing has been presented where RPC and MPGD technologies are addressing the needs of future experiments. This is a good example were having exchanges between groups and technologies can be beneficial to each research line.

Summary and Conclusion (III)

Despite formal aspect for DRD1 still to be completed (memorandum of understanding between members and CERN) the activities started....

DRD1 Collaboration Meetings (2024)

1st Collaboration Meeting
January 29-February (CERN)

2nd Collaboration Meeting
June 17-21 (CERN)

3rd Collaboration Meeting
December 9-13 (CERN)

Guideline/Target: Three Meetings per year, with one of the three outside CERN

+ Regular Working Groups Meeting

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DRD1 Test Beams and Irradiation @ CERN (WG7)

DRD1 test beam at SPS H4 line (PPE134)
Dipanwita Banerjee (CERN), https://indico.cern.ch/event/1360282/contributions/5758392/attachments/2791930/4868999/DRD1_H4.pdf

GIF++ Irradiation Facility & Test Beam (PPE154)
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<https://ps-sps-coordination.web.cern.ch/>

Topical Meeting on Large Avalanches (WG4)

Fourth WG4 working meeting - Large Avalanches Topical Meeting

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1420266/>

Topical Workshop on Electronics (WG5)

Close-out

Michael Lupberger

Topical Workshop on Electronics for Gaseous Detectors
2nd DRD1 Collaboration Meeting

19.06.2024 CERN

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1413681/timetable>

DRD1 Detector School (WG8)

Organising DRD1 Gaseous Detector School in 2024

- Single school for 2024, to be discussed for next years
- Regular (yearly) school targeted at students / young researchers / DRD1 community
- Based on previous school with extension to other gas detector technologies
- Similar format: lecture program open to community + lab exercises
- Extended length - 7-10 days?
- At CERN or other institute
- Planned for late 2024 - possibly connected to last DRD1 Collaboration Meeting this year



<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1360282/sessions/525034/attachments/2791402/4868283/DRD1%20WG8%20-%20Collaboration%20Jan%202024.pdf>



Follow-up of the RD51 Detector School



<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1239595/>

Extended to all gaseous detector technologies

Work Packages (WP1 as one example)

DRD1 WP1 Intra-Workshop

Activities of the DRD1 groups within the framework and tasks of the WPs have commenced, despite pending formal aspects (approvals, consultation with WP-FA,...)



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Detector Requirements at future facilities

Extracted by ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap [10.17181/CERN.XDPL.W2EX](https://cds.cern.ch/record/10.17181/CERN.XDPL.W2EX)

Facility	Technologies	Challenges	Most challenging requirements at the experiment
HL-LHC	RPC, Multi-GEM, resistive-GEM, Micromegas, micro-pixel Micromegas, μ -RWELL, μ -PIC	Ageing and radiation hard, large area, rate capability, space and time resolution, miniaturisation of readout, eco-gases, spark-free, low cost	(LHCb): Max. rate: 900 kHz/cm ² Spatial resolution: \sim cm Time resolution: O(ns) Radiation hardness: \sim 2 C/cm ² (10 years)
Higgs-EW-Top Factories (ee) (ILC/FCC-ee/CepC/SCTF)	GEM, μ -RWELL, Micromegas, RPC	Stability, low cost, space resolution, large area, eco-gases	(IDEA): Max. rate: 10 kHz/cm ² Spatial resolution: \sim 60-80 μ m Time resolution: O(ns) Radiation hardness: <100 mC/cm ²
Muon collider	Triple-GEM, μ -RWELL, Micromegas, RPC, MRPC	High spatial resolution, fast/precise timing, large area, eco-gases, spark-free	Fluxes: > 2 MHz/cm ² ($\theta < 8^\circ$) < 2 kHz/cm ² (for $\theta > 12^\circ$) Spatial resolution: \sim 100 μ m Time resolution: sub-ns Radiation hardness: < C/cm ²
Hadron physics (EIC, AMBER, PANDA/CMB@FAIR, NA60+)	Micromegas, GEM, RPC	High rate capability, good spatial resolution, radiation hard, eco-gases, self-triggered front-end electronics	(CBM@FAIR): Max rate: <500 kHz/cm ² Spatial resolution: < 1 mm Time resolution: \sim 15 ns Radiation hardness: 10 ¹³ neq/cm ² /year
FCC-hh (100 TeV hadron collider)	GEM, THGEM, μ -RWELL, Micromegas, RPC, FTM	Stability, ageing, large area, low cost, space resolution, eco-gases, spark-free, fast/precise timing	Max. rate 500 Hz/cm ² Spatial resolution = 50 μ m Angular resolution = 70 μ rad ($\eta=0$) to get $\Delta p/p \leq 10\%$ up to 20 TeV/c

Figure 1.2: Main drivers for the Muon Systems at future facilities. The most stringent requirements for the future R&D activities are quoted in the last column.

Facility	Technologies	Challenges	Most challenging requirements at the experiment
HL-LHC	MPGD	High spatial resolution, high rate/occupancy, radiation hardness, low mass	LHCb option: replace Scintillating Fibre tracker Spatial resolution: 70 μm bending plane
Higgs-EW-Top Factories (ee) (ILC/FCC-ee/CepC/SCTF)	TPC+(multi-GEM, Micromegas, GridPix), Drift Chambers, Cylindrical layers of MPGD	Ultra-lightweight inner or central tracker, high spatial resolution, high rate/occupancy, radiation hardness, low mass, transparency, cluster counting, TPC continuous mode at high rate, (IBF x Gain) ~ 1	Inner tracker (SCTF) Fluxes: $\geq 10 \text{ kHz cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ Time resolution: 1 ns $X/X_0 = 1\%$ Spatial resolution: $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$ Central tracker (CepC) Max. rate: $> 100 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$ Spatial resolution: $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$ Time resolution: $\sim 100 \text{ ns}$ $dE/dx < 5\%$ Particle separation with cluster counting at 2% level
Rare processes, atomic and nuclear physics (SPS Kaons: K^+ Phase, K-Phase, Mu2eII/COMET-II, ELENA)	TPC, straw tubes	High spatial resolution, occupancy, fast/precise timing, radiation hardness, low mass, Gd-deposited MPGD detectors	Max rate = 500 kHz/straw (Mu2e II): Thinner straw material: 8 μm $X/X_0 \sim 0.02\%$ per layer, $X/X_0 \sim 1\%$ total (COMET+): Diameter = 4.8 mm Trailing time resolution = 1 ns per track
Hadron and nuclear physics (EIC, AMBER, PANDA and CMB@FAIR, PRES MAINZ, NA60+)	Micromegas, GEM, μ -RWELL, straw tubes	High spatial resolution, good timing, radiation hardness, tolerance to magnetic field	(EIC) Max rate = 100 kHz/cm^2 Spatial resolution $\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$ $X/X_0 = 5\%$ $dE/dx = 12\%$, continuous running

Figure 1.3: Main drivers for the Inner and Central tracking at future facilities. The most stringent requirements for the future R&D activities are quoted in the last column.

Facility	Technologies	Challenges	Most challenging requirements at experiment
Higgs-EW-Top Factories (ee) (ILC/FCC-ee/CepC,/SCTF)	RPC, Micromegas and GEM, μ -RWELL, GridPix, PICOSEC, FTM	High granularity, excellent hit timing, large area detectors, stability, uniform response, eco-gases	(ILC) Max. rate: 1 kHz/cm ² Granularity (~1 cm ²) Radiation hardness: no Jet Energy resolution: 3-4 % Power-pulsing, self-triggering readout
Muon collider	RPC, Micromegas and GEM, μ -RWELL, GridPix, PICOSEC, FTM	High granularity, radiation hardness, excellent hit timing, stability, uniform response, eco-gases	Granularity (~1 cm ²) Fat jet identification Time resolution = O(100ps) Energy resolution = (5%)/sqrt(E) for fat-jet High radiation hardness
Hadron physics (EIC)	RPC, Micromegas and GEM, μ -RWELL, GridPix, PICOSEC, FTM	High granularity, radiation hardness, excellent hit timing, stability, uniform response, eco-gases	(EIC option) DHCAL

Figure 1.4: Main drivers for Calorimeters at future facilities. The most stringent requirements for the future R&D activities are quoted in the last column.

Facility	Technologies	Challenges	Most challenging requirements at experiment
Hadron and nuclear physics (EIC, AMBER, PANDA and CMB@FAIR)	Gaseous-RICH with MPGD-based photon detector TRD with GEM or GridPix	- RICH : Compact, single photon detection, high gain, fine spatial and time resolution, eco-friendly gas radiator, high pressure; limited IBF, novel photoconverters - TRD : cluster counting technique, heavy gas for X-ray absorption, TRD photon -dE/dx separation.	(EIC-gaseous RICH) 1 meter of radiator gas High-gain: $10^5 - 10^6$ Spatial resolution: O(1mm pitch) Time resolution (even with small signals) $\lesssim 1n$ Tolerance to magnetic field (1.5 - 3 T) Rad-hardness up to 10^{11} neq/cm ² option: High Pressure-Rich: Ar @ 3.5 bar (EIC-TRD) compactness 10^{-2} rejection in 20-30 cm improved MIP/x-ray identification
Higgs-EW-Top Factories (ee) (FCC-ee/CepC)	Gaseous-RICH with MPGD-based photon detector	- RICH : Compact, single photon detection, high gain, fine spatial and time resolution, eco-friendly gas radiator, high pressure, limited IBF, novel photoconverters	(Gaseous-RICH): High-gain: $10^5 - 10^6$ Spatial resolution O(1mm pitch) Time resolution (even with small signals) $\lesssim 1ns$

Figure 1.5: Main drivers for the RICH and TRD. The most stringent requirements for the future R&D activities are quoted in the last column.

Facility	Technologies	Challenges	Most challenging requirements at experiment
Hadron and nuclear physics (CMB@FAIR, SOLID@JLAB, CEE@HIRFL-CSR)	MRPC, MPGD with precise timing (PICOSEC, FTM)	Rate capability, radiation hardness, large area detectors, new material, eco-gas, thinner structures, FEE, system time distribution	(CMB) Max Rate = 30 kHz/cm ² Full system time resolution < 80 ps Occupancy < 5% Full system area = 120 m ² ~100.000 channels, low power electronics

Figure 1.6: Main drivers for the TOF system. The most stringent requirements for the future R&D activities are quoted in the last column.

Facility	Technologies	Challenges	Most challenging requirements at experiment
WIMP search (DRIFT, MIMAC, CYGNUS, MIGDAL, TREX-DM)	-TPC w/ MWPC/MPGD at 20-130 mbar, charge readout -TPC w/ MPGD at 66 mb/1 bar, charge and optical readout -TPC w/ MPGD at 1-10 bar, charge readout	High granularity, high gain, low background, very low noise level and fast electronics, self trigger capability, gas optimization	(CYGNUS) Gain = $O(10^5)$ Spatial resolution = $O(100 \mu\text{m})$ Energy Threshold = 2 keVee Energy Resolution = 20% at 5.9 keVee Optical readout He:SF ₆ or He:CF ₄ at P = 1 bar
Solar axion helioscope (IAXO)	-TPC w/ pixelated Micromegas, GridPix, charge readout	High granularity, low background, radiopure electronics, self-trigger capability	High efficiency in ROI (0-10 keV) Spat. res = $O(100 \mu\text{m})$ Background: 10^{-7} e/keV/cm ² /s Xe at P = 1 bar B = 6 T
Low energy nuclear physics general purpose active target (AT-TPC, ACTAR)	-TPC+MM at 0.05- 3 bar, charge readout	Electronics with large dynamic range and flexible configuration. self-trigger capability, high pressure MPGD	(AT-TPC) B = 2 T P = 0.05-1 bar 3D-layout Generic target gases (H ₂ , He, Ar, CO ₂ . . .)
Neutrino physics and Neutrino-less double beta decay (DUNE-ND, NEXT, PANDAX-II)	-TPC+SiPM+PM: electroluminescence readout, -TPC+MM: charge readout	low background, energy resolution and topological rejection factors, scale to large volume, transparency and long drifting distance, high pressure, Ba ⁺⁺ tagging	(NEXT) P = 5-15 bar 3D-reconstruction of tracks through SiPM plane Energy resolution < 1% Ba ⁺⁺ tagging
Neutrinos and DM search (Dune, DarkSide-20k, Argo, PandaX-4T, LZ, ARIADNE, Darwin)	- Dual-Phase TPC+MPGD	Large volume (uniform and stability response), ultra-low background, energy resolution, low energy thresholds, high granularity, charge extraction from liquid to gas, background rejection by prompt scintillation light -S1/ signal from the charge -S2 optimisation; Xenon and Argon storage and recuperation techniques	(Darwin) - 200 t x yr exposure - Drift/diameter: 2.6 m / 2.6 m - LXe Mass: 40 t - Particle discrimination by S1/S2 - Low-energy threshold of ~1 keVnr - Robust electrode design (up to 50kV) - Ultra-low intrinsic radioactivity materials - 222Rn: factor 100 reduction - (α ,n) neutrons (from PTFE) - >99.98% Electron Recoil rejection at 30% Nuclear Recoil efficiency - High light yield (QE) ~ 8 PE/keV (Darkside-20k /Argo) - 200 t x yr exposure /Argo = 3000 t x yr) - Drift/diameter: 3.5 m / 3.5 m - LAr Mass: 51.7 t /Argo - 350 t - Particle discrimination by S1/S2 and pulse shape. - Low-energy threshold of ~0.5 keVnr - Highlander scintillation yield ~40 PE/KeV - Membrane cryostat like the ProtoDune - Low radioactivity argon in underground CO ₂ wells (UAr) with an activity 1400 times lower than atmospheric

Figure 1.7: Main drivers for TPCs used in rare event searches. The most stringent requirements for the future R&D activities are quoted in the last column.