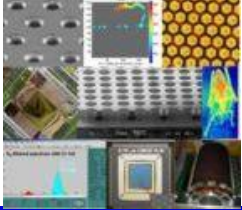


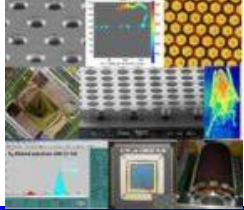
MPGDs developments & MPGD2013

S. Dalla Torre

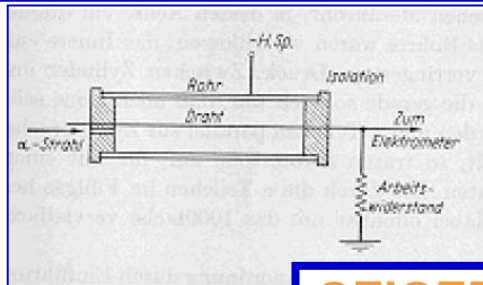


INTRODUCTION

GAS DETECTORS & FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH

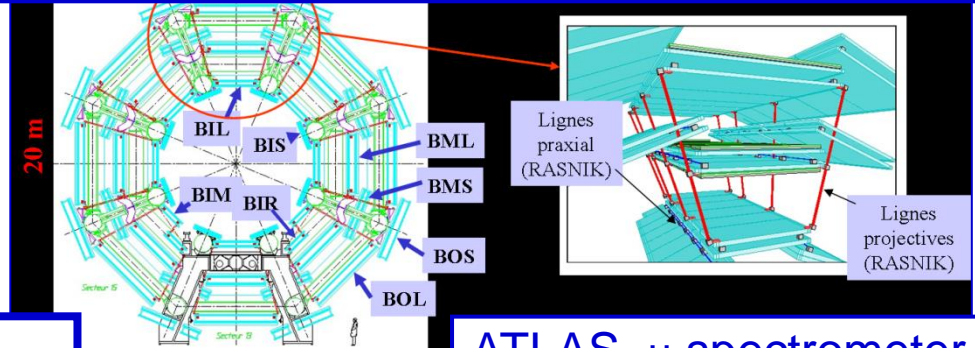


Still today the only way to equip large volumes at a reasonable cost, with good space resolution and limited material budget



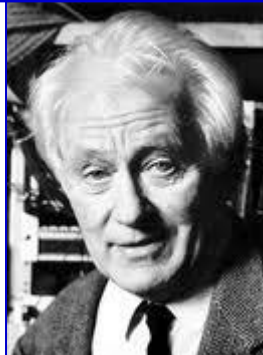
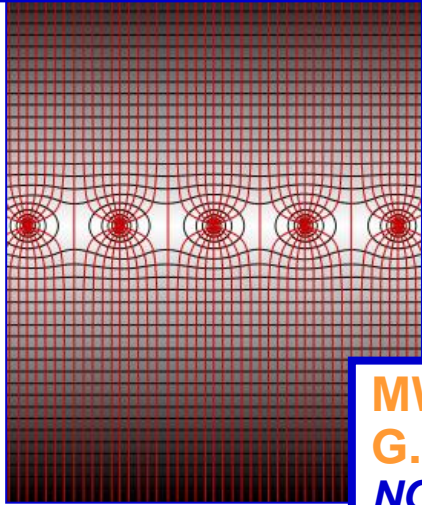
GEIGER counter
Rutherford, Geiger 1908

the only approach to achieve good space resolution before introducing the Si trackers

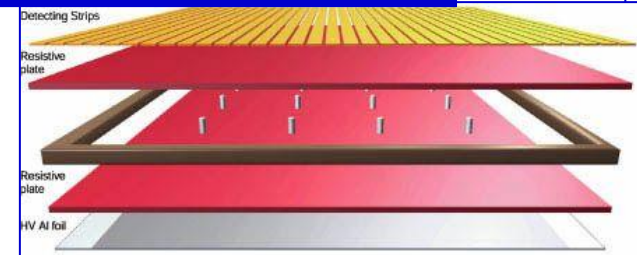


ATLAS, μ spectrometer

Time resolution record in extended counters
RPC: $\sigma_t \leq 1$ ns
trigger in ALICE, ATLAS, CMS



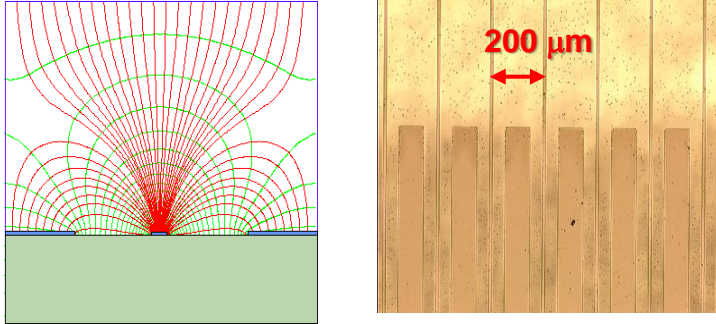
MWPC,
G. Charpak, 1968
NOBEL prize in 1992



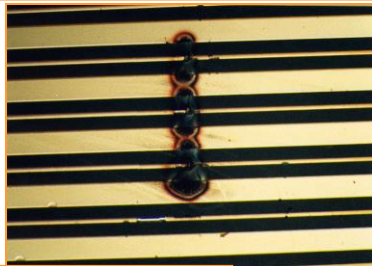
MPGDs: THE EARLY DAYS

MSGC - MicroStrip Gas Chamber

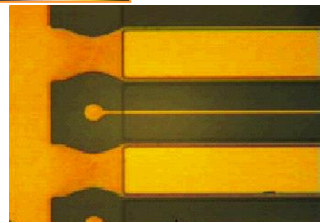
A. Oed, NIMA 263(1988) 351



- High E-values at the edge between insulator and strips → damages
- Charge accumulation at the insulator → gain evolution vs time

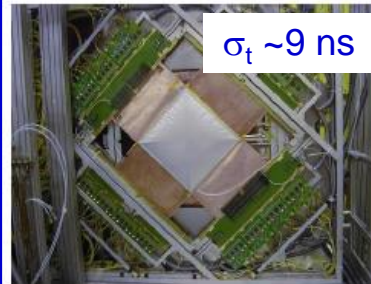


Later (~ 1999-2000):
Passivation of the
cathode edges
→ MSGD
operational!



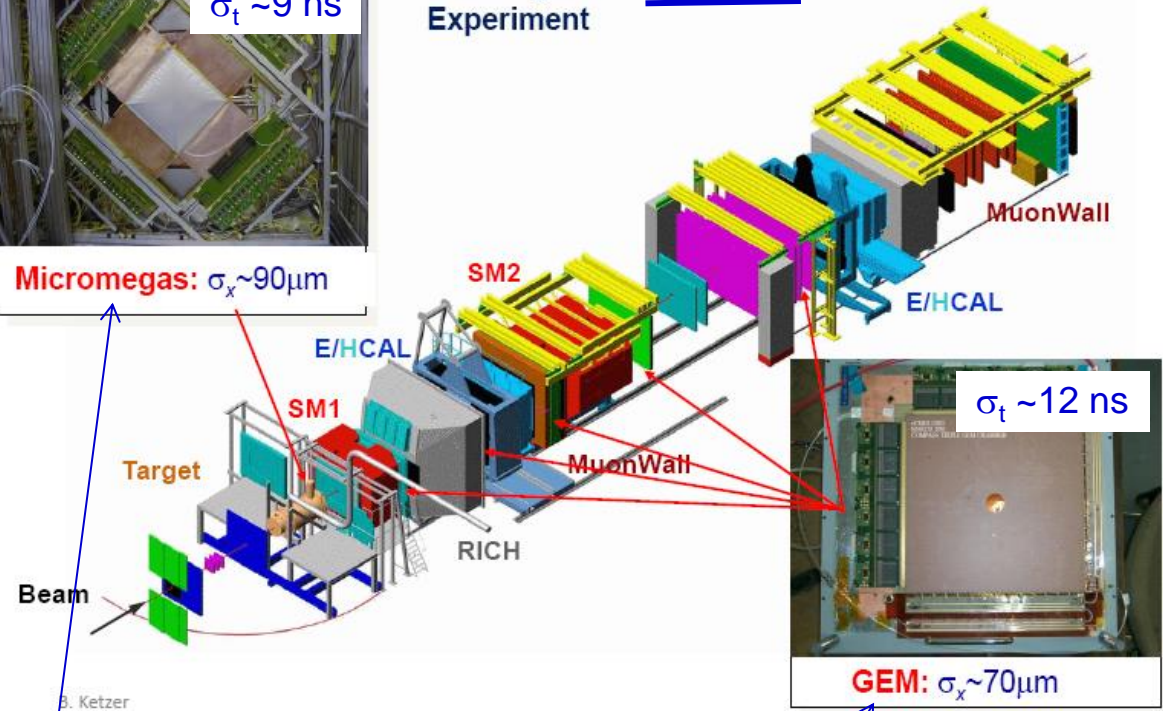
slide by W. Riegler, CERN Academic Training, April 2008

First Large Scale Use of GEMs and MICROMEAGAs



Micromegas: $\sigma_x \sim 90 \mu\text{m}$

Tracking in the COMPASS
Experiment



GEM: $\sigma_x \sim 70 \mu\text{m}$

MICROMEAGAS (MM) :
Y. Giomataris et al,
NIMA A376 (1996) 29

GEM:
F.Sauli, NIMA A386 (1997) 531

MPGDs: THE EARLY DAYS

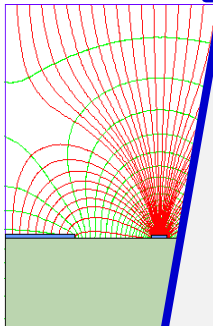
MSGC - MicroStrip Gas Chamber

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First Large Scale Use of GEMs and MICROMEAS

ALREADY SOME LESSONS:

1. Why MPGDs?
 - High rates (granularity & occupancy, signal formation time)
 - Fine space resolution
 - Moving towards high luminosity / high precision experiments, i.e. towards the future



- High E insulat
- Charg insulat

Tracking in the COMPASS experiment

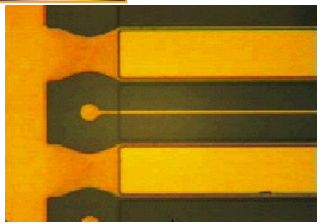


2 ns

um

2. Technological maturity and accurate engineering
FUNDAMENTAL for successful MPGDs

Later (~ 1999-2000):
Passivation of the cathode edges
→ MSGD operational!

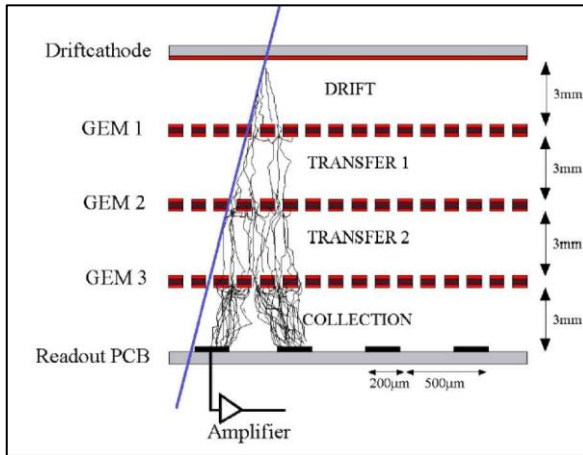


MICROMEAS:
Y. Giomataris et al,
NIMA A376 (1996) 29

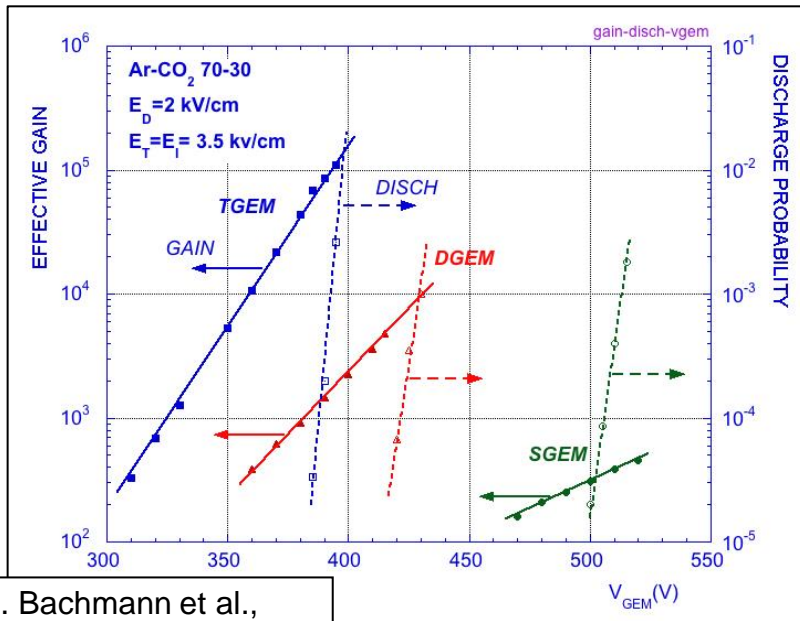
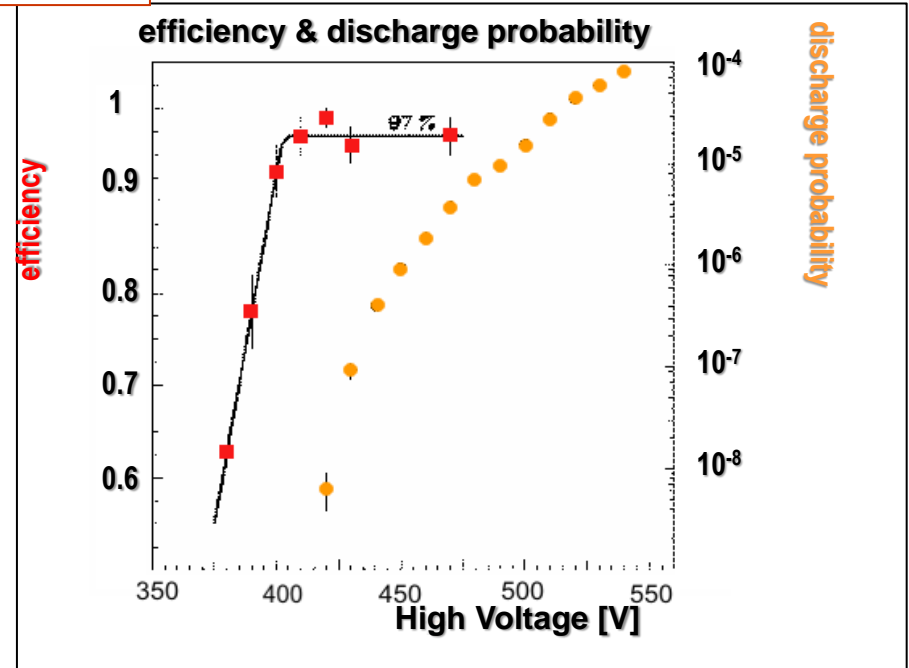
GEM:
F.Sauli, NIMA A386 (1997) 531

THE ENEMY: THE DISCHARGE RATE

GEM

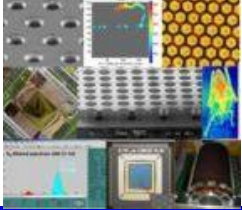


MM



- ### Discharges:
- Detector damages
 - F-E damages
 - Dead-time

S. Bachmann et al.,
NIMA A479(2002) 294



MPGD: THE PROGRESS

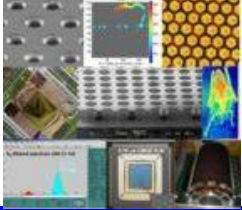
from early days towards the present and the *future*,

4 main directions:

- **Novel architectures**
- **Consolidation of the establish architectures**
- **Wide application portfolio**
- **Tools**

A large variety of ideas, activities and approaches: the matter can be cover only by examples, but the richness of the global picture is due to the whole activity →

All what I will not be able to mention is as relevant as the mentioned examples !



NOVEL ARCHITECTURES

NOVEL ARCHITECTURES BY IMAGES

(1) GEM-derived

Towards gas PMTs by

- Extremely reduced ($\sim 10^{-4}$) IBF to PC
- Non outgassing materials

MHSP & **COBRA**

The MHSP diagram shows an x-ray entering a Cathode Plane, passing through an MHSP Top layer, a Cathode Strip, and an Anode Strip, reaching an MS region and a Hole region. Electric fields E_{Drift} and E_{ind} are indicated. Micrographs show the physical structures with dimensions: 70 μm , 20 μm , and 200 μm .

The COBRA micrograph shows a grid of holes with dimensions: 240 μm , 35 μm , 60 μm , and 30 μm .

Glass GEM

A micrograph showing a dense array of small circular holes in a glass substrate.

Limit the discharge damages

Re-GEM: electrodes by resistive kapton

A different technology

- PCB industry
- Robust
- Self-supporting plates

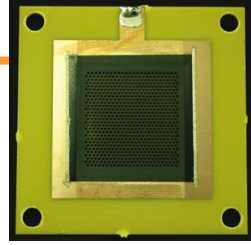
THGEM

RTGEM

Resistive coating, Metallic strips, Cs layer, G-10 plate, Holes, Avalanche

Thick COBRA

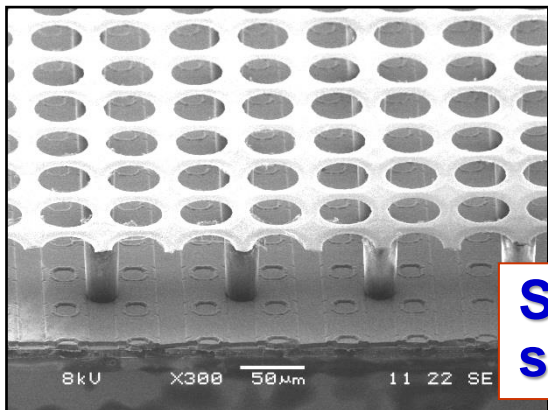
a) Top Strips, Resistive Line, 1 mm
b) Anode Strips, Resistive Line, Cathode strips, 1 mm



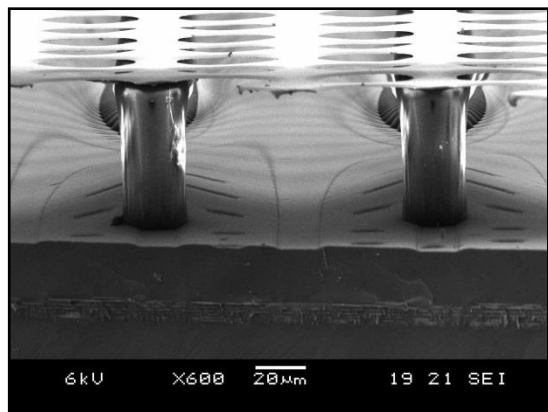
NOVEL ARCHITECTURES BY IMAGES

(2) MM-derived

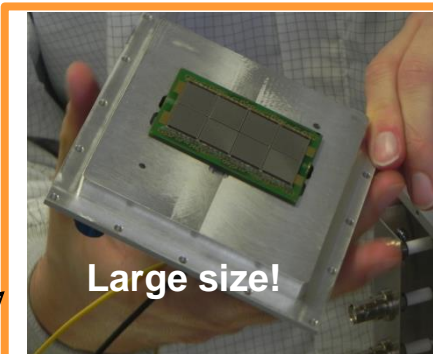
Timepix chip + SiProt + Ingrid



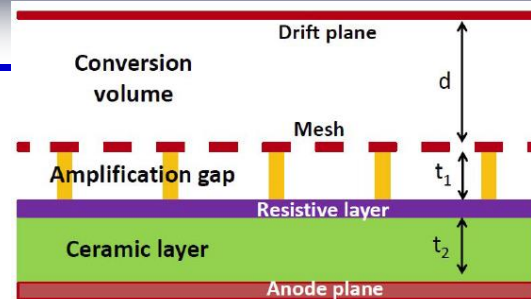
Single electron sensitive



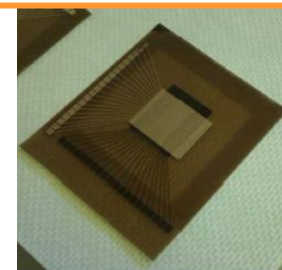
GRIDPIX



Large size!

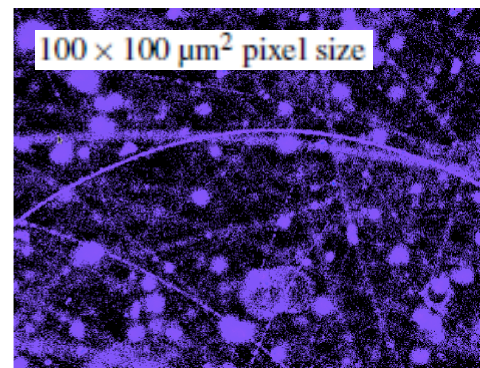
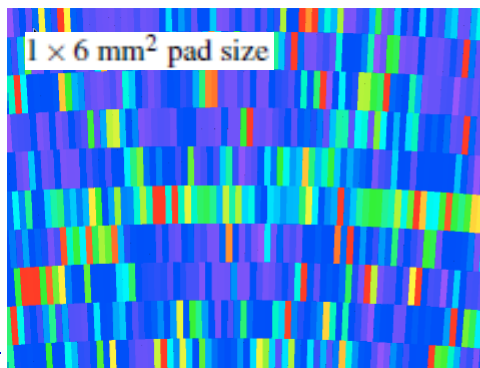


Piggy Back: read-out separated from the active volume



Microbulk:
Low material budget,
radioactive pure

Simulations for CLIC, M. Killenberg, LCD-Note-2013-005



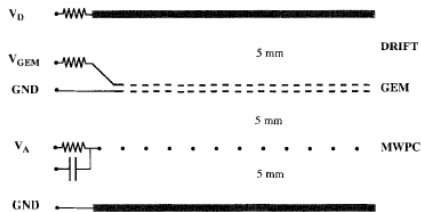
NOVEL ARCHITECTURES BY IMAGES

(3) hybrids

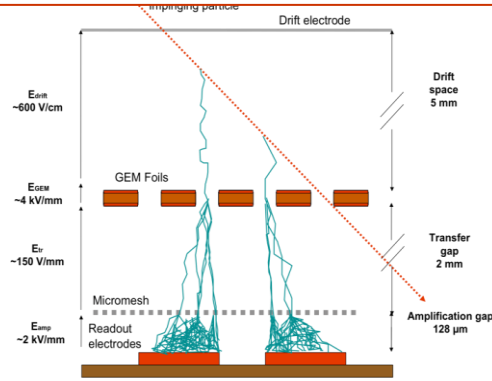
Towards gas PMTs:
IBF control

Since the beginning
(Sauli et al.):

- GEM + MWPC,**
 - GEM + MSGD**
- (NIMA 396 (1997) 50)



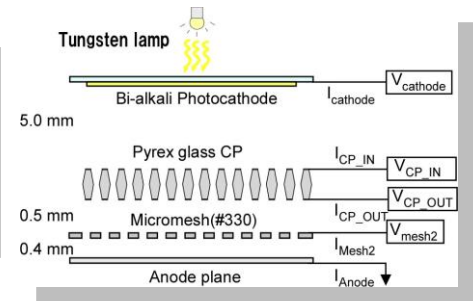
GEM pre-amplification:
control the discharge
rate in tracking



MM w GEM pre-amplification



GAS PMT



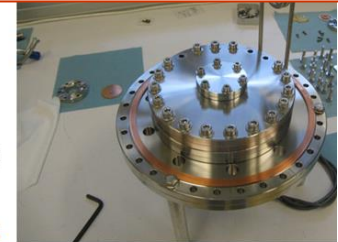
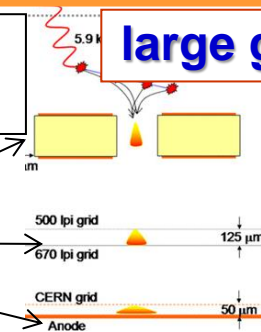
S. Duval et al.,
NIMA 695
(2012) 163

large gain / low IBF

THGEM

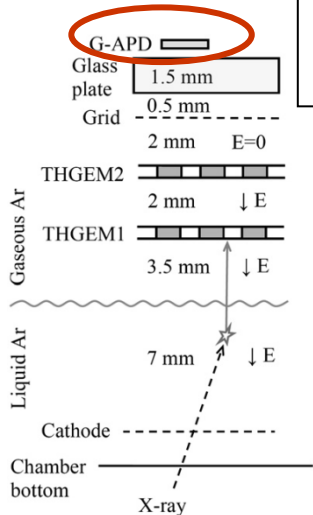
PIM

MM

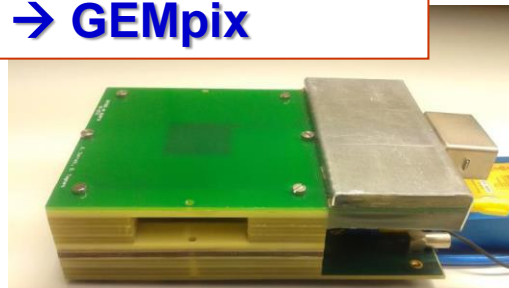


A. Bondaret al.,
NIMA 628
(2011) 364

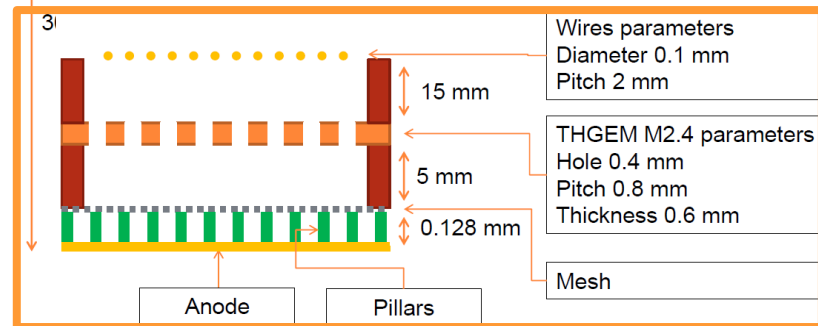
THGEM + G-APD
Detect scintillation light



GEM + medipix
 \rightarrow **GEMPix**



THGEM + MM
for single photodetection: IBF control

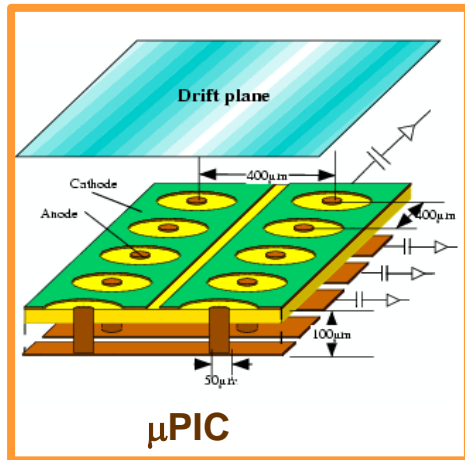


(4) novel geometries

General purpose tracking: fundamental research & applications

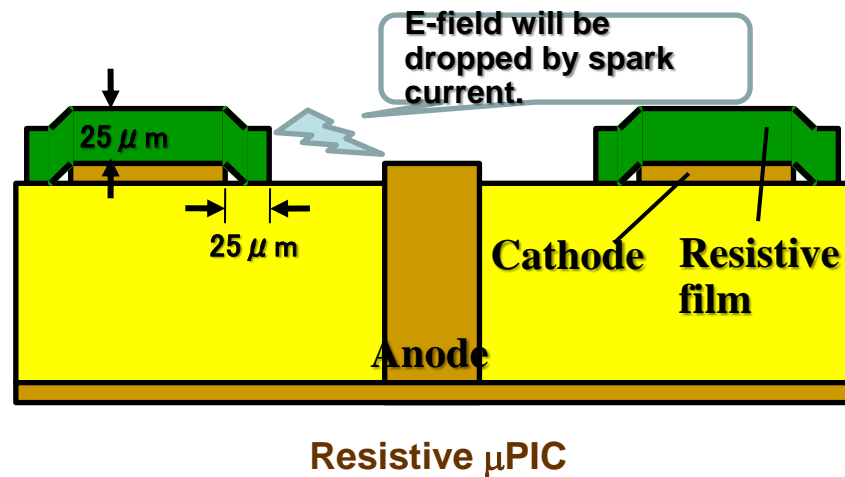
Motivation:

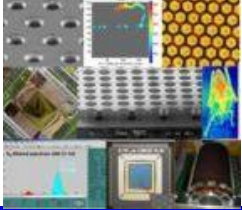
- use PCB technology for mass production,
- no floating structure



A.Ochi and T.Tanimori,
NIMA 471 (2001) 264

Spark-tolerant structure





CONSOLIDATION OF ESTABLISHED ARCHITECTURES

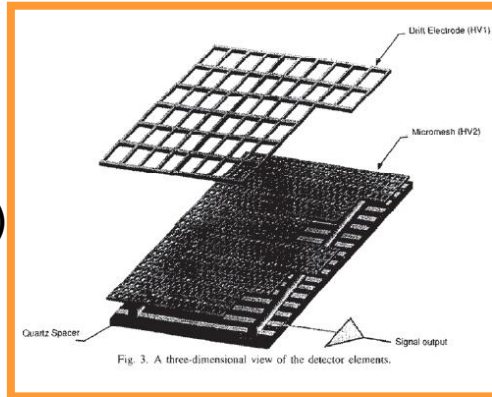
(new ideas & technological progress)

MICROMEAS, construction 1/2

the challenge: keep uniform the thin gap by insulating spacers

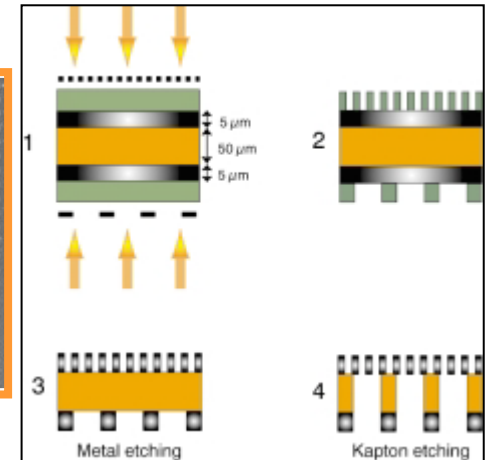
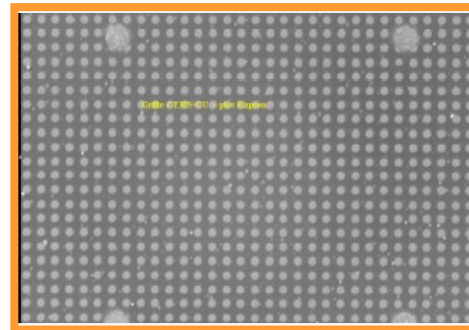
- 1) electroformed **Ni mesh** + quartz fibres ($75 \mu\text{m}$)

Y Giomataris et al.,
NIMA 376 (1996) 29



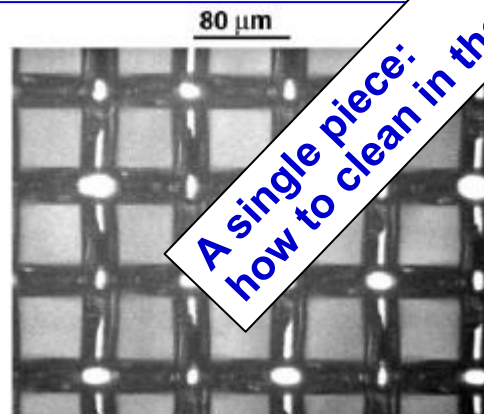
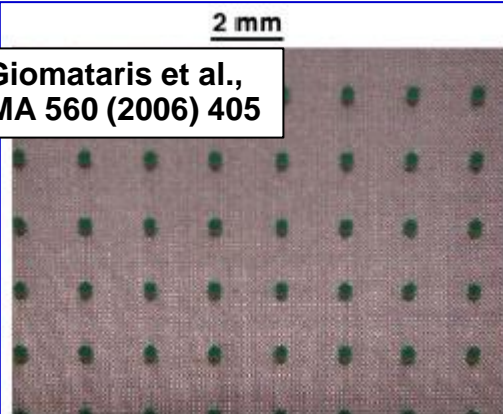
- 2) Etched metalized **polyimide foil**; pillars (spacers) produced during etching

A. Delbart et al.,
NIMA 461 (2001) 84

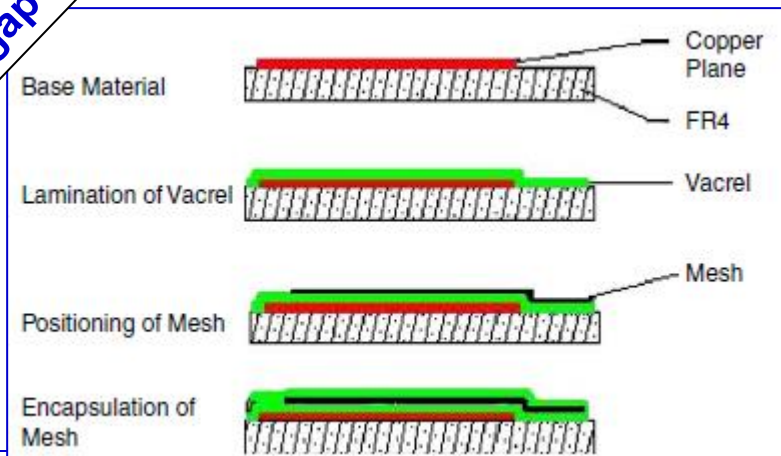


- 3) **Bulk micromegas** : pre-stretched steel mesh laminated together with a PCB support and a photoresistive layer, later removed apart where pillars are formed

Y Giomataris et al.,
NIMA 560 (2006) 405

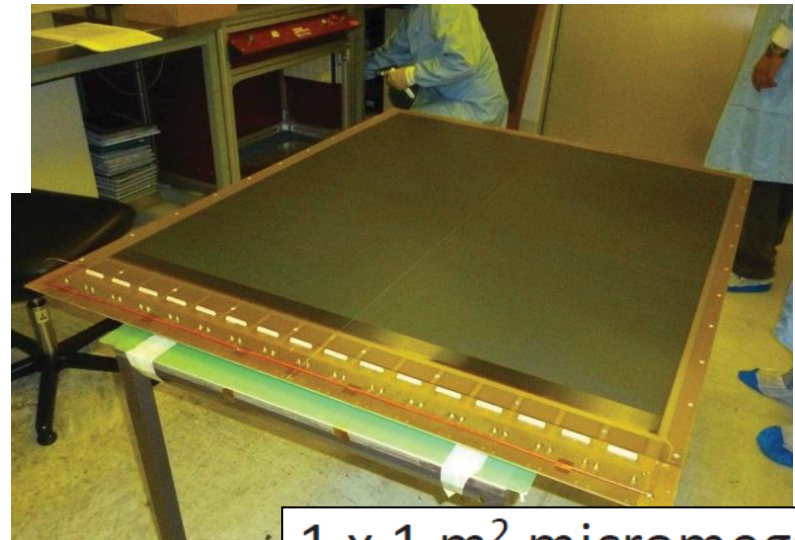
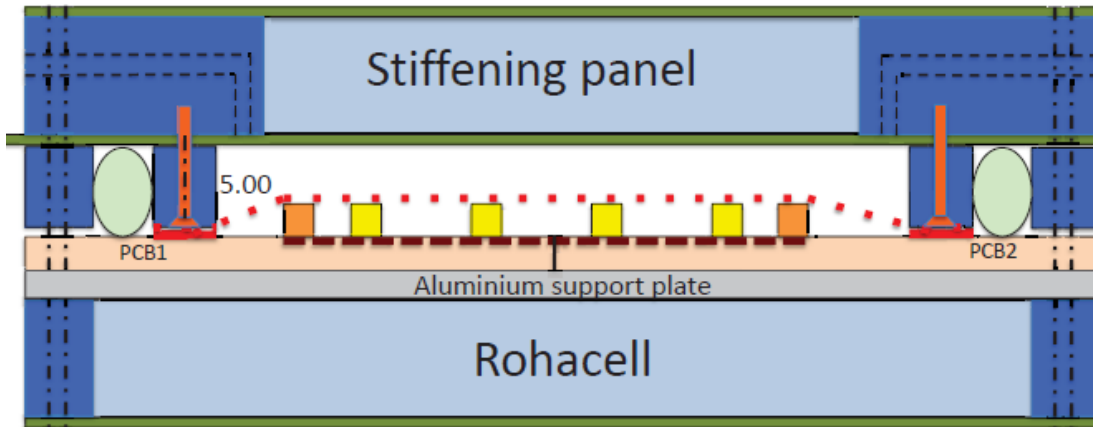


A single piece:
how to clean in the gap ?



MICROME GAS, construction 2/2

- 4) Grow pillars at the anode surface, keep the mesh in place by mechanical tension (ATLAS-MAMMA)



1 x 1 m² micromegas

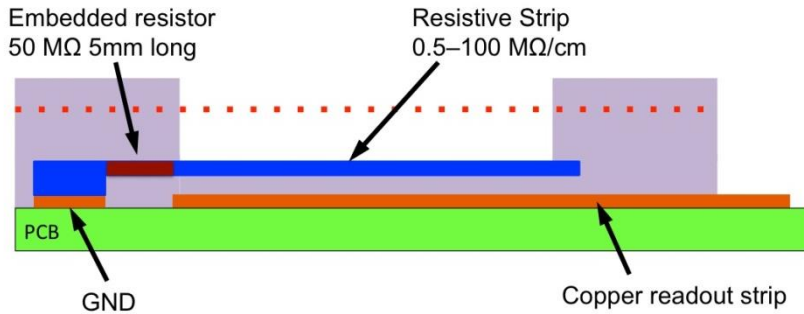
J.Wotschack, RD51 coll. meeting, 1/10/2012

MICROMEAS, overcoming discharges

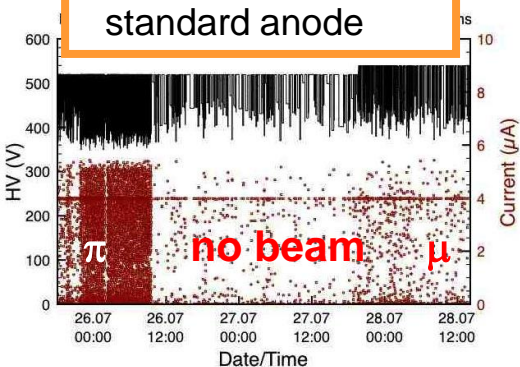
living with / overcoming the high discharge rate

Resistive Anodes

Developed within the ATLAS-MAMMA project

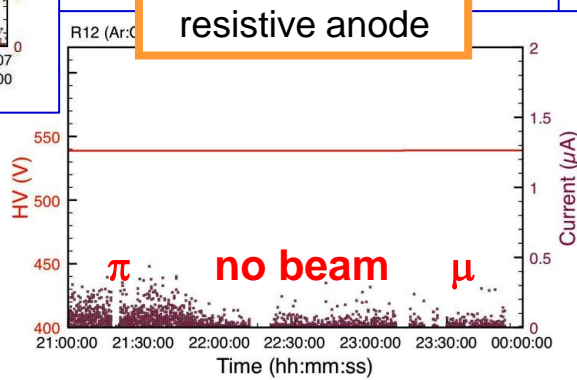


standard anode



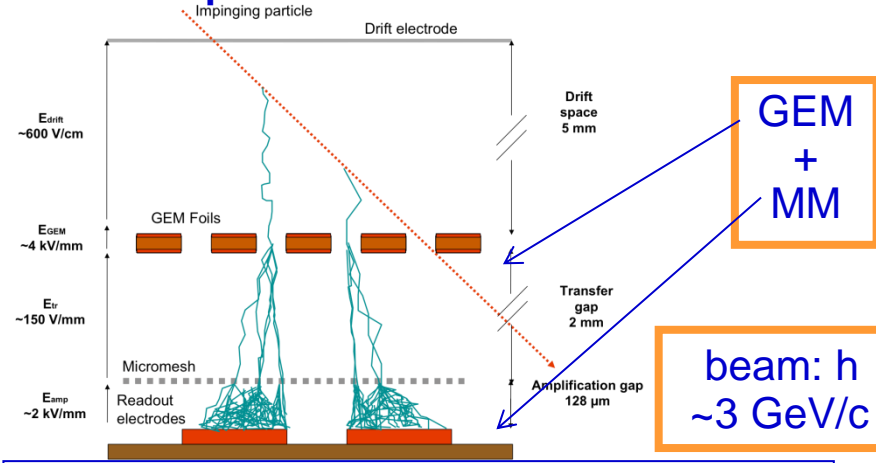
beam: π, μ
120 GeV/c

resistive anode



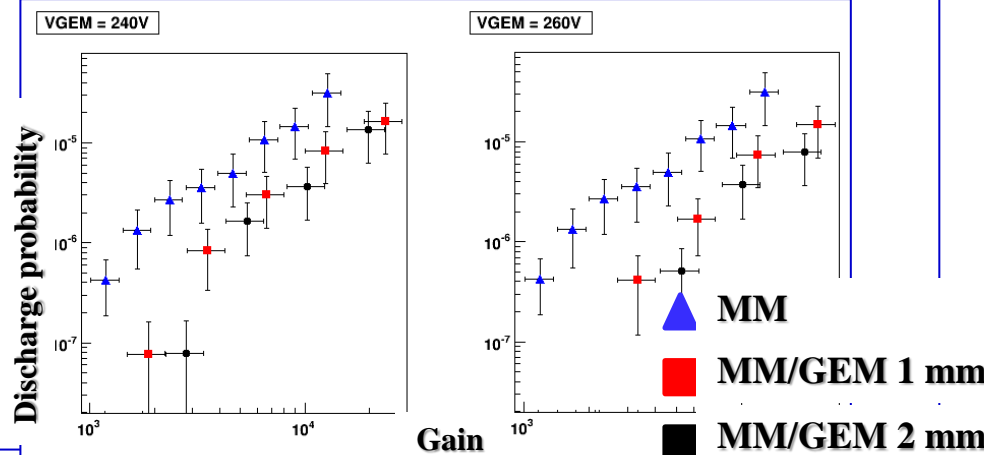
Hybrid Structures

For experiments COMPASS and CLAS12



GEM + MM

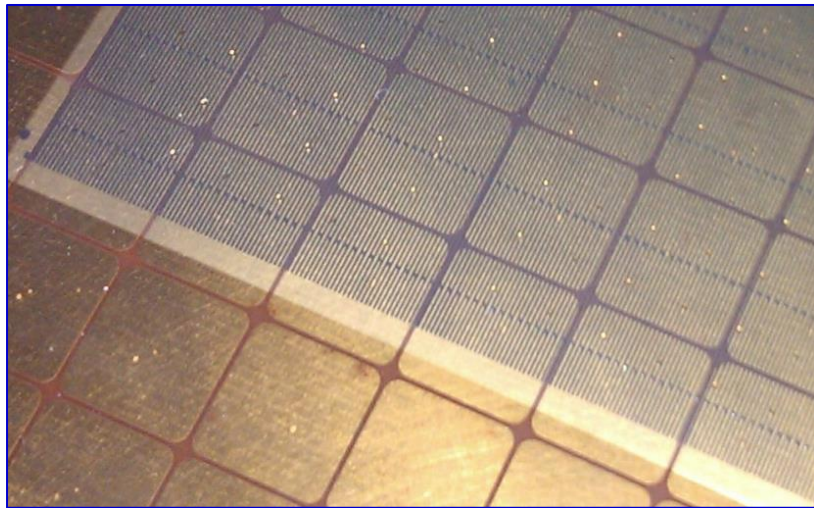
beam: h
~3 GeV/c



J. Wotschack
CERN Det. seminar,
18/11/2011

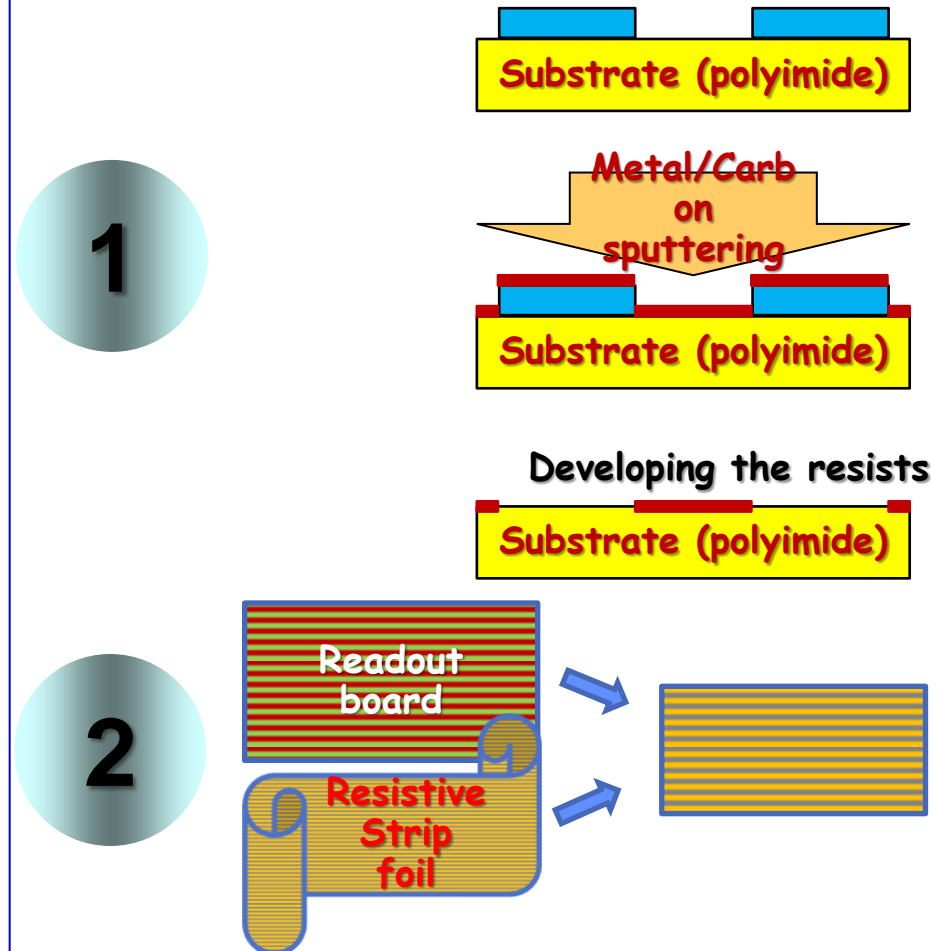
MM, resistive anode implementation

■ Photolithography

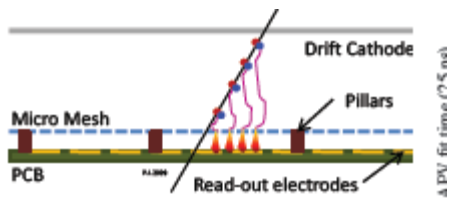


■ Screen printing

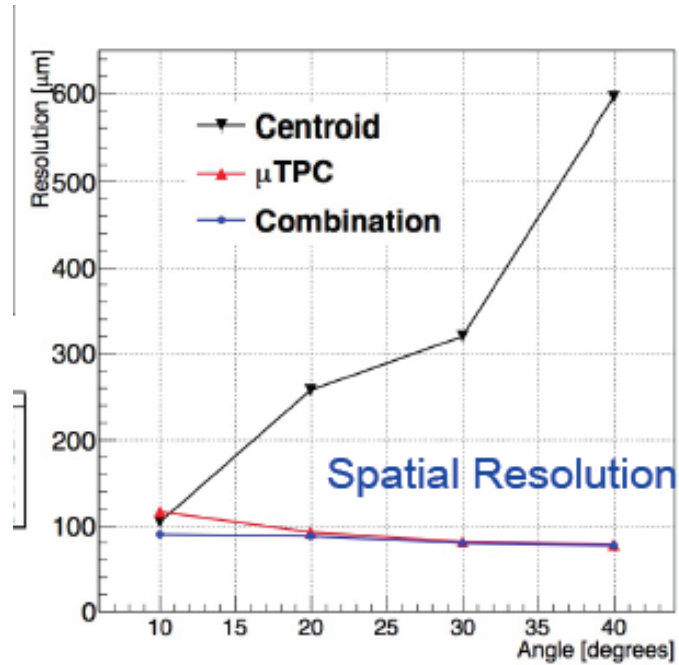
■ New: by sputtering



MM, TRACKING ALGORITHMS



Single Segment
Reconstruction in a
Micromegas

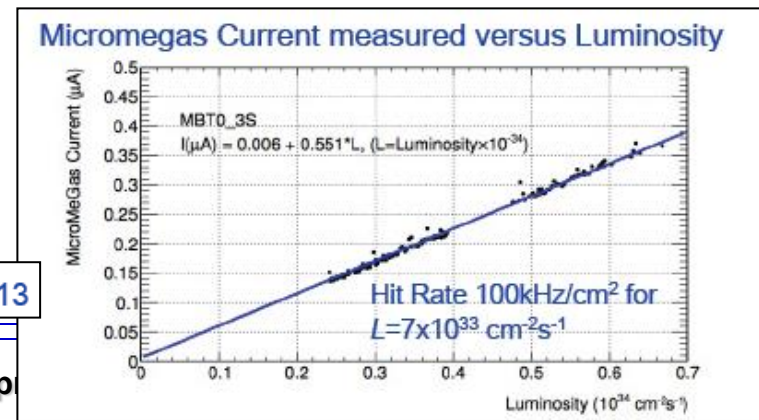


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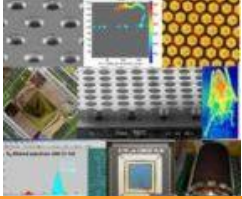
MICROME GAS in experiments

- **Space resolution**
 - COMPASS small area trackers, $\sim 90\mu\text{m}$ (P. Abbon et al., NIMA 577 (2007) 455.)
- **Time resolution**
 - COMPASS small area trackers, $\sim 9\text{ ns}$ (P. Abbon et al., NIMA 577 (2007) 455.)
- **Gain**
 - At COMPASS: $G \sim 6400$ (D Thers et al., NIMA 469 (2001) 133)
 - T2K TPC: $G \sim 1500$ (N. Abgrall et al., NIMA 637 (2011) 25)
- **Material budget**
 - COMPASS small area trackers: **0.3 % X0** (P. Abbon et al., NIMA 577 (2007) 455.)
- **Rate capability**

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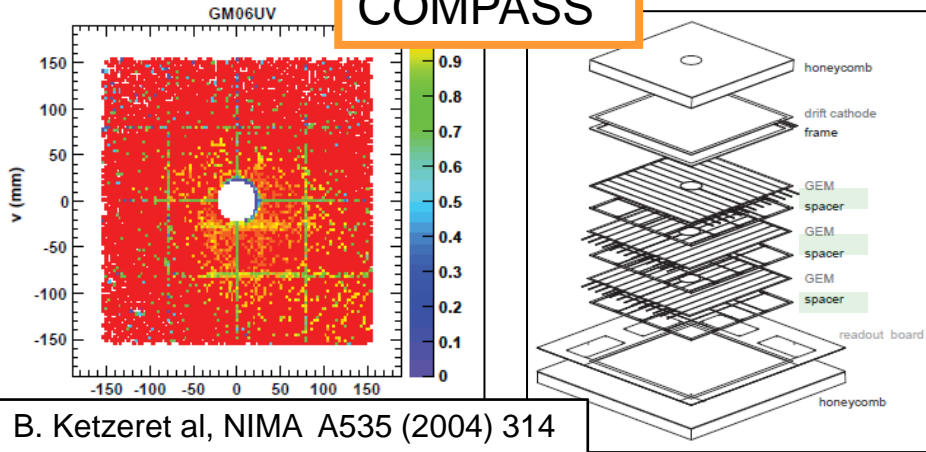


GEMs, spacers & stretching



GEM detectors w/ spacers

COMPASS



Emphasis on GEM foils stretching

no spacers



LHCb

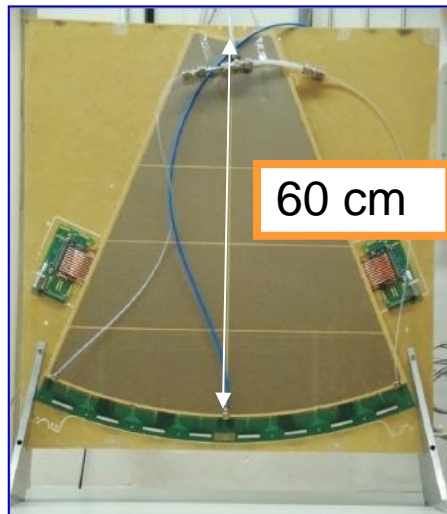
KLOE2: Triple cylindrical GEM assembly completed 14/3/2013



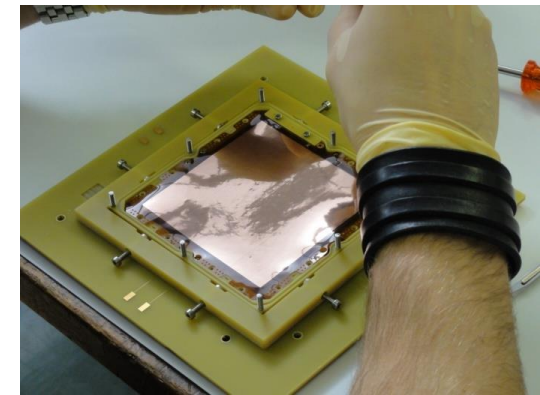
no spacers



TOTEM

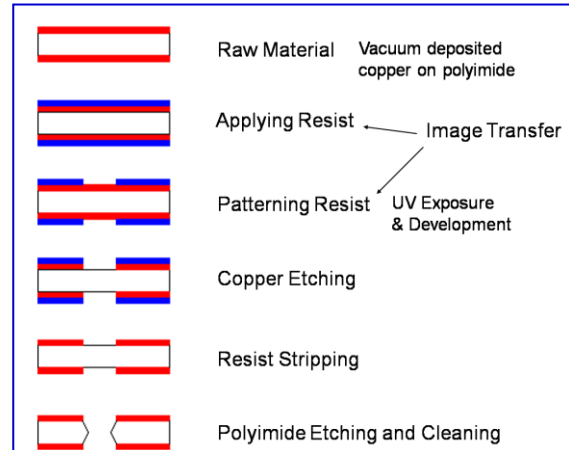


CMS upgrade:
mechanical stretching
for mass production

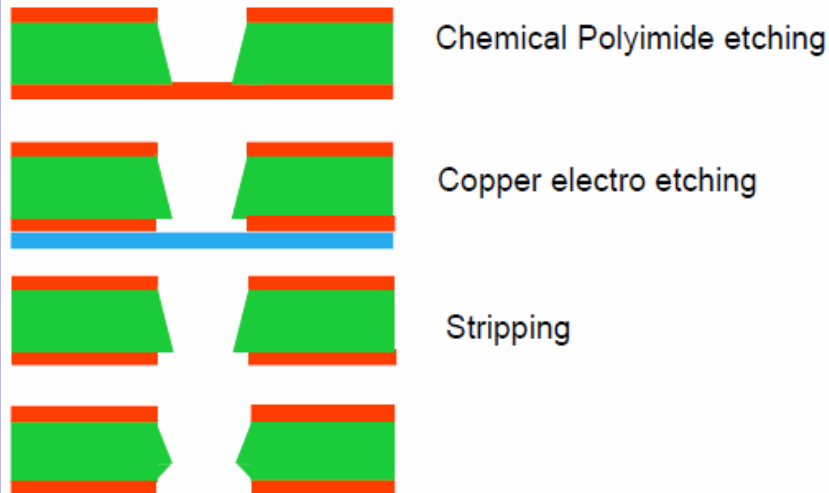
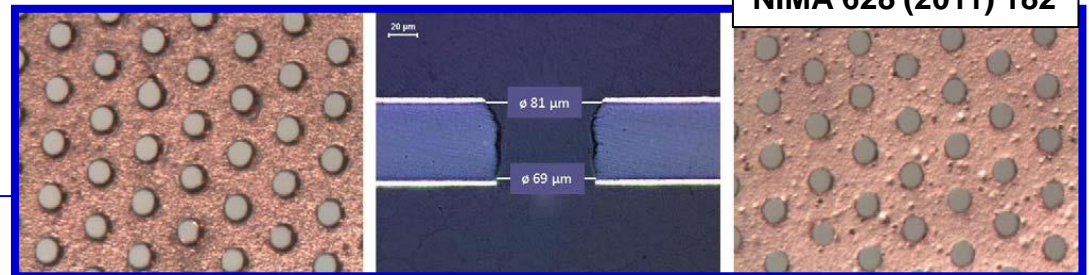


GEMs, large foils

Single mask: the way towards large size



- standard (double mask)
- single mask

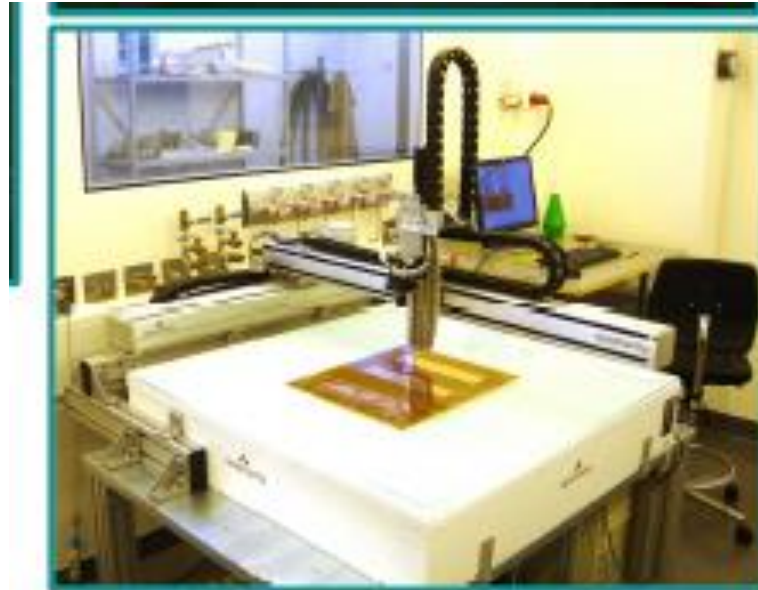


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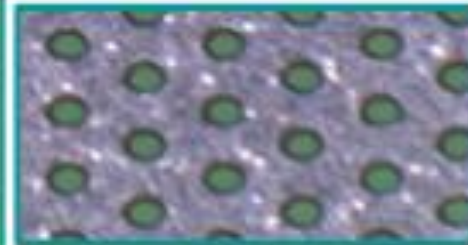
- TOTEM upgrade
- KLOE2
- CMS
- CBM

GEM FOIL QC

- By optical inspection
@ Helsinki
 - TOTEM
 - superFRS



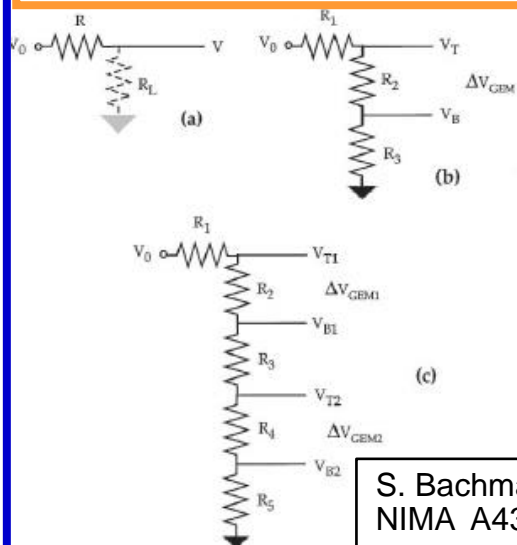
Based on 9 Mpix camera with integrated telecentric optics for this setup one pixel corresponds to 1.7 x 1.7 microns



F.Garcia et al.,
This workshop

GEM & HV

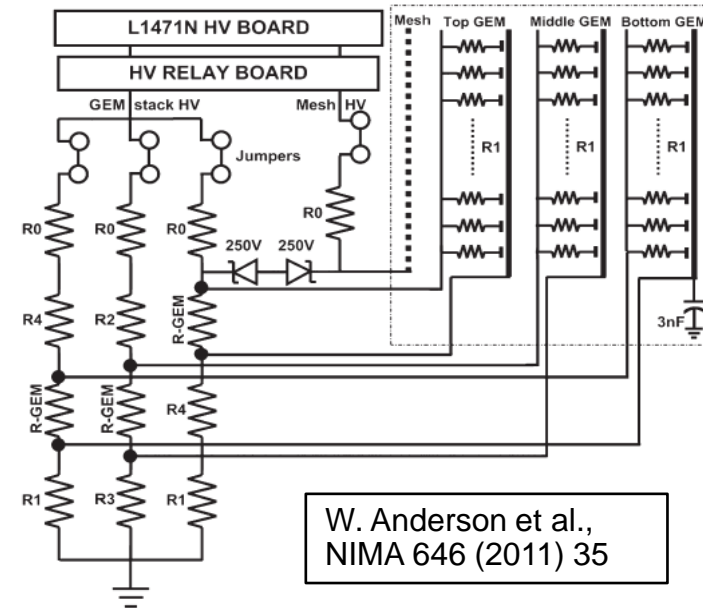
Attention paid since the beginning



S. Bachmann et al,
NIMA A438 (1999) 376

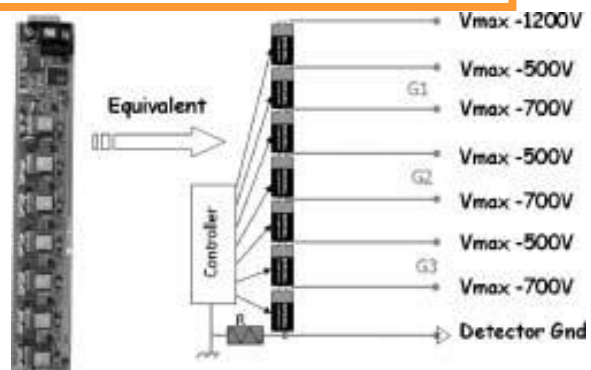
The PHENIX HBD experience:

- Fast trip protection
- HV scaling with P/T



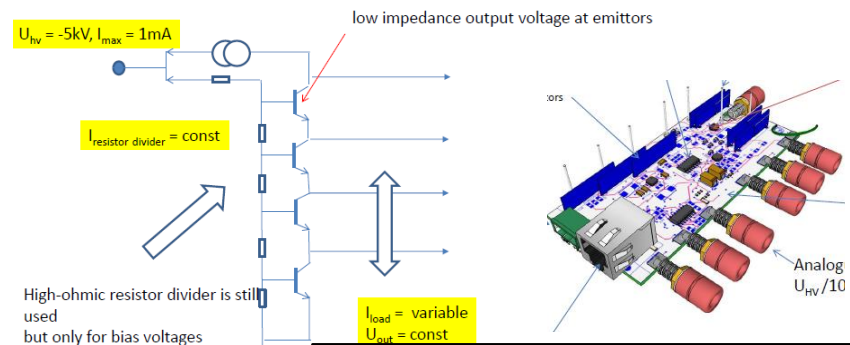
W. Anderson et al.,
NIMA 646 (2011) 35

Active HV Divider (LHCb)

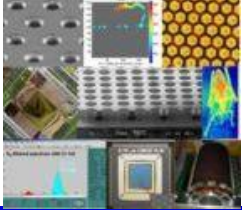


G. Corradi et al, NIMA A572 (2007) 96

Active voltage divider & HV monitoring



H. Muller, RD51 miniweek, April 2013



GEMs in experiments

■ Space resolution

- COMPASS small area trackers, $\sim 70 \mu\text{m}$ (P. Abbon et al., NIMA 577 (2007) 455.)

■ Time resolution

- COMPASS small area trackers, $\sim 12 \text{ ns}$ (P. Abbon et al., NIMA 577 (2007) 455.)
- LHCb, **4.5 ns - dedicated effort** (M. Alfonsi NIMA 535 (2004) 319)

■ Gain

- At COMPASS: **G ~ 8000** (B. Ketzer, private comm.)
- At LHCb: **G ~ 4000** (M. Alfonsi NIMA 581 (2007) 283)
- At TOTEM: **G ~ 8000** (G. Catanesi, private comm.)
- Phenix HBD: **G ~ 4000** (W. Anderson et al., NIMA 646 (2011) 35)

■ Material budget

- COMPASS small area trackers: **0.4 % X₀** (P. Abbon et al., NIMA 577 (2007) 455.)
- COMPASS pixelated GEMs: **0.2 % X₀** (A. Austregesilo et al., NP B PS 197 (2009) 113)

PIXELIZED R-O for HIGH RATE

Pixelised GEMs (used in COMPASS)

Foil: $450 \times 450 \text{ mm}^2$

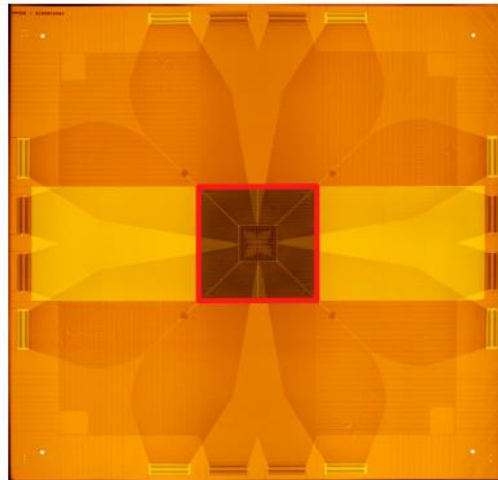
- 3 conducting layers
 $5 \mu\text{m Cu}$
- 2 intermediate layers
 $50 \mu\text{m Polyimide}$

Centre: $32 \times 32 \text{ mm}^2$

- 32×32 quadratic pixels

Periphery: $100 \times 100 \text{ mm}^2$

- 2 layers, 512 strips each
- equal charge sharing
- pitch: $400 \mu\text{m}$

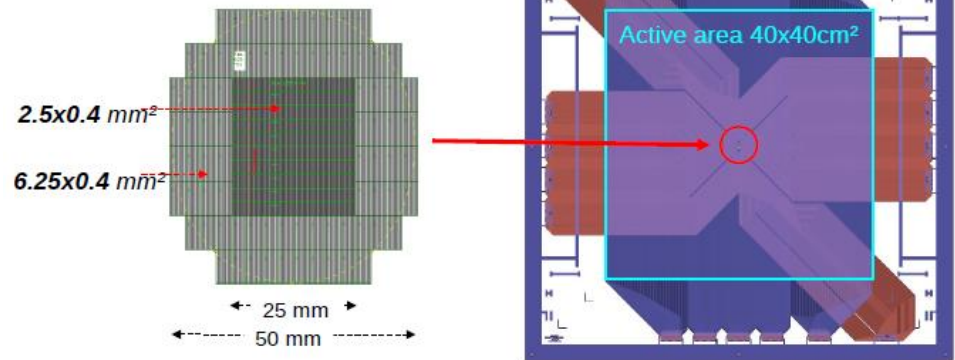


- **stable operation in particle flux up to $1.2 \cdot 10^5/\text{s}/\text{mm}^2$**
- **extremely thin: $0.2\% X_0$**
- **spatial resolution: $90 \mu\text{m}$**

A. Austregesilo et al.,
NP B PS 197 (2009) 113

Pixelised MICROME GAS (to be used in COMPASS)

1280 + 1280 channels

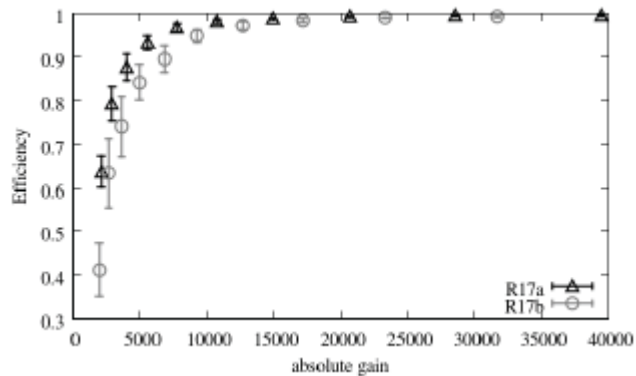


D.Neyret, RD51 Coll.
Meeting, Oct 2012

ABOUT AGEING

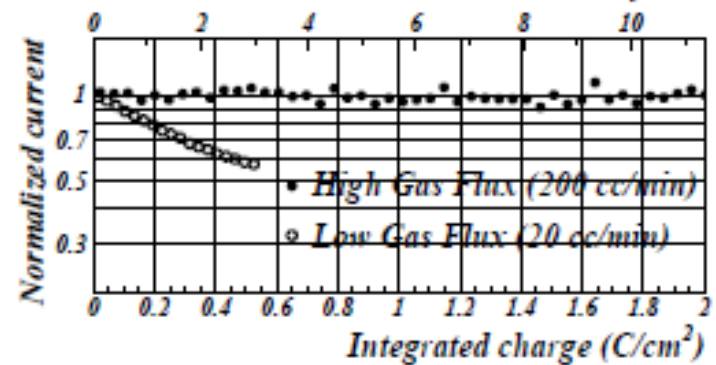
■ MM, MAMMA studies

Irradiation with	Charge Deposit (mC/cm ²)
X-Ray	225
Neutron	0.5
Gamma	14.84
Alpha	2.4



VCI2013 Conference Proceedings arXiv:1304.2053v1, J.Galan et al.

■ GEM studies for LHCb



M. Alfonsi et al, NPB PS 150 (2006) 159

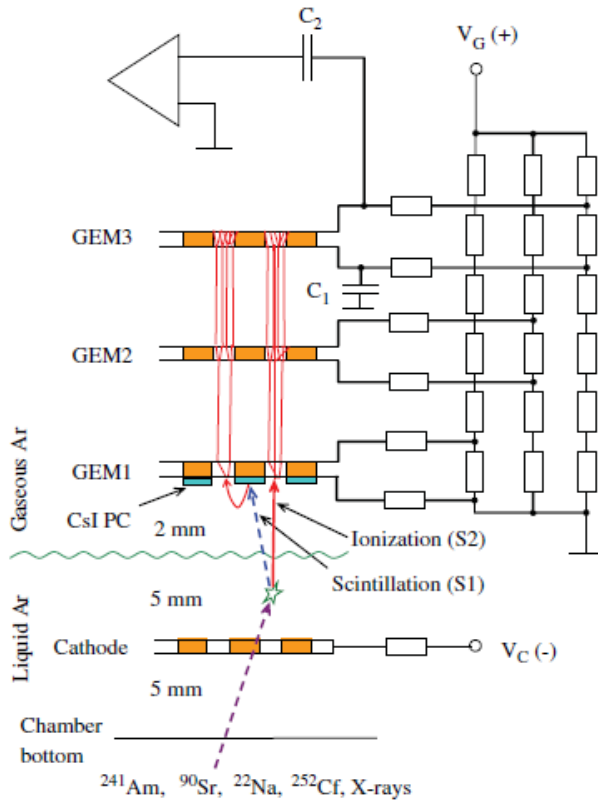
■ COMPASS Pixelised GEMs

THE CRYOGENIC FRONTIER

Main physics goals:

- **Neutrino detectors**
- **Dark matter**

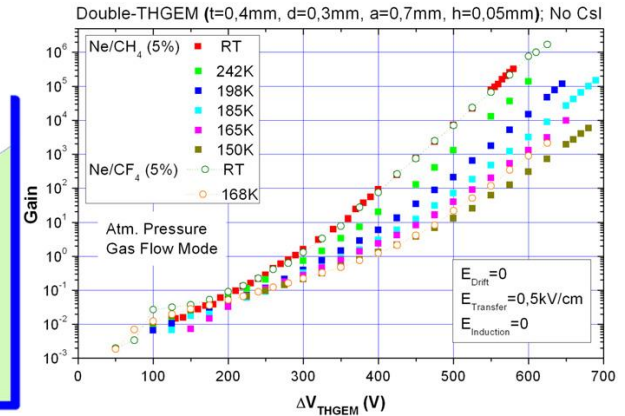
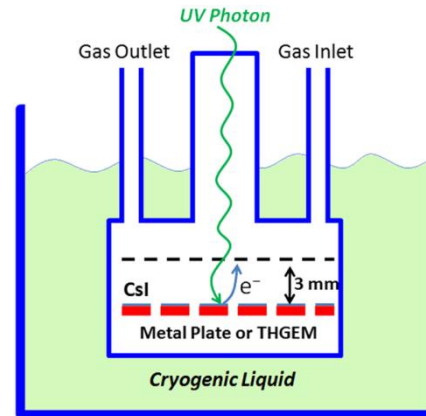
GEM



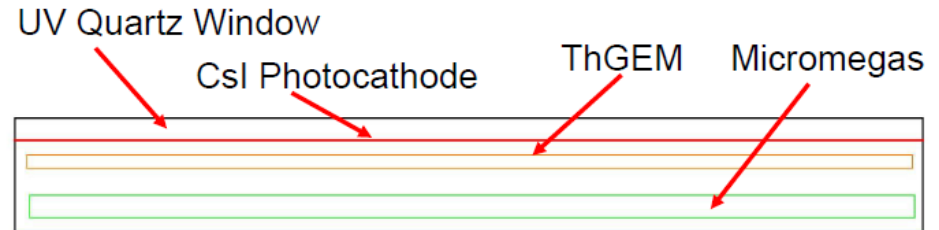
A. Bondar et al., NIMA 581 (2007) 241

THGEM

A. Breskin et al., NIMA 639 (2011) 117



Hybrid: THGEM + MM



K. L. Giboni, seminar at KEK, Nov 2011

ESTABLISHING THGEMs 1/3

PCB technology, thus:

- robust
- mechanically self supporting
- industrial production of large size boards
- economic

Comparing to GEMs

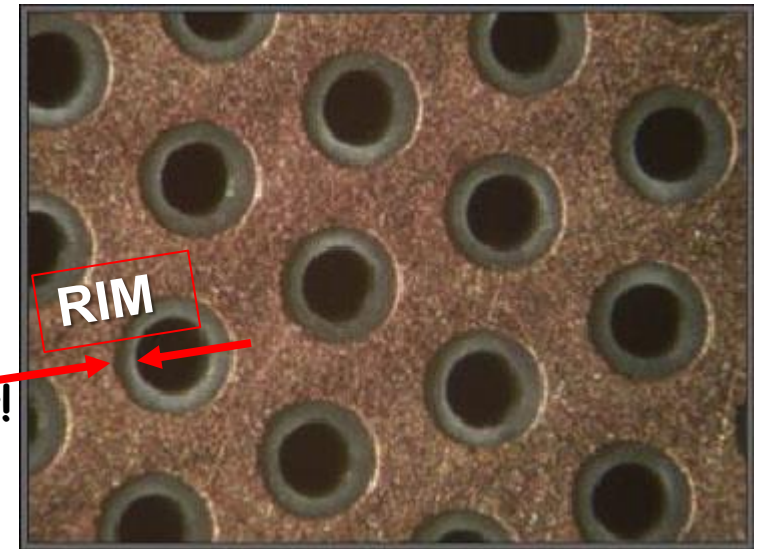
- Geometrical dimensions $\times \sim 10$
 - But e^- motion/multiplic. properties do not!
 - Larger holes: dipole fields and external fields are strongly coupled

About gain:

- Large gains are easily obtained (rim !)

About PCB geometrical dimensions:

Hole diameter :	0.2 - 1 mm
Pitch :	0.5 - 5 mm
Thickness :	0.4 - 3 mm

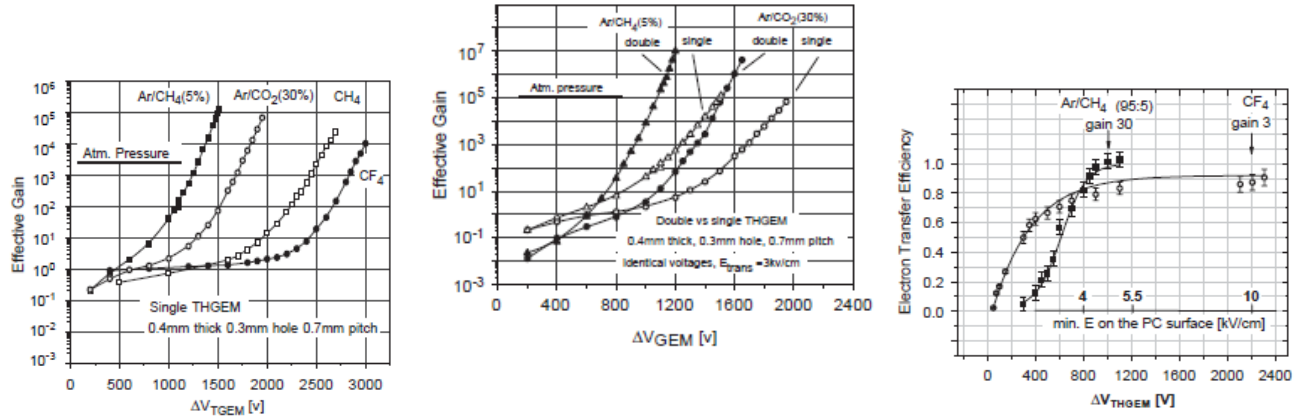


introduced in // by different groups:

- L. Periale et al., NIM A478 (2002) 377.
- P. Jeanneret, PhD thesis, Neuchatel U., 2001.
- P.S. Barbeau et al, IEEE NS50 (2003) 1285
- R. Chechik et al., NIMA 535 (2004) 303

ESTABLISHING THGEMs 2/3

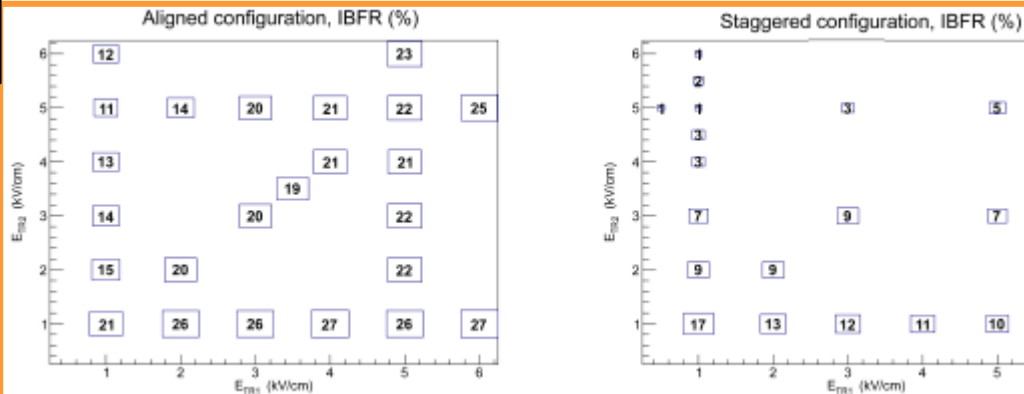
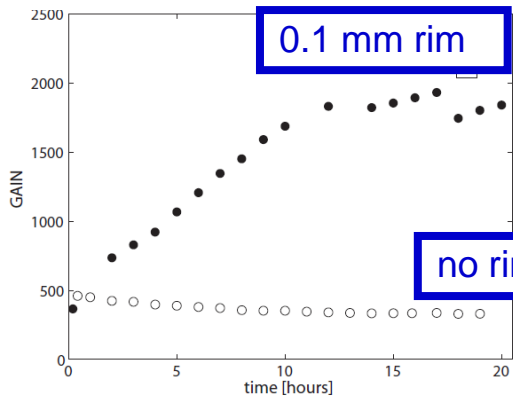
The first phase of the systematic studies is entirely due to the **Weizmann group**



R. Chechik et al., NIMA 553 (2005) 35

Gain vs time

M. Alexeev et al., NIMA 617 (2010) 396



Tripple THGEM: Ion Back Flow by staggering plates

M. Alexeev et al., JINST 7 (2012) C002014

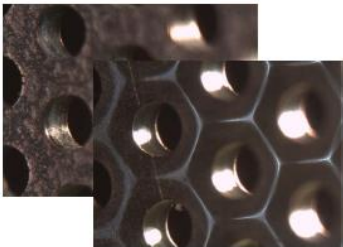
ESTABLISHING THGEMs 3/3

polishing (Pumice Powder)
ultrasonic bath (~1 h) @ 50-60 °C in
Sonica



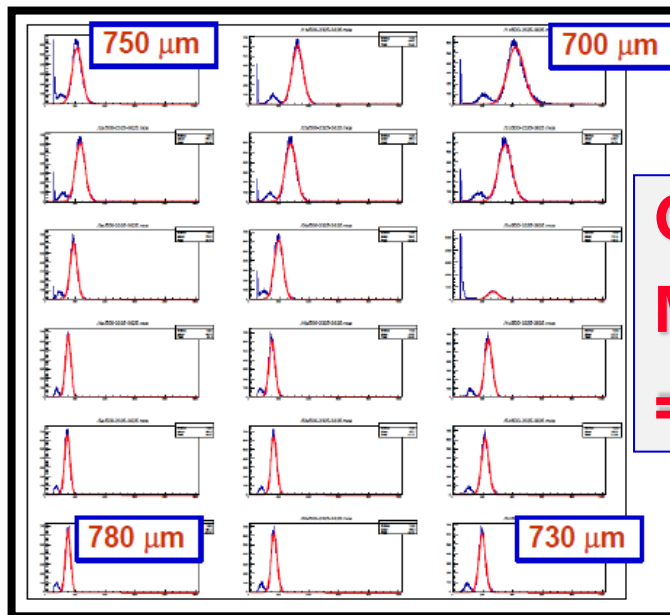
**Initial: 50-60%
Paschen curve**

Polyurethane Treatment



**Final: > 90%
Paschen curve**

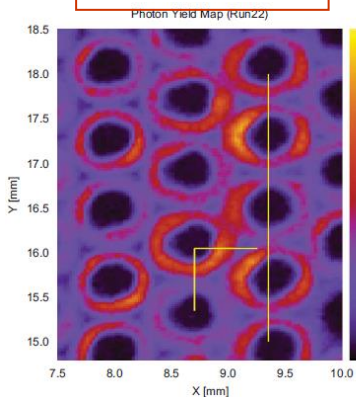
Engineering aspects



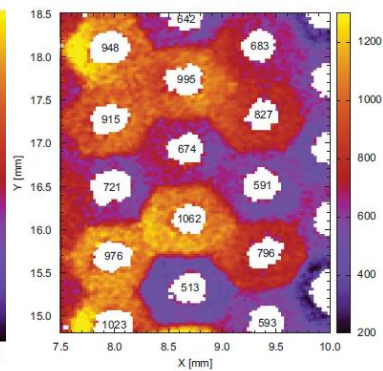
**GAIN
Max/Min
= 2.9**



Efficiency map



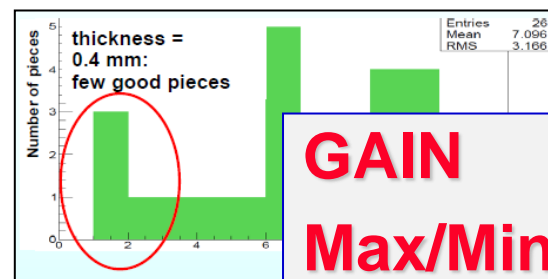
Gain map



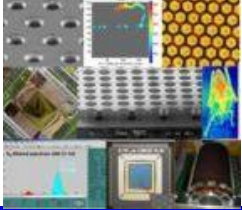
G.Hamar and D. Varga, NIMA 694(2012)16



Selecting uniform fiberglass plates

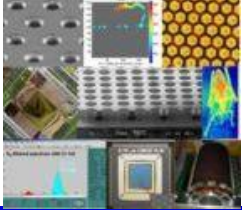


**GAIN
Max/Min
= 1.6**



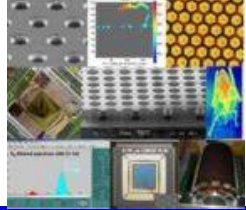
WHAT ABOUT TPCs ?

- **Gas & noble liquids → very different ionization !**
- **TPCs with MPGD r-o widely aimed**
 - Accelerator physics, ν , double β -decays, dark matter, X-ray polarimetry, n-induced reaction, active targets in nuclear reaction, geological exploration ...
- **Nevertheless, only very few operated in experimental conditions:**
 - T2K (MM r-o)
 - FOPI (GEM r-o)
 - NIFFTE (MM at very low gain)
- **The performance issue related to IBF still requires deeper studies**
 - The gated vs no-gate dilemma is open



Intermediate summary

- **A rich and diversified panorama:
a number of novel architectures !**
- **Only the future evolution will let the fruitful ideas emerge**
- **Moreover, a great idea is not the only ingredient:
to establish a technique**
 - **dedication**
 - **technical progress**
 - **engineering****are as important as a good starting point**



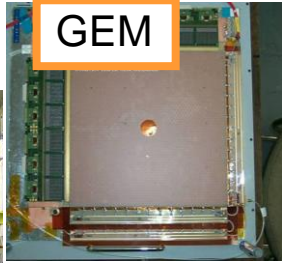
APPLICATIONS

HEP & PARTICLES

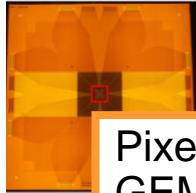
Completed / Running Experiments

COMPASS

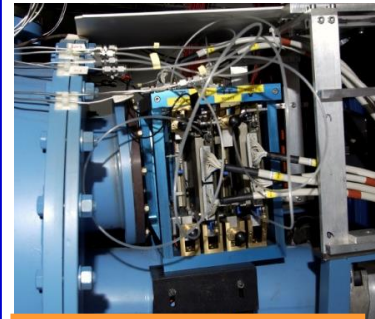
GEM



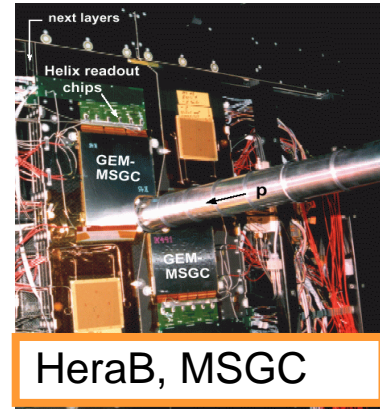
MM



Pixel GEM



DIRAC, MSGC



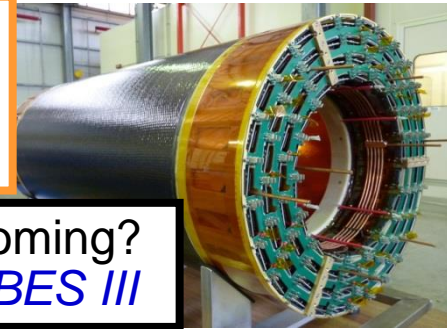
HeraB, MSGC

LHCb, GEM



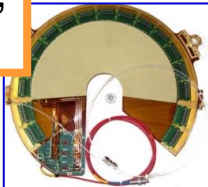
KLOE2:
triple cylindrical GEM

assembled: 14/3/2013

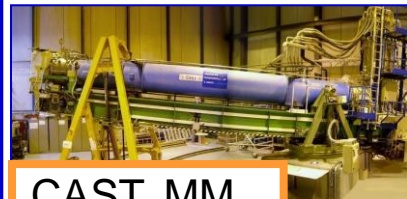


Other cylinders coming?
CMD-3 detector, BES III

TOTEM, GEM

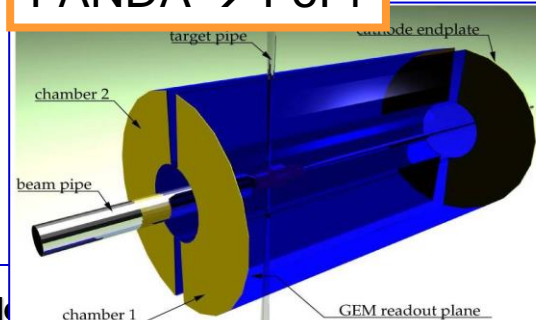


MM, T2K
TPC read-out



CAST, MM

PANDA → FoPi



HEP & PARTICLE

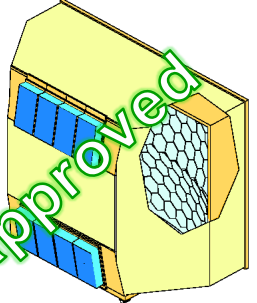
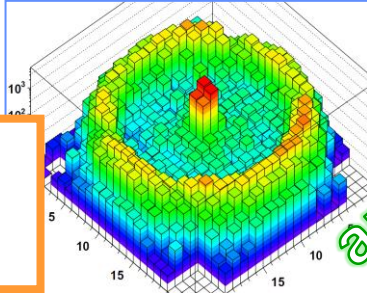
Future @ CERN
LHC & more

more GEM for
LHCb (LS3) ?
Goal: $\sim .6 \times 0.3 \text{ m}^2$
 $\sim 50\text{-}60 \text{ m}^2$ of GEM
foils

ATLAS – MAMMA project (MM)
Goal: $\sim 1 \times 2.5 \text{ m}^2$
New Small Wheel,
ATLAS muon system,
 1200 m^2 , tracking & trigger

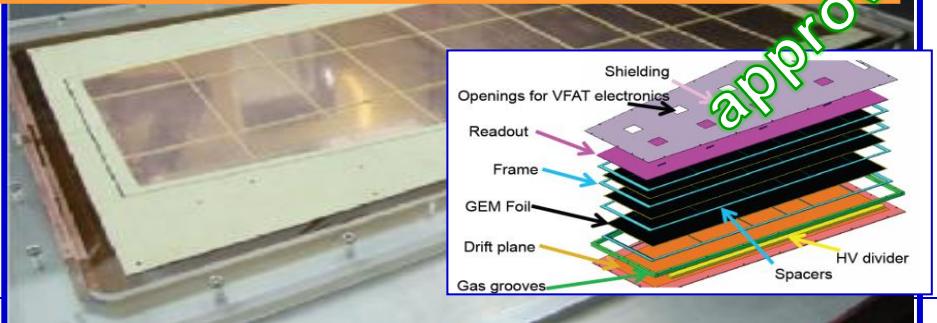
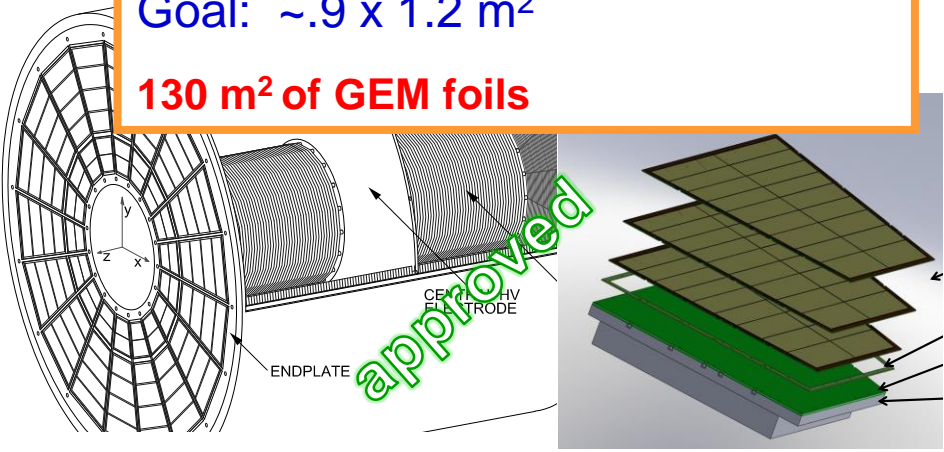
COMPASS RICH-1 upgrade
 12 m^2 of THGEM plates

**A NEW FRONTIER: THE MASS PRODUCTION
→ INDUSTRIALISATION IS AN ABSOLUTE MUST**



ALICE – TPC r-O, upgrade (GEM)
Goal: $\sim .9 \times 1.2 \text{ m}^2$
 130 m^2 of GEM foils

CMS – forward muon spectrometer (GEM)
Goal: $\sim 1.2 \times 2 \text{ m}^2$
 1000 m^2 of GEM foils, tracking & trigger



INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

GEM

• Techtra

- Polish company
- Making GEM since 10 years
- Licensed by CERN
- Setting up equipment for large GEM production since 1 year
- 30cm x 10cm GEMs already produced
- First delivery of 30 GEMs last week

• UPLUS/Mecharonics

- Korean company
- Making GEM since a few months
- Licensed By CERN
- 30cm x 30cm GEMs already produced (characterization in progress)
- Willing to ramp up to large size

• Tech-etch

- US company
- Making GEM since 15 years
- Many small and medium sizes GEM have been produced
- Recently involved in STAR experiment (80 GEMs 40cmx40cm)
- Willing to ramp up to large size
- Licensed by CERN

• Scienergy

- Japanese company
- Making GEM since 6 years
- Top quality laser drilled GEM up to 30cm x 30cm
- Licensed by CERN

MICROMEAS

• ELTOS

- Resistive 10cm x10cm BULK Micromegas → OK
- Large single side read-out boards and drift (2mx0.5m) → OK
- Screen printing of large area → in progress
- Pillars on large area → OK

• ELVIA (see Fabien talk in WG6)

- Resistive 40cm x 40cm BULK Micromegas → OK
- Embedded resistor BULK detectors → in progress (see Damien talk WG6)
- Large single side read-out boards and drift (2mx0.5m) → OK
- Screen printing of large area → in progress
- Pillars on large area → OK

THGEM

• ELTOS

- 10 holes/ sec drilling machine
- They have produced 60cm x 60cm just for mechanical purpose
- They have produced 80cm x 40cm working THGEM
- They are able to produce RIMs.
- The final cleaning should still be performed by the user or CERN
- Long polishing or PU coating are not yet available in industry

- Mass production costs are still difficult to predict (cleaning technology transfer should be organized)

• Print Electronics

- Israel
- Many pieces made for Weismann institute
- Little information on the capabilities

R. De Olivera, this workshop

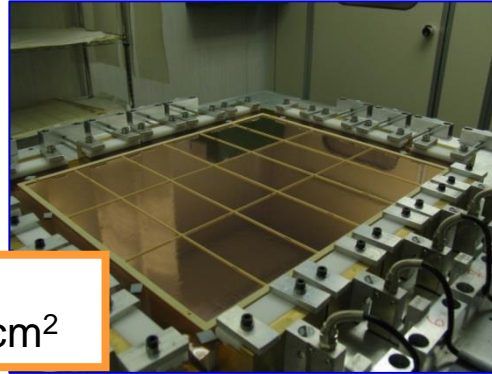
HEP & PARTICLES

More about Future

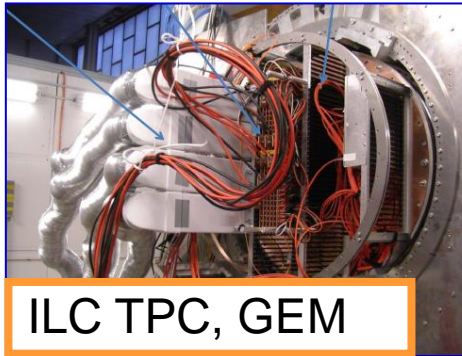
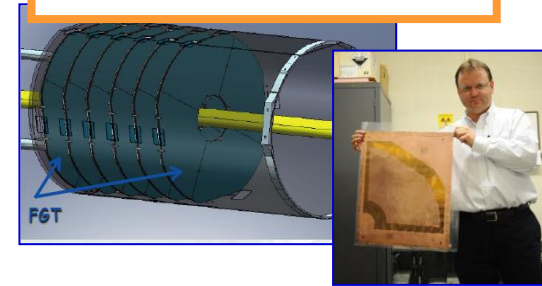
ILC TPC, MM



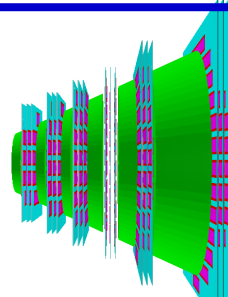
JLab Hall A
GEM 40 x 50 cm²



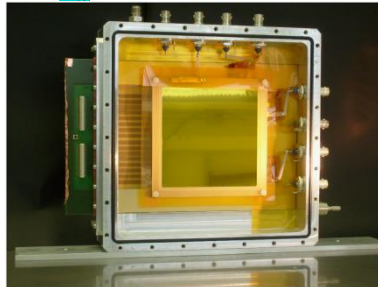
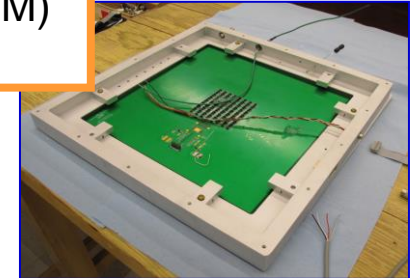
STAR - Forward GEM Tracker



ILC TPC, GEM



H calorimetry(GEM)
(ATLAS, ILC)



CBM: GEMs
for tracking

CLAS12



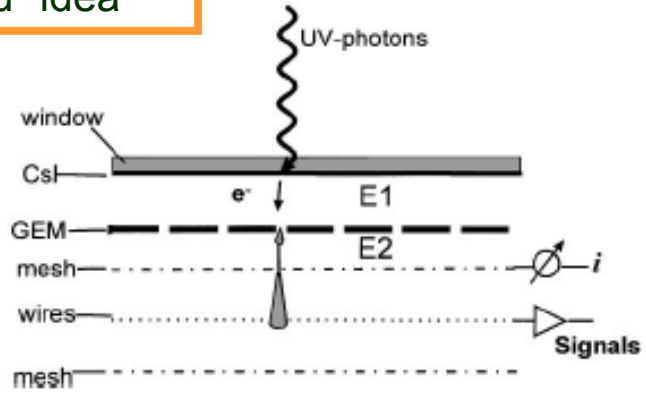
Cylindrical MM

MM forward tracking

HEP & PARTICLES

PHOTON detection

An "old" idea



R. Chechwik et al., NIM A 419 (1998) 423

**ALICE VHPID
THGEM &
HYBRID**

Quartz window (4mm thickness)

Cathode wires (97% transparency) ~ 6.0 mm

Thick GEM ~ 4.5 mm

Sense wires Field wires

Ground plate ~ 1.5 mm

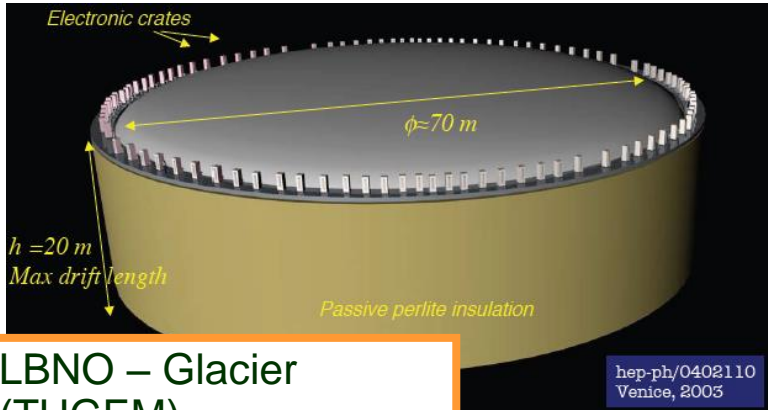
PHENIX HBD, GEM

hits in big chamber		h202	
Entries	110254	Mean x	11.21
Mean y	12.21	RMS x	6.437
RMS y	6.726	RMS y	6.726

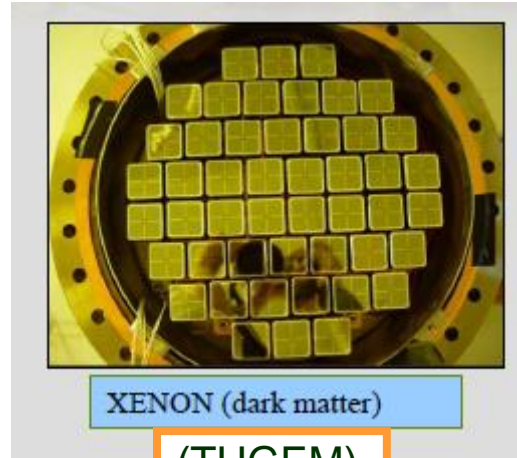
**COMPASS, RICH-1
upgrade by
THGEM detectors**

HEP & PARTICLES

Very rare events

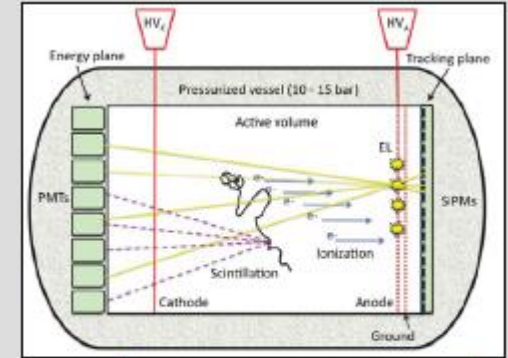


LBNO – Glacier
(THGEM)



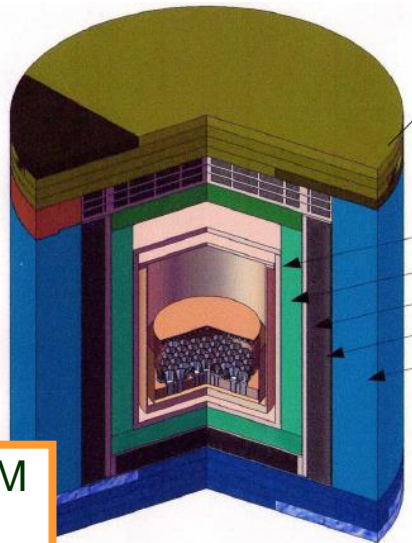
XENON (dark matter)

(THGEM)



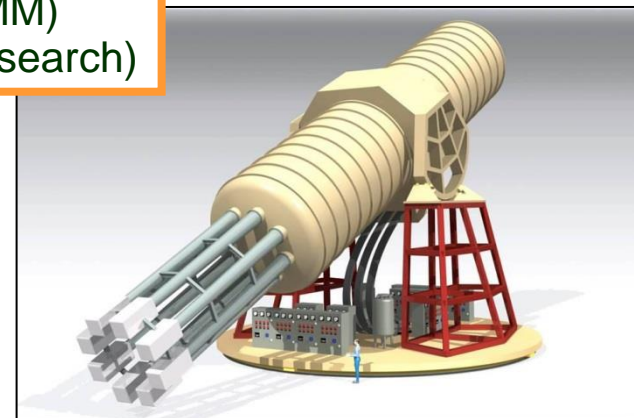
NEXT-100 (neutrino-less
double beta decay)

(baseline: EL+PMT+SiPM
1ton upgrade: all options open,
microbulkMM?)



Panda-X, THGEM + MM
(dark matter)

IAXO (MM)
(assion search)



- The amount of *projects and information* in these fields is certainly one of the workshop highlights !
 - Only considering talks:
 - 15 contributed over 37 + 1 review talk

MPGD-based X-ray detectors

- Sealed triple GEM for X-ray detection
- Bragg crystal X-ray spectrometry by GEM detectors
- GEM-TPC X-ray Polarimeter (GEMS, XACT)
- diagnostic of Magnetic fusion plasmas

MPGD-based neutron detectors

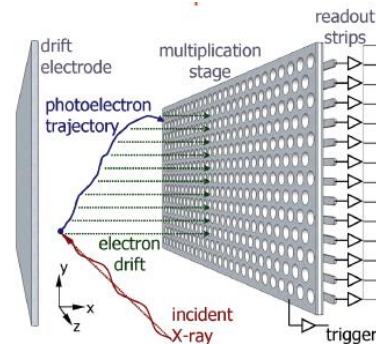
- GEMs coupled to n-converters for
 - ITER
 - n-beam diagnostic



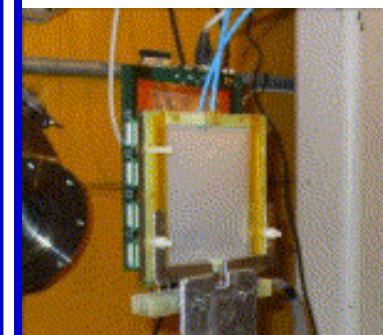
Super FRS @ FAIR (GEM)



D20 diffractometer @ ILL, MSGD



GEMS-GEM TPC, NASA mission



Neutron GEM (@ ISIS)

LOWER ENERGIES & EXOTIC APPLICATIONS 3/4

■ Nuclei studies

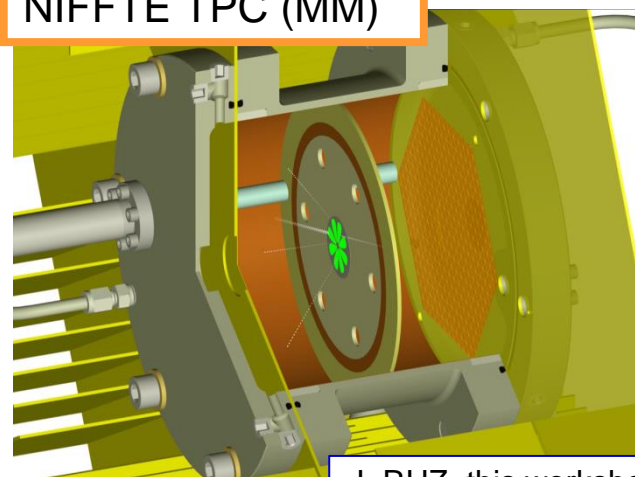
- Tracking of low energy nuclei by secondary electron detection (Spiral2, GANIL)
- PID of exotic nuclei fragments (NIFFTE)
- AstroBox

■ Double β -decay

■ Muon radiography with MPGDs

- Homeland security (THGEM)
- Geological studies (MM TPC)

NIFFTE TPC (MM)



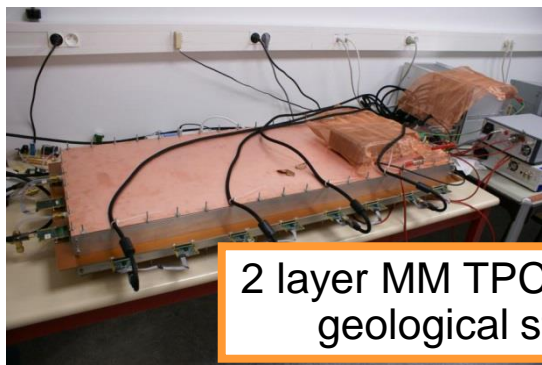
J. RUZ, this workshop

NSC active Target (THGEM)



C.S.Lee, this workshop

2 layer MM TPC for geological studies



LOWER ENERGIES & EXOTIC APPLICATIONS 4/4

Fast and Thermal Neutron
Non destructive diagnostic
Biology
Nuclear Energy Plant
Tokamak Diagnostics
Chip Irradiation

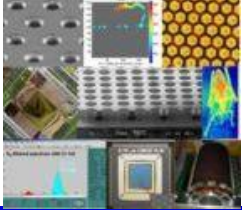
Xray Low energy
Tokamak diagnostics
Radioactive waste

Pixelated GEM
Microdosimetry
Tissue Equivalent chamber
Direct measurements with real tissue
Radon Monitor

High Intensity Beam Monitors
Hadrotherapy
Ions Beam Monitor

Gamma High fluxes
Radiotherapy

F. Mutas,
this workshop



TOOLS

(all what boosts MPGD R&D)

RD51

- **MPGDs exist thanks to a few genial inventors (very end of 20th century)**
- **Later, some progress due to engineering for the use in experiments**
- **Then, fundamental boost thanks to RD51:**

“The proposed R&D collaboration, RD51, aims at facilitating the development of advanced gas-avalanche detector technologies and associated electronic-readout systems, for applications in basic and applied research.” (RD51 proposal, 28/7/ 2008)

RD51 serves as an access point to MPGD “know-how” for the world-wide community

L. Ropelewski, M. Titov
114th LHCC Meeting, CERN, 12-13 June 2013

Unique in providing:

- **Space and resources for non – project related R&D**
- **tools for the word-wide MPGD community AND BEYOND**



SIMULATION TOOLS

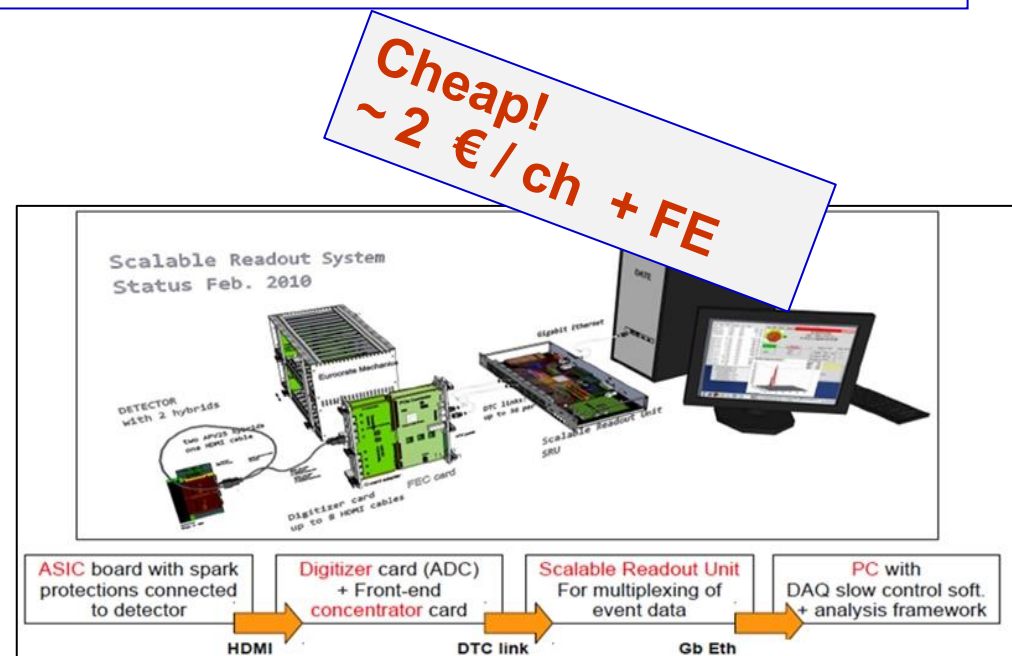
- **The progress of gas detectors is largely indebted to GARFIELD**
(R. Veenhof, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A419 (1998) 726; <http://garfield.web.cern.ch/garfield/>)
- **MPGDs have been designed / studied using GARDFIELD(++)**
→ needs (and answers within RD51 effort):
 - **Maintenance (a service to the whole gas detector community !)**
 - **Interface to software packages, generic & specific**
 - electron and photon transport using cross sections provided by **Magboltz**
 - ionization processes in gases, provided by **Heed, MIP**
 - ionization and electron transport in semi-conductors
 - **Answers to MPGD specific requirements**
 - **Dramatic E variations within microscopic distances ~ e^- mean free path**
 - FEM and analytic methods with high granularity
 - Dedicated approaches: NEBEM
 - **The role of the open dielectric surfaces**
 - Simulation of the charging-up phenomena, material properties
 - **description of the physical phenomena, continuous improvements**
 - Ion mobility, diffusion, recombination, e^- cross sections
 - Photons (UV emission, IR production, trapping, absorption, photocathodes)

Scalable Readout System

- **Once upon a time**
 - Complete non experiment-specific read-out systems; for example:
 - RMH, MWPC read-out developed at CERN; PCOS III by Le Croy
- **Then, experiment dedicated systems**
- **Still, up-to-date read-out systems available off-the-shelf needed**
 - A must for detector developers, wider use according to needs

Scalable Readout System (SRS) for MPGDs (developed with RD51)

- **A variety of FE chips: APV25, VFAT, Beetle, VMMx, Timepix**
- **Common acquisition hardware & software**
- **Scalable readout architecture:**
~100 ch.s → ~100 k ch. (ATLAS MAMMA project)
- **So successful, to be used outside MPGDs (SiPM, ALICE Ecal, ...)**



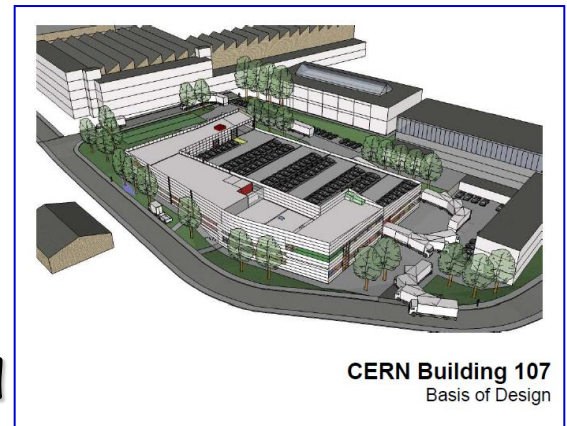
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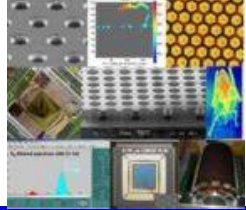
■ @ CERN, since always, a reference workshop

- '96: GEM 50 x 50mm with a gain of 10.
- '97: GEM 100 x 100mm with gain of 1000.
- '98: GEM 400 x 400mm; 1D and 2D readouts; micro-groove and micro-well detectors.
- '00: 3D GEM readout; 1D readout for Micromegas in COMPASS.
- '01: PIXEL GEM readout; 2D Micromegas readout.
- '03: PIXEL Micromegas readout.
- '04: Bulk Micromegas detector 100mm x 100mm. Micro BULK detectors
- '06: Half cylindrical GEM detector.
- '08: first large GEM 1.2m x 0.4m. First spherical GEM
- '09: first large BULK Micromegas 1.5m x 0.5m
- '11: First resistive Bulk Micromegas 100mm x 100mm
- '12: First 30cm x 30cm NS2 GEM detector
- '12: First 1m² Resistive Micromegas
- '12: First 2m² Resistive Micromegas
- '12: First NS2 GEM detector 1.2m x 0.5m
- '12: Full cylindrical GEM detector
- '13: GEM 2m x 0.5m ?? Micromegas 3.4m x 2.2m ??

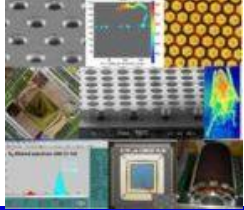
R. De Olivera, this workshop

■ More powerful with the new CERN-MPGD workshop (thanks to RD51), being completed





CONCLUSIONS



MPGDs:

**Impressive progress and
enormous potentiality!
... and a marvelous professional
adventure**

Thank you for our common effort !