

From (very) Basic Ideas to Rather Complex Gaseous Detector Systems

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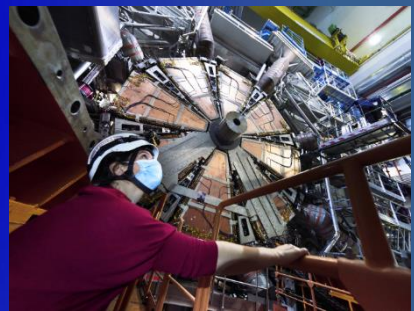
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Gaseous Detectors: A Brief History



Geiger Counter
H.GeigerW.Mueller 1928

PPC
Parallel Plate Counter

PC
Proportional Counter

Pestov Counter
V.Pestov 1982

RPC
Resistive Plate Chambers
R.Santonico R.Cardarelli 1981



MWPC
Multiwire Proportional Chamber
G.Charpak et al 1968

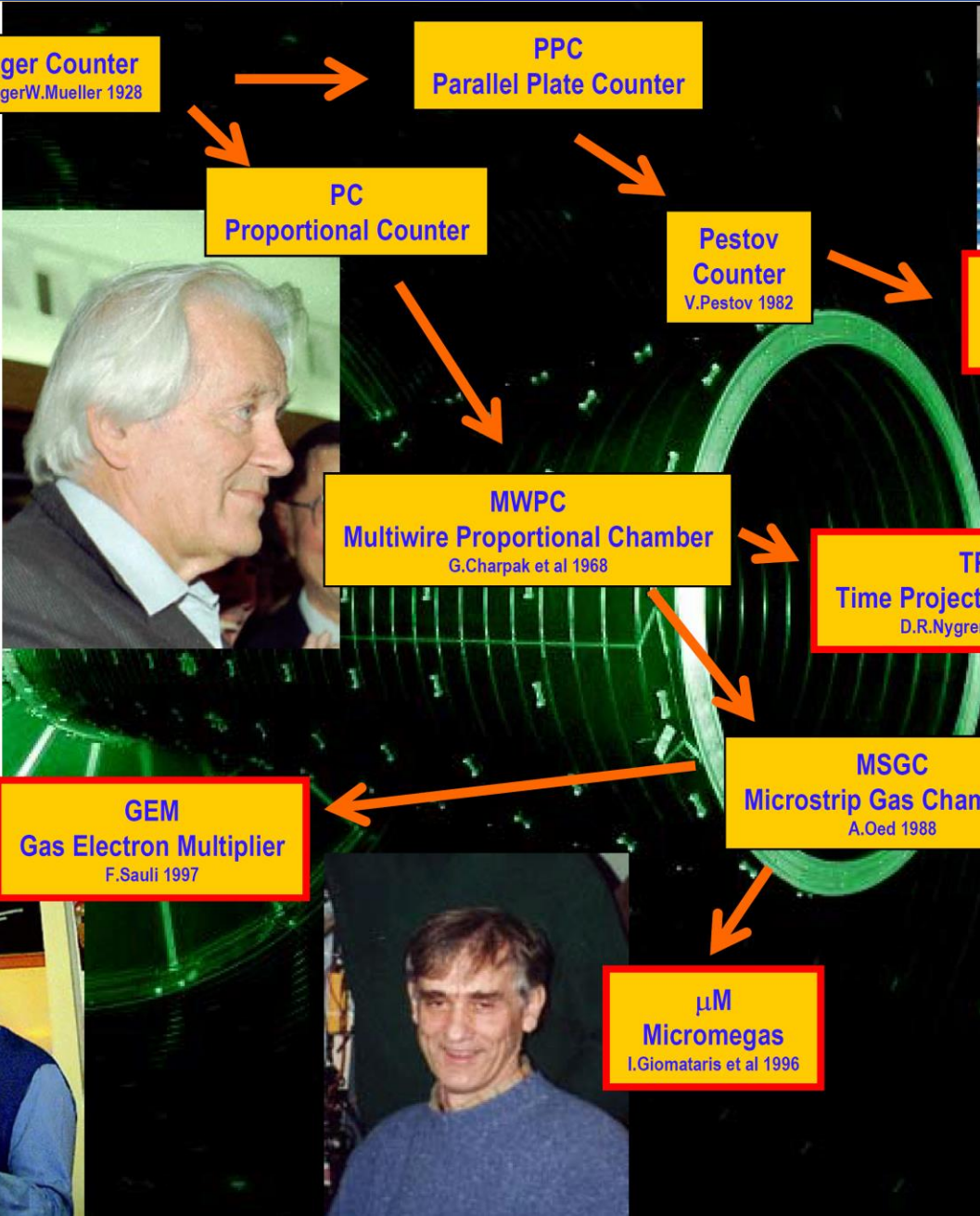
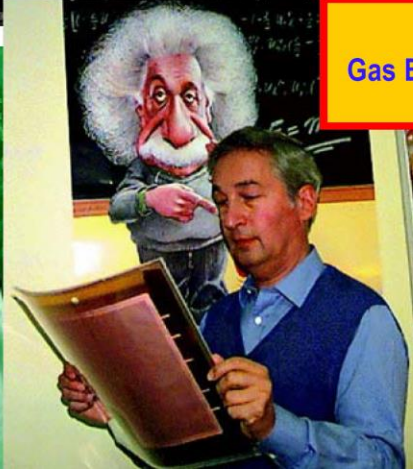
TPC
Time Projection Chamber
D.R.Nygren et al 1974



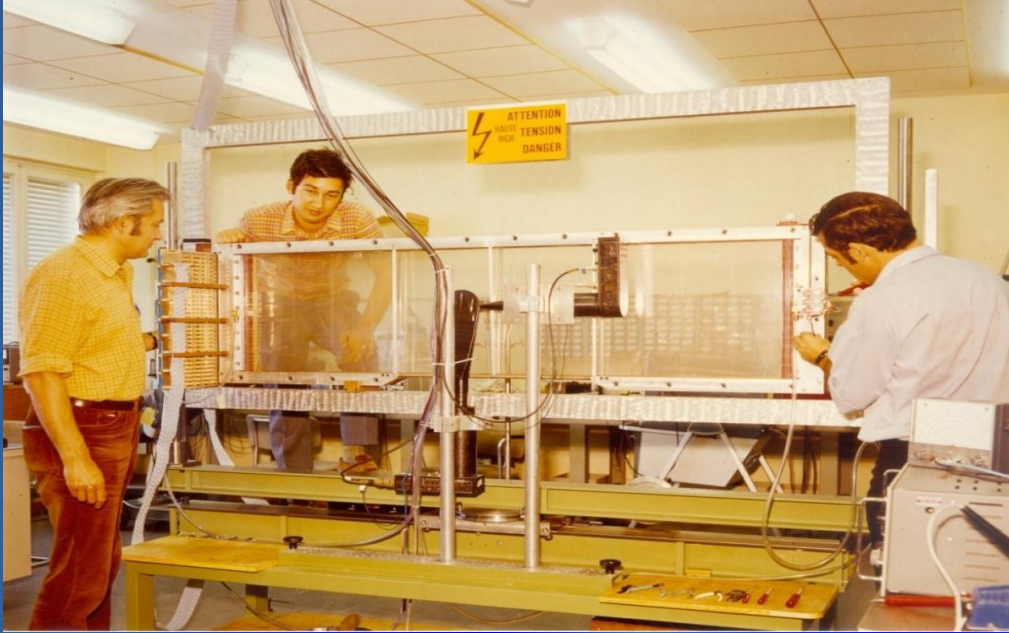
MSGC
Microstrip Gas Chambers
A.Oed 1988

GEM
Gas Electron Multiplier
F.Sauli 1997

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Micromegas
I.Giomataris et al 1996

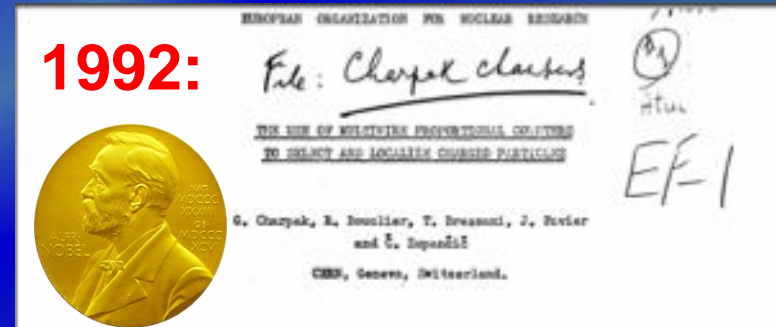


1968: MWPC – Revolutionising the Way Particle Physics is Done



The progress in experimental particle physics is driven by the advances and breakthrough in instrumentation, leading to the development of new, cutting-edge technologies:

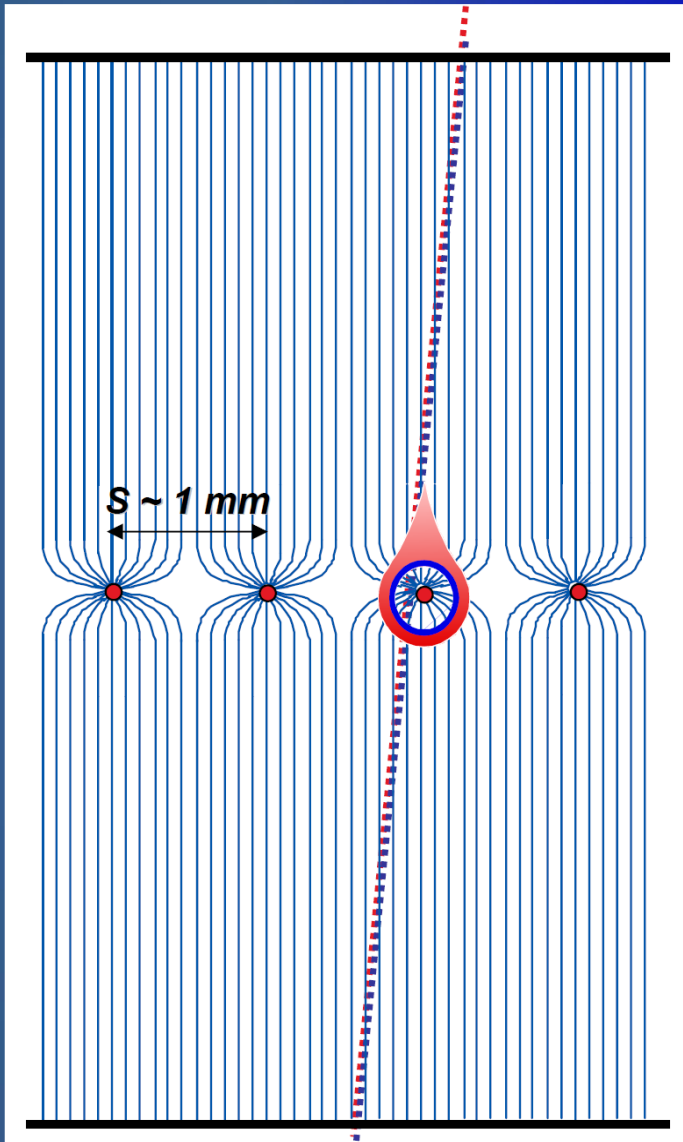
1968: George Charpak developed the MultiWire Proportional Chamber, which revolutionized particle detection and HEP - which passed from the manual to the electronic era.



Electronic particle track detection is now standard in all particle detectors

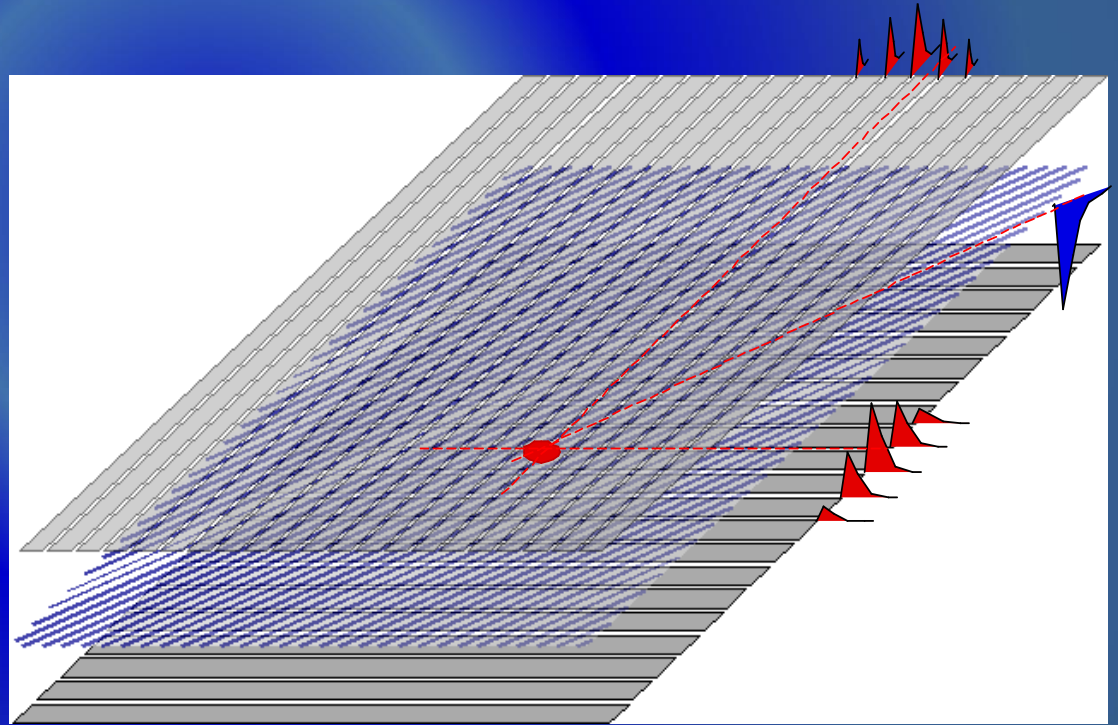
Multi-Wire Proportional Chamber (MWPC)

Simple idea to multiply SWPC cell \rightarrow First electronic device allowing high statistics experiments !!



High-rate MWPC with digital readout:
Spatial resolution is limited to $s_x \sim s/\sqrt{12} \sim 300 \mu\text{m}$

TWO-DIMENSIONAL MWPC READOUT CATHODE
INDUCED CHARGE (Charpak and Sauli, 1973)



Spatial resolution determined by: Signal / Noise Ratio
Typical (i.e. 'very good') values: $S \sim 20000 e$; noise $\sim 1000e$
Space resolution $< 100 \mu\text{m}$

Multi-Wire Proportional Chamber (MWPC): Wire Displacements

*Resolution of MWPCs limited by wire spacing
better resolution \rightarrow shorter wire spacing \rightarrow more (and more) wires...*

✓ Small wire displacements reduce field quality

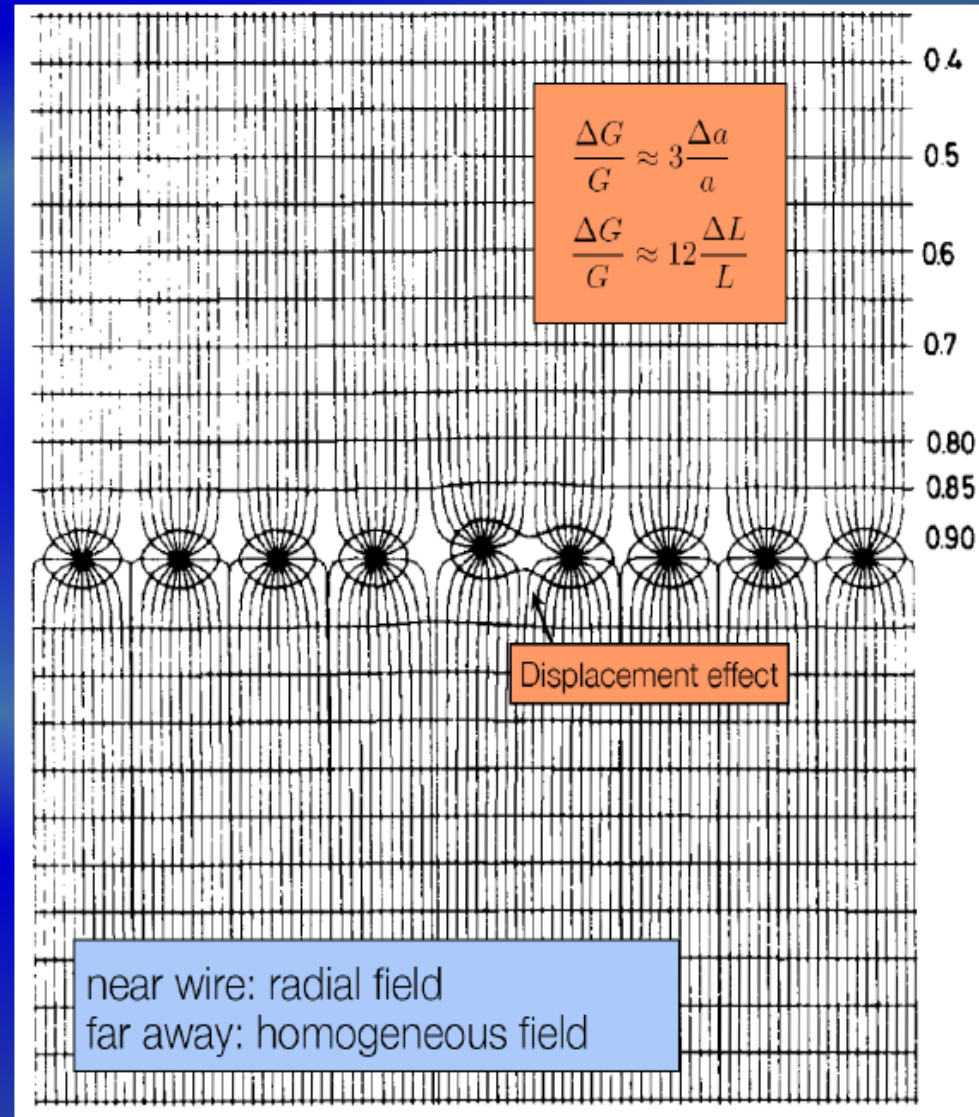
Table 35.1: Maximum tension T_M and stable unsupported length L_M for tungsten wires with spacing s , operated at $V_0 = 5$ kV. No safety factor is included.

| Wire diameter (μm) | T_M (newton) | s (mm) | L_M (cm) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|------------|
| 10 | 0.16 | 1 | 25 |
| 20 | 0.65 | 2 | 85 |

✓ Need high mechanical precision both for geometry and wire tension ... (electrostatic and gravitation, wire sag ...)

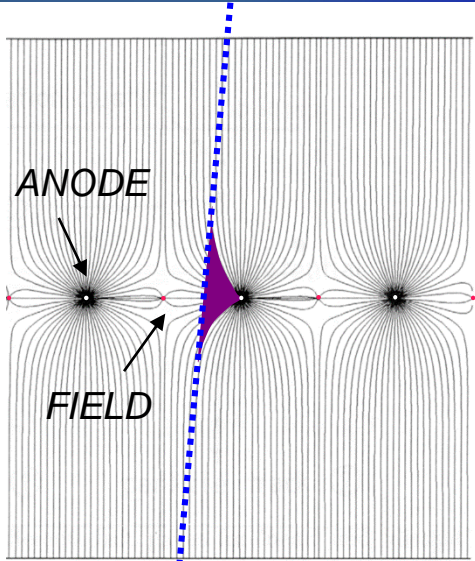
✓ Several simplifying assumptions are made in analytical calculations: electrostatic force acting on the wire does not change during wire movements, or varies linearly with the displacement, the wire shape is parabolic; only one wire moves at a time.

✓ The advantage of numerical integrations using Garfield++ program is to simulate the collective movement of all wires, which are difficult analytically, and to consider all forces acting on a wire: forces between anode wire and other electrodes (wires, cathode) & gravitational force



Drift Chambers

FIRST DRIFT CHAMBER OPERATION (H. WALENTA ~ 1971);
HIGH ACCURACY DRIFT CHAMBERS (Charpak-Breskin-Sauli ~ 1973-75)



Choose drift gases with little dependence $v_D(E) \rightarrow$ linear space - time relation $r(t)$

Measure drift time t_D
[need to know t_0 ; fast scintillator, beam timing]

Determine location of original ionization:

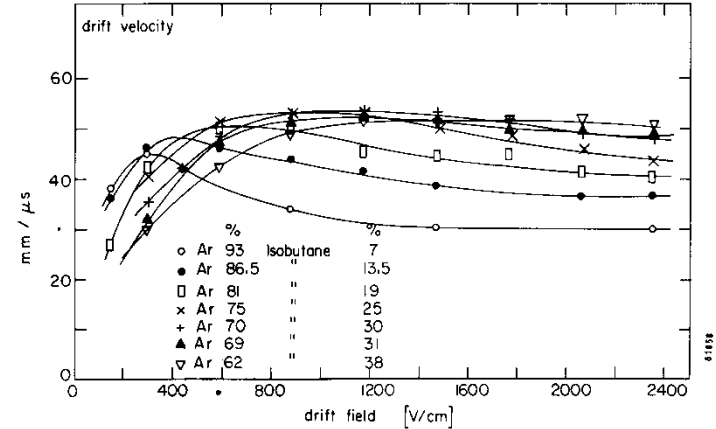
$$x = x_0 \pm v_D \cdot t_D$$

$$y = y_0 \pm v_D \cdot t_D$$

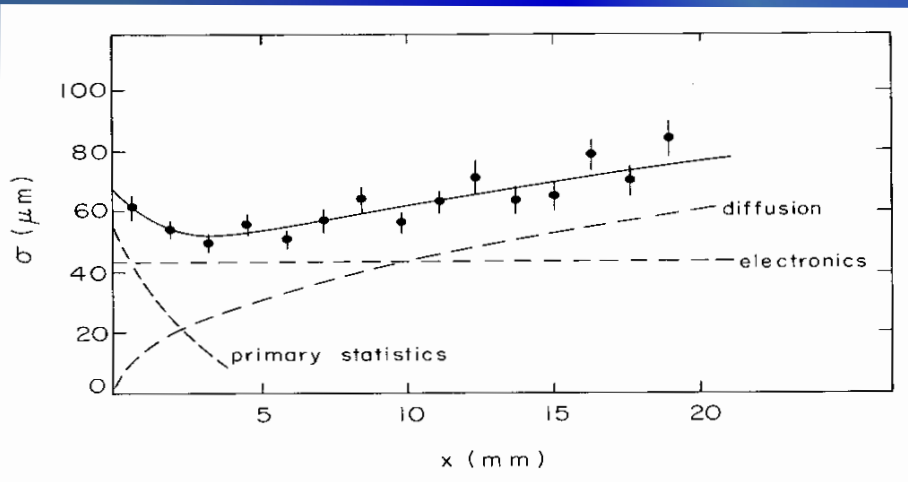
If drift velocity changes along path:

$$x = \int_0^{t_D} v_D dt$$

In any case:
Need well-defined drift field ...



The spatial resolution is not limited to the cell size :



$$\sigma_x^2 = \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{64N^2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}}_{1^{st} \text{ ionization statistics}} + \underbrace{\frac{2D}{v_d} \cdot x}_{\text{diffusion}} + \underbrace{\sigma_{\text{const}}^2}_{\text{electronics } \delta\text{-electrons}}$$

Typical single point resolutions of drift chambers:
50...150 μm depends on length of the drift path

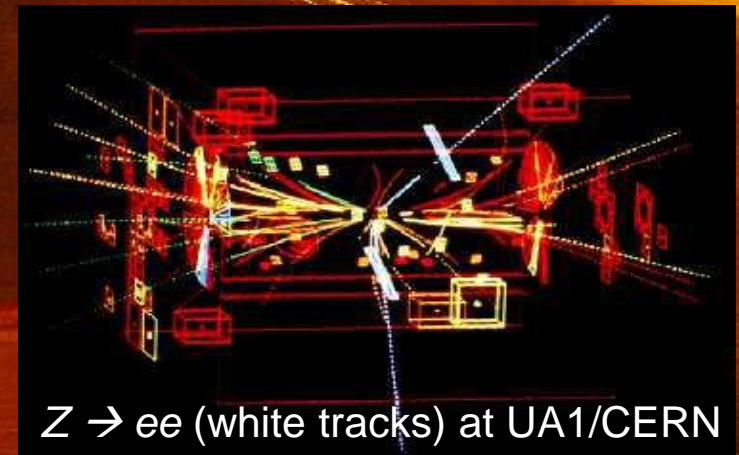
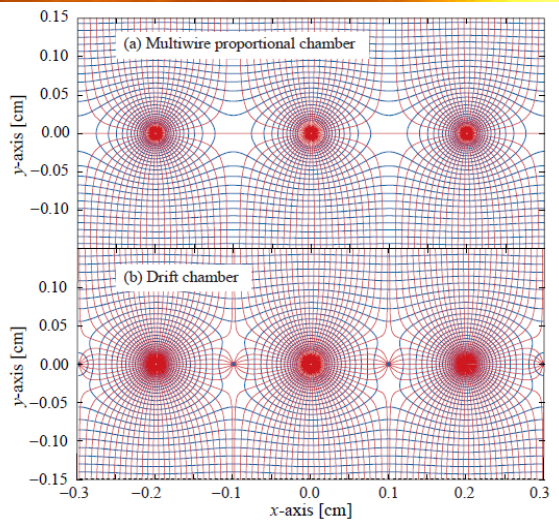
- ✓ **primary ionization statistics**: how many ion pairs, ionization fluctuations dominates close to the wire
- ✓ **diffusion of electrons in gas**: dominates for large drift length
- ✓ **electronics**: noise, shaping characteristics constant contribution (drift length independent)

1983/1984: Discovery of W and Z Bosons at UA1/UA2

UA1 used the largest wire / drift chamber of its day (5.8 m long, 2.3 m in diameter)

Discovery of W and Z bosons
C. Rubbia & S. Van der Meer,

1984:



The Evolution of Drift Chambers and Future e+e- Colliders

| past | | | present | | |
|----------|-----------|------------------|---------|---------------|---------------|
| SPEAR | MARK2 | Drift Chamber | PEP | MARK2 | Drift Chamber |
| | MARK3 | Drift Chamber | | PEP-4 | TPC |
| DORIS | PLUTO | MWPC | | MAC | Drift Chamber |
| | ARGUS | Drift Chamber | | HRS | Drift Chamber |
| CESR | CLEO1,2,3 | Drift Chamber | DELCO | MWPC | |
| VEPP2/4M | CMD-2 | Drift Chamber | BEP2 | BES1,2 | Drift Chamber |
| | KEDR | Drift Chamber | LEP | ALEPH | TPC |
| | NSD | Drift Chamber | | DELPHI | TPC |
| PETRA | CELLO | MWPC + Drift Ch. | | L3 | Si + TEC |
| | JADE | Drift Chamber | OPAL | Drift Chamber | |
| | PLUTO | MWPC | SLC | MARK2 | Drift Chamber |
| | MARK-J | TEC + Drift Ch. | | SLD | Drift Chamber |
| | TASSO | MWPC + Drift Ch. | DAPHNE | KLOE | Drift Chamber |
| TRISTAN | AMY | Drift Chamber | PEP2 | BaBar | Drift Chamber |
| | VENUS | Drift Chamber | KEKB | Belle | Drift Chamber |
| | TOPAZ | TPC | | | |

| future | | |
|--------|----------|---------------|
| ILC | ILD | TPC |
| | SiD | Si |
| CLIC | CLIC | Si |
| | CLD | Si |
| FCC-ee | IDEA | Drift Chamber |
| | Baseline | TPC + Si |
| CEPC | IDEA | Drift Chamber |
| | | |
| SCTF | BINP | Drift Chamber |
| STCF | HIEPA | Drift Chamber |

Lesson #1 - from "open" to "closed" cell

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Lesson #3 – small cells and He gas

- He radiation length 50× longer than Ar
- slower drift velocity implies smaller Lorenz angle for a given B-field
- He has a smaller cross section for low energy photons than Ar
- small size cells limit the electron diffusion contribution to spatial resolution
- small size cells provide high granularity (improving occupancy) and allow for a larger number of hits per track, improving spatial resolution
- portions of active volume not sampled between the cylindrical envelope of axial wires and the hyperboloid envelope of stereo wires
- accumulation of trapped electrons and ions in a region of very low field
- longitudinal gain variation at boundaries between axial and stereo layers
- spatial resolution dominated by ionization statistics for short drift distances
- adding more quencher to compensate, mitigates the advantage of He

Lesson #4 – full stereo configuration

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Lesson #5 – summary

- the configuration offering the best performance in terms of **momentum resolution** is one with **small, single sense wire closed cells**, arranged in **contiguous layers of opposite sign stereo angles**, obtained with **constant stereo angle transverse projection**
- the gas mixture is based on helium with a small amount of quencher (**90% He / 10% iC₄H₁₀, KLOE gas**) which, besides low multiple scattering contribution, allows for the exploitation of the **cluster timing** technique, for improved spatial resolution, and of the **cluster counting** technique, for excellent particle identification
- suggested wire material is **Ag coated Al**, but lighter materials are under scrutiny (like metal coated carbon monofilaments)

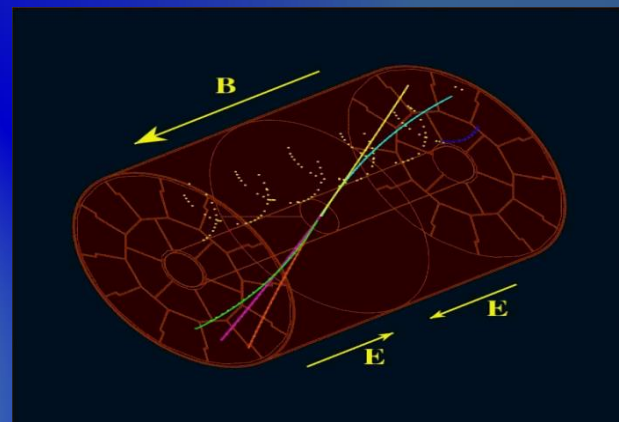
An ultra-light drift chamber (**IDEA concept**) targeted for **FCC-ee** and **CePC (100 km)** was inspired by DAFNE KLOE Wire Chamber and by more recent version of it for MEG2 exp.

1974 - Now: Time Projection Chamber (TPC)

PEP4 (SLAC)

- ✓ Invented by David Nygren (Berkeley) in 1974
- ✓ Proposed as a central tracking device for the PEP-4 detector @ SLAC in 1976
- ✓ More (and even larger) TPCs were built, based on MWPC readout, a powerful tool for:
 - Lepton Colliders (LEP, Higgs Factories)
 - Modern heavy ion collisions
 - Liquid and high pressure TPCs for neutrino and dark matter searches

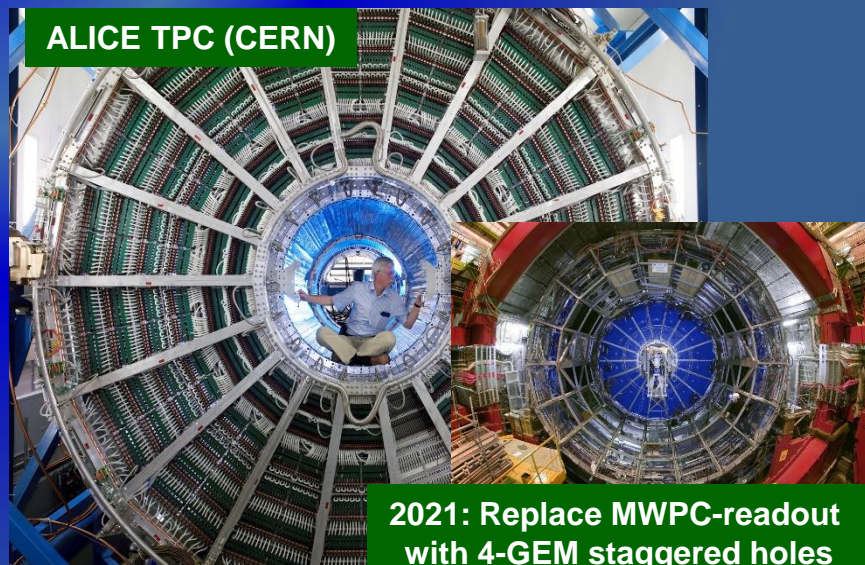
An ultimate drift chamber design is **TPC concept - 3D precision tracking** with low material budget & PID through differential energy loss dE/dx measurement and/or cluster counting dN_{cl}/dx tech.



ALEPH (CERN)

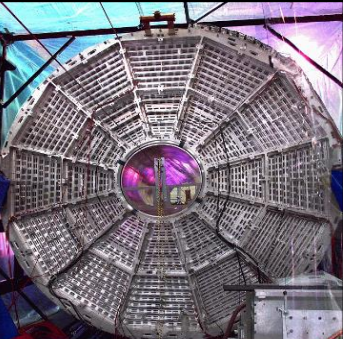
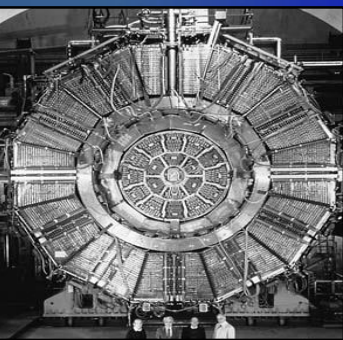
New generation of TPCs use MPGD-based readout: e.g. ALICE Upgrade, T2K, ILC, CepC

| | STAR | ALICE | ILC |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Inner radius (cm) | 50 | 85 | 32 |
| Outer radius (cm) | 200 | 250 | 170 |
| Length (cm) | 2 * 210 | 2 * 250 | 2 * 250 |
| Charge collection | wire | wire | MPGD |
| Pad size (mm) | 2.8 * 11.5 6.2 * 19.5 | 4 * 7.5 6*10(15) | 2 * 6 |
| Total # pads | 140000 | 560000 | 1200000 |
| Magnetic field [T] | 0.5 | 0.5 | 4 |
| Gas Mixture | Ar/CH4 (90:10) | Ne/CO2 (90:10) | Ar/CH4/CO2 (93:5:2) |
| Drift Field [V/cm] | 135 | 400 | 230 |
| Total drift time (μs) | 38 | 88 | 50 |
| Diffusion σ_T (μm/√cm) | 230 | 220 | 70 |
| Diffusion σ_L (μm/√cm) | 360 | 220 | 300 |
| Resolution in $r\phi$ (μm) | 500-2000 | 300-2000 | 70-150 |
| Resolution in rz (μm) | 1000-3000 | 600-2000 | 500-800 |
| dE/dx resolution [%] | 7 | 7 | < 5 |
| Tracking efficiency[%] | 80 | 95 | 98 |



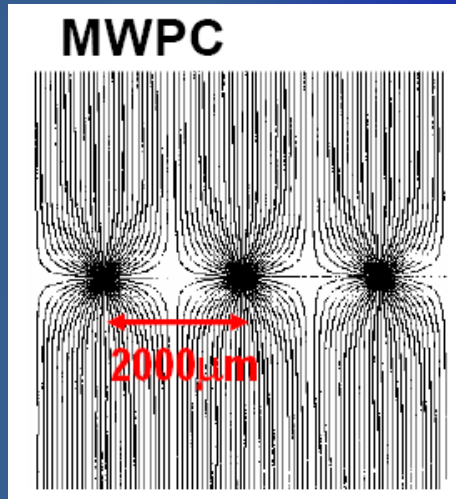
ALICE TPC (CERN)

2021: Replace MWPC-readout with 4-GEM staggered holes



STAR (LBL)

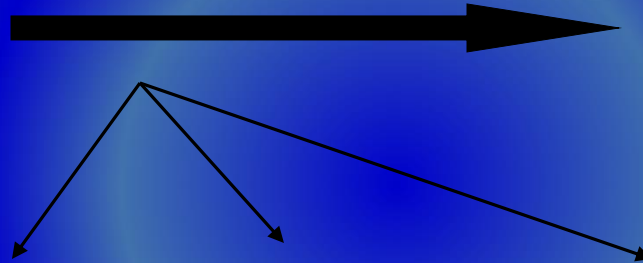
Micro-Pattern Gaseous Detectors: Bridging the Gap for Tracking between Wire Chambers and Silicon-based Devices



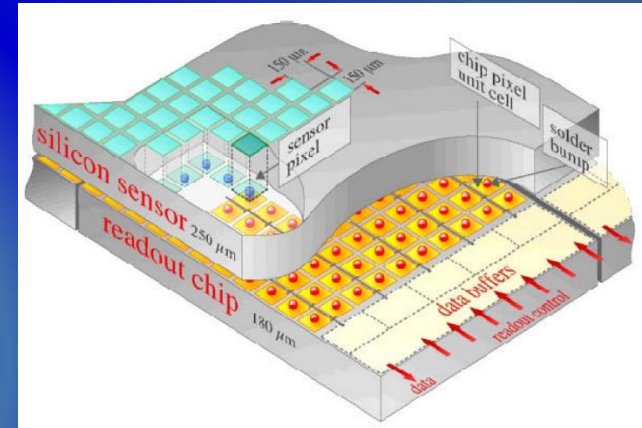
$\sigma \sim 100 \mu\text{m}$



$\sigma < 10 \mu\text{m}$



Pixel System:



Advantages of gas detectors:

- low radiation length
- large areas at low price
- flexible geometry
- spatial, energy resolution ...

Problem:

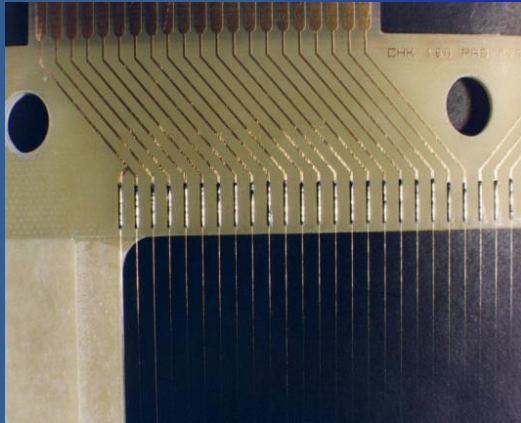
- ✓ rate capability limited by space charge defined by the time of evacuation of positive ions

Solution:

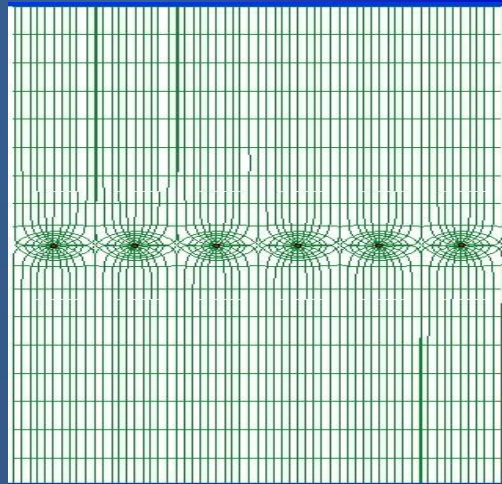
- ✓ reduction of the size of the detecting cell (limitation of the length of the ion path) using chemical etching and photo-lithographic techniques developed for microelectronics and keeping at same time similar field shape.

Micro-Strip Gas Chamber (MSGC): An Early MPGD

Multi-Wire Proportional Chamber (MWPC)

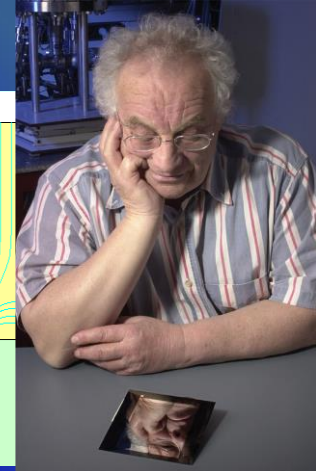
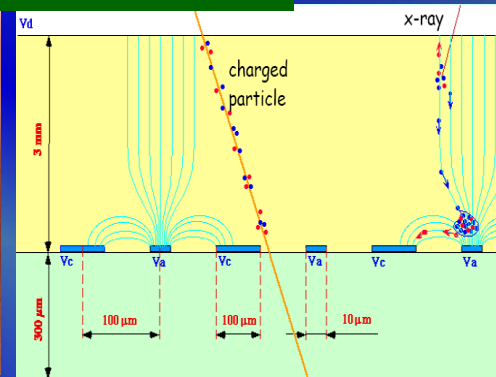
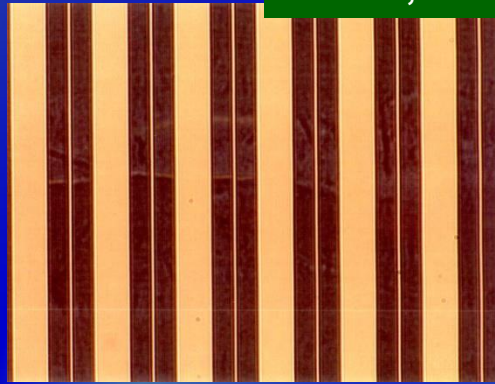


Typical distance between wires limited to ~ 1 mm due to mechanical and electrostatic forces



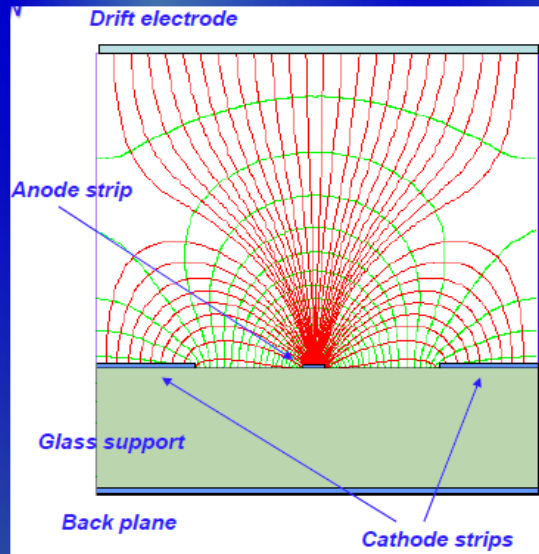
Micro-Strip Gas Chamber (MSGC)

A. Oed, NIMA263 (1988) 351

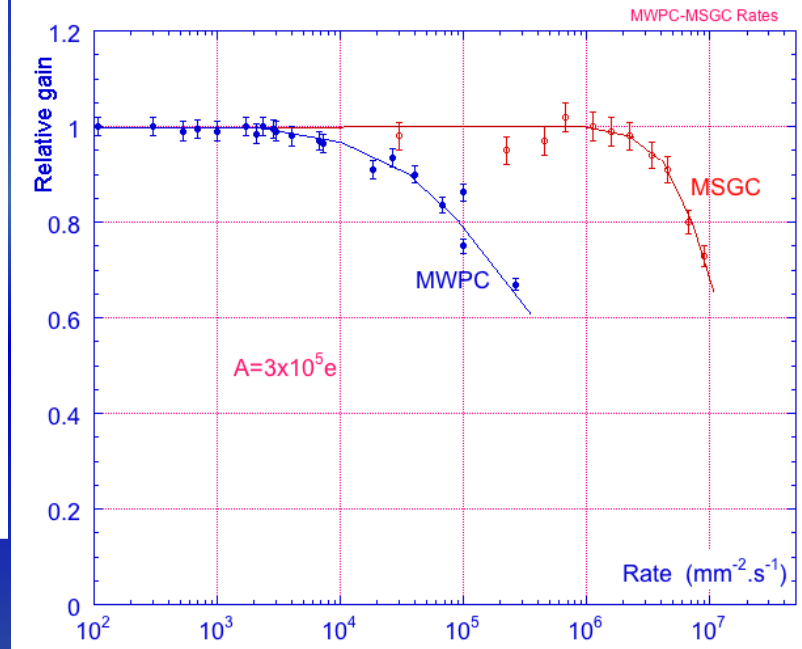


Excellent spatial resolution

MSGC significantly improves rate capability due to fast removal of positive ions



Typical distance between electrodes $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$



HERA-B Crisis(1998): Aging Effects in High-Rate Gas Detectors

Why 'Gas Micro Strip' chambers ?

- particle flux too high for conventional wire chambers (pitch > mm) (too high occupancy)
- area too large for Silicon Micro Strips (pitch 50 μm) (expensive, too many channels, large capacity...)

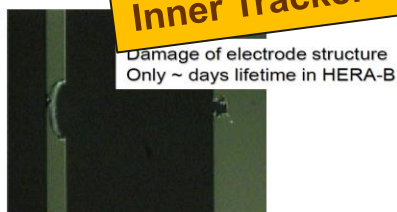
Novel technology ⇒ Six years of struggle ...

1994 : start with 'conventional' MSGC on bare glass

Unstable in intense radiation fields (not well defined surface resistivity)

1995 : 'diamond coating' cures the problem (Sauli CERN)

1996 : induced discharges in hadronic beams (test at PSI proton/pion beam)



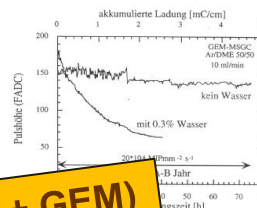
Inner Tracker: MSGC (MSGC + GEM)

WINTER 96 /97

CRISIS

MSGC-GEM Detector for HERA-B Inner Tracker System

Water admixture 0.3 % improves running stability, but massive anode aging...



Severe aging effects with Ar/CO2 & Ar/DME

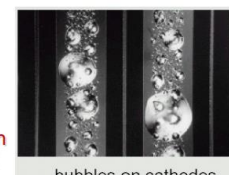


... H2O, MSGC discharges at low voltages - modification of substrate's dielectric rigidity

Use of MSGC with Al electrodes:

Easy to manufacture more robust against gas discharges than gold

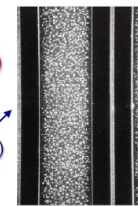
Rapid pulse-height reduction for both Ar/CO2 & Ar/DME



bubbles on cathodes

Ar/CO2 (70:30)
2.7 mC/cm

Ar/DME(50:50)
+ 0.3% H2O
0.8 mC/cm



craters on cathodes

Aging Studies for the HERA-B Outer Tracker

!!! Strong aging dependence from particle type:

Chambers with non-coated Pokalon-C cathode:

X-rays setup:
Small area honeycomb chambers had shown no aging effects up to 4.5 C/cm of integrated radiation dose

HERA-B high-rate environment:
Persistent Malter currents in full size prototype honeycomb chambers after ~ 0.5 mC/cm of accumulated charge

R&D to resemble HERA-B conditions:

| Facility | Radiation Type | Radiation Density | Radiation Density | Irradiation area | Gas Mixture | Effect seen? |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Zeuthen | X-Ray Mo (35 keV) | 5 C/cm | 1.5 μA/cm | ~1x3 cm ² | CF ₄ /CH ₄ | NO |
| Dubna | X-Ray Cu (8 keV) | 6 C/cm | 5 μA/cm | ~0.5x1 cm ² | Ar/CF ₄ /CO ₂ | NO |
| HMI | Electron 2.5 MeV | 10 mC/cm | 0.1-3 μA/cm | ~100x30 cm ² | Ar/CF ₄ /CH ₄ | NO |
| HD | X-Ray Cu (8 keV) | ~ mC/cm | ~0.1 μA/cm | ~46x30 cm ² | Ar/CF ₄ /CH ₄ | NO |

| Facility | Radiation Type | Radiation Density | Radiation Density | Irradiation area | Gas Mixture | Effect seen? |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Rosendorf | Protons 13 MeV/c | 5 mC/cm | 0.3 μA/cm | ~9x9 cm ² | Ar/CF ₄ /CH ₄ | NO |
| Rosendorf | α-part. 28 MeV/c | 3 mC/cm | 0.6 μA/cm | ~1x3 cm ² | Ar/CF ₄ /CH ₄ | NO |
| PSI | μ | ~ mC/cm | ~0.02 μA/cm | ~7x7 cm ² | CF ₄ /CH ₄ | YES |
| Karlsruhe | α-part. 100 MeV/c | ~ mC/cm | 0.02 μA/cm | ~7x7 cm ² | Ar/CF ₄ /CH ₄ | YES |
| HERA-B | p(0.20 GeV)-N | ~ mC/cm | 0.03 μA/cm | 100x30 cm ² | All gas mixtures | YES |

Outer Tracker: wire-type honeycomb

X-rays or e⁻ can not trigger Malter effect independently of their energy or radiation intensity

Hadrons above certain energy produce Malter effect at ~mC/cm as in HERA-B (Irradiation area above certain limit is necessary for ignition of Malter effect)

DESY/HERA-B PRC (1998)

Aging Studies for the HERA-B Outer Tracker

Intense R&D program:

All building materials (glues, plastics, wires) and technique were tested and validated

Problems observed:

- Indications that the foils is responsible of Malter effect (related to conductivity)
- Araldit
- Fast anode aging is due to Ar/CF₄/CH₄

Solutions:

- Coat 1200 foils with 40 nm Cu (good adhesion to plastics)+ 40 nm Au (gas contact)
- New glue (Stycast)
- Change of gas Ar/CF₄/CO₂

Chamber would not operate in HERA-B longer than 10 hours

Stable gain for more than 2 HERA-B years (~ 1C/cm)

BUT, operating with Ar/CF₄/CO₂ (65:30:5):

- Permanent dark currents after 0.3 C/cm in the presence of ~1000 ppm H₂O (FR4-strips become conductive)
- Wire etching after 0.6 C/cm (gold peels off) if H₂O concentration is < 50 ppm

Carefull control the gas water content (100-500 ppm)

2008: Original Gaseous Detectors in LHC Experiments

| | Vertex | Inner Tracker | PID/ photo-detector | EM CALO | HAD CALO | MUON Track | MUON Trigger |
|--------------|--------|---------------|--|---------|----------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| ATLAS | - | TRD (straws) | - | - | - | MDT (drift tubes), CSC | RPC, TGC (thin gap chambers) |
| CMS | - | - | - | - | - | Drift tubes, CSC | RPC, CSC |
| TOTEM | - | GEM | - | - | - | - | - |
| LHCb | - | Straw Tubes | - | - | - | MWPC | MWPC, GEM |
| ALICE | - | TPC (MWPC) | TOF (MRPC), HPMID (RICH-pad chamber), TRD (MWPC) | - | - | Muon pad chambers | RPC |

ALICE: TPC (tracker), TRD (transition rad.), TOF (MRPC), HMPID (RICH-pad chamber), Muon tracking (pad chamber), Muon trigger (RPC)

ATLAS: TRD (straw tubes), MDT (muon drift tubes), Muon trigger (RPC, thin gap chambers)

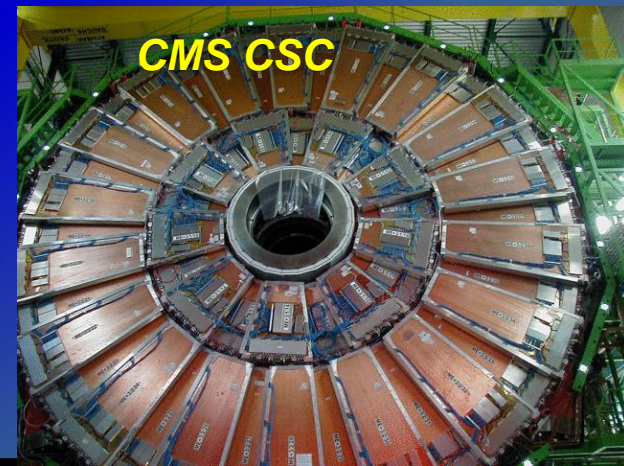
CMS: Muon detector (drift tubes, CSC), RPC (muon trigger)

LHCb: Tracker (straw tubes), Muon detector (MWPC, GEM)

Mostly wires, straws, RPCs

Straw tubes

CMS CSC

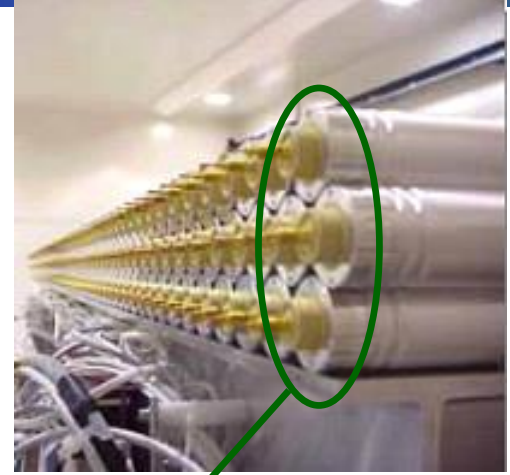
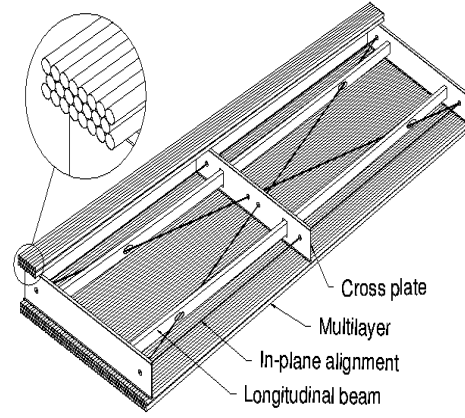


ATLAS MDT: Resolution Limits of High-Rate Wire Chambers

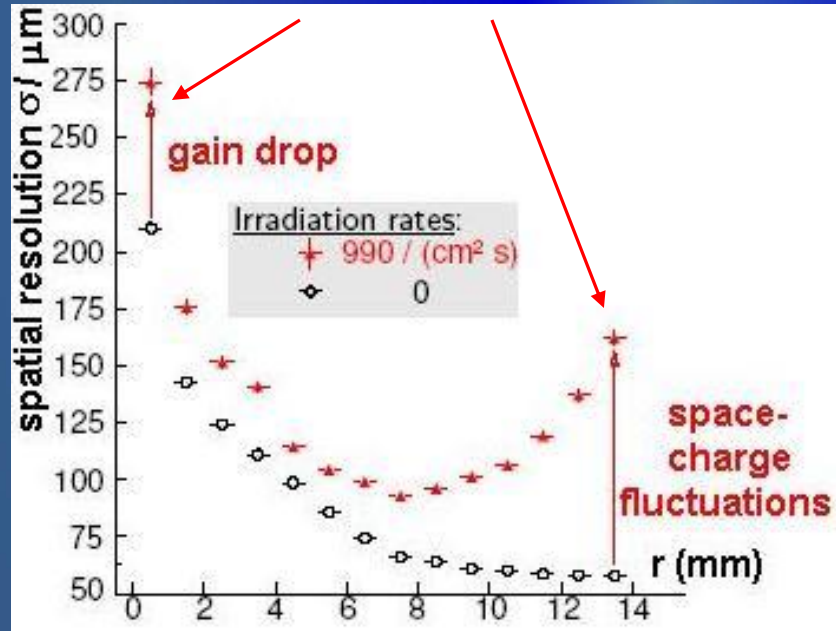
L3 Muon Spectrometer (LEP):
 ~ 40000 chan. ; σ (chamber) < 200 μm

ATLAS Muon Drift Tubes (LHC):
 ~ 1200 chambers, σ (chamber) ~ 50 μm

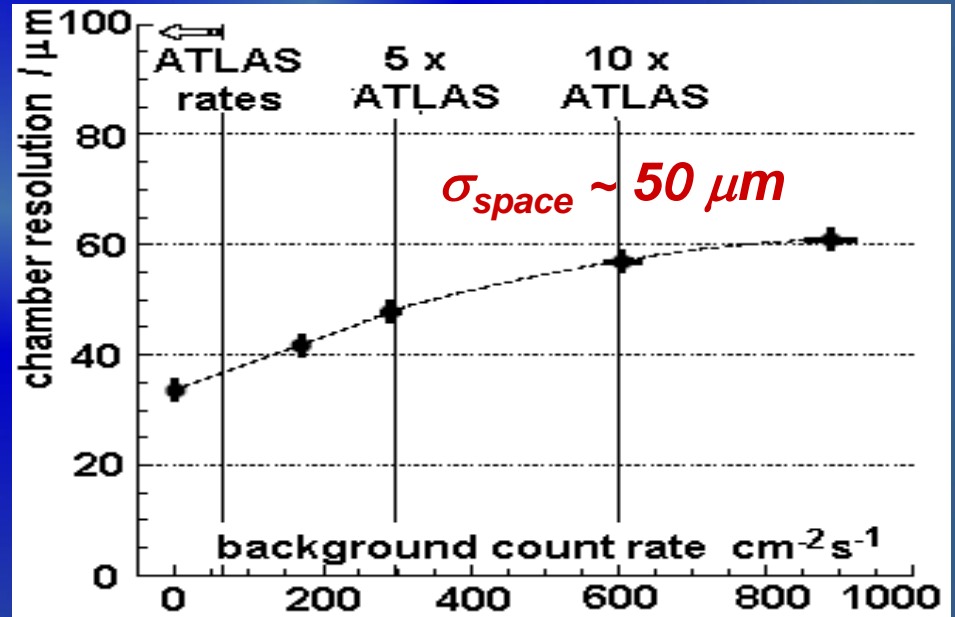
- 370000 tubes, 740000 end-plugs
- 12000 CCD for optical alignment



Intrinsic limitation of wire chambers:
 (resolution degradation at high rates):

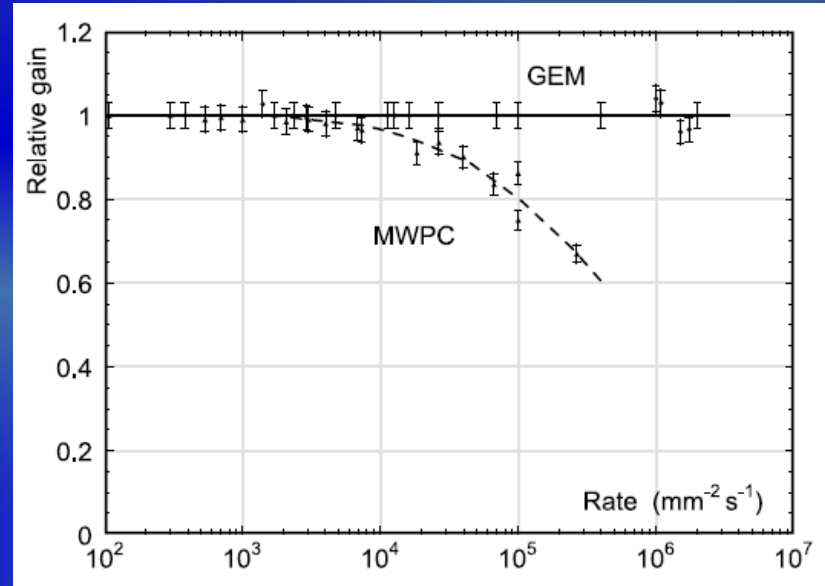


1 chamber \rightarrow 2 layers of 3 drift tubes
 Spatial resolution /chamber (2 layers of 3 drift tubes)



Micro-Pattern Gaseous Detector Technologies (MPGD)

Rate Capability: MWPC vs GEM:

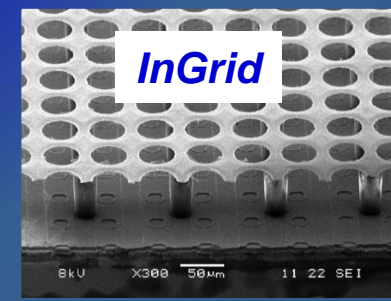
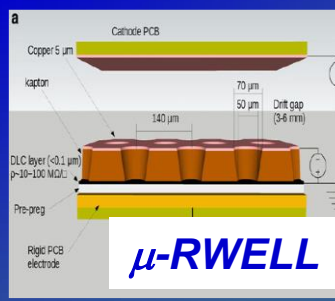
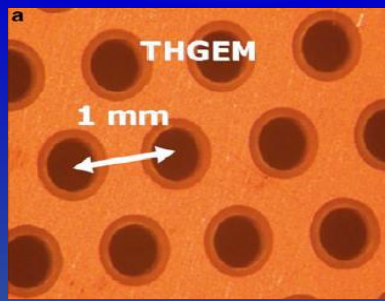
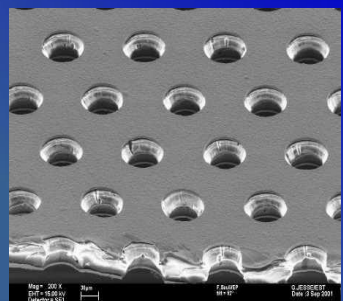
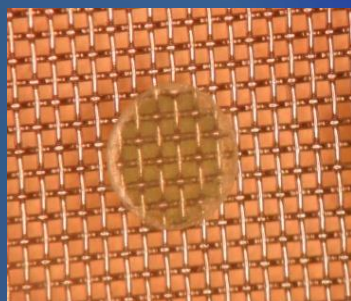
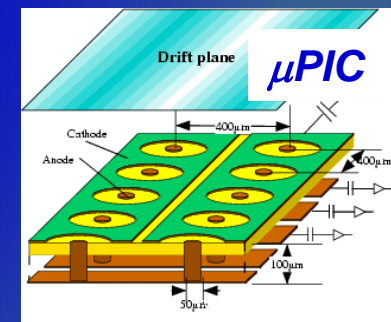
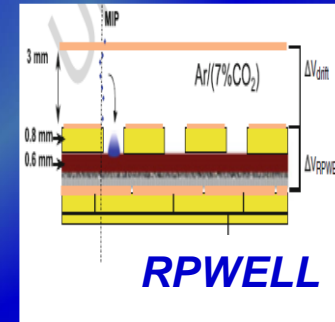
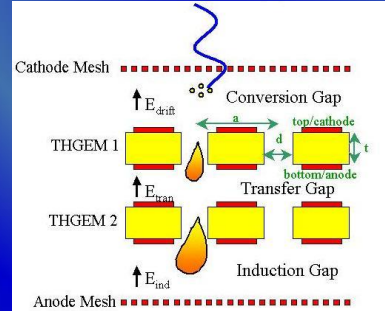
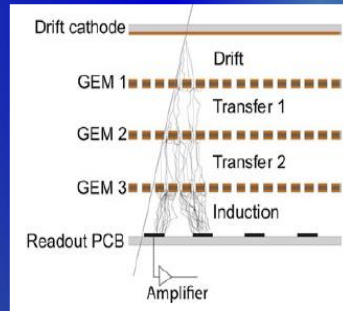
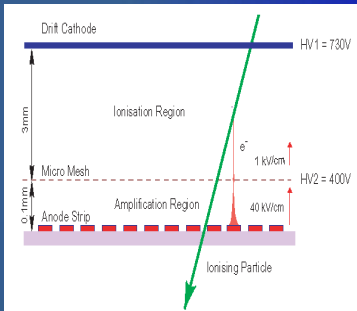


- ✓ Micromegas
- ✓ Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM)
- ✓ Thick-GEM (LEM), Hole-Type & RETGEM
- ✓ MPDG with CMOS pixel ASICs (“GridPix”)
- ✓ Micro-Pixel Chamber (μ -PIC)
- ✓ μ -Resistive WELL (μ -RWELL)
- ✓ Resistive-Plate WELL (RPWELL)

Micromegas

GEM

THGEM

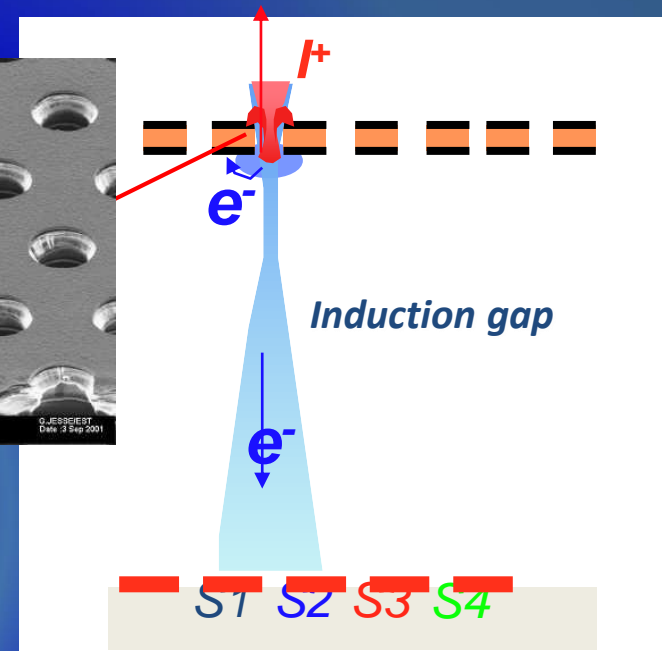
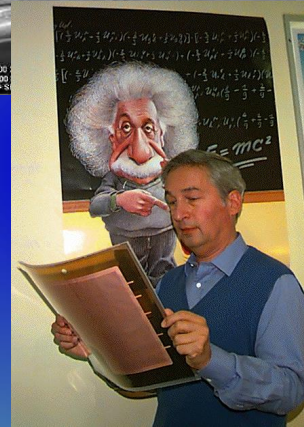
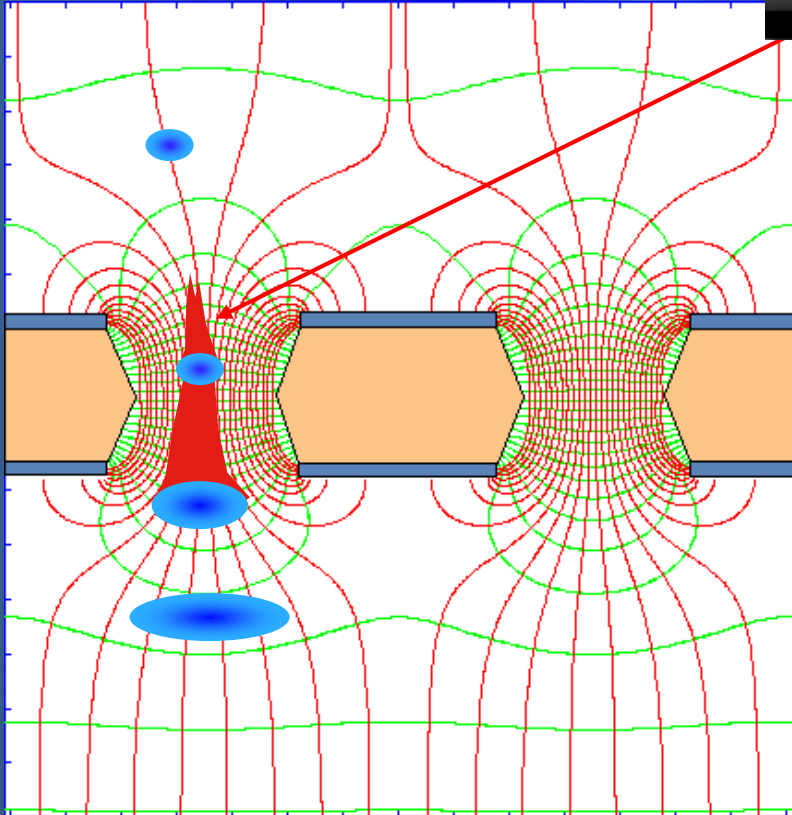


Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM)

Thin metal-coated polymer foil chemically pierced by a high density of holes

A difference of potentials of $\sim 500\text{V}$ is applied between the two GEM electrodes.

→ the primary electrons released by the ionizing particle, drift towards the holes where the high electric field triggers the electron multiplication process.



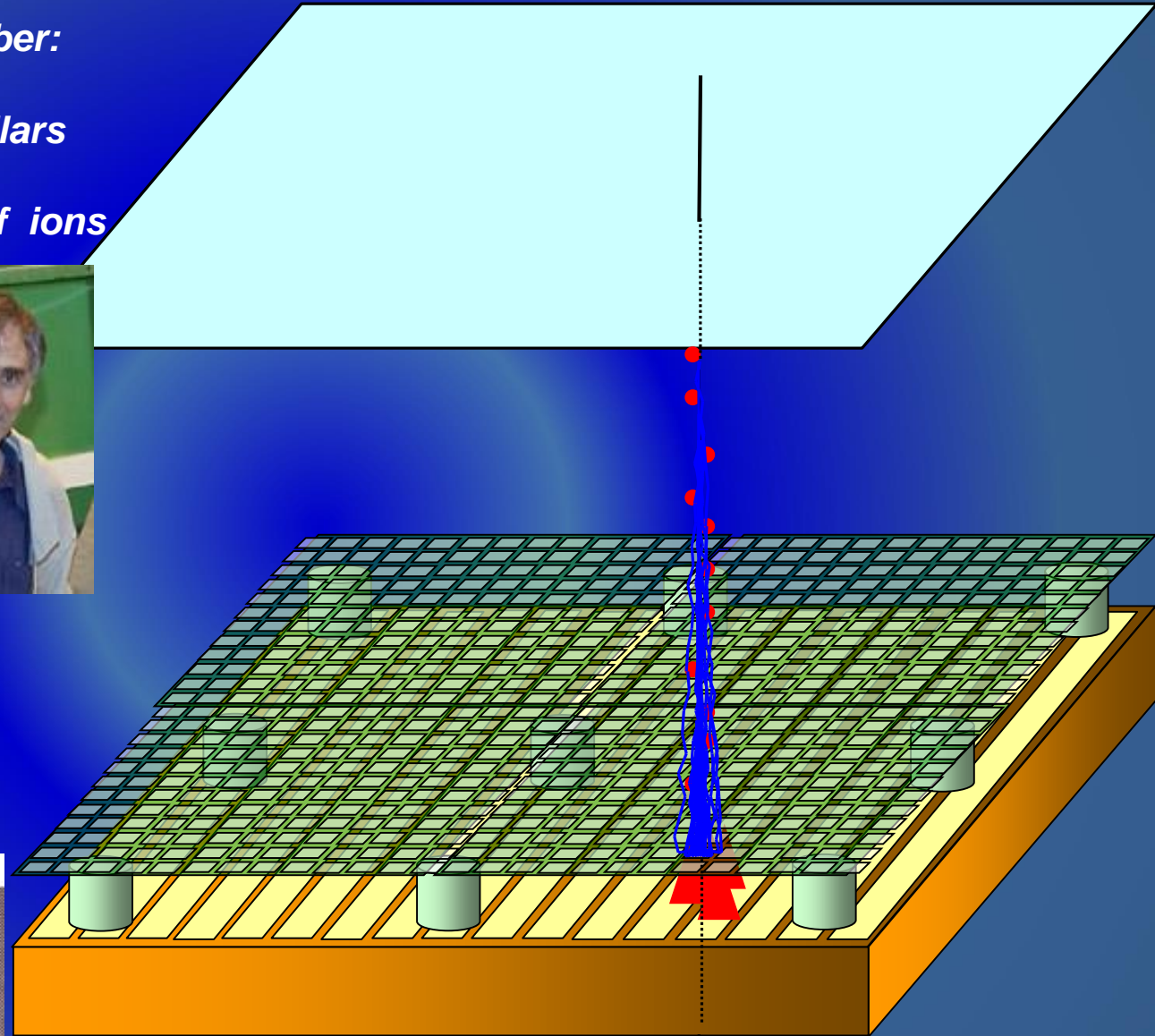
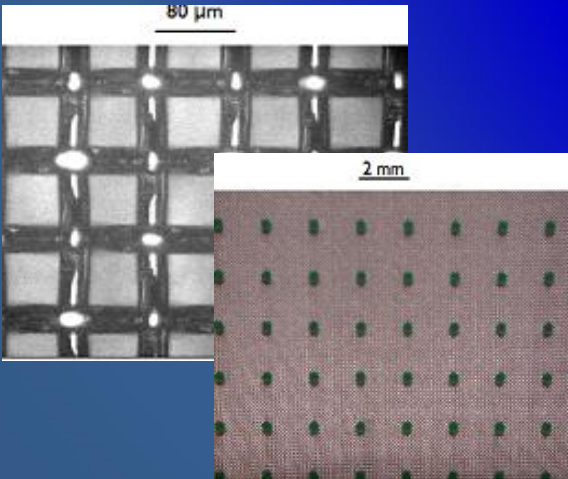
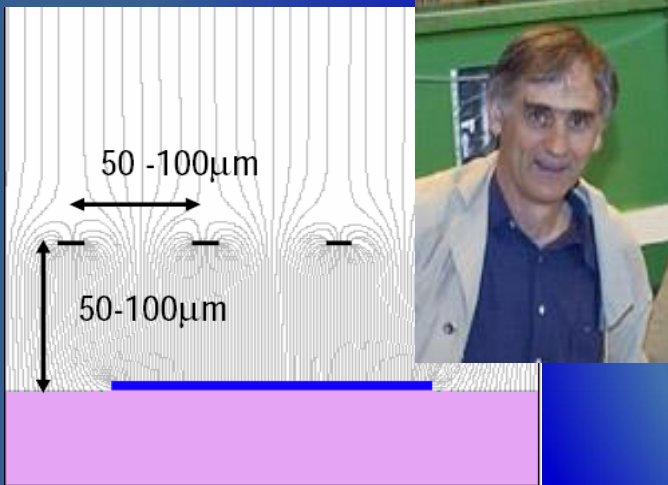
F. Sauli, NIMA386 (1997) 531

- ✓ Electrons are collected on patterned readout board.
- ✓ A fast signal can be detected on the lower GEM electrode for triggering or energy discrimination.
- ✓ All readout electrodes are at ground potential.
- ✓ Positive ions partially collected on GEM electrodes

Micro Mesh Gaseous Structure (MICROME GAS)

*Micromesh Gaseous Chamber:
micromesh supported
by 50-100 mm insulating pillars*

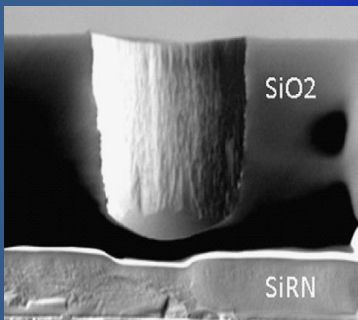
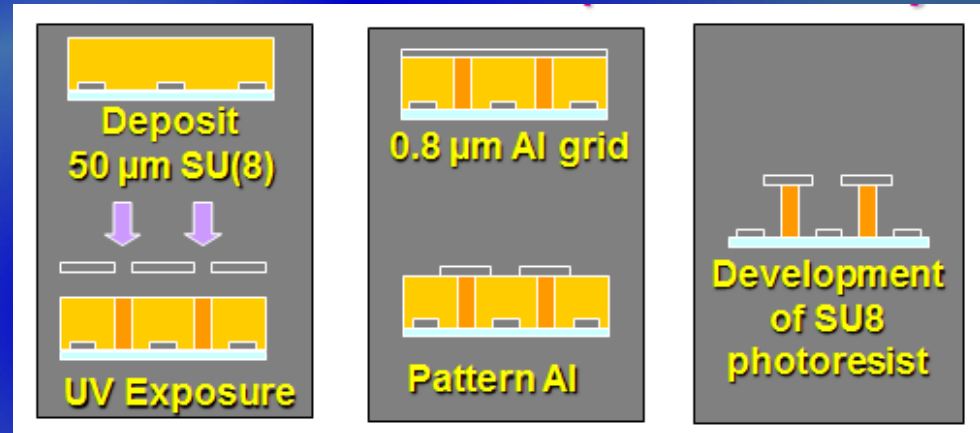
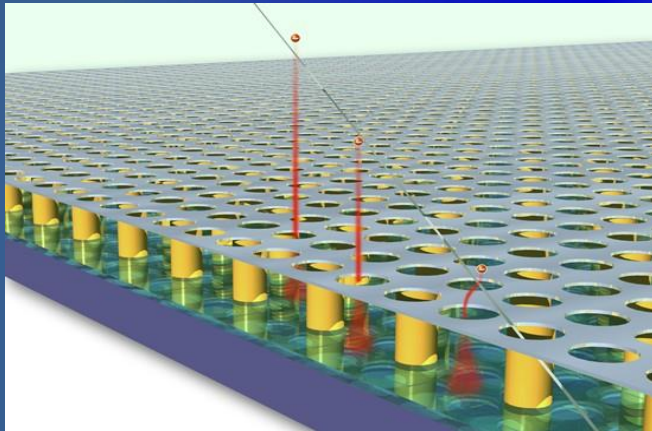
Small gap: fast collection of ions



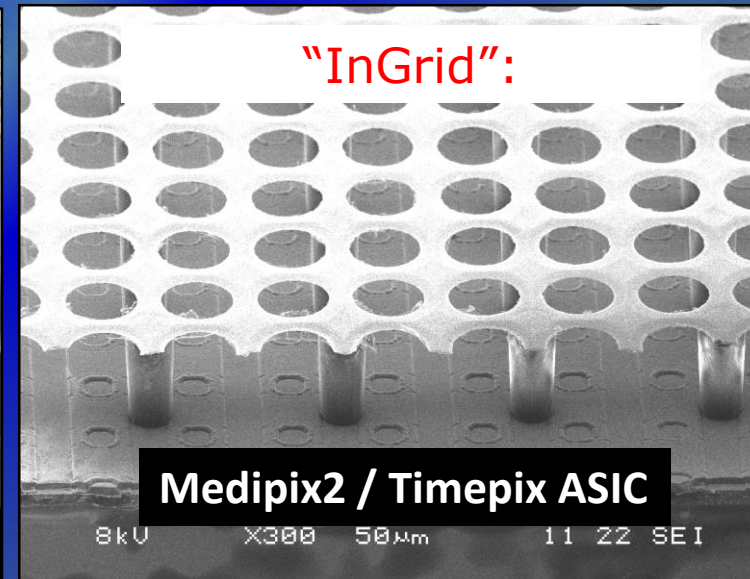
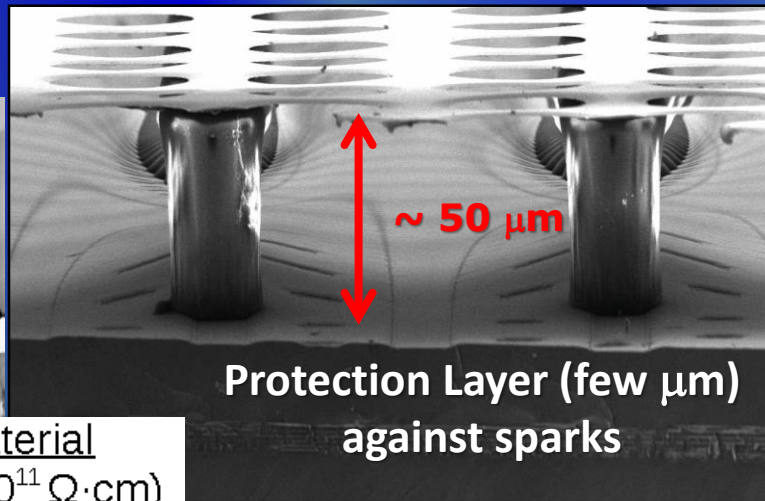
Pixel Readout of MPGDs: "GridPix" Concept

"InGrid" Concept: By means of advanced wafer processing-technology **INTEGRATE MICROMEAS** amplification grid directly **on top of TIMEPIX CMOS ASIC**

3D Gaseous Pixel Detector → 2D (pixel dimensions) x 1D (drift time)



high resistive material
15 μm aSi:H (~10¹¹ Ω·cm)
8 μm Si_xN_y (~10¹⁴ Ω·cm)

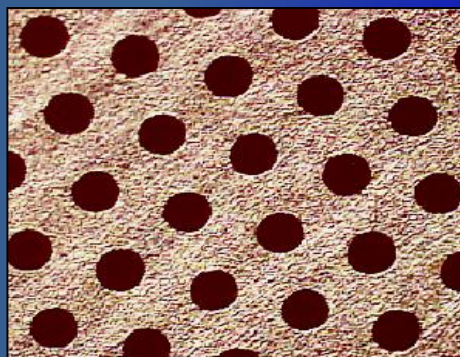


Medipix2 / Timepix ASIC

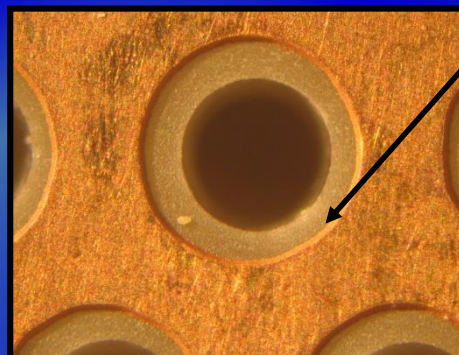
Other MPGDs Concepts: THGEM, μ RWELL, RPWELL

THGEM Manufactured by standard PCB techniques of precise drilling in G-10 (and other materials) and Cu etching

STANDARD GEM



THGEM

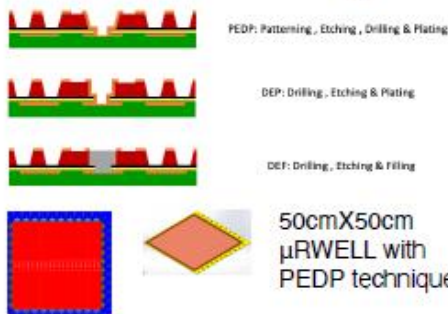


0.1 mm rim to prevent discharges

L. Periale, NIMA478 (2002) 377
LEM!: P. Jeanneret, PhD thesis, 2001

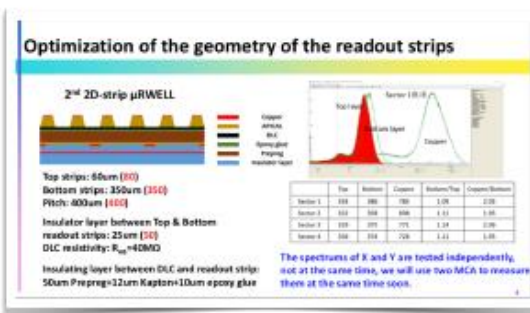
μ RWELL and RPWELL

High-rate μ RWELL prototypes made by new techniques



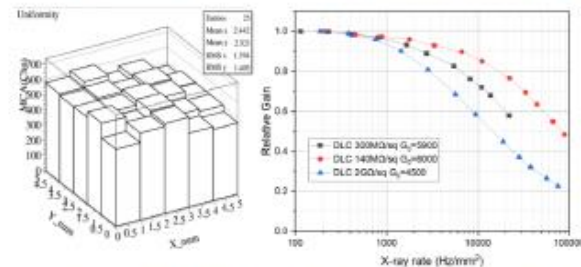
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μ RWELL with 2D-Strip Readout – For RD51 Tracker



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Development of RWELL detectors for large area & high rate applications

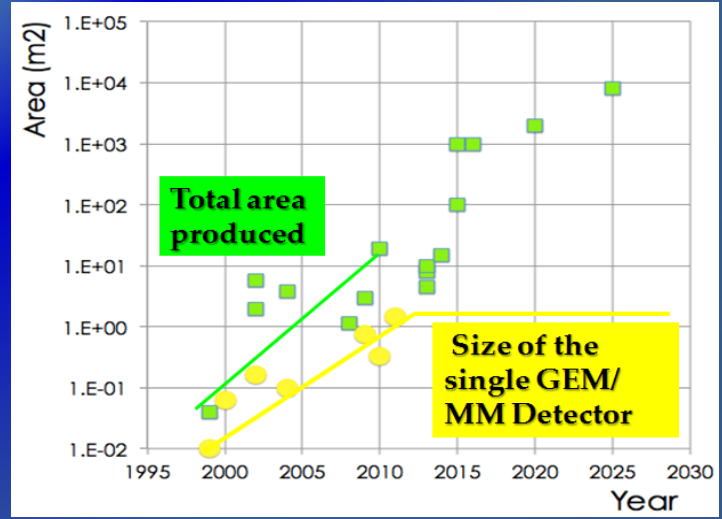
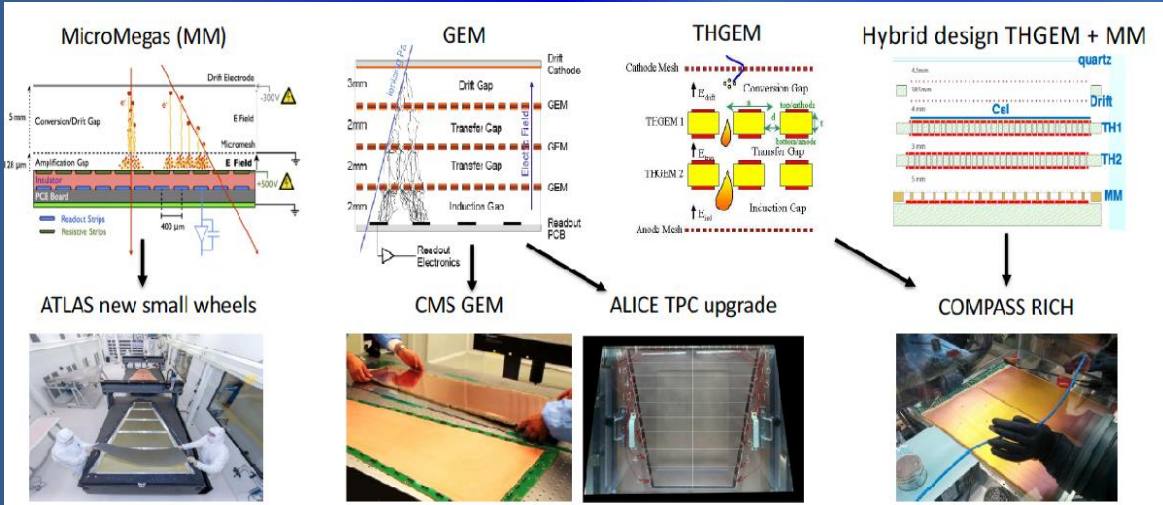


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Success Story: MPGD Technologies @ CERN Experiments

- The integration of MPGDs in large experiments was not rapid, despite of the first large-scale application in COMPASS at SPS in the] 2000's
- Scaling up MPGD detectors, while preserving the typical properties of small prototypes, allowed their use in the LHC upgrades
 - Many emerged from the R&D studies within the CERN-RD51 Collaboration

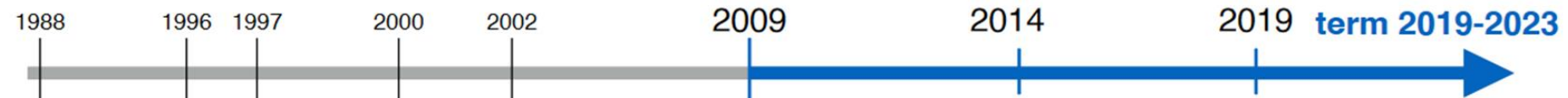
| Experiment / Timescale | Application Domain | MPGD Technology | Total detector size / Single module size | Operation Characteristics / Performance | Special Requirements / Remarks |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|
| COMPASS TRACKING > 2002 | Fixed Target Experiment (Tracking) | 3-GEM Micromegas w/ GEM preampl. | Total area: 2.6 m ² Single unit detect: 0.31x0.31 m ² Total area: ~ 2 m ² Single unit detect: 0.4x0.4 m ² | Max.rate: ~100kHz/mm ² Spatial res.: ~70-100µm (strip), ~120µm (pixel) Time res.: ~ 8 ns Rad. Hard.: 2500 mC/cm ² | Required beam tracking (pixelized central / beam area) |
| TOTEM TRACKING: > 2009 | Hadron Collider / Forward Physics (5.3≤ η ≤ 6.5) | 3-GEM (semicircular shape) | Total area: ~ 4 m ² Single unit detect: up to 0.03m ² | Max.rate: 20 kHz/cm ² Spatial res.: ~120µm Time res.: ~ 12 ns Rad. Hard.: ~ mC/cm ² | Operation in pp, pA and AA collisions. |
| LHCb MUON DETECTOR > 2010 | Hadron Collider / B-physics (triggering) | 3-GEM | Total area: ~ 0.6 m ² Single unit detect: 20-24 cm ² | Max.rate: 500 kHz/cm ² Spatial res.: ~ cm Time res.: ~ 3 ns Rad. Hard.: ~ C/cm ² | Redundant triggering |
| COMPASS RICH UPGRADE > 2016 | Fixed Target Experiment (RICH - detection of single VUV photons) | Hybrid (THGEM + CsI and MM) | Total area: ~ 1.4 m ² Single unit detect: ~ 0.6 x 0.6 m ² | Max.rate: 100 Hz/cm ² Spatial res.: < 2.5 mm Time res.: ~ 10 ns | Production of large area THGEM of sufficient quality |
| ATLAS MUON UPGRADE CERN LS2 | Hadron Collider (Tracking/Triggering) | Resistive Micromegas | Total area: 1200 m ² Single unit detect: (2.2x1.4m ²) ~ 2-3 m ² | Max. rate: 15 kHz/cm ² Spatial res.: <100µm Time res.: ~ 10 ns Rad. Hard.: ~ 0.5C/cm ² | Redundant tracking and triggering; Challenging constr. in mechanical precision |
| CMS MUON UPGRADE CERN LS2 | Hadron Collider (Tracking/Triggering) | 3-GEM | Total area: ~ 143 m ² Single unit detect: 0.3-0.4m ² | Max. rate: 10 kHz/cm ² Spatial res.: ~100µm Time res.: ~ 5-7 ns Rad. Hard.: ~ 0.5 C/cm ² | Redundant tracking and triggering |
| ALICE TPC UPGRADE CERN LS2 | Heavy-Ion Physics (Tracking + dE/dx) | 4-GEM / TPC | Total area: ~ 32 m ² Single unit detect: up to 0.3m ² | Max.rate: 100 kHz/cm ² Spatial res.: ~300µm Time res.: ~ 100 ns dE/dx: 11 % Rad. Hard.: 50 mC/cm ² | - 50 kHz Pb-Pb rate; - Continues TPC readout - Low IBF and good energy resolution |



Legacy of the CERN-RD51 Collaboration: 2008-2023

RD51 CERN-based "TECHNOLOGY - DRIVEN R&D COLLABORATION" was established to advance MPGD concepts and associated electronics readout systems

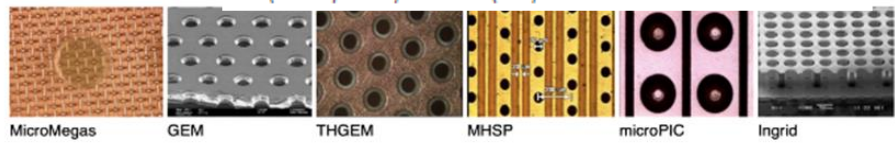
RD51 community: ~ 90 institutes, 500 members **RD51**



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28 July 2008
Development of Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors Technologies

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Adoption of MPGD technologies:
ATLAS NSW (Micromegas)
CMS forward tracking update (GEM)
COMPASS RICH upgrade (hybrid MPGD)
ALICE TPC upgrade (GEM)
KLOE2 & BESIII (GEM)
LBNO-DEMO (THGEM)
T2K/ND280 TPC (Micromegas)
n-detection at ESS (GEM)
Muon radiography (Micromegas)

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S. Dalla Torre (2016-2022)
E. Oliveri (2023)



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- ✓ Many of the MPGD Technologies were introduced before the RD51 was founded
- ✓ With more techniques becoming available, new detection concepts were introduced and the existing ones were substantially improved during the RD51 period (2008-2023)
- ✓ Beyond 2023, RD51 served as a nuclei for the new DRD1 ("all gas detectors") collaboration, anchored at CERN, as part of the ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap

Legacy of the CERN-RD51 Collaboration: "RD51" Model

The success of the RD51 is related to the **"RD51 model"** in performing R&D: combination of generic and focused R&D with bottom-up decision processes, full sharing of experience, "know-how", and common infrastructure, which **allows to build community with continuity and institutional memory** and enhances the training of younger generation instrumentalists.

Scientific organisation in 7 working groups

- **WG1:** New structures and technologies
- **WG2:** Detector physics and performance
- **WG3:** Training and dissemination
- **WG4:** Software & Simulation Tools
- **WG5:** Readout Electronics (RD51 SRS)
- **WG6:** MPGD Production & Industrialization
- **WG7:** Common test facilities

Community and Expertize (RD51 Scientific Network)



**RD51:
3 MAJOR
ASSETS**

MPGD Technology Development & Dissemination

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RD51 and the rise of micro-pattern gas detectors

Since its foundation, the RD51 collaboration has provided important stimulus for the development of MPGDs.

Improvements in detector technology often come from capitalizing on industrial progress. Over the past two decades, advances in photolithography, microelectronics and printed circuits have opened the way for the production of micro-structured gas-sensitization devices. By 2008, interest in the development and use of the novel micro-pattern gaseous detector (MPGD) technology led to the establishment at CERN of the RD51 collaboration. Originally created for a three-year term, RD51 was later prolonged for another five years beyond 2013. While many of the MPGD technologies were introduced before RD51 was founded (figure 1), with more techniques becoming available or affordable, new detector concepts are still being introduced, and existing ones are substantially improved.

In the late 1990s, the development of the micro-strip gas chamber (MSGC) created great interest because of its intrinsic rate-capability, which was orders of magnitude higher than in wire chambers, and its position resolution of a few micrometres in case of particle tracks exceeding about 1 MHz/cm². Developed for projects at high-luminosity colliders, MSGCs progressed to fill a gap between the high-performance but expensive solid-state detectors, and cheap but rate-limited traditional wire chambers. However, detailed studies of their long-term behaviour at high rates and in high-radiation environments revealed two possible weaknesses of the MSGC technology: the formation of deposits on the electrodes, affecting gain and performance ("aging effects"), and spark-induced damage to electrodes in the presence of highly ionizing particles.

These initial ideas have since led to more robust MPGD structures, in general using modern photolithographic processes in thin insulating supports. In particular, areas of manufacturing, operational stability and superior performance for charged-particle tracking, muon detection and triggering have given rise to two main designs: the gas electron multiplier (GEM) and the micro-mesh gaseous structure (MicroMG). By using a much finer pitch of a few hundred micrometres, both devices exhibit intrinsic high rate capability (> 1 MHz/cm²) and excellent gain and timing resolution (around 30 ns and 500 ps, respectively), and more evolution for single-photon detection in the sub-nanosecond range.

Compared to the microelectronics industry and advanced PCB technology has been important for the development of gas detectors with increasingly smaller pitch size. A significant example is the use of a CMOS pixel ASIC, assembled directly below the GEM MicroMGs amplification structure. Modern "wide-pitch" processing technology, "allow for the integration of MicroMGs past directly on top of a Moltipix or Tmapix chip, thus forming

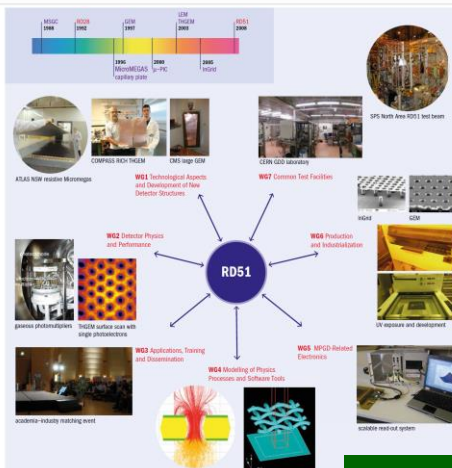


Fig. 1. The seven working groups of RD51, with illustrations of just a few examples of the different kinds of work involved. Top left: the 20-year pre-history of RD51 (image credits: RD51 Collaboration.)

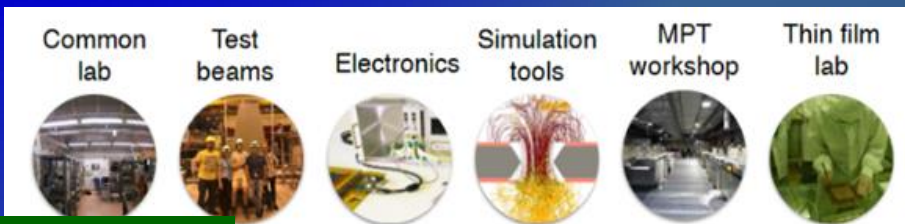
integrated read-out of a gaseous detector (IGEM). Using this approach, MPGD-based detectors can reach the level of integration, compactness and resolving power typical of solid-state pixel detectors. For applications requiring imaging detectors with large-area coverage and moderate spatial resolution (e.g. strip imaging Cherenkov RICH counters) coarse-mesh patterned structures offer an interesting economic solution with relatively low mass and low construction – thanks to the intrinsic robustness of the PCB electrodes. Such detectors are the thick GEM (THGEM), large electron multiplier (LEM), patented resistive thick GEM (RTGEM) and the resistive plate (WELL, RPPWELL).

RD51 and its working groups
The main objective of RD51 is to advance the technological development and application of MPGDs. While a number of activities have been performed to the benefit of the RD51 community, RD51 serves as an access point to MPGD "know-how" for the worldwide community – a platform for sharing information, results and experience – and optimizes the cost of R&D through the sharing of resources and the creation of common projects and infrastructure. All partners are already pursuing other basic, or application-oriented R&D involving MPGD concepts. Figure 1 shows the organization of seven Working Groups (WGs) that cover all of the relevant aspects of MPGD-related R&D.

WG1 Technology Aspects and Development of New Detector Structures. The objectives of WG1 are to improve the performance of existing detector structures, optimize fabrication methods and develop new multilayer geometries and techniques. One of the most prominent activities is the development of large-area GEM, MicroMG and THGEM detectors. Only one decade ago, the largest MPGD was around 10 cm² area, limited by existing tools and materials. A big step towards the industrial manufacturing of MPGDs with size around a square meter came with new fabrication methods – the single-mask GEM "bath" MicroMGs and the novel MicroMGs construction scheme with "floating mesh". While in "bath" MicroMGs the metallic mesh is integrated into the PCB read-out, in the "floating mesh" scheme it is integrated in the panel containing drift electrodes and placed on pillars when the chamber is closed. The single-mask GEM technique overcomes the cumbersome practice of alignment of two masks between top and bottom films, which limits the achievable beam size to 30 cm. This

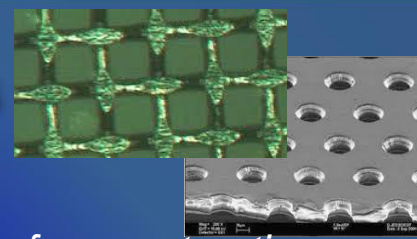


R&D Tools, Facilities and Infrastructure



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2022: MPGDs for High Luminosity LHC Upgrades



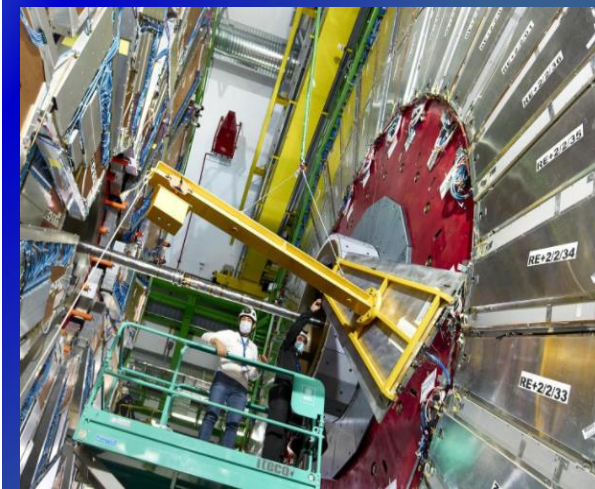
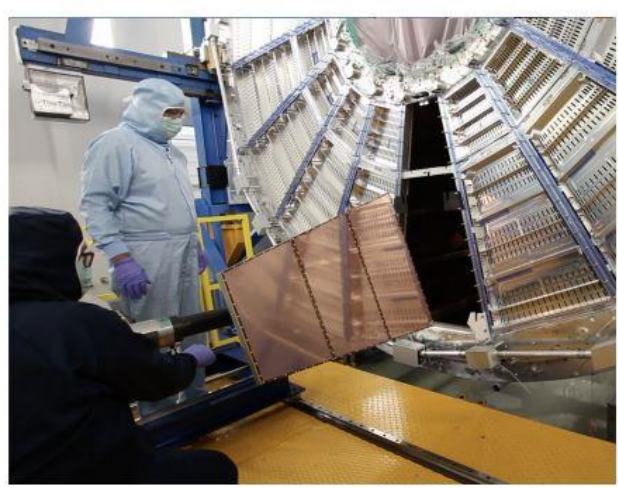
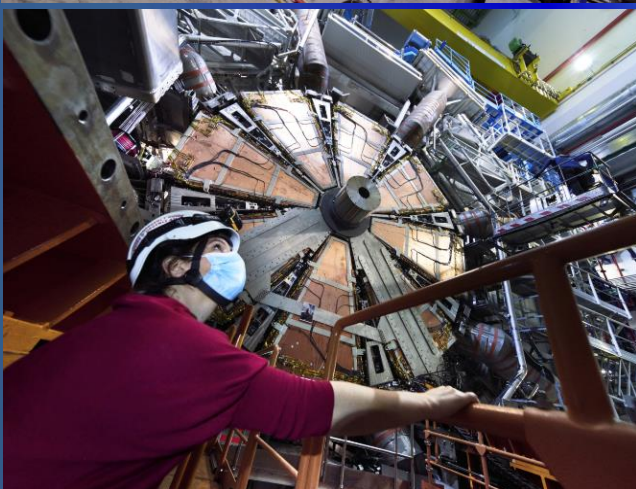
The successful implementation of MPGDs for relevant upgrades of CERN experiments indicates the degree of maturity of given detector technologies for constructing large-size detectors, the level of dissemination within the HEP community and their reliability

ATLAS NSW **MicroMegas**



ALICE **GEM-TPC**

CMS **GEM** muon endcaps



<https://ep-news.web.cern.ch/content/atlas-new-small-wheel-upgrade-advances-0>

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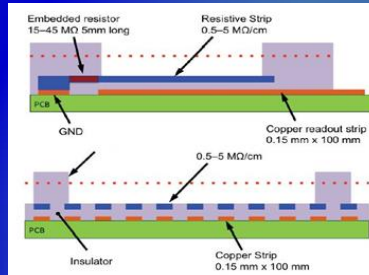
Large-Area MM / GEM Detectors for ATLAS / CMS Upgrade

Resistive MM for ATLAS NSW Muon Upgrade:

Standard Bulk MM suffers from limited efficiency at high rates due to discharges induced dead time

Solution: Resistive Micromegas technology

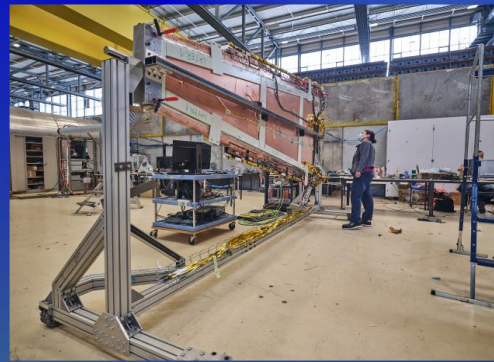
- Add a layer of resistive strips above the readout strips
- Spark neutralization/suppression (sparks still occur, but become inoffensive)



Still, main issue encountered: HV instability

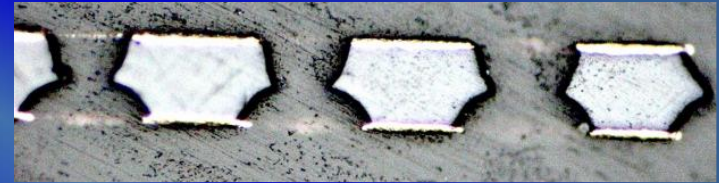
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 ==> applied solutions + passivation in order to deactivate the region where $R < 0.8 \text{ M}\Omega$

Production, sector integration (~1200m² resistive MM):

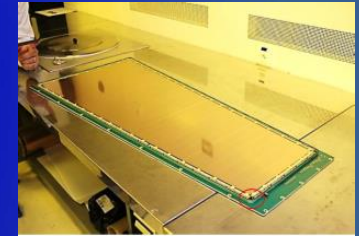
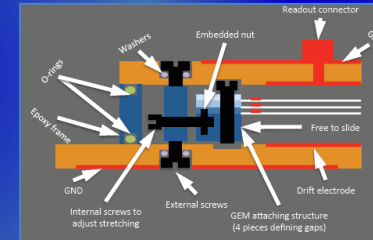


GEMs for CMS Muon System Upgrade:

- **Single-mask GEM technology** (instead of double-mask)
 → Reduces cost /allows production of large-area GEM



- **Assembly optimization: self-stretching technique:**
 → assembly time reduction to 1 day



September 2020: 144 GEM chambers installed



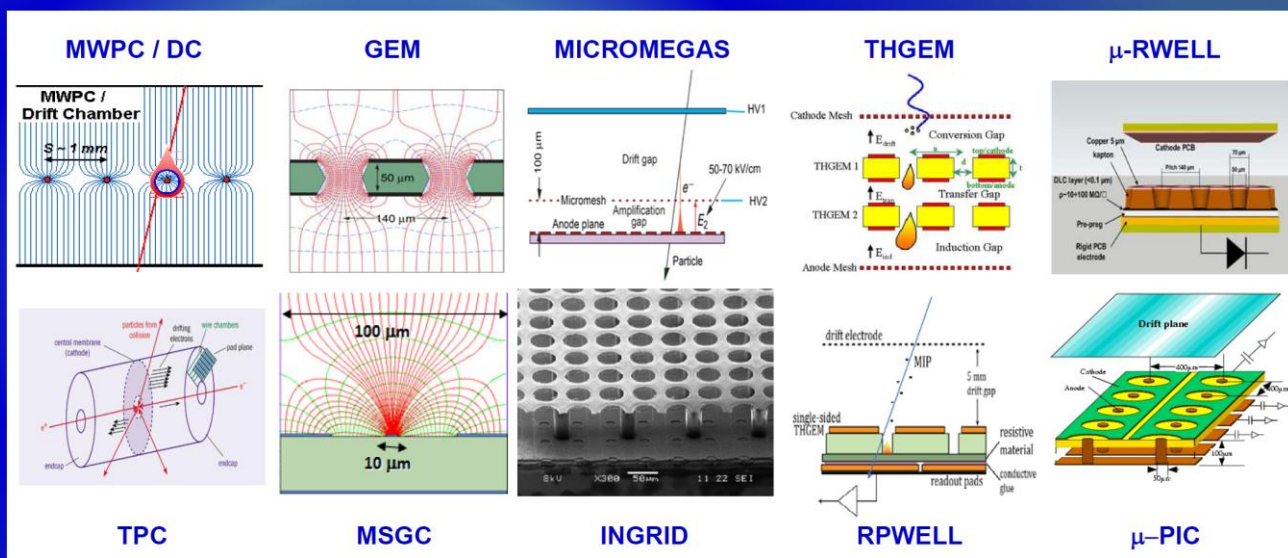
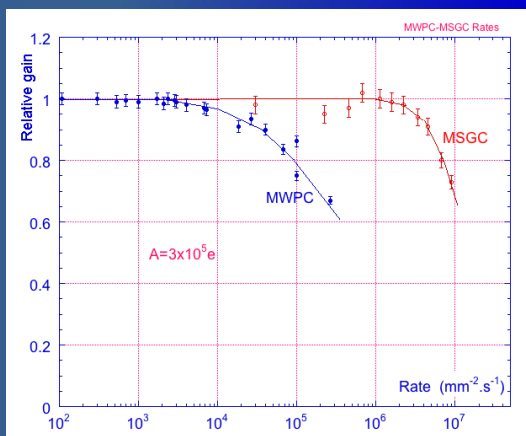
Important milestone for CMS collaboration as the first complete Phase II Upgrade detector, with a brand new detector technology, the GEMs, complementing the Muon system

Gaseous Detectors: From Wire/Drift Chamber → Time Projection Chamber (TPC) → Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors

Primary choice for large-area coverage with low material-budget (+ dE/dx measurement)

1990's: Industrial advances in photolithography has favoured the invention of novel micro-structured gas amplification devices (MSGC, GEM, Micromegas, ...)

Rate Capability:
MWPC vs MSGC



Examples of Gaseous Detectors for Future Colliders:

HL-LHC Upgrades: Tracking (ALICE TPC/MPGD); **Muon Systems:** RPC, CSC, MDT, TGC, GEM, Micromegas;

Future Hadron Colliders: FCC-hh Muon System (MPGD - OK, rates are comparable with HL-LHC)

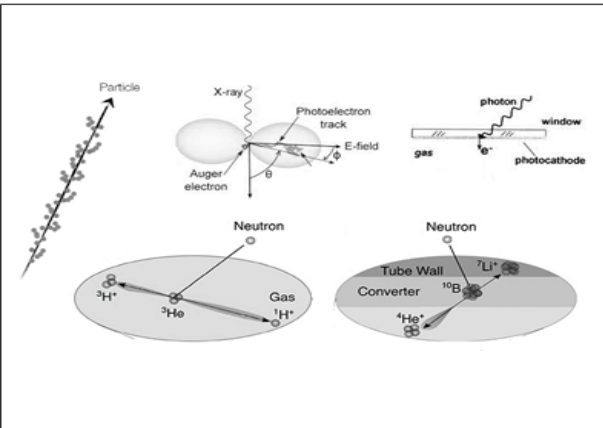
Future Lepton Colliders: Tracking (FCC-ee / CepC - Drift Chambers; ILC / CePC - TPC with MPGD readout)

Calorimetry (ILC, CepC – RPC or MPGD), **Muon Systems** (OK)

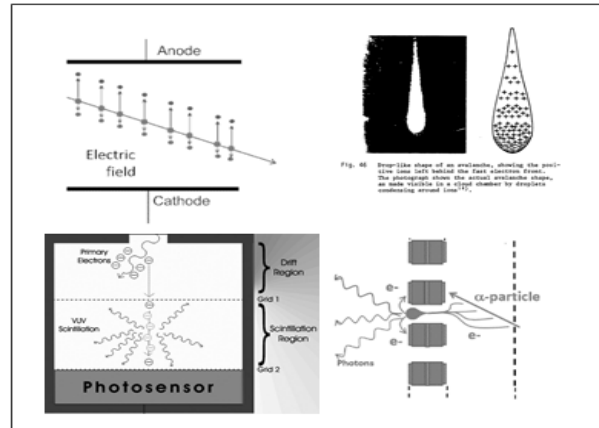
Future Electron-Ion Collider: Tracking (GEM, μ WELL; TPC/MPGD), **RICH** (THGEM), **TRD** (GEM)

Gaseous Detector R&D: Common Issues

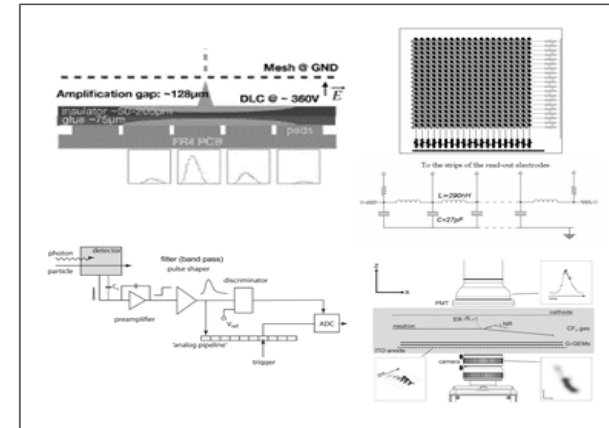
Ionization



charge drifting and amplification



readout



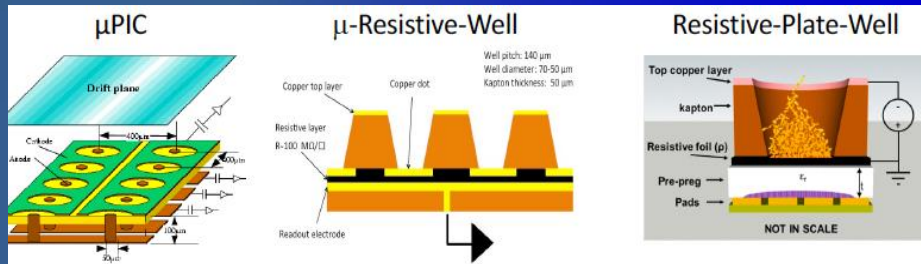
Despite the different R&D requirements, there is **potential for overlapping in many aspects, allowing for a larger community of gaseous detectors to benefit**. The most straightforward example is the classic ageing issues, but many others can be mentioned:

- **MPGD**- the main challenges remain large areas, high rates, precise timing capabilities, and stable discharge-free operation, picosecond-timing, optical readout
- **RPC** - focus stays on improving high-rate and precise timing capabilities, uniform detector response, and mechanical compactness, pico-second timing
- **Straw tubes**- requirements include extended length and smaller diameter, low material budget, and operation in a highly challenging radiation environment.
- **Large-volume Drift chamber** with a reduced material budget in a high-rate environment requires searching for new materials. Avalanche-induced Ion Back Flow (IBF) remains the primary challenge for **TPC applications** in future facilities.

Resistive MPGD Structures: Performance & Trends

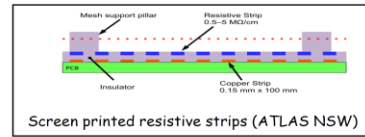
SINGLE-STAGE DESIGNS with RESISTIVE MATERIALS and related detector architecture

- μ PIC, μ RWELL, small-pad res. MM (proposed for ATLAS HL-LHC Forward Muon Tagger), RPWELL
- improves detector stability; single-stage is advantage for assembly, mass production & cost

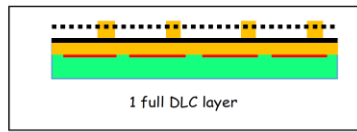


2013 \rightarrow Resistive layer applied to MM structures

Medium-rate detectors 100kHz/cm²
Side evacuation of the charges

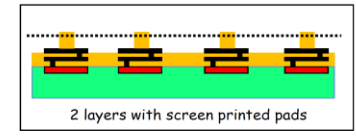


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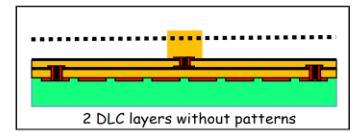


2015

High-rate detectors 10Mhz/cm²
Charge evacuation inside active area



2015

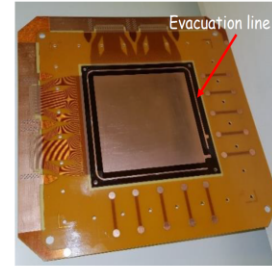
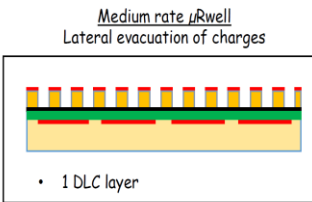
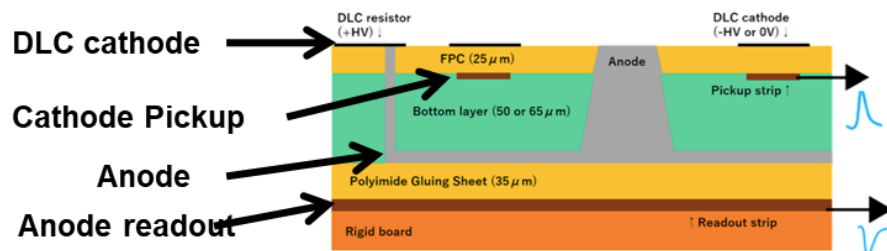


2020

Diamond-like carbon (DLC) resistive layers :

- Solutions to improve high-rate capability (\geq MHz)
- Spark Protection
- Resistive Spreading
- Possibility to make capacitive sharing

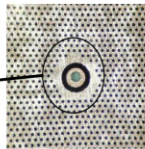
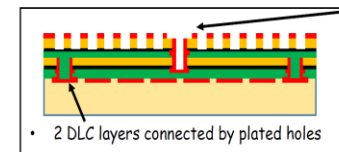
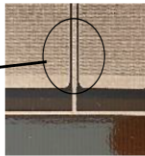
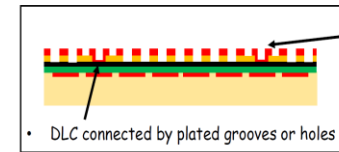
μ RWELL High-Rate Layout O(Mhz/cm²) for LHCb Upgrade & Medium-Rate Layout for FCC-ee / CePC



10cm x 10cm μ Rwell detector "STD kit"

High rate μ Rwell

Charge evacuation in the active area

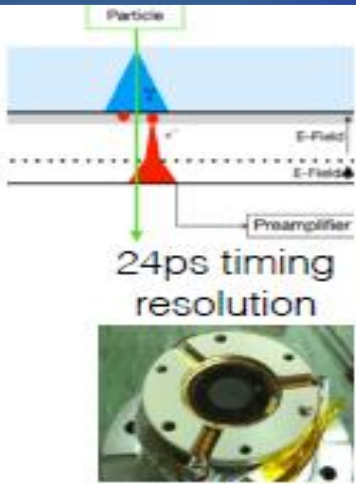
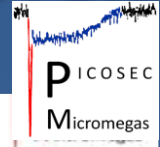


Future R&D Challenges:

- Radiation-induced modification of surface resistivity after the very high radiation dose

Towards Large Area in Fast Timing GASEOUS DETECTORS

Gaseous Detectors: Micromegas with Timing (RD51 Picosec Collaboration)



Single pad (2016)
≈ 1 cm

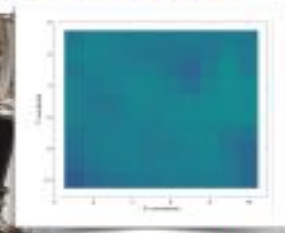
$\sigma \sim 20$ ps timing resolution (per track)

Cherenkov radiator + Photocathode + Micromegas

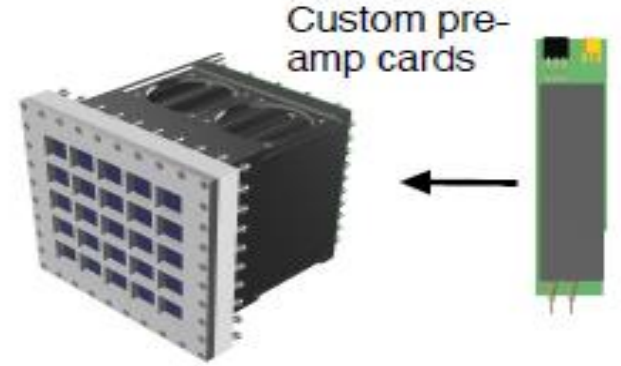
Tested in RD51 testbeam July 2021



10x10 module
≈ 1 cm



Planarity
< 10 μm



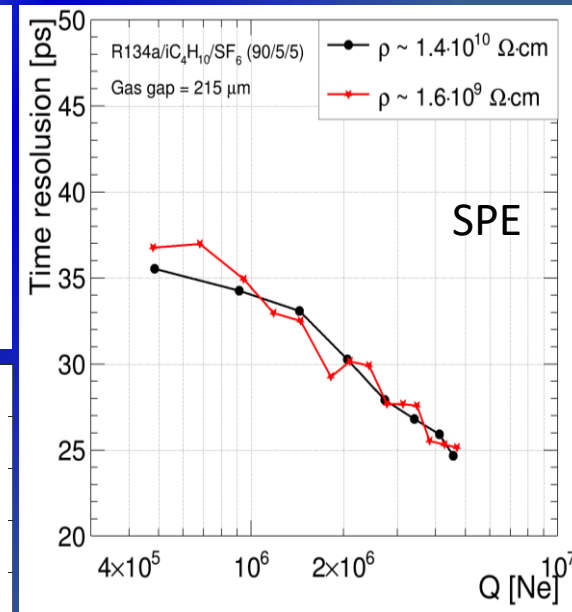
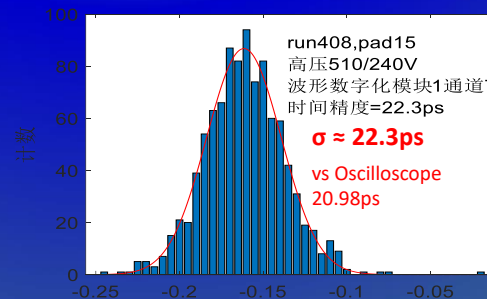
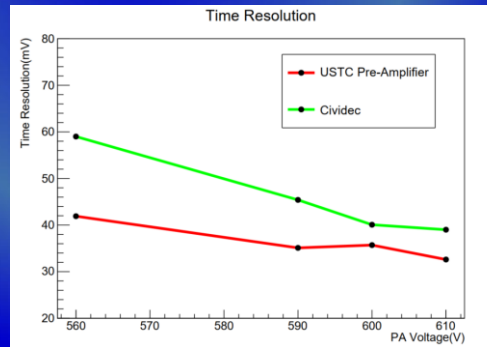
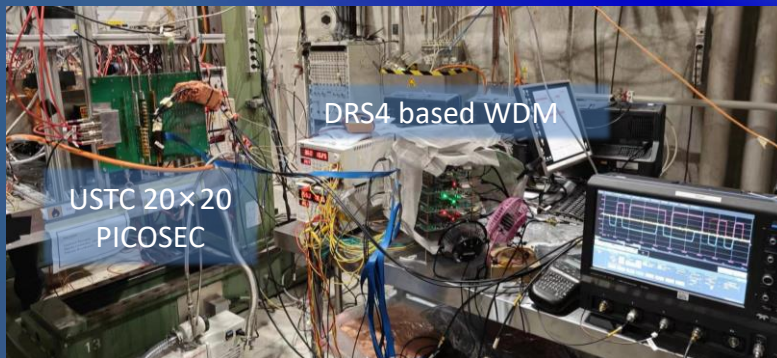
Custom pre-amp cards

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<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1040998/contributions/4398412/attachments/2265036/3845651/PICOSEC-update-final.pdf>

Your opportunity for
MPGD R&D at the USTC:

Large area 4D Picosecond-timing
tracker for high-rate experiments:



Optical Readout of MPGDs: Imaging Applications

Optical readout of gaseous detectors

Scintillation light emission Imaging sensors and optics

Applications of optical readout

Radiation imaging and fluorescence High spatial resolution imaging Optical TPCs Neutron imaging Beam monitoring and medical applications Optical readout for detector R&D

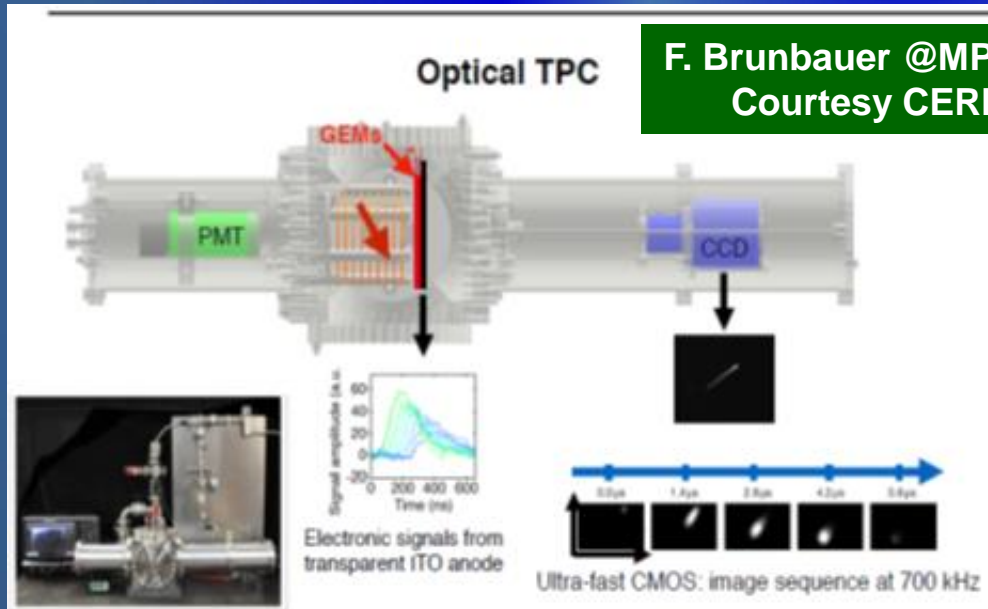
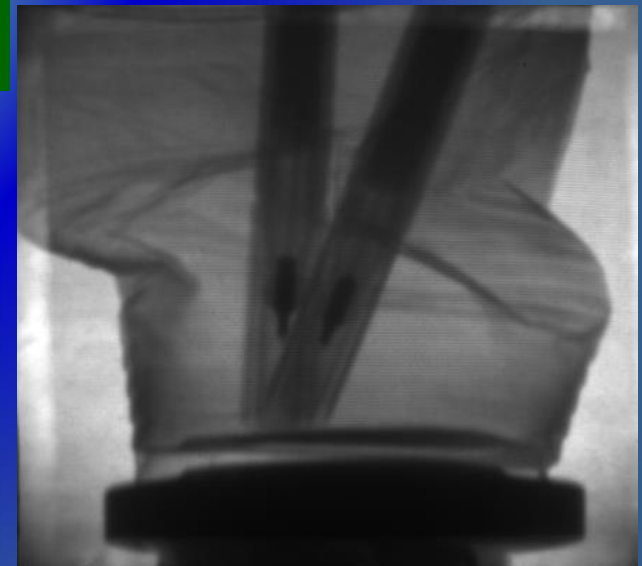
New developments

Alternative gases and wavelength shifters Ultra-fast imaging SiPM readout Optical readout of negative ion drift detectors

Fluoroscopy:



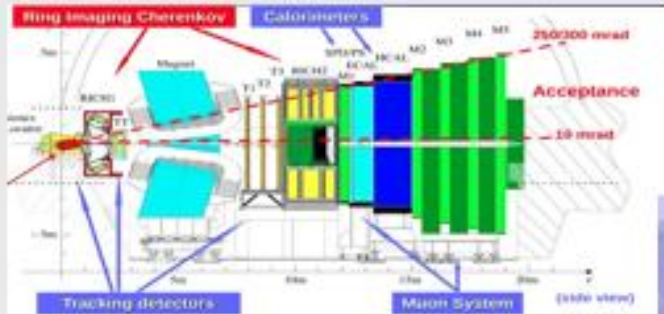
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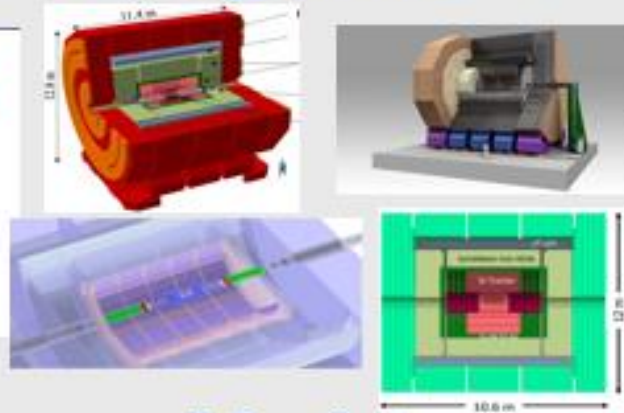
Steps Towards Long-Term Detector R&D Program

Main target projects of Gaseous Detector R&D

HL-LHC after LS4



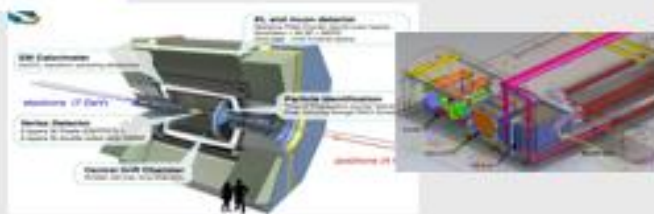
Higgs Factories



Future hadron colliders (FCC-hh/eh colliders)



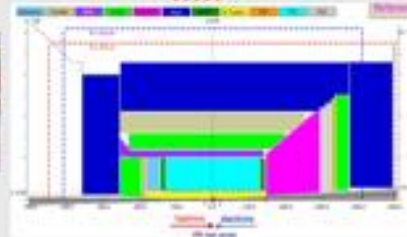
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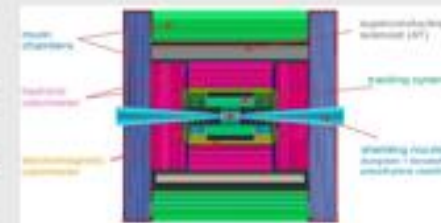
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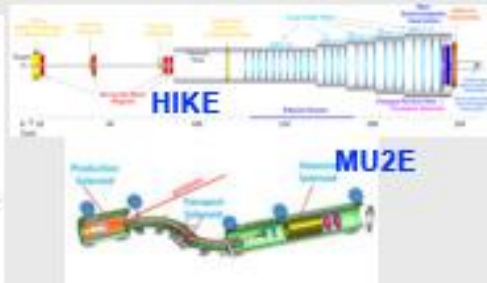
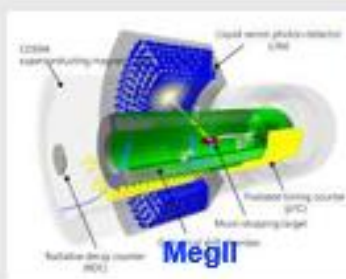


Muon Collider



Rare event search, fixed target (LFV, Kaon physics)

DM, solar axions, $\beta\beta$ 0v-decay, neutrino, nuclear, astroparticle



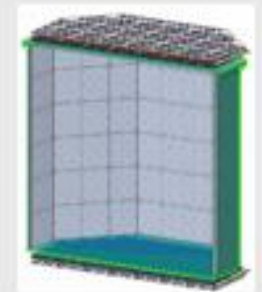
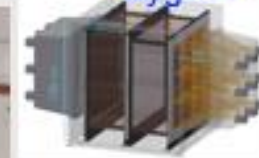
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Muon Ion Beam Experiment

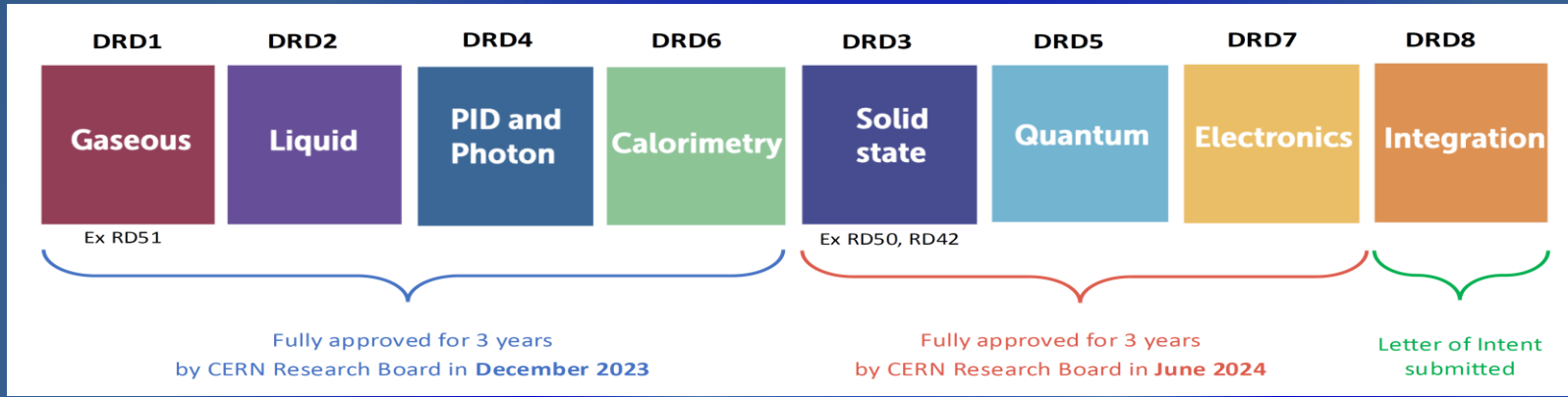
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Cygnus



> 2024: New DRD Collaborations @ CERN



DRD8 proposal expected by the end of 2024

- **DRD Reports** at open session of DRDC meetings: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1356910/>
- **Indico Category: “Experiments / R&D”**: <https://indico.cern.ch/category/6805/>
- **Full DRD proposals in CERN CDS**: https://cds.cern.ch/search?cc=DRDC+Public+Documents&sc=1&p=594__%3A%22Proposal%22
- **DRDC Committee**: <https://committees.web.cern.ch/drdc> (Chair – T. Bergauer HEPHY, Vienna)

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The CERN Scientific Committees are of two types: the Experiment Committees, which review the physics, and the Resources and Finance Review Boards.

All in a nutshell > Calendar all >

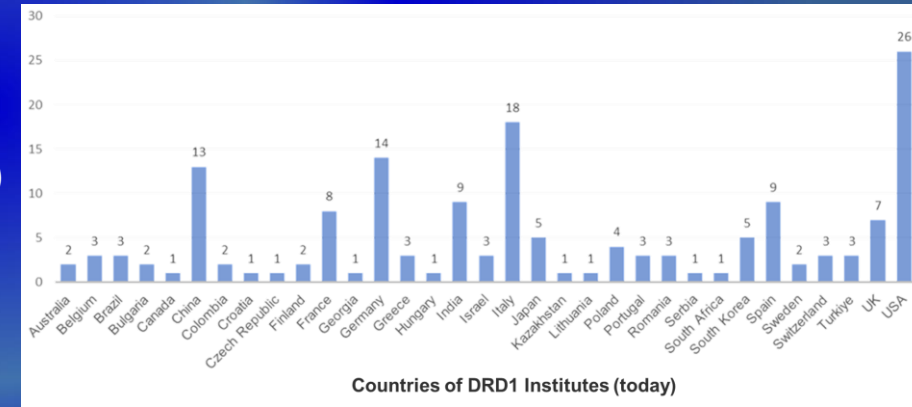
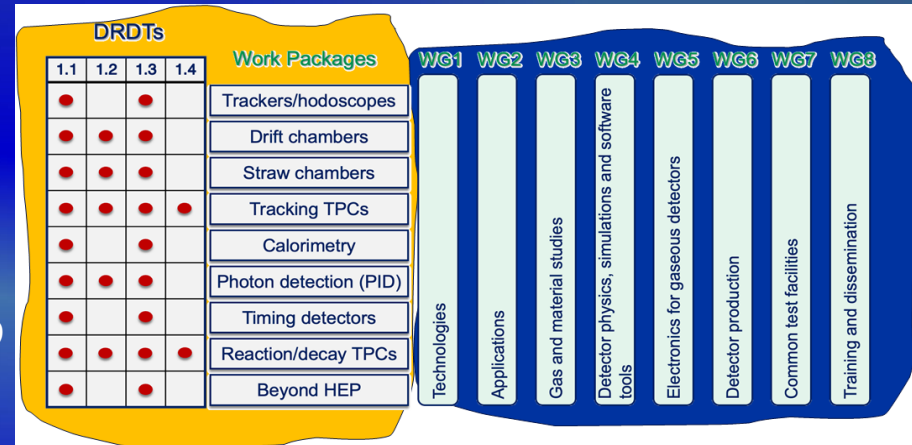
Experiment Committees

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| Research Board Chairperson: Director-General Scientific Secretary: Roger Forty (EP) | DRDC - Detector R&D Committee Chairperson: Thomas Bergauer Scientific Secretary: Jan Trojska (EP) | REC - Recognized Experiments Committee Chairperson: Director for Research Scientific Secretary: Helge Meinhard (RCS) |
| INTC - ISOLDE and n_TOF Experiments Committee Chairperson: Marek Pfitzner Scientific Secretary: Hanne Heylen (EP) | LHCC - LHC Experiments Committee Chairperson: Frank Simon Scientific Secretary: Lorenzo Moneta (EP) | SPSC - SPS and PS Experiments Committee Chairperson: Jordan Nash Scientific Secretary: Carlos Lourenço (EP) |

- ✓ Proposals contain **“strategic”** and **“blue-sky”** R&Ds, definition of **Working Groups, Work Packages**, milestones, tasks & deliverables
- ✓ **Strategic funding** to be agreed with funding agencies/institutions via Work Packages
- ✓ **Next step** is to prepare and sign **DRD MoUs**
- ✓ **Progress** tracked by annual DRDC review
 → next meeting on Nov. 13, 2024:
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1424898/>

DRD1 Collaboration Example: Gaseous Detectors

- **Large community** of 161 institutes, 700 members, 33 countries **based on previous RD51 collaboration**
- **R&D Framework organized based on:**
 - **Working Groups (RD51 Legacy):** serving as the backbone of R&D, distributed R&D Activities with Centralized Facilities
 - **Work Packages:** will reflect the DRDTs → Strategic R&D and Long -Term Funding (Funding Agency Model)
 - **Common Projects:** “blue sky” R&D (e.g. PICOSEC started as common project)



DRD1

DRD1 EXTENDED R&D PROPOSAL
Development of Gaseous Detectors Technologies
v1.5

Big APPRECIATION to the DRD1 COMMUNITY for great TEAMWORK, which allowed to shape the “legacy document” for gaseous detectors domain for decades to come

L.7 DRD1 Implementation Team

L.7.1 Roles covered during the DRD1 Implementation Phase

In this section, the roles covered during the formation of the collaboration are listed.

Task Force Conveners

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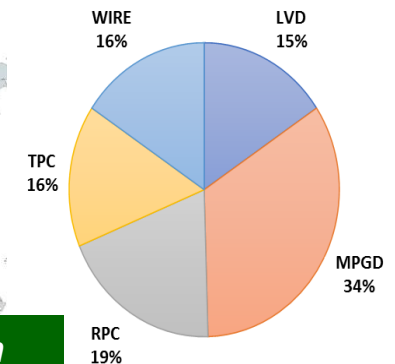
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Dissemination of MPGD Applications in HEP & Beyond

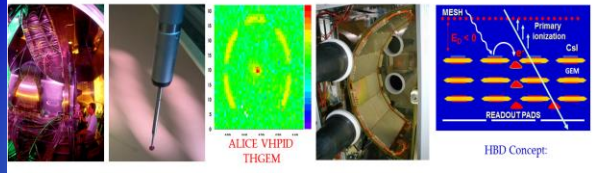
Cylindrical MPGDs as Inner Trackers for Particle / Nuclear Physics

| Experiment/ Timescale | Application Domain | MPGD Technology | Total detector size / Single module size | Operation Characteristics / Performance | Special Requirements / Remarks |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| KLOE-2 @ DAFNE Run: 2014-2017 | Particle Physics / K-flavor physics (Tracking) | Cylindrical GEM | Total area: 3.5m ² 4 cylindrical layers L (length) = 700mm R (radius) = 130, 155, 180, 205 mm | Spatial res. (r phi) = 250um Spat. res. (z) = 350um | - Mat. budget 2% X0 - Operation in 0.5T |
| BESIII Upgrade @ Beijing Run: 2018-2022 | Particle Physics / e+e- collider (Tracking) | Cylindrical GEM | 3 cylindrical layers R = 20 cm | Max. rate: 10 kHz/cm ² Spatial res. (xy) = 130um Spat. res. (z) = 1 mm | - Material ≤ 1.5% of X ₀ for all layers - Operation in 1T |
| CLAS12 @ JLAB Start: > 2017 | Nuclear Physics / Nuclear structure (tracking) | Planar (forward) & Cylindrical (barrel) Micromegas | Total area: Forward - 0.6 m ² Barrel - 3.7 m ² 2 cylindrical layers R = 20 cm | Max. rate: ~ 30 MHz Spatial res.: < 200um Time res.: ~ 20 ns | - Low material budget: 0.4 % X ₀ - Remote electronics |
| ASACUSA @ CERN Run: 2014 - now | Nuclear Physics (Tracking and vertexing of pions resulting from the p-nitip annihilation) | Cylindrical Micromegas 2D | 2 cylindrical layers L = 60 cm R = 85, 95 mm | Max. trigger rate: kHz Spatial res.: ~ 200um Time res.: ~ 10 ns Rad. Hard: 1 C/cm ² | - Large magnetic field that varies from -3 to 4T in the active area |
| MINOS Run: 2014-2016 | Nuclear structure | TPC w/ cylindrical Micromegas | 1 cylindrical layer L=30 cm, R = 10cm | Spatial res.: < 3mm FWHM Trigger rate up to ~1 kHz | - Low material budget |
| CMD-3 Upgrade @ BINP Start: > 2019? | Particle physics (z-chamber, tracking) | Cylindrical GEM | Total area: ~3m ² 2 cylindrical layers | Spatial res.: ~100um | |



MPGD Technologies for Photon Detection

| Experiment/ Timescale | Application Domain | MPGD Technology | Total detector size / Single module size | Operation Characteristics / Performance | Special Requirements / Remarks |
|---|---|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| COMPASS RICH UPGRADE Start > 2016 | Hadron Physics (RICH - detection of single VUV photons) | Hybrid (THGEM - CsI and MM) | Total area: ~ 1.4 m ² Single unit detect: ~ 0.6 x 0.6 m ² | Max. rate: 100Hz/cm ² Spatial res.: < 2.5 mm Time res.: ~ 10 ns | Production of large area THGEM of sufficient quality |
| PHENIX HBD Run: 2009-2010 | Nuclear Physics (RICH - efn separation) | GEM-CsI detectors | Total area: ~ 1.2 m ² Single unit detect: ~ 0.3 x 0.3 m ² | Max. rate low Spatial res.: ~ 5 mm (rφ) Single el. eff.: ~ 90 % | Single el. eff. depends from hadron rejection factor |
| SPHENIX Run: 2021-2023 | Heavy Ions Physics (tracking) | TPC w/GEM readout | Total area: ~ 3 m ² | Multiplicity: dNch/dy ~ 600 Spatial res.: ~ 100 um (rφ) | Runs with Heavy Ions and comparison to pp operation |
| Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) Start: > 2025 | Hadron Physics (tracking, RICH) | TPC w/GEM readout + Cherenkov | Total area: ~ 3 m ² | Spatial res.: ~ 100 um (rφ) Luminosity (e-p): 10 ³³ | Low material budget |
| | | RICH with GEM readout | Total area: ~ 10 m ² | Spatial res.: ~ few mm | High single electron efficiency |



MPGD-based Neutron Detectors

Fast and Thermal Neutrons
Non-destructive diagnostic
Energy
Nuclear Energy Plant
Tribal Diagnostics
Oxy-Production

Very Low energy
Tribal diagnostics
Redshifted waste

Fluorinated GEM
Microdosimetry
Tissue Equivalent chamber
Direct measurements with real tissue
Boron Monitor

High-Intensity Beam Monitor
Hadrontherapy
Laser Beam Monitor

Some High-Flux
Radiotherapy

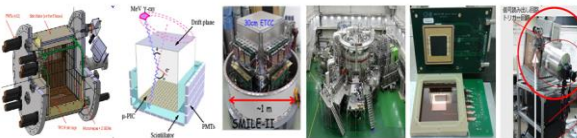
MPGD coupled to n-converters:

- ITER / Spallation Sources
- Neutron-beam diagnostics

| Experiment/ Timescale | Application Domain | MPGD Technology | Total detector size / Single module size | Operation Characteristics / Performance | Special Requirements / Remarks |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| ESS NMX: Neutron Macromolecular Crystallography Start: > 2020 (for 10 y) | Neutron scattering Macromolecular Crystallography | GEM w/ Gd converter | Total area: ~ 1 m ² Single unit detect: 60x60 cm ² | Max. rate: 100 kHz/mm ² Spatial res.: ~ 500um Time res.: ~ 10 us n.-eff.: ~ 20% efficient ~ γ rejection of 100 | Localise the secondary particle from neutron conversion in Gd with < 500um precision |
| ESS LOKI-SANS: Small Angle Neutron Scattering (Low Q) Start: > 2020 (for 10 y) | Neutron scattering: Small Angle | GEM w/ borated cathode | Total area: ~ 1 m ² Single unit detect: 33x40 cm ² trapezoid | Max. rate: 40 kHz/mm ² Spatial res.: ~ 4 mm Time res.: ~ 100 us n.-eff.: > 60% (at λ = 4 Å) ~ γ rejection of 10 ⁻⁷ | Measure TOF of neutron interaction in a 3D borated cathode |
| SPIDER ITER NBI PROTOTYPE Start: ~ 2017 (for 10 y) | CNEM diagnostic: Characterization of neutral deuterium beam for ITER plasma heating using neutron emission | GEMs w/ Al-converter (Directionality - angular capability) | Single unit detect: 20x35 cm ² | Max. rate: 100 kHz/mm ² Spatial res.: ~ 10 mm Time res.: ~ 10 ms n.-eff.: > 10 ⁻⁵ ~ γ rejection of 10 ⁻⁷ | Measurement of the n-emission intensity and composition to correct deuterium beam parameters |
| n_TOF beam monitoring / beam profiler Run: 2008-now | Neutron Beam Monitors | MicroMegas μbulk and GEM w/ converters | Total area: ~ 100 cm ² | Max. rate: 10 kHz Spatial res.: ~ 300um Time res.: ~ 5 ns Rad. Hard.: no | |

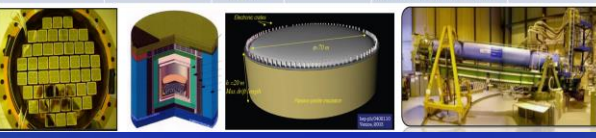
MPGD Technologies for X-Ray Detection and γ-Ray Polarimetry

| Experiment/ Timescale | Application Domain | MPGD Technology | Total detector size / Single module size | Operation characteristics / Performance | Special Requirements / Remarks |
|---|--|-------------------------------|--|--|---|
| KSTAR @ Korea Start: 2013 | X-ray Plasma Monitor for Tokamak | GEM | Total area: 100 cm ² | Spat. res.: ~ 8x8 mm ² 2 ns frames/ 500 frames/sec | |
| | | GEMPIX | Total area: 10-20 cm ² | Spat. res.: ~ 50x50 μm ² 1 ns frames/ 5 frames/sec | |
| PRAyS Future Satellite Mission (US-Japan): Start 2020 - for 2 years | Astrophysics (X-ray polarimeter for relativistic astrophysical X-rays) | TPC w/ GEM | Total area: 400 cm ² Single unit detect. (8 x 50 cm ²) - 400 cm ² | Max. rate: ~ 1 cps Spatial res.: ~ 100 um Time res.: ~ few ns Rad. Hard.: 1000 krad | Reliability for space mission under severe thermal and vibration conditions |
| HARPO Balloon start > 2017? | Astroparticle physics (Gamma-ray polarimetry (Tracking/Triggering)) | Micromegas + GEM | Total area: 30x30 cm ² (1 cubic TPC module) Future: 4x4x4 = 64 HARPO size mod. | Max. rate: ~ 20 kHz Spatial res.: < 500 um Time res.: ~ 30 ns samp. | ACET development for balloon & self triggered |
| SMILE-II Run: 2013-now | Astro Physics (Gamma-ray imaging) | GEM+μPIC (TPC+ Scintillators) | Total area: 30 x 30 x 30 cm ³ | Point Spread Function for gamma-ray: 1' | |
| ETCC camera Run: 2012-2014 | Environmental gamma-ray monitoring (Gamma-ray imaging) | GEM+μPIC (TPC+ Scintillators) | Total area: 10x10x10 cm ³ | Point Spread Function for gamma-ray: 1' | |



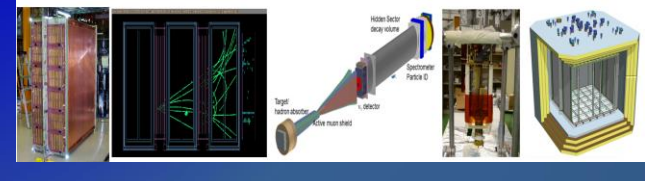
MPGD Technologies for Dark Matter Detection

| Experiment/ Timescale | Application Domain | MPGD Technology | Total detector size / Single module size | Operation Characteristics / Performance | Special Requirements / Remarks |
|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| DARWIN (multi-ton dual-phase LXe TPC) Start: > 2020s | Dark Matter Detection | THGEM-based GPMT | Total area: ~ 30m ² Single unit detect. ~ 20x20 cm ² | Max. rate: 100Hz/cm ² Spatial res.: ~ 1 cm Time res.: ~ few ns Rad. Hard.: no | Operation at ~180K, radiopure materials, dark count rate ~ 1 Hz/cm ² |
| PANDAX III @ China Start: > 2017 | Astroparticle physics (Neutrinoless double beta decay) | TPC w/ Micromegas μbulk | Total area: 1.5 m ² | Energy Res.: ~ 1-3% @ 2 MeV Spatial res.: ~ 1 mm | High radiopurity High-pressure (10b Xe) |
| NEWAGE @ Kamioka Run: 2004-now | Dark Matter Detection | TPC w/ GEM+μPIC | Single unit det. ~ 30x30x11 cm ³ | Angular resolution: 40° @ 50keV | |
| CAST @ CERN Run: 2002-now | Astroparticle Physics: Axions, Dark Energy/ Matter, Chameleons detection | Micromegas μbulk and InGrid (coupled to X-ray focusing device) | Total area: 3 MM μbulks of 7x7cm ² Total area: 1 InGrid of 2cm ² | Spatial res.: ~ 100μm Energy Res.: 14% (FWHM) @ 6keV Low bkg. levels (2-7 keV): μM: 10-6 cts/s-1keV-1cm-2 InGrid: 10-5 cts/s-1keV-1cm-2 | High radiopurity, good separation of tracklike bkg. from X-rays |
| IAXO Start: > 2023? | Astroparticle Physics: Axions, Dark Energy/ Matter, Chameleons detection | Micromegas μbulk, CCD, InGrid (+ X-ray focusing device) | Total area: 8 μbulks of 7 x 7 cm ² | Energy Res.: 12% (FWHM) @ 6keV Low bkg. Levels (1-7 keV): μbulk: 10-7 cts/s-1keV-1cm-2 | High radiopurity, good separation of tracklike bkg. from X-rays |



MPGD Technologies for Neutrino Physics

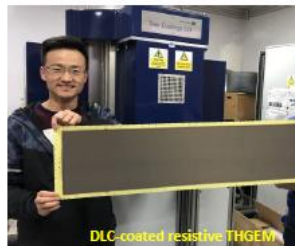
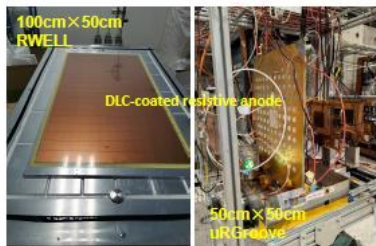
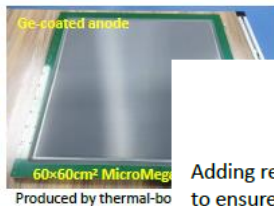
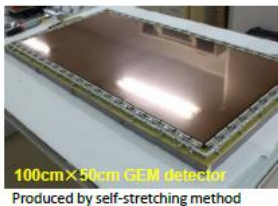
| Experiment/ Timescale | Application Domain | MPGD Technology | Total detector size / Single module size | Operation Characteristics / Performance | Special Requirements / Remarks |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| T2K @ Japan Start: 2009 - now | Neutrino physics (Tracking) | TPC w/ Micromegas | Total area: ~ 9 m ² Single unit detect: 0.36x0.34m ² -0.1m ² | Spatial res.: 0.6 mm dE/dx: 7.8% (MIT) Rad. Hard.: no Moment. res.: 9% at 1 GeV | The first large TPC using MPGD |
| SHP @ CERN Start: 2025-2035 | Tau Neutrino Physics (Tracking) | Micromegas, GEM, mRWELL | Total area: ~ 26 m ² Single unit detect: 2 x 1 m ² - 2m ² | Max. rate: < low Spatial res.: ~ 150 μm Rad. Hard.: no | Provide time stamp of the neutrino interaction in brick* |
| LBNO-DEMO (WA105 @ CERN) Start: > 2016 | Neutrino physics (Tracking+ Calorimetry) | LAr TPC w/ THGEM double phase readout | Total area: 3 m ² (WA105-3x1x1) 36 m ² (WA105-6x6x6) Single unit detect. (0.5x0.5 m ²) - 0.25 m ² | WA105 3x1x1 and 6x6x6 Max. rate: 150 Hz/m ² Spatial res.: ~ 1 mm Time res.: ~ 10 ns Rad. Hard.: no | Detector is above ground (max. rate is determined by muon flux for calibration) |
| DUNE Dual Phase Far Detector Start: > 2023? | Neutrino physics | LAr TPC w/ THGEM double phase readout | Total area: 720 m ² Single unit detect. (0.5x0.5 m ²) - 0.25 m ² | Max. rate: 4'10 ⁷ Hz/m ² Spatial res.: ~ 1 mm Rad. Hard.: no | Detector is underground (rate is neutrino flux) |



MPGD R&D @ USTC: Technology Advances

Large-area MPGD production

Gaseous detector features large-area, low-mass and cost-effective solution for particle detection. MPGD further enhances its high rate capability and spatial/temporal resolution for future particle and nuclear physics facilities.

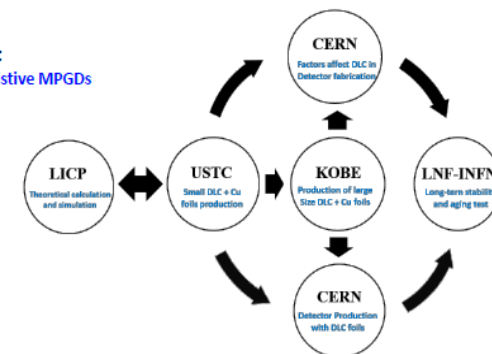


Adding resistive layer is essential to ensure stable operation of gaseous detector by effectively quenching the streamer/spark. New candidates, especially Diamond-Like Carbon (DLC), is very promising in developing many kinds of MPGDs.



Resistive-layer coating

RD51 Common Project
DLC based electrodes for resistive MPGDs



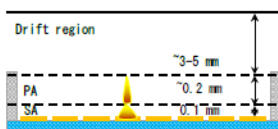
Goal of this project:

1. Define a stable and well controlled DLC and DLC+Cu processing method for the production of MPGD electrodes
2. Studying the long-term stability under irradiation of DLC and DLC-based detectors.

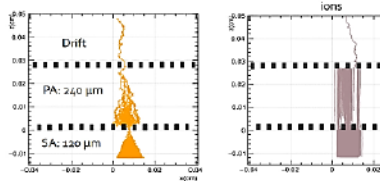
Low ion backflow (IBF)

Low ion backflow is preferred in applications involving high-rate and/or aging requirements. E.g., to suppress strong space-charge effect in TPC, or to improve life time for gaseous photomultiplier (GPM).

DMM : Double Micro-Mesh gaseous structure



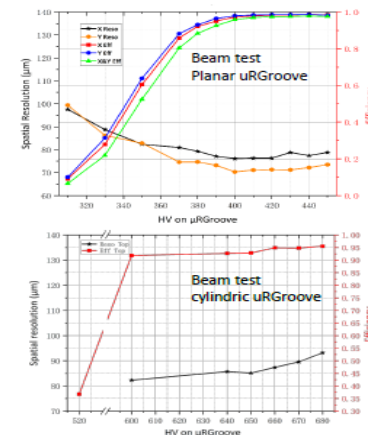
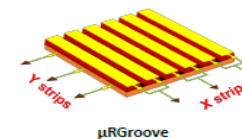
TMM : Triple Micro-Mesh gaseous structure



5×10^6 gain for single
IBF ratio: down to 3×1

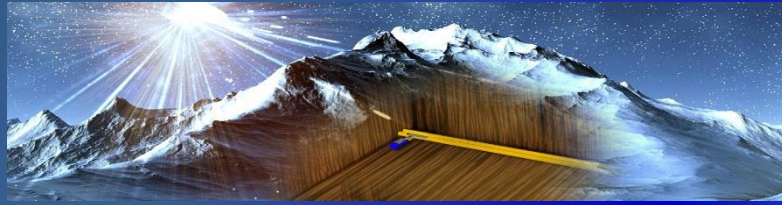
Novel MPGD structure - uRGroove

Similar to uRWELL, uRGroove provides compact and low-mass solution for large-area trackers. The intrinsic 2D structure is beneficial for higher signal gain and readout. uRGroove is the optimal candidate for gaseous inner tracker at the Super Tau-Charm Facility (STCF).

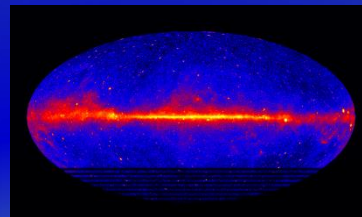


MPGD R&D @ USTC: Examples of Applications

Thermal bonding Micromegas for PandaX-III TPC, MIMAC, MeGaT

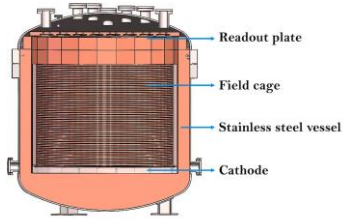


Jinping Deep Underground Dark Matter Laboratory



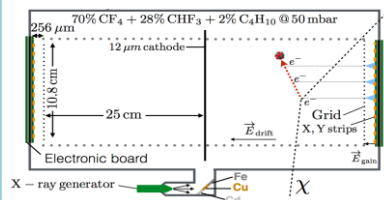
Fermi-LAT: GeV γ sources

PandaX-III: searching for neutrino-less double beta decay



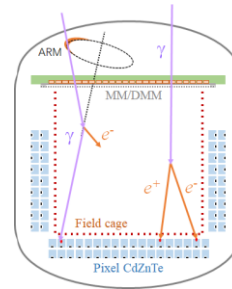
- High-pressure ^{136}Xe TPC
- Background suppression
- $\sigma_E < 3\%$ @ 2.5 MeV
- Ultra-low radiation level

MIMAC: Directional Dark Matter Detector



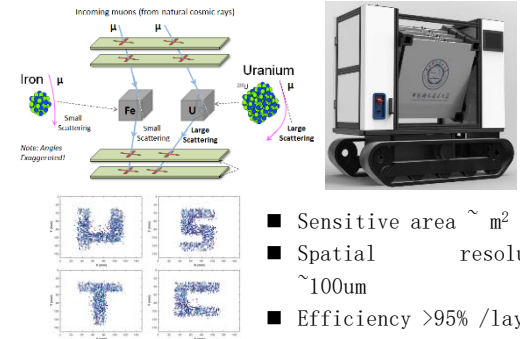
- Low-pressure nuclear-recoil TPC
- Complementary to existing techniques
- Precision measurements of neutrino cross-section

MeGaT: MeV Gamma rays Telescope



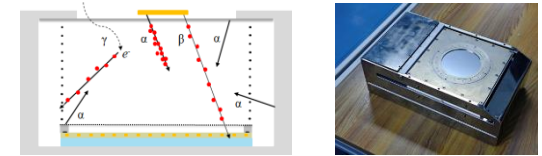
- High-pressure TPC+CZT
- High resolution
- High sensitivity
- γ polarization measurements

μ STC: μ scattering tomography and transmission imaging facility



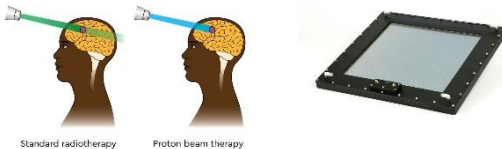
- Sensitive area $\sim \text{m}^2$
- Spatial resolution $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$
- Efficiency $> 95\%$ /layer
- Angular resolution < 1

Ultra-low background α/β Counter and α Spectroscopy



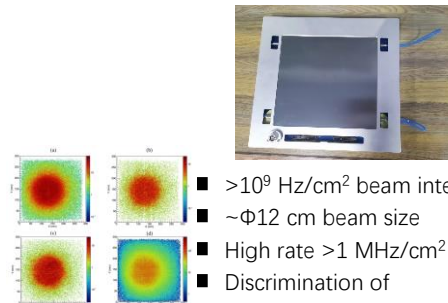
- Multi-dimensional information
- Ultra-low background
- Environmental α, β, γ discrimination
- Light-weighted

Medical Pencil Scanning Proton Beam monitoring



- $> 10^9$ Hz/cm 2 proton
- Direct readout (camera)
- 30×40 cm 2 sensitive area
- Resolution < 400 μm

Micromegas-based neutron beam monitor for BNCT



- $> 10^9$ Hz/cm 2 beam intensity
- $\sim \Phi 12$ cm beam size
- High rate > 1 MHz/cm 2
- Discrimination of thermal/fast neutron and γ

Development of radiation measurements and imaging facilities with novel detectors

Cutting Edge Science Relies on Cutting Edge Instrumentation



- ✓ The detrimental effect of the material budget and power consumption represents a very serious concern for a high-precision Si-vertex & tracking;
- ✓ CMOS sensors offers low mass and (potentially) radiation-hard technology for future colliders;
- ✓ MPGDs have become a well-established technique in the fertile field of gaseous detectors;
- ✓ Several novel concepts of picosecond-timing detectors (LGAD, LAPPD) will have numerous powerful applications in PID & pile-up rejection;
- ✓ The story of modern calorimetry is a textbook example of physics research driving the development of an experimental method (PFA);
- ✓ The integration of advanced electronics and data transmission functionalities plays an increasingly important role and needs to be addressed;
- ✓ Bringing the modern algorithmic advances from the field of machine learning from offline applications to online operations and trigger systems is another major challenge;





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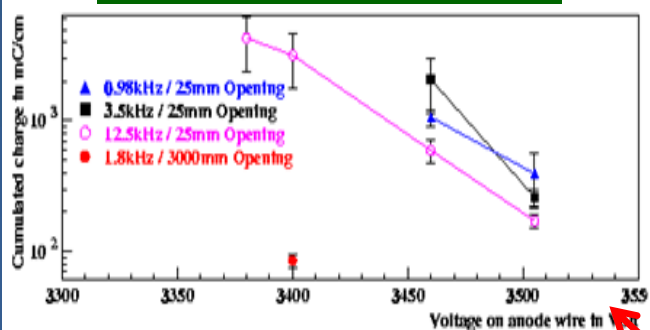
- 1) Our instrumentation represents both a towering achievement, and, in some cases, a scaled-up version of techniques used in the past. Recent discoveries of the Higgs boson and Gravitational Waves required increasingly sophisticated detectors and have created an exceptionally positive environment in society.
- 2) Key importance to keep an eye on new technologies, based on industry trends;
- 3) Encourage young scientists to do detector R&D; importance of recognition of excellence in instrumentation in careers at universities / RI;

A scenic landscape featuring snow-capped mountains in the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees in the middle ground, and a calm lake in the foreground that perfectly reflects the scene. The sky is a mix of blue and yellow, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The text "BACK-UP SLIDES" is overlaid in a bold, yellow, italicized font across the center of the image.

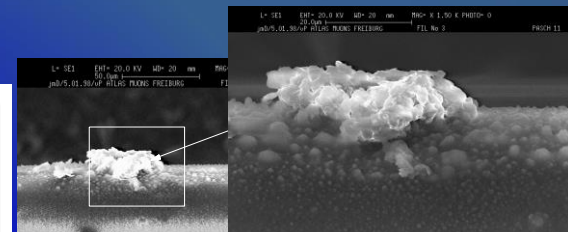
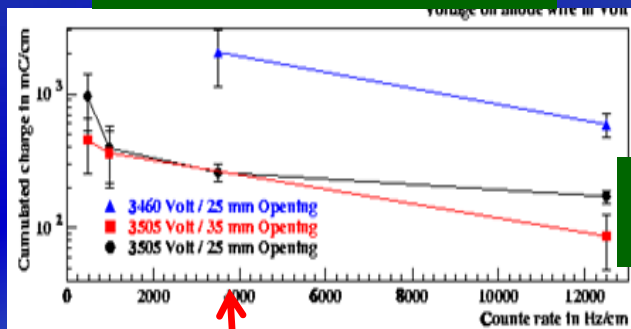
BACK-UP SLIDES

Aging Effects in Gas Detectors: "Non-Local" Phenomena

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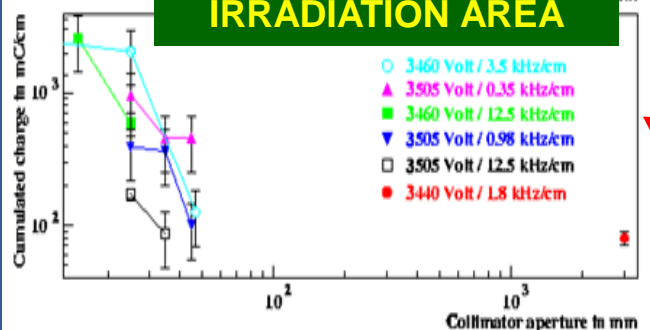


IRRADIATION RATE



M. Kollefrath, ATLAS MDT: ATLAS MUON-NOTE-012 (2001)

IRRADIATION AREA



ATLAS MDT - Ar/CH₄/N₂/CO₂ (94:3:2:1): Most likely polymerization of hydrocarbons (no indication that contamination caused aging)

AGING RATE DEPENDS:

CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT AGING RATE DEPENDS ON:

- Irradiation rate
- Ionization density
- High voltage (gas gain)
- Particle type & energy
- Gas exchange rate

PARTICLE TYPE & ENERGY; IRRADIATION AREA

| Facility | Radiation Type | Radiation Density | Radiation Density | Irradiation area | Gas Mixture | Effect seen? |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Zeuthen | X-Ray Mo (35 keV) | 5 C/cm | 1.5 μA/cm | ~1x30 cm ² | Ar/CF ₄ /CH ₄ | NO |
| Dubna | X-Ray Cu (8 keV) | 6 C/cm | 5 μA/cm | ~0.5x1 cm ² | Ar/CF ₄ /CO ₂ | NO* |
| HMI | Electron 2.5 MeV | 10 mC/cm | 0.1-3 μA/cm | ~100x30 cm ² | Ar/CF ₄ /CH ₄ | NO* |
| HD | X-Ray Cu (8 keV) | ~mC/cm | ~0.1 μA/cm | ~46x30 cm ² | Ar/CF ₄ /CH ₄ | NO* |

HERA-B Tracker: NIMA515, p. 155 (2003)

| Facility | Radiation Type | Radiation Density | Irradiation area | Gas Mixture | Effect seen? | |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|
| PSI | α-part, 28 MeV/c | ~mC/cm | 0.2 μA/cm | ~0.5x0.5 cm ² | Ar/CF ₄ /CH ₄ | NO |
| PSI | π/p 70 MeV/c | ~mC/cm | 0.02 μA/cm | ~12x22 cm ² | CF ₄ /CH ₄ | YES* |
| Karlsruhe | α-part, 350 MeV/c | ~mC/cm | 0.02 μA/cm | ~7x7 cm ² | Ar/CF ₄ /CH ₄ | YES |
| HERA-B | HERA-B (920 GeV)-N | ~mC/cm | 0.03 μA/cm | 100x30 cm ² | All gas mixtures | YES |

X-rays or e⁻ can not trigger Malter effect independently of their energy or radiation intensity

Hadrons above certain energy produce Malter effect at ~mC/cm as in HERA-B (Irradiation area above certain limit is necessary for ignition of Malter effect)

GAS FLOW & IRRADIATION AREA

HERA-B Muon: NIMA515, p. 202 (2003)

