

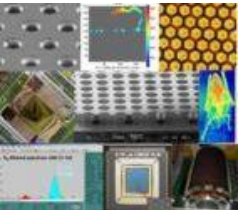
3rd RD51 - Academia-Industry Matching Event "Detecting Photons with MPGDs"

Status of Photon Detection by MPGDs and needs in fundamental research

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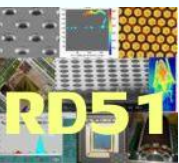
Review: material mostly from A. Breskin,
S. Dalla Torre, J. Va'vra, etc.

far from complete ... essential aspects are covered in other talks



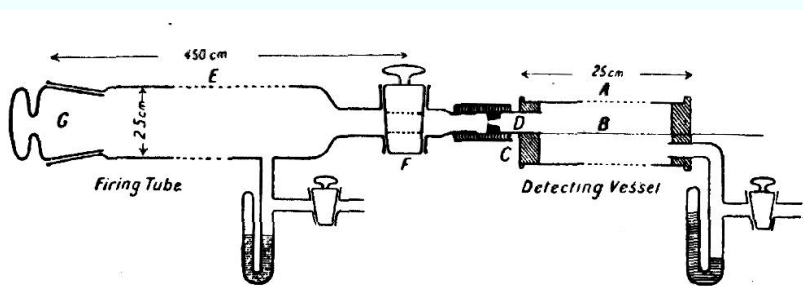
OUTLINE

- Historical overview
- **MWPCs with CsI Photocathodes**
- **GEM-based PDs**
- THGEM-based PDs
- Other architectures
- **Gaseous detectors for visible light**
- Cryogenic applications,
- **Conclusions**



Glorious tradition: 100 years of gaseous detector developments

**1908: FIRST WIRE COUNTER
USED BY RUTHERFORD IN THE STUDY OF NATURAL RADIOACTIVITY**

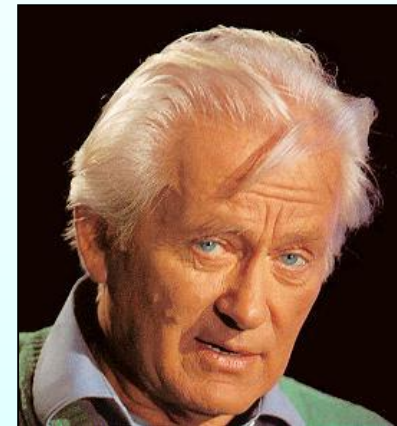
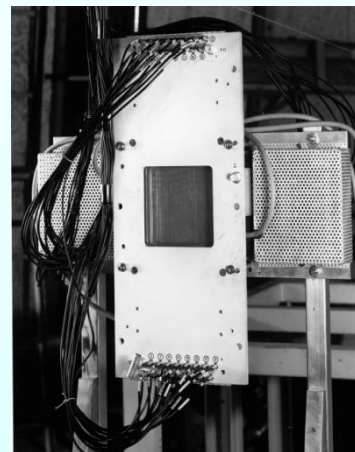


*E. Rutherford and H. Geiger,
Proc. Royal Soc. A81 (1908) 141*



Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1908

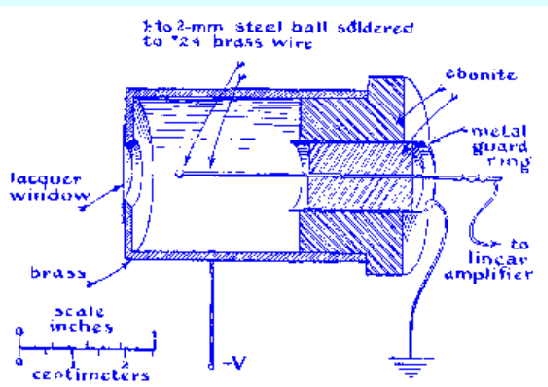
1968: MULTIWIRE PROPORTIONAL CHAMBER



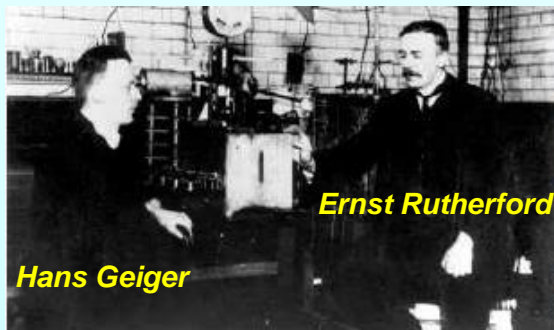
Nobel Prize in 1992

*G. Charpak, Proc. Int. Symp. Nuclear Electronics
(Versailles 10-13 Sept 1968)*

**1928: GEIGER COUNTER
SINGLE ELECTRON SENSITIVITY**



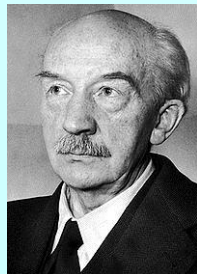
*H. Geiger and W. Müller,
Phys. Zeits. 29 (1928) 839*



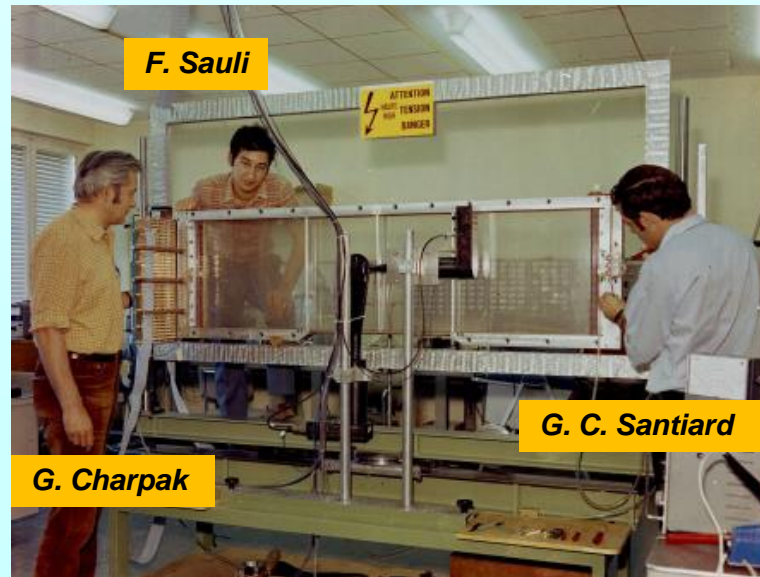
Hans Geiger

Ernst Rutherford

UK Science Museum



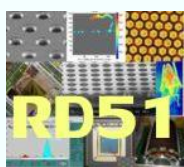
*Walther Bothe
Nobel Prize in 1954 for the
"coincidence method"*



F. Sauli

G. C. Santiard

G. Charpak



photon detection and Cherenkov light



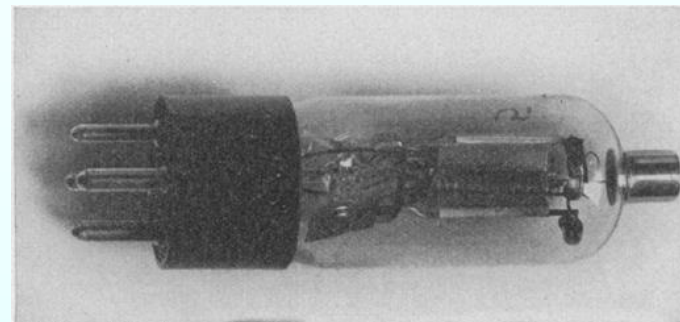
John Sealy Townsend



Heinrich Rudolf Hertz
photoelectric effect, 1887



A. Einstein, Nobel Prize in 1921



lams, H. E. and B. Salzberg, "The secondary emission phototube," Proc. IRE **23**, 55 (1935).



Pavel Cherenkov 1904-1990



Ilya Frank



and Igor Tamm

Nobel Prize in 1958



Arthur Roberts 1912-2004

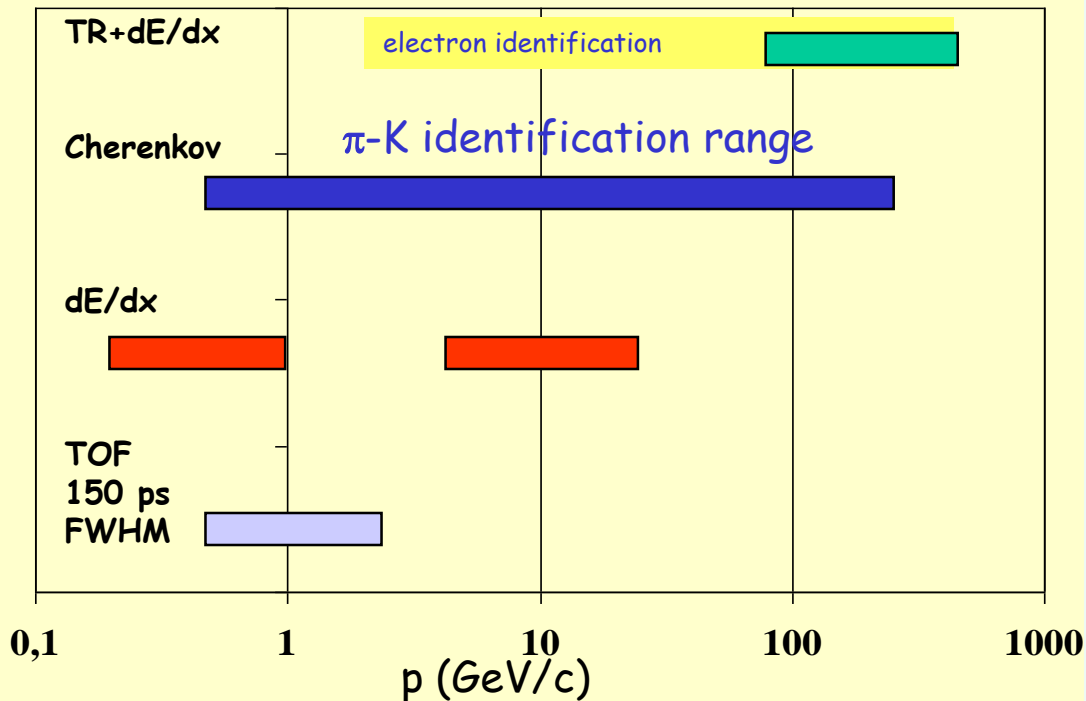


Tom Ypsilantis 1928-2000

Needs in HEP fundamental research

- Driving force: need for π -K identification from HEP Experiments
- Large momentum acceptance \rightarrow Cherenkov angle measurement technique
- Large angular acceptance \rightarrow large area of efficient single photon detection

Particle Identification Techniques:

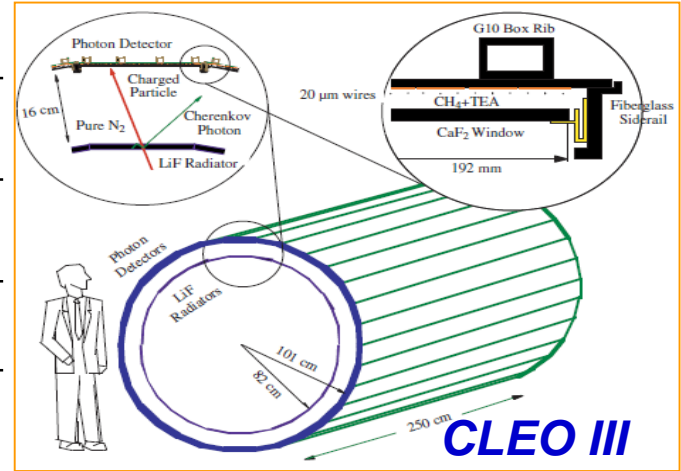
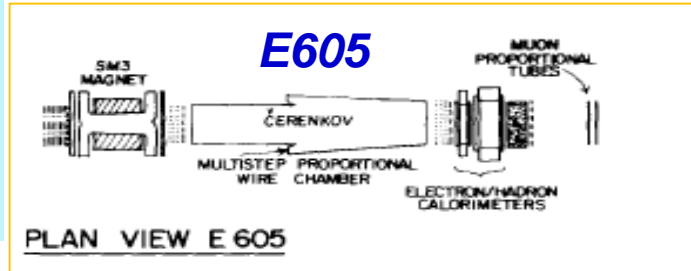
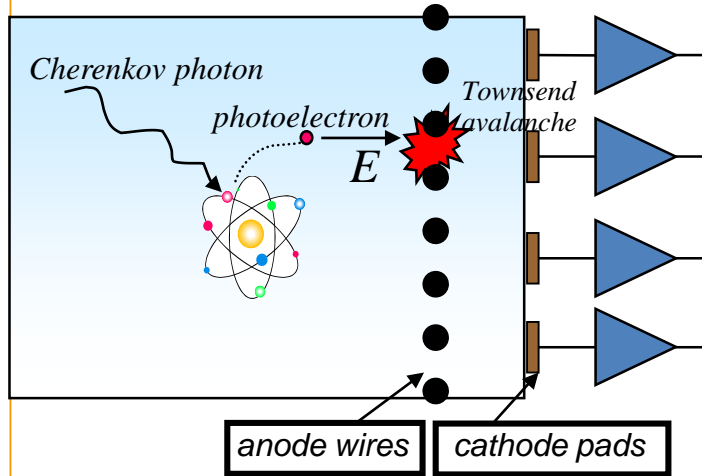
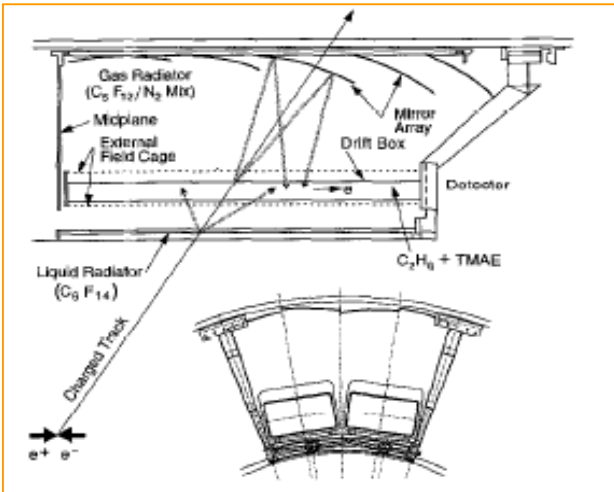


- 1970s: large area position sensitive gaseous detectors available
- Suitable photo-ionizing agent:
 - benzene: Seguinot-Ypsilantis NIM 142 (1977) 377,
 - TEA (7.6 eV) NIM 173 (1980) 283,
 - TMAE (5.3 eV) NIM 178 (1980) 125.
- a gas gain high enough to detect single photoelectrons
- \rightarrow conflicting requirements because of the copious UV emission by the multiplication avalanche.
- solution: multistep avalanche chamber (Charpak-Sauli Phys. Lett. B 142 (1977) 377) or TPC

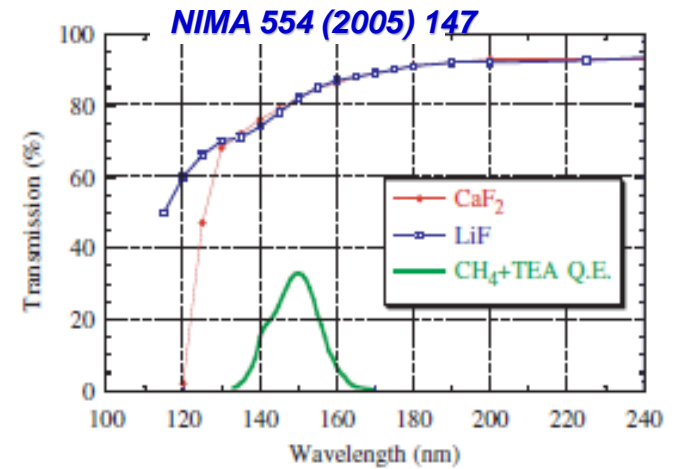
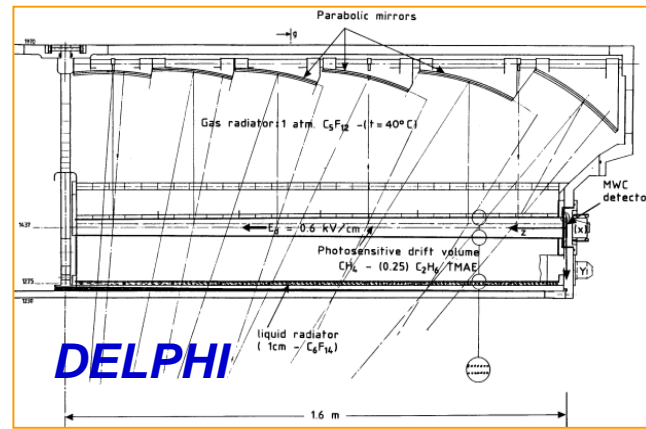
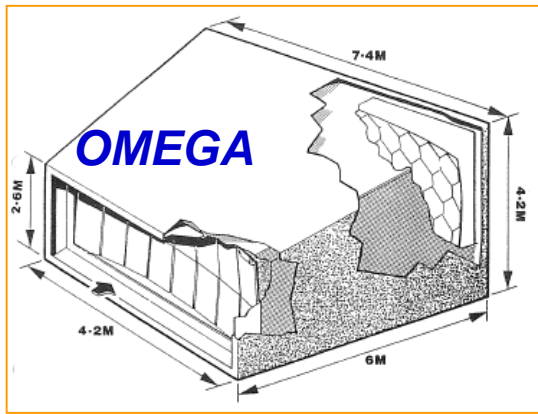
Advantages wrt PMTs: 1) cheap, 2) magnetic insensitive, 3) low material budget

RICH with large area gaseous PD's 1st generation: photoconverting vapours

SLD - CRID

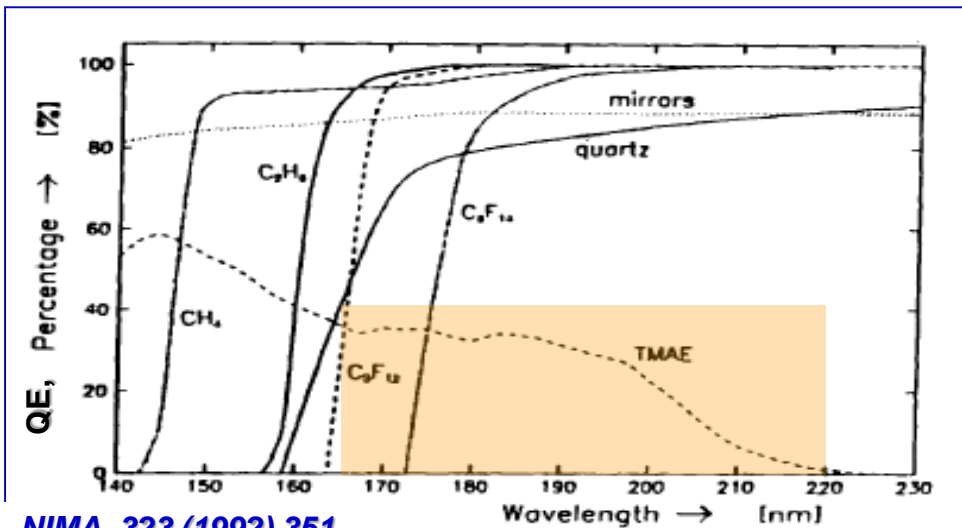
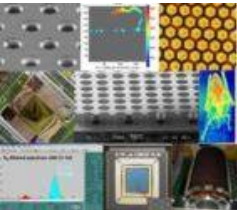


TEA (Tri-Ethyl-Amine)

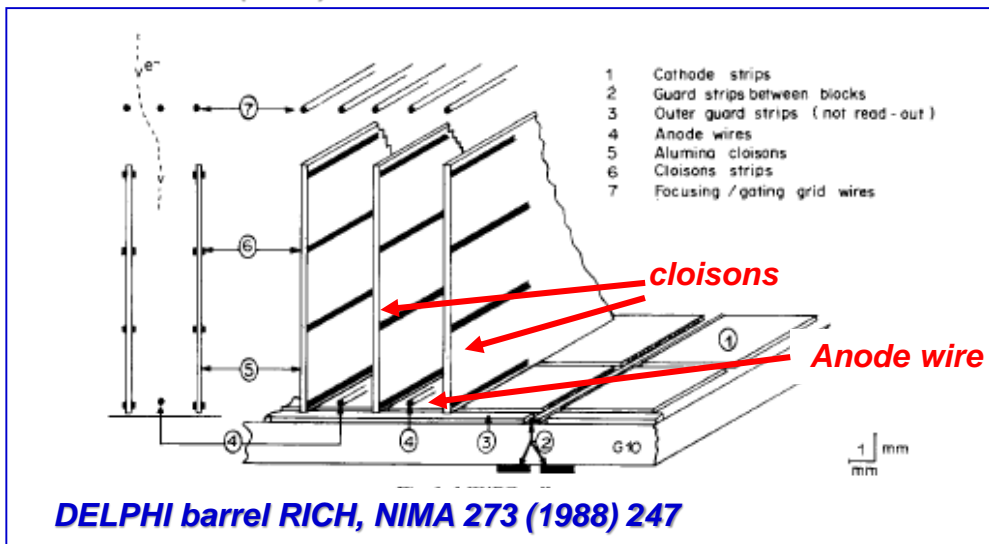
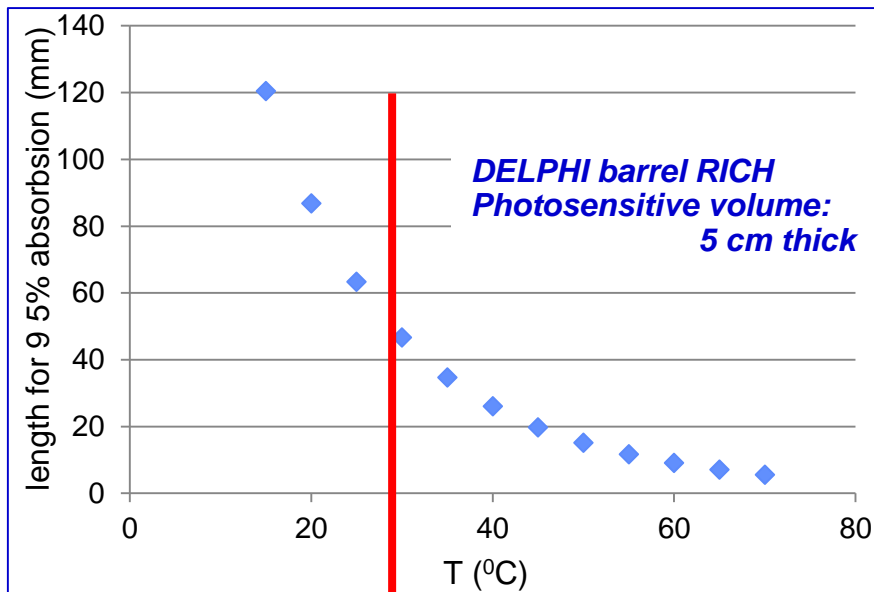


TMAE (Tetrakis-Dimethylamine-Ethylene)

TMAE



NIMA 323 (1992) 351



DELPHI barrel RICH, NIMA 273 (1988) 247

- thick photosensitive volume (slow photon detectors, parallax error)
- heating and temperature control ($T_{\text{bubbling}} < T_{\text{operation}}$)
- photon feed-back from amplification region (protections)
- chemically extremely reactive

Thin CsI film

1956:
CsI layer has large
QE for photons
with $h\nu > 6 \text{ eV}$
(Philipp and Taft)

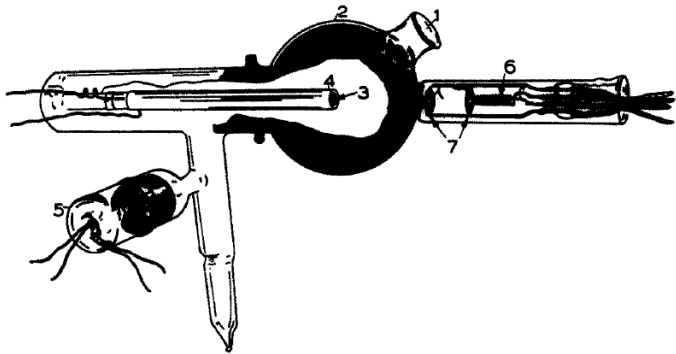


FIG. 1. Cutaway sketch of phototube; (1) 9741 glass bubble window, (2) graphite coated collector sphere 4 inches in diameter, (3) $\frac{3}{8}$ inch glass tube, platinum painted, (4) nickel sleeve insulated from tube by glass beads, (5) ion gauge, (6) evaporating cylinder and helical platinum heater, (7) collimating shields.

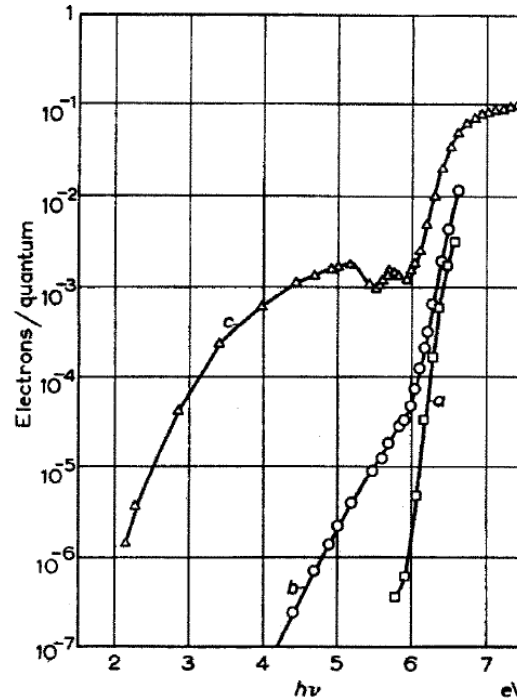
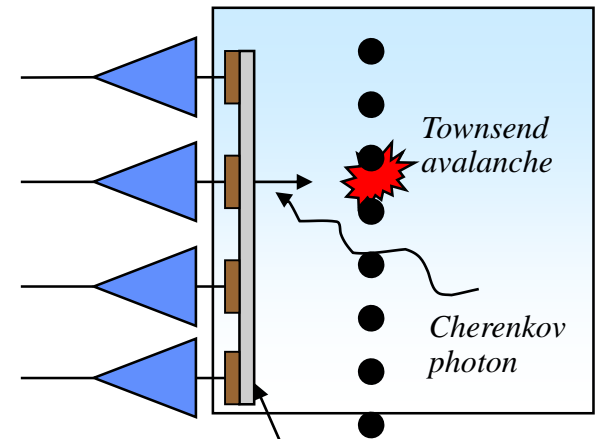


FIG. 2. Spectral distribution of the photoelectric yield for CsI surfaces: (a) thick film, (b) single crystal, (c) thin film evaporated in presence of excess Cs.

CsI is highly reactive
with water and oxygen:
it took many years to
develop appropriate
substrate preparation,
deposition method,
handling technology
for high QE gaseous PDs



thin layer (300 - 500 nm) of
CsI on a cathode pad plane

J. Phys. Chem. Solids. Pergamon Press 1956. Vol. 1. pp. 159-163.

PHOTOELECTRIC EMISSION FROM THE VALENCE
BAND OF CESIUM IODIDE

H. R. PHILIPP AND E. A. TAFT

General Electric Research Laboratory, Box 1088, Schenectady, New York

RD26: the technology of MWPCs + CsI

RD51



François Piuz

1992, F. Piuz et al. Development of large area advanced fast-RICH detector for particle identification at LHC operated with heavy ions

TO ACHIEVE HIGH CsI QE:

Substrate preparation:

Cu clad PCB coated by Ni (7 μm) and Au(0.5 μm), surface cleaning in ultrasonic bath, outgassing at 60 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 1 day

Slow deposition of 300 nm CsI film:

1 nm/s (by thermal evaporation or e-gun) at a vacuum of $\sim 10^{-7}$ mbar, monitoring of residual gas composition

Thermal treatment:

after deposition at 60 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 8 h

Careful Handling:

measurement of PC response, encapsulation under dry Ar, mounting by glove-box.

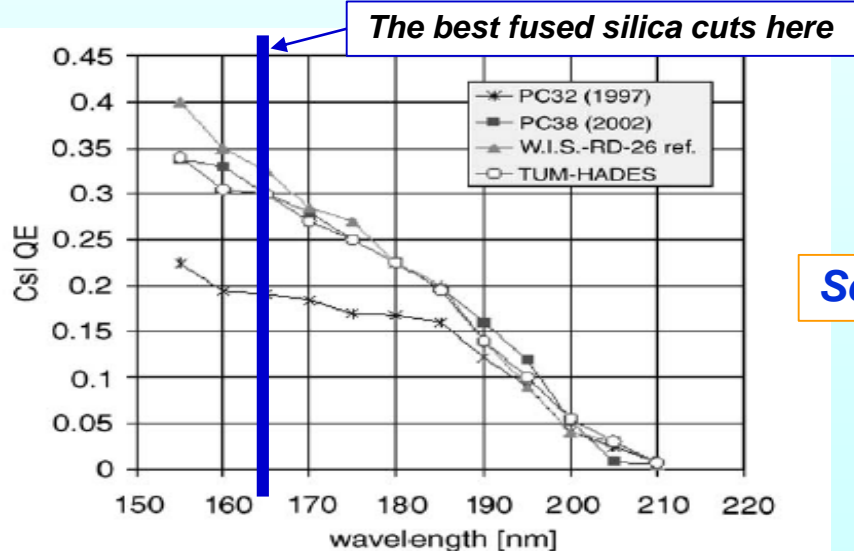
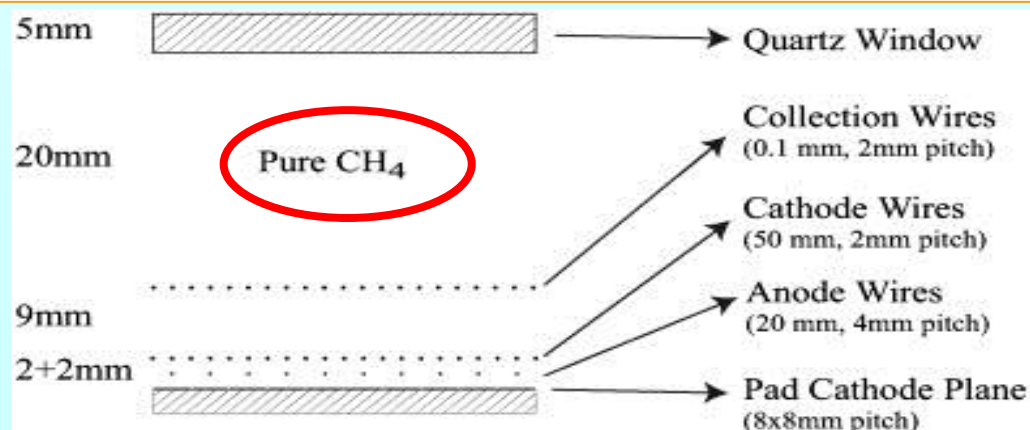


Fig. 1. The QE of CsI PCs produced at CERN for ALICE and at TUM for HADES, compared to that measured at the W.I.S. on small samples (reference for RD-26). PC32 is one of the four PCs equipping the ALICE-RICH prototype used in STAR at BNL.

A. Di Mauro, NIM A 525 (2004) 173.

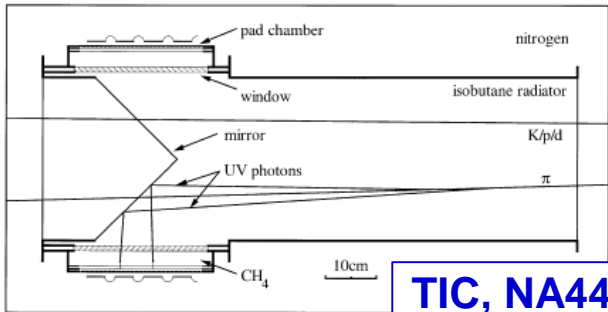
Schematic structure of the COMPASS Photon Detector:



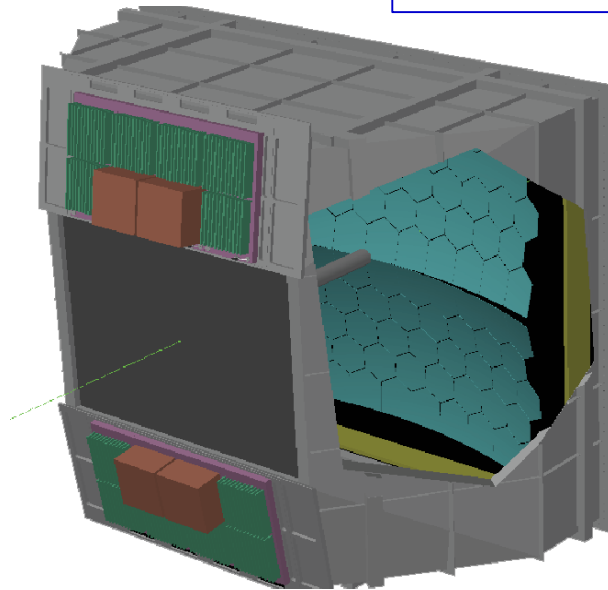
RICH with large area gaseous PD's

2nd generation: MWPC's + CsI

- MWPCs with solid state photocathode (the RD26 effort)



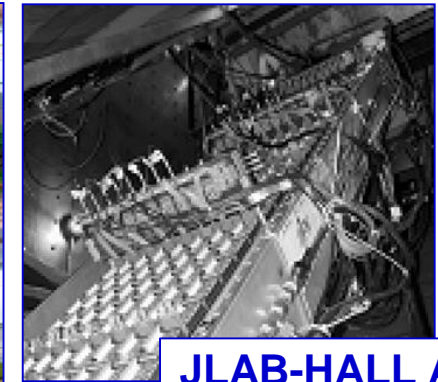
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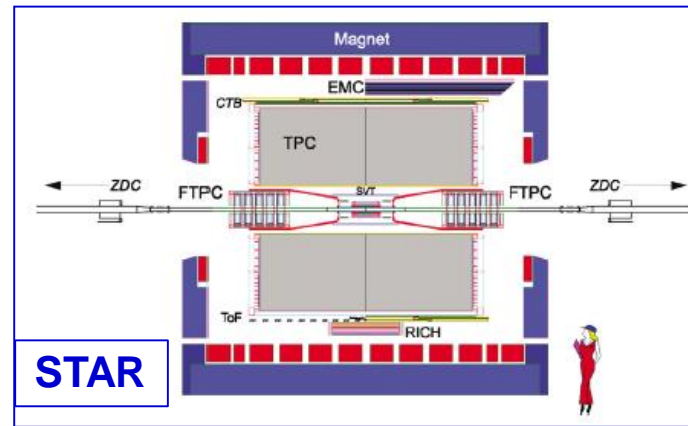
COMPASS RICH-1 2002
CsI > 5 m²



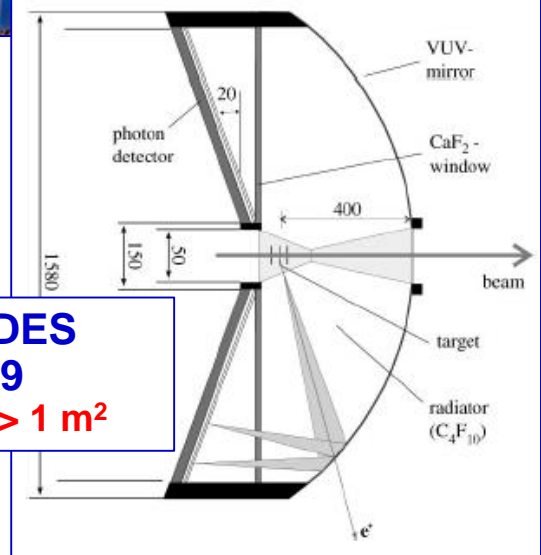
ALICE-HMPID
2009
CsI > 10 m²



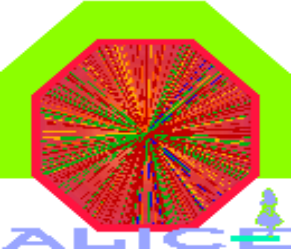
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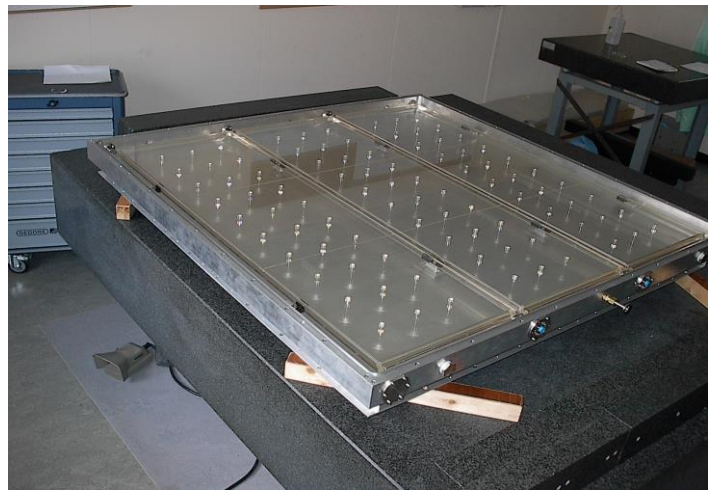
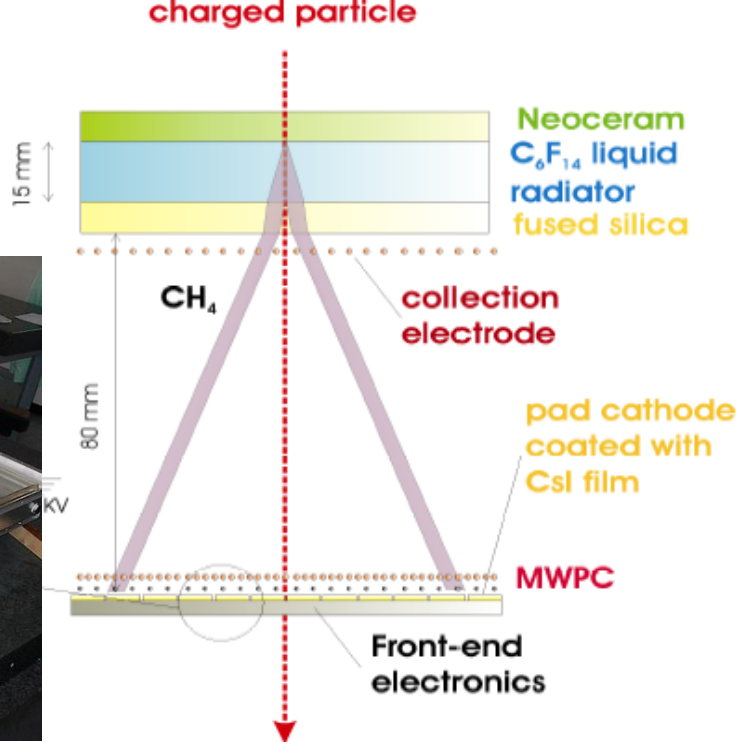
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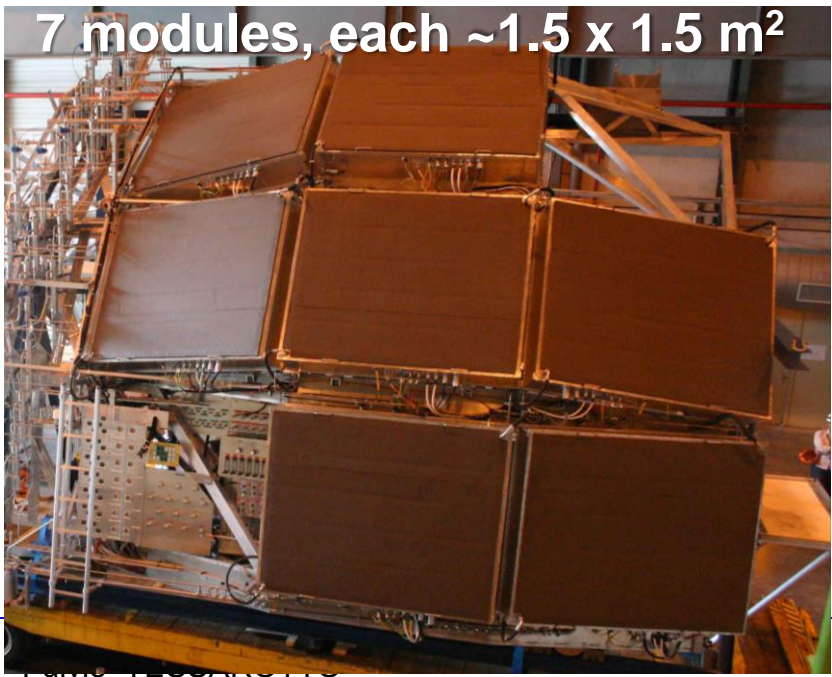
HADES
1999
CsI > 1 m²



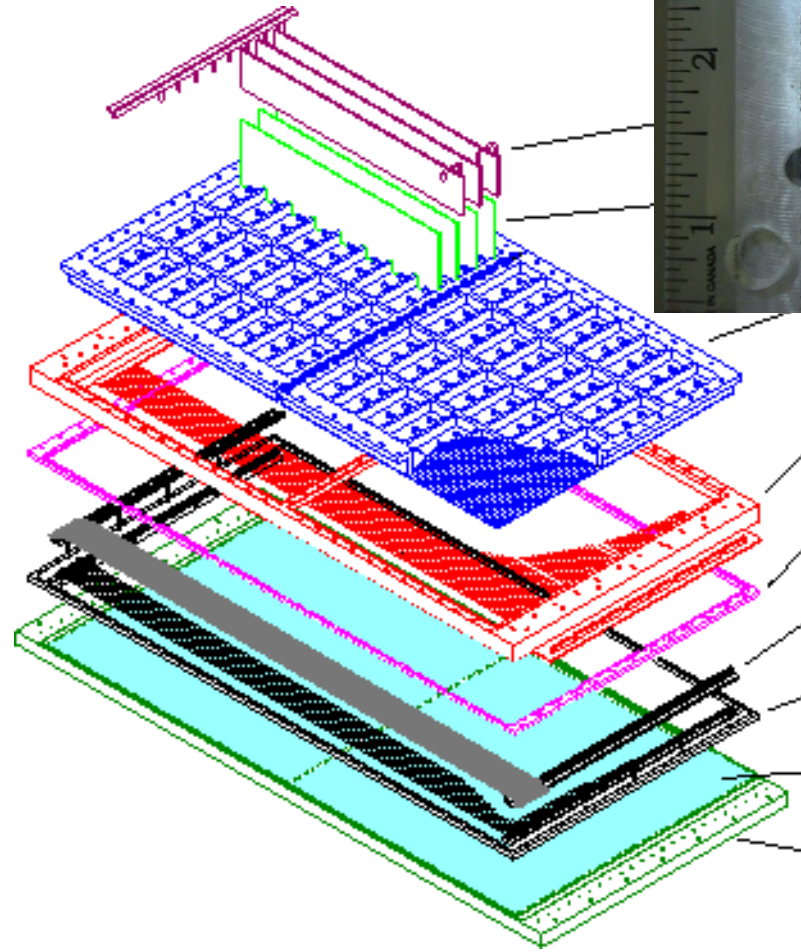
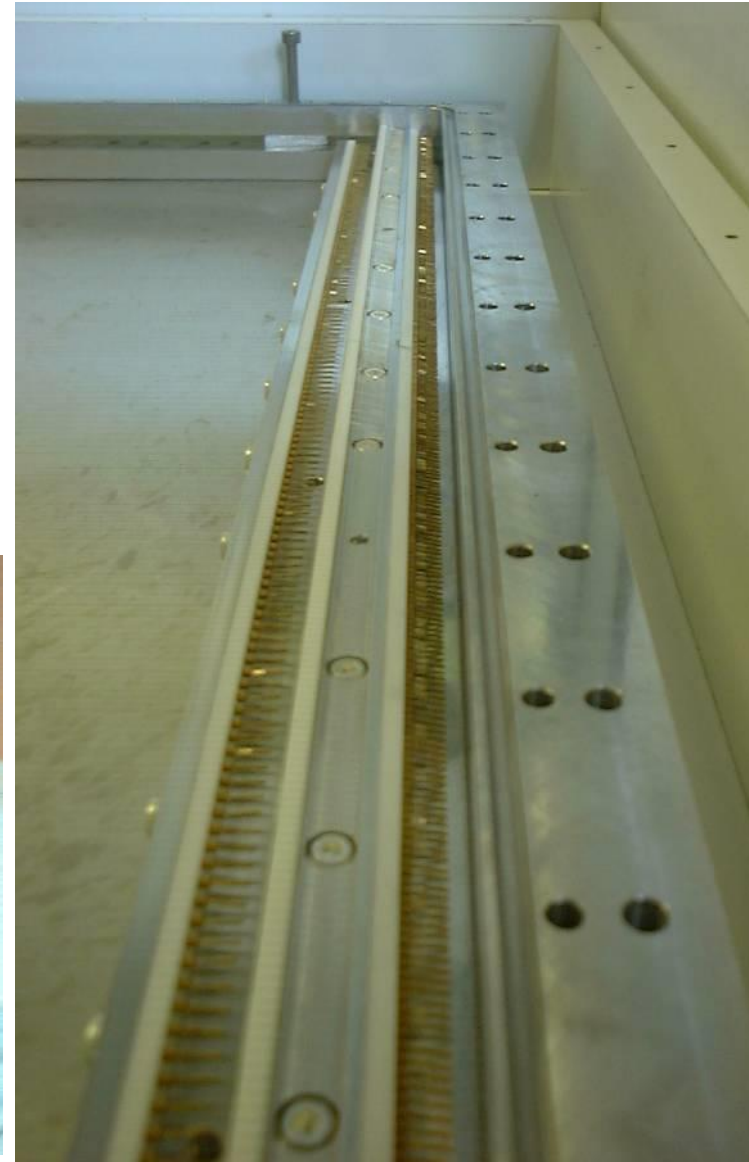
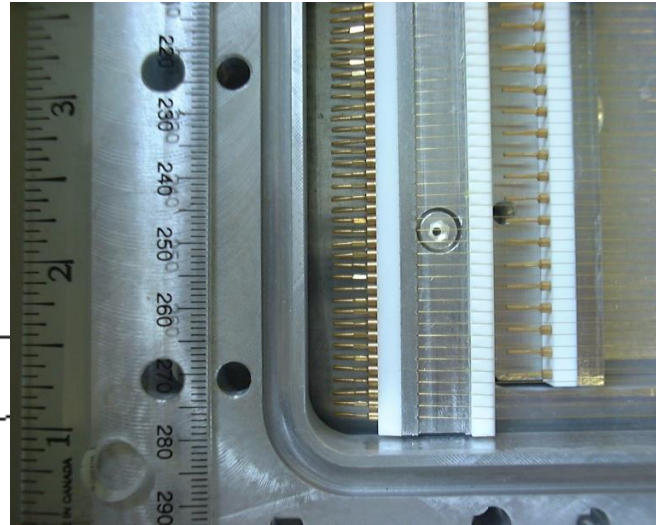
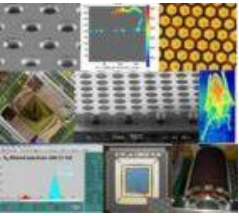
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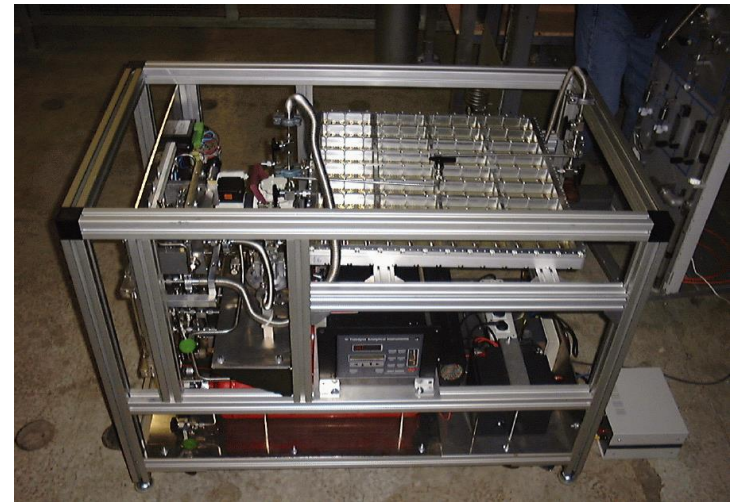
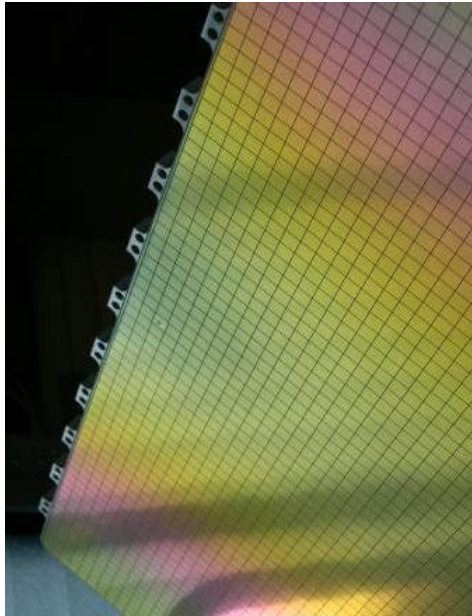
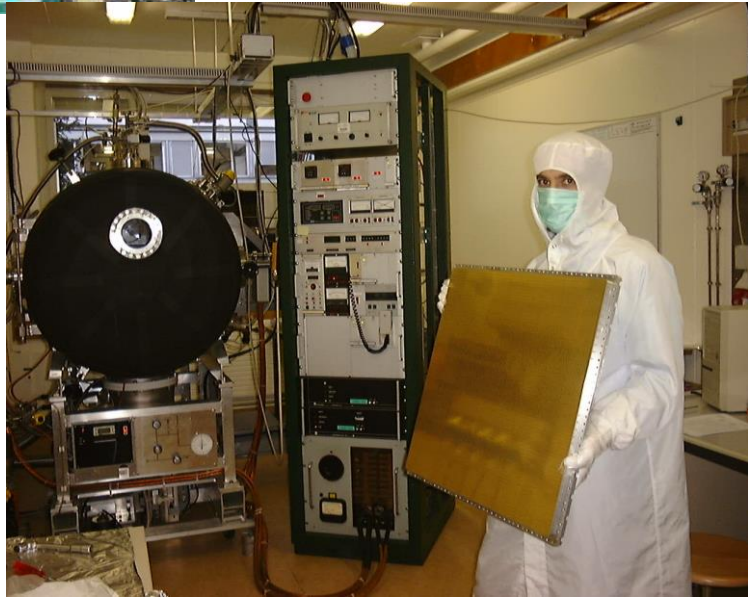
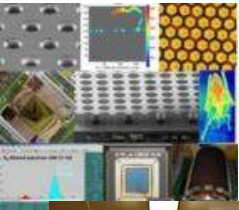
- RADIATOR:** 15 mm liquid C_6F_{14} , $n \sim 1.2989$ @ 175nm, $\beta_{th} = 0.77$
- PHOTON CONVERTER:** Reflective layer of CsI (QE $\sim 25\%$ @ 175 nm)
- PHOTOELECTRON DETECTOR:** MWPC with CH_4 at atmospheric pressure (4 mm gap) **HV = 2050 V.**
- Analogue pad readout



COMPASS RICH-1 MWPC's with CsI

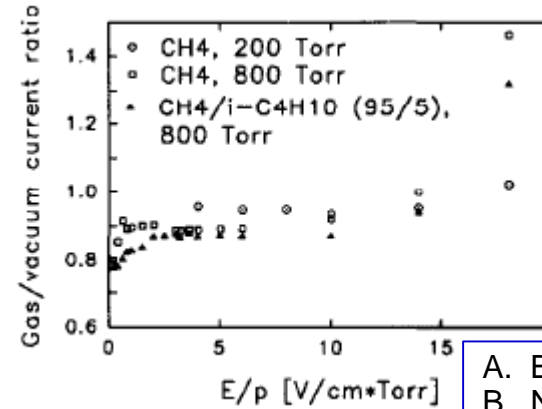
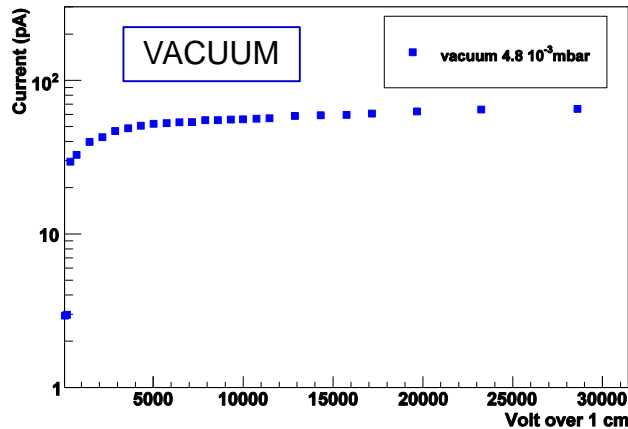


photocathodes

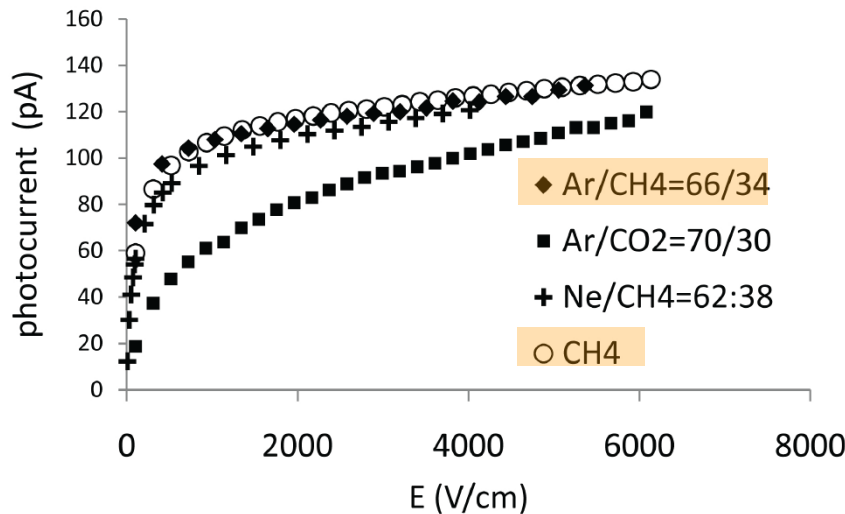


PHOTOELECTRON EXTRACTION

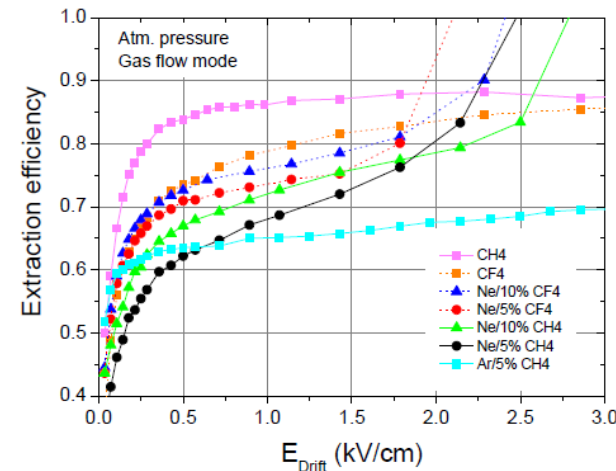
Photoelectron extraction from a CsI film, the role of gas and E



A. Breskin et al.,
B. NIM A 367 (1995) 342



M. Alexeev et al., NIM A (2010) in press

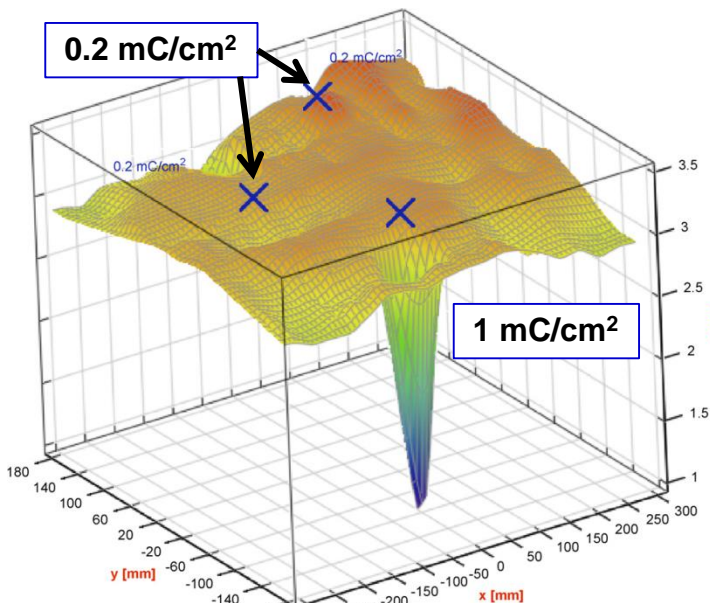


C. D. R. Azevedo et al., 2010 JINST 5 P01002

MWPCs with CsI: the limits

- Severe recovery time (~ 1 d) after detector trips
 - Ion accumulation at the photocathode
- Feedback pulses
 - Ion and photons feedback from the multiplication process
- Aging after integrating a few mC / cm^2
 - Ion bombardment of the photocathode

moderate gain: $< 10^5$
(effective gain: $< 1/2$)
not fast



H. Hoedlmoser et al., NIM A 574 (2007) 28.

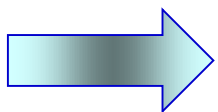
MWPCs \rightarrow slow signal formation

+ low gain \rightarrow "slow" electronics (signal integration, low noise level)

- *Gassiplex FE* : integration time $\sim 0.5 \mu\text{s}$, time res $> 1 \mu\text{s}$
 - *APV (COMPASS RICH-1 upgrade)* : resolution $\sim 400 \text{ ns}$
- \rightarrow *Detector memory, i.e. not adequate for high rates*

WHY MPGD-BASED PDs

- **Reduced photon and Ion BackFlow (IBF)**
 - Reduced ageing
 - High gain → high photoelectron detection efficiency
- **Intrinsically fast gaseous detectors** (signal due to electron motion)
 - Short integration time
 - High rate environments



MICROPATTERN GASEOUS DETECTORS

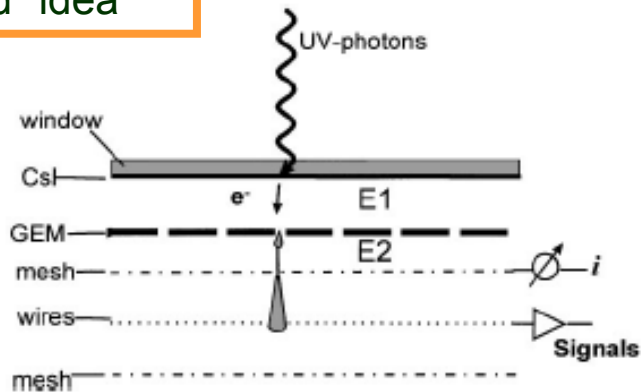
ION & PHOTON BLOCKING GEOMETRIES

First developments ...

GEM-based PDs

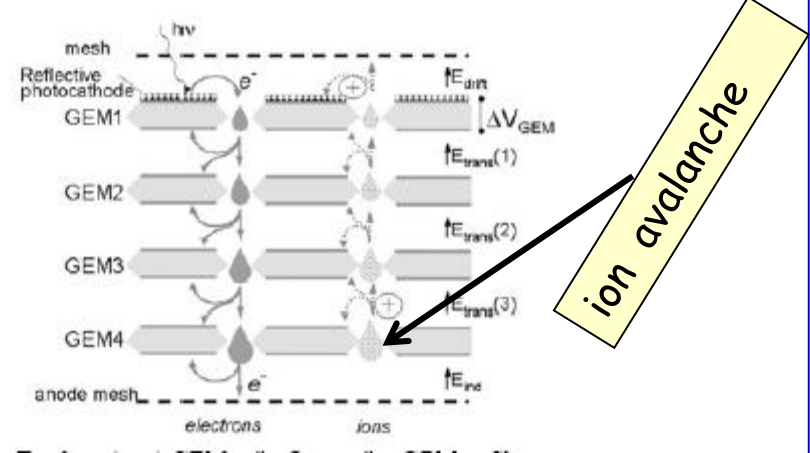
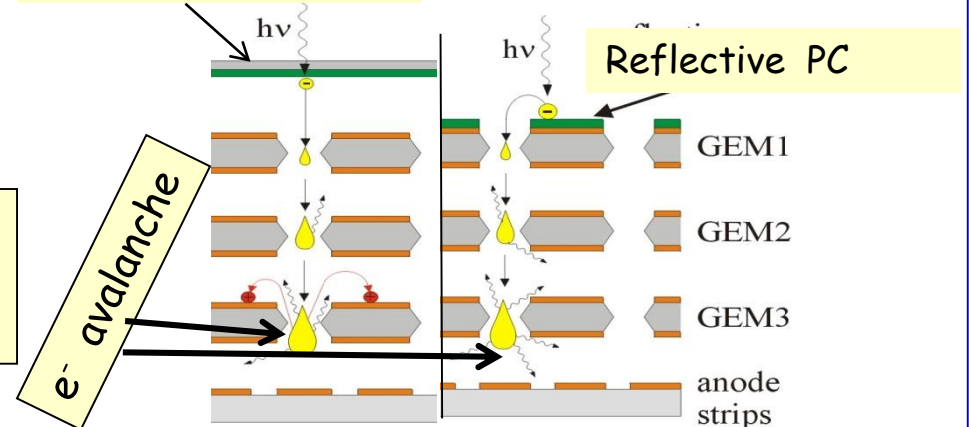
NO photon feedback
Reduced ion feedback

An "old" idea



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

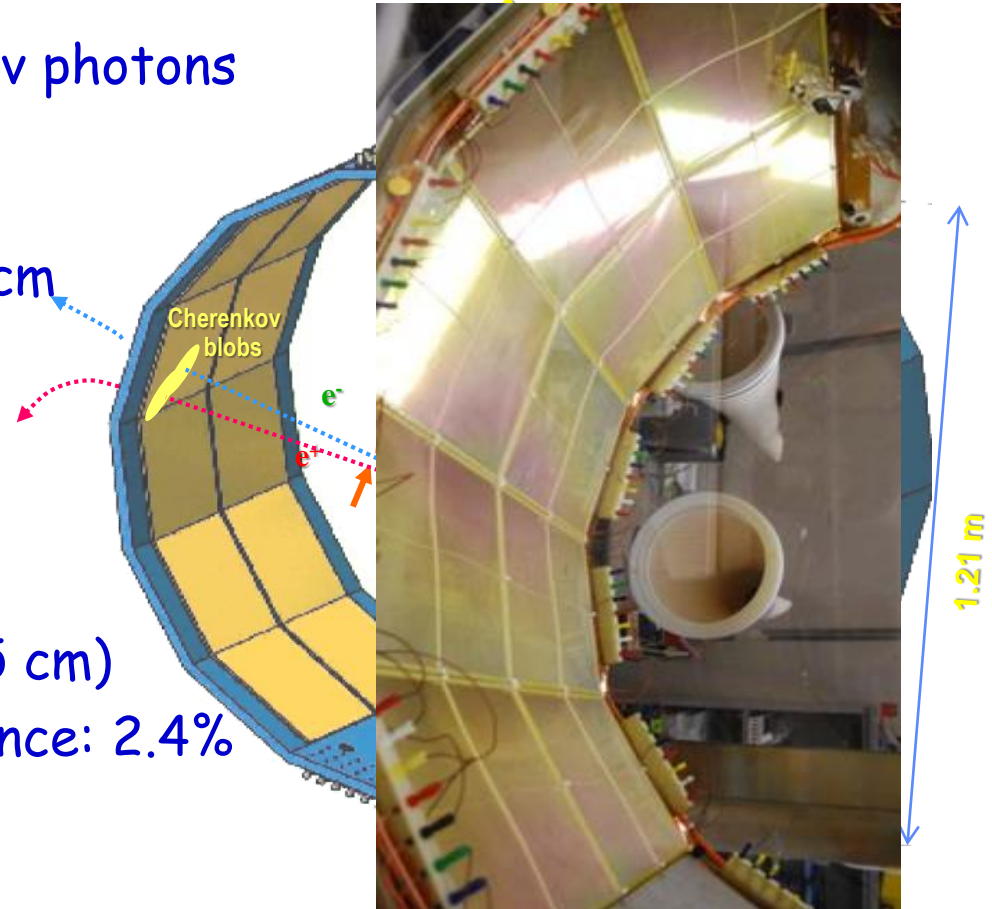
Semi-transparent PC



A. Breskin and R. Chechik, NIM A 595 (2008) 116

HBD- Cherenkov detector with GEMs +CsI

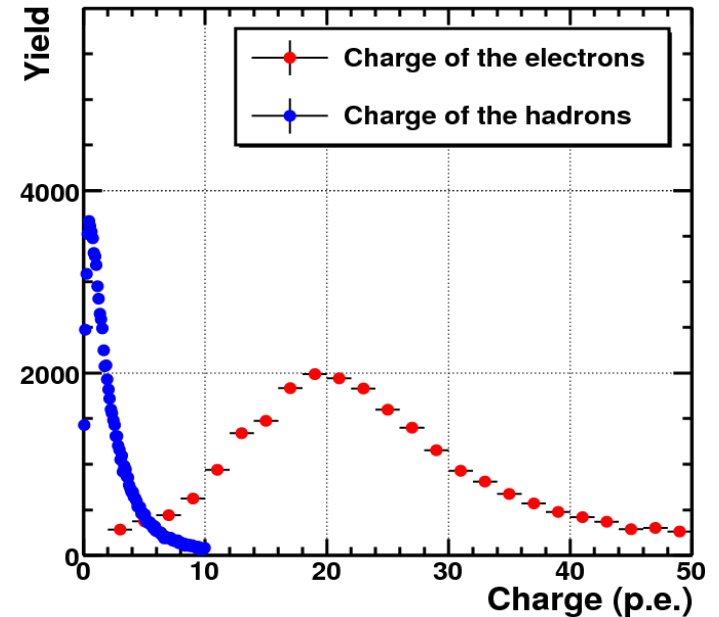
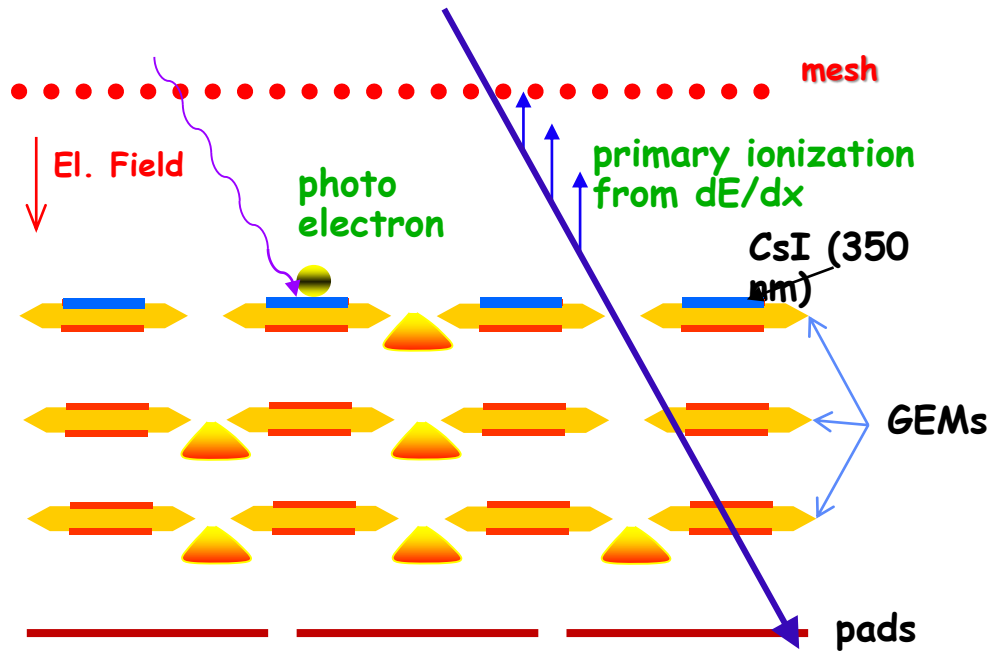
- ✓ The PHENIX HBD detects Cherenkov photons
- ✓ Proximity focus configuration
no window, no mirror
- ✓ CF_4 radiator and active gas. $L_{\text{rad}}=50$ cm
- ✓ Very large bandwidth 108 - 200 nm
(6.2 - 11.5 eV)
- ✓ triple GEMs for signal multiplication
- ✓ CsI photocathode
- ✓ hexagonal pad readout (pad side 1.55 cm)
- ✓ total radiation length within acceptance: 2.4%



W. Anderson et al., NIM A 646 (2011) 35

HBD - hadron blindness

❖ Electron signals are relatively rare (compared to hadrons)



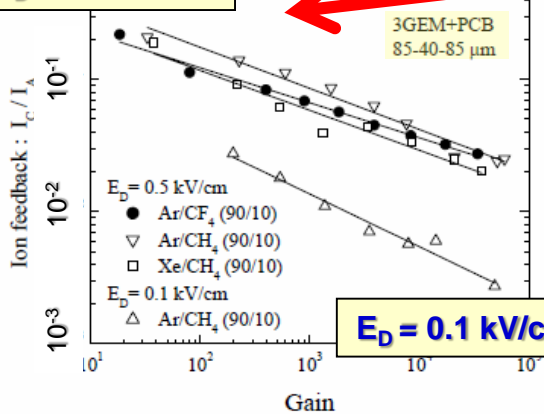
- Detector operated in reverse bias mode to repel the ionization charge from dE/dx
- Cherenkov light is formed only by e^+ or e^-
- Successful operation at PHENIX since several years
- It is not a detector of single photons

GEM-based PDs and IBF

rich literature about IBF in GEM-based detectors
here examples with semi-transparent PC

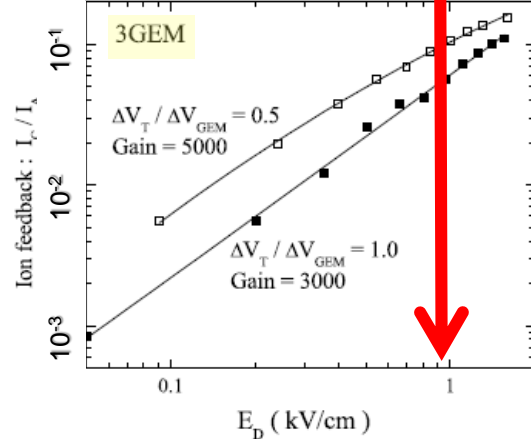
- strong dependence from gain and $E_{D\text{DRIFT}}$
- poor dependence from pressure and gas type

$E_D = 0.5 \text{ kV/cm}$

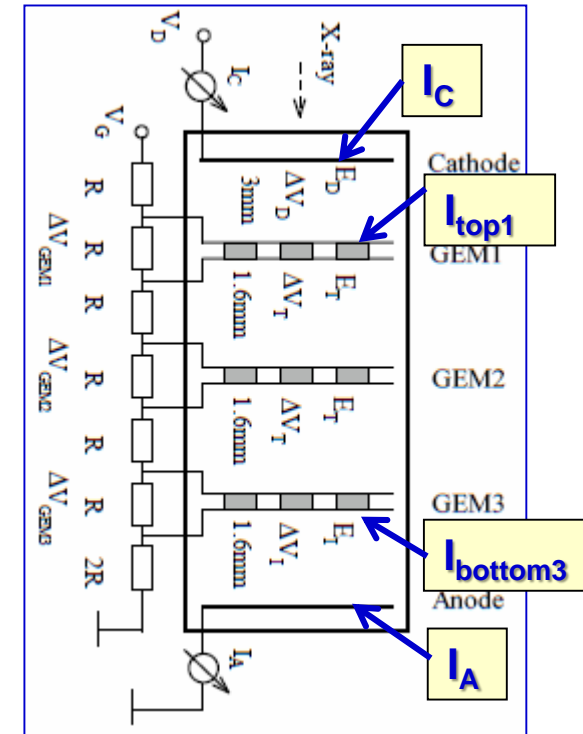


A. Bondar et al., NIMA 496 (2003) 325

$E \sim 1 \text{ kV/cm}$ needed for good photoelectron extraction



A. Breskin et al., NIMA 478 (2002) 225d



The same for reflective PCs :
small and reversed E_D is needed

IBF: a few % level in effective GEM-based photon detectors

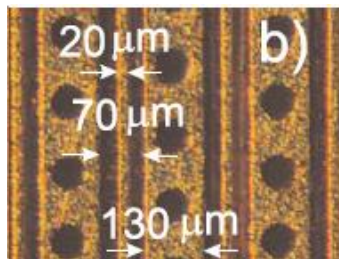
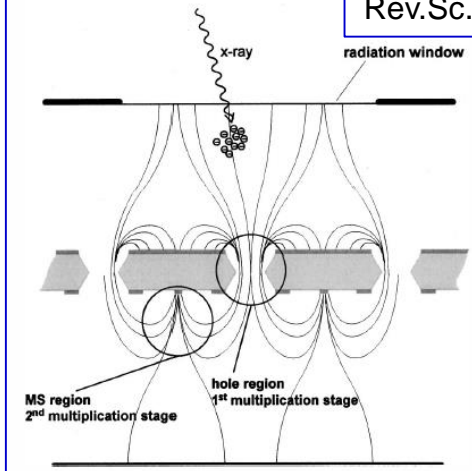
OVERCOMING IBF

More complex geometries needed with extra electrodes to trap the ions:

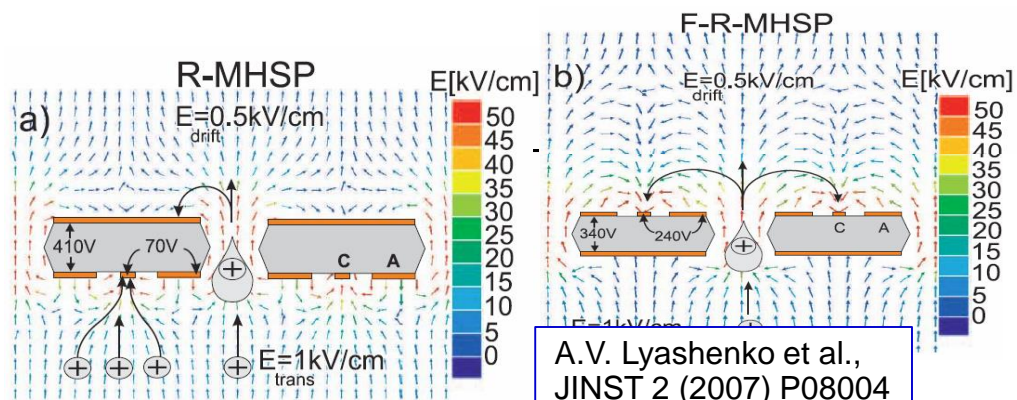
MHSP

X-Ray detector

J.F.C.A. Veloso et al.,
Rev.Sc. Instr. 71 (2000) 2371

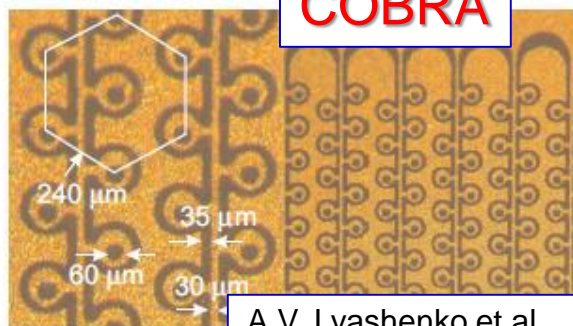


Micro-Hole & Strip Plate (**MHSP**), **COBRA**

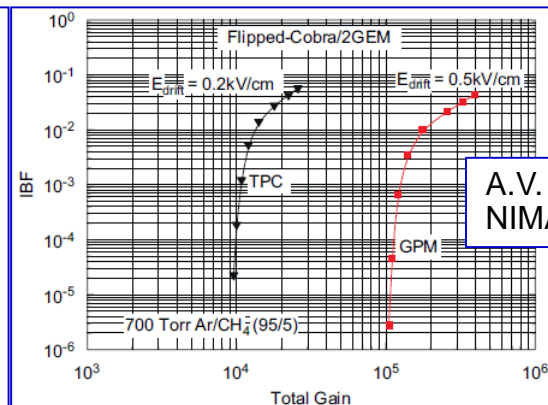
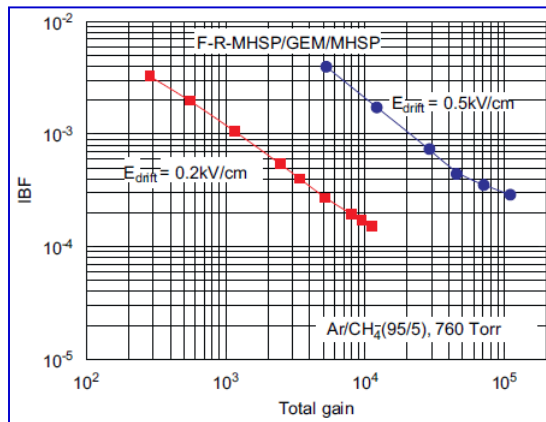


A.V. Lyashenko et al.,
JINST 2 (2007) P08004

COBRA



A.V. Lyashenko et al.,
NIMA 598 (2009) 116



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NIMA 598 (2009) 116

GEM-based PDs and GAIN

LARGE GAIN RELEVANT FOR SINGLE PHOTON DETECTION

- **GEM-based PDs in laboratory studies**
 - for single photoelectron detection, they have been operated at gains $> 10^5$ (see, for instance, the plots of the previous slides)

 - **GEM-based detectors in experiments**
 - Always a MIP flux and small rates of heavily ionizing fragments crossing the detectors (even when the detectors are used as photon detectors)
 - At COMPASS: $G \sim 8000$ (B. Ketzer, private comm.)
 - At LHCb: $G \sim 4000$ (M. Alfonsi NIMA 581 (2007) 283)
 - At TOTEM: $G \sim 8000$ (G. Catanesi, private comm.)
 - Phenix HBD: $G \sim 4000$ (W. Anderson et al., NIMA 646 (2011) 35)
- **In experiments, small chances**
to operate GEM-based PDs at gains $> 10^4$

THGEM-based PDs, why ?

PCB technology, thus:

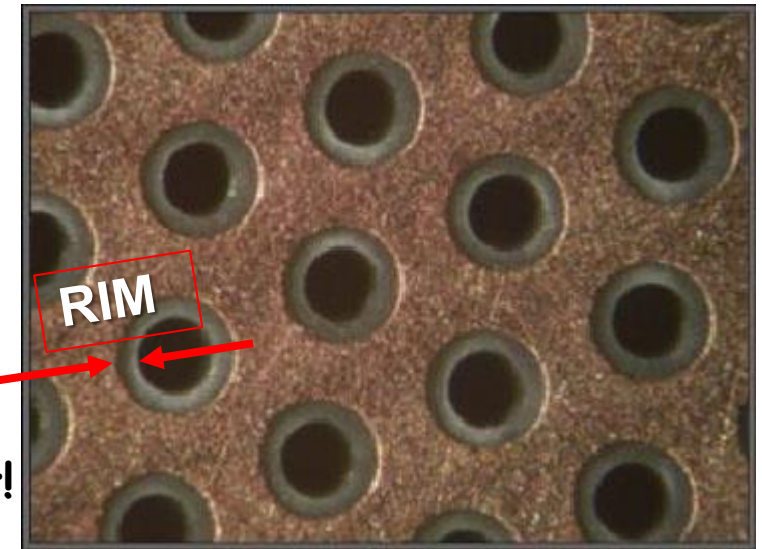
- robust
- mechanically self supporting
- industrial production of large size boards
- large gains have been immediately reported (**rim** !)

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
 - e^- dispersion plays a minor role

About PCB geometrical dimensions:

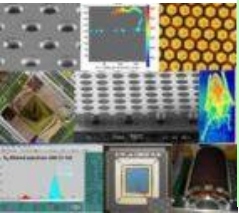
Hole diameter :	0.2 - 1 mm
Pitch :	0.5 - 5 mm
Thickness :	0.2 - 3 mm



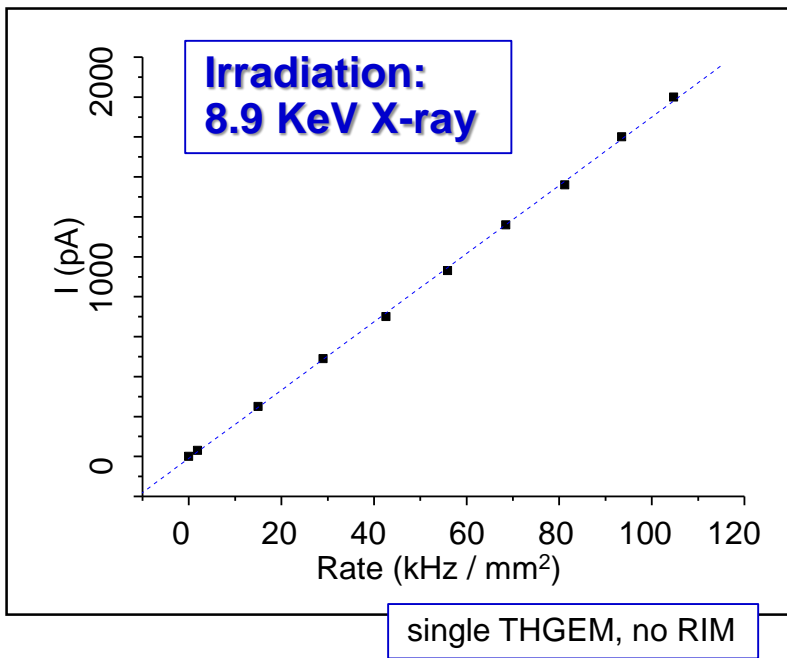
introduced in // by different groups:

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

More about THGEMs



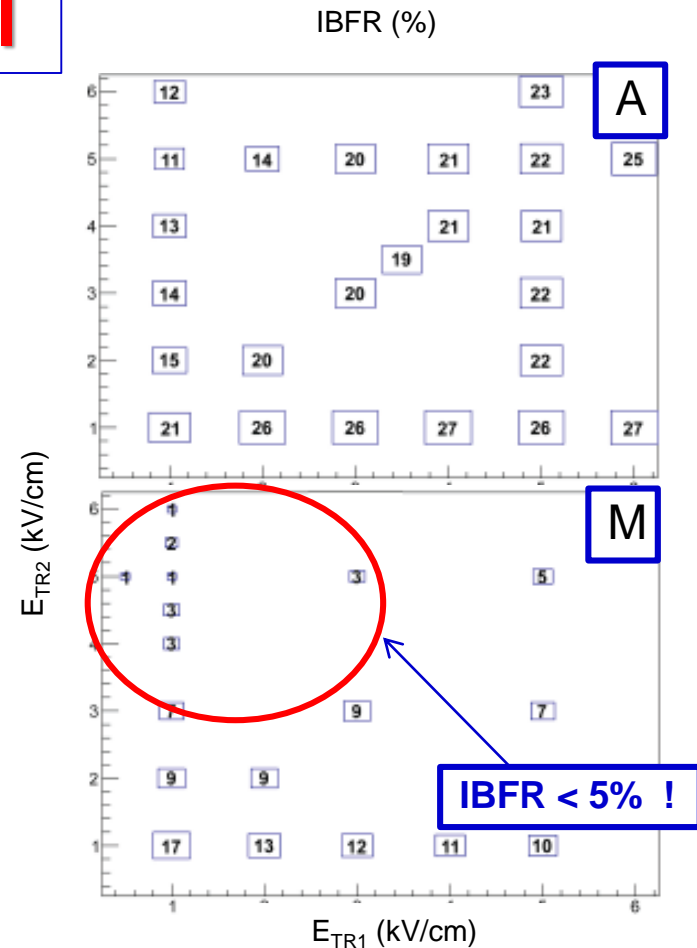
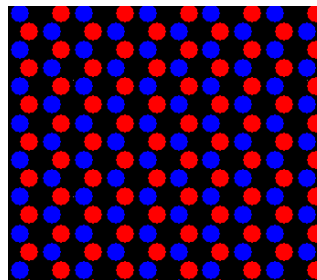
High rate device



M. Alexeev et al. JINST 10 (2015) P03026
The gain in Thick GEM multipliers and its time-evolution

IBF control

Triple THGEM:
Ion Back Flow
reduction by
staggering plates

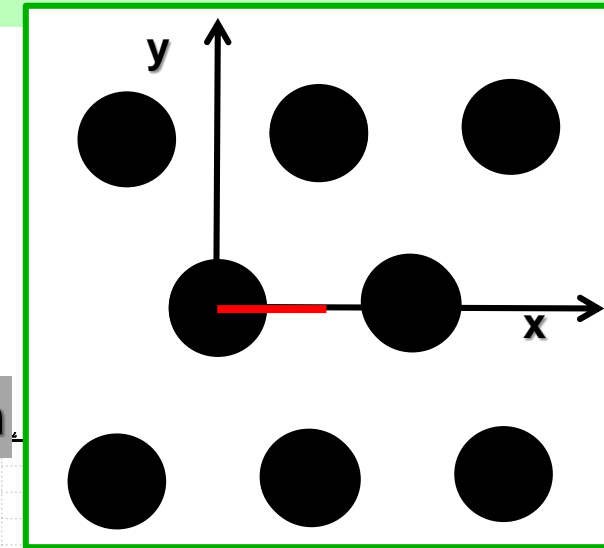


M. Alexeev et al., JINST 7 (2012) C002014

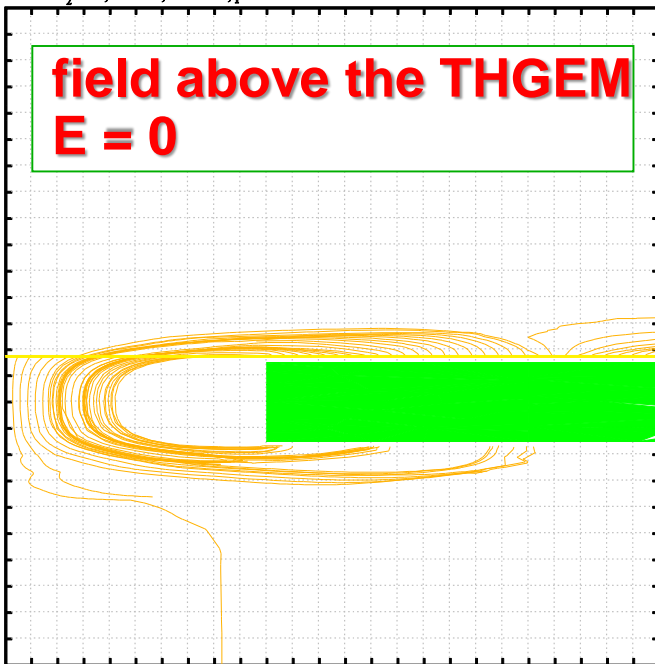
PHOTOELECTRON EXTRACTION

photoelectron trajectories from
a THGEM photocathode, simulation,
multiplication switched off

thickness 0.6 mm, diam. 0.4 mm, pitch: 0.8 mm, $\Delta V = 1500$ V

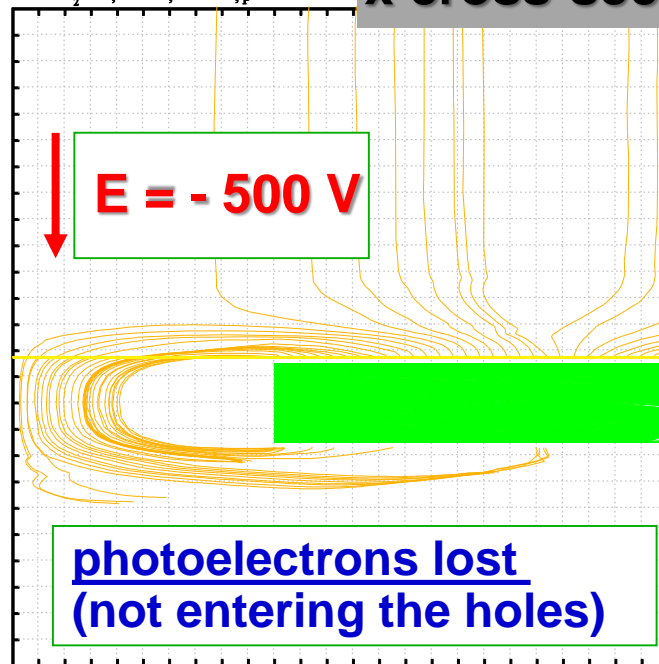


field above the THGEM
 $E = 0$



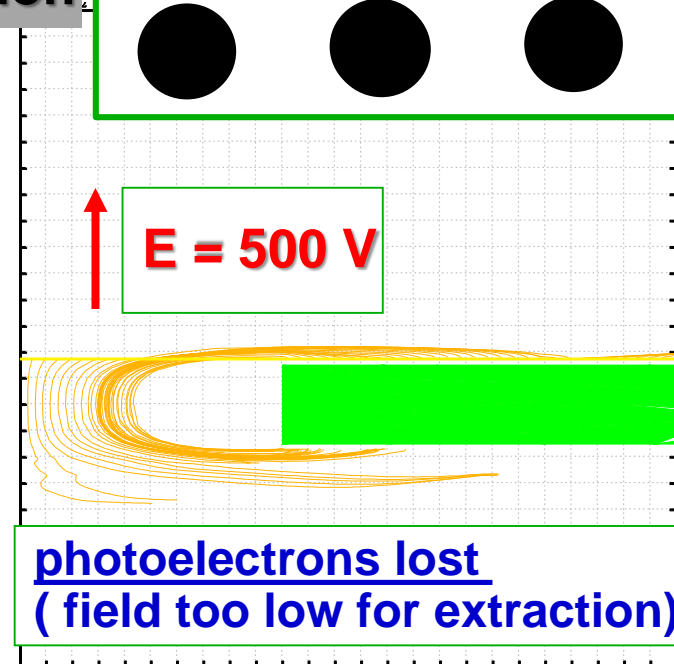
$E = -500$ V

photoelectrons lost
(not entering the holes)



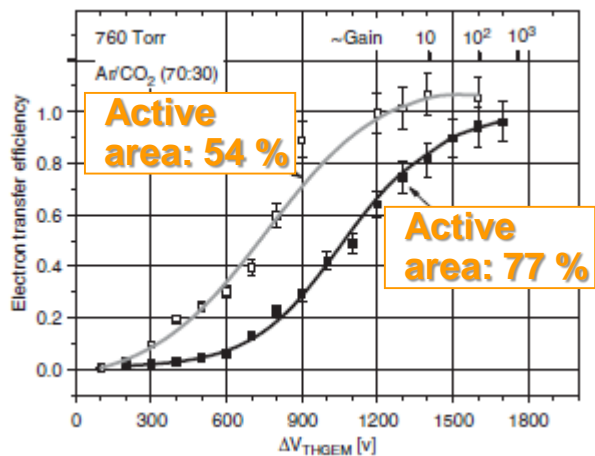
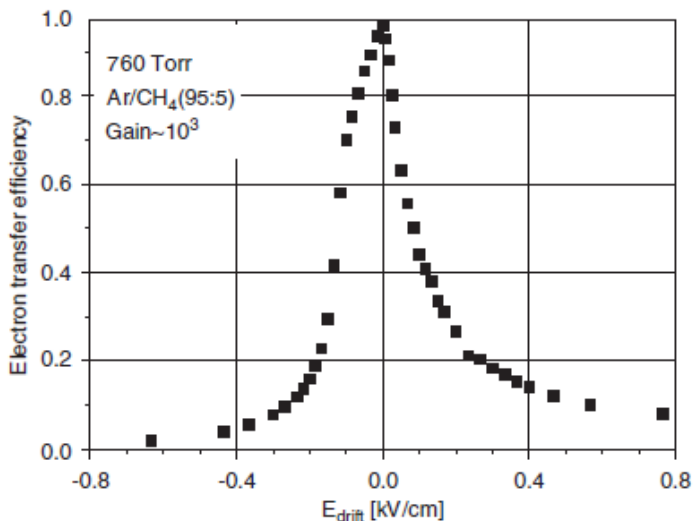
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photoelectrons lost
(field too low for extraction)

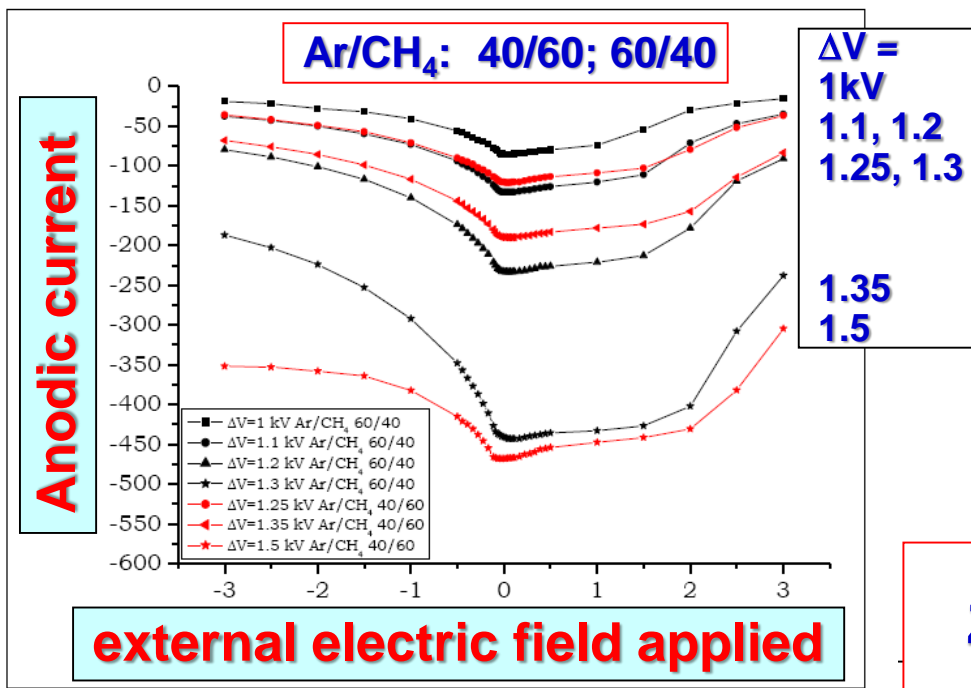


PHOTOELECTRON EXTRACTION

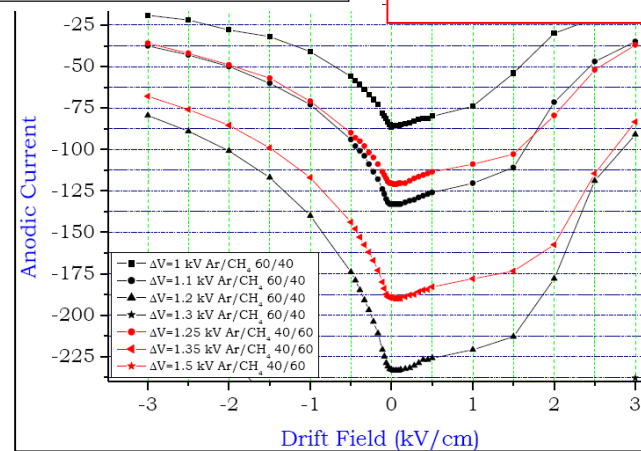
Counting mode technique



C. Shalem et al., NIMA 558 (2006) 475



ZOOM



S. Dalla Torre et al.,
TIPP09 - Tsukuba,
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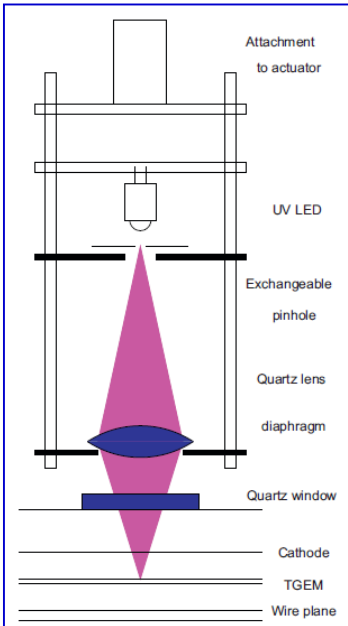
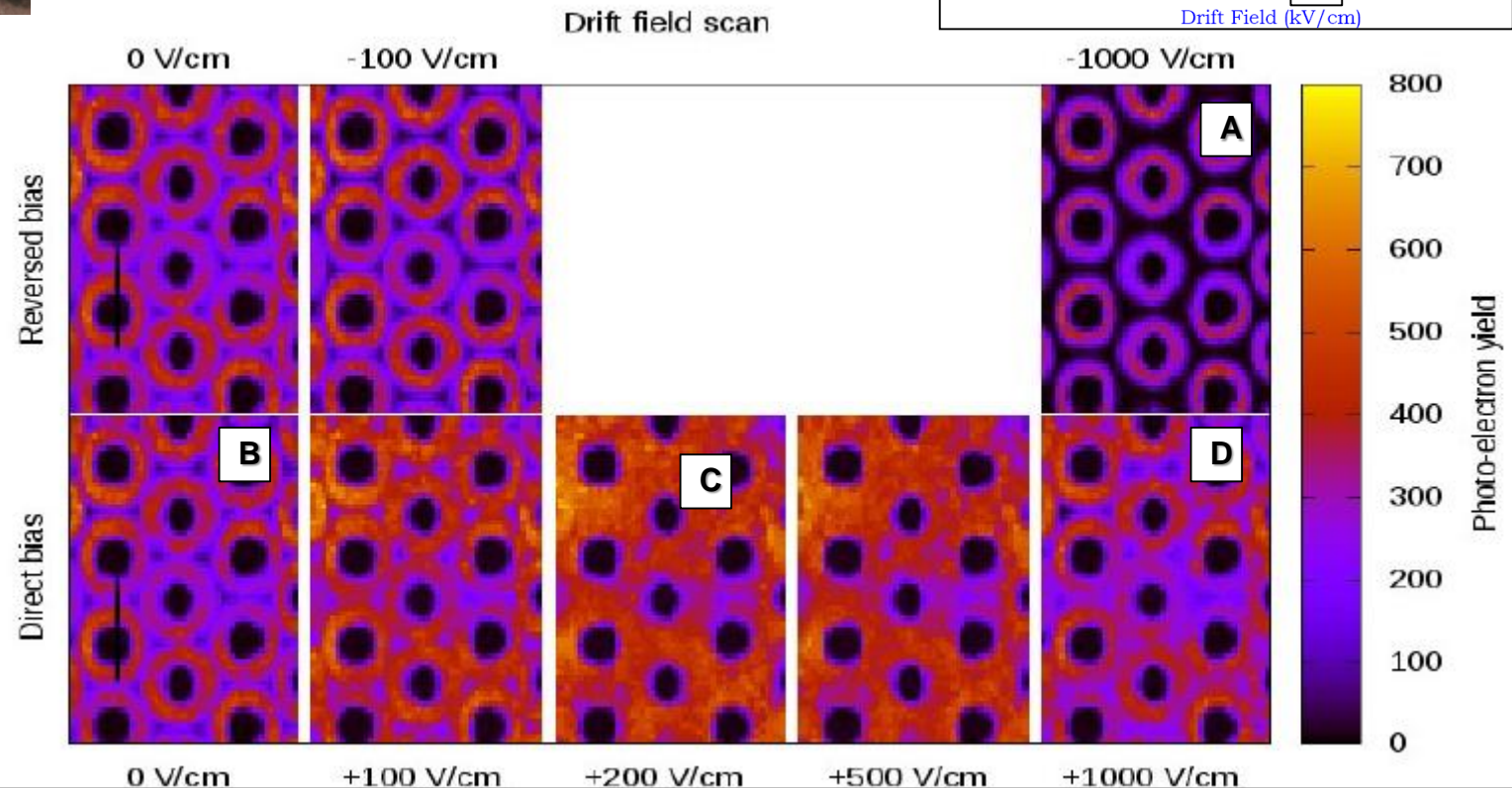
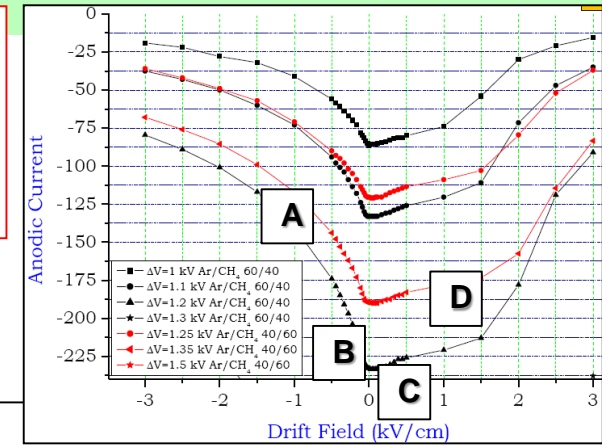
PHOTOELECTRON EXTRACTION

Photoelectron extraction from THGEM PC fully confirmed by direct observation with "Leopard"

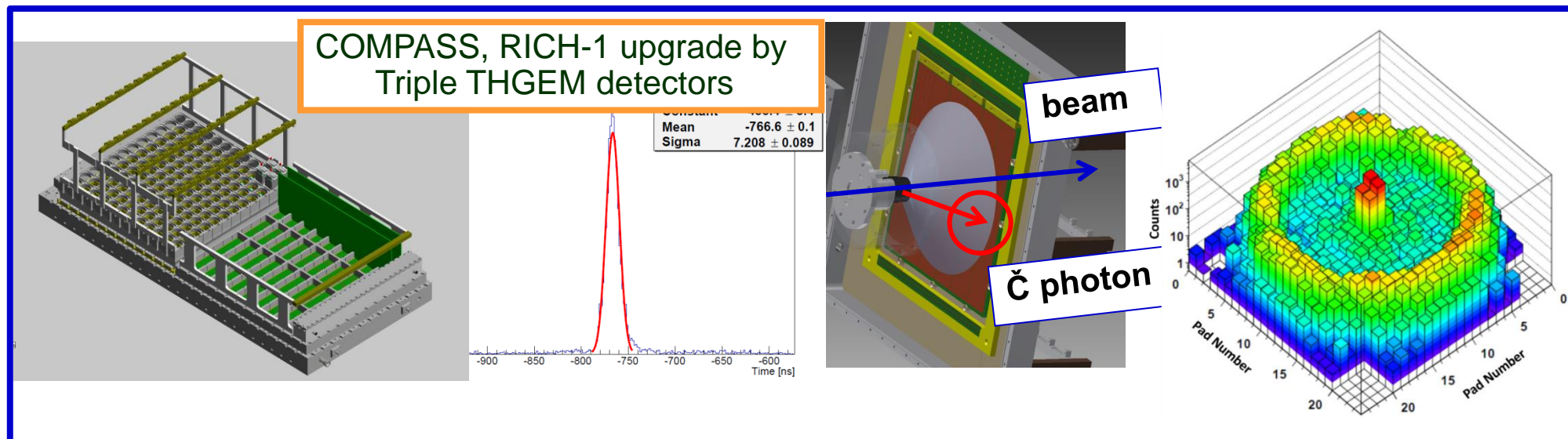
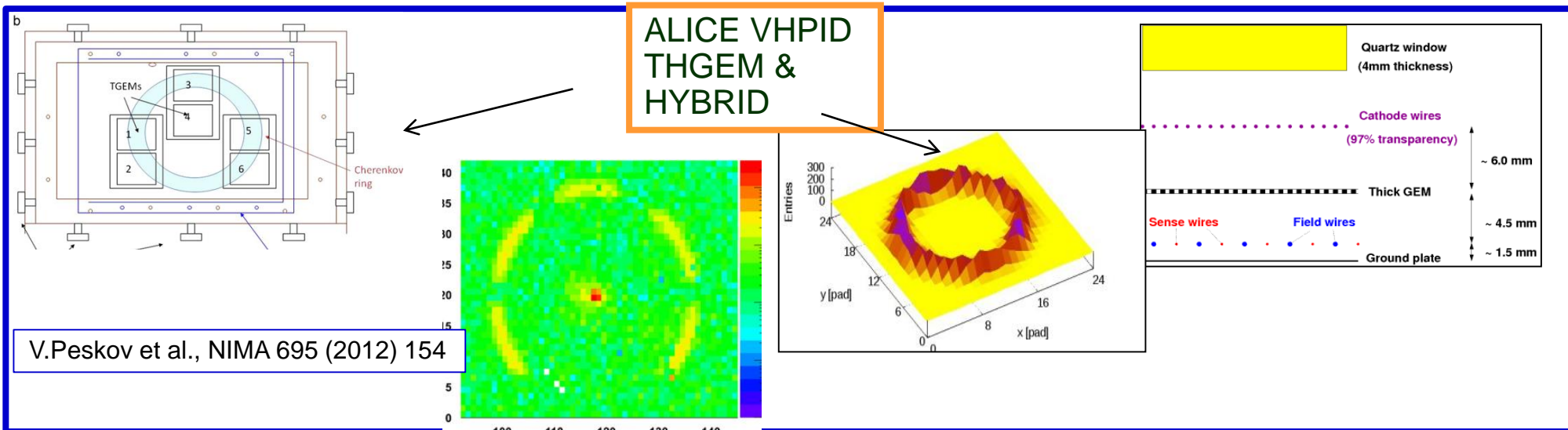
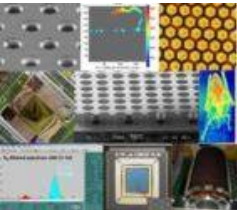
Courtesy of the Budapest and Trieste THGEM groups



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



THGEM R&D for RICHes



NUMBER OF DETECTED PHOTONS

V.Peskov et al., NIMA 695 (2012) 154

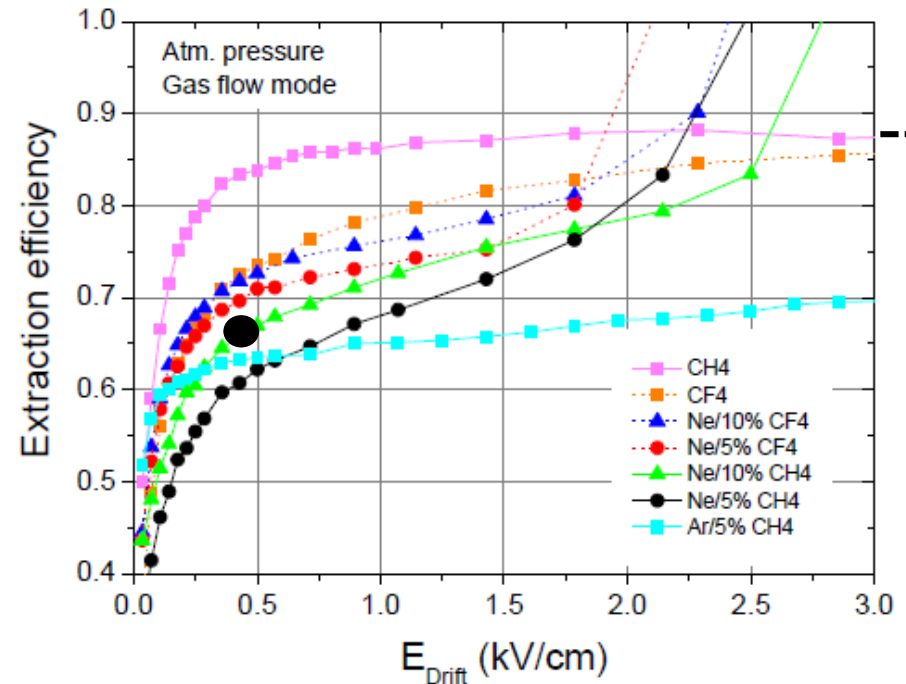
N of detected photons is ~60-70% of MWPCs with CsI

- **Ne+10%CH₄, used with ΔV at 650-750 V**

5. Conclusions and Outlook

We report the first successful implementation of a set of CsI-TGEMs with a liquid radiator where a Cherenkov ring has been observed. The results obtained are encouraging and suggest that the present performance could be improved in the future by optimizing elements of the design. We are launching now systematic studies on TGEM geometry optimization allowing increasing the value of η_{rel} , ϵ_{col} and A_{eff} . We also are planning to investigate

→ **Relative extraction efficiency**
Respect to pure methane at
 $E \sim 7\text{kV/cm} \sim 75\%$ (my estimate)

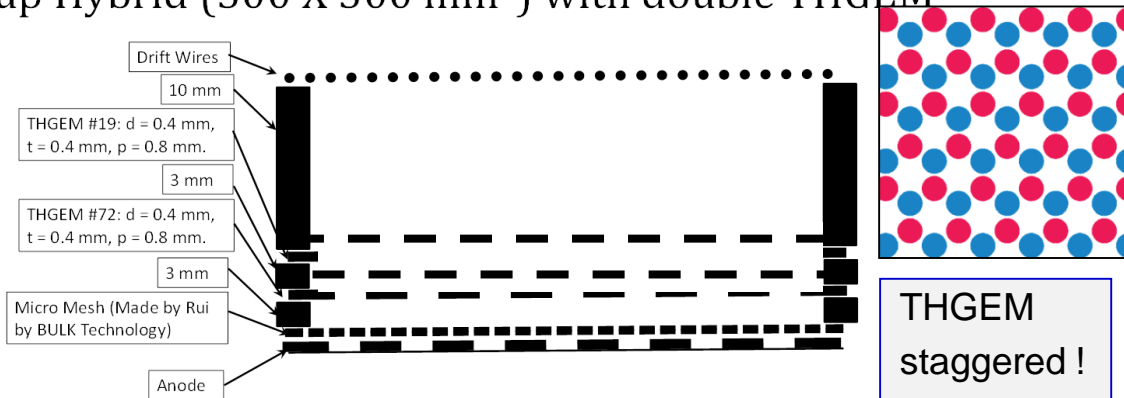


C. D. R. Azevedo et al., 2010 JINST 5 P01002

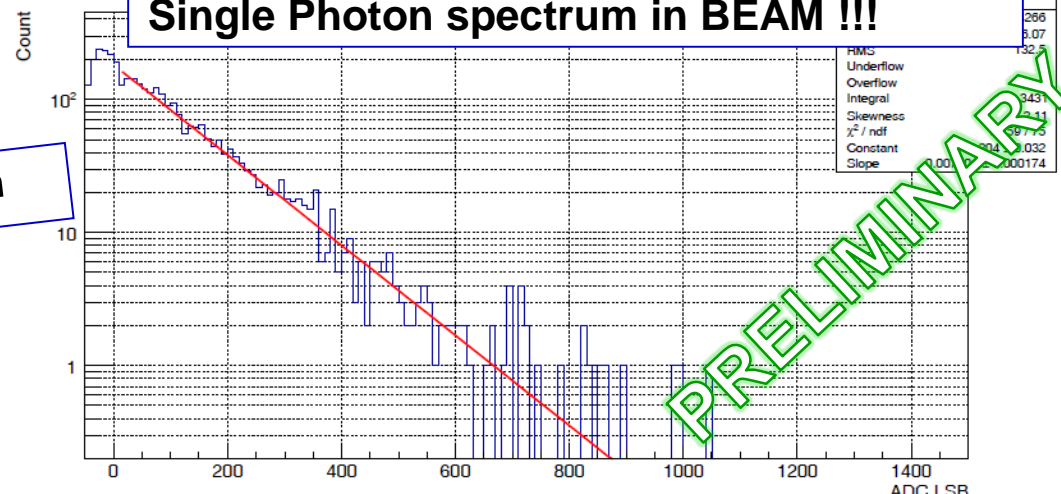
HYBRID MPGD PDs (THGEM + MM)

- The 1st THGEM forms the PC
- The 2nd THGEM (staggered) forces the electron diffusion
- The MM provides large gain, made larger by the diffusing the impinging electron cloud

Setup Hybrid (300 X 300 mm²) with double THGEM



Gain ~ 130K
Single Photon spectrum in BEAM !!!



Courtesy of the COMPASS-THGEM group

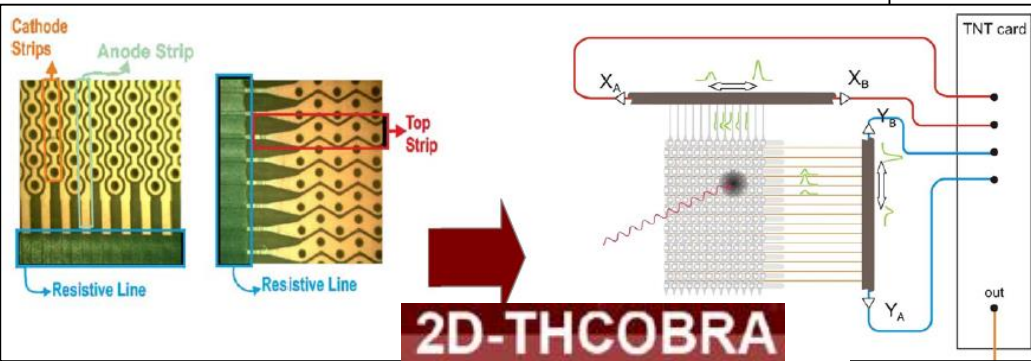
The same architecture independently studied in parallel as GPM for DM searches (see later)

HYBRID MPGD PDs (THGEM + THCOBRA)

- 2 THGEMs
- a THCOBRA with 2 d R-O structure



Parameters			
Structure	Hole Diameter (μm)	Pitch (μm)	RIM (μm)
THGEM 1	400	800	5
THGEM 2	700	1300	100
2D THCOBRA	400	1000	80



Gas Photomultiplier (GPM) : 2D-THCOBRA

- Good Performance
 - Gain of 10^6
 - IBF values of about: 20%
- 2D THCOBRA adequate to obtain image
- Position Resolution: FWHM= $300 \mu\text{m}$, $\sigma = 128 \mu\text{m}$
- Count rate of 100kHz

T. Lopes 2013 JINST 8 P09002

GASEOUS DETECTORS FOR VISIBLE LIGHT

■ Investigated since long time

- Chemical reactivity (gas purity better than ppm level needed → UHV materials and sealed detectors)
- PC stability under ion bombardment - work function lower than CsI one
- **AGEING** CsI: -16% QE at $25\mu\text{C}/\text{mm}^2$ F.Tokanai et al., NIMA 628 (2011) 190
Bilkaly: -20% QE at $0.4\mu\text{C}/\text{mm}^2$ T.Moriya et al., NIMA 732 (2013) 263

Investigation of prototype gas-filled Photomultiplier
J.S. Edmonds, D.J. Miller and F. Barlow, NIM A 273 (1988) 1

GASEOUS DETECTORS FOR VISIBLE LIGHT

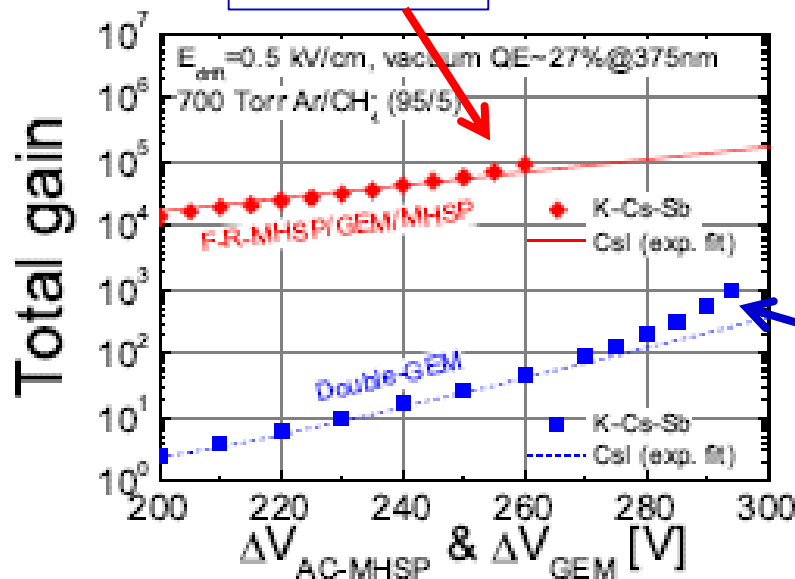
■ photocathodes for visible light

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T.Moriya et al., NIMA 732 (2013) 263

F-R-MHSP,
IBF: 3×10^{-4}



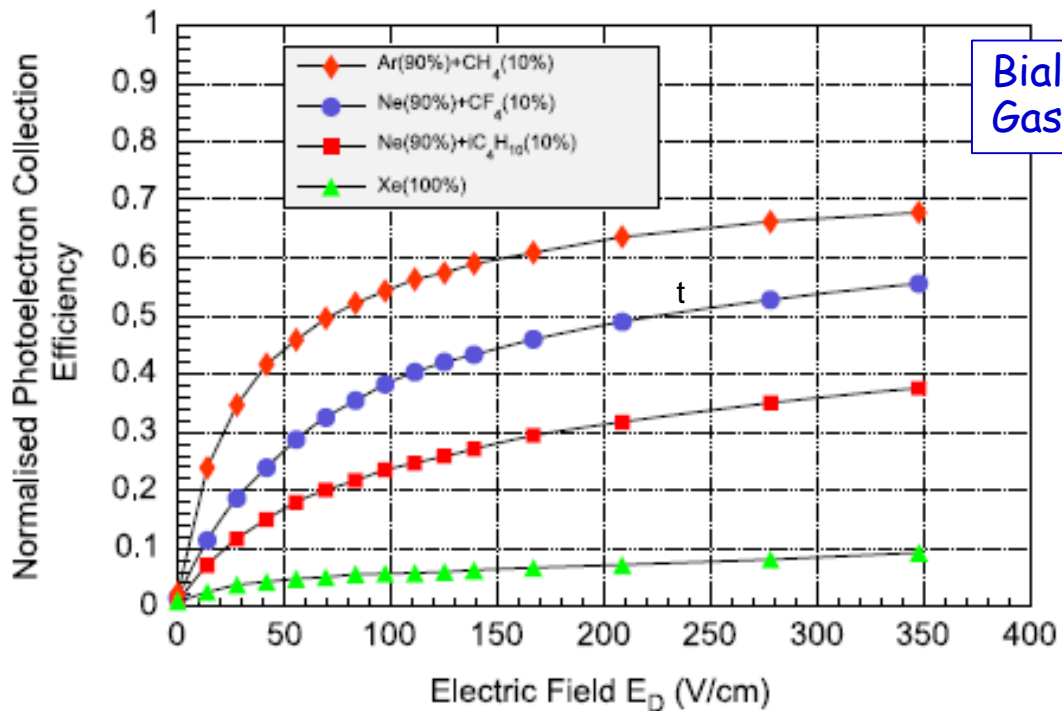
K-Cs-Sb vs CsI

Double GEM,
IBF: $\sim 10^{-2}$

A.V.Lyashenko et al., 2009 JINST 4 P07005

GASEOUS DETECTORS FOR VISIBLE LIGHT

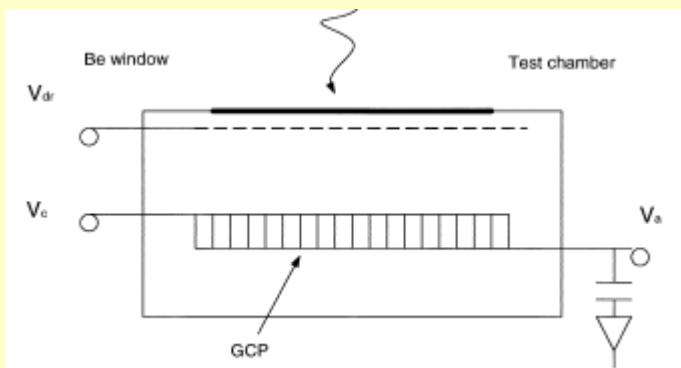
- Dedicated photoelectron extraction studies



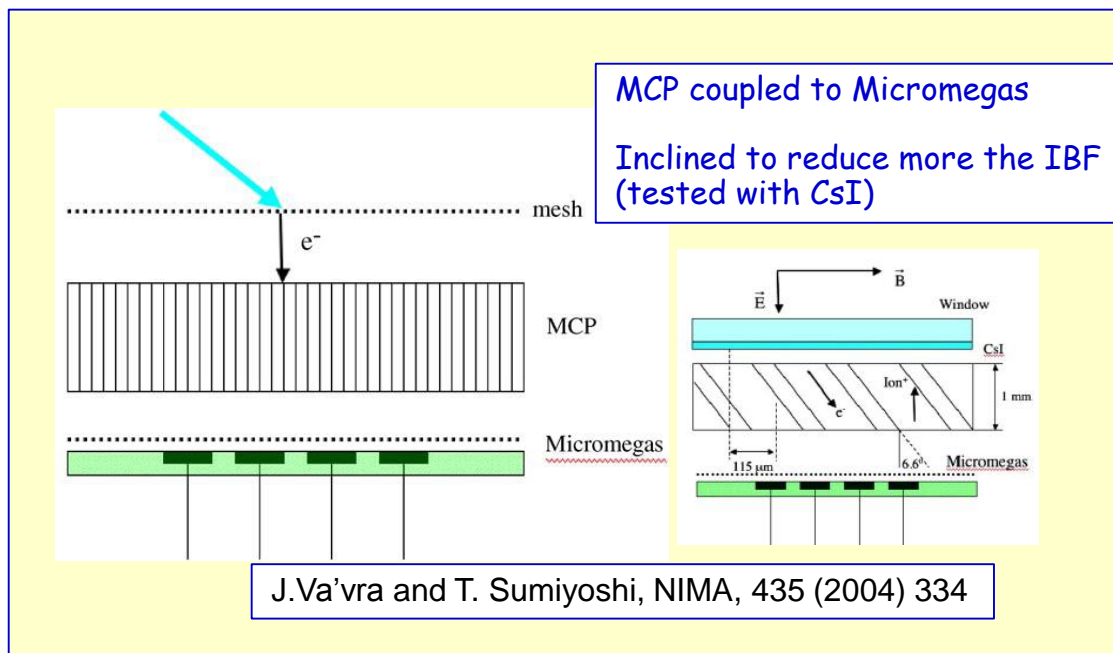
F. Tokanai et al., NIMA 610 (2009) 164

GASEOUS DETECTORS FOR VISIBLE LIGHT

The Capillary Plate (CP) approach

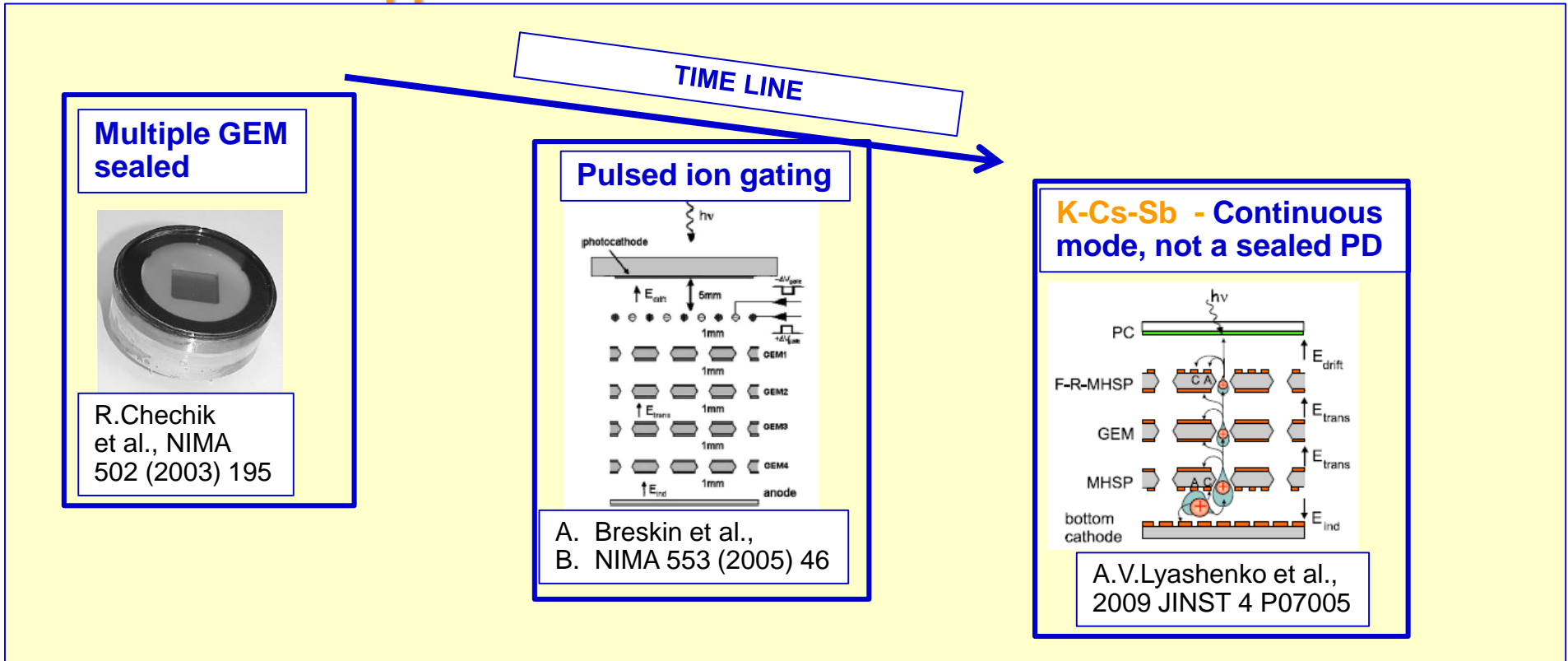


V. Peskov et al., NIMA 433 (1999) 492



GASEOUS DETECTORS FOR VISIBLE LIGHT

the GEM approach



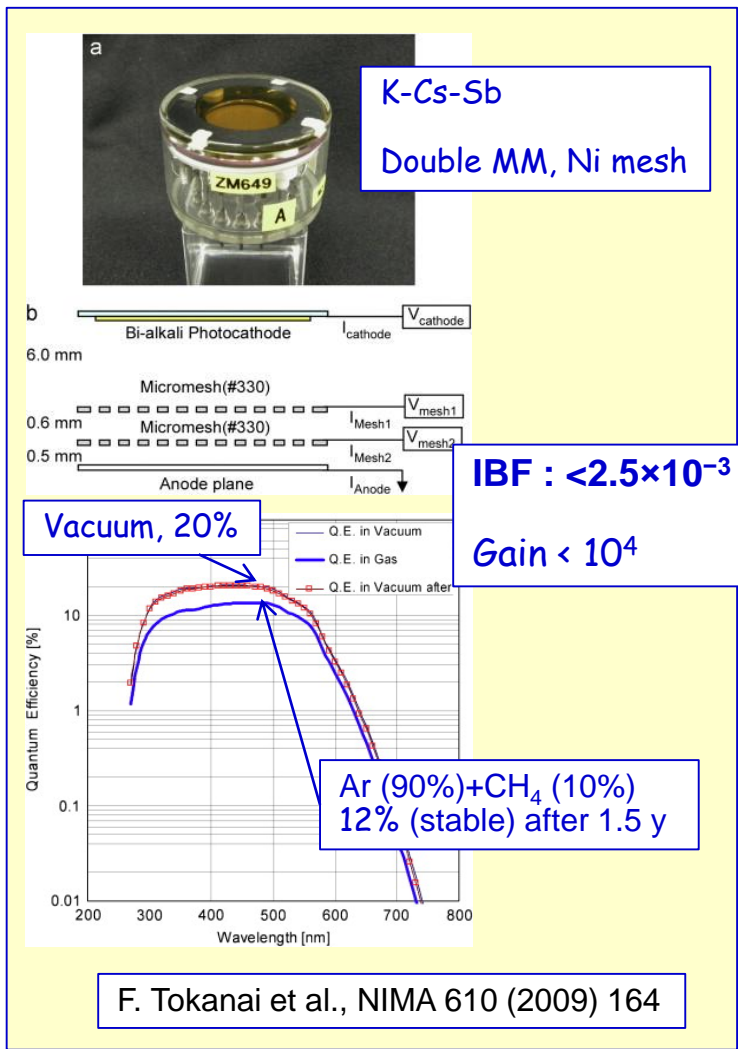
Poor compatibility of alkali and GEM material ?

Extremely poor QE of the alkali PC:
the material of the GEM chemically reacts with the alkali metals

F. Tokanai et al., NIMA 610 (2009) 164

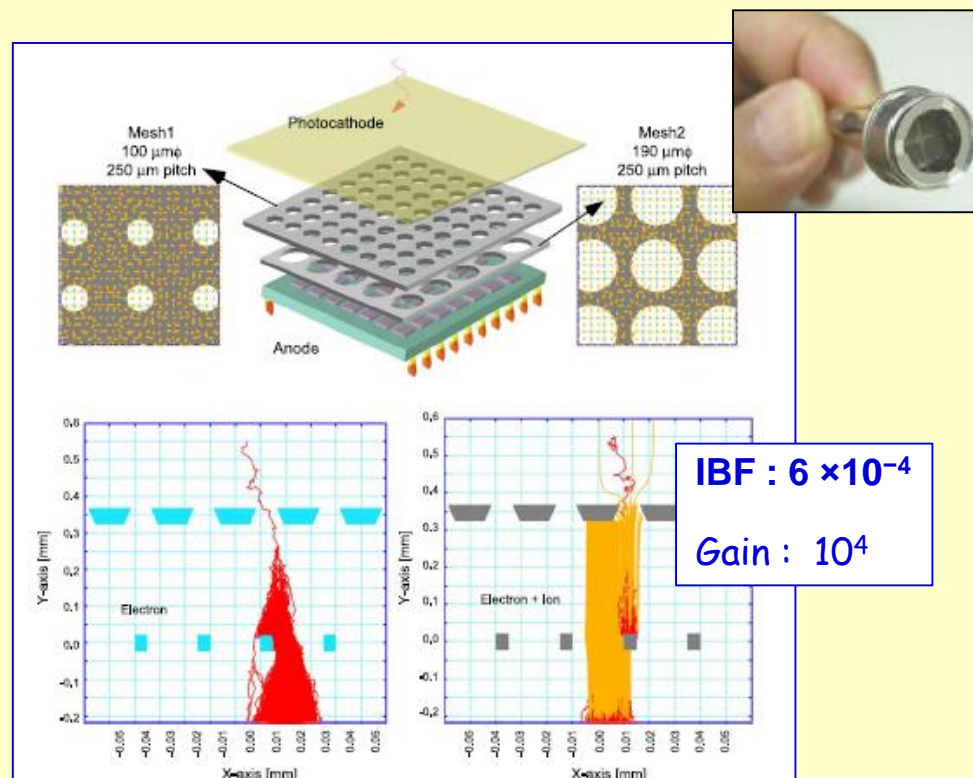
GASEOUS DETECTORS FOR VISIBLE LIGHT

the MicroMega approach



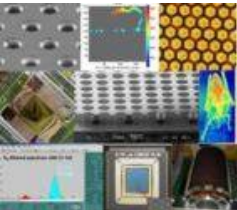
More recently: 2 staggered MM layers to enhance ion trapping

In collaboration with HAMAMATSU



F. Tokanai et al., NIMA 766 (2014) 176

PHOTONS FOR SUB-NANOSECOND TIMING

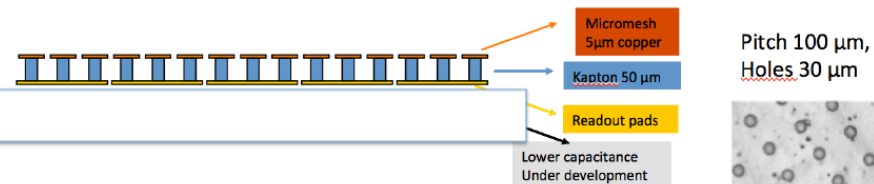


Sub-100 picosecond charged particle timing with MicroMegas

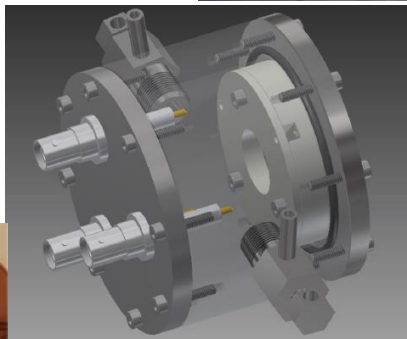
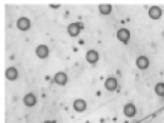


Very promising recent development presented at **RD51 Mini-Week**

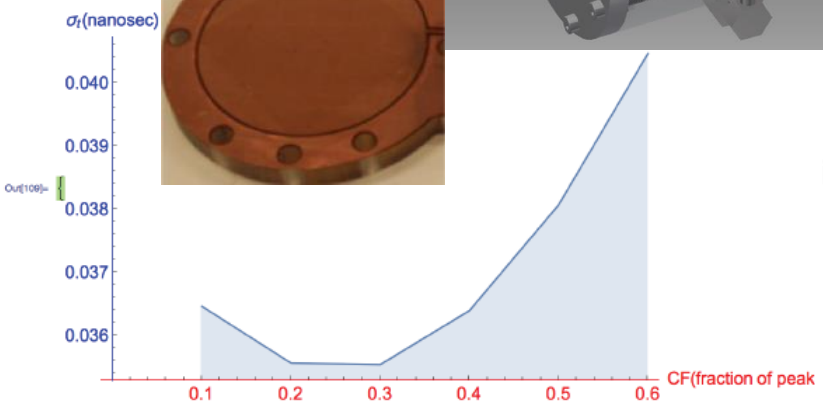
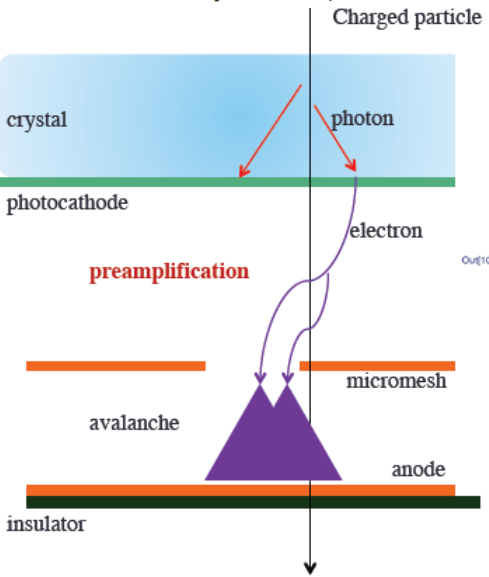
Microbulk technology



Pitch 100 μ m,
Holes 30 μ m

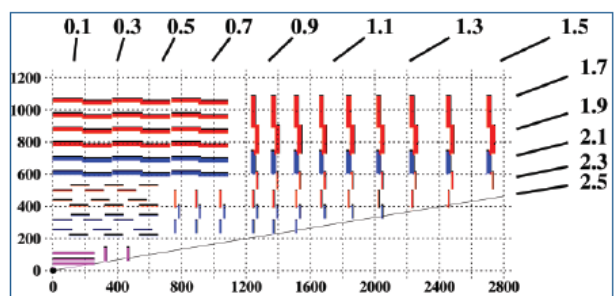


S. Aune et al. NIM A 604: 15-19, 2009
S. Andriamonje et al. JINST, 2010

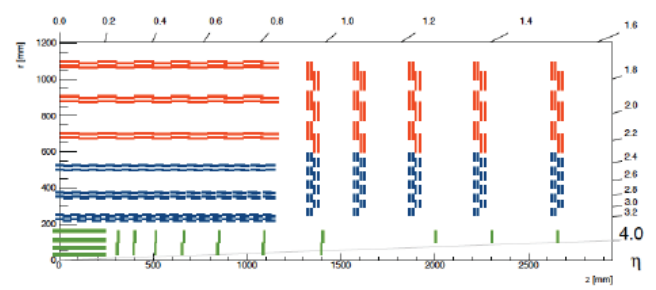


~20 pe: 36 ps rms time jitter observed

current model in CMSSW matched to:



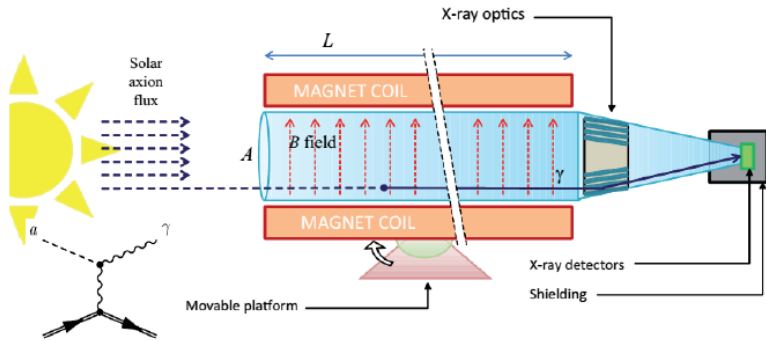
if tracker extended in Phase2, complementary role?



AXION search: low bkg. X-ray detection

Micromegas as Low Background x-ray detectors in axion searches: CAST & IAXO

- High power to discriminate x-rays signals from other type of events. Event topology.
- Intrinsically radiopure, very low radioactivity budget (*Astr. Part. 34 (2011) 354*).
- Shielding techniques from low background experiments are also applied.



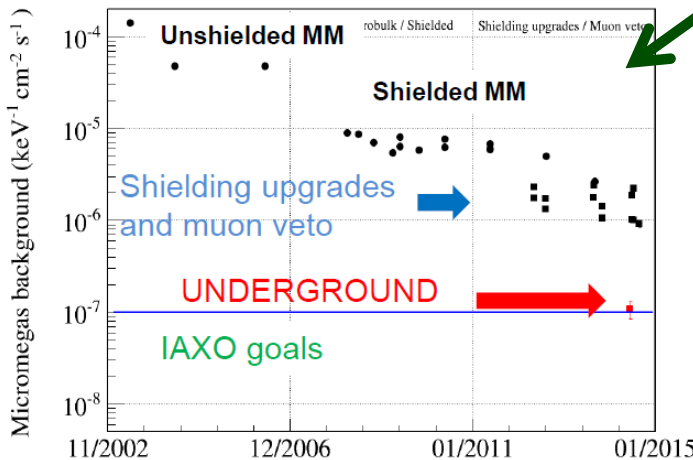
CAST: CERN Axion Solar Telescope



Detection: *inverse Primakoff* (Sikivie 1983)

Axions in a magnetic field convert to photons.

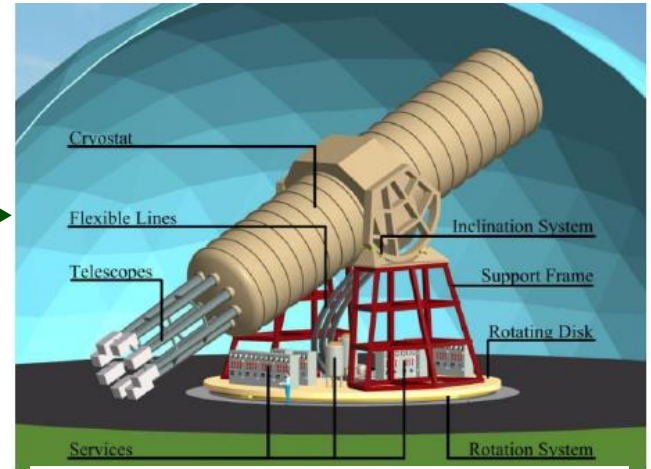
Expected x-ray excess when the magnet points to the Sun.



JINST 9 (2014) P01001:
Low background x-ray detection with Micromegas for axion research

JINST 8 (2013) C12042
X-ray detection with Micromegas with background levels below 10⁻⁶ keV⁻¹cm⁻²s⁻¹

IAXO: International AXion Observatory

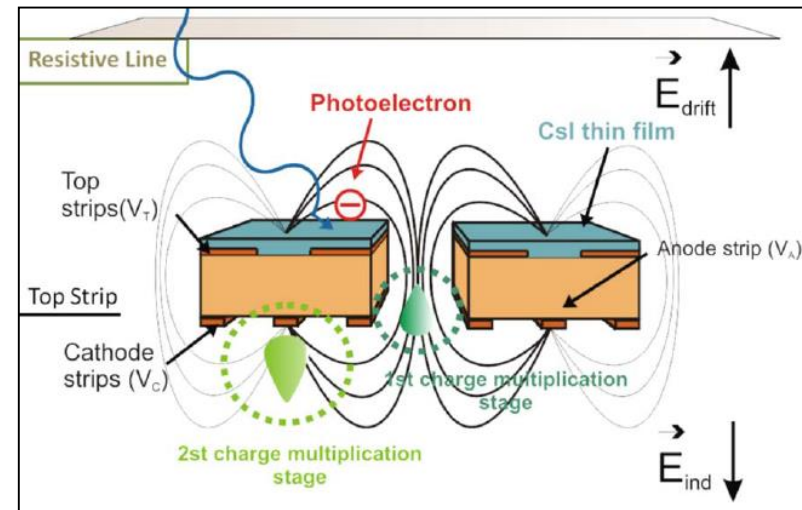
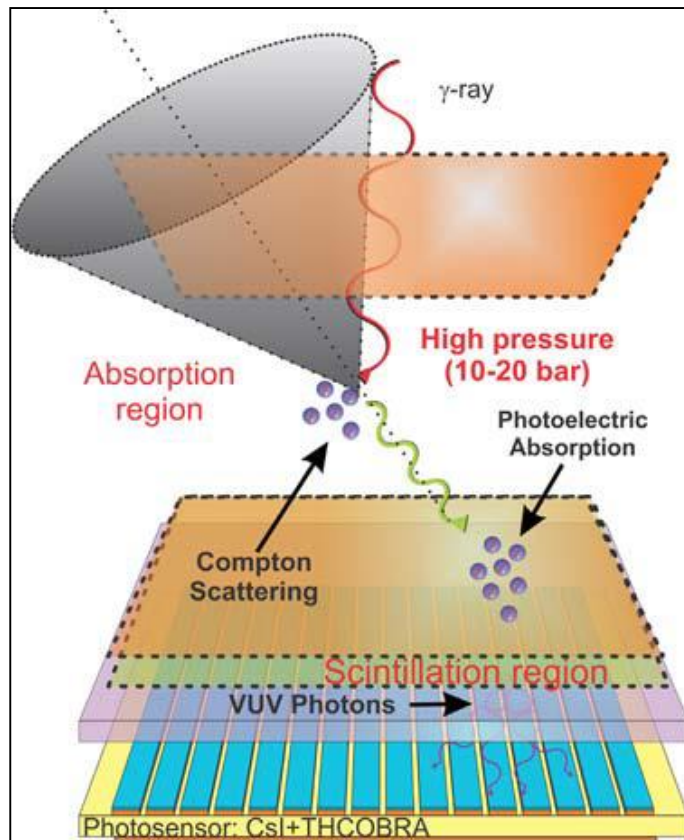


IAXO-CDR (2014 JINST 9 T05002)

MPGD PDs for medical imaging

→ Gabriela Llosa Llacer talk

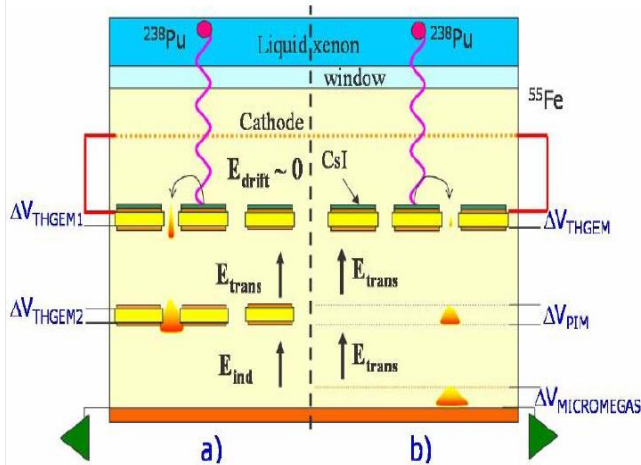
- **Gaseous Compton camera for medical applications**
 - Electroluminescence light is detected by THCOBRA with 2D R-O
 - Drift time provides the third coordinate



CRYOGENIC MPGD-PDs

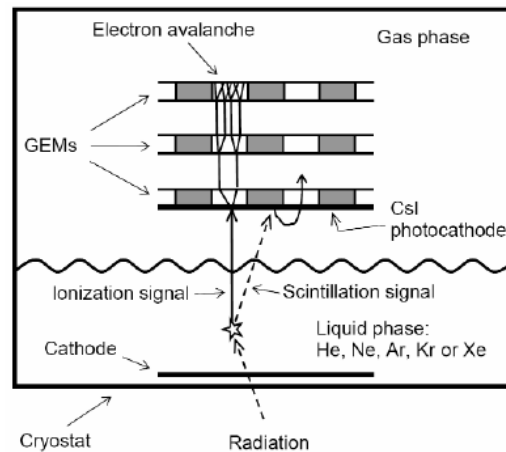
- **Read-out elements of cryogenic noble liquid detectors**
 - Rear event detectors (ν , DM)
 - Detecting the scintillation light produced in the noble liquids
 - Options of scintillator light and ionization charge detection by a same detector !

with WINDOW



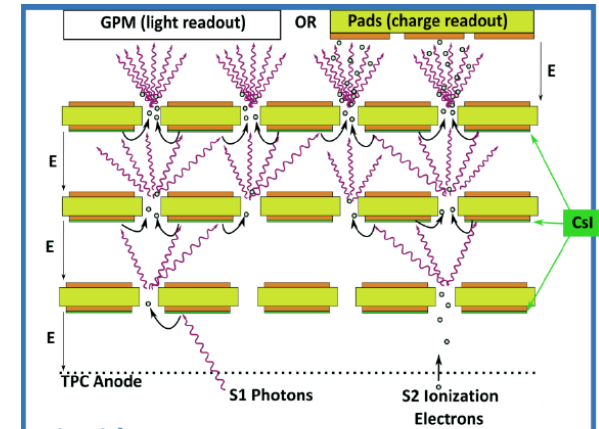
S.Duval et al., JINST 6 (2011) P04007

WINDOWLESS
(2-PHASES)



A. Bondar et al.,
NIMA 556 (2006) 273

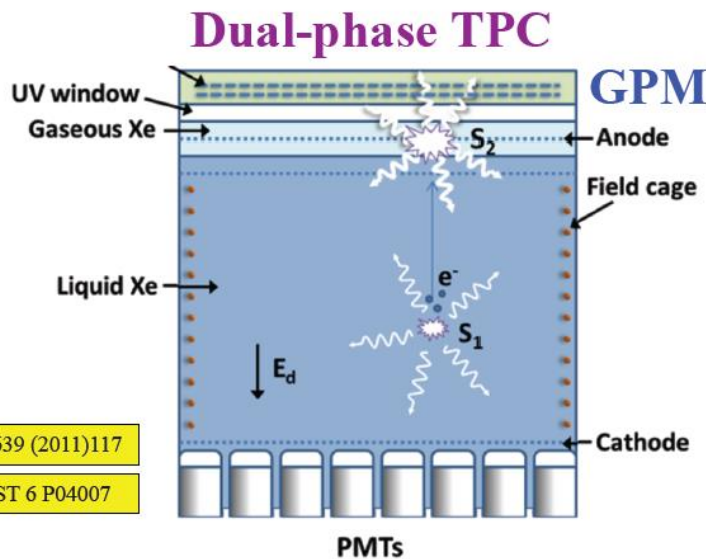
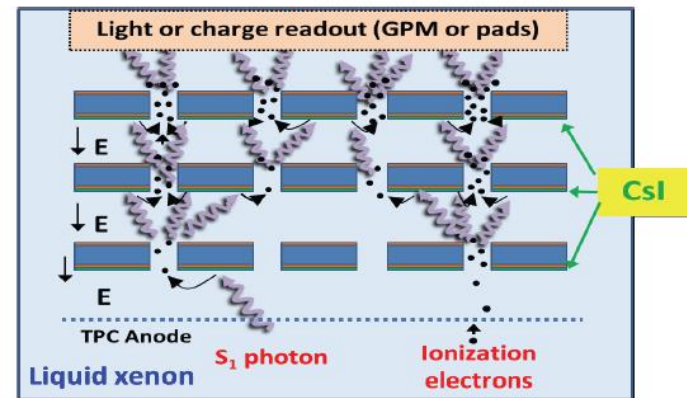
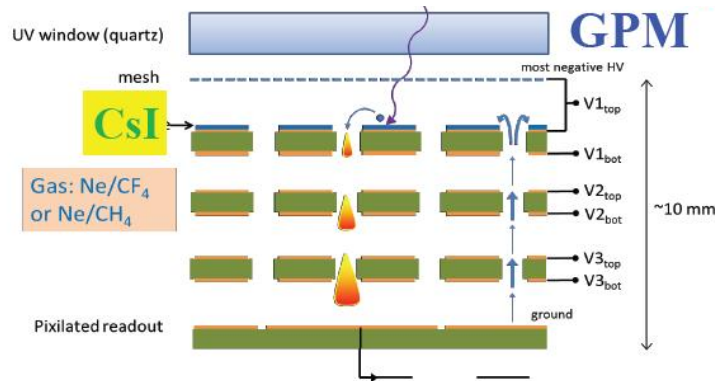
OPERATED IN THE
CRYOGENIC LIQUID



L.Arazi et al., JINST 8 (2013) C12004

Cryogenic: → Lior Arazi talk

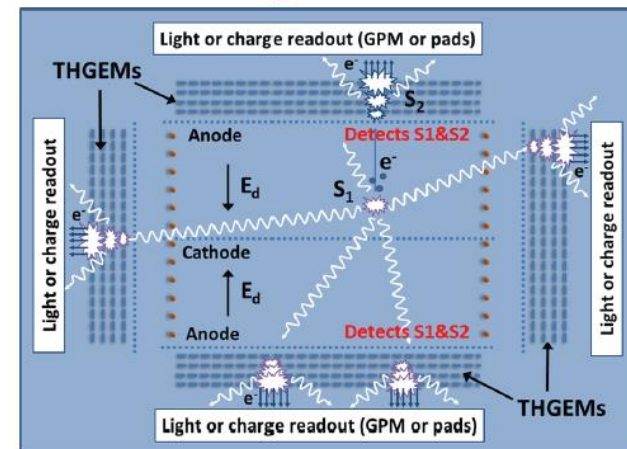
Low T THGEM in noble-liquid TPC (DM etc.)



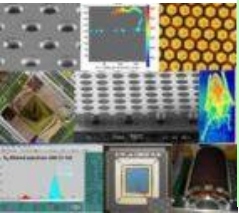
Breskin NIM A639 (2011)117

Duval 2011 JINST 6 P04007

4π all-liquid TPC

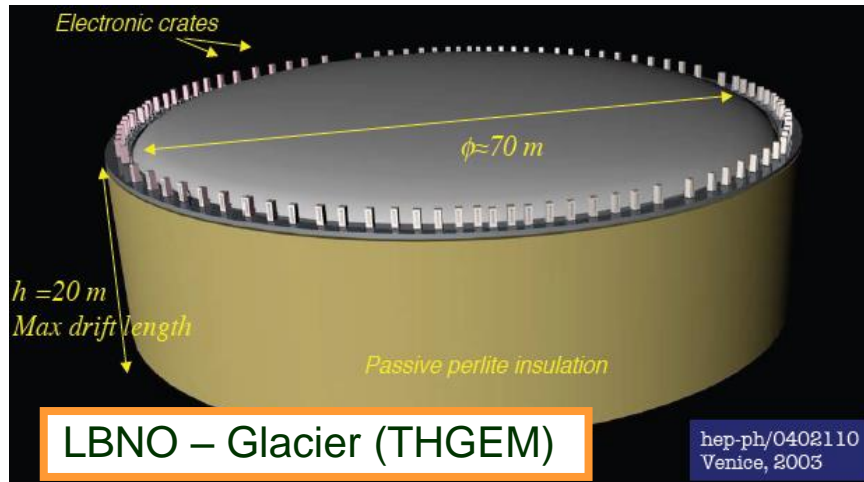


LARGE SIZE PROJECTS



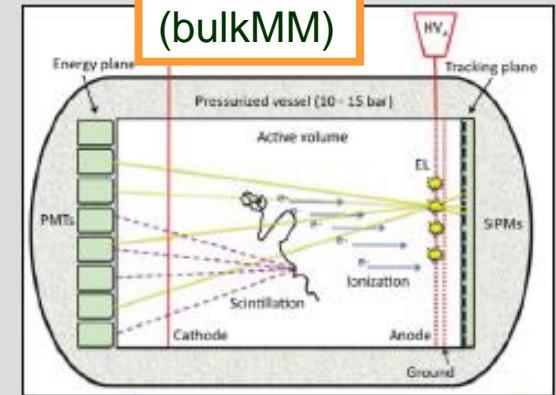
(THGEM)

XENON (dark matter)

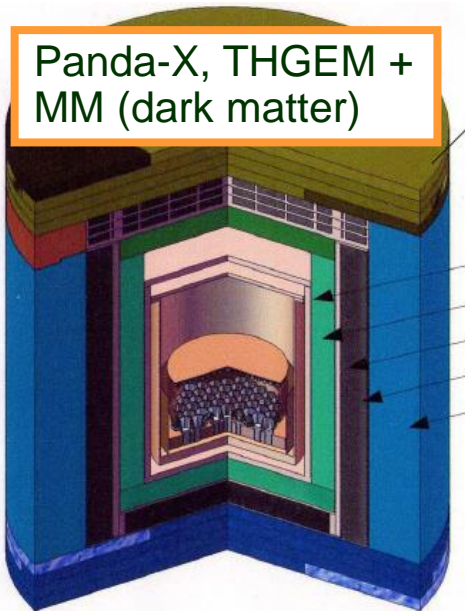


LBNO – Glacier (THGEM)

hep-ph/0402110
Venice, 2003



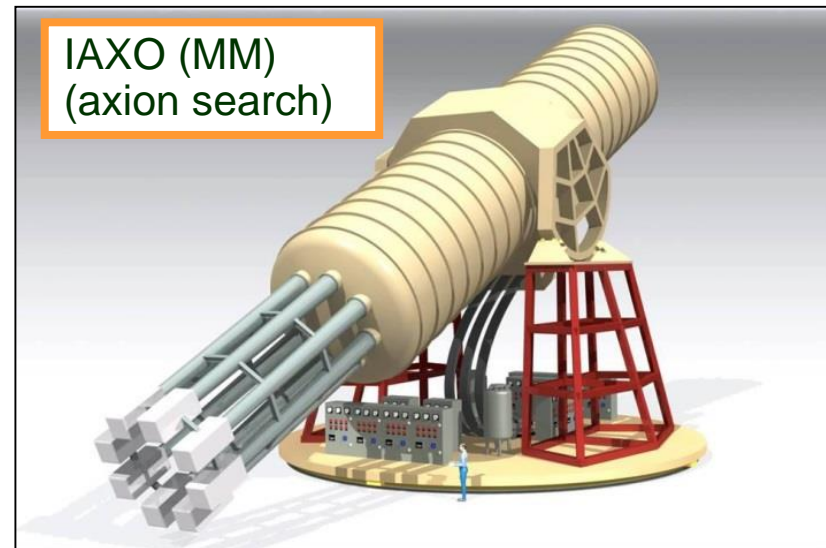
NEXT-100 (neutrino-less double beta decay)



Panda-X, THGEM + MM (dark matter)



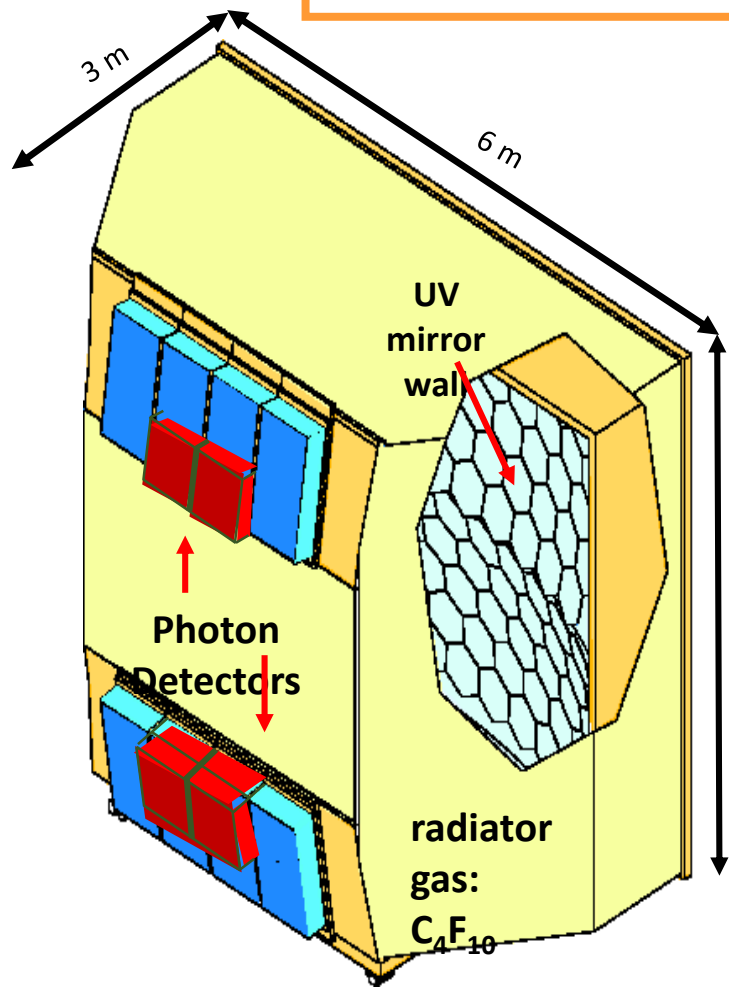
NSC active target (THGEM)



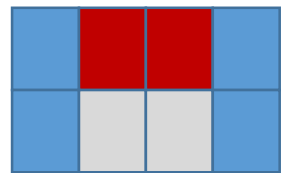
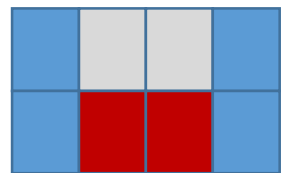
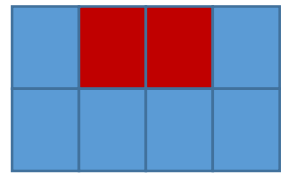
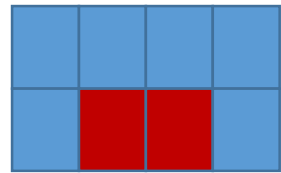
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FIRST STEP TOWARD LARGE SIZE

COMPASS RICH-1 UPGRADE IN 2016

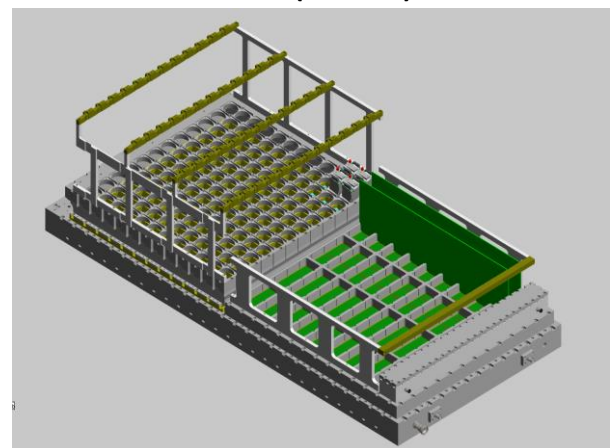


Photon detectors system now:



-  MWPC + CsI
-  MAPMT
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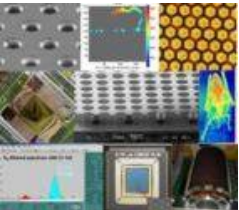
- 12 MWPC + CsI 600 x 600 mm²
- 4 MAPMT 600 x 600 mm² (2006)



Hybrid Detector (2 THGEM + MM)
 4 New 600 x 600 mm² MPGD based PDs will be installed for a total sensitive surface of ~ 1.1 m²

SUMMARY / CONCLUSIONS

- **GASEOUS PHOTON DETECTORS**
 - Most effective approach to instrument large surfaces at affordable costs
- **MPGD-BASED PHOTON DETECTORS**
 - Allow to overcome the limitations of open geometry gaseous PDs
 - recent R&D advancements → MPGD photon detectors are a reality
 - A wide effort to refine and consolidate the technology
- **MANY APPLICATIONS OF MPGD-BASED PHOTON DETECTORS**
 - From PID to ν , DM, medical applications ...



THANK YOU