



# GEM DETECTORS

20 YEARS OF DEVELOPMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

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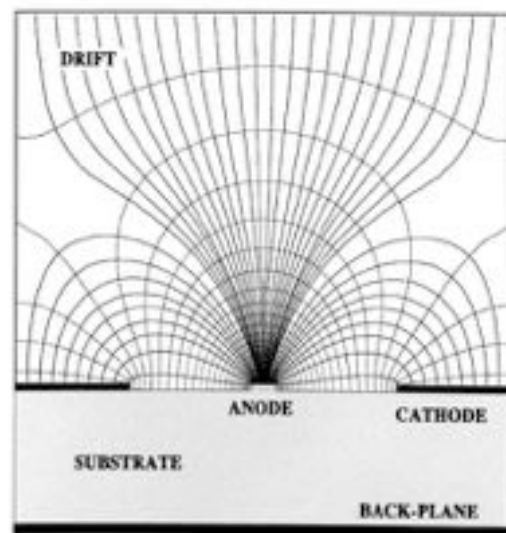
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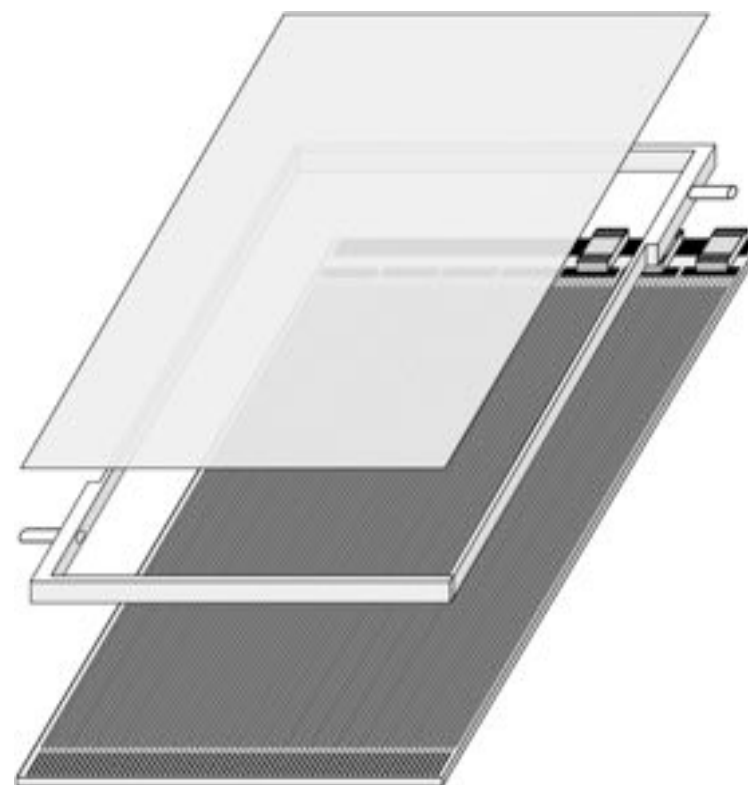
THIN METAL STRIPS ON GLASS SUBSTRATE



A. Oed,  
*Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A263(1988)351*

RATE CAPABILITY  $\sim 1 \text{ MHz/mm}^2$   
 POSITION ACCURACY  $\sim 40 \mu\text{m}$   
 2-TRACK RESOLUTION  $\sim 500 \mu\text{m}$

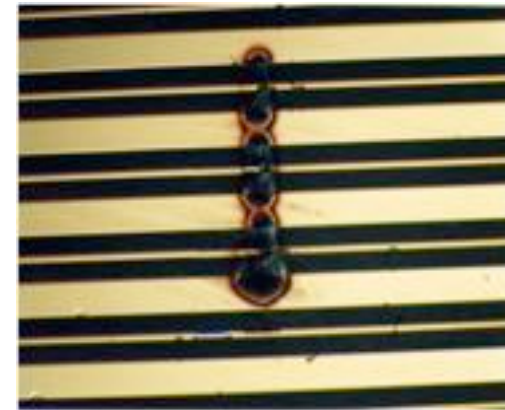
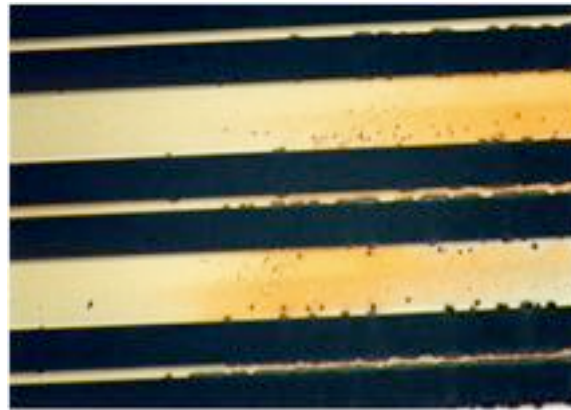
LIGHT AND COMPACT DETECTOR CONSTRUCTION



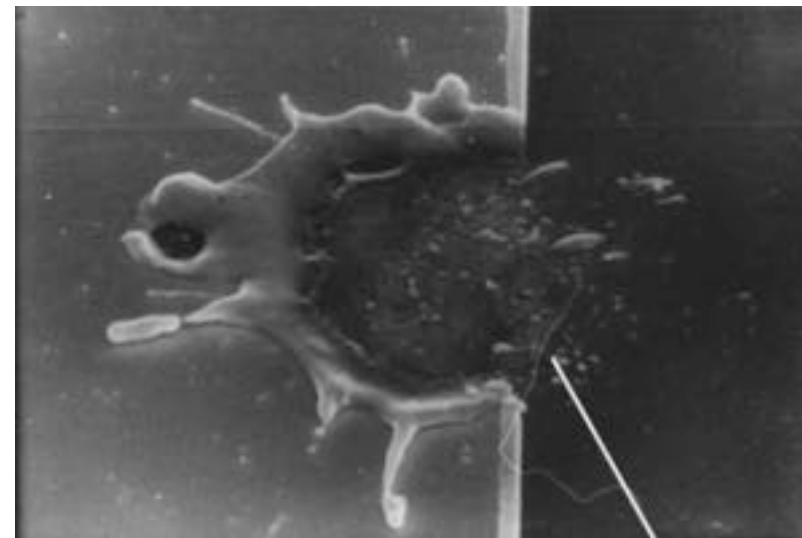
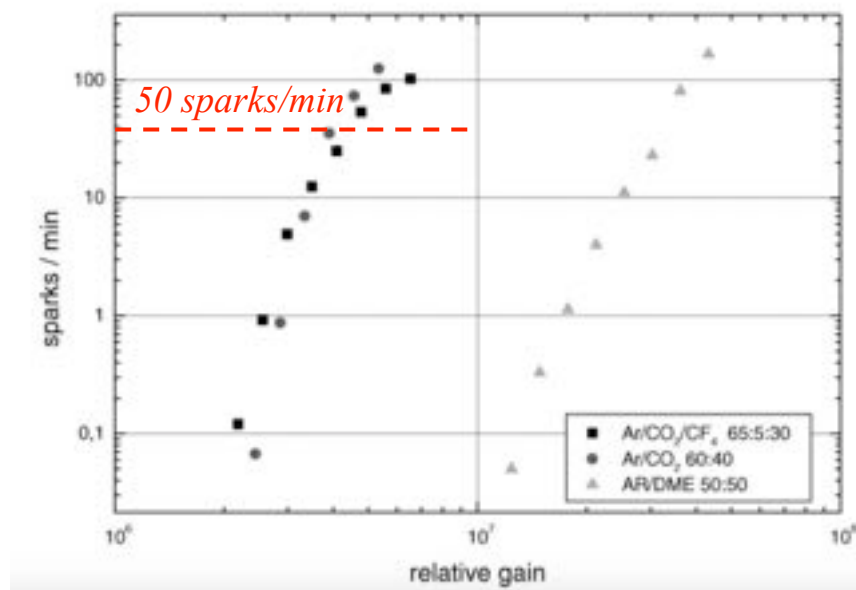
*J. Bohm et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A360(1995)34*

**HERA-B MSGC INNER TRACKER  $\sim 200 \text{ MSGC } 20 \times 20 \text{ mm}^2$**   
**CMS CENTRAL TRACKER  $\sim 5500 \text{ MSGC}$**

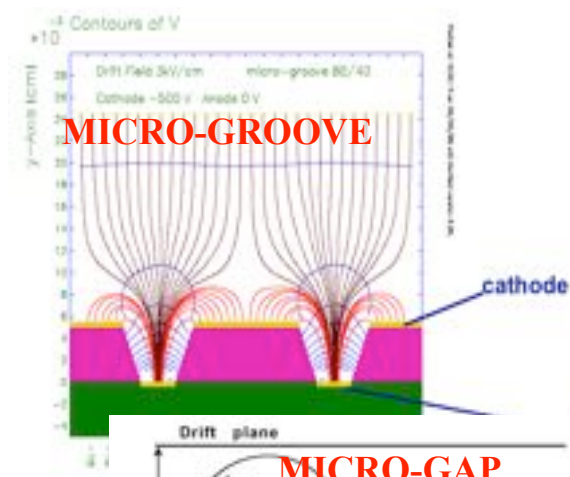
MILD OR SERIOUS  
DISCHARGE PROBLEMS!



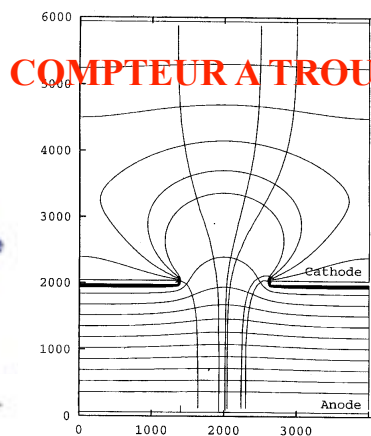
HERA-B MSGC INNER TRACKER



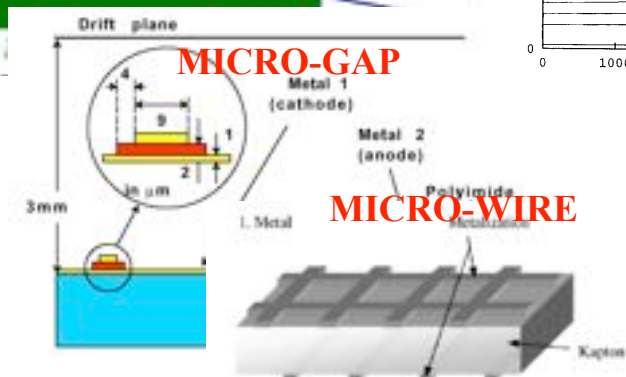
*S. Keller et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A419(1998)382*



**MICRO-GROOVE**

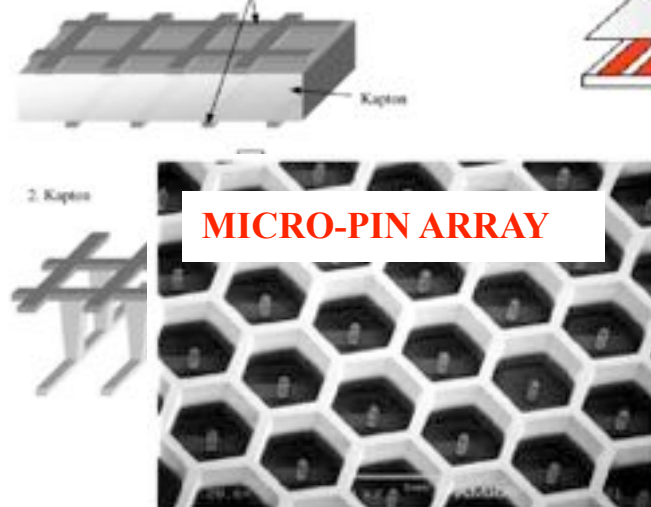


**COMPTEUR A TROUS**

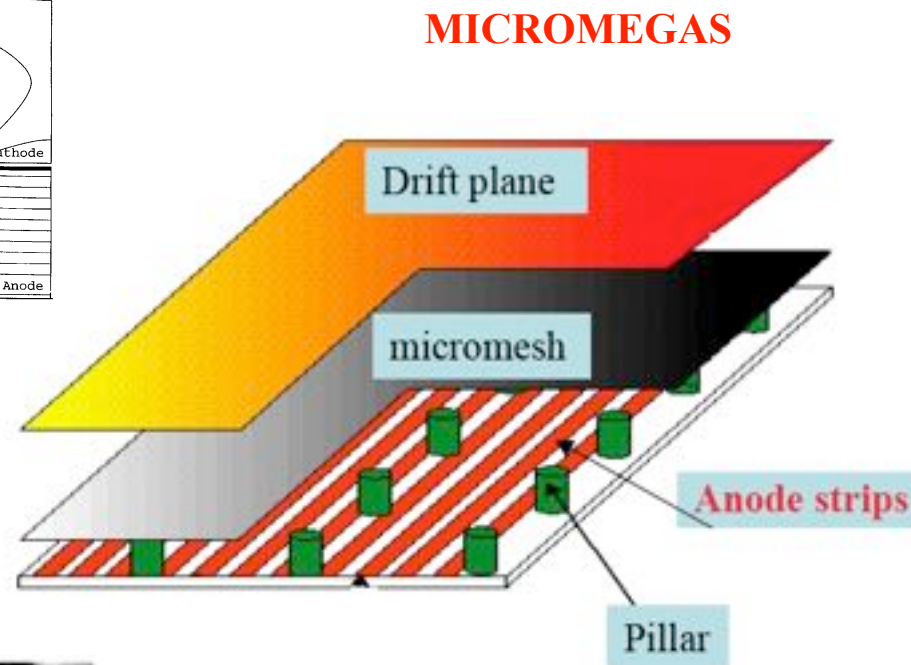


**MICRO-GAP**

**MICRO-WIRE**



**MICRO-PIN ARRAY**



**MICROMEAS**

Y. Giomataris,  
*Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A419(1998)239*



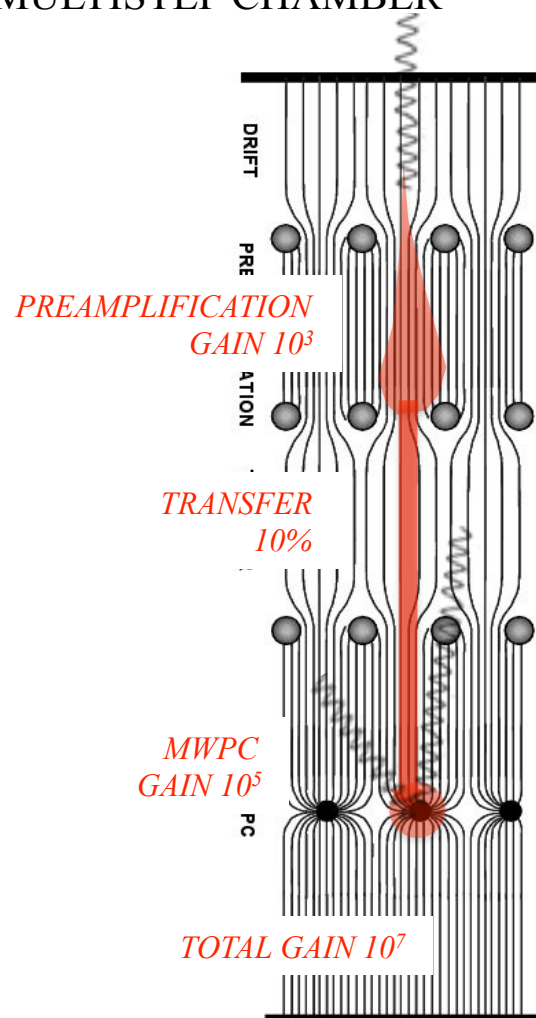


## 1978: THE MULTISTEP CHAMBER (MSC)



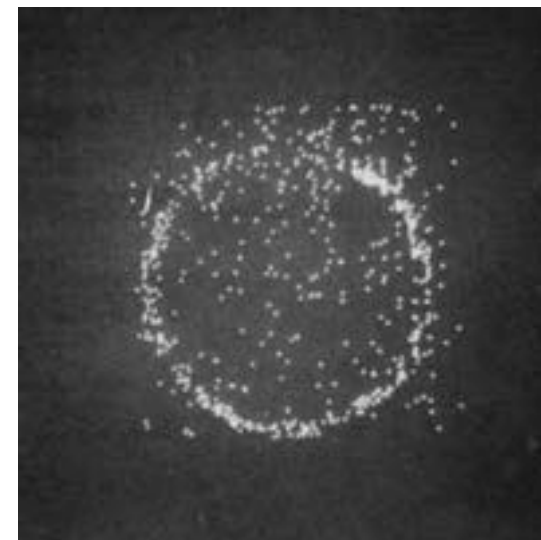
UV PHOTONS DETECTION (RICH): MWPC WITH PHOTSENSITIVE GAS (TEA)

MULTISTEP CHAMBER



SINGLE ELECTRON DETECTION  
SIMULATED CHERENKOV RING  
(COLLIMATED UV SOURCE)

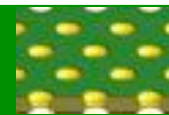
*E605 RICH*



*G. Charpak and F. Sauli, Phys. Lett. 78B(1978)723*



## *~ 1995 : $\mu$ VIAS DEVELOPMENT*

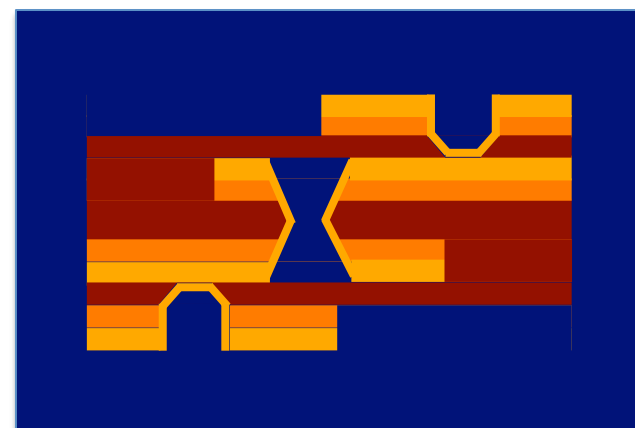
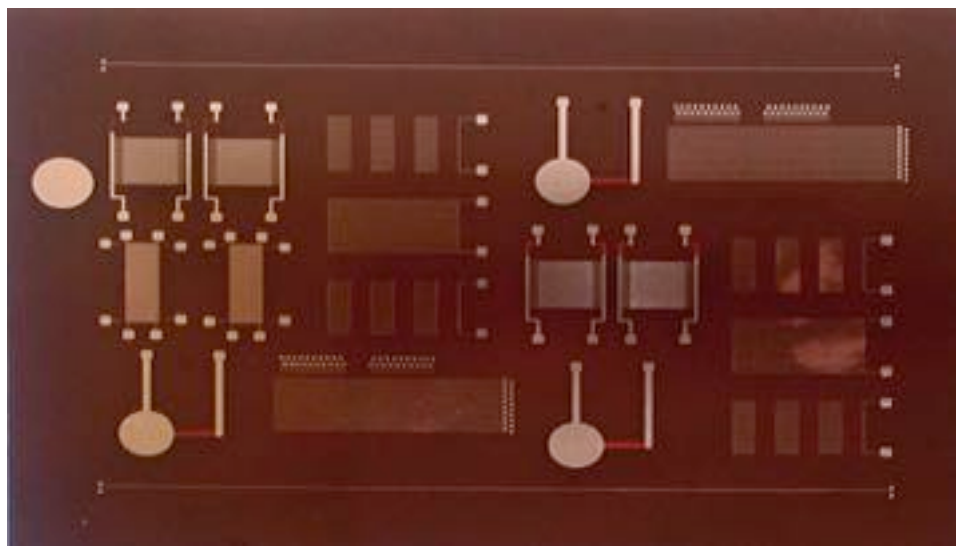
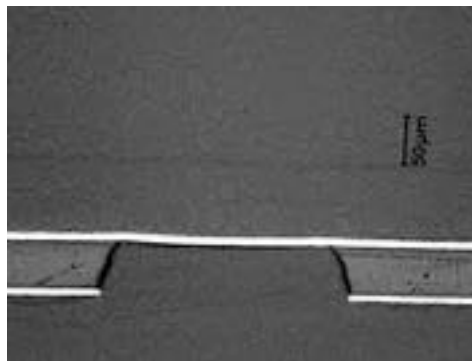
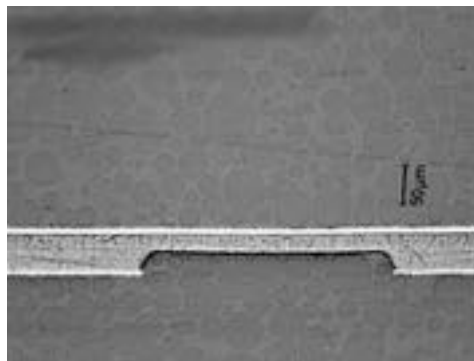


POLYIMIDE ETCHING:

CONTACTS THROUGH FLEXIBLE PRINTED CIRCUITS

Angelo Gandi and Rui De Oliveira

CERN's Printed Circuit Workshop (EST-DEM)



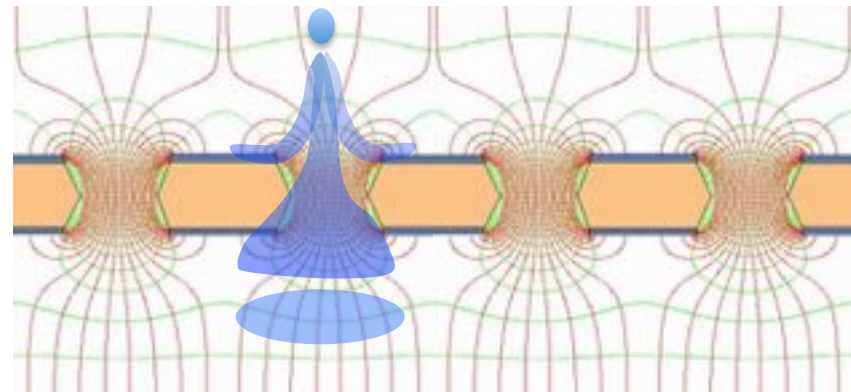
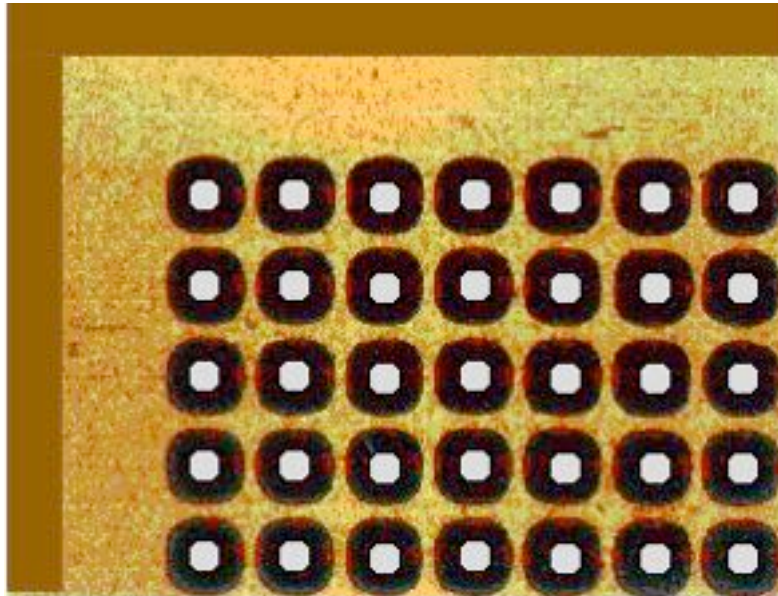


# *1996: MSC+ $\mu$ VIAS $\Rightarrow$ GEM*



THE GAS ELECTRON MULTIPLIER (GEM):

100  $\mu$ m PITCH HOLES ON COPPER-CLAD POLYIMIDE FOIL

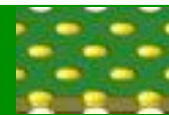


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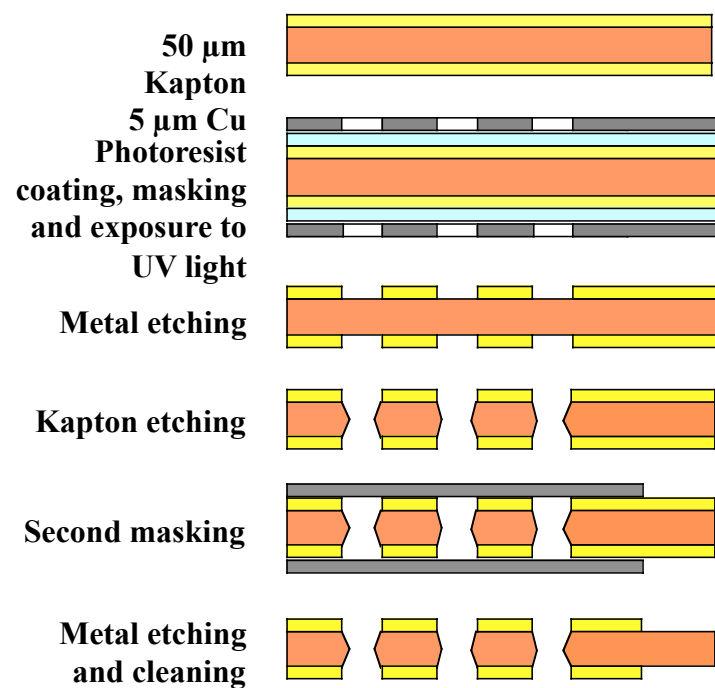
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Anaheim, CA November 3-9, 1996

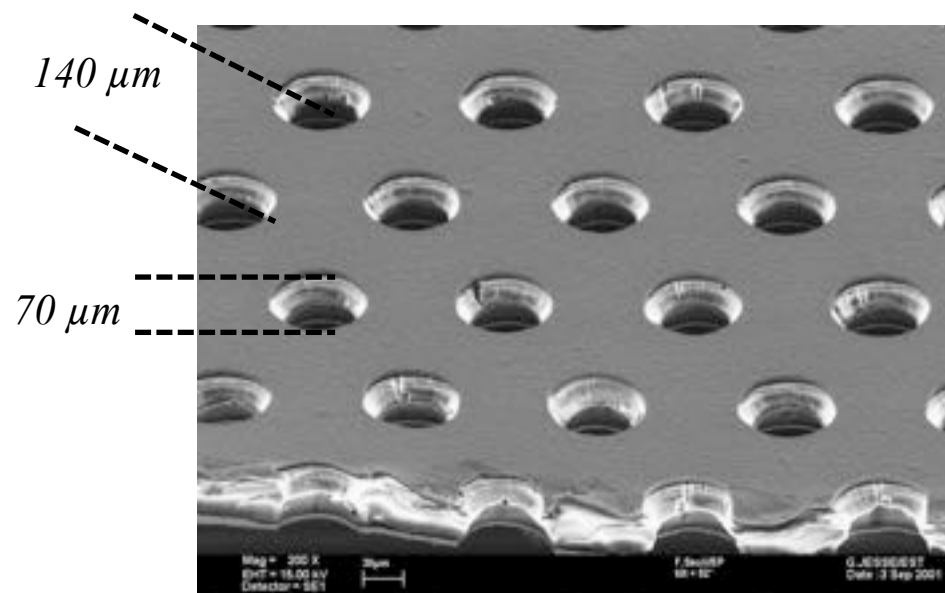
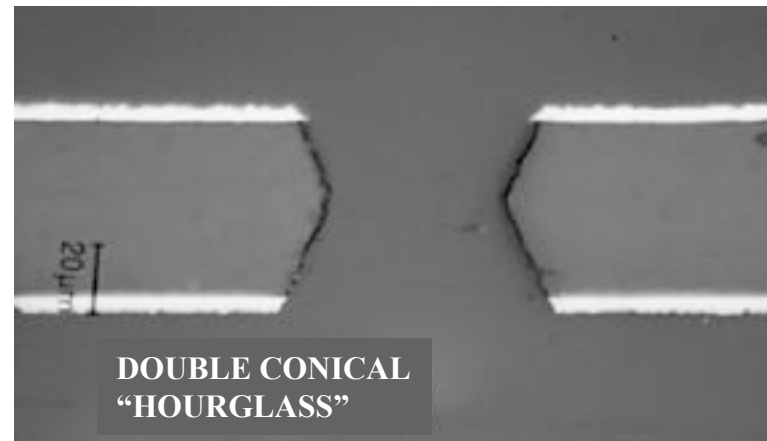
*F. Sauli, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A386(1997)531*



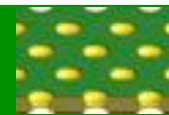
## DOUBLE MASK PHOTOLITHOGRAPHY



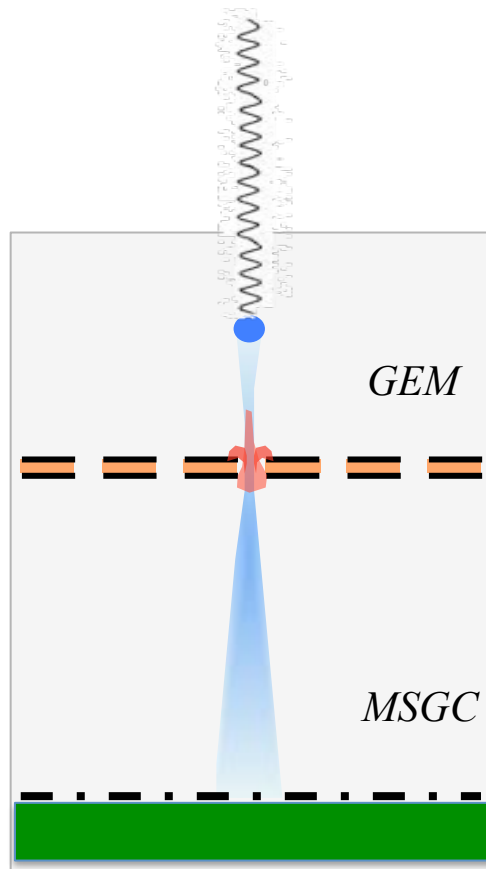
## “STANDARD” GEM



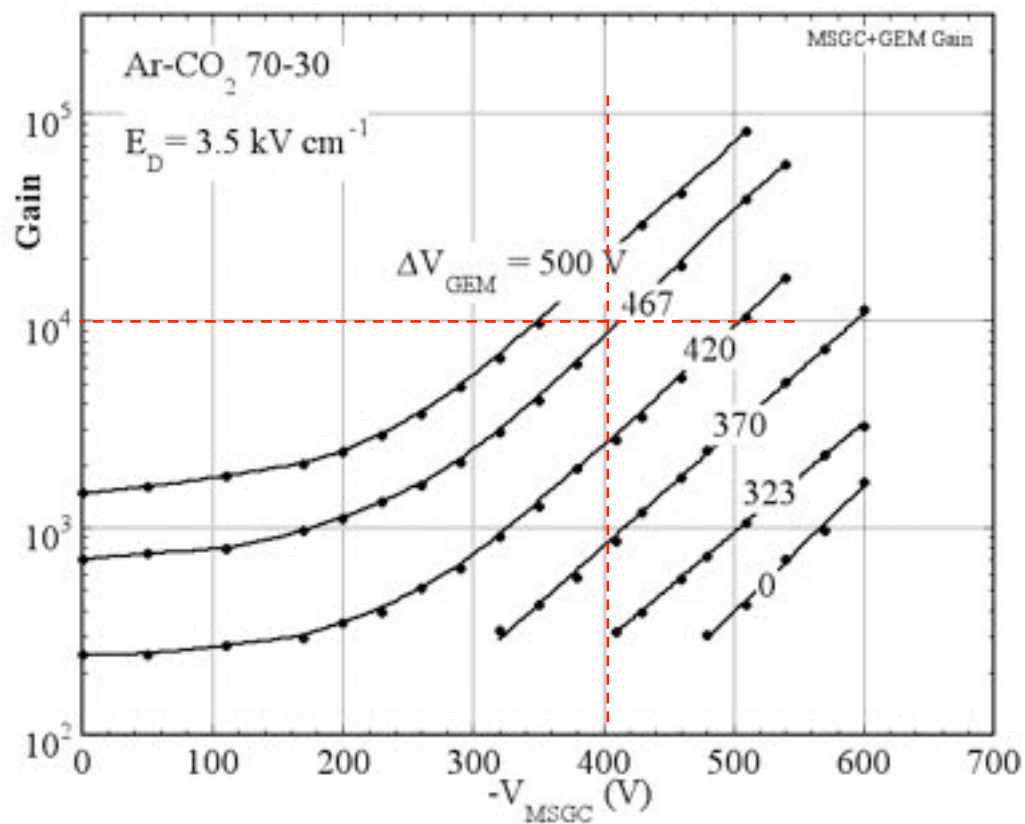




## MSGC WITH GEM PREAMPLIFIER



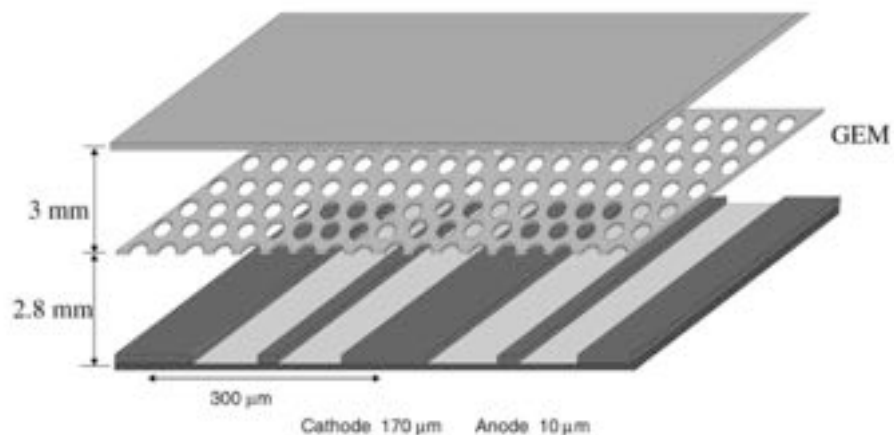
## COMBINED GAIN CURVES



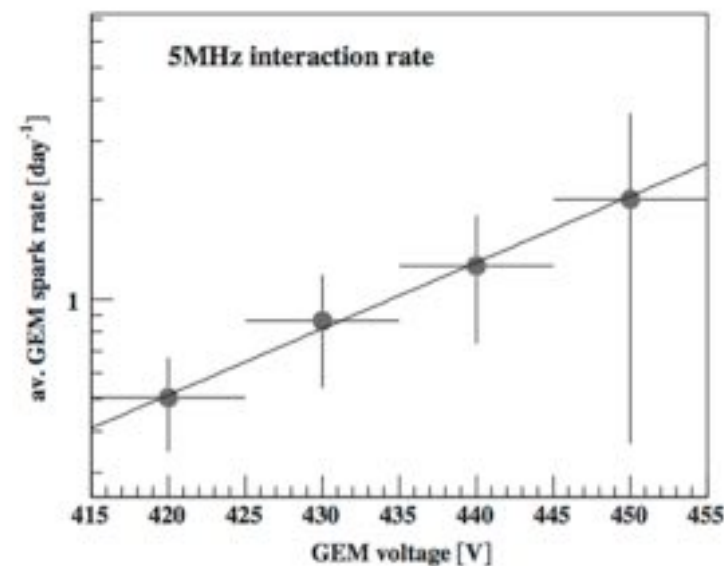
R. Bouclier et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A396(1997)50



# HERA-B MSGC+GEM



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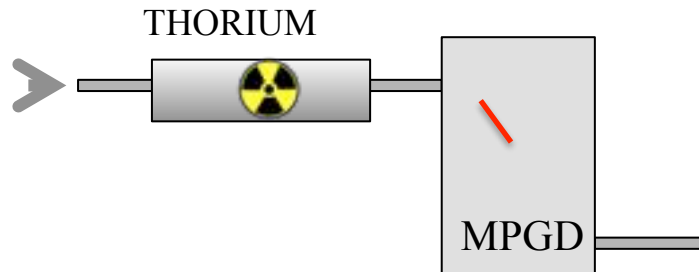


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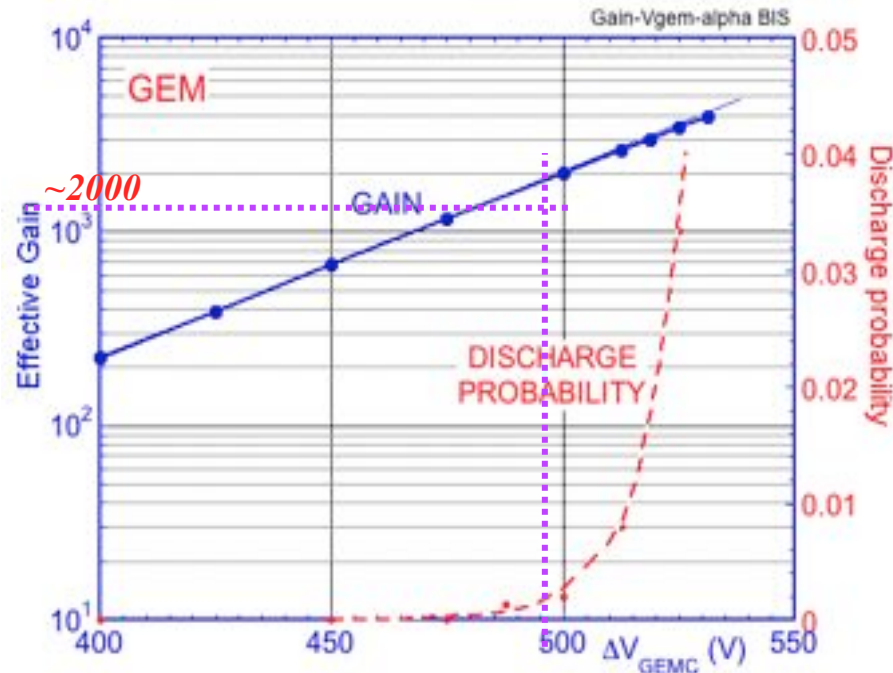
# MPGD DISCHARGE STUDIES



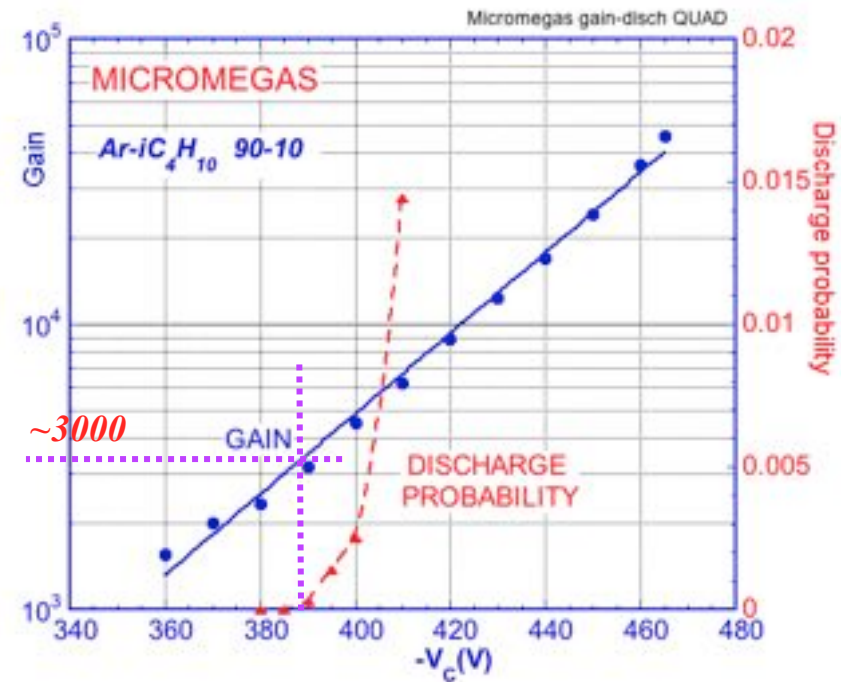
GASEOUS  $\alpha$  SOURCE:  $^{232}\text{Th} \rightarrow ^{232}\text{Rn} + \alpha$  (6.4 MeV)  $\Delta E \sim 500 \text{ keV} \sim 10^4 \text{ e I}^+$



GEM:



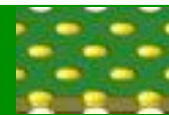
MICROMEGAS:



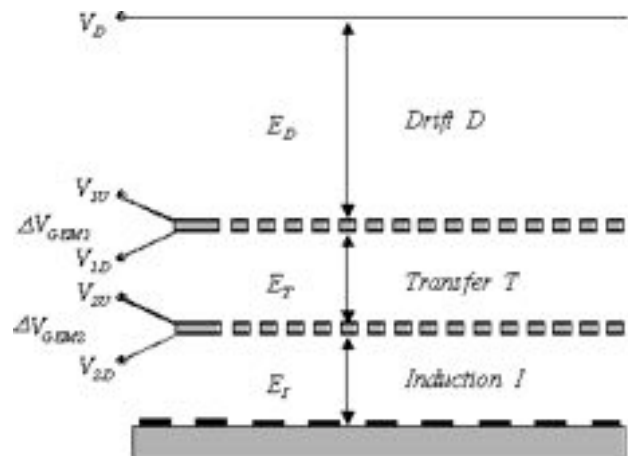
$Q \sim 10^4 \cdot 10^3 = 10^7 \text{ e I}^+$

**RAETHER LIMIT**

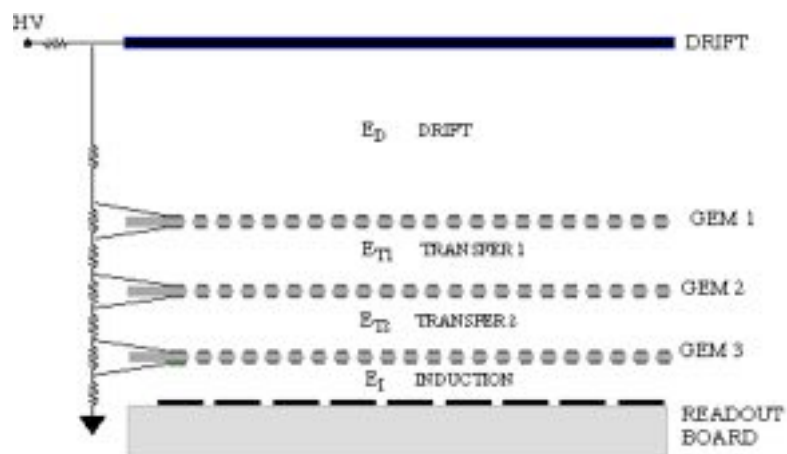
*A. Bressan et al. Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A424(1999)321*



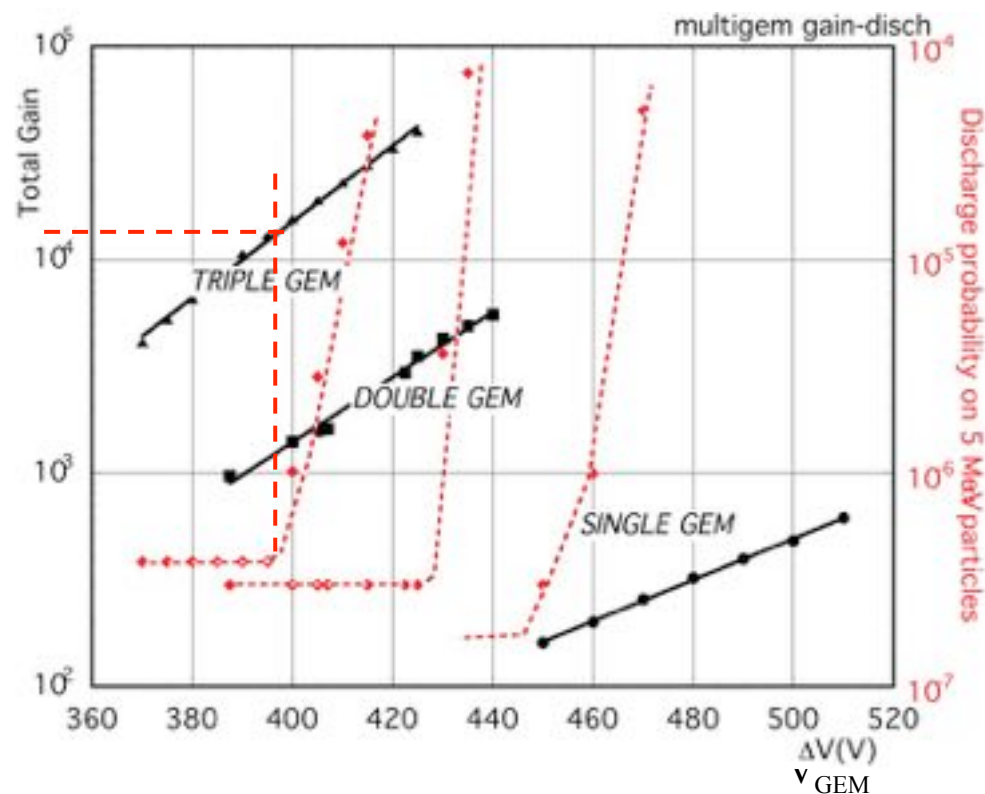
## DOUBLE GEM



## TRIPLE GEM



- HIGHER GAINS
- REDUCED ION BACKFLOW
- LOWER DISCHARGE PROBABILITY

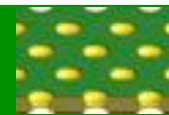


*S. Bachmann et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A 443(1999)464*



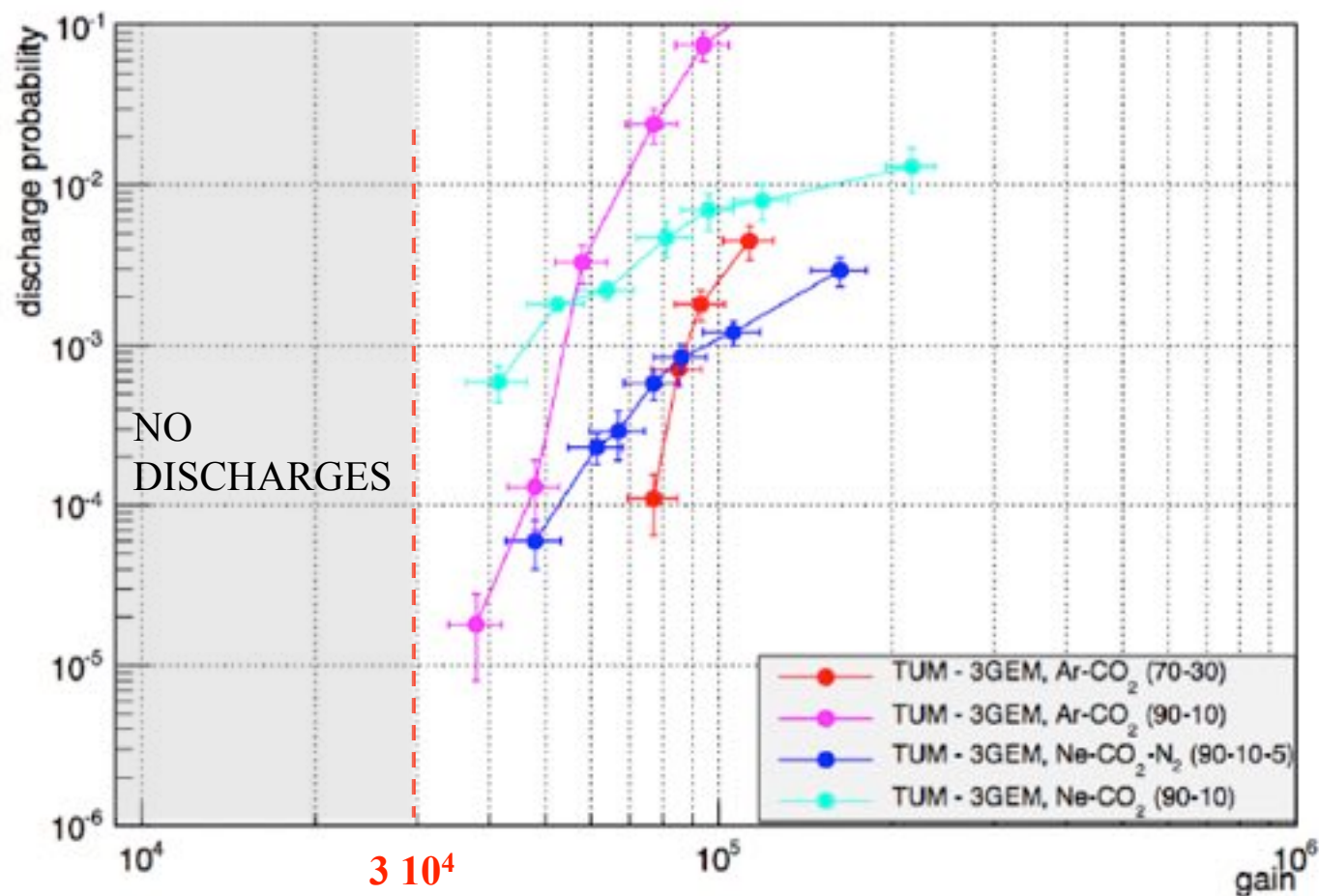


# DISCHARGE STUDIES - ALICE GEM TPC



$^{220}\text{Rn}$  INTERNAL  $\alpha$  SOURCE

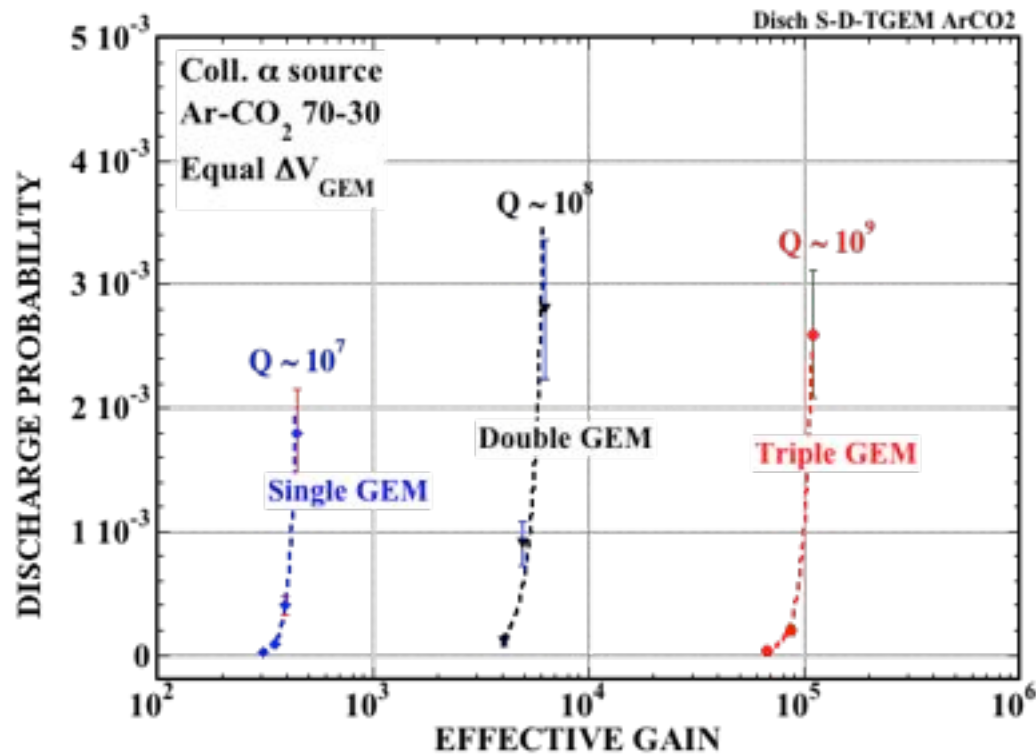
TRIPLE GEM



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DISCHARGE PROBABILITY ON  $\sim$  MeV  $\alpha$

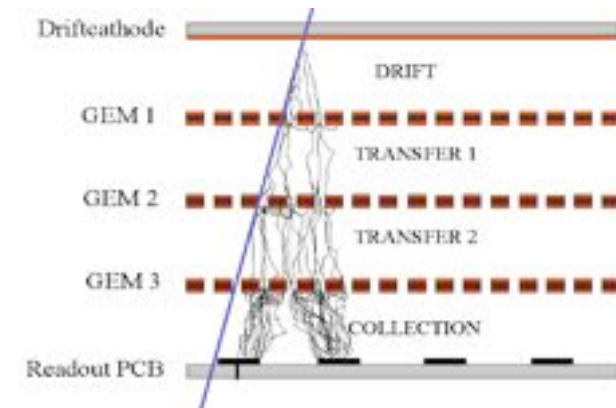


## WHAT ABOUT THE RAETHER LIMIT?

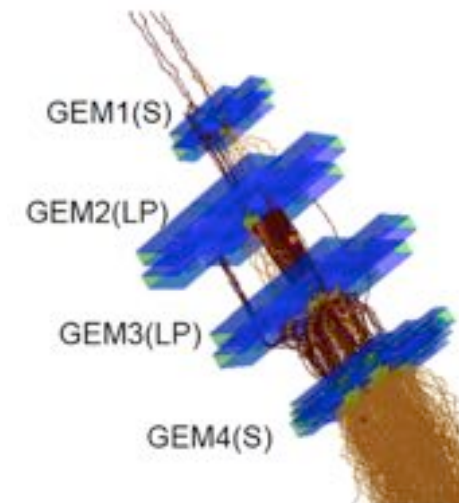
VERY LARGE GAINS OBSERVED IN PURE NOBLE GASES  
CHARGE CONFINEMENT: HOLES ARE (QUASI) INDEPENDENT

*A. Buzulutskov et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A433(1999)471*

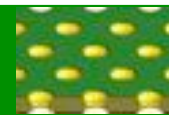
IN MULTI-GEMs, THE CHARGE SPREADS BY DIFFUSION OVER MANY HOLES!



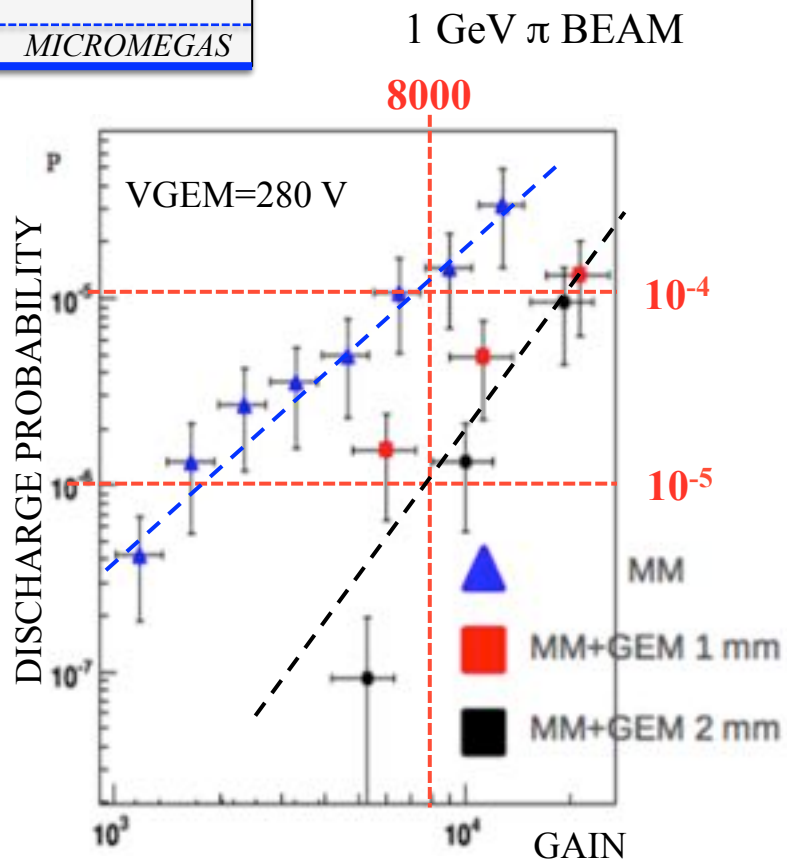
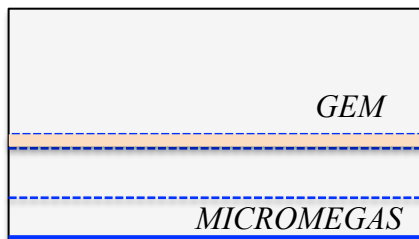
4-GEM SIMULATION (ALICE TPC)



*P. Bhattacharya, MPGD Workshop (Trieste 2015)*

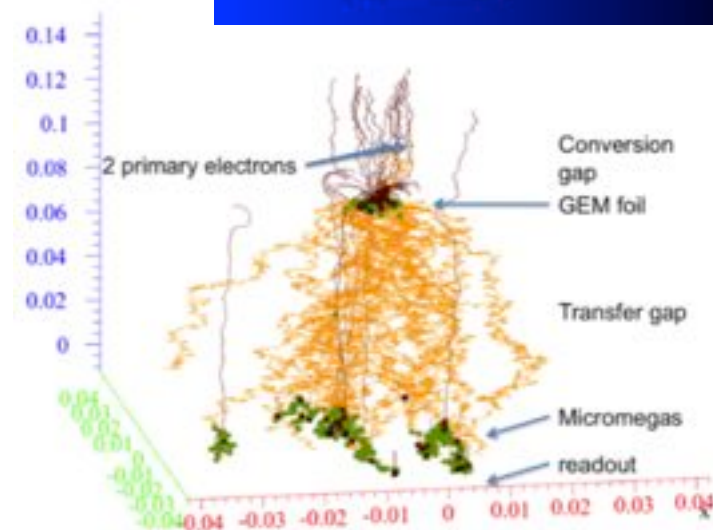


## GEM + MICROMEAS



*S. Procureur et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A659(2011)91*

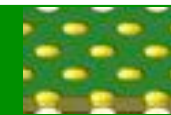
## AVALANCHES SIMULATION GEM+MICROMEAS



*M. Vandenbroucke, JINST 7(2012)C05014*



# DISCHARGE STUDIES - ALICE GEM TPC

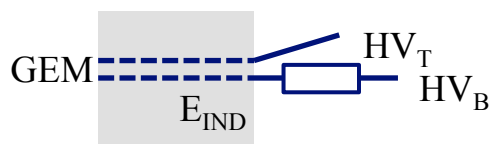


DISCHARGE PROPAGATION: LAST GEM TO ANODE

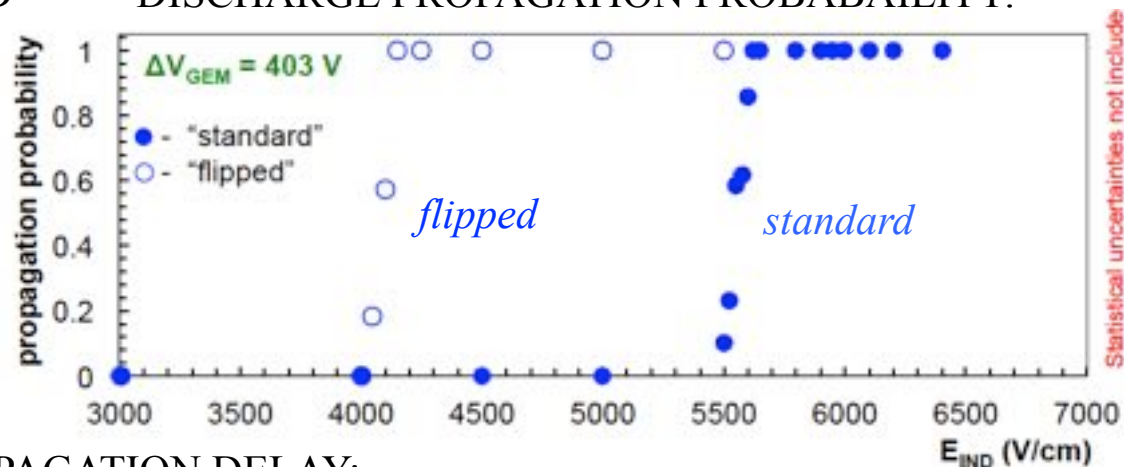
SECTORS POWERING: STANDARD



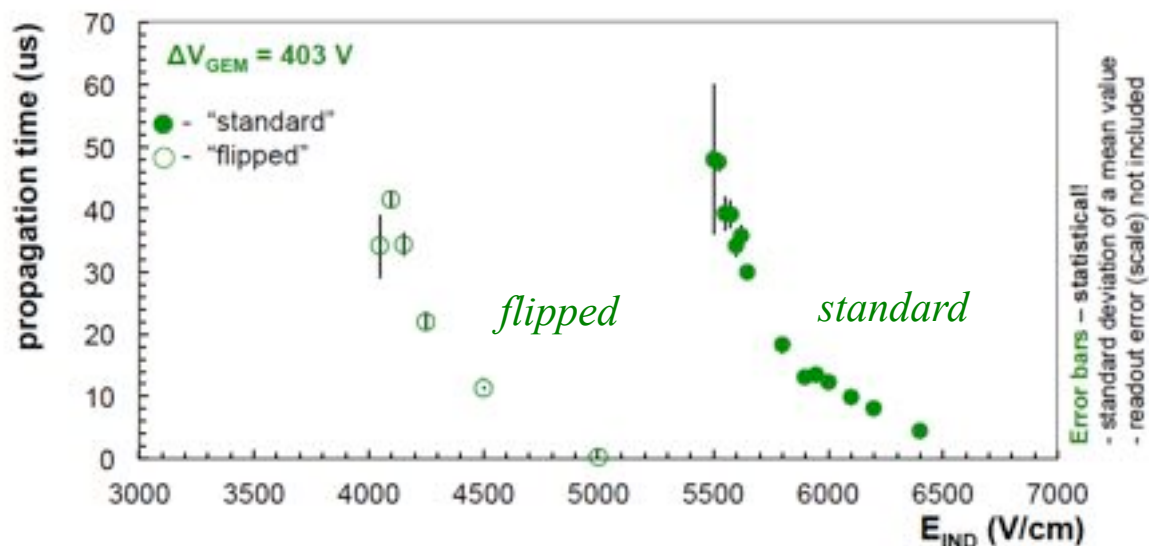
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DISCHARGE PROPAGATION PROBABILITY:



DISCHARGE PROPAGATION DELAY:

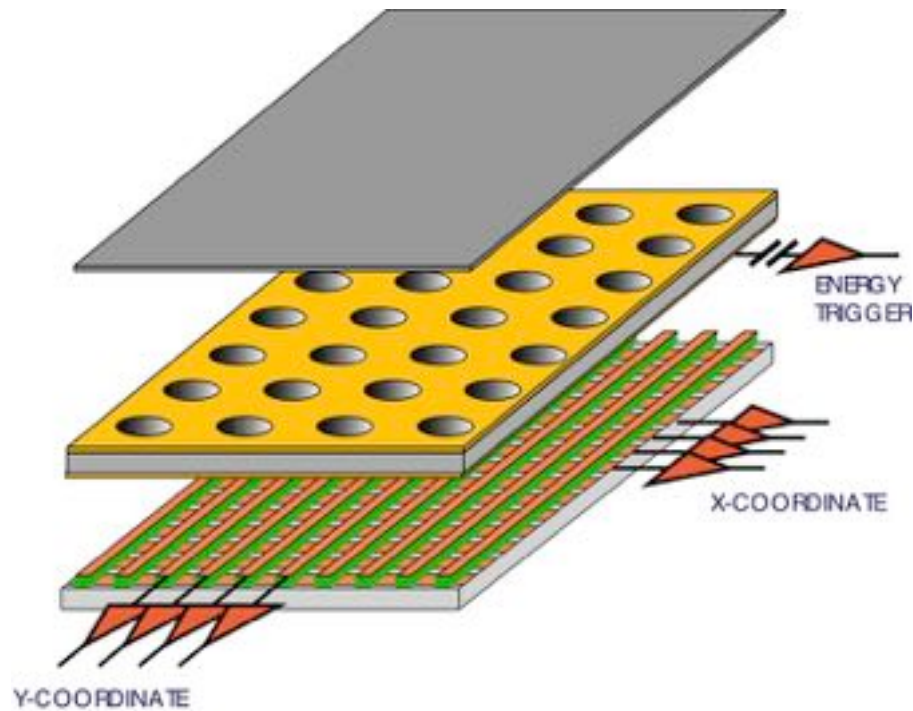


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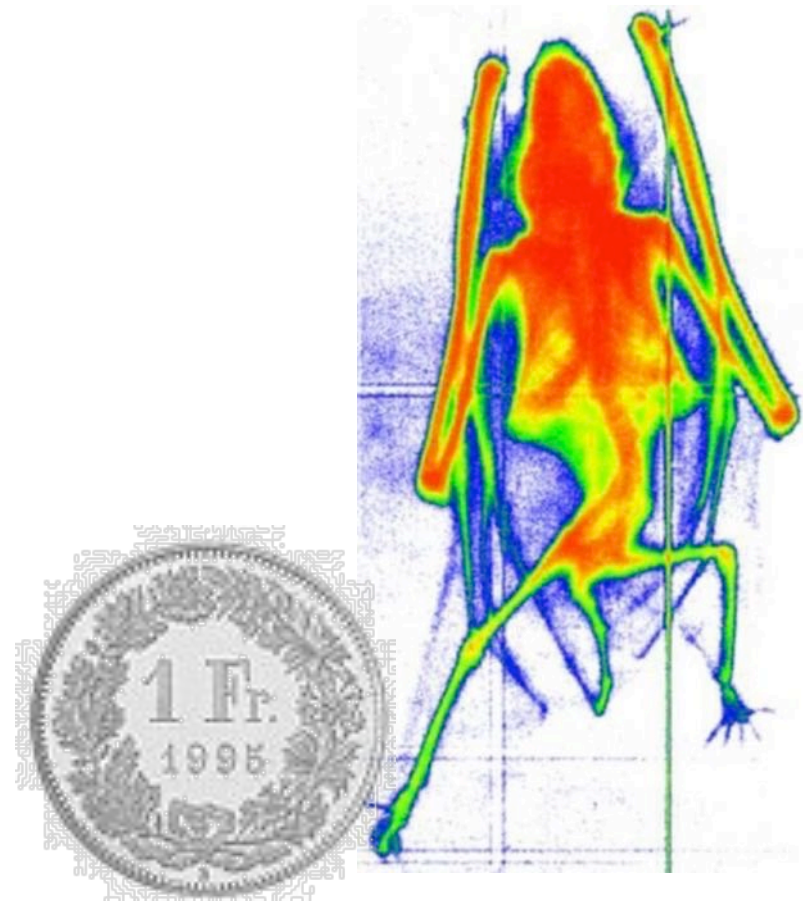


## 2-DIMENSIONAL CARTESIAN STRIPS READOUT



- HIGH PROPORTIONAL GAINS
- FAST ELECTRON SIGNAL
- READOUT PLANE AT GROUND POTENTIAL
- PATTERNED AT WILL

## 6 keV RADIOGRAPHY



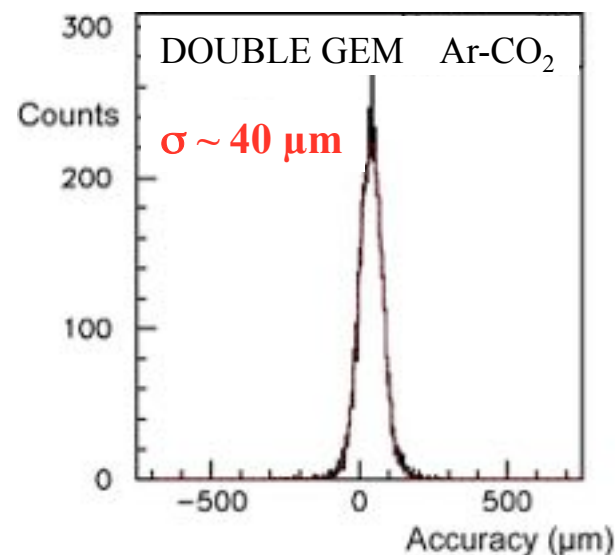
*A. Bressan et al,  
Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A425(1999)254*



# MAIN GEM PERFORMANCES: MIPS

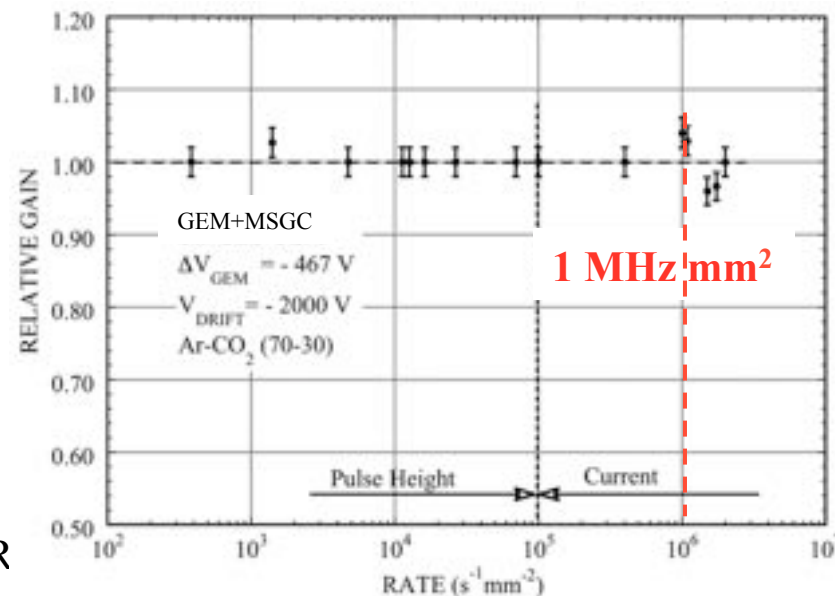


## LOCALIZATION ACCURACY



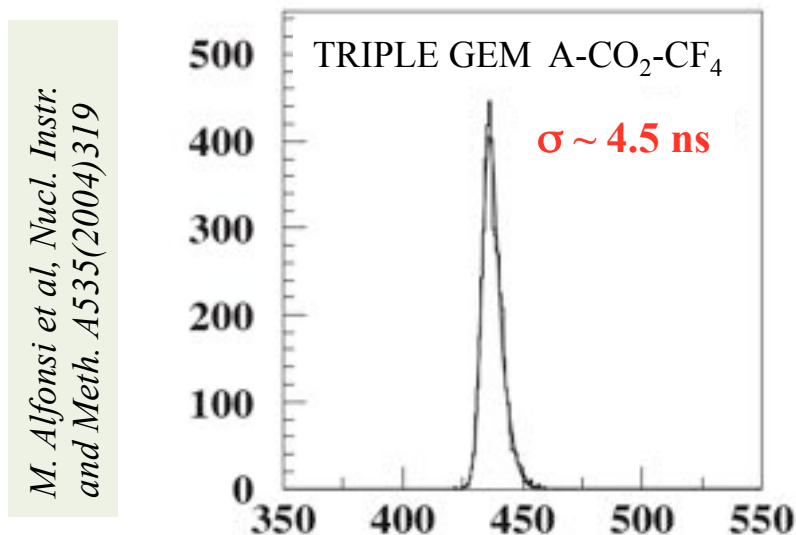
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*Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A425(199)262*

## SINGLE GEM RATE CAPABILITY



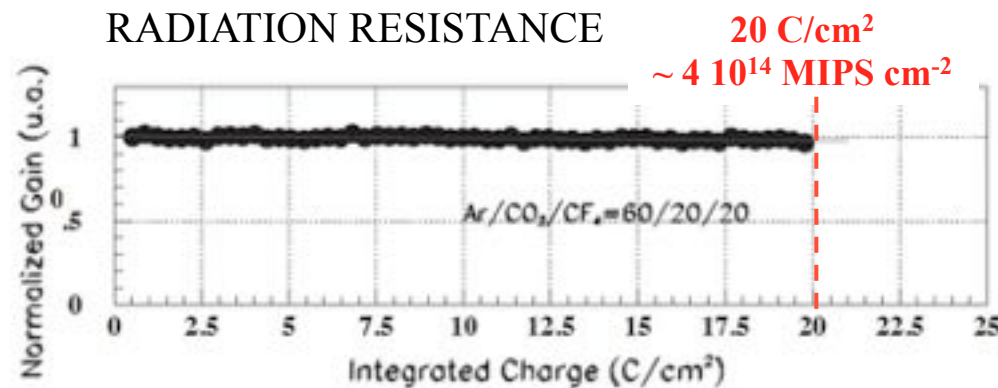
J. Benlloch et al,  
*IEEE NS-45(1998)234*

## TIME RESOLUTION: LHCb MUON TRIGGER



M. Alfonsi et al, *Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A535(2004)319*

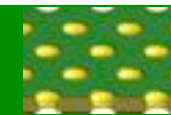
## RADIATION RESISTANCE



M. Alfonsi et al, *Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A518(2004)106*

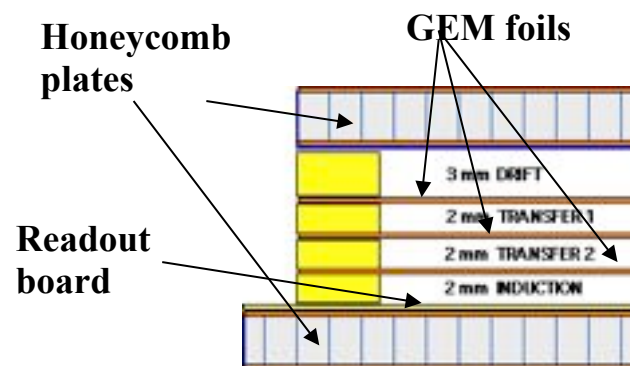


# TRIPLE GEMs FOR COMPASS TRACKER



~30 TRIPLE GEM 30x30 cm<sup>2</sup> - 2D CARTESIAN READOUT

HV TESTING DURING ASSEMBLY



*C. Altumbas et al,  
Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A490(2002)177*

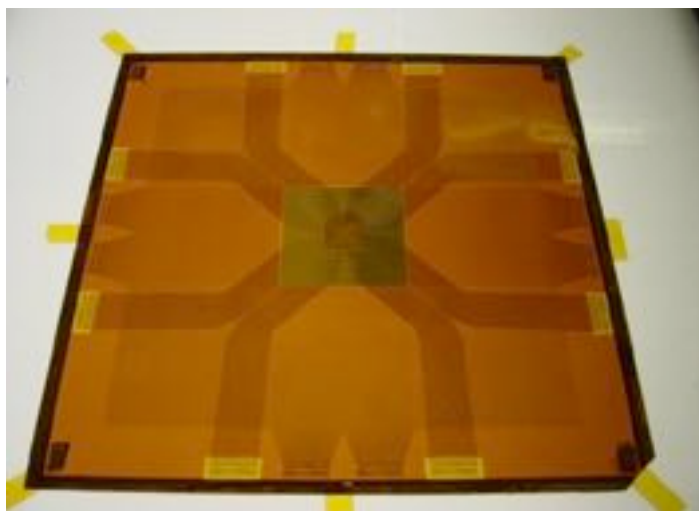




GEM SECTORS SEPARATION (200  $\mu\text{m}$ )



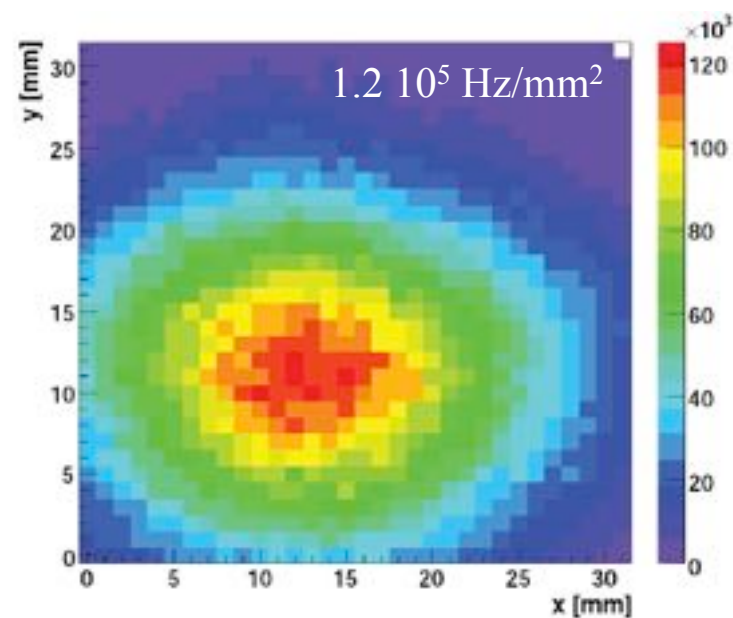
1x1 mm<sup>2</sup> PIXELS AND STRIPS



*M. Krämer et al, 2008 IEEE Nucl. Sci. Symp. Conf. Rec.*



MEASURED FLUX IN HADRON BEAM:

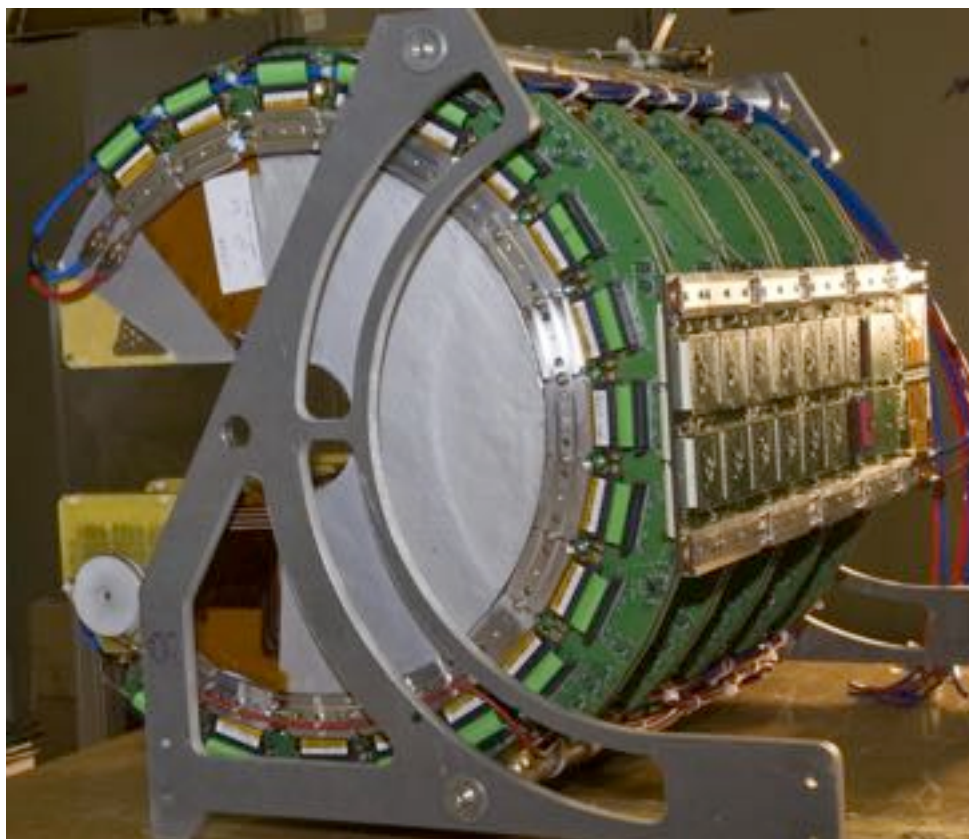




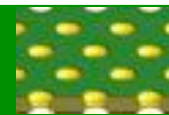
## SEMI-CIRCULAR MODULES



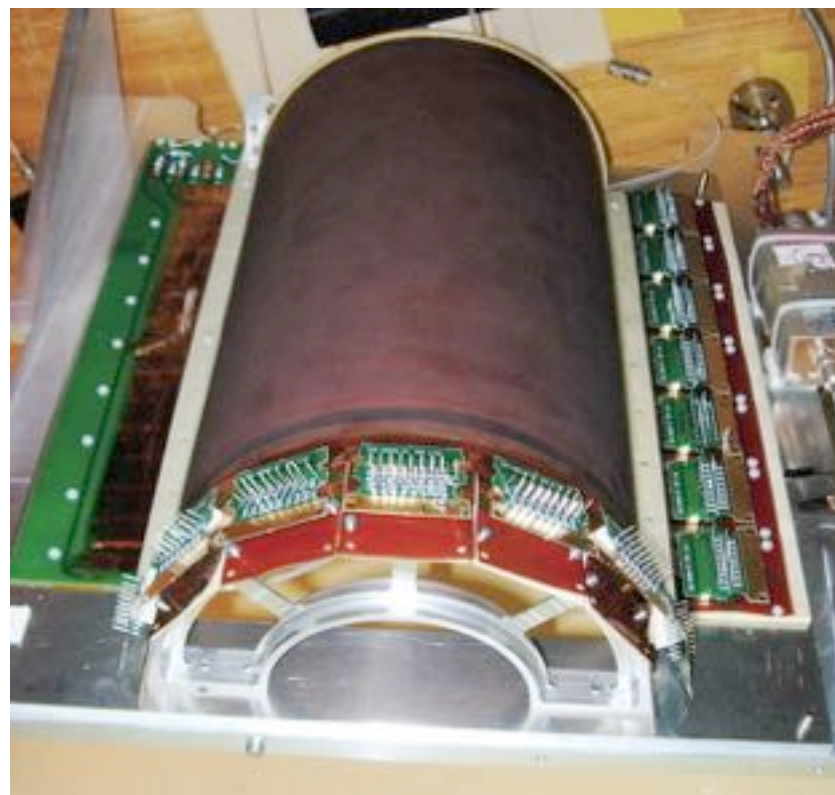
## TEN-GEM TOTEM FORWARD SECTOR



*M.G. Bagliesi et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A617(2010)134*



TRIPLE-GEM PROTOTYPE



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L. Ropelewski....M. Van Stenis.....*



KLOE-2 INNER TRACKER



*A. Balla et al,  
Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A732(2013)221*

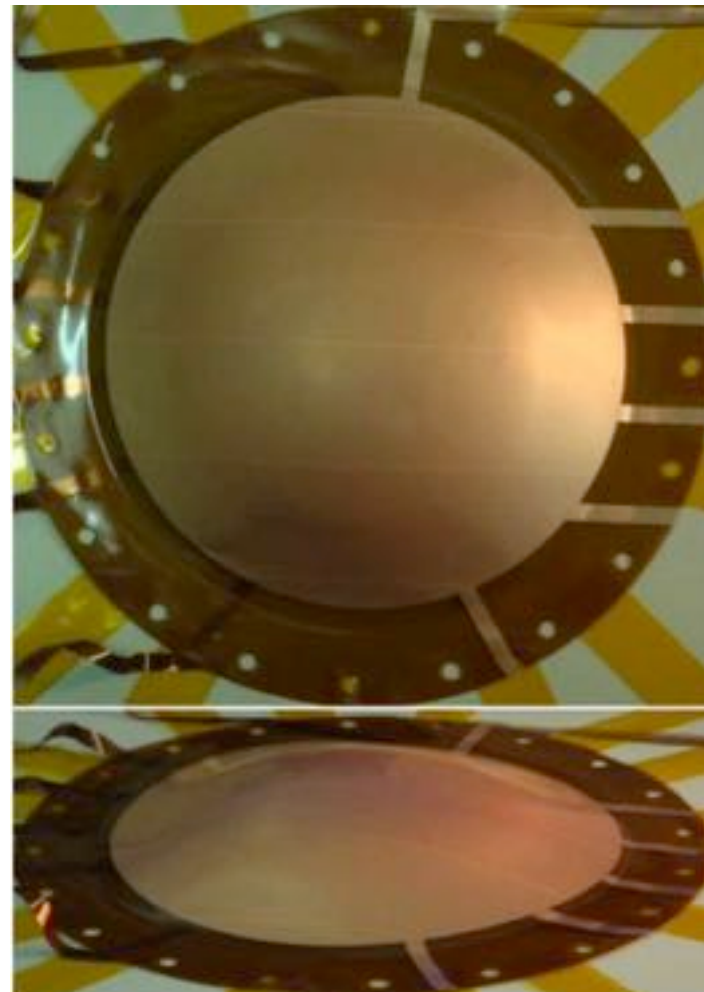
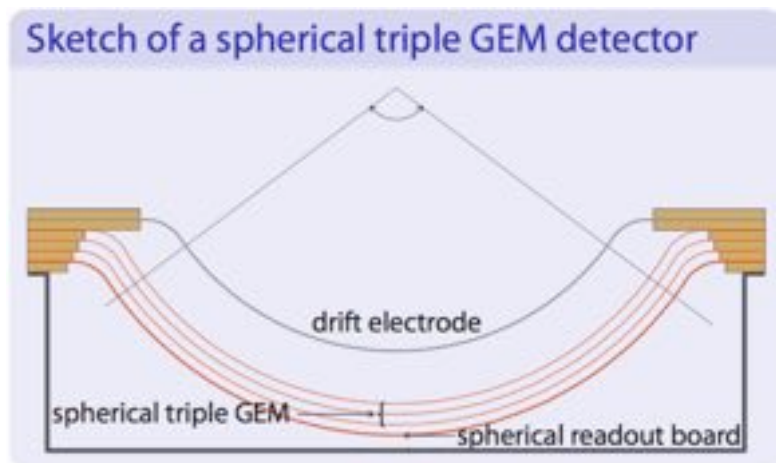
BES III DETECTOR at IHEP (Beijing)



*R. Farinelli, RD51 Coll. Meeting (Aveiro 2016)*



## “SPHERICAL” MULTIGEM AND READOUT BOARD

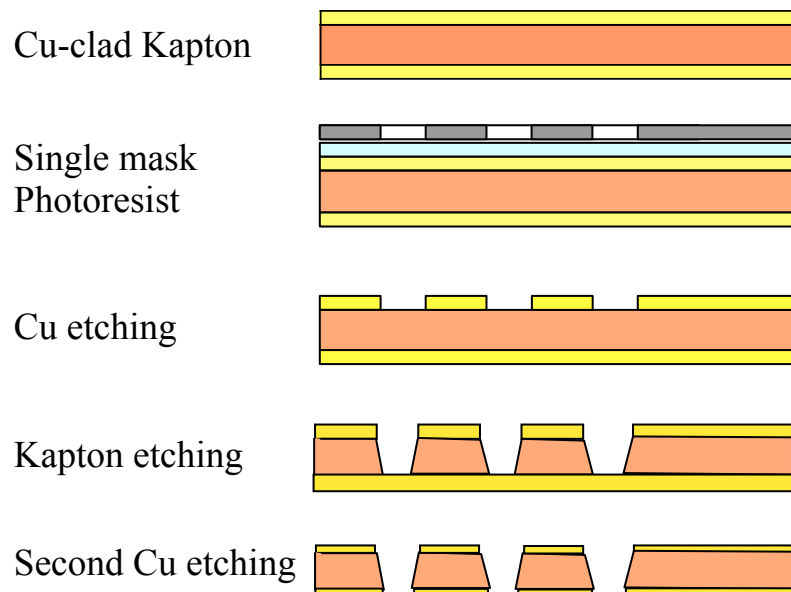


*S. Duarte Pinto arXiv:1011.5528v1  
IEEE 2011 Nucl. Sci. Symp. Conf. Rec.*

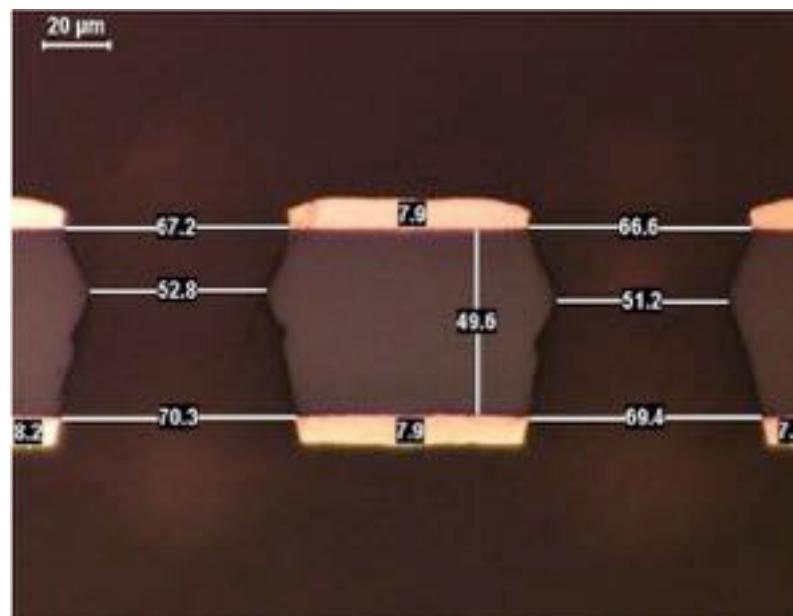


## SINGLE MASK PHOTOLITHOGRAPHY

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## “CYLINDRICAL” HOLES



*M. Alfonsi et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A617(2010)151*

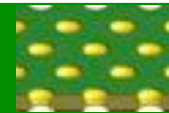
GEM MODULES: 100-120 cm x 22-45 cm  
36 SUPERCHAMBERS IN EACH ENDCAP



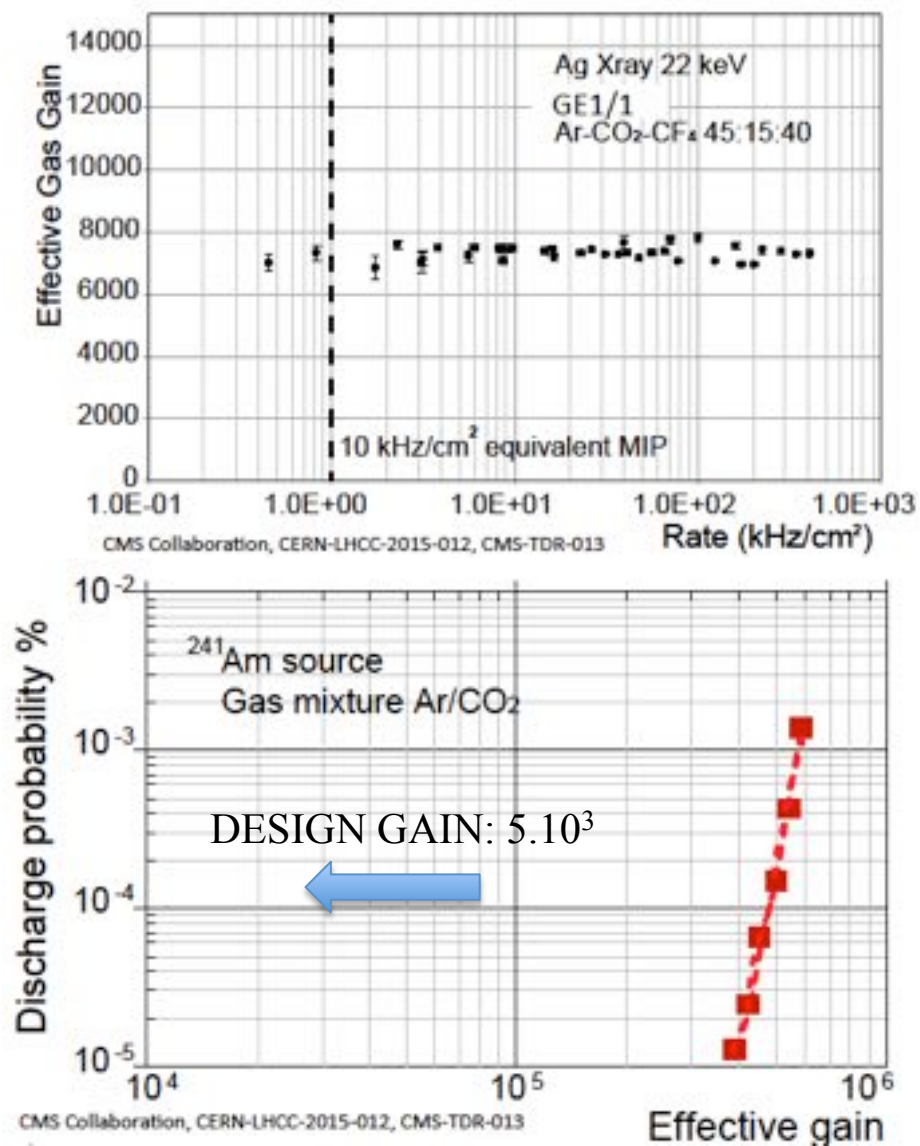
*B. Dorney, MPGD WORKSHOP (Trieste 2015)*



# CMS HIGH- $\eta$ MUON DETECTOR UPGRADE



## LARGE PROTOTYPE IN TET BEAM



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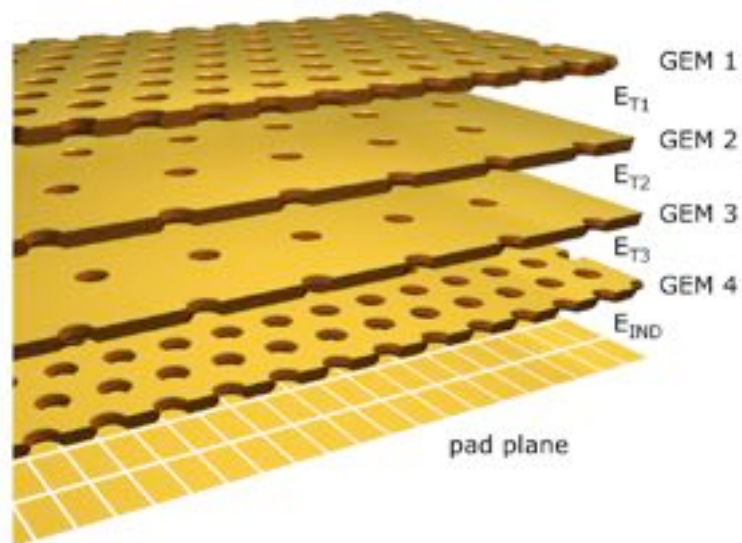
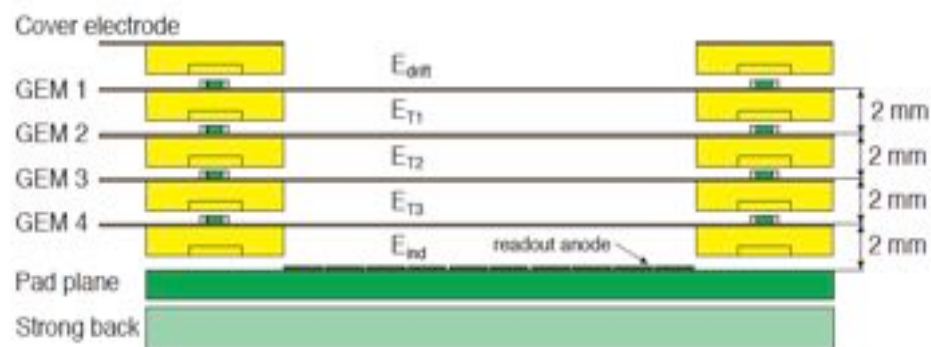




# ALICE GEM-TPC UPGRADE

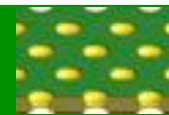
Chilo Garabatos, Deputy Project Leader

## QUAD-GEM WITH STAGGERED HOLES

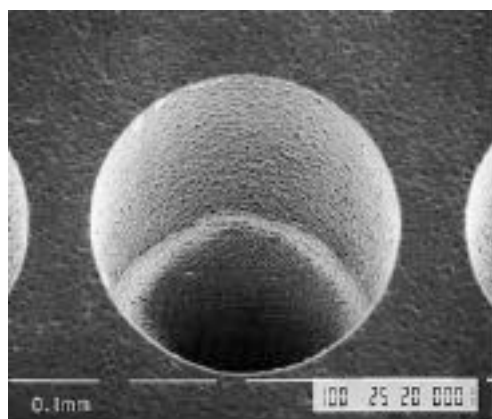
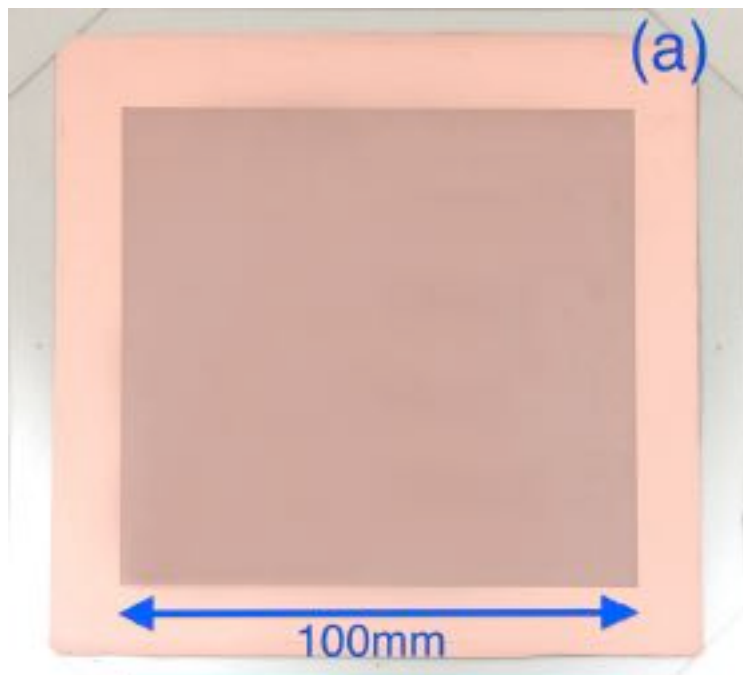


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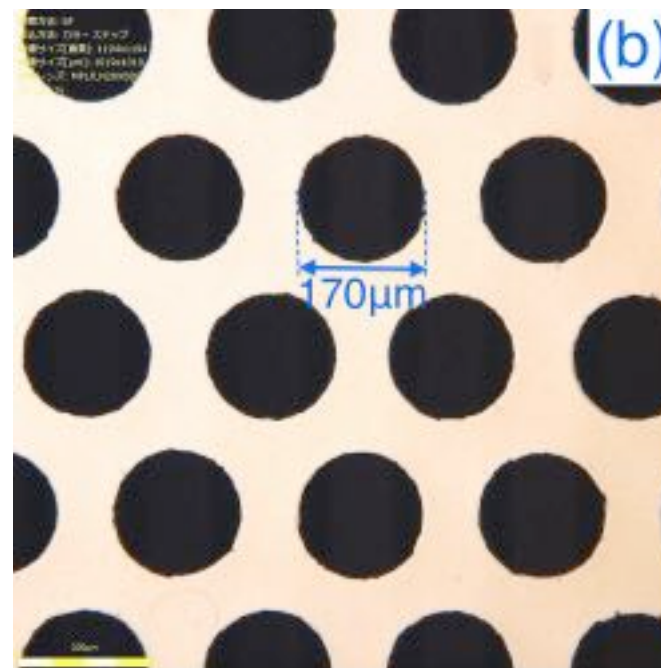




## GLASS GEM



- GOOD GAIN UNIFORMITY
- GOOD ENERGY RESOLUTION
- NON-OUTGASSING MATERIALS



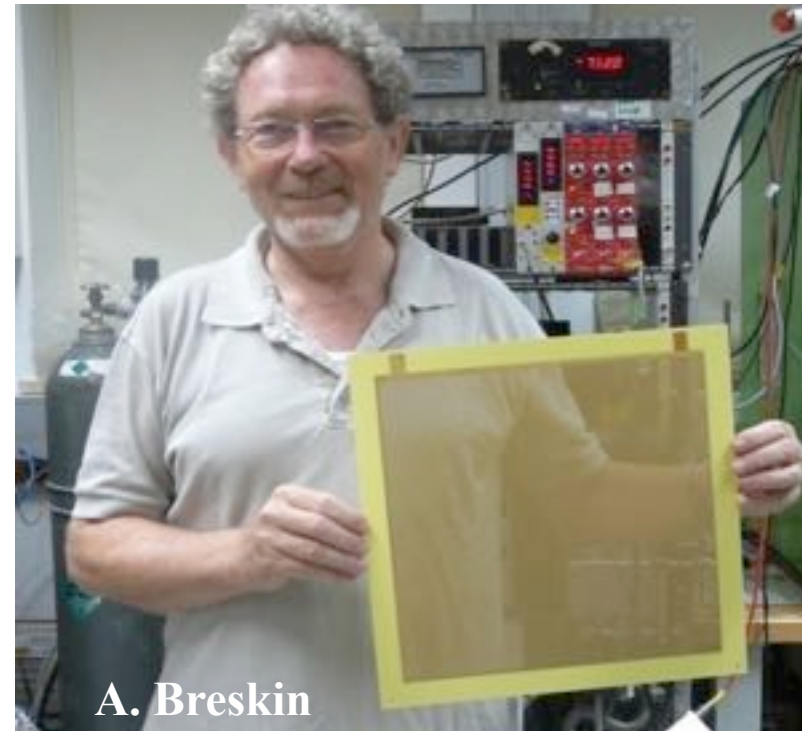
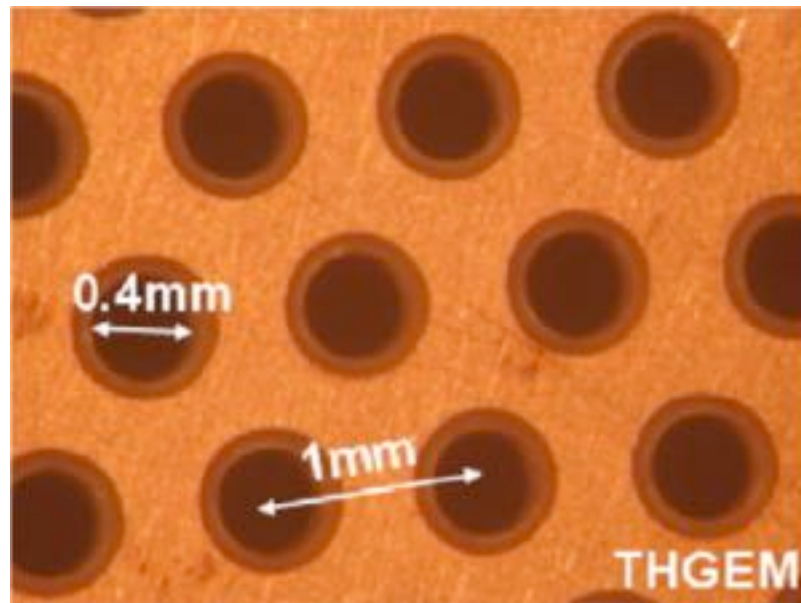
*H, Takahashi et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A724(2013)1*



ALSO CALLED LARGE ELECTRON MULTIPLIER (LEM)

MECHANICAL DRILLING OF METAL-CLAD PC BOARD

- SELF-SUPPORTING
- HIGH GAIN (?)

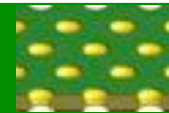


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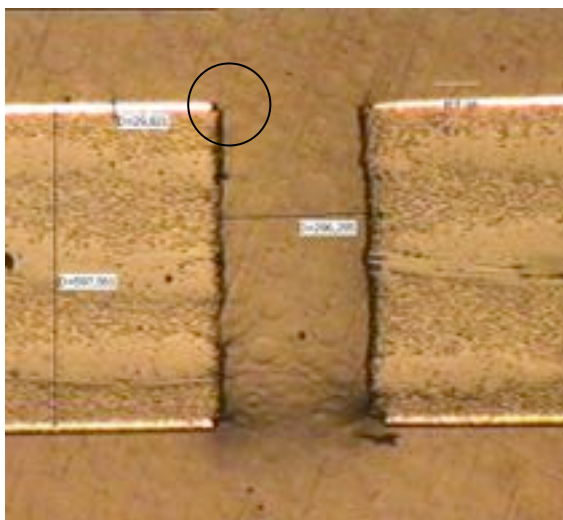
*R.Chechik et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A535(2004)303*



# THGEM: GAIN AND CHARGING UP

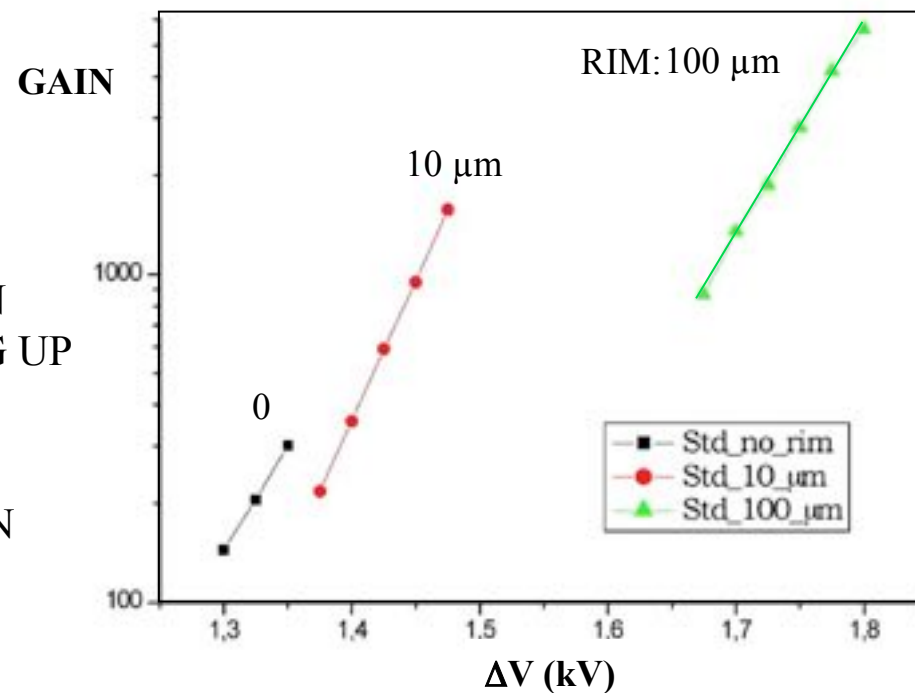


## DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE COMPASS RICH-1 UPGRADE

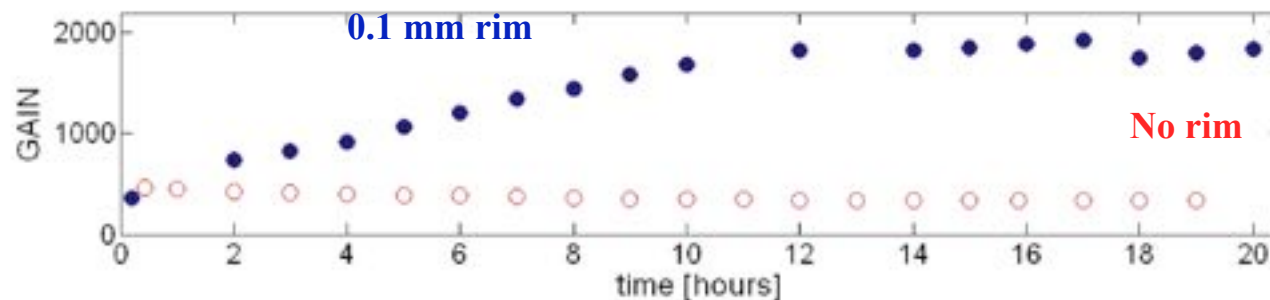


LARGE RIM:  
• HIGH GAIN  
• CHARGING UP

RIMLESS:  
• LOW GAIN  
• STABLE



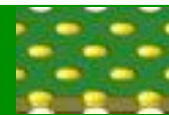
GAIN VS TIME (CHARGING UP EFFECT):



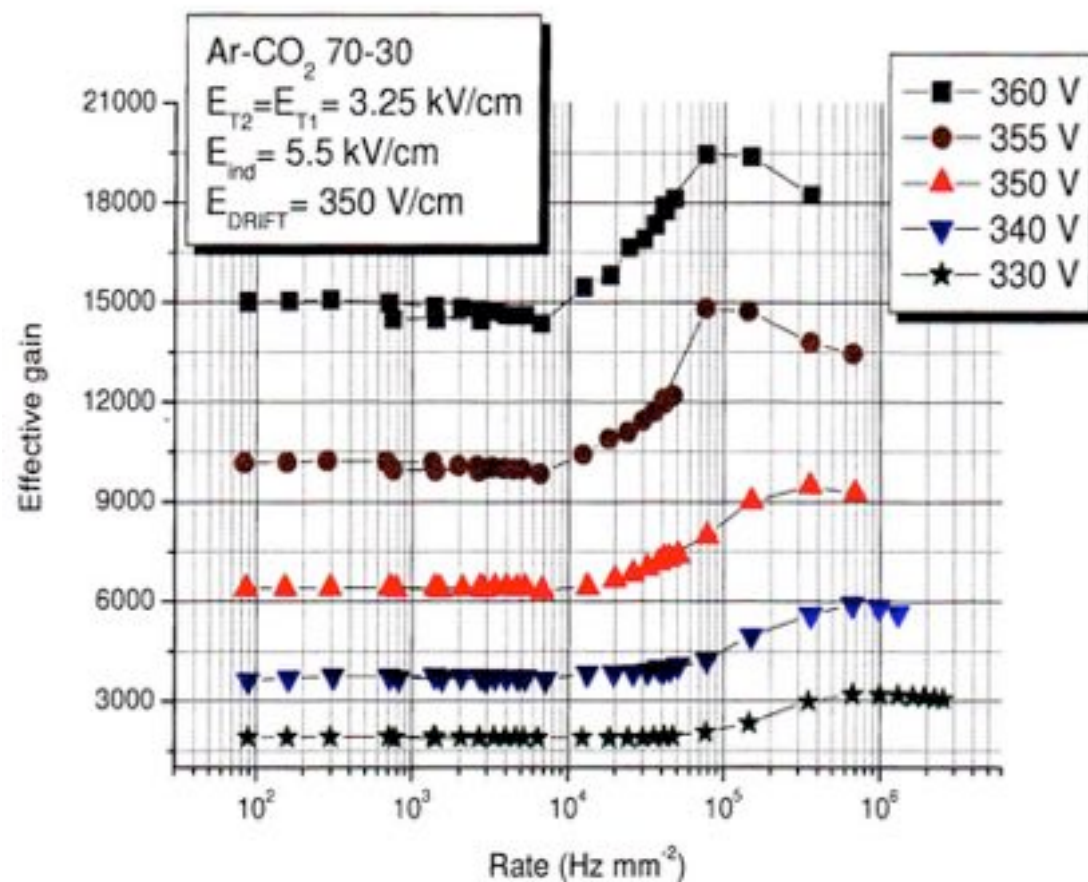
*M. Alexeev et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A695(2012)159*



MULTIPLE  
STRUCTURES



GAIN VS X-RAY RATE: TRIPLE GEM (2006)



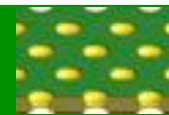
*P. Everaerts, PhD Thesis Gent University (2006)*



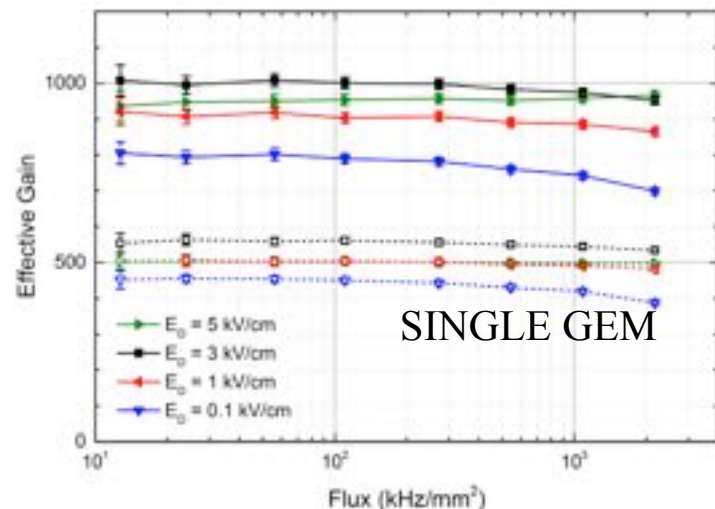




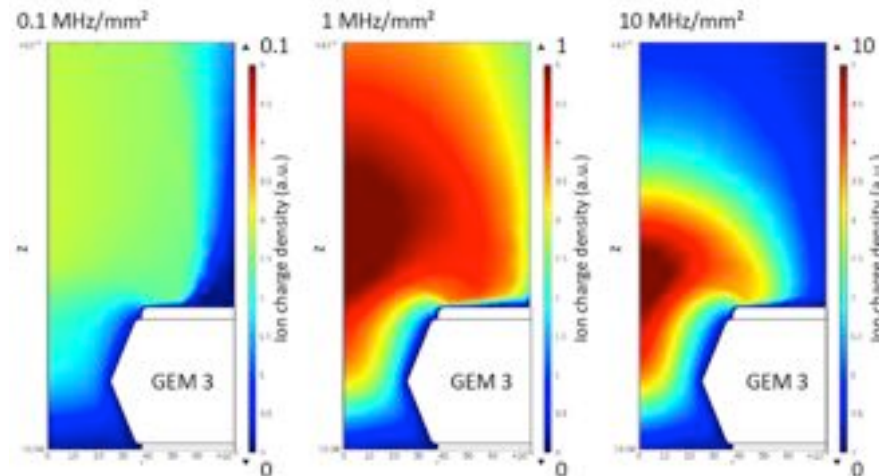
# MULTIGEM GAIN AT VERY HIGH RATES



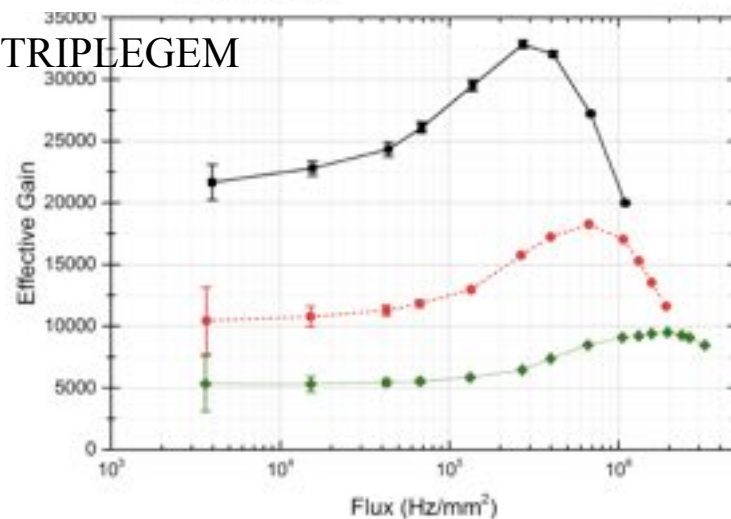
## NEW MEASUREMENTS (2015)



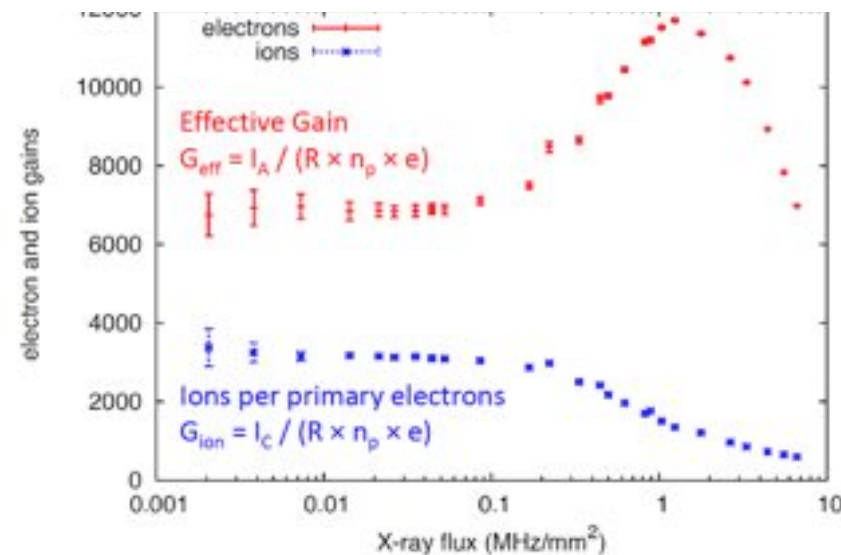
## SIMULATION: CHARGE DENSITIES VS RATE



## TRIPLEGEM



P. Thuiner, PhD TU Vienna (2016)



S. Franchino et al, IEEE 2015 Nucl. Sci. Symp. Conf. Rec.



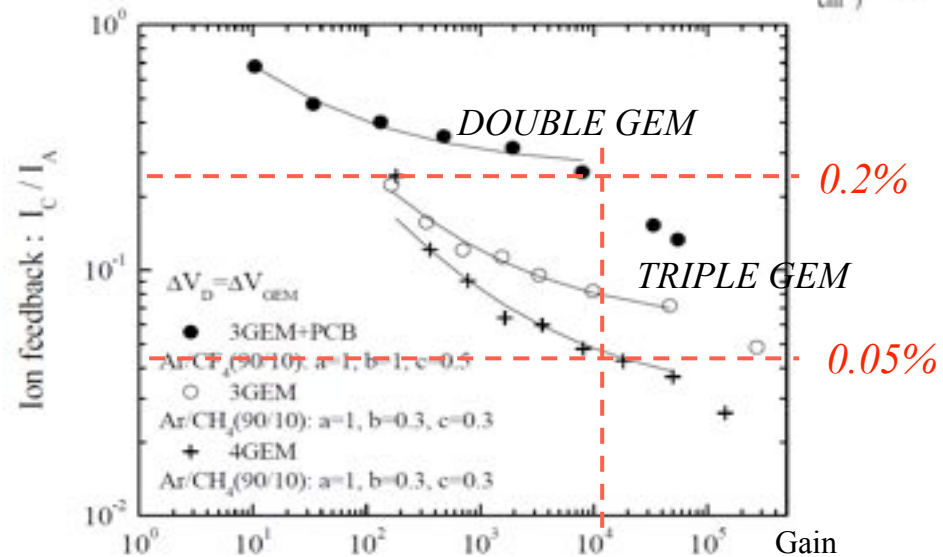
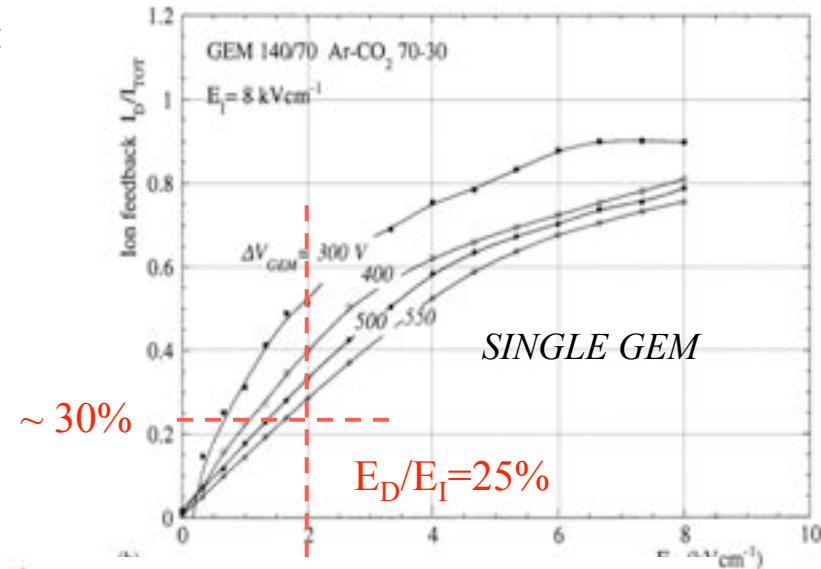
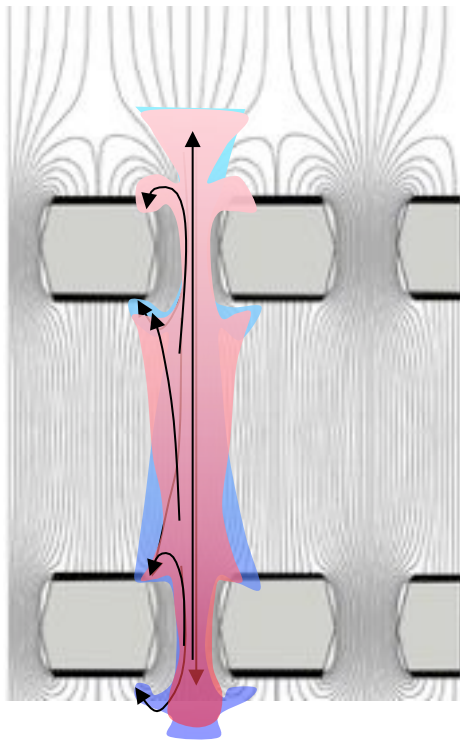
POSITIVE IONS BACKFLOW (OR FEEDBACK):

$$IBF = \frac{I_{DRIFT}}{I_{ANODE}}$$

THE WISH:  
ONE IBF ION PER PRIMARY

$$IBF \leq \frac{1}{GAIN} \approx 10^{-4}$$

MULTIGEMS: THE IBF VALUE DEPENDS  
ON GEOMETRY, FIELDS AND DIFFUSION:

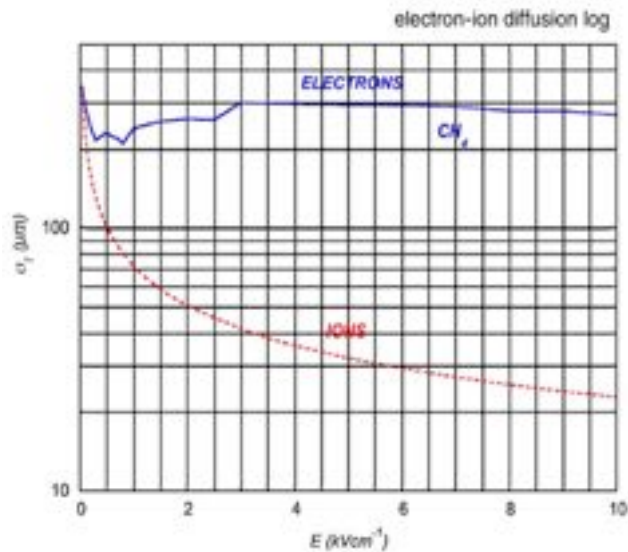


S. Backmann et al,  
Nucl. Instr. Meth. A438(1999)376

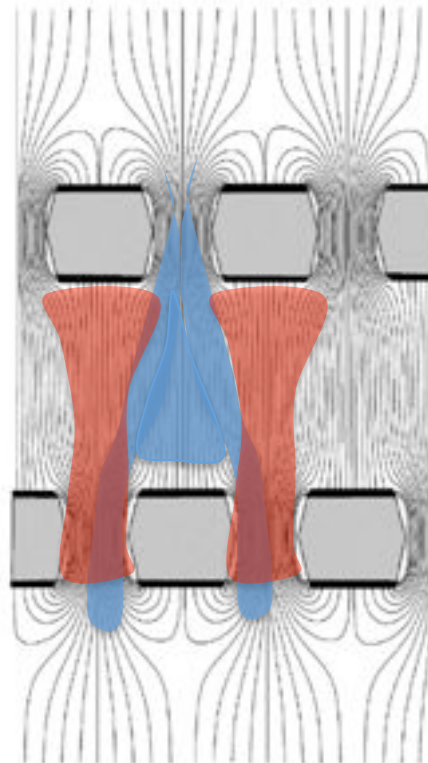
A. Bondar et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A496(2003)325



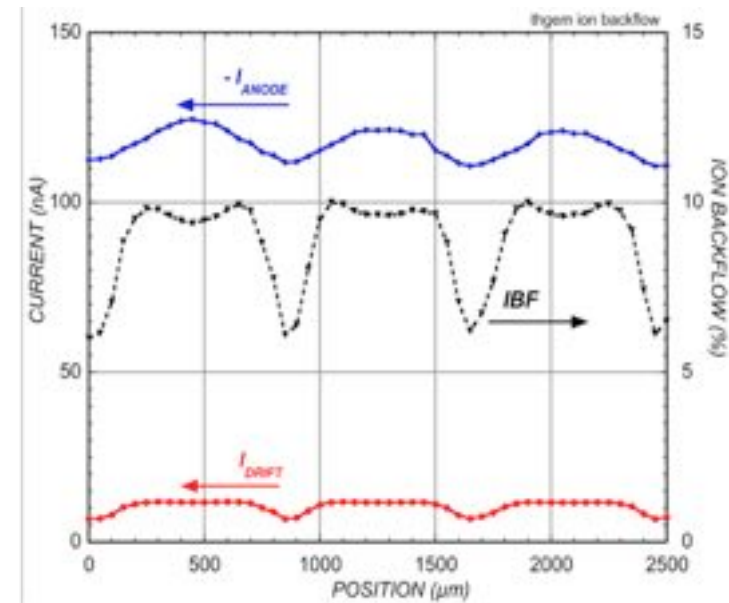
$e^- I^+$  TRANSVERSE DIFFUSION:



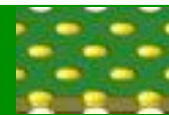
EXPLOIT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN IONS' AND ELECTRONS' DIFFUSION IN AN OFFSET DOUBLE GEM



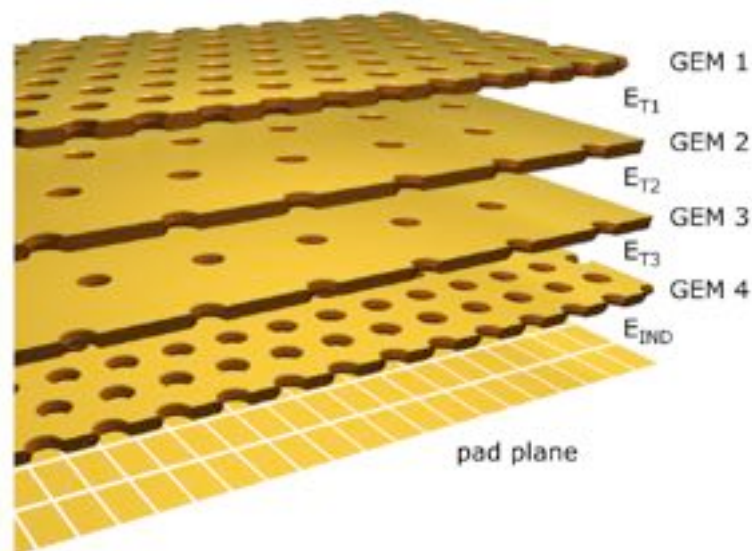
OFFSET SCAN:



*F. Sauli et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A560(2006)269*



## FOUR GEMS WITH STAGGERED HOLES

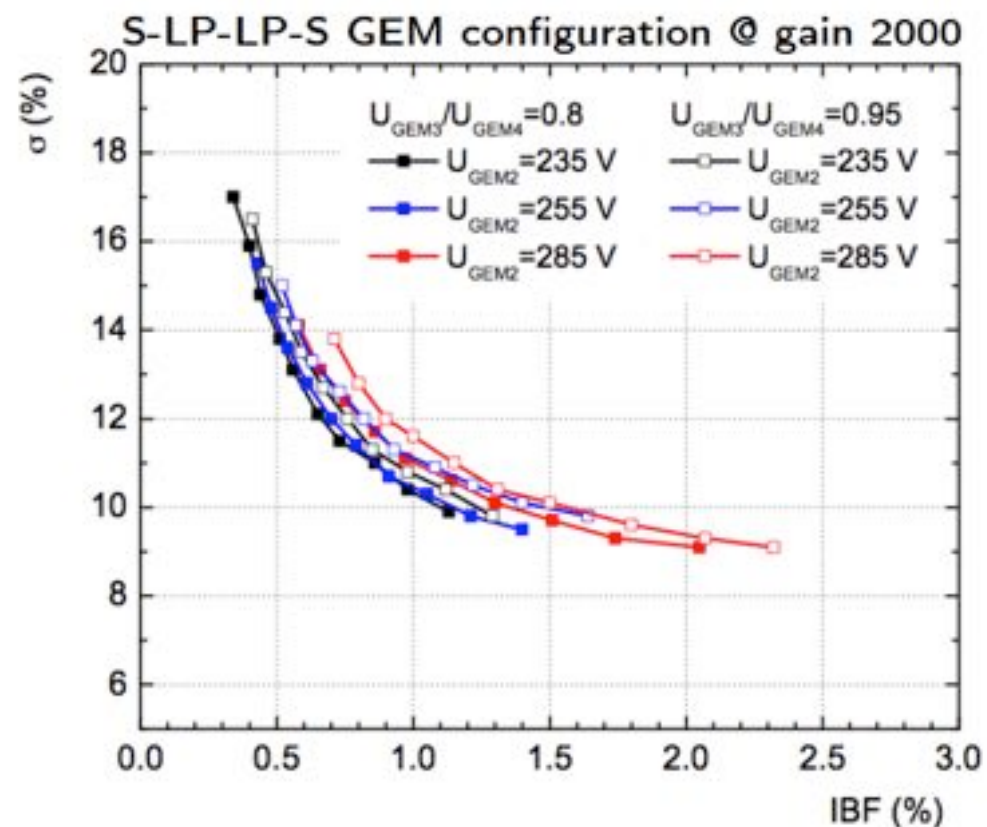


GEM 1 & 4: STANDARD PITCH 140  $\mu\text{m}$   
 GEM 2 & 3: LARGE PITCH 280  $\mu\text{m}$



*A.Deisting, MPGD Workshop (Trieste 20125)*

## ENERGY RESOLUTION VS IBF:



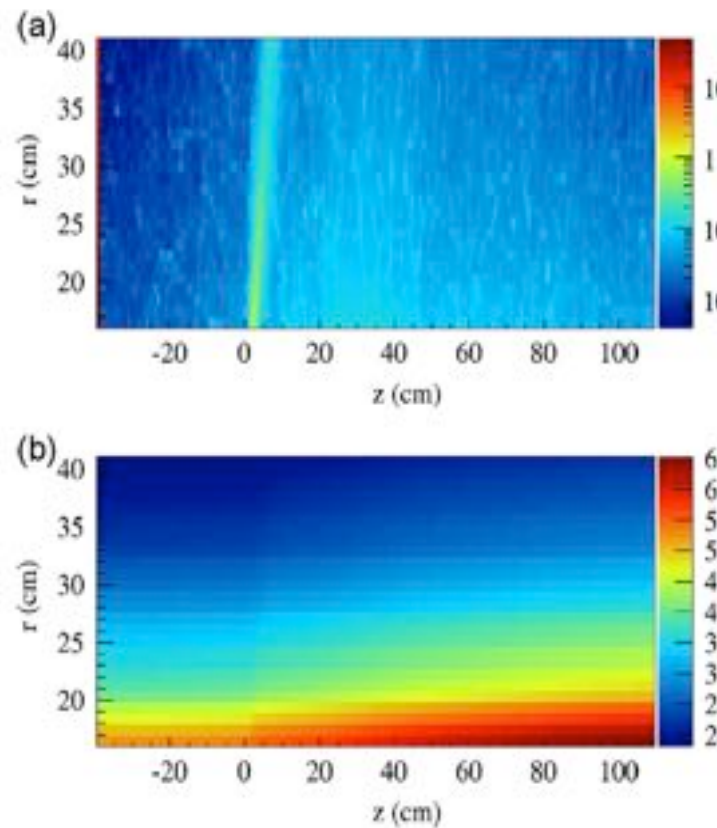




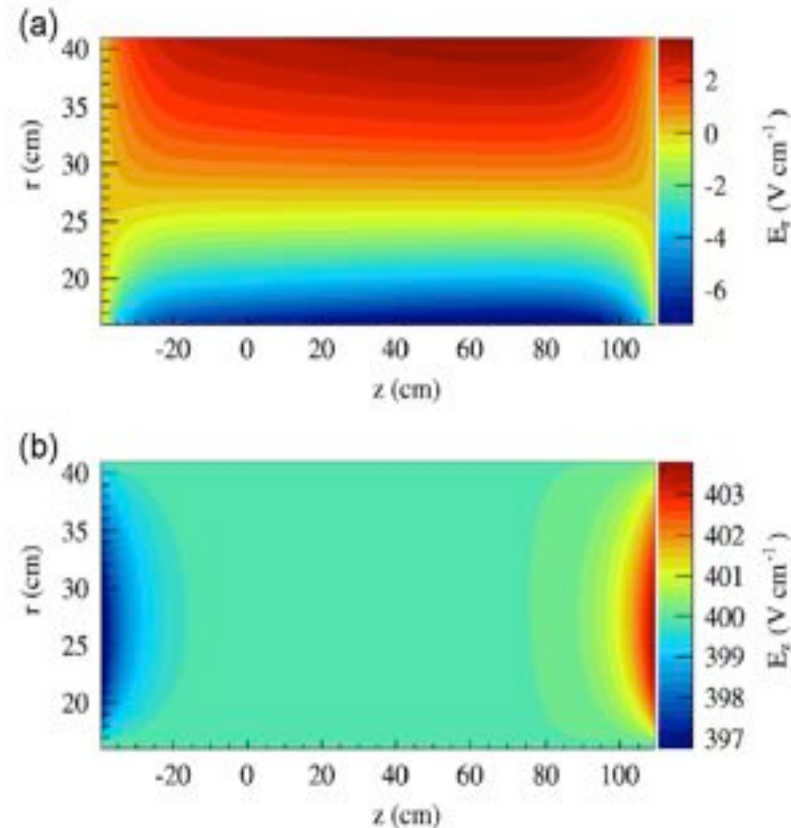
TRIPLE GEM OPERATED IN Ne-CO<sub>2</sub> 90-10  
2  $10^7$  p-p ANNIHILATIONS GAIN M=2000

IBF  $2.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$

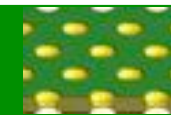
SPACE CHARGE DENSITY:



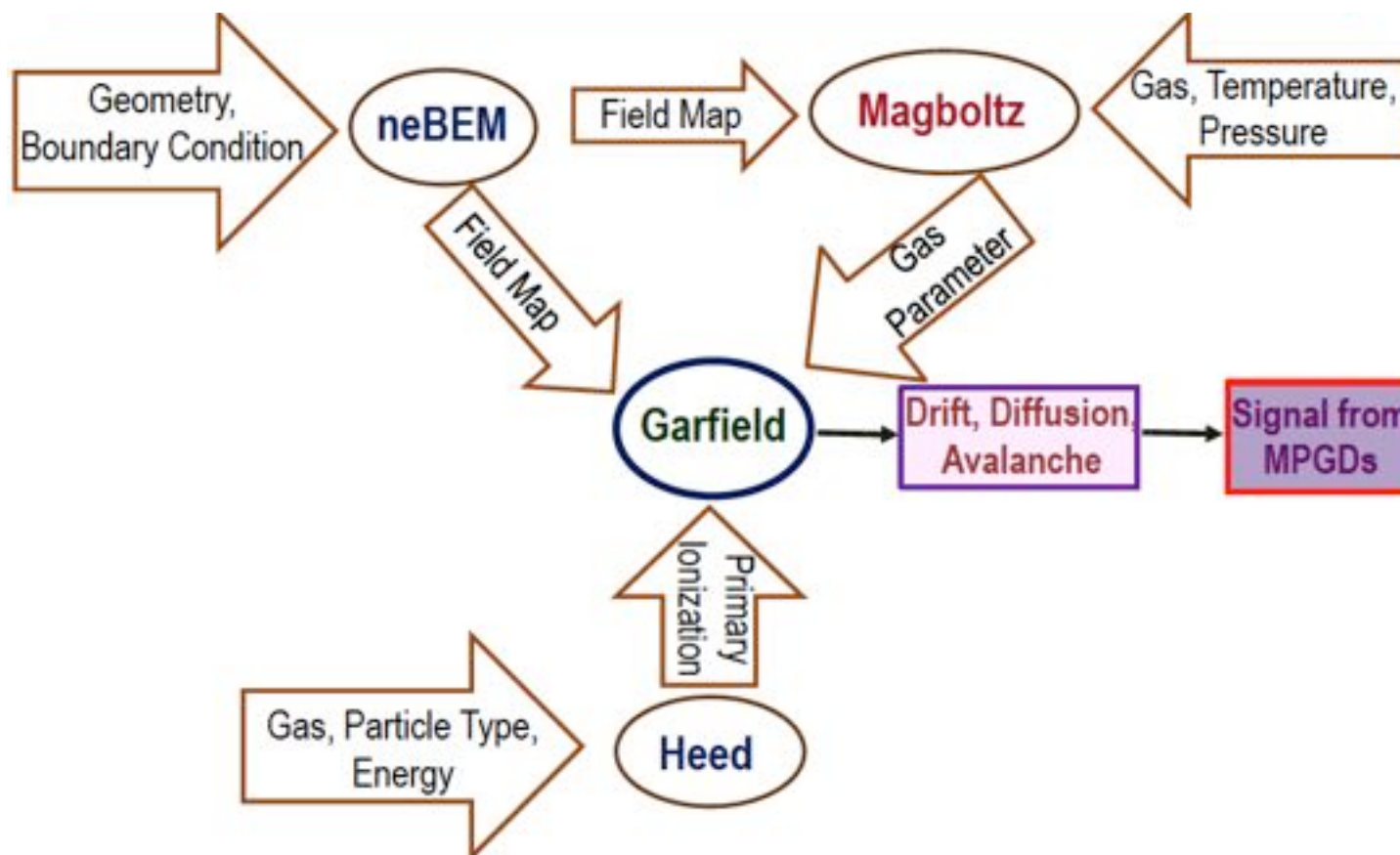
ELECTRIC FIELD DISTORTIONS:



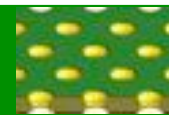
*F.W. Bohmer et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A719(2013)101*



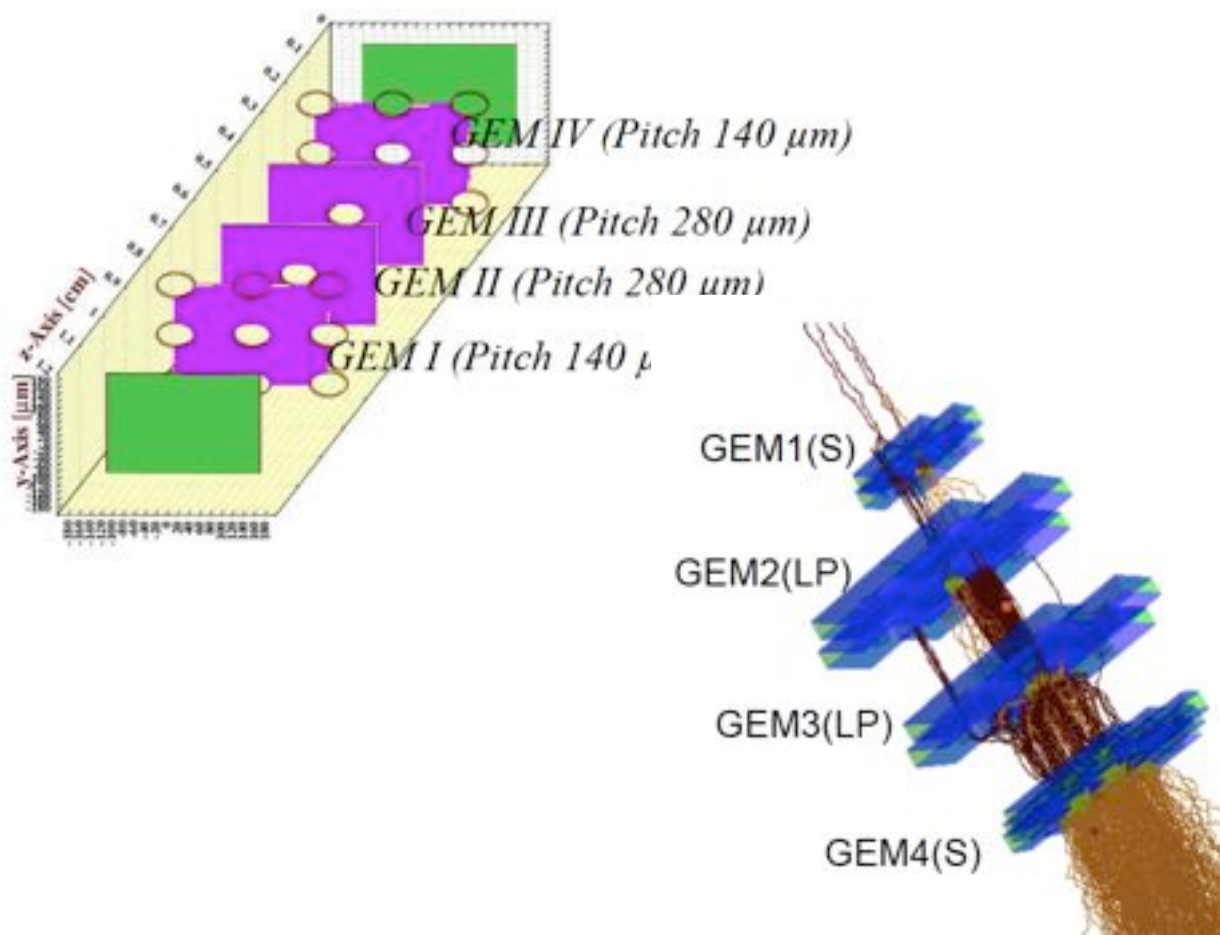
MAGBOLTZ (Steve Biagi)  
GARFIELD (Rob Veenhof)  
+ ELECTRIC FIELD, ENERGY LOSS,...



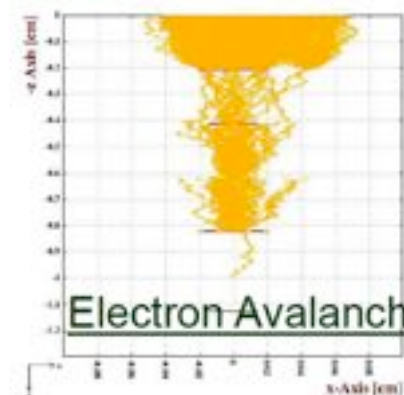
*P. Bhattacharya, RD51 Collaboration*



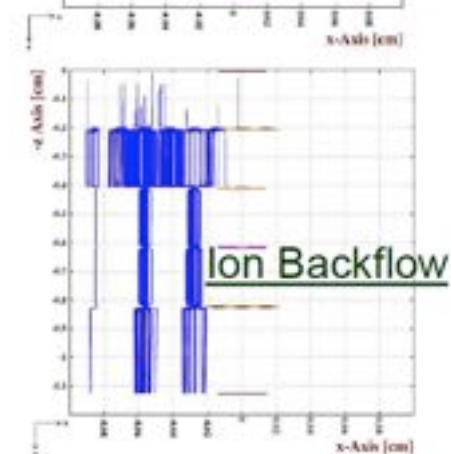
## ALICE GEM TPC SIMULATION



### Ion Backflow

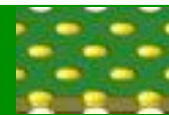


### Electron Avalanche

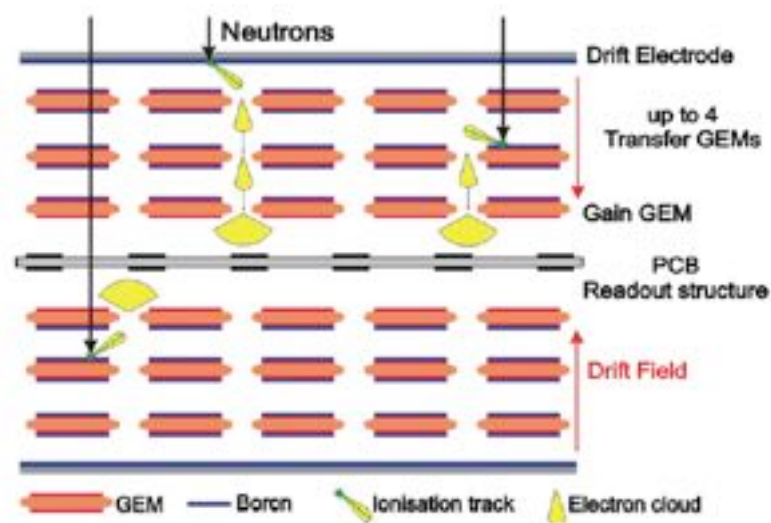


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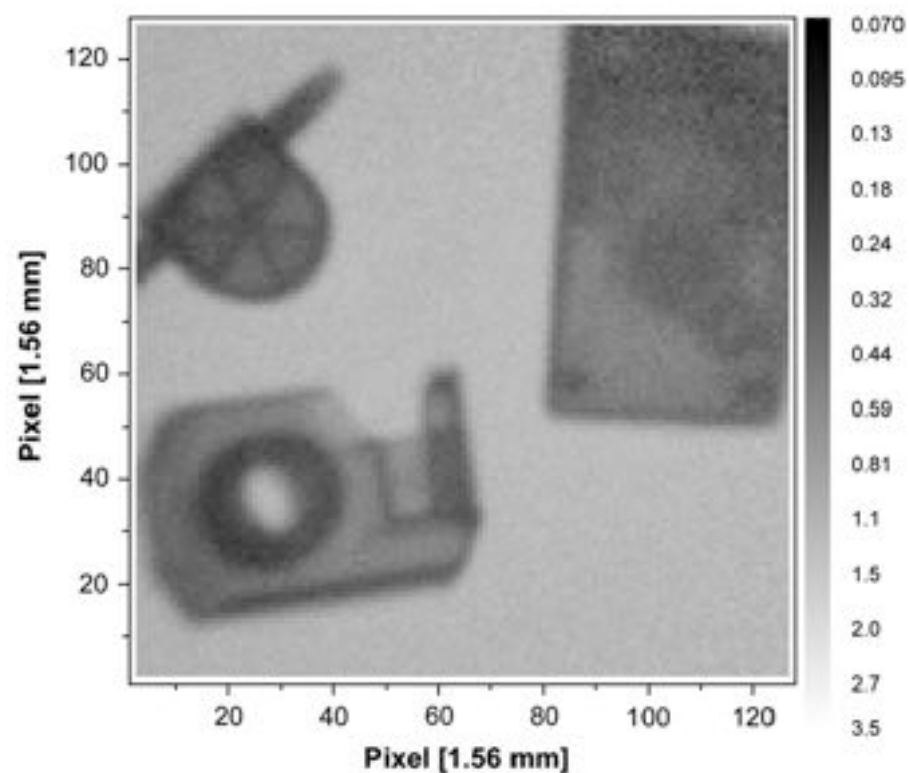
*P. Bhattacharya, MPGD Workshop (Trieste 2015)*



CASCADE:  $^{10}\text{B}$ -COATED GEM ELECTRODES

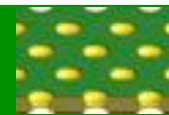


THERMAL NEUTRON RADIOGRAPHY



*M. Klein and Ch. Schmidt, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A628(2011)9*



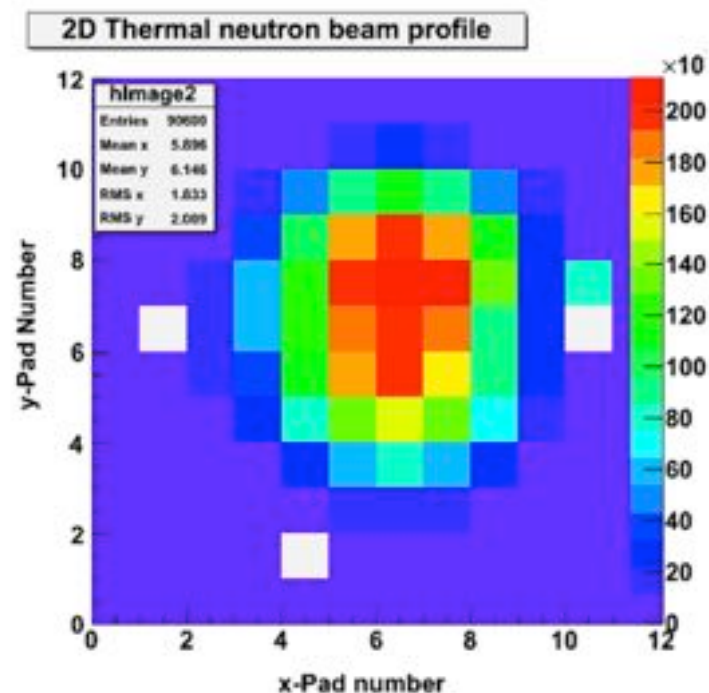


b-GEM:

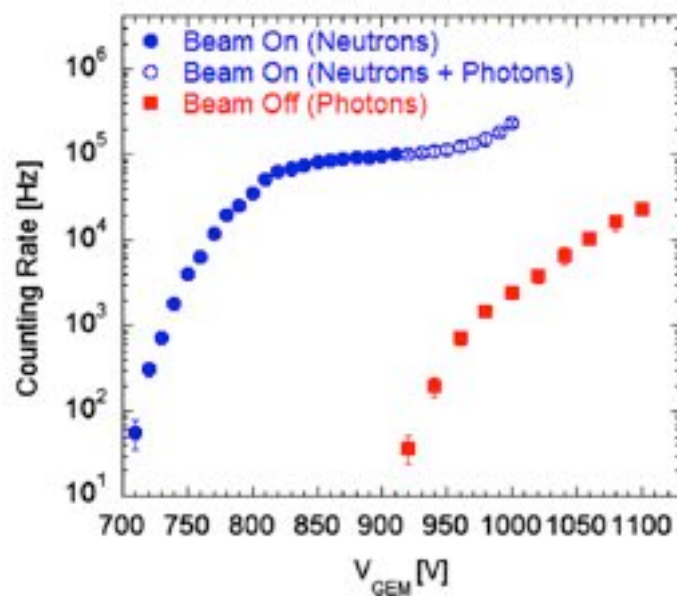
TRIPLE GEM WITH ALUMINUM FOIL CATHODE COATED WITH 1  $\mu\text{m}$  OF BORON CARBIDE  
READOUT: 144 PADS, 8x8 mm<sup>2</sup>



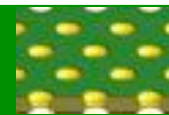
2-D THERMAL NEUTRON BEAM PROFILE



SENSITIVITY TO GAMMA BACKGROUND:

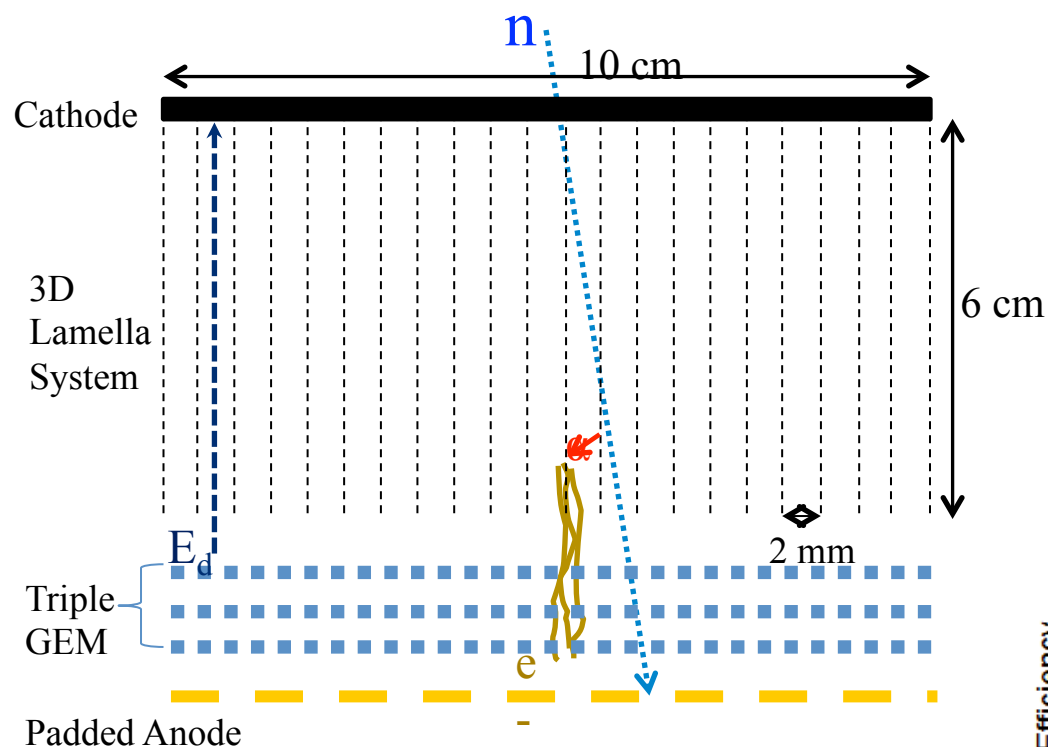


*G. Croci et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A732(2013)217*



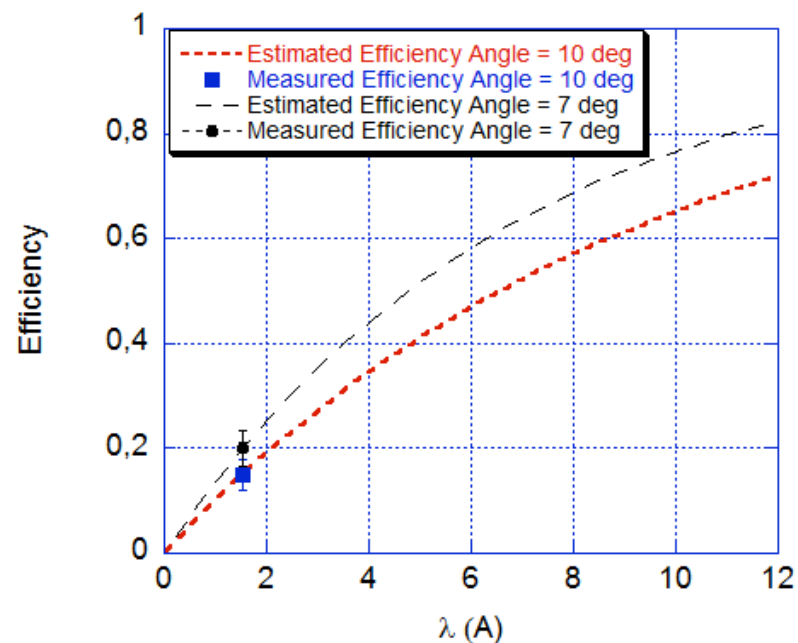
## BORON ARRAY NEUTRON DETECTOR (BAND-GEM)

Alumina Lamellas coated on both sides with  $^{10}\text{B}_4\text{C}$



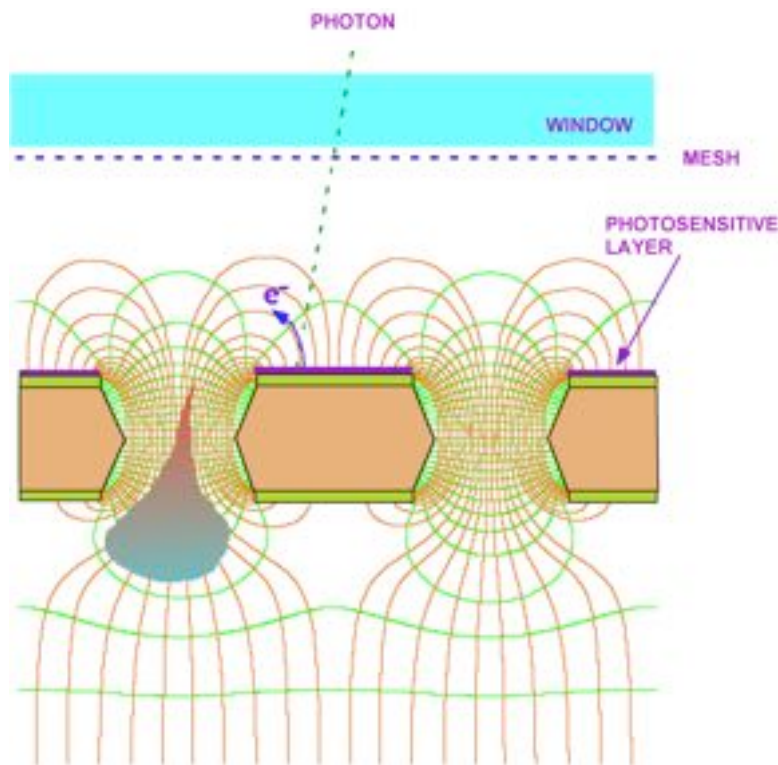
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## 48 LAMELLAS PROTOTYPE



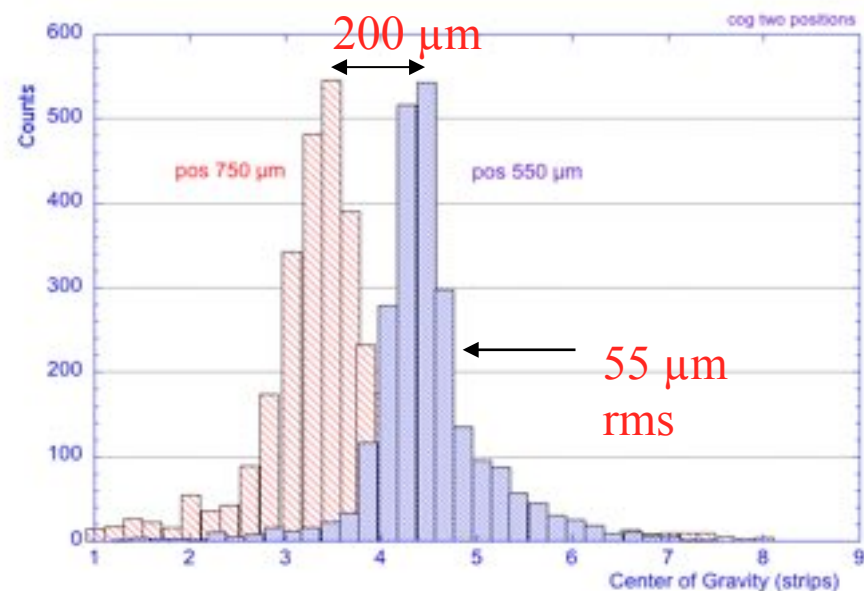
REFLECTIVE CsI PHOTOCATHODE ON UPPER GEM ELECTRODE

- NO PHOTON FEEDBACK
- INSENSITIVE TO DIRECT IONIZATION

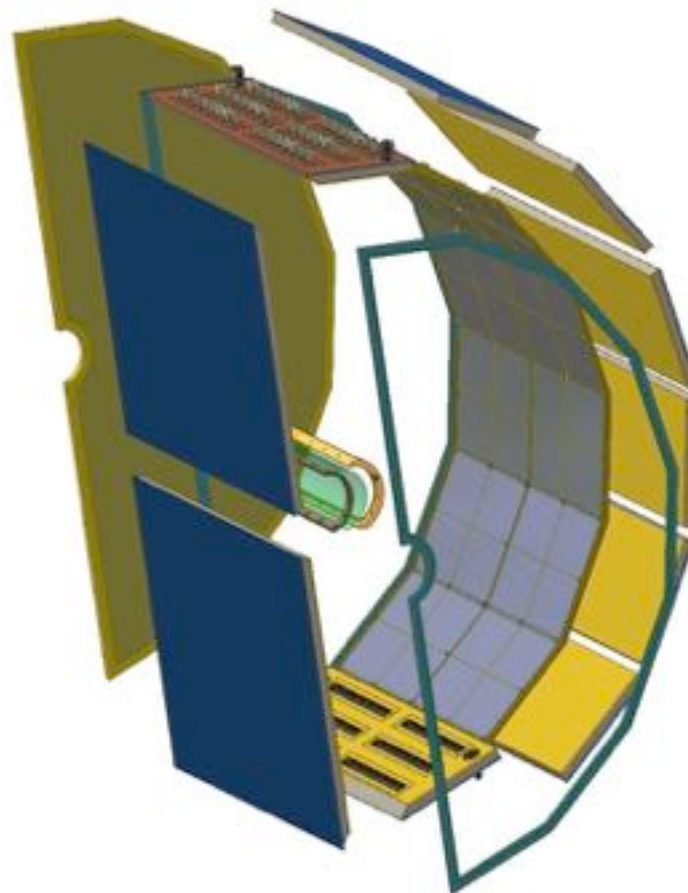
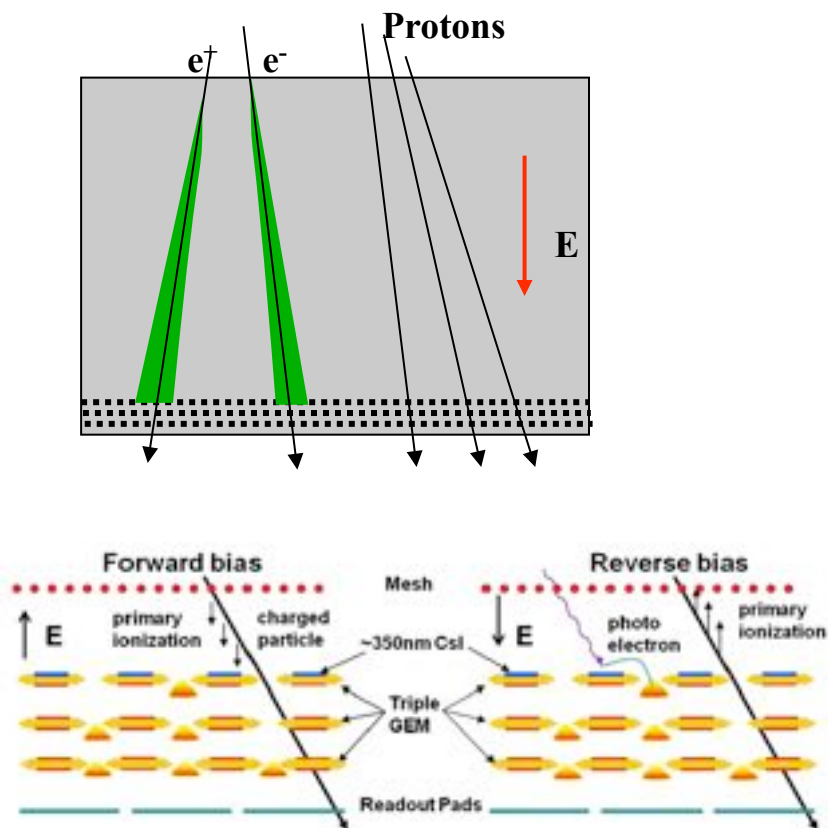


*T. Meinschad, L. Ropelewski and F. Sauli, NIMA 535(2004)324*

TRIPLE GEM  
COLLIMATED SINGLE UV PHOTON SOURCE  
POSITION ACCURACY



“INVERSE FIELD” TPC



*C. Aidala et al, Nucl. Instr. and Methods A502(2003)200*

*Z. Fraenkel et al, Nucl. Instr. and Methods A546(2005) 466*

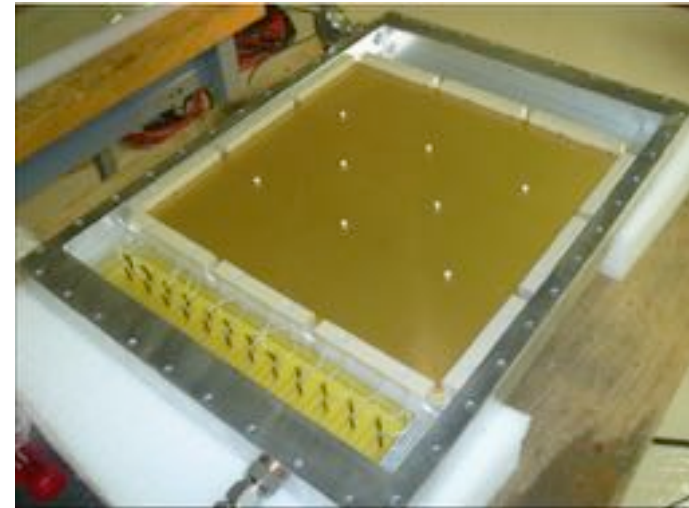




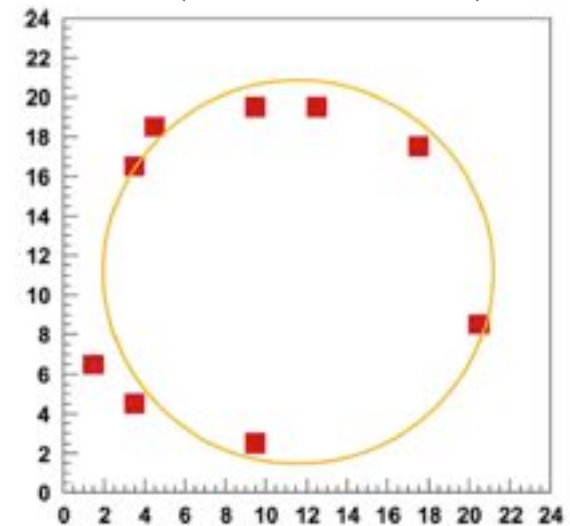
THICK GEM CsI-COATED 30x30 cm<sup>2</sup>



TRIPLE THGEM PROTOTYPE



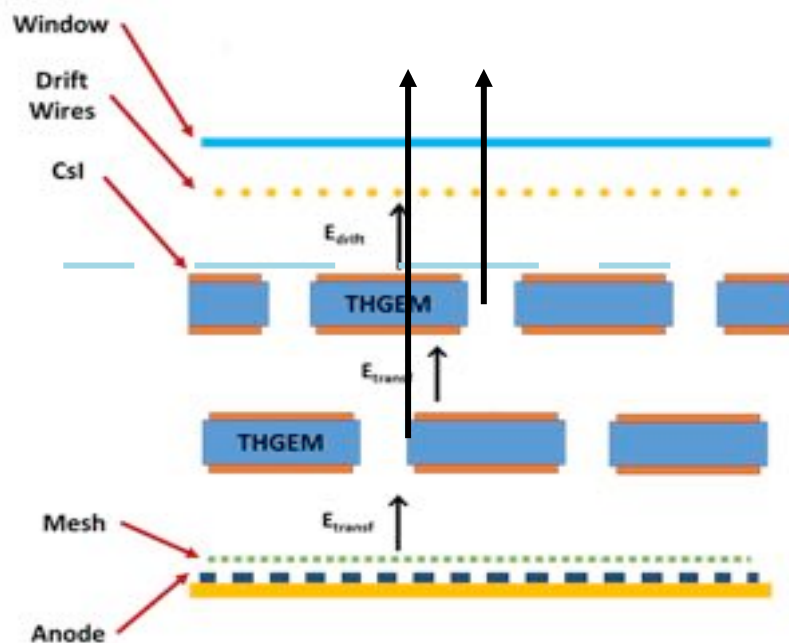
SINGLE EVENT (6 GeV  $\pi^-$  BEAM)



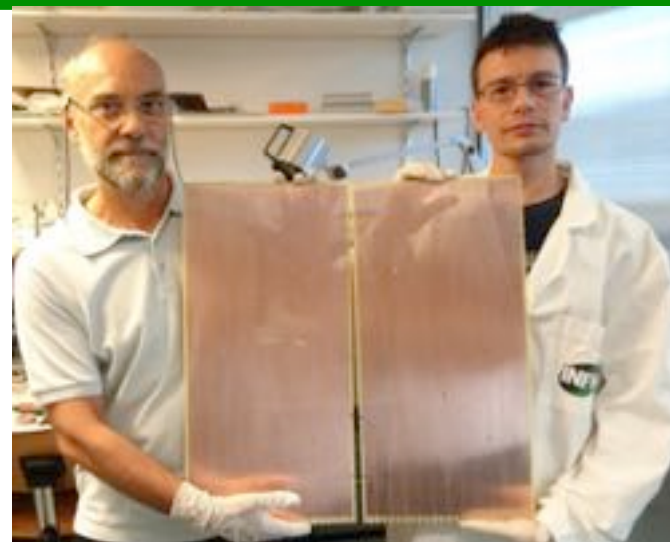
*M. Alexeev et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A732(2013)264*

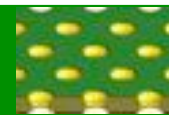
COMPASS RICH-1 MPGD UPGRADE

DOUBLE STAGGERED THGEMS+MICROMEAS

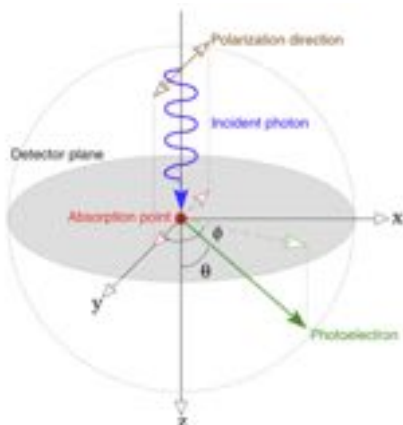


*M. Alexeev et al, MPGD Workshop (Trieste 2015)*

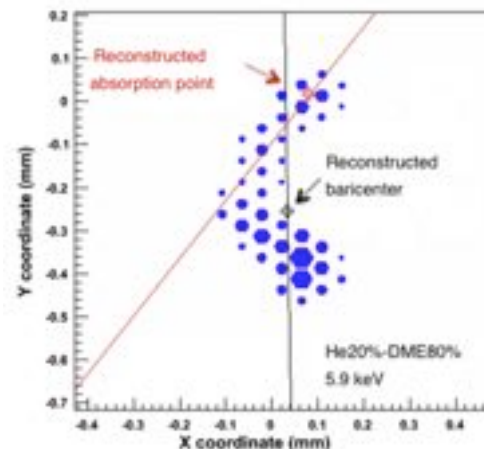




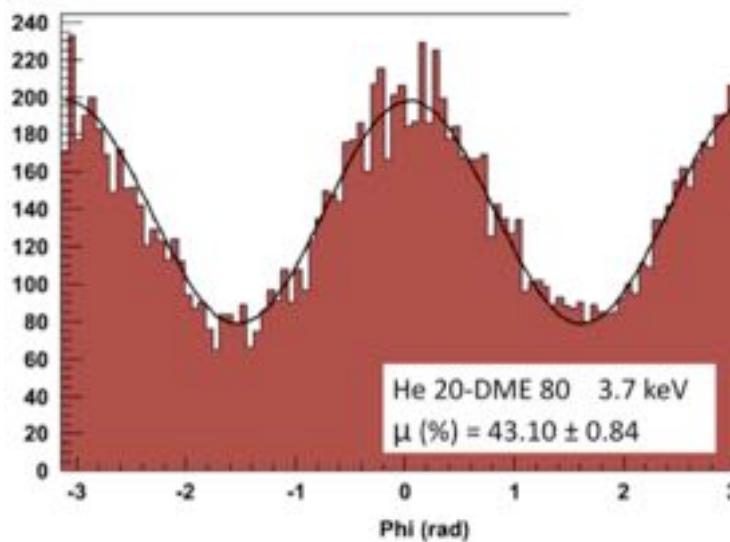
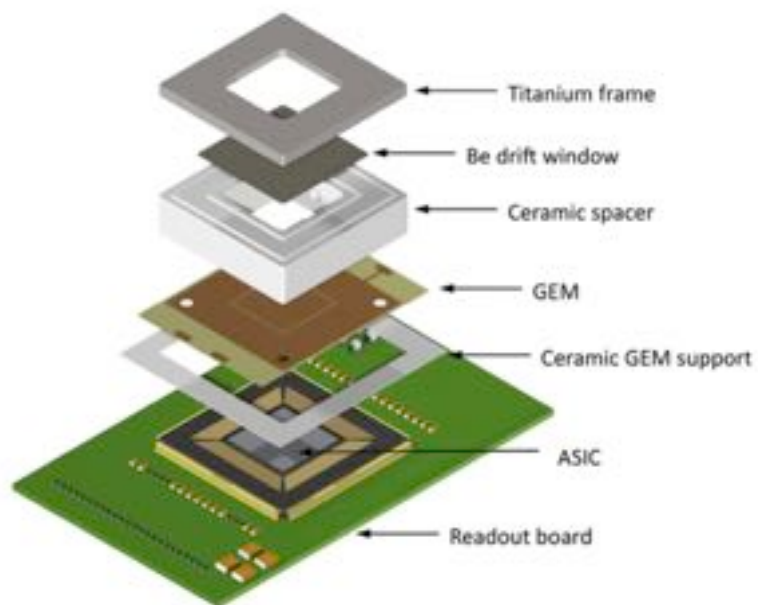
## SOFT X-RAY POLARIMETRY



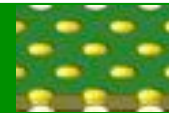
5.9 keV PHOTOELECTRON (80  $\mu\text{m}$  pixels pitch):



## MEASURED ANGULAR MODULATION:



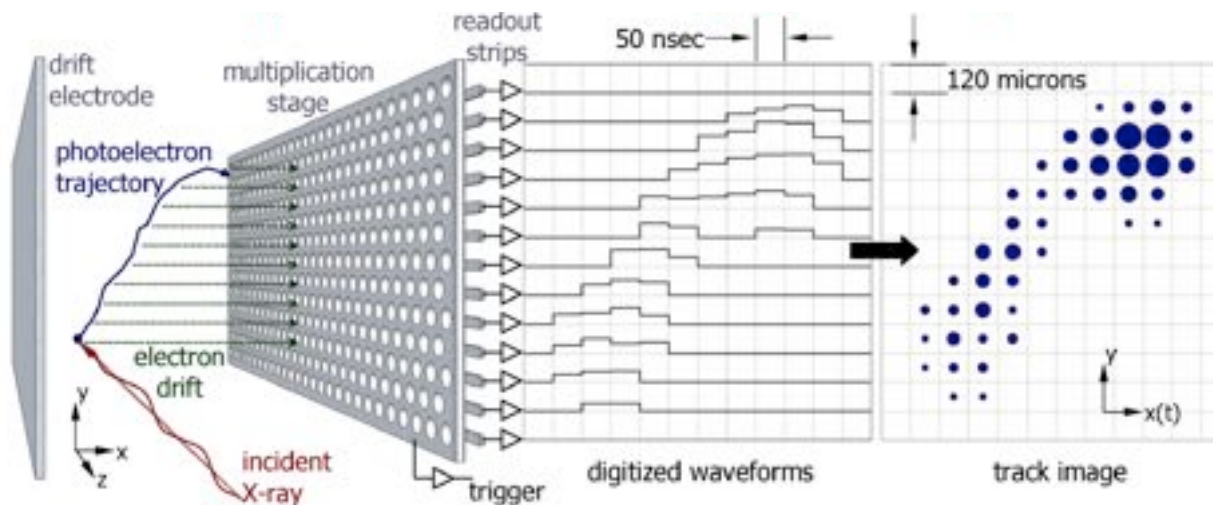
*R. Bellazzini et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A720(2013)173*



GEMS MISSION CANCELLED BY NASA (2012)

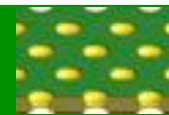
NEW MISSION (2017):  
POLARIMETRY FOR RELATIVISTIC  
ASTROPHYSICAL X-RAY SOURCES (PRAXyS)

*W.B. Iwakiri et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. In press (2016)*



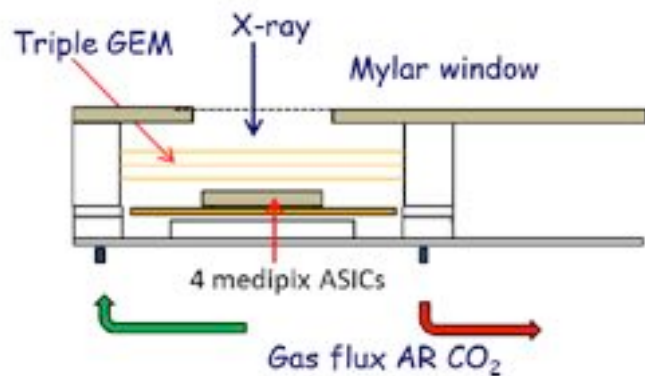
*Toru Tamagawa, MPGD Workshop (Saragoza 2013)*



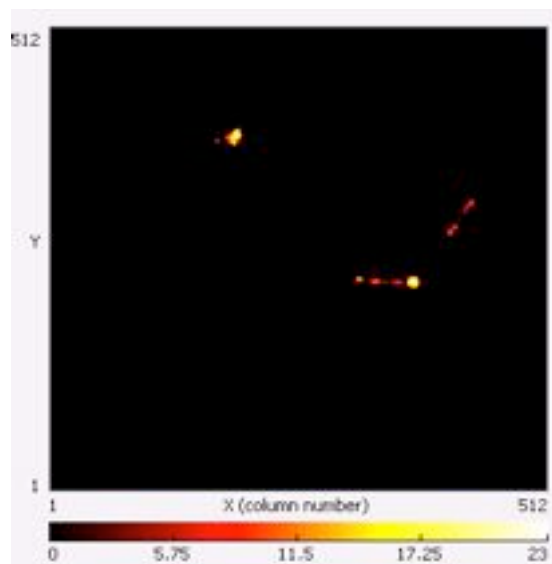


## TRIPLE-GEM WITH MEDIPIX READOUT

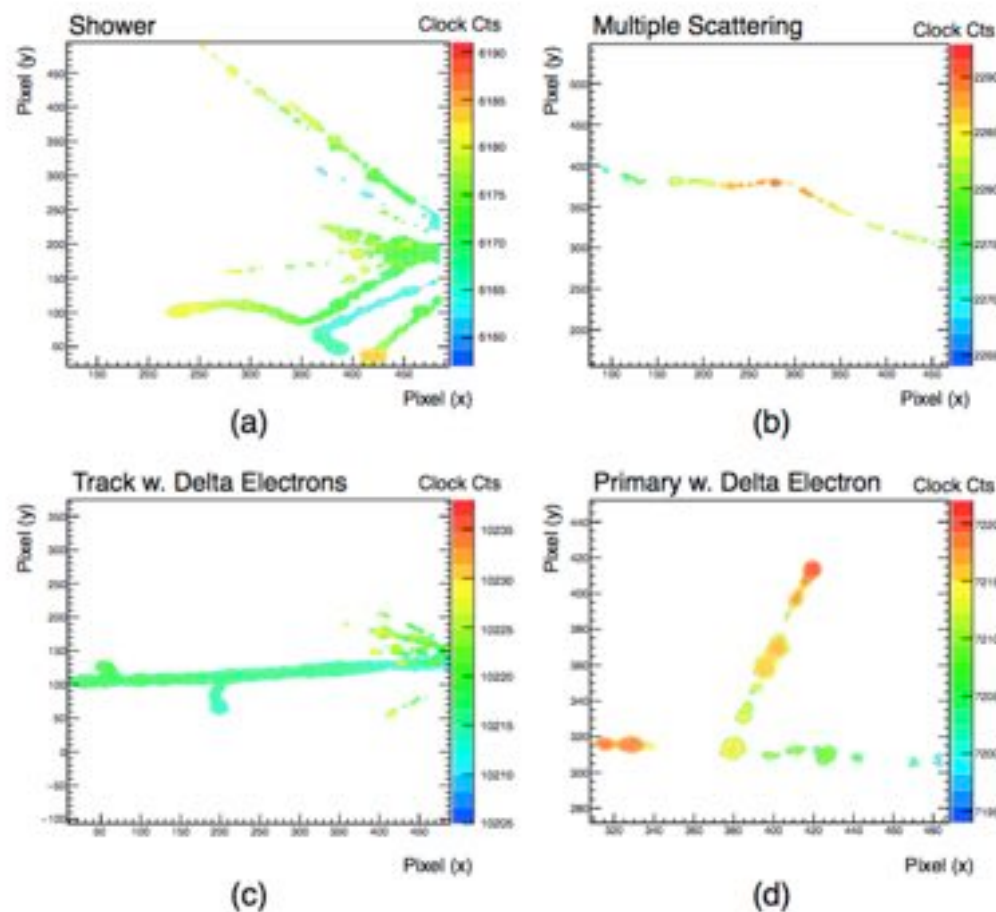
256x256 pixels,  $55 \times 55 \mu\text{m}^2$



## COMPTON ELECTRON:



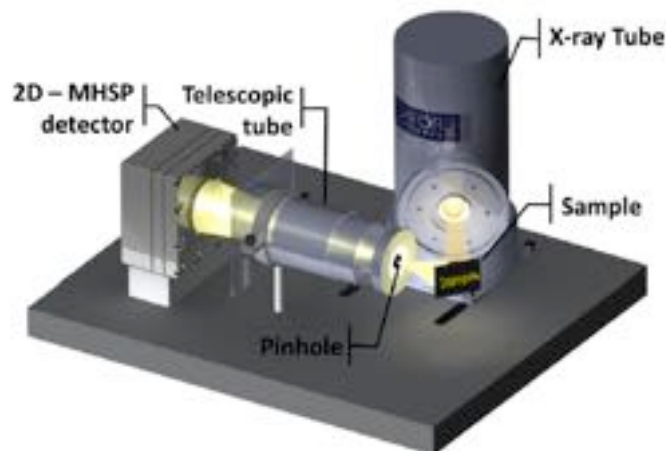
## RECORDED EVENTS:



*F. Murtas et al, JINST10(2015)P11003*

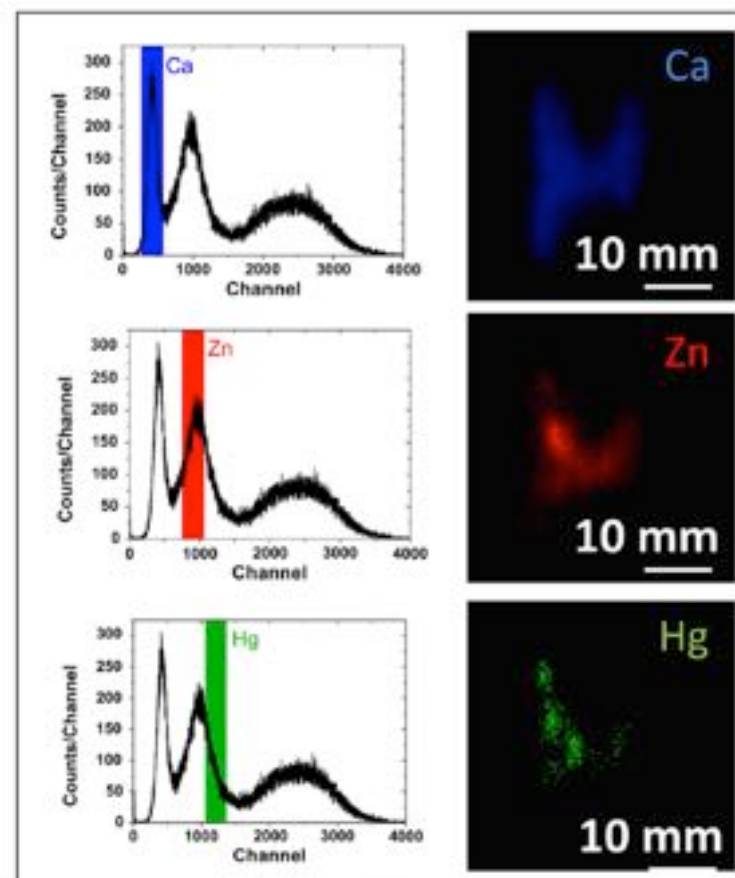
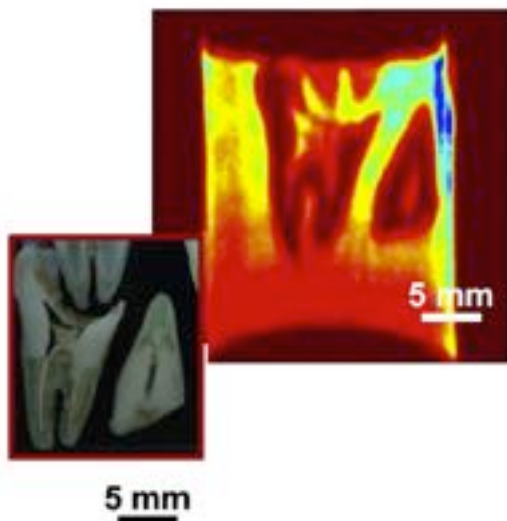


28x28 mm<sup>2</sup> MICRO-HOLE AND STRIP PLATE (MHSP)  
WITH RESISTIVE LINES 2-D READOUT

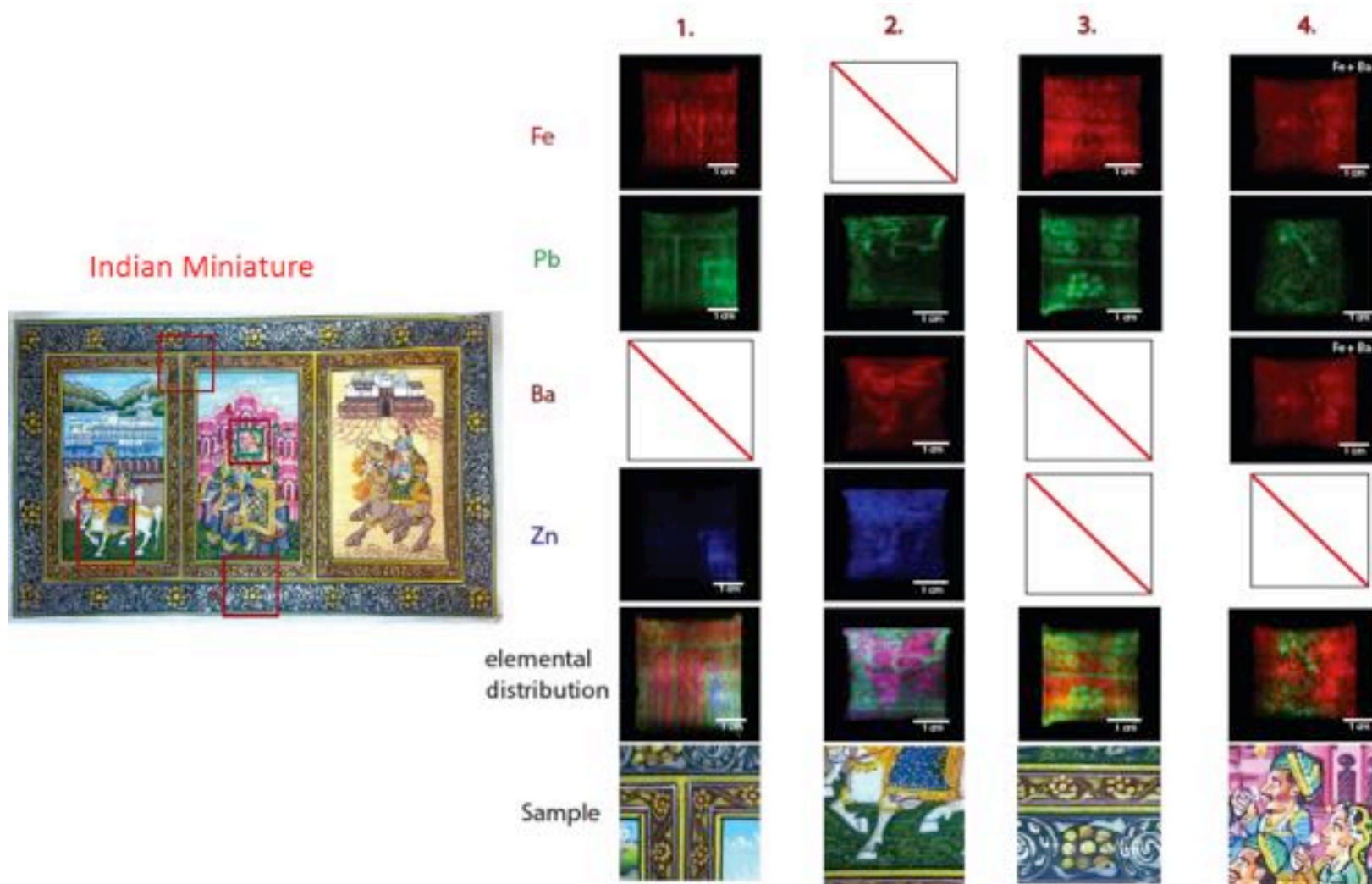


ELEMENTAL ANALYSIS:

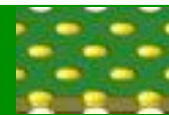
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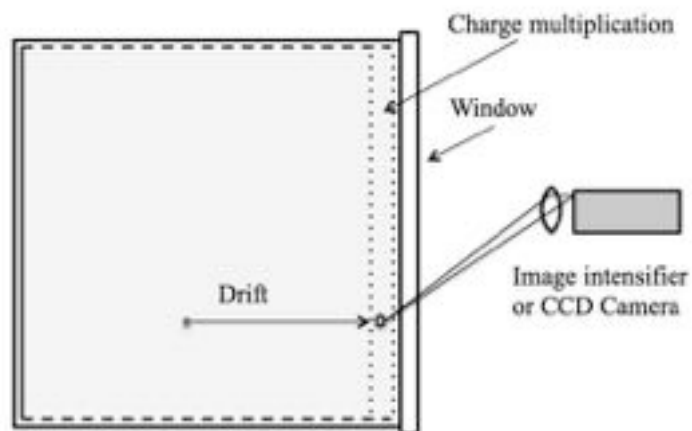
*A.L.M. Silva et al, Spectrochimica Acta B86(2013)115*



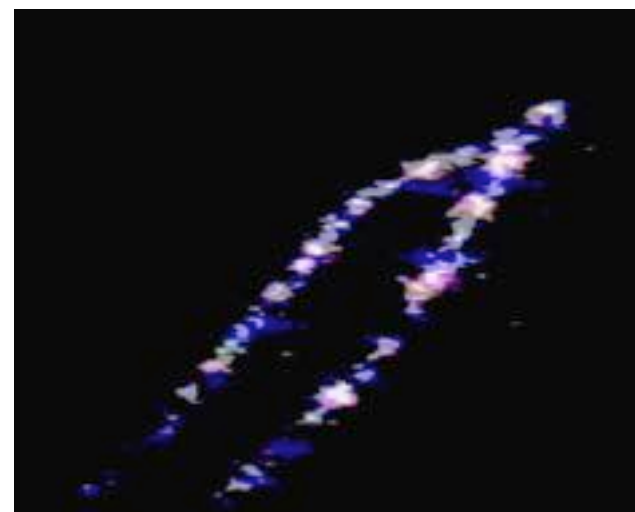
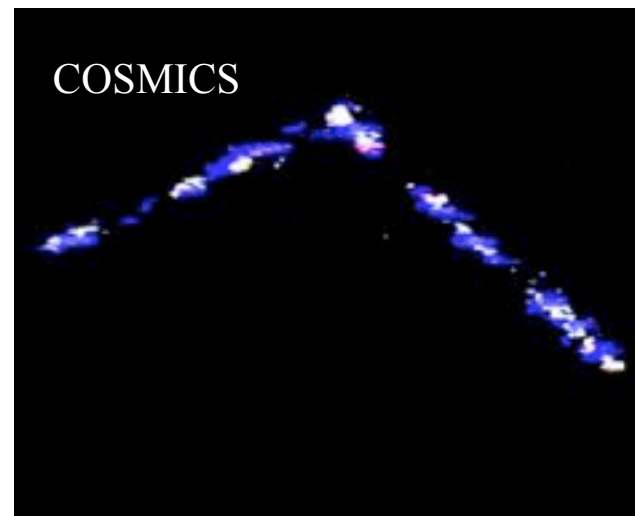
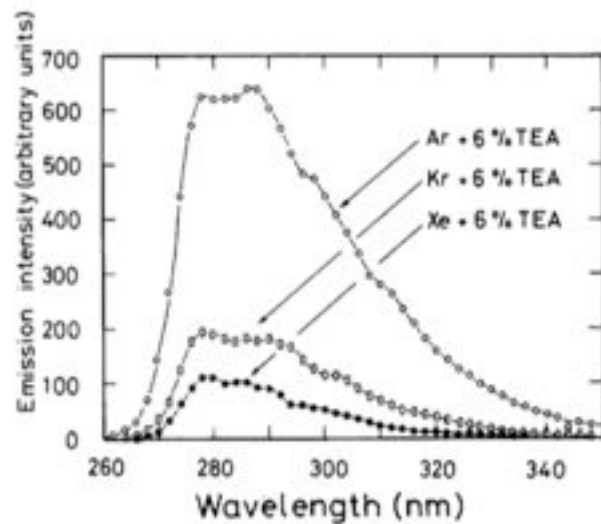
*J. Veloso, RD51 Special Workshop on Photon detection (CERN, 2015)*



## IMAGING CHAMBER (1987)



## TRIETHYLAMINE (TEA): INTERNAL WAVELENGTH SHIFTER

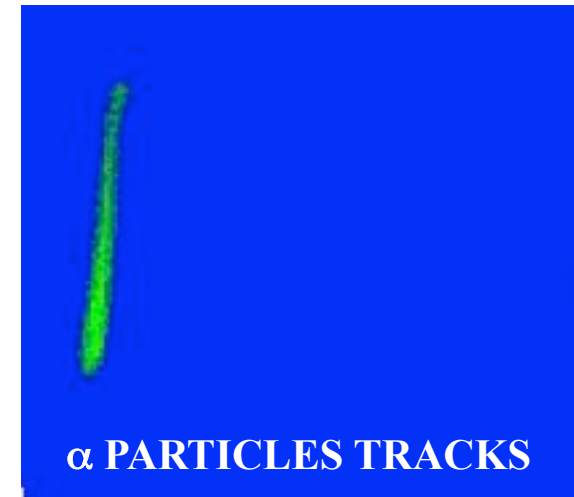
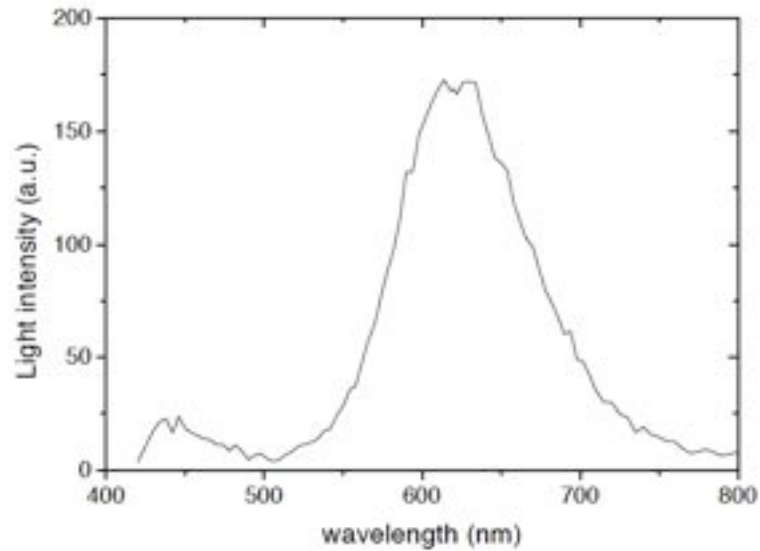


*G. Charpak, J.-P. Fabre, F. Sauli and M. Suzuki,  
Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A258(1987)177*

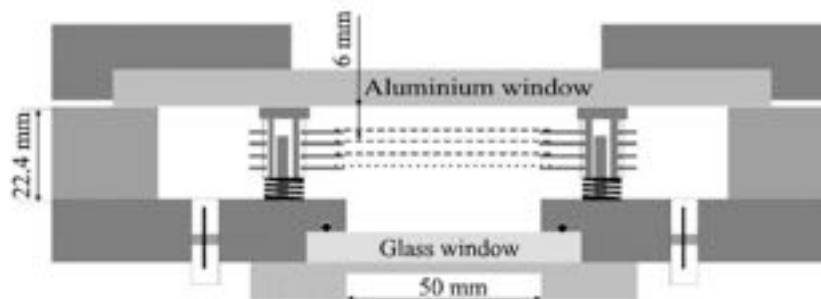




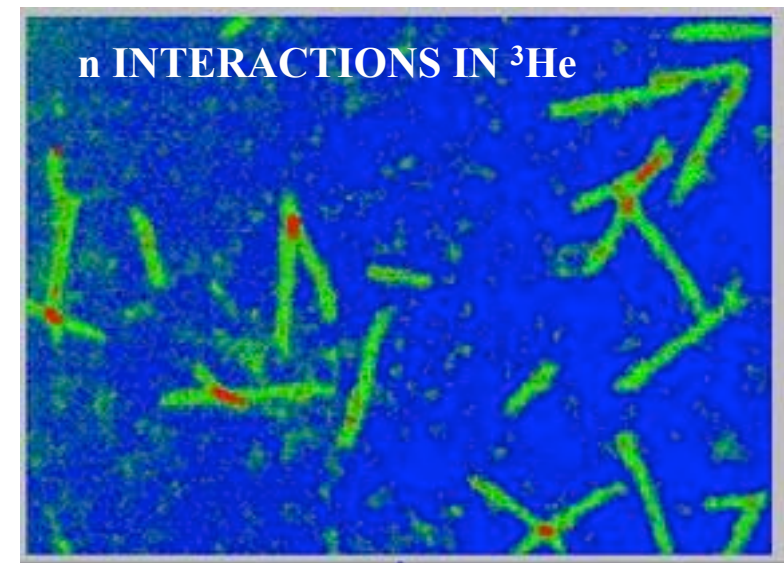
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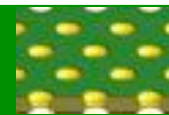


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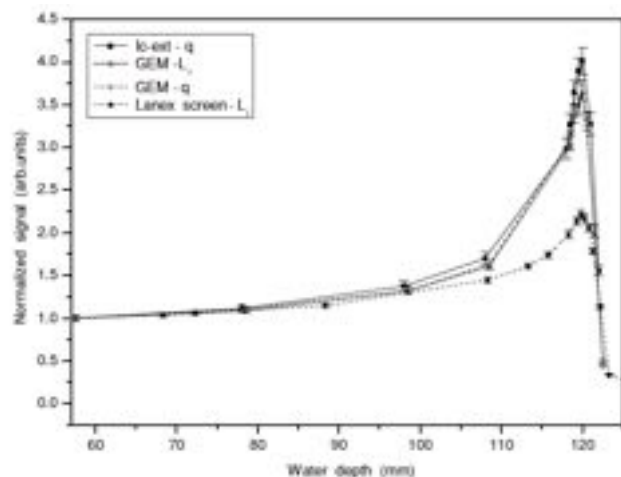
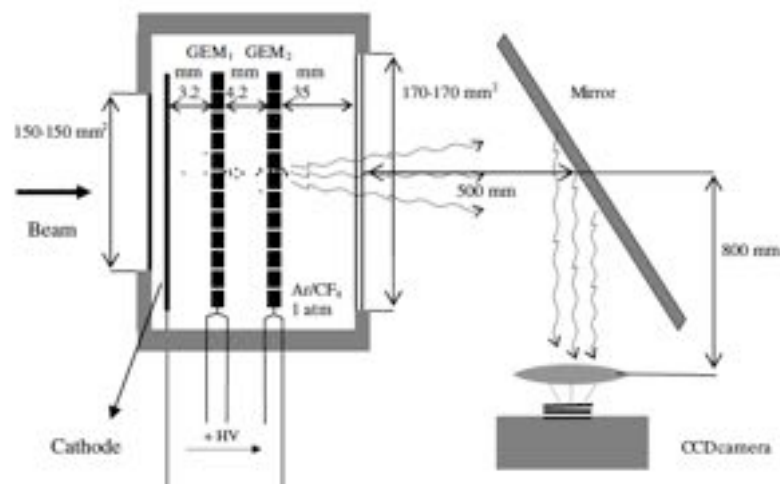


*F.A.F. Fraga, et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A478(2002) 357*



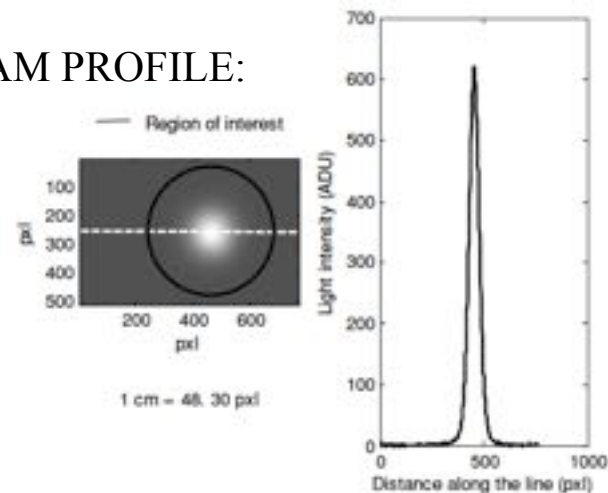


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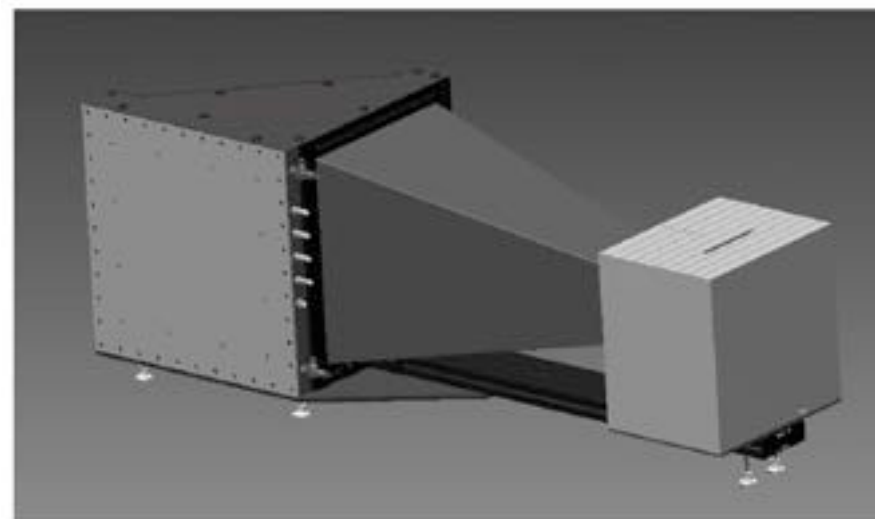


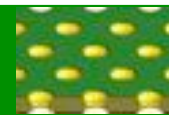
*E. Seravalli et al, Phys. Med. Biol. 53(2008)4651*

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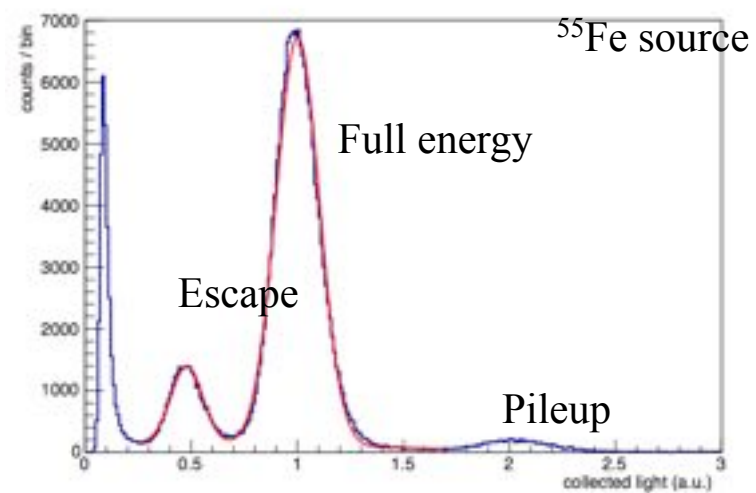
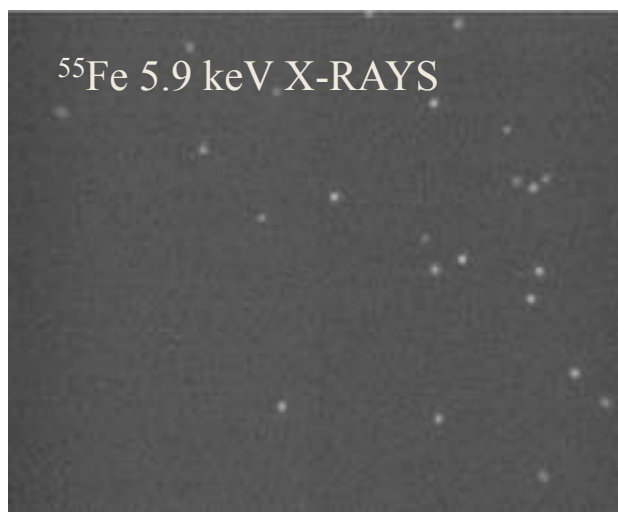
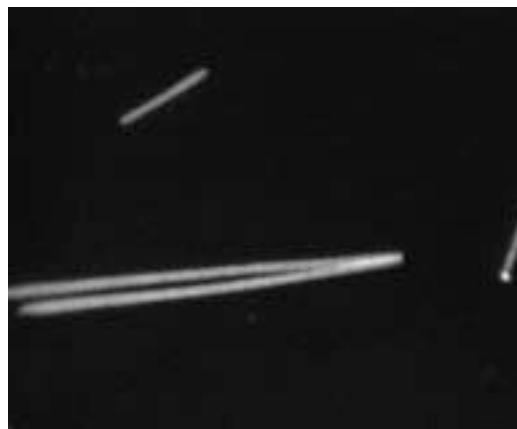
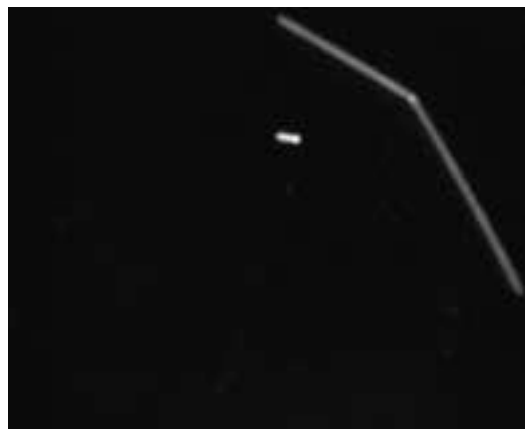


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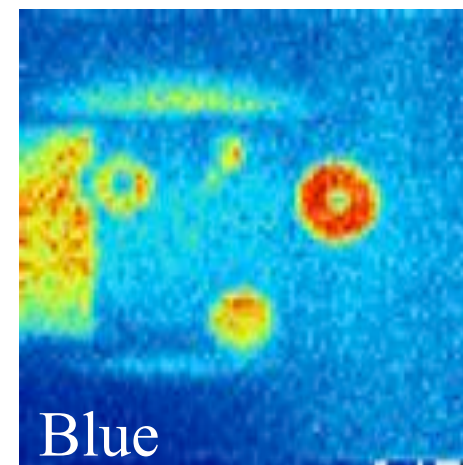
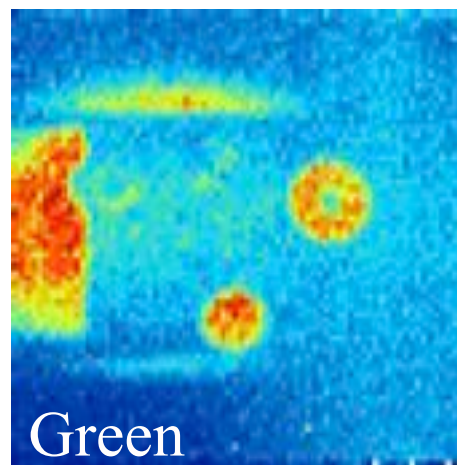
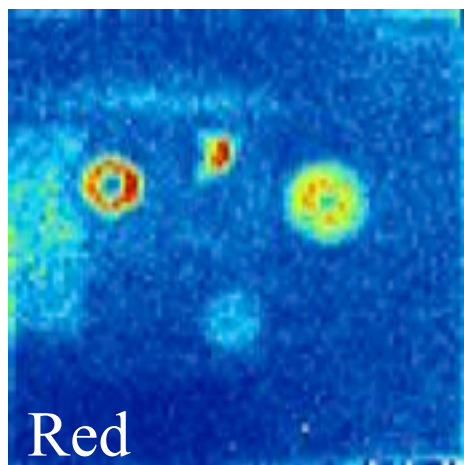
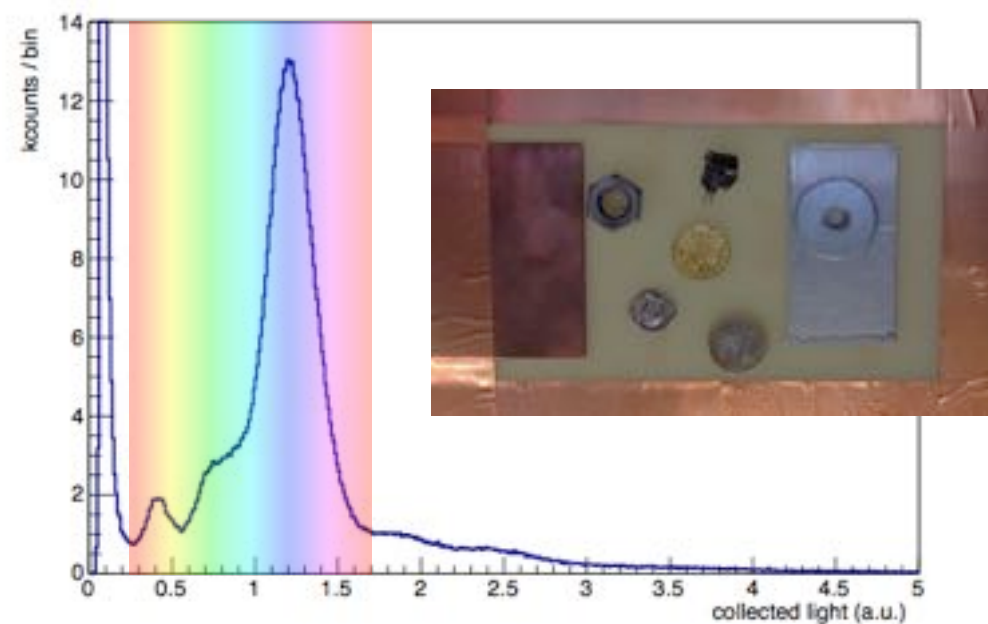
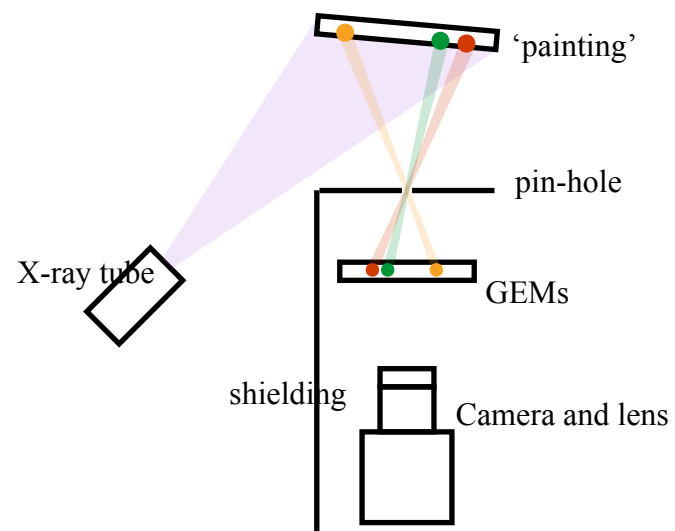




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*F. Resnati, EP Detector Seminar (CERN, April 29, 2016)*

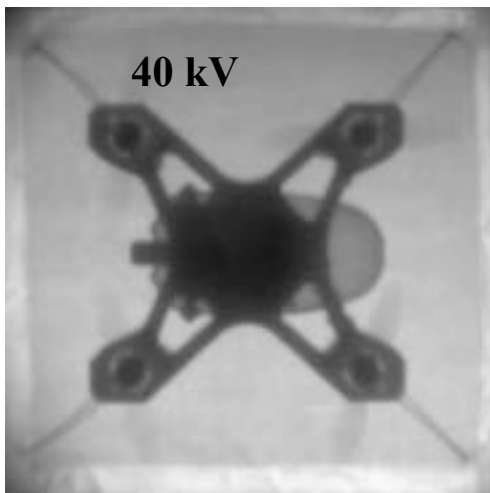
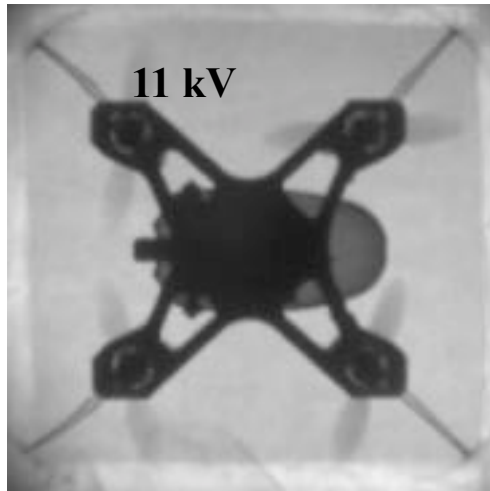


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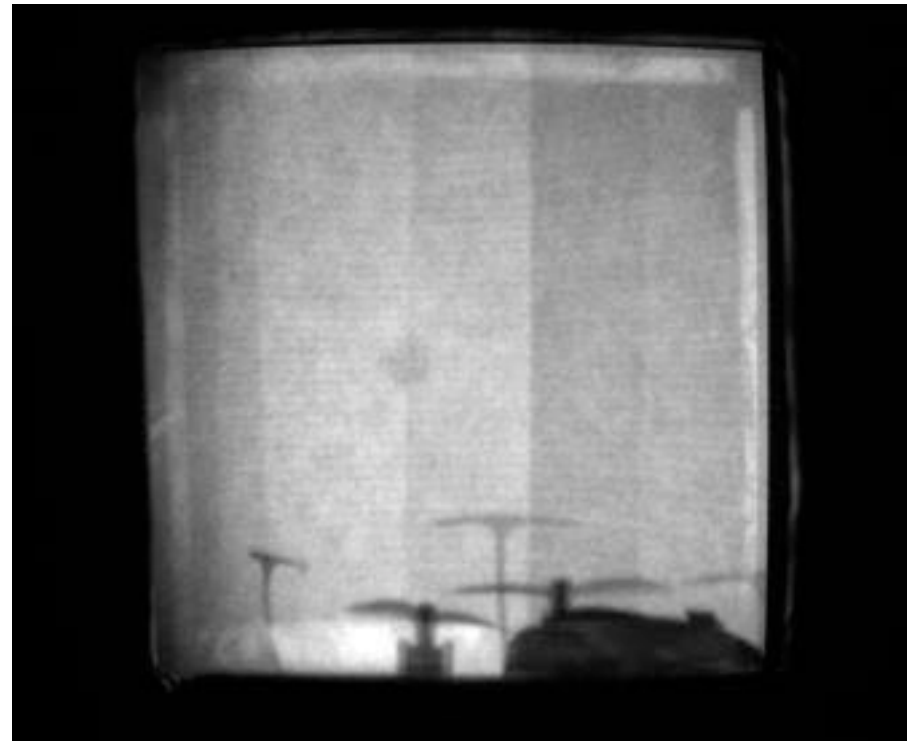




## SMALL DRONE-IN-THE BOX



## JUMPING DRONE RADIOGRAPHY (30 keV)



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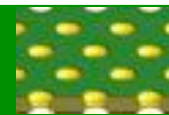
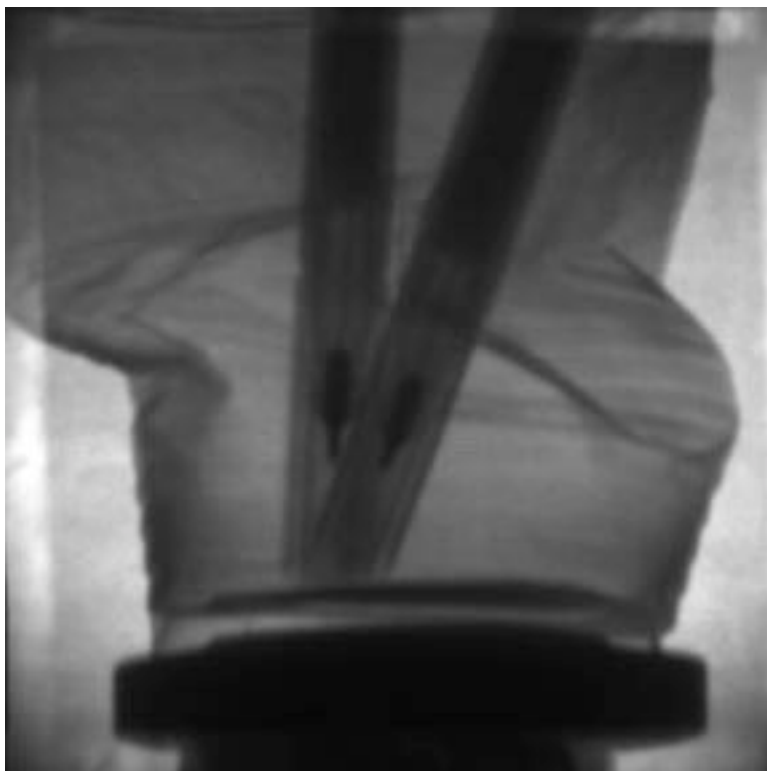
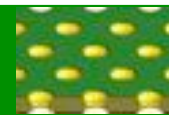


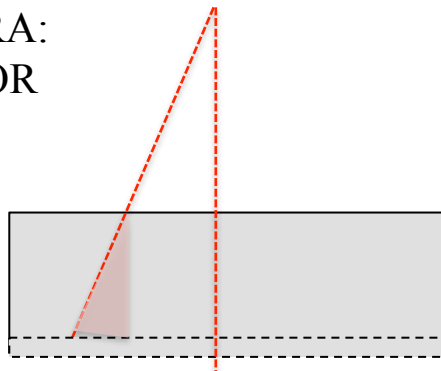
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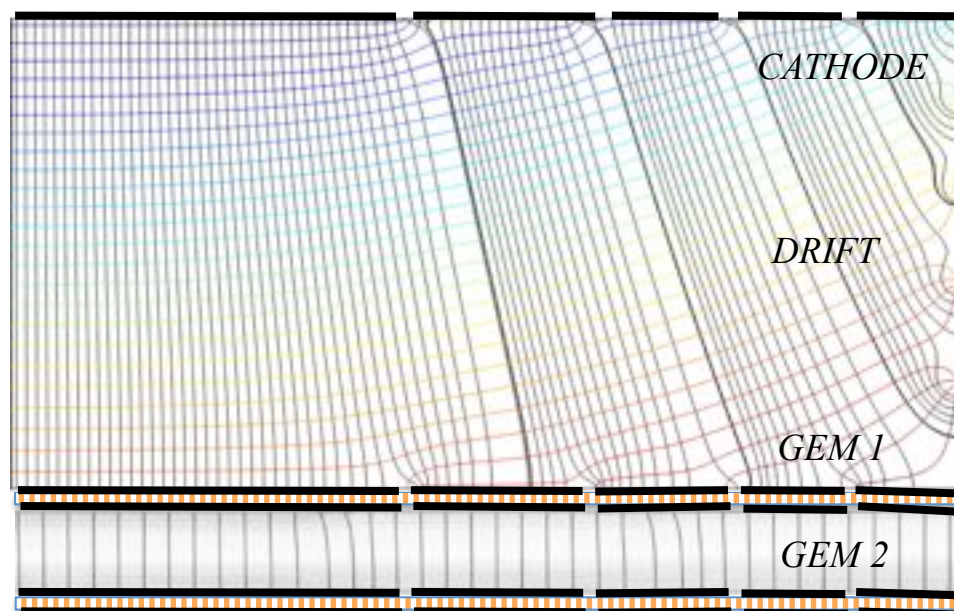
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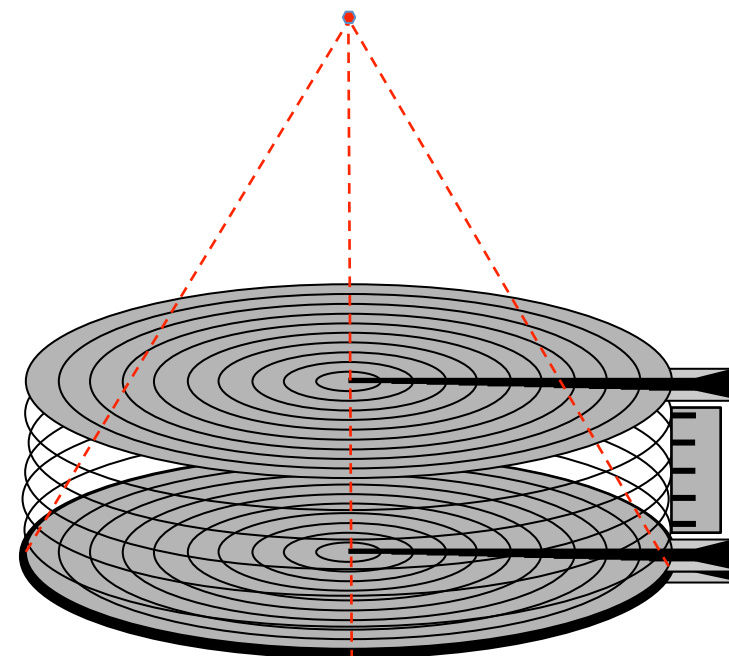
PLANISPHERICAL GEM

CONCENTRIC GRADED POTENTIAL RINGS  
ON CATHODE AND GEM ELECTRODES

RADIAL CONVERSION AND DRIFT:



*Computed with COMSOL Multiphysics*



*F. Sauli, PCT Patent WO99/21211*



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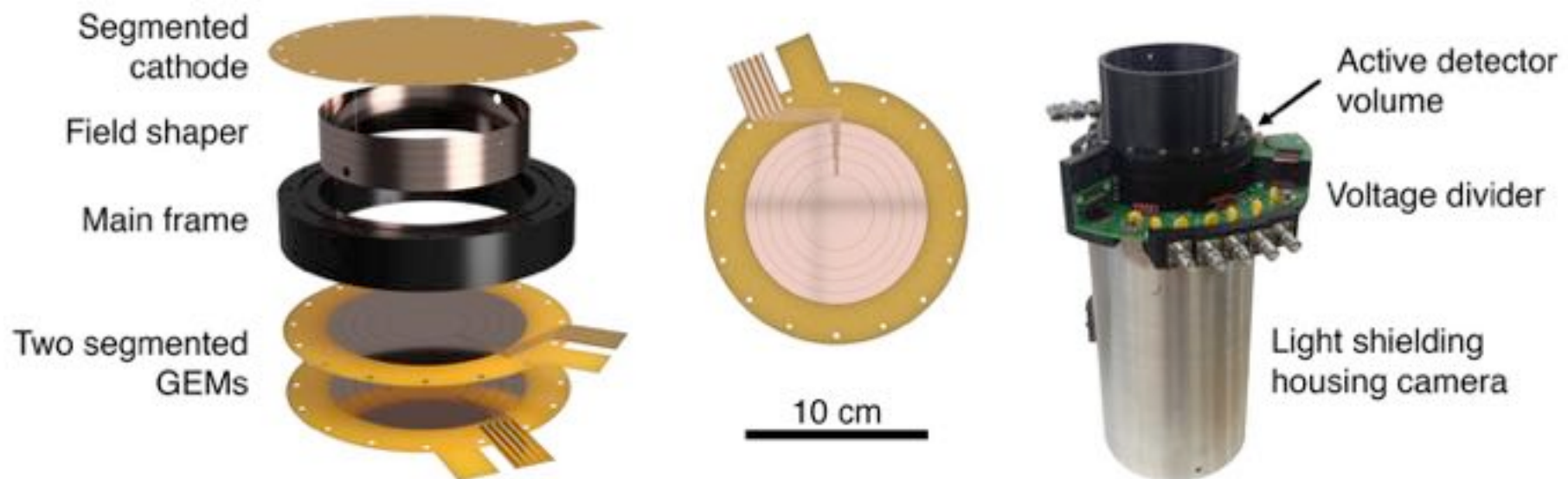


CAD-CAM DESIGN

3-D PRINTING OF MOST PARTS

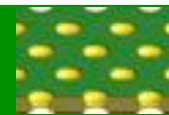
SEGMENTED GEMS MANUFACTURED AT CERN (R. De Oliveira)

10 cm Ø 10 cm FOCUS (ADJUSTABLE)

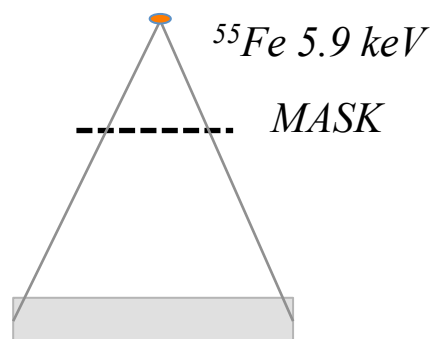


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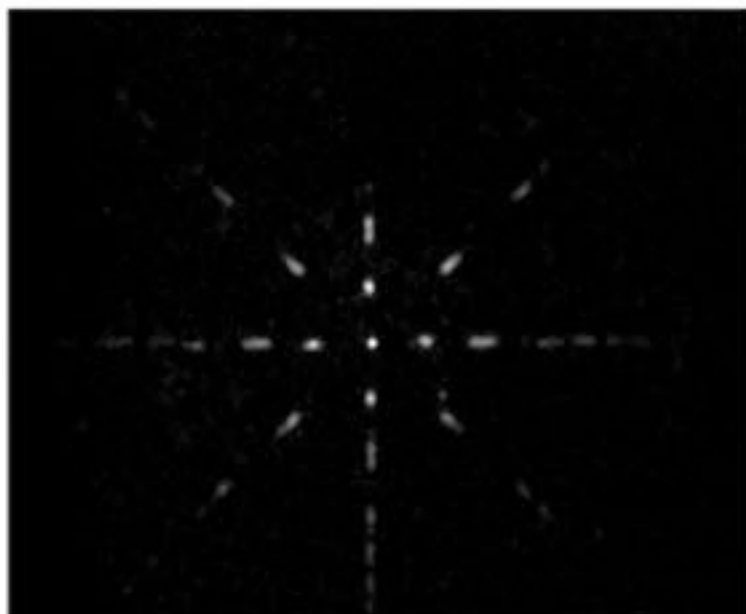




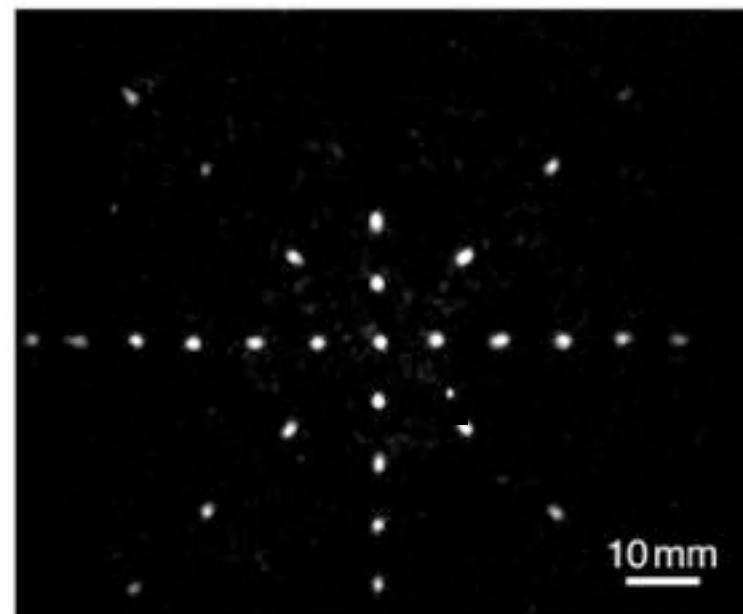
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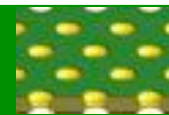
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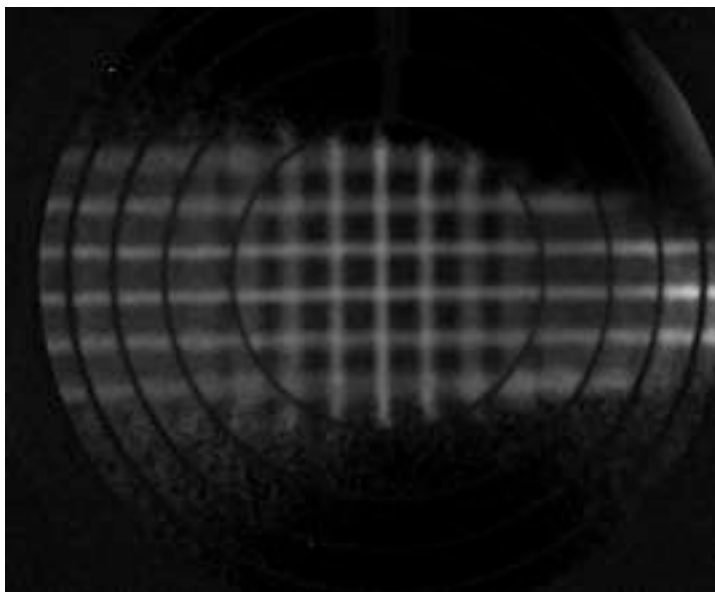
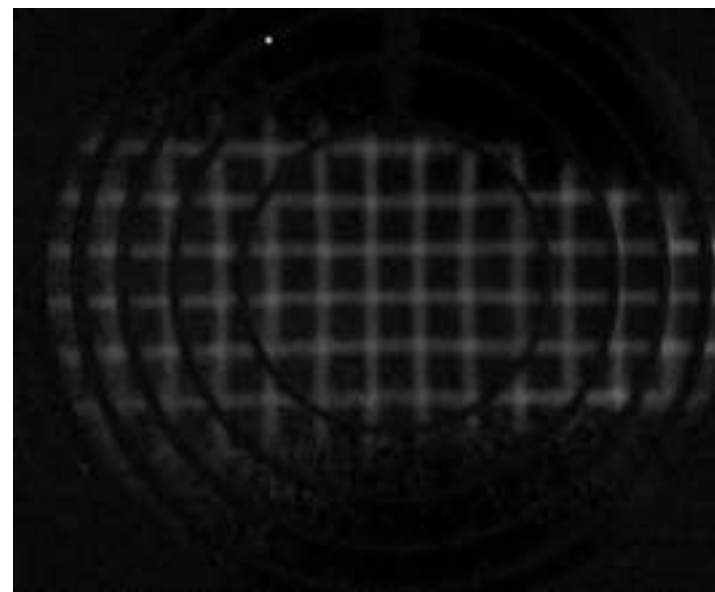
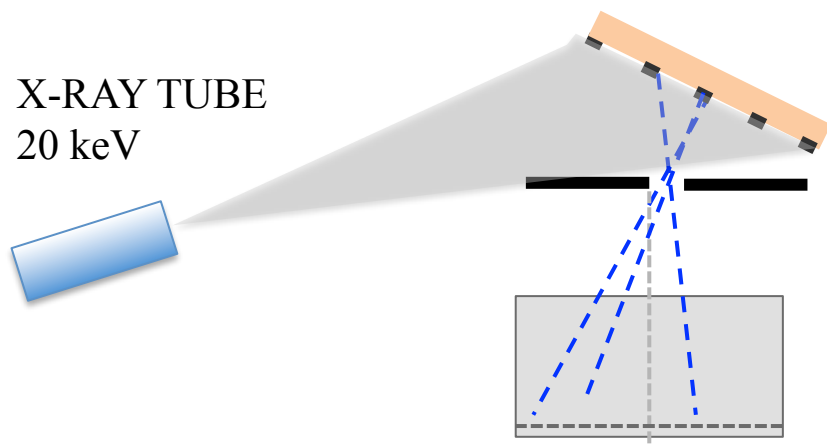
RADIAL DRIFT FIELD



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## FLUORESCENCE IMAGE OF A COPPER MESH 1mm STRIPS AT 5 mm PITCH



*Florian Brunbauer, October 20*





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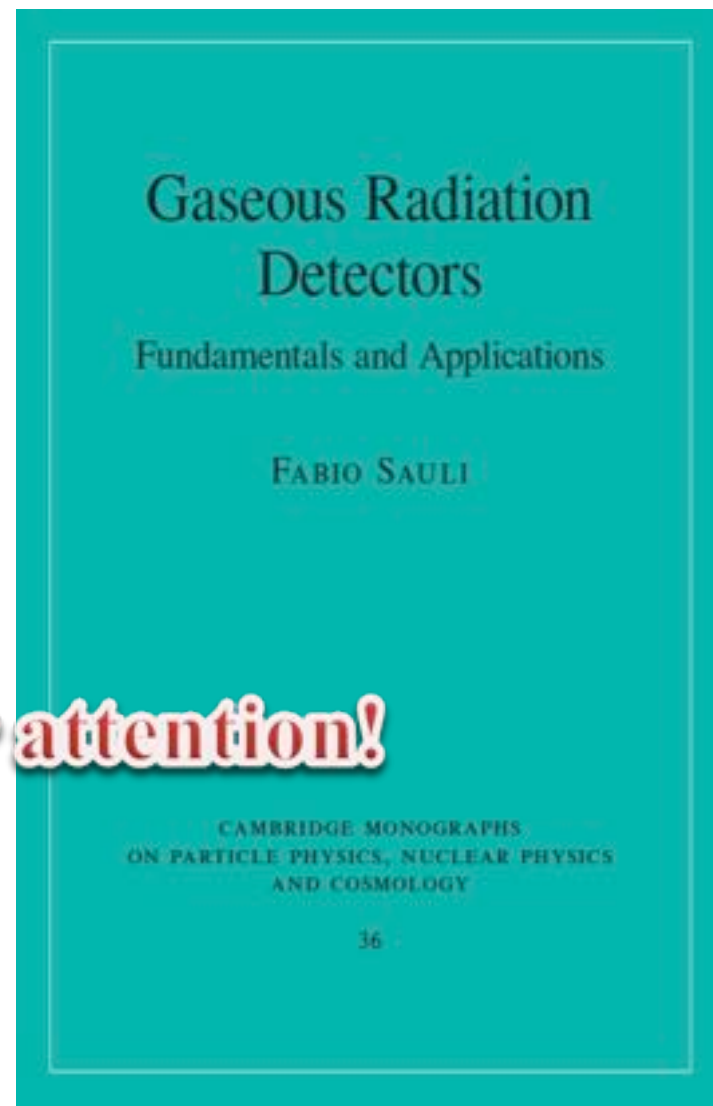
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