

# Gain Measurements of new GEM prototypes for CMS

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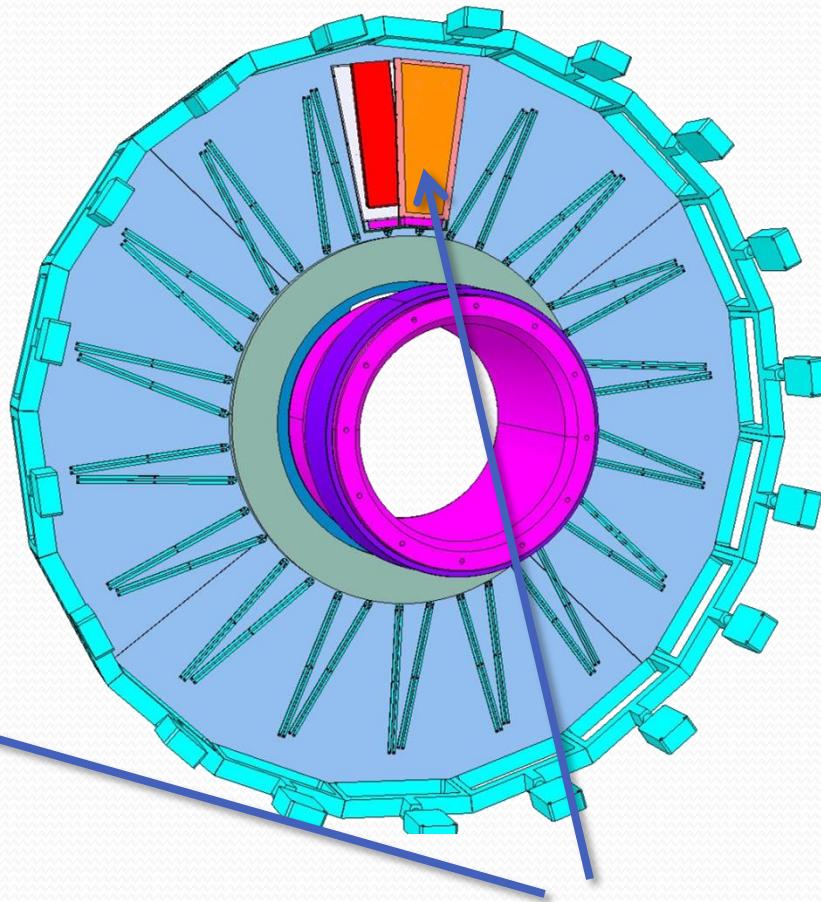
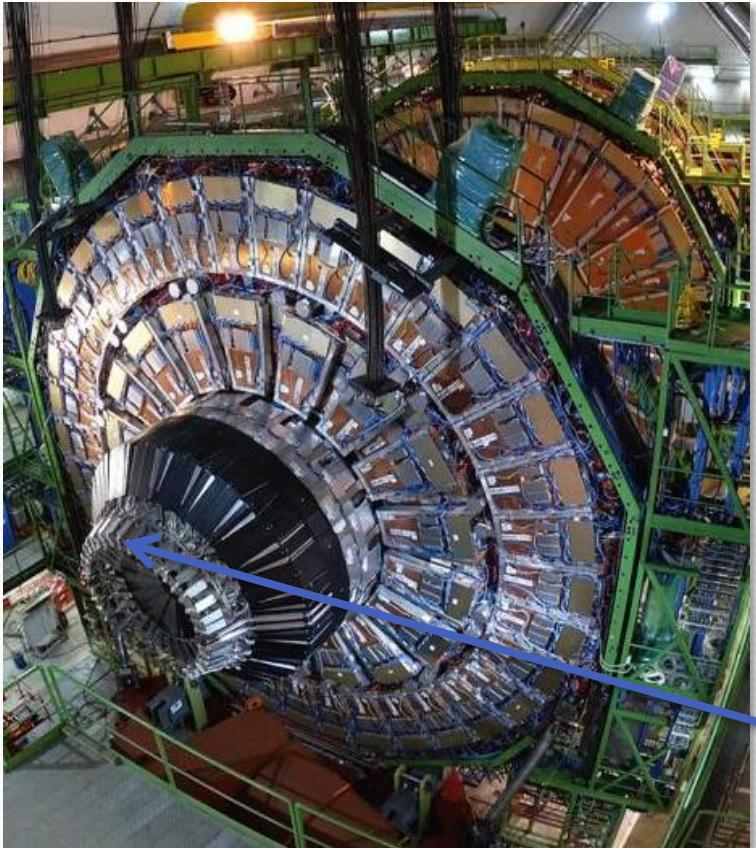
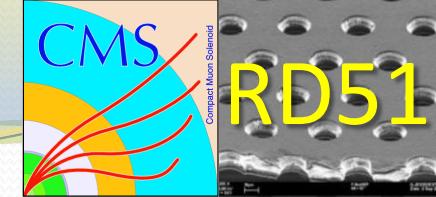
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# Outline

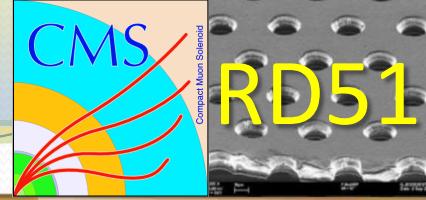
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# CMS high- $\eta$



The Forward Muon RPC trigger system is equipped with detectors at  $\eta < 1.6$ , then high  $\eta$  region of CMS is presently vacant and presents an opportunity to instrument it with a detector technology that could sustain the environment and be suitable for operation at the LHC and its future upgrades.

# The case for GEMs



**Combine triggering and tracking functions**

**Spatial/Time resolution:  $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$  /  $\sim 4\text{-}5 \text{ ns}$**

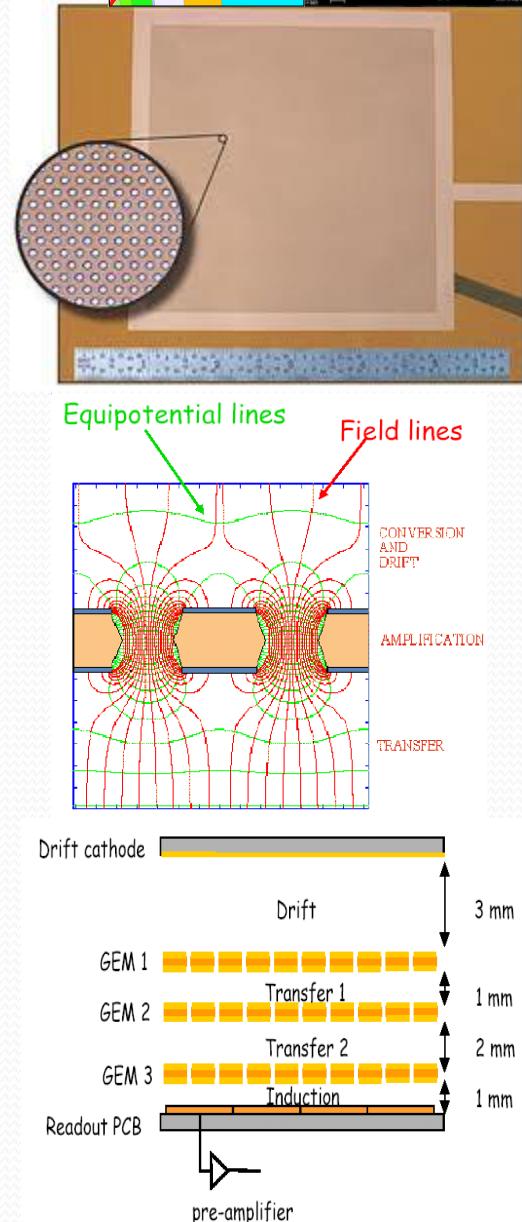
**Efficiency  $> 98\%$**

**Gas Mixture: Ar-CO<sub>2</sub> (non flammable)**

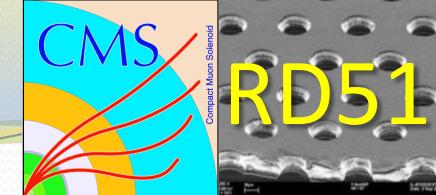
**Potential for going to large areas  $\sim 1\text{m} \times 2$  with industrial processes (cost effective)**

**Long term operation experience  
in COMPASS and LHCb at CERN**

**Large margins of operation at full efficiency**



# Detector constructions



**CMS\_timing\_GEM:** Double mask 10x10cm<sup>2</sup>, 1D readout, (3/2/2/2), 128 channels

**SingleMaskGEM:** Single mask 10x10cm<sup>2</sup>, 2D readout, (3/2/2/2), 512 channels

**Honeycomb:** Standard double mask 10x10cm<sup>2</sup>, 1D readout (3/2/2/2), 256 channels

**CMS\_Proto\_III:** Single mask 10x10cm<sup>2</sup>, [N2] (3/1/2/1), 256 channels

**Korean\_I:** Double mask 7x7cm<sup>2</sup> (3/2/2/2), 256 channels

**CMS\_Proto\_I:** Single mask FULL\_SIZE 1D readout (3/2/2/2), 1024 channels

**CMS\_Proto\_II:** Single mask FULL\_SIZE 1D readout (3/1/2/1), 3072 channels

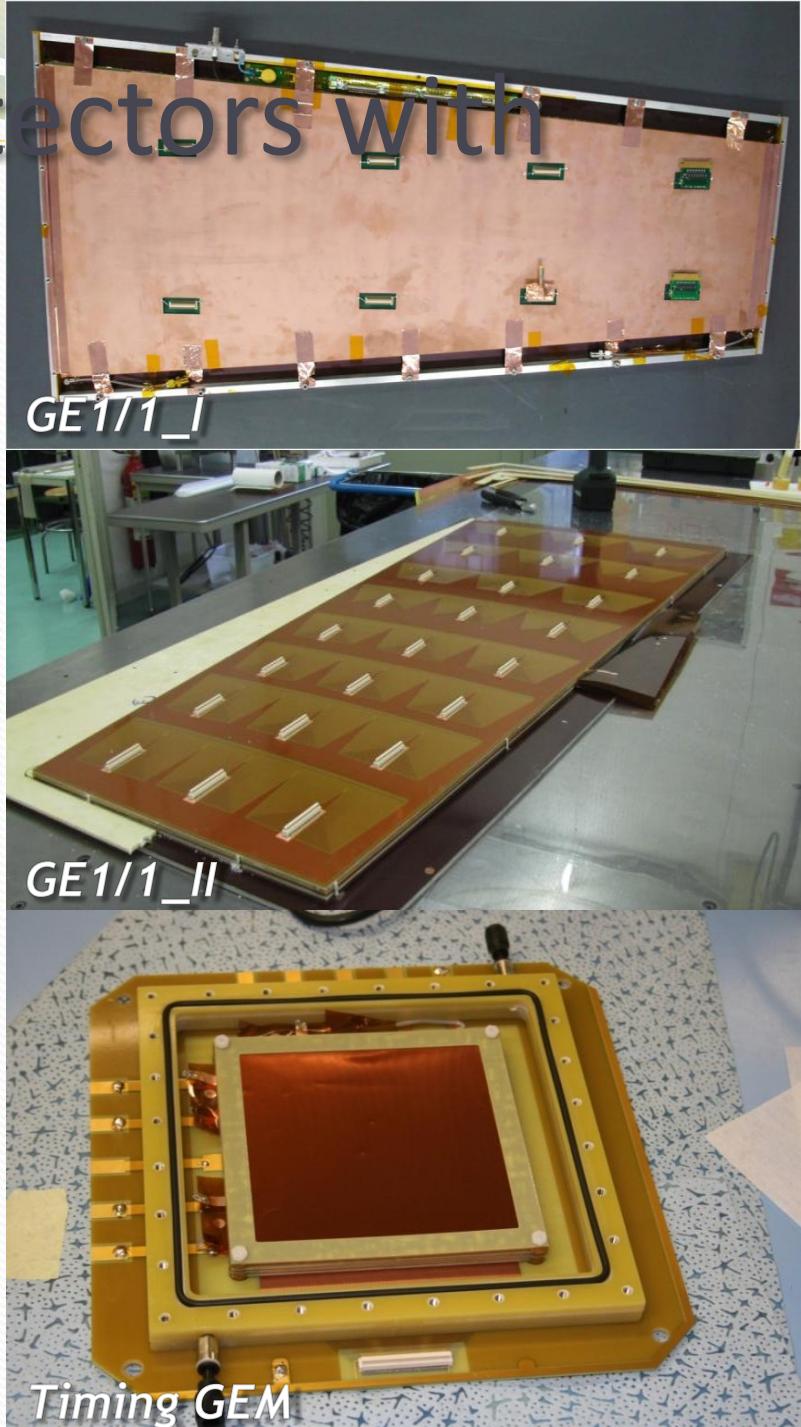
- No Stretch No Spacer [NS2] on the way...

**CMS\_Proto\_IV:** Single mask 30x30cm<sup>2</sup> [NS2], (3/1/2/1), 256 channels

**CMS\_Proto\_V:** Single mask FULL\_SIZE 1D [NS2], (3/1/2/1), ~3072 channels

# Measurements of detectors with CERN GEM foils

- Prototype GE1/1\_I
  - Configuration: 3-2-2-2
  - Sectors analysed: all
    - Gas composition used ArCO<sub>2</sub> (70:30)
    - ArCO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>4</sub> (45:15:40)
- Prototype GE1/1\_II:
  - Configuration: 3-1-2-1
  - Sectors analysed: 2-2, 5-2, 8-2
  - Gas compositions used:
    - ArCO<sub>2</sub> (70:30)
    - ArCO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>4</sub> (45:15:40)
- Timing GEM
  - Configuration: 3-1-2-1
  - Gas compositions used:
    - ArCO<sub>2</sub> (70:30)
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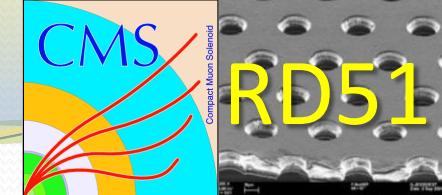
# How to perform gain measurements

- HV scan and counts measurements in various X-Ray filament current configuration (with and without absorber)
- Pulse height spectra at different voltages
- HV scan while reading the anode current
- Gain stability – HV in the plateau region, read the current for a hour (short term stability)

# What we need to compute the gain

- Compute the number of counts in condition of high current on the X-Rays filament, without any absorber
  - This count cannot be straight measured in small prototypes (pile-up effect)
  - It is computed using the attenuation factor's formula, measuring
    - counts in low current with the absorber
    - counts in low current without the absorber
    - counts in high current with the absorber
- Measure the anode current from the PCB readout with a picoamperemeter

# How to compute the gain



$$G = \frac{i_{anode} \cdot \Delta t}{e \cdot \#_{p/\gamma}} \left( \frac{\#_\gamma(L,w)}{\#_\gamma(L,w/o) \cdot \#_\gamma(H,w)} \right)$$

$G$  = effective gain

$\#_\gamma$  = number of photons

$\#_{p/\gamma}$  = number of primaries per photon

$i_{anode}$  = readout current

$e$  = electric charge

$\Delta t$  = time of counts measurement

$$\#_{p/\gamma} = E_\gamma \left( \frac{\%Ar}{W_i(Ar)} + \frac{\%CO_2}{W_i(CO_2)} + \frac{\%CF_4}{W_i(CF_4)} \right)$$

$$\frac{\#_\gamma(L,w/o)}{\#_\gamma(L,w)} = \frac{\#_\gamma(H,w/o)}{\#_\gamma(H,w)}$$

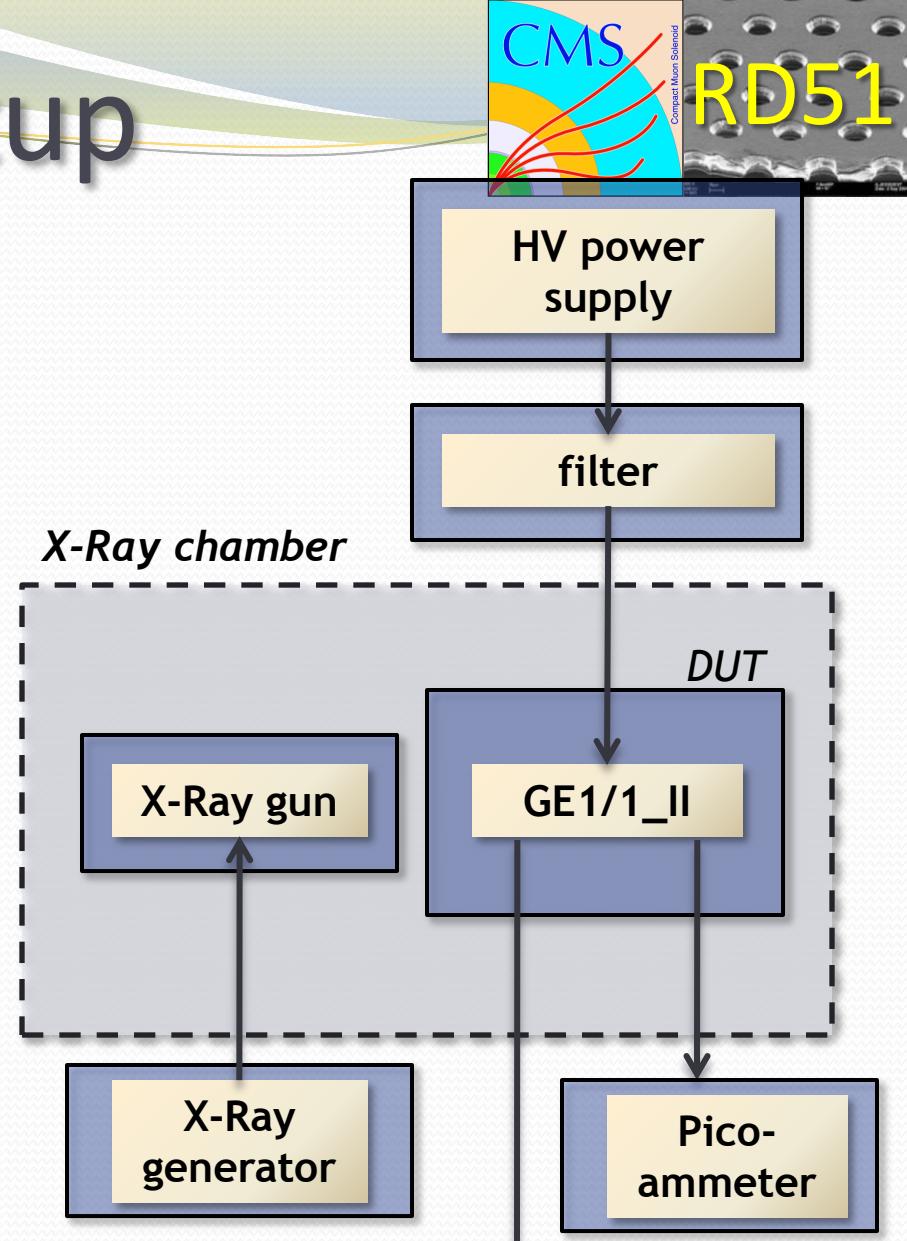
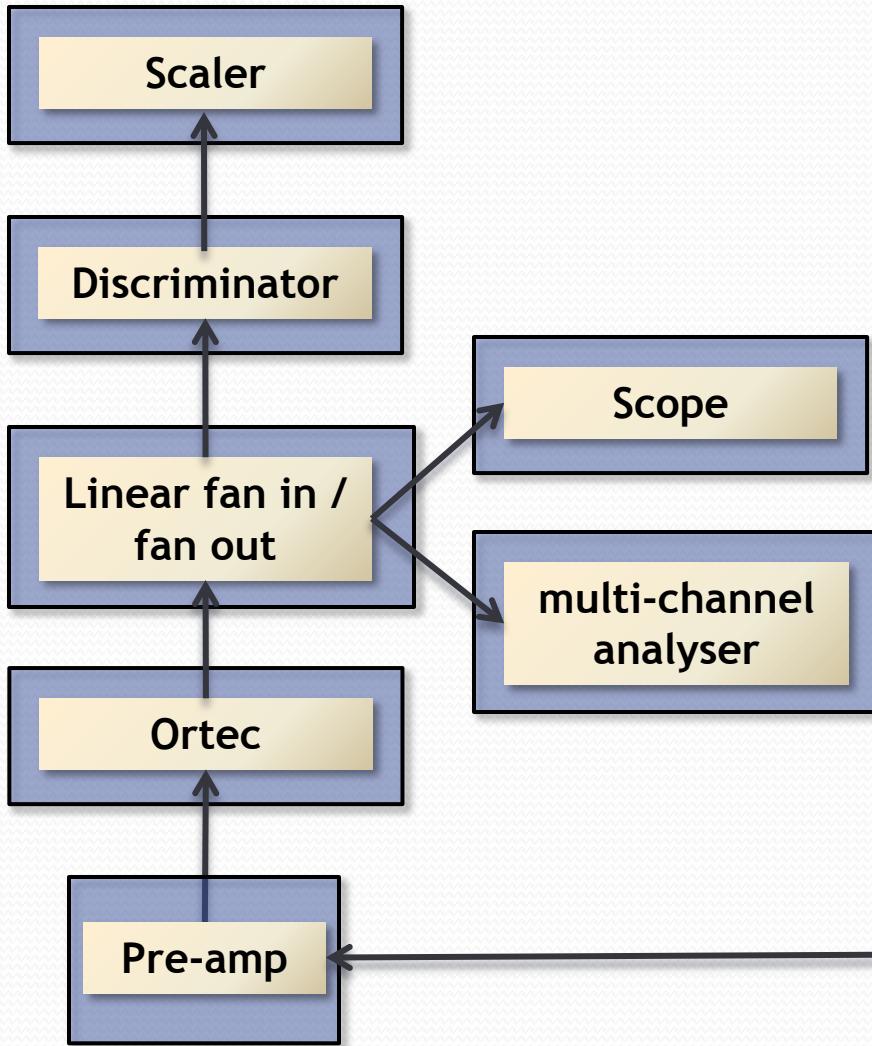
Where

$E_\gamma$  = energy of photons

$W_i$  = ionisation energy of the gas

Ratio used to calculate the number of photons at high current without the absorber to measure the gain

# Experimental setup



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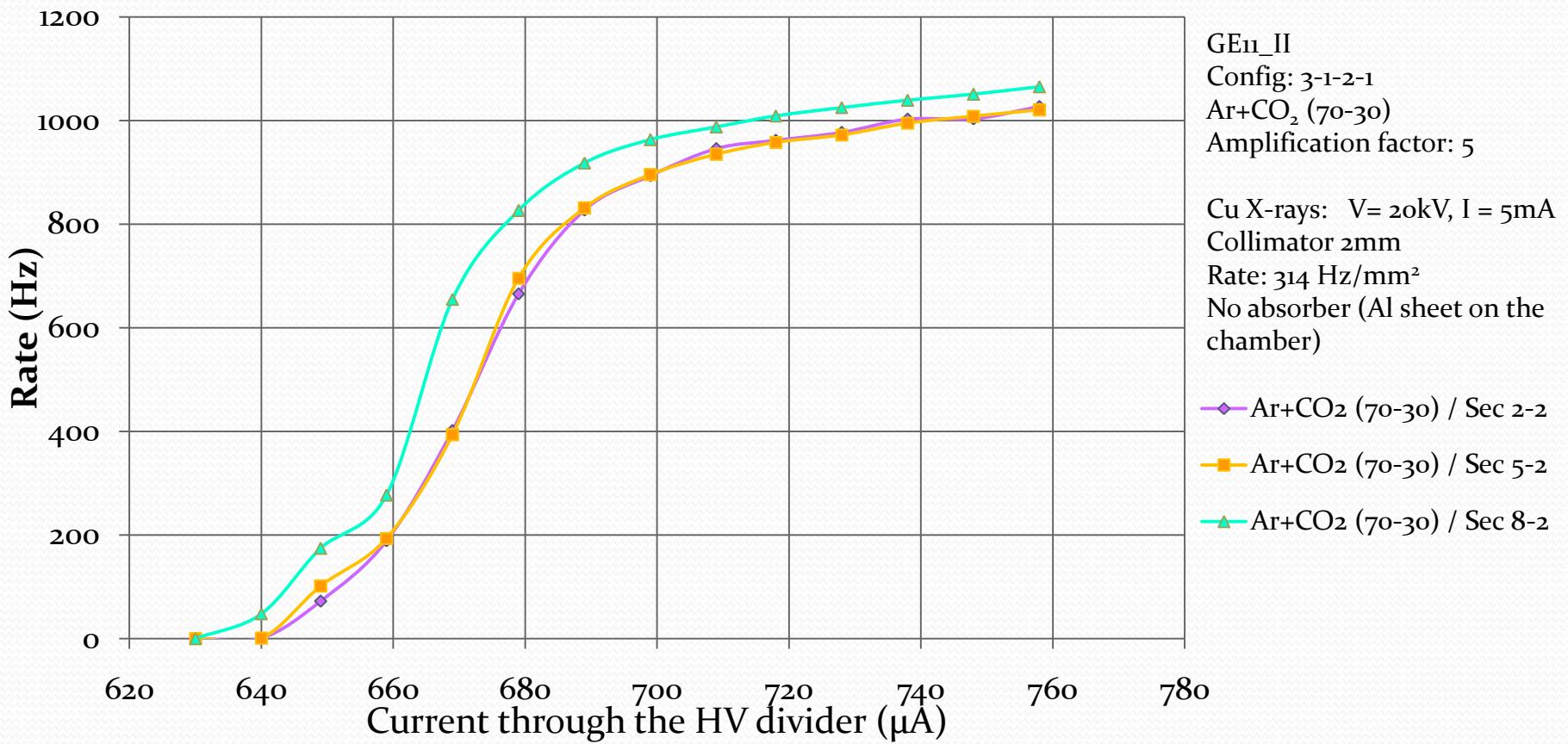
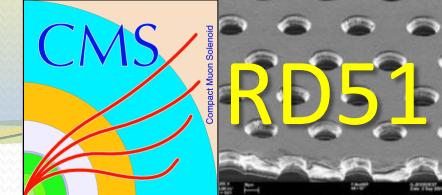


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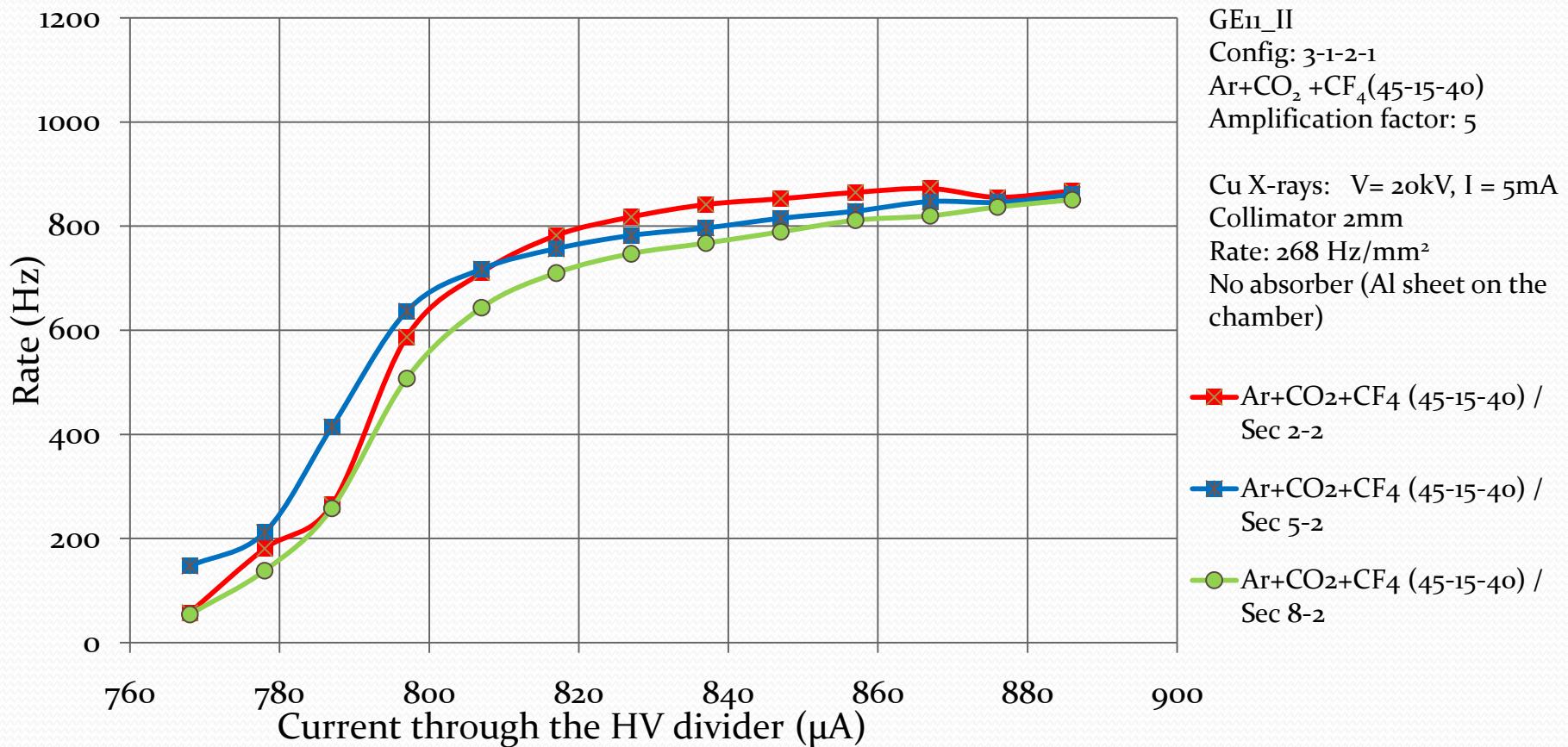
# GE11\_II in ArCO<sub>2</sub> (70:30):

## Plateau region

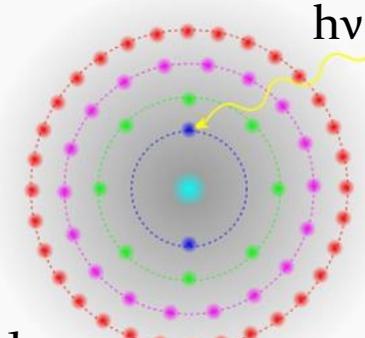


# GE11\_II in ArCO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>4</sub> (45:15:40)

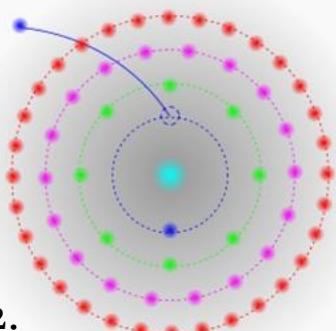
## Plateau region



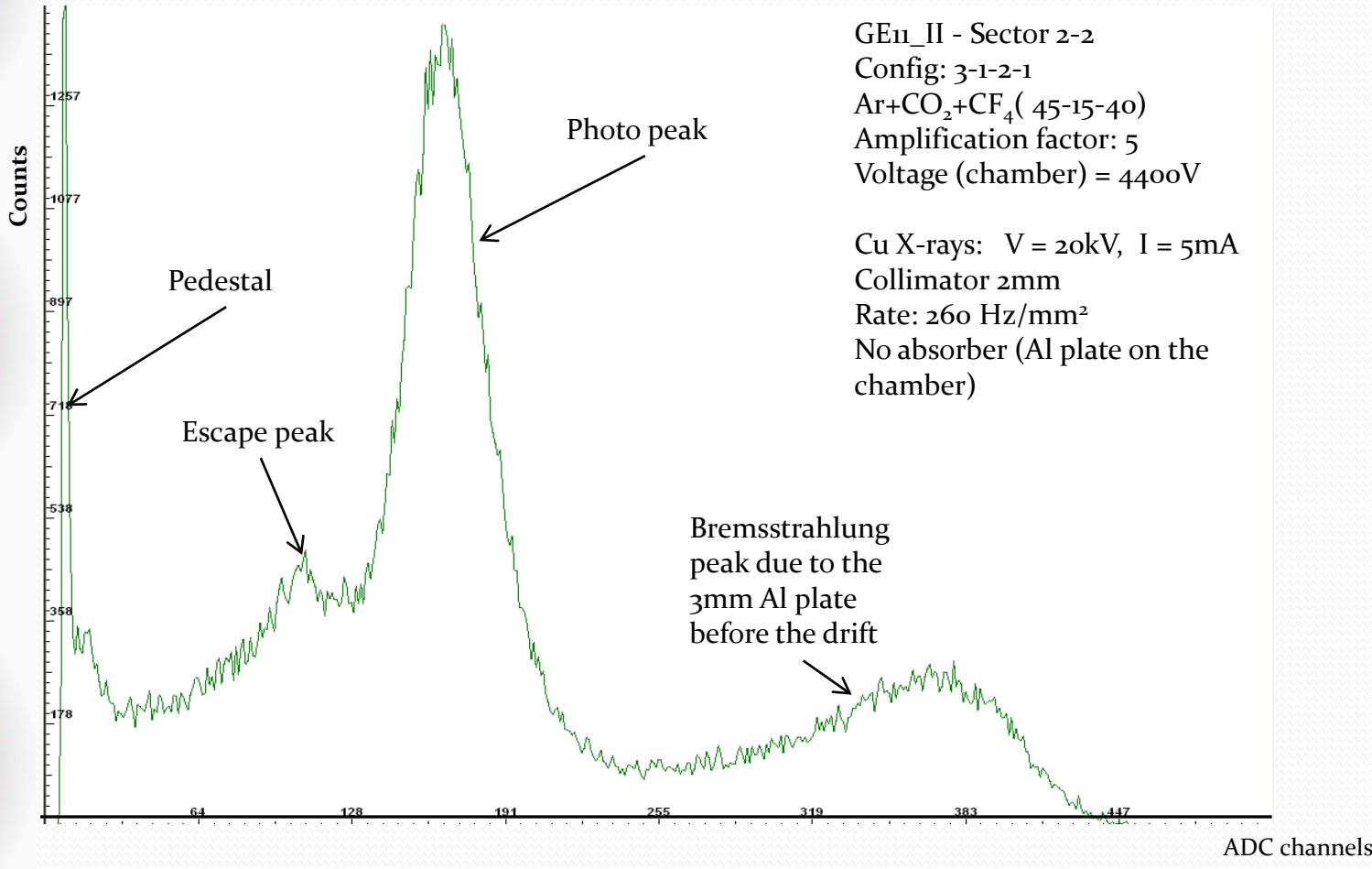
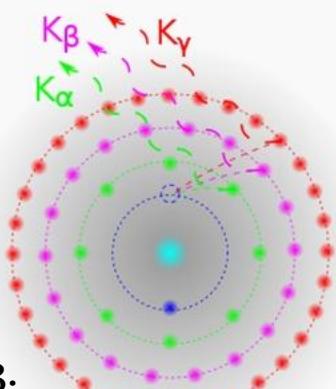
# GE1/1\_II : an example of Pulse height spectrum



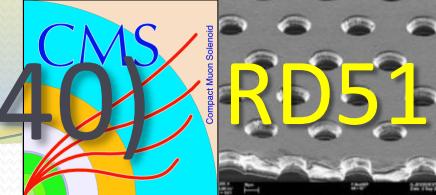
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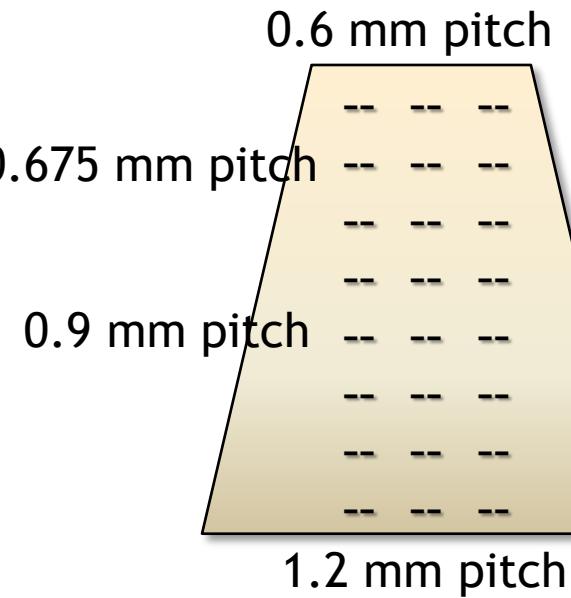
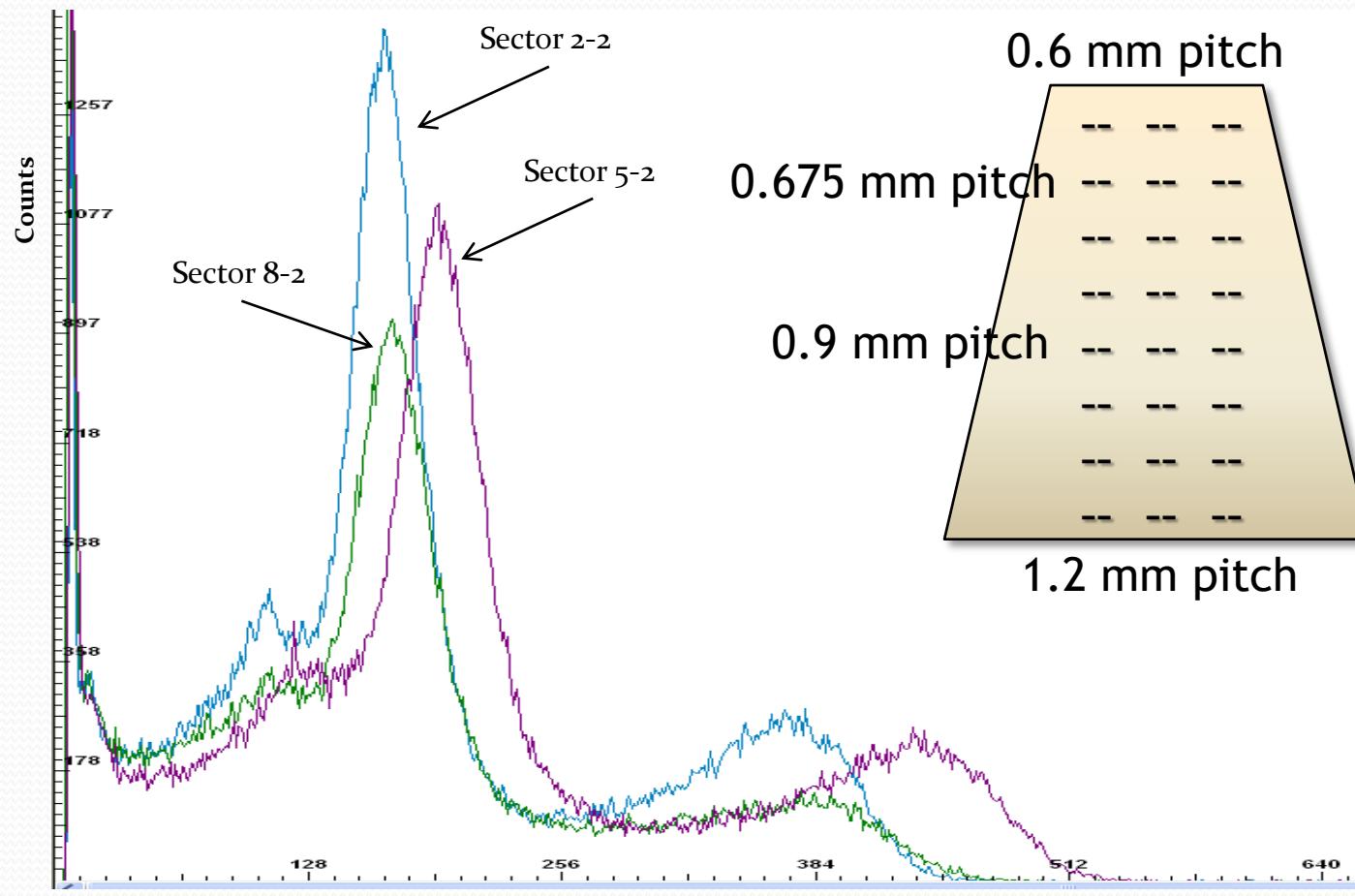
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# GE1/1\_II in ArCO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>4</sub> (45:15:40)



## Pulse height spectra



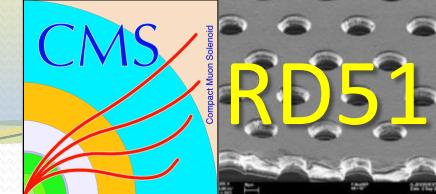
GE11\_II - Sectors 2-2, 5-2, 8-2  
Config: 3-1-2-1  
Ar+CO<sub>2</sub>+CF<sub>4</sub>(45-15-40)  
Amplification factor: 5

Cu X-rays: V = 20kV, i = 5mA  
Collimator 2mm  
Rate: 268 Hz/mm<sup>2</sup>  
No absorber (Al sheet on the chamber)

The peak height depends only on the total data acquisition time

# GE11\_I:

## Gain calibration



GE1/1\_I

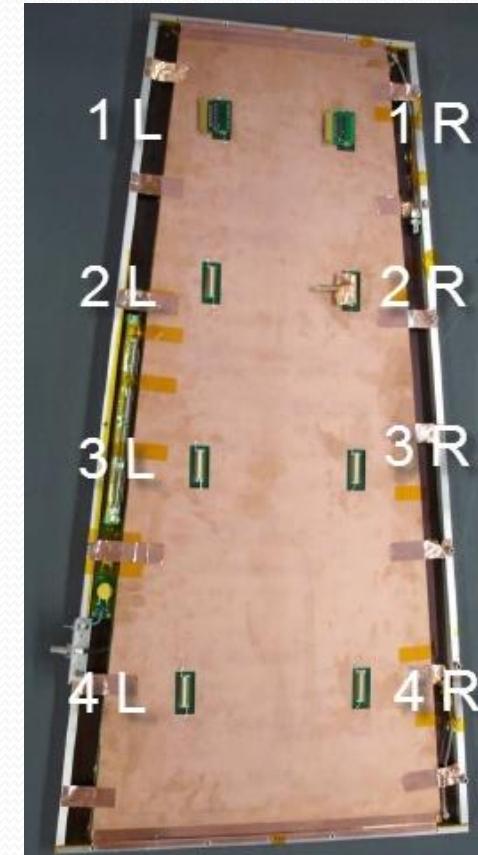
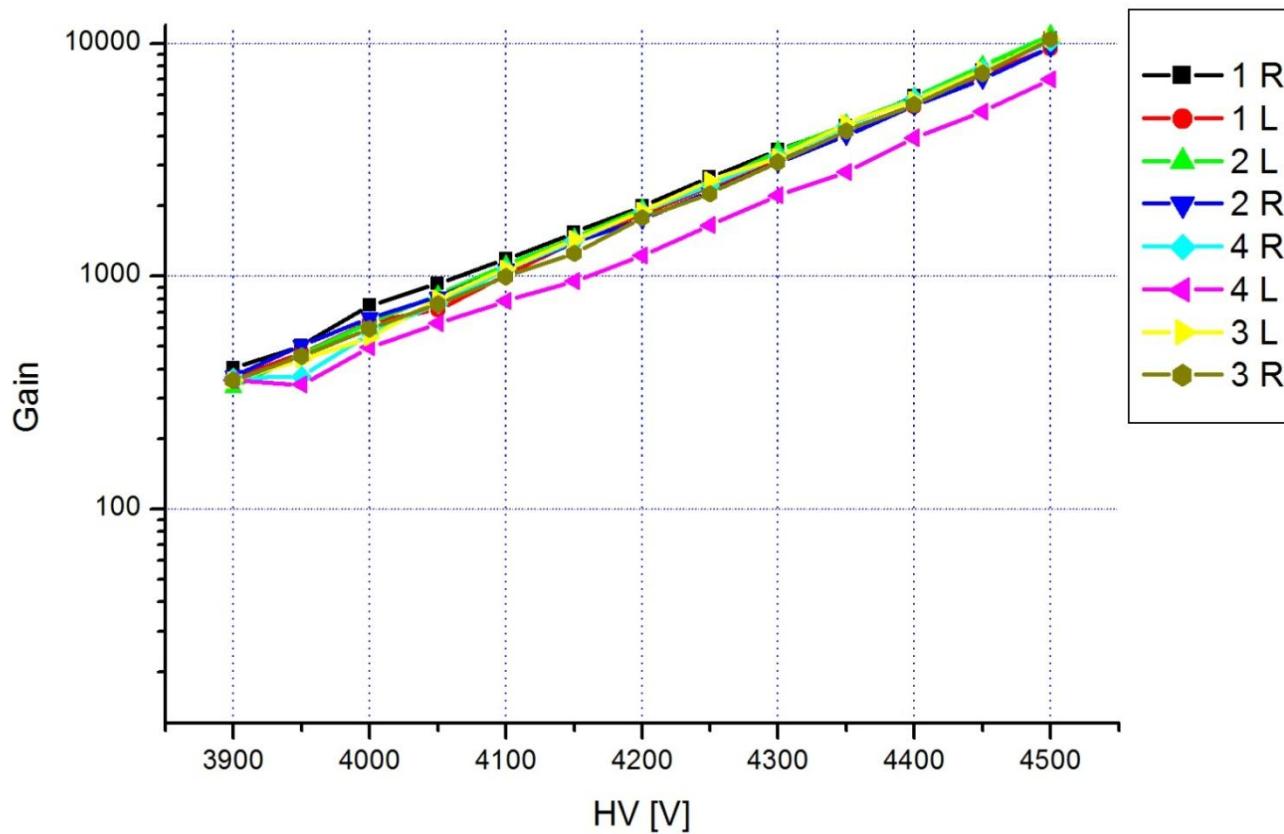
Config: 3-2-2-2

ArCO<sub>2</sub>(70:30)

Amplification factor: 5

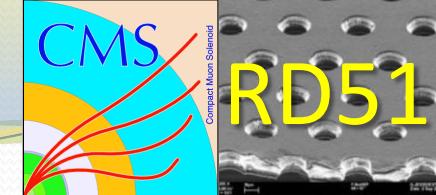
Cu X-rays: V = 20kV, I = 10mA  
Collimator 2mm

No absorber



# GE11\_I:

# Gain calibration



GE11\_I

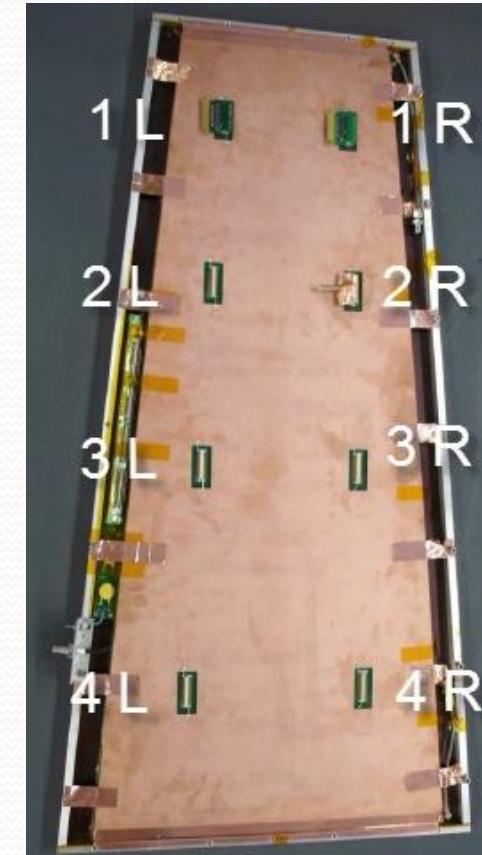
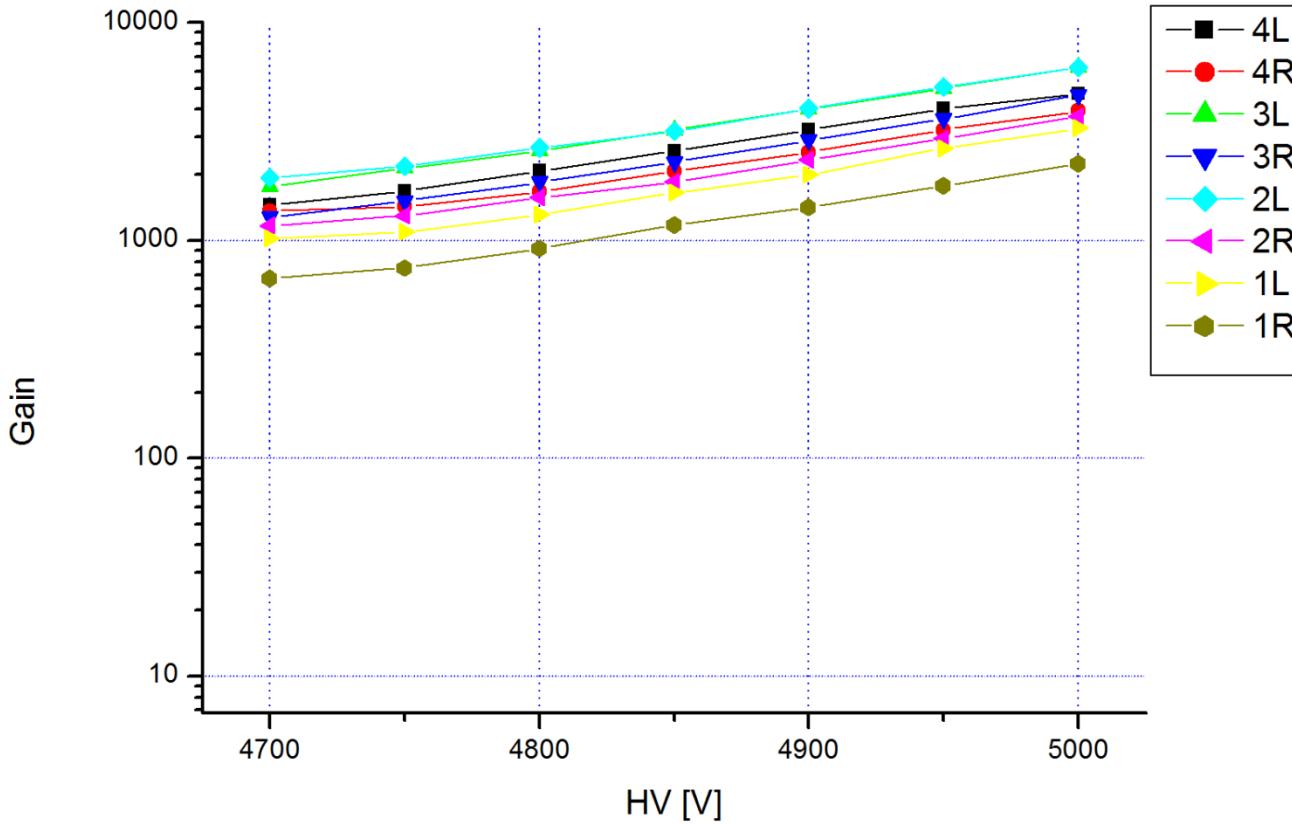
Config: 3-2-2-2

ArCO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>4</sub>(45:15:40)

Amplification factor: 5

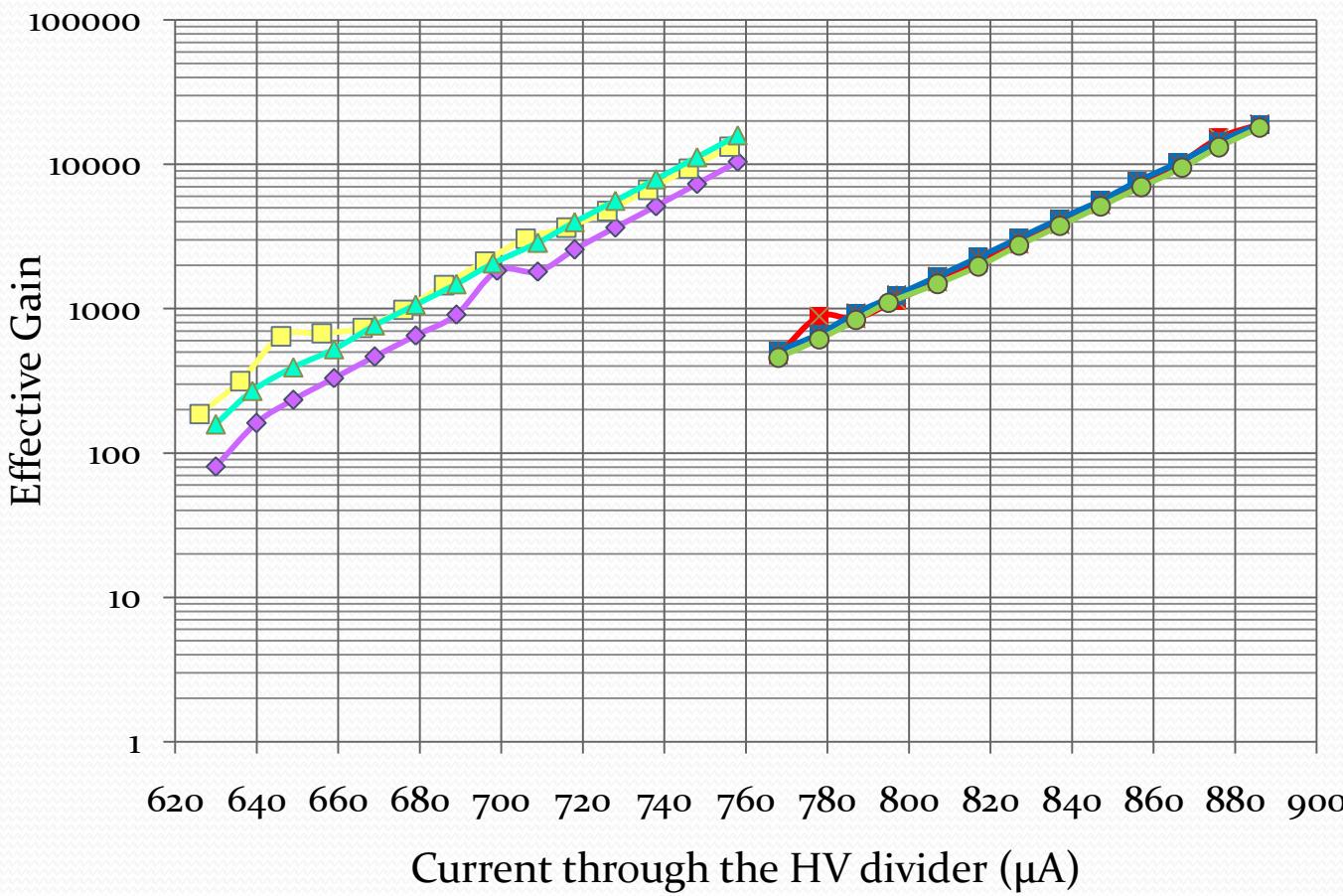
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# GE11\_II:

## Gain calibration



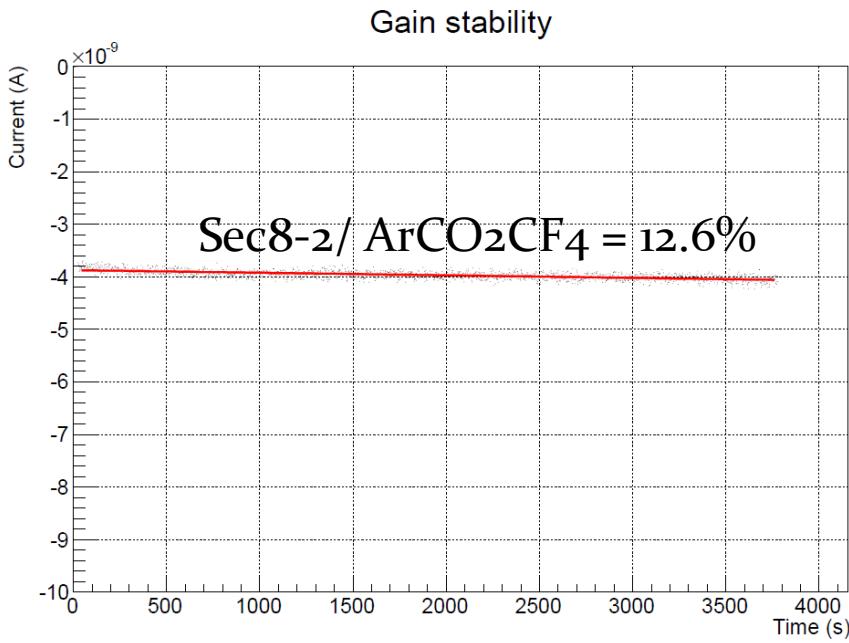
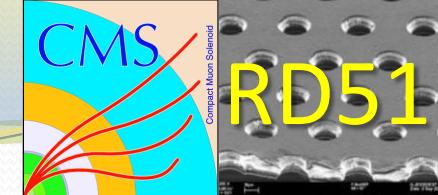
GE1/1\_II  
Config: 3-1-2-1  
ArCO<sub>2</sub>(70:30) or  
ArCO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>4</sub>(45:15:40)  
Amplification factor: 5

Cu X-rays: V = 20kV, I = 5mA  
Collimator 2mm  
Rate: 268 Hz/mm<sup>2</sup>  
No absorber

- Ar+CO<sub>2</sub> (70-30) / Sec 2-2
- Ar+CO<sub>2</sub> (70-30) / Sec 5-2
- △— Ar+CO<sub>2</sub> (70-30) / Sec 8-2
- Ar+CO<sub>2</sub>+CF<sub>4</sub> (45-15-40) / Sec 2-2
- ▲— Ar+CO<sub>2</sub>+CF<sub>4</sub> (45-15-40) / Sec 5-2
- Ar+CO<sub>2</sub>+CF<sub>4</sub> (45-15-40) / Sec 8-2

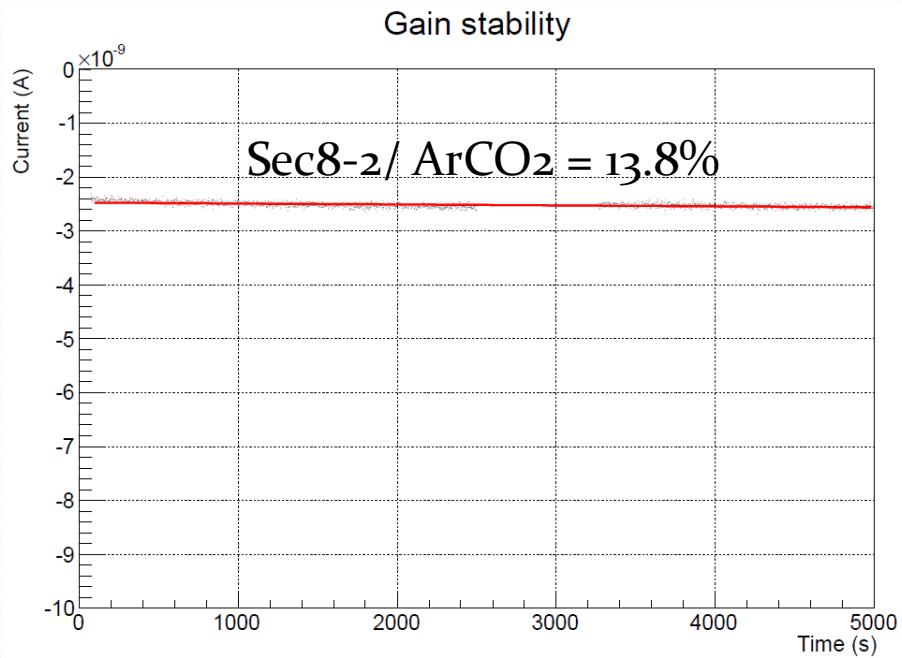
Good gain uniformity of the chamber

# GE11\_II: Gain stability



**Maximum variation**  
(relative difference between the maximum and the minimum points of the whole range):

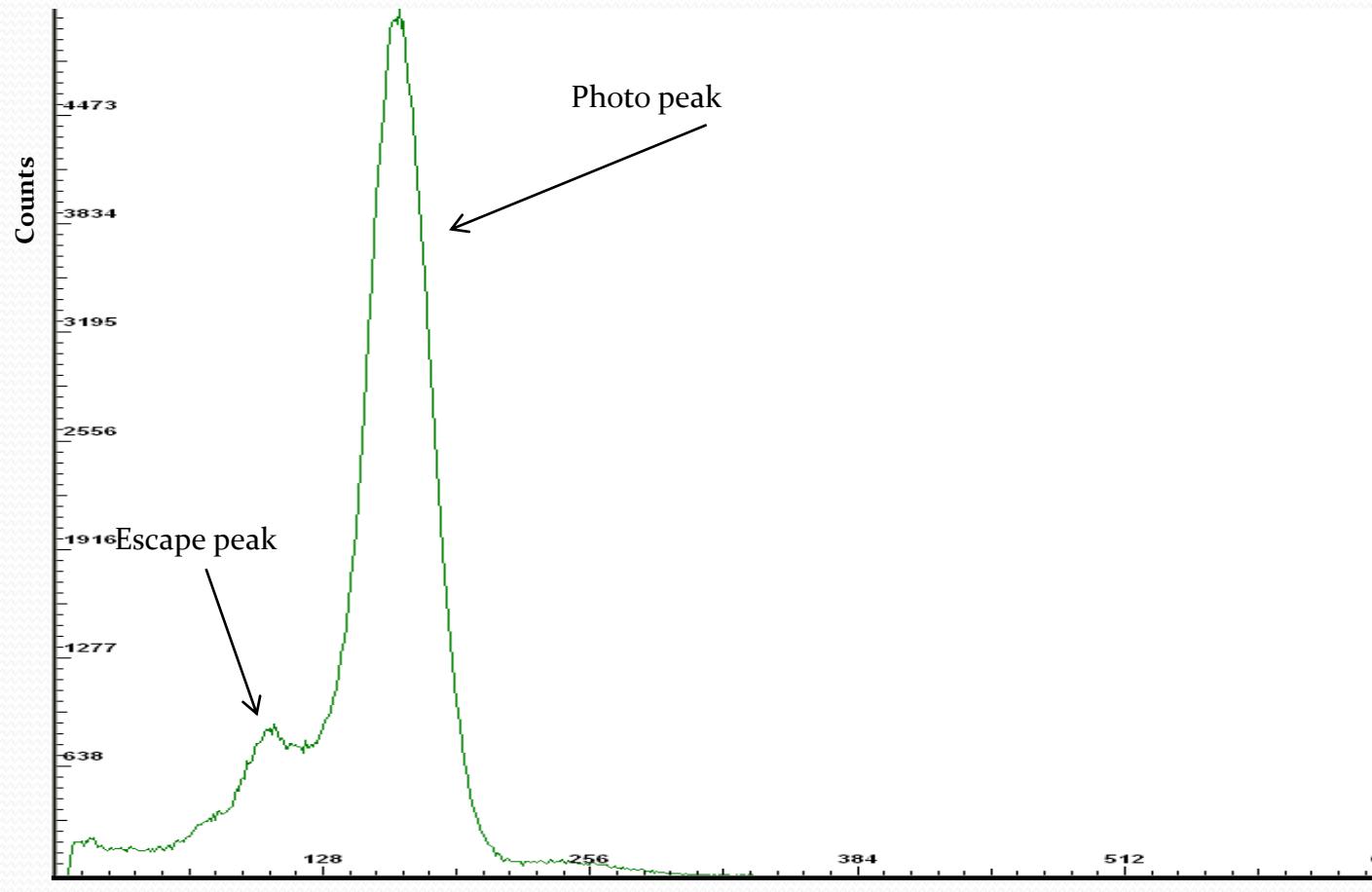
- for Ar+CO<sub>2</sub> (70-30): **12.6%**
- for Ar+CO<sub>2</sub>+CF<sub>4</sub> (45-15-40): **13.8%**



GE11\_II sec 2-2  
Config: 3-1-2-1  
Ar+CO<sub>2</sub>(70-30)  
→ V(chamber) = 3700V  
Ar+CO<sub>2</sub>+CF<sub>4</sub>(45-15-40)  
→ V(chamber) = 4400V  
Amplification factor: 5

Cu X-rays: V= 20kV, I = 5mA  
Collimator 6mm  
Rate: 32 Hz/mm<sup>2</sup>  
No absorber (Al sheet on the chamber)

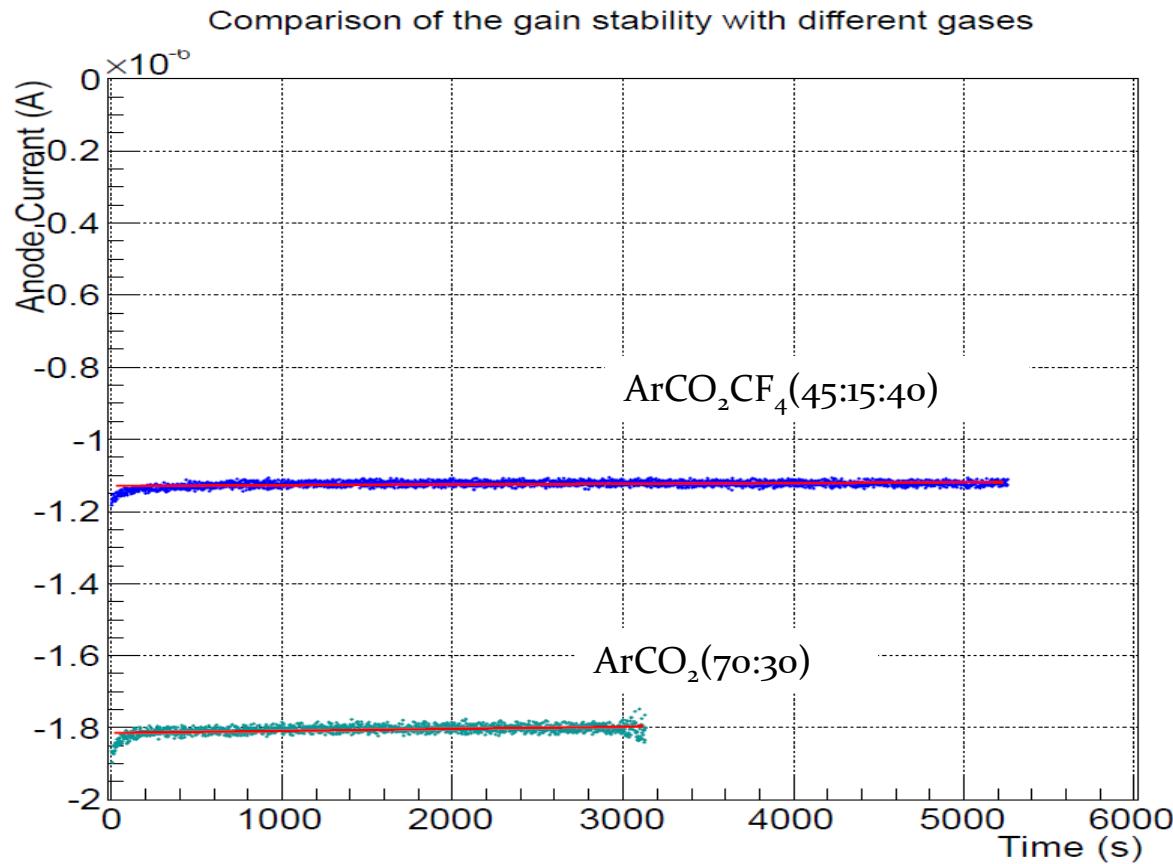
# Timing GEM: an example of pulse height spectrum



Timing GEM  
Config: 3-1-2-1  
 $\text{ArCO}_2(70:30)$   
Amplification factor: 5  
Voltage (chamber) = 3800V

Cu X-rays:  $V = 10\text{kV}$ ,  $I = 0.6\text{mA}$   
Collimator 2mm  
Rate: 149 KHz/mm<sup>2</sup>  
Absorber: 135  $\mu\text{m}$  Cu tape

# Timing GEM: Gain stability



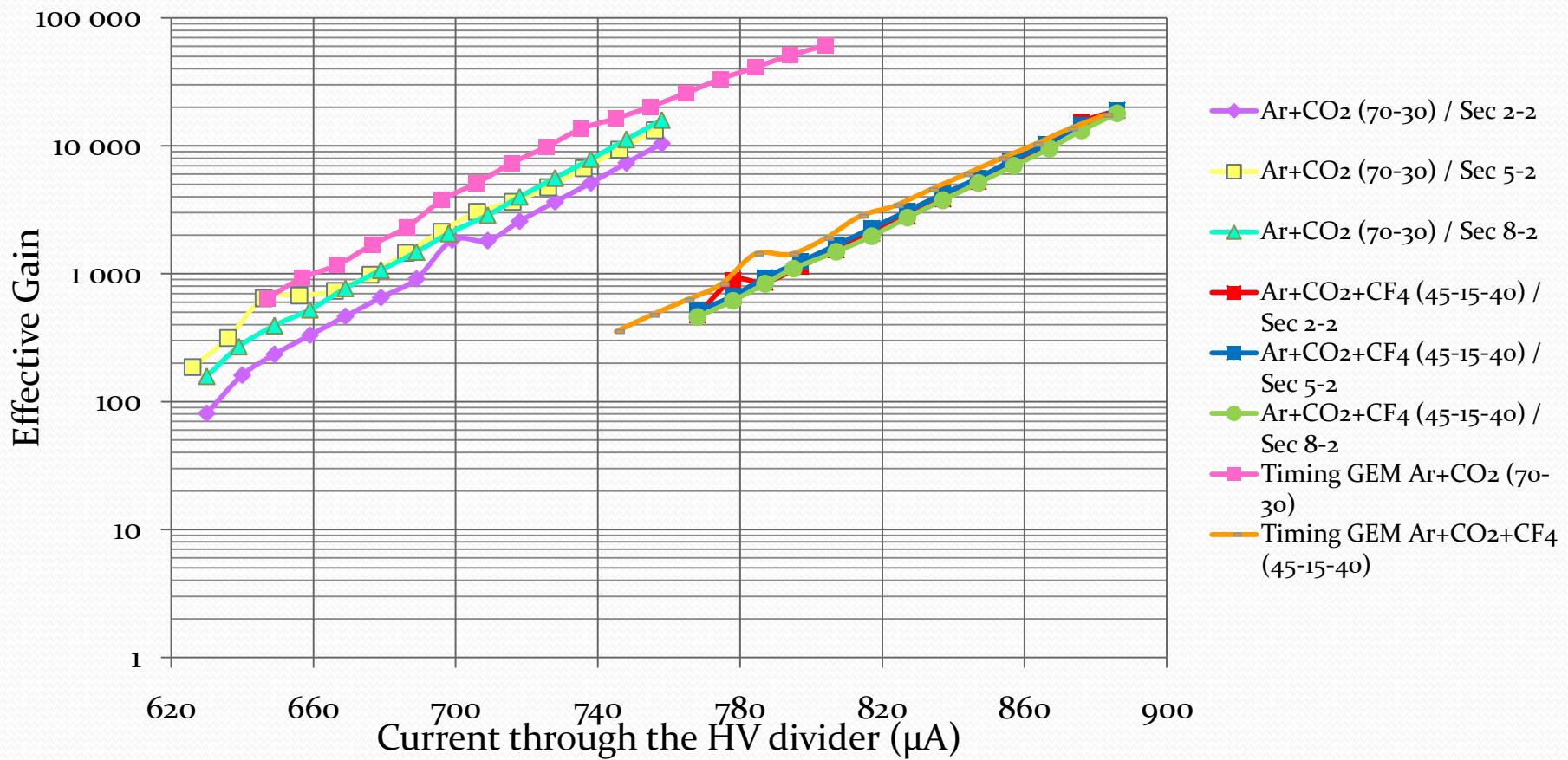
Timing GEM  
 Config: 3-1-2-1  
 $ArCO_2(70:30)$   
 $\rightarrow V(\text{chamber}) = 3800V$   
 $ArCO_2CF_4(45:15:40)$   
 $\rightarrow V(\text{chamber}) = 4400V$   
 Amplification factor: 5

Cu X-rays:  $V = 10kV$ ,  $i = 1.6mA$   
 Collimator 6mm  
 Rate: 16 KHz/mm<sup>2</sup>

## Maximum variation:

- for  $ArCO_2$  (70:30): **7.8%**
- for  $ArCO_2CF_4$  (45:15:40): **6.5%**

# Comparison between GE1/1\_II and Timing GEM



# NS2 30x30 cm<sup>2</sup> Triple GEM (CERN) prototype

- Properties:
  - Self stretched (NEW stretching method)
  - Ceramic HV divider
  - Gap configuration (a.t.m.): 3-1-2-1

# Conclusions

Fully operational GEM prototypes have been designed, produced and tested after long intense work on small size prototypes

- The new prototypes, GE1/1\_II, have uniform gain
- The maximum gains of the Ge1/1\_II are
  - $\approx 1,8 \cdot 10^4$  in ArCO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>4</sub> (45:15:40)
  - $\approx 1,3 \cdot 10^4$  in ArCO<sub>2</sub> (70:30)

# Future plans

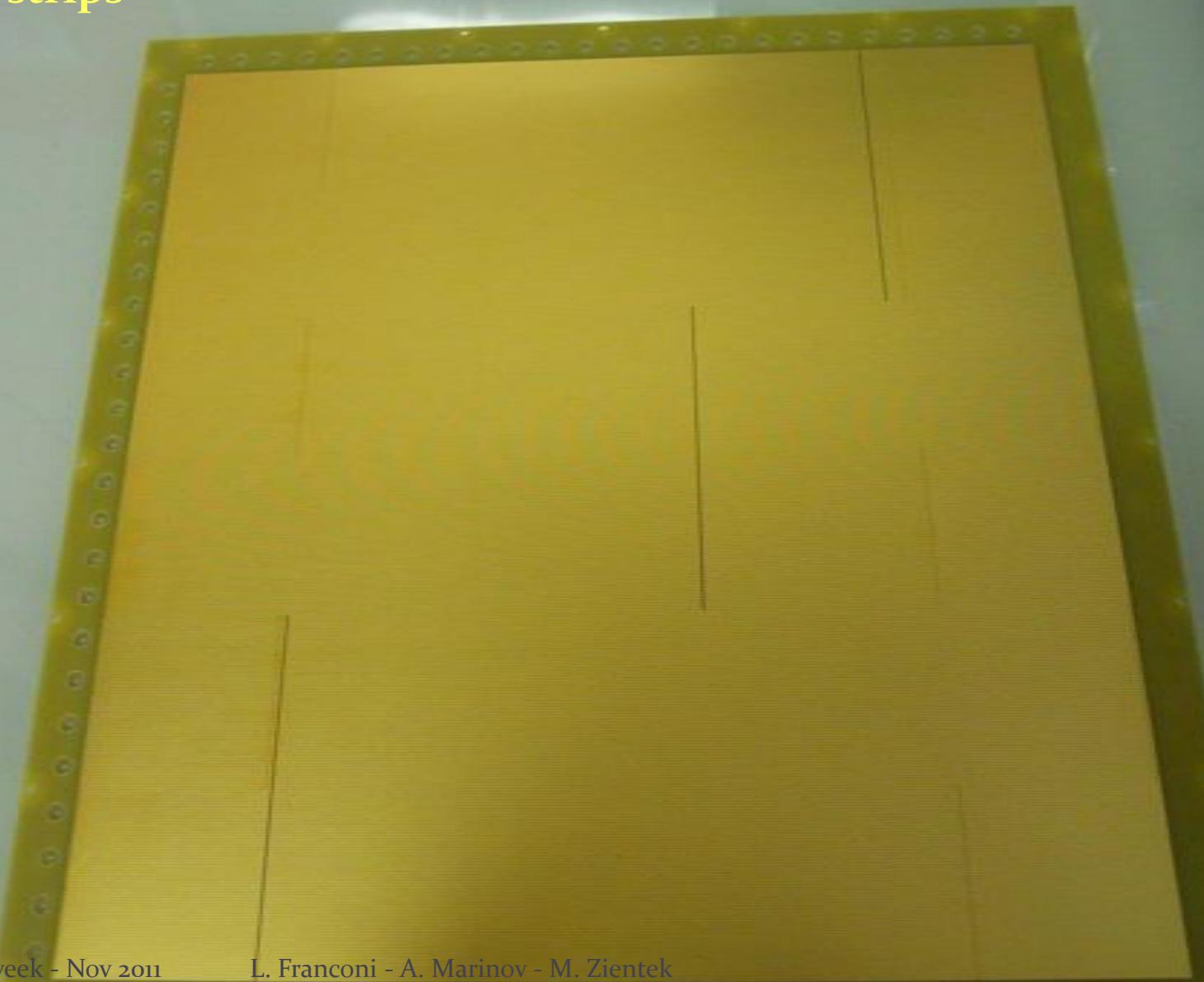
- Gain tests on the 30x30 cm<sup>2</sup> GEM detector

GEM foil

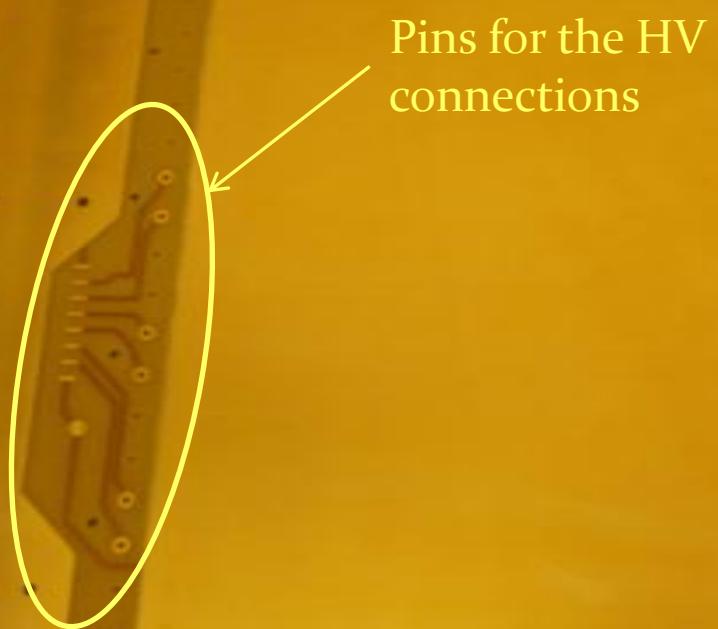
Holes for the  
stretching

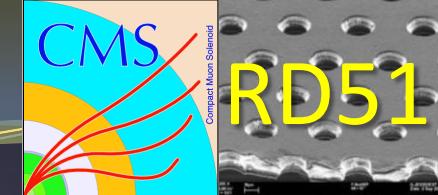


## Readout strips



## Drift plane





# Thank you

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