



# Status of GEM foil industrialization

- **GEM foil production in Korea (95% of the presentation)**  
*on behalf of Inkyu Park*
- **First steps in India : Larval stages (5% of the presentation)**

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# KCMS–Mecharonics Joint Workshop 2013 for the GEM detector

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# KCMS GEM members



## □ Korea CMS GEM TF: 3 universities+ 1 company

– We are the biggest sub-group in KCMS.

- Univ. of Seoul: 1 prof, 2 post-docs, 5 students, 2 staffs



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- Chonbuk Univ.: 1 prof, 1 post-doc, 1 engineer



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- Seoul Nat'l Univ.: 1 prof, 2 post-docs, 2 students



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- Mecharonics: 2 managers, 2 engineers, some technicians



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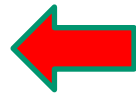
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## □ GEM foil production site: Mecharonics

- **Founded in 2000, semiconductor parts manufacturer in Korea**
- **Main products: heater block, chemical precursor, etc.**



- Head Quarter & Production Facility
- Clean room : 1000 m<sup>2</sup>



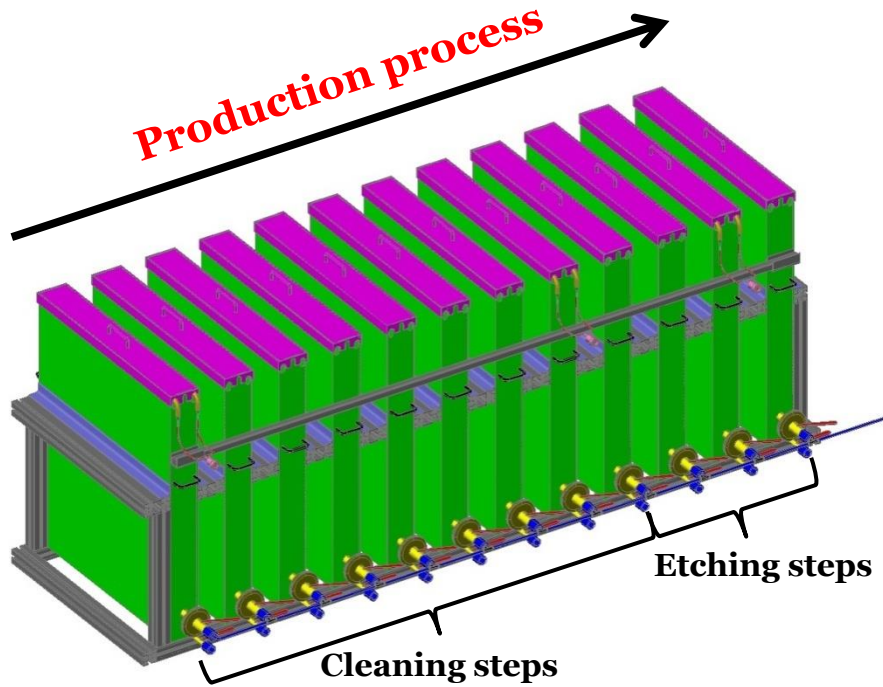
- R&D and Production Facility
- Clean room : 1300 m<sup>2</sup>
- **GEM foil production site is here!**



- ❑ Old test production facility for R&D
  - Only for manual production of 10x10 (up to 30x30) GEM foil
    - Replaced with a new test production system



- New production facility for the small-size GEM foil
  - Up to 55cm x 55 cm

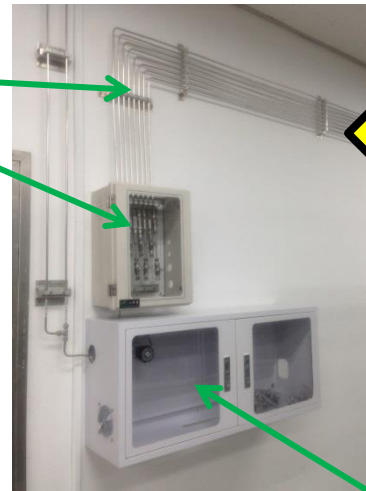


- Production room for the large-size GEM foil
  - Can produce up to 1.2m x 50cm
    - same configuration as the small-size facility, but bigger dimension





**8 gas pipes from gas depository**  
**8 gas filter (40-60  $\mu\text{m}$ ) with 8 main valves**



**Area of detector lab  $\sim 70 \text{ m}^2$**   
**1 air filter on the ceiling**

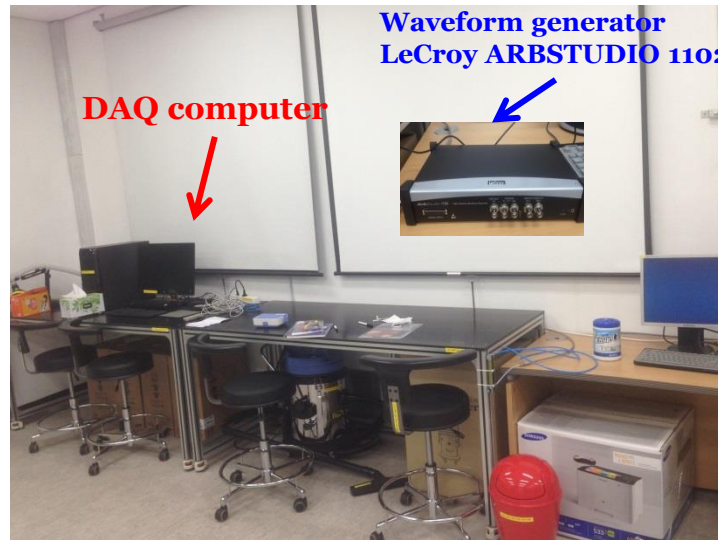
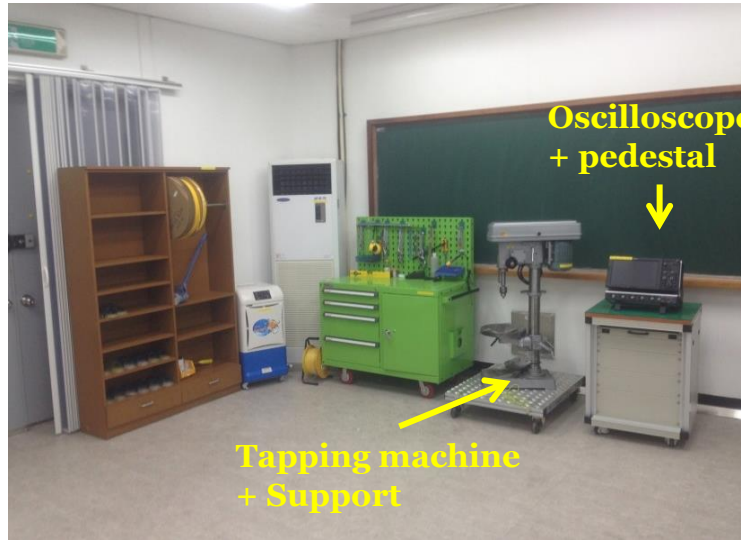
**2 tables for detector test**

**regulator for  $\text{N}_2$**



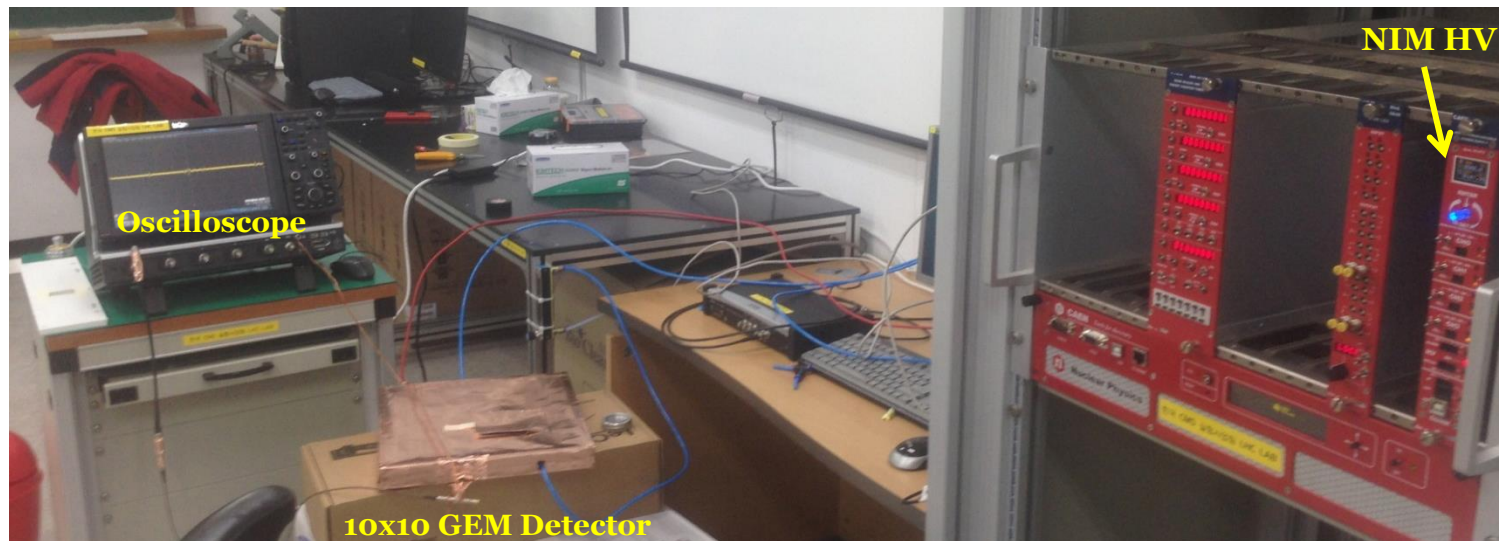
**Clean room**  
**3.5 m x 4 m x 2.5 m(H)**  
**4 clean filter (class 1)**

**1 air-conditioner (19-25  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and 1 dehumidifier (40-60 %)**



Upgrade of Lab

Operational test of prototype GEM detector at University of Seoul



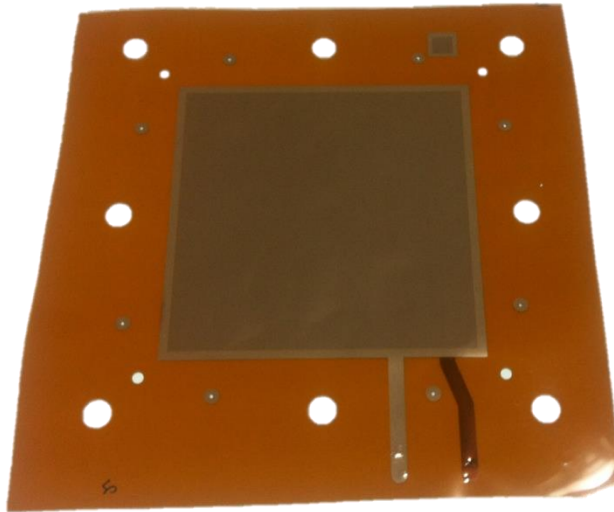


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- A very first version of GEM was produced (2012/11)
  - We started by our own method w/o Tech transfer from CERN
    - **Step1: Cu lithography & etching**
    - **Step2: PI etching**
      - own recipe for FCCL, etchant, etching condition (\*\*major know-how)



**Good news: Symmetric PI etching condition was obtained**  
**- Bad news: Some degree of side etch problem were seen**

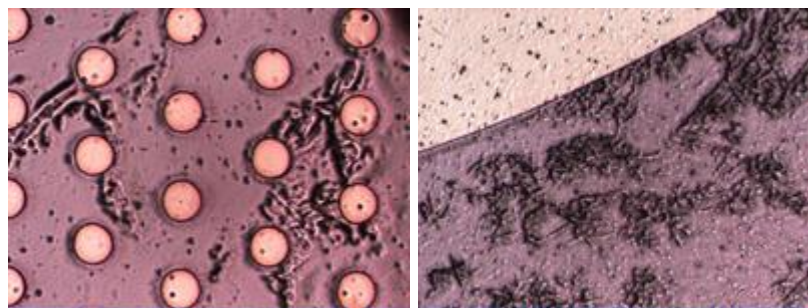
## □ Cu etching

– We faced many different unexpected obstacles in the beginning.

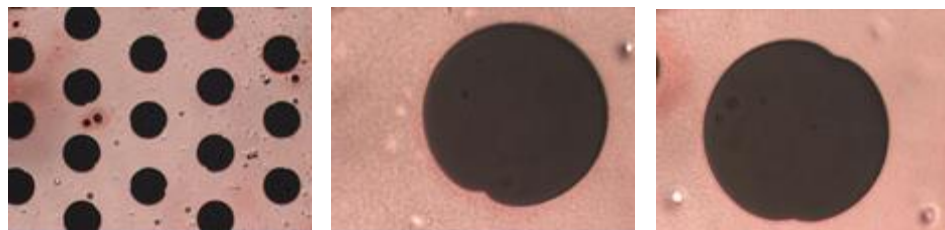
- **Packing issue: stain**



- **Cu surface defect**



- **Irregular shape**



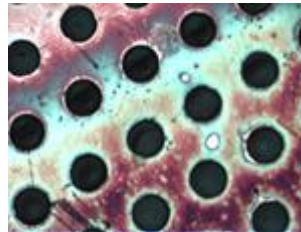
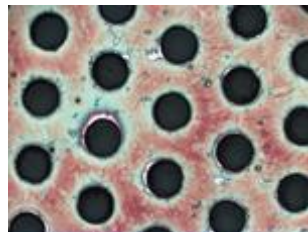
- R&D for 3 months to find the best etchant
  - **Function of etchant composition, temperature, etching time**

PI etching

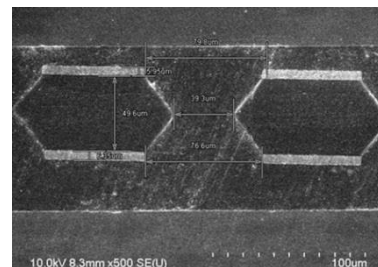


etching time →

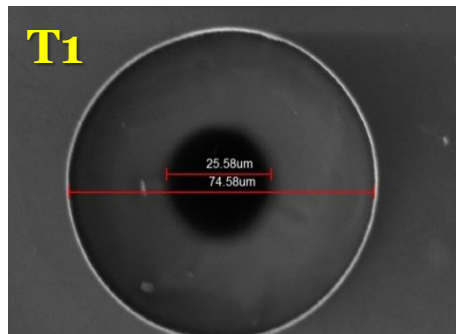
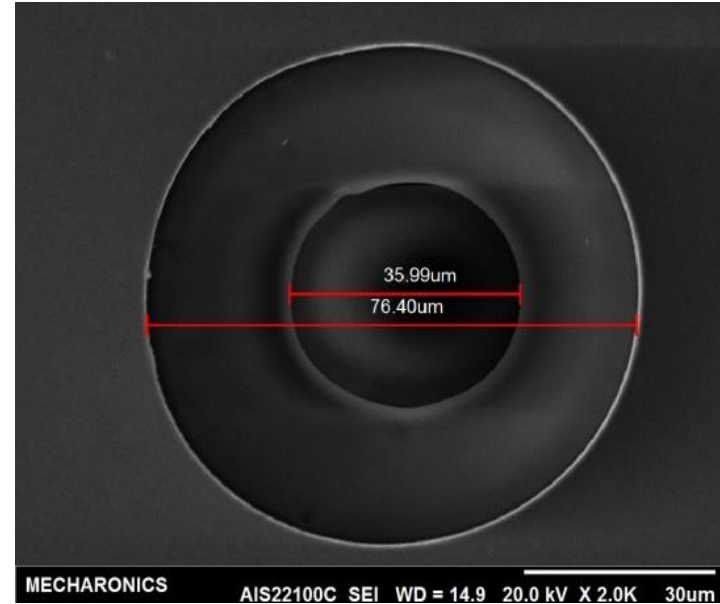
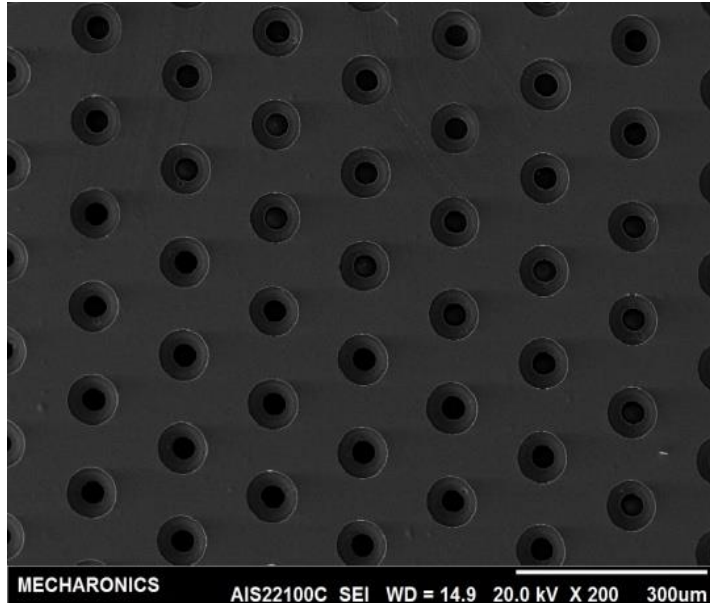
Cu damage



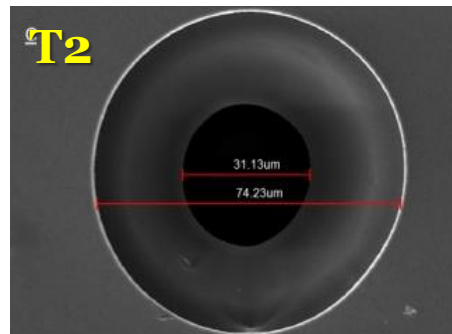
- **Finally we found the optimal PI etching condition in May. 2013**



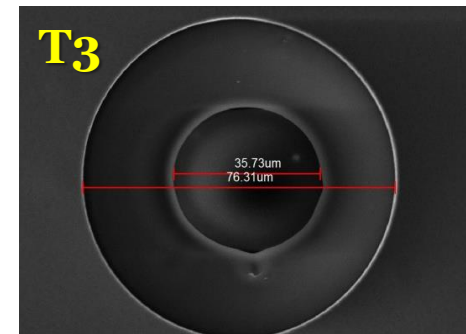
□ We can control the PI hole shape & size!



Condition A, 26 $\mu$ m



Condition B, 31 $\mu$ m



Condition C, 36 $\mu$ m

- KCMS & Mecharonics finally made the precision GEM foil ever produced!!
- well received by CERN DG & CMS CB

Best cross-sectional view ever achieved.  
 • High Definition GEM

한국 중소기업이 만든 부품  
 히스입자 찾는데 쓴다

메카트로닉스 부품 공급



이재경 대표

세계 과학계의 이목이 집중된 '히스(Higgs) 입자'를 찾는 장치에 국내 중소기업 부품이 사용된다. 경기 광택시 송탄산업단지에서 있는 메카트로닉스는 히스 입자 연구를 하고 있는 유럽입자물리연구소(CERN)와 대형강입자가속기(LHC-Large Hadron Collider)에 들어가는 부품을 납품하기로 최근 계약을 체결했다. 국내 기업이 CERN에 LHC 부품을 공급하는 것은 이번이 처음이다.

이재경 메카트로닉스 사장은 "지난 4월 한국 물리학회 참석차 방문한 CERN의 톨프 호이어 소장과 물리학자들이 우리가 만든 부품을 보고 놀라움을 표시했다"며 "그 즉시 계약 체결이 추진됐다"고 밝혔다. 이 사장

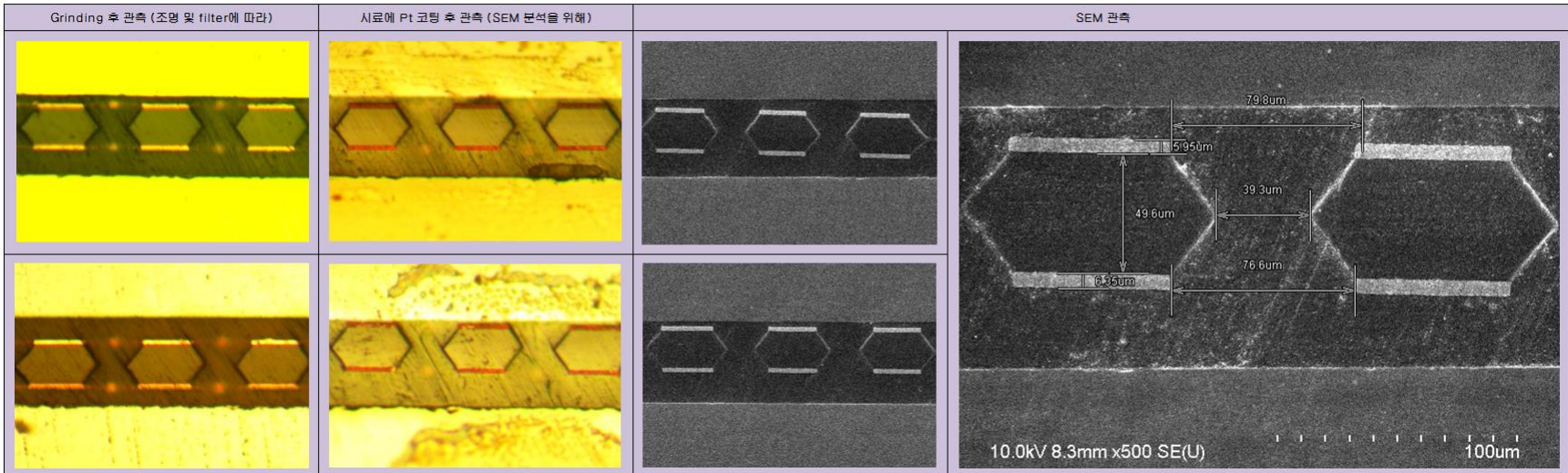
해 히스 입자를 찾고 있다. 메카트로닉스가 공급하는 제품은 LHC에서 빛의 속도로 양성자를 충돌시키면서 나오는 입자를 확인

하는 'GEM 검출기'에 사용되는 '겔 포일(GEM foil)'이다. 이 부분은 얇은 박막에 정교한 구멍을 뚫어 입자를 수신 배로 증폭시켜 쉽게 검출할 수 있도록 한다.

CERN은 겔 포일의 원천 기술을 보유하고 있지만 정교하게 제작할 수 있는 역량이 부족하다. 이 때문에 특허 입대를 통해 제품을 공급받는 방식을 취한다.

CERN은 한국의 반도체 공정 기술이 뛰어나다는 점에 착안해 한국-러시아로 히스 입하고 있는 박인규 서울과 교수에게 의뢰했

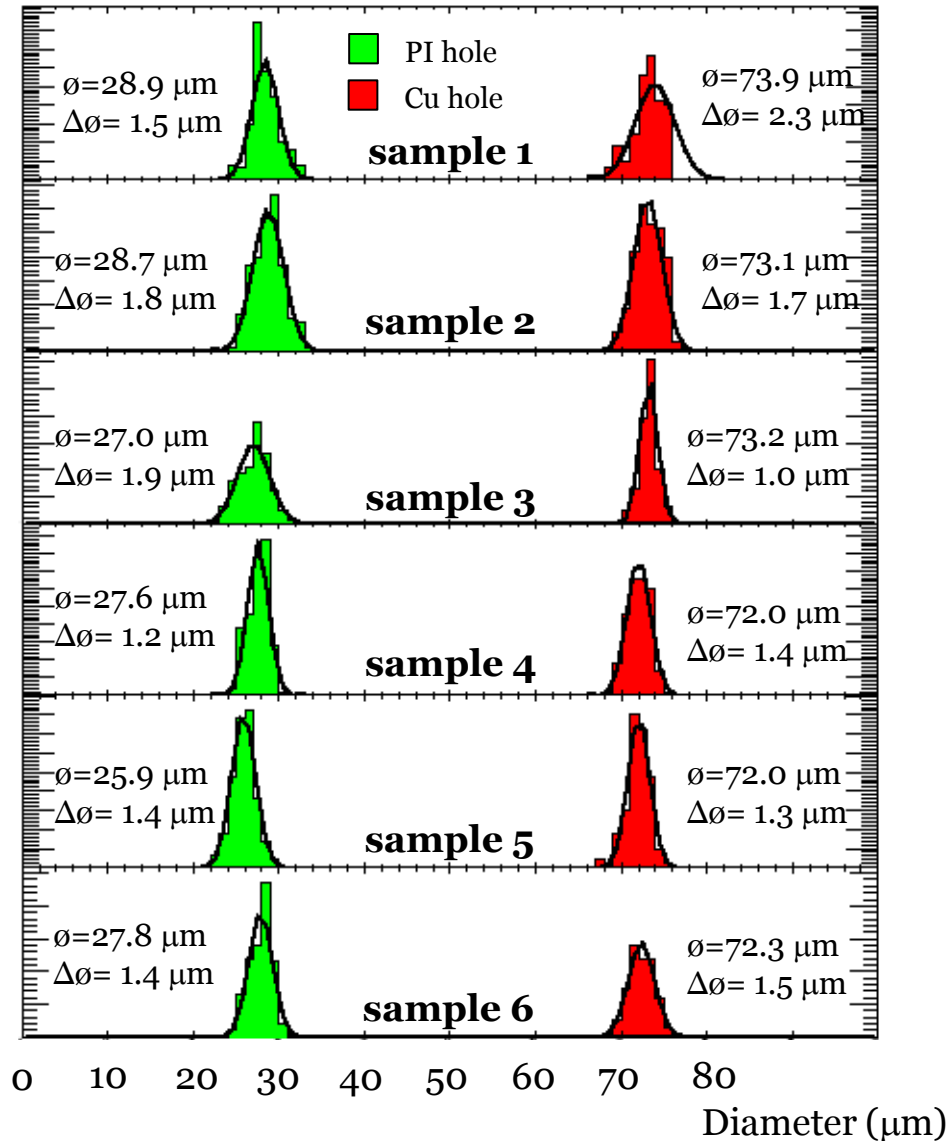
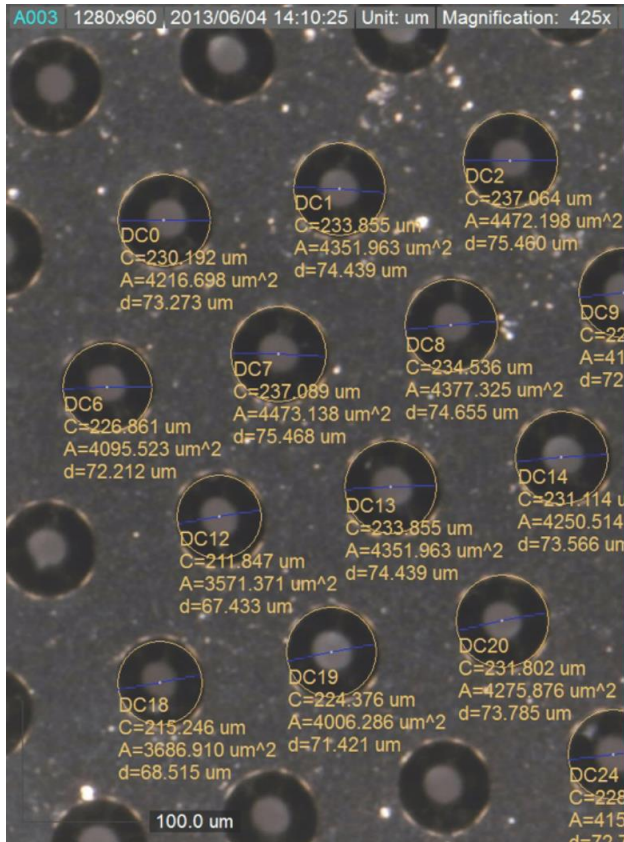
는본 끝에 메카트로닉스 한국 기업이 GEM 겔 포일을 생산한다. 이를 위한 '입'이라며 진도 국제공동연구에 협력의 역할을 할 수 있고 의미를 부여했다. 김미연 기자



매일경제



- very uniform,  $\sigma < 2\mu\text{m}$
- presented in MPGD 2013

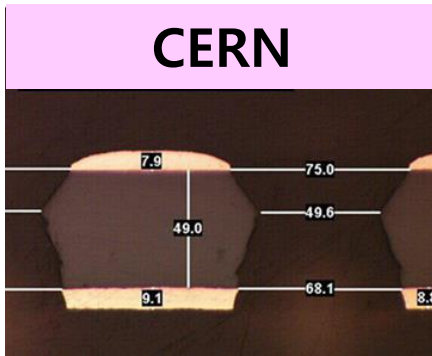


## □ Seeing is believing. But a question?

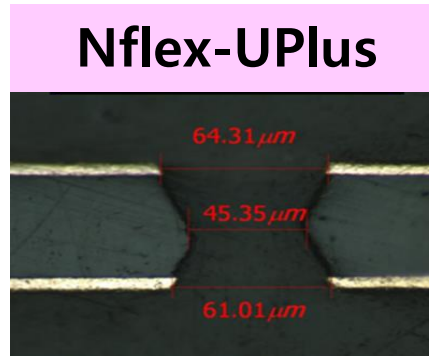
– Does HD-GEM perform better?

- Cu & PI hole shapes do matter with gain?

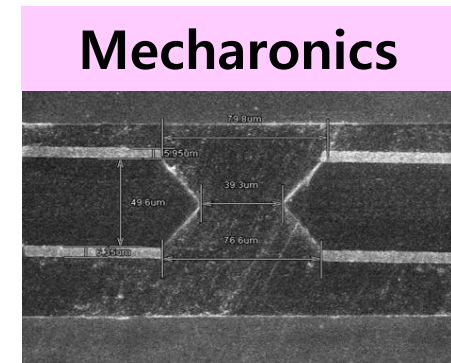
CERN technology



CERN tech / Korea made



KCMS & Mecha technology

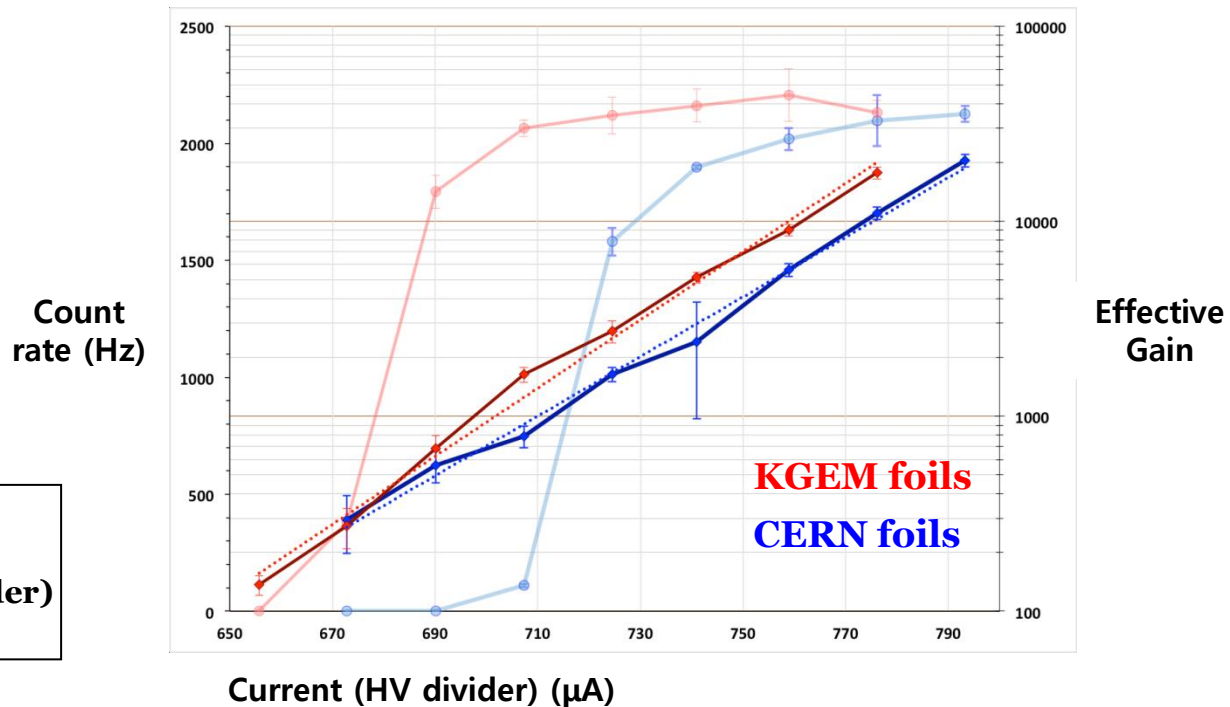


## □ Is it worth to produce HD-GEM?

– Benefits in gain, efficiency, resolutions, are expected.

- But how much?
- Cost effective?

- A good news from CERN (2014/02/17)
  - Two 10x10 GEM detectors were built for gain test.
    - One with CERN foils and the other with KGEM foils.
  - Roughly twice bigger gain was achieved
    - GEANT4 simulation is undertaken (see the following section)



Source:  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  (2-3MBq)  
 Gas: Ar/CO<sub>2</sub> (70:30)  
 Gaps: 3/2/2/2 (Ceramic Divider)  
 +300kΩ HV filter

- Just before the Christmas 2013, we made a very first version of Large-GEM ( $100\text{cm} \times 50\text{cm}$ )
- We sent a Christmas card to CMS-GEM team



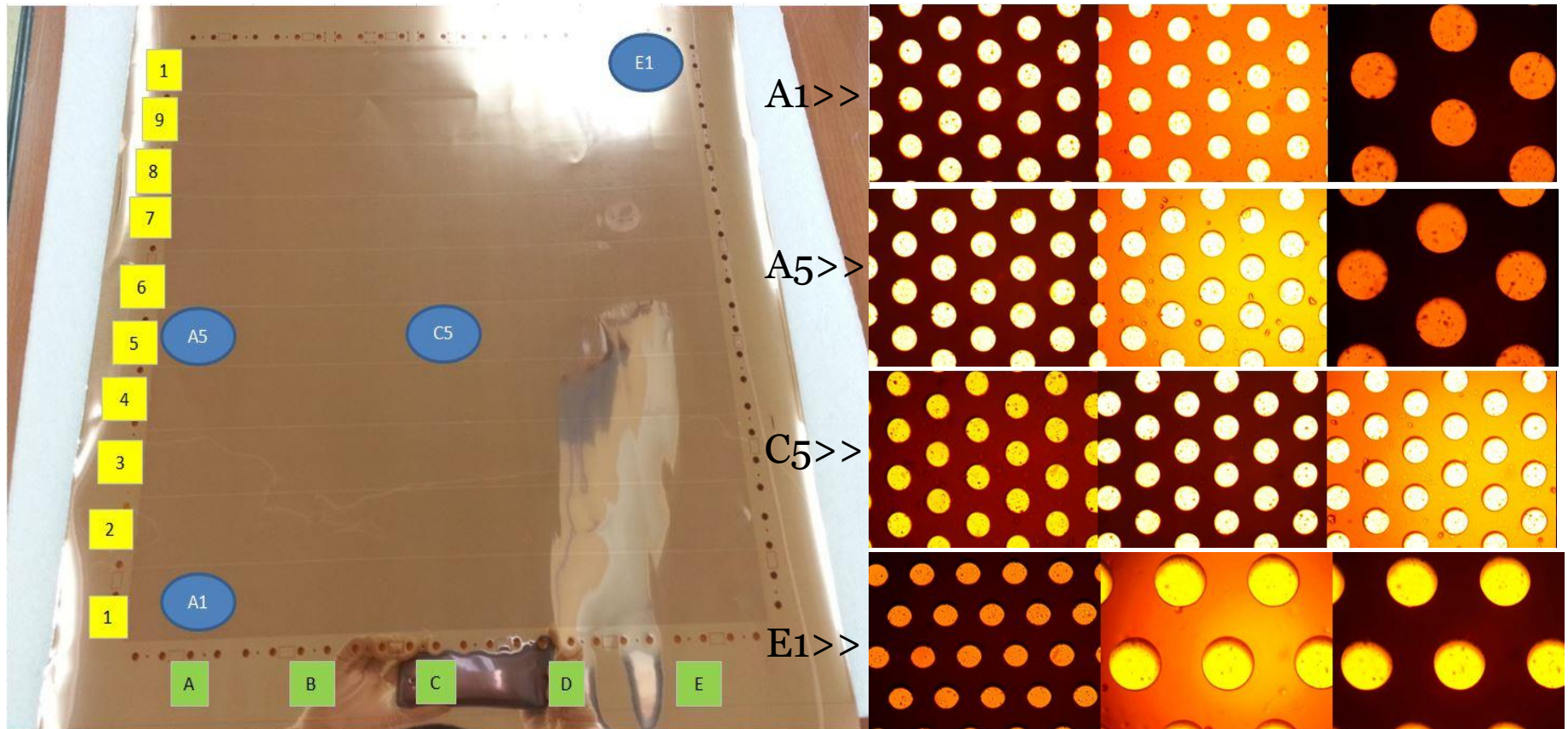


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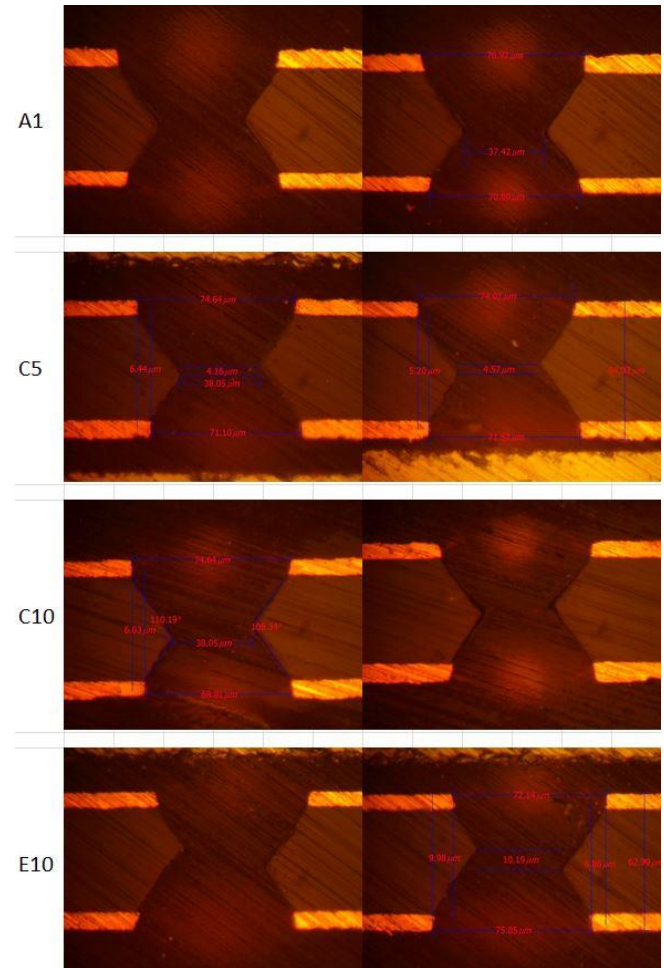


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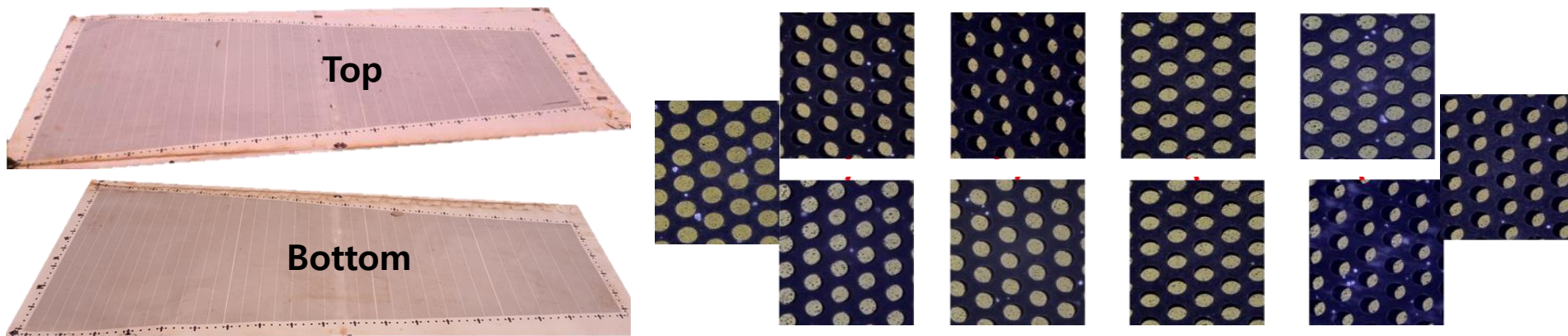
- Our newly produced 30x30 GEM are at CERN now.
  - Hole shapes are all O.K. as in the 10cm x 10cm foil case.
    - some minor misalignments exist.



- ❑ Near the edge-most side, there are some minor misalignments
  - Production was done by film mask
  - Can be easily fixed by
    - Further alignment or glass mask



- A very first large size GEM foil was produced in 2013.
  - Double side copper lithography (Using double-mask method)
  - No Q/C was done, but misalignments up to  $30\mu\text{m}$  were found



- For Large size GEM foil production,
  - We need the glass mask for better alignment and we do need to buy a large size photo lithography machine (~ 1M\$)
    - This is a huge investment and it may need some bureaucratic arrangement between KCMS and our FA.



- We have created various sizes of GEM foils so far.
  - We plan to produce some other dimensions too

Dimension	Foil production	Gain test
$5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^2$	done	-
$10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$	done	done
$20 \times 20 \text{ cm}^2$	-	-
$30 \times 30 \text{ cm}^2$	Done	being tested at CERN now
$50 \times 50 \text{ cm}^2$	Planned in mid 2014	-
$100 \times 50 \text{ cm}^2$	Test production done	-

- We plan to focus on the large size GEM foil production after the 30 x 30 detector gain test.



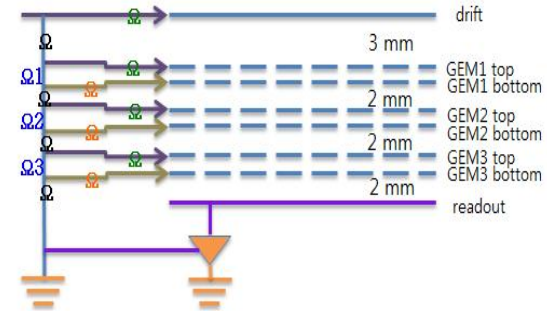
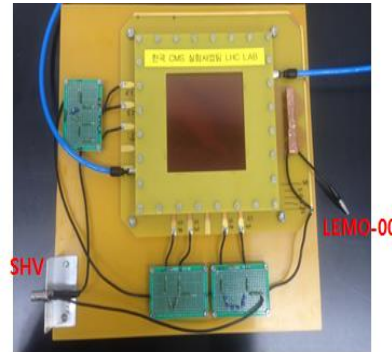
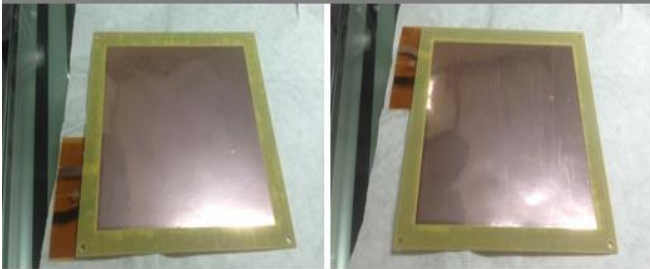
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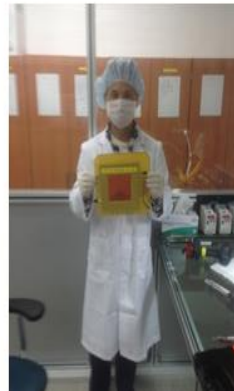
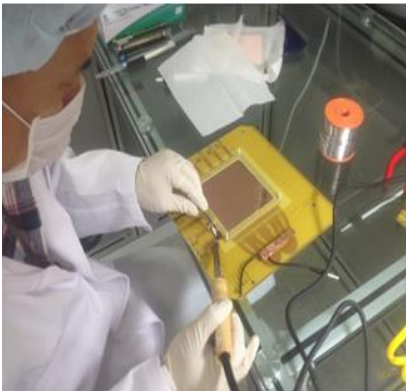
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□ We have successfully built a first 10x10 prototype GEM chamber in Korea

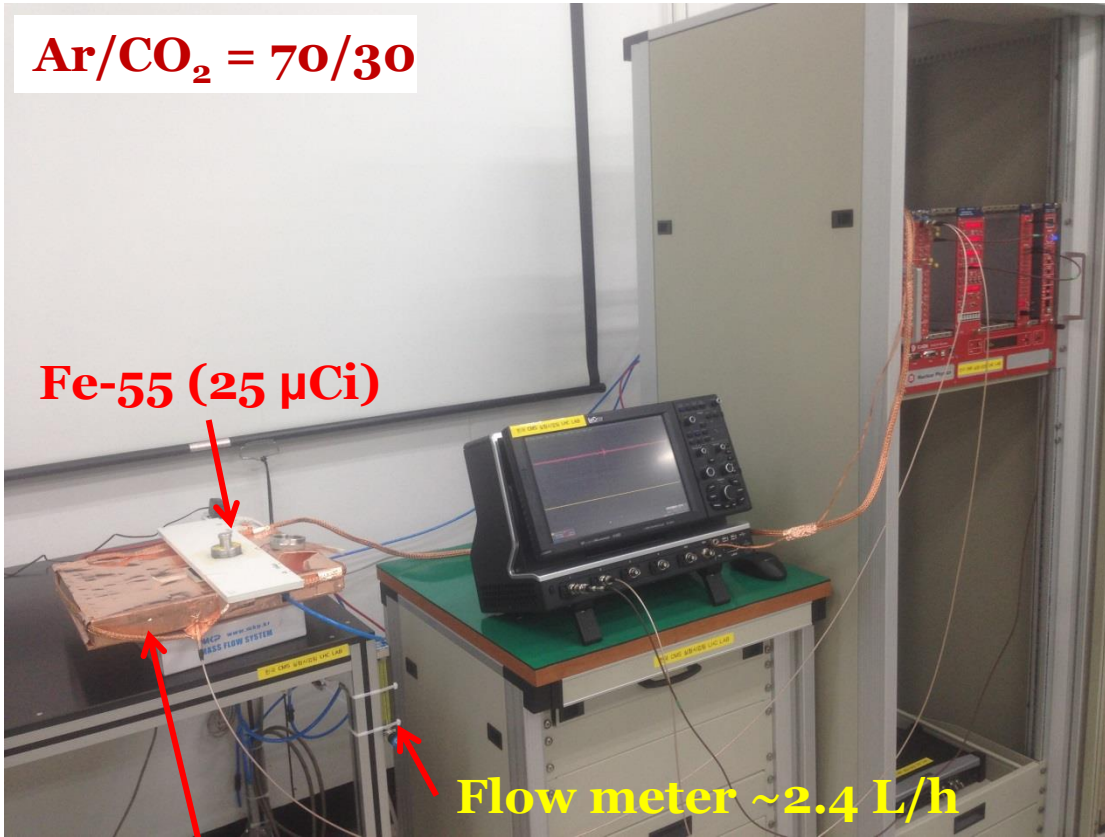
Surface of CERN GEM



Assembling 10x10 GEM Detector with CERN GEM



## Operational test of prototype GEM detector at University of Seoul (Korea)



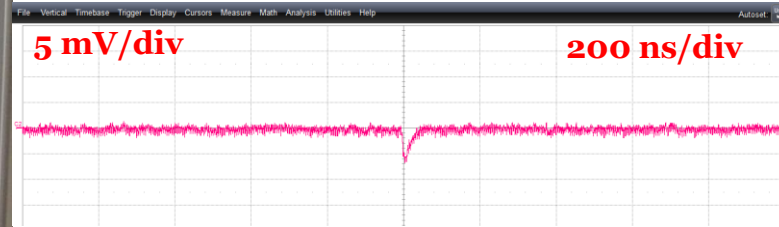
**Ar/CO<sub>2</sub> = 70/30**

**Fe-55 (25  $\mu$ Ci)**

**Flow meter ~2.4 L/h**

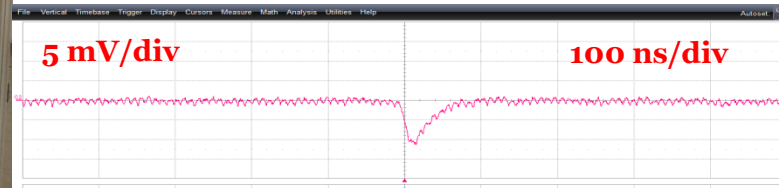
**A 10x10 GEM detector is inside.**

**V<sub>drift</sub> = -3800 V (I<sub>total</sub> = 706.45  $\mu$ A)**



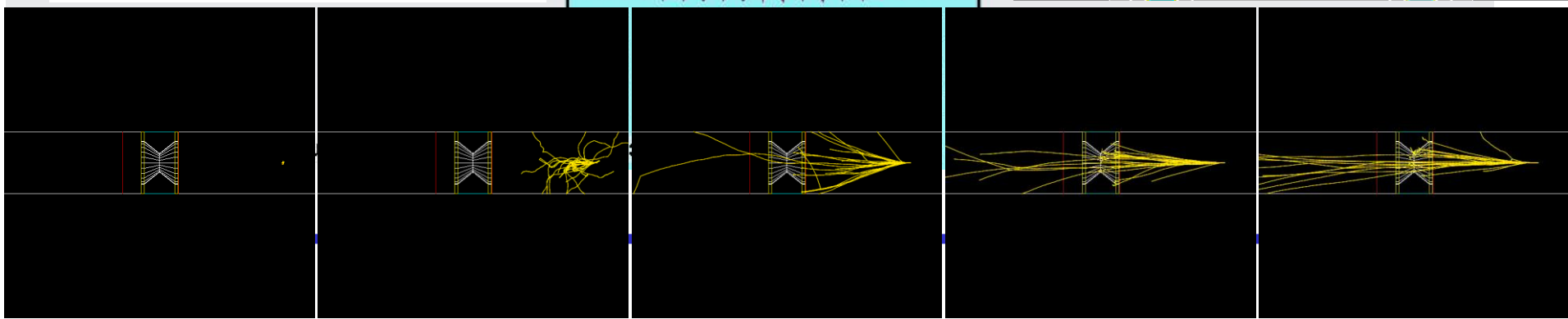
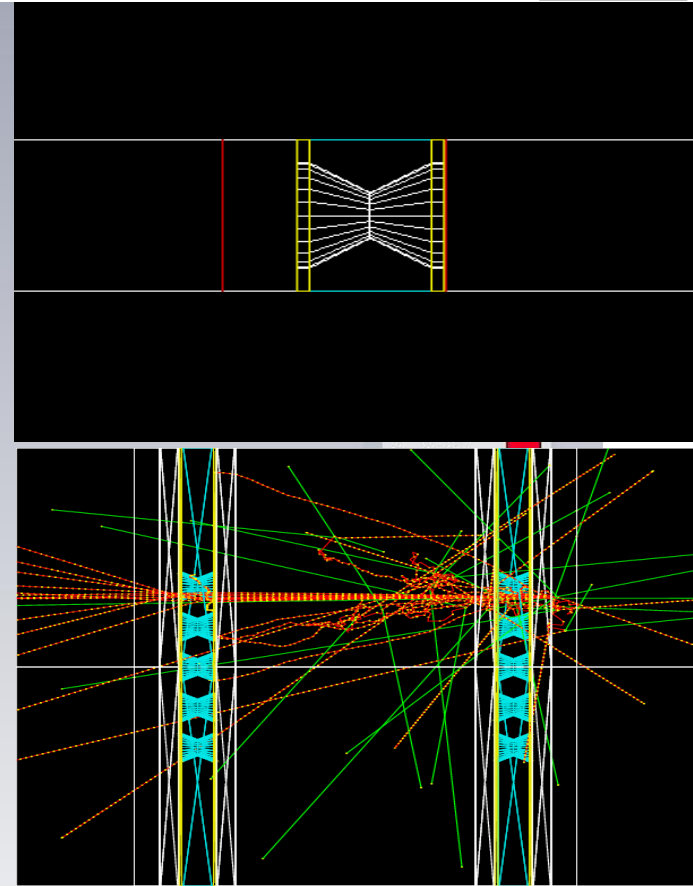
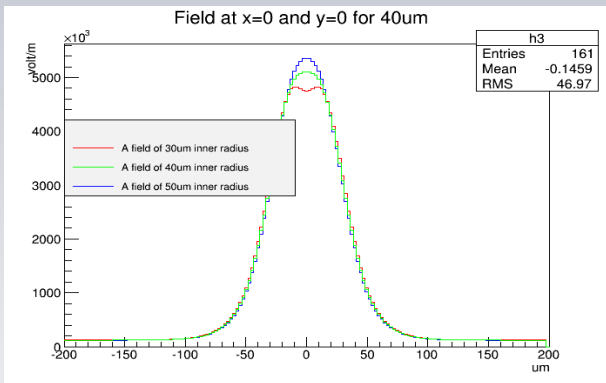
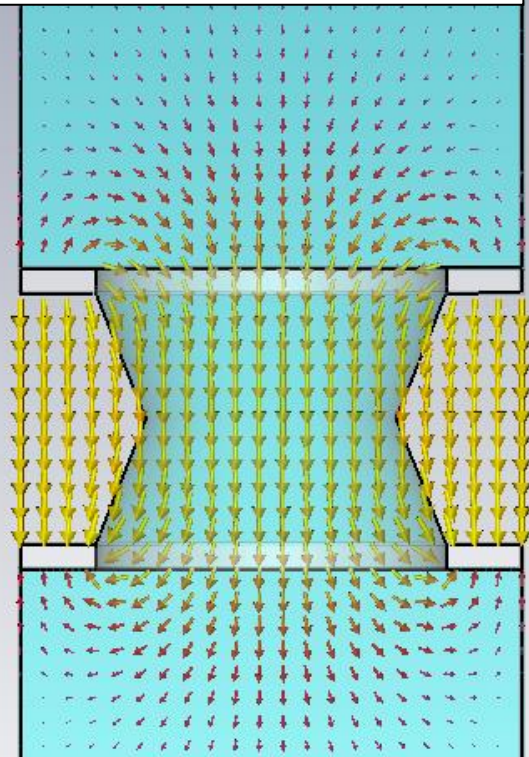
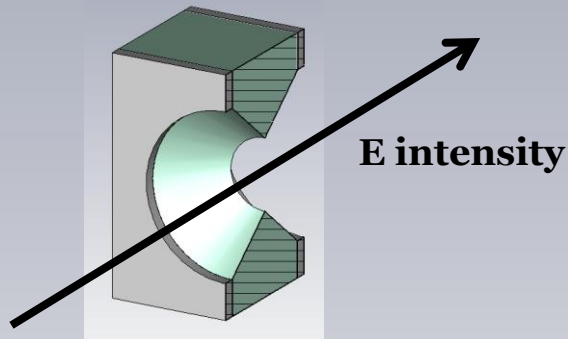
**Rate and pulse height are increased.**

**V<sub>drift</sub> = -4000 V (I<sub>total</sub> = 745.6  $\mu$ A)**



**We see that our detector works!**

**Motivation: Understanding the GEM gain!**  
 → vary Cu hole size, PI hole size, shape, etc..





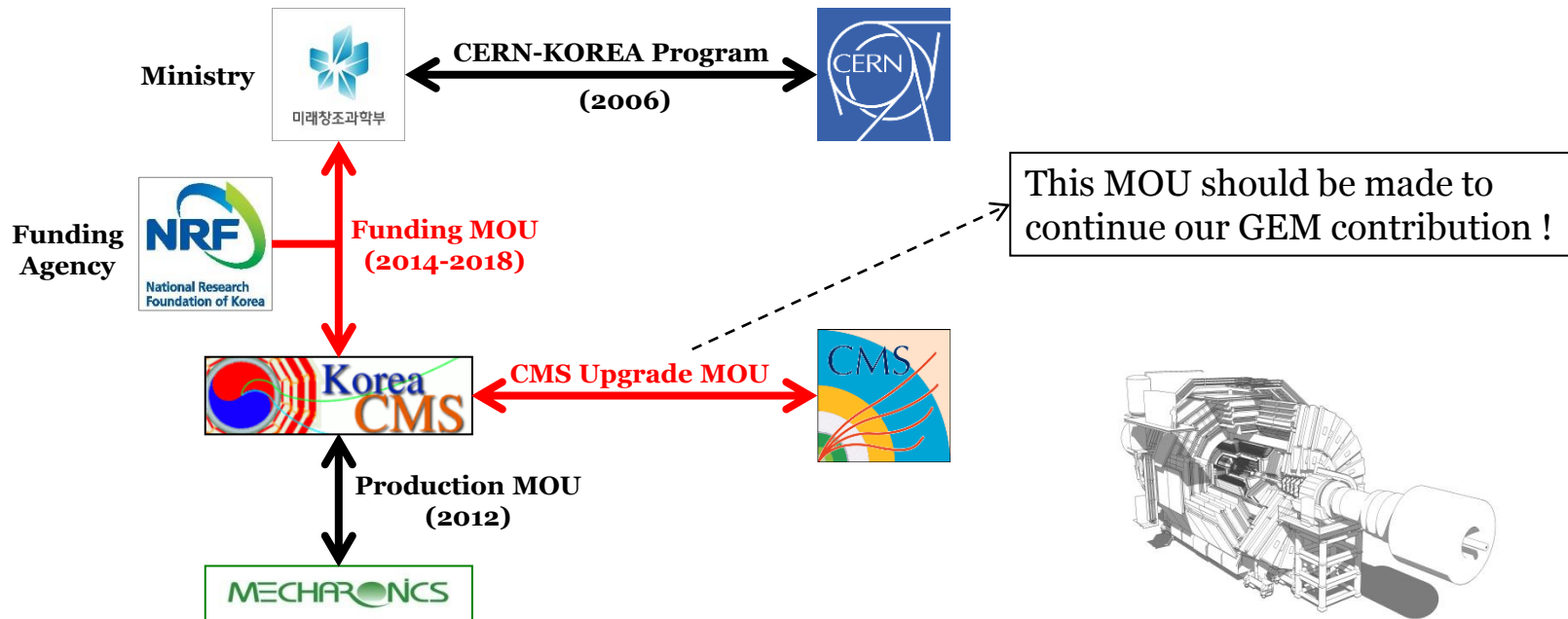
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- **KCMS GEM TF → So far extremely successful**
  - **GEM & H/W team**
    - **High definition GEM produced (10 x 10), twice gain achieved.**
    - **30 x 30 GEM foils were produced and they are under test now at CERN**
    - **We will focus on the large size GEM foil production in 2014**
  - **TDR & S/W team + Physics team**
    - **We made many achievements for TDR (Trigger, SW, ED, Physics)**
    - **We launched a GEANT4 simulation program to understand the GEM performance in microscopic view point.**
- **For large size GEM foil production, we need a further investment which can be doable upon some administrative works between KCMS and our FA.**

- ❑ We do need to start some management works **NOW** for the CMS LS2 upgrade participation officially.
- Our goal is to make all MOUs signed during the CERN-Korea Committee in Oct. 2014
  - Red lines are to be signed.





# Industrialization of GEM foil development in India

- **NPD-BARC, Mumbai &**
- **Micropack, Bangalore**

## Company Brief

**mp**

- 100% privately owned Indian company.
- Focus on fabrication of bare PCBs for aerospace and defence
- Strategy to focus on small volume / high mix segment
- Factory is located at Jigani Industrial Area, in Bangalore, in 10 acres of land with a built-up manufacturing area of 60000 Square feet.
- Installed capacity of 30000 Square meters per annum.
- 170 employees, all technically qualified and trained to handle specialized processes.
- Presently manufacturing multilayer PCBs up to 30 layers.
- Fabricates approximately 450-500 designs every month including 300-350 fresh designs.
- In-house facility for all operations

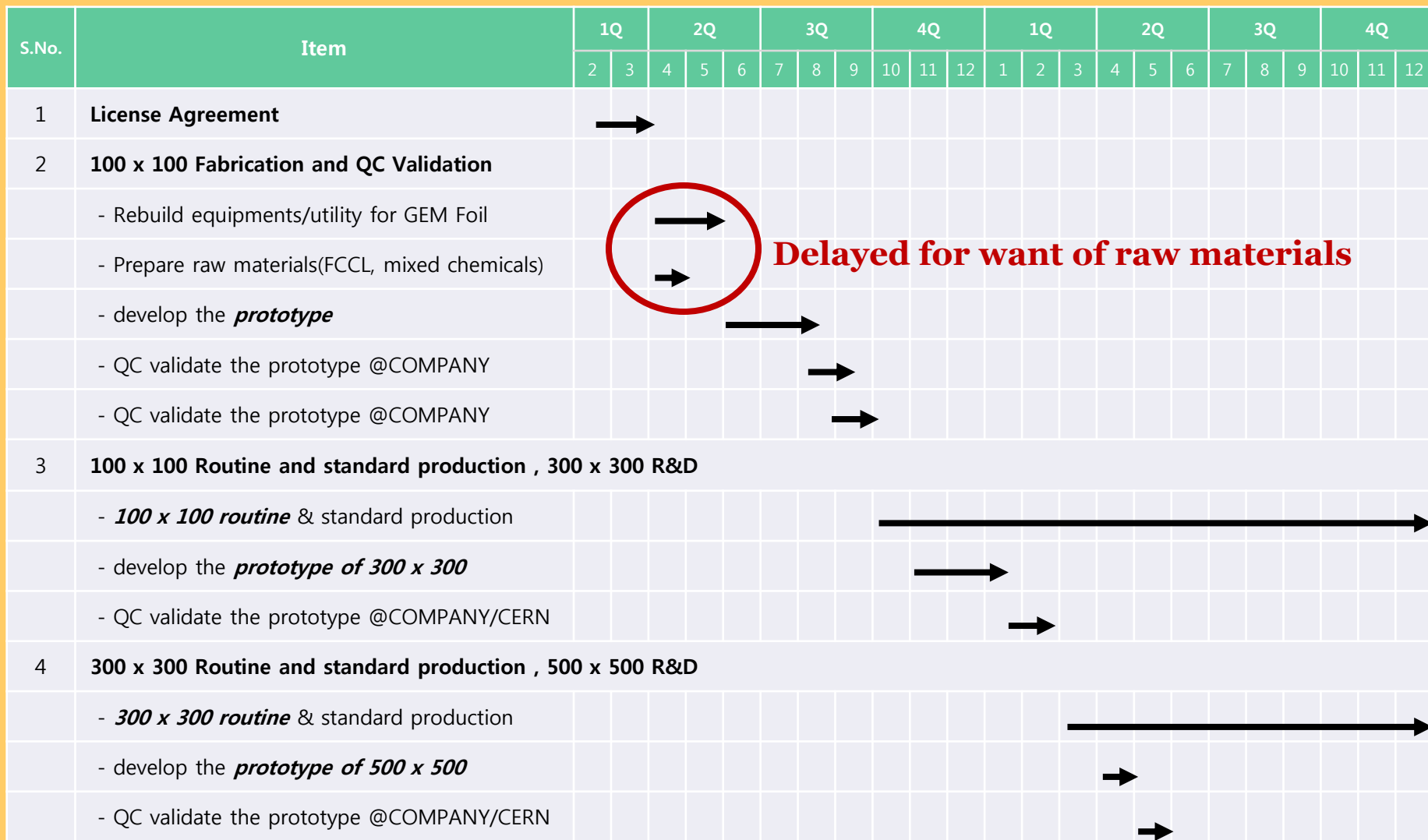
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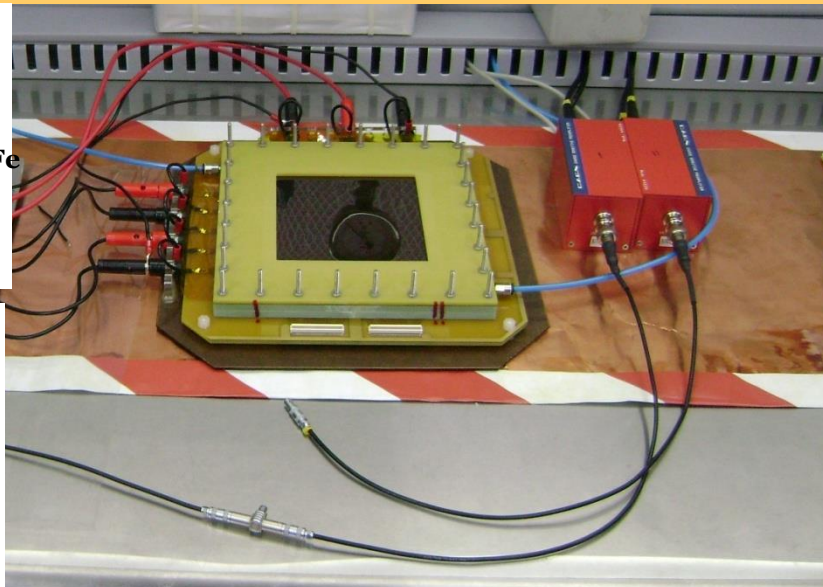
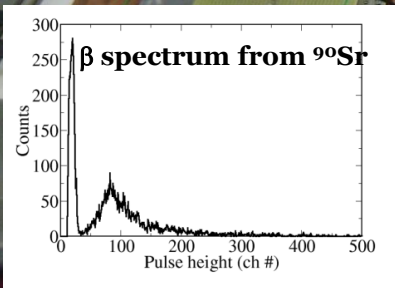
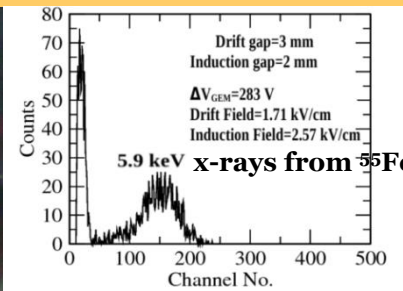
- **Thin Polyimide GEM foil technology introduced to Micropack by NPD-BARC team in Aug 2013**
- **Visited CERN , Geneva on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013**
- **Discussions with**
  - Dr. Rui De Oliveira**
  - Dr. Andrey Marinov**
  - Dr. Tim Tsarfati, Technology Transfer Officer**
- **TOT agreement terms agreed by Micropack**
- **2 year road map as per the TOT finalised in December 13**

# MICROPACK ROADMAP



# The existing Laminar Air Flow Table (class 100) and the adjoining area being expanded and will be provided with a gradient from class 10,000 to class 1,000 for assembly of GEMs at NPD-BARC

Three channel gas mixing system for Ar, CO<sub>2</sub> and CF<sub>4</sub> with MFCs for a 5 lph flow already exists in the lab. **CF<sub>4</sub> yet to be procured**

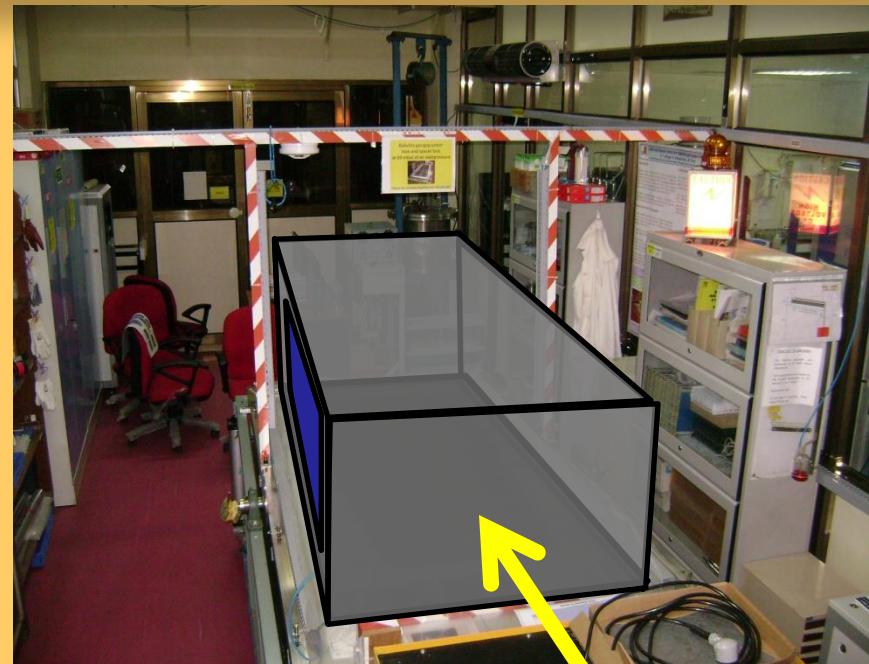


Testing of a Single GEM with voltage divider and P-10 gas : NPD-BARC : 2012

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The existing space (shown with RE42 bottom gap for RE4 upgrade of CMS) being converted to GEM testing table with x-ray source and shielding



RE4/2 Bottom gap under leak and spacer test

**Shielding**  
Laminated plyboard : Lead : Aluminum :: 20 mm : 1 mm : 3 mm  
Dimensions : 2.5 m x 1.3 m x 1.0 m

**X-ray gun**  
AMPTEK with Gold target

Commissioning by Sept 2014

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# Industrialization of GEM foil development in India

- ToT signed and agreed between CERN and Micropack Ltd., India : Jan 2014
- Difficulties in procuring the Cu clad polyimide and the photoresist
- Waiting for arrival of Cu clad polyimide foils from CERN via BARC
- Augmentation of resources for trial runs for the first 10 cm x 10 cm GEM foil
- Mask with 70  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter holes at 140  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch, getting ready
- First 10 cm x 10 cm GEM foil may roll out by third/fourth quarter of 2014
- Meeting between BARC and Micropack personnels next month to freeze the Action Plan
- Rui from CERN visiting Micropack and BARC in October 2014.