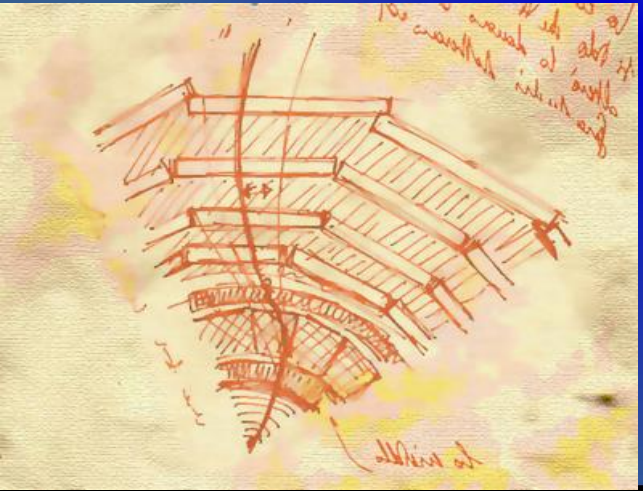
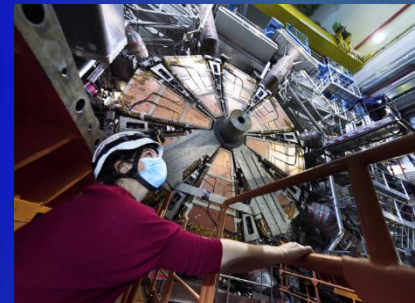
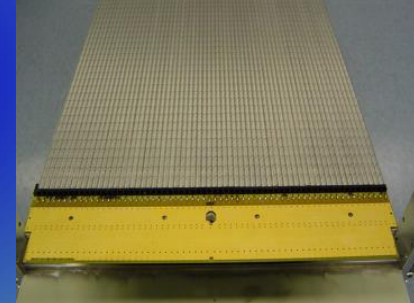
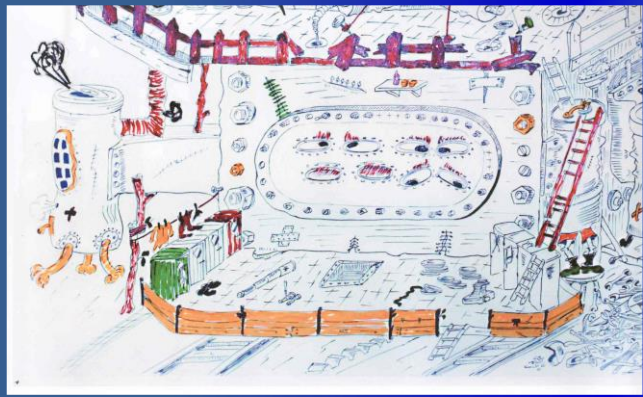


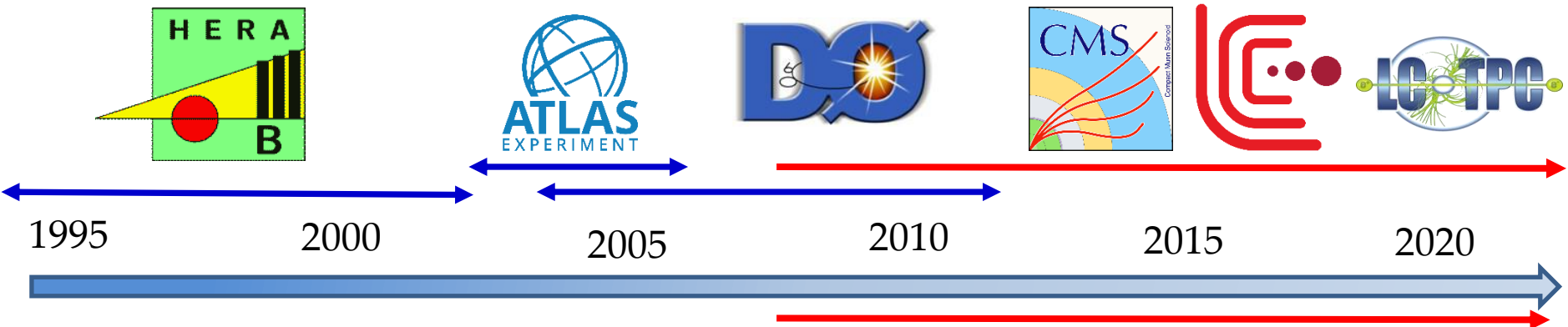
From (very) Basic Ideas to Rather Complex Gaseous Detector Systems

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Professional Experience: International Collaborations



1993 – 2003: **HERA-B** Experiment at DESY / HERA, Hamburg

2003 – 2006: **ATLAS** Experiment at CERN / LHC, Geneva

2004 – 2011: **DZero** Experiment at Fermilab / Tevatron, Chicago

2008 – 2023: **RD51** Collaboration (“Micro-Pattern Gas. Detectors”) at CERN,
2023, 2008 - 2015 **Spokesperson of the RD51 Collaboration**

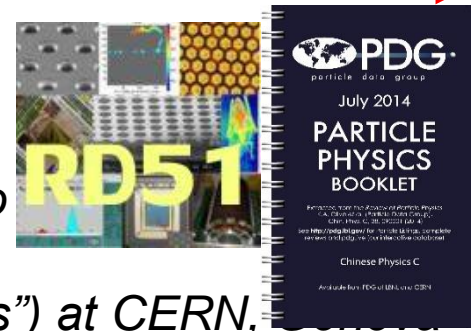
2024 – present: **DRD1** Collaboration (“Gaseous Detectors”) at CERN, Geneva
2024 - 2025 **Spokesperson of the DRD1 Collaboration**

2007 – present: **CMS** Experiment at CERN / LHC, Geneva

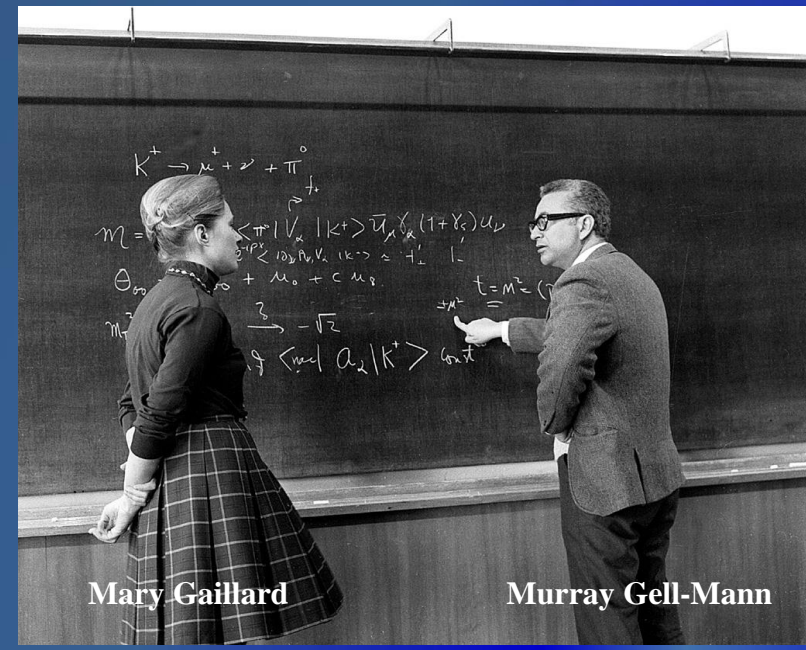
2007 – present: International Linear Collider Project in Japan (**ILC**)

2007 – present: Particle Data Group (**PDG**) Collaboration

2024 – present: Chair of the European Laboratory Directors Working Group
“Sustainability Assessment of Future Accelerators”



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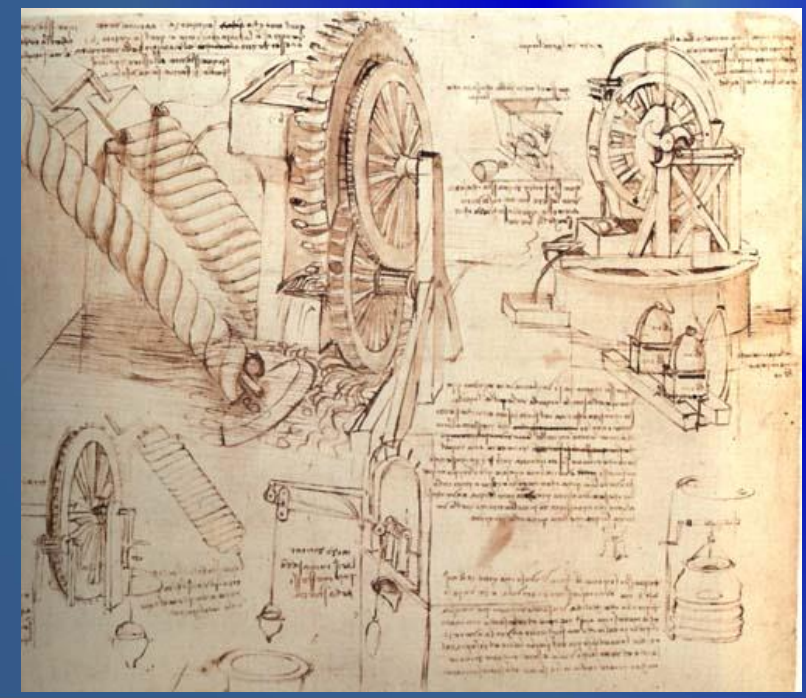
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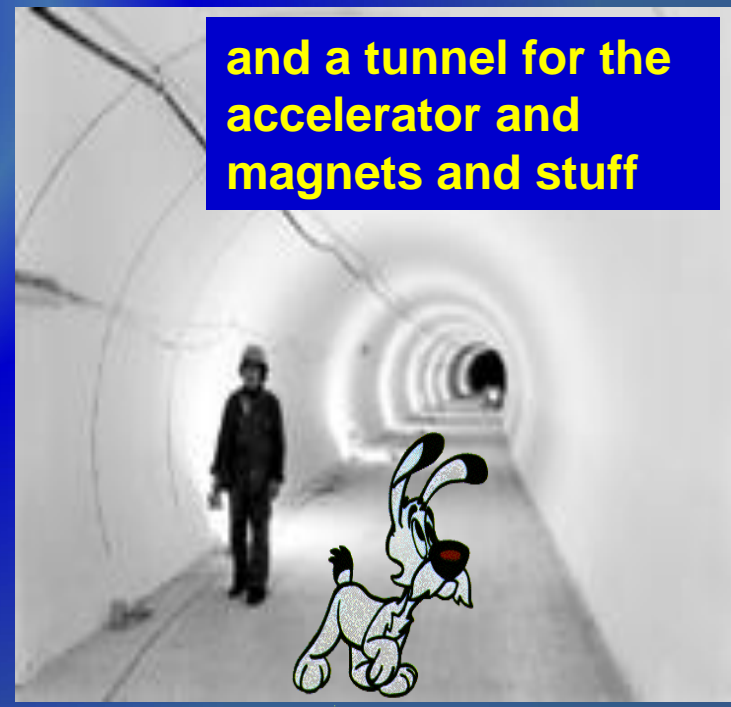
A theory:



and a cafeteria



Clear and easy understandable drawings



and a tunnel for the accelerator and magnets and stuff

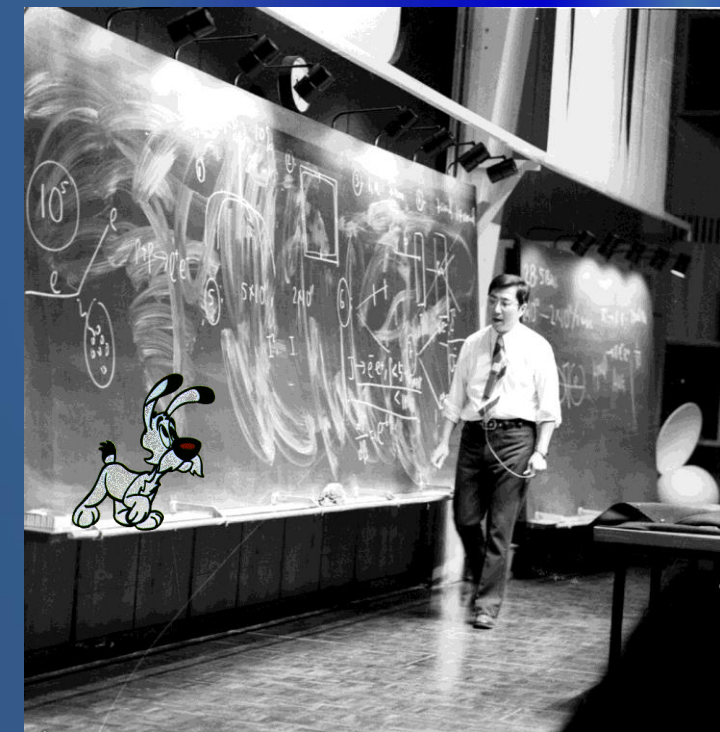




Easy
access
to the
experiment



Physicists to operate detector/analyze data



and a
Nobel
prize



We will just concentrate on
Gaseous Detectors

The History of Instrumentation is VERY Entertaining

- ✓ A look at the **history of instrumentation** in particle physics
 - **complementary view on the history of particle physics**, which is traditionally told from a theoretical point of view
- ✓ The importance and recognition of inventions in the field of instrumentation is proven by the fact that
 - several **Nobel Prizes in physics** were awarded mainly or exclusively for the development of detection technologies

Nobel Prizes in instrumentation (“tracking concepts”):

- ❖ **1927: C.T.R. Wilson, Cloud Chamber**
- ❖ **1960: Donald Glaser, Bubble Chamber**
- ❖ **1992: Georges Charpak, Multi-Wire Proportional Chamber**

Gas-Based Detectors: A Brief History



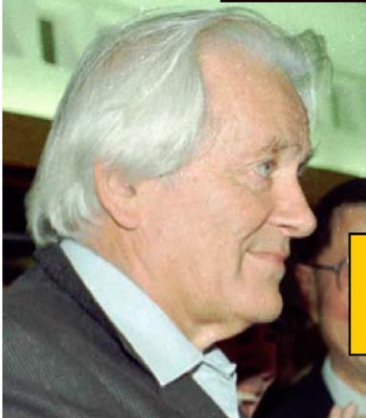
Geiger Counter
H.Geiger W.Mueller 1928

PPC
Parallel Plate Counter

PC
Proportional Counter

Pestov Counter
V.Pestov 1982

RPC
Resistive Plate Chambers
R.Santonico R.Cardarelli 1981



MWPC
Multiwire Proportional Chamber
G.Charpak et al 1968

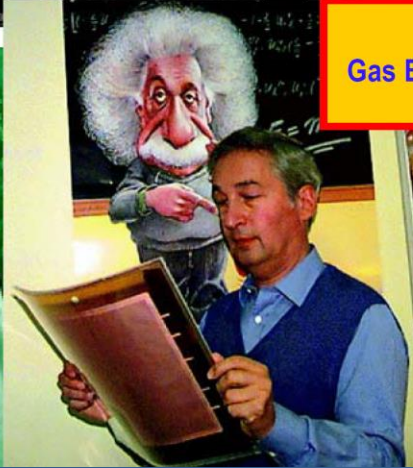
TPC
Time Projection Chamber
D.R.Nygren et al 1974



MSGC
Microstrip Gas Chambers
A.Oed 1988

GEM
Gas Electron Multiplier
F.Sauli 1997

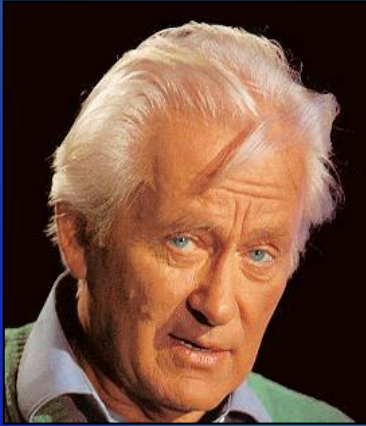
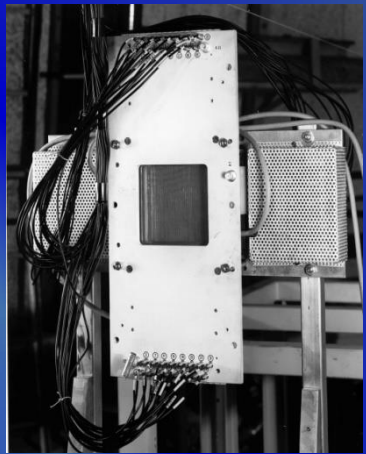
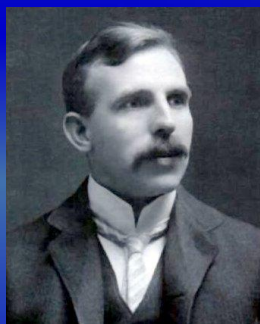
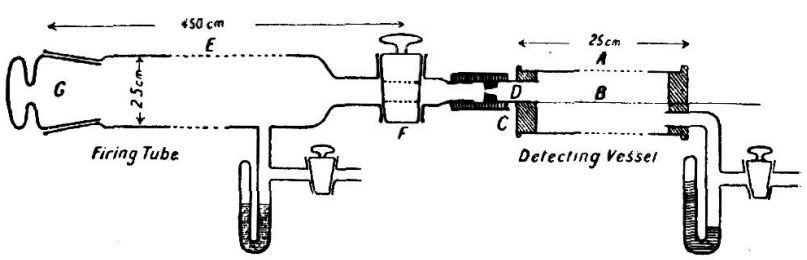
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I.Giomataris et al 1996



Family of Gaseous Detectors with a Glorious Tradition

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

1968: MULTIWIRE PROPORTIONAL
CHAMBER

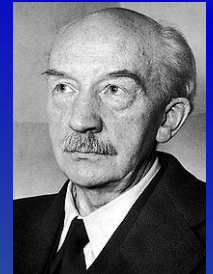
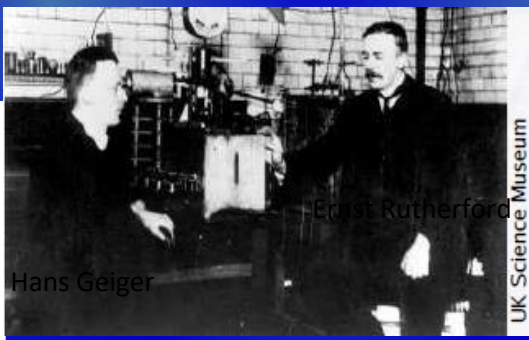
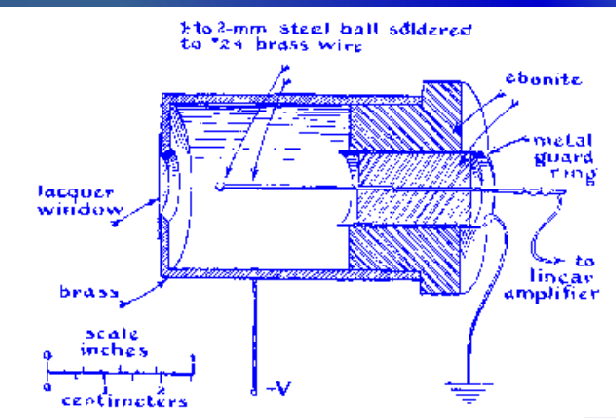


E. Rutherford and H. Geiger, Proc. Royal Soc. A81 (1908) 141

Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1908

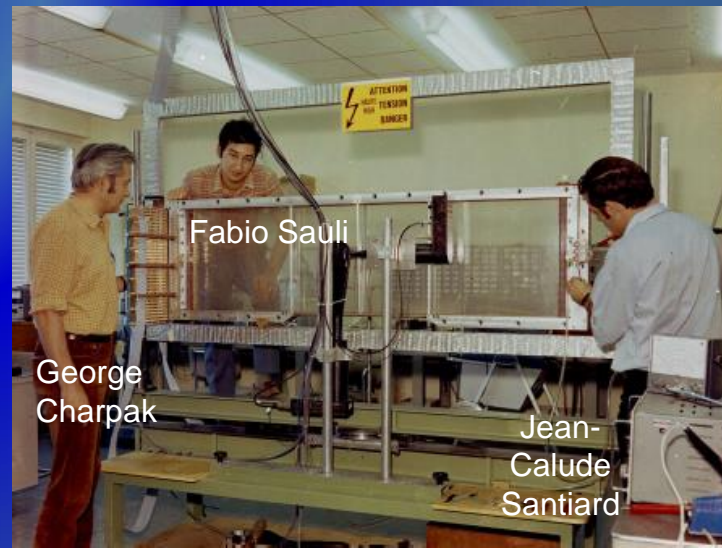
Nobel Prize in Physics 1992

1928: GEIGER COUNTER
SINGLE ELECTRON SENSITIVITY



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

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



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

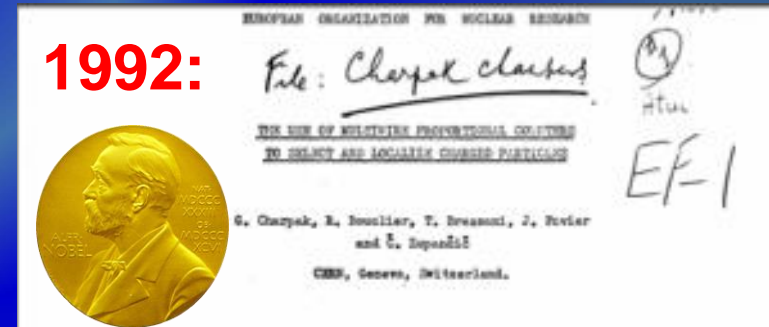
1968: MWPC – Revolutionising the Way Particle Physics is Done



G. Charpak, F. Sauli and J.C. Santiard

Before MWPC: Detecting particles was a mainly a manual, tedious and labour intensive job – unsuited for rare particle decays

1968: George Charpak developed the **MultiWire Proportional Chamber**, (MWPC), which revolutionized particle detection & HEP, **and marked transition from Manual to Electronics era**



“Image” & “Logic (electronics)” tradition combined into the “**Electronics Image**” detectors during the 1970ies

Multi-Wire Proportional Chambers – Particle Physics Spin-Off

Biospace: Company Founded In 1989 by Georges Charpak



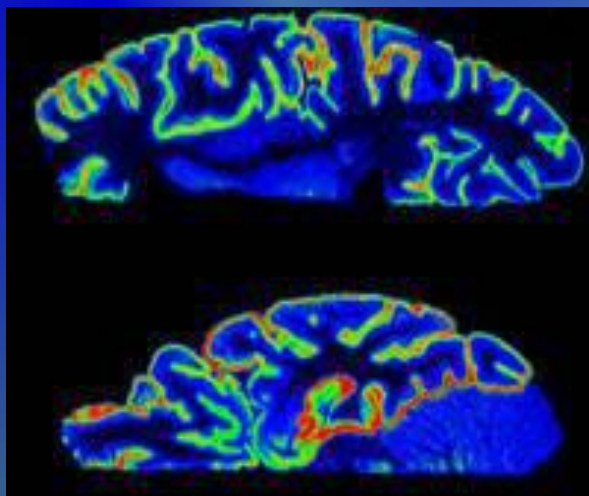
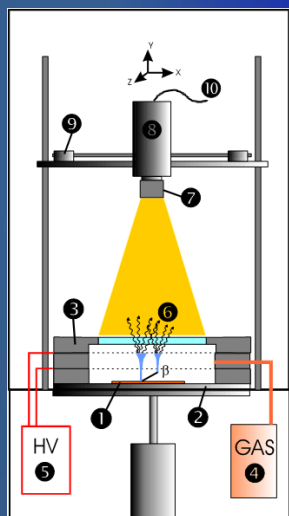
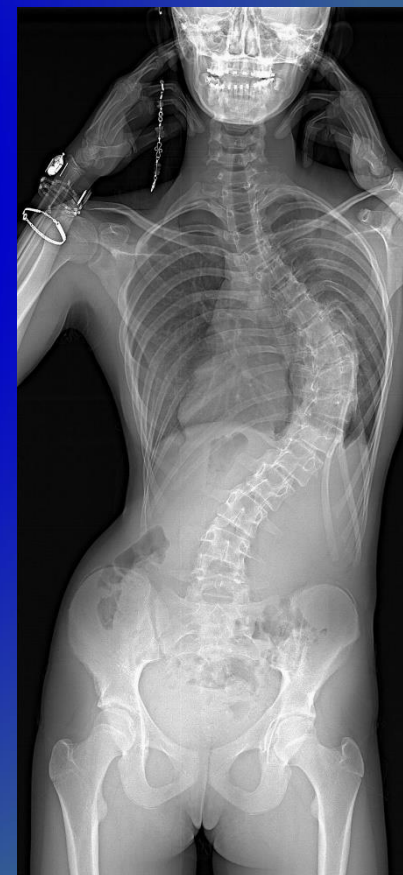
<http://www.biospacelab.com>:

Our digital autoradiography system leverages the gas detection technology invented by our founder Georges Charpak:

Nobel Prize in Physics in 1992.

~ 2000: **LOW-DOSE
3D IMAGING**

**COMMERCIAL AUTORADIOGRAPHY
SYSTEMS WITH GASEOUS DETECTORS**



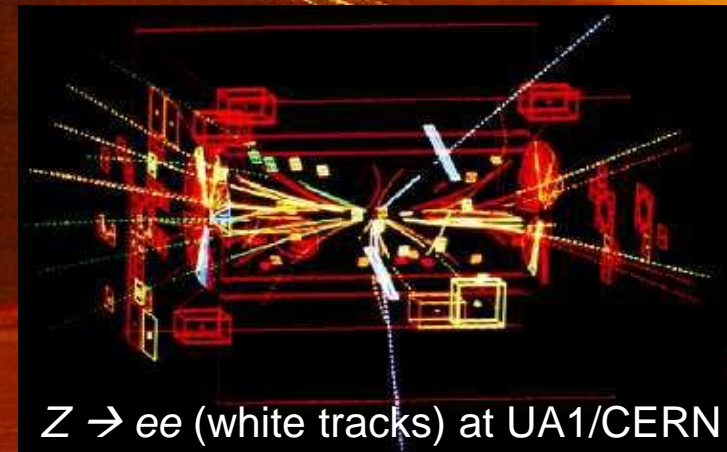
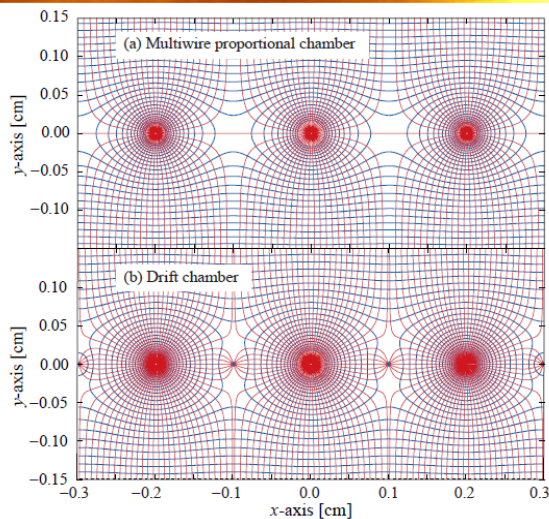
1983/1984: Discovery of W and Z Bosons at UA1/UA2

UA1 used the largest wire / drift chamber of its day (5.8 m long, 2.3 m in diameter)

It can be seen in the CERN Microcosm Exhibition

Discovery of W and Z bosons
C. Rubbia & S. Van der Meer,

1984:



“Classic Detectors”: Some History and Trends

Cloud Chambers, Nuclear Emulsions + Geiger-Müller tubes

→ dominated until the early 1950s: Cloud Chambers now very popular in public exhibitions related to particle physics

Bubble Chambers had their peak time between 1960 and 1985

→ last big bubble chamber was BEBC at CERN

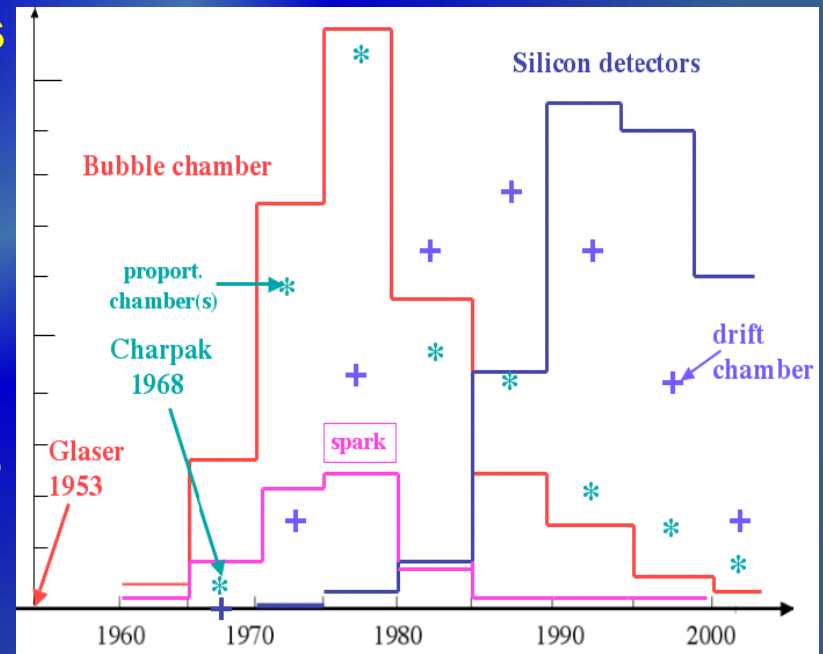
Since 1970s: Wire Chambers (MWPCs and drift chambers) started to dominate; recently being replaced by Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors (MPGD)

Since late 1980s: Solid state detectors are in common use

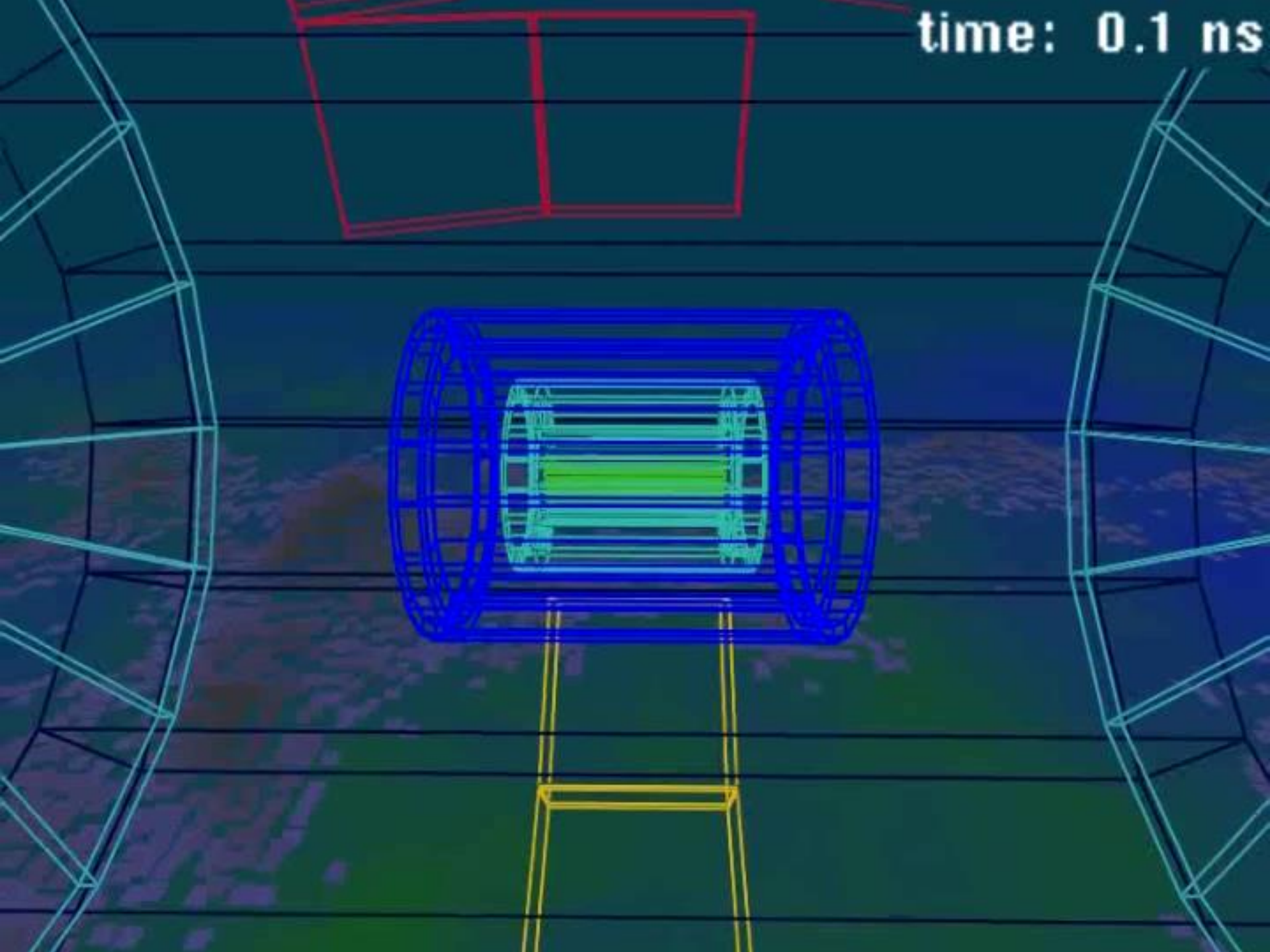
→ started as small sized vertex detectors (at LEP and SLC)

→ now ~200 m² Si-surface in CMS tracker

Most recent trend: silicon strips & hybrid detectors, 3D-sensors, CMOS Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (MAPS)



time: 0.1 ns

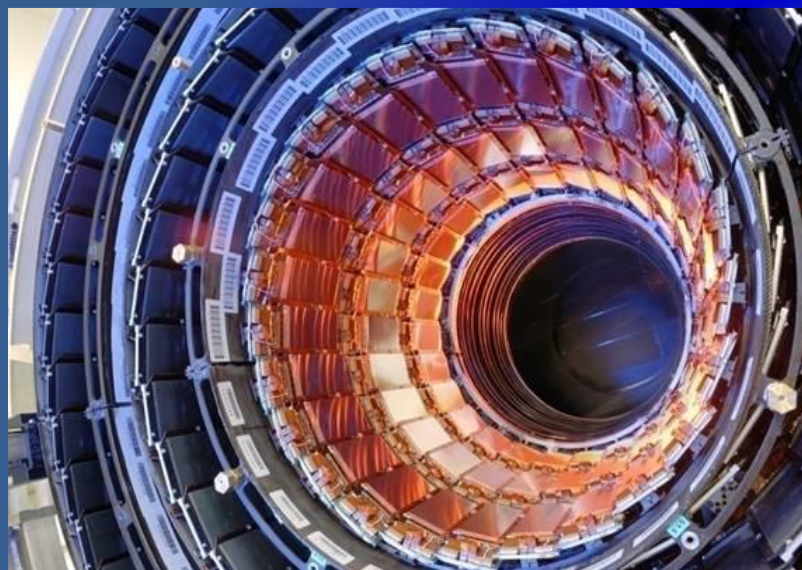


State-of-the-Art in Tracking and Vertex Detectors

Today's 3 major technologies of Tracking Detectors:

Silicon (strips, pixels, 3D, CMOS, monolithic):

→ electron – hole pairs in solid state material

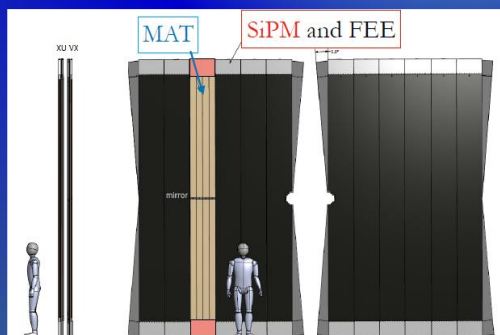
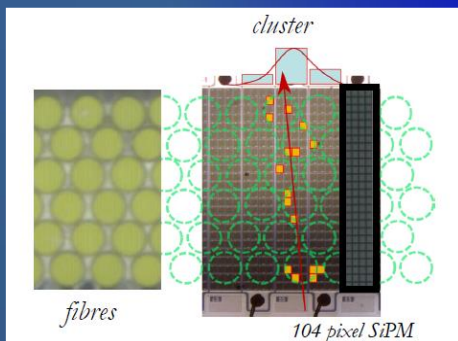


Gaseous (MWPC, TPC, RPC, MPGDs):

→ ionization in gas



Fiber Trackers: → scintillation light detected with photon detectors (sensitive to single electrons)



LHCb Tracker Upgrade (Sci-fibers with SiPM readout):

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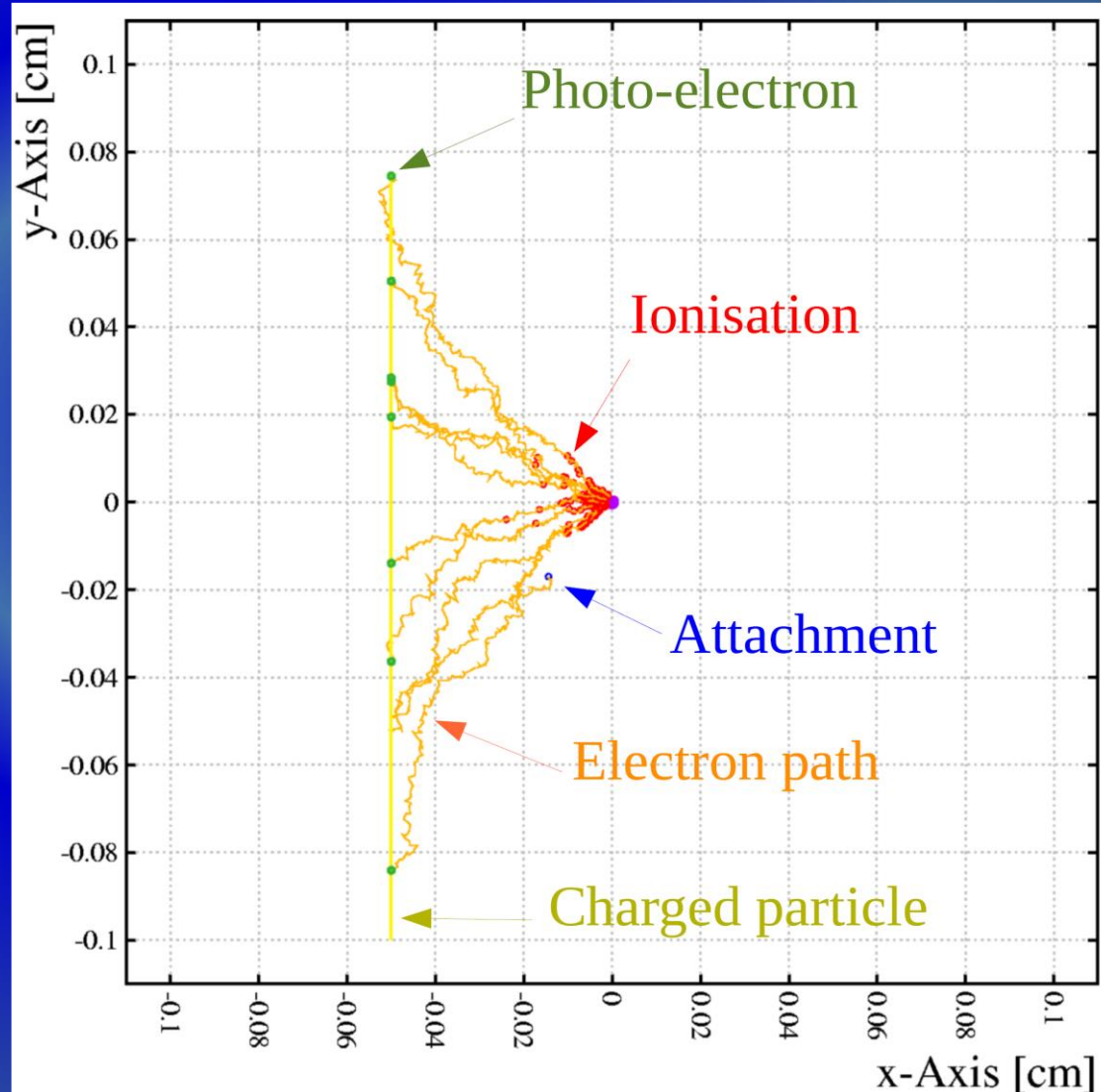
Gaseous Detectors: Working Principle

- ✓ a **charged particle** passing through the gas **ionizes** a few gas molecules;
- ✓ the **electric field** in the gas volume **transports** the ionisation electrons and provokes **multiplication**;
- ✓ the movement of electrons and ions leads **to induced currents** in electrodes;
- ✓ the **signals** are processed and recorded.

Example:

- 10 GeV muon crossing
- Gas mixture: Ar/CO₂ (80:20) %
- Electron are shown every 100 collisions, but have been tracked rigorously.
- Ions are not shown.

At the 100 μm – 1 mm scale:



Gas Detectors: Why Use Gas as a Medium for Ionization ?

- ✓ Effectively quite light in terms of gm/cm², requirement for reducing multiple scattering in particle physics
- ✓ Few other technologies can easily realize detectors with as large a sensitive area as gas-filled devices
- ✓ Gas-filled detectors are relatively cheap in terms of \$ per unit area/volume
- ✓ There are optimized gas mixtures for **charged particles detection** (high energy and nuclear physics), **X-rays** (synchrotron physics, astronomy) and **neutrons** (neutron scattering, national security)
- ✓ **Electron transport characteristics** are favorable and well characterized
- ✓ **Gas gain, M** (electron multiplication factor), can be achieved, over many orders of magnitude (**large dynamic range**)
- ✓ **Ionization collection or fluorescence** emission can form the signal

Gaseous Detectors: Signal Generation

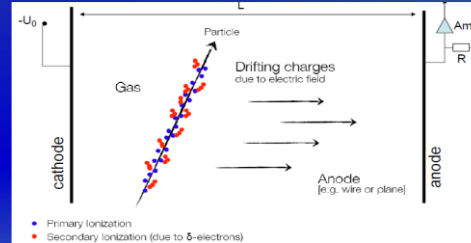
✓ Ionization statistics in gas

✓ Charge transport in gas

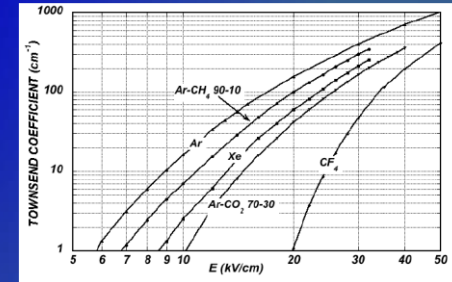
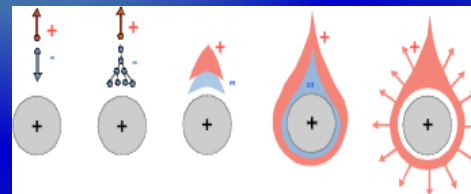
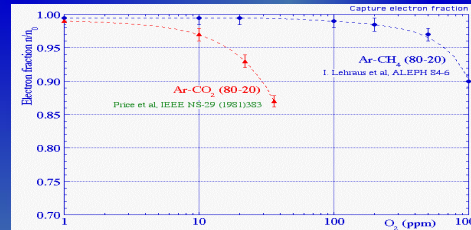
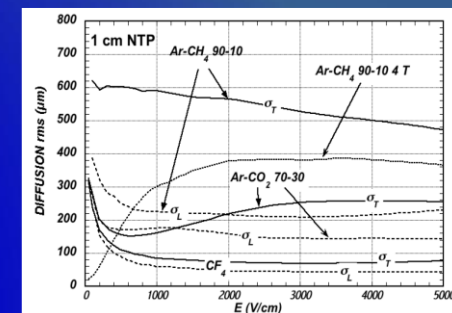
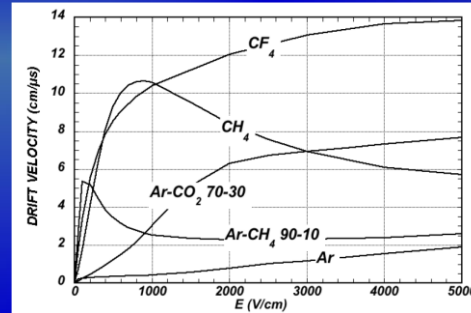
- a) Diffusion
- b) Electron and ion mobility
- c) Drift velocity

✓ Loss of Electrons / Attachment

✓ Charge multiplication / Gas Amplification



Gas	Density, mg cm^{-3}	E_z eV	E_I eV	W_I eV	dE/dx_{min} keV cm^{-1}	N_P cm^{-1}	N_I cm^{-1}
H ₂	0.084	10.8	13.6	37	0.34	5.2	9.2
He	0.179	19.8	24.6	41.3	0.32	3.5	8
Ne	0.839	16.7	21.6	37	1.45	13	40
Ar	1.66	11.6	15.7	26	2.53	25	97
Xe	5.495	8.4	12.1	22	6.87	41	312
CH ₄	0.667	8.8	12.6	30	1.61	28	54
C ₂ H ₆	1.26	8.2	11.5	26	2.91	48	112
iC ₃ H ₁₀	2.49	6.5	10.6	26	5.67	90	220
CO ₂	1.84	7.0	13.8	34	3.35	35	100
CF ₄	3.78	10.0	16.0	35-52	6.38	52-63	120

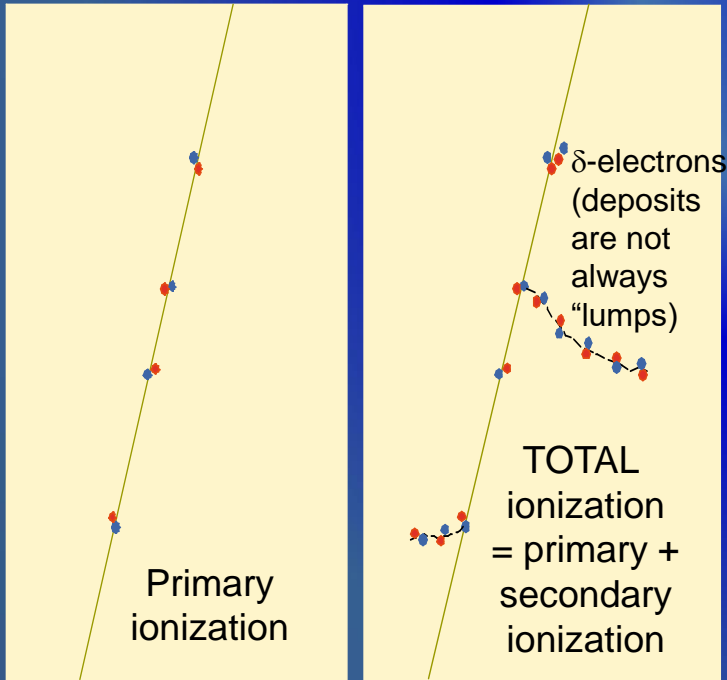


Efficient Gaseous Detector development (*energy deposit, electric fields, drift velocity & diffusion, attachment and amplification*) is today possible with *existing precise and reliable simulation tools*

Gaseous Detectors: Ionization Statistics (I)

TOTAL IONIZATION:

- **Primary electron-ion pairs**
 - Coulomb interactions of charged particles with molecules
 - typically ~ 30 primary ionization clusters /cm in gas at 1 bar
- **Secondary ionization: clusters and delta-electrons** → on average 90 electrons/cm in gas at 1 bar



The actual number of **primary electron/ion pairs** (n_p) is **Poisson distributed**:

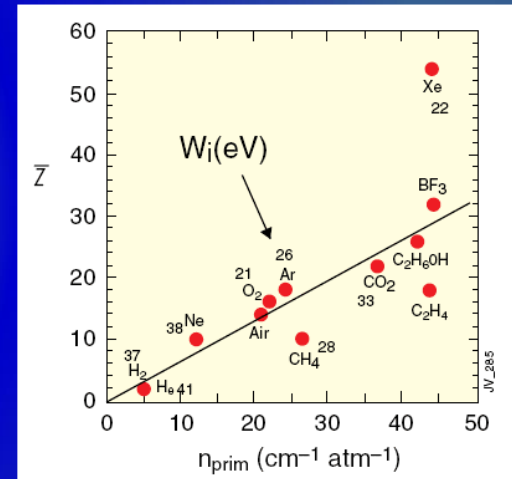
$$P(n_p, \langle n_p \rangle) = \frac{\langle n_p \rangle^{n_p} e^{-\langle n_p \rangle}}{n_p!}$$

σ_I : Ionization x-Section
 n_e : Electron density
 L : Thickness

$$\langle n_p \rangle = L/\lambda$$

$$\lambda = 1/(n_e \sigma_I)$$

Number of primary electron/ion pairs in frequently used gases:



Detection efficiency of a perfect detector is limited to:

→ for thin (L) layers ϵ can be significantly lower than 1

$$\epsilon = 1 - e^{-n_p}$$

$$\langle n_p \rangle = L/\lambda$$

GAS (STP)	thickness	ϵ (%)
Helium	1 mm	45
	2 mm	70
Argon	1 mm	91.8
	2 mm	99.3

Ionization Statistics: Table for Most Common Gases

Table 35.1: Properties of noble and molecular gases at normal temperature and pressure (NTP: 20° C, one atm). E_X , E_I : first excitation, ionization energy; W_I : average energy for creation of ion pair; $dE/dx|_{\min}$, N_P , N_T : differential energy loss, primary and total number of electron-ion pairs per cm, for unit charge minimum ionizing particles. Values often differ, depending on the source, and those in the table should be taken only as approximate.

Review of Particle Physics,
Particle Data Group (2024)

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Ar/CO₂ (70/30):

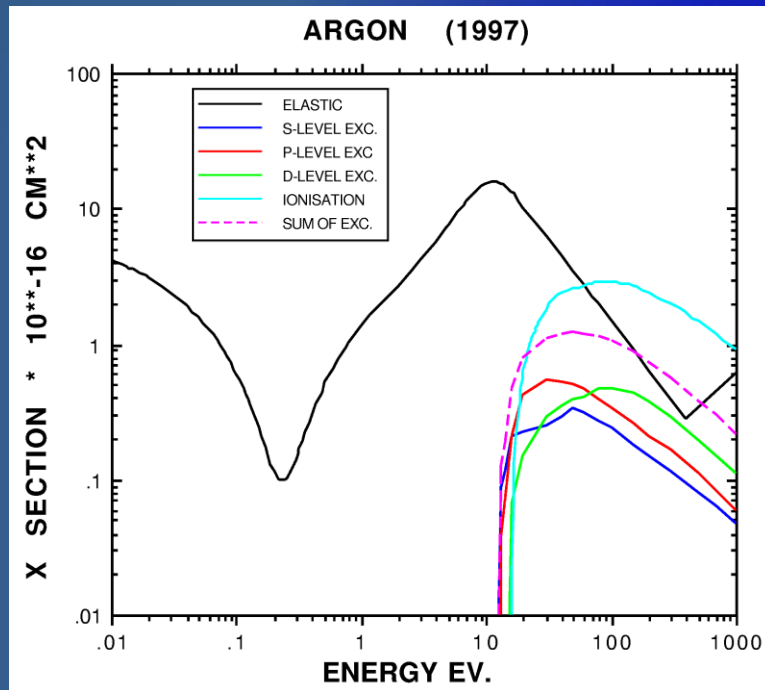
$$N_P = 25 \cdot 0.7 + 35 \cdot 0.3 = 28 \frac{\text{pairs}}{\text{cm}}; \quad N_T = \frac{2530}{26} \cdot 0.7 + \frac{3350}{35} \cdot 0.3 \approx 97 \frac{\text{pairs}}{\text{cm}}$$

$N_T \sim 100$ e-ion pairs during ionization process (typical number for 1 cm of gas) is not easy to detect \rightarrow typical noise of modern pixel ASICs is $\sim 100e^-$ (ENC)

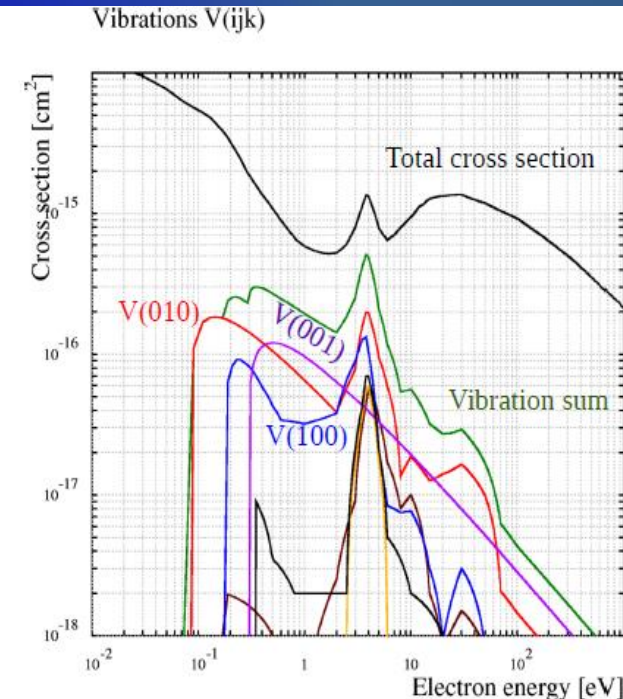
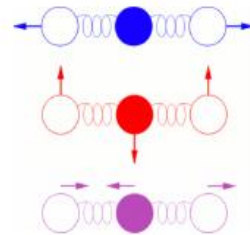
Need to increase number of e-ion pairs \rightarrow ... ☹ ... how ??? \rightarrow GAS AMPLIFICATION

Transport of Electrons in Gases: Drift Velocity

CHARGE TRANSPORT DETERMINED BY ELECTRON-MOLECULE CROSS SECTION:



- ▶ CO₂ is linear:
 - ▶ O - C - O
- ▶ Vibration modes are numbered V(ijk)
 - ▶ i: symmetric,
 - ▶ j: bending,
 - ▶ k: anti-symmetric.



Magboltz: microscopic e⁻ transport

- ▶ A large number of cross sections for 60 molecules...
 - ▶ Numerous organic gases, additives, e.g. CO₂:
 - ▶ elastic scattering,
 - ▶ 44 inelastic cross sections (5 vibrations and 30 rotations + super-elastic and 9 polyads),
 - ▶ attachment,
 - ▶ 6 excited states and
 - ▶ 3 ionisations.
 - ▶ noble gases (He, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe):
 - ▶ elastic scattering,
 - ▶ 44 excited states and
 - ▶ 7 ionisations.

LXcat (pronounced *elecscat*) is an open-access website for collecting, displaying, and downloading ELECTron SCATtering cross sections and swarm parameters (mobility, diffusion coefficient, reaction rates, etc.) required for modeling low temperature plasmas. [...]"

Lxcat:

<http://www.lxcat.laplace.univ-tlse.fr/>

Magboltz:

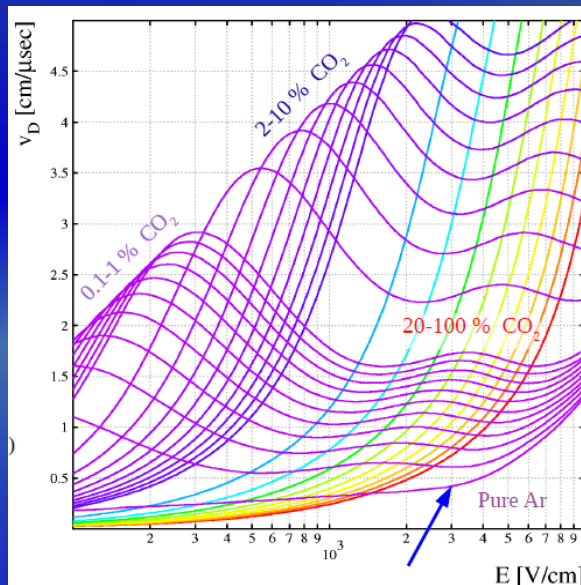
S. Biagi, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A421 (1999) 234
<http://magboltz.web.cern.ch/magboltz/>

Transport of Electrons in Gases: Drift Velocity

Large drift velocities are achieved by adding polyatomic gases (usually hydrocarbons, CO₂, CF₄) having large inelastic component at moderate energies of a few eV → electron "cooling" into the energy range of the Ramsauer-Townsend minimum (at ~0.5 eV) of the elastic cross-section.

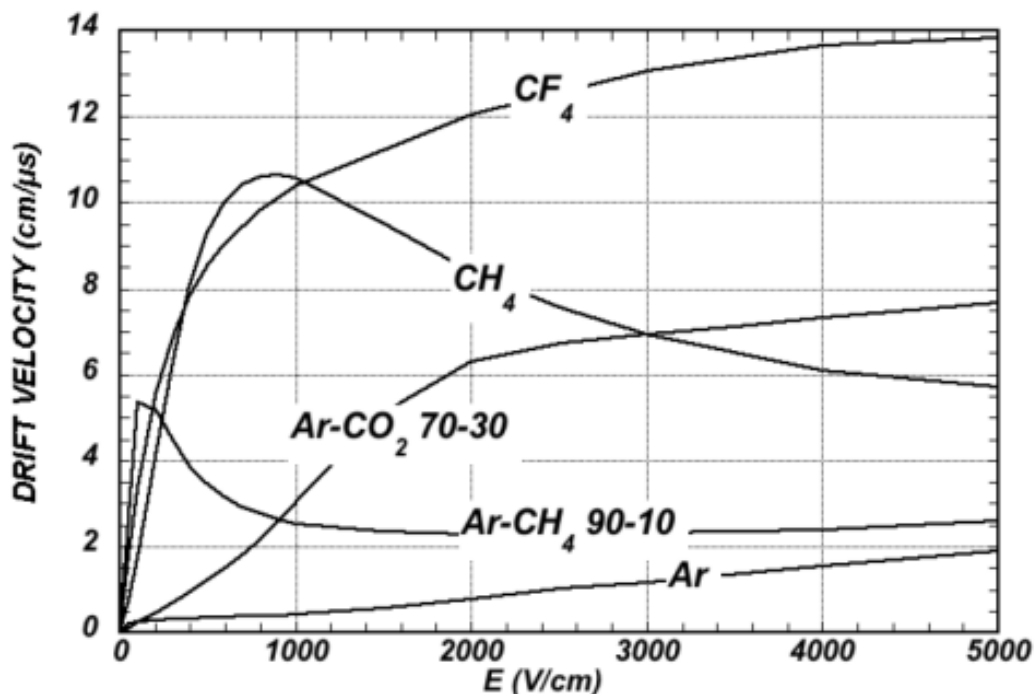
Large range of drift velocities in gases: 1 ... 10 cm/μs; typical categories:

- ✓ "slow" gases, e.g. Ar/CO₂ mixtures 1-2 cm/μs, almost linear dependence on E-field
- ✓ "fast" gases, e.g. Ar/CF₄ mixtures ~10-15 cm/μs
- ✓ "saturated" gases, e.g. Ar/CH₄; - e.g. Ar/CH₄ (90/10) – drift velocity less sensitive to E-field variations and nearly constant (useful for drift chamber operation)



Even small addition of CO₂ to Ar makes gas dramatically faster

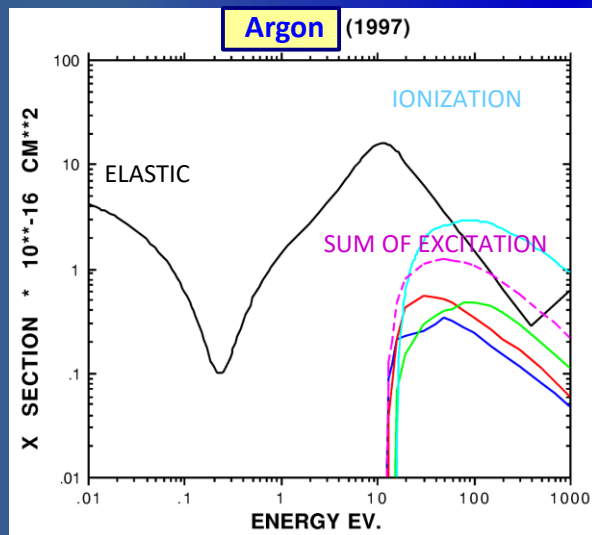
Additives like CO₂ & hydrocarbons are called "quencher" or "admixture"



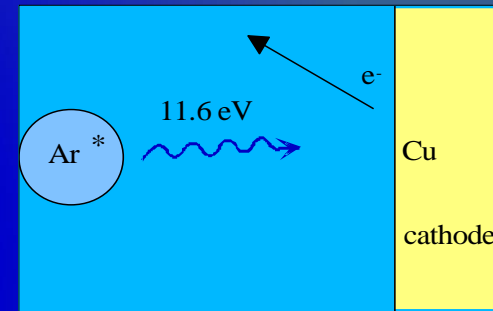
Selection of Gas Mixture: Quenching of Photons

● Slight problem in gas avalanche

- Argon atoms can be ionized but also can be brought into excited states
- Excited Argon atoms can only de-excite by emission of high-UV photons



consequence: UV photons (>11.6 eV) hit surface of metals (cathode) and free new electrons, ionization energy of Cu = 7.7 eV

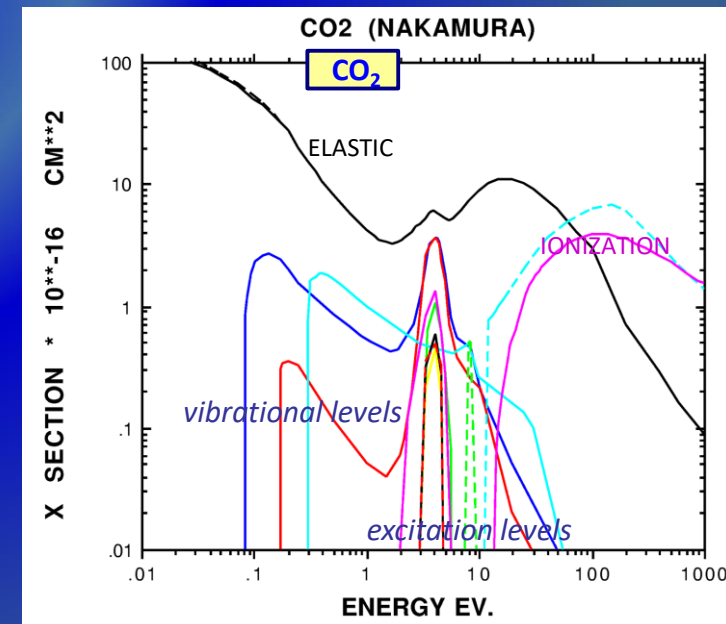


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VERY unstable operation

● Solution

- Add gases with many vibrational and rotational energy levels: CO₂, CH₄
- Absorption of UV photons over a wide energy range; dissipation by collisions or dissociation into smaller molecules (see aging effects)



Transport of Electrons in Gases: Diffusion

An initially point like cloud of electrons will 'diffuse' because of multiple collisions and assume a Gaussian shape. The diffusion depends on the average energy of the electrons. The variance σ^2 of the distribution grows linearly with time. In case of an applied electric field it grows linearly with the distance.

$$n(x) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi Dt}} \right)^3 e^{-\frac{(x-v_D t)^2}{4Dt}}$$

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

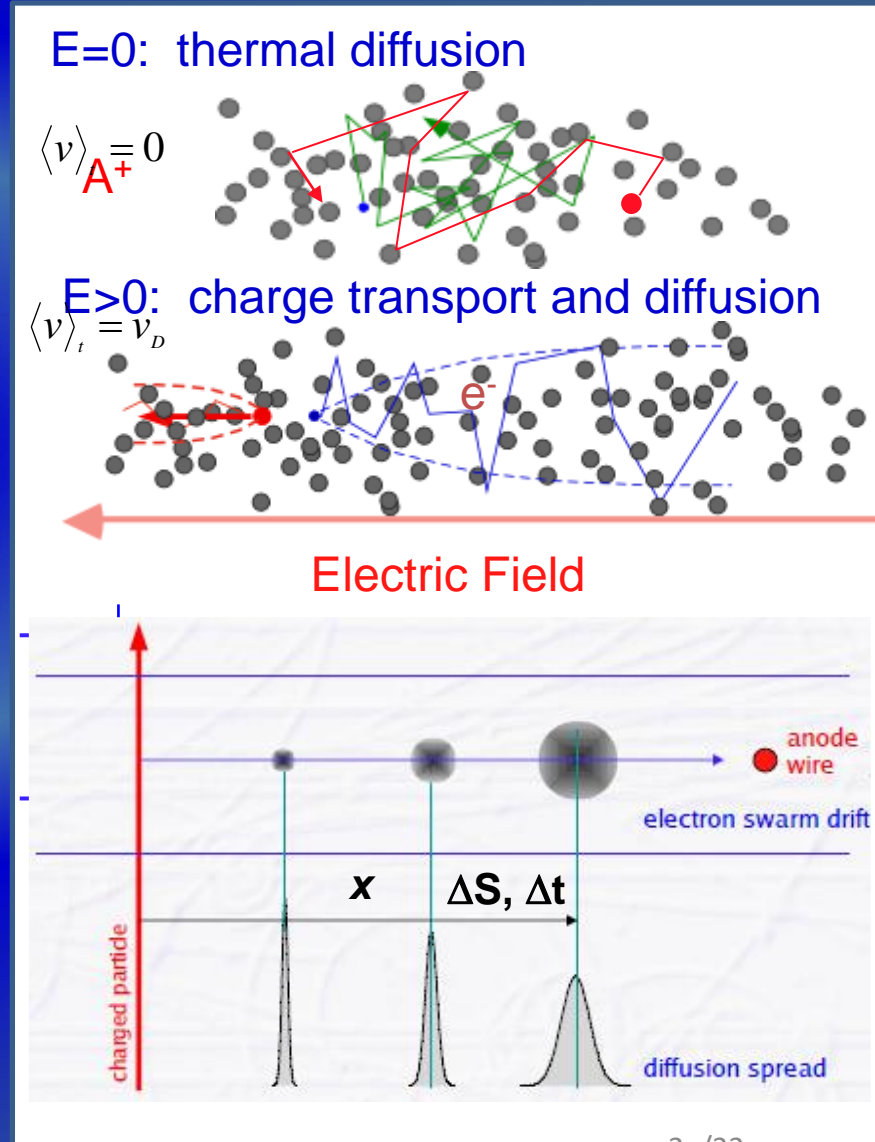
Solution of the diffusion equation (l =drift distance)

$$D = \frac{2}{3} \frac{v}{eE} \epsilon \quad \sigma_x = \sqrt{\frac{4}{3} \frac{l}{eE} \epsilon}$$

'Cold' gases are close to the thermodynamic limit i.e. gases where the average microscopic energy $\epsilon=1/2mu^2$ is close to the thermal energy $3/2kT$.

CH_4 has very large fractional energy loss \rightarrow low $\epsilon \rightarrow$ low diffusion.

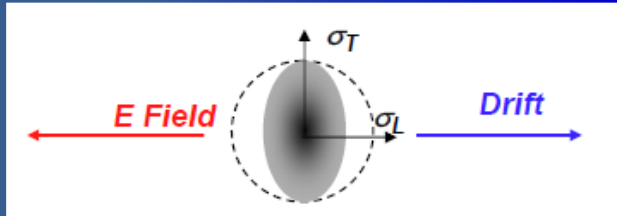
Argon has small fractional energy loss/collision \rightarrow large $\epsilon \rightarrow$ large diffusion.



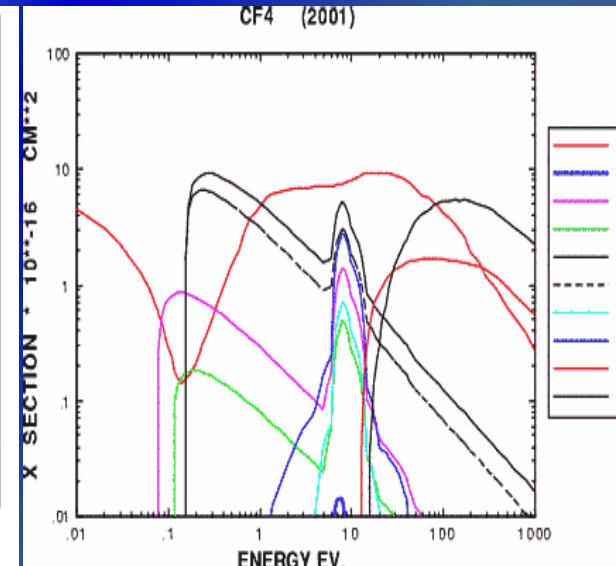
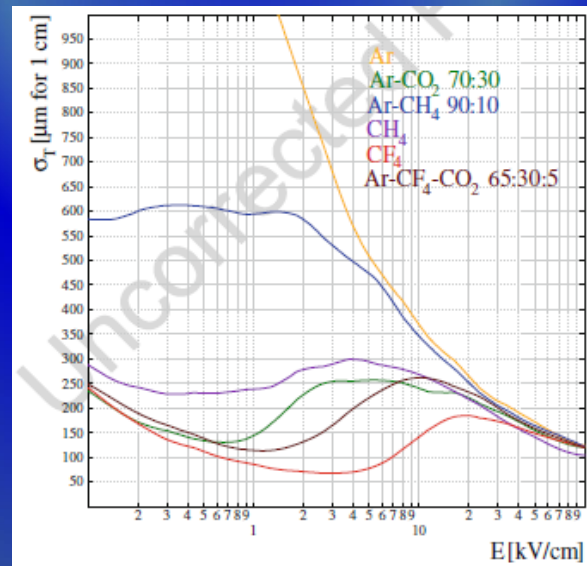
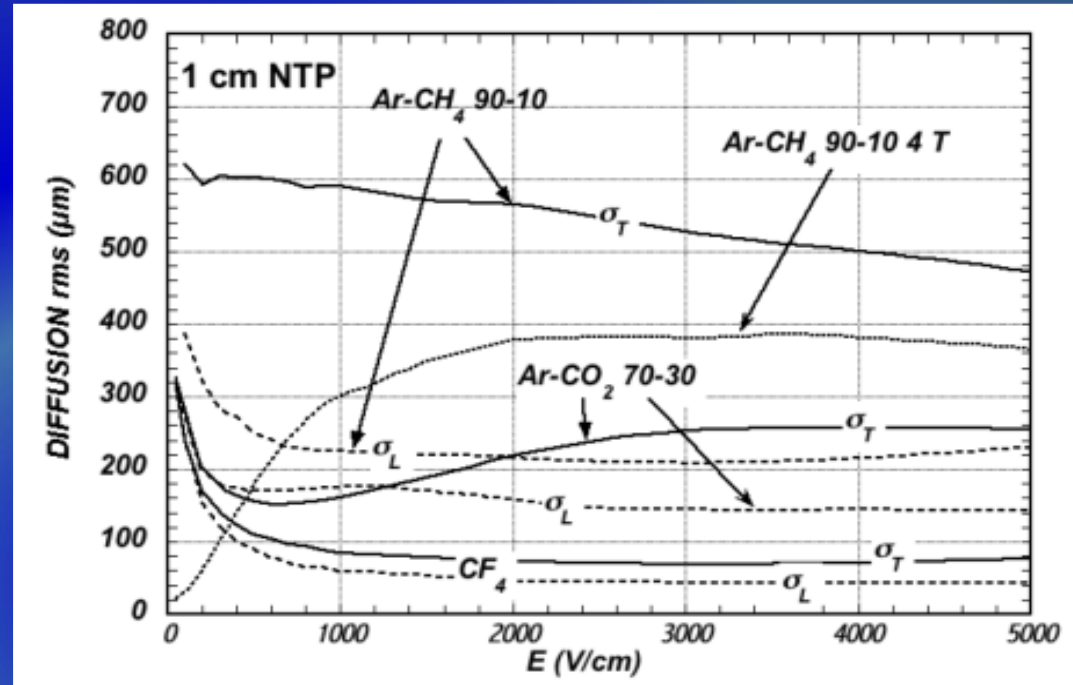
Transport of Electrons in Gases: Diffusion

Electric field alters the diffusion so that it is necessary to introduce two diffusion coefficients:

longitudinal diffusion (σ_L) and **transverse diffusion (σ_T)**



- ✓ CO_2 is much cooler gas than CH_4 at low electric fields \rightarrow allows to optimize separately diffusion properties in the drift and multiplication regions (but, CH_4 is much better quencher than CO_2)
- ✓ CF_4 has the largest drift velocity
- ✓ & lowest electron diffusion among known gases due to the sizeable Ramsauer-Townsend dip in the elastic cross-section which coincides with a very large vibrational modes (but, CF_4 has a small quenching cross-section of excited Ar states and emits light from the far UV to the visible light)



Gaseous Detectors: Software and Simulation Tools

Garfield, together with HEED, Degrad, Magboltz, SRIM, ANSYS, COMSOL, and neBEM software packages represent the core simulation tools for microscopic modelling of gaseous detector response.

MPGDs and the mean free path

- ▶ Recall:
 - ▶ Mean free path of electrons in Ar: 2.5 μm ,
- ▶ Compare with:
 - ▶ Micromegas mesh pitch: 63.5 μm
 - ▶ GEM polyimide thickness: 50 μm
 - ▶ Micromegas wire thickness: 18 μm
 - ▶ GEM conductor thickness: 5 μm
- ▶ Hence:
 - ▶ mean free path approaches small structural elements;
 - ▶ such devices should be treated at a molecular level.
- ▶ In addition, MPGDs usually have structures for which no nearly-exact (e.g. 3d structures) fields are known.

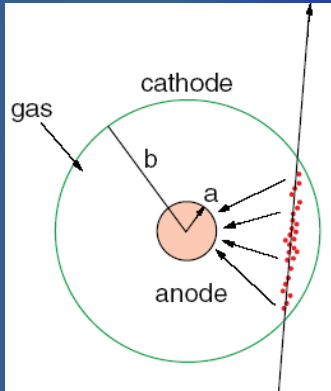
- ✓ **HEED** – energy loss, a photo-absorption and ionization model
- ✓ **DEGRAD** – electron transport, cluster size distribution
- ✓ **Magboltz** – electron transport properties: drift, diffusion, multiplication, attachment
- ✓ **ANSYS, COMSOL, neBEM** – electric field maps in 2D / 3D
- ✓ **Garfield** – fields, drift properties, signals (interfaced to above)

Some recent highlights:

- **Garfield++ et al.** (new development and maintenance of codes, documentation, examples) <https://gitlab.cern.ch/garfield/garfieldpp>
- **Garfield++ and delayed weighting fields in the calculation of the induced signal (resistive electrodes)**
- **Greenhouse gases**
- **Improving accuracy of the modelling and the detector physics understanding: Penning transfer, Non equilibrium effect in gaseous detectors, Ions and cluster ions**

Single Wire Proportional Counter: Avalanche Development

Thin anode wire (20 – 50 μm)
coaxial with cathode

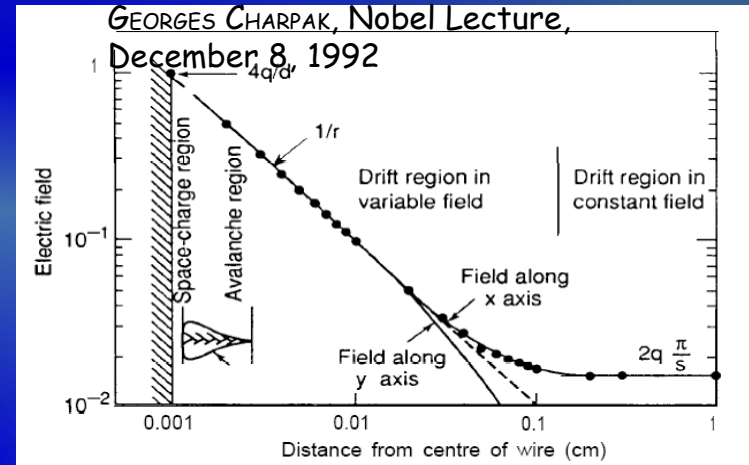


Electric field:

$$E(r) = \frac{CV_0}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

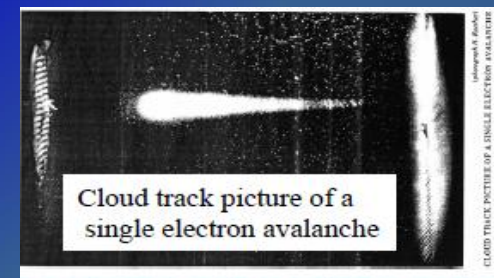
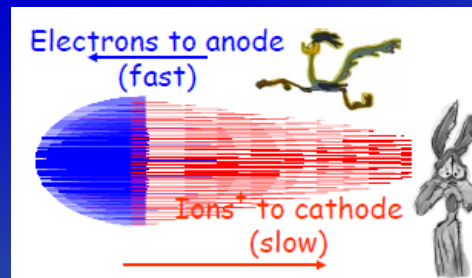
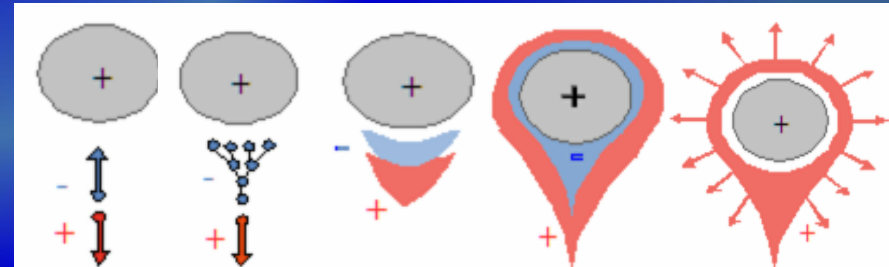
$$C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0}{\ln(b/a)}$$

Avalanche development in the high electric field
around a thin wire (multiplication region ~< 50 μm):



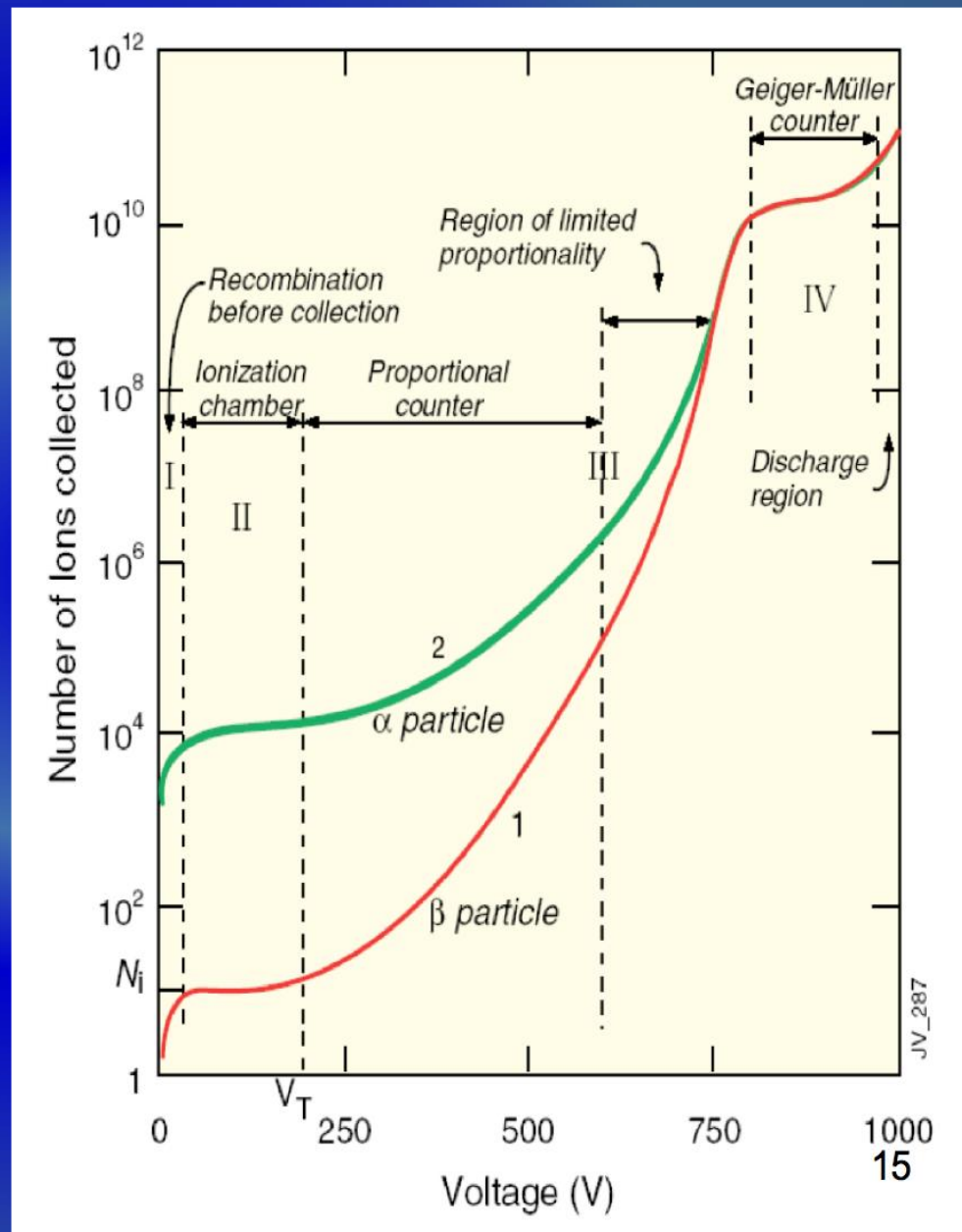
- **Strong increase of E-field close to the wire**
→ electron gains more and more energy
- Above some threshold (>10 kV/cm)
→ **electron energy high enough to ionize** other gas molecules
→ newly created electrons also start ionizing
- **Avalanche effect:** exponential increase of electrons (and ions)
- **Measurable signal on wire**
→ organic substances responsible for “quenching” (stopping) the discharge

Different stages in the gas amplification process next to the anode wire.



Operation Modes of Gas Detector: Gain-Voltage Characteristics

- ✓ **Ionization mode (II):**
 - full charge collection, but no multiplication – gain = 1
- ✓ **Proportional mode (IIIA):**
 - Multiplication of ionization starts; detected signal proportional to original ionization → possible energy measurement (dE/dx)
 - proportional region (gain $\sim 10^3 - 10^4$)
 - semi-proportional region (gain $\sim 10^4 - 10^5$), space charge effects
 - secondary avalanches need quenching
- ✓ **Limited proportional mode (saturated, streamer) (IIIB):**
 - saturation (gain $> 10^6$), independent of number of primary electrons
 - streamer (gain $> 10^7$), avalanche along the particle track
- ✓ **Geiger mode (IV):**
 - Limited Geiger region: avalanche propagated by UV photons;
 - Geiger region (gain $> 10^9$), avalanche along the entire wire



Wire Proportional Counter: Signal Development

Incremental charge induced by Q moving through dV :

$$dQ = \frac{Q}{V_0} dV = \frac{Q}{V_0} \frac{dV}{dr} dr$$

Assuming that the total charge of the avalanche Q is produced at a (small) distance l from the anode, the electron and ion contributions to the induced charge are:

$$q^- = \frac{Q}{V_0} \int_a^{a+\lambda} \frac{dV}{dr} dr = -\frac{QC}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{a+\lambda}{a}$$

and

$$q^+ = \frac{Q}{V_0} \int_{a+\lambda}^b \frac{dV}{dr} dr = -\frac{QC}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{b}{a+\lambda}$$

The total induced signal is $q = q^- + q^+ = -\frac{QC}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{b}{a} = -Q$ on the anode ($+Q$ on the cathode)

The ratio of electron and ion contributions:

$$\frac{q^-}{q^+} = \frac{\ln(a+\lambda) - \ln a}{\ln b - \ln(a+\lambda)}$$

For a counter with $a=10\mu\text{m}$, $b=10\text{ m}$: $q^-/q^+ \sim 1\%$ The electron-induced signal is negligible

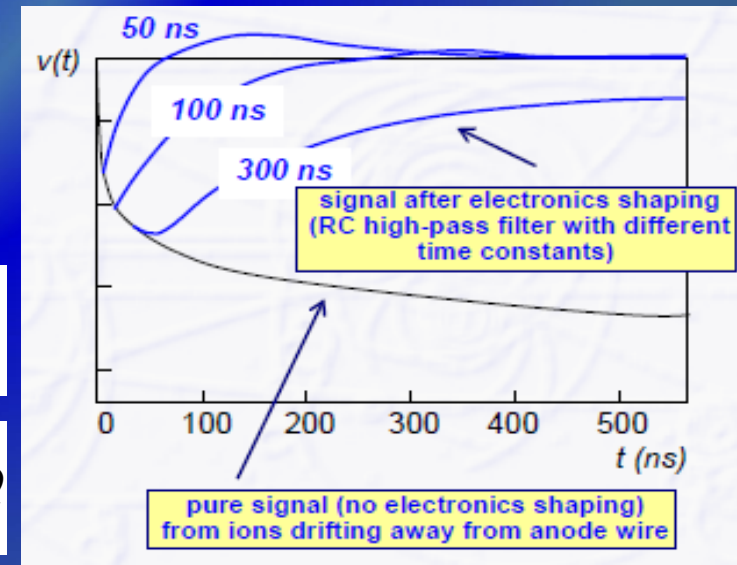
Neglecting electrons, and assuming all ions leave from the wire surface:

$$q(t) = q^+(t) = -\int_0^t dq = -\frac{QC}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{r(t)}{a} \quad \frac{dr}{dt} = \mu^+ E = \frac{\mu^+ CV_0}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r}$$

$$q(t) = -\frac{QC}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \left(1 + \frac{\mu^+ CV_0}{2\pi\epsilon_0 a^2} t \right) = -\frac{QC}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \left(1 + \frac{t}{t_0} \right) \quad i(t) = -\frac{QC}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{t_0 + t}$$

Total ions drift time:

$$T^+ = \frac{\pi\epsilon_0(b^2 - a^2)}{\mu^+ CV_0} \quad q(T^+) = -Q$$



Useful Write-Ups on Gaseous Detectors

Wire & Drift Chamber Basics

More on signal theorems, readout electronics etc. can be found in:

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PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION OF MULTIWIRE
PROPORTIONAL AND DRIFT CHAMBERS

F. Sauli

Lectures given in the
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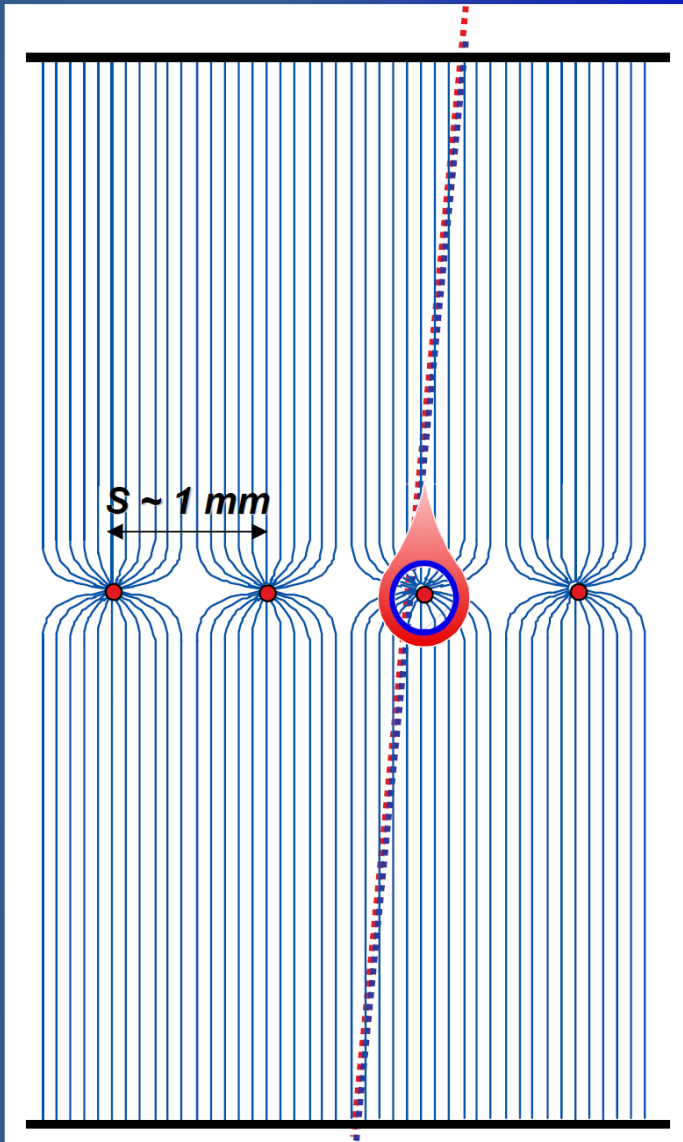
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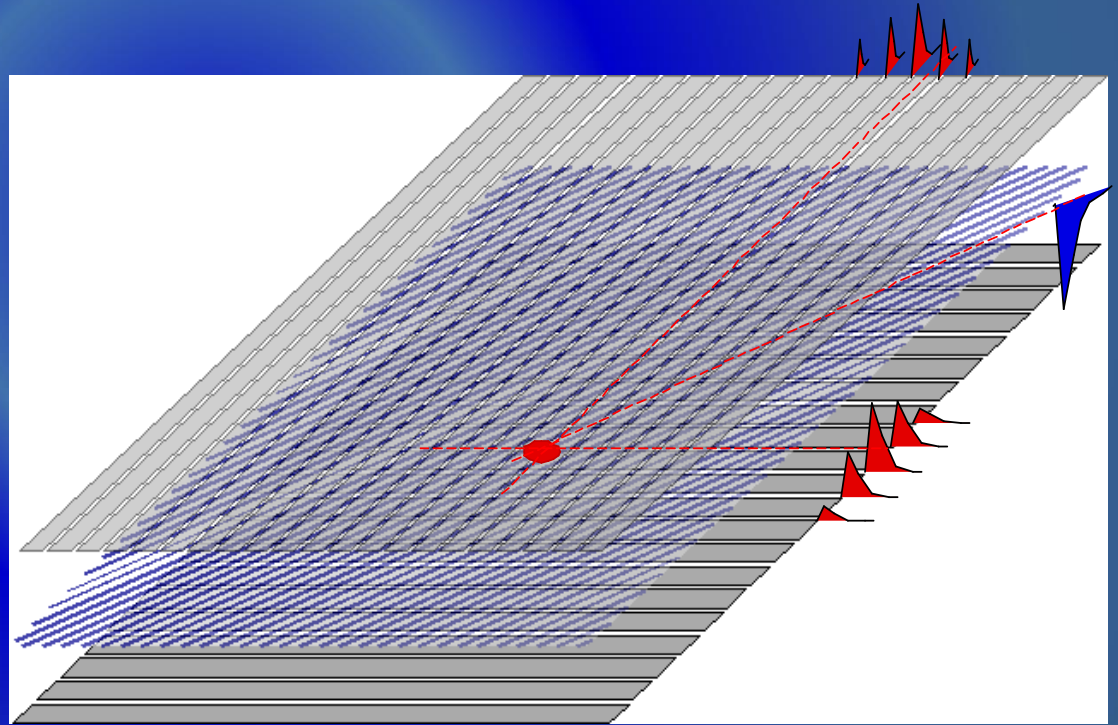
Multi-Wire Proportional Chamber (MWPC)

Simple idea to multiply SWPC cell \rightarrow First electronic device allowing high statistics experiments !!



High-rate MWPC with digital readout:
Spatial resolution is limited to $s_x \sim s/\sqrt{12} \sim 300 \mu\text{m}$

TWO-DIMENSIONAL MWPC READOUT CATHODE
INDUCED CHARGE (Charpak and Sauli, 1973)



Spatial resolution determined by: Signal / Noise Ratio
Typical (i.e. 'very good') values: $S \sim 20000 e$; noise $\sim 1000e$
Space resolution $< 100 \mu\text{m}$

MWPC: First Presentation and First Large Experiment

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First presentation:

VERSAILLES, *international
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10-13 September 1968 *on
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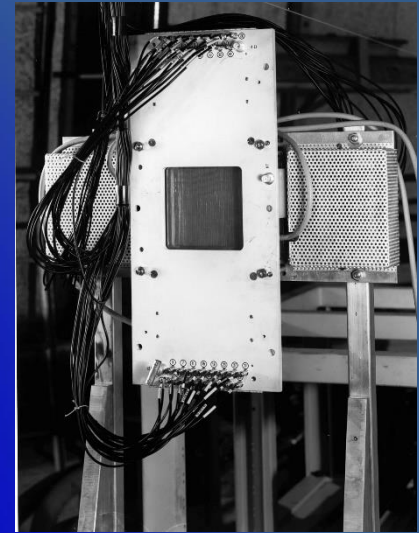
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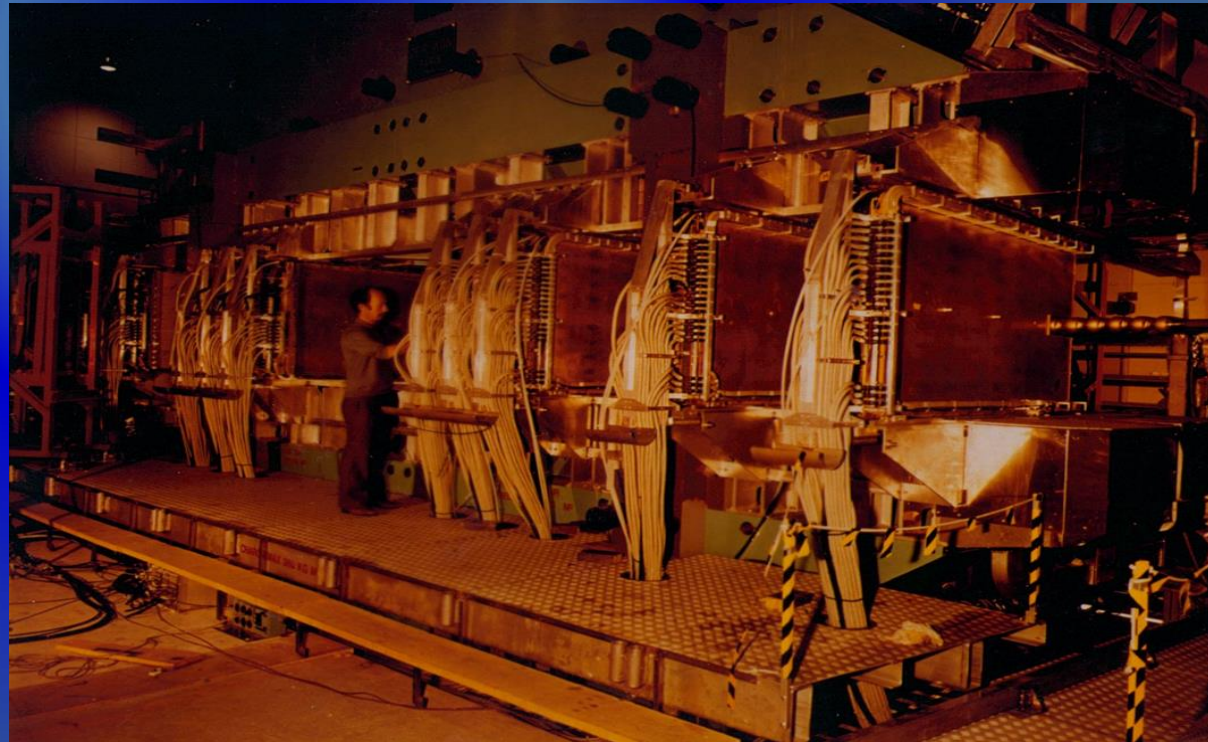
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First Large Experiment:

**1972-1983:
SPLIT FIELD MAGNET
DETECTOR: ~ 40 LARGE
AREA MWPCs @ CERN ISR**



1968: Multi – Wire Proportional Chamber (MWPC)

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THE USE OF MULTIWIRE PROPORTIONAL COUNTERS TO SELECT AND LOCALIZE CHARGED PARTICLES

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Properties of chambers made of planes of independent wires placed between two plane electrodes have been investigated. A direct voltage is applied to the wires. It has been checked that each wire works as an independent proportional counter down to separations of 0.1 cm between wires.

Counting rates of 10^6 /wire are easily reached; time resolutions

of the order of 100 nsec have been obtained in some gases; it is possible to measure the position of the tracks between the wires using the time delay of the pulses; energy resolution comparable to the one obtained with the best cylindrical chambers is observed; the chambers operate in strong magnetic fields.

1. Introduction

Proportional counters with electrodes consisting of many parallel wires connected in parallel have been used for some years, for special applications. We have investigated the properties of chambers made of planes of independent wires placed between two plane electrodes. Our observations show that such chambers offer properties that can make them more advantageous than wire chambers or scintillation hodoscopes for many applications.

2. Construction

Wires of stainless steel, 4×10^{-3} cm in diameter, are stretched between two planes of stainless-steel mesh, made from wires of 5×10^{-3} cm diameter, 5×10^{-2} cm apart. The distance between the mesh and the wires is 0.75 cm. We studied the properties of chambers with wire separation $a = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3$ and 1.0 cm. A strip of metal placed at 0.1 cm from the wires, at the same potential (fig. 1), plays the same role as the guard rings

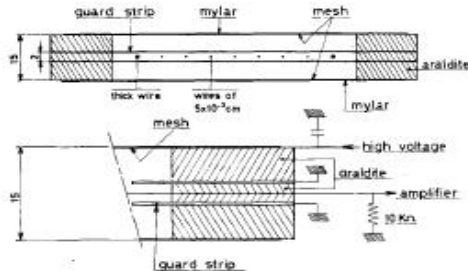


Fig. 1. Some details of the construction of the multiwire chambers.

A copper shield protects the wires at their output from the chamber and contains the solid state amplifiers.

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in cylindrical proportional chambers. It protects the wires against breakdown along the dielectrics. It is

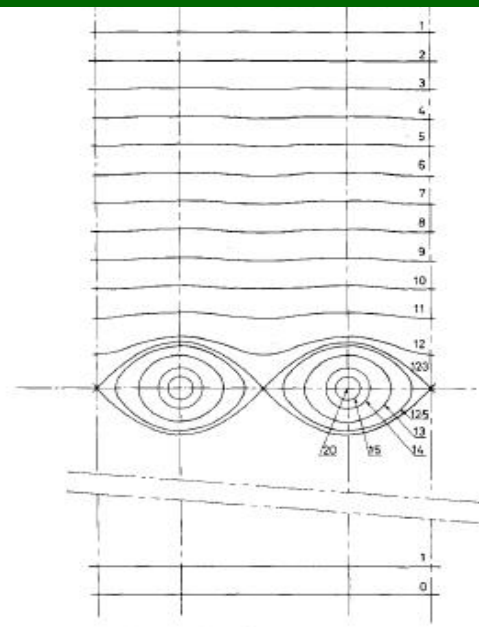
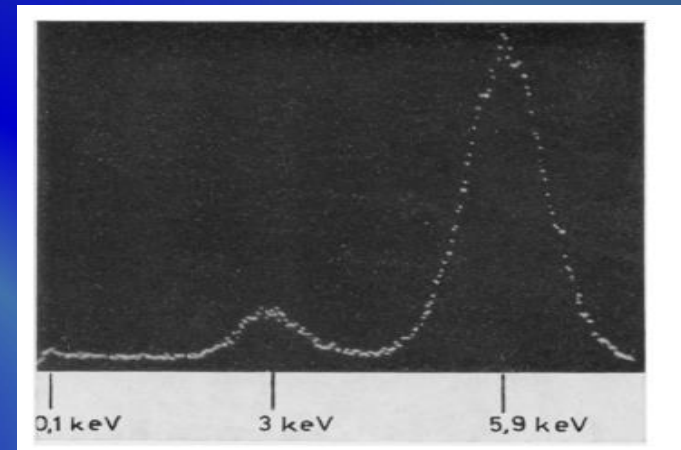
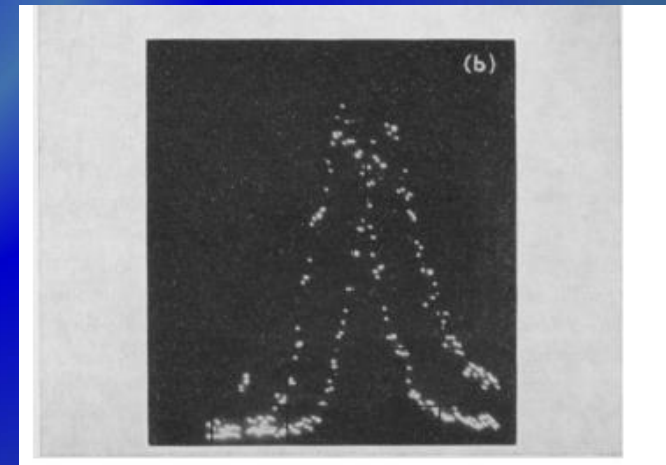


Fig. 2. Equipotentials in a chamber. Wires of 4×10^{-3} cm diameter, 0.3 cm separation, and 1.5 cm total thickness. 20 V applied between the wires and the external mesh. Results from an analogic method.

ENERGY RESOLUTION ON 5.9 KeV:



DEPENDENCE OF COLLECTION TIME FROM TRACK'S DISTANCE:

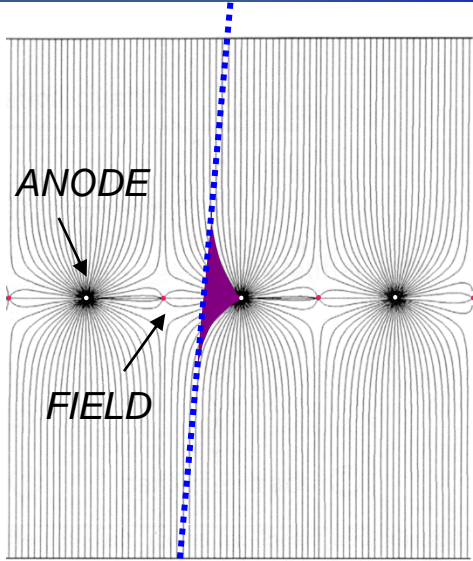


DRIFT CHAMBERS

Drift Chambers

FIRST DRIFT CHAMBER OPERATION (H. WALENTA ~ 1971);
HIGH ACCURACY DRIFT CHAMBERS (Charpak-Breskin-Sauli ~ 1973-75)

THE ELECTRONS DRIFT TIME PROVIDES THE DISTANCE OF THE TRACK FROM THE ANODE:



Choose drift gases with little dependence $v_D(E) \rightarrow$ linear space - time relation $r(t)$

Measure drift time t_D
[need to know t_0 ; fast scintillator, beam timing]

Determine location of original ionization:

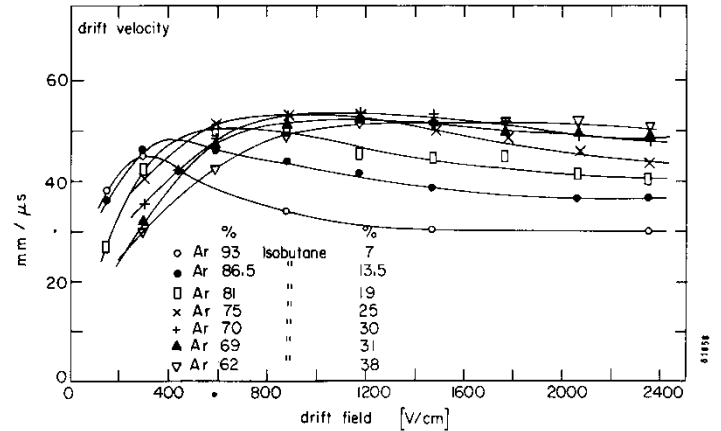
$$x = x_0 \pm v_D \cdot t_D$$

$$y = y_0 \pm v_D \cdot t_D$$

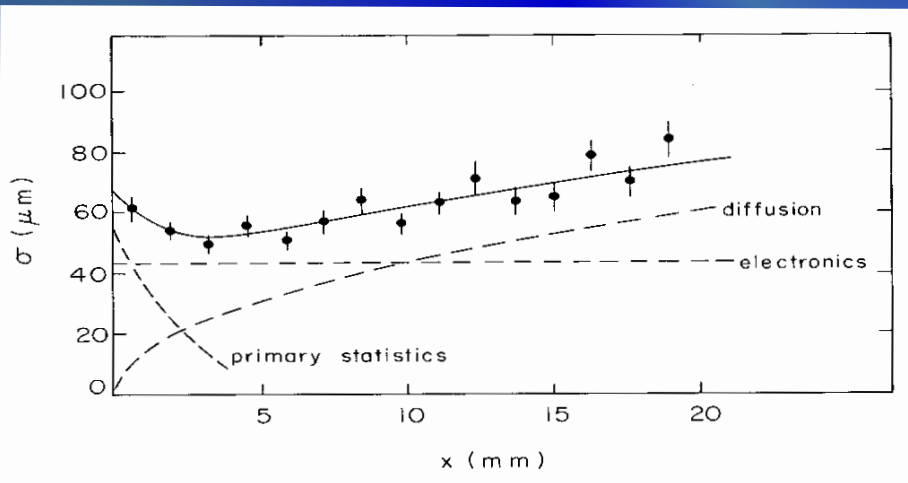
If drift velocity changes along path:

$$x = \int_0^{t_D} v_D dt$$

In any case:
Need well-defined drift field ...



The spatial resolution is not limited to the cell size :



$$\sigma_x^2 = \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{64N^2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}}_{1^{st} \text{ ionization statistics}} + \underbrace{\frac{2D}{v_d} \cdot x}_{\text{diffusion}} + \underbrace{\sigma_{\text{const}}^2}_{\text{electronics } \delta\text{-electrons}}$$

Typical single point resolutions of drift chambers:
50...150 μm depends on length of the drift path

- ✓ primary ionization statistics: how many ion pairs, ionization fluctuations dominates close to the wire
- ✓ diffusion of electrons in gas: dominates for large drift length
- ✓ electronics: noise, shaping characteristics constant contribution (drift length independent)

Multi-Wire Proportional Chamber (MWPC): Wire Displacements

*Resolution of MWPCs limited by wire spacing
better resolution \rightarrow shorter wire spacing \rightarrow more (and more) wires...*

✓ Small wire displacements reduce field quality

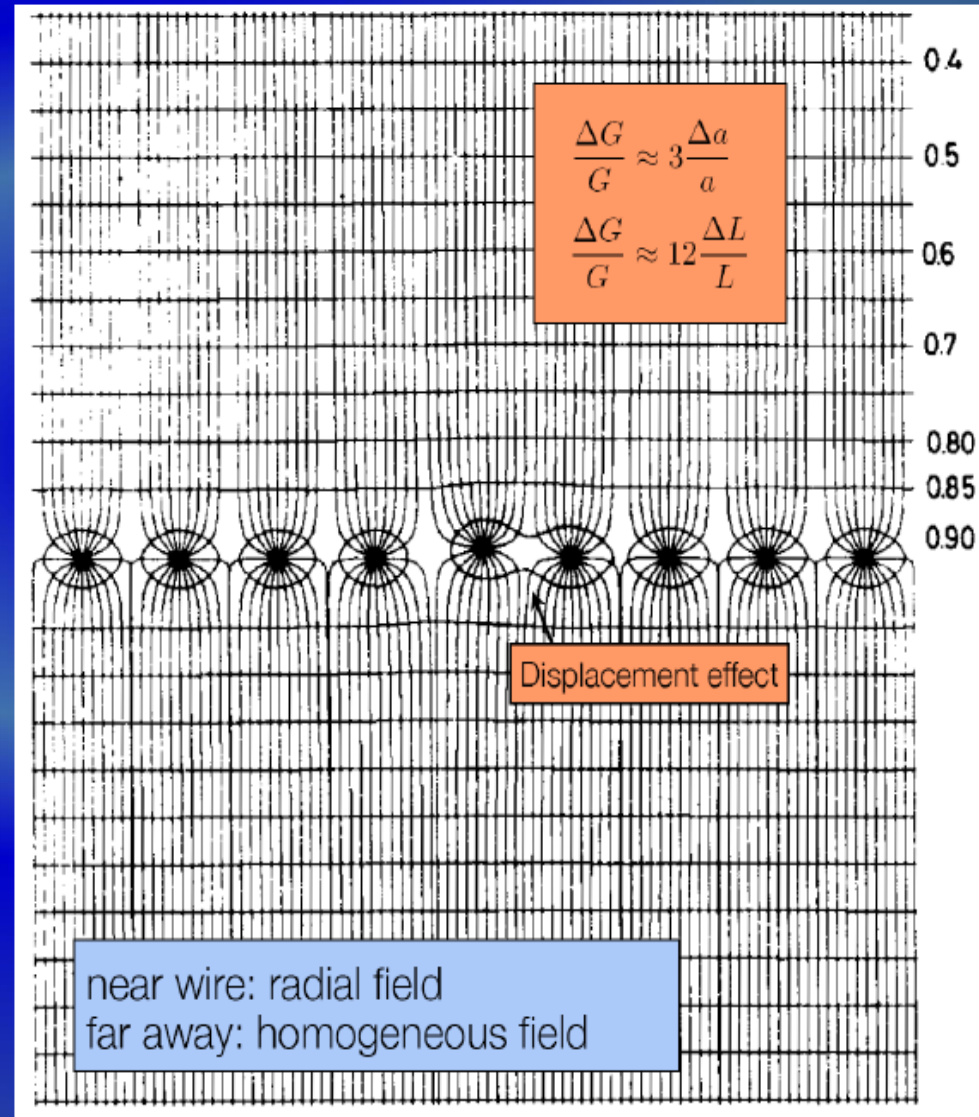
Table 35.1: Maximum tension T_M and stable unsupported length L_M for tungsten wires with spacing s , operated at $V_0 = 5$ kV. No safety factor is included.

Wire diameter (μm)	T_M (newton)	s (mm)	L_M (cm)
10	0.16	1	25
20	0.65	2	85

✓ Need high mechanical precision both for geometry and wire tension ... (electrostatic and gravitation, wire sag ...)

✓ Several simplifying assumptions are made in analytical calculations: electrostatic force acting on the wire does not change during wire movements, or varies linearly with the displacement, the wire shape is parabolic; only one wire moves at a time.

✓ The advantage of numerical integrations using Garfield++ program is to simulate the collective movement of all wires, which are difficult analytically, and to consider all forces acting on a wire: forces between anode wire and other electrodes (wires, cathode) & gravitational force



Wire & Drift Chambers: Wide-Spread Tool in HEP for > 40 Years



Interior of OPAL drift chamber
Length: 4 m; $R = 185$ cm; 159 measurements per track
[$\sigma_{r\phi} = 135$ μm , $\sigma_z = 60$ mm]

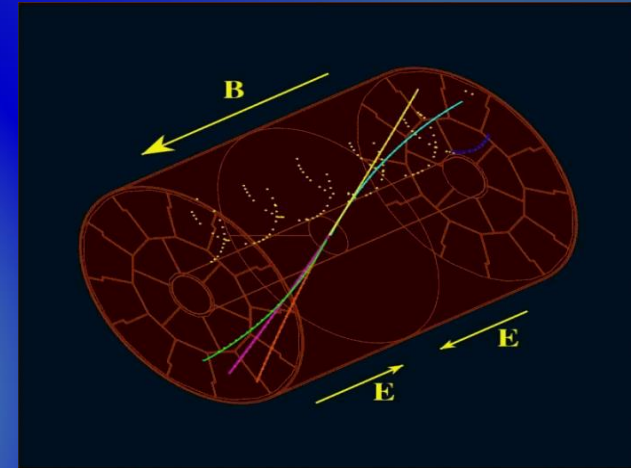
Time Projection Chamber (TPC) in Particle and Ion Physics

PEP4 (SLAC)

- ✓ Invented by David Nygren (Berkeley) in 1974
- ✓ Proposed as a central tracking device for the PEP-4 detector @ SLAC in 1976

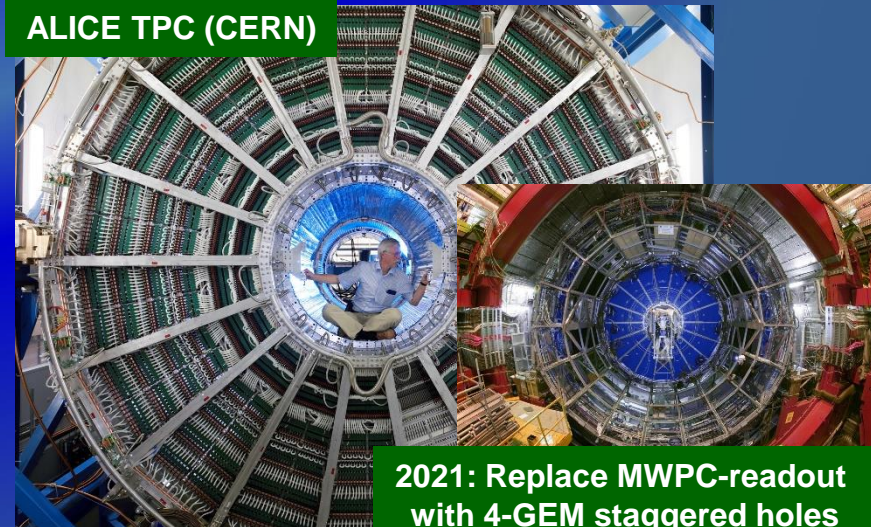
An ultimate drift chamber design is **TPC concept - 3D precision tracking** with low material budget & **PID** through differential energy loss **dE/dx** measurement and/or cluster counting **dN_{cl}/dx** tech.

- ✓ More (and even larger) were built, based on **MWPC readout**, serving as a powerful tool for:
 - **Lepton Colliders (LEP, Higgs Factories)**
 - **Modern heavy ion collisions (RHIC, EIC)**
 - **Liquid and high pressure TPCs for neutrino and dark matter searches**



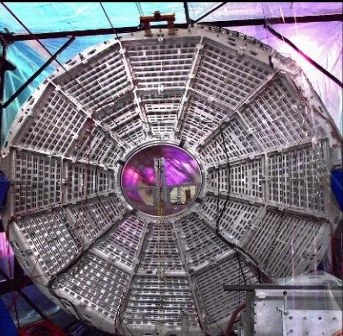
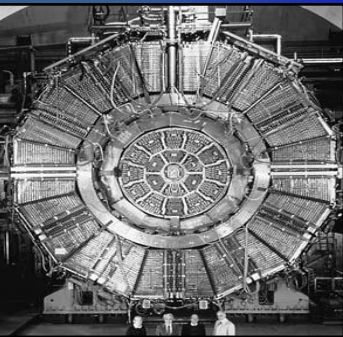
New generation of TPCs use MPGD-based readout: e.g. ALICE Upgrade, T2K, ILC, CepC

ALICE TPC (CERN)



2021: Replace MWPC-readout with 4-GEM staggered holes

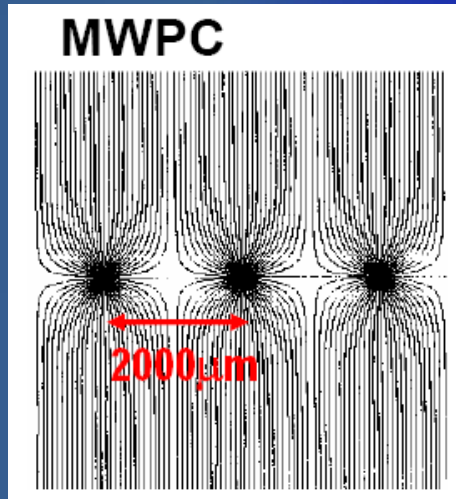
ALEPH (CERN)



STAR (LBL)

	STAR	ALICE	ILC
Inner radius (cm)	50	85	32
Outer radius (cm)	200	250	170
Length (cm)	2 * 210	2 * 250	2 * 250
Charge collection	wire	wire	MPGD
Pad size (mm)	2.8 * 11.5 6.2 * 19.5	4 * 7.5 6*10(15)	2 * 6
Total # pads	140000	560000	1200000
Magnetic field [T]	0.5	0.5	4
Gas Mixture	Ar/CH4 (90:10)	Ne/CO2 (90:10)	Ar/CH4/CO2 (93:5:2)
Drift Field [V/cm]	135	400	230
Total drift time (μs)	38	88	50
Diffusion σ_T (μm/√cm)	230	220	70
Diffusion σ_L (μm/√cm)	360	220	300
Resolution in rφ(μm)	500-2000	300-2000	70-150
Resolution in rz (μm)	1000-3000	600-2000	500-800
dE/dx resolution [%]	7	7	< 5
Tracking efficiency[%]	80	95	98

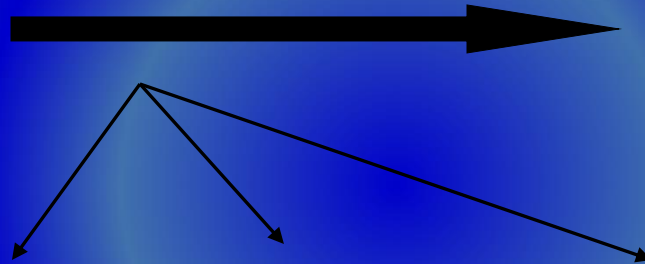
Micro-Pattern Gaseous Detectors: Bridging the Gap for Tracking between Wire Chambers and Silicon-based Devices



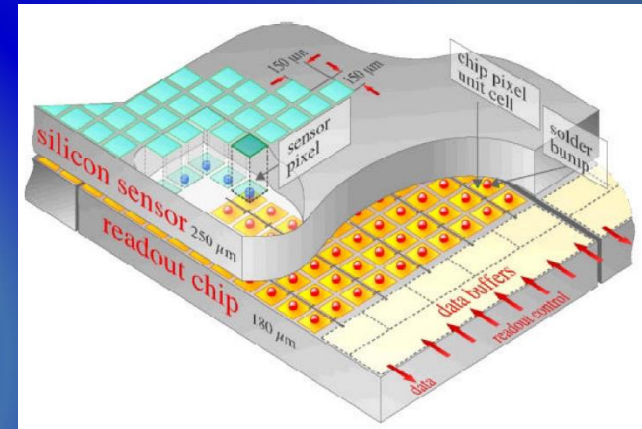
$\sigma \sim 100 \mu\text{m}$



$\sigma < 10 \mu\text{m}$



Pixel System:



Advantages of gas detectors:

- low radiation length
- large areas at low price
- flexible geometry
- spatial, energy resolution ...

Problem:

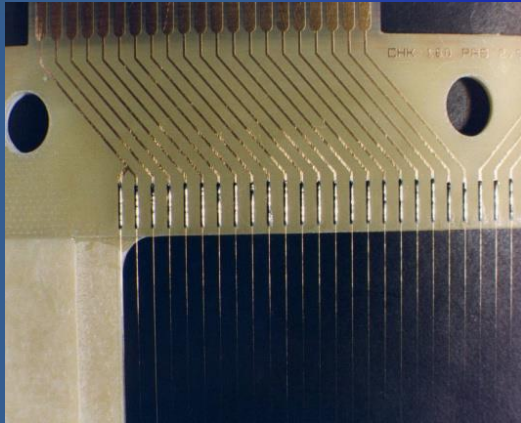
- ✓ rate capability limited by space charge defined by the time of evacuation of positive ions

Solution:

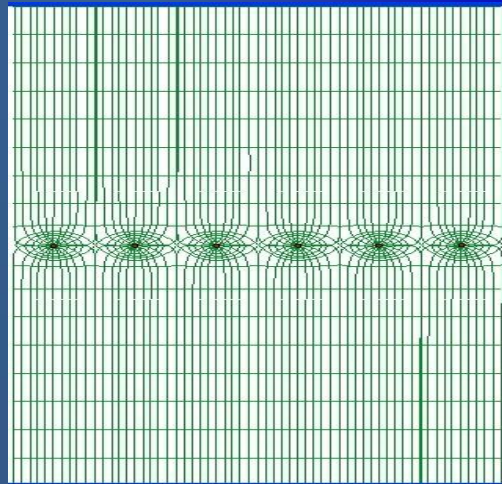
- ✓ reduction of the size of the detecting cell (limitation of the length of the ion path) using chemical etching and photo-lithographic techniques developed for microelectronics and keeping at same time similar field shape.

Micro-Strip Gas Chamber (MSGC): An Early MPGD

Multi-Wire Proportional Chamber (MWPC)

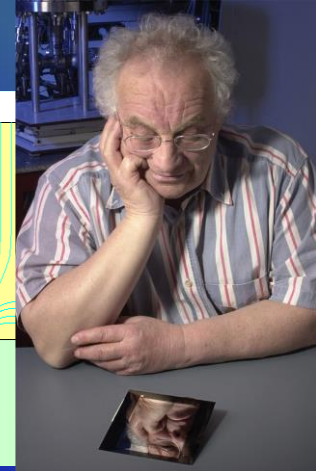
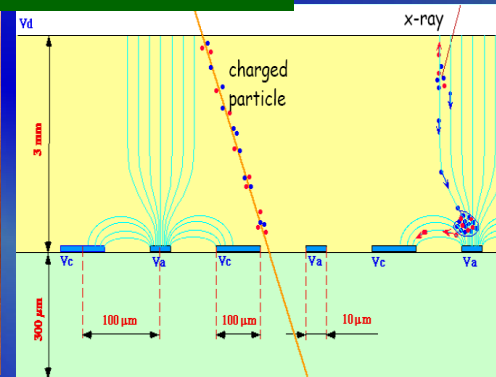
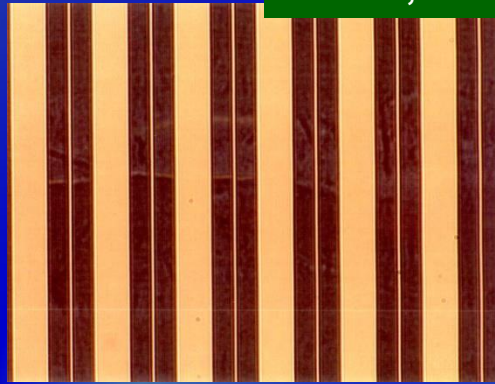


Typical distance between wires limited to ~ 1 mm due to mechanical and electrostatic forces



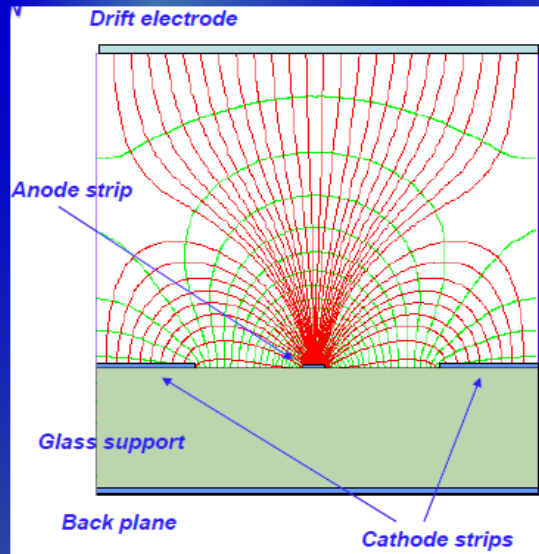
Micro-Strip Gas Chamber (MSGC)

A. Oed, NIMA263 (1988) 351

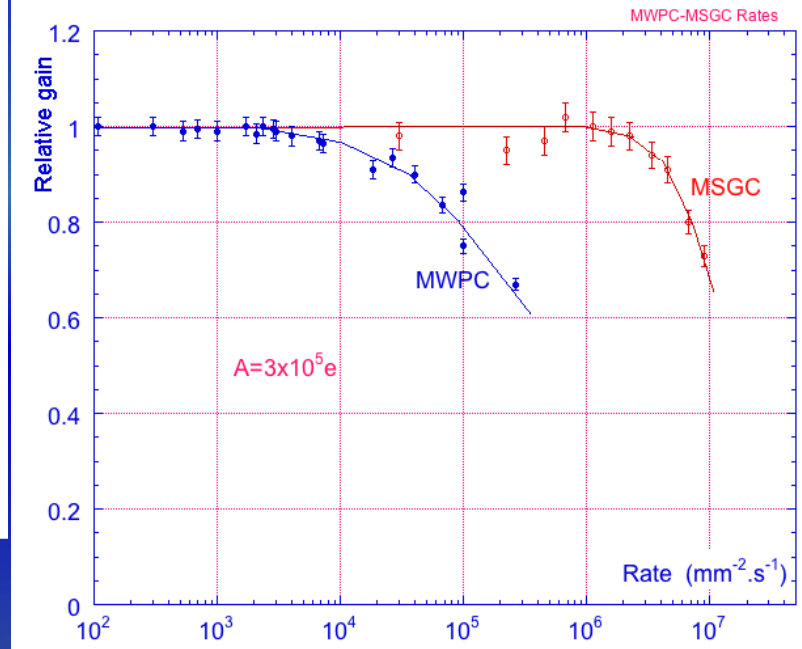


Excellent spatial resolution

MSGC significantly improves rate capability due to fast removal of positive ions



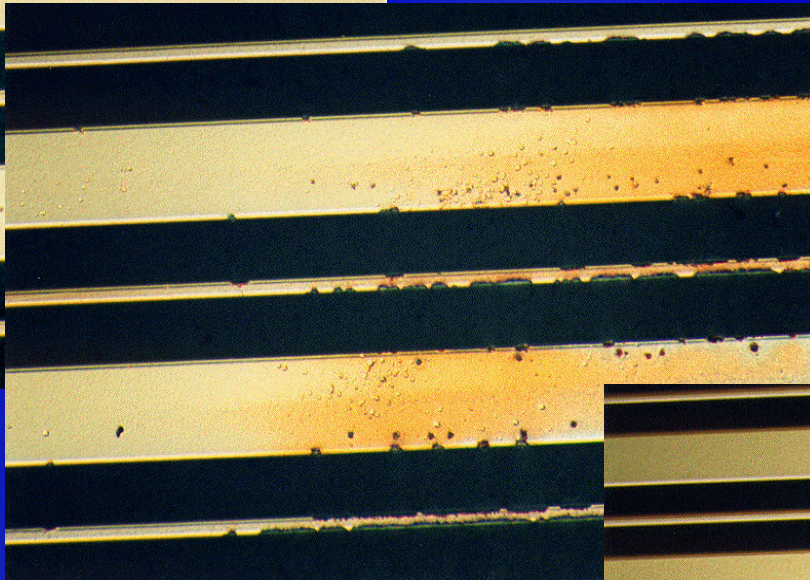
Typical distance between electrodes ~ 100 μm



MSGC Discharge Problems

Excellent spatial resolution, but poor resistance to discharges

*Discharge is very fast (~ns)
Difficult to predict or prevent*



MICRODISCHARGES

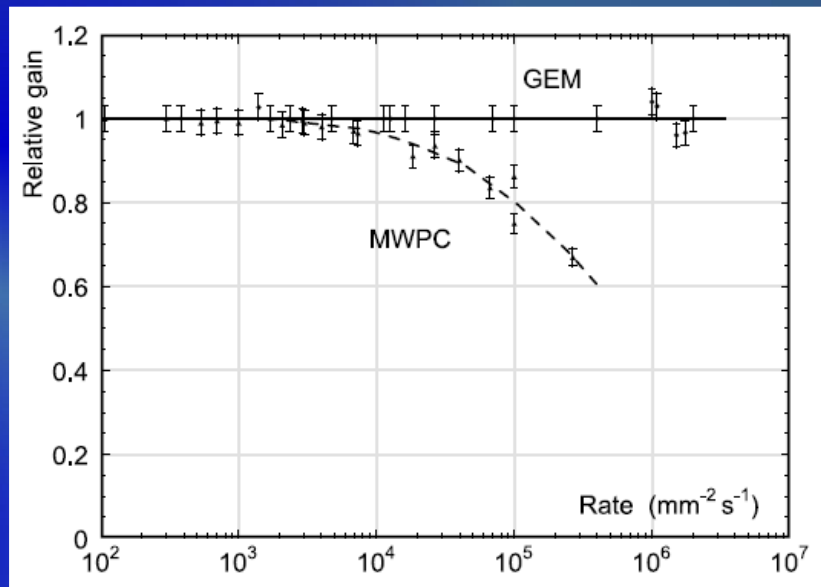
*Owing to very small distance between anode and cathode the transition from proportional mode to streamer can be followed by spark, discharge, if the avalanche size exceeds RAETHER'S LIMIT
 $Q \sim 10^7 - 10^8$ electrons*



FULL BREAKDOWN

Micro-Pattern Gaseous Detector Technologies (MPGD)

Rate Capability: MWPC vs GEM:

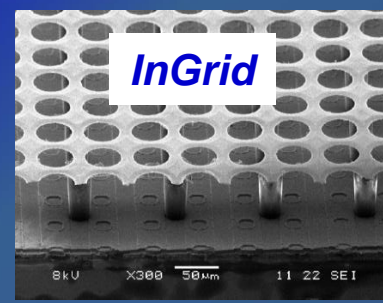
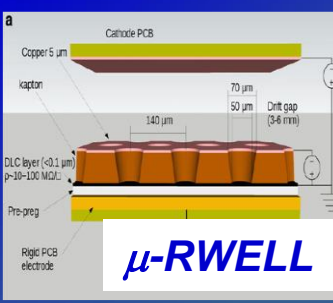
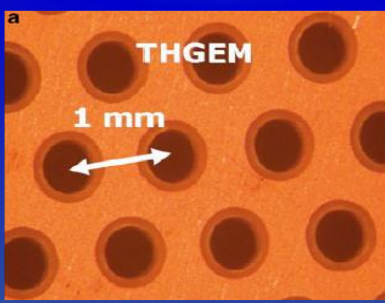
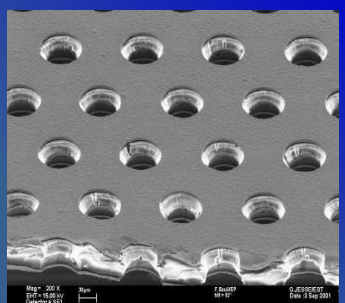
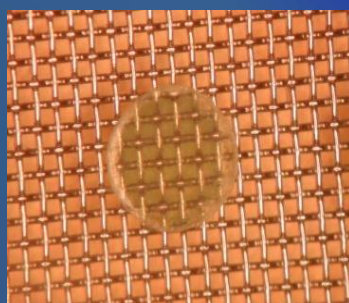
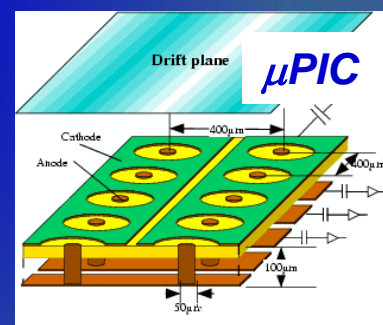
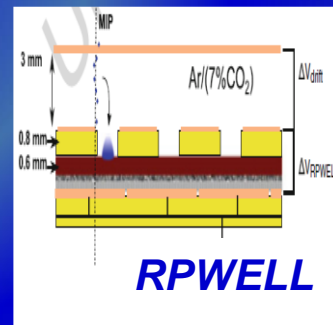
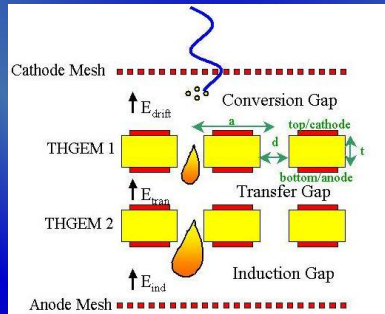
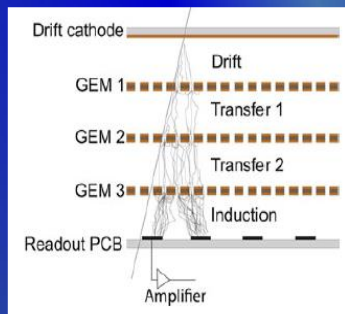
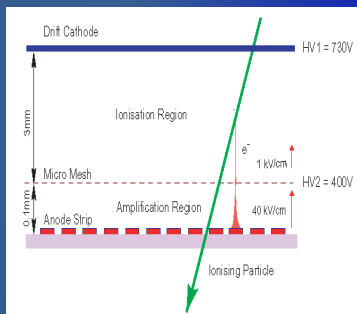


- ✓ Micromegas
- ✓ Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM)
- ✓ Thick-GEM (LEM), Hole-Type & RETGEM
- ✓ MPDG with CMOS pixel ASICs (“GridPix”)
- ✓ Micro-Pixel Chamber (μ -PIC)
- ✓ μ -Resistive WELL (μ -RWELL)
- ✓ Resistive-Plate WELL (RPWELL)

Micromegas

GEM

THGEM

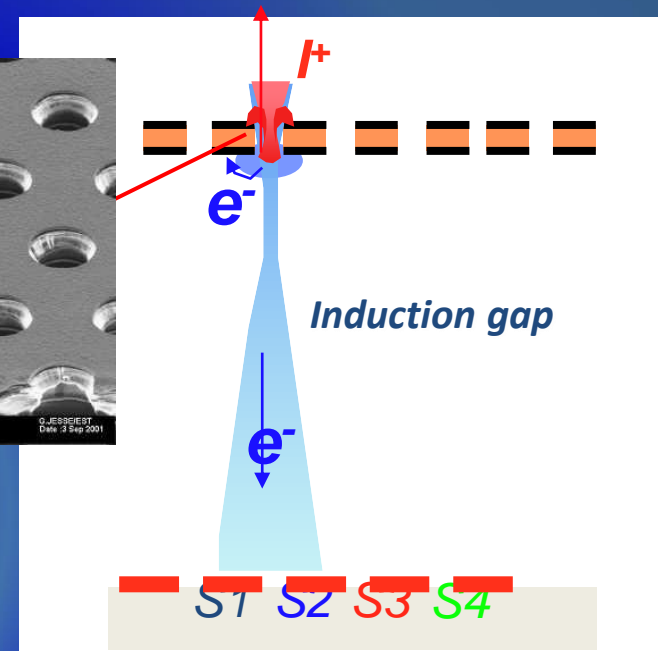
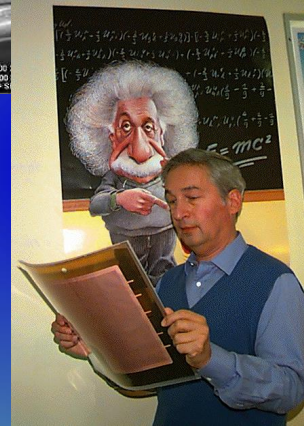
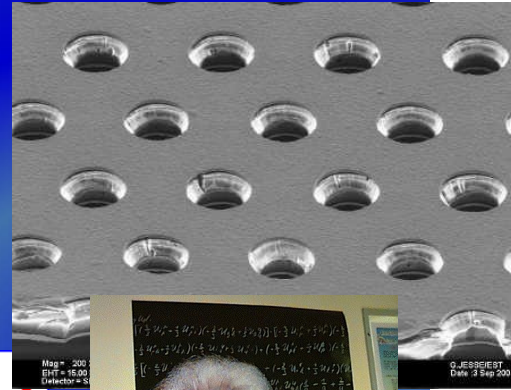
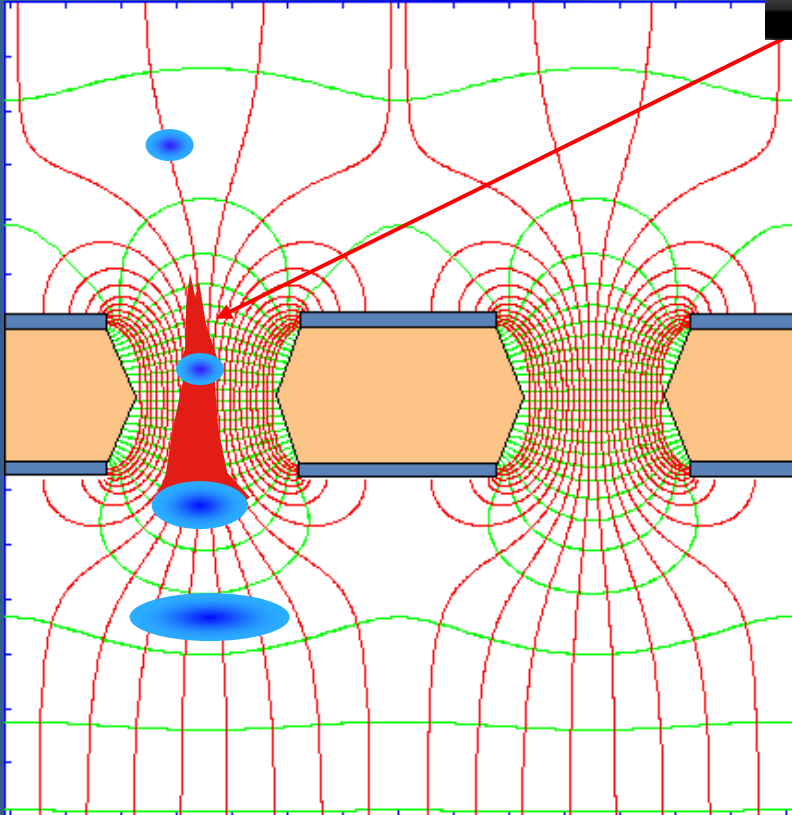


Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM)

Thin metal-coated polymer foil chemically pierced by a high density of holes

A difference of potentials of $\sim 500\text{V}$ is applied between the two GEM electrodes.

→ the primary electrons released by the ionizing particle, drift towards the holes where the high electric field triggers the electron multiplication process.



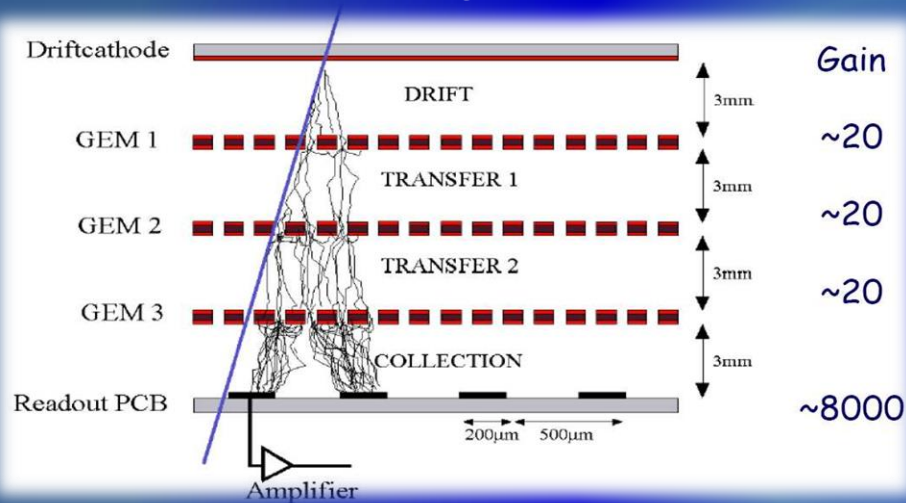
F. Sauli, NIMA386 (1997) 531

- ✓ Electrons are collected on patterned readout board.
- ✓ A fast signal can be detected on the lower GEM electrode for triggering or energy discrimination.
- ✓ All readout electrodes are at ground potential.
- ✓ Positive ions partially collected on GEM electrodes

Avalanche Simulation in GEM & Triple-GEM Structures

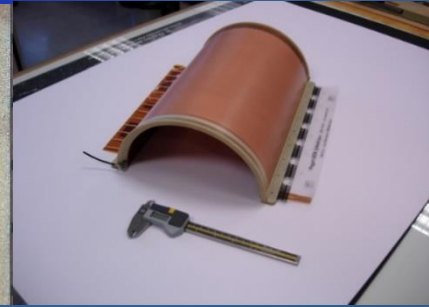
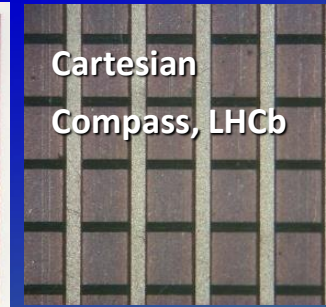
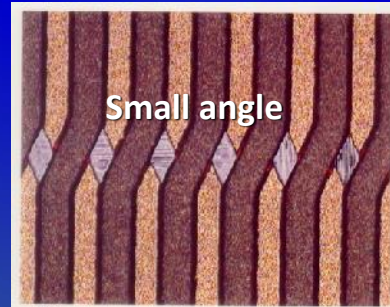
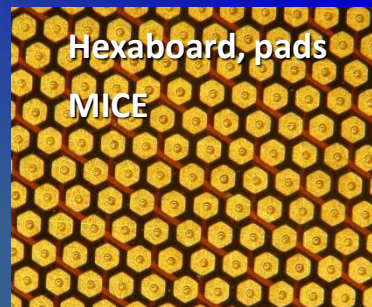
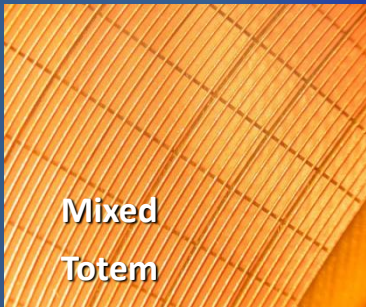
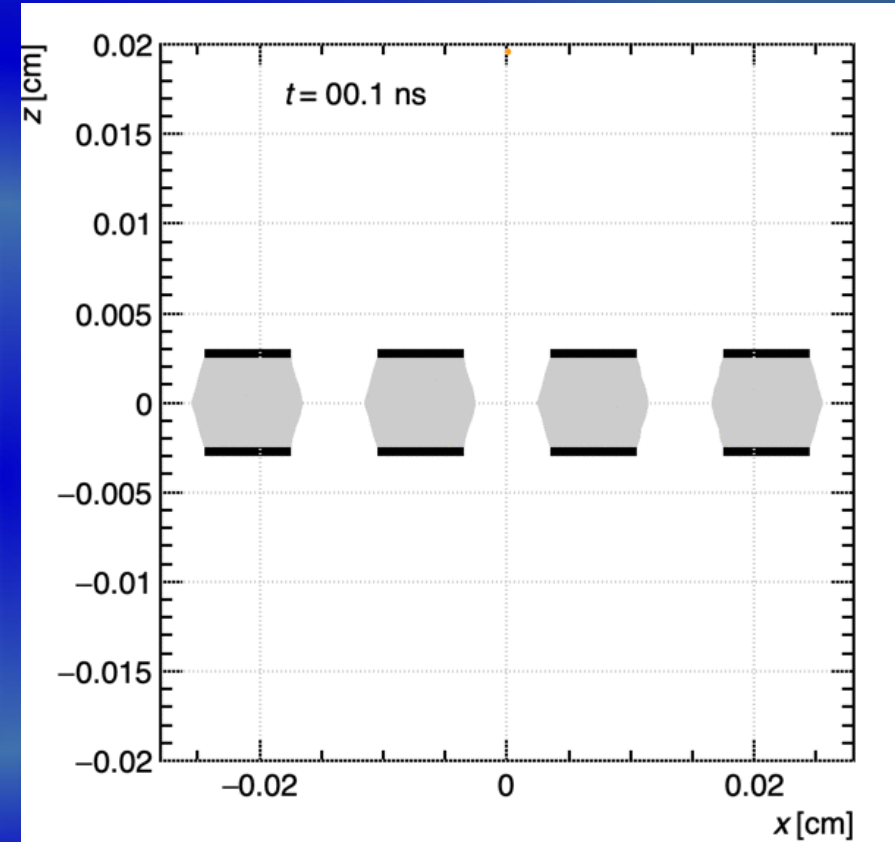
Animation of the avalanche process (Garfield++): monitor in ns-time electron/ion drifting and multiplication in GEM

Full decoupling of amplification stage (GEM) and readout stage (PCB, anode)



Amplification and readout structures can be optimized independently !

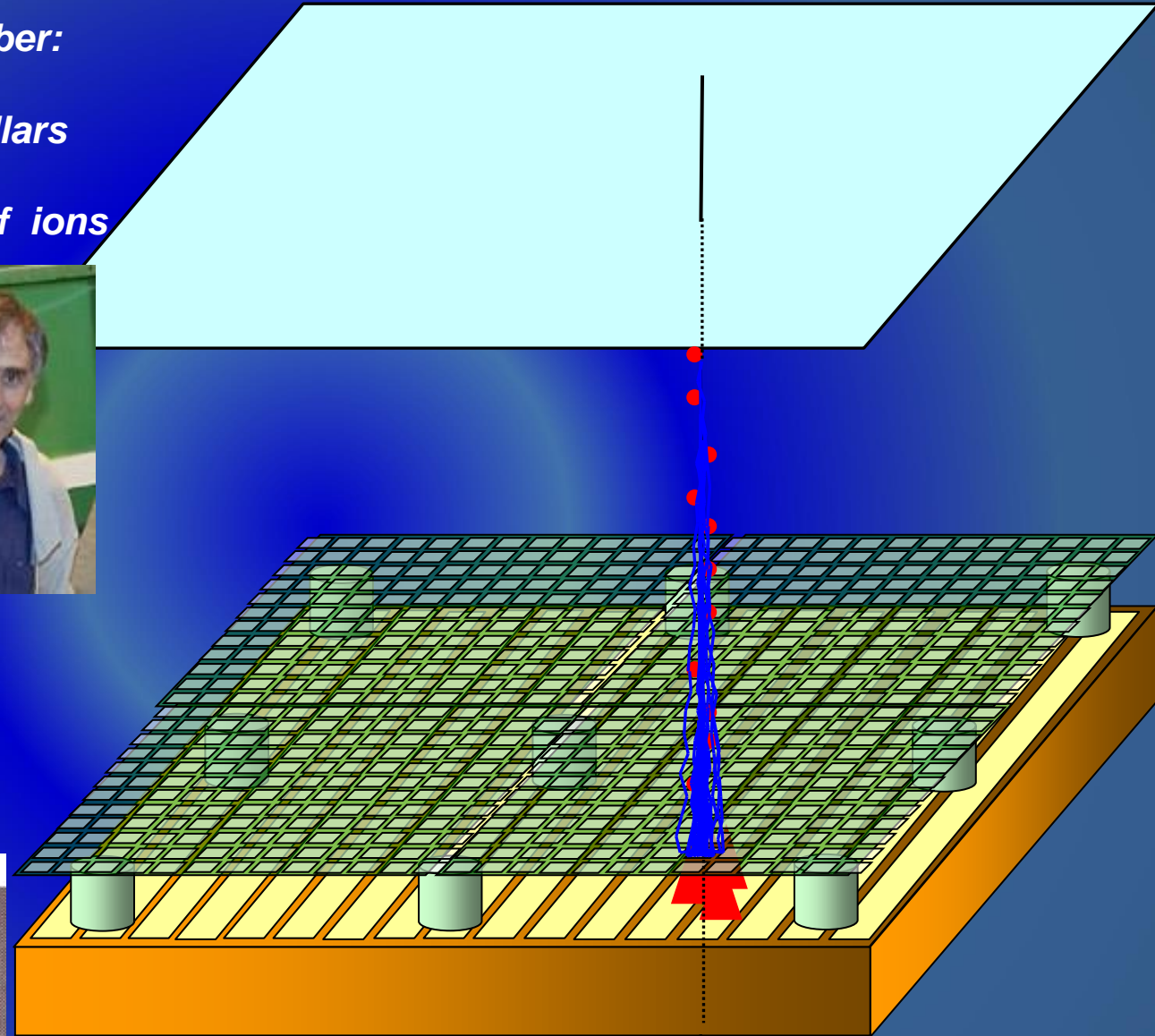
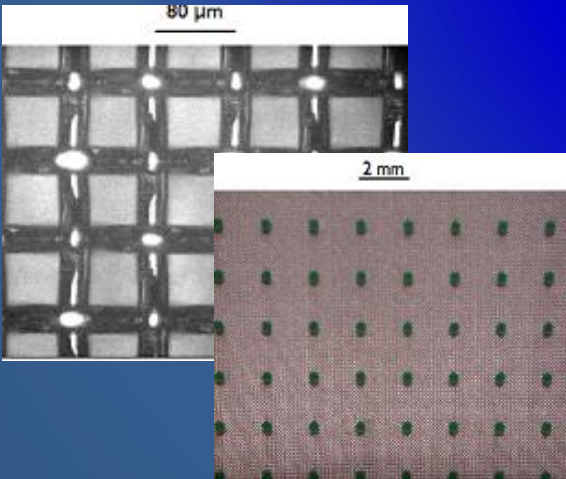
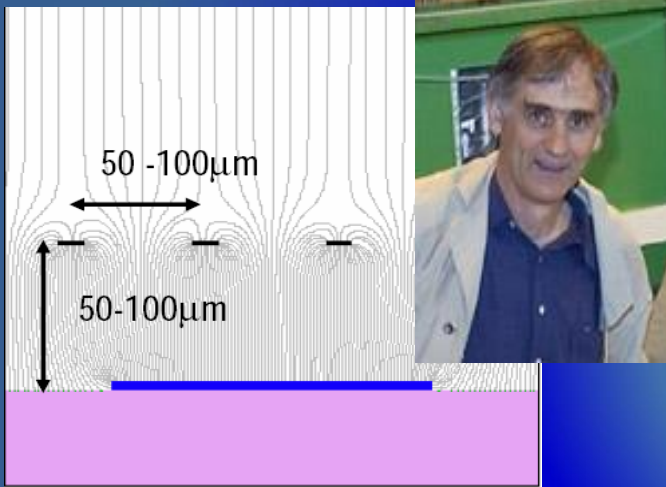
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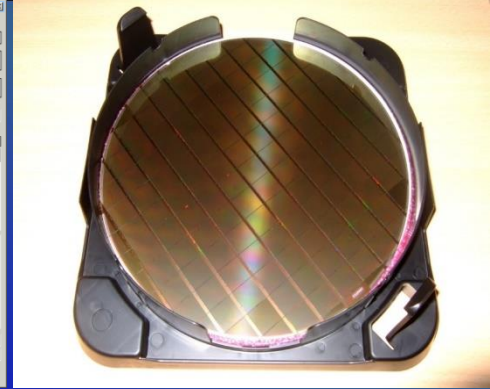
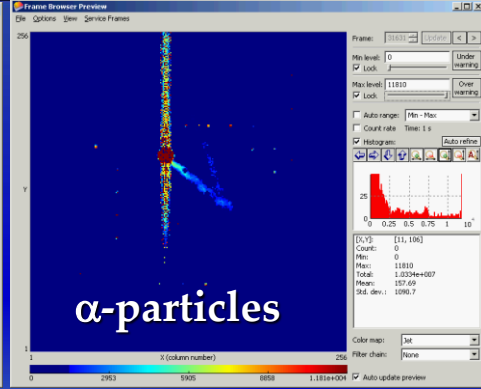
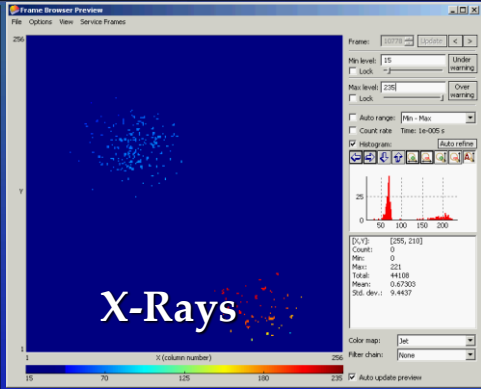
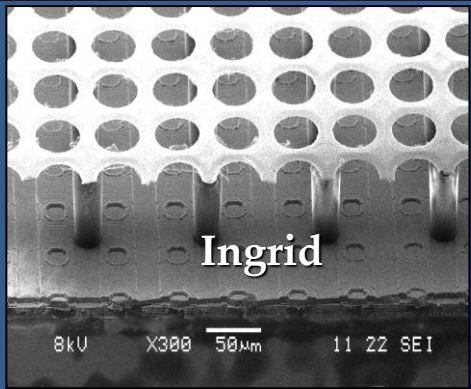


Micro Mesh Gaseous Structure (MICROME GAS)

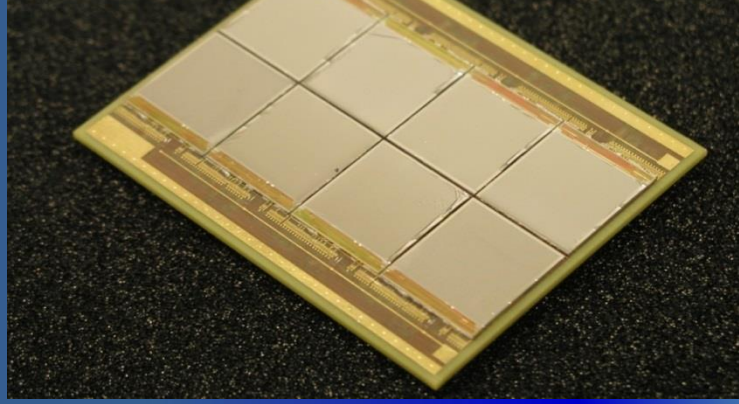
*Micromesh Gaseous Chamber:
micromesh supported
by 50-100 mm insulating pillars*

Small gap: fast collection of ions

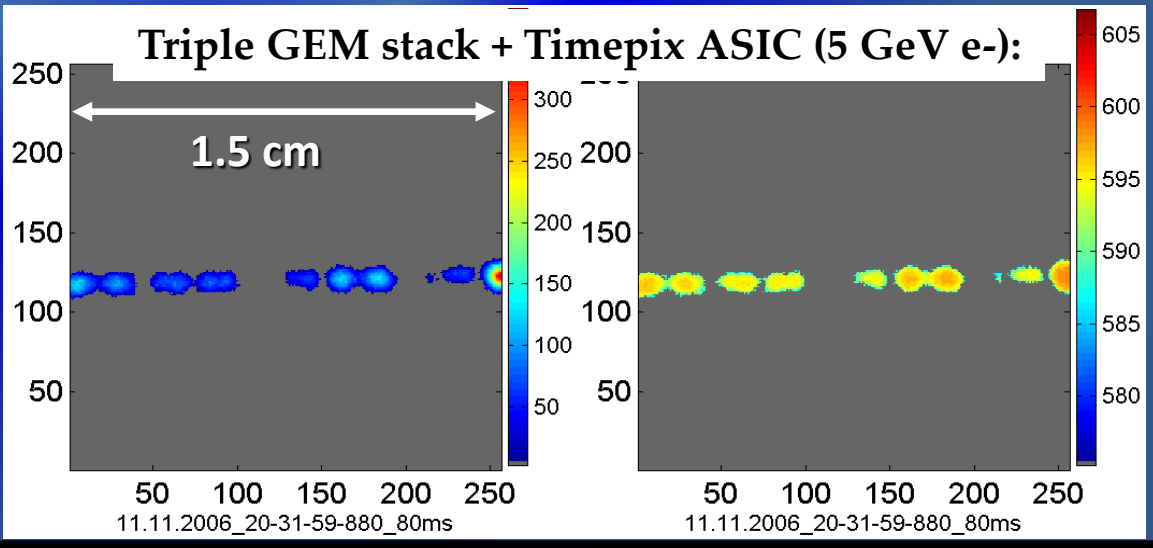
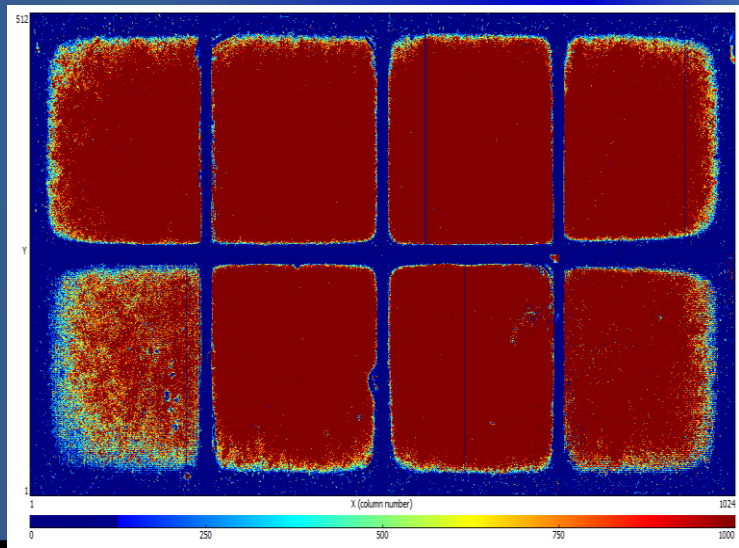




“Octopuce” (8 Timepix ASICs):



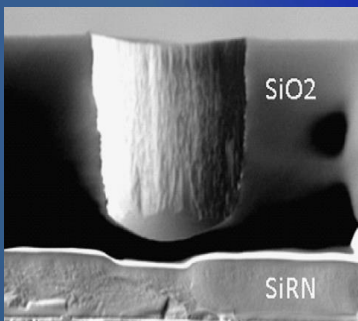
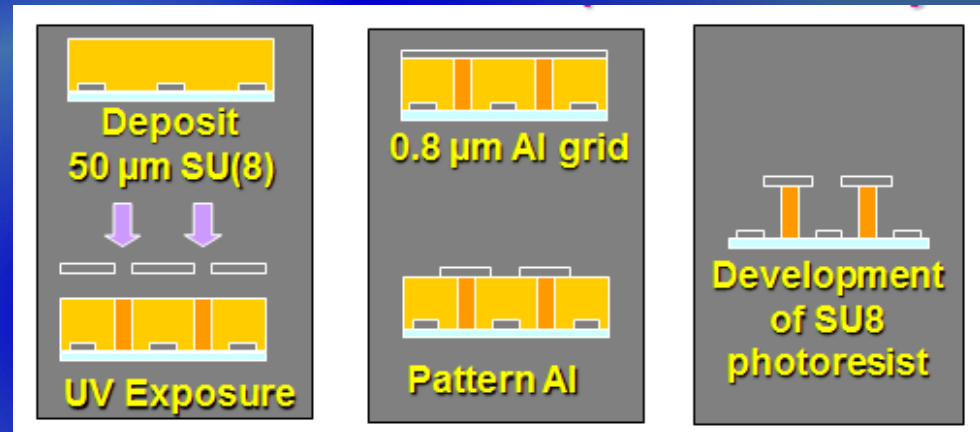
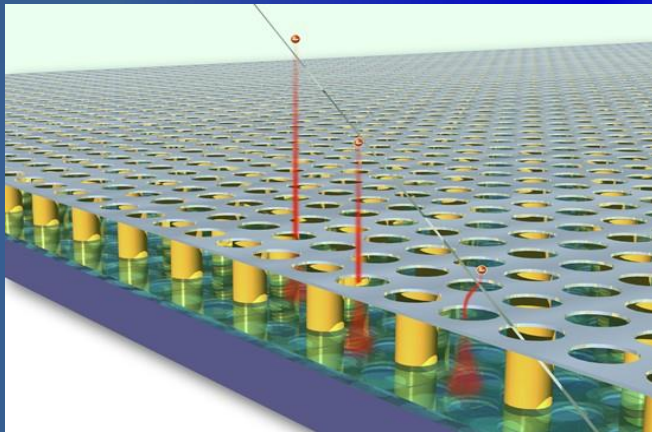
ULTIMATE INTEGRATION OF GASEOUS and SILICON DETECTORS – PIXEL READOUT of MICRO-PATTERN GASEOUS DETECTORS



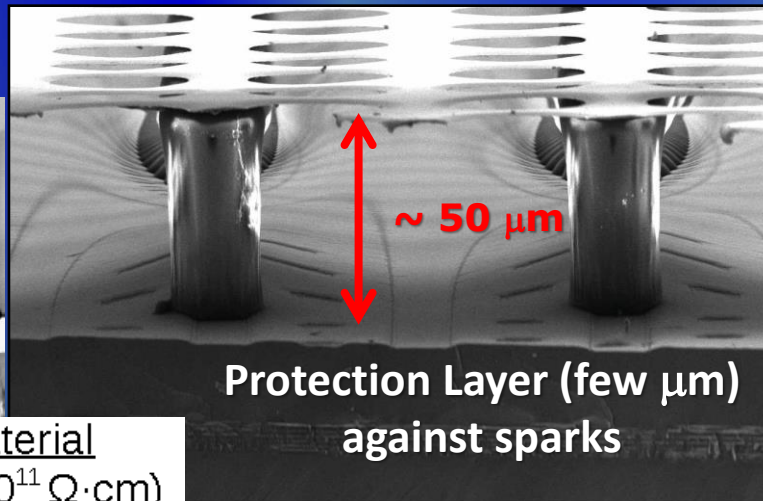
Pixel Readout of MPGDs: "GridPix" Concept

"InGrid" Concept: By means of advanced wafer processing-technology **INTEGRATE MICROMEAS** amplification grid directly **on top of TIMEPIX CMOS ASIC**

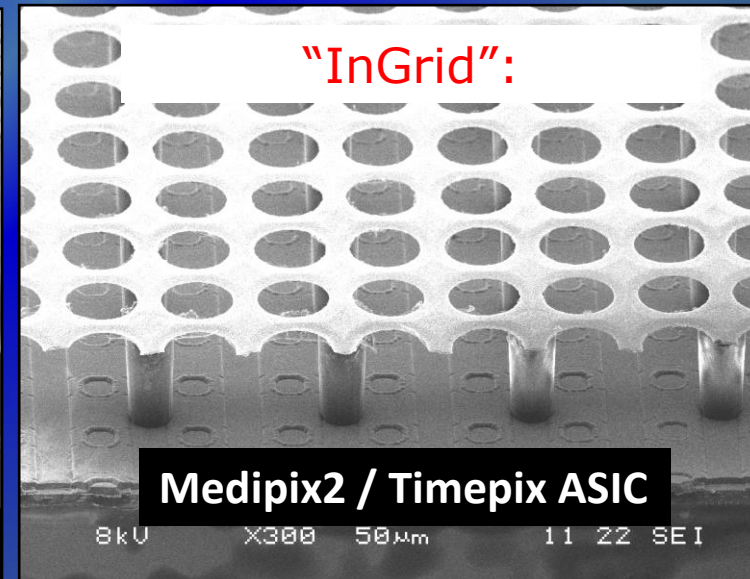
3D Gaseous Pixel Detector → 2D (pixel dimensions) x 1D (drift time)



high resistive material
15 μm aSi:H (~10¹¹ Ω·cm)
8 μm Si_xN_y (~10¹⁴ Ω·cm)



X600 20 μm 19 21 SEI

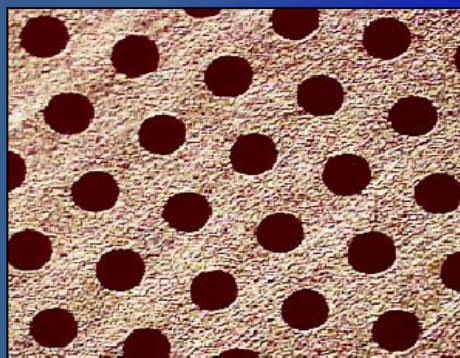


8kV X300 50 μm 11 22 SEI

Other MPGDs Concepts: THGEM, μ RWELL, RPWELL

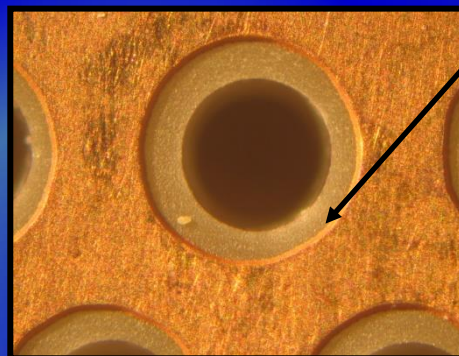
THGEM Manufactured by standard PCB techniques of precise drilling in G-10 (and other materials) and Cu etching

STANDARD GEM



1 mm

THGEM

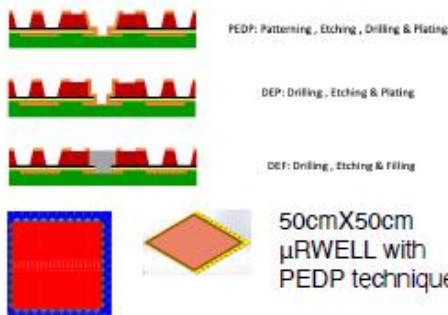


0.1 mm rim to prevent discharges

L. Periale, NIMA478 (2002) 377
LEM!: P. Jeanneret, PhD thesis, 2001

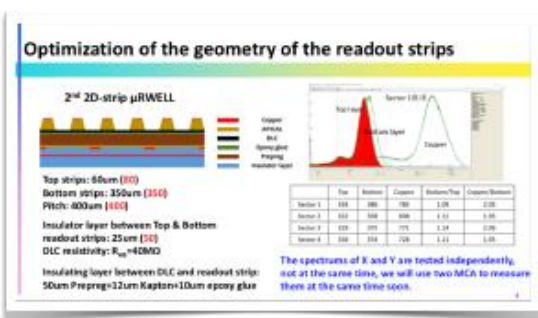
μ RWELL and RPWELL

High-rate μ RWELL prototypes made by new techniques



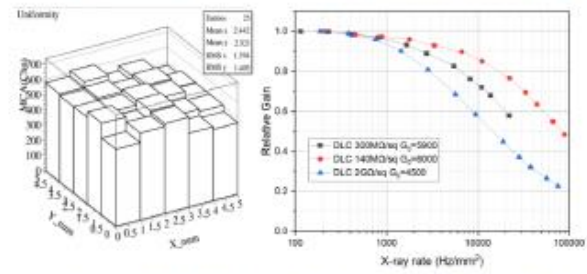
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μ RWELL with 2D-Strip Readout – For RD51 Tracker



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Development of RWELL detectors for large area & high rate applications



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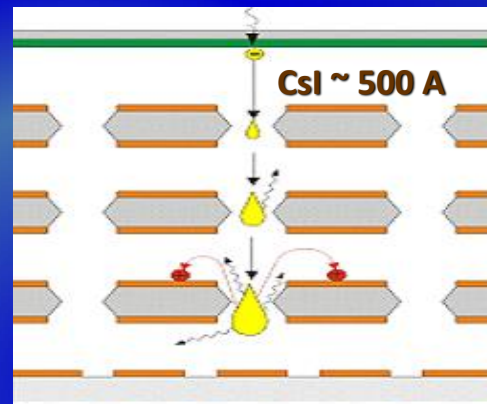
MPGD-Based Gaseous Photomultipliers

GEM or THGEM Gaseous Photomultipliers (CsI -PC) to detect single photoelectrons

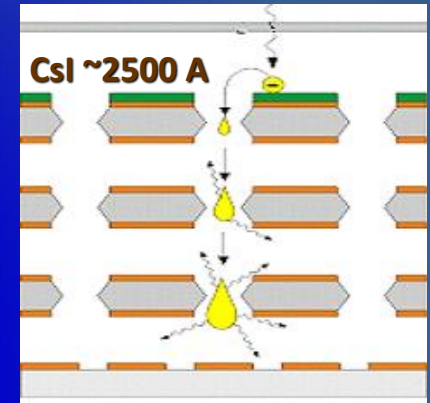
Multi-GEM (THGEM) Gaseous Photomultipliers:

- ✓ Largely reduced photon feedback (can operate in pure noble gas & CF_4)
- ✓ Fast signals [ns] → good timing
- ✓ Excellent localization response
- ✓ Able to operate at cryogenic T

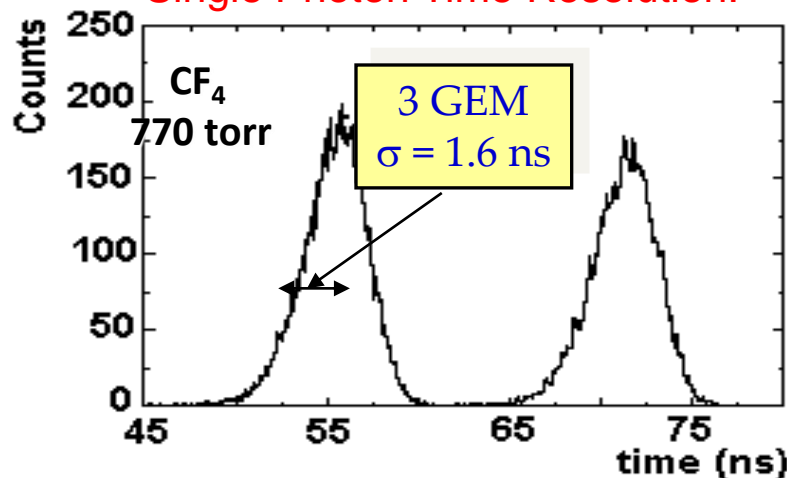
Semitransparent Photocathode (PC)



Reflective Photocathode (PC)

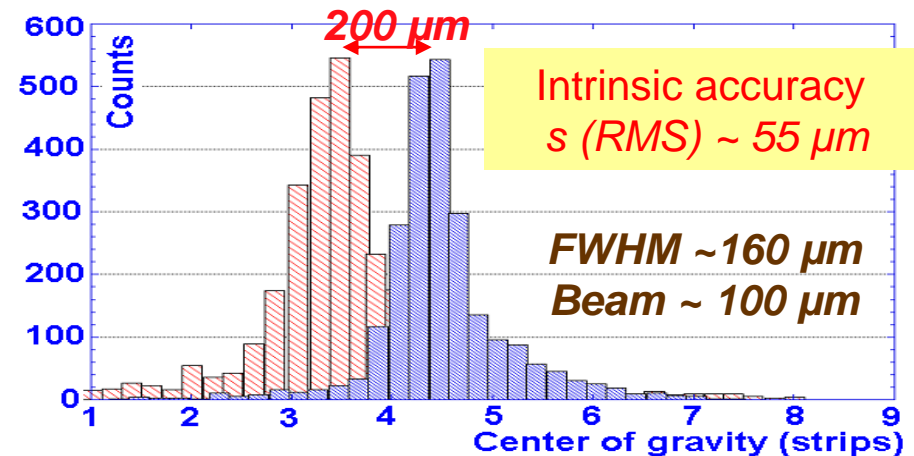


Single Photon Time Resolution:



Micromegas: $\sigma \sim 0.7$ ns with MIPs

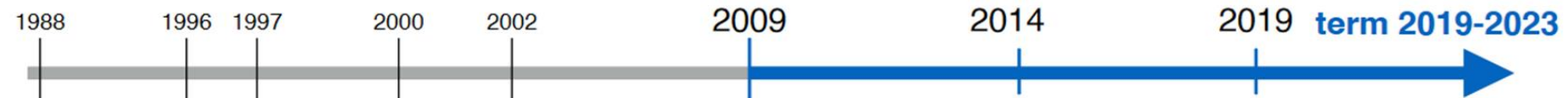
Single Photon Position Accuracy:



Legacy of the CERN-RD51 Collaboration: 2008-2023

RD51 CERN-based "TECHNOLOGY - DRIVEN R&D COLLABORATION" was established to advance MPGD concepts and associated electronics readout systems

RD51 community: ~ 90 institutes, 500 members **RD51**



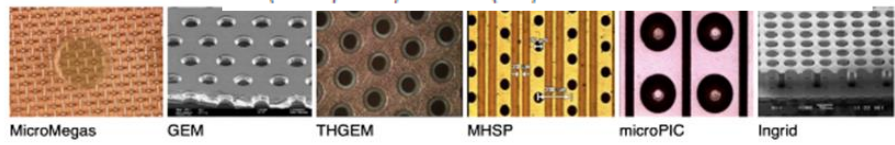
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Development of Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors Technologies

2008:

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Adoption of MPGD technologies:
ATLAS NSW (Micromegas)
CMS forward tracking update (GEM)
COMPASS RICH upgrade (hybrid MPGD)
ALICE TPC upgrade (GEM)
KLOE2 & BESIII (GEM)
LBNO-DEMO (THGEM)
T2K/ND280 TPC (Micromegas)
n-detection at ESS (GEM)
Muon radiography (Micromegas)

RD51 Spokespersons:
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M. Titov (2008-2015, 2023)
S. Dalla Torre (2016-2022)
E. Oliveri (2023)



arXiv:1806.09955

- ✓ Many of the MPGD Technologies were introduced before the RD51 was founded
- ✓ With more techniques becoming available, new detection concepts were introduced and the existing ones were substantially improved during the RD51 period (2008-2023)
- ✓ Beyond 2023, RD51 served as a nuclei for the new DRD1 ("all gas detectors") collaboration, anchored at CERN, as part of the ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap

CERN Detector Seminars in 2022: LS2 Upgrades

Major MPGDs developments for ATLAS, CMS, ALICE upgrades, towards establishing technology goals and technical requirements, and addressing engineering and integration challenges ... and first results from Run 3 !!!

"The New Small Wheel project of ATLAS"

by Theodoros Vafeiadis (17 Jun 2022)

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"Continuous data taking with the upgraded ALICE GEM-TPC"

by Robert Helmut Munzer (24 Jun 2022),

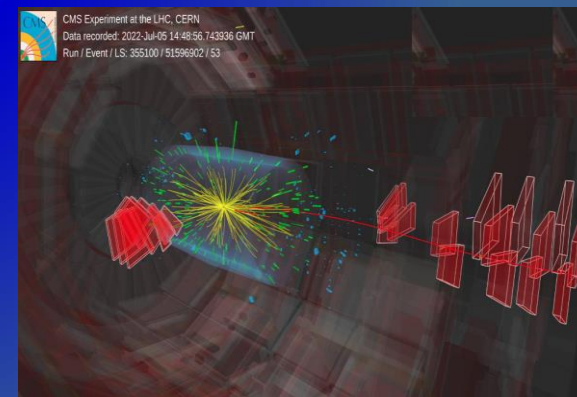
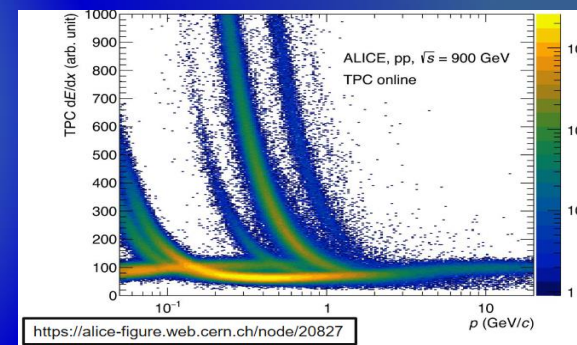
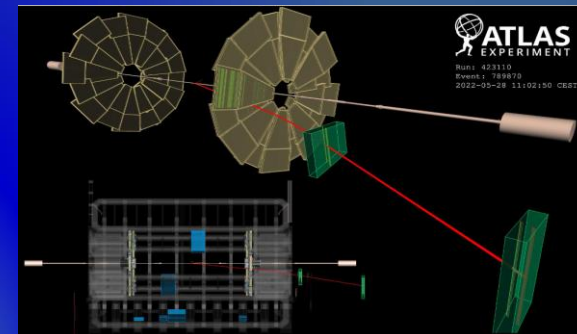
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"The GEM detectors within the CMS Experiment"

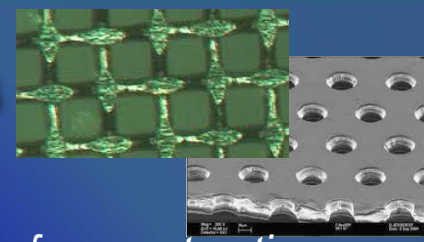
Michele Bianco (08 Jul 2022)

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1175363/>

All three major LHC upgrades, incorporating MPGDs, started their R&D in close contact with RD51, using dedicated setups at GDD-RD51 Laboratory



2022: MPGDs for High Luminosity LHC Upgrades

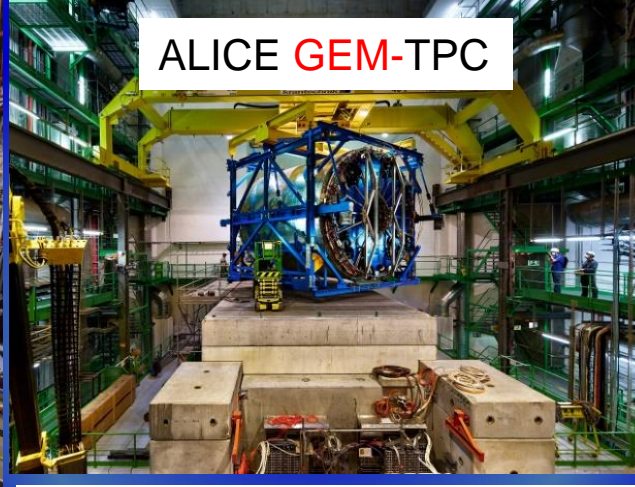


The successful implementation of MPGDs for relevant upgrades of CERN experiments indicates the degree of maturity of given detector technologies for constructing large-size detectors, the level of dissemination within the HEP community and their reliability

ATLAS NSW **MicroMegas**



ALICE **GEM**-TPC



CMS **GEM** muon endcaps



<https://ep-news.web.cern.ch/content/atlas-new-small-wheel-upgrade-advances-0>

<https://ep-news.web.cern.ch/upgraded-alice-tpc>

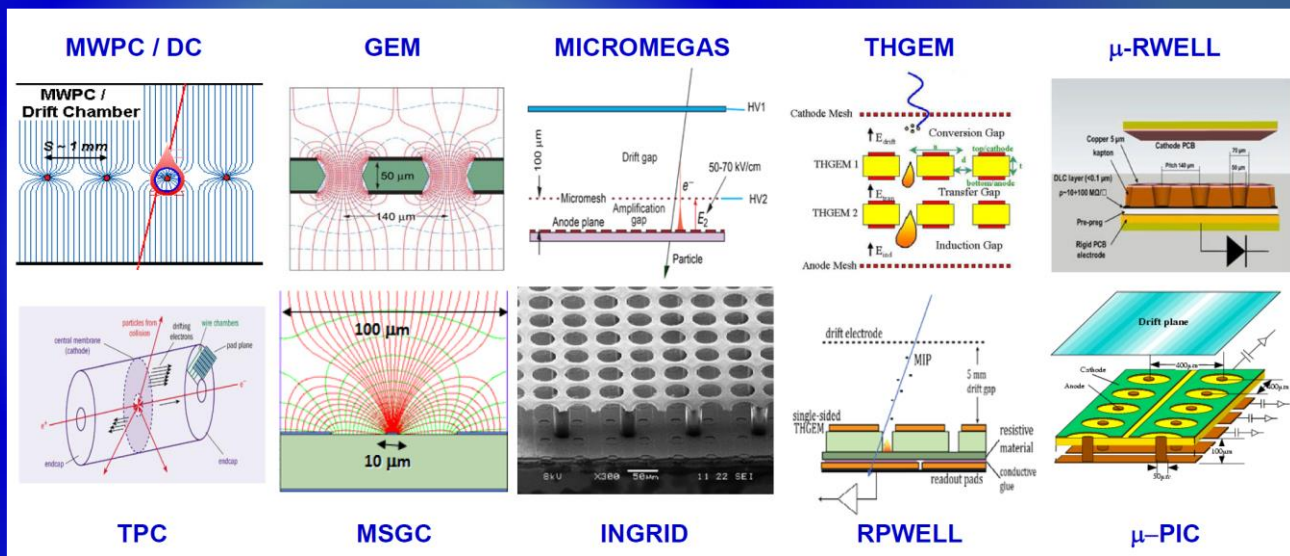
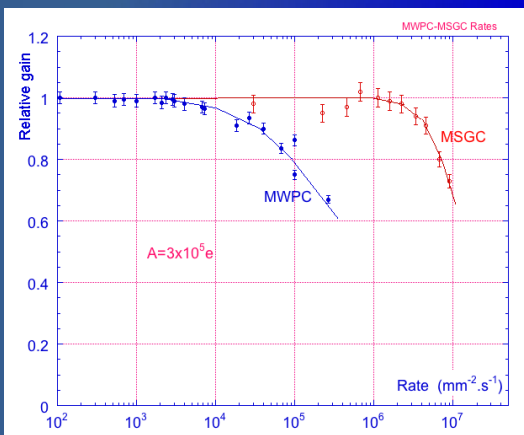
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Gaseous Detectors: From Wire/Drift Chamber → Time Projection Chamber (TPC) → Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors

Primary choice for large-area coverage with low material-budget (+ dE/dx measurement)

1990's: Industrial advances in photolithography has favoured the invention of novel micro-structured gas amplification devices (MSGC, GEM, Micromegas, ...)

Rate Capability:
MWPC vs MSGC



Examples of Gaseous Detectors for Future Colliders:

HL-LHC Upgrades: Tracking (ALICE TPC/MPGD); **Muon Systems:** RPC, CSC, MDT, TGC, GEM, Micromegas;

Future Hadron Colliders: FCC-hh Muon System (MPGD - OK, rates are comparable with HL-LHC)

Future Lepton Colliders: Tracking (FCC-ee / CepC - Drift Chambers; ILC / CePC - TPC with MPGD readout)

Calorimetry (ILC, CepC – RPC or MPGD), **Muon Systems** (OK)

Future Electron-Ion Collider: Tracking (GEM, μ WELL; TPC/MPGD), **RICH** (THGEM), **TRD** (GEM)

Towards Large Area in Fast Timing GASEOUS DETECTORS

Multi-Gap Resistive Plate Chambers (MRPC):

- ✓ ALICE TOF detector (160m²) achieved time res. ~ 60 ps
- ✓ New studies with MRPC with 20 gas gaps using a low-resistivity 400 μm-thick glass → down to 20 ps time resolution

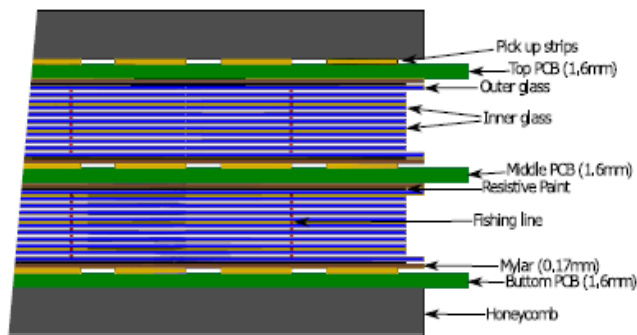
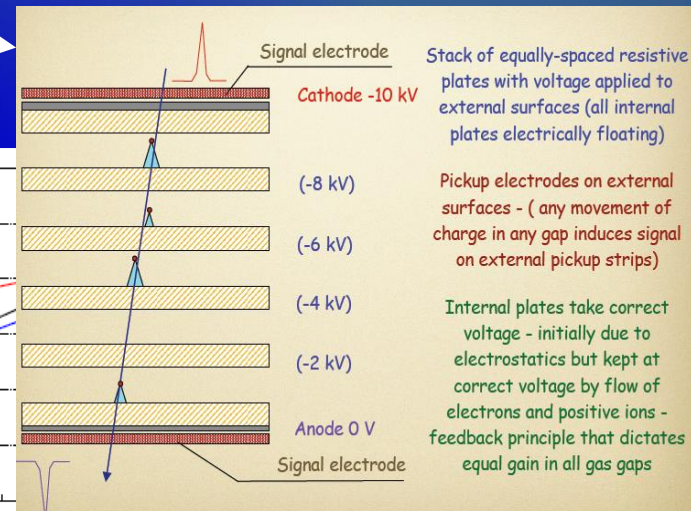
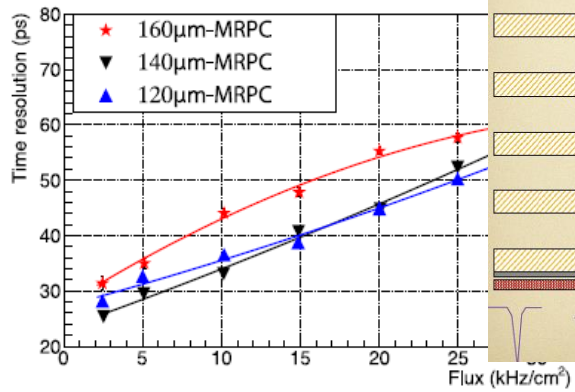


Fig. 1. Cross section of the double stack 20-gap MRPC.

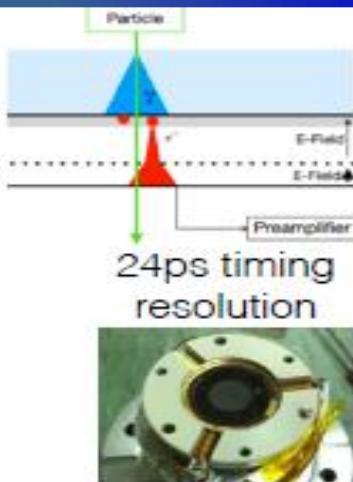


Gaseous Detectors: Micromegas with Timing (RD51 Picosec Collaboration)

$\sigma \sim 25$ ps timing resolution (per track)

Cherenkov radiator + Photocathode + Micromegas

Tested in RD51 testbeam July 2021

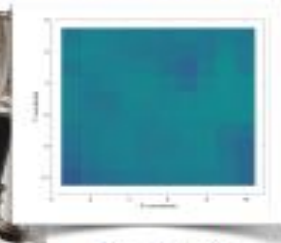


24ps timing resolution

Single pad (2016)
ø 1 cm



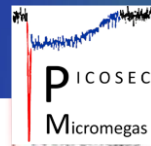
10x10 module
□ 1 cm



Planarity
< 10μm



Custom pre-amp cards



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Optical Readout of MPGDs: Imaging Applications

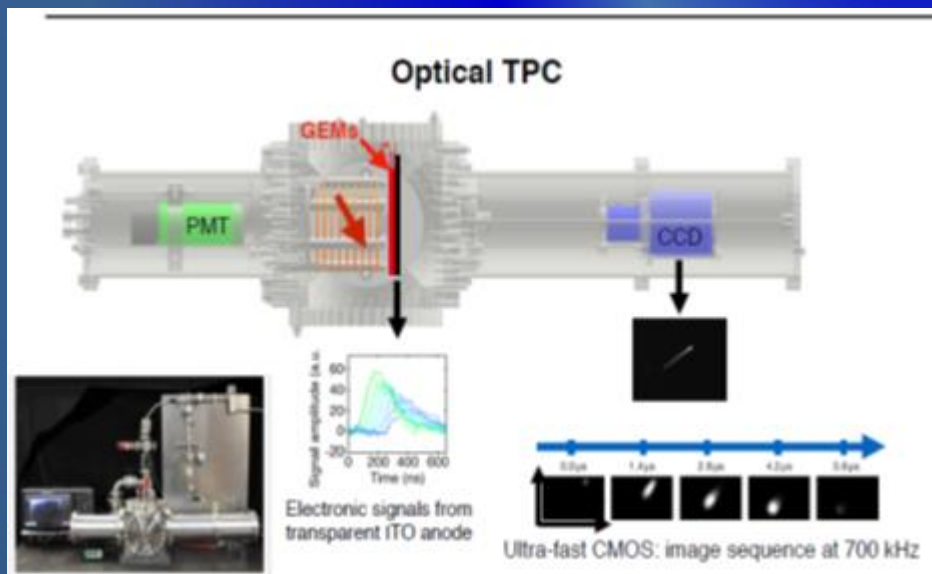
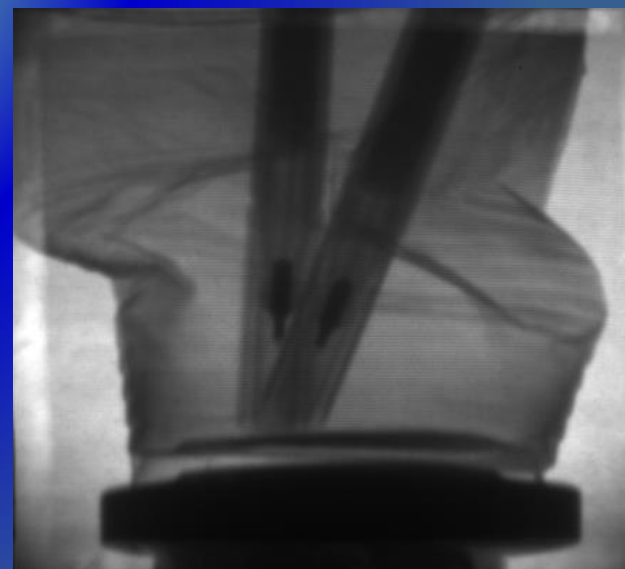
Developments of scintillation light readout of MicroPattern Gaseous Detectors (MPGDs): GEMs, Micromegas, ...

- ✓ Optical TPC (Combined electronic + optical readout)
- ✓ Ultra-fast optical readout (TPCs, beam monitor)
- ✓ Low-material budget, online beam monitoring
- ✓ Detector physics studies
- ✓ among other applications...

Fluoroscopy:



CT and 3 D Imaging:



Graphene-based Functional Structures and Nanostructures for novel MPGD Concepts

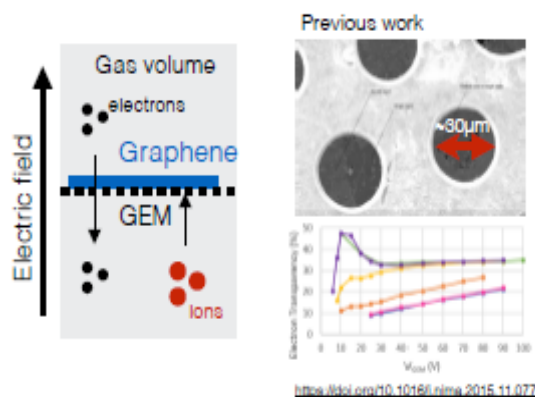
Graphene layers for: ion-backflow suppression, protection of photocathodes, solid conversion layers

PhD project of Giorgio Orlandini (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg) in EP-DT-DD Gaseous Detector Development lab

The unique properties of two-dimensional materials such as graphene as well as carbon-based nanostructures offer new perspectives for novel gaseous radiation detectors. This may include performance improvements for detectors for HEP experiments as well as new application fields combining wideband sensitivity of advanced materials with high gain factors and granularity offered by Micro Pattern Gaseous Detectors.

Application 1:

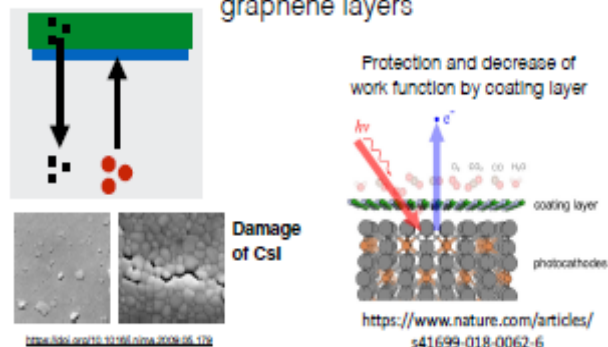
Suspended graphene for ion back-flow suppression and gas separation



Suppressing ion back flow can significantly improve high-rate capabilities and reduced electric field distortions in Time Projection Chambers.

Application 2:

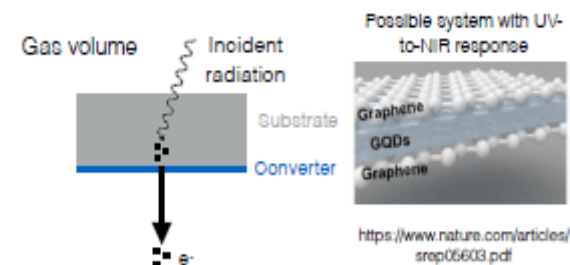
Protection of photocathodes with graphene layers



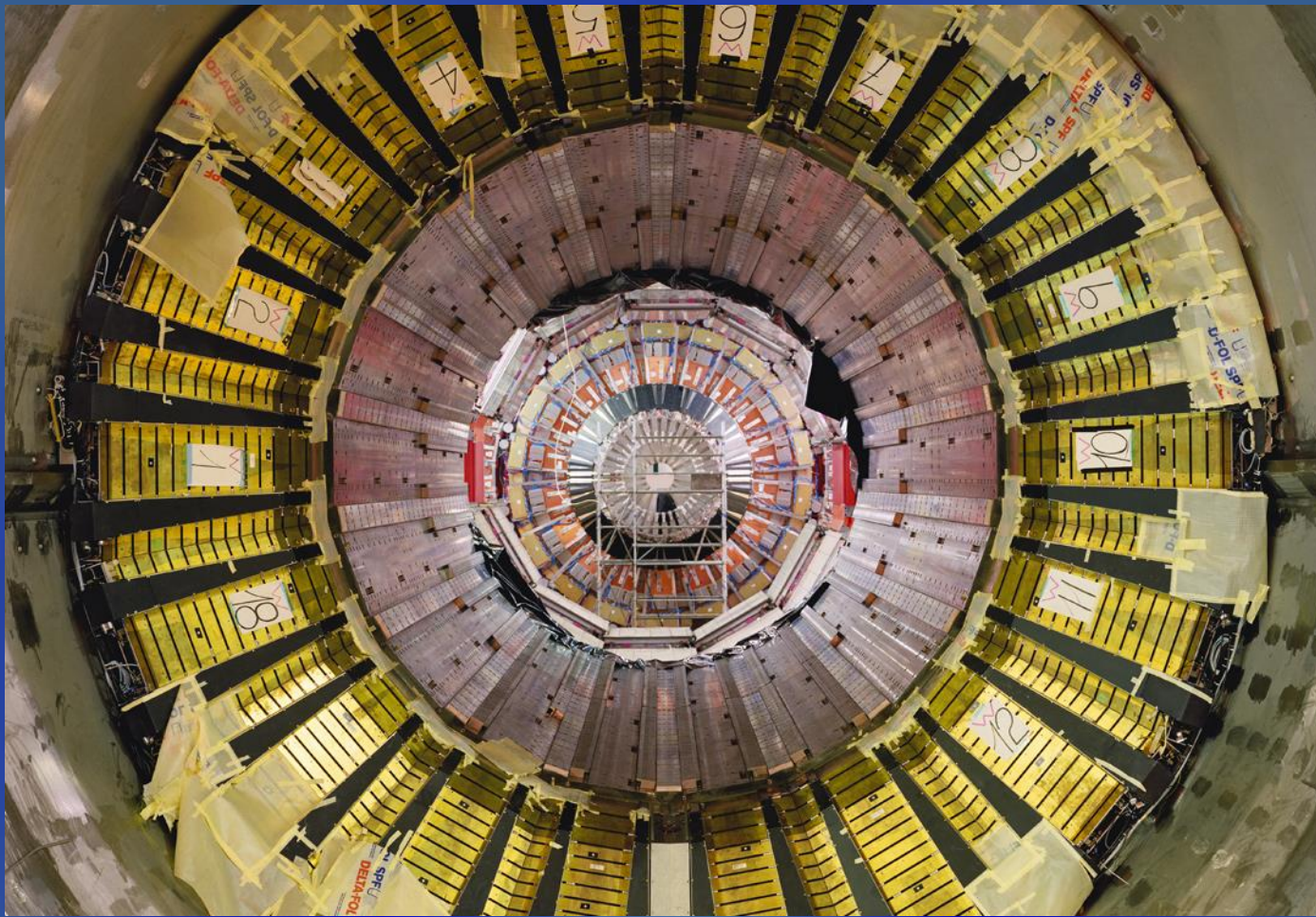
Atomically thin coating layers could protect sensitive photocathodes such as CsI against environmental factors and ion bombardment, which is important for preserving specifications of precise timing detector in harsh ion-back flow conditions. Additionally, modifications of the work functions of converter layers can be used to increase QE.

Application 3:

Graphene and nanostructures for photoconversion and as solid converters



Graphene quantum dots (GQD), carbon nanotubes and graphene have been shown to exhibit broadband sensitivity and could be used as versatile conversion layers. Utilising solid conversion layers enables high detection efficiencies and can be used for precise timing with gaseous radiation detectors.



*Knowledge is limited. Whereas the Imagination
embraces the entire world...* Albert Einstein

Bridge the gap between science and society ...

5* Scientific Discoveries of the Last Decade In Fundamental Physics

- ✓ *Higgs Boson* → *Tomorrow's lecture on Future Colliders*
- ✓ *Gravitational Waves*
- ✓ *Black Hole Event Horizon*

We have a “**virtuous cycle**”, which must remain strong and un-broken: from fundamental science comes applied research and technological breakthrough, enabling novel detector concepts and techniques, which in turn lead to a greater physics discoveries and better understanding of our Universe.