

Further developments of detectors with resistive electrodes:

# Resistive Microdot Microhole detector

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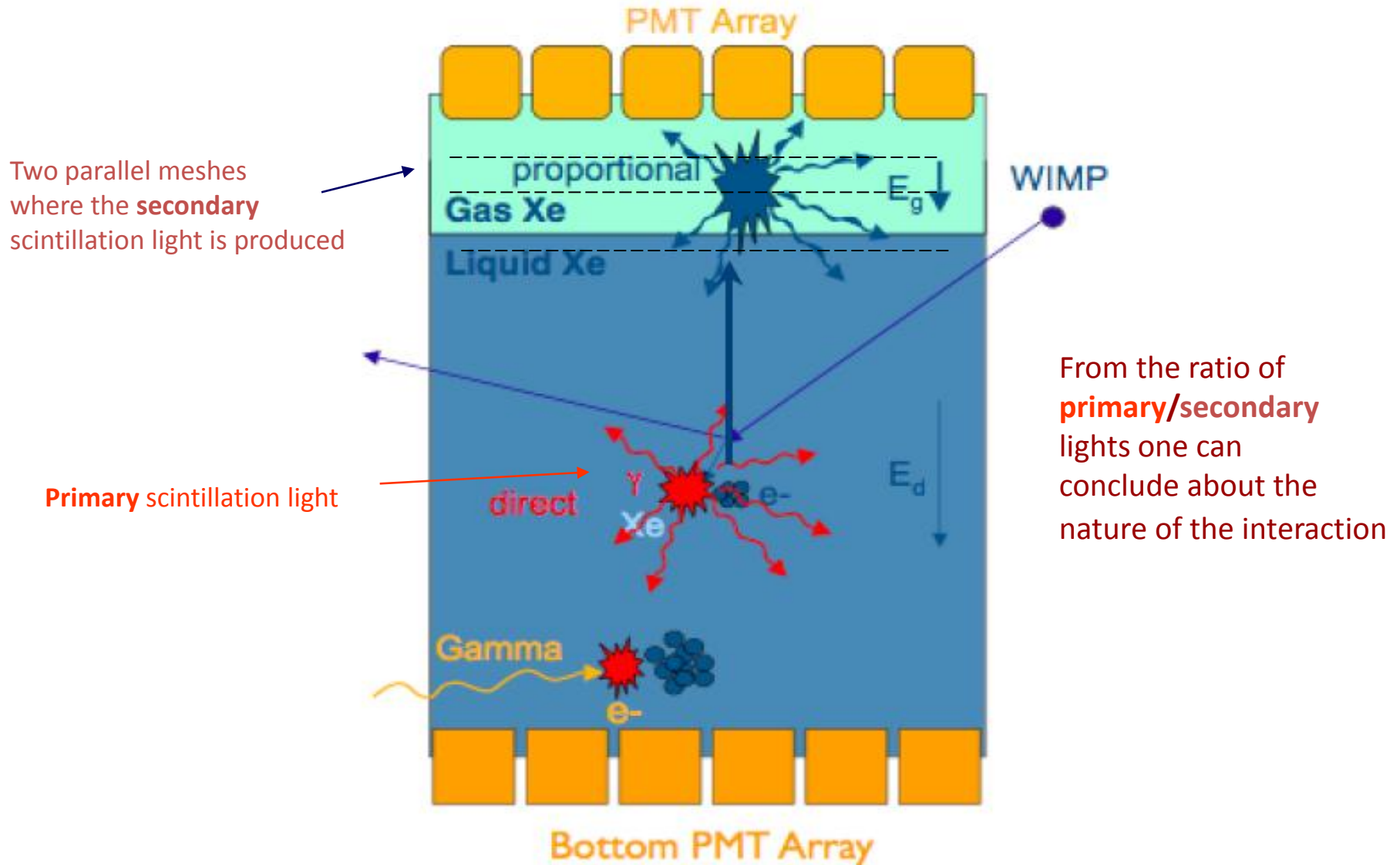
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Motivation of this development:

noble liquid dark-matter detectors

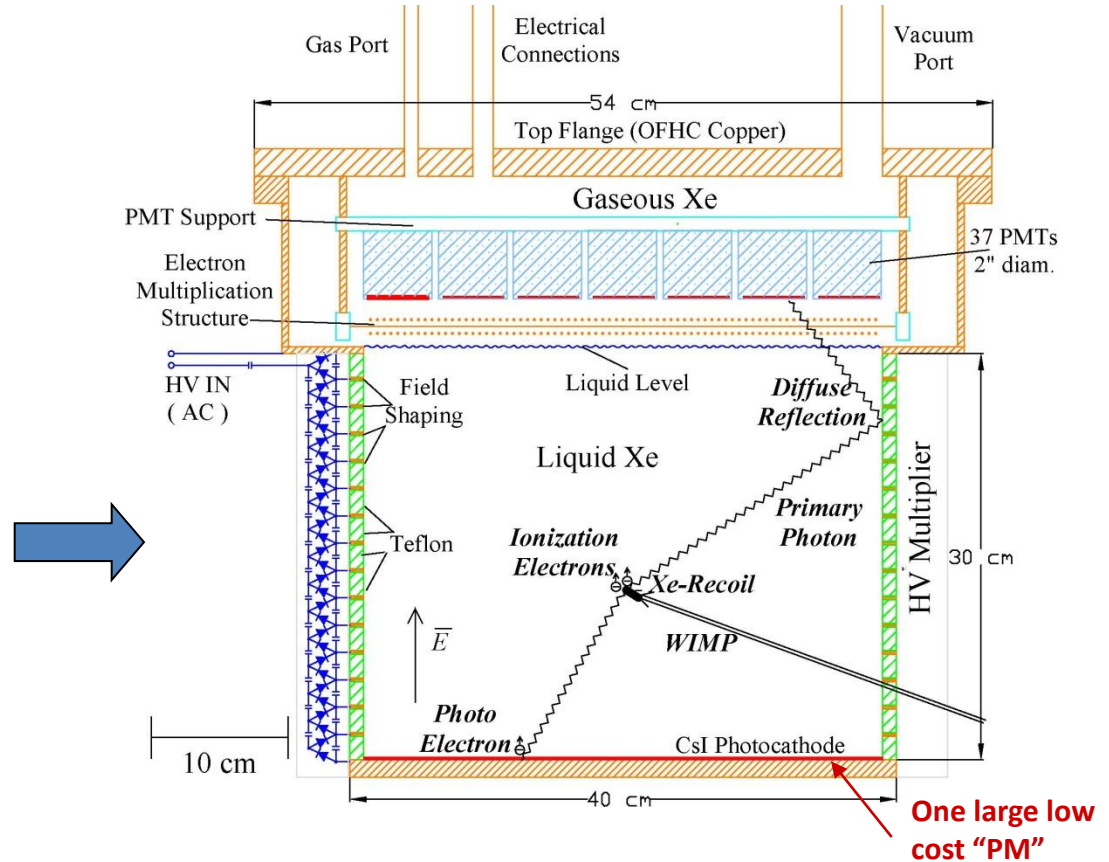
# Double phase noble liquid dark matter detectors



# Several groups are trying to develop designs with reduced number of PMs



Large amount of PMs in the case of the large-volume detector significantly increase its cost



See: E. Aprile [XENON: a 1-ton Liquid Xenon Experiment for Dark Matter](http://xenon.astro.columbia.edu/presentations.html)  
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and A. Aprile et al., NIM A338,1994,328; NIM A343,1994,129

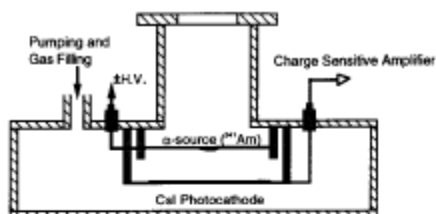
Another option for the LXe TPC, which is currently under the study in our group, is to use LXe doped with low ionization potential substances (TMPD and cetera).

## Performance of CsI photocathodes in liquid Xe, Kr, and Ar

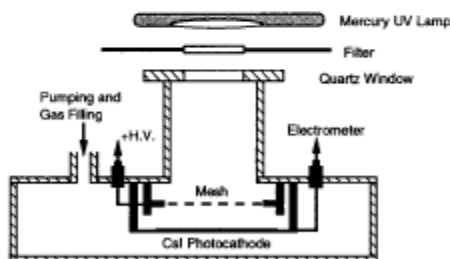
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Fig. 1. Schematic of the experimental setup with (a) an <sup>241</sup>Am alpha-particle source and (b) filtered UV light from a mercury lamp.

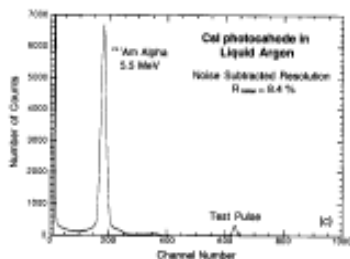
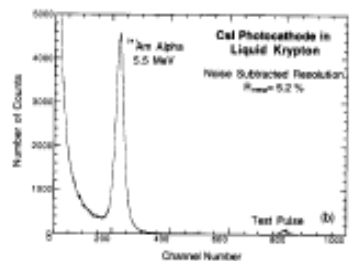
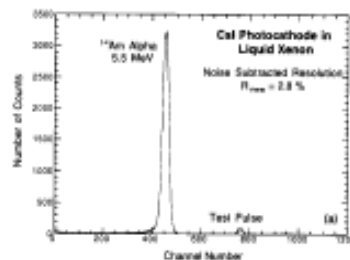


Fig. 2. Typical pulse height spectra of the scintillation light from <sup>241</sup>Am 5.5 MeV alpha particles in (a) LXe, (b) LKr, and (c) LAr. The resolutions quoted are with the noise subtracted.

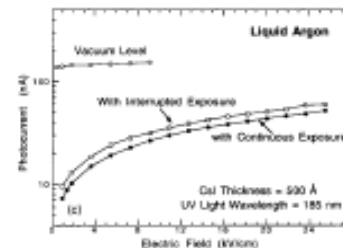
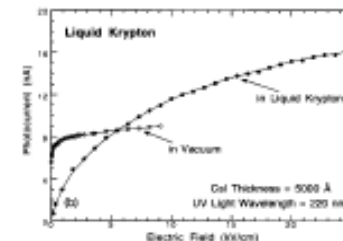
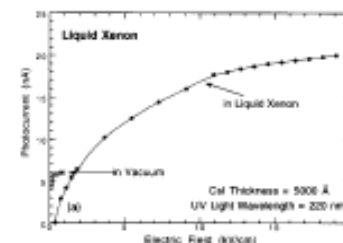


Fig. 4. Photocurrent induced by UV light as a function of electric field from the CsI photocathode in vacuum as well as in (a) LXe, (b) LKr and (c) LAr.

## Electron extraction from a CsI photocathode into condensed Xe, Kr, and Ar

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Section A

## First observation of the scintillation light from solid Xe, Kr and Ar with a CsI photocathode

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[Performance of some Cs based photocathodes inside liquid and solid Ar](#)

Gulaev, V.; Peskov, V.; Silin, E.

[Nuclear Science Symposium and Medical Imaging Conference, 1994., 1994 IEEE Conference Record](#)

# Physics behind this phenomena

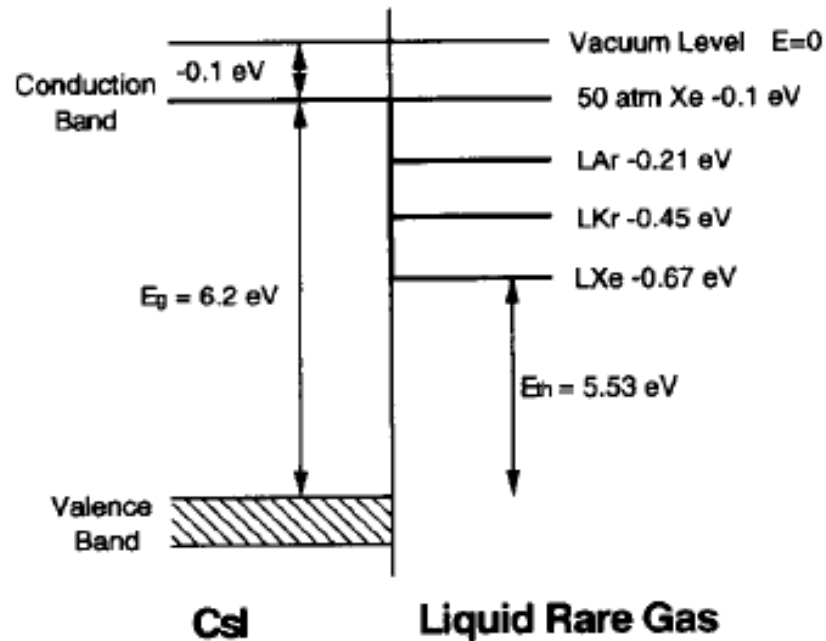
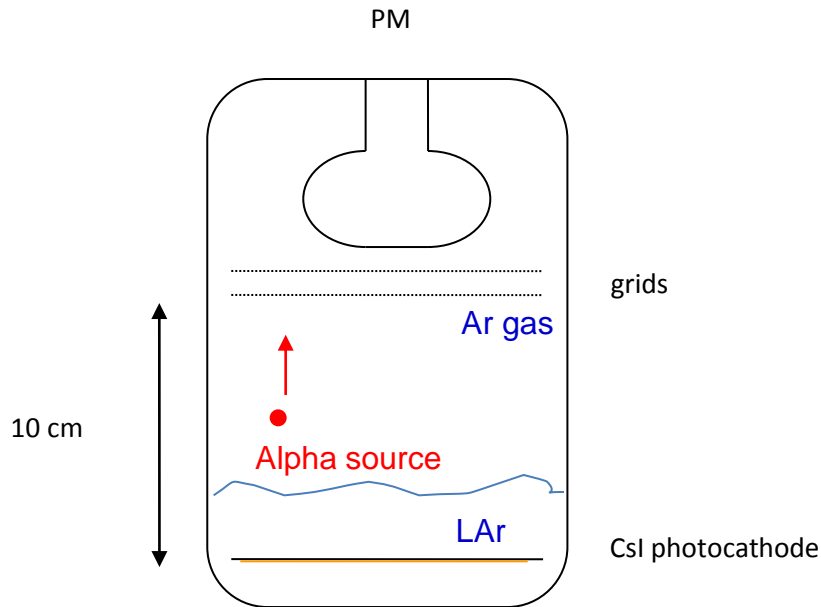


Fig. 8. Band structure at the CsI-liquid interface.

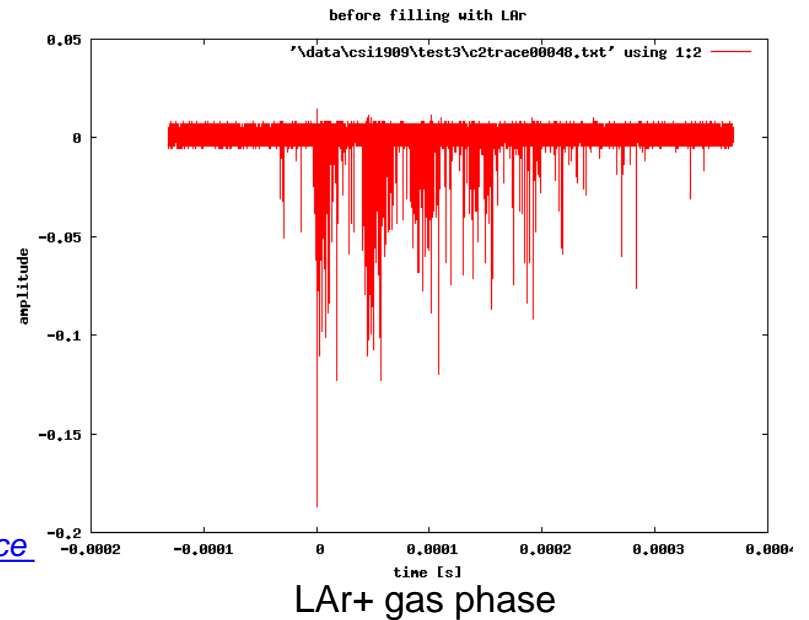
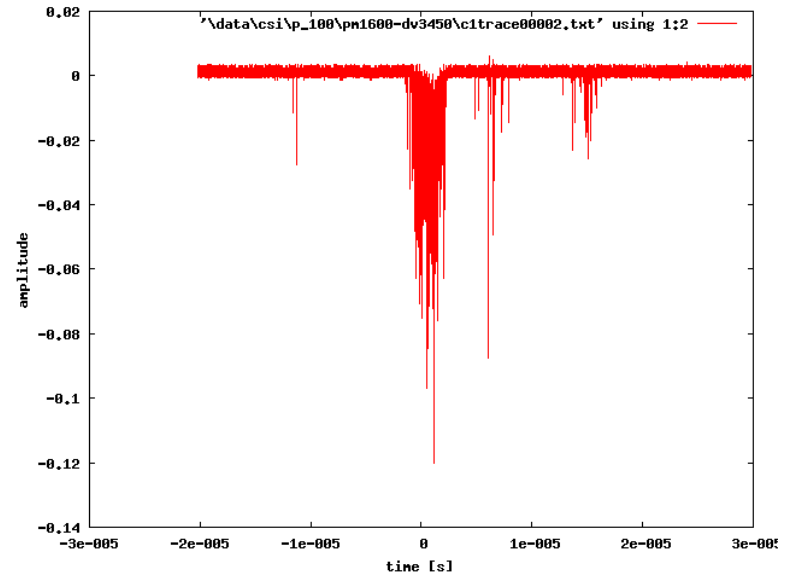
# Experimental setup



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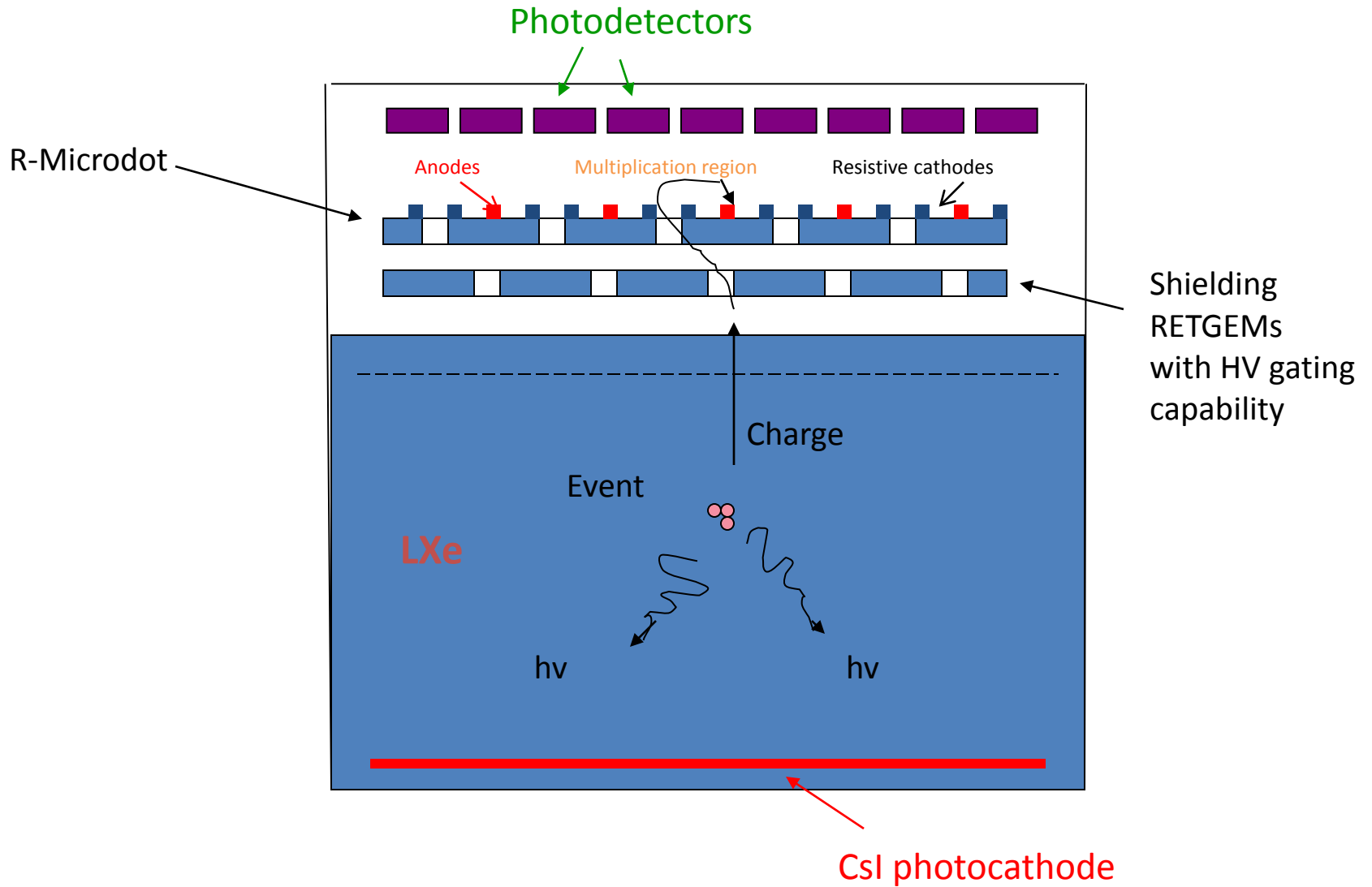
[Performance of dual phase XeTPC with CsI photocathode and PMTs readout for the scintillation light](#)

Aprile, E.; Giboni, K.L.; Kamat, S.; Majewski, P.; Ni, K.; Singh, B. Ketal  
[Dielectric Liquids, 2005. ICDL 2005. 2005 IEEE International Conference](#)  
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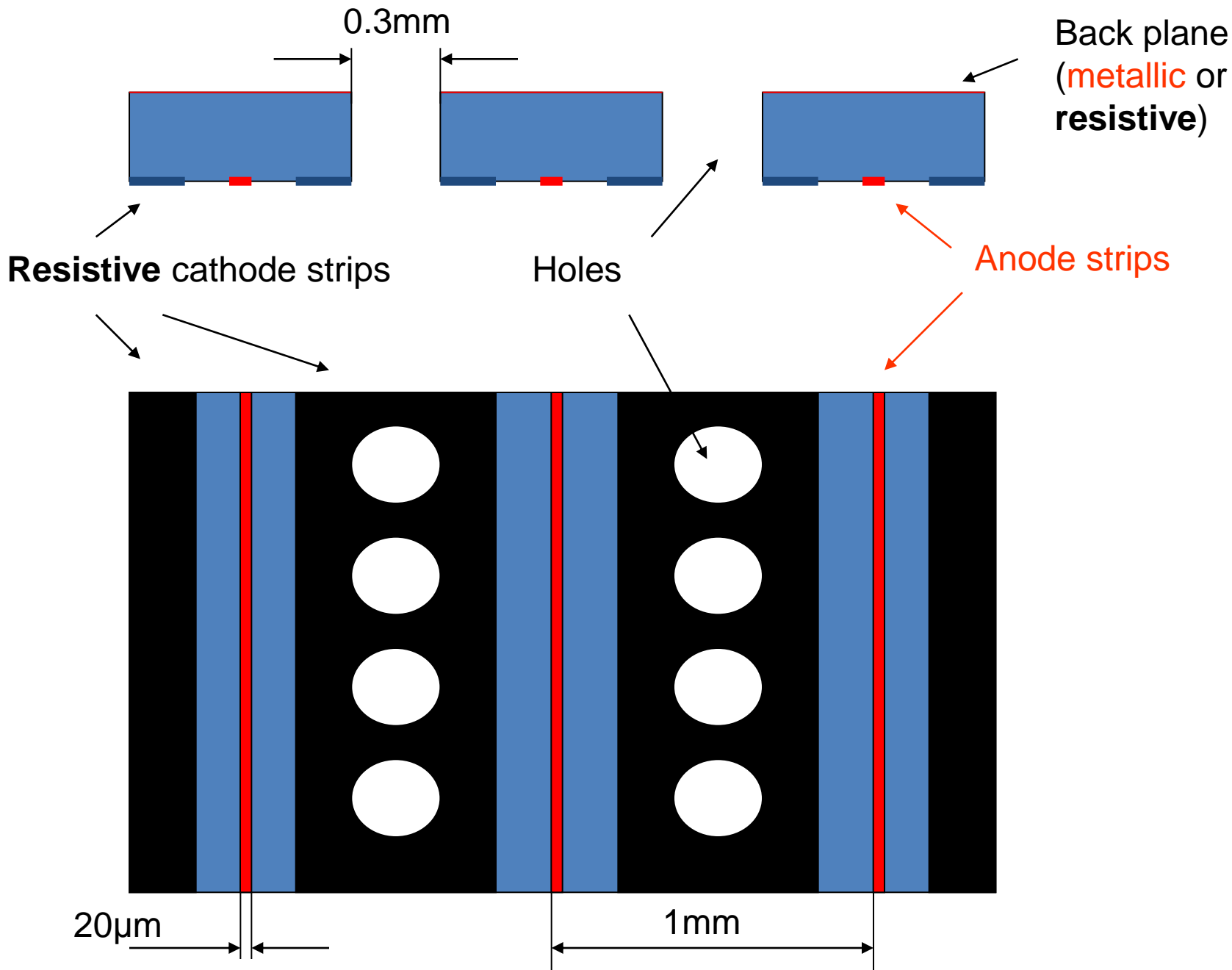
## The way to suppress the feedback

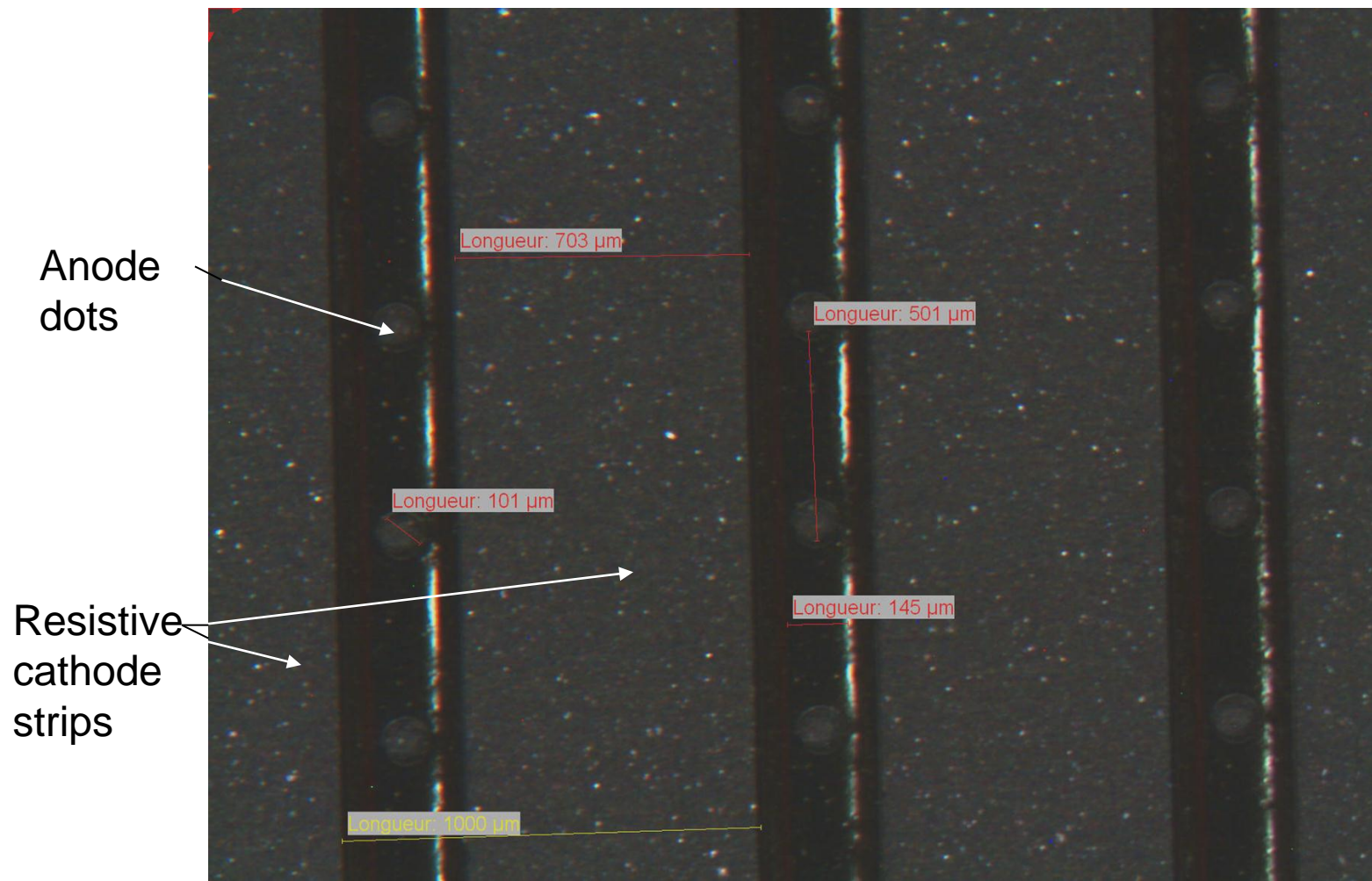


In hybrid R-MSGC, the amplification region will be geometrically shielded from the CsI photocathode (or from the doped LXe) and accordingly the feedback will be reduced

In our previous presentaion  
RD51 mini week (21-23 November 2011)  
“New developments in spark-protected  
micropattern detectors”

Microhole-microstrip detector and  
Microdot detectors  
were introduced





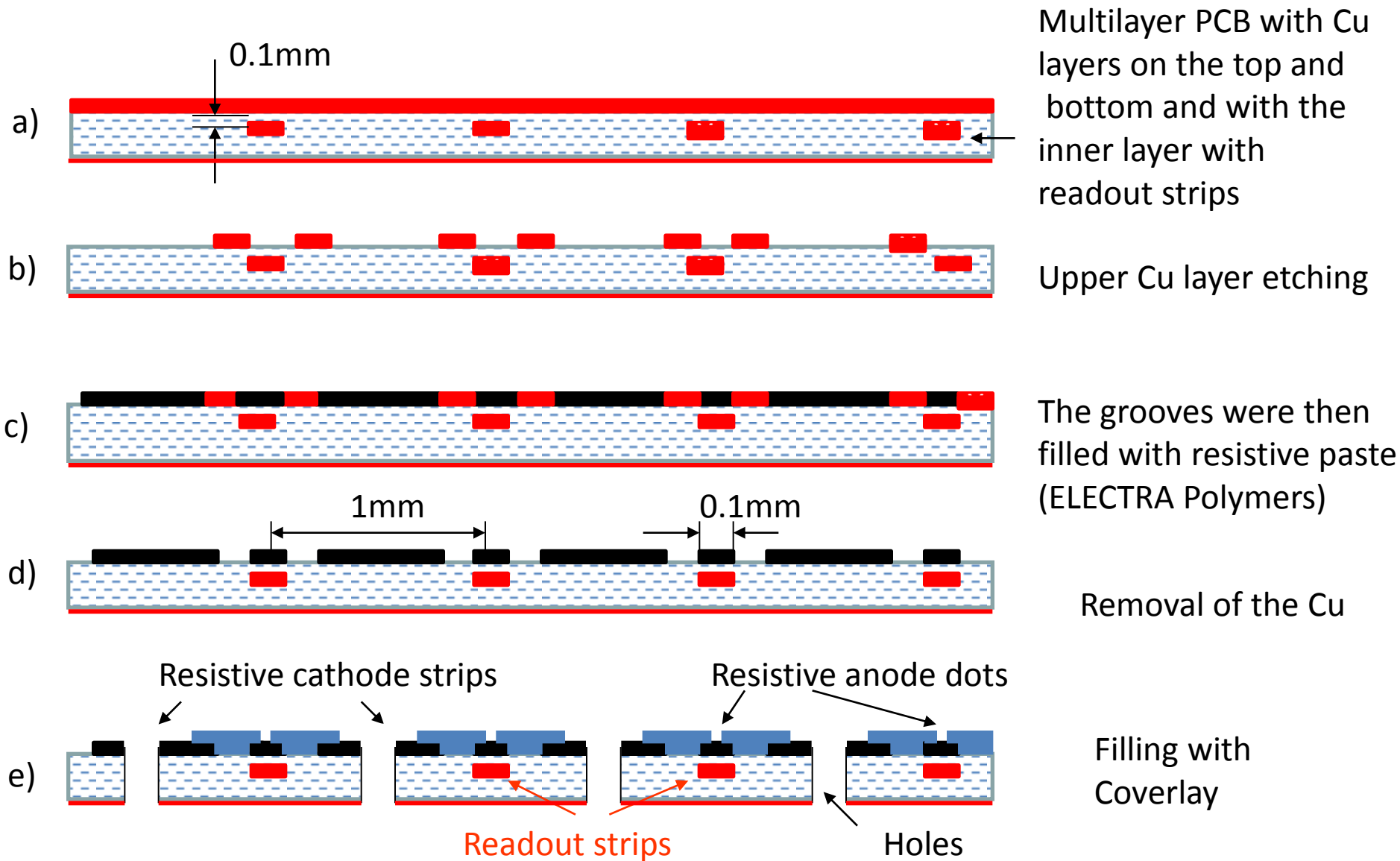
A magnified photo of Microdot detector

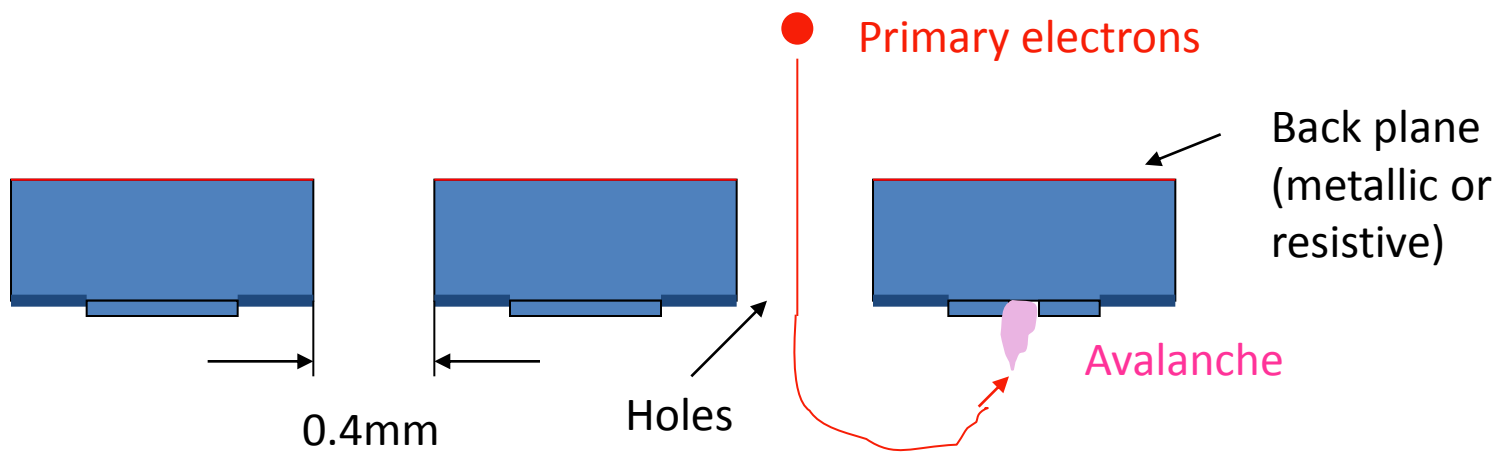
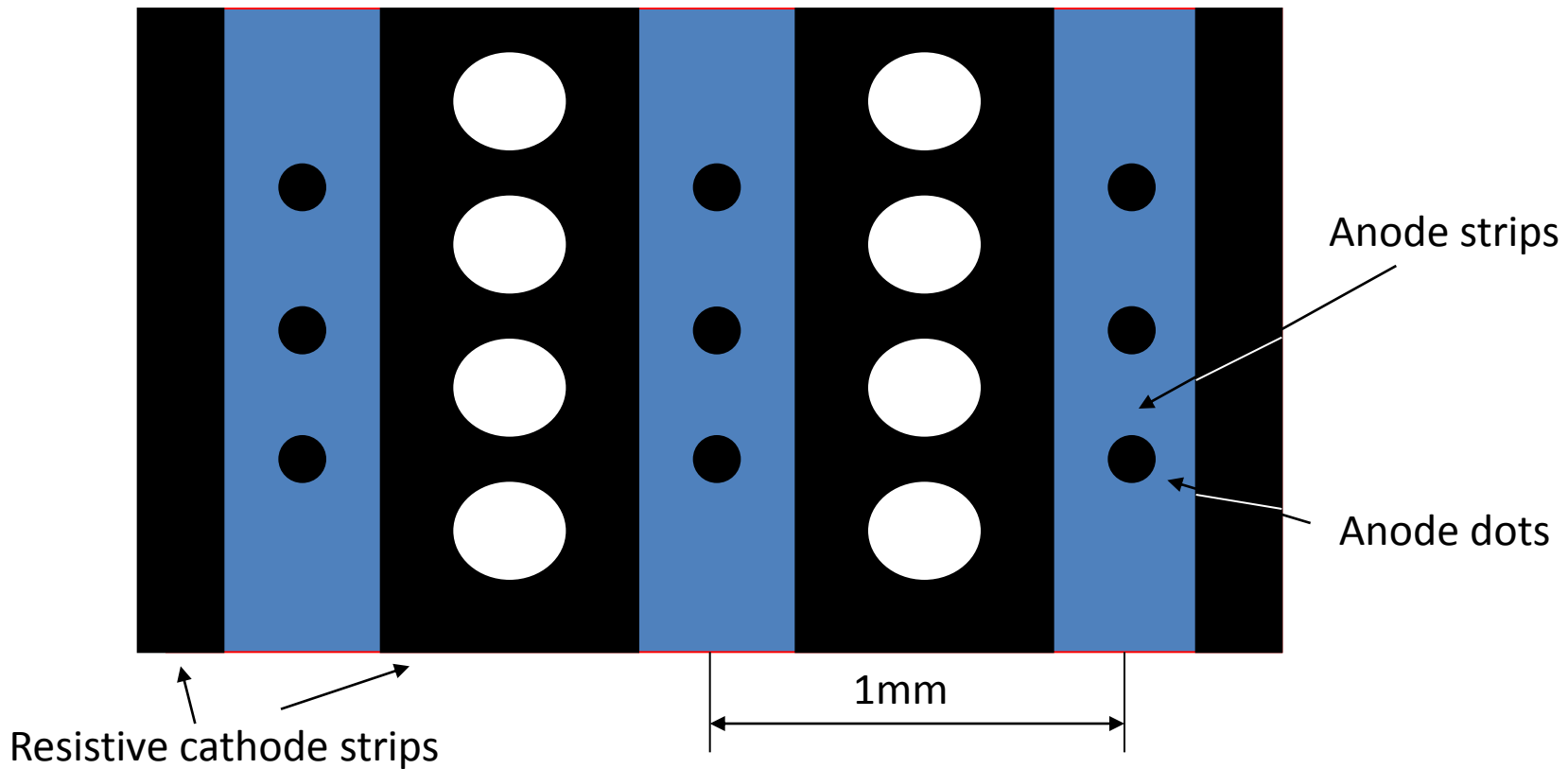
Today we will present further developments:

## **Microdot microhole detector**

**This detector allows 10 times higher gas gains to achieve at cryogenic temperatures than with microstrip-microhole detector**

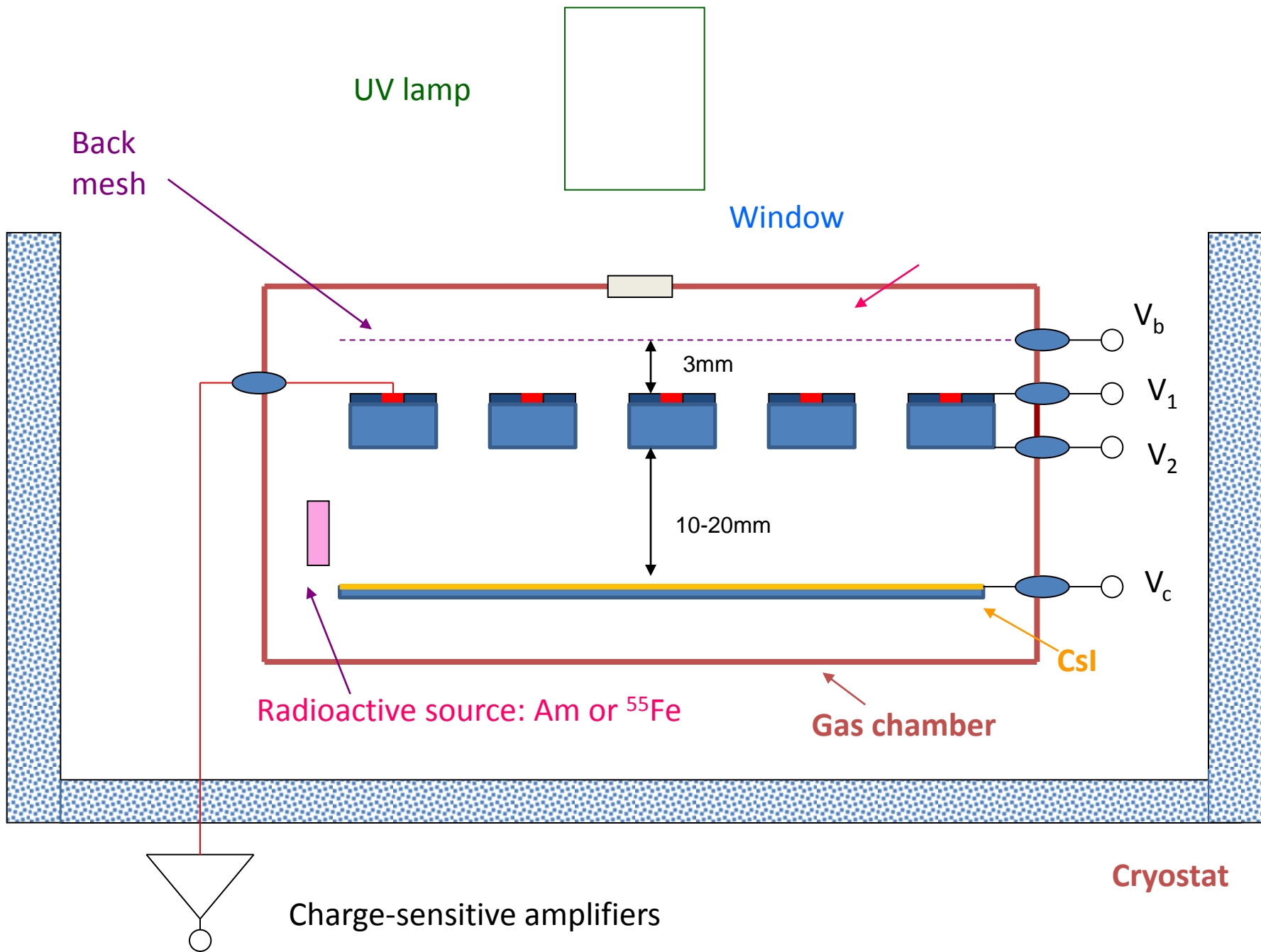
# Manufacturing technique





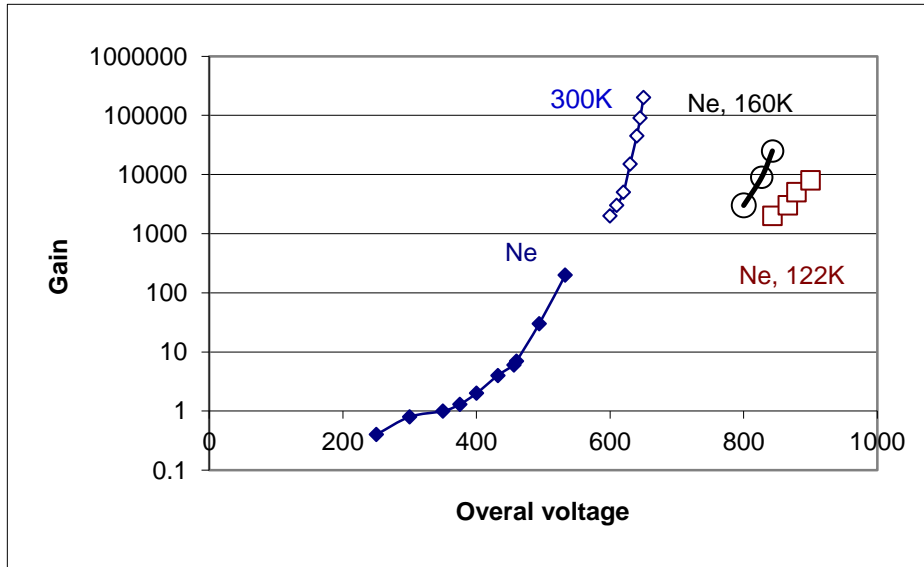


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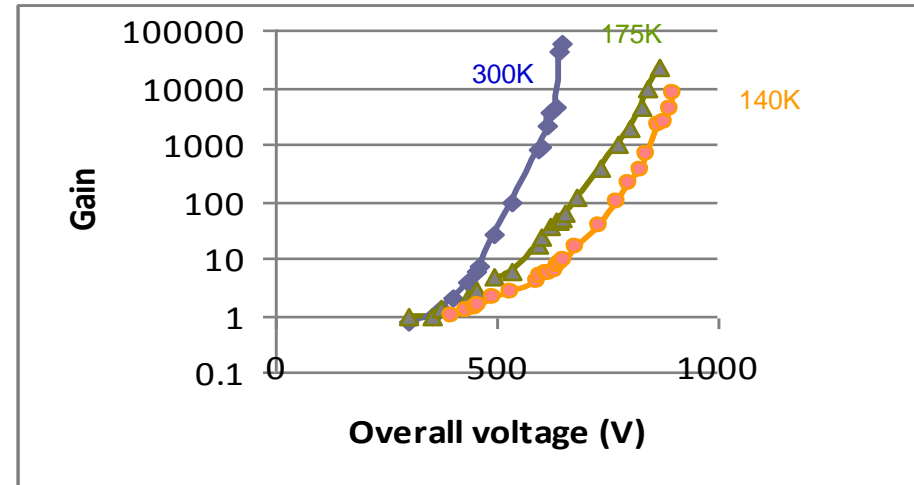
# Preliminary results

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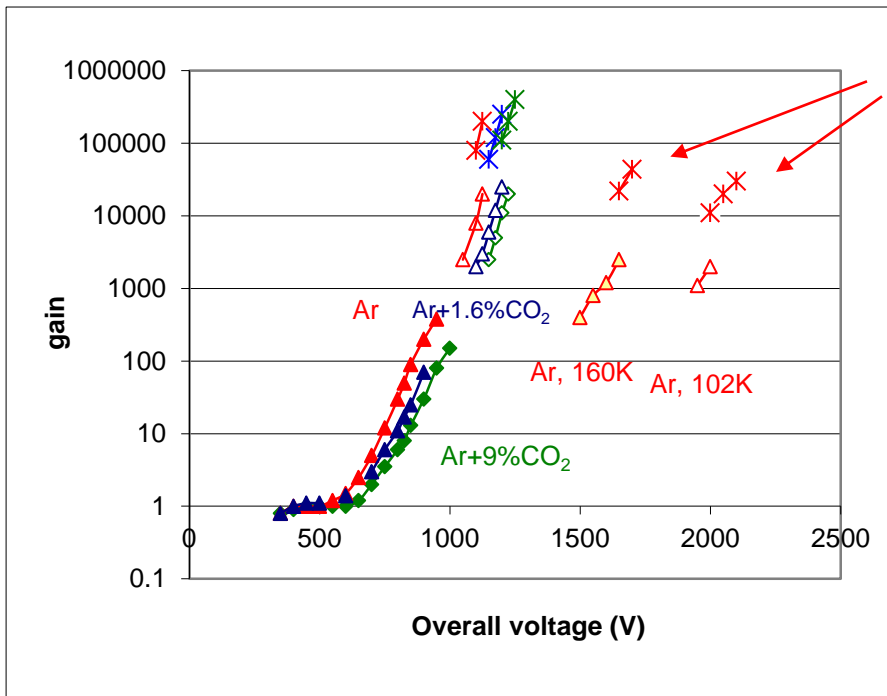


Results obtained with alpha particles and <sup>55</sup>Fe

Results obtained with UV lamp



# Measurements in Ar

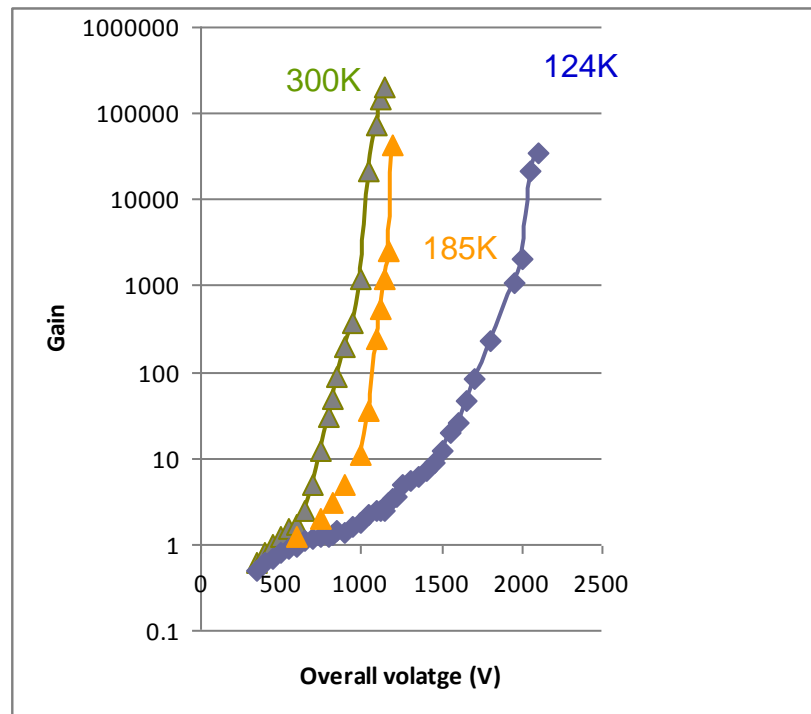


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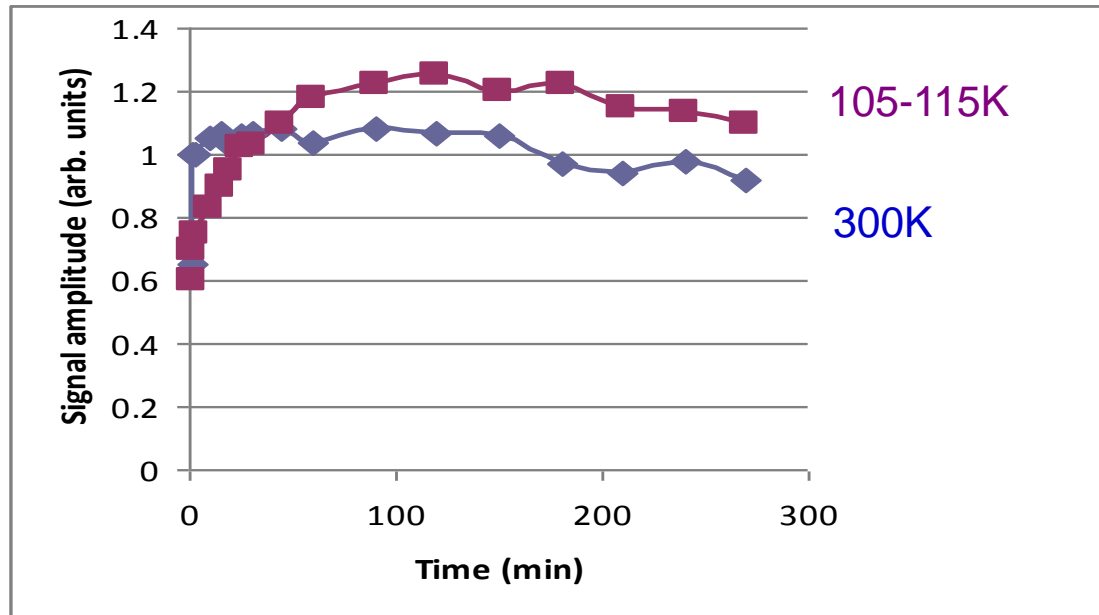
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Results obtained with UV lamp



# Stability tests (preliminary)



# Conclusions:

- Preliminary studies indicate that Microdot-microhole detector can be very promising for cryogenic dark matter detectors with CsI photocathodes or with dopands
- It offers almost 10 time higher gain than microhol-microstrip detectors
- Certainly more studies are needed to demonstrate the stability, long-term operation and vitality of this approach