

30, 511, 1200 keV e- track reconstruction from a 1kg, 10bar Xe-TMA TPC with microbulk readout

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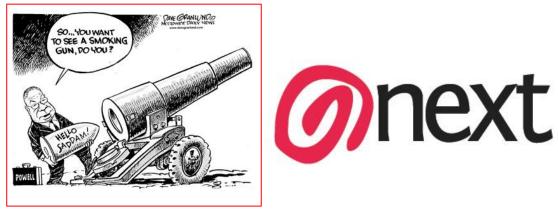
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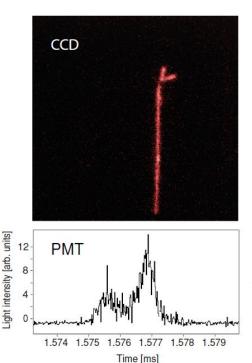
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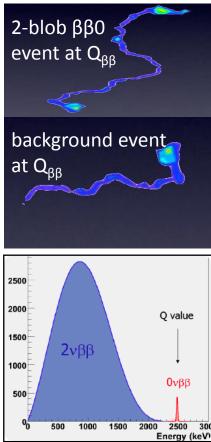
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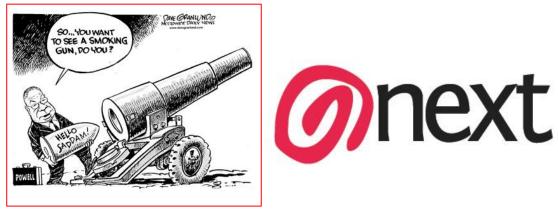
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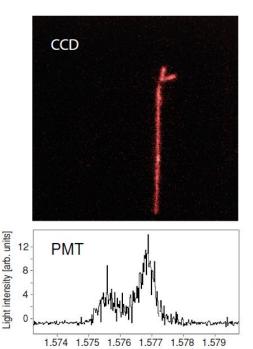




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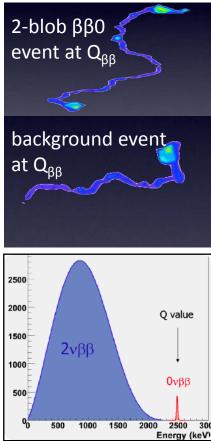
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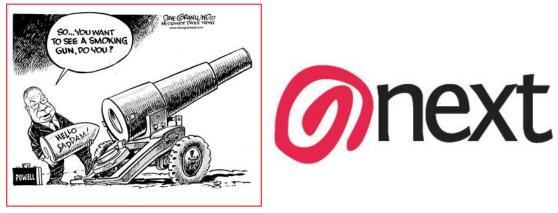
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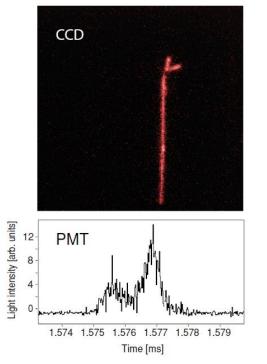


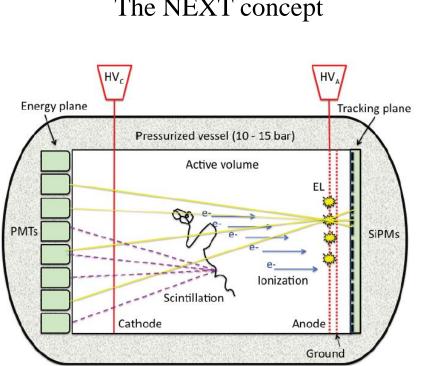


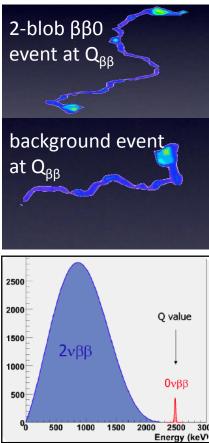
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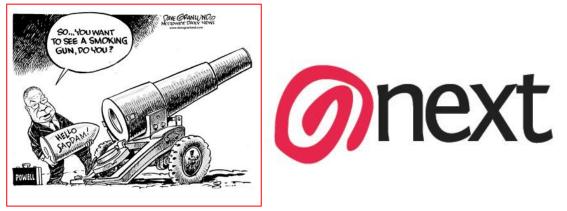
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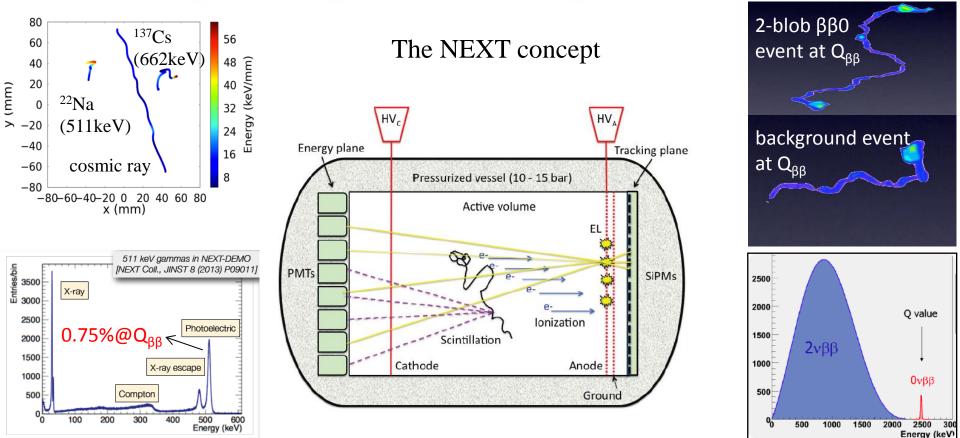


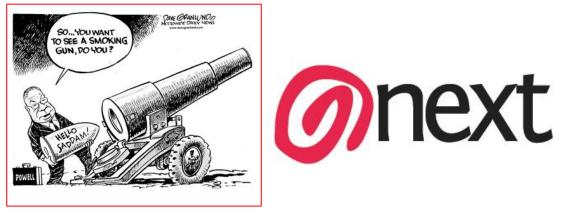


The NEXT concept

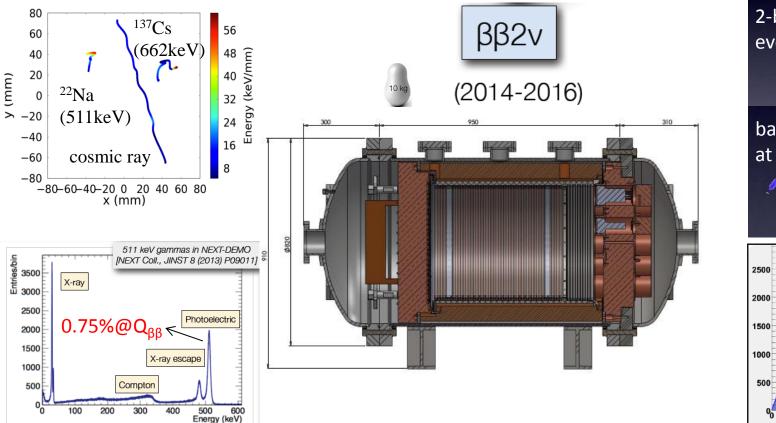


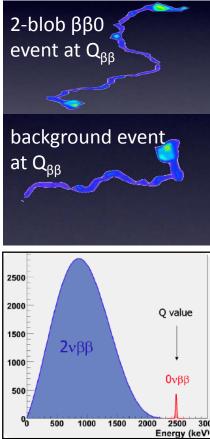
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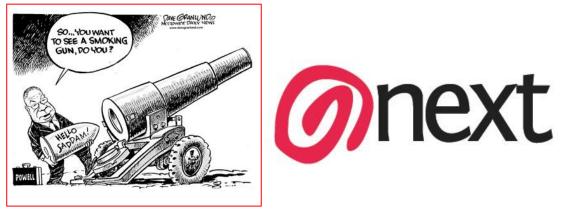




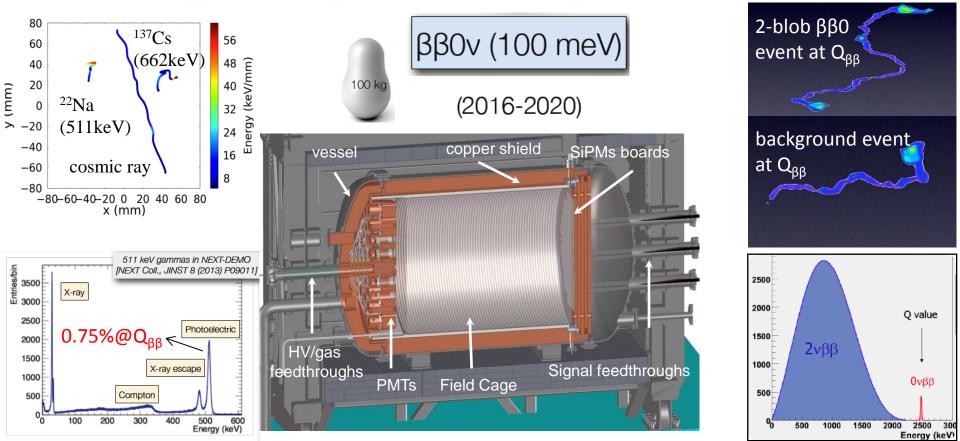
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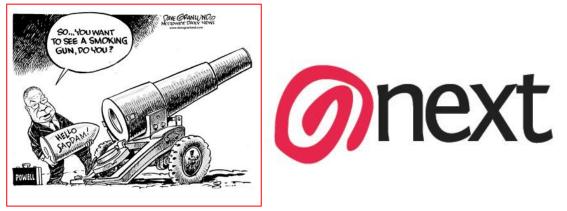




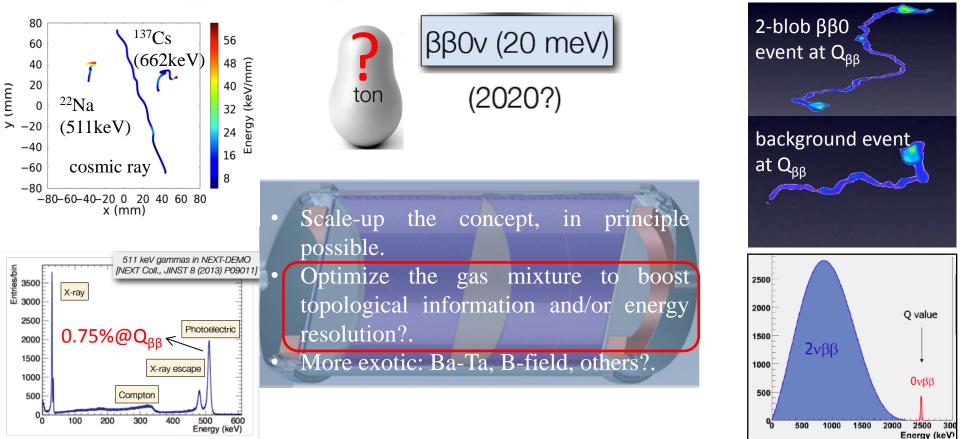


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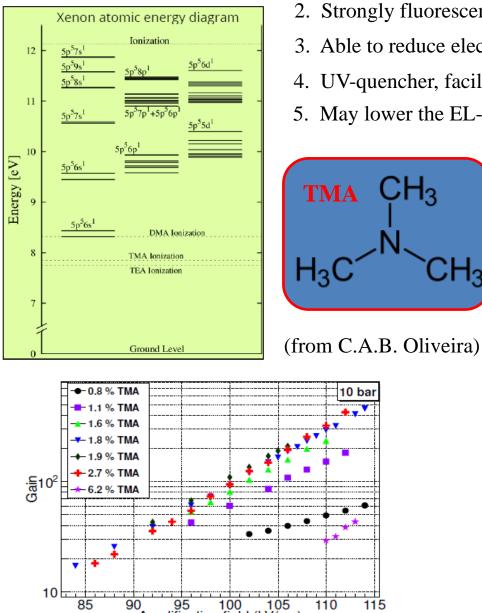




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Slowly emerging new idea 'Fluorescent Penning-mixtures'



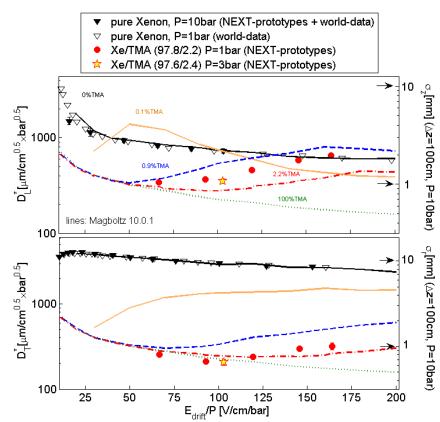
0 95 100 105 Amplification field (kV/cm)

110

115

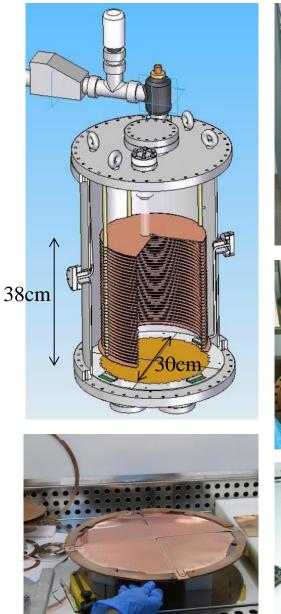
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- 1. Suitable for Penning transfer. (Indirect evidence from gain curves **()** (Yields in Xe-mixtures unknown. In progress \cong) 2. Strongly fluorescent. 3. Able to reduce electron diffusion in gas. (Verified **() ()**
- 4. UV-quencher, facilitates the imaging of the e- cloud. (Verified
- 5. May lower the EL-threshold and ease operation. (In progress



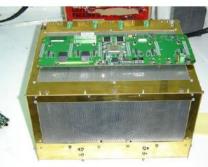
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B. Ramsey, P. Agrawal, NIM A 576(1989)278; S. Cebrian et al. JINST 8 (2013) P01012

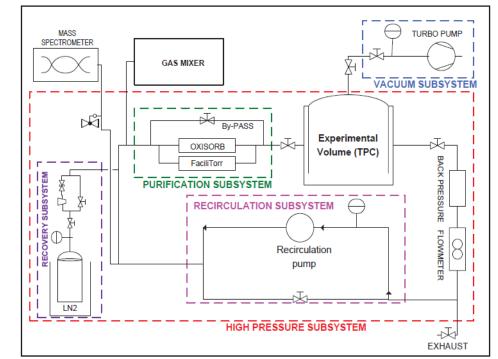








Description and commissioning of NEXT-MM prototype JINST 9 P03010





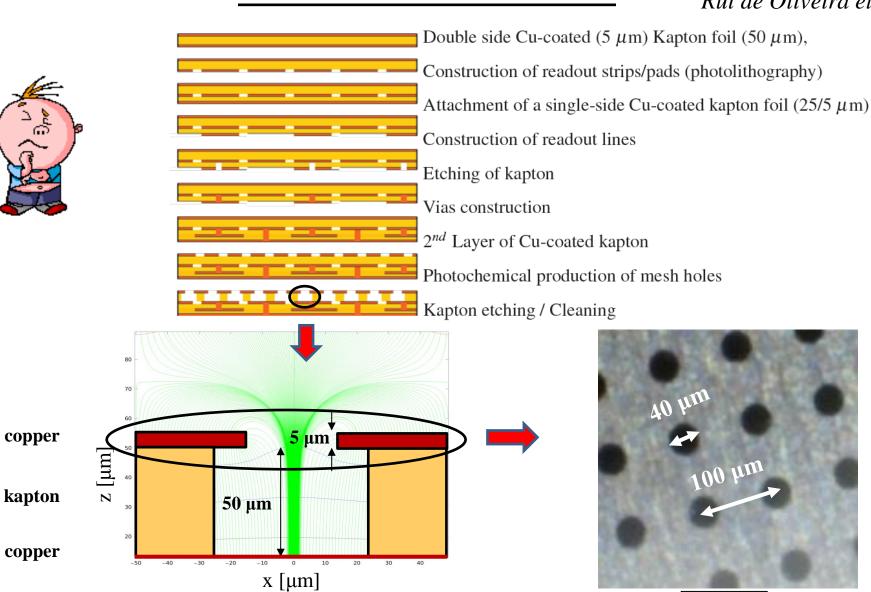








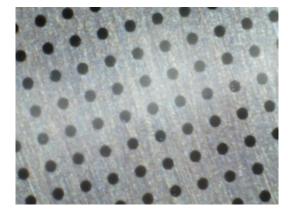
High-end micro-pattern single-gap amplification structure ('microbulk MicroMegas') *CERN workshop: Rui de Oliveira et al*



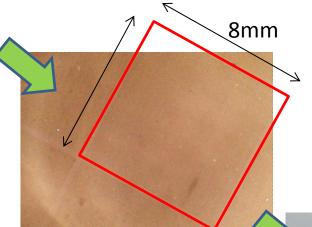
(Radiopure: $<30 \mu Bq/cm^2$ for ²³⁵U, ²³⁸U, ²³²Th chains)

up view

~100 holes

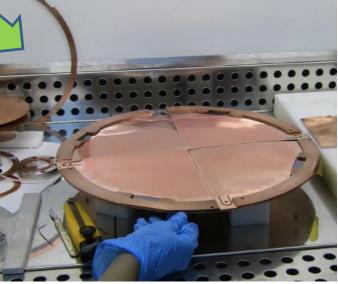


5900 holes/pixel

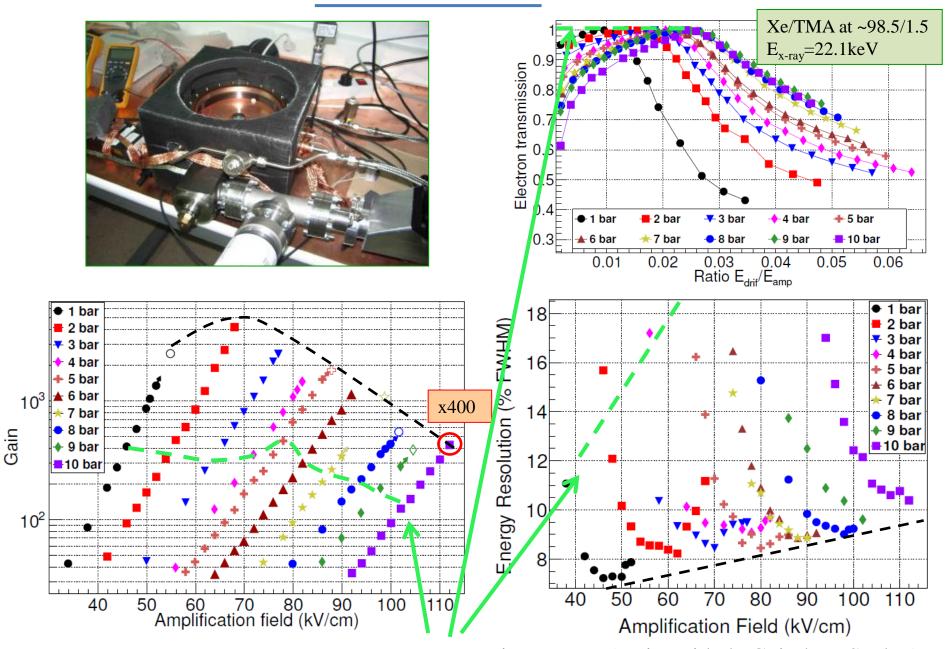


6796800 holes/readout plane

Largest Micromegas manufactured in the microbulk. No existing experience in a similar system.



step 0: measurements in a small setup and general behavior

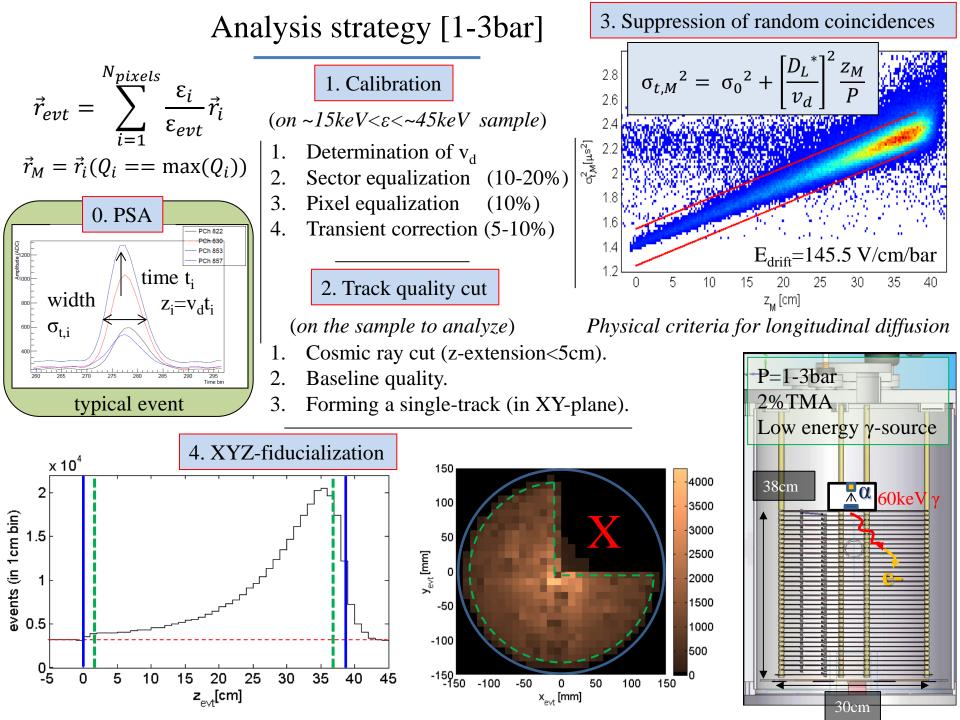


Measurements in pure Xe (Universidade Coimbra+Saclay)

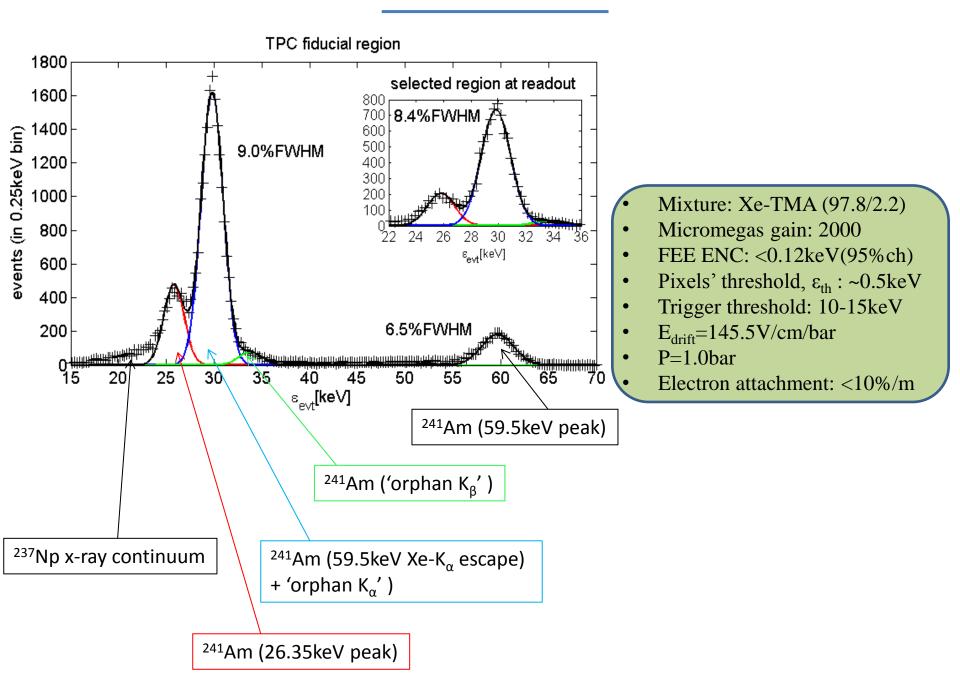
Commissioning strategy

- HV, vacuum and pressure tests.
- Preliminary studies with alphas in Ar-ibutane.
- Studies with low energy γ-rays and characterization of the e-cloud properties in the pressure range 1-3bar for Xe-TMA. (~30 live days)
- Run at 10bar with γ -rays (511keV, 1275keV) close to $Q_{\beta\beta}/2$. (~40 live days+)

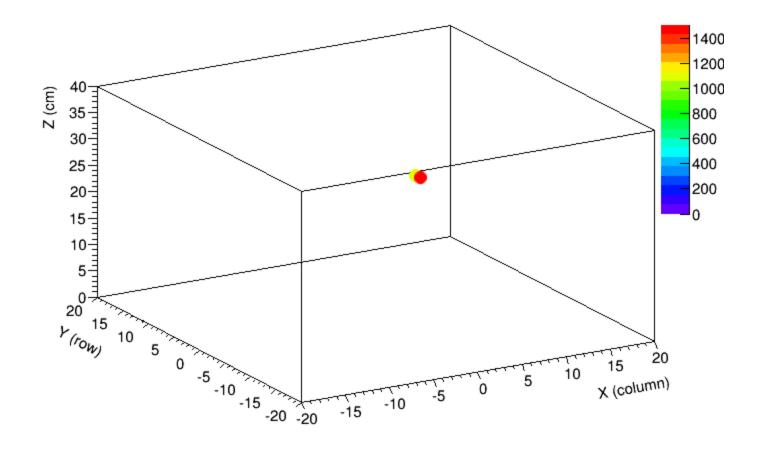
1-3bar



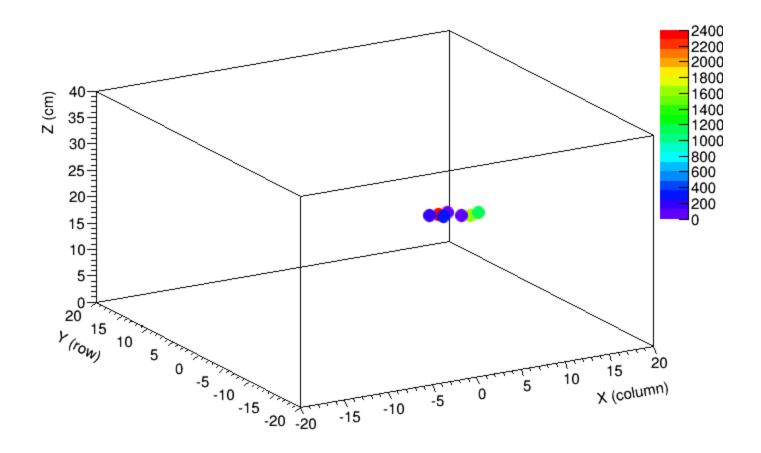
Calibrated energy spectrum at 1-3bar



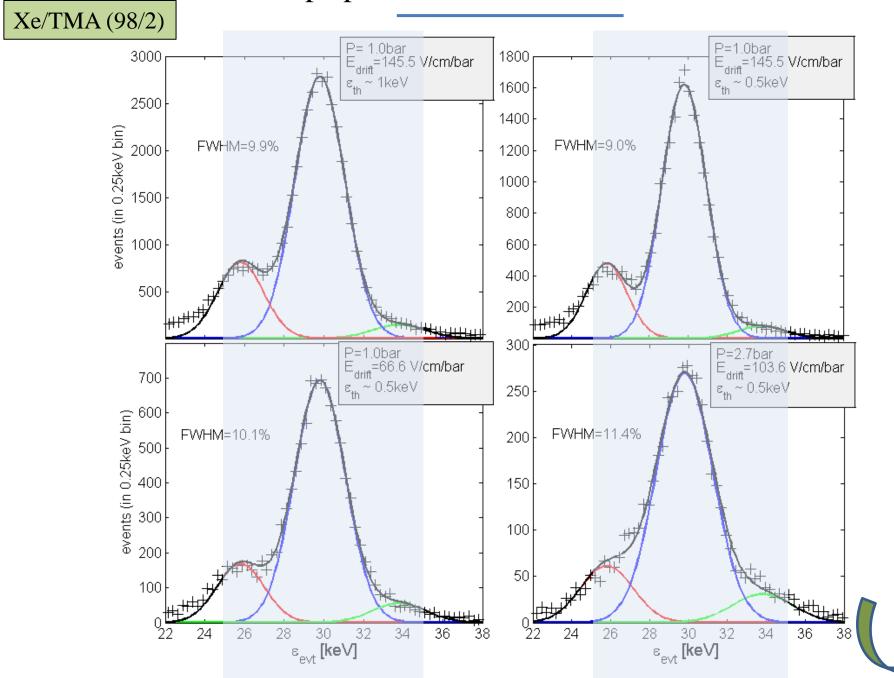
30keV clusters at 1bar



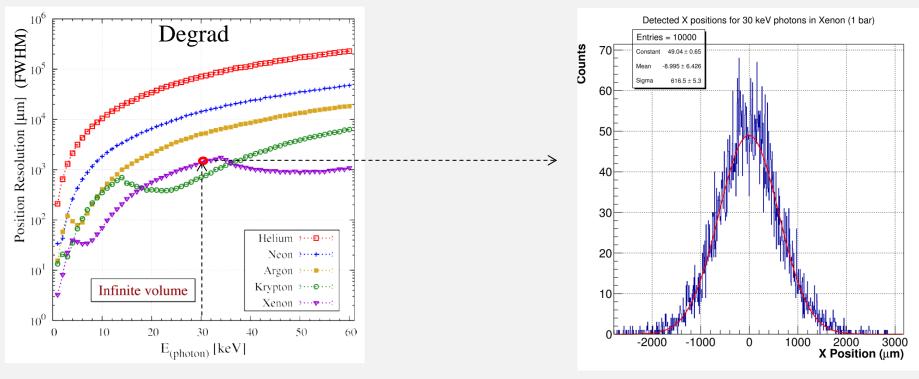
59.5keV clusters at 1bar



Xenon escape peaks for ²⁴¹Am in various conditions

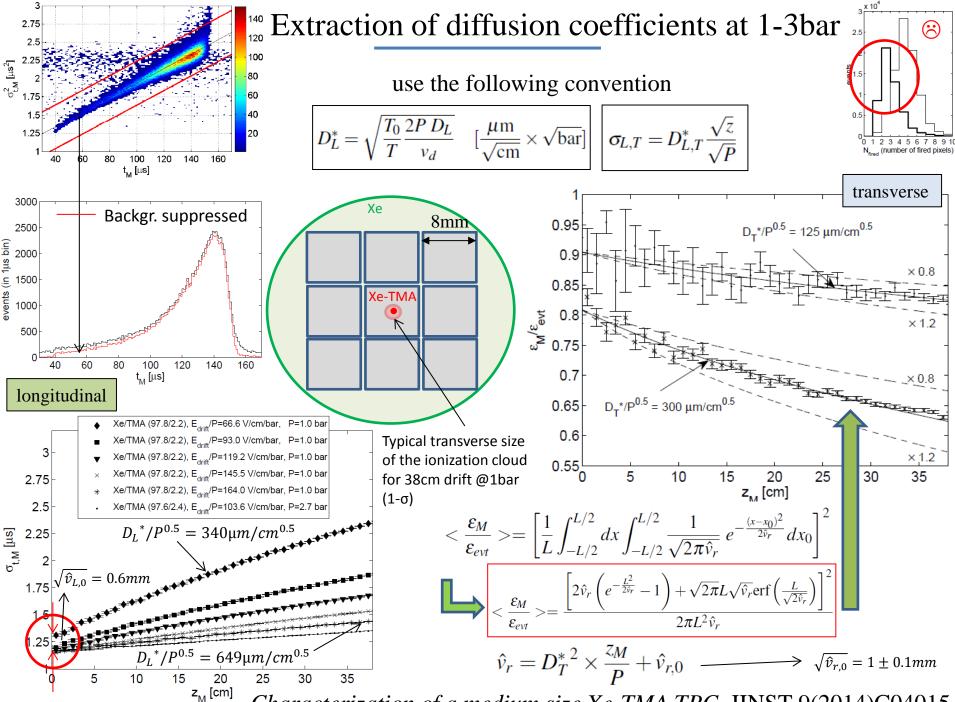


Short digression (estimate of the parameters of the electron swarm using 30keV 'quasi-point like' charge deposits)



(Carlos Azevedo, Feb2014 RD51 mini-week)

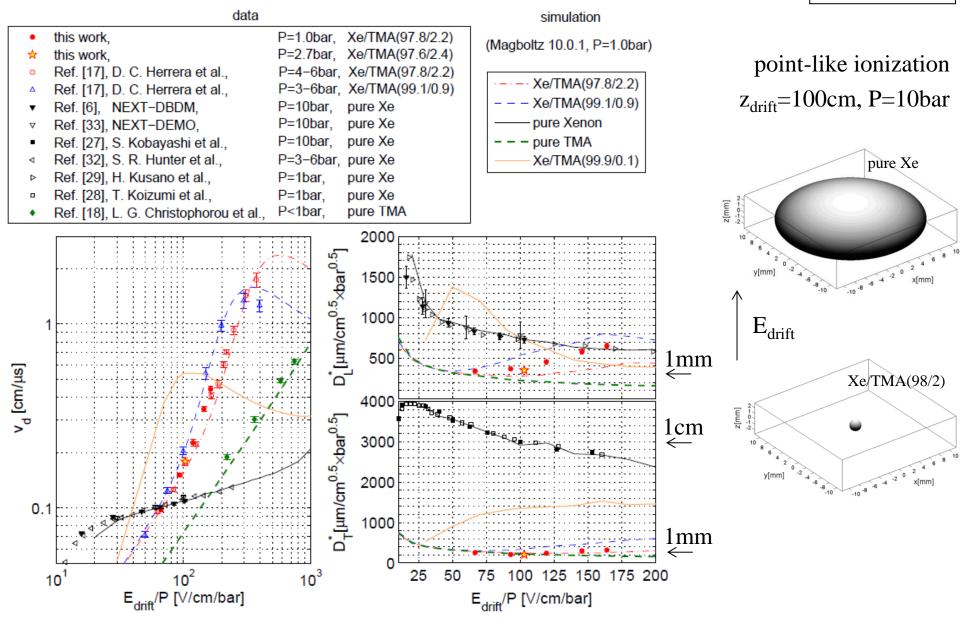
(courtesy of Carlos Azevedo)



¹¹ Characterization of a medium size Xe-TMA TPC, JINST 9(2014)C04015

Drift velocity and diffusion systematics

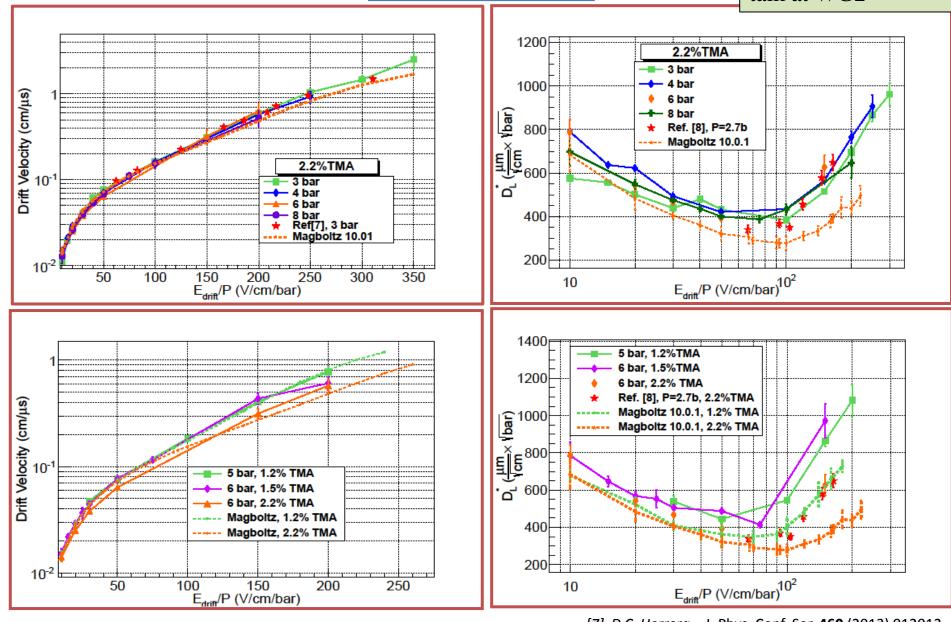
 $\sigma_{L,T} = D_{L,T}^*$



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New data from small setup (with α -tracks)

See D. C. Herrera's talk at WG2

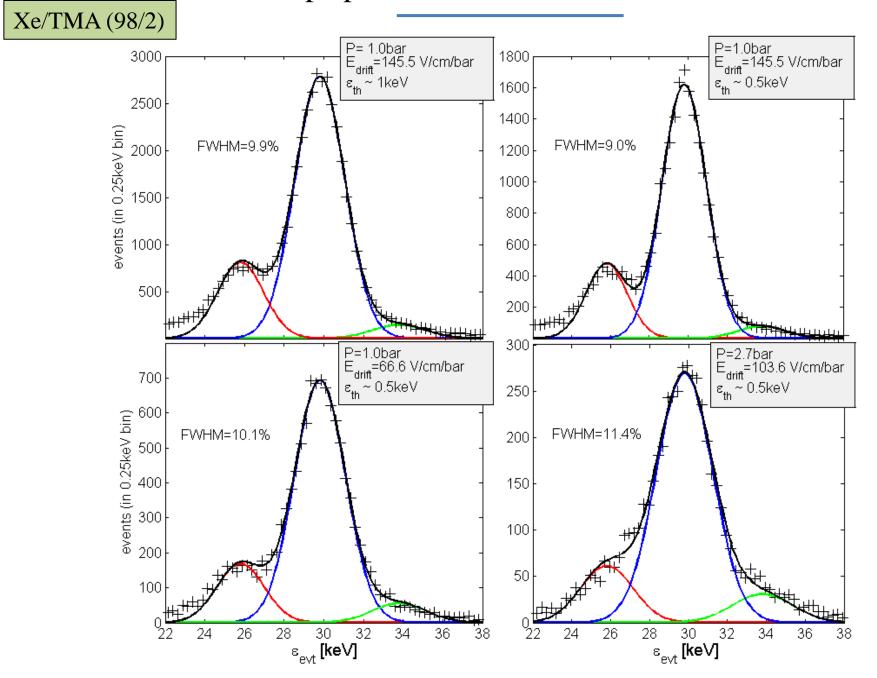


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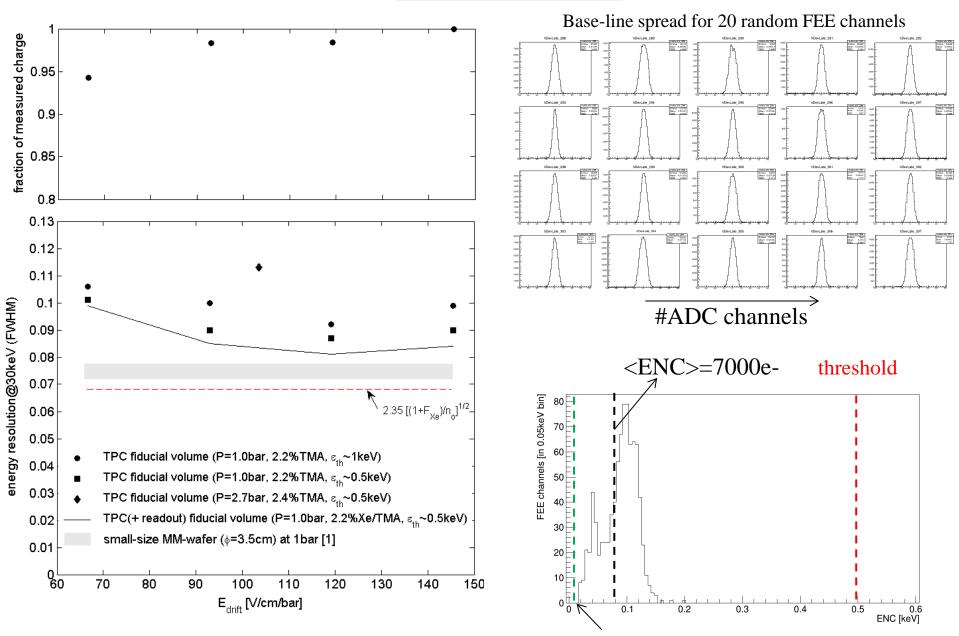
[8] V Álvarez et al, JINST **9** C04015 (2014)

back to system performance

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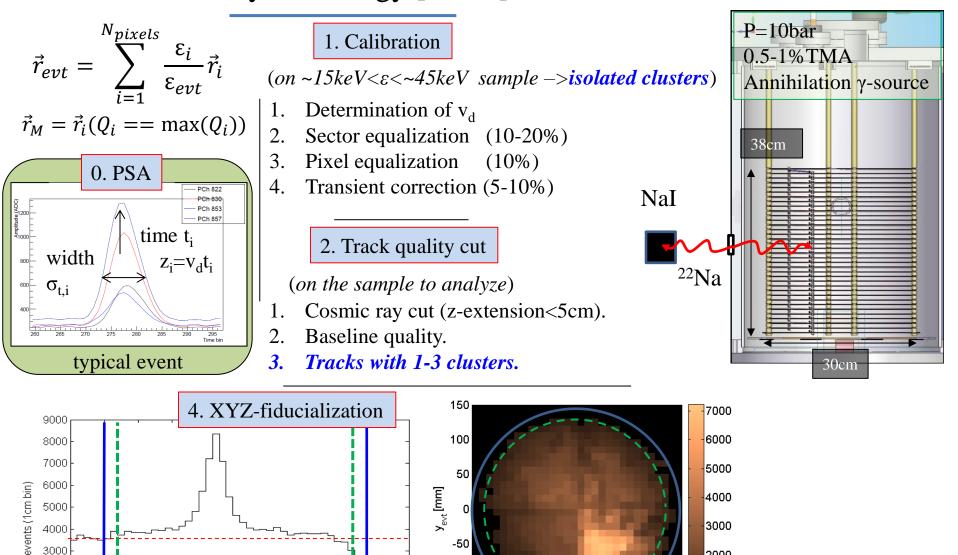
Drift field systematics in the pressure range 1-3bar



Typical AFTER values (1000e-) for optimized system

10bar

Analysis strategy [10bar] 3. No suppression of random coincidences (yet)



-100

-150 -150 -100

-50

0L -5

z_{evt} [cm]

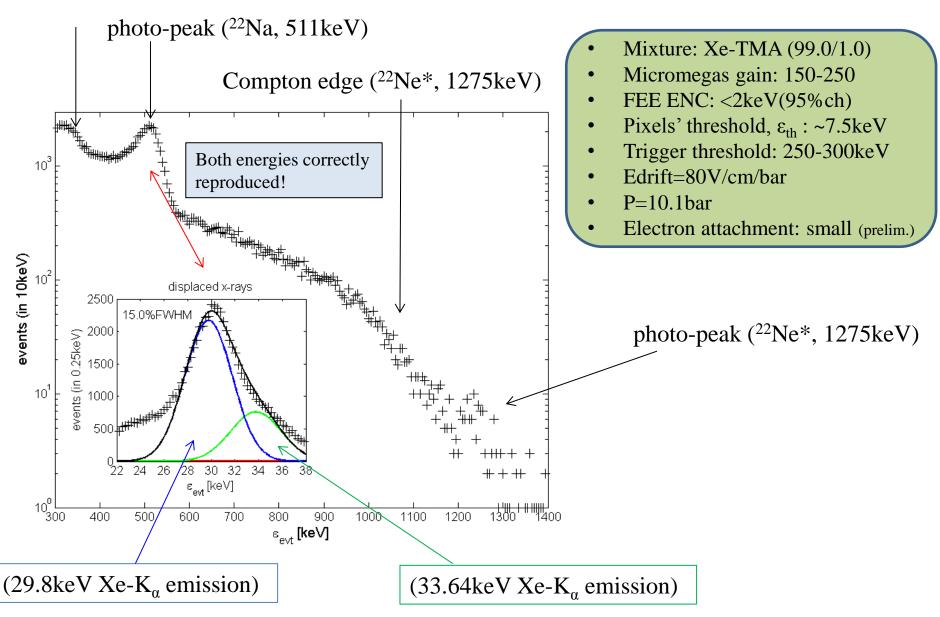
approximate source position

In.

x_{evt} [mm]

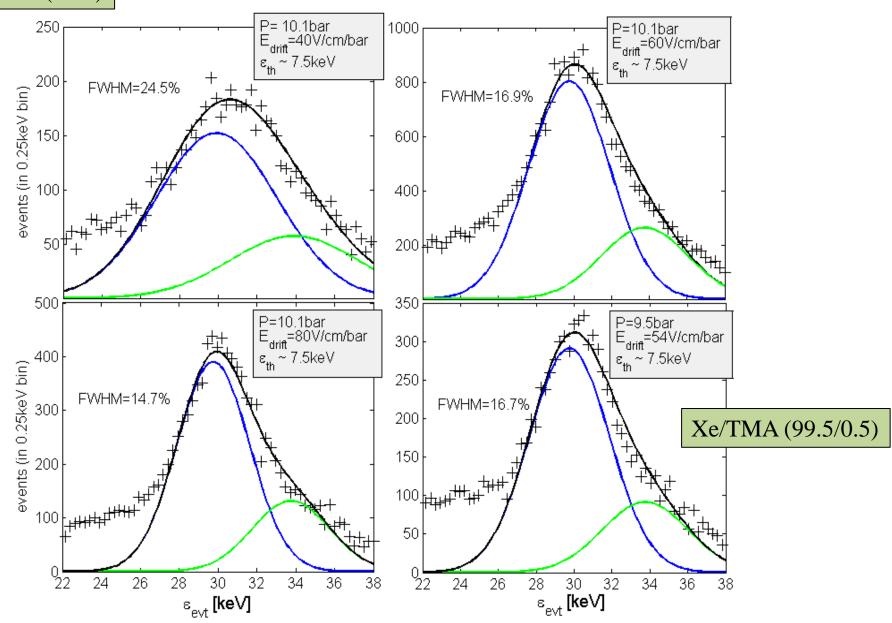
Energy spectrum after calibration at 10bar

Compton edge (²²Na, 511keV)

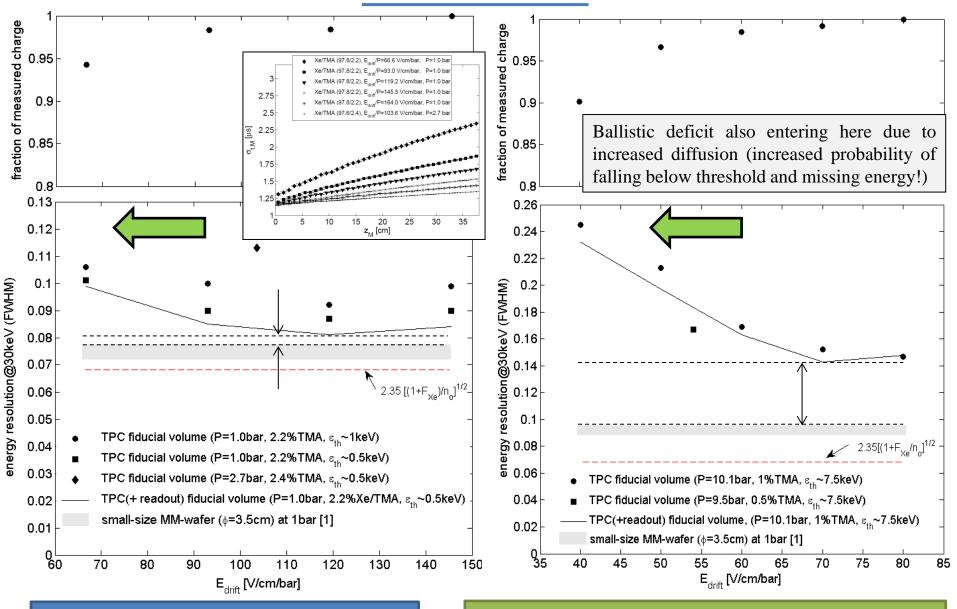


Xe characteristic $K_{\alpha,\beta}$ peaks (isolated clusters) for various conditions

Xe/TMA (99/1)



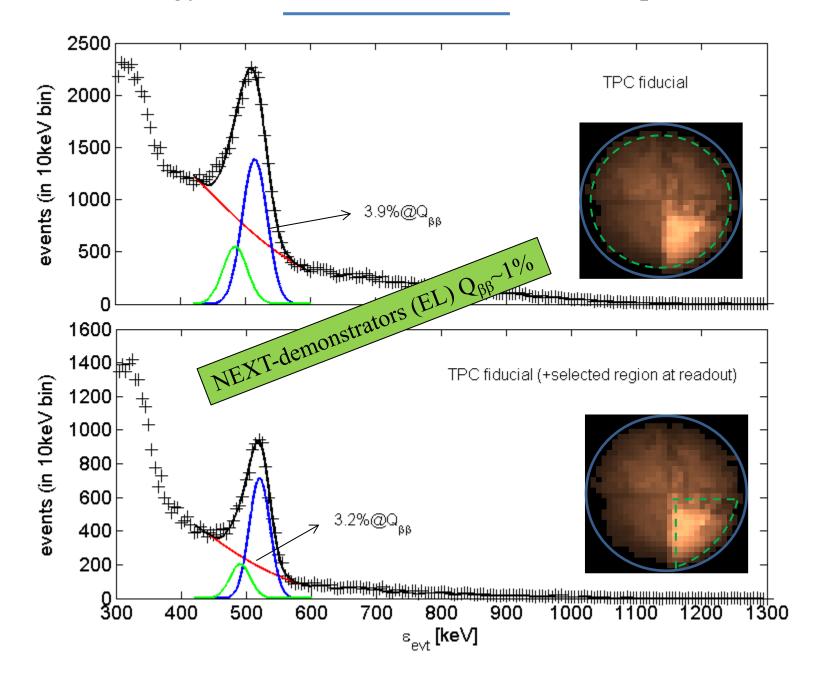
Comparison for 30keV charge deposits (1-10bar)



Deterioration already at the level of small variations in the technological process

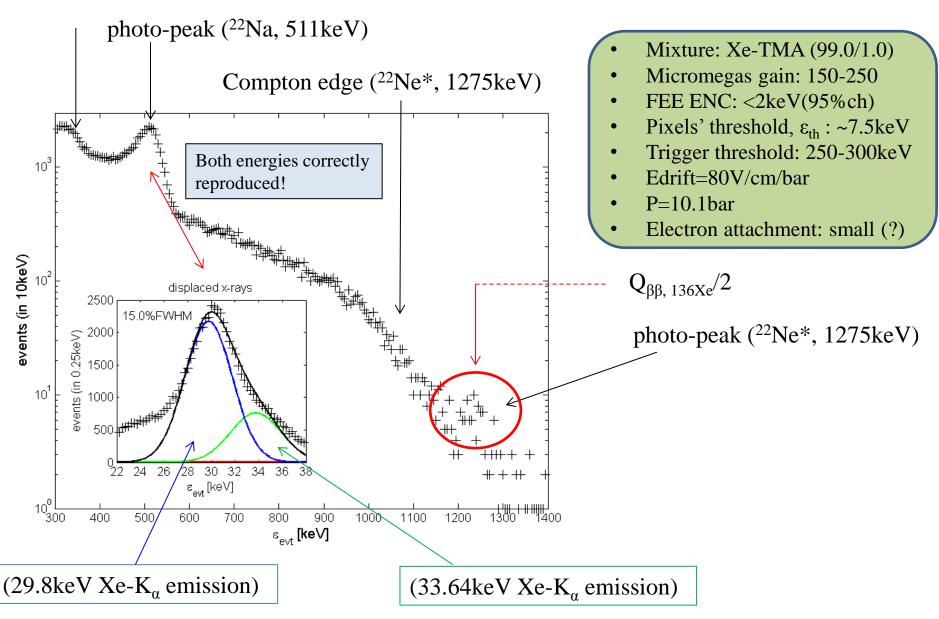
Deterioration presumably coming from both missing energy (ϵ_{th} ~7.5keV) and higher recombination at HP

Energy resolution at the 511 annihilation peak

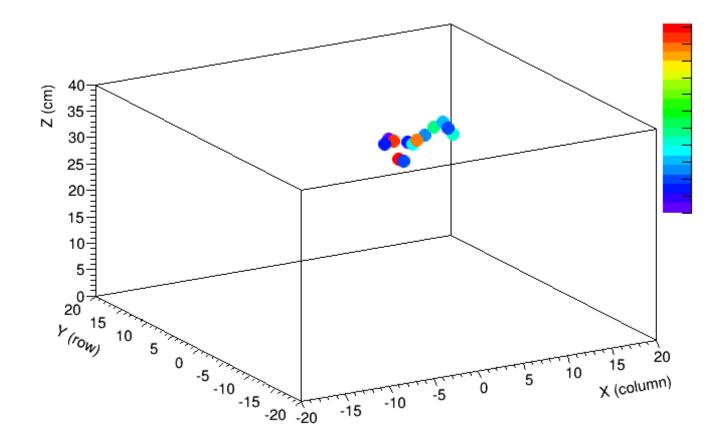


Energy spectrum after calibration at 10bar (reminder)

Compton edge (²²Na, 511keV)



selected events in the 1.2MeV region (from ²²Ne*)



End-blob clearly identified

Status

1-3bar campaigns	(6months/30live days)
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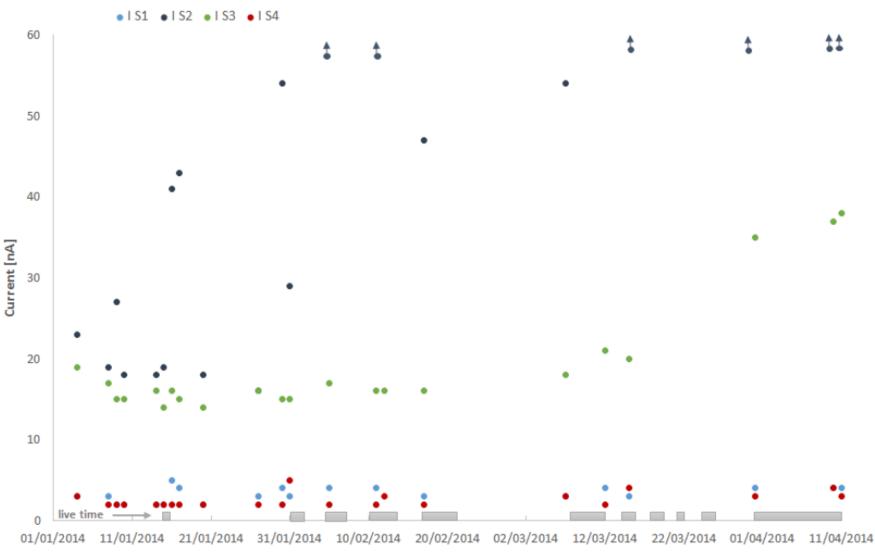
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unconnected pixels:	8%
of which	
unclear origin:	1%
understood(solvable):	5.2%
damaged pixels:	1.8%
sector 1 not function P=1-2.7bar	al.
%TMA=2.2-2.4	
E _{drift} =66-170 V/cm/ba	ar
gain=1600-2000	
η<10%/m	
Am-source (30-60ke	V)

HP campaigns (3months/40live days)

level of connectivity:	90%			
unconnected pixels:	10%			
of which				
unclear origin:	1%			
understood(solvable):	4.5%			
damaged pixels:	4.5%			
full plane operative P=9.5-10bar				
%TMA=0.45-1%				
E _{drift} =40-80 V/cm/bar				
gain=200				
η = no strong indication				
Na-source (511-1270k	eV)			

running continuously at the moment!

Behavior of current with time



Stability and effective exposure

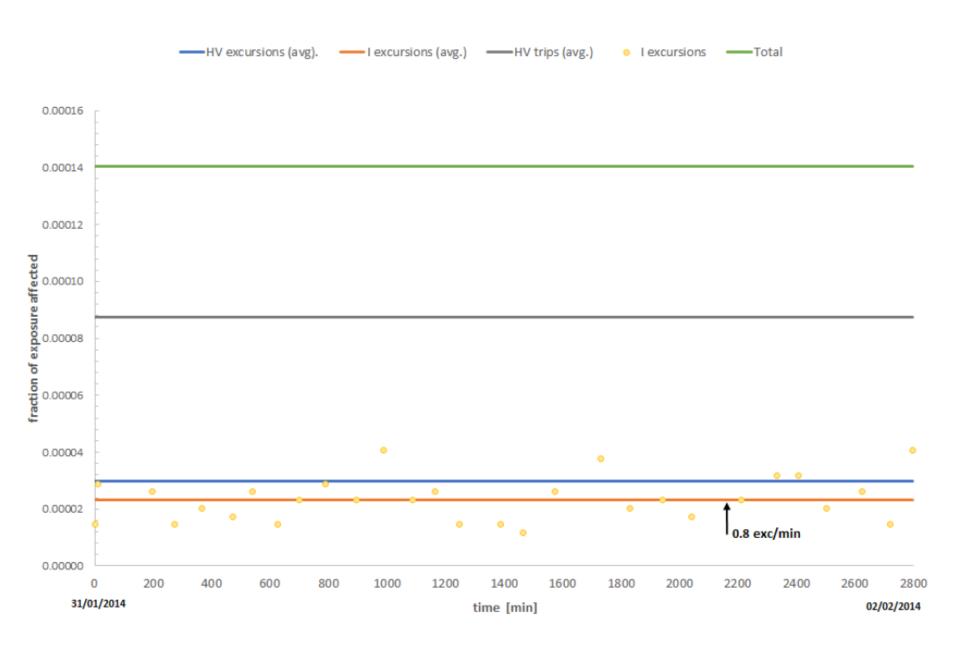
$$T_{1/2}^{-1} \propto a \cdot \epsilon \cdot \sqrt{\frac{Mt}{\Delta E \cdot B}} \stackrel{\text{exposure}}{\longrightarrow}$$

Besides general maintenance and calibration activities, assume 3 main sources of loss of exposure connected to the readout plane:

- Current excursions. Only one hole/pixel is affected during ~2s.
- HV excursions. The voltage of a whole sector ramps down for ~5-10s.
- HV trips. Full ramp-down/up cycle needed, ~1-2min.

$$\frac{Mt|_{loss}}{Mt} \cong \frac{A_{affected} \times \Delta t_{affected}}{A \times t}$$

Stability and effective exposure



Supra-intrinsic energy resolution in Xe-TMA

The basic idea (details omitted)

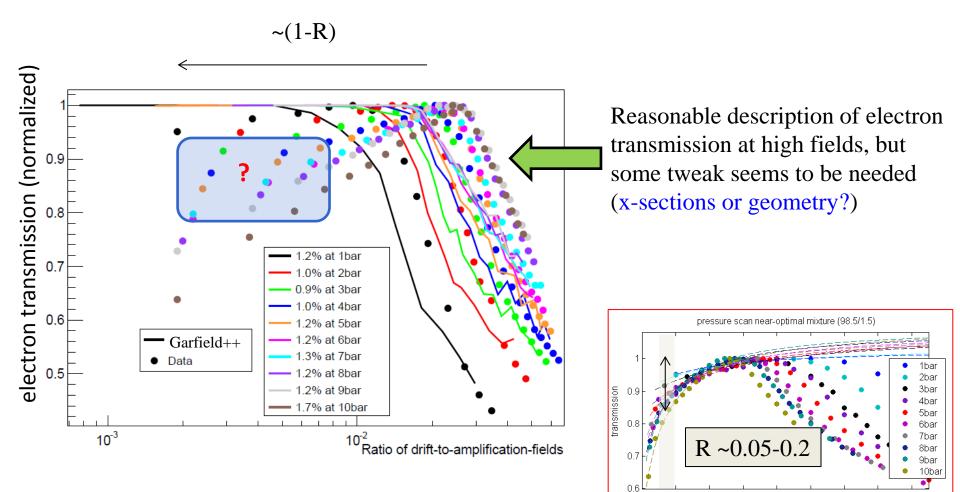
$$\frac{W_{xe-TMA}}{W_{xe}} \cong \frac{1}{(1 + rN_{ex}/N_I)(1 - R)}$$
Recombination (electron dynamics)

Penning transfer (ion dynamics)

Penning will decrease W as long as recombination stays low and does not over-compensate

$$\frac{\sigma_{xe-TMA}}{\sigma_{xe}} \ge \sqrt{(1-r) + R/F_{Xe}}$$

Behavior in the drift region (recombination)

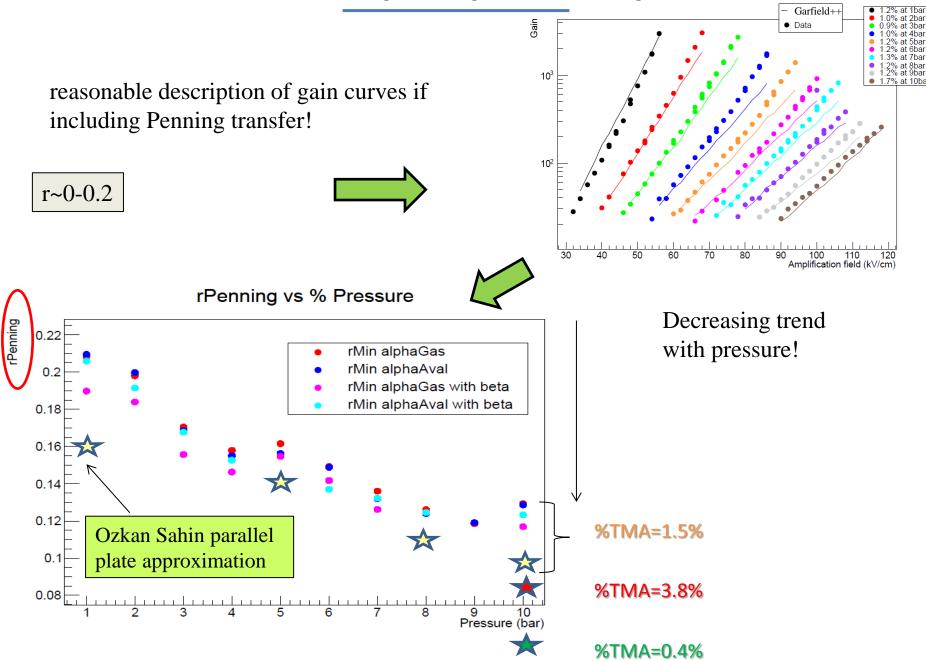


Region at low fields connected to recombination (see talk of D. C. Herrera at WG2).

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E/P [v/cm/bar]

Behaviour in the gain region (Penning)





Plenty of room for recombination compensating Penning at the drift fields (25-100V/cm/bar) and pressures (P~10bar) of interest 😕.

Was nature so unfair to us or are we missing something?

An experimental campaign with INGRID foreseen in order to answer the question through a direct measurement!.

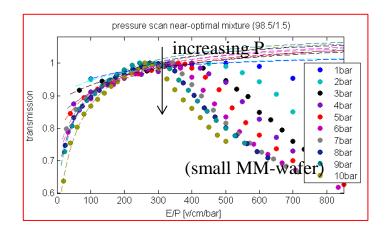
Conclusions and outlook

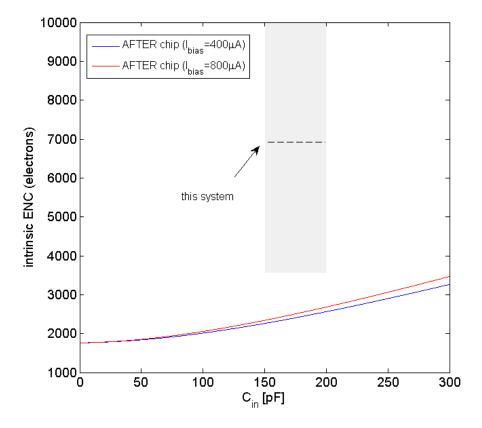
- 1. NEXT-MM working **stable** (24/7) at 10bar, for 40 live days+, in a Xe/TMA mixture at 99/1. Virtually no experiment-shifts except for safety (pressure, high voltage, leaks). Loss of exposure due to instrument imperfections (damaged pixels, excursions, HV-trips) quantified to be **0.014%**.
- 2. Assigning the observed pixel damage (4.5%) to defects in the micro-fabrication of the sensor, it translates to a probability of a defect of **8ppm**. A further reduction can be envisaged, specially since part of the damage was certainly caused during sensor manipulation. *Higher pixelization will reduce the probability of pixel damage proportionally. An inspiring option!*.
- 3. Energy resolution a bit shy of $3\%Q_{\beta\beta}$, a factor x2 far from the $1/\sqrt{E}$ scaling. Improved PSA and track-geometry studies will follow to clarify if the limitation comes from the drift region or the MM-sensor (recombination, finite threshold or calibration). It is unclear whether MM can contribute to the energy estimate coming from the EL region in NEXT, however it offers an unparalleled performance as a tracking plane.
- NEXT-MM is probably the best possible test-bed to date (?) for topological studies of high energy e- tracks in low-diffusion Xenon-mixtures. There is a claim that this particular setup can increase the γ-suppression in at least a factor x3 as compared to pure Xenon [J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 40 125203], *encouraging*!.
- 5. **Ongoing experimental and simulation efforts towards modelling** Xe-TMA mixtures in order to address the ultimate energy resolution for this Penning mixture (Penning, recombination, Fano). However, some (small) discrepancies with Magboltz existing at the moment.
- 6. Light measurements (S_1, S_2) ongoing (LBNL, LIP-Coimbra).

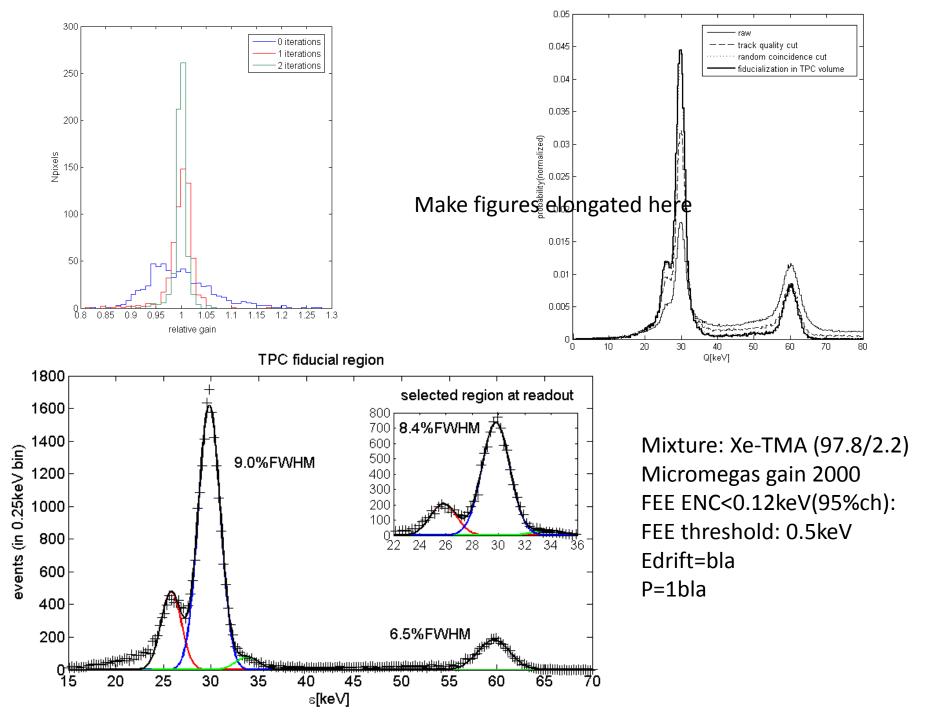
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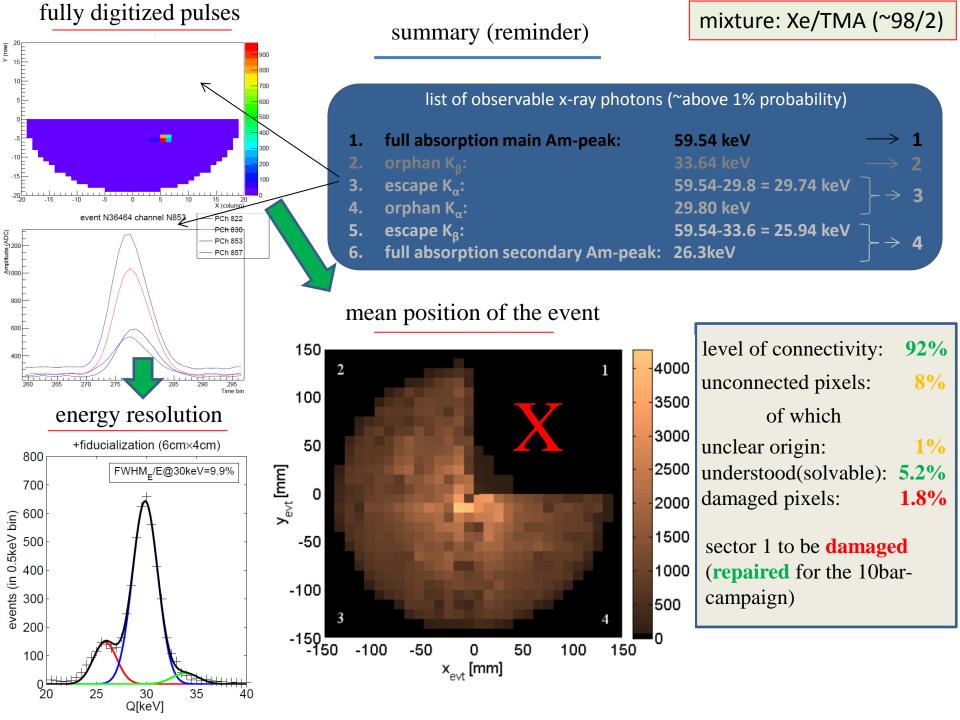
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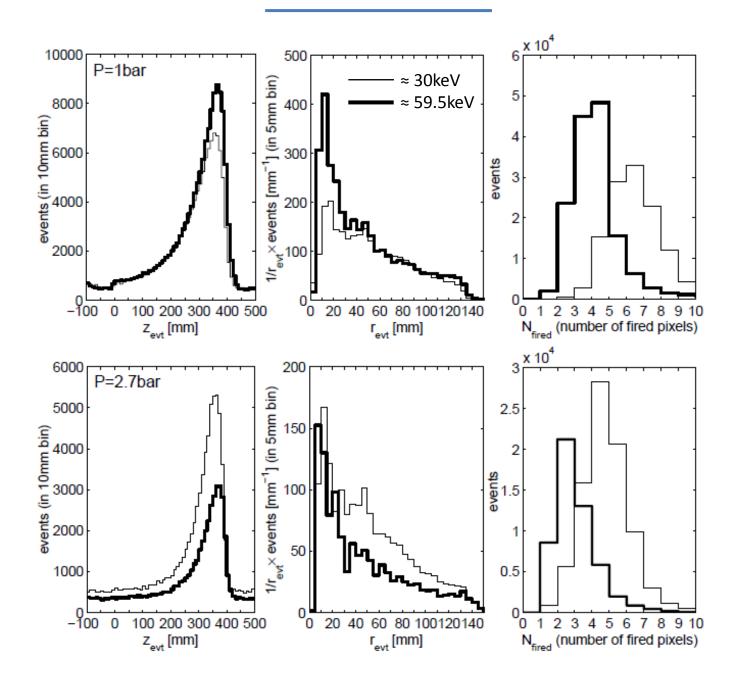




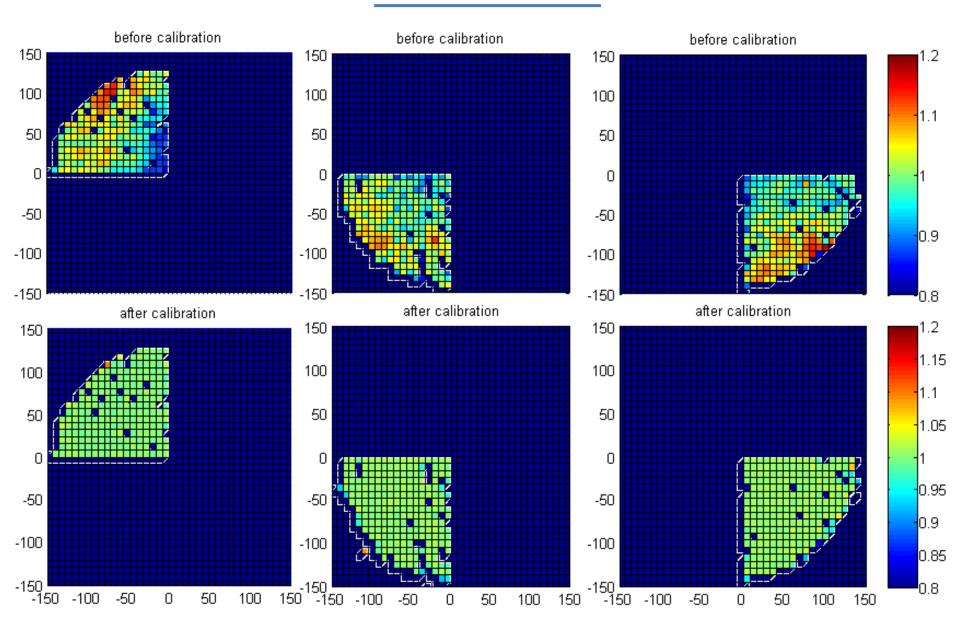




main characteristics of low-energy X-ray deposits at 1-2.7bar

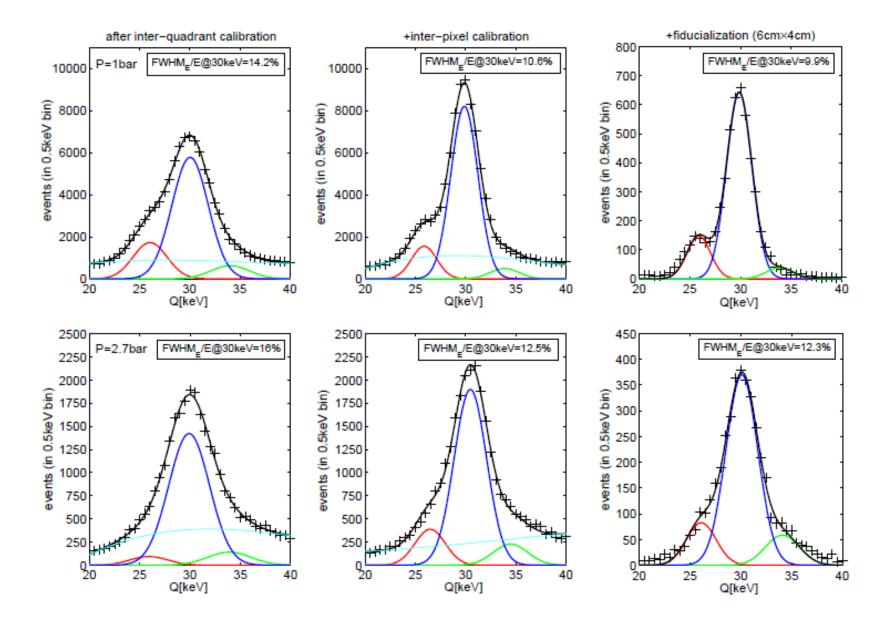


gain maps are necessary in order to achieve ultimate resolution

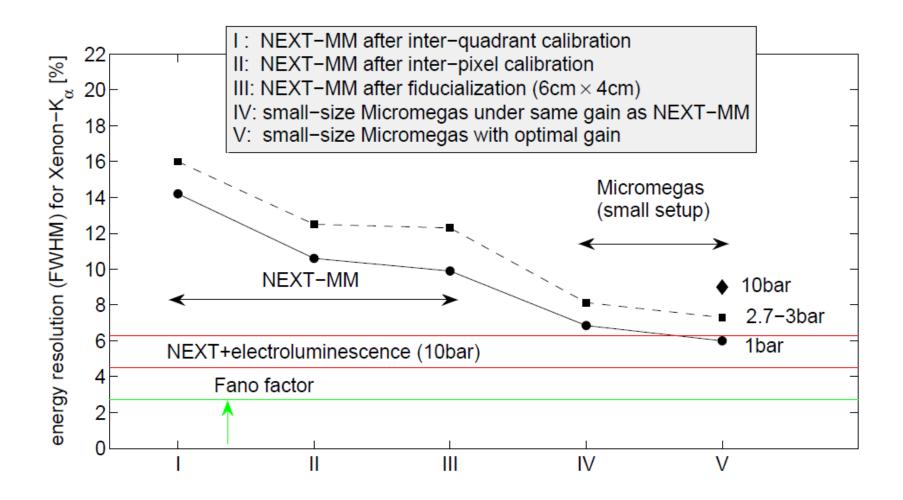


obtained by aligning the 30keV peak pixel by pixel

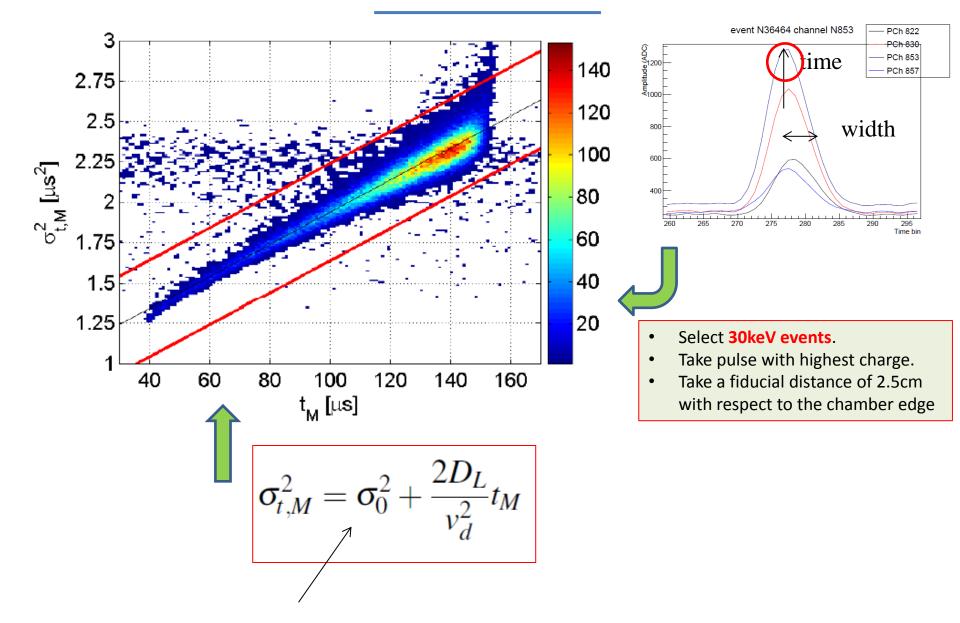
main performance with low energy X-rays in the 1-2.7bar regime



half-way performance cross-comparison (with a grain of salt)

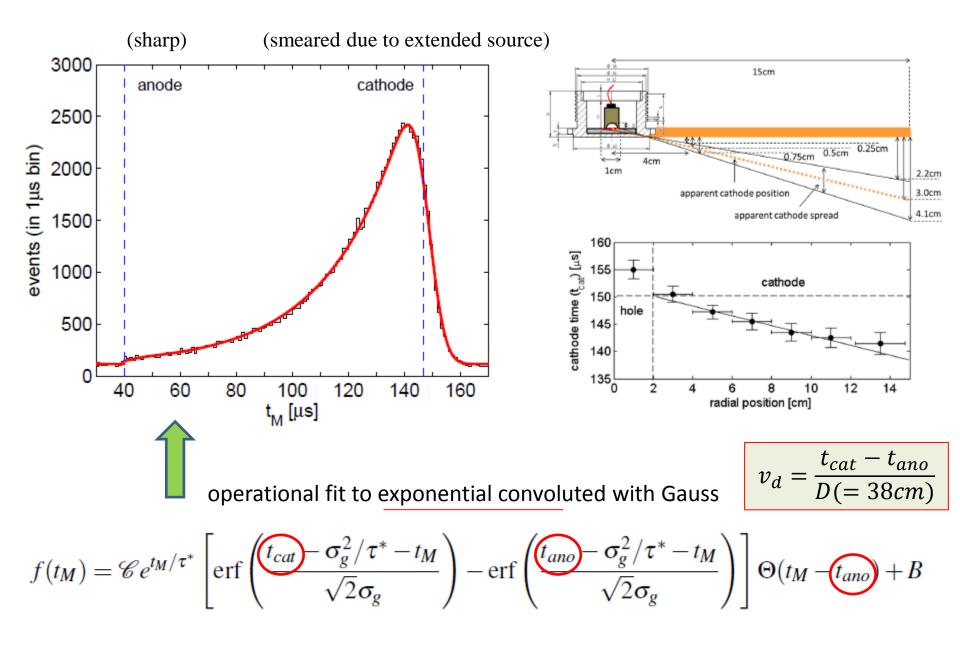


time-width pulse correlations through drift & longitudinal diffusion

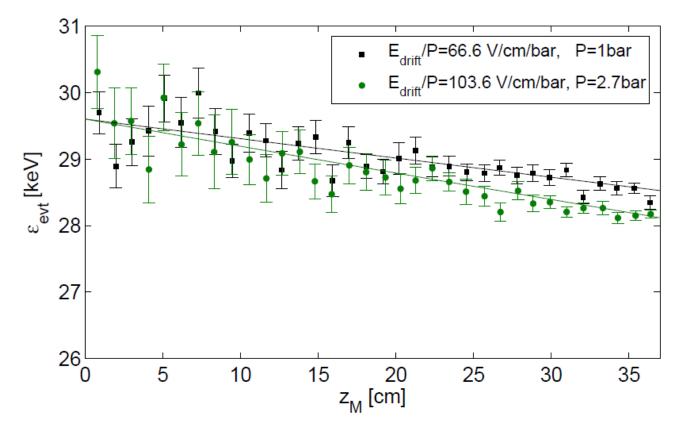


electronics response function + size of ionization cloud (+ ion transit time)

determining the total drift time (and hence the drift velocity)



attachment coefficient



E/P[V/cm/bar]	v_d [cm/ μ s]	$D_L^*[\mu \mathrm{m}/\sqrt{\mathrm{cm}} \times \sqrt{\mathrm{bar}}]$	η [m ⁻¹]	TMA(%)	P[bar]
66.6 ± 1.3	0.097 ± 0.005	340 ± 19	0.10 ± 0.01	2.2	1.0
93.0 ± 1.9	0.151 ± 0.007	368 ± 20	0.08 ± 0.02	2.2	1.0
119.2 ± 2.4	0.227 ± 0.011	456 ± 25	0.08 ± 0.01	2.2	1.0
145.5 ± 2.9	0.345 ± 0.017	579 ± 32	0.10 ± 0.01	2.2	1.0
164.0 ± 3.3	0.442 ± 0.022	649 ± 36	0.07 ± 0.04	2.2	1.0
103.6 ± 2.1	0.179 ± 0.009	351 ± 18	0.14 ± 0.01	2.4	2.7

sensor panel

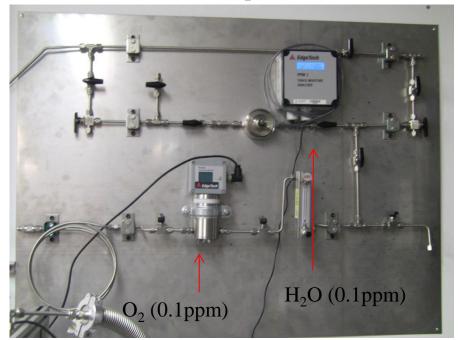
new hardware

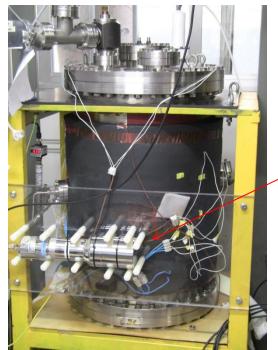
new bottles and piping



/ TREX-light (pure Xenon line) NEXT-MM recovery bottle

NEXT-MM expansion chamber





Nal detector and Na source