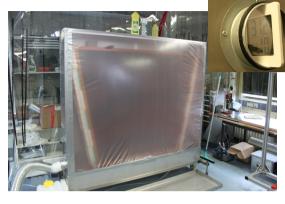
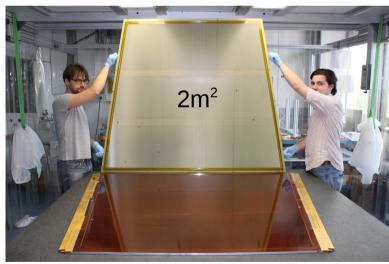
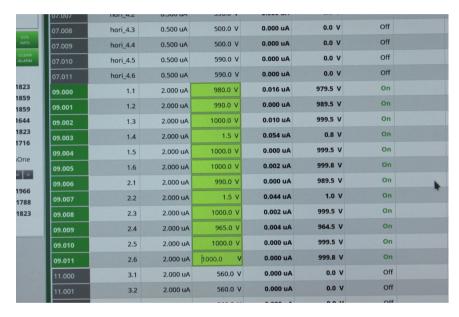
HV Stability of Large Size Resistive Strip Micromegas Chambers









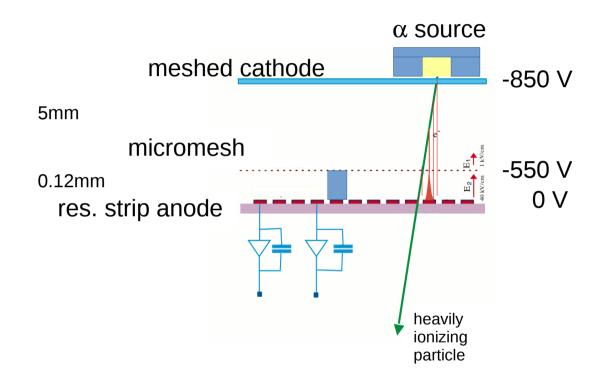


a fully personal review

Ralf Hertenberger, LS Schaile, LMU München RD51 HV workshop Garching 21. June 2018

Standard Micromegas Discharges Between Mesh and Anode @ High Charge Density

(non destructive but deadtime inducing)



acceleratorphysics: heavily primary ionizing particles accompany minimum ionizing muons

working point muon detection: 550 V

working point α detection: 450 V

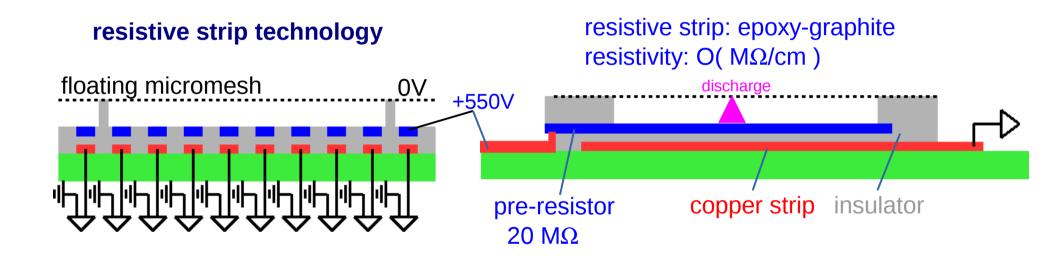
5.8 MeV α induce discharges

@ 3 * 10⁸ e⁻/mm²

Raether limit

discharge protection is necessary

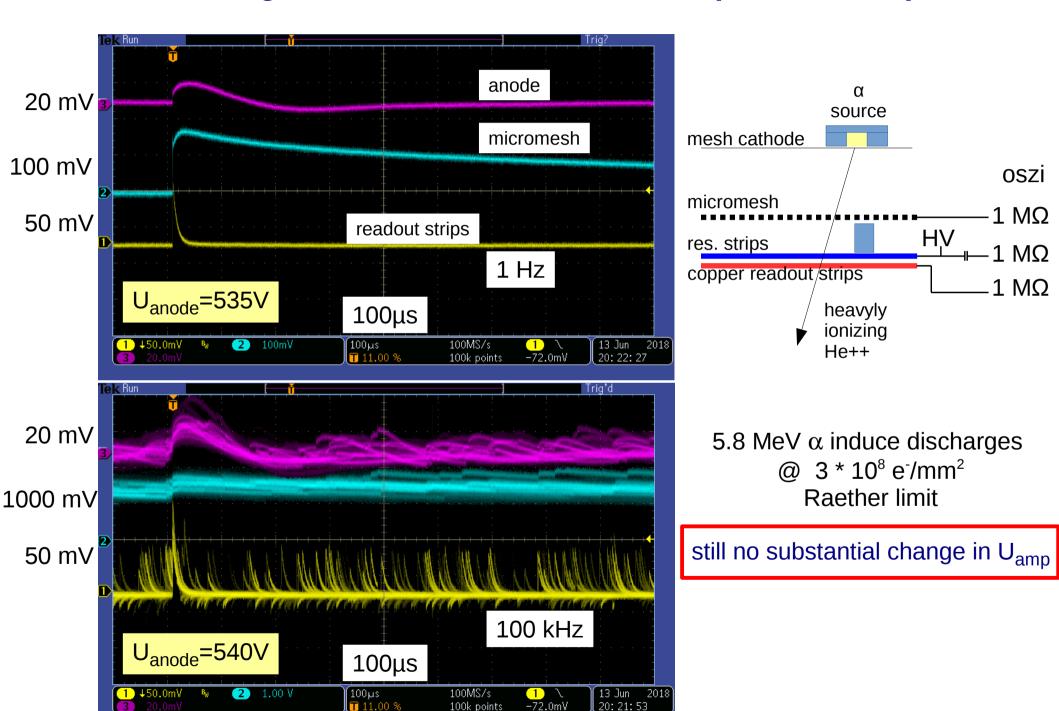
Resistive Strip Micromegas (1D Readout)



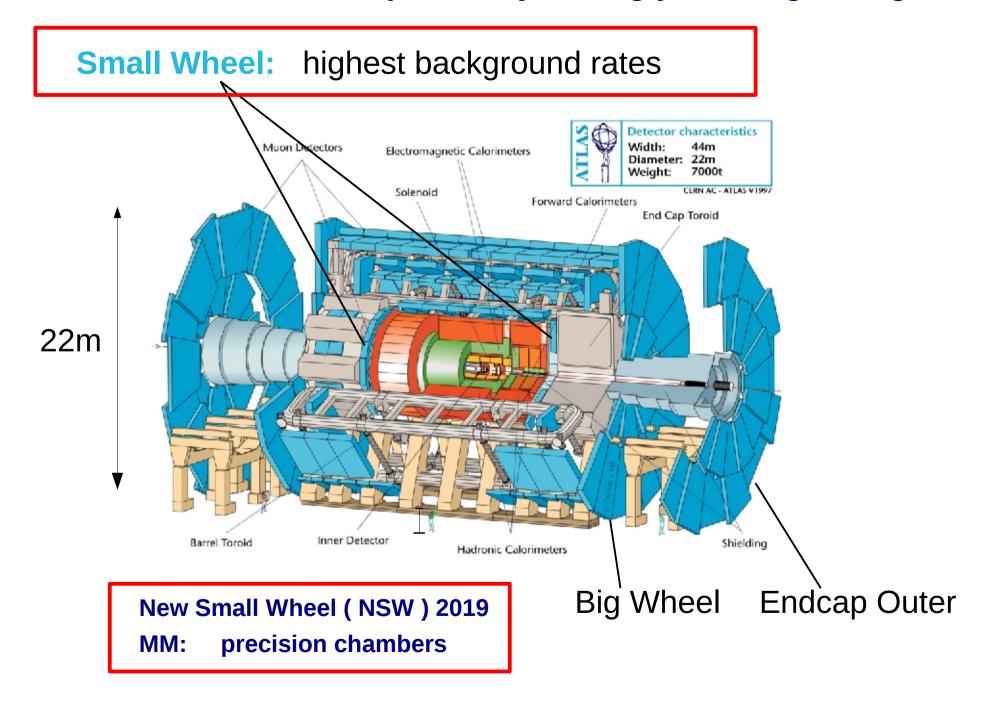
potential equilibrium locally around discharge

discharge / streamer is not able to develop fully restricted to small part of a strip

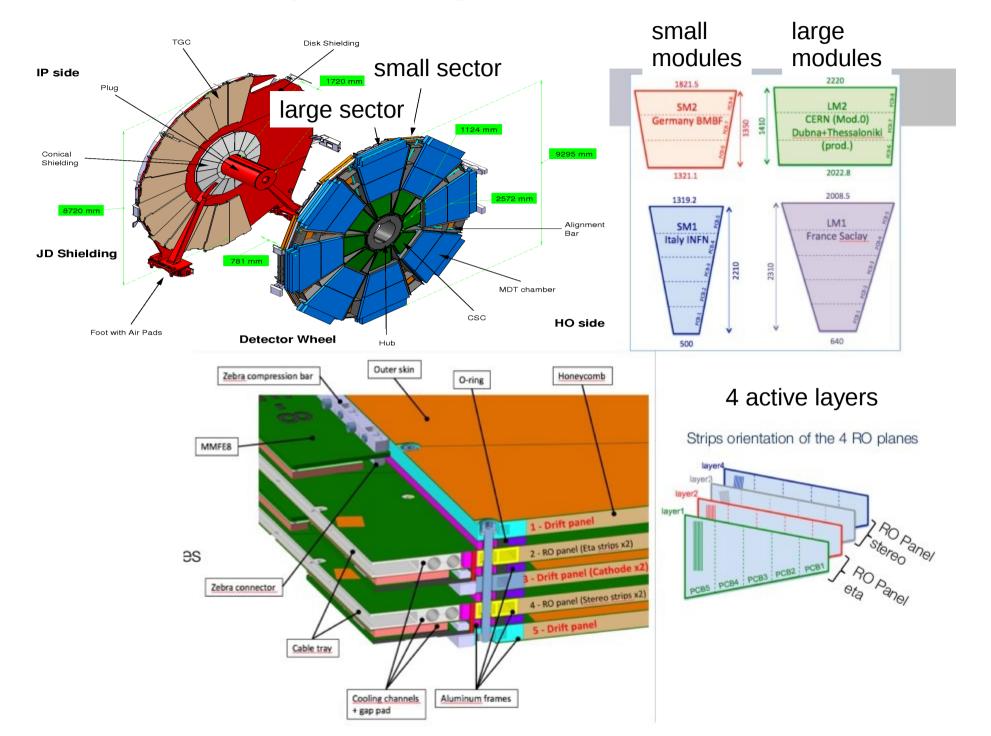
Discharge Protection Seems to Work (T-Chamber)



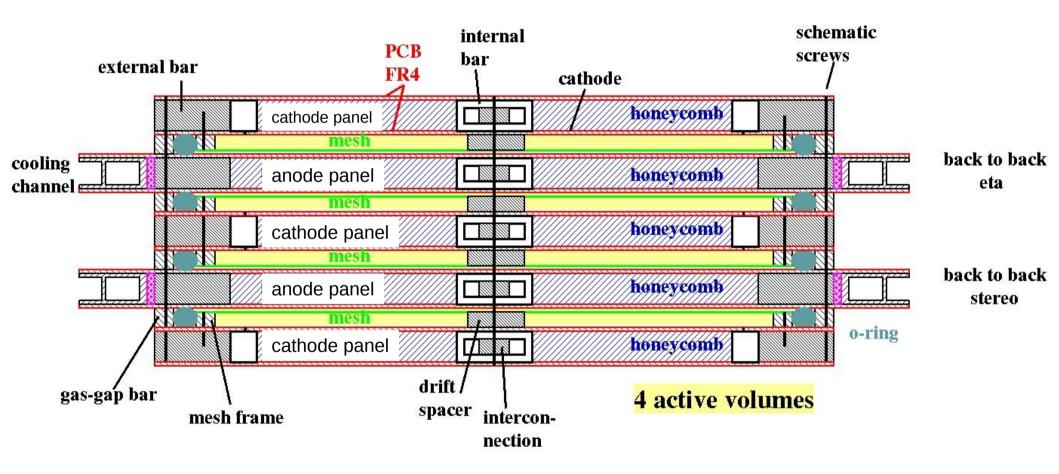
ATLAS: Muons Are Accompanied by Strongly Ionizing Background



Resistive Strip Micromegas for the ATLAS Muon NSW



Schematic of a 2m² Quadruplet 4 active layers



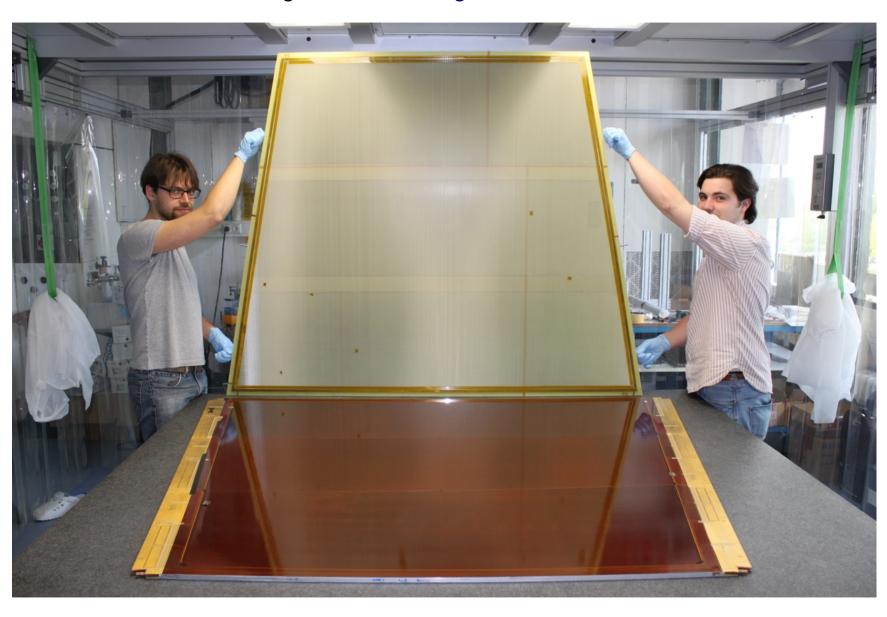
5 honeycomb reinforced sandwich panels

floating grounded mesh (no bulk technology)

mounted on cathode panels

the active area is in between drift and readout panels

cathode panel: with micromesh attached to it grounded floating mesh

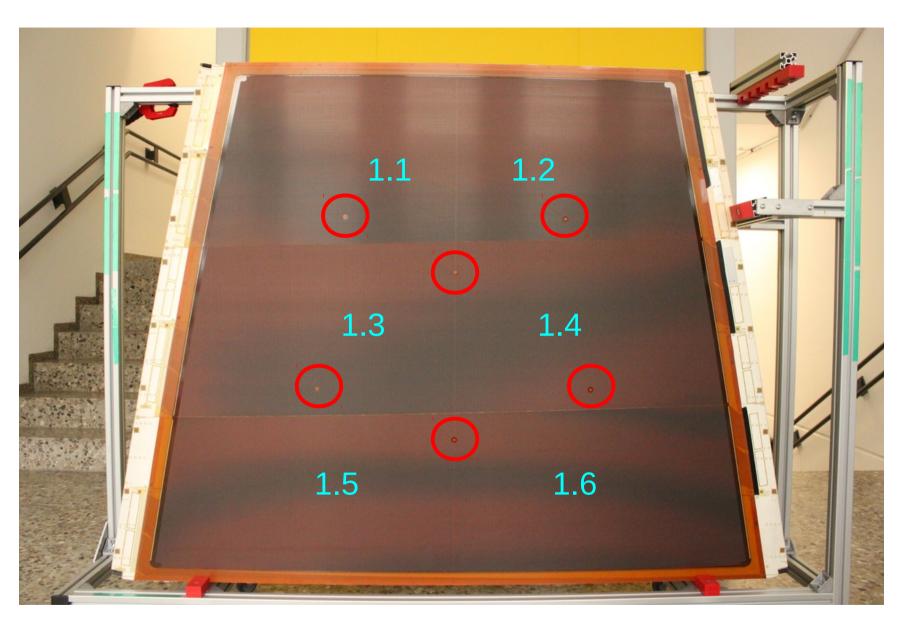


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microstructured anode panel: resistive strips with pillars

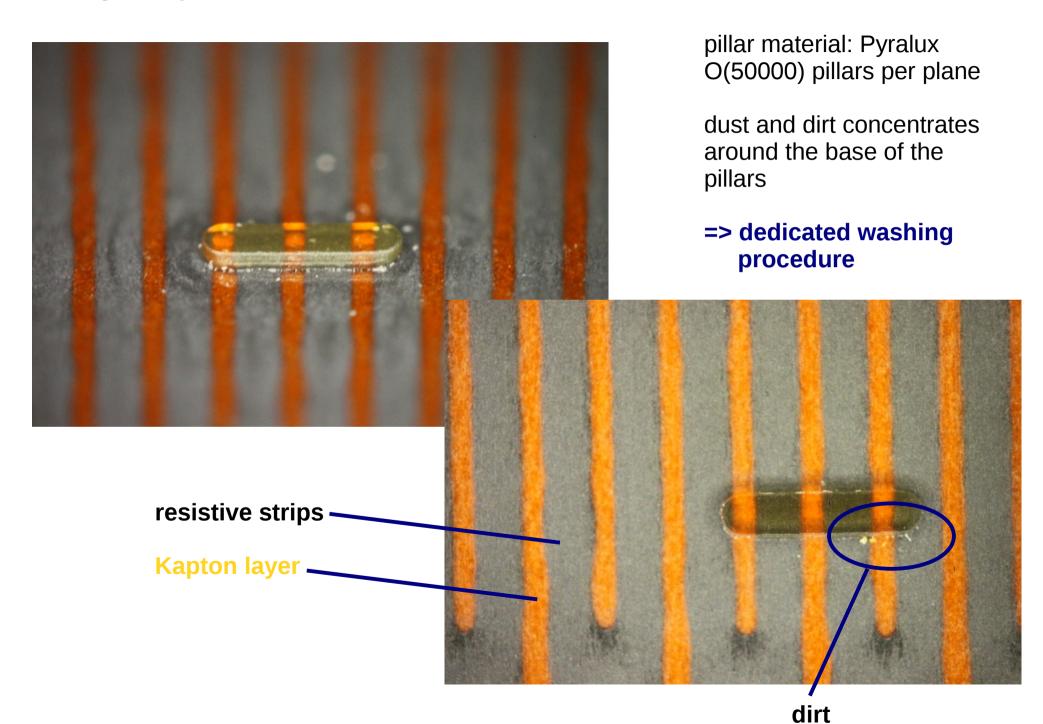
A SM2 Stereo Readout-Panel



3 PCBs
6 HV sectors

3068 strips, 425 µm pitch, 1.5 deg tilted against horizontal direction 120 µm high insulating pillars every 7 mm 6 interconnection regions no blow-up, but also to define floating mesh

120 µm Pyralux Pillars Define the Distance Micromesh - Anode





micro crystal cleaner readout panels

NGL drift panels



cleaning with deionized water

micro crystal cleaner 2nd side ro panel



all 3 panels in Rui's oven



rinsing with warm tap water + use of brush

SM2 Cleaning @ Cern total time 1-2h

Wet Cleaning:

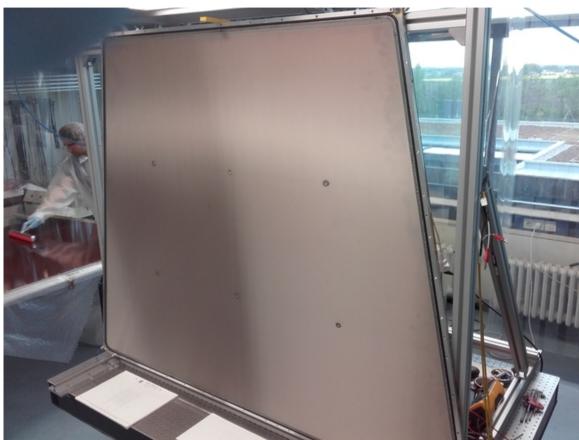
- 1. remove remnants from lithographic production processes
- 2. remove dust and dirt

The Wet Cleaning is implemented at all 4 production sites

It works, all remnants of the lithographic production processes can be efficiently removed

Assembly Station in a Laminar Flow Tent (Iso5)

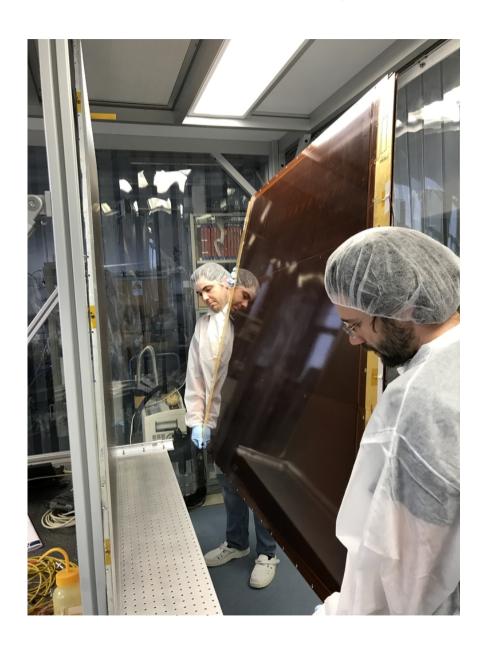




dry cleaning of an external drift panel using vacuum + brush and the sticky roller

in the background: dry cleaning of a readout panel

Assembly Station



the cleaned readout panel is placed against the drift panel

A Completed Quadruplet on the Assembly Station



HV test under dry air starts immediately after assembly dry air is used to avoid long waiting time for Ar:CO2 flushing

SM2: Status of Cleaned Multiplets

multiplet	cleaned in	# of wet clean. cycles	dry air	Ar:CO2	# of sectors @ U _{max}	panels in multiplet
M2 doublet:	Cern	1x	990 V	590 V	12/12	eta2
M1 quplet:	MUC	2x	990 V	560 V	24/24	eta1 / stereo1
M3 doublet: eta3:	MUC MUC	1x 1x	975 V not yet	not yet not yet	10/12 ?	stereo 4 + 2x polished ext. drift eta3 / stereo 4 + polish. in. drift
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SM2 M2 Doublet: HV Test under Dry Air in Munich

(cleaned @ Cern, after transport from Cern, no reopeneing)

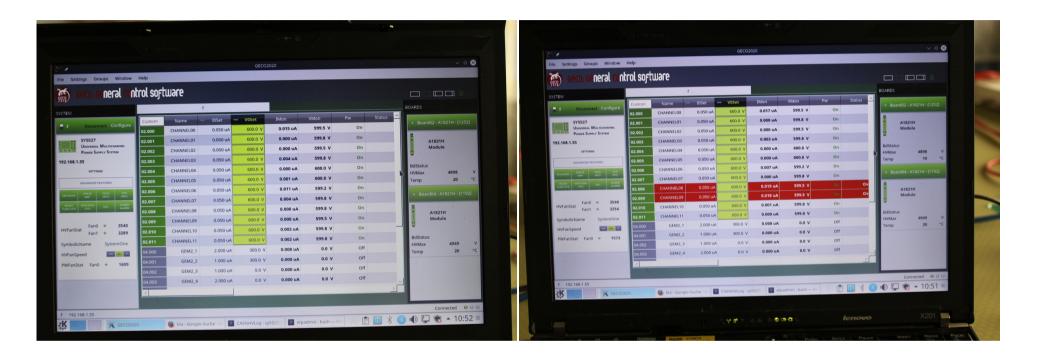


channel 0 and channel 6 have 10 nA offset

all 12 HV sectors are well below 10 nA identical result as at Cern after cleaning but there are short trips every few seconds

990 V seems to be the max. sust. voltage (< breakdown voltage)

SM2 M2 Doublet: HV Test under Ar / CO2 in Munich 600 V



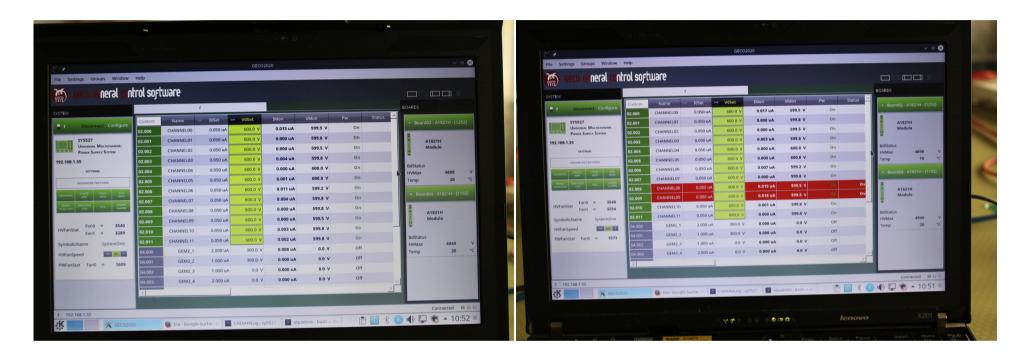
channel 0 and channel 6 have 10 nA offset

at 600 V some sectors become instable

590 V in Ar/CO2 <=> 990 V in dry Air (pressure depedent)

590 V seems to be the max. sust. voltage for this SM2 doublet several reopenings and dry cleaning were necessary for this

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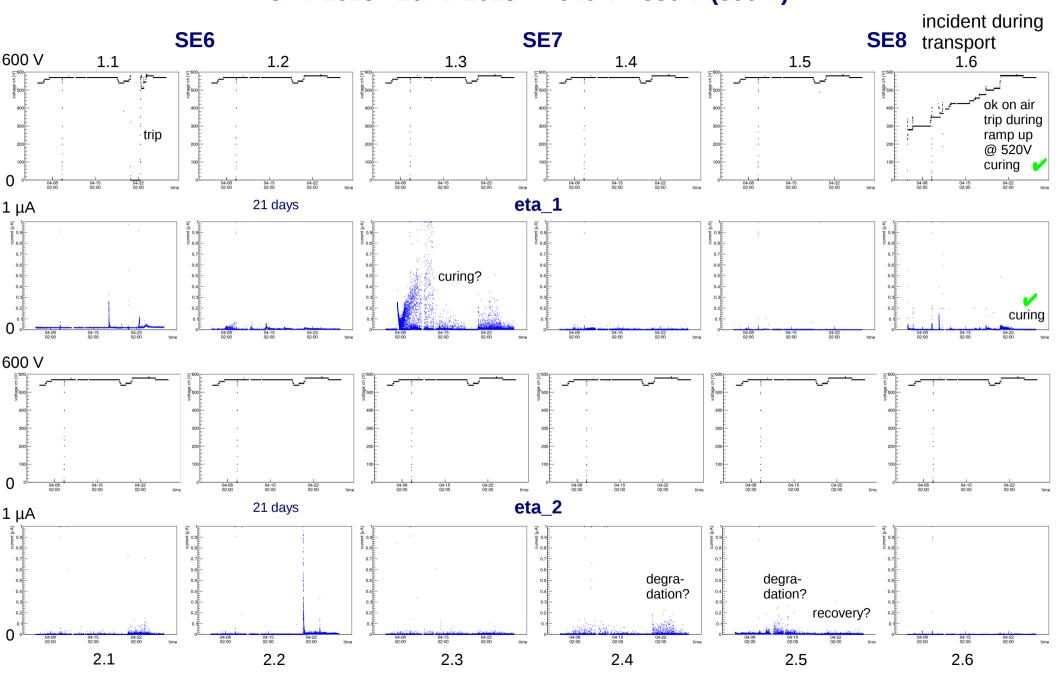
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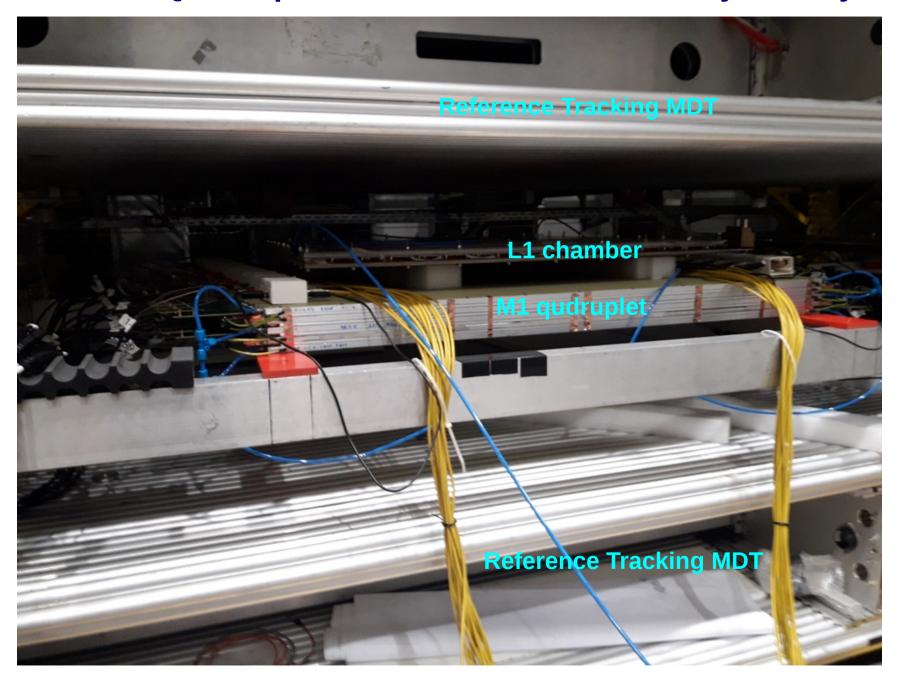
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SM2 M2 Doublet in the Cosmic Ray Facility Ar:CO2 93:7 5. 4. 2018 - 26. 4. 2018 **540 V - 580 V (590 V)**



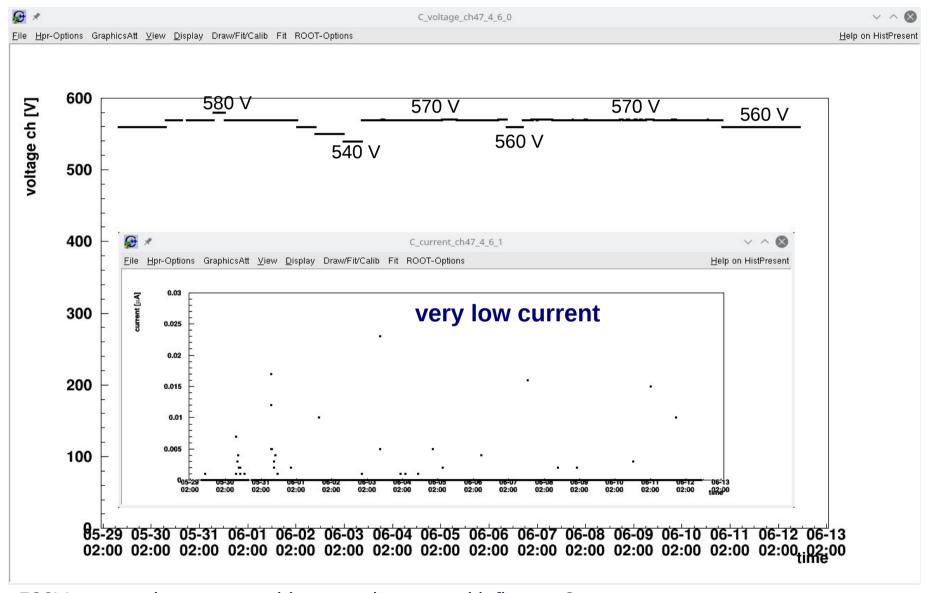
The M1 Quadruplet in the Munich Cosmic Ray Facility



Full APV electronic readout

SM2 M1 Quadruplet in the Cosmic Ray Facility Ar:CO2 93:7 29. 5. 2018 - 12. 6. 2018 540 V - 580 V

timescale of the HV scan in the CRF: e.g.: SE8 Eta_out

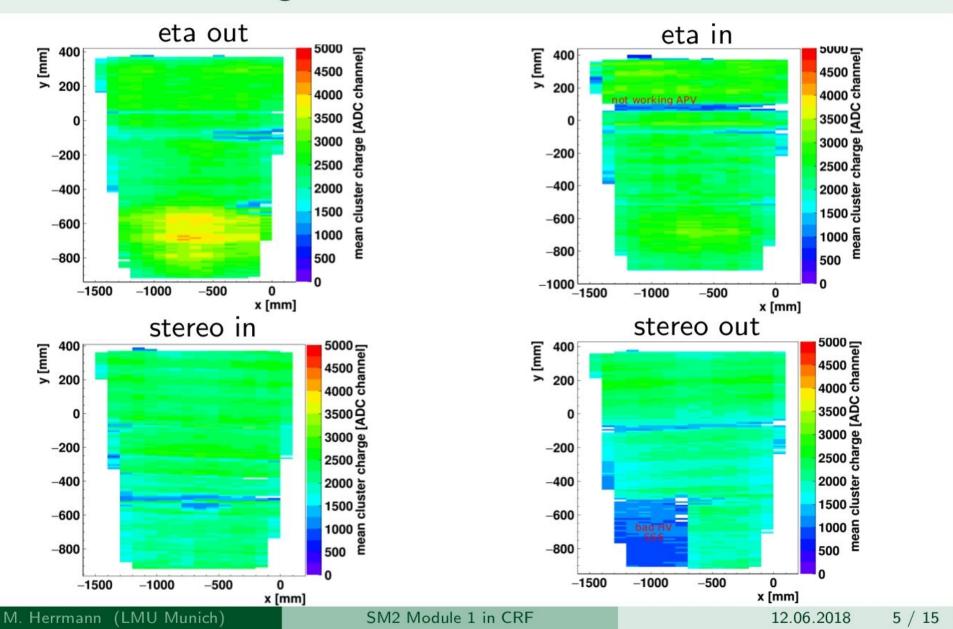


580V was not long term stable ↔ environmental influence?

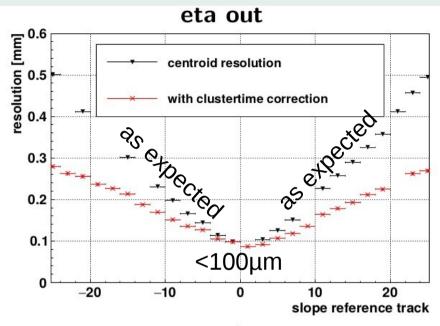
1 SS6 HV sector became bad after short time defective pcb many missing pillars problem solved

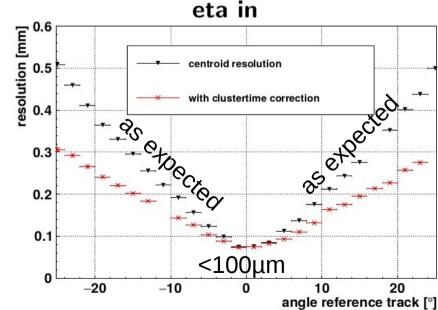
SM2 M1: Cosmic Ray Facility Data

Anode: 570 V, Cathode: 300 V, Ar:CO₂ 93:7 vol% Mean Cluster Charge



Position Resolution as Function of the Incident Angle





- residual distribution for each angle separately
- fit with double Gaussian analysis sigma narrow Gaussian only (reject multiple scattering)
- consider track uncertainty of reference chambers:

$$\sigma_{\mathrm{micromegas}} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\mathrm{res}}^2 - \sigma_{\mathrm{track}}^2}$$

- resolution is for perpendicular incident close to expectation
- charge weighted clustertime correction improves residual distribution considerably

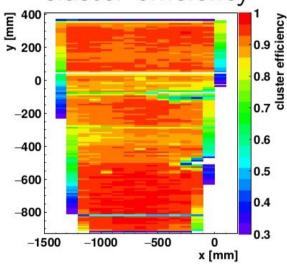
analysis ongoing:

 $0.2\,\text{mm}$ @ 20° expected

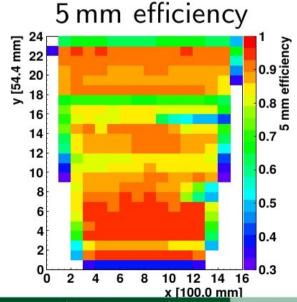
(see B.Flierl PhD thesis - Particle Tracking with Micro-Pattern Gaseous Detectors)

Efficiency (Preliminary)

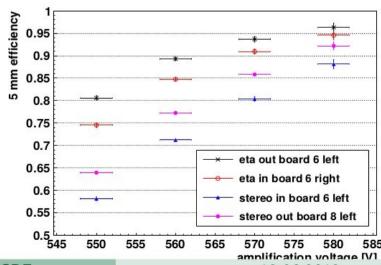
amplification 570 V, drift 150 V cluster efficiency



eta_in



- preliminary results⇒ cuts have to be checked
- cluster efficiency: number of cluster with at least 2 strips divided by number all of tracks going trough partition
- 5 mm efficiency: number of cluster within 5 mm to track prediction divided by number of all tracks going trough partition
- efficiency decreased by missing strips / zebra?



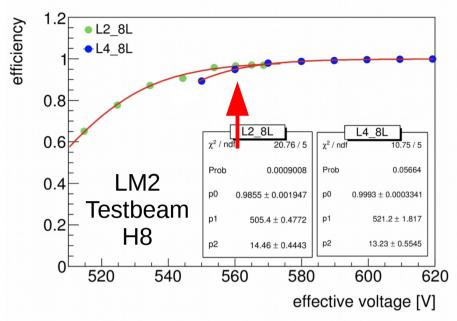
M. Herrmann (LMU Munich)

SM2 Module 1 in CRF

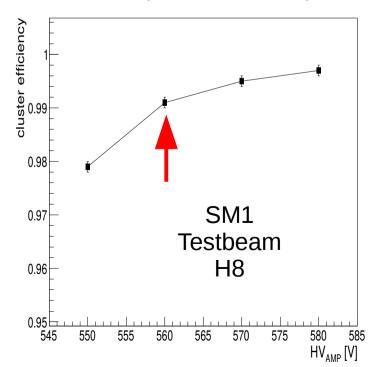
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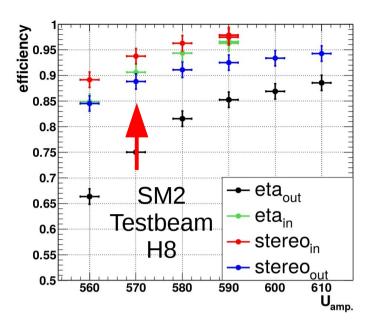
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Efficiency Turn On Curves for Module 0



screen printed res. strips





sputtered resistive strips

efficiencies were in the plateau above 560-570 V

stable situation

higher primary ionisation than MIPs

20. April 2018 Summary of the Facts:

working point: 560 - 580 V

max voltage: 590 - 600 V

the small dynamic range between 580 and 590 V is driving the question:

can we increase the margin between work.point and max.voltage by

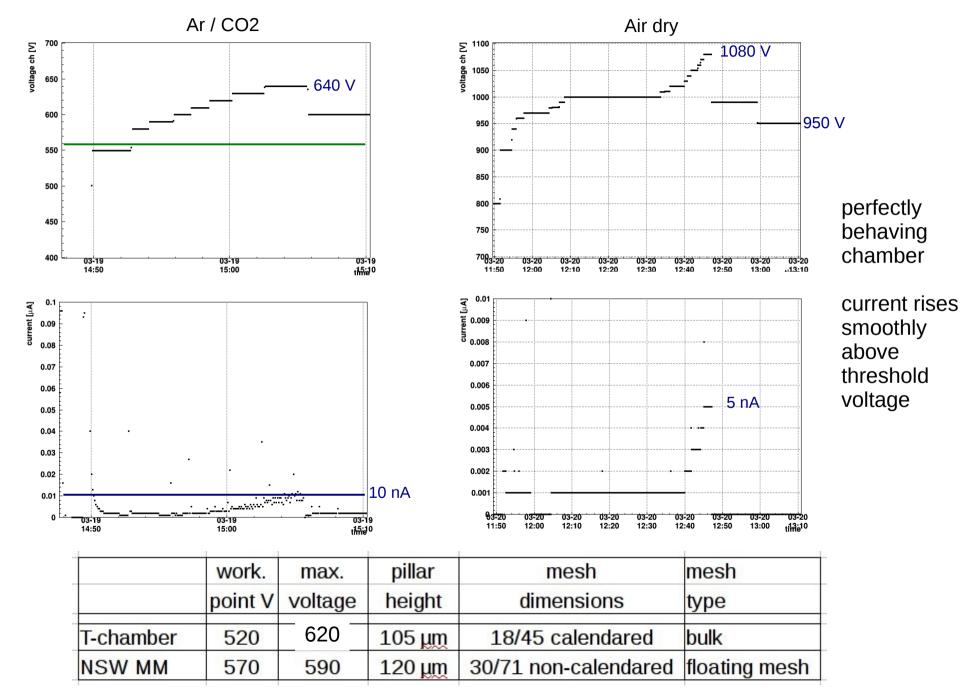
- 1. increasing the break down voltage
- 2. lowering the working point

=>
compare with

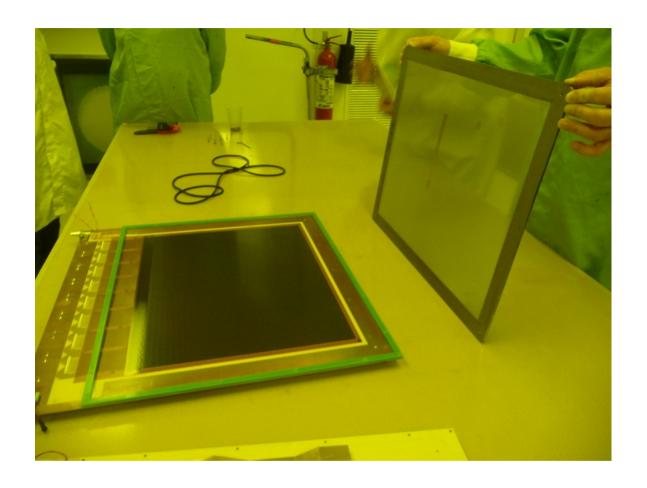
- 1. data from T-chamber (18/45 calendered mesh)
- 2. data from ExMe chamber (F.Kuger 2016) similar to SM2 (ExMe: exchangeable mesh)

HV Max. Voltages and Currents T-Chamber 19. 3. 2018 (RH + PL)

(the T-chamber was connected to the output of the SM2 Multiplet)



The ExMe Chamber

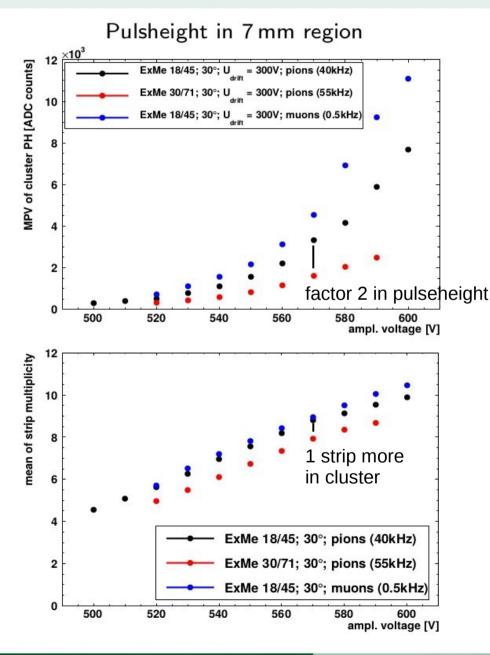


anode similar to NSW MM $\,$ 120 μm high pillars, 7mm distance easy to exchange meshes under otherwise unchanged conditions

the 30/71 mesh has been polished, see later

H8 Testbeam May 2018: ExMe2 Chamber with 30/71 and 18/45 Mesh

Pulseheight (mesh comparison)



18/45 calendared mesh 30/71 polished mesh

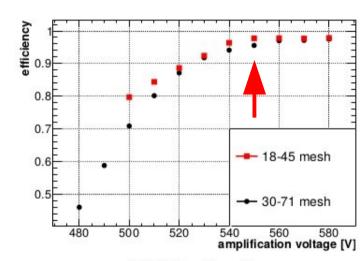
Mesh comparison:

- Pulseheight measured in 7 mm pillar region, here shown @ 30°
- (18-45) μm mesh shows significantly higher amplification than (30-71) μm mesh
- Factor 2 @ 570 V
- Higher working point of (18-45)
 µm mesh (due to Kapton
 passivation ?)
- On average higher strip multiplicity at (18-45) μm mesh

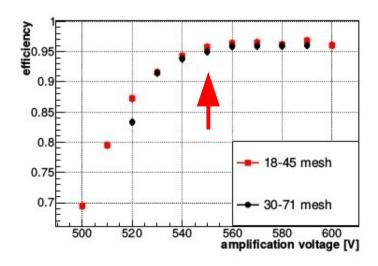
in agreement with Cern Fe55 ExMe results

5 mm Efficiency

0° inclination



30° inclination



turn on curves not fully compatible with factor of 2 higher pulse height @ 18/45

- Efficiency: Cluster (min. 3 strips) within ±5 mm from prediction
- $E_{drift} = 600 \, \text{V cm}^{-1}$
- (30-71) μm seems to have steeper turn-on curve
- At plateau: insignificant difference between both meshes
- $\epsilon \ge 95 \% \ U_A \ge 550 \ V$

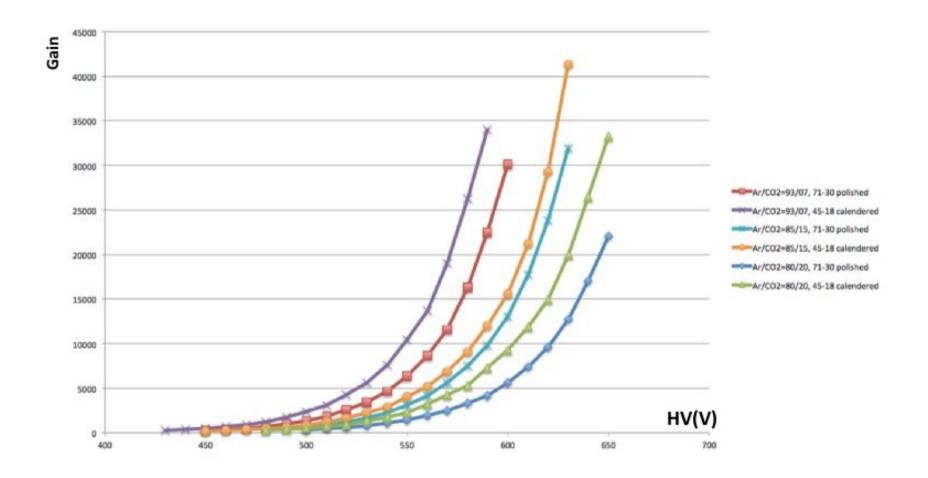
 $U_{work} = 550 \text{ V}$? for ExMe Chamber



Gas mixture comparison



- Mesh: 45/18 and 30/71 polished
 - o Higher gain of 45/18 for all mixtures, difference seems not to be constant with CO2 fraction



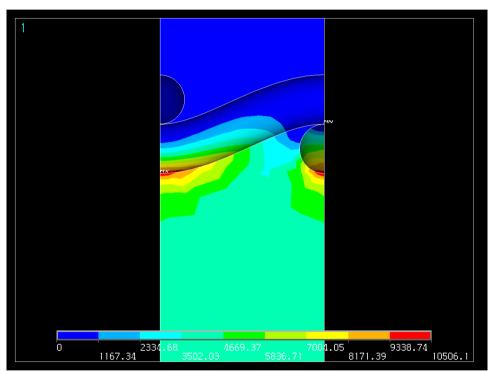
E-Field at Micromeshes

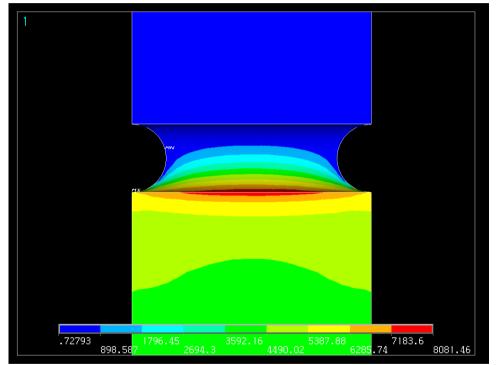
Ansys Simulation (M. Herrmann)
$$U_{anode}$$
=540 V U_{drift} =-300V

simulation of a calendared mesh

SM2

T-chamber





plain weave mesh 30-71 120 μm

flat mesh 18-45 120 μm

$$E_{max} = 105 \text{ kV / cm}$$

 $E = 44 \text{ kV / cm}$

$$E_{max} = 81 \text{ kV / cm}$$

 $E = 36 \text{ kV / cm}$

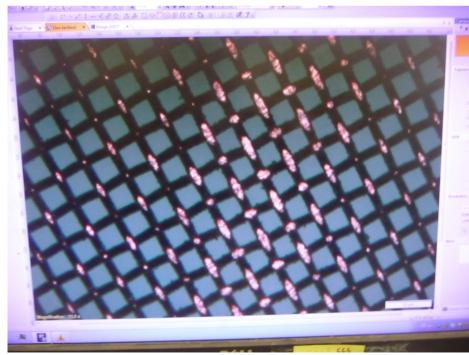
NB: the weakest point defines the break through voltage! polishing of the mesh might be beneficious

SM2 M3 Doublet:

stereo4 + 2x polished drift panel

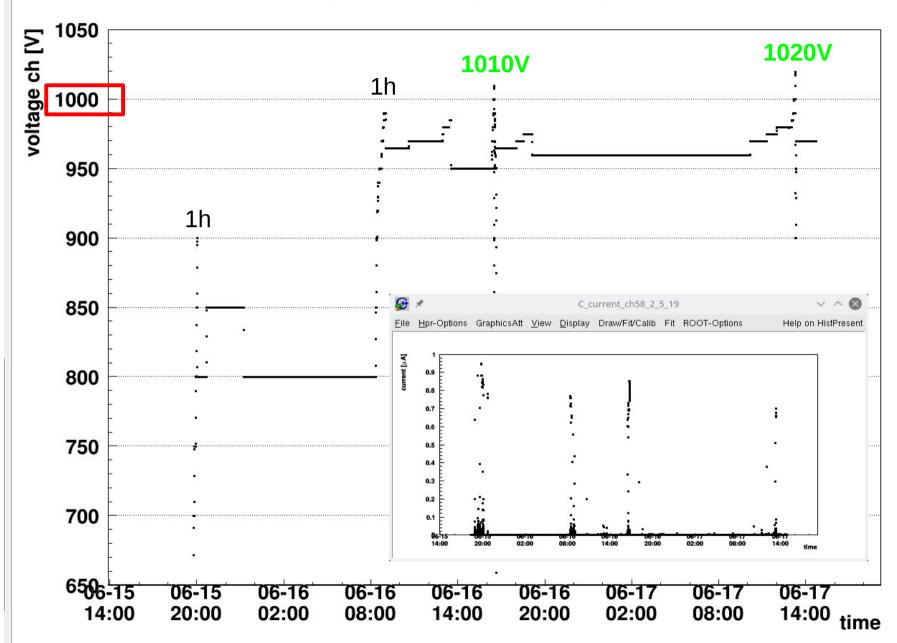
assumption: polishing of the mesh => less $\mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{field}}$ exaltation





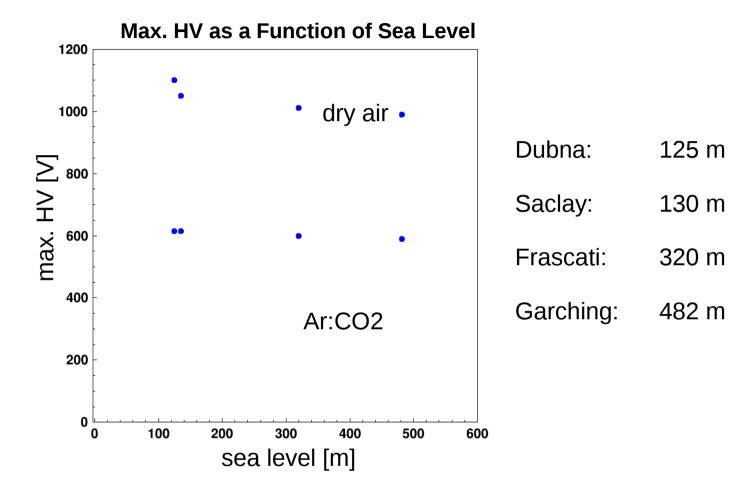
SM2 M3 Doublet: HV Scan Example HV Sector 2.5

HV Ramp-Up Started Immediately After Assembly Together With Dry Air Flushing



quiet currents, higher values only during change of HV U_{max} =1000V 10/12 sectors

All 4 Production Sites Experience Similar Results



$U_{work} = 570 \text{ V} \rightarrow 550 \text{ V}$ is under investigation

- polished meshes, calendared meshes I, D, Cern
- gas studies Cern, F, D, I
- VMM electronic + drifttime including analysis

Summary:

3 multiplets have been cleaned cleaning works, 1x wet cleaning but several reopeneings still necessary for successful dry cleaning

excellent spatial resolution under cosmics
efficiency high, but not too high yet (missing strips, zebra?)
similar HV behaviour for all 3 multiplets => systematic effect? mesh?
similar HV behaviour for the other multiplets from the other 3 sites

potential degradation of HV behaviour by time at a few HV sectors narrow dynamic range between U_{max} and U_{work}

the polishing of the mesh seems to have positive effects but the results are not yet fully conclusive a test in Italy shows no improvement using polishing a comparison of calendared and uncalendared 30/71 mesh shows no effect using ExMe

test of M1 at SPS 120 GeV pion beams next week VMM electronic gas studies: Ar:CO2 93:7, Ar:CO2 85:15, Ar:CO2:C4H10 91:7:2, H₂O content

ExMe Chamber tests are ongoing: meshes, gas-mixtures

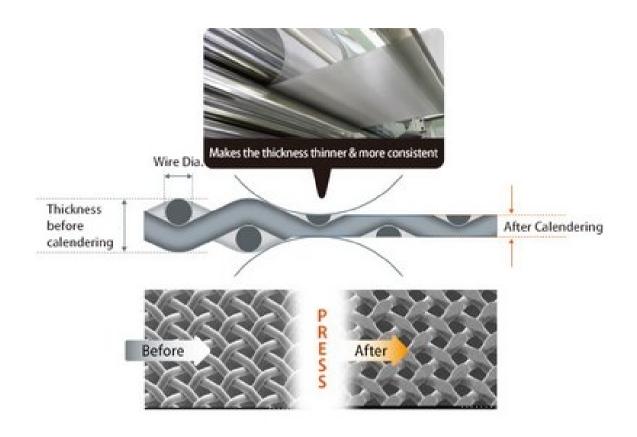
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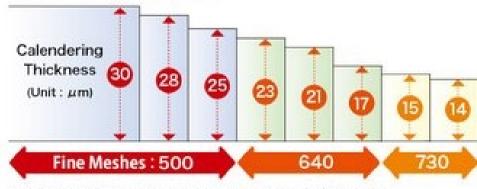
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Calendering of a Mesh



Fine Meshes and Calendering thickness



Thickness can be controlled with an accuracy level of 1.0 micron.



Gas mixture



Results from old Micromegas prototype (bulk, non resistive)

