

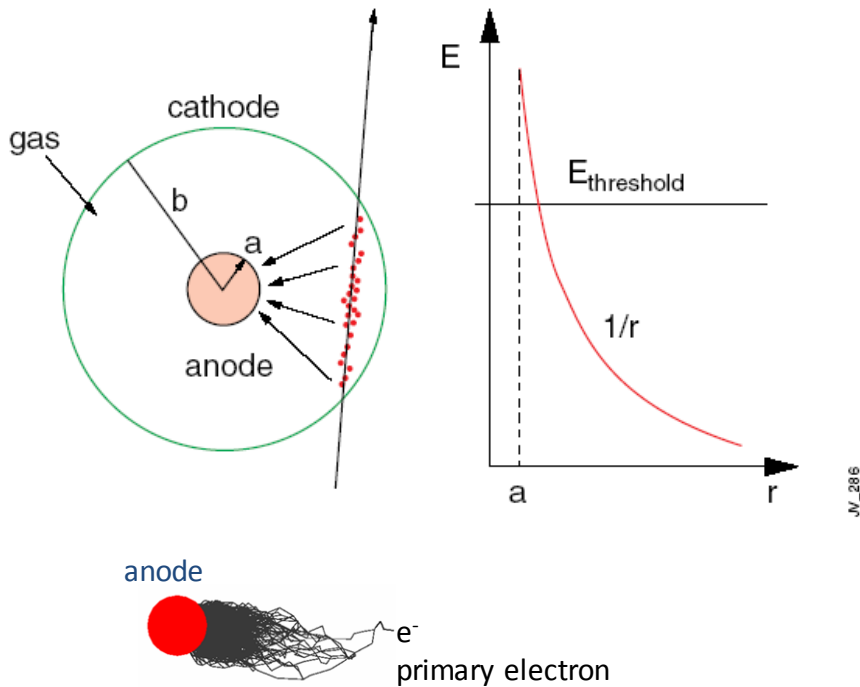
Introduction to the Micropattern Gaseous Detectors

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Field Configurations



Electrons liberated by ionization drift towards the anode wire.

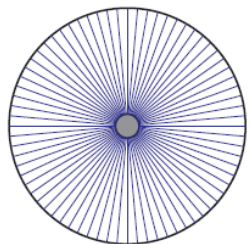
Electrical field close to the wire (typical wire $\varnothing$ ~few tens of μm) is sufficiently high for electrons (above 10 kV/cm) to gain enough energy to ionize further $\rightarrow$ **avalanche** – exponential increase of number of electron ion pairs.

$$E(r) = \frac{CV_0}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{r}$$

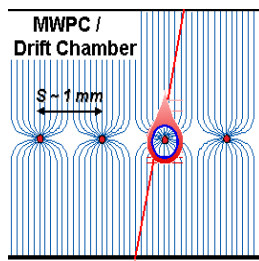
C – capacitance/unit length

$$V(r) = \frac{CV_0}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \ln \frac{r}{a}$$

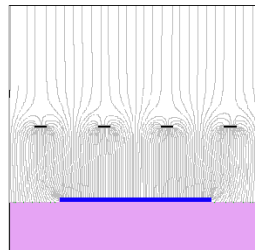
Cylindrical geometry is not the only one able to generate strong electric field:



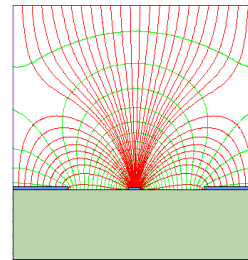
wire



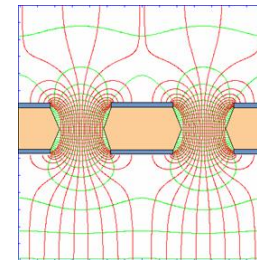
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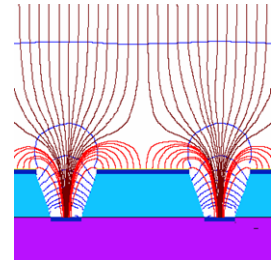
parallel plate



strip



hole

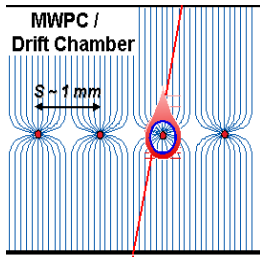
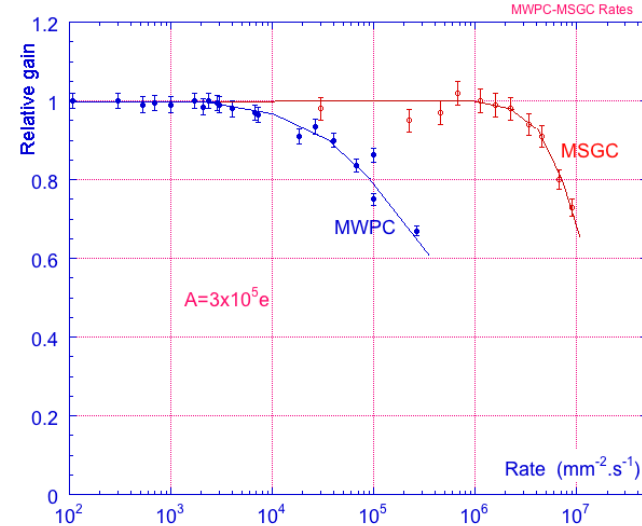


groove/well

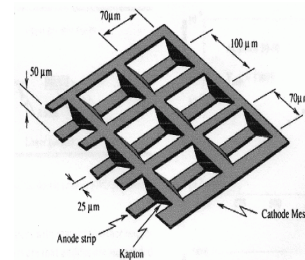
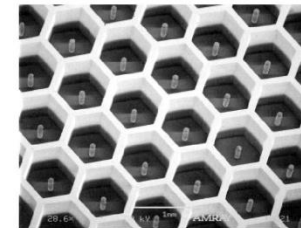
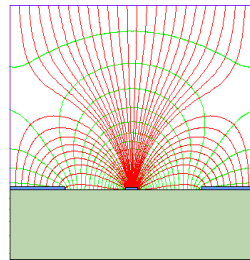
Current Trends in Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors (Technologies)

Semiconductor Industry technology:

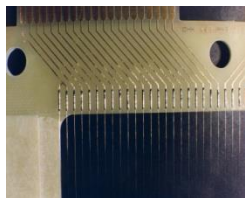
- Photolithography
- Etching
- Coating
- Doping
- Wafer postprocessing



Amplifying cell
size reduction by
factor of 10

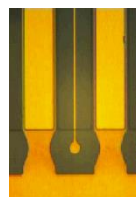


Operational instabilities:



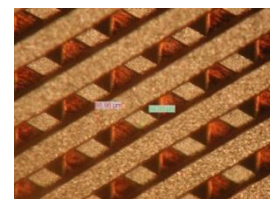
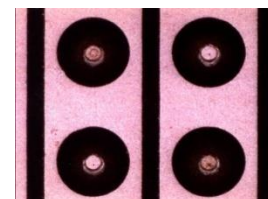
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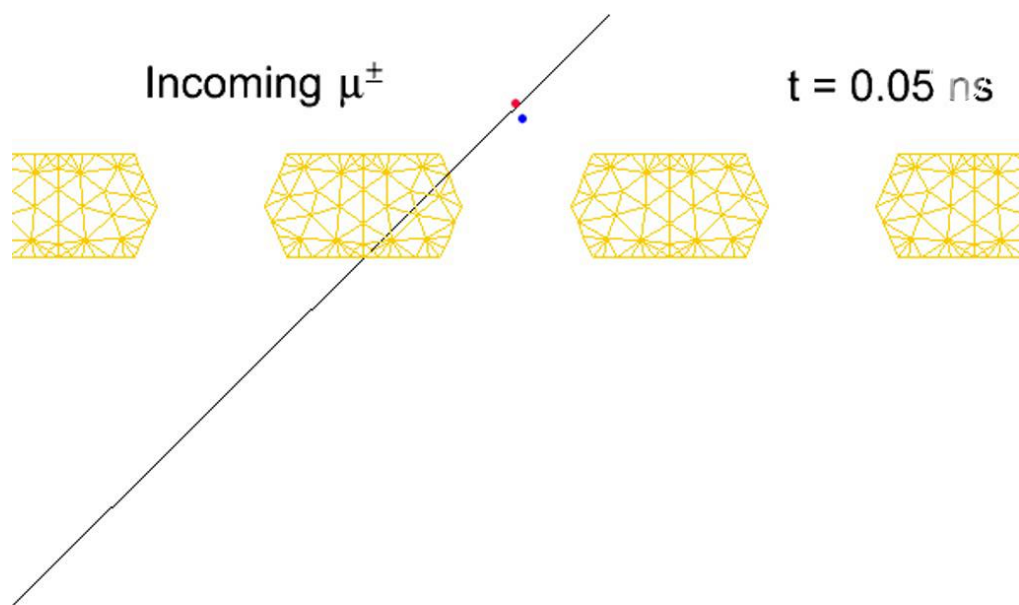
Rate Capability $> 10^6 / \text{mm}^2$
Position Resolution $\sim 40 \mu\text{m}$
2-track Resolution $\sim 400 \mu\text{m}$



MSGC

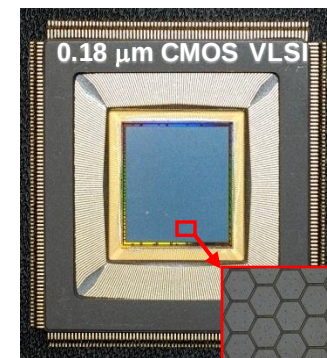
Substrate charging-up
Discharges
Polymer deposition (ageing)



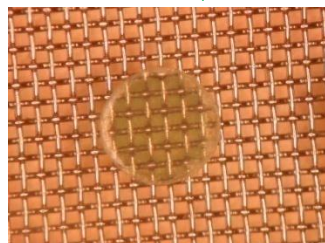
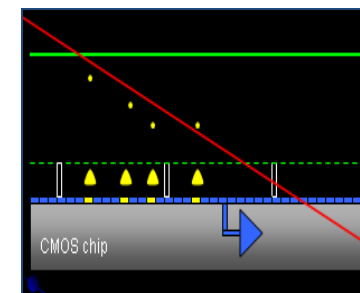
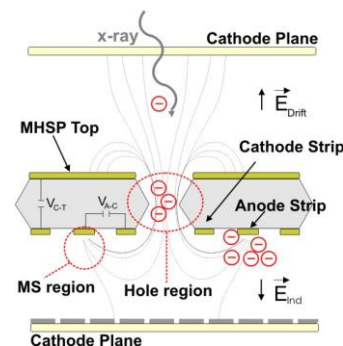
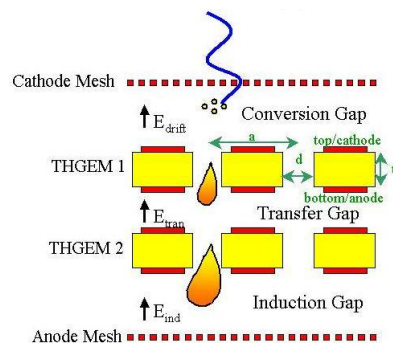
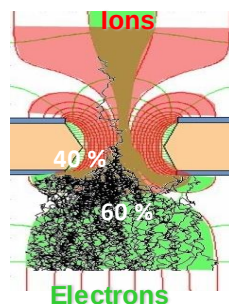
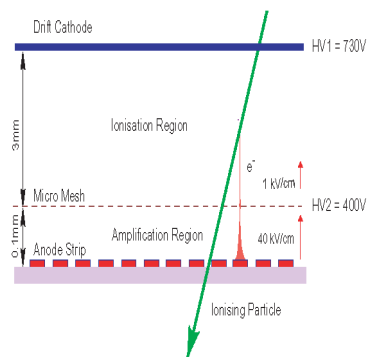


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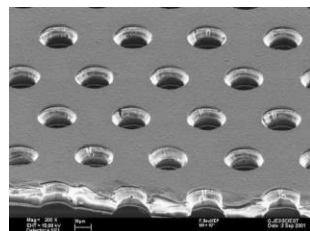
- MSGC
- Micromegas
- GEM
- Thick-GEM, Hole-Type Detectors and RETGEM
- MPDG with CMOS pixel ASICs
- Ingrid Technology



CMOS high density readout electronics



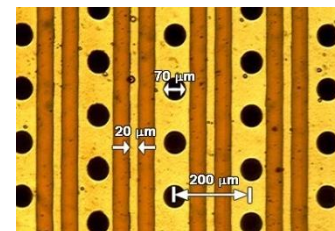
Micromegas



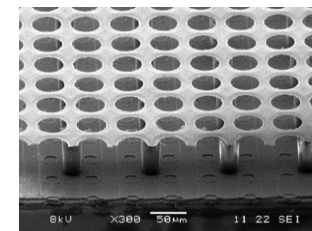
GEM



THGEM



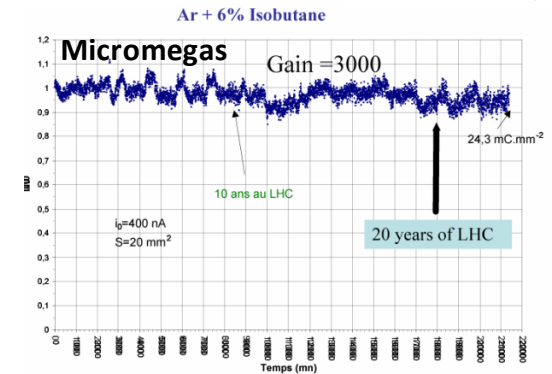
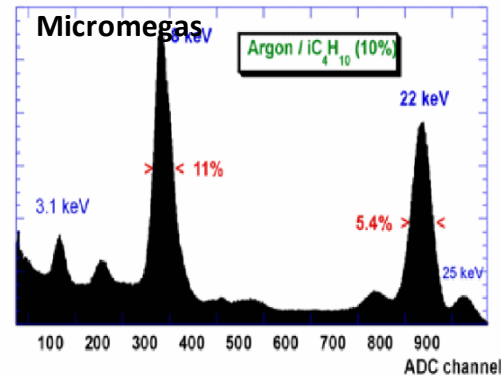
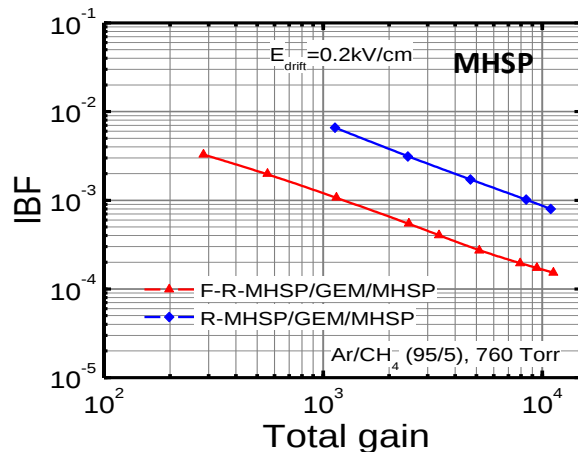
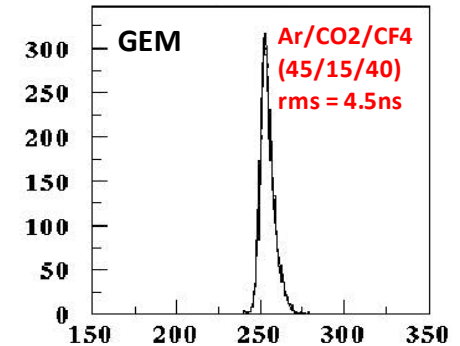
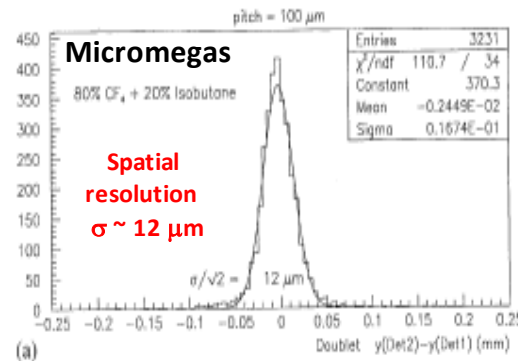
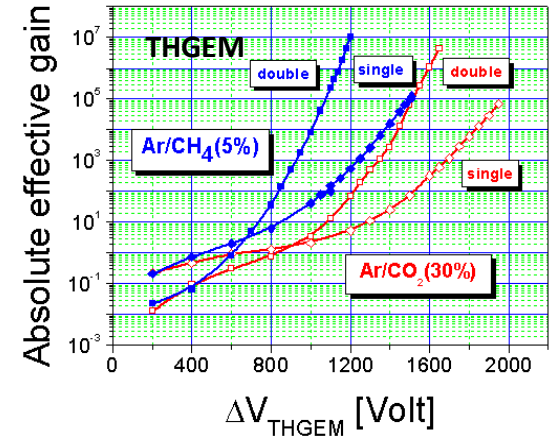
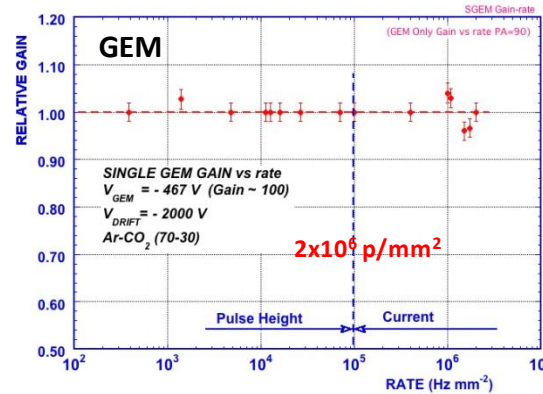
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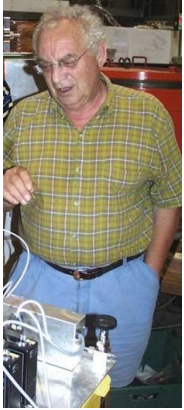
Ingrid

Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors Performance Summary

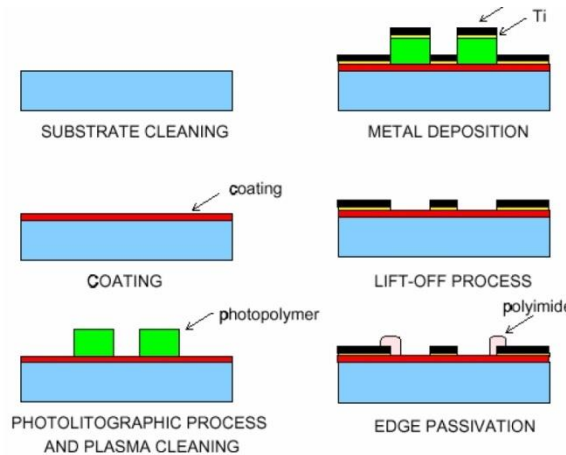
- Rate Capability
- High Gain
- Space Resolution
- Time Resolution
- Energy Resolution
- Ageing Properties
- Ion Backflow Reduction
- Photon Feedback Reduction



MSGC – MicroStrip Gas Chamber



Anton Oed

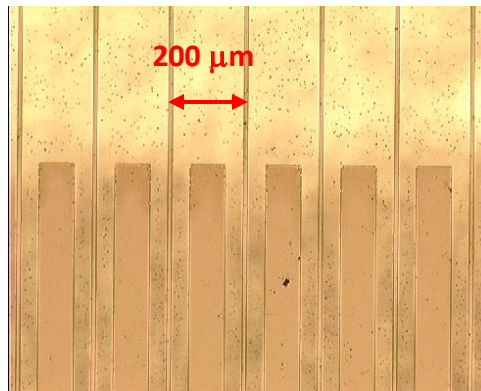
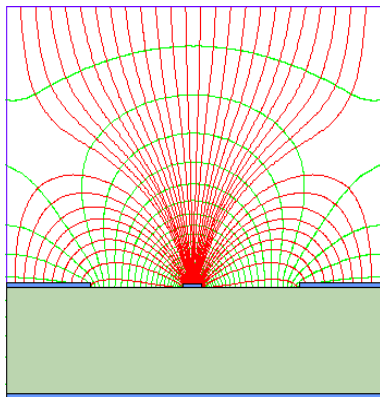


Thin metal anodes and cathodes on insulating support (glass, flexible polyimide ..)

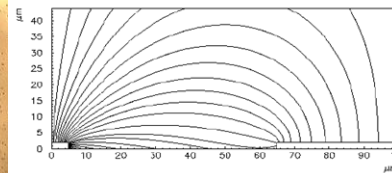
Problems:

High discharge probability under exposure to highly ionizing particles caused by the regions of very high E field on the border between conductor and insulator.

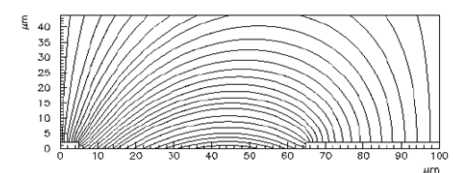
Charging up of the insulator and modification of the E field → time evolution of the gain.



insulating support



slightly conductive support



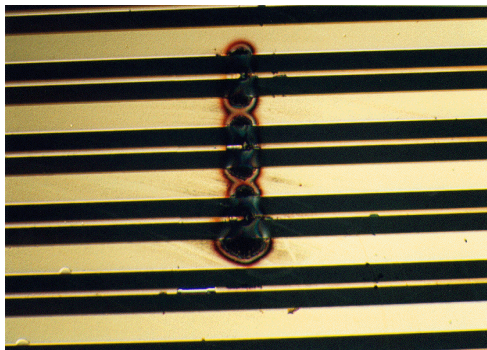
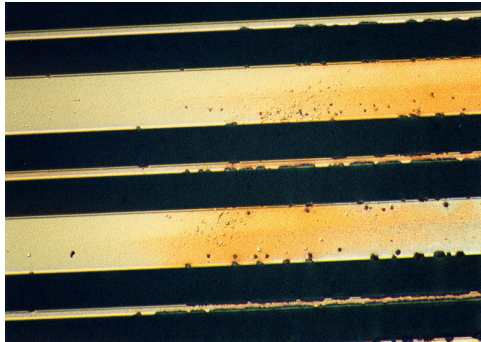
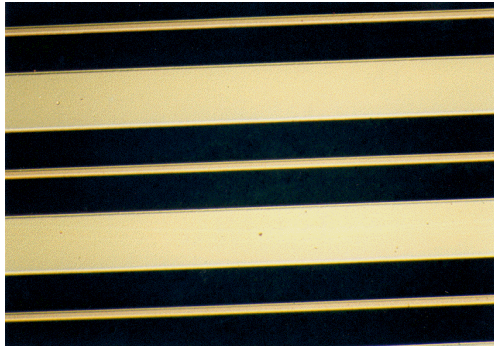
R. Bellazzini et al.

Solutions:

slightly conductive support

multistage amplification

MSGC – MicroStrip Gas Chamber



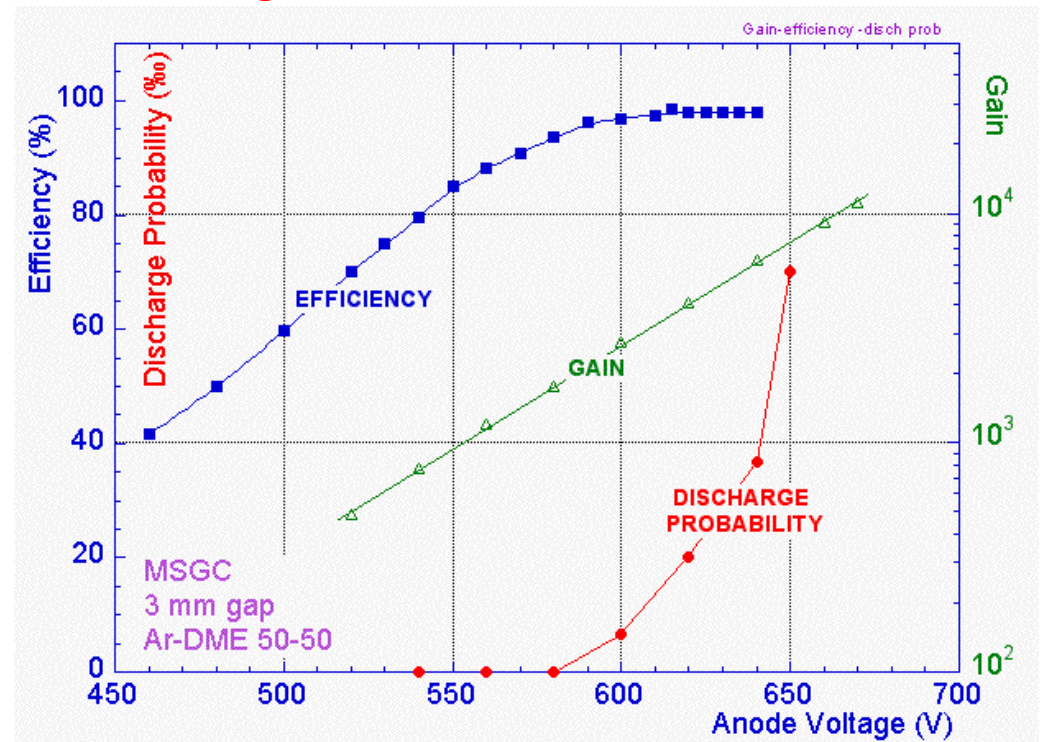
Surface charging

Bulk resistivity of the support material
Surface modification by doping or deposition

Ageing

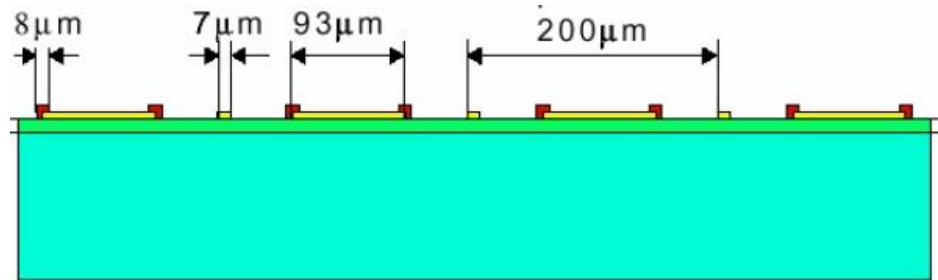
Gas, Gas system, MSGC support,
Construction material

Discharges

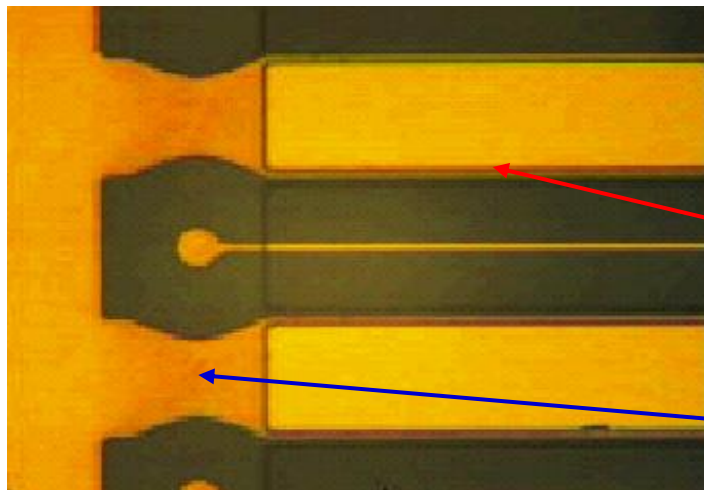


MSGC – MicroStrip Gas Chamber

Cathode edge passivation



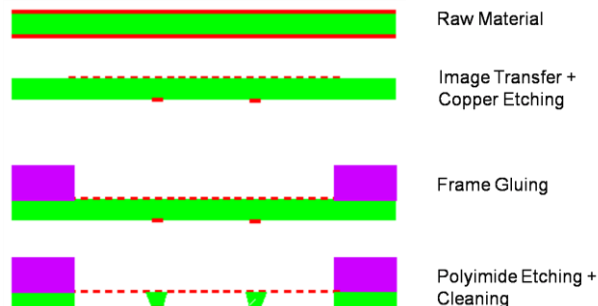
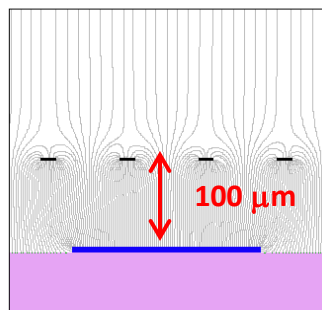
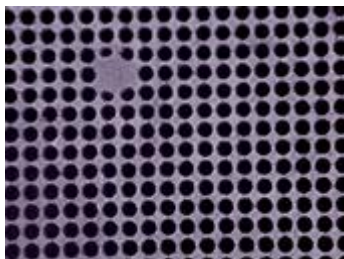
- advanced passivation: polyimide (2 μm)
- metal: gold (0.6-0.8 μm)
- undercoating: Pestov or S8900 glass (0.5-1 μm)
- substrate: Desag glass (300 μm)



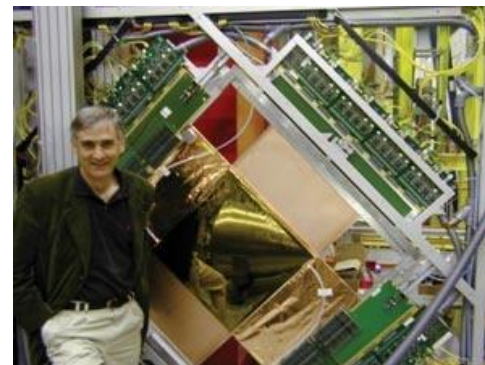
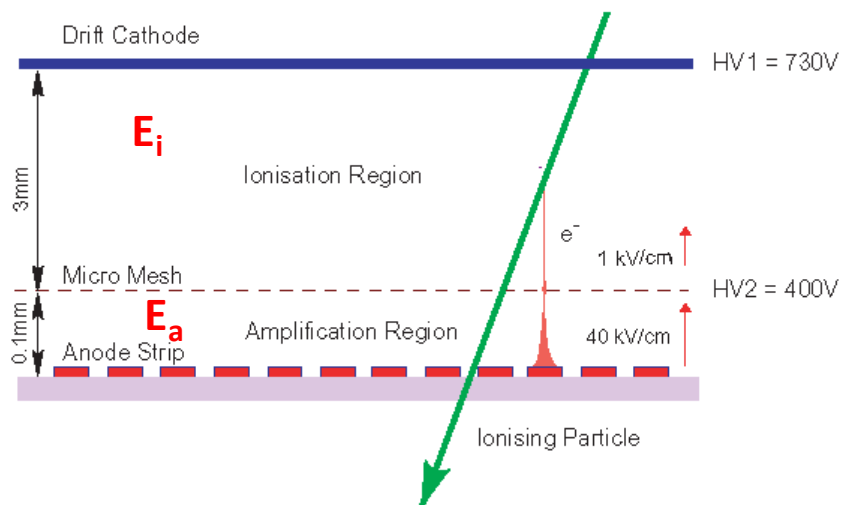
Advanced passivation

Standard passivation

Micromegas – Micromesh Gaseous Structure



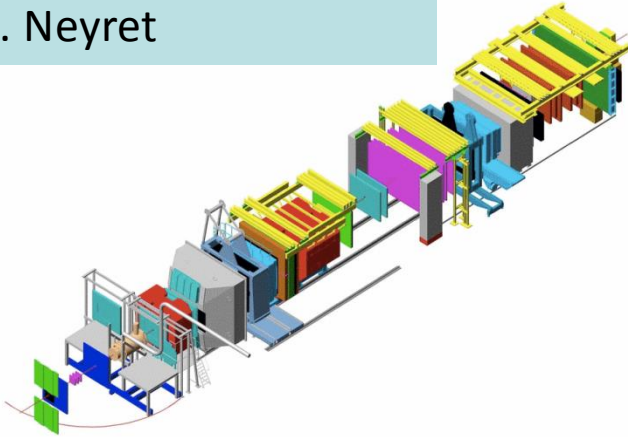
Micromesh mounted above readout structure (typically strips).
 E field similar to parallel plate detector.
 $E_a/E_i \sim 50$ to secure electron transparency and positive ion flow back suppression.



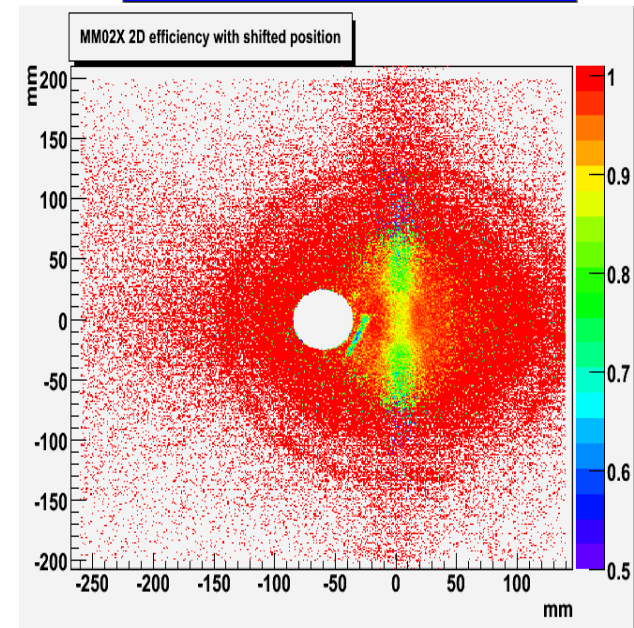
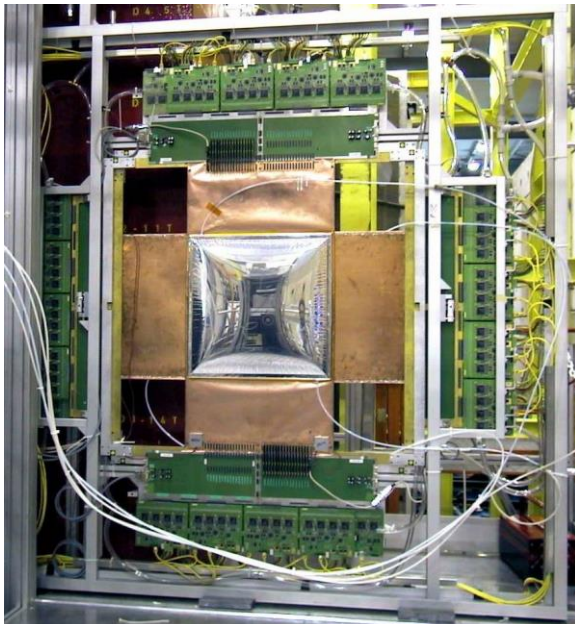
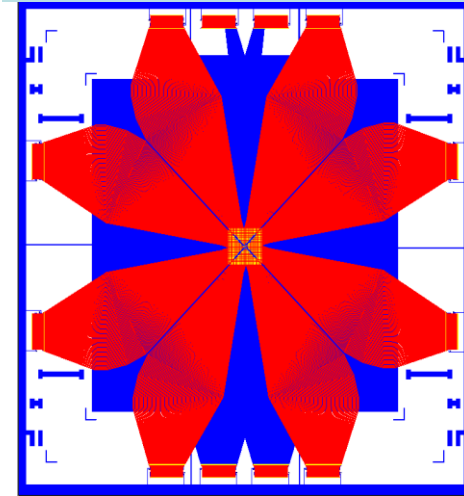
Ioannis Giomataris

Micromegas – Micromesh Gaseous Structure

COMPASS Micromegas
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Pixelized Micromegas
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Bulk MicroMegas technology

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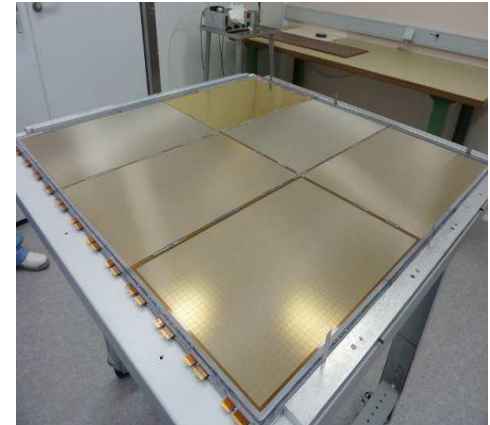
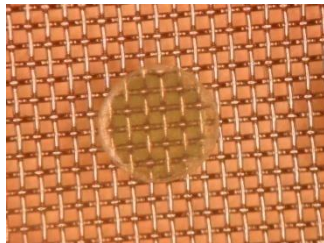
PCB

lamination

Mesh deposit

lamination

development

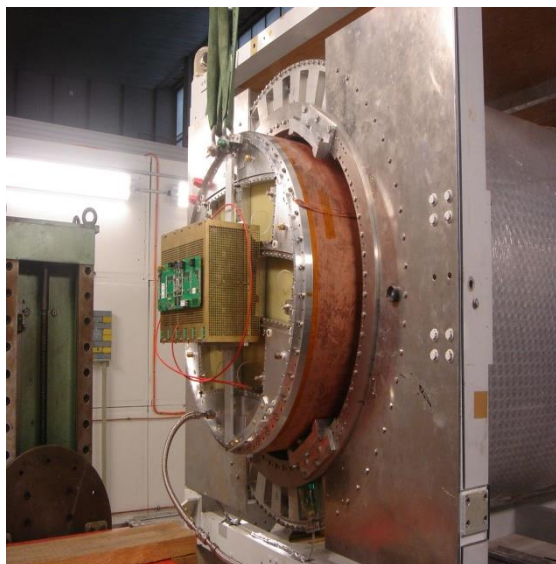


- Fine segmentation 1cm^2 , thickness **8mm** for ILC Hadronic calorimetry
- Tested in the RD51 1 kHz beam

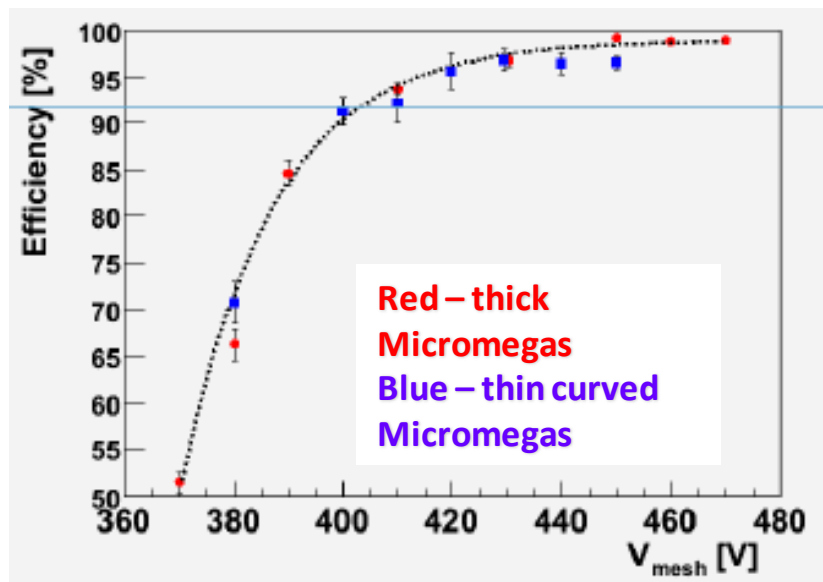
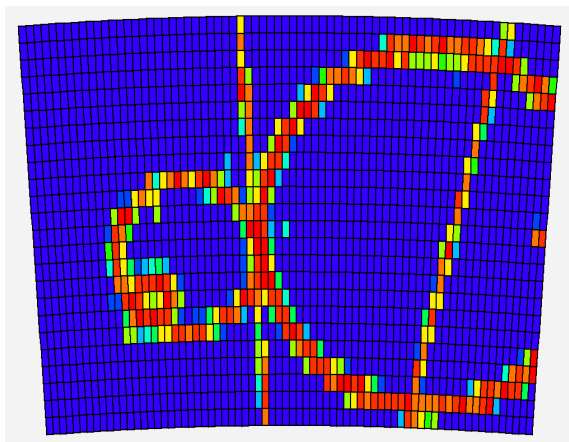
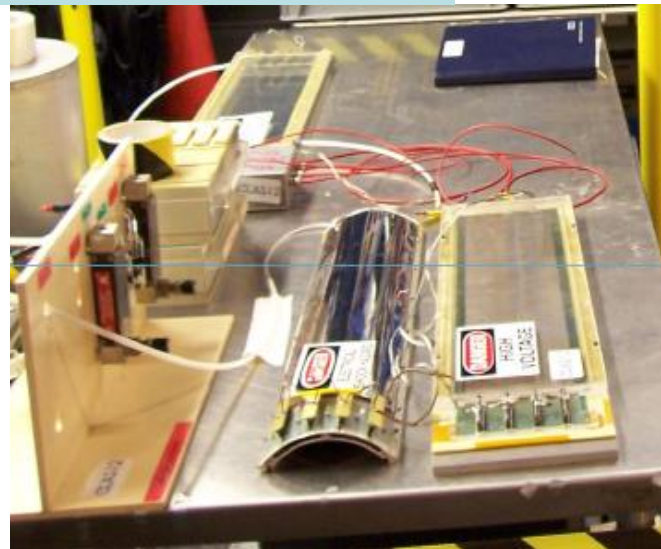
Bulk Micromegas ILC DHCAL first m^2
LAPP Annecy

Micromegas – Micromesh Gaseous Structure

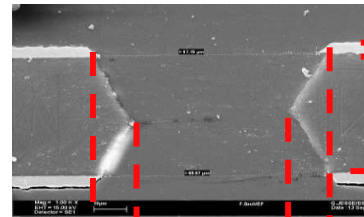
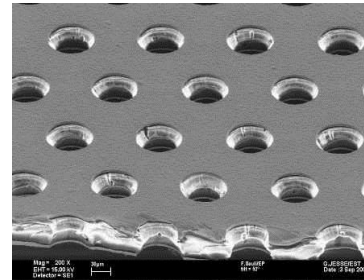
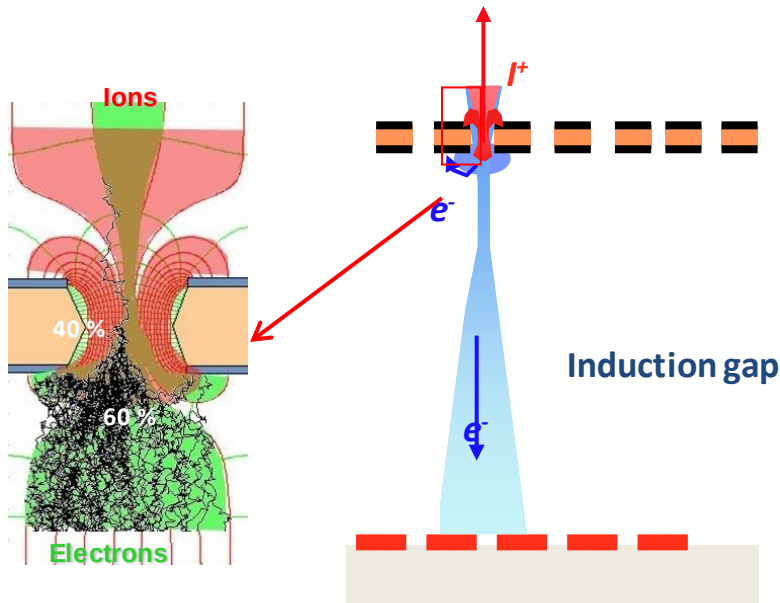
Micromegas ILC-TPC,
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Curved Micromegas CAS12,
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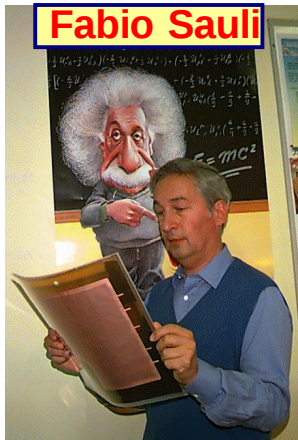
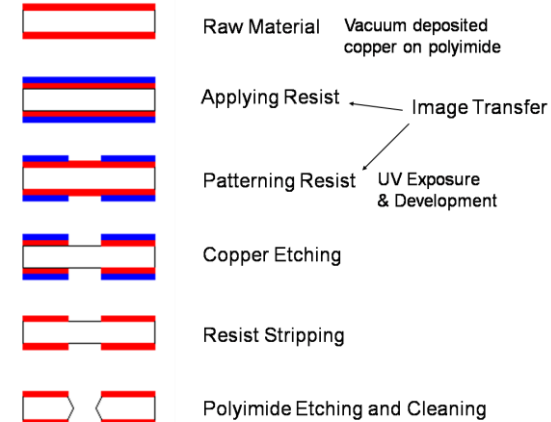
GEM – Gas Electron Multiplier



5 μm

50 μm

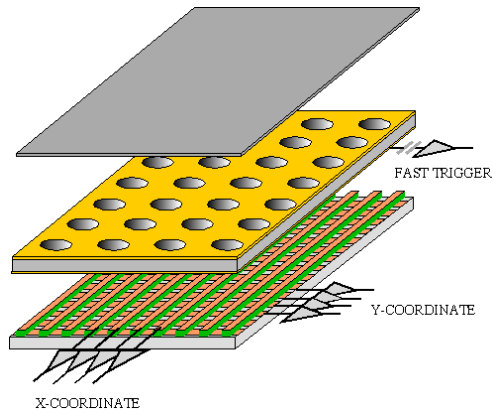
55 μm
70 μm



Thin, metal coated polyimide foil perforated with high density holes.

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 the GEM electrodes.

GEM – Gas Electron Multiplier

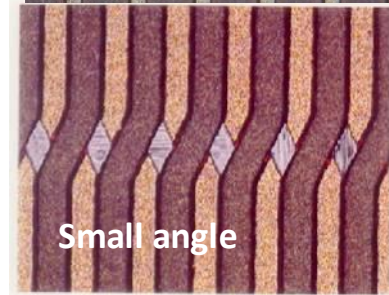


Full decoupling of the charge amplification structure from the charge collection and readout structure.

Both structures can be optimized independently !



Cartesian
Compass, LHCb



Small angle

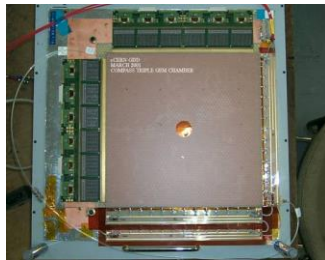


Hexaboard, pads
MICE



Mixed
Totem

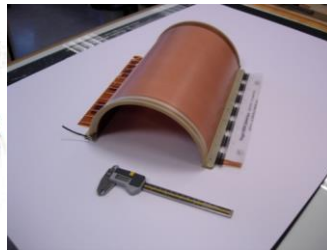
A. Bressan et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A425(1999)254



Compass



Totem

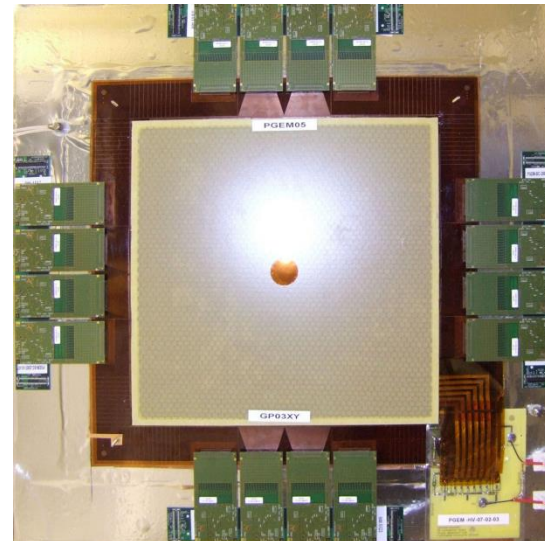
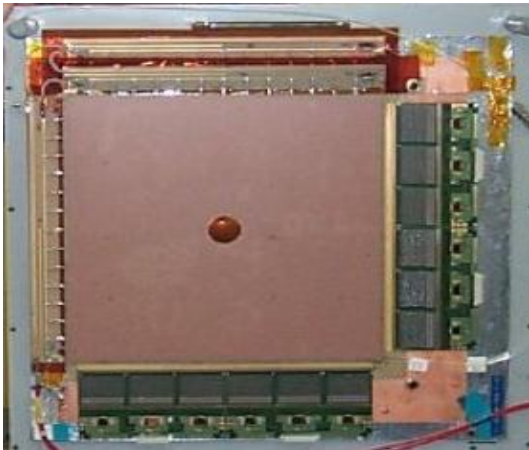
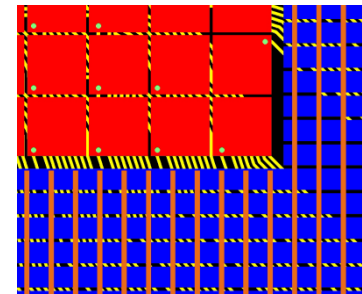
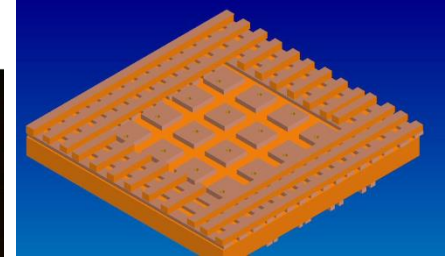
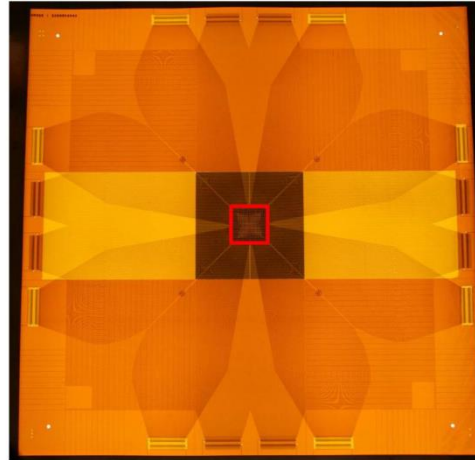
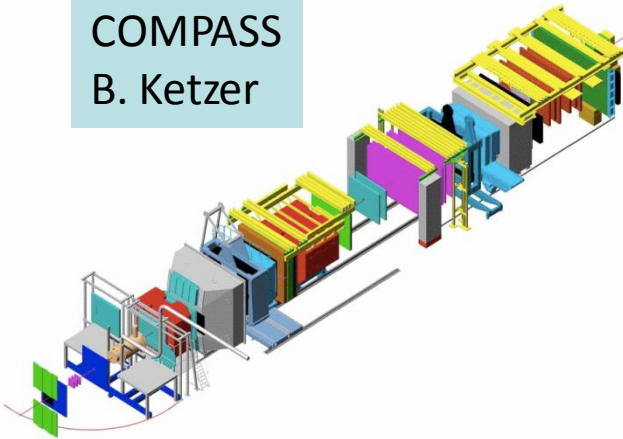


Most of the detectors use three GEM foils in cascade for amplification to reduce discharge probability by reducing field strength.

GEM – Gas Electron Multiplier

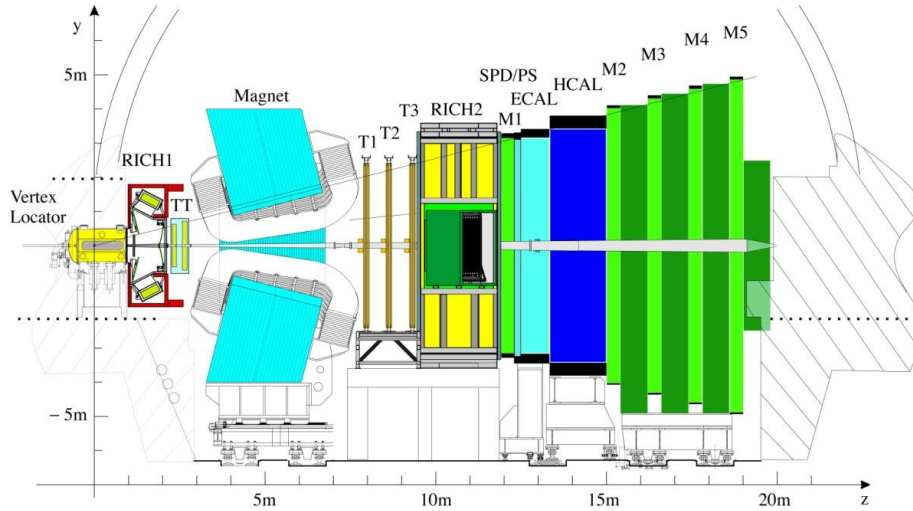
Pixel GEM
B. Ketzer

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LHCb Muon Trigger

Fast TripleGEM Detectors for LHCb Muon Trigger



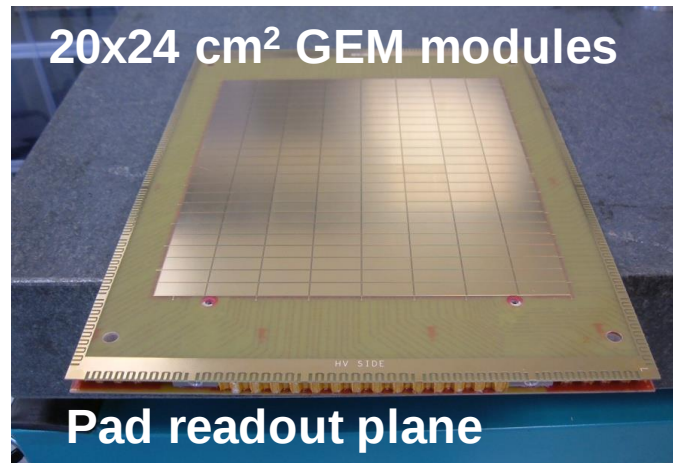
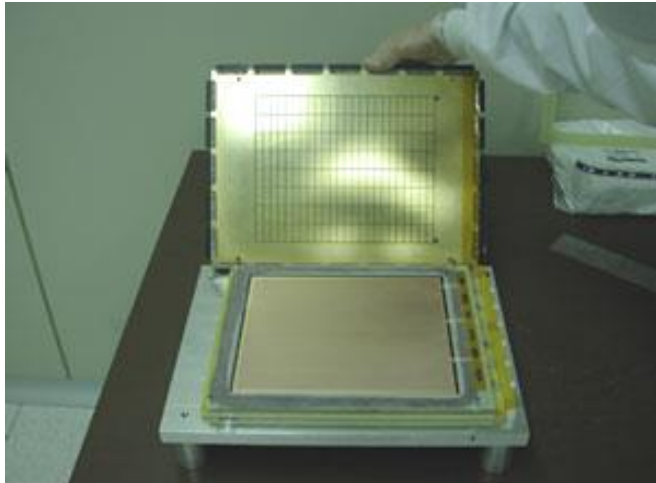
12 double TGEM detectors operated with fast gas mixture ($\text{Ar-CO}_2\text{-CF}_4$)

Rate - 5 kHz mm^{-2}

Time resolution 4.5 ns rms

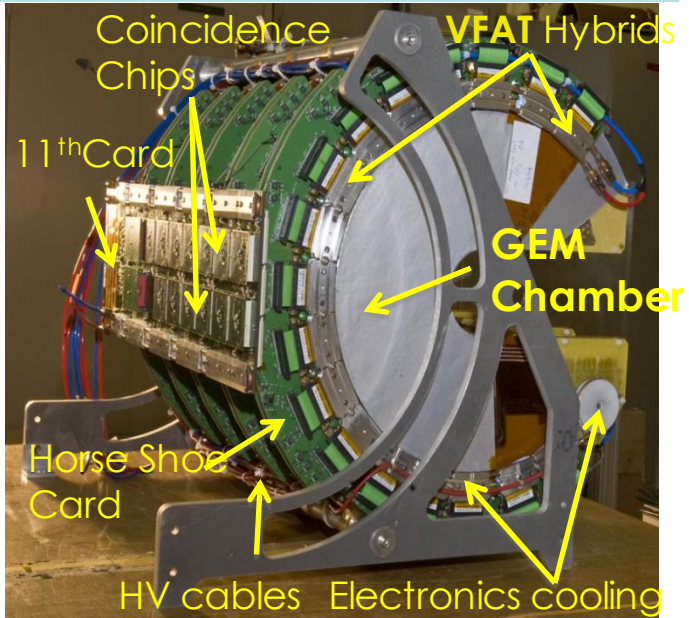
Radiation hard up to integrated charge of 20 mC mm^{-2} (15 LHCb years)

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GEM – Gas Electron Multiplier

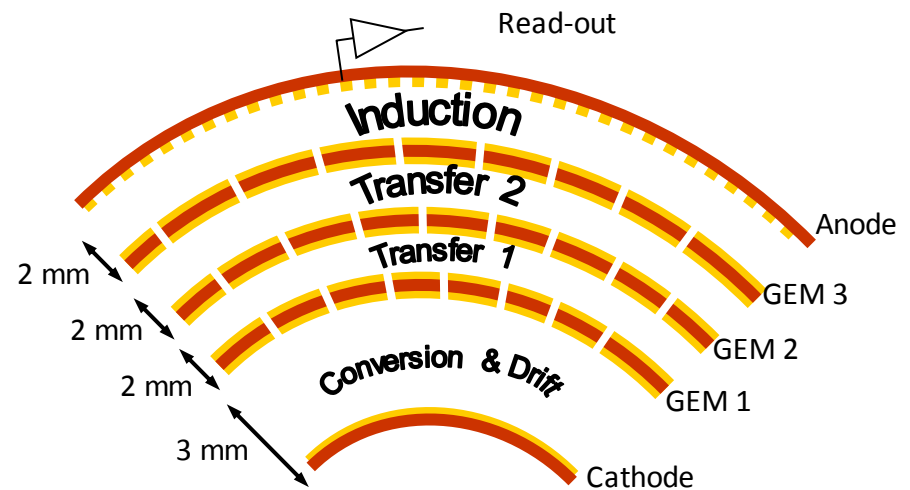
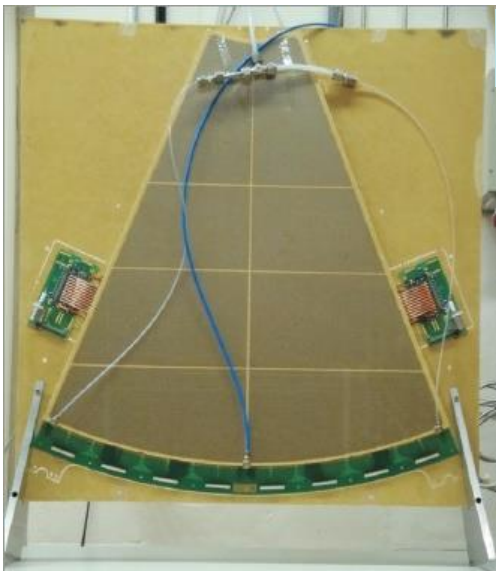
TOTEM GEMs, T. Hilden, V. Greco



KLOE2 - Cylindrical Triple GEM
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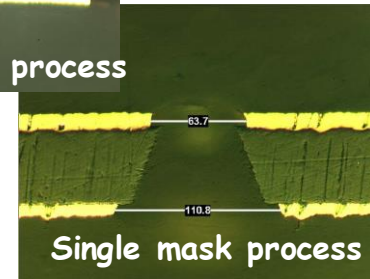
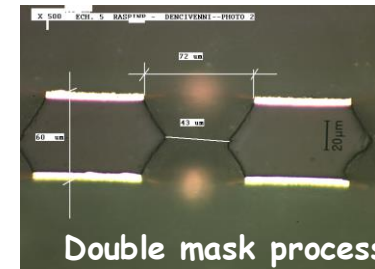
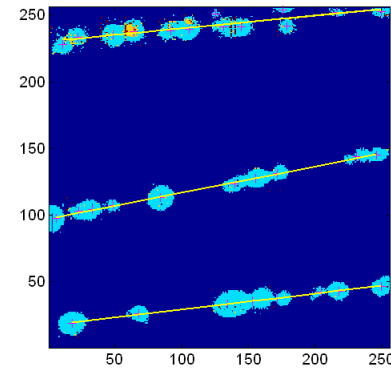
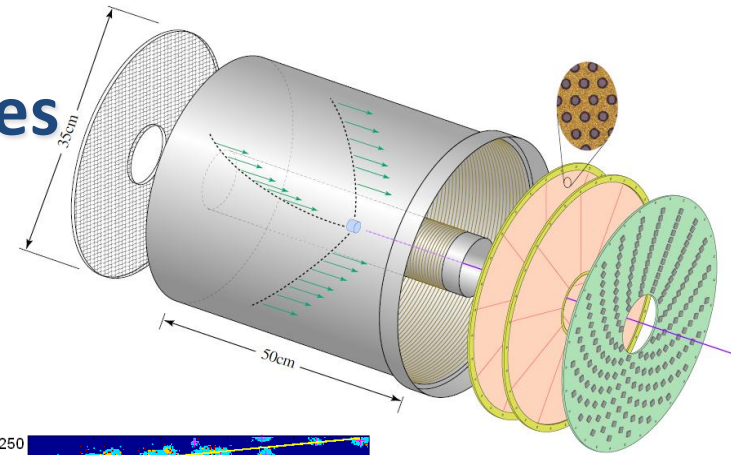
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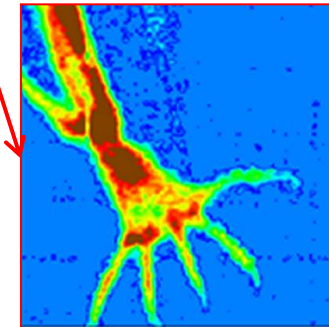
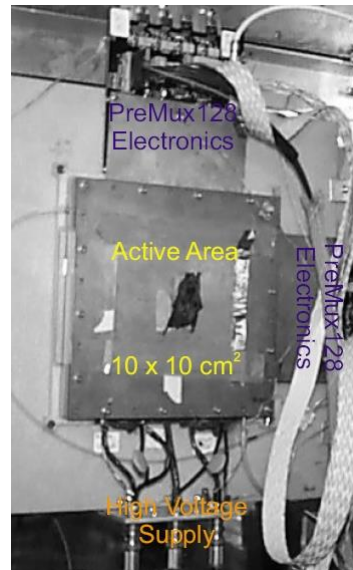
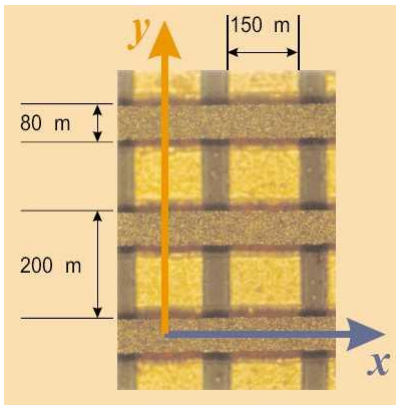
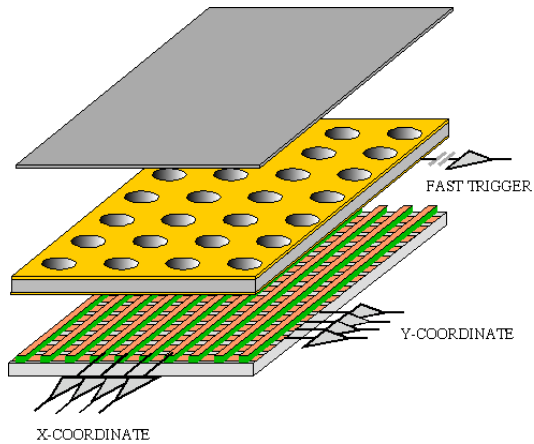
Field of Applications and Perspectives

- Large size detectors for tracking and triggering in HEP
- TPC end cap readout
- UV light detection
- Hadron blind detectors
- Cryogenic detectors
- Two-phase detectors
- High resolution detectors integrated with pixel CMOS chips
- Non planar large acceptance detectors
- Parallax error free detector
- Neutron detection
- X-ray radiography
- Optical GEM detectors

- Light detectors – mass reduction
- Clean material components for sealed and light detectors
- New readout structures adopted to experimental needs
- Radiation hardness of assembly materials
- Industrialization of the mass production

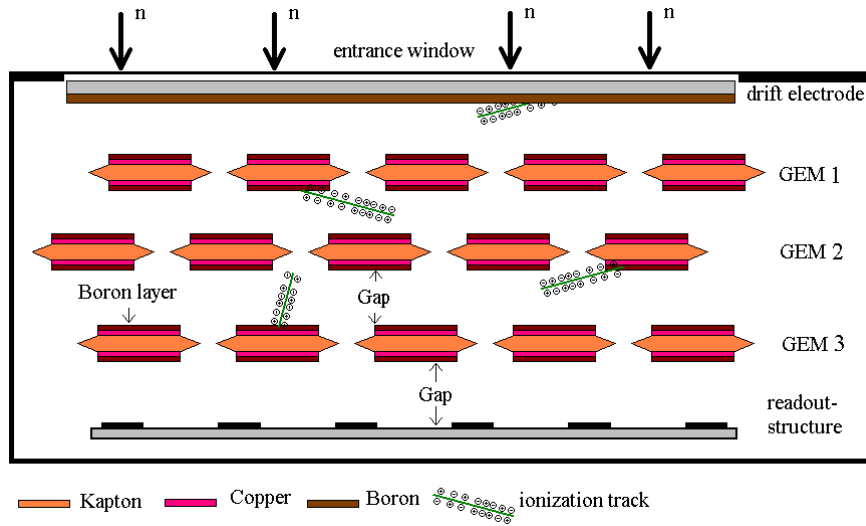


Absorption radiography with GEM (8 keV X-rays)

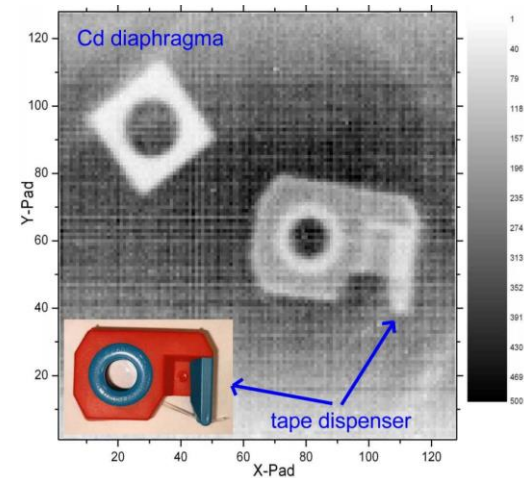
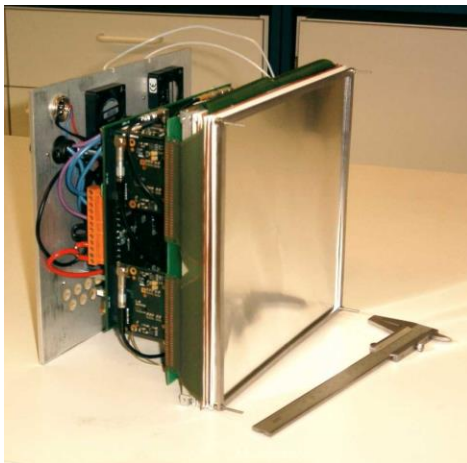


Trigger from the bottom electrode of GEM.

High-Rates Detector for Neutron Applications



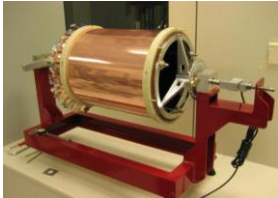
CASCADE Heidelberg



<http://www.physi.uni-heidelberg.de/physi/cascade/index.html>

RD51 Collaboration

Large area (MM, GEM, THGEM)
Design optimization
(e.g. THGEM, Resistive MM)

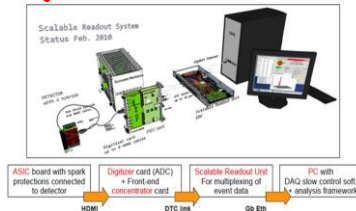


WG1:



WG5:

**MPGD SRS
Electronics**

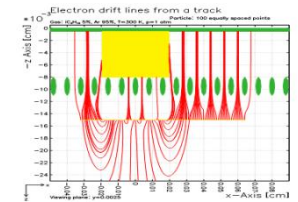


WG7:

RD51 Common Test Beam Facility



WG2:



“RD51 Common Projects” (Generic R&D)

WG4:

Software and Simulation

WG6:



CERN MPGD Workshop & Industrialization

WP5/RD51 Common Projects Highlights

- consolidation of the Collaboration and MPGD community integration (80 Institutes, 450 members)
- considerable progress in MPGD technologies in particular large area GEM, THGEM, Micromegas; some picked up by experiments (including LHC upgrades)
- secured future of the MPGD technologies development through the TE MPE workshop upgrade and FP7 AIDA contribution (upgrade in progress)
- improved MPGD simulation software framework allowing first applications
- infrastructure for common RD51 test beam and lab facilities (~20 user groups)
- development of common, scalable electronics (~20 development and user groups) (industrialization and availability through CERN store)
- contacts with industry for large volume production, first runs

RD51 Future – beyond 2013

- Continuation of the R&D support for the experiments and LHC upgrades (QC)
- **MPGD Industrialization - GEM, MicroMegas, Thick GEM**
- Generic R&D (new structures, ideas, detector physics) – RD51 Common Projects
- Development and Maintenance of the SRS Electronics
- Maintenance and extension of the RD51 Lab and Test-Beam Infrastructure
- Development and Maintenance of Software & Simulation Tools; basic studies & software support for the RD51 community
- **Applications: organization (HEPTEC) of series of specialized workshops disseminating MPGD applications beyond fundamental physics – RD51, potential users and industry (e.g. dosimetry, neutron detection, medical physics, ...)**
- **MPGD Education and Training : organization of schools for students and newcomers & academic training outside CERN, covering specific areas of the RD51/MPGD activities**