THE CERN COURIER PAPER ON RD51

ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE LAST SIX YEARS

ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE WG1

- Large size Micromegas and GEMs
 - Bulk Micromegas
 - Single-sided GEMs
 - New process for Large Size removable mesh
- GEM-Micromegas hybrids (for gaseous PMs and gamma polarimetry)
- Cylindrical and spherical MPGDs
- Resistive coatings for spark mitigation
 - Development of new coatings

ACHIEVEMENTS IN OTHER AREAS

- The SRS readout system
- Progress in simulation tools
- Contacts with industry
 - Technology transfer
 - Academia-industry events
- Simple detector available at CERN's magasin

PLANS FOR WG1

- Development of piggy-back readouts
- Sealled and portable detector
 - Portable HV
 - Clean non-outgasing materials
- New meshes and new GEMs:
 - Thinner gaps for High pressures
 - Thinner and higher pitch meshes for Ion Back-flow suppression
 - Low radioactivity meshes