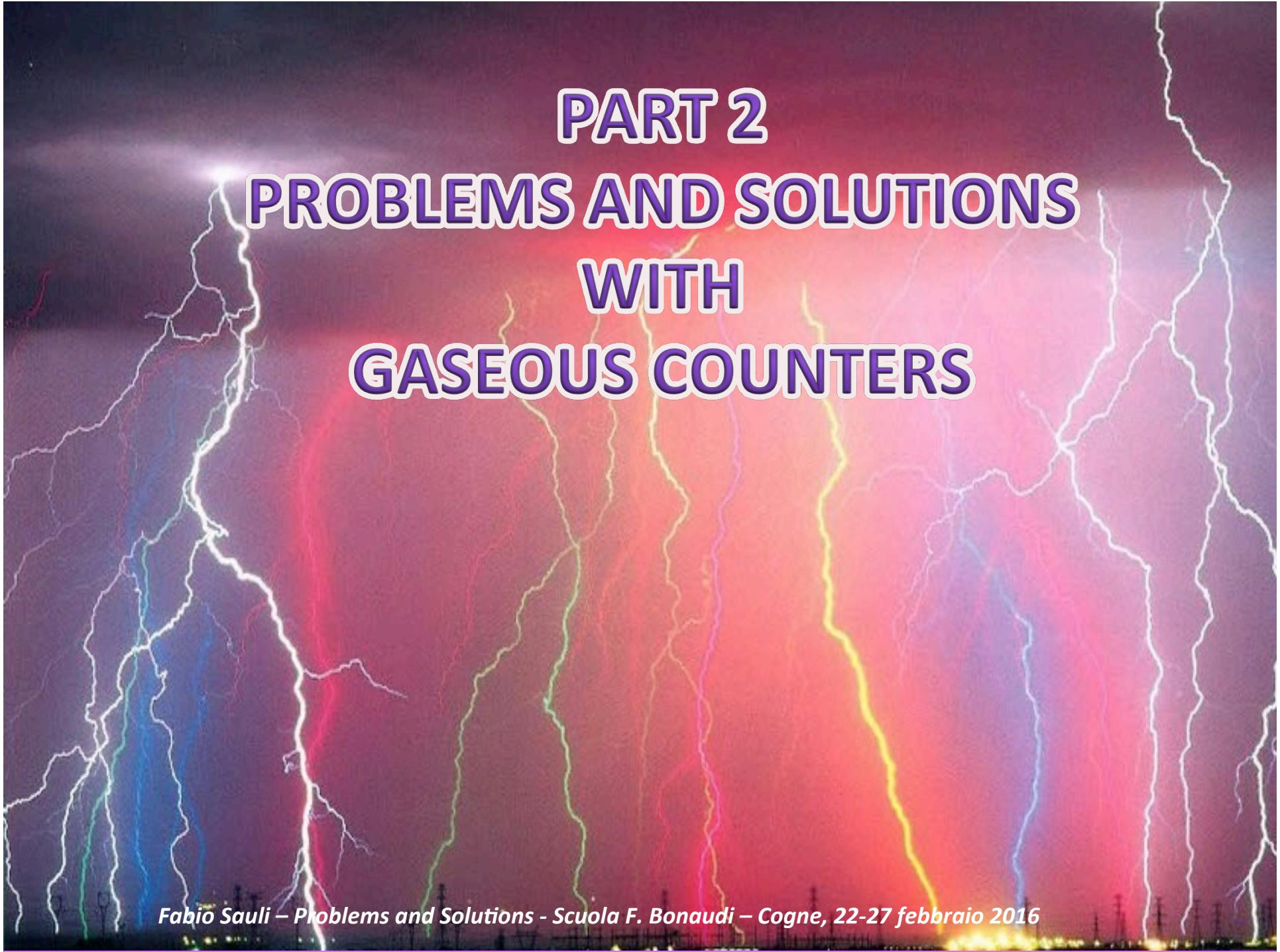


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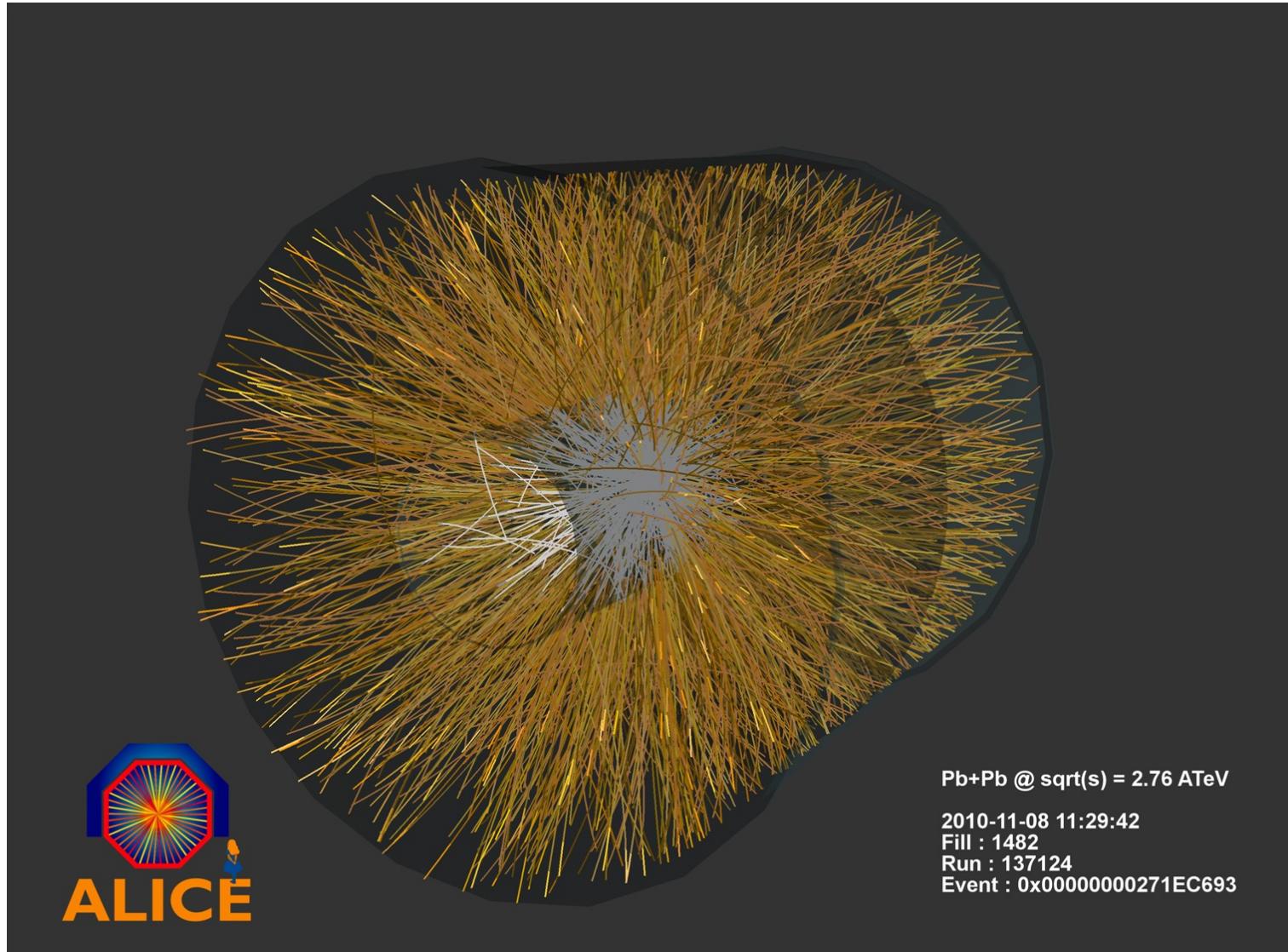
# PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

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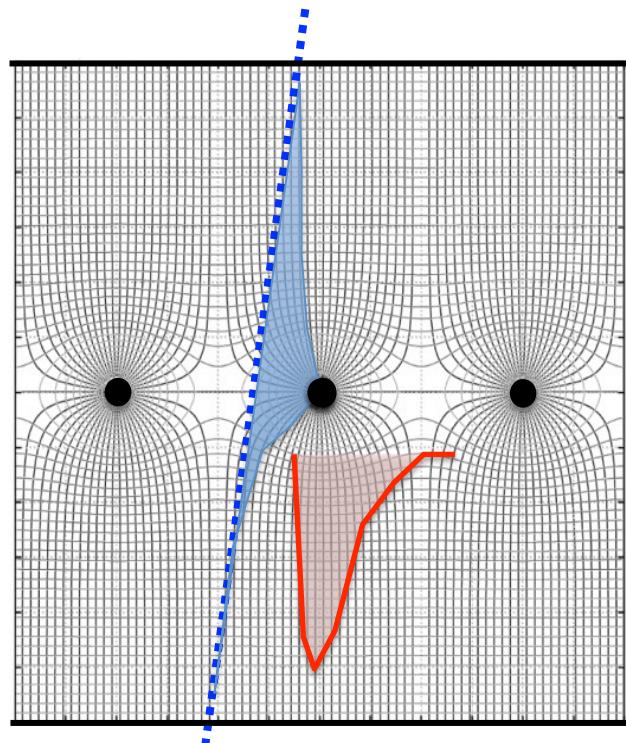
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*ALICE TIME PROJECTION CHAMBER (2006)*

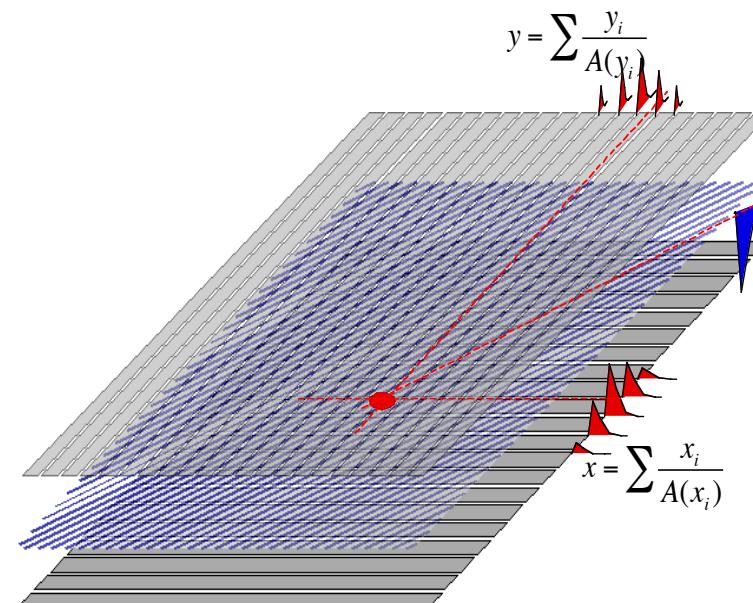


THIN ANODE WIRES BETWEEN TWO CATHODES:



G. Charpak et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. 62(1968)262

CHARGE INDUCTION ON  
CATHODE PLANES:  
2-D LOCALIZATION



G. Charpak and F. Sauli  
Nucl. Instr. and Meth. 113(1973)381

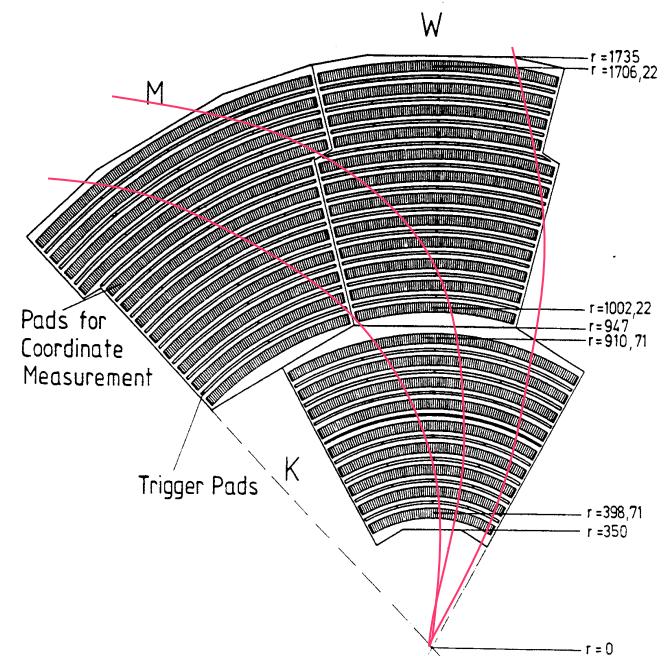
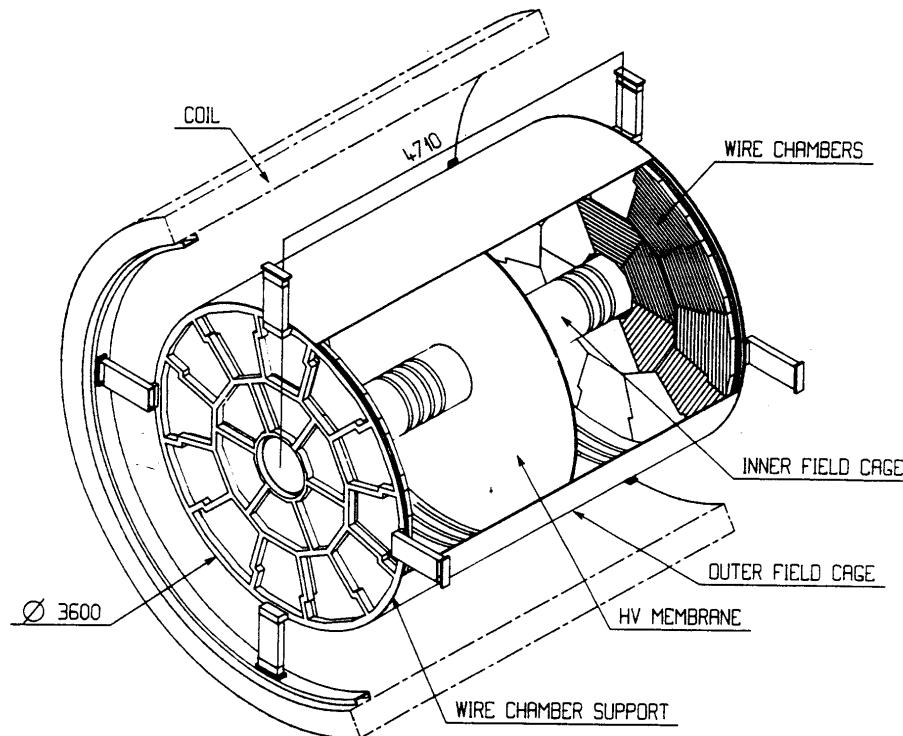
## TIME PROJECTION CHAMBER (TPC)

## TWO-TRACK RESOLUTION

FIRST TPC: PEP-4 AT SLAC (1975)

D.R. Nygren and J. N. Marx, Physics Today No.31 Vol. 10(1978)

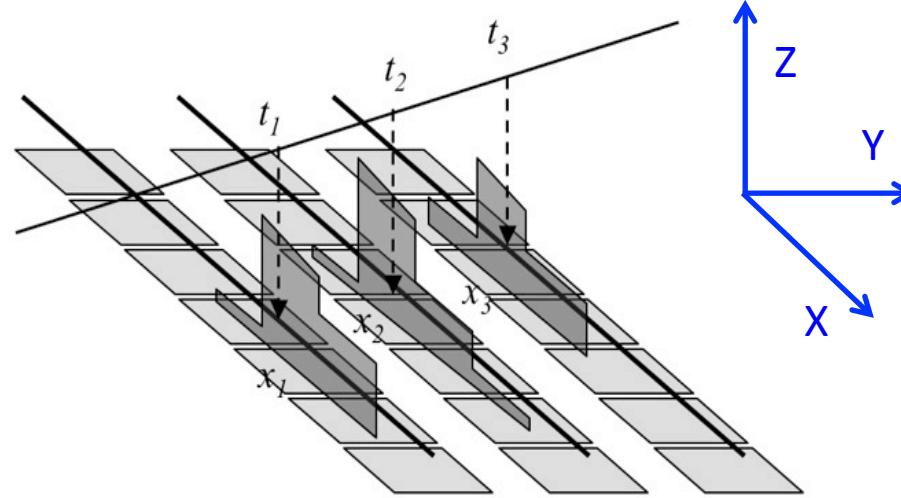
ALEPH TPC AT CERN-LEP (1989)



D. Decamp et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A294(1990)125

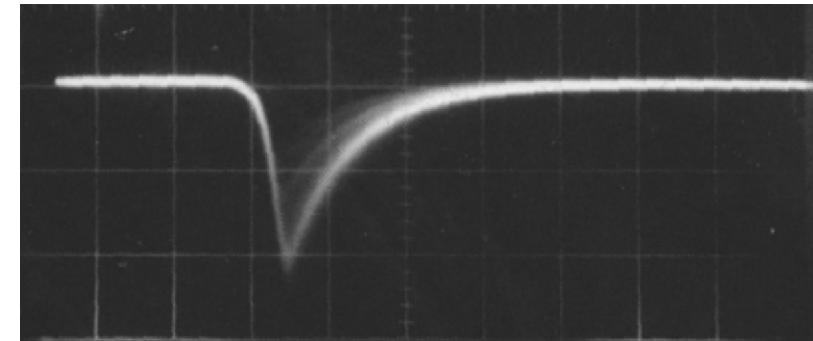
TIME PROJECTION CHAMBER: FULL 3-D LOCALIZATION

TWO-TRACK RESOLUTION

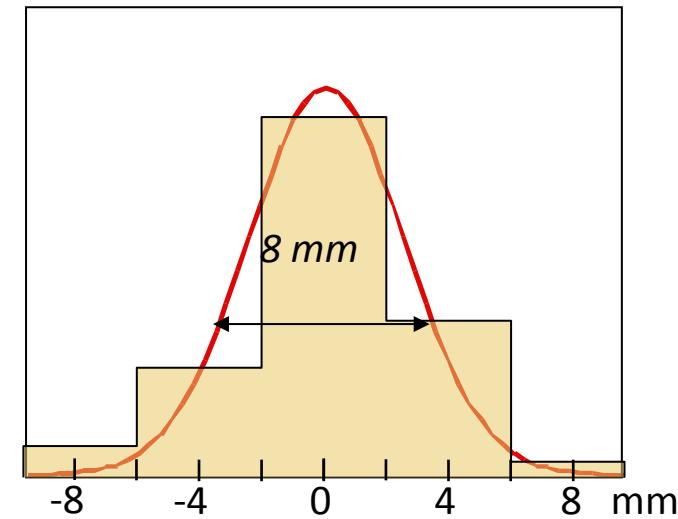


VOLUME RESOLUTION:  
 $\Delta V \sim 50 \text{ mm}^3$

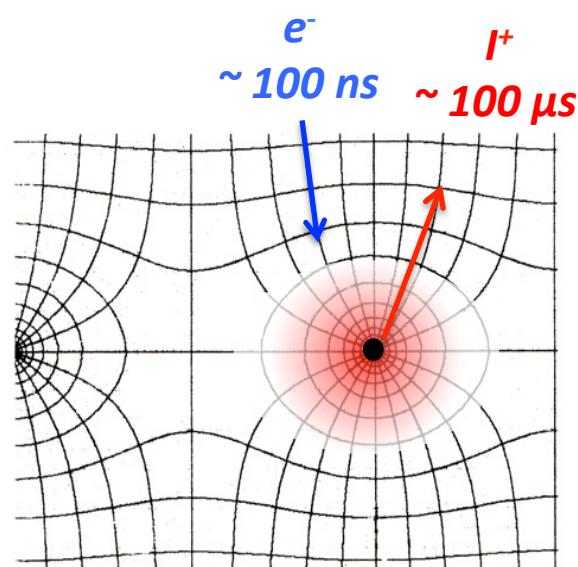
Z: DRIFT TIME  $\Delta Z \sim 10 \text{ mm} (200 \text{ ns})$ :



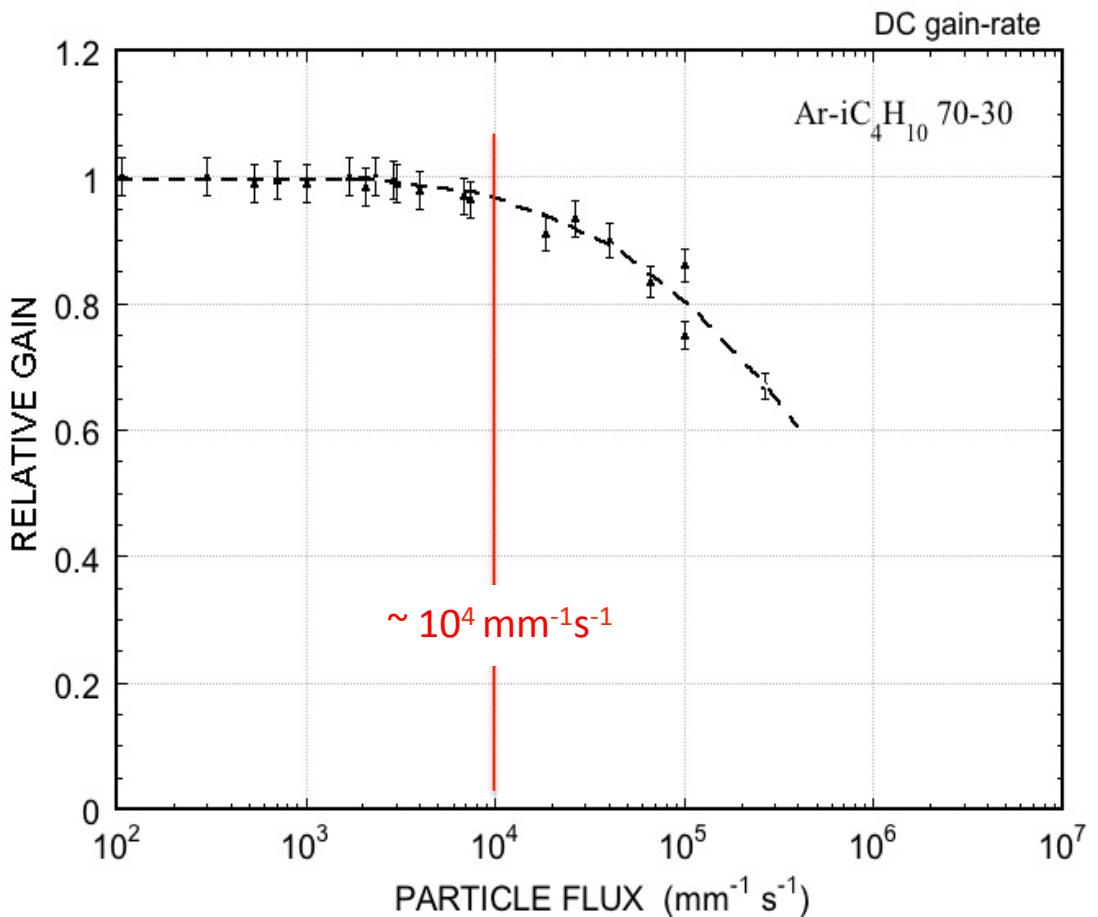
X: PAD ROWS  $\Delta X \sim 10 \text{ mm}$ :



SPACE CHARGE NEAR THE ANODE:  
BUILDUP OF SLOW POSITIVE IONS  
MODIFIES THE ELECTRIC FIELD

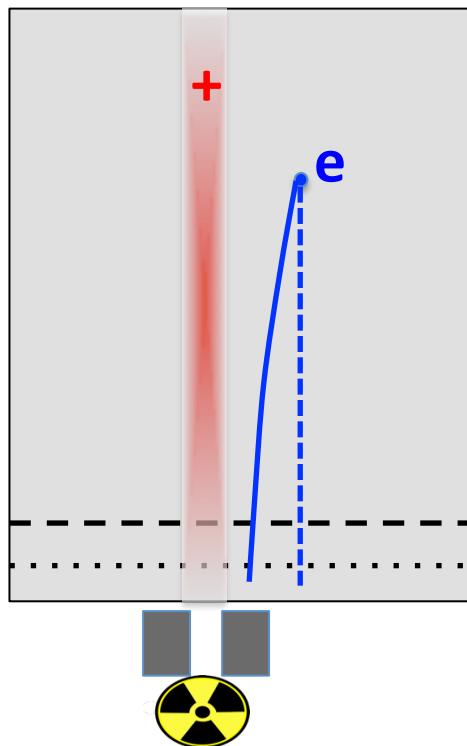


RELATIVE GAIN AS A FUNCTION OF RATE:



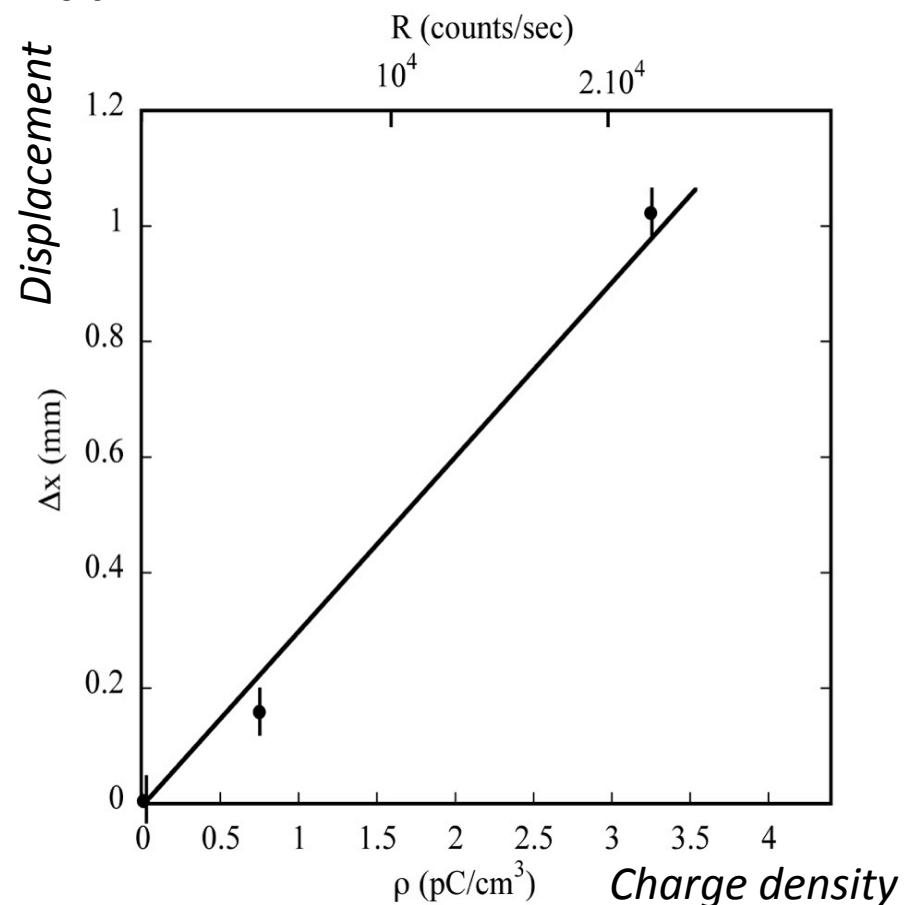
A. Breskin et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. 124(1974)189

LATERAL DISPLACEMENT OF ELECTRONS  
DRIFTING NEAR A POSITIVE IONS COLUMN



$^{55}\text{Fe}$  SOURCE 1 cm FROM ION COLUMN

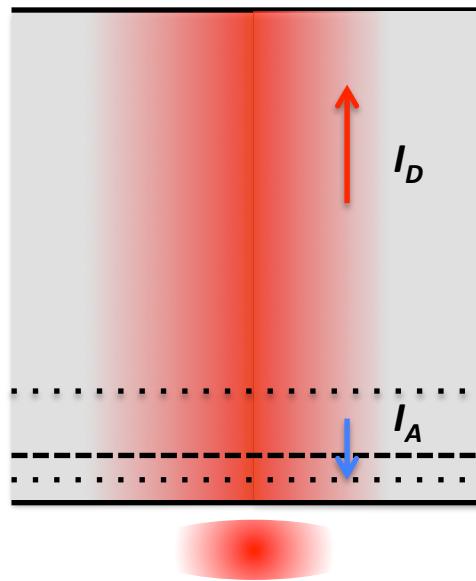
10 cm DRIFT



D. Friedrich, et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. 158(1979) 81

## POSITIVE ION BACKFLOW

SLOW POSITIVE IONS ACCUMULATE IN THE DRIFT VOLUME AND MODIFY THE FIELD RESULTING IN TRACKS DISTORTIONS:



IONS BACKFLOW RATIO

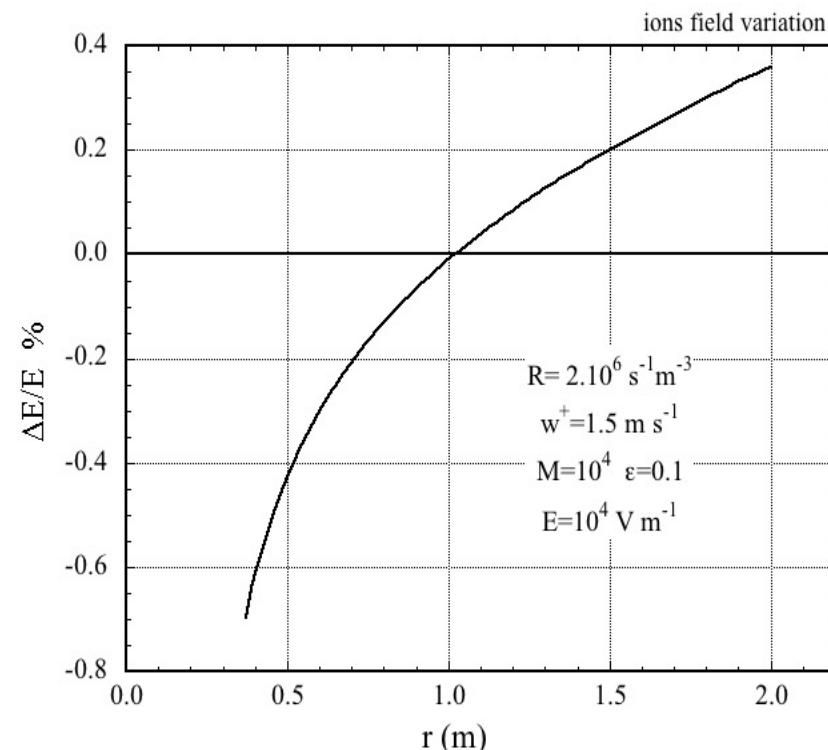
$$IBF = \frac{I_{DRIFT}}{I_{ANODE}}$$

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

MWPC:  $IBF \sim 30\%$

## RELATIVE DRIFT FIELD MODIFICATION (ALEPH MWPC-TPC)

## SPACE CHARGE



### GATING:

ADD A WIRE MESH WITH VOLTAGE-CONTROLLED TRANSPARENCY

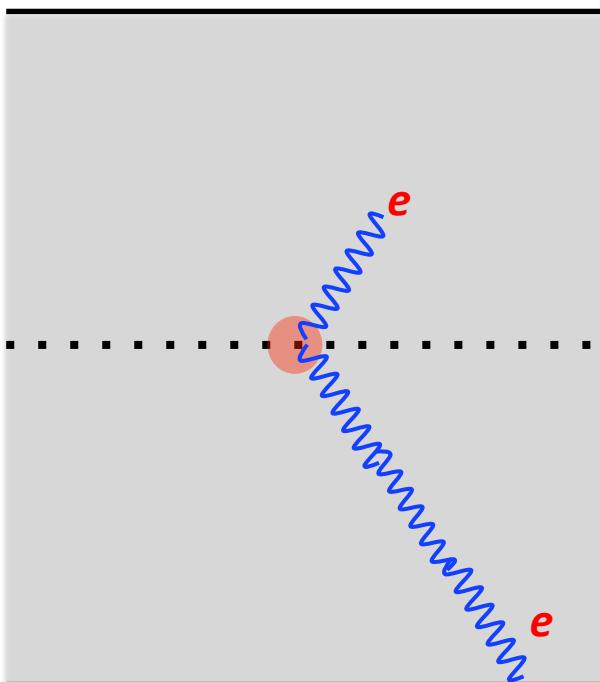
POSSIBLE AT LOW RATES:

Maximum electron drift time  
< Time between events

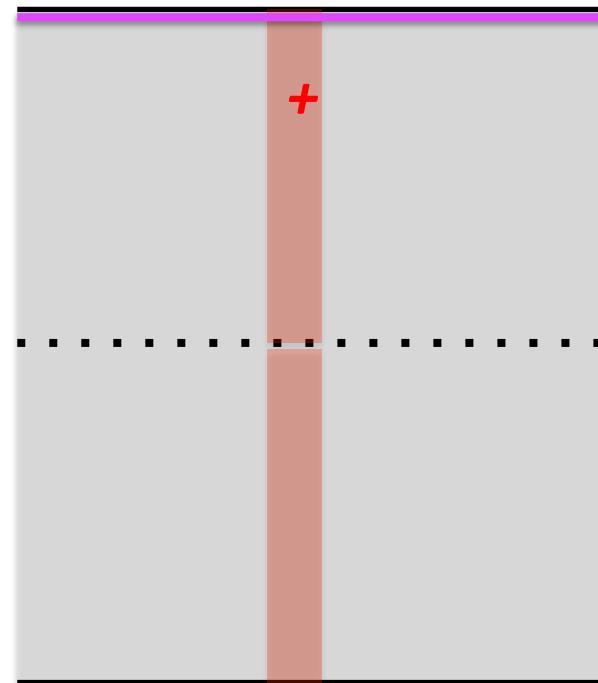
## SECONDARY PROCESSES

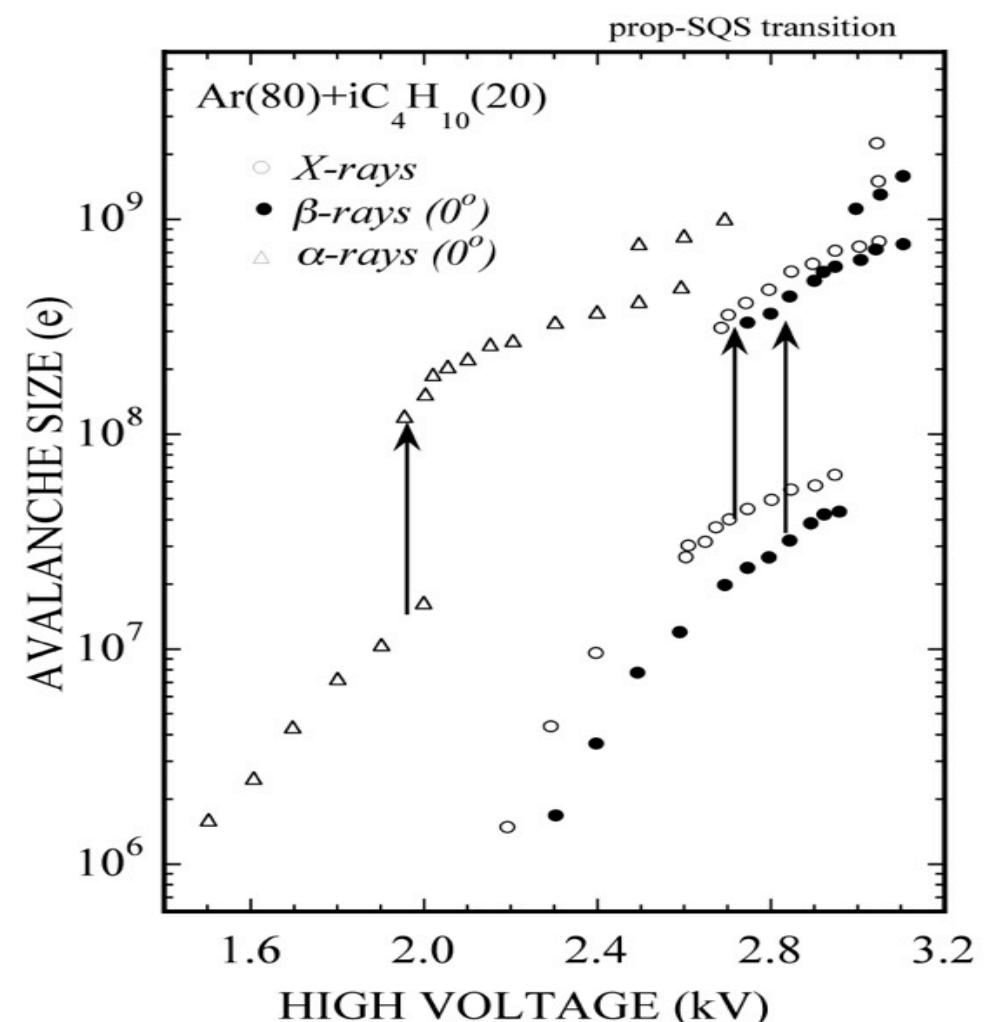
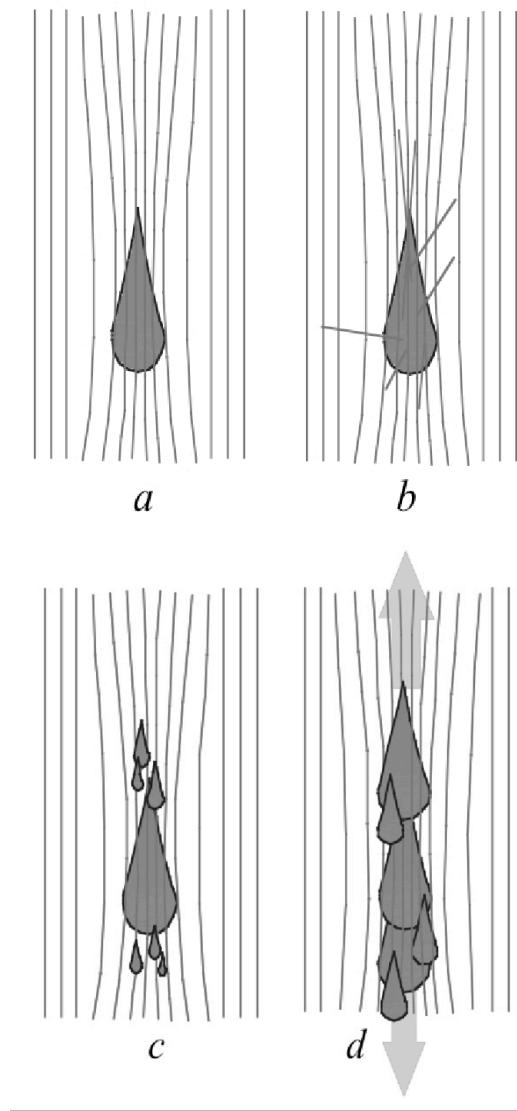
## SECONDARY PROCESSES

PHOTONS FEEDBACK:  
AVALANCHE SPREAD



IONS FEEDBACK:  
CATHODE DAMAGE, AGING, .....





N. Koori et al, Jap. J. Appl. Phys. 25(1986)986

## THE RAETHER LIMIT

## SECONDARY PROCESSES

Maximum avalanche size before transition or breakdown:

$$Q_{MAX} = (\text{Primary ionization}) \times (\text{Gain}) \sim 10^7 \text{ e}$$

Typical proportional gain  $\sim 10^4$

Fast particles  $\Delta E \sim 2 \text{ keV}$ :

$$Q = (100) \times (10^4) = 10^6$$

Neutrons  $\Delta E \sim 2 \text{ MeV}$

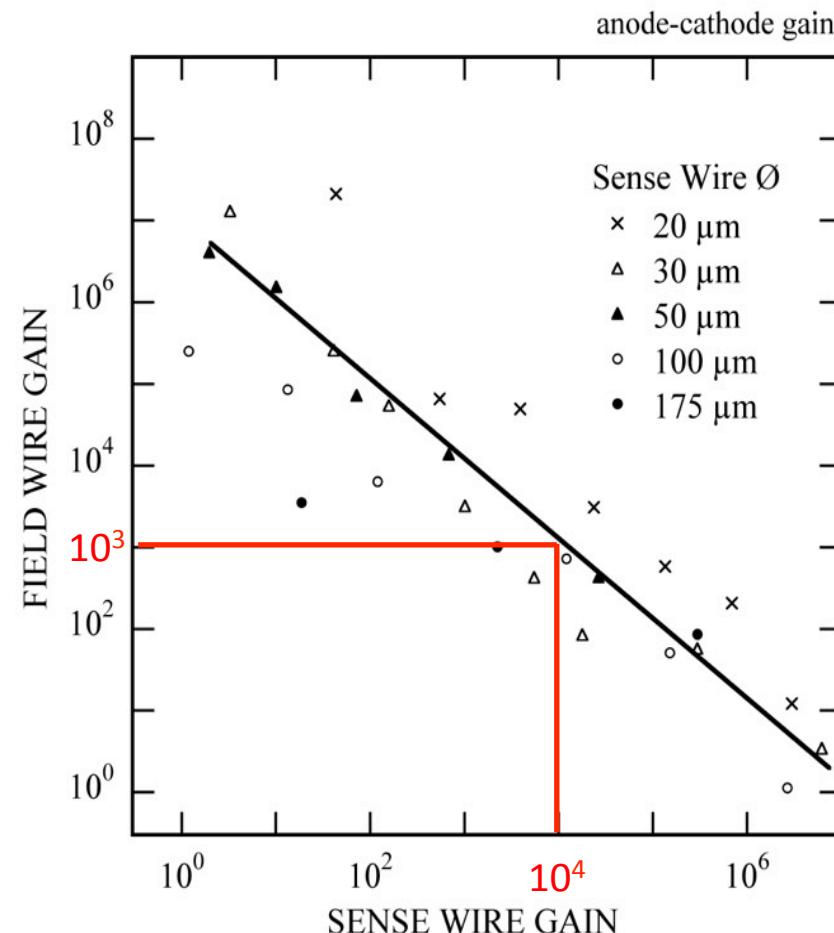
$$Q = (10^5) \times (10^4) = 10^9$$

Multiwire structures:

Cathode pre-amplification of field emitted electrons

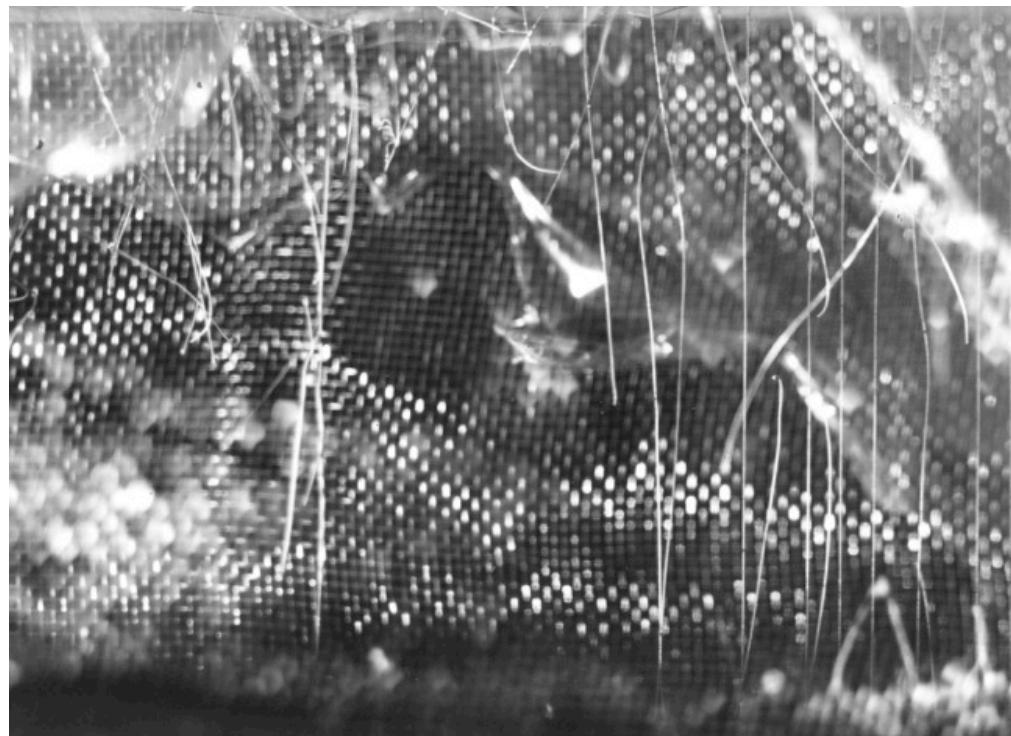


$$M = M_C \times M_A$$



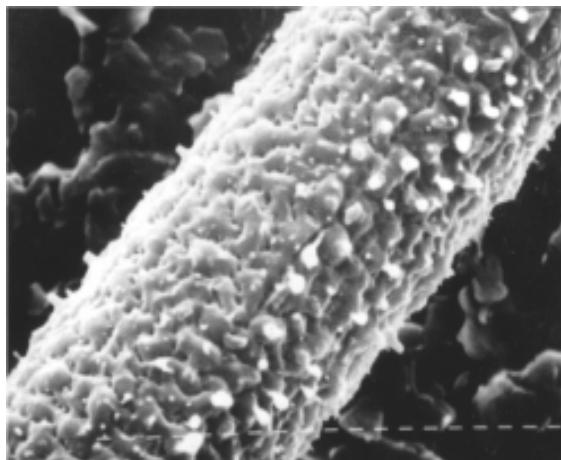
P. Giubellino et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A245(1986)155

SPARK DAMAGES IN MWPCs:



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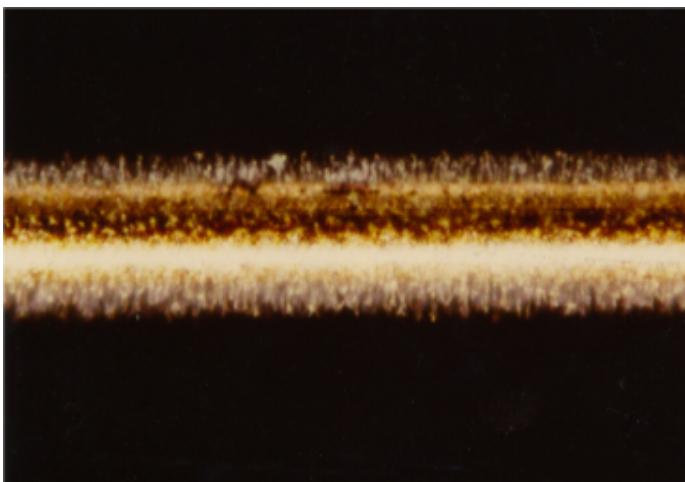
Polymerization of organic compounds with formation of deposits on thin wires:



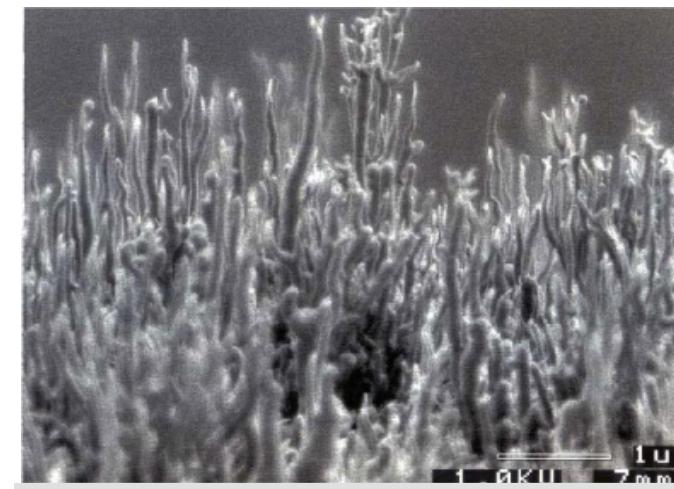
O. Ullaland, LBL-21170 (1986)107



I. Juric and J. Kadyk, LBL-21170 (1986)141

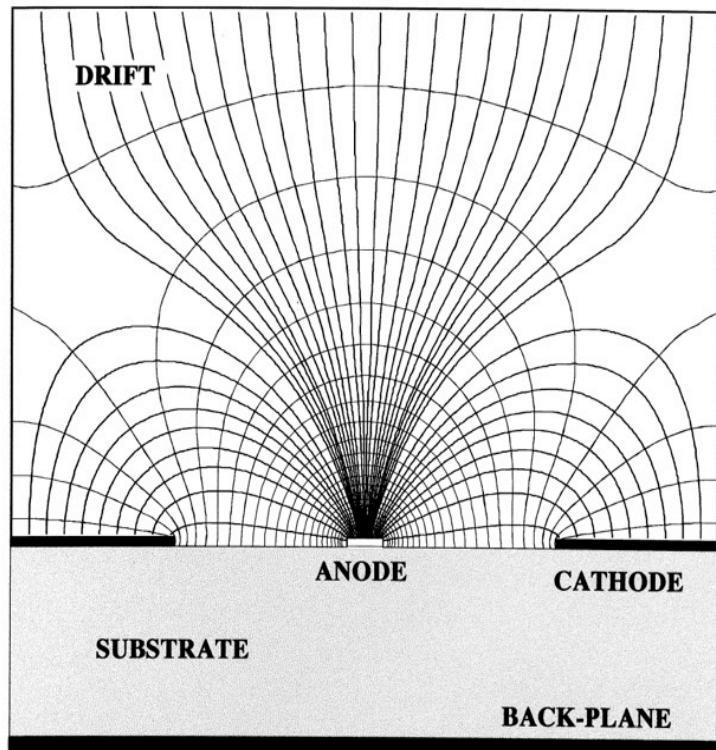


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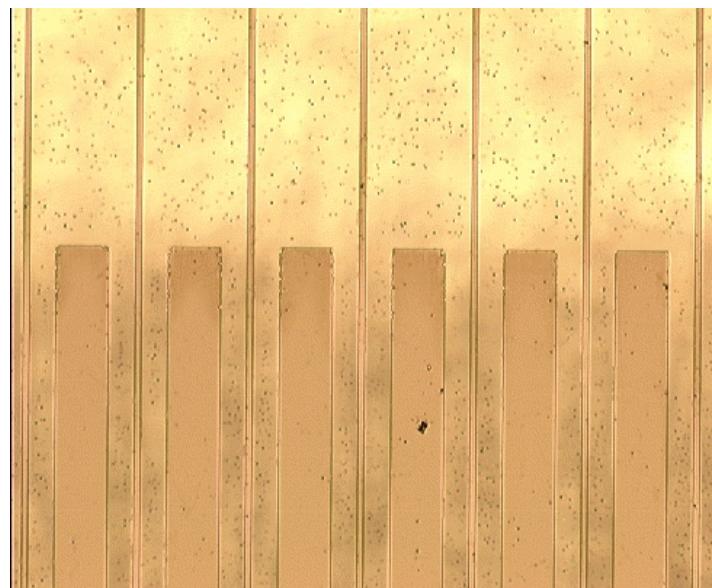


M. Binkley et al,  
Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A515(2003)53

Anton Oed, 1988

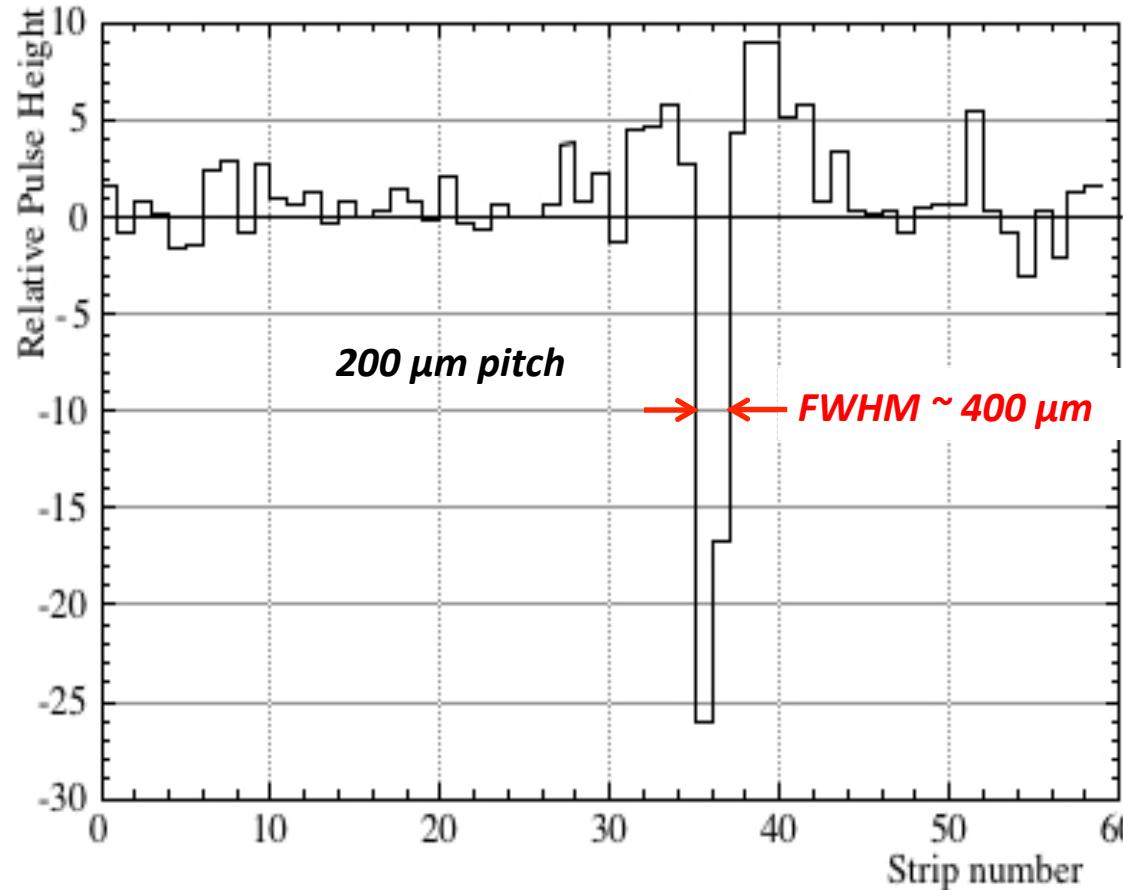


10  $\mu\text{m}$  wide anode strips, 50  $\mu\text{m}$  cathode strips at 100  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch on glass substrate:



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

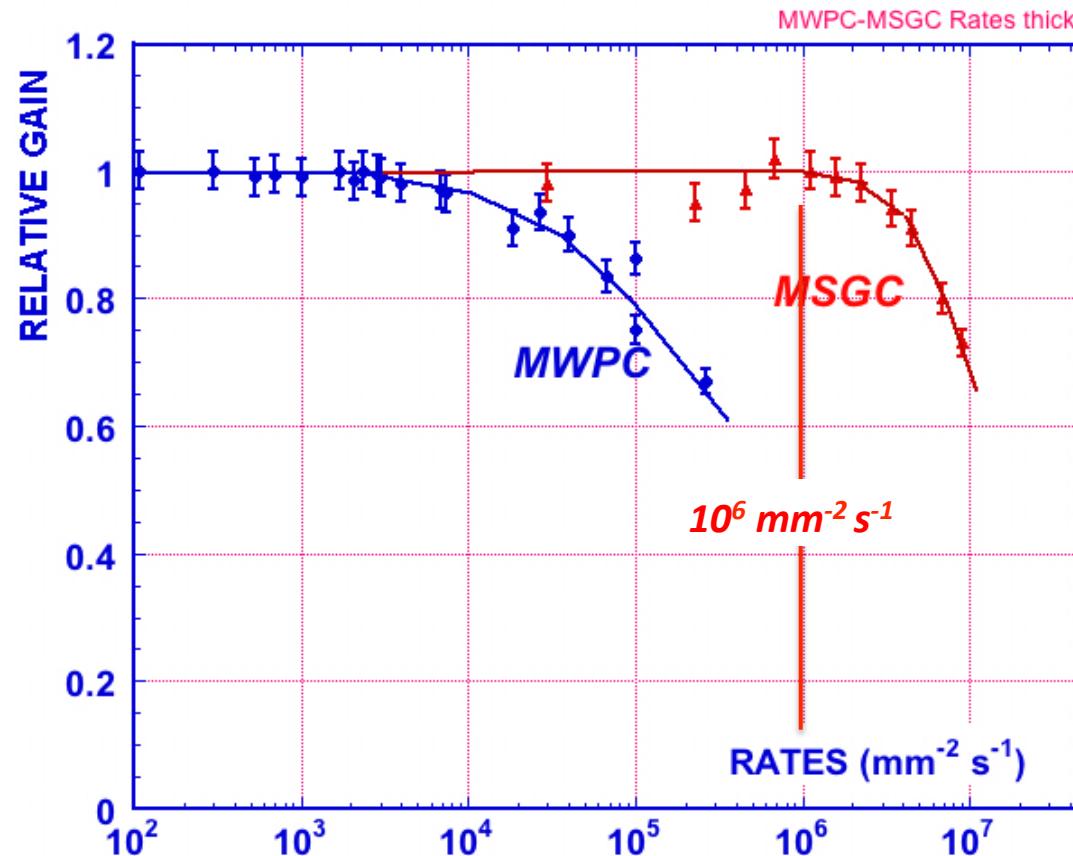
SIGNAL WIDTH:

 $\Delta X \sim 1 \text{ mm}$   
 $\Delta Y \sim 1 \text{ mm}$ FAST SIGNALS  $\sim 30 \text{ ns}$   
 $\Delta Z \sim 2 \text{ mm}$ 

R. Bouclier et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A367(1995)163

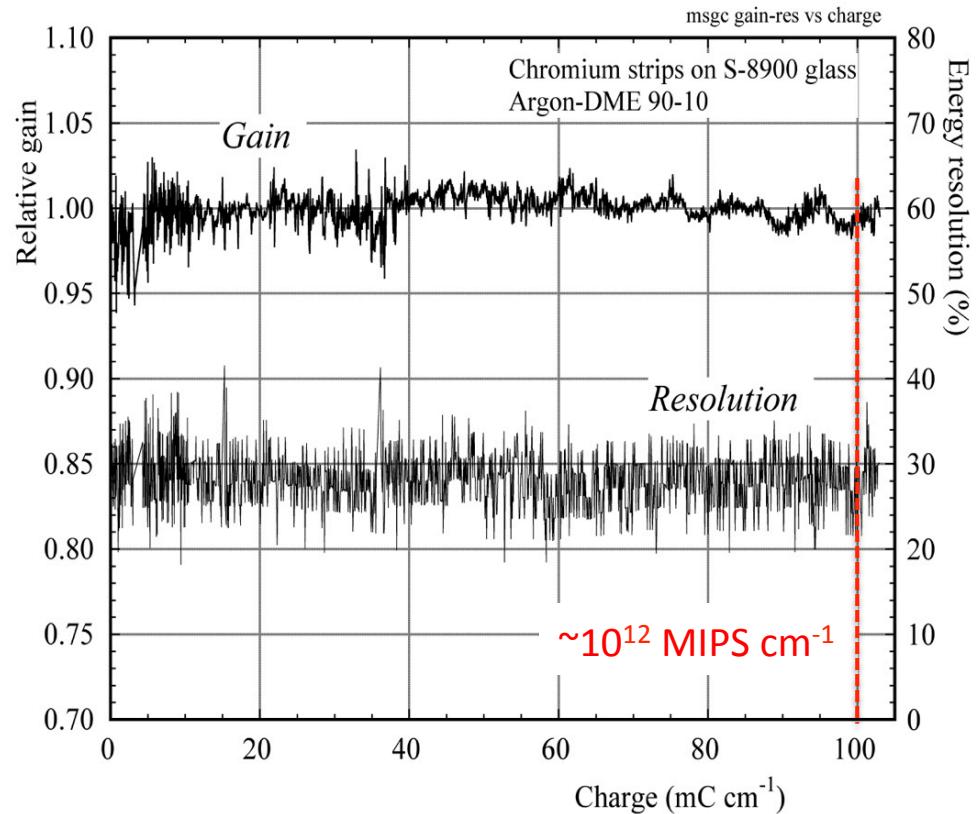
Volume resolution  
 $\Delta V \sim 1 \times 1 \times 2 = 2 \text{ mm}^3$

FAST COLLECTION OF MOST IONS ON CATHODE STRIPS:  
GAIN VS RATE



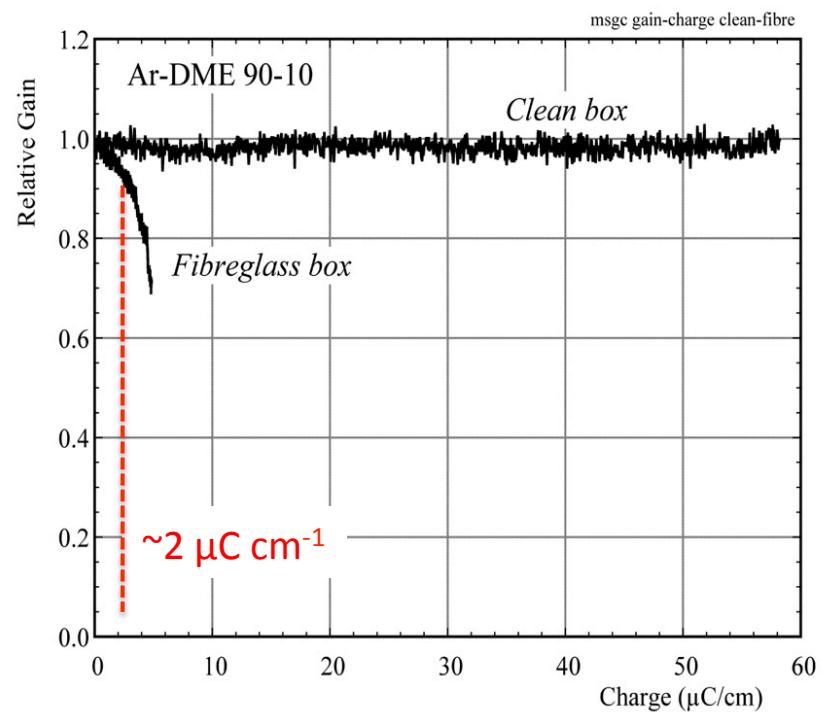
R. Bouclier et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. 367(1996)328

## MSGC GAIN vs COLLECTED CHARGE:



R. Bouclier et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A367(1995)163

BUT: EXTREME SENSITIVITY TO CONTAMINATIONS



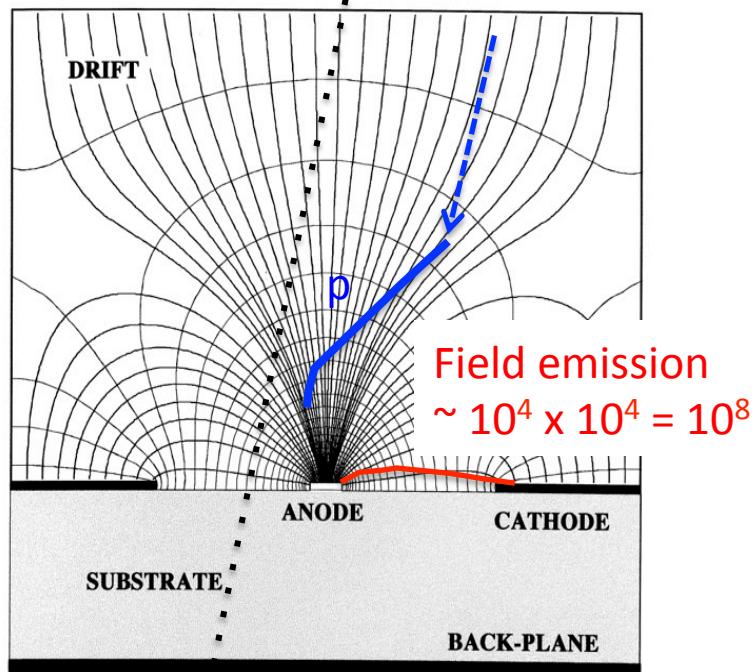
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PRE-AMPLIFICATION OF ELECTRONS  
EMITTED BY CATHODE STRIP EDGES

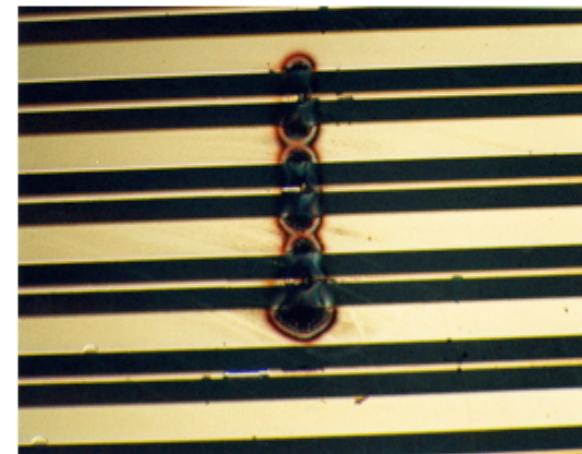
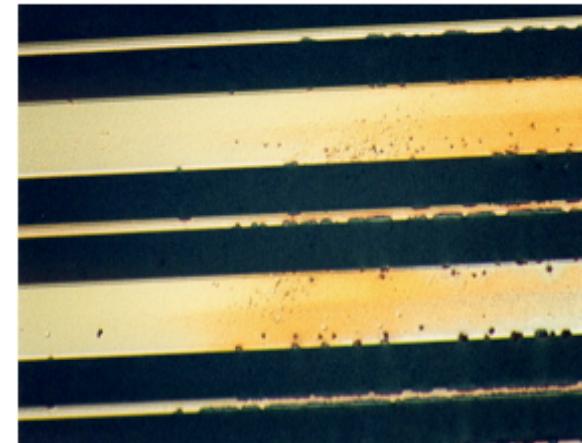
MINIMUM IONIZING  
PARTICLES

$$Q = 100 \times 10^4 = 10^6$$

$$\begin{aligned} n \rightarrow & \sim \text{MeV p} \\ Q \sim & 10^4 \times 10^4 = 10^8 \end{aligned}$$



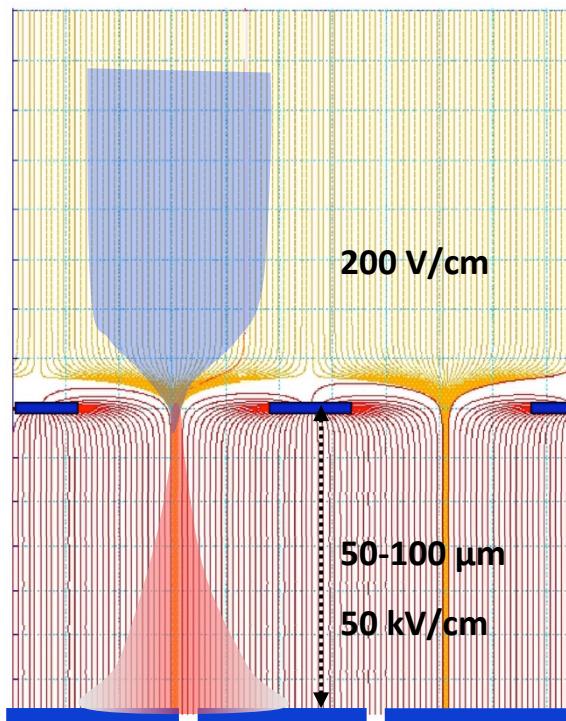
T. Beckers et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A346(1994)95



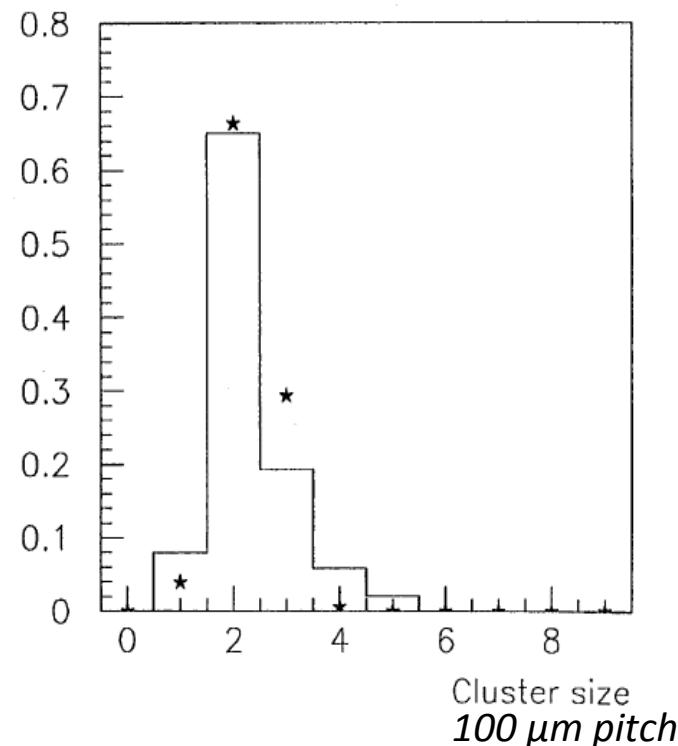
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## MICROMEGAS

Thin (50-100  $\mu\text{m}$ ) multiplication gap:



COLLECTED CHARGE DISTRIBUTION :  
 $\sim 200 \mu\text{m}$  fwhm



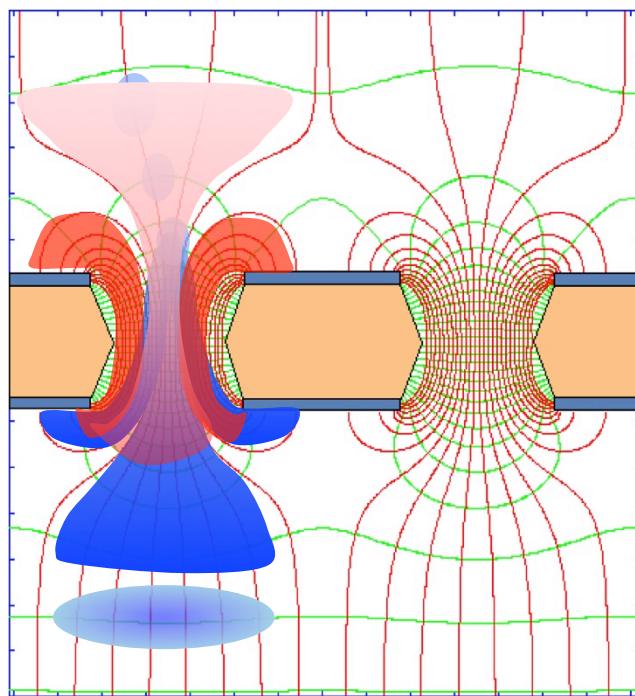
*Y. Giomataris et al,  
 Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A 376(1996)29*

*J. Derré et al,  
 Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A459(2001)523*

## GAS ELECTRON MULTIPLIER (GEM)

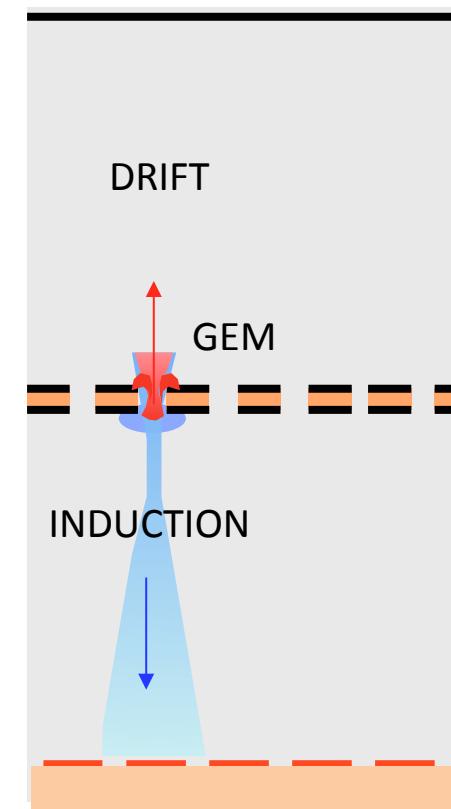
GEM

Thin (50  $\mu\text{m}$ ) metal-coated polymer foil  
with high density of holes:

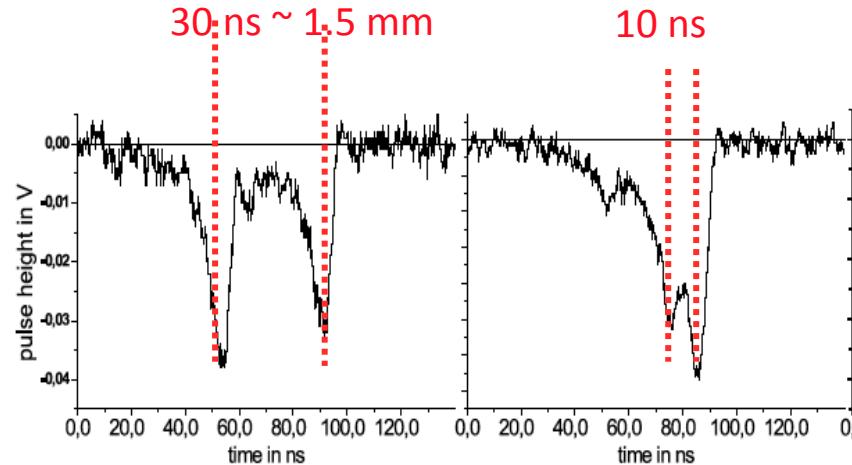


F. Sauli, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A386(1997)531

FAST ELECTRON SIGNAL ON ANODE STRIPS  
(NO ION TAIL):



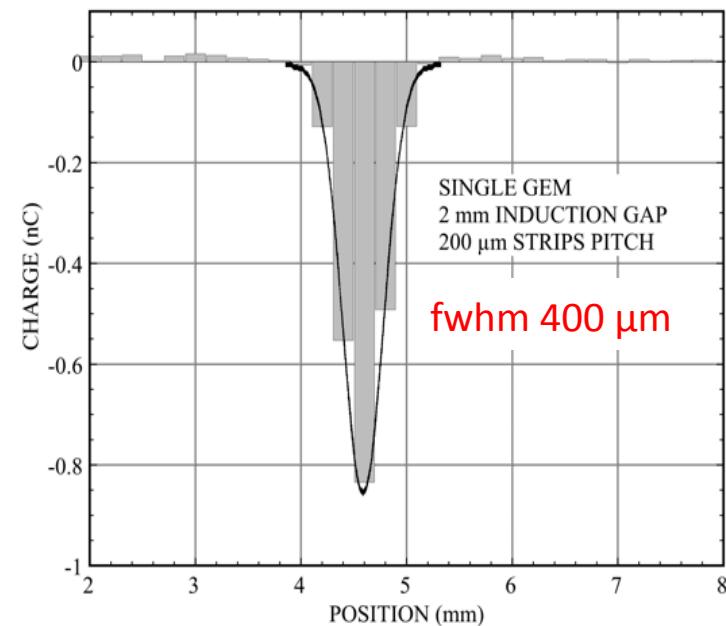
TWO-TRACK RESOLUTION  
(DRIFT TIME):



M. Ziegler, PhD Zürich Univ. (2002)

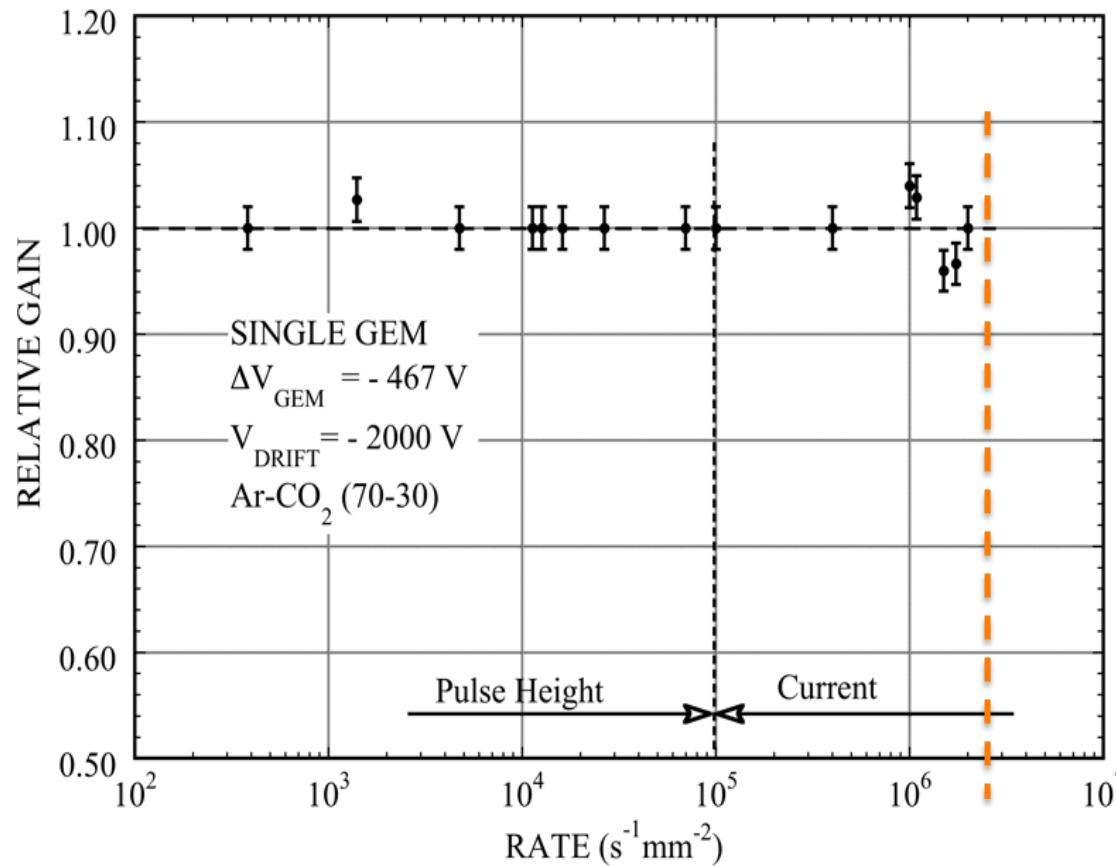
VOLUME RESOLUTION  $\sim 1 \text{ mm}^3$

TWO-TRACK RESOLUTION  
(PROJECTION):



A. Bressan et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A425(1999)262

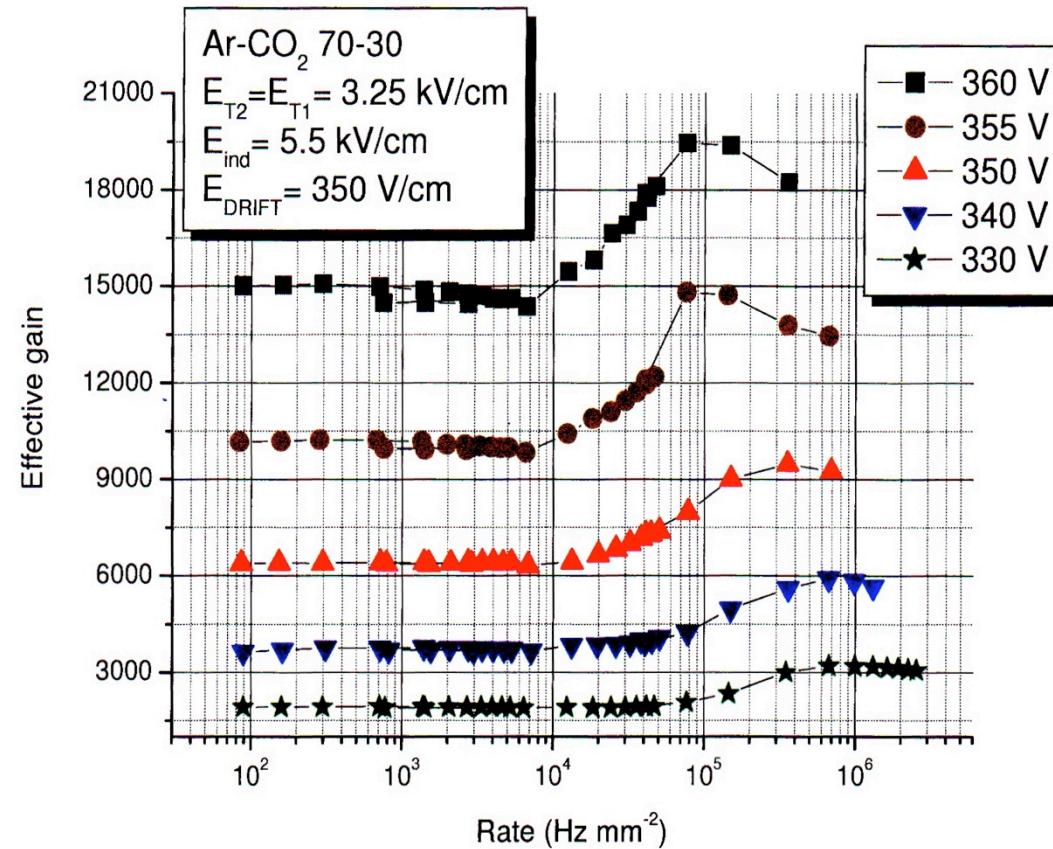
## GEM GAIN vs RATE (SOFT X-Rays)



> 1 MHz mm<sup>-2</sup>

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

A STRANGE OBSERVATION: GAIN INCREASE AT VERY HIGH RATES  
(2006, UNPUBLISHED)



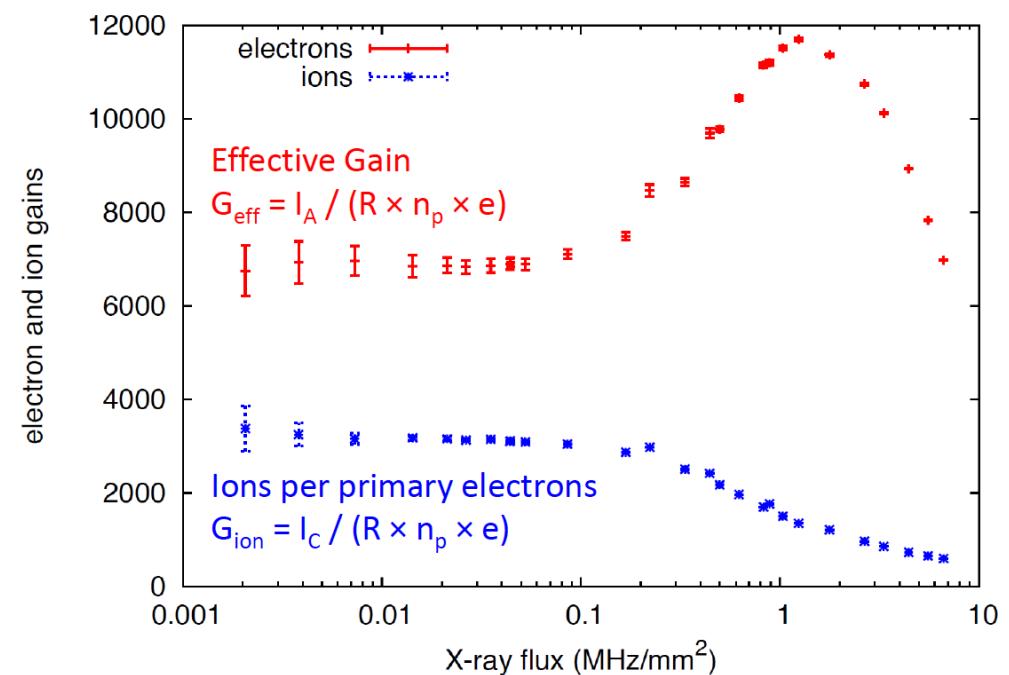
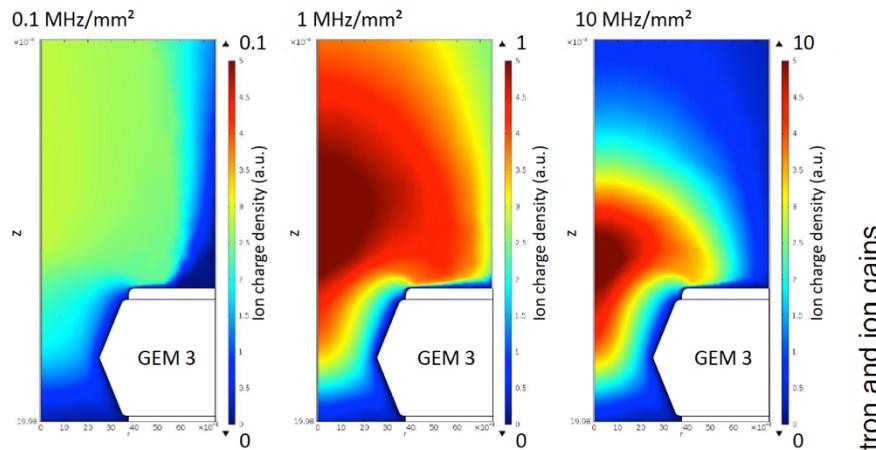
Peter Everaerts, PhD Thesis Gent University (2006)

## GEM RATE CAPABILITY (SIMULATION)

GEM

- COMSOL Finite Element Analysis
- GARFIELD

### SPACE CHARGE BUILDUP:



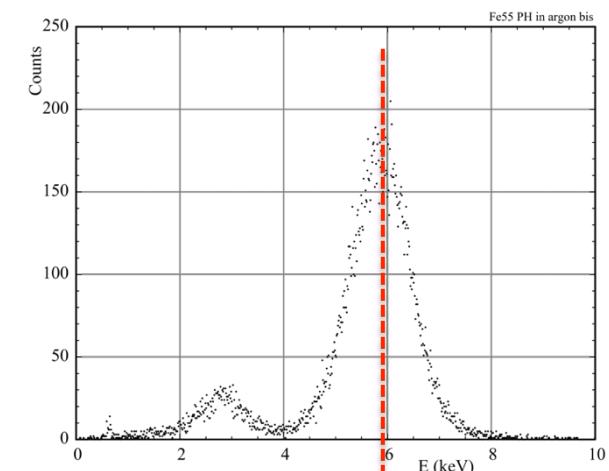
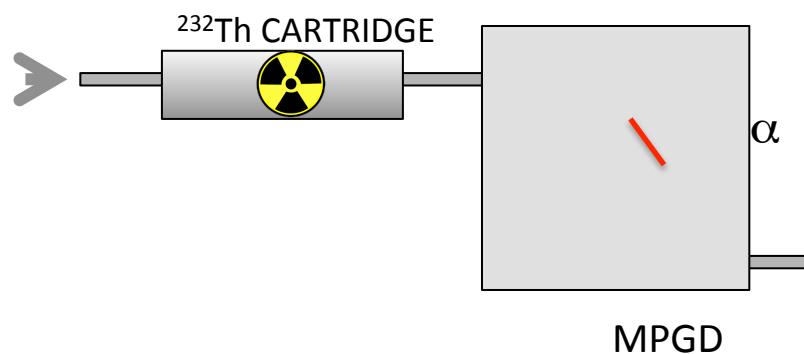
S. Franchino et al, IEEE Nucl. Sci. Symposium (San Diego, Oct. 31, 2015)

## MPGD DISCHARGE STUDY AND CERTIFICATION

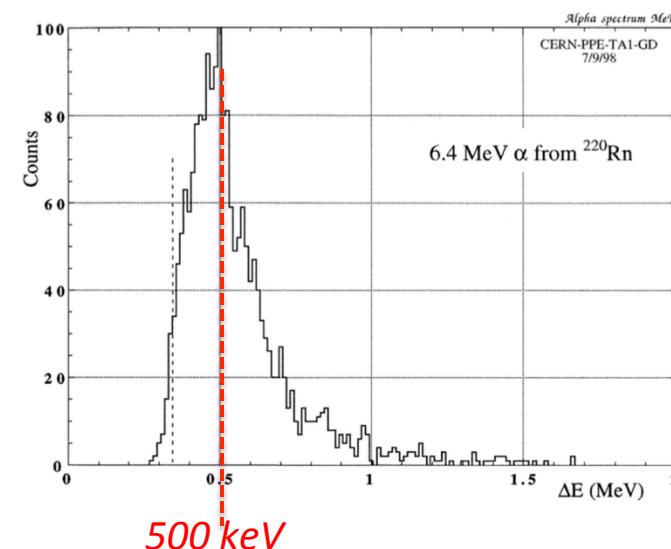
- TEST BEAM: EFFICIENCY AND DISCHARGE RATE VS VOLTAGE
- LABORATORY: MEASURE GAIN WITH 5.9 keV X-RAY SOURCE, DISCHARGE RATE ON EXPOSURE TO HEAVILY IONIZING SOURCE

INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL  $^{243}\text{Am}$  SOURCE  
(REQUIRES THIN WINDOW)

GASEOUS  $\alpha$  SOURCE:  $^{232}\text{Th} \rightarrow ^{232}\text{Rn} + \alpha$  (6.4 MeV):

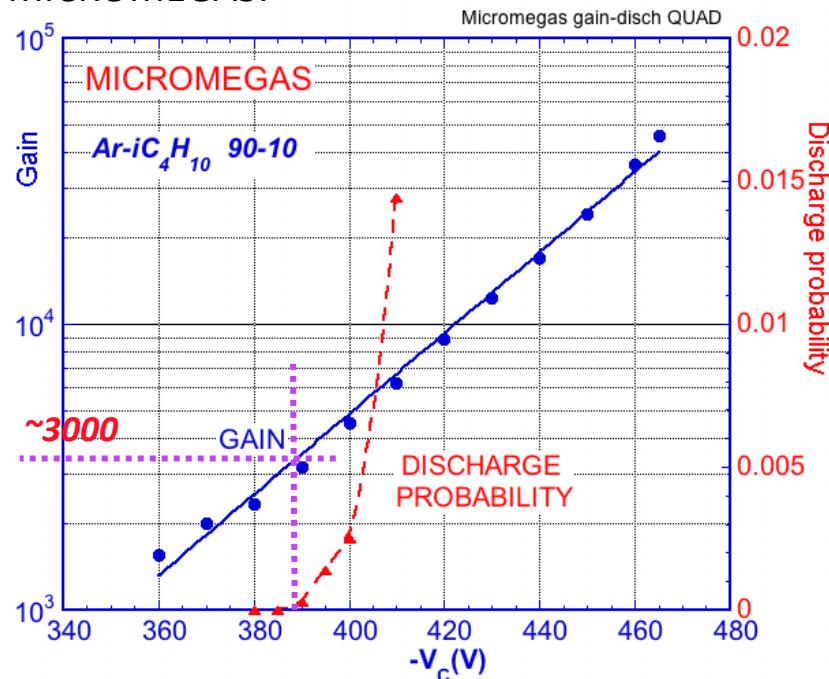


ENERGY LOSS IN 3 mm GAP:

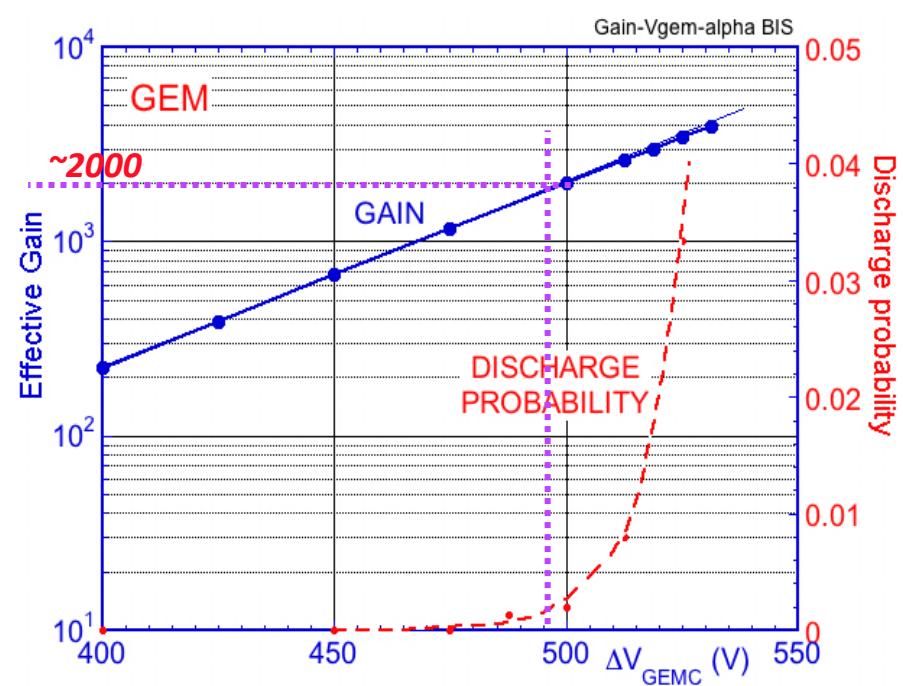


## LABORATORY TESTBENCH FOR MPGDS

MICROMEGAS:



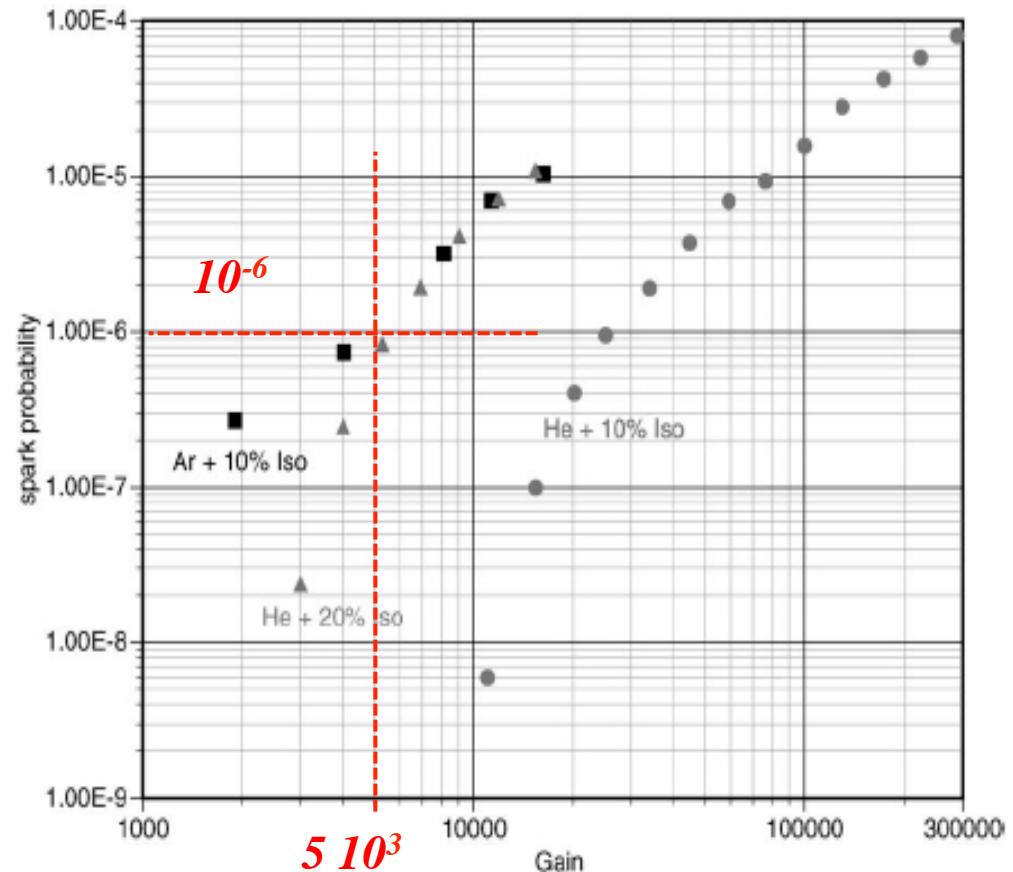
GEM:



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

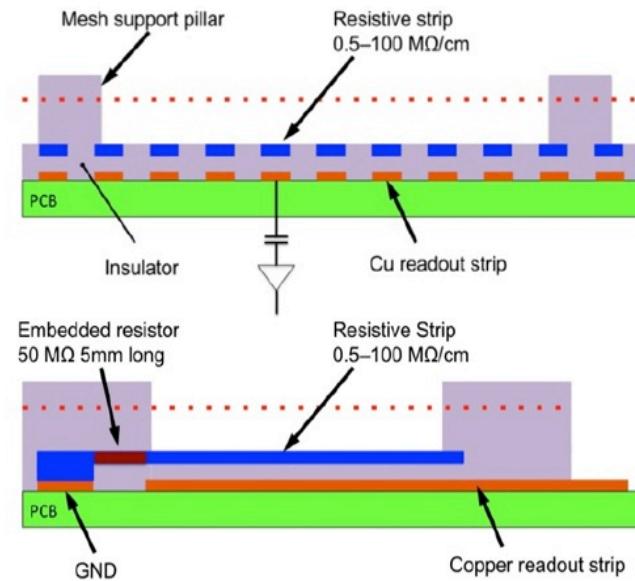
## SPARK PROBABILITY IN HADRON BEAM

FOR A GAIN OF  $5 \cdot 10^3$   
 $10^6$  PARTICLES  $s^{-1}$ :  
~ ONE DISCHARGE / SECOND

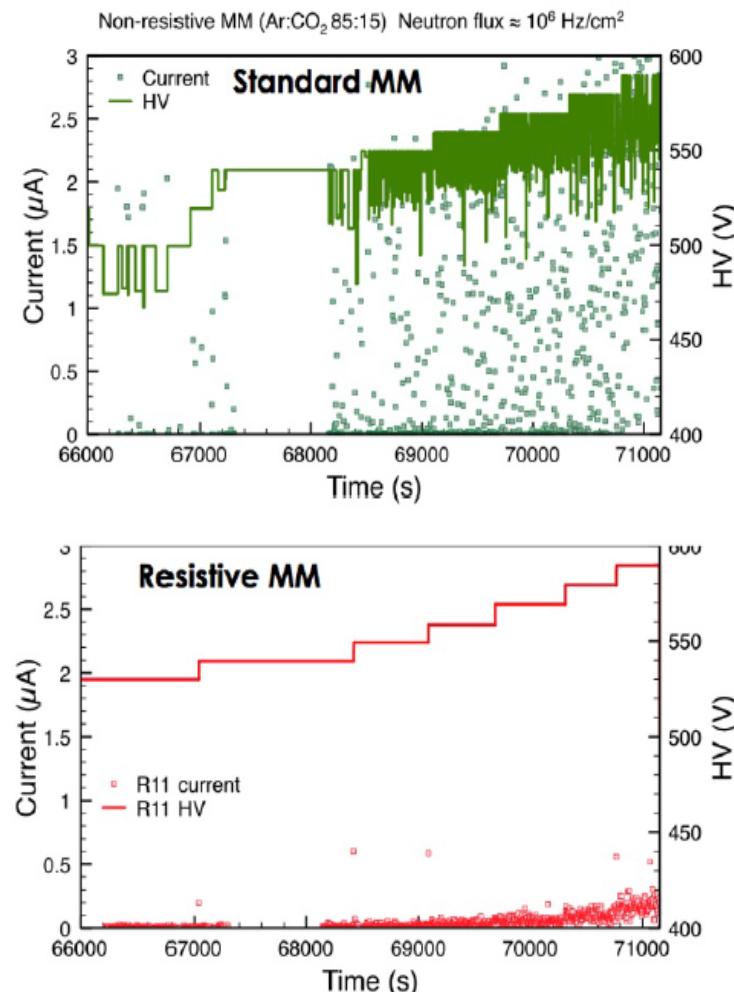


A. Delbart et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A478(2002)205

## BUILT ON A HIGH-RESISTIVITY POLYMER

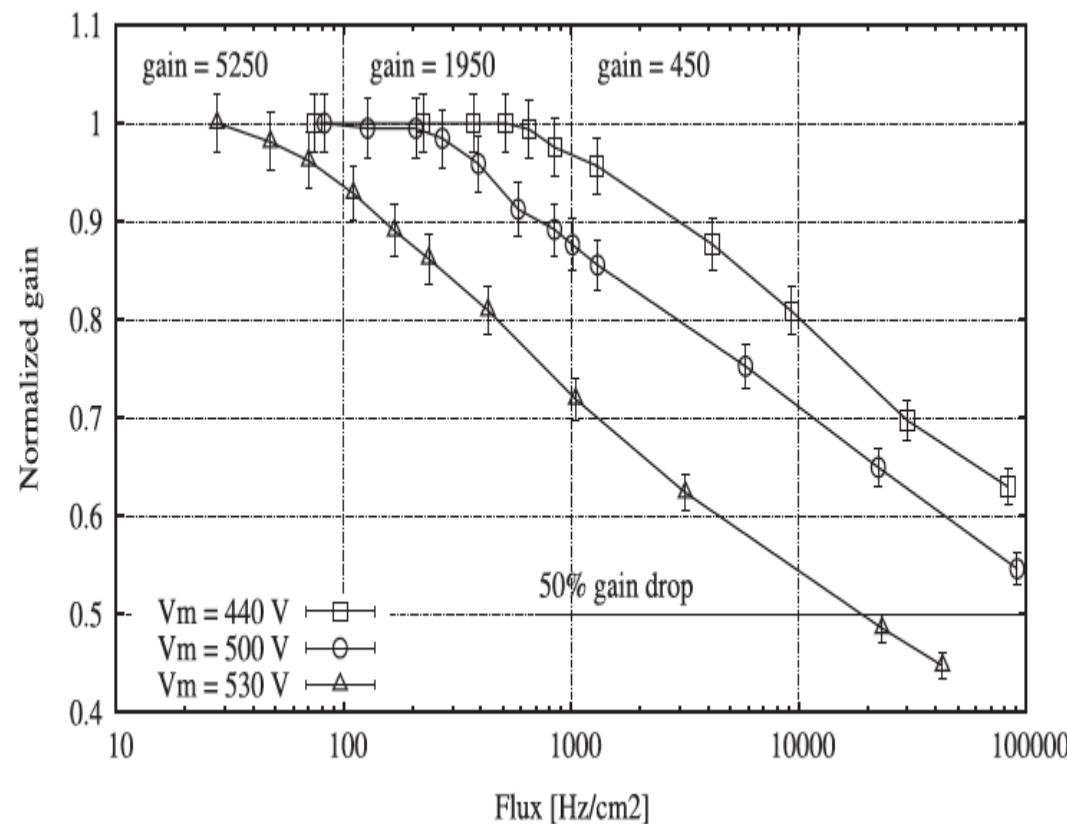


## SPARK RATES IN NEUTRON BEAM EXPOSURE:



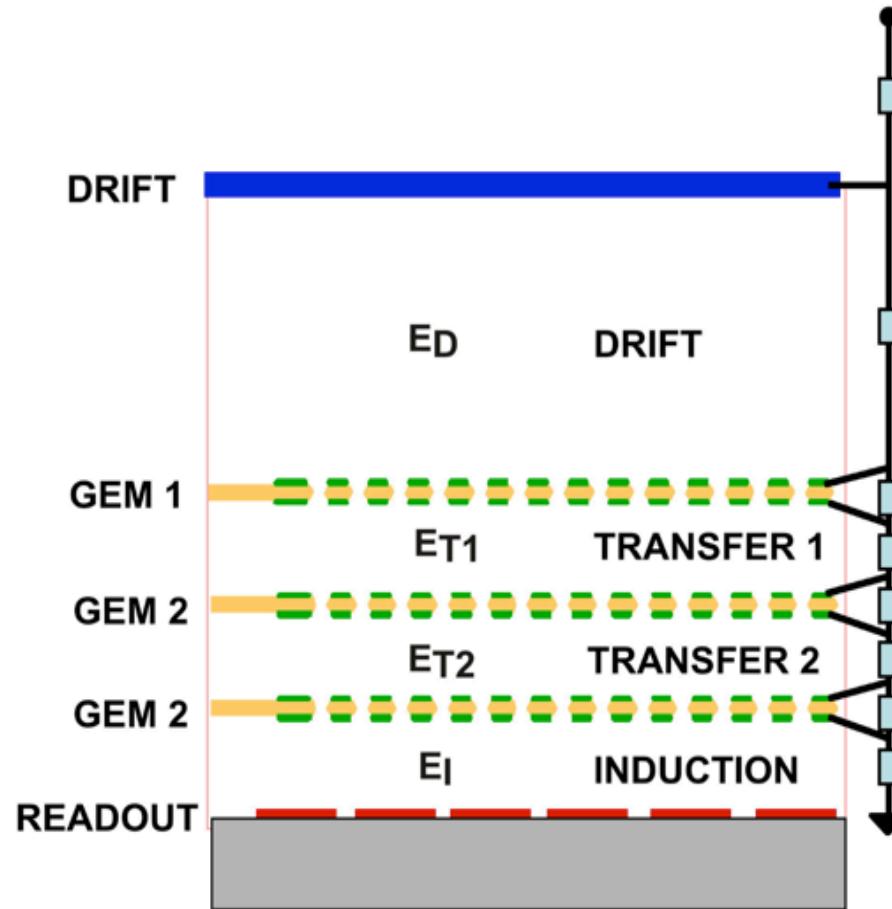
T. Alexopoulos et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A640(2011)110

## GAIN REDUCTION AS A FUNCTION OF RATES:

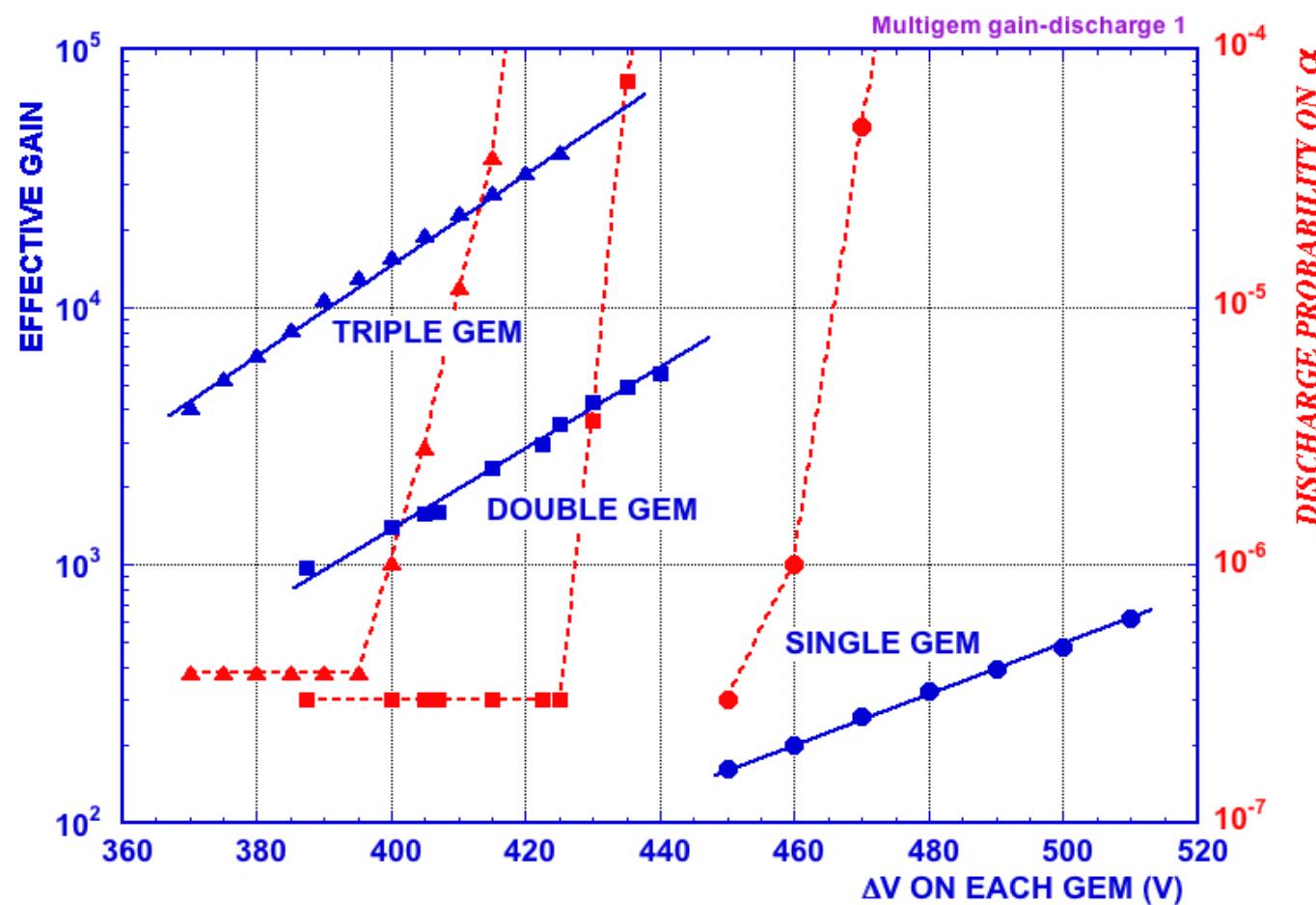


J. Galán et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A732(2013)229

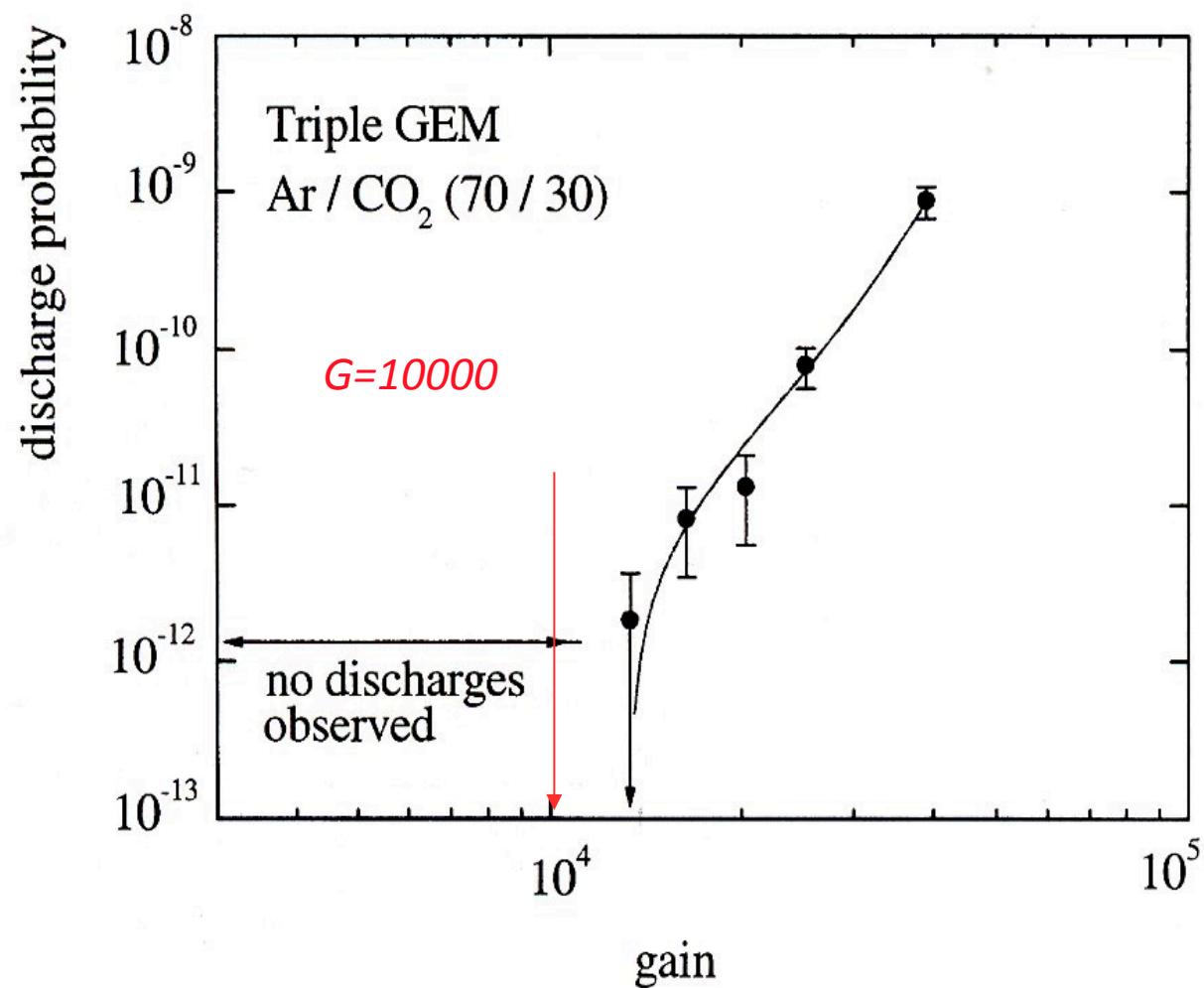
TRIPLE-GEM (TGEM): CASCADED GEM ELECTRODES



C. Büttner et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A409(1998)79



S. Bachmann et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A479 (2002) 294

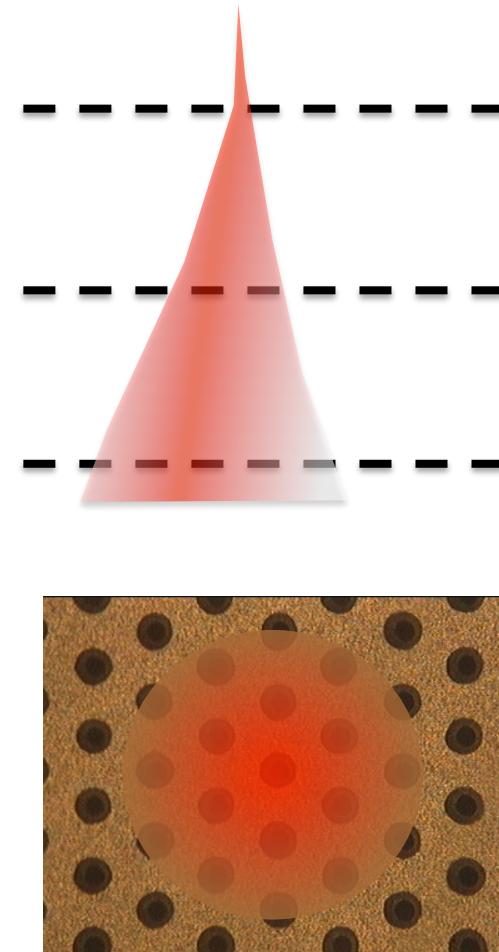
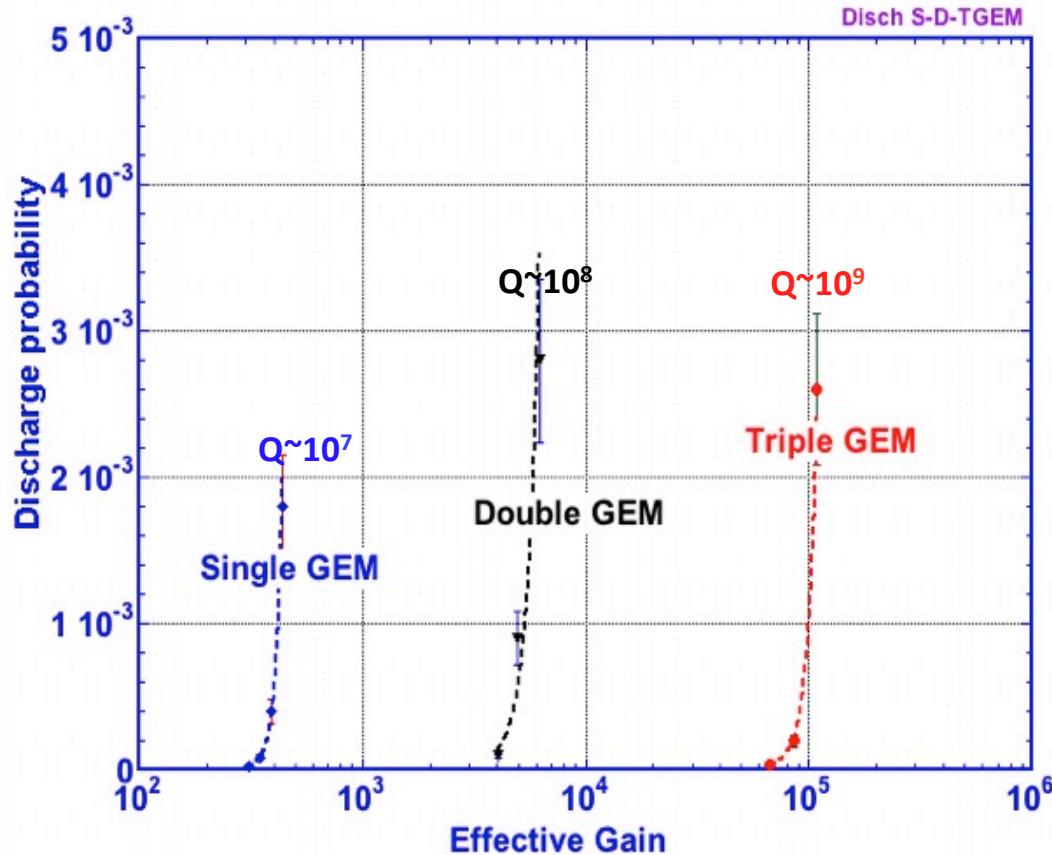


S. Bachmann et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A470(2001)548

## WHAT ABOUT THE RAETHER LIMIT?

DISCHARGE PROBABILITY VS GAIN:

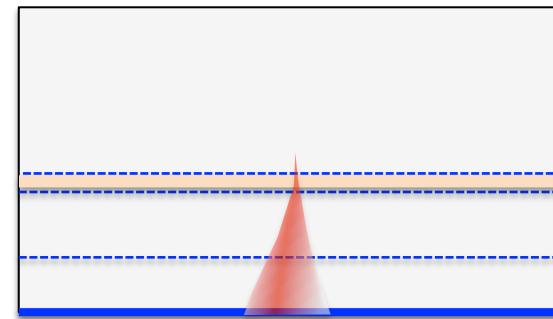
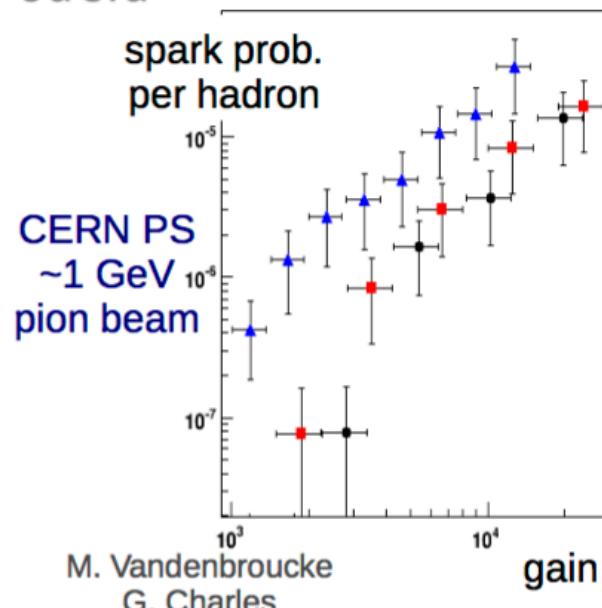
IN MULTI-GEMS, THE CHARGE SPREADS BY DIFFUSION OVER MANY INDEPENDENT HOLES!



## TEST BEAM COMPARISON:


**Hybrid detectors**

sacla  
VGEM = 240V

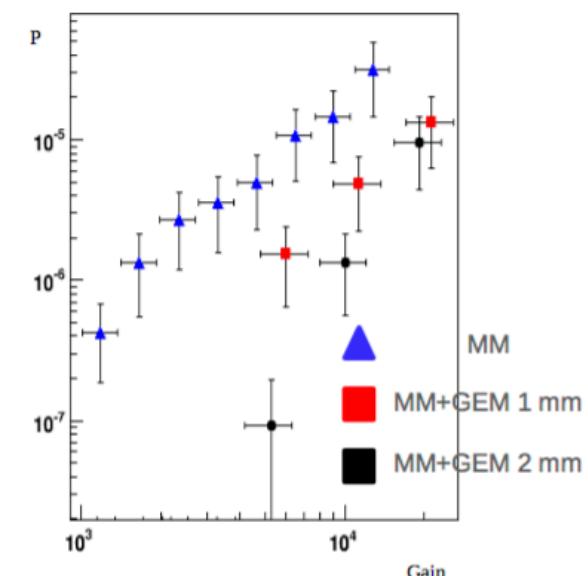
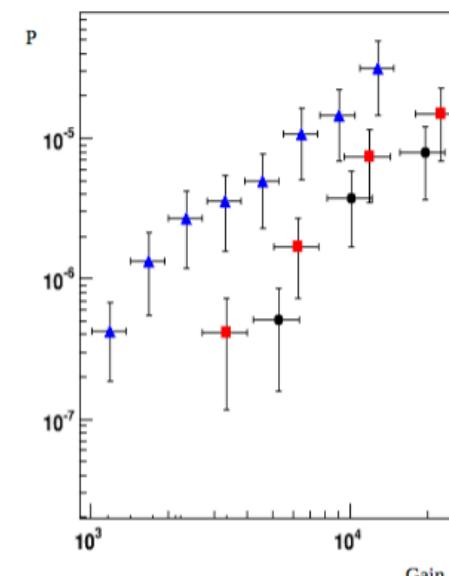


GEM

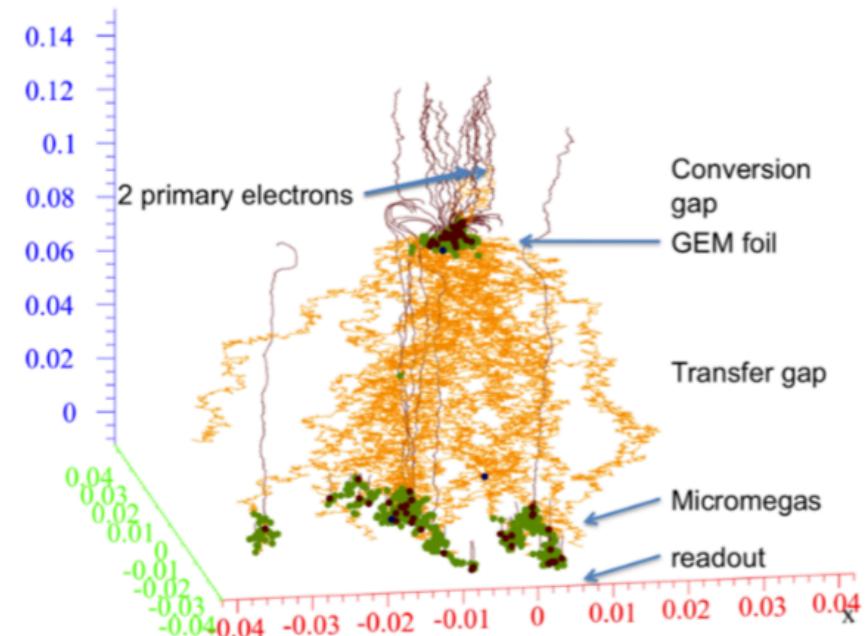
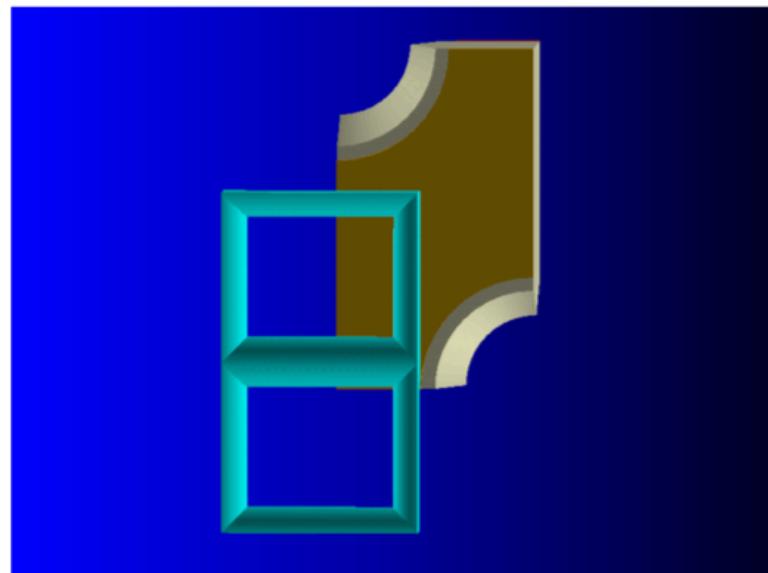
MICROMEGAS

VGEM = 260V

VGEM = 280V



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

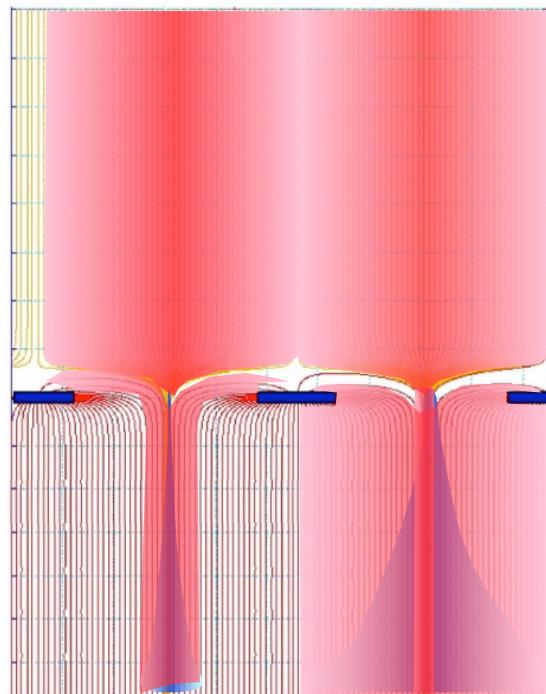


M. Vandenbroucke, JINST 7(2012)C05014

## POSITIVE IONS BACKFLOW: MICROMEGAS

MICROMEGAS

THE IONS BACKFLOW DEPENDS ON AVALANCHE SPREAD, BUT CANNOT BE SMALLER THAN THE FIELD RATIO:



$$E_D \sim 400 \text{ V cm}^{-1}$$

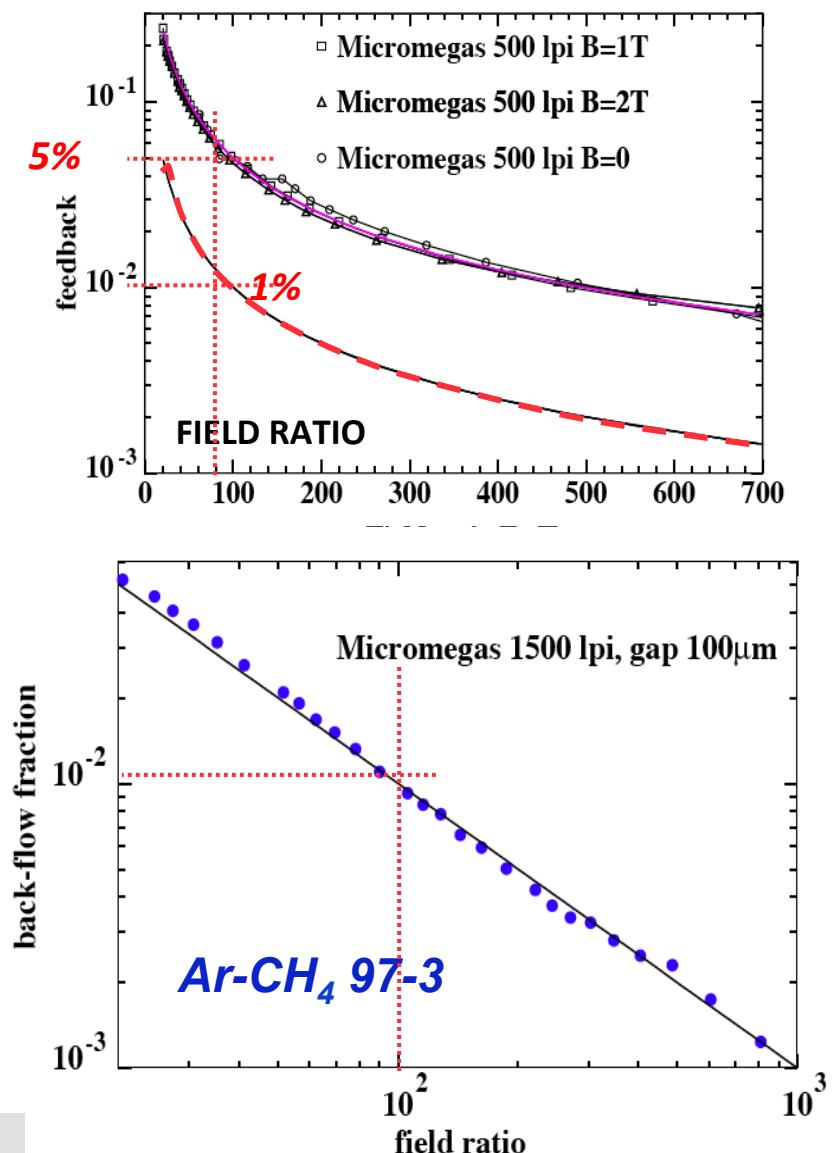
$$E_A \sim 40 \text{ kV cm}^{-1}$$

GAS 1

GAS 2

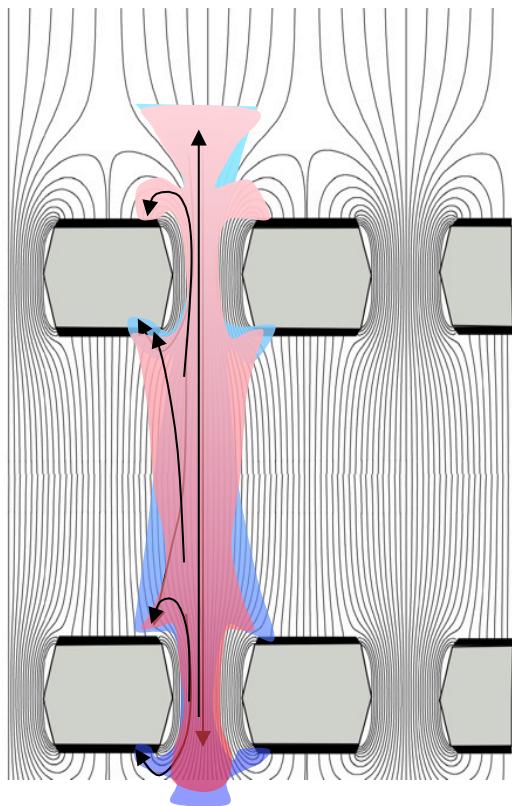
*Low diffusion    High diffusion*

P. Colas et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A535(2004)226



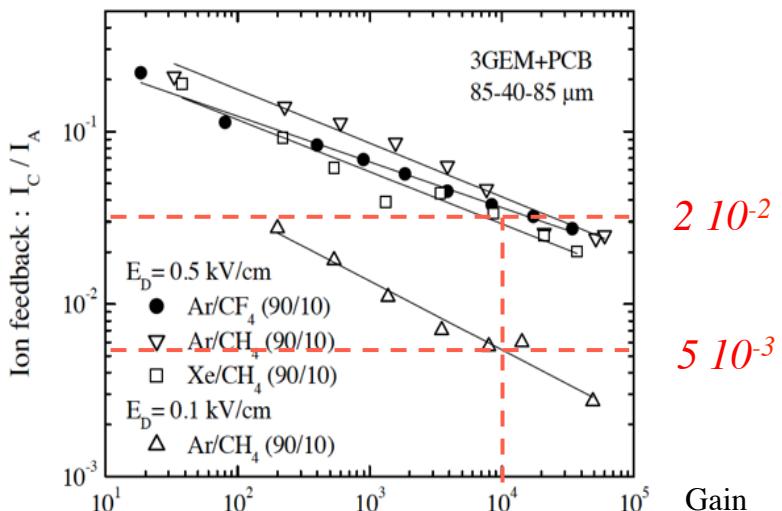
## POSITIVE IONS BACKFLOW: MULTI-GEM

THE IBF VALUE RESULTS FROM THE INTERPLAY OF GEOMETRY, FIELDS AND DIFFUSION:



IBF AS A FUNCTION OF GAIN:

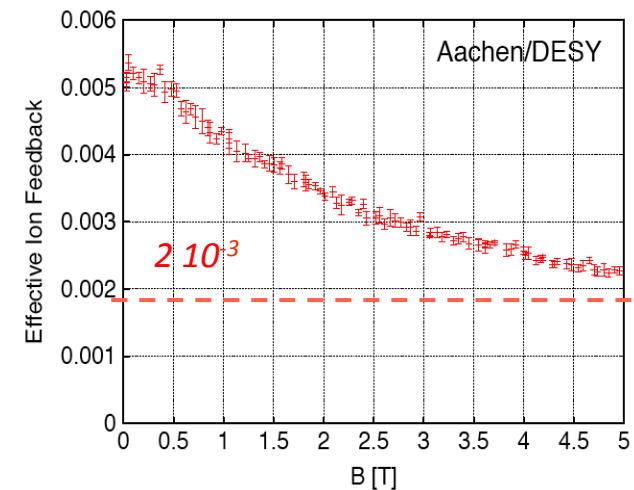
MULTI-GEM



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

MAGNETIC FIELD:

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



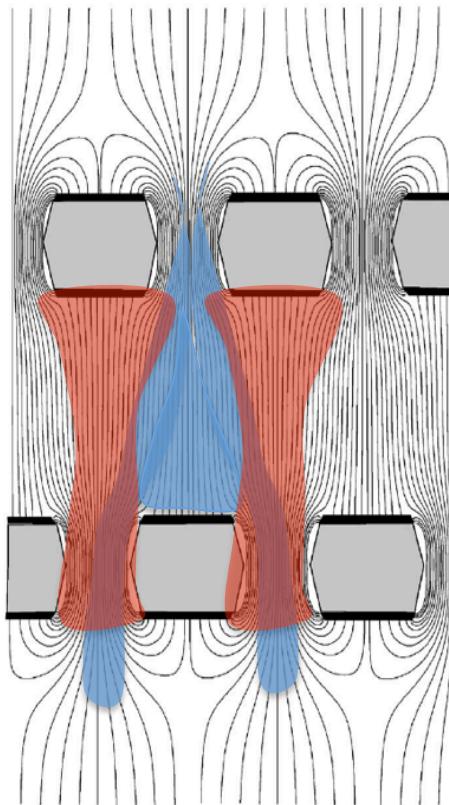
M. Killenberg et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A530(2004)251

# POSITIVE IONS BACKFLOW: GEM WITH OFFSET HOLES

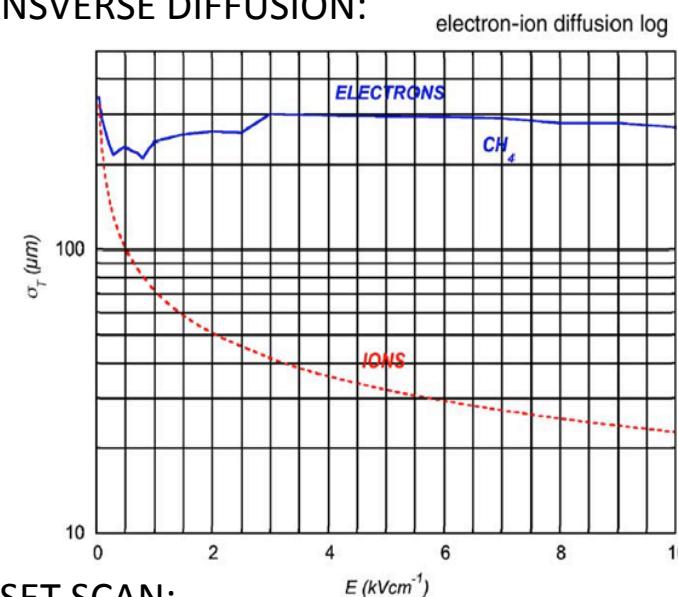
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## TRANSVERSE DIFFUSION:

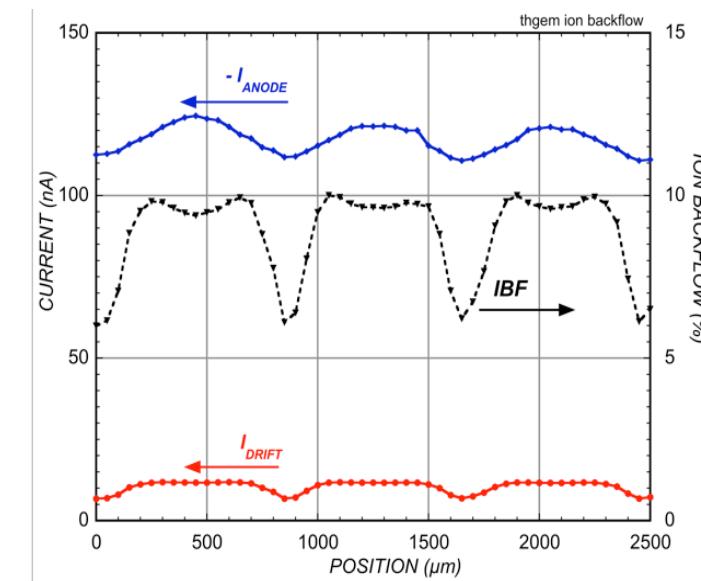
EXPLOITS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN IONS' AND ELECTRONS' DIFFUSION IN AN OFFSET DOUBLE THICK-GEM



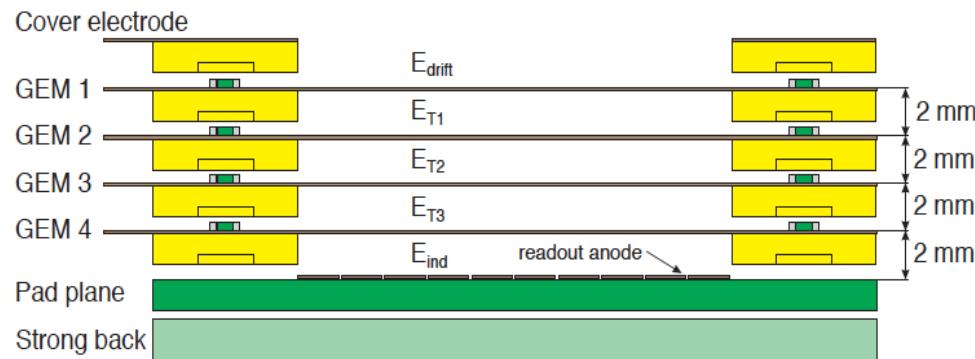
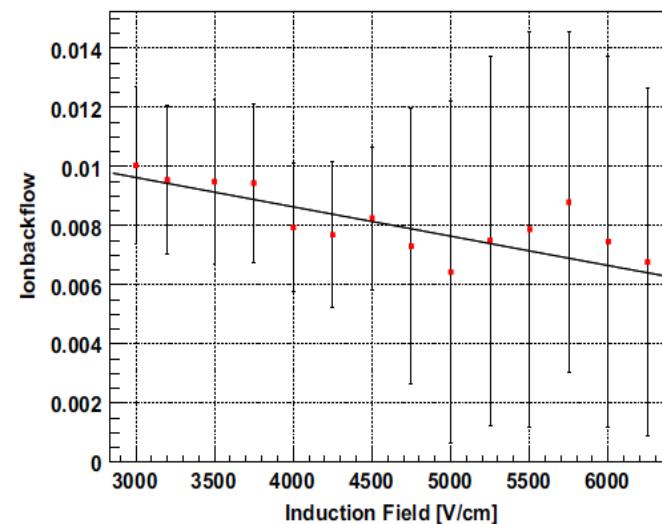
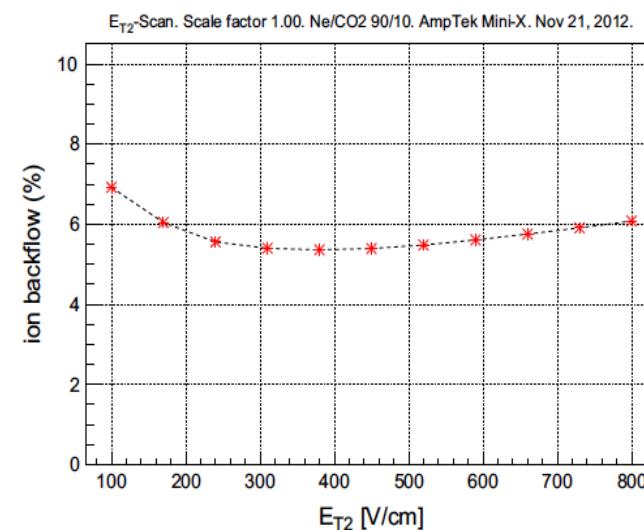
F. Sauli et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A560(2006)269



## OFFSET SCAN:

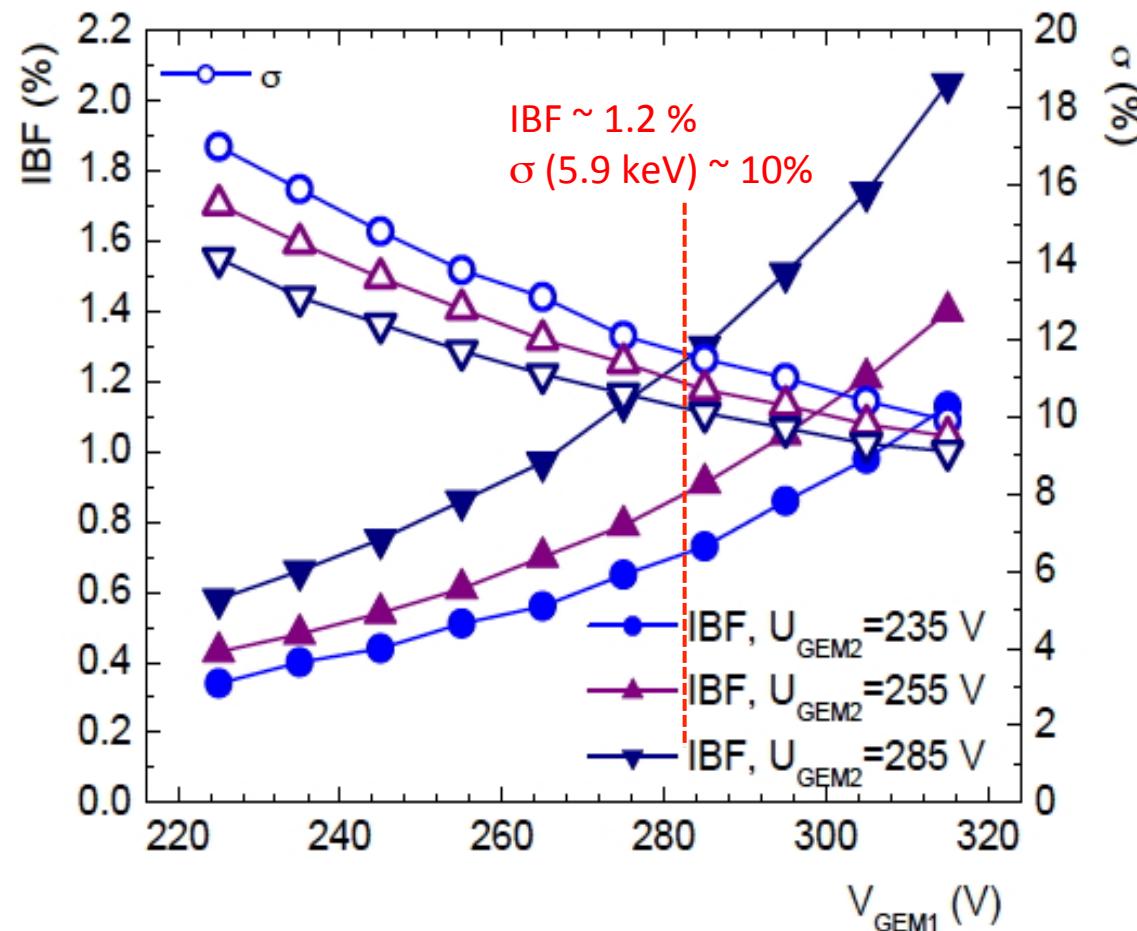


## BASELINE: FOUR OFFSET GEMS

Ar-CO<sub>2</sub> 70-30: ~ 0.8%Ne-CO<sub>2</sub> (ALICE): ~ 5%*B. Ketzer et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A732(2013)237*

QUAD-GEM WITH ALTERNATING DIFFERENT PITCH (140-280-280-140  $\mu\text{m}$ )

IBF AND ENERGY RESOLUTION VS VOLTAGE ON THE FIRST GEM:

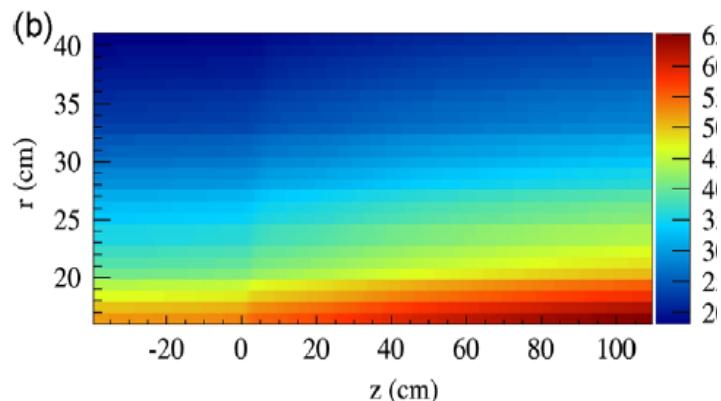
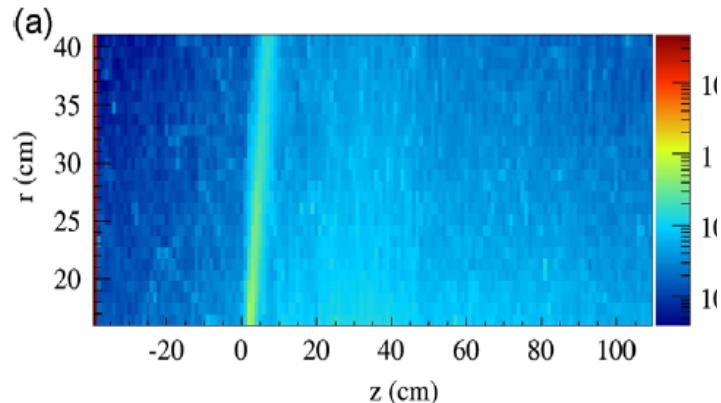


ALICE TDR CERN-LHCC-2013-020

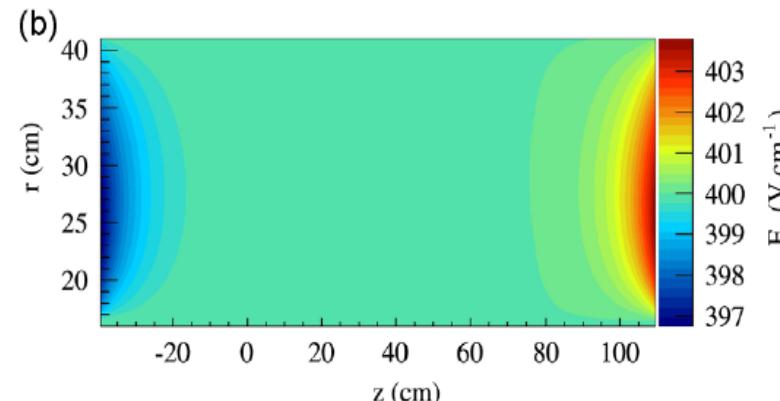
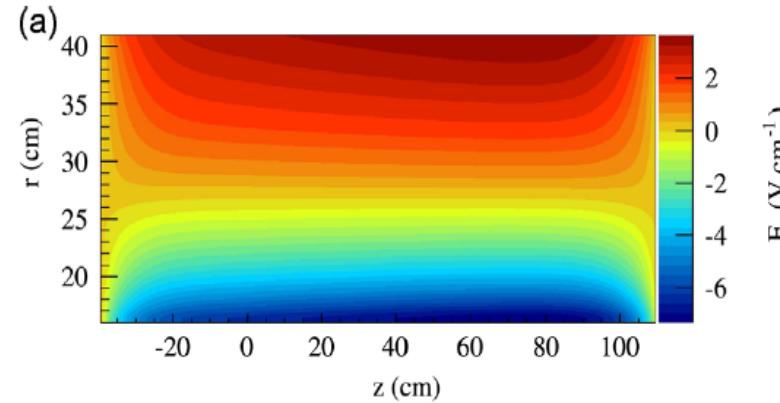
TRIPLE GEM OPERATED IN Ne-CO<sub>2</sub> 90-10  
 $2 \cdot 10^7$  p-p ANNIHILATIONS    GAIN M=2000

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

SPACE CHARGE DENSITY:



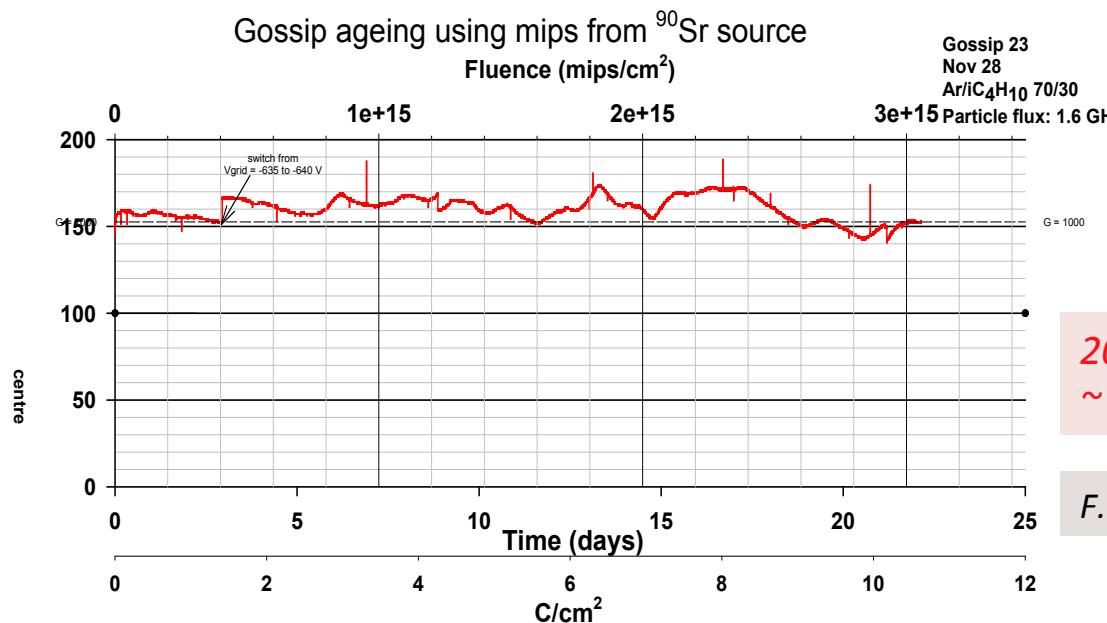
ELECTRIC FIELD DISTORTIONS:



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

## SYSTEMATIC IRRADIATION OF SMALL PROTOTYPES:

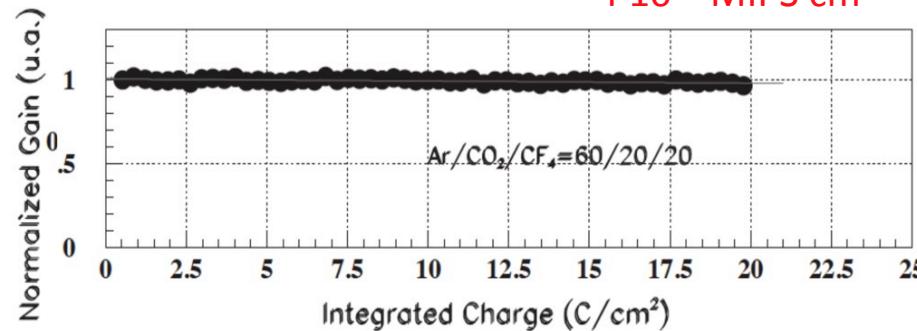
Irradiation with	Charge Deposit (mC/cm <sup>2</sup> )	HL-LHC Equivalent	Results
X-Ray	225	5 HL-LHC years equivalent	No evidence of ageing
Neutron	0.5	10 years HL-LHC years equivalent	No evidence of ageing
Gamma	14.84	10 years HL-LHC years equivalent	No evidence of ageing
Alpha	2.4	$5 \times 10^8$ sparks equivalent	No evidence of ageing

*G. Iakovidis, MPGD 2013*

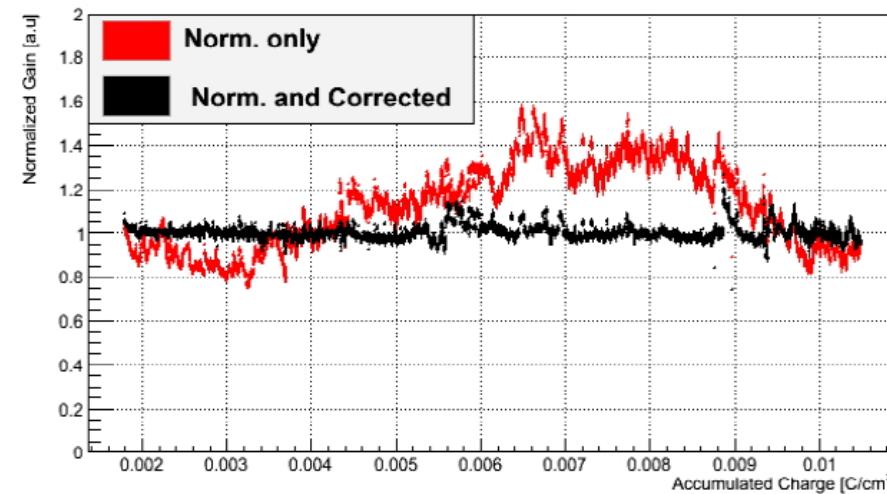
20 C cm<sup>-2</sup>  
 $\sim 4 \cdot 10^{14}$  MIPS cm<sup>-2</sup>

*F. Hartjes, MPGD 2009*

LHCb TRIGGER:

 $20 \text{ C/cm}^2$  $\sim 4 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ MIPS cm}^{-2}$ *M. Alfonsi et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A518(2004)106*

Sector 1 : Normalized and Corrected Gain

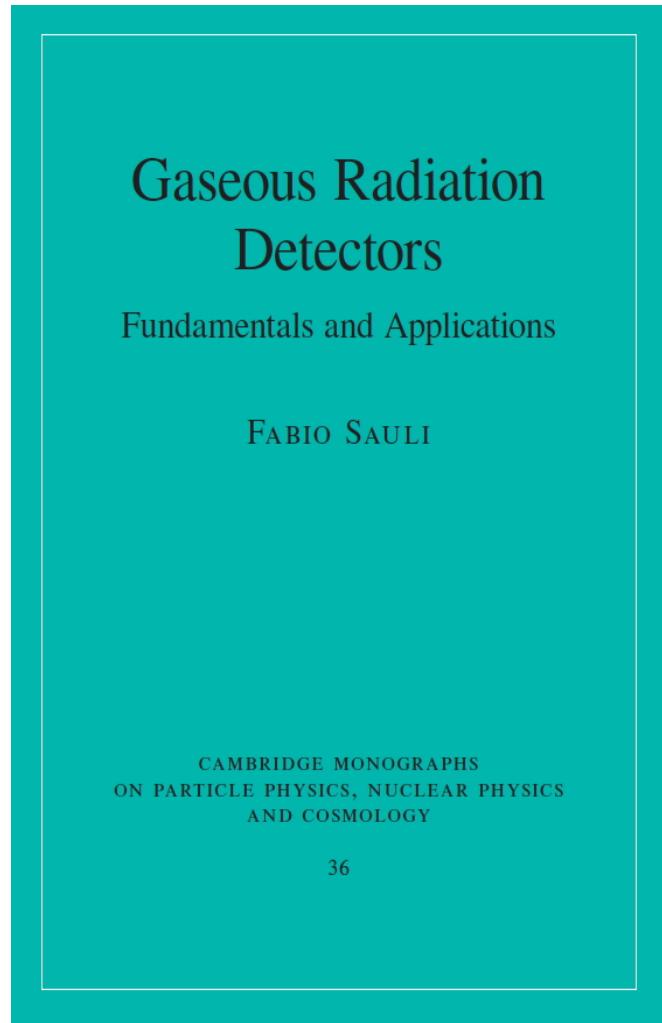
*A. Sharma and M. Tytgat, CMS Technical Design Report, (2014)*

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Gaseous Radiation Detectors

<http://www.cambridge.org/F4GASEOUS>

GEM REVIEW (Open Access):  
F. Sauli  
The gas electron multiplier (GEM): Operating  
principles and applications  
Nucl. Instr. and Meth. In Press (7 Aug. 2015)



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