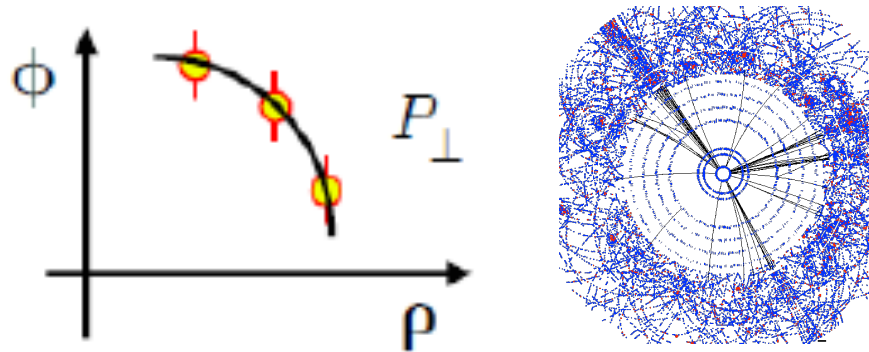


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## Tracking Detectors (Lecture 1)

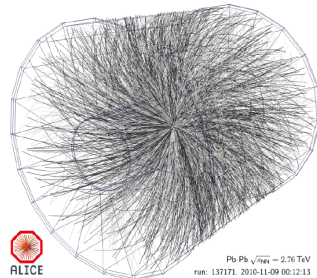
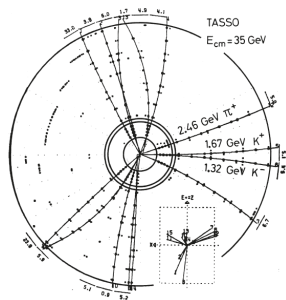
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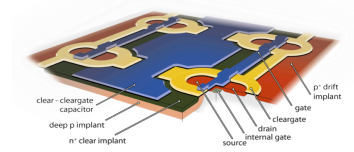
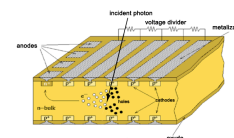
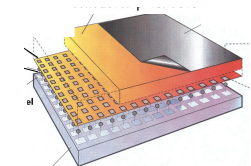
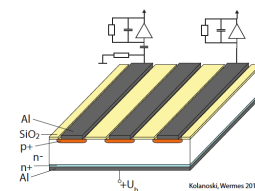
## Lecture 1

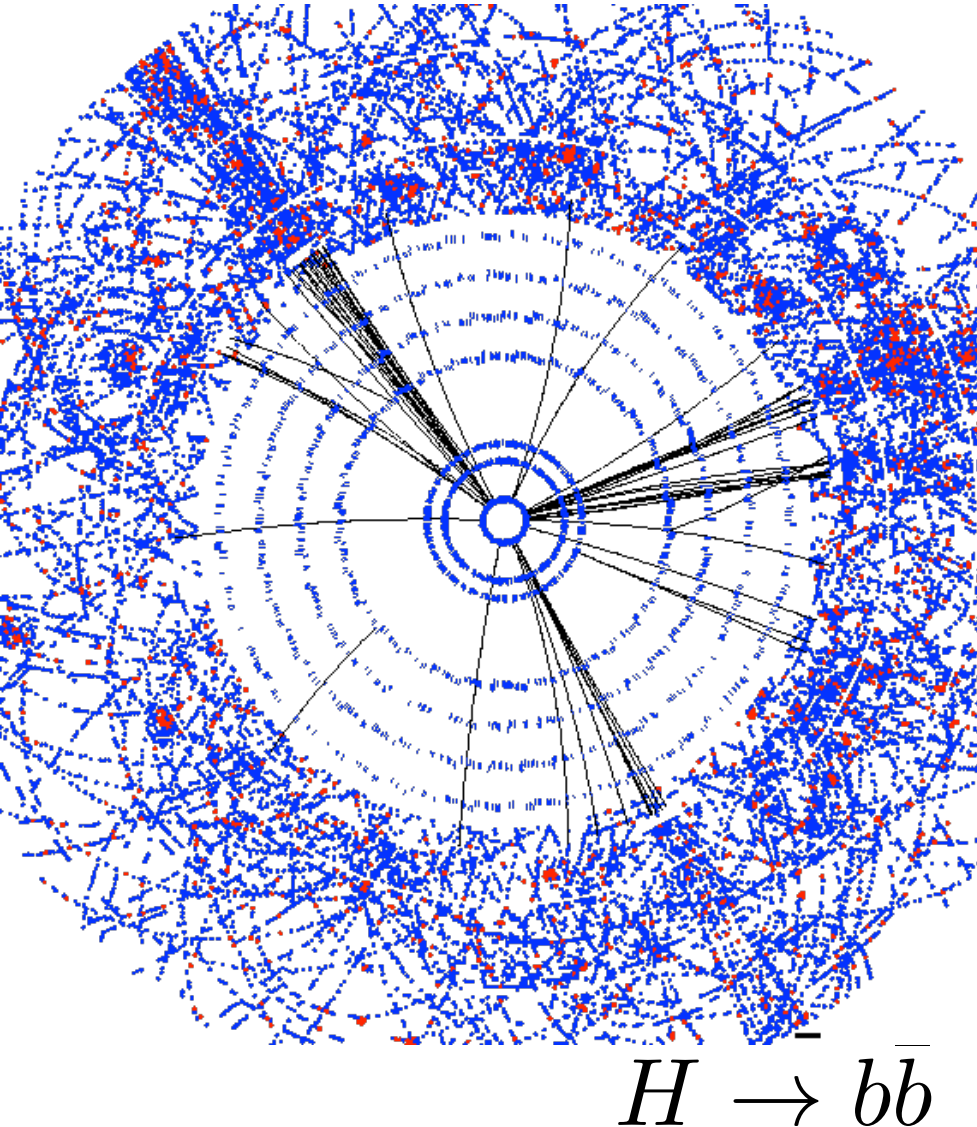
- ❑ Requirements on **tracking** detectors
- ❑ Gas/semiconductor detectors in comparison
- ❑ How the **signal** develops
  - Shockley-Ramo theorem
  - Weighting fields in various configurations
- ❑ Diffusion and drift (short)
- ❑ Space resolution w/ **patterned electrodes**
- ❑ **Gas-filled** detectors
  - Gas amplification (streamers and sparks)
  - The drift chamber
  - The “Time Projection” chamber
  - What is different at LHC experiments?



## Lecture 2

- ❑ How to **make** a semiconductor detector?
- ❑ The nuisance of  $\delta$ -electrons
- ❑ **Radiation** damage: NIEL and IEL (TID)
- ❑ What to do for **High-Lumi** LHC?
- ❑ Alternatives to “Hybrid” Pixels
  - **DEPFET** Pixels
  - **DMAPS**: Monolithic CMOS Pixels
- ❑ 4D with **LGADs**?



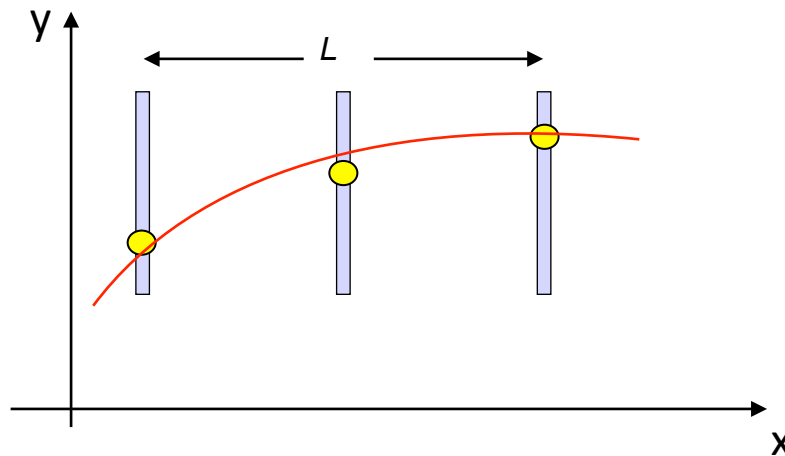
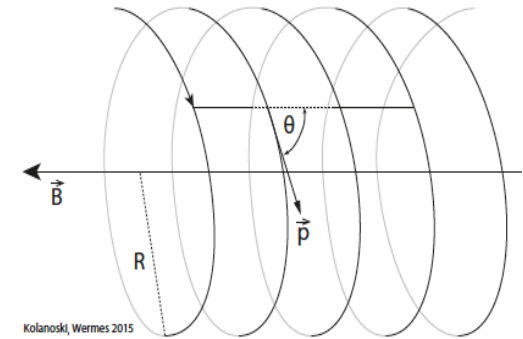


- provide **precise space points** or space point clusters (**vectors**) originating from ionizing charged particles

allowing

- particle **track finding** from patterns of measured hits (at large background & pile-up)
  - **momentum** (B-field) and **angle** measurement
  - measurement of primary and secondary **vertices**
  - multi-**track separation** and vertex-ID in the core of (boosted) jets
  - measurement of specific ionization for low momentum tracks (not this talk)
- keep the material influencing the paths of particles to a **minimum** to avoid scattering and secondary interactions

- In a homogeneous B-field the motion of a charged particle is a **helix**.
- The projection can be parametrized by a **linearized circle**



$$y = y_0 + \sqrt{R^2 - (x - x_0)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y \approx a + bx + \frac{1}{2}cx^2$$

- This track model is fit ( $\chi^2$ ) to measured space points

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N (\xi_i^{meas} - \xi_i^{fit}) V_{y,ij}^{-1} (\xi_j^{meas} - \xi_j^{fit}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(\xi_i^{meas} - \xi_i^{fit}(\theta))^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

if V is diagonal



$$\Rightarrow y \approx a + bx + \frac{1}{2}cx^2$$

- yielding the parameters a, b, and c and their errors  
- here N equidistant measurements
- ... and the errors on the track coordinates y at a given x

$$\sigma_y^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta_j} V_{\theta,ij}$$

e.g. : the impact parameter resolution

$$\sigma_y = \sigma_{d_0} = \sqrt{\sigma_a^2 + x_0^2 \sigma_b^2 + \frac{1}{4}x_0^4 \sigma_c^2 + x_0^2 \sigma_{ac}}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_{meas}}{\sqrt{N}} \sqrt{1 + r^2 \frac{12(N-1)}{(N+1)} + r^4 \frac{180(N-1)^3}{(N-2)(N+1)(N+2)} + r^2 \frac{30N^2}{(N-2)(N+2)}}$$

$$\sigma_a^2 = \sigma^2 \frac{3N^2 - 7}{4(N-2)N(N+2)}$$

$$\sigma_b^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{L^2} \frac{12(N-1)}{N(N+1)}$$

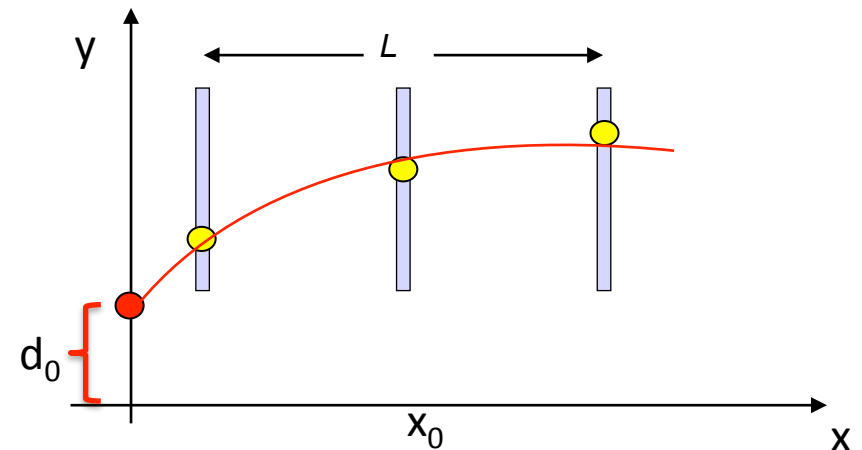
slope

$$\sigma_c^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{L^4} \frac{720(N-1)^3}{(N-2)N(N+1)(N+2)}$$

curvature

$$\sigma_{ab} = \sigma_{bc} = 0$$

$$\sigma_{ac} = \frac{\sigma^2}{L^2} \frac{30N}{(N-2)(N+2)}$$



$r = x_0/L$   
= extrapolation parameter

For  $N$  equidistant points we get for the curvature:

for  $N > 10$

$$\sigma_c = \frac{\sigma_{\text{meas}}}{L^2} \sqrt{\frac{720(N-1)^3}{(N-2)N(N+1)(N+2)}} \approx \frac{\sigma_{\text{meas}}}{L^2} \sqrt{\frac{720(N-1)}{(N+4)}}$$

and for the transverse momentum

$$p_T = |q| B R = \frac{q B}{\kappa}$$

$$\left( \frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T} \right)_{\text{meas}} = \frac{p_T}{0.3|z|} \frac{\sigma_{\text{meas}}}{L^2 B} \sqrt{\frac{720}{N+4}}$$

$$[p_T] = \text{GeV}/c, [L] = \text{m}, [B] = \text{T}$$

Gluckstern  
formula

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material contributes  
via multiple scattering

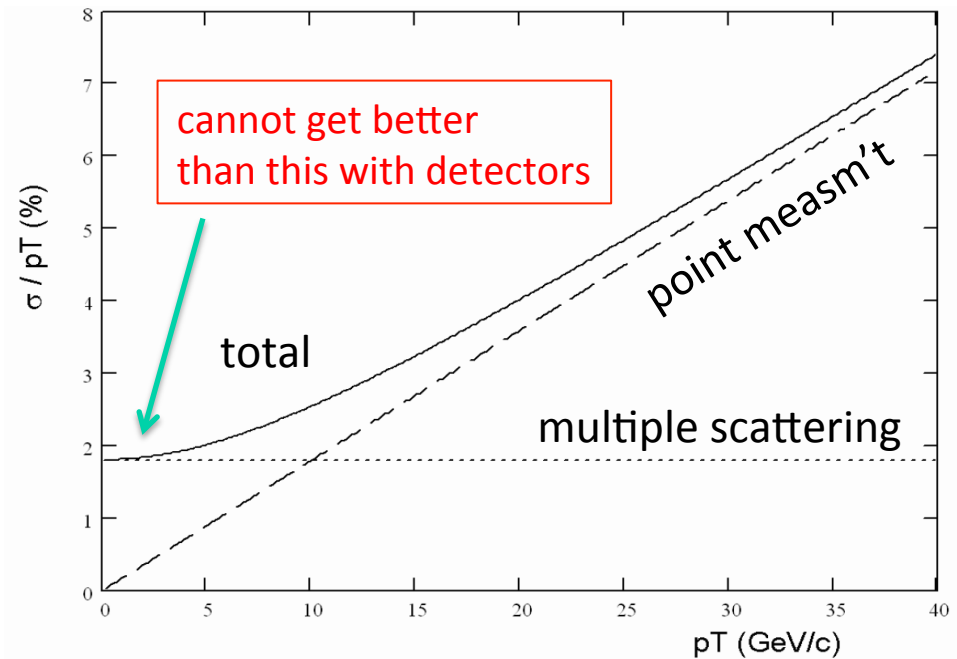
$$\left( \frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T} \right)_{\text{MS}} = \frac{0.054}{L B \beta} \sqrt{\frac{L / \sin \theta}{X_0}}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T}\right)_{\text{meas}}^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T}\right)_{\text{MS}}^2}$$

example: LEP detector OPAL

$L = 1.6 \text{ m}$ ,  $B = 35 \text{ T}$ ,  $N = 159$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{mess}} = 135 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T} &= \sqrt{(0.15\% p_T)^2 + (2\%)^2} \\ &= 2\% \text{ @ } 1 \text{ GeV} \\ &= 7.5\% \text{ @ } 50 \text{ GeV} \end{aligned}$$



Concluding on  $\sigma_{d0}$  and  $\sigma_{p_T}$  ... we should ...

- optimize  $\sigma_{\text{meas}}$  until other effects dominate (e.g. MS)
- $1/L^2$  : the longer  $L$  the better
- place first plane as near as possible to the prod. point
- $p_T$  linearly better with B-field strength (!) ... but more confusion if many tracks

Increasing  $N$  also improves the resolution,  
but only as  $1/\sqrt{N}$

The technology most often used is  
Si - detectors

**PRO** – high resolution  $\sigma_{\text{meas}} \sim 10 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$

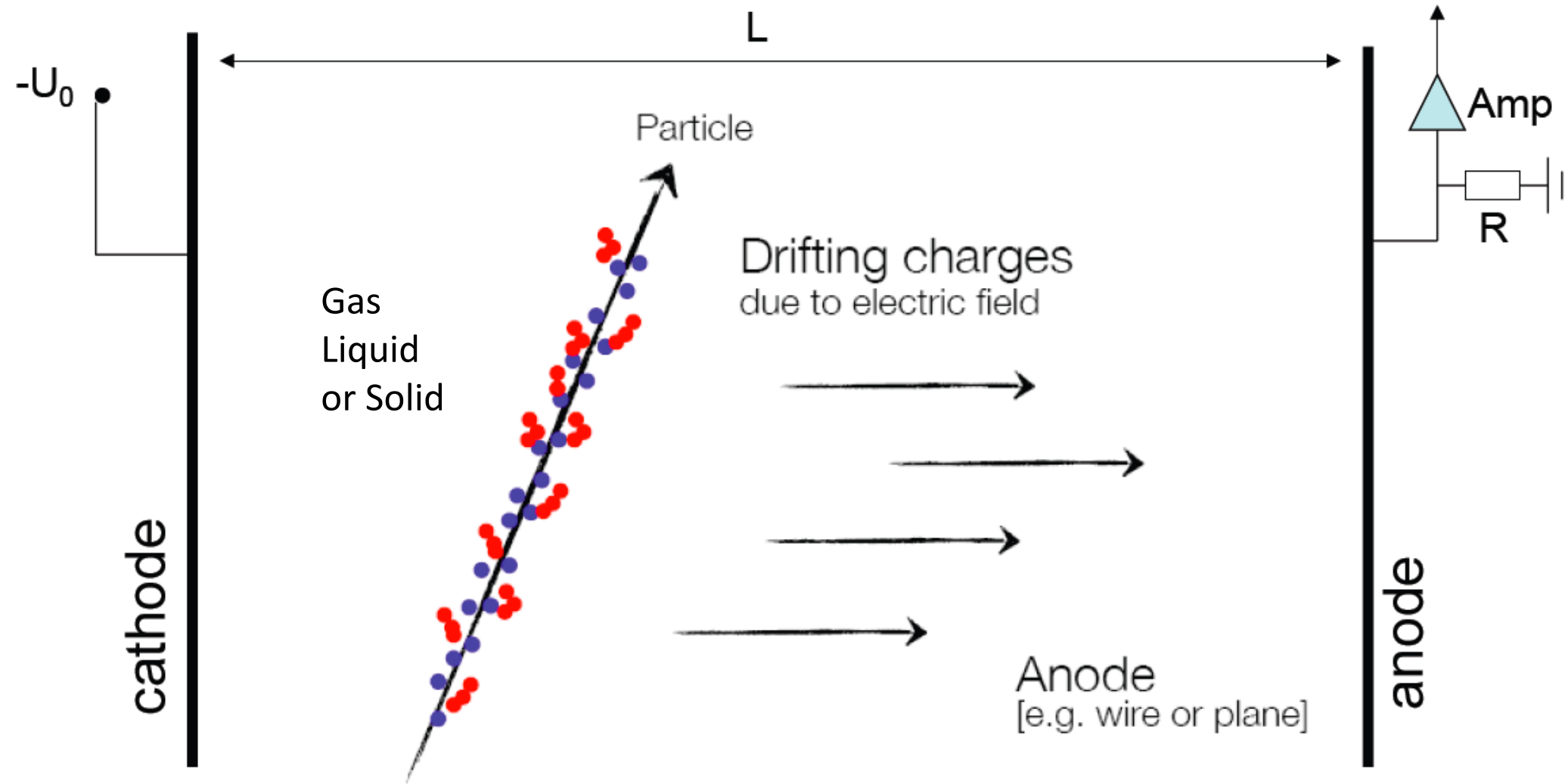
**CON** - expensive

- small  $N$

- small  $L$

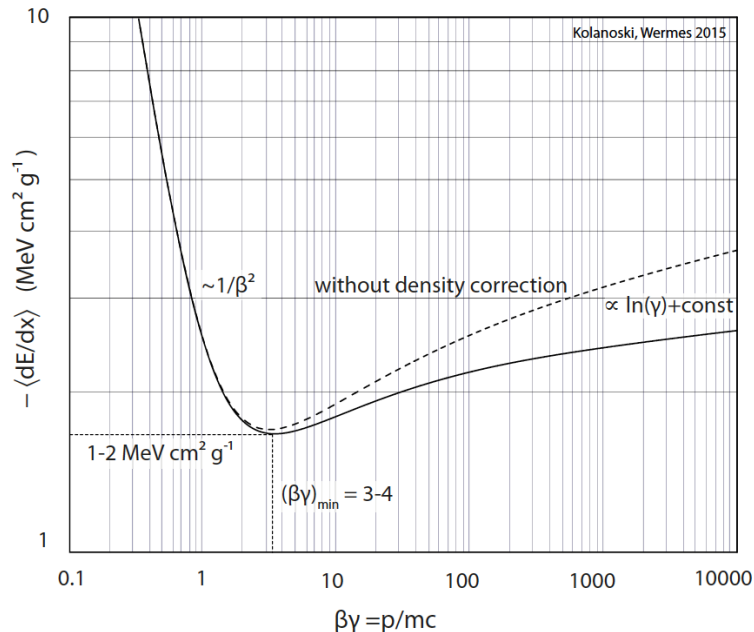
- small  $X_0 \Rightarrow$  large MS

# Most tracking detectors are **ionization** detectors



- Primary Ionization
- Secondary Ionization (due to  $\delta$ -electrons)

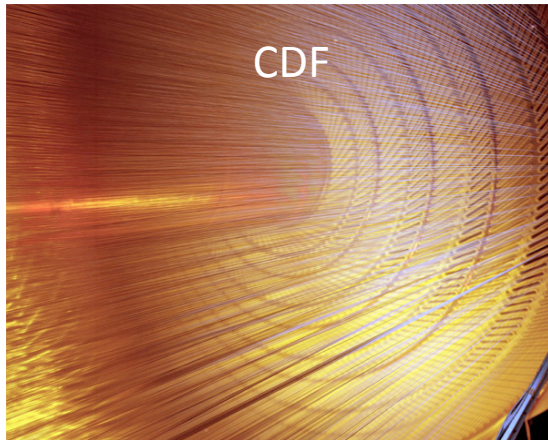
$$-\left\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle = K \frac{Z}{A} \rho \frac{z^2}{\beta^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2 m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 T_{max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\beta\gamma)}{2} - \frac{C(\beta\gamma, I)}{Z} \right]$$



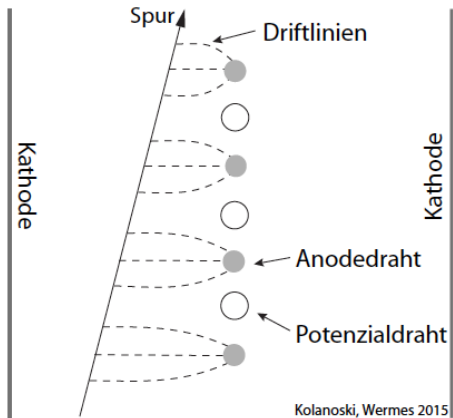
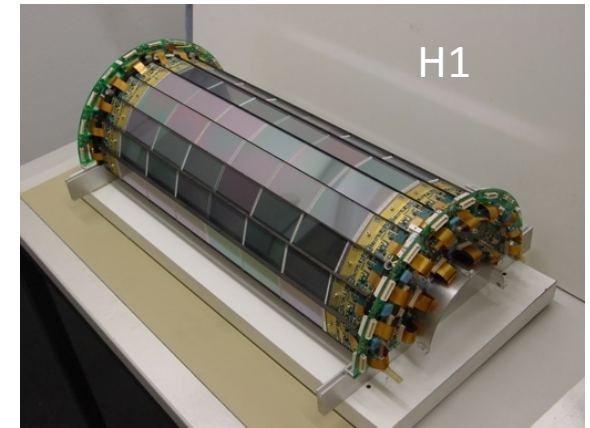
- does almost **NOT** depend on material ( $Z/A \approx 1/2$ ,  $\ln I$ )
- proportional to  $z^2$
- depends on  $\beta\gamma = p/E * E/m = p/m$  of projectile
- same curve for all  $z=1$  particles when plotted as a function of  $\beta\gamma$
- **minimum** at  $\beta\gamma = p/m = 3-3.5$  ( $v=96\%c$ )
- height of the plateau  $\sim 1.1$  (solid) –  $1.6$  (gas) x minimum
- get different curves when plot against  $p$  (momentum) -> possibility for particle identification



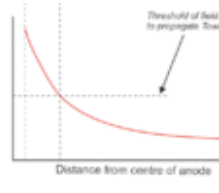
# For trackers: gas-filled and semiconductor detectors



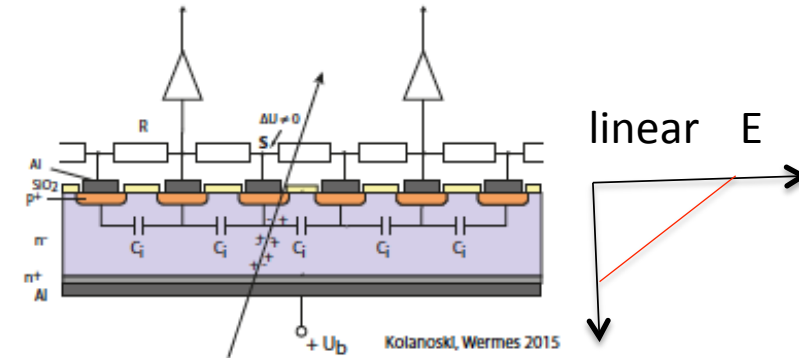
++	material	-
+	$N_{\text{meas}}$	--
low	cost	high
--	rate/speed	++
100 $\mu\text{m}$	resolution	10 $\mu\text{m}$



field near wire  
 $E(r) \sim 1/r$



⇒ gas amplification

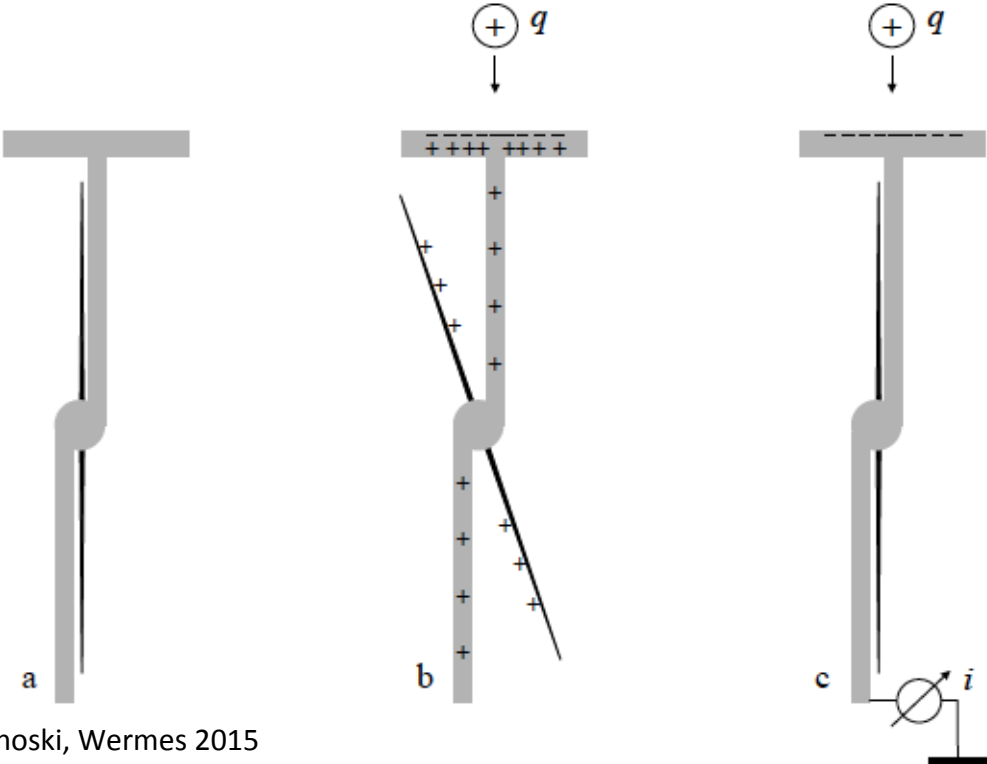


**26 eV (Ar)** needed per e/ion pair  
**94 e/ion pairs per cm**  
 intrinsic amplification **typ.  $10^5$**   
 typ. noise: > 3000 e- (ENC)

**3.65 eV (Si)** needed per e/h pair  
 **$\sim 10^6$  e/h pairs per cm** (20 000/250 $\mu\text{m}$ )  
 no intrinsic amplification  
 typ. noise: 100 e- (pixels) to 1000 e- (strips)

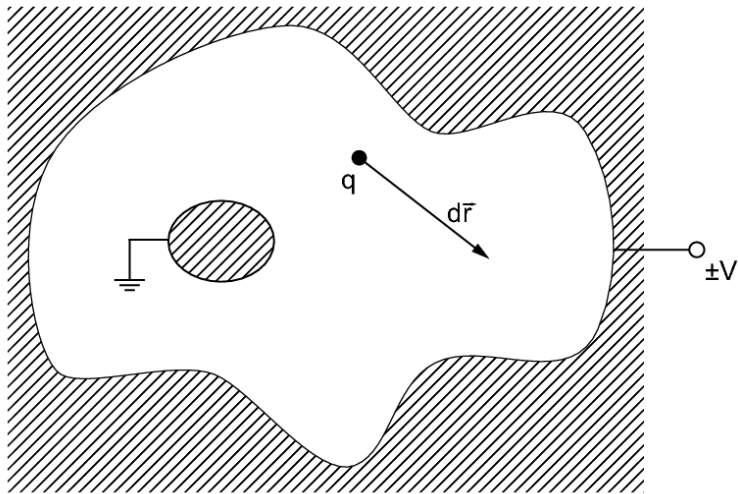
# How the signal develops

by “electrostatic induction”



a current is generated

Kolanoski, Wermes 2015



how does a moving charge couple to an electrode ?

- respect Gauss' law and find

## Shockley- Ramo theorem

(Shockley J Appl.Phys 1938, Ramo 1939)

**weighting field**

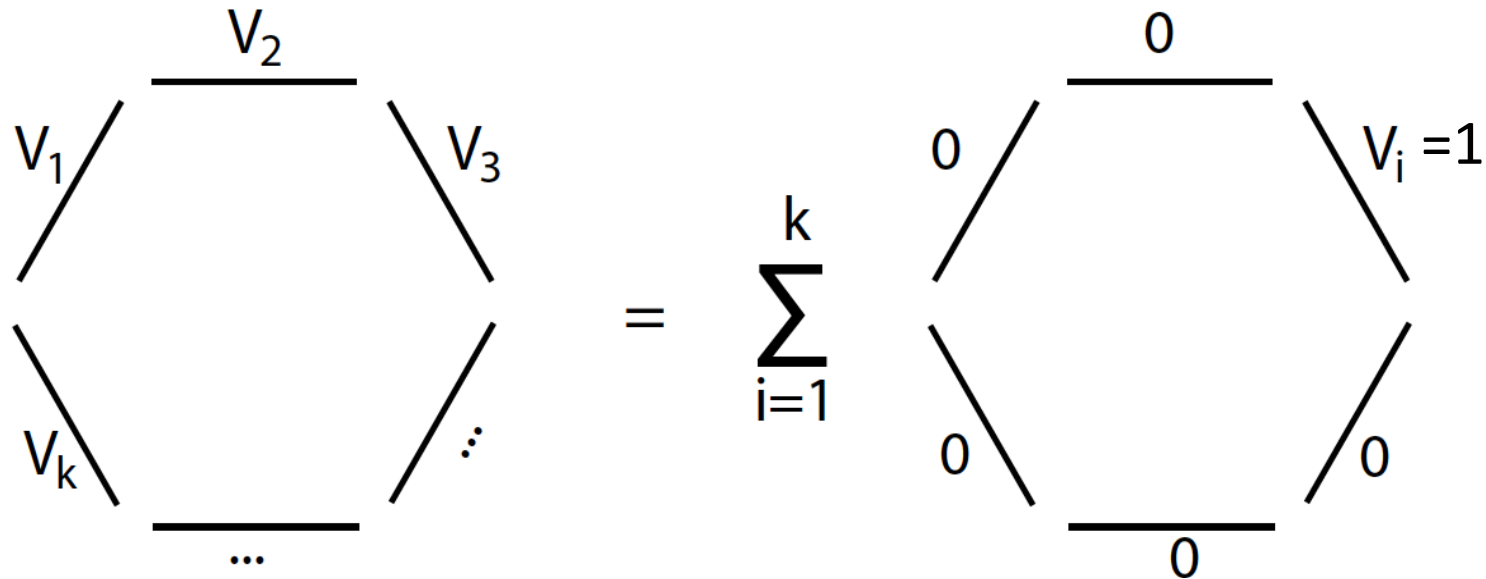
determines how charge movement couples to a specific electrode

$$i_S = -\frac{dQ}{dt} = q \vec{E}_w \vec{v}$$

$$dQ = q \vec{\nabla} \Phi_w d\vec{r}$$

**induction (weighting) potential**

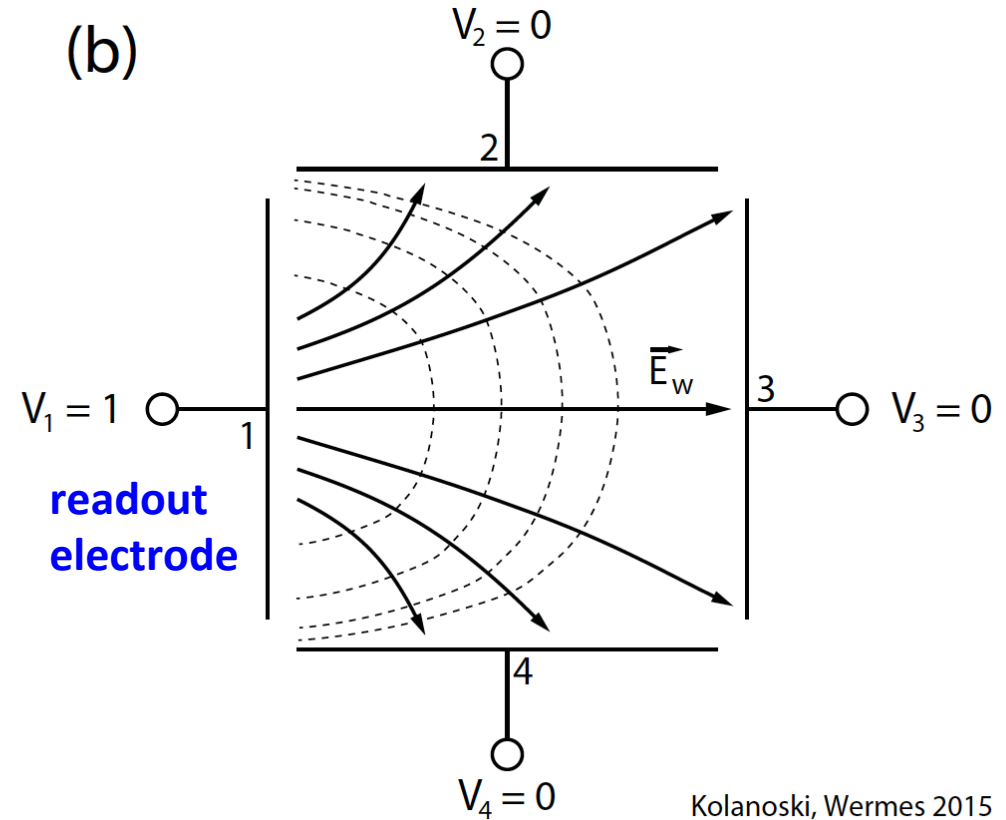
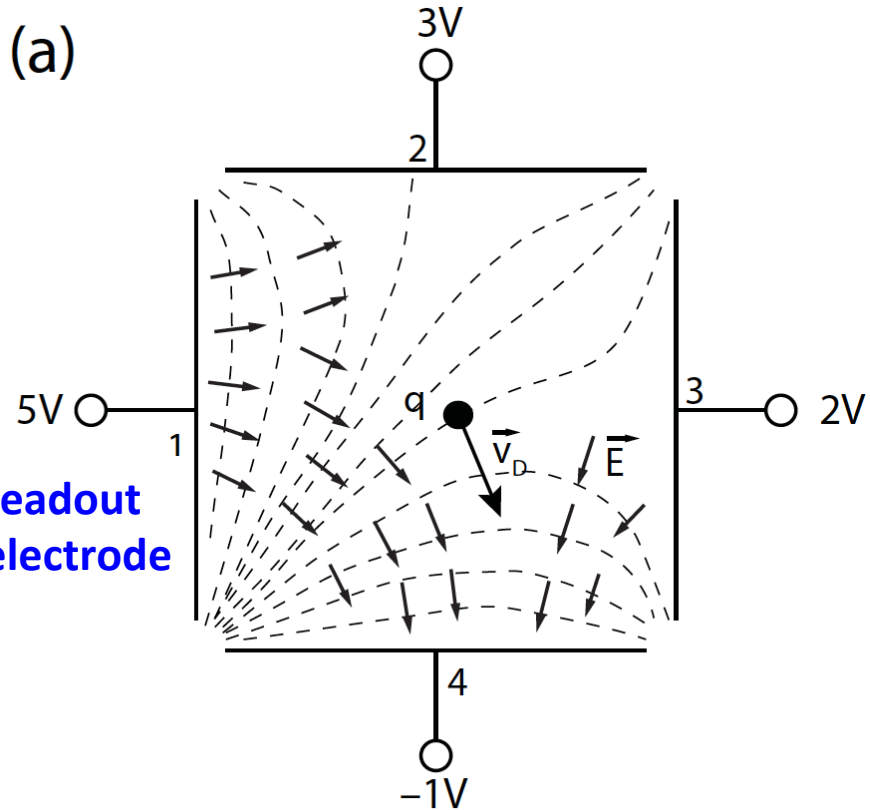
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$$dQ_i = -q \vec{E}_{w,i} d\vec{r}$$

**Recipe:** To compute the weighting field of a readout electrode  $i$ , set voltage of electrode  $i$  to 1 and all other electrodes to 0.

# Normal Field and Weighting Field



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$$i_S = -\frac{dQ}{dt} = q \vec{E}_w \vec{v}$$

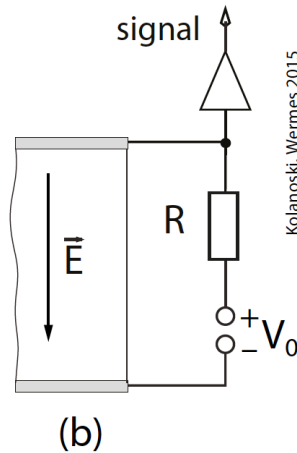
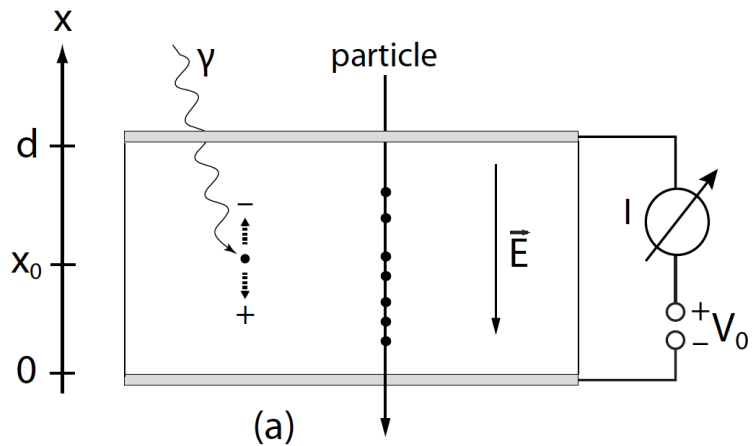


# A detector is a **current source**

delivers a current pulse  
independent of the load

one can convert current into  
charge (integral) or voltage (via R or C)

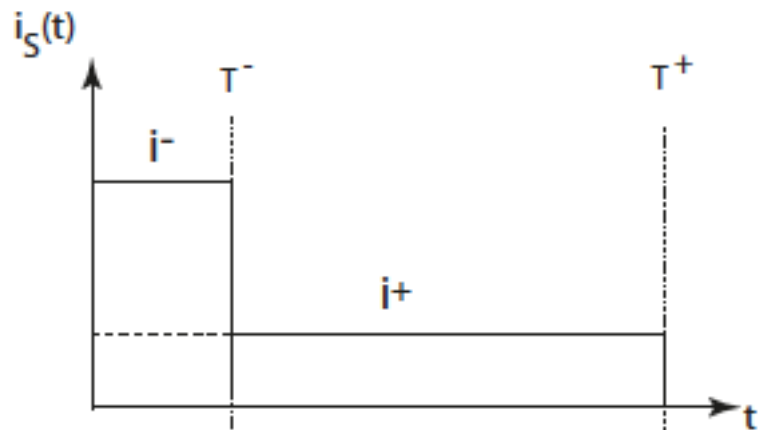
# A parallel plate detector (capacitor)



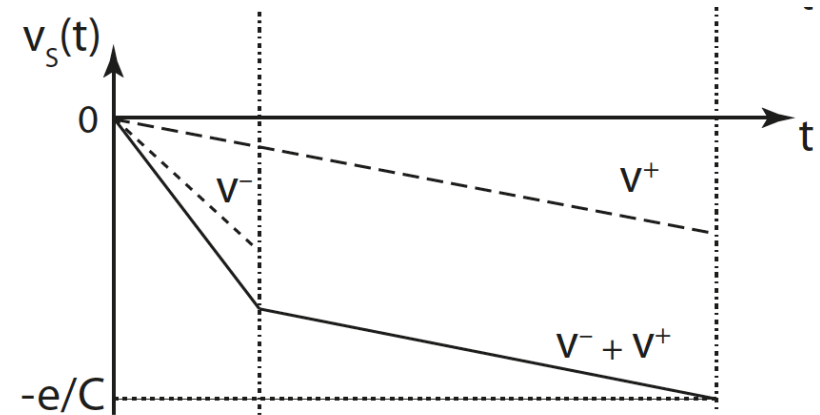
$$\vec{E} = -\frac{V_0}{d}\vec{e}_x, \quad C = \frac{\epsilon\epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

- constant E-field
- almost constant velocity ( $v=\mu E$ )
- weighting field is simple

$$\vec{E}_w = -\frac{1}{d}\vec{e}_x$$



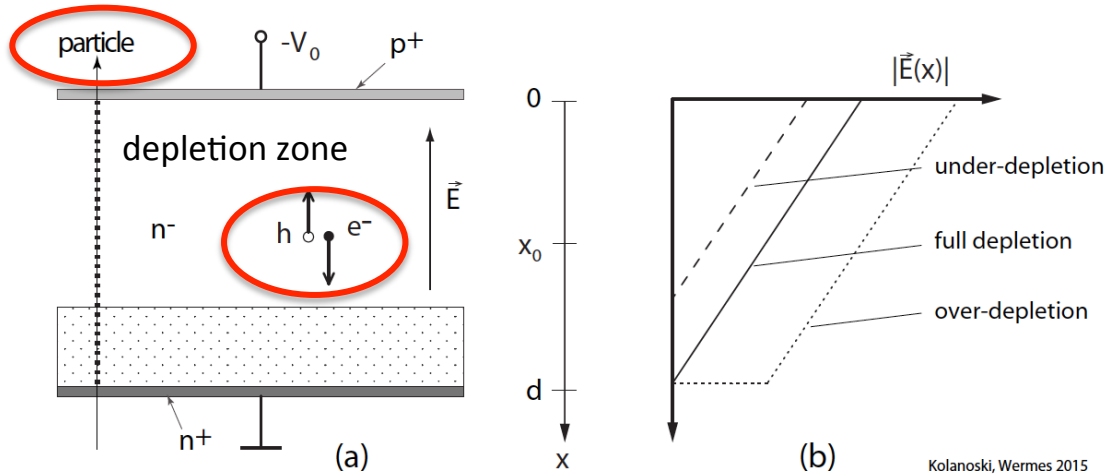
$$i_S^\pm = q^\pm \vec{E}_w \vec{v}^\pm = -\frac{q^\pm}{d} \vec{e}_x \vec{v}^\pm = \frac{e}{d} v^\pm$$



$$Q_S^{tot} = Q_S^- + Q_S^+ = -\frac{e}{d} \left( \int_0^{T^-} v^- dt + \int_0^{T^+} v^+ dt \right)$$

$$= -\frac{e}{d} v^- \left( \frac{d-x_0}{v^-} \right) - \frac{e}{d} v^+ \left( \frac{x_0}{v^+} \right) = -e.$$

# Signal in a Silicon detector (= parallel plate w/ space charge)



- E-field not constant
  - velocity not constant
  - weighting field still the same
- $$\vec{E}_w = -\frac{1}{d}\vec{e}_x$$

$$\vec{E}(x) = -\left[\frac{2V_{dep}}{d^2}(d-x) + \frac{V-V_{dep}}{d}\right]\vec{e}_x = -\left[\frac{V+V_{dep}}{d} - \frac{2V_{dep}}{d^2}x\right]\vec{e}_x$$

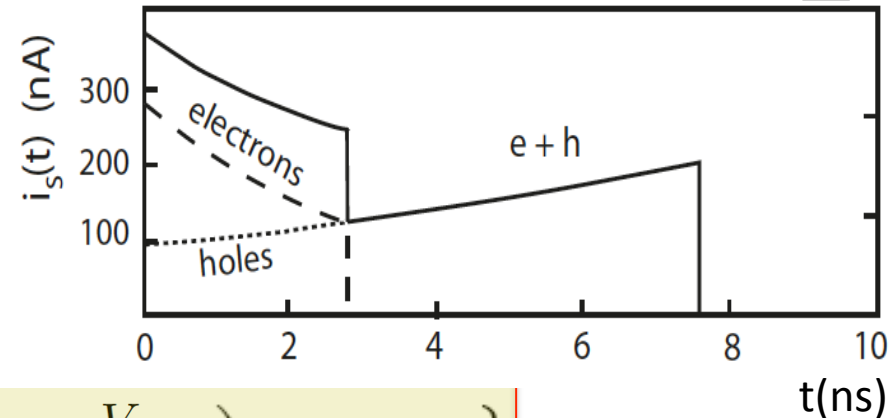
$$v_e = -\mu_e E(x) = +\mu_e (a - bx) = \dot{x}_e$$

$$v_h = +\mu_h E(x) = -\mu_h (a - bx) = \dot{x}_h$$

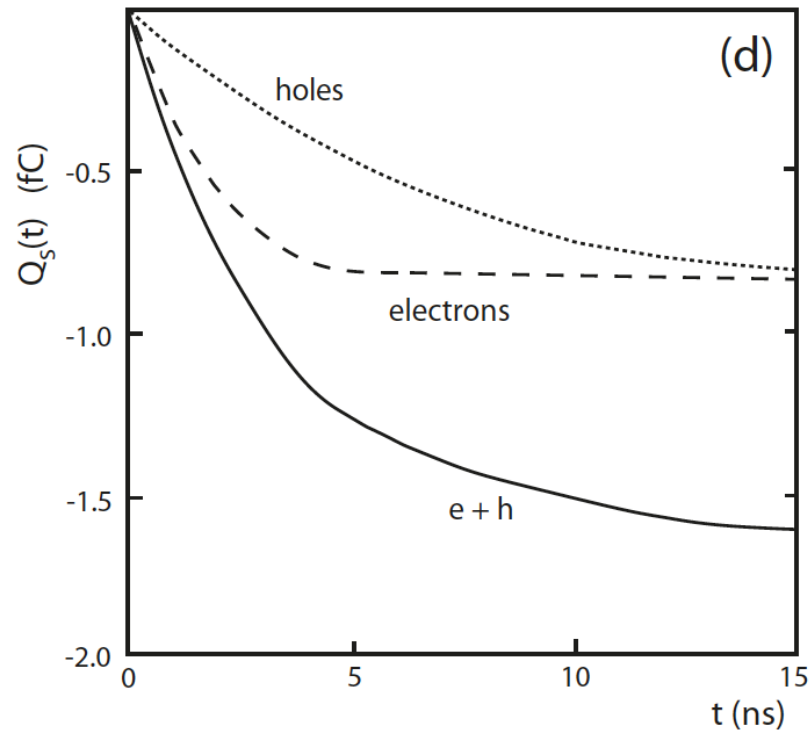
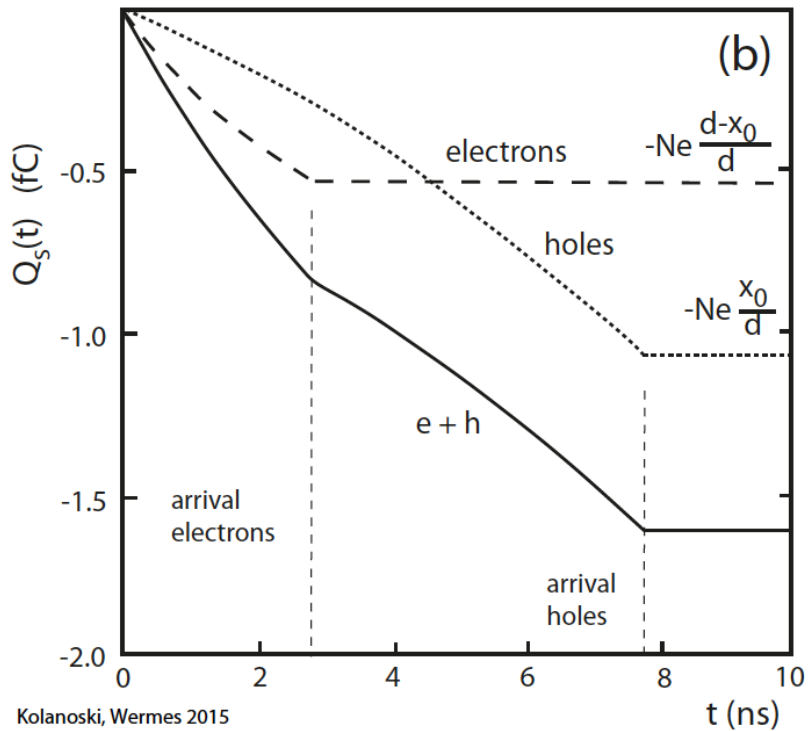
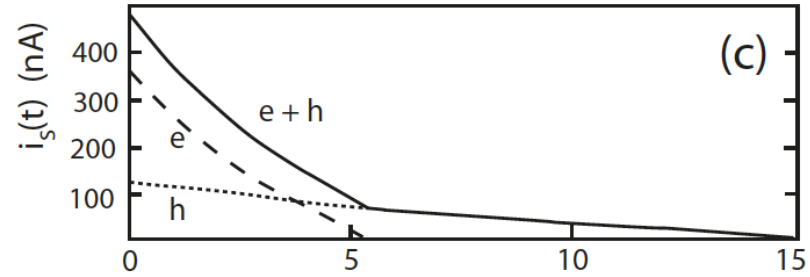
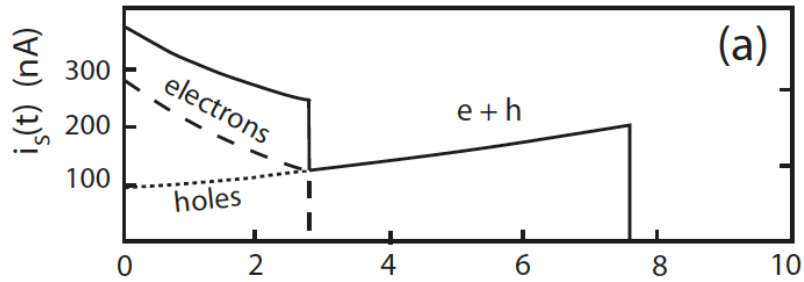
$$i_S(t) = i_S^e(t) + i_S^h(t)$$

$$= -\frac{e}{d} \left( \frac{2V_{dep}}{d^2} x_0 - \frac{V+V_{dep}}{d} \right)$$

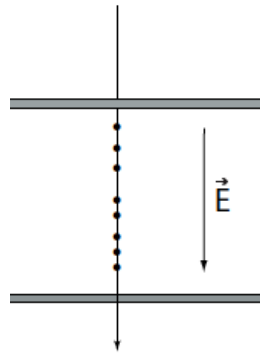
$$\times \left\{ \mu_e \exp\left(-2\mu_e \frac{V_{dep}}{d^2} t\right) \Theta(T^- - t) - \mu_h \exp\left(+2\mu_h \frac{V_{dep}}{d^2} t\right) \Theta(T^+ - t) \right\}$$



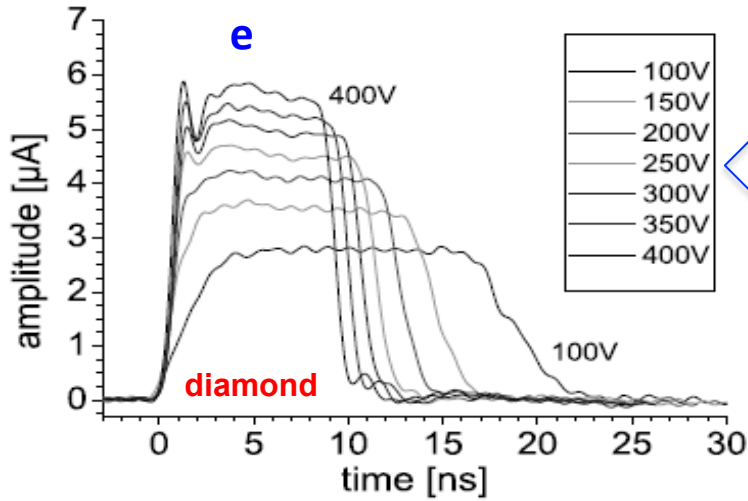
# Current and charge signals



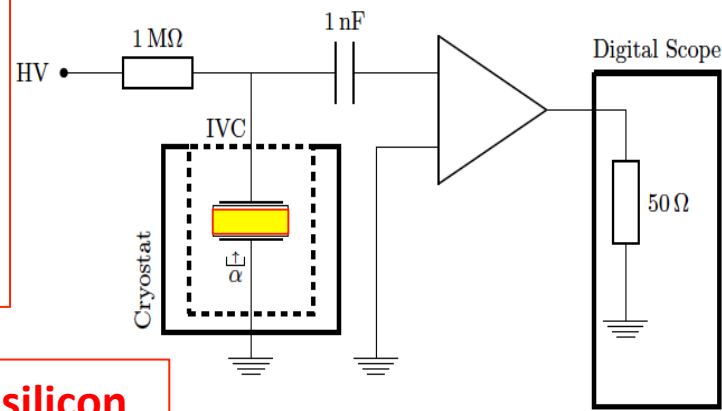
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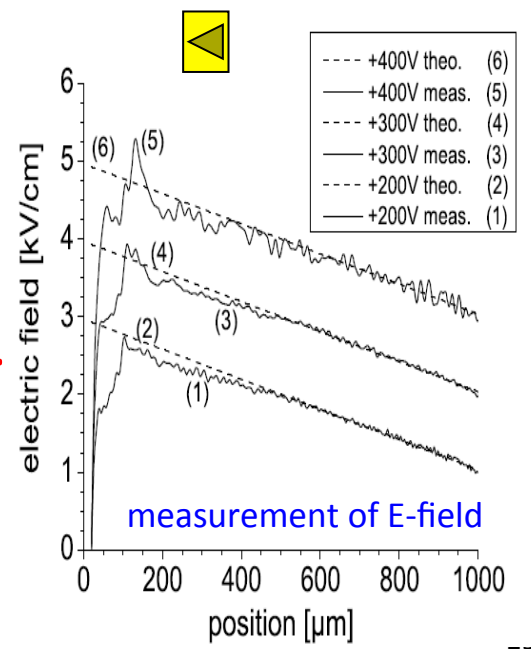
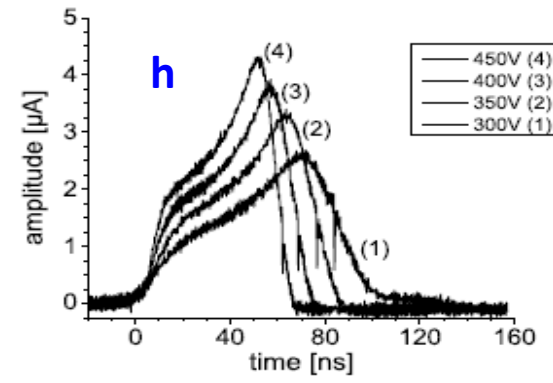
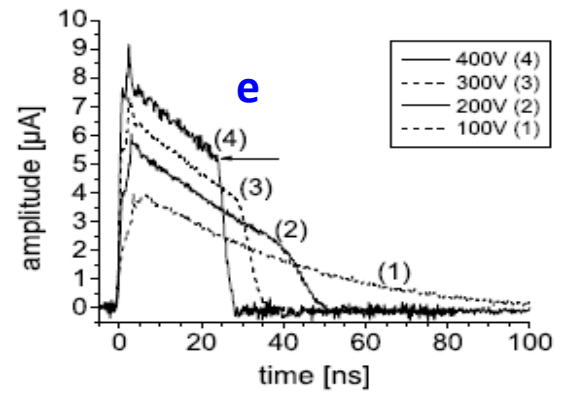
# Current pulse measurements: TCT technique



single crystal **diamond** is like a parallel plate detector filled with a dielectric w/o space charge



1mm pn – Diode **silicon**  
 - same weighting field  
 - different electric field

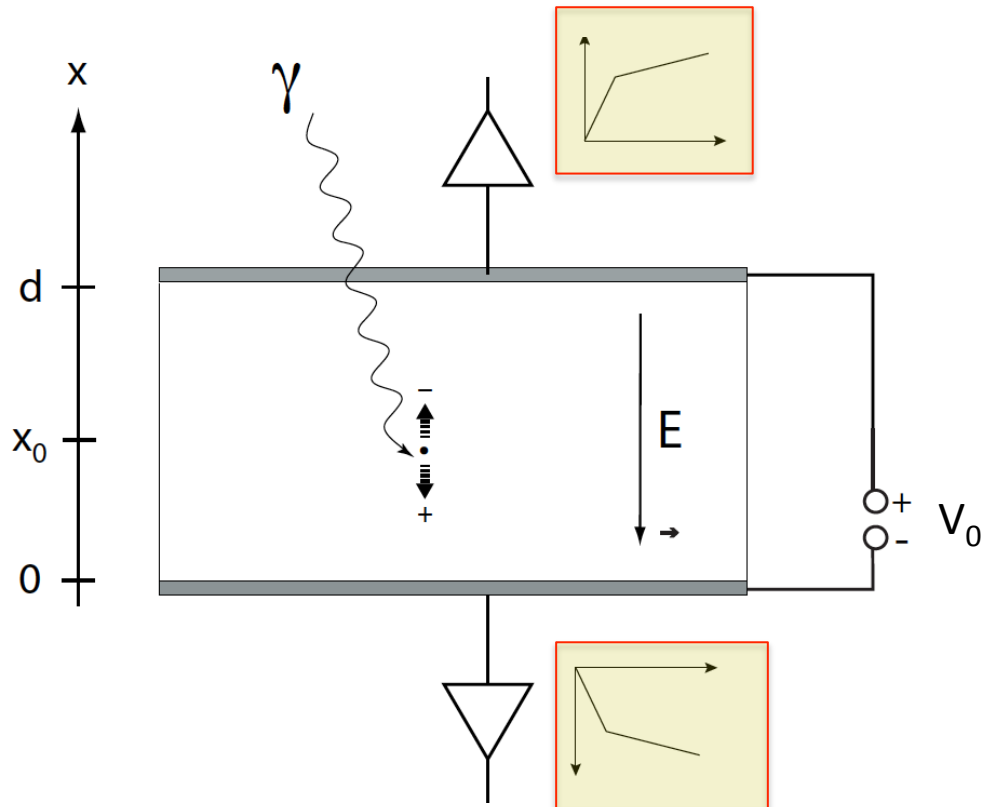


(a) Electron signals from  $\alpha$ -particles impinging on the cathode.

(b) Hole signals from  $\alpha$ -particles impinging on the anode.

measurement of E-field



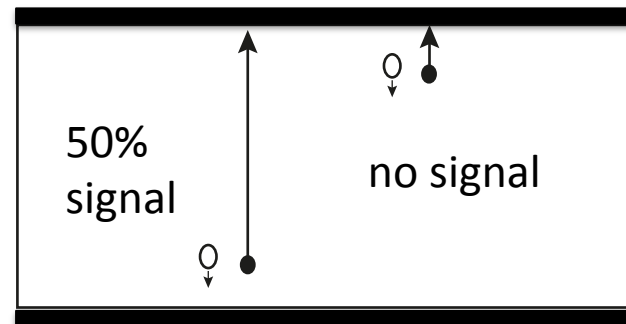


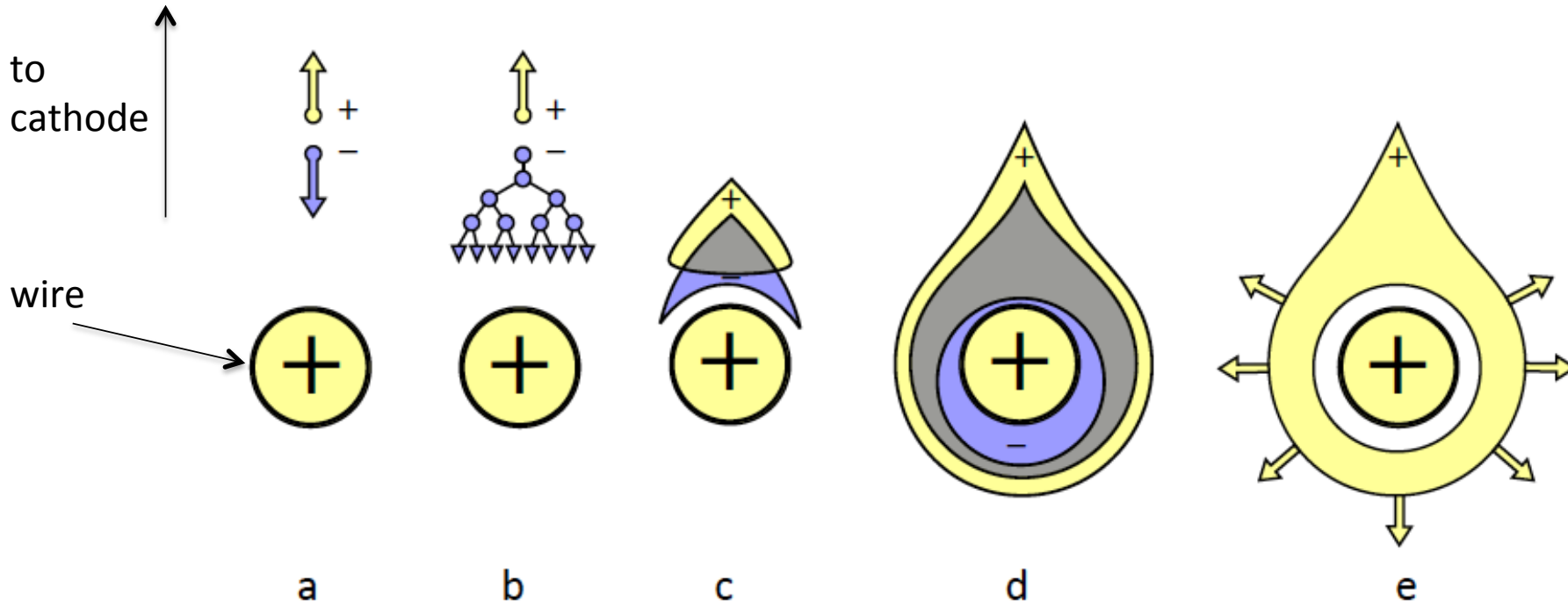
- movement of **both charges** create signals on **both electrodes**.
- on every electrode a **total charge** of

$$Q_S^{tot} = Q_S^- + Q_S^+ = -Ne$$

is induced.

- if a material the produced charges have very different mobilities (like **CdTe**) e.g. with  $\mu_h \approx 0$ , then part of the signal is lost and the signal becomes dependent on where the charge was deposited.





**big difference:**

- ❑ electrode (wire) does not “see” (too small) the charge before gas amplification
- ❑ signal (on wire) shape is governed by the (large) ion cloud moving away from the wire to cathode

**Avalanche process:**

$$dN = \alpha(E) N ds$$

with

$$\alpha = \sigma_{ion} n = \frac{1}{\lambda_{ion}}$$

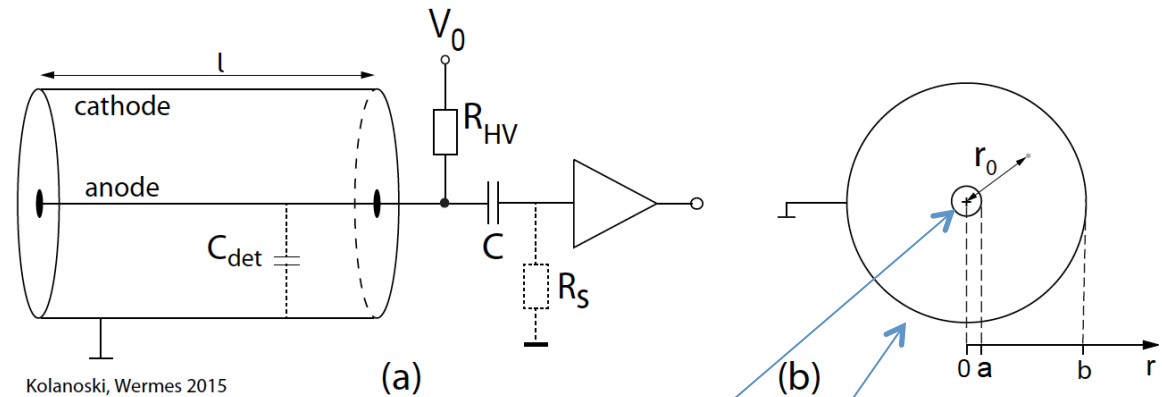
$$N(x) = N_0 e^{\alpha x}$$

**gas gain**

$$\frac{N}{N_0} = G = e^{\alpha x}$$

**1<sup>st</sup> Townsend coefficient**

configuration



$$\vec{E}(r) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{V_0}{\ln b/a} \frac{\vec{r}}{r}, \quad \phi(r) = -V_0 \frac{\ln r/b}{\ln b/a}, \quad C_l = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0}{\ln b/a}$$

- we follow the Shockley-Ramo-recipe: find the weighting field  $E_w$  or the weighting potential  $\Phi_w$  by setting

$$\phi_w(a) = 1, \quad \phi_w(b) = 0 \quad (*)$$

- we know already the shape of  $\Phi_w \sim \ln r$ , since  $E(r) \sim 1/r$
- hence

$$\vec{E}_w(r) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{1}{\ln b/a} \frac{\vec{r}}{r}, \quad \phi_w(r) = -\frac{\ln r/b}{\ln b/a} \quad \text{which fulfills } (*)$$

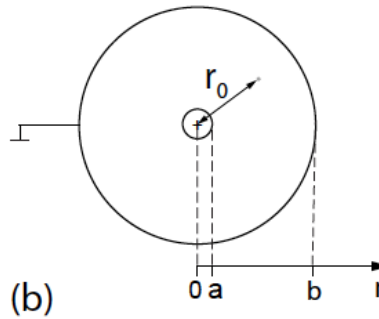
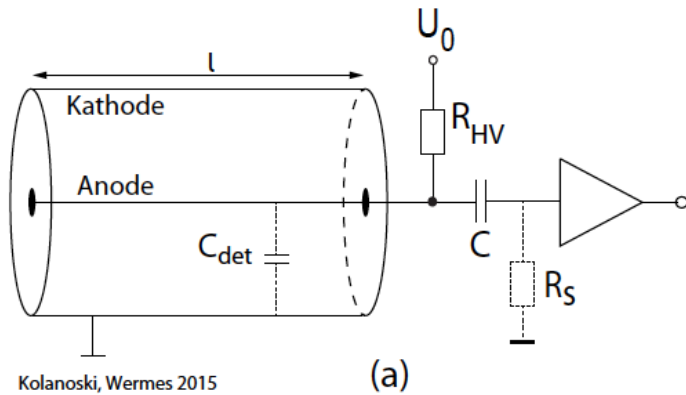
- now use Shockley-Ramo  $dQ_S = -q\vec{E}_w d\vec{r}$
- we assume that  $N$  e/ion-pairs are produced at  $r = r_0$ . Note that **usually there is avalanche amplification** (starting only in the high field region) and the vast majority of charges is produced very close to the wire ( $r_0 < 10 \mu\text{m}$ , see previous page)

- then we get immediately

$$Q_S^- = -(-Ne) \frac{1}{\ln b/a} \int_{r_0}^a \frac{1}{r} dr = -Ne \frac{\ln r_0/a}{\ln b/a} \quad (**)$$
$$Q_S^+ = -(+Ne) \frac{1}{\ln b/a} \int_{r_0}^b \frac{1}{r} dr = -Ne \frac{\ln b/r_0}{\ln b/a}$$

- and the total charge is  $Q_S^{tot} = Q_S^- + Q_S^+ = -Ne$  ✓
- **however**, due to the  $1/r$  dependence of the weighting field the situation is **much different** from that of a parallel plate detector: the contribution from electrons and ions is not necessarily the same but depends on  $r_0$  (i.e where the avalanche is created) because only there  $N$  becomes large enough that the signal is “felt” by the electrode (wire).

# Signal development in a wire configuration (3)



ratio depends on  $r_0$

$$\left( \frac{Q_S^-}{Q_S^+} \right)_{r_0} = \frac{\ln r_0/a}{\ln b/r_0}$$

for a typical ( $a=10 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $b=10 \text{mm}$ )

far away from wire

near wire

$$\left( \frac{Q_S^-}{Q_S^+} \right)_{r_0=b/2} \approx 9$$

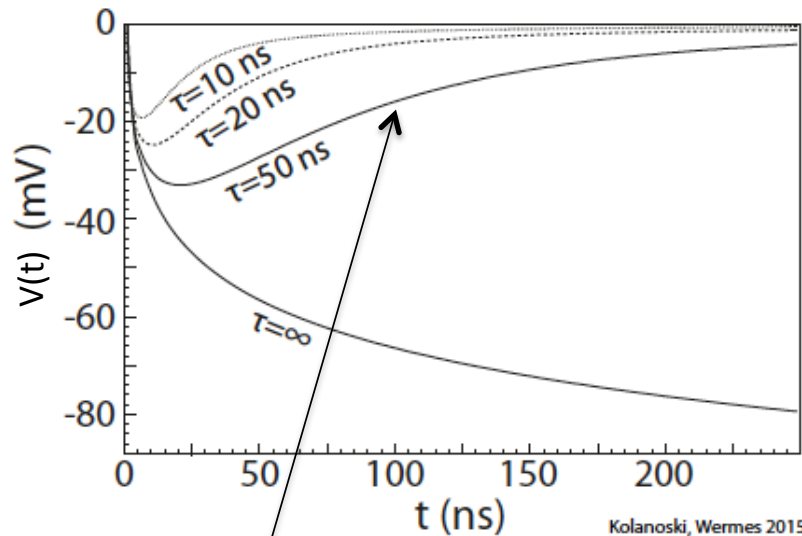
$$\left( \frac{Q_S^-}{Q_S^+} \right)_{r_0=a+\epsilon} \approx 0.01 - 0.02$$

in wire chambers the (integrated) **signal is dominated by the ion contribution**. Reason: specific form of the weighting field

using Ramo and  $r(t)$  from the  $1/r$  - E-field, we get ...

$$i_S^+(t) = \frac{Ne}{2 \ln b/a} \frac{1}{t + t_0^+} \quad \text{ions only}$$

$$v_s(t) = \frac{Q_S(t)}{C_l l} = \frac{Ne}{2\pi\epsilon_0 l} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{t}{t_0^+} \right)$$

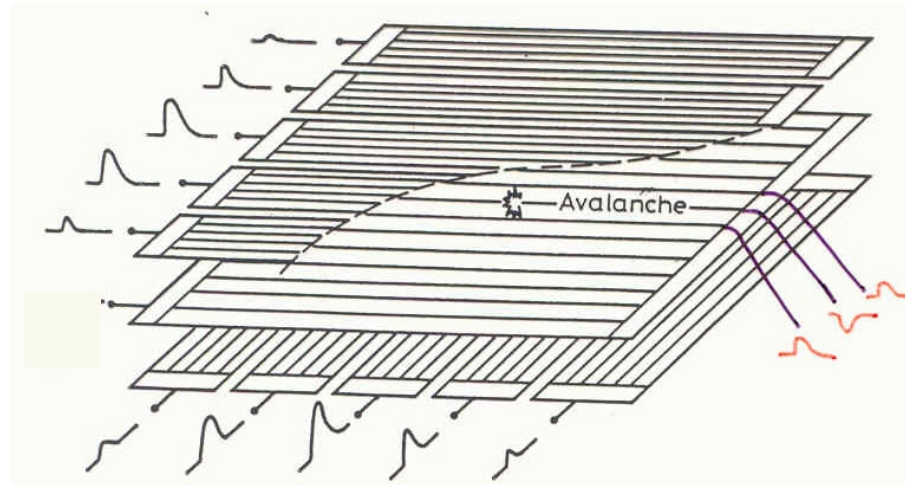


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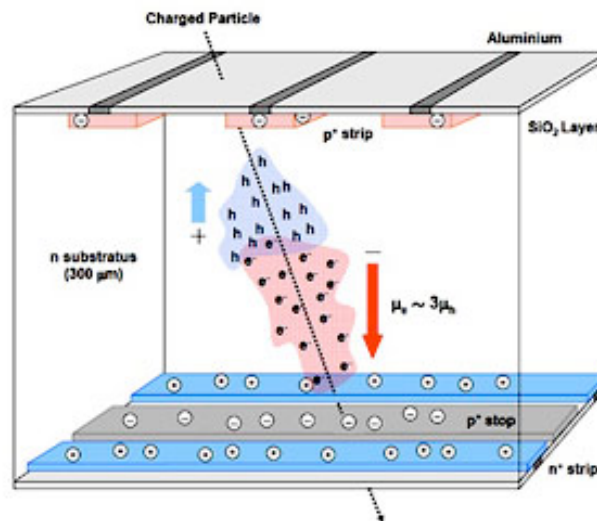


- ❑ electric field is large close to the wire @  $r \approx r_{\text{wire}}$ 
  - => **secondary ionization** has a much **larger** effect on signal than **primary ionization**
  - => **avalanche near wire**:  $q \rightarrow q \times 10^{4-7}$
- ❑ from there ( $\mu\text{m}$ 's away from wire) the electrons reach the wire fast
  - => very **small and fast  $e^-$**  component of  $Q_{\text{tot}}$
- ❑ **ions** move slowly away from wire => **main component of  $Q_{\text{tot}}(t)$**
- ❑ signal only relevant after avalanche ionization  $\cong$  **quasi only  $Q^+(t)$**
- ❑ the term '**charge collection**' is more justified in wire chambers than in other ionization detectors (e.g. parallel plate detectors) since most of the signal is created only very close to the wire

signals are induced on **BOTH (ALL)** electrodes => exploit for second coordinate readout



wire chamber  
with cathode readout



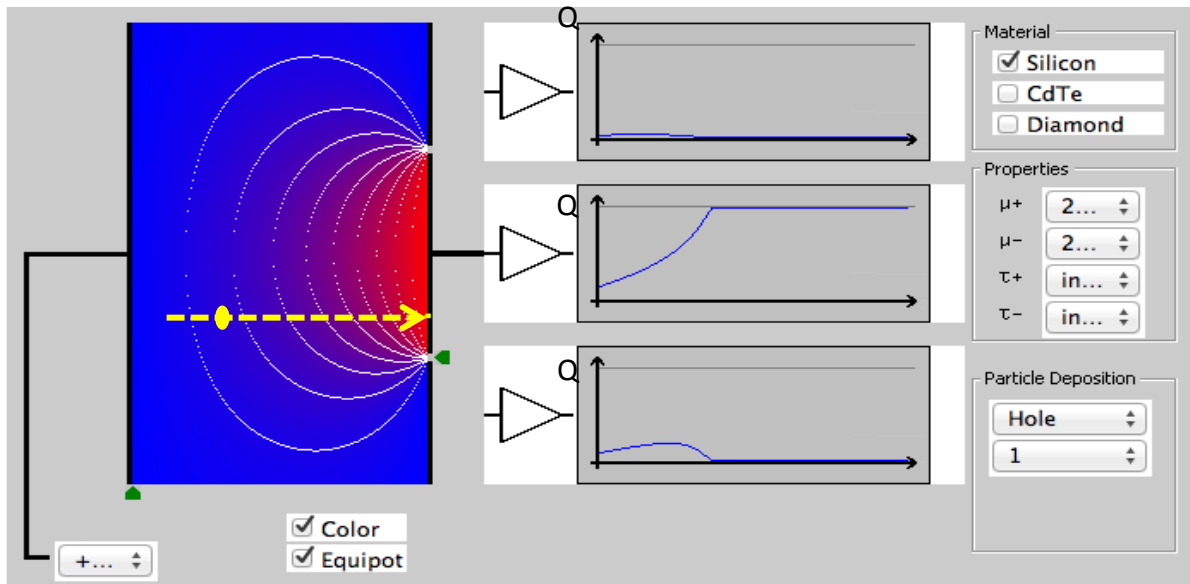
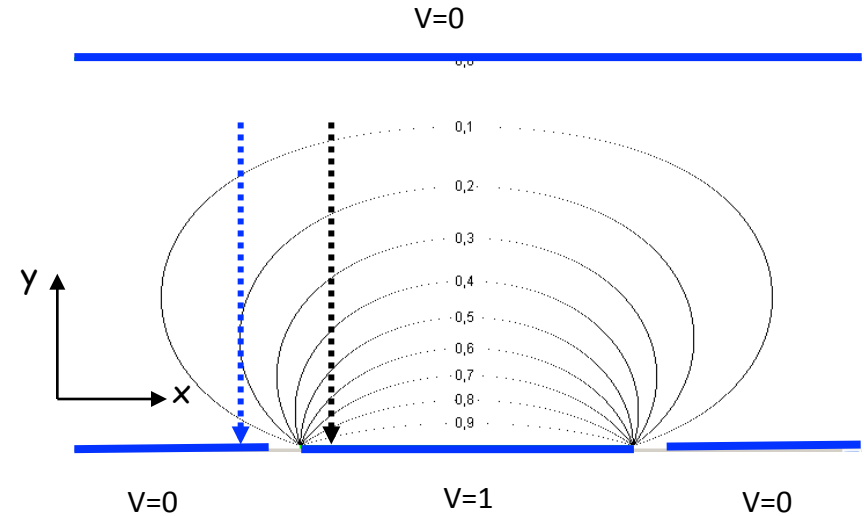
double sided  
silicon strip detector

# Signal generation in a patterned detector (1-dim)

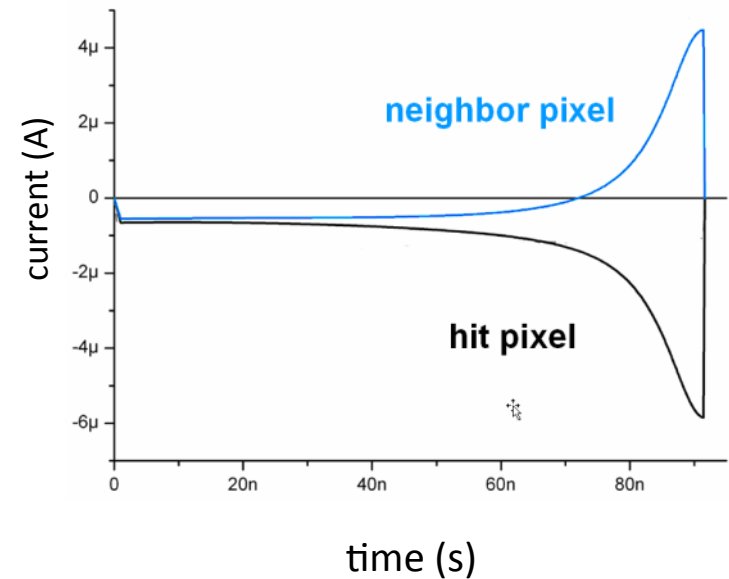
$\Phi_W$  for a strip/pixel geometry

$$\Phi(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan \frac{\sin(\pi y) \cdot \sinh(\pi \frac{a}{2})}{\cosh(\pi x) - \cos(\pi y) \cosh(\pi \frac{a}{2})}$$

(can be calculated e.g. by using “conformal mapping”)



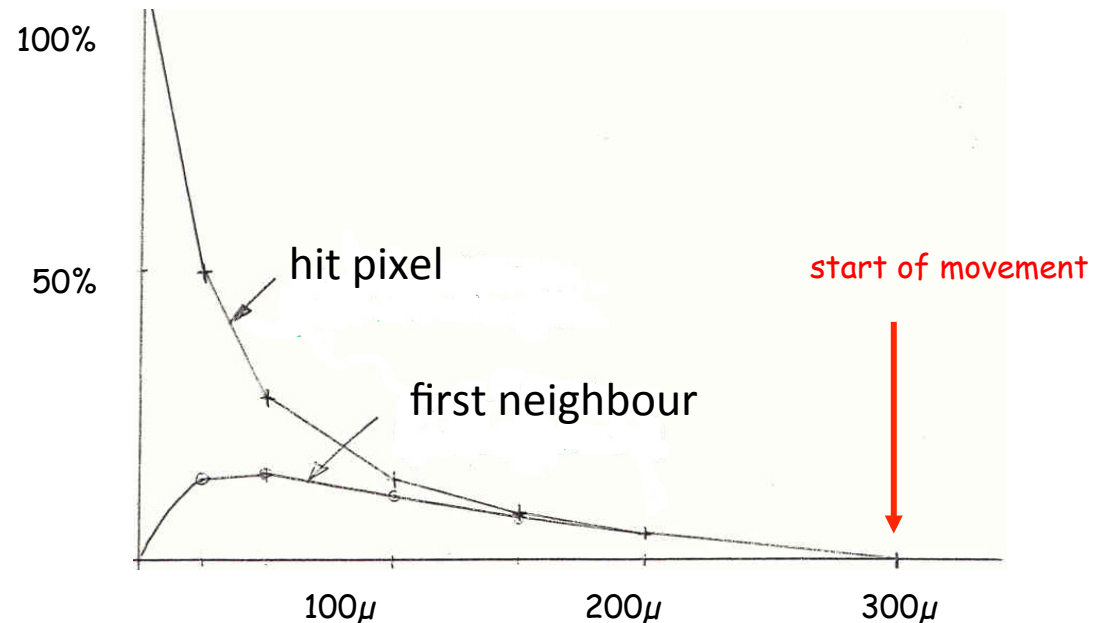
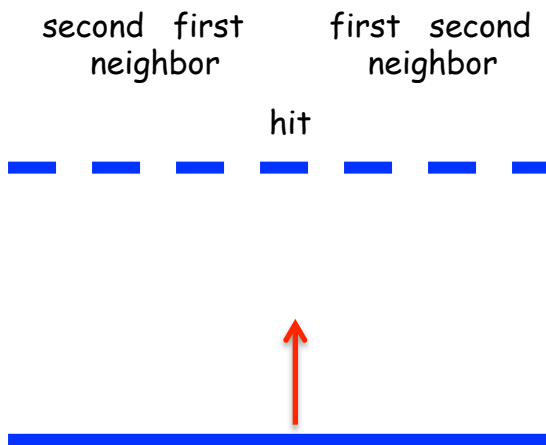
“small pixel effect” !



# Concluding ... consequences ...

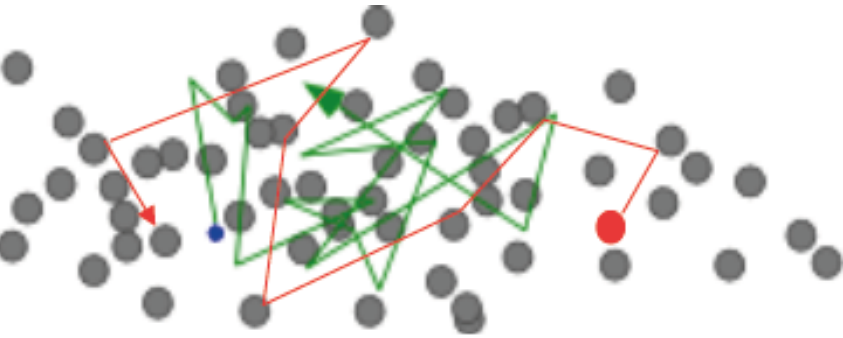
- ❑ The weighting field reaches also into regions of neighbor pixels → induced signals there as well
- ❑ At the beginning of the charge movement, neighbor pixels “see” almost as much signal as the “hit” pixel → no difference when electronics is (too) fast
- ❑ consequences for small electrodes is, that most of the charge is induced, when  $q$  is near the hit pixel → **small pixel effect**
- ❑ when charges drift only a short distance due to
  - $\mu_h \ll \mu_e$  (e.g. for CdTe)
  - trapping (e.g. for pCVD diamond)

peculiar signal patterns may arise (worst case: holes do not move and electrons are trapped after  $50 \mu\text{m}$  → several pixels “fire”)

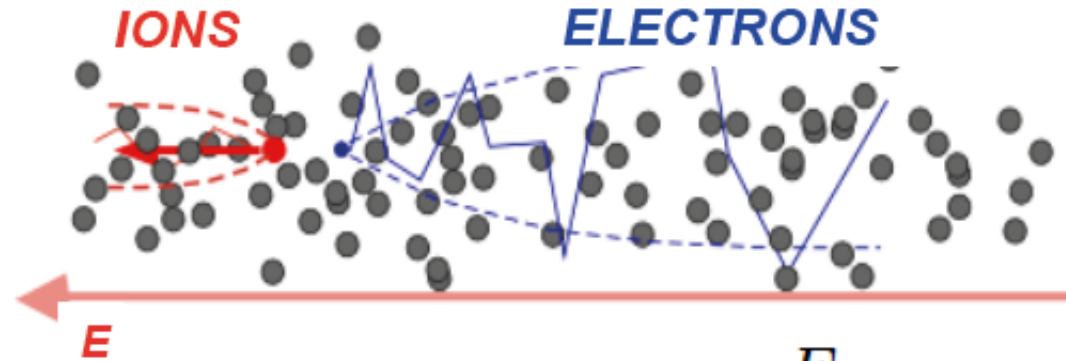


# Diffusion and drift of charge cloud on way to electrode

$E = 0, T > 0$ : diffusion



$E > 0, T > 0$ : diffusion + drift



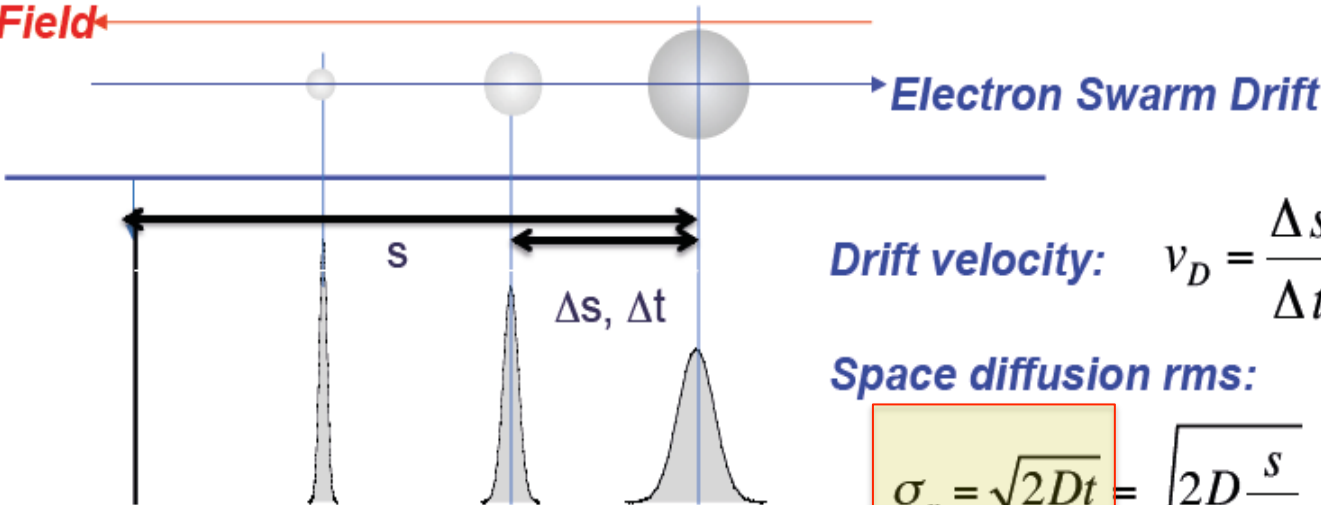
$$D = \frac{\langle \lambda v \rangle}{3} = \frac{1}{3\sigma p} \sqrt{\frac{8(kT)^3}{\pi m}}$$

$$v_D = \mu(E) E = \frac{\mu_0 E}{\left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\mu_0 E}{v_{\text{sat}}} \right)^\beta \right]^{1/\beta}}$$

Drude ansatz (empirical)  
(especially semiconductors)

$\beta \sim 1-2$

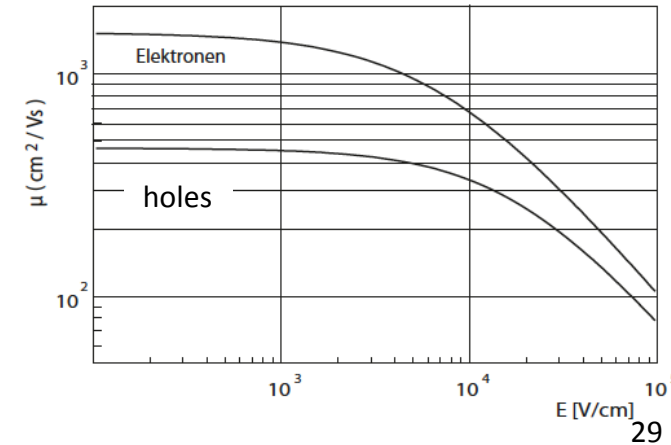
**Electric Field** ←

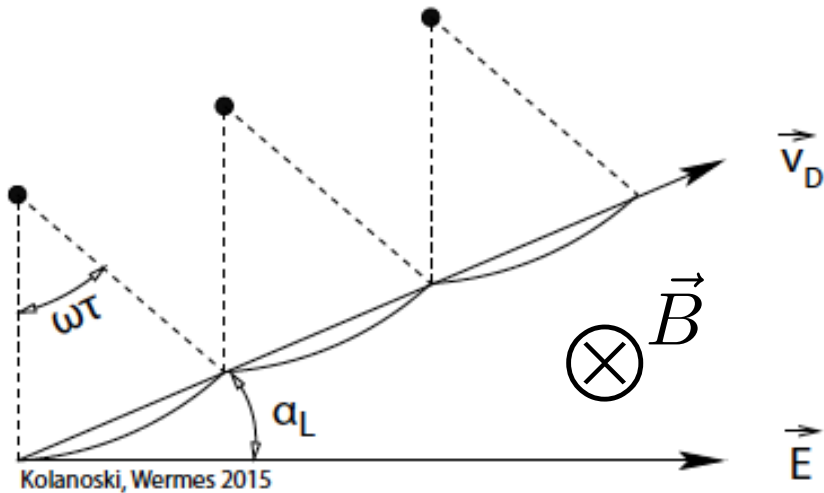


**Drift velocity:**  $v_D = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$

**Space diffusion rms:**

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{2Dt} = \sqrt{2D \frac{s}{v_D}}$$





- if the electric field  $E$  is perpendicular to a magnetic field  $B$  then the **charges drift on circle segments** until they stop in a collision
- on **average** this results in a **deflection of the drift path by an angle** called

**Lorentz angle**

$$\tan \alpha_L = \frac{v_{D,\perp}}{v_{D,\parallel}} = \omega\tau$$

perp. to E

parallel to E

with

$\omega = qB/m =$  cyclotron frequency

$\tau =$  mean collision time

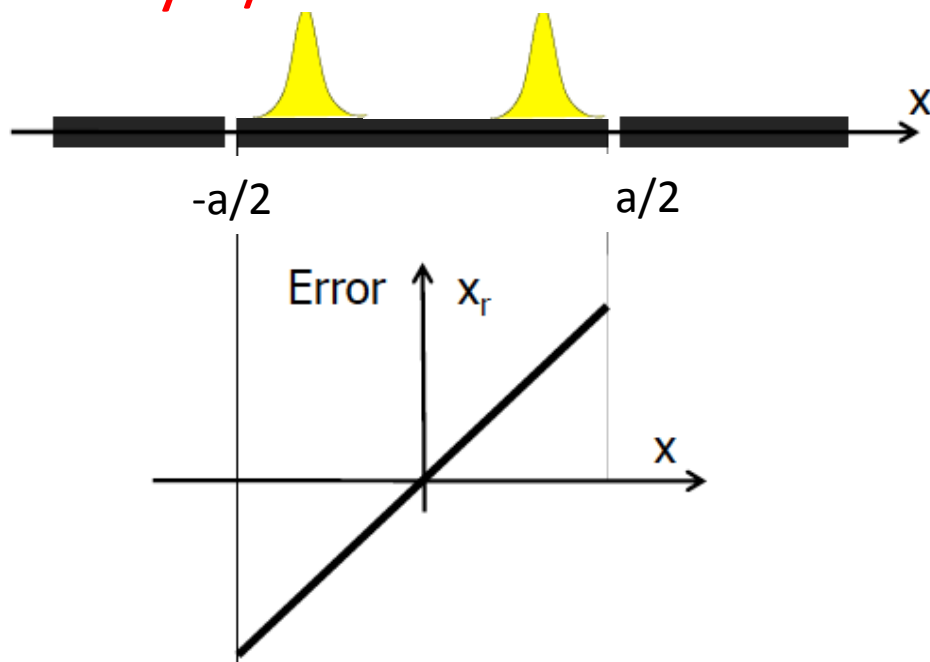
remember **Gluckstern formula**

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T}\right)_{\text{mess}} = \frac{p_T}{0.3|z|} \frac{\sigma_{\text{mess}}}{L^2 B} \sqrt{\frac{720}{N+4}}$$

$$[p_T] = \text{GeV}/c, [L] = \text{m}, [B] = \text{T}$$

- binary readout (hit/no hit)
- analog readout (pulse height information)
- signal (charge) distributed on more than one electrode

**binary R/O**



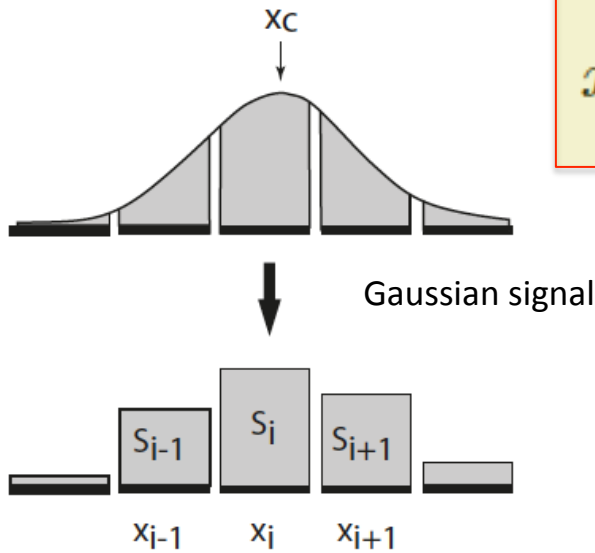
$$v = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} x^2 f(x) dx$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = \frac{1}{a} \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} \Delta_x^2 d(\Delta_x) = \frac{a^2}{12}$$

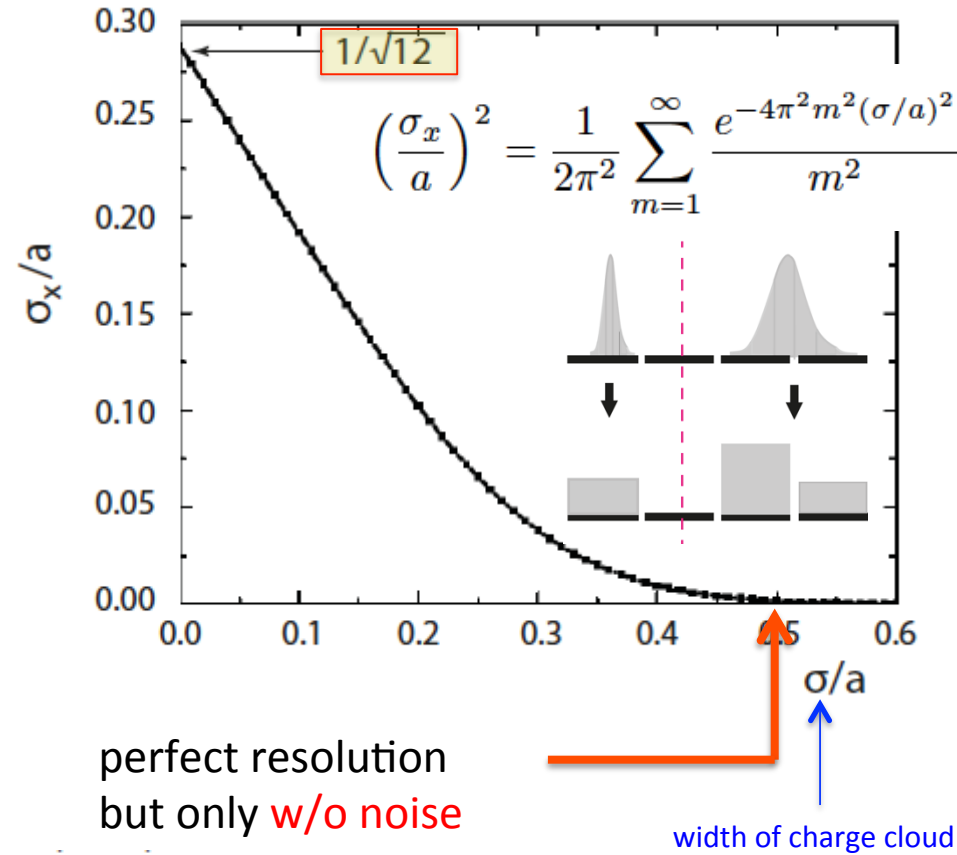
$$\sigma_x = \frac{a}{\sqrt{12}}$$

with **analog information**  
and spread over more  
than one electrode

center of gravity



$$x_c = \frac{\sum S_i x_i}{\sum S_i}$$



$$x_{rec} = \frac{\sum (S_i + n_i) x_i}{\sum (S_i + n_i)} = \frac{x + \sum n_i x_i}{1 + \sum n_i} = \left(x + \sum n_i x_i\right) \left(1 - \sum n_i + \mathcal{O}(n_i^2)\right)$$

with uncorrelated noise  
(normalized to signal)

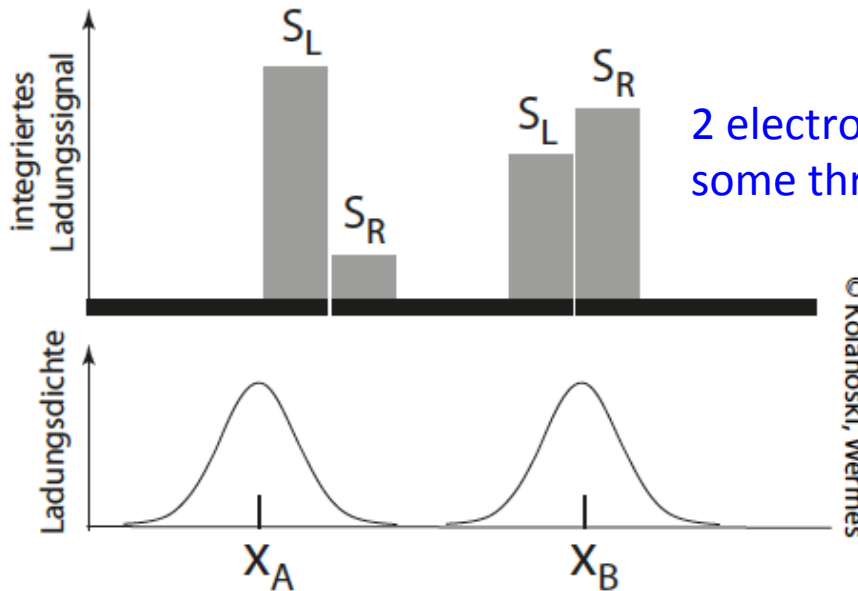
$$\langle n_i^2 \rangle = \sigma_n^2 \Rightarrow \sigma_x^2 = \sigma_n^2 \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \right) + N \langle x^2 \rangle \right] + \mathcal{O}(\sigma_n^3)$$



# Arbitrary detector response (“data driven method”)

typical for semiconductor detectors  
and patterned gaseous detectors  
channels have different gains

$$N_{\text{electrodes}} = 2-3, S/N \sim 10$$



2 electrodes have signal over  
some threshold

$$S_L(x) = Q \eta(x)$$

$$S_R(x) = Q - S_L(x) = Q (1 - \eta(x))$$

$\eta$  = response function, indep. of  $Q$

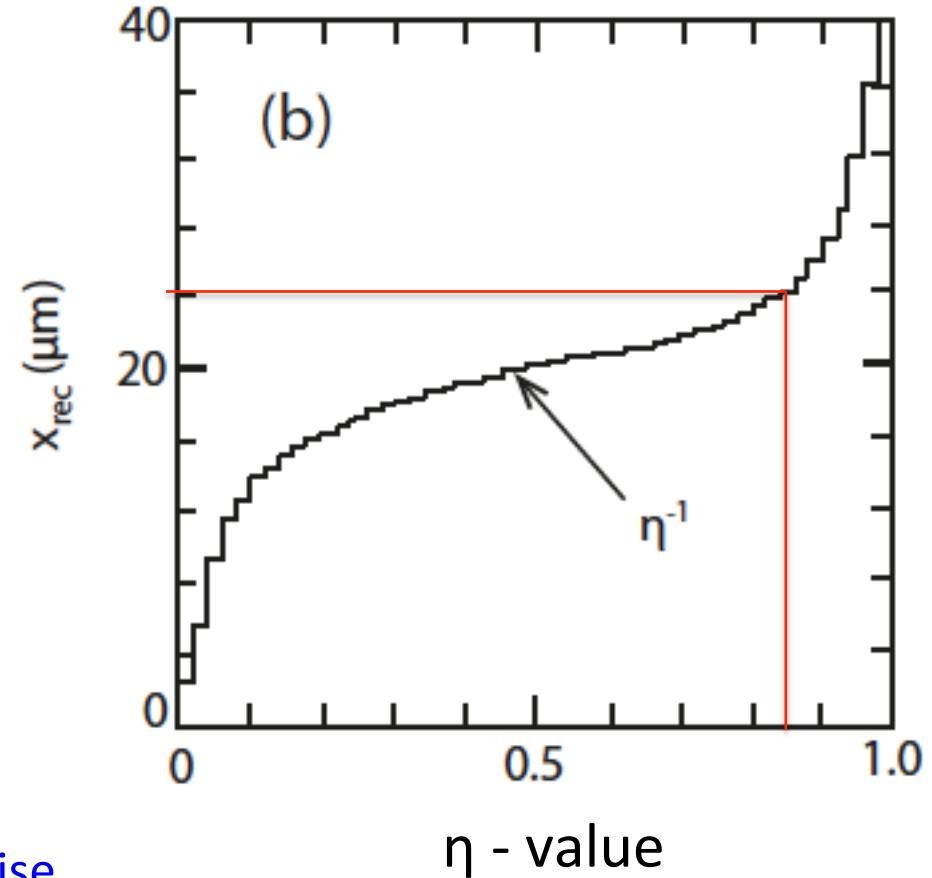
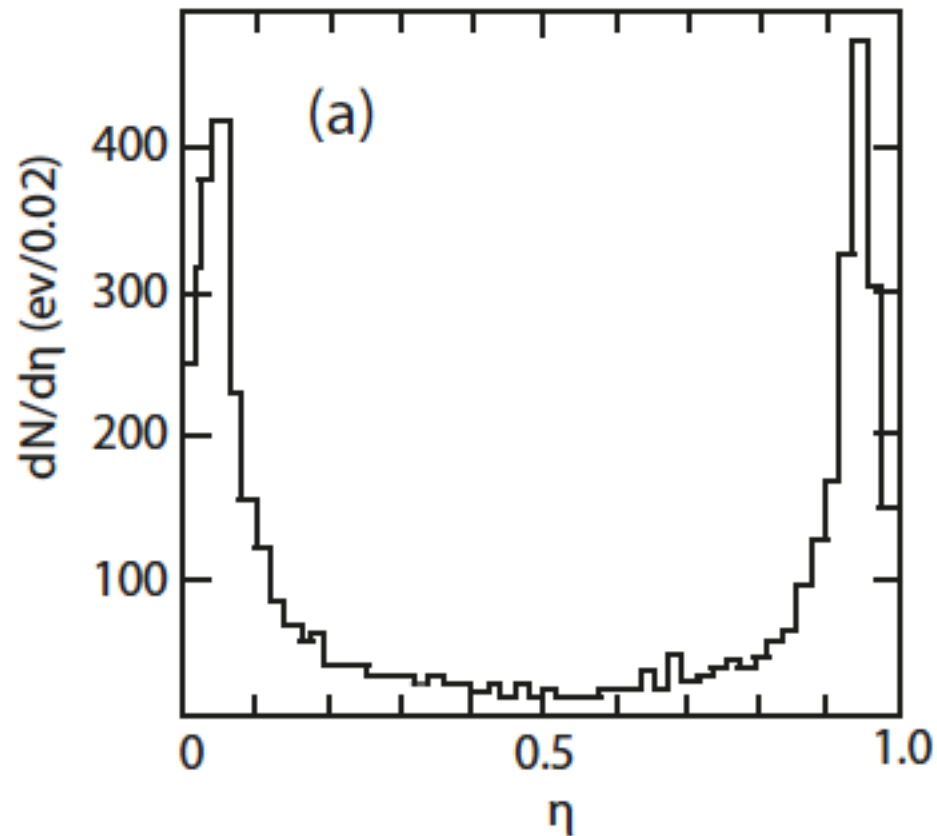
can be determined from signals themselves

$$\eta = \frac{S_L}{S_L + S_R}$$

- assume a constant hit probability density
- => can build **inverse of  $\eta$ -function** ( $\eta \rightarrow x$ )
- pick best estimate of position **from a measured** distribution
- algorithm can also be extended to three – electrode situations

$$x_{rec} = \eta^{-1} \left( \frac{S_L}{S_L + S_R} \right) = \frac{a}{N} \int_0^\eta \frac{dN}{d\eta'} d\eta'$$

Belau, E. et al.: NIM 214 (1983) 253–260

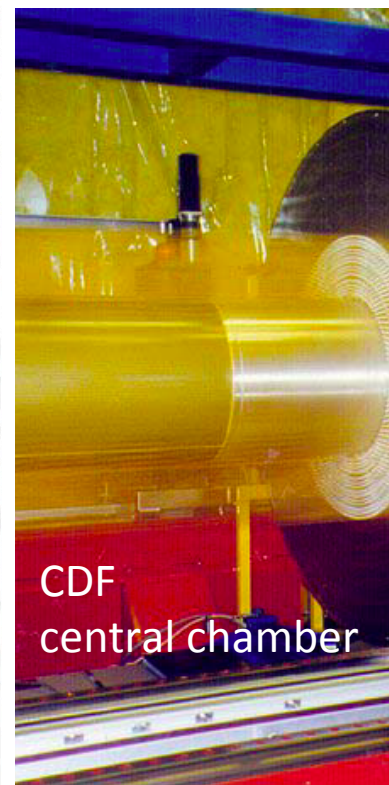
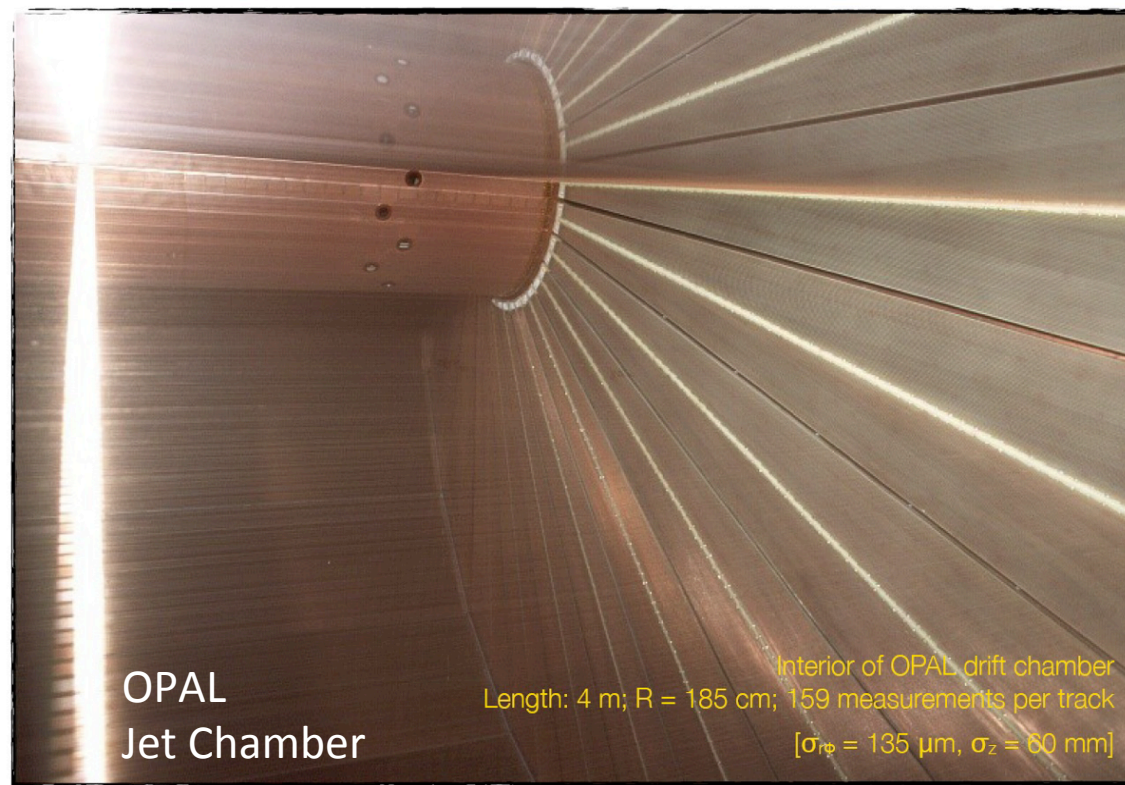


resolution

noise

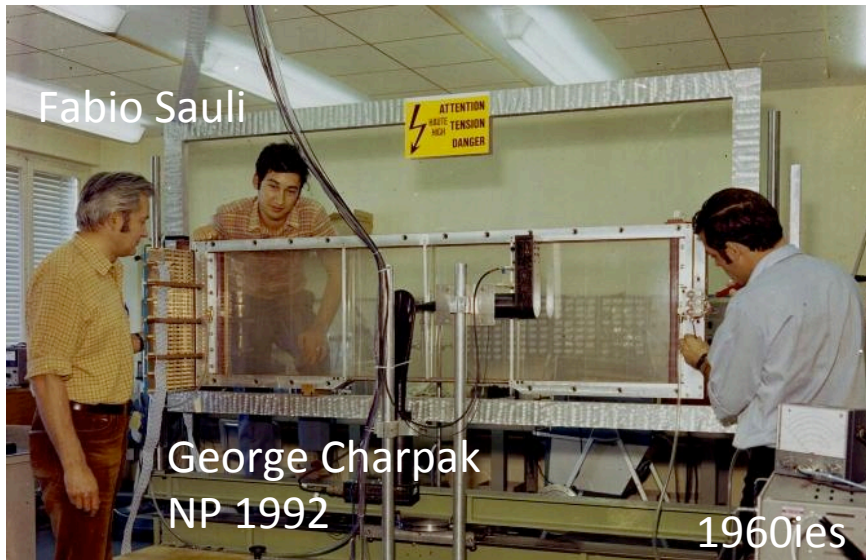
$$\sigma_x^2 = 2 \sigma_n^2 \left\langle \frac{\eta^2}{\eta'^2} \right\rangle$$



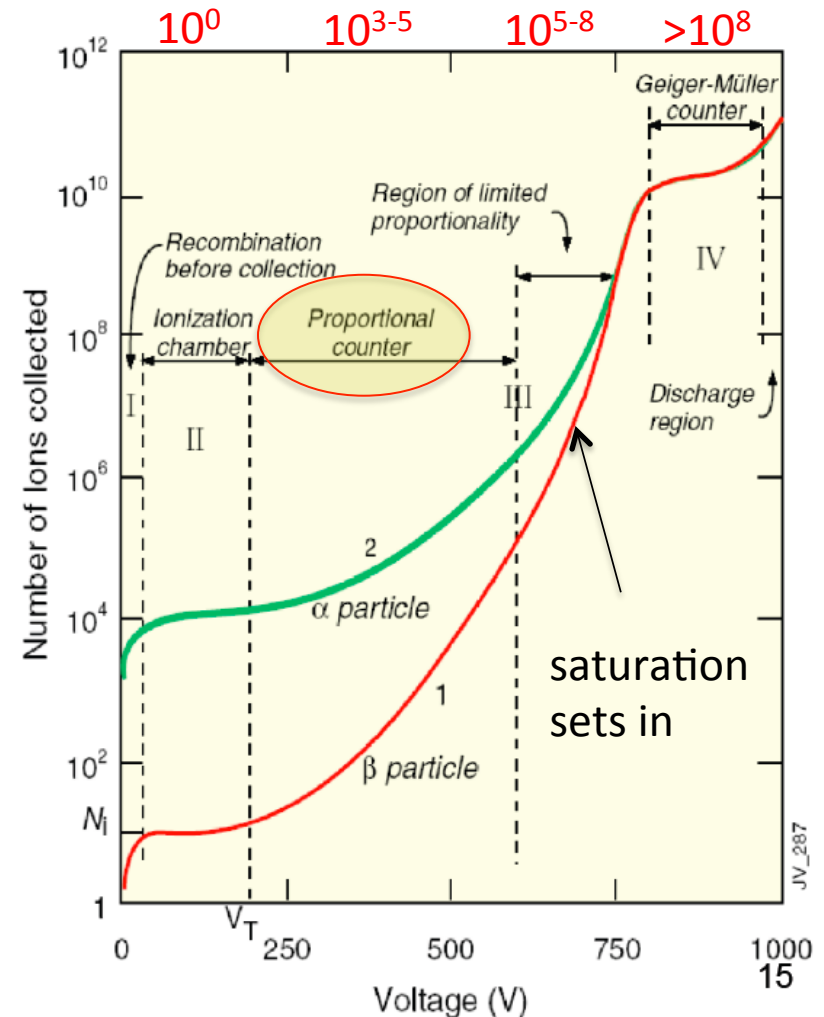




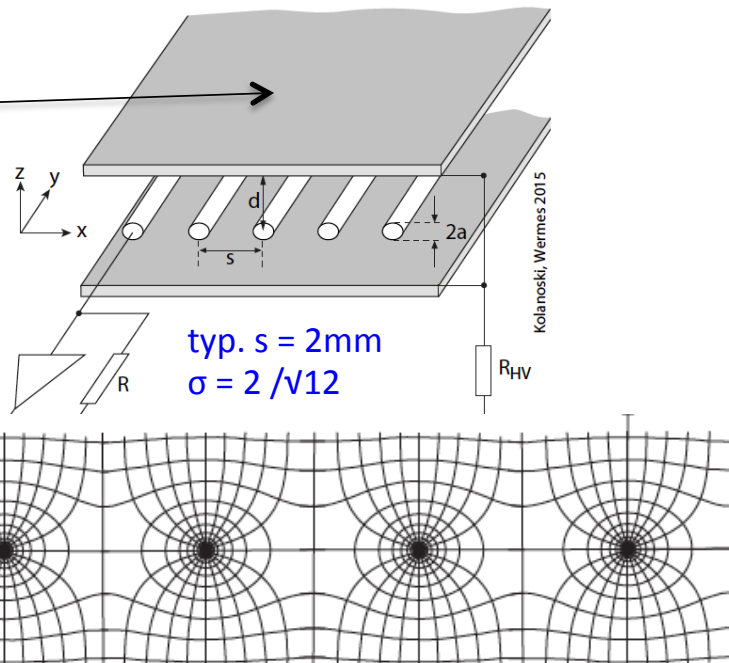
# Multi Wire Proportional Chamber



- mother of all wire chambers (1960ies)
- **break through in tracking**, because tracks became electronically recordable
- Nobel Prize 1992



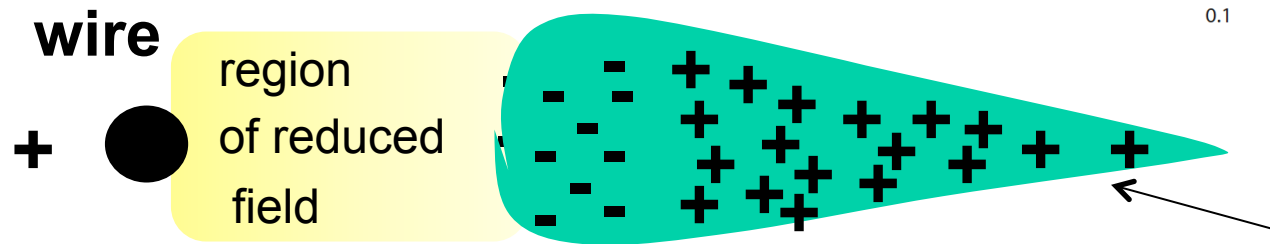
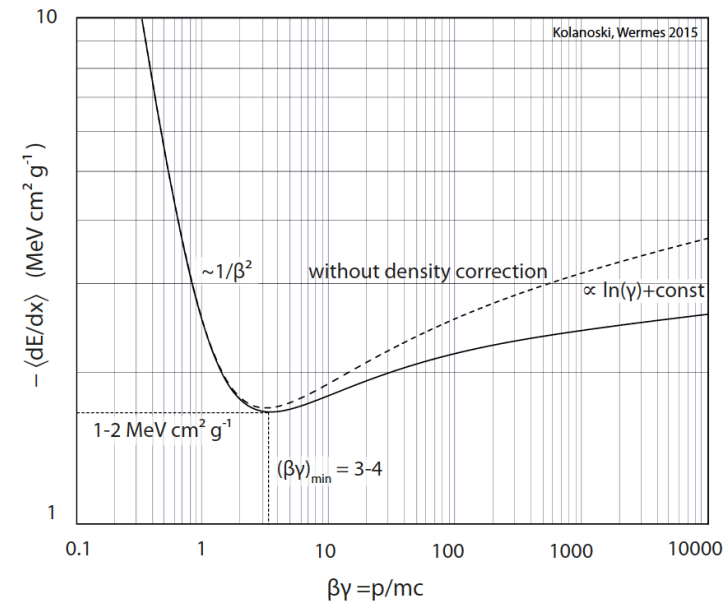
cathodes  
often  
patterned  
for 2<sup>nd</sup> coordinate



## region of limited proportionality → multi wire chamber operation in saturation region ( $G \sim 10^5 - 10^7$ )

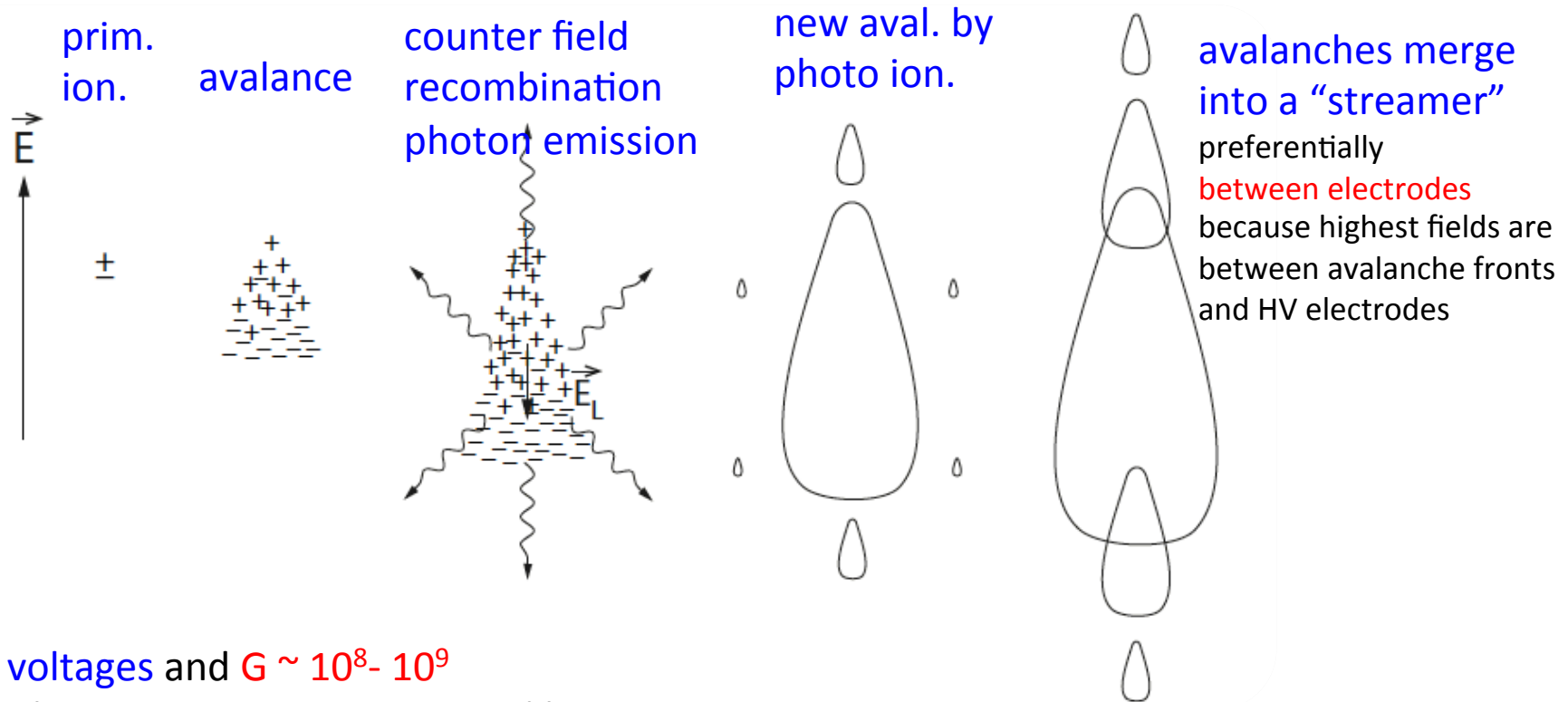
- operation point: gain  $> 10^6$  → strong secondary ionization
- space charge effects (stationary ion cloud decreases the electric field at the anode)  
destroy  $1/r$  shape near wire

- saturation of signal sets in  
this is sometimes wanted, when the number of particles is to be determined by the total signal height; e.g. when slow ( $1/\beta^2$ !) protons shall give the same signal height as m.i.p.s



ion cloud  
is ~ stationary  
acts like a  
space charge

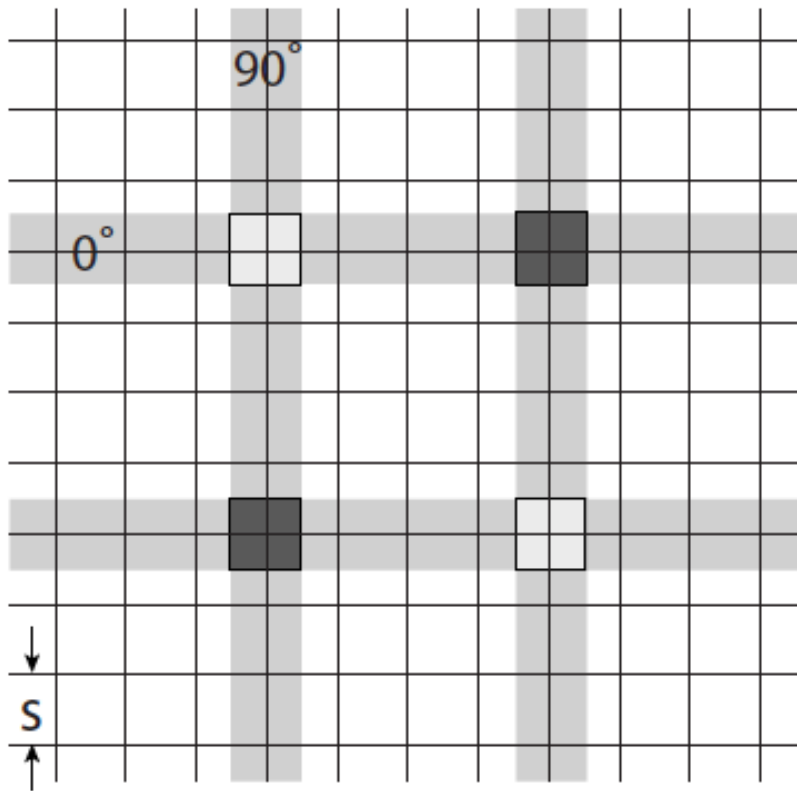
# Saturation → Avalanche → Streamer → Spark



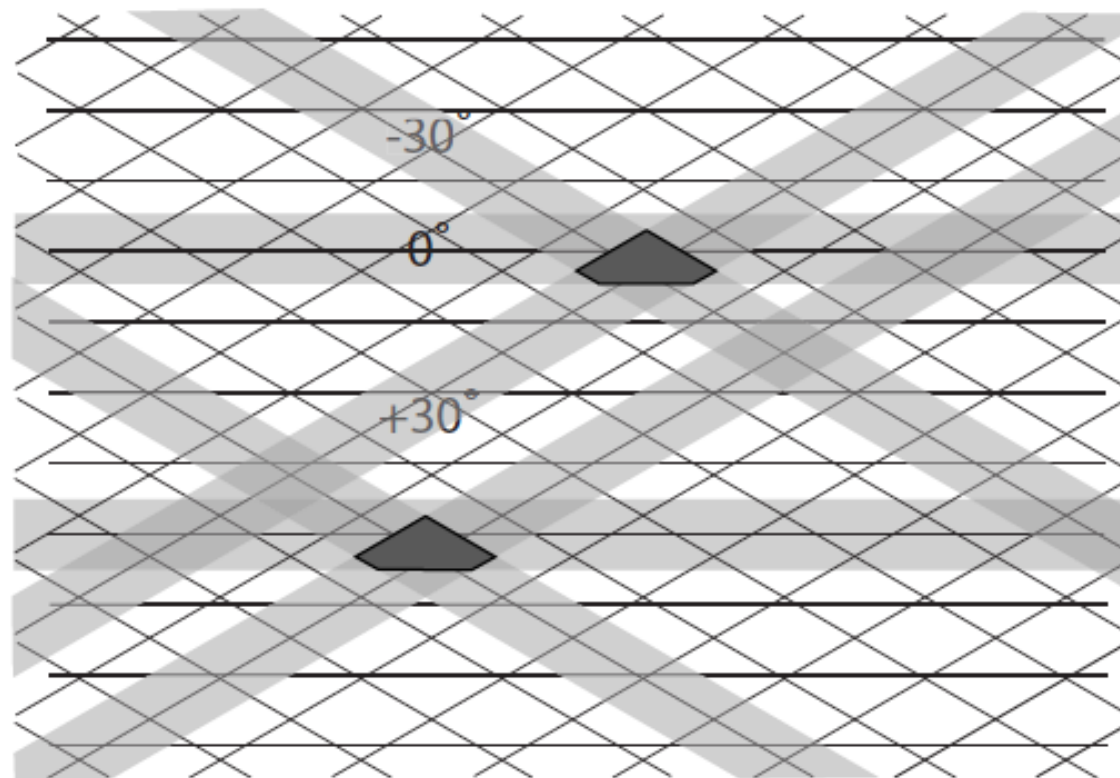
avalanches merge into a "streamer" preferentially **between electrodes** because highest fields are between avalanche fronts and HV electrodes

- ❑ at **very high voltages** and  $G \sim 10^8 - 10^9$
- ❑ **discharges** either spontaneous or initiated by ionisation
- ❑ => **saturated avalanche** -> **streamer** -> **discharge** (= glow → corona → spark) occur
- ❑ streamer/discharge accompanied by **photon emission** (can be visible) and needs to be **quenched** (by HV-lowering, pulsed HV, space charge screening, etc. ) when used as detectors rather than demonstration objects (spark ch.)
- ❑ **very fast** ( $10^6$  m/s) governed by photon emission, 10x faster than avalanche dev. (governed by  $v_{\text{drift}}$ )
- ❑ when streamer reaches electrode => spark/discharge => avoid in detectors (→ **limited streamer mode**)
- ❑ (limited) streamer operation modes found today in **straw tube** geometries or **RPCs**

cathode readout (see page 24) or **crossed wire planes**



$90^\circ$  “stereo” arrangement  
best for resolution  
but  $n^2$  “ghost” hits

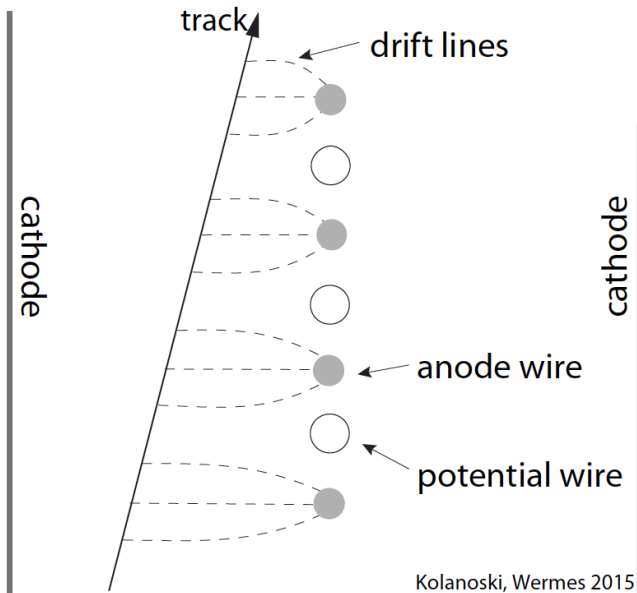


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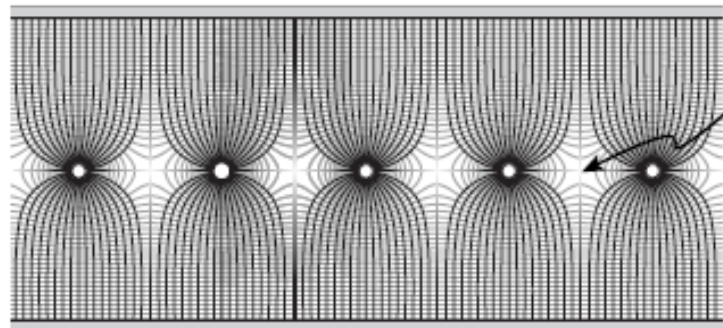
$\pm 30^\circ$  “stereo” arrangement  
(3 layers)

small angles often easier due to wire fixations or R/O  
no ghosts in this example

# The Driftchamber (usually operated in proportional mode)

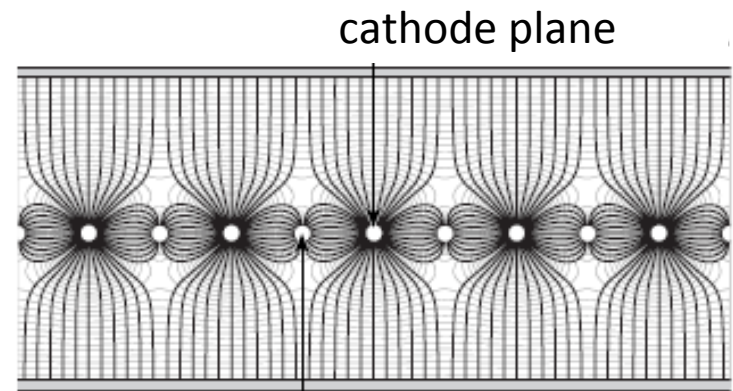


- ❑ MWPC limited for very narrow wire spacing due to electrostatic repulsion: typ.:  $s > 1\text{mm}$  for  $\varnothing 10\ \mu\text{m}$ ,  $l = 25\ \text{cm}$
- ❑ better resolution obtained by measurement of arrival time of the electron cloud (measured by TDC or similar)
- ❑ need additional “potential wire” to avoid low field regions
- ❑ space point to drift-time relation is usually field-strength dependent and thus is non linear (-> calibration)



low field region

(a)



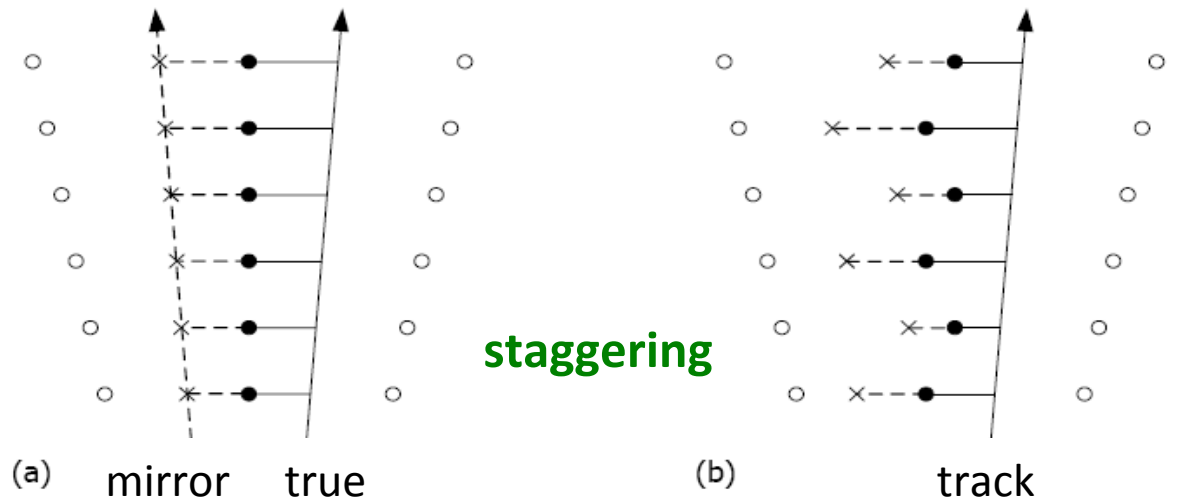
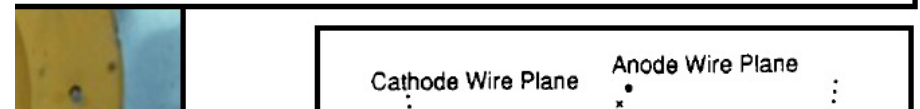
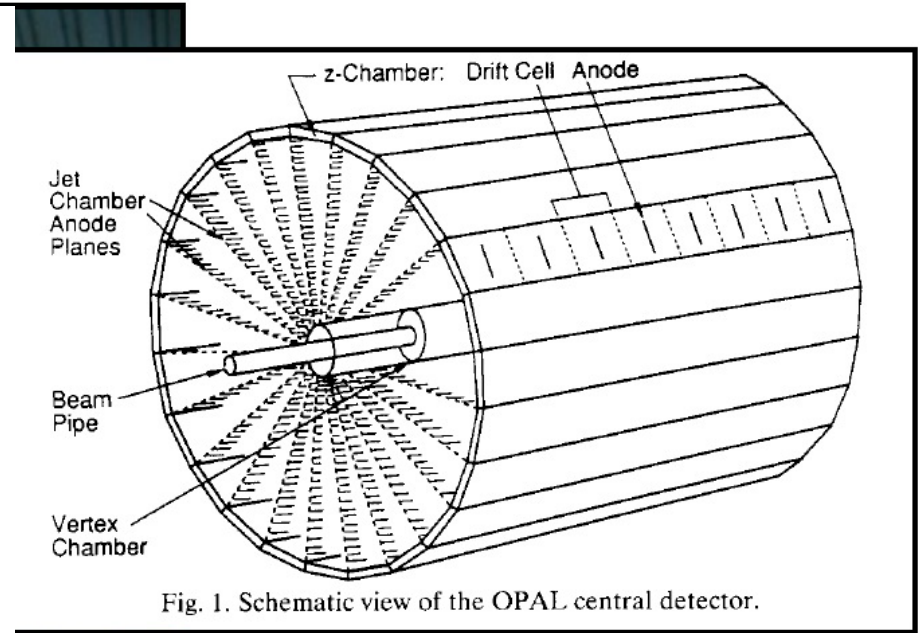
(b)

potential wire cathode plane

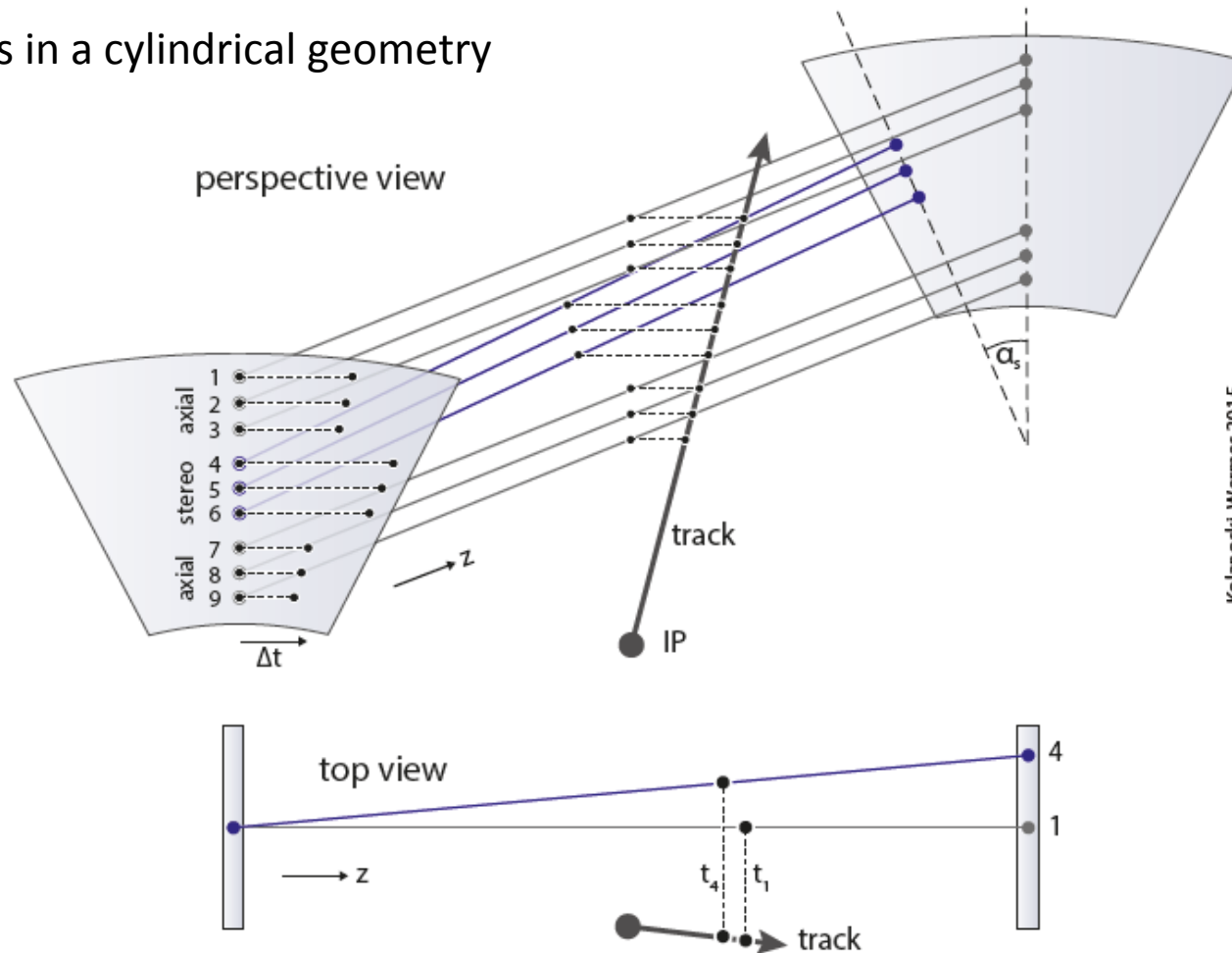


# Long drift cells: the Jet Chamber

- + many hits per particle track ( $\sim 135 \mu\text{m}$  res.)
- + but still only modest number of wires needed in total
- + homogeneous E-field  $\rightarrow$  easy space point to drift-time relation
- $\pm$  large drift distances
- get 3D space point by charge division on wire
- multi-hit electronics  $\rightarrow$  good 2-track resolution
- “staggering” of anode wires to resolve the left-right ambiguity



“stereo” wires in a cylindrical geometry



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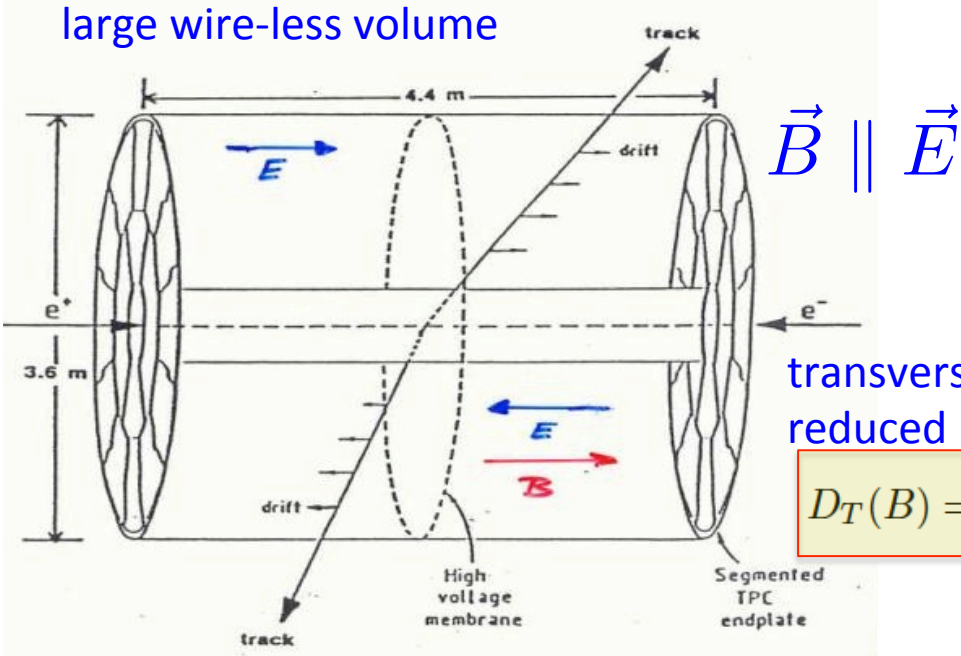
$$\sigma_z = \sigma_{r\phi} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin \alpha_{\text{stereo}}}$$

- + (still) relatively good spatial resolution
- one loses wires for other tasks ( $r\phi$ )
- not practical in high track density

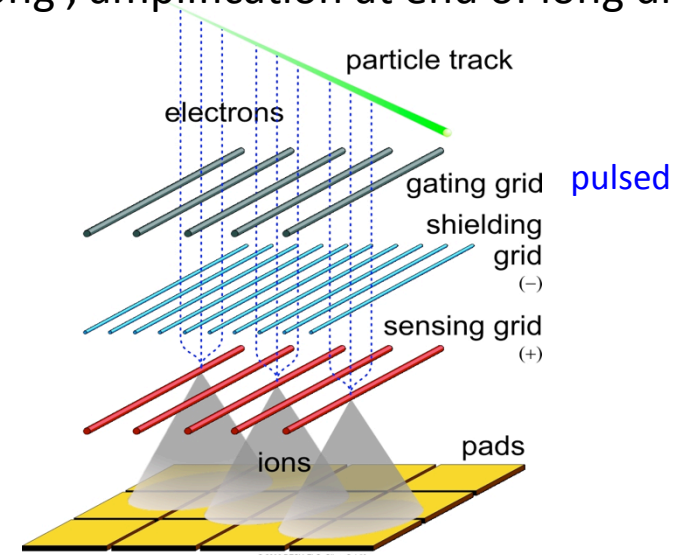
# Time Projection Chamber

invented by D. Nygren (1976)

large wire-less volume



long drift along , amplification at end of long drift

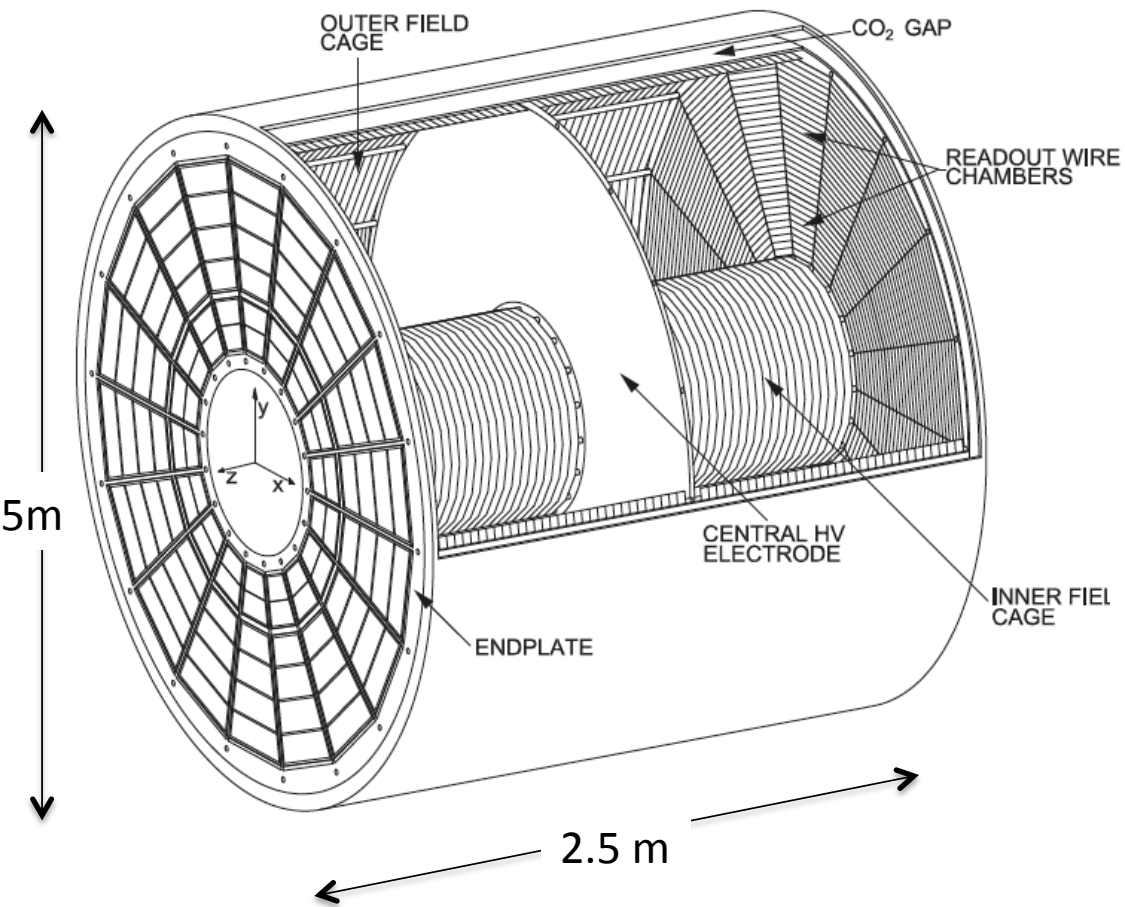


prevent ion-feedback by gating grid

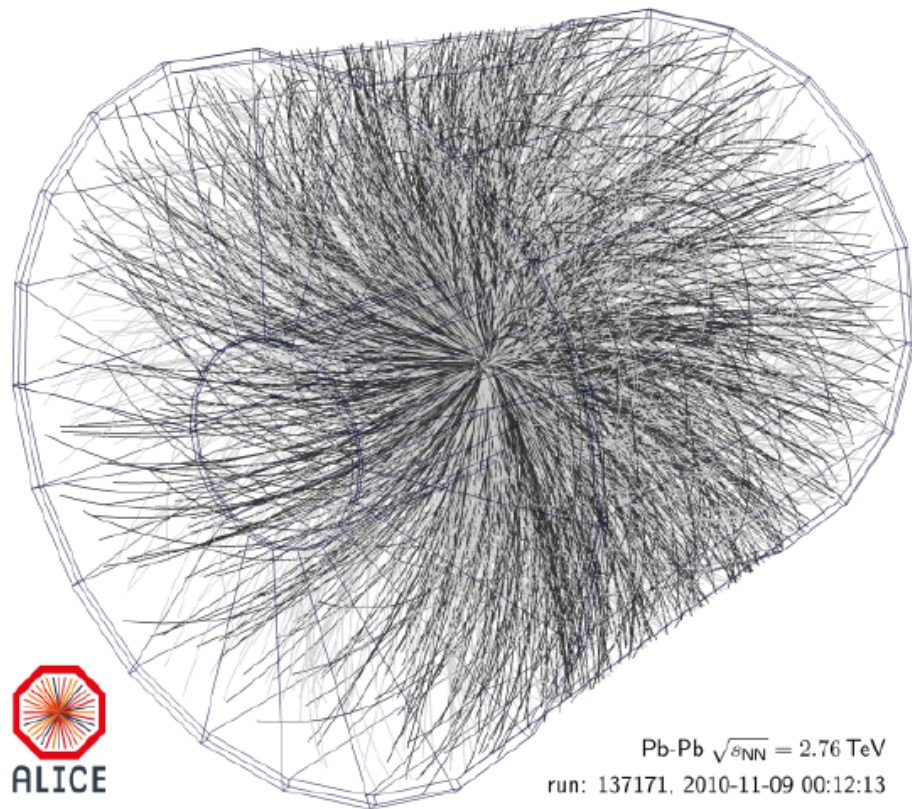
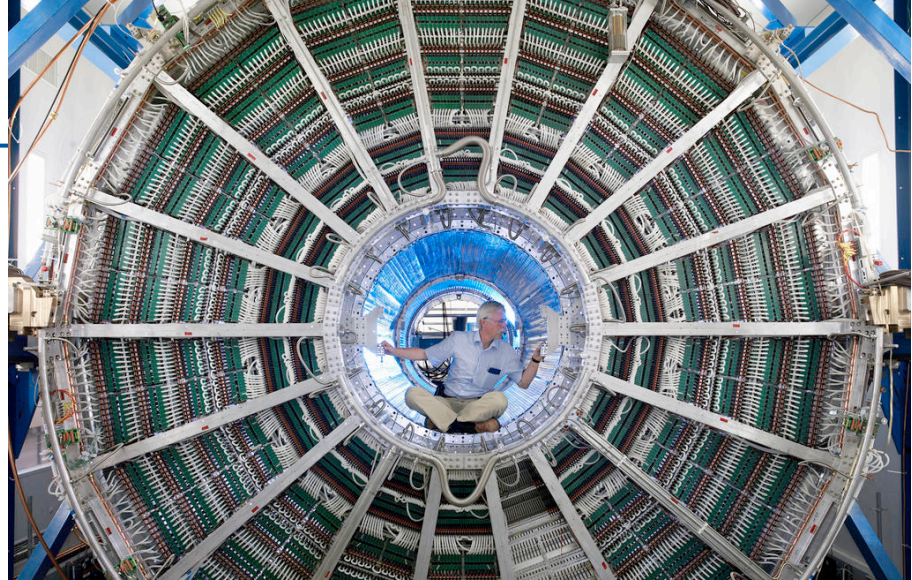
- ❑ full 3-D reconstruction (voxels):  $xy$  from wire/pad geometry at the end flanges;  $z$  from drift time
- ❑ 3D track information recorded -> good momentum resolution
- ❑ also  $dE/dx$  measurement easy -> particle ID (not topic of this lecture)
- ❑ large field cage necessary
- ❑ typical resolutions: in  $r\phi = 150-400 \mu\text{m}$       in  $z \approx \text{mm}$
- ❑ challenges
  - long drift time -> limited rate capability
  - large volume -> geometrical precision
  - large voltages -> potential discharges



# ALICE TPC



$$\sigma_{x,y,z} \approx 1 \text{ mm}^3$$



Pb-Pb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$   
 run: 137171, 2010-11-09 00:12:13

Parameter/Experiment	PEP4 [612]	ALEPH [100]	ALICE [72]
Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	5	20	26
$\sigma_{r\phi}$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	130–200	170–450	800–1100
$\sigma_z$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	160–260	500–1700	1100–1250
Zweispurtrennung (mm), T/L	20	15	13/30
$\sigma_p/p^2$ (GeV <sup>-1</sup> ) ( $p$ groß)	0.0065	0.0012	0.022

# Developments accomplished in the context of high rate applications (i.e. LHC)

# What is different (to before) for LHC pp experiments?

□ particle rates ( $\mathcal{L} = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

note: heavy ions:  $\mathcal{L} = 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

- bunch crossing every 25 ns
- $N_{\text{trk}} = \sigma \mathcal{L} = 100 \text{ mb} \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \times 120 \approx 10^{11} \text{ tracks/s}$  in  $4\pi$   
this is  **$10^6$  times** the track rate at LEP
- @  $r = 5\text{cm} \Rightarrow 9.5 \text{ tracks/cm}^2/25 \text{ ns}$  but only  $10^{-4}$  per pixel ( $100 \times 100 \mu\text{m}^2$ )

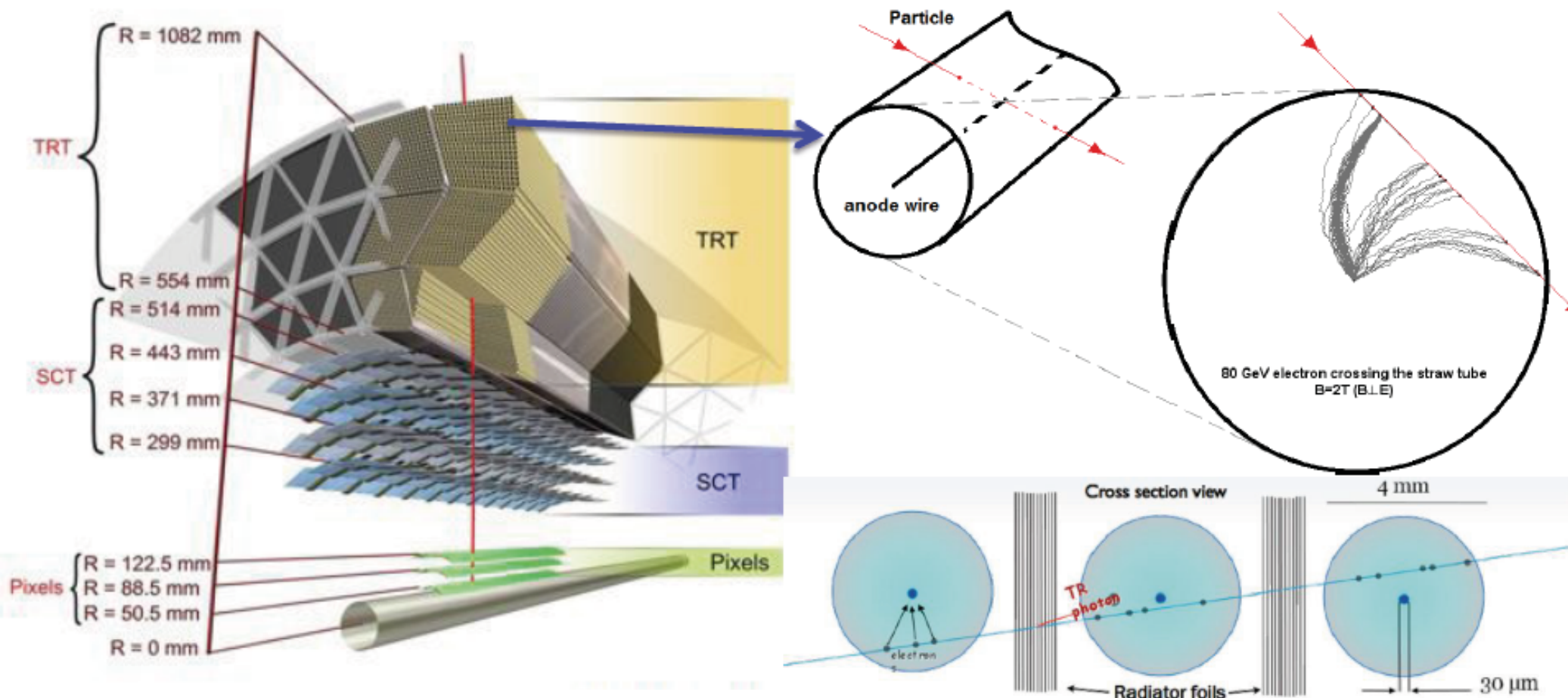
□ radiation level (@  $r = 5\text{cm}$ , per detector lifetime)

- ionizing dose = energy/mass (J/kg) = 100 Mrad
- non ionizing fluence (breaks the lattice) =  $10^{15}$  particles per  $\text{cm}^2$
- affects ageing on wires, electronics, ...

□ way out

- **high granularity**, small cells
- high **timing precision**  $\ll 25 \text{ ns}$
- **solid state detectors** (-> lecture 3)
  - micro structuring  $\Rightarrow$  highest granularity
  - but: sensitive to radiation (different to gaseous detectors at moderate gas gains)





ATLAS ID Barrel

- diameter = 4 mm
- ~36 hits along a barrel track
- can better cope with high rates due to individual units and short drift distances
- gas: Xe - CO<sub>2</sub> - O<sub>2</sub> (70%:27%:3%)
- serves as tracker and e- ID at the same time

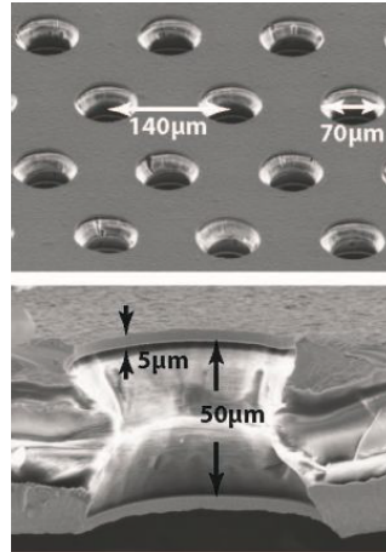
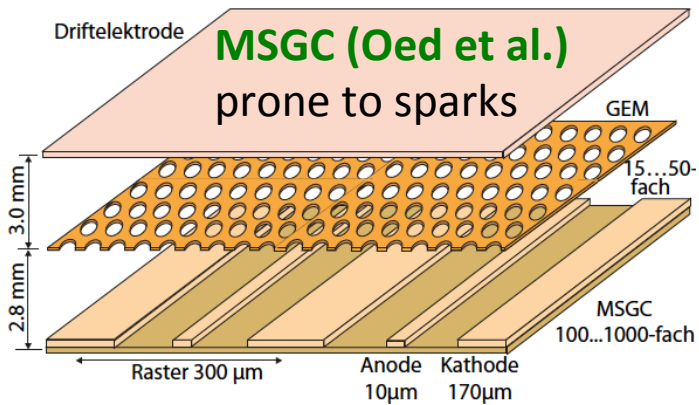


# MPGCs (Micro Pattern Gas Detectors)

❑ advances in micro structuring also entered clever chamber designs

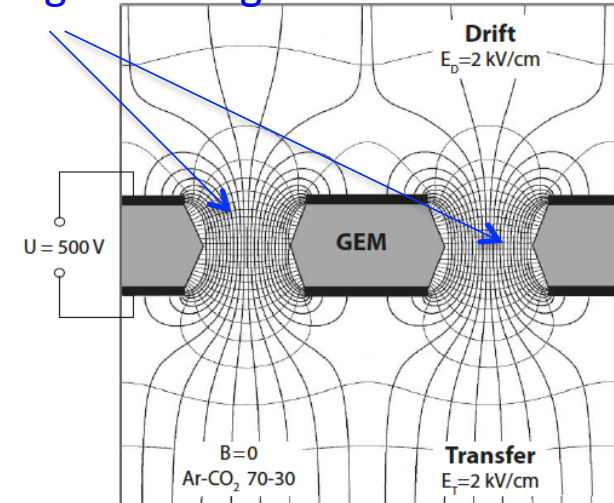
❑ goals:

- thin gap
- high rate capability (100 x MWPC)
- high resolution

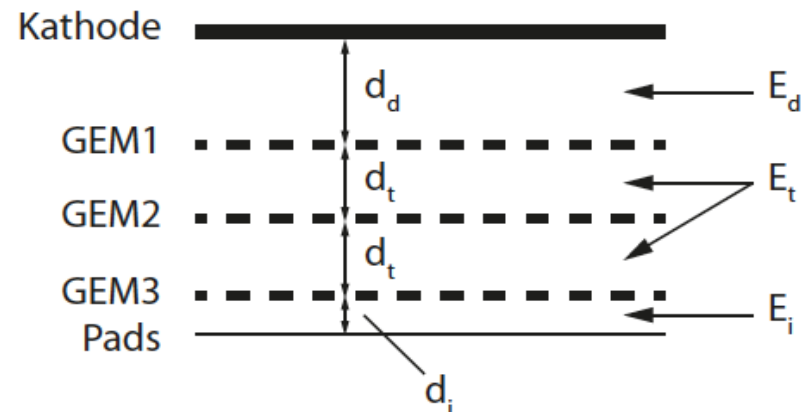
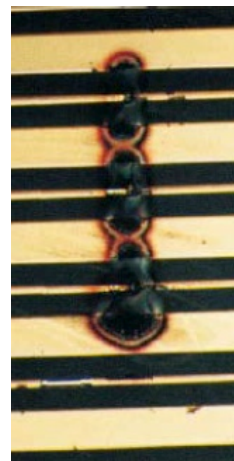
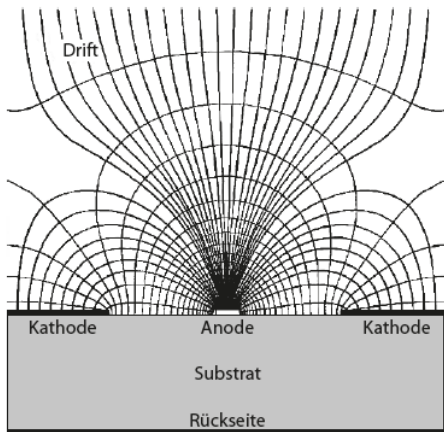


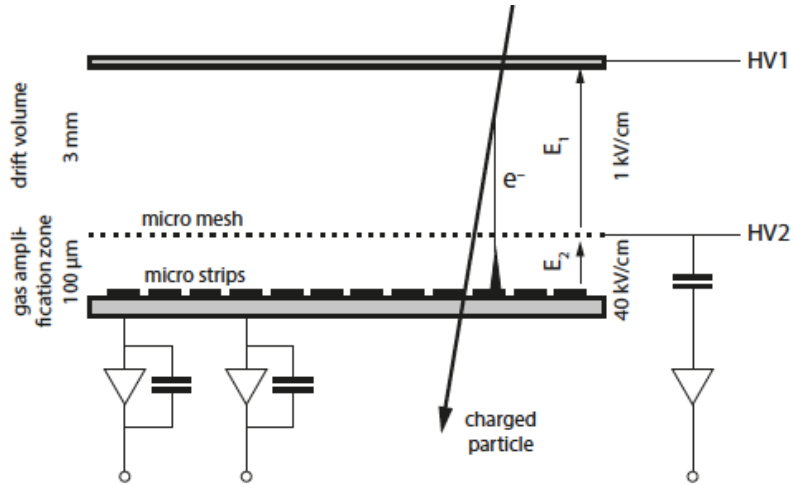
**GEM**  
(Sauli et al.)

high field regions

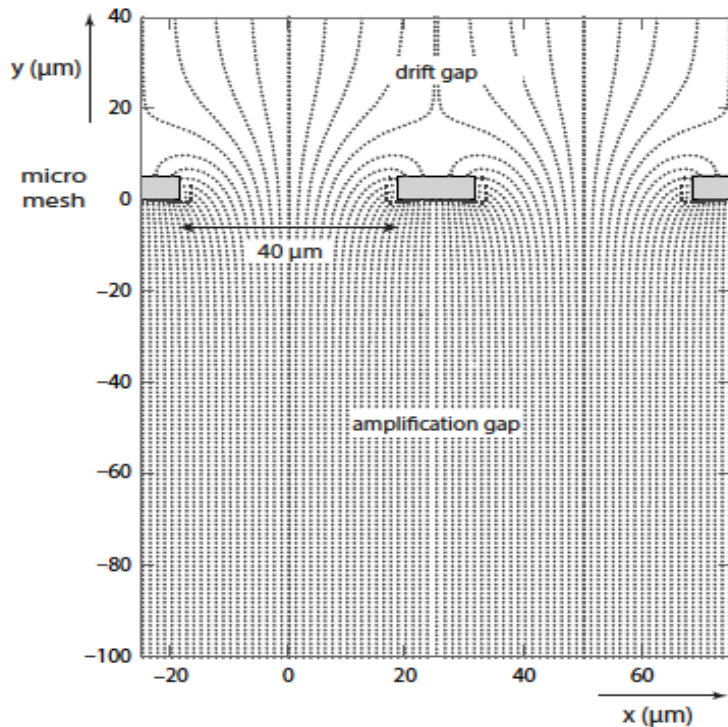


**today's standard: Triple GEMs (stand alone detectors)**

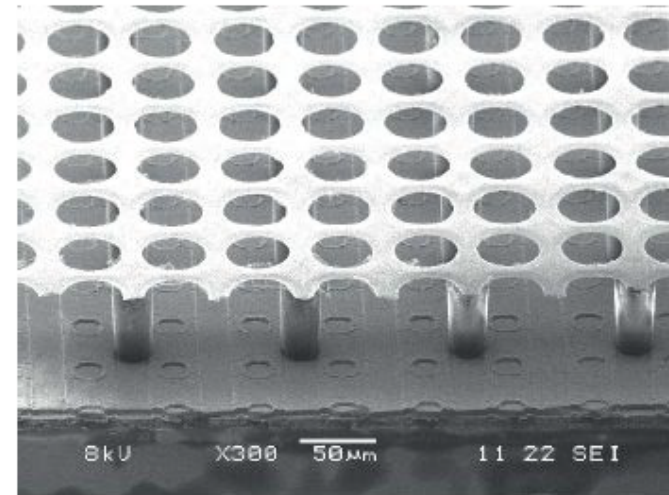




- ❑ separation of drift region and (short) amplification region by a **micro grid**
- ❑ R/O of induced charges by **patterned electrode**
- ❑ fast induced signals
- ❑ need precise grid alignment
- ❑ new development: **INGRID** structure obtained by “post processing” of grid directly on R/O chip

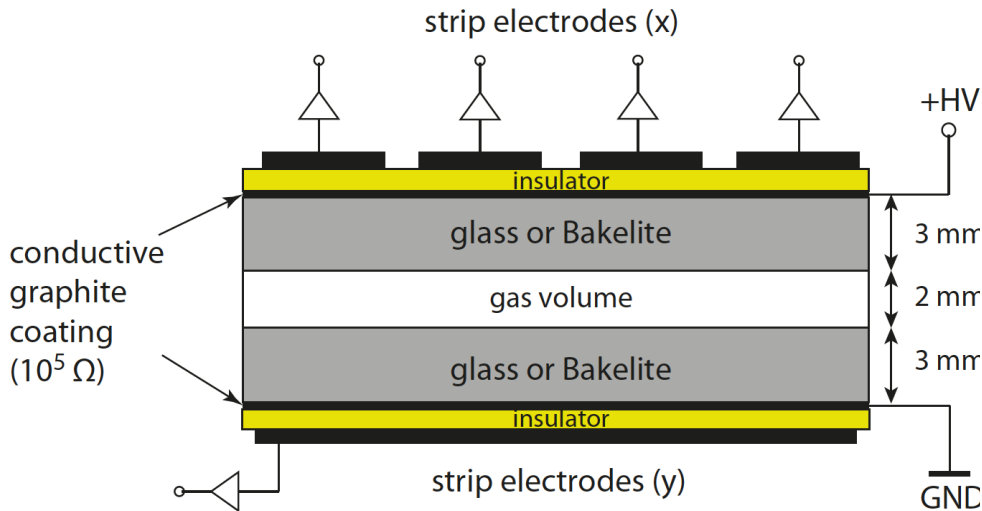


**INGRID** structure

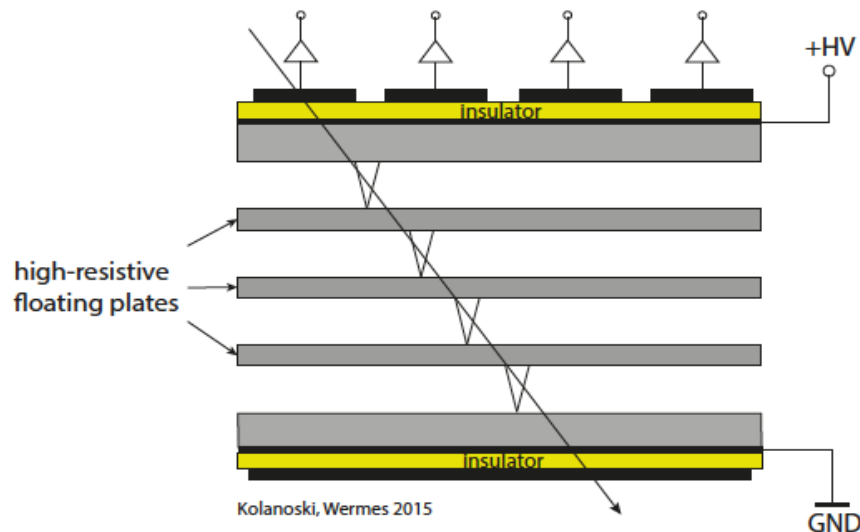


# RPCs (resistive plate chambers)

- target **high timing precision** (trigger and timing chambers, e.g. ATLAS Muon Spectrometer)



- use **high ohmic** ( $10^8$ - $10^{12} \Omega \text{ cm}$ ) plates (glass, Bakelite) with **small gap** (2mm)
- operation ( $\sim 10 \text{ kV}$ ) in **avalanche** (shorter quench times) or ( $\sim 100 \text{ kV/cm}$ ) **streamer** mode (larger and faster signals)
- induced signals **reach through** to patterned electrodes
- large signals**:  $< 100 \text{ pC}$  streamer,  $< 10 \text{ pC}$  avalanche
- gas with **high ionisation density** and **high quenching efficiency** needed:  
e.g. 94.7%  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{F}_4$ , 5%  $i\text{-C}_4\text{H}_{10}$ , 0.3%  $\text{SF}_6$



Trigger-RPC	avalanche mode	Timing-RPC	streamer mode
$E = 50 \text{ kV/cm}$		$E = 100 \text{ kV/cm}$	
$\alpha = 13.3/\text{mm}$	$\eta = 3.5/\text{mm}$	$\alpha = 123/\text{mm}$	$\eta = 10.5/\text{mm}$
$v_D = 140 \mu\text{m/ns}$	$d = 2 \text{ mm}$	$v_D = 210 \mu\text{m/ns}$	$d = 0.3 \text{ mm}$
$\sigma_t = 1 \text{ ns}$		$\sigma_t = 50 \text{ ps}$	
$\epsilon = 98\%$		$\epsilon = 75\%$	

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# End of Lecture 1