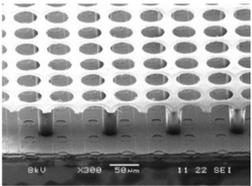


# Time Projection Chambers with Micropattern Gaseous Detectors

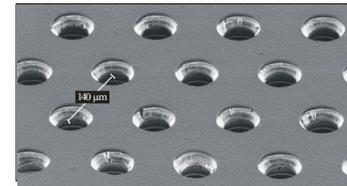
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University of Bonn

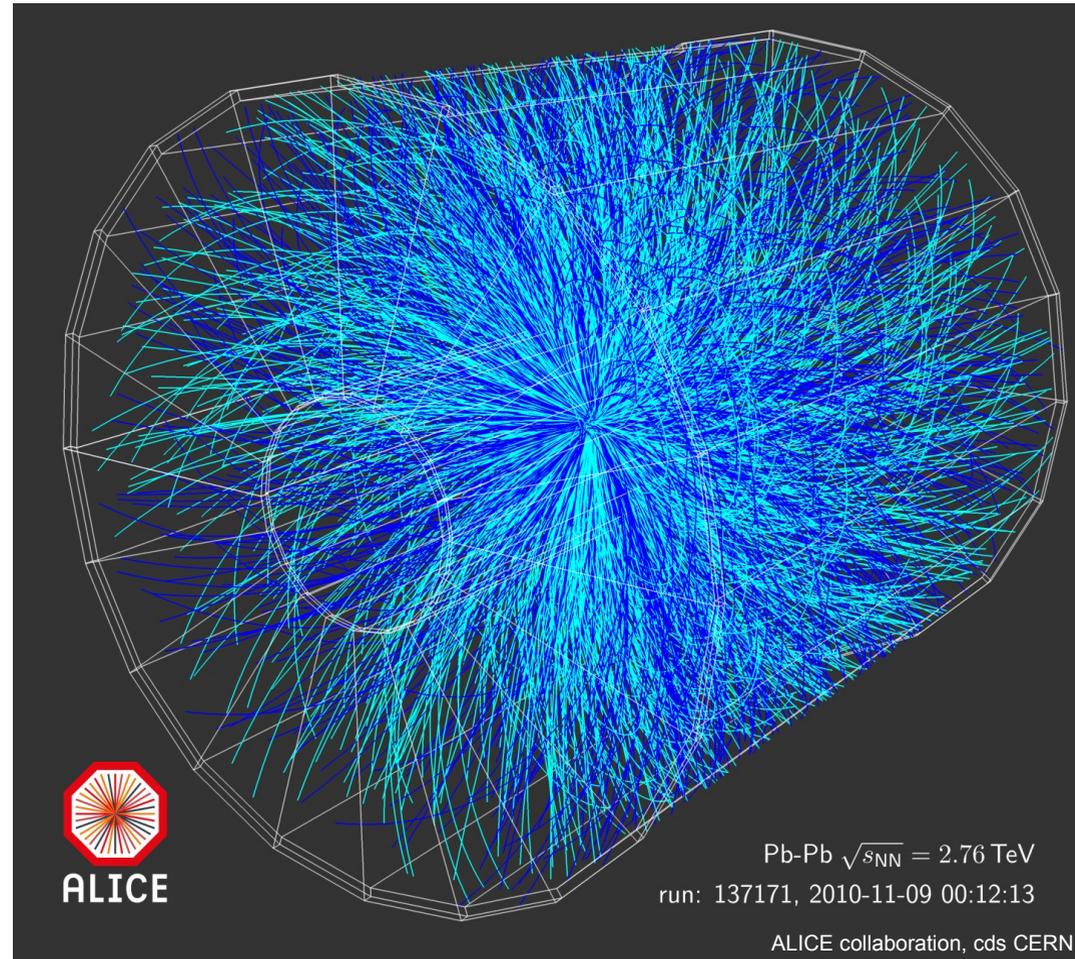
Cygnus-TPC kick-off meeting  
Frascati, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016



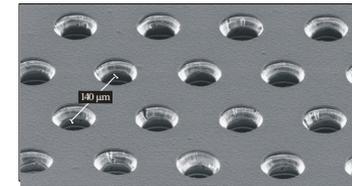
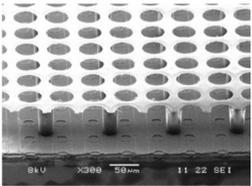
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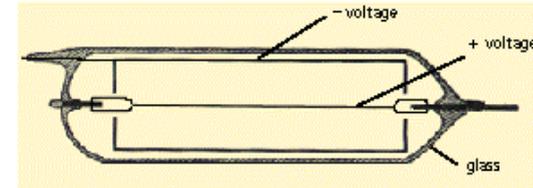
- Historic Overview
- Working principle of TPCs
- MPGDs
  - Micromegas
  - GEMs
  - GridPix
- TPCs with MPGDs
  - Rare events (T2K)
  - Heavy ion physics (ALICE)
  - High energy physics (ILD-TPC)
- Summary



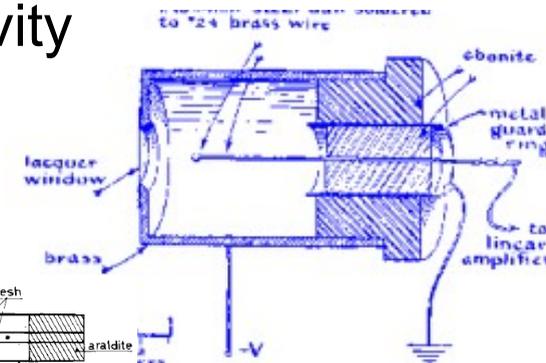
# History of Gaseous Detectors



1908: First wire counter used by Rutherford  
 E. Rutherford and H. Geiger, Proc. Royal Soc. A81 (1908) 141

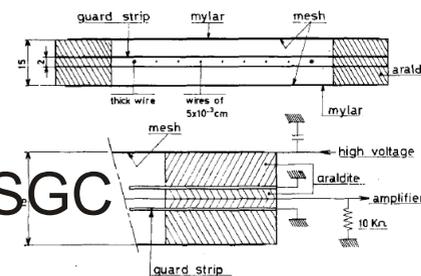


1928: Geiger-Müller Counter - single Electron sensitivity  
 H. Geiger and W. Müller, Phys. Zeits. 29 (1928) 839

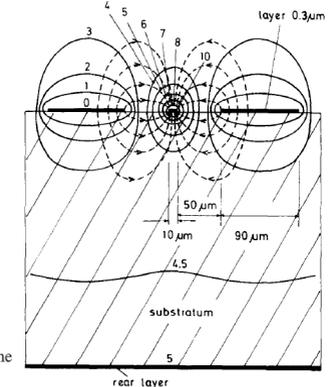


1945: Proportional tubes

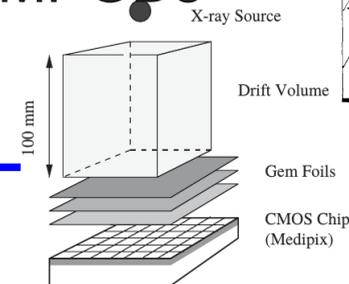
1967: Multi-wire Proportional chambers  
 G. Charpak, NIM 62 (1968) 262.

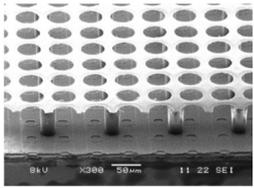


1988: First MPGD invented by A. Oed: MSGC  
 A. Oed, NIM A263 (1988) 351.

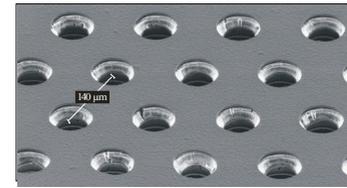


2004: ASIC-based highly pixelized Readout of MPGDs  
 R. Bellazzini, NIM A535 (2004) 477.  
 H. van der Graaf, NIM A535 (2004) 506.



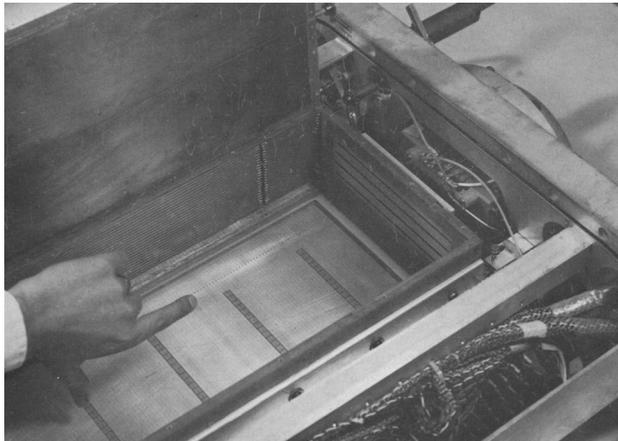


# Time Projection Chamber



1974 Time Projection Chambers (TPCs) are invented by D. R. Nygren.

It is said that they went straight from a  $90 \times 13 \text{ cm}^2$  demonstrator with 10 cm drift to a large scale detector with 2 m diameter and 2 m overall length.

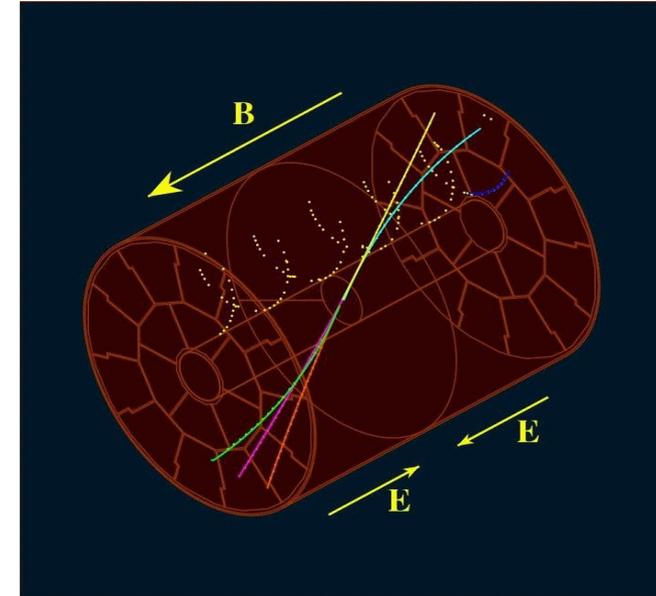
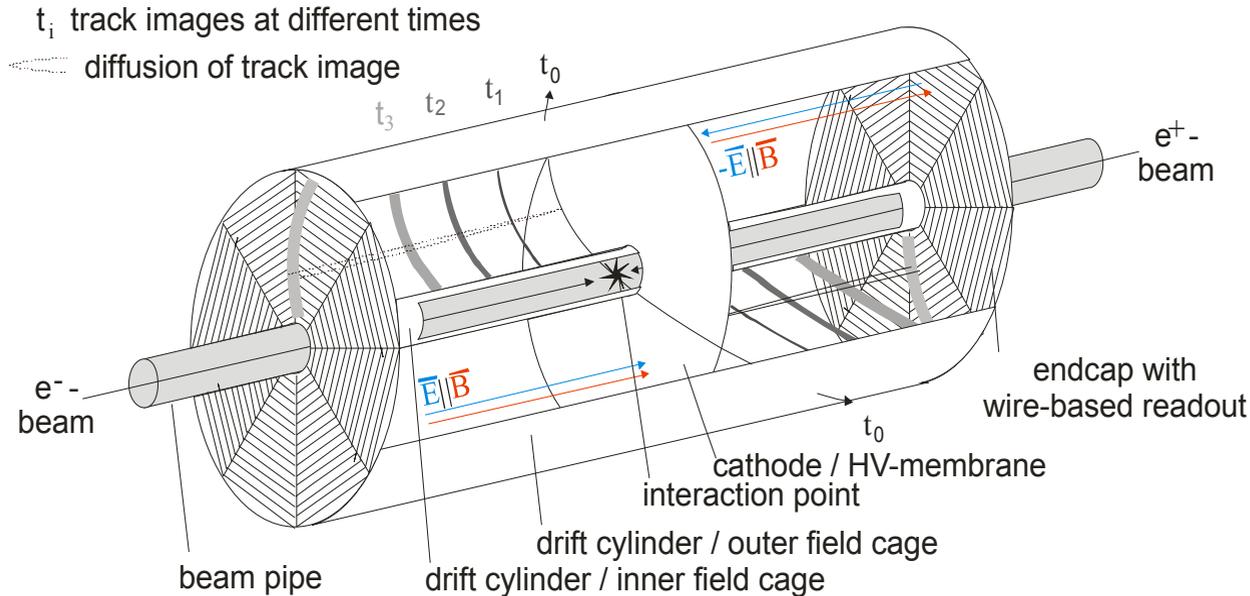
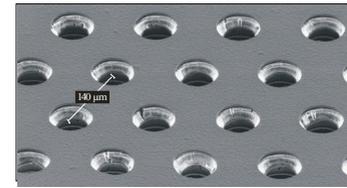
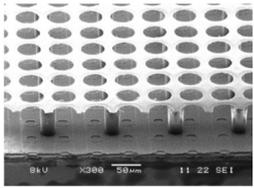


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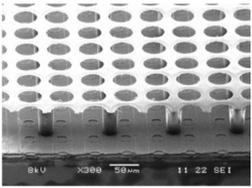


PEP-4 TPC

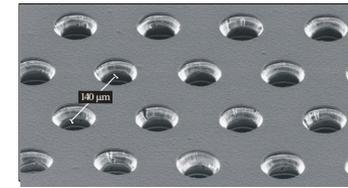
# Operation Principle of a TPC



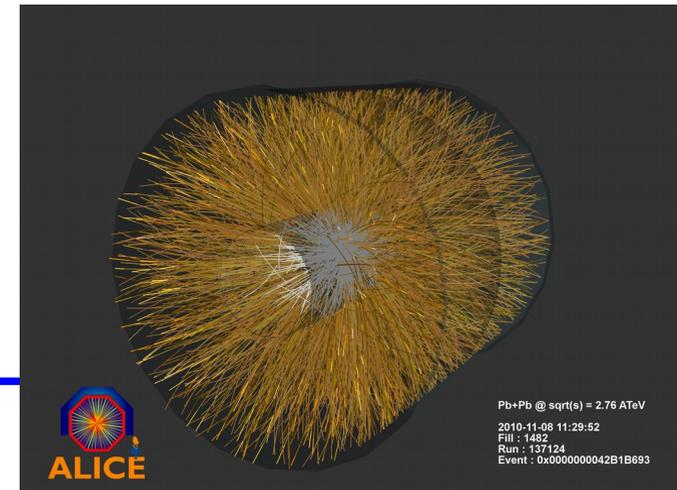
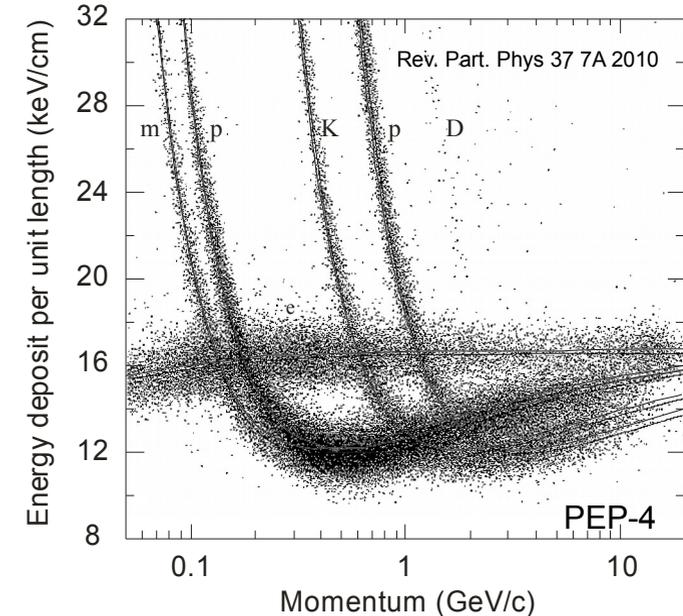
- Large gas filled volume
- Particles traversing the volume ionize the gas
- Electrons drift towards the endcaps
- Signal is amplified and generates a 2D picture
- Measuring drift time allows the reconstruction of 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension



# Advantages of a TPC

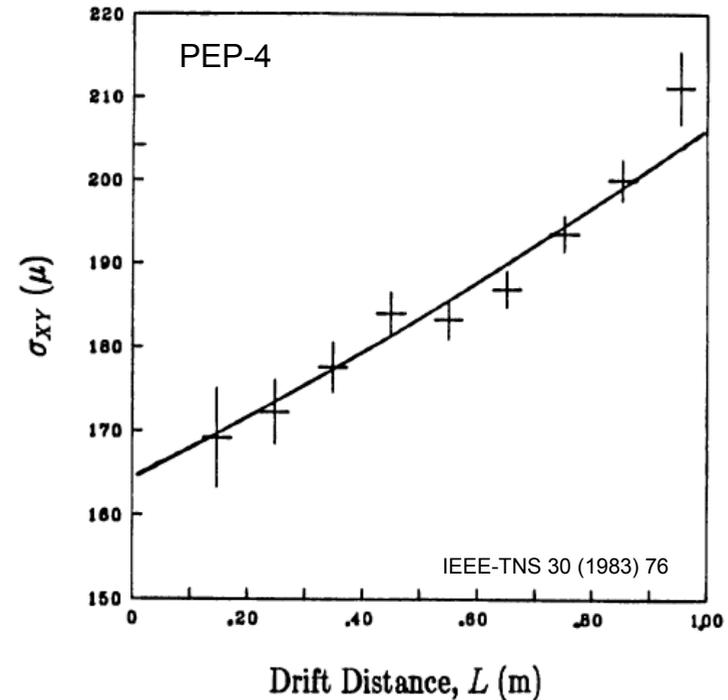
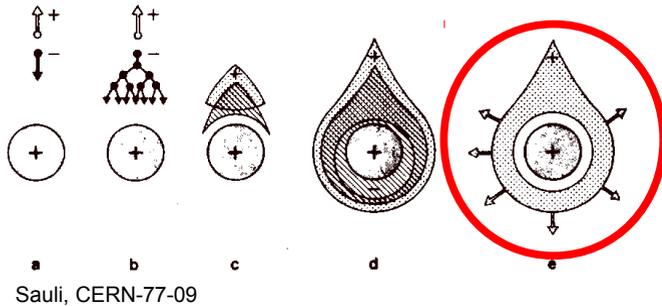


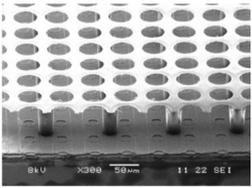
- Good spatial resolution ( $O(100\mu\text{m})$ )
- Good energy resolution with  $dE/dx$
- Large number of measurements
- Truly 3-dimensional detector  
(no ambiguities)
- High granularity
- Robust tracking in high multiplicity environment
- Low material budget ( $O(1-10\% X_0)$ )
- Very homogeneous (only gas)
- Low number of el. readout channels compared to volume
- Comparably cheap



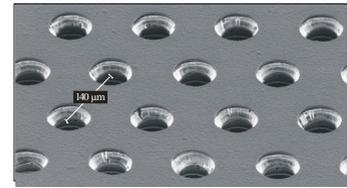
# Challenges of a TPC design

- Long drift times (40  $\mu\text{s}$ )
- Ions have to be neutralized after gas amplification
- Diffusion and pad size limit spatial resolution



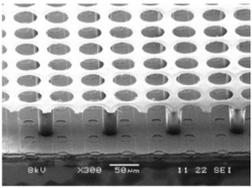


# Application of TPCs

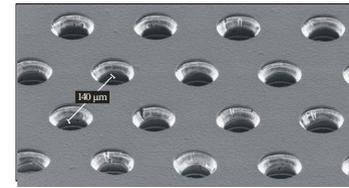


Three major fields of application:

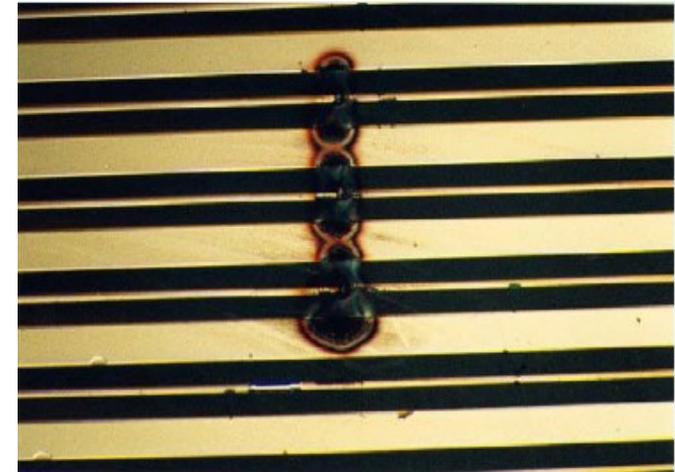
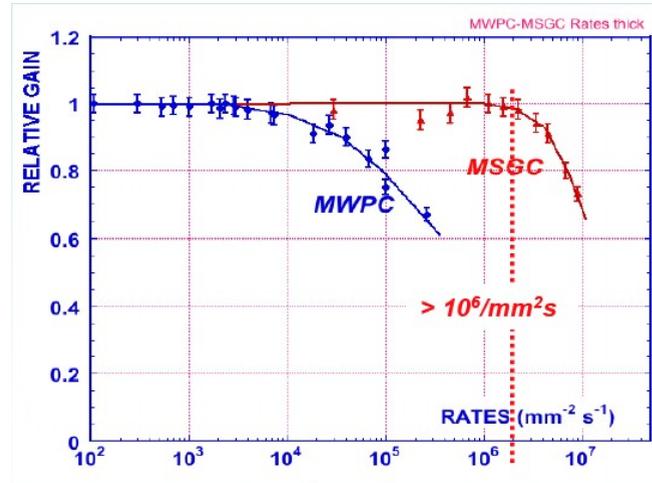
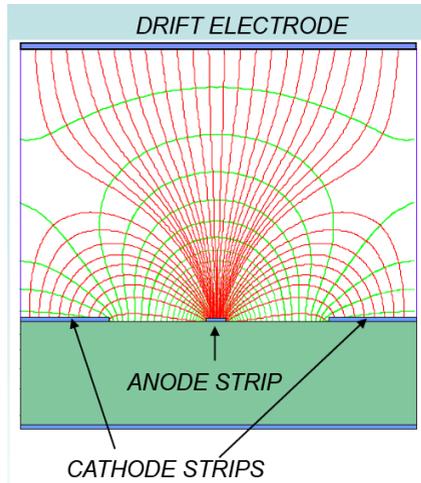
- 1.) TPCs in rare event searches (T2K, XENON, NEXT)
- 2.) TPCs in Heavy Ion Physics (STAR, ALICE)
- 3.) TPCs in High Energy Physics (PEP-4, ALEPH, Delphi, ILD)



# MPGD



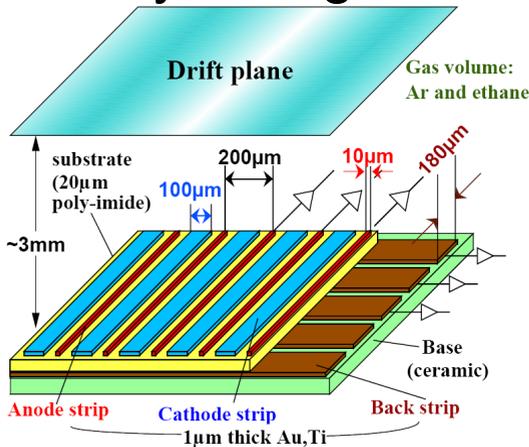
In 1988 A. Oed introduced the age of micro pattern gas detectors.



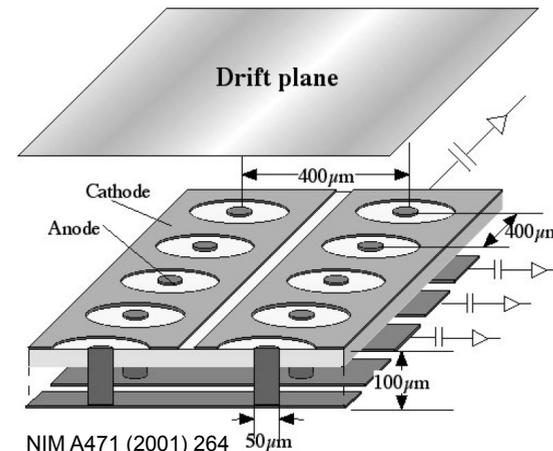
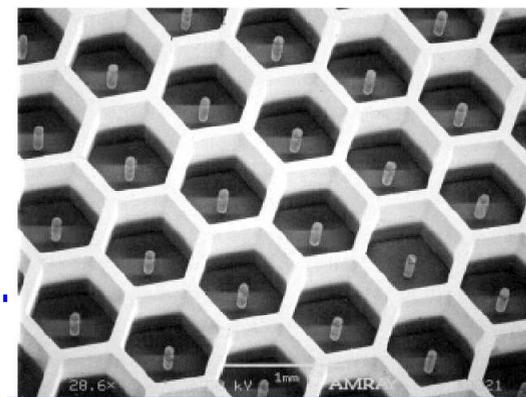
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Many new geometries were tested, ...

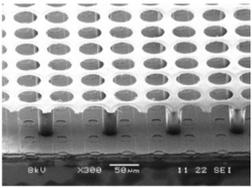
but only 2 prevailed



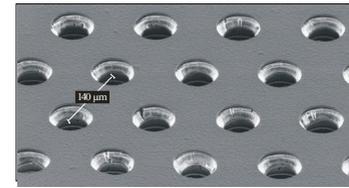
MICRO-PIN ARRAY (MIPA)



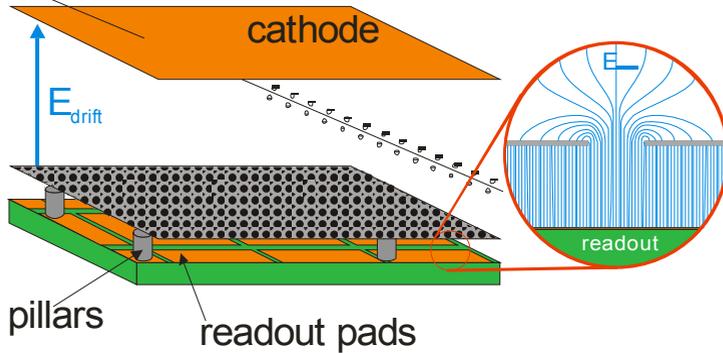
NIM A471 (2001) 264



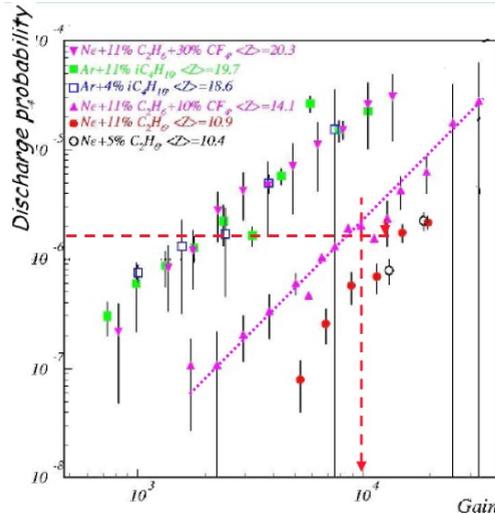
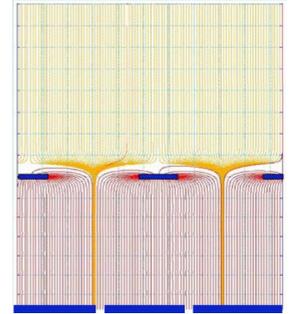
# Micromegas



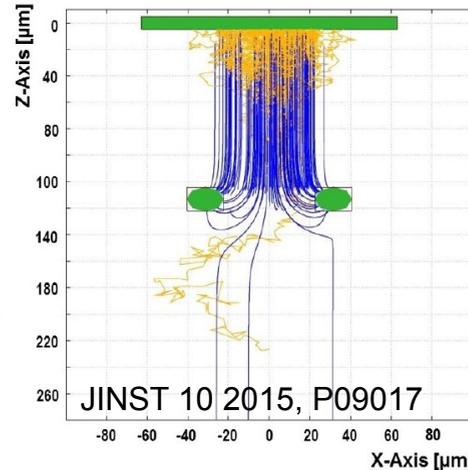
track of high energetic particle



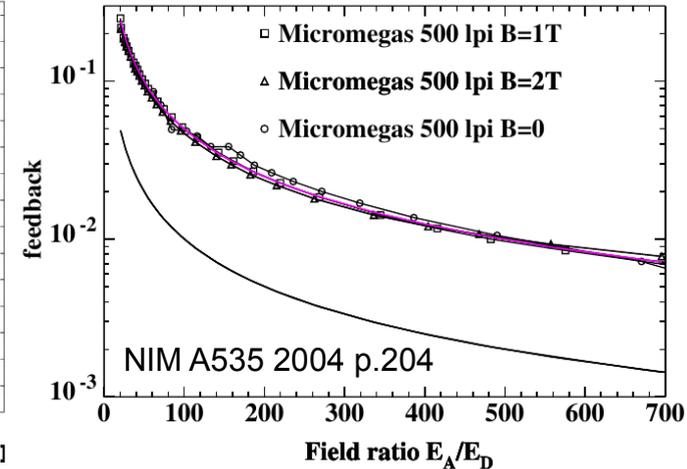
Micromegas consist of a mesh placed 50-150  $\mu\text{m}$  above the readout pads. Gas amplification takes place in the gap between the grid and the pads.

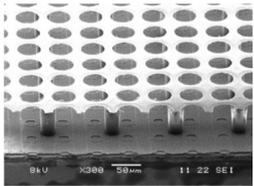


discharge probability of the tracker of COMPASS:  $\sim 10^{-6}$

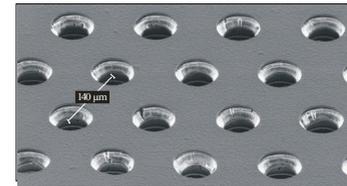


## Low ion backflow





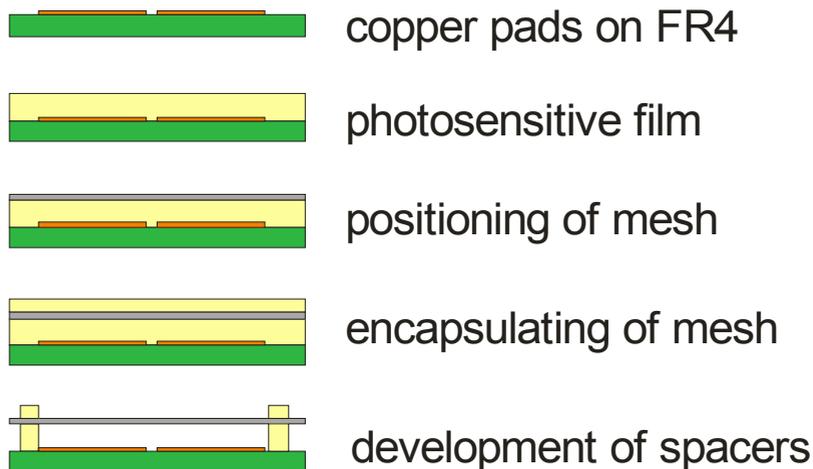
# Production of Micromegas



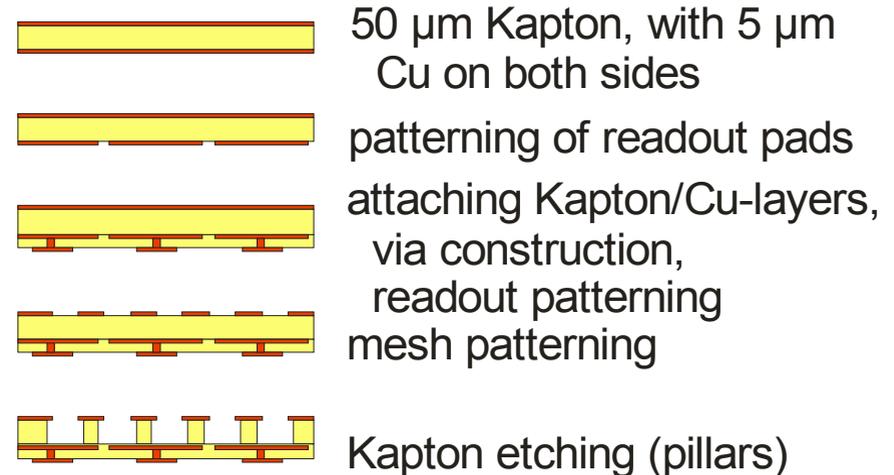
First Micromegas had quartz spacers between mesh and readout  
many test followed: e.g. with fishing lines

**IMPORTANT: optimize for high gains and good energy resolution**  
=> keep gap between grid and anode as precise as possible

## 1. Bulk-Micromegas

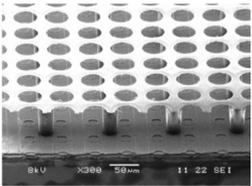


## 2. Microbulk-Micromegas

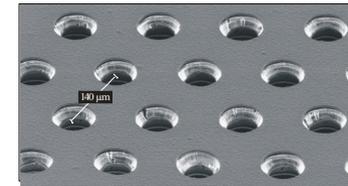


Bulk Micromegas produced by lamination of a woven grid on an anode

Microbulk Micromegas produced by etching from kapton/copper sandwich

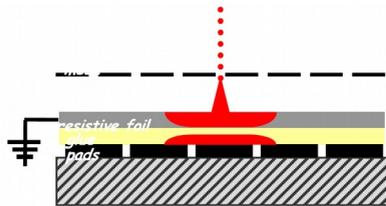


# MPGDs with Resistive Electrodes

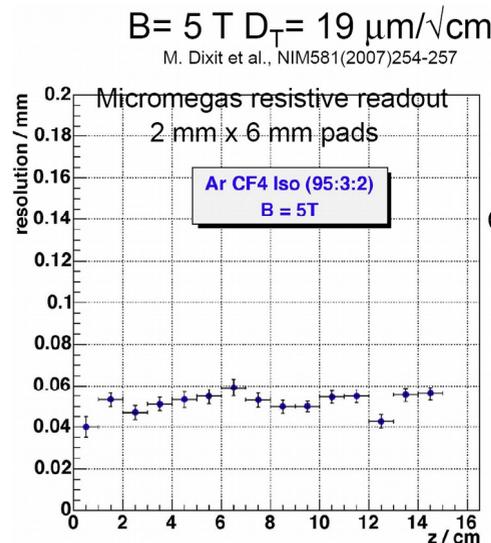


The latest area of interest is the application of resistive material for electrodes, analog to RPCs, to **avoid and/or stop discharges**:  
 If a streamer develops, the current in the electrode towards the point of discharge is limited, therefore, the **el. potential drops locally** and the streamer breaks down.

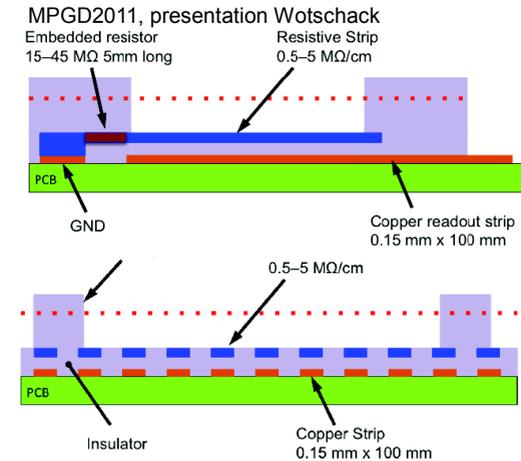
1. Spreading of the charge after gas amplification to broaden the signal shape: the readout pads are covered with a resistive foil.

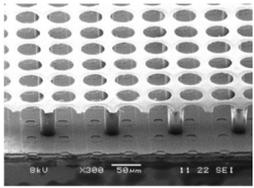


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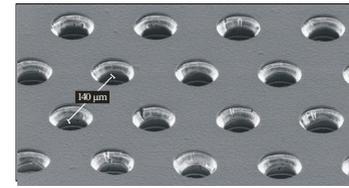


2. Collecting the signal on resistive strips and coupling the signal capacitively to the readout strips.  
 => no charge spreading





# Further Studies with MMs



## Small gap Micromegas:

Various gap sizes between grid and readout have been studied.

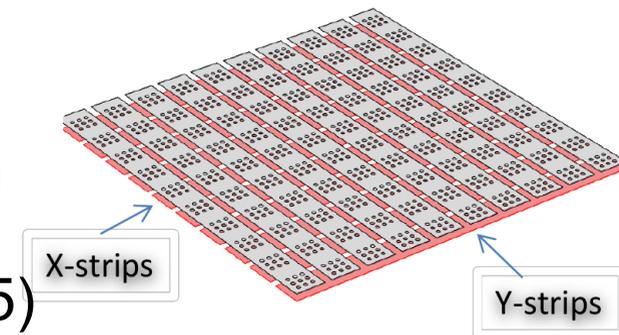
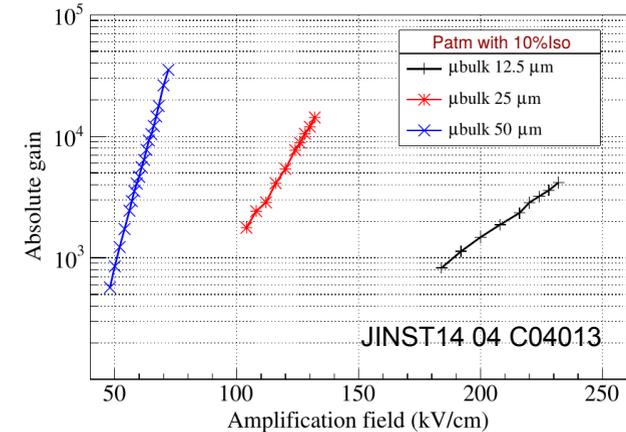
Standard gap sizes (NIM A732 2013 p.208)  
and small gap sizes (JINST14 04 C04013)

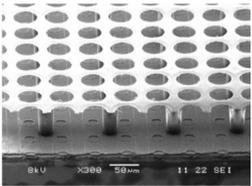
## Genetic Multiplexing:

To reduce the number of electronic readout channels necessary to cover a certain area, strips can be smartly combined to one readout channel and position determined by finding adjacent strips with signal at the same time. (NIM A729 2013 p.888)

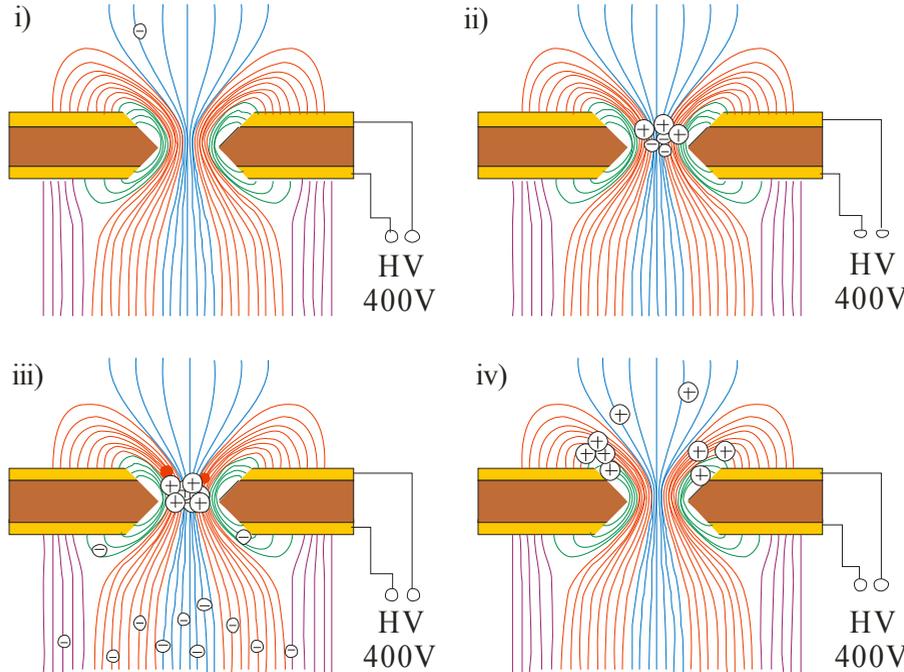
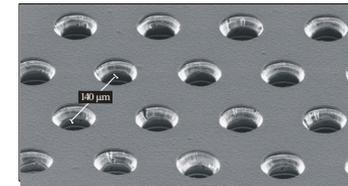
## X-y readout of Micromegas:

To obtain the 2D position information of a hit, both the readout and the grid are patterned with strips perpendicular to each other. (PoS (TIPP2014) 055)





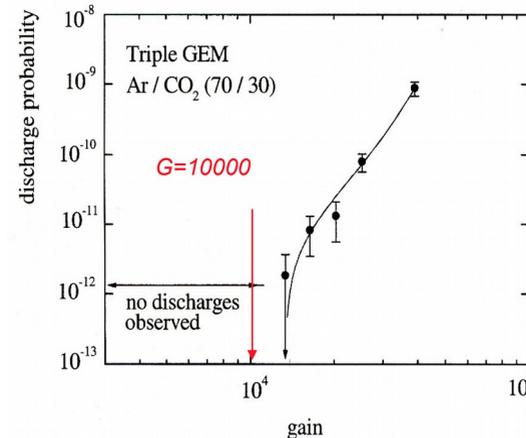
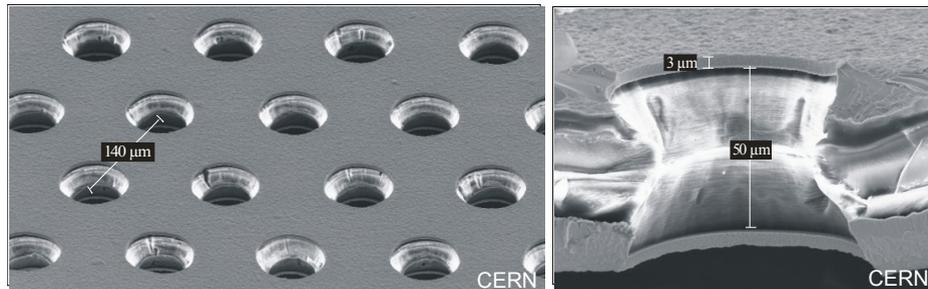
# GEMs



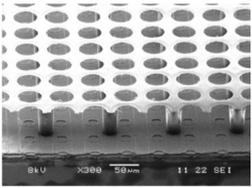
GEMs are made of a copper-kapton-copper sandwich, with holes etched into it. 'Standard CERN-GEMs' have a hexagonal pattern with:

- Hole pitch 140  $\mu\text{m}$
- Hole diameter 50-70  $\mu\text{m}$

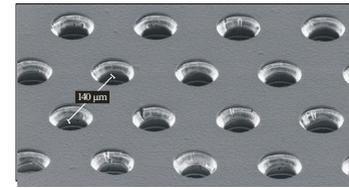
Often GEMs are stacked to reduce the discharge probability



discharge probability of the tracker of COMPASS:  $<10^{-12}$

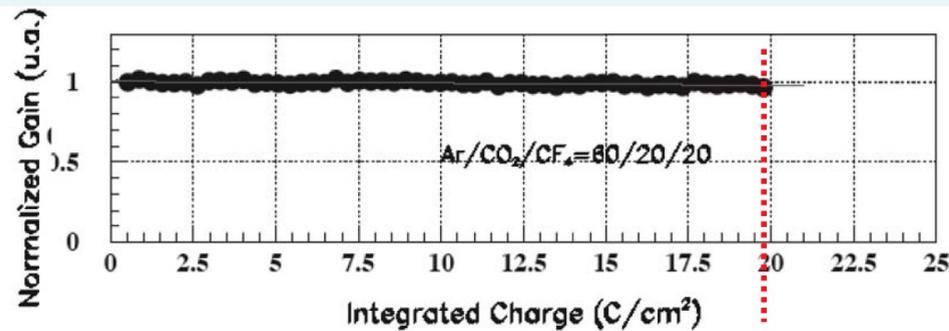


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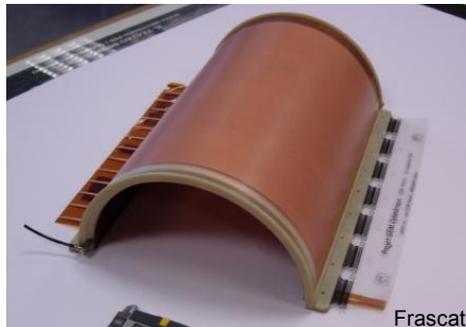
A large number of experiments have lead to a fair understanding of the enormous parameter space in GEM-detectors.

## GEM RADIATION HARDNESS:



**20 C/cm<sup>2</sup>**  
**~ 4 · 10<sup>14</sup> MIPS cm<sup>-2</sup>**

M. Alfonsi et al, NIMA518(2004)106

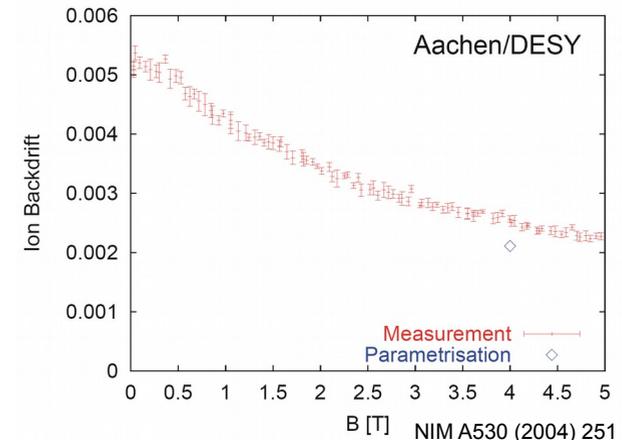


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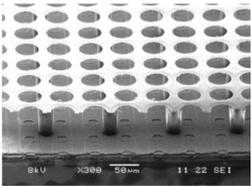


IEEE-NSS ConfRec, 2009

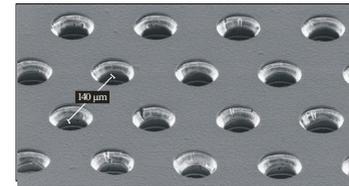
## low ion backflow



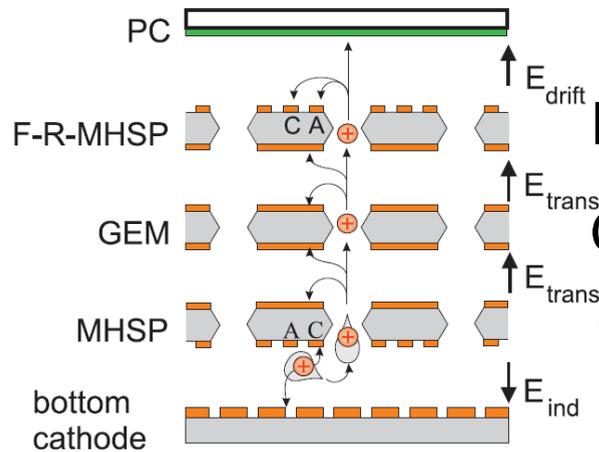
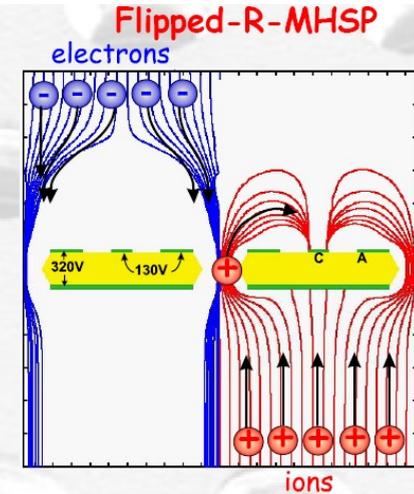
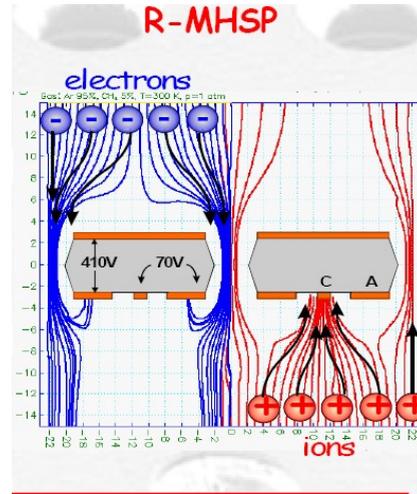
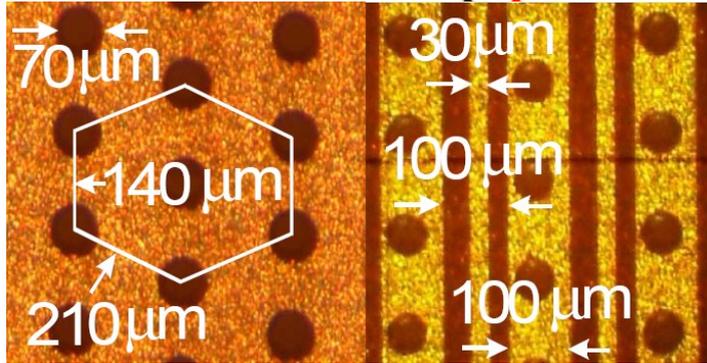
GEMs are very flexible and various shapes can be formed.  
 GEM sizes are limited by the 60 cm wide base material. But length can be up to 2 m.



# Further Reduction of IBF



## Microhole & Strip plate

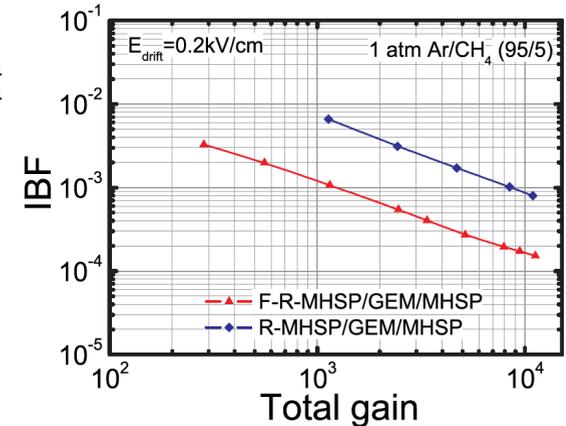


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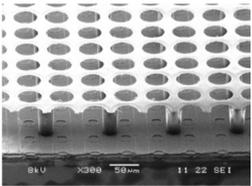
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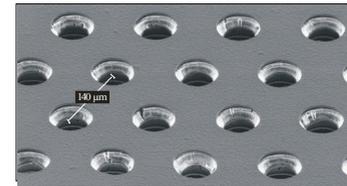
Jinst 2006 10 P10004  
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Even better with COBRA GEMs (JINST 9 2014 C03014).



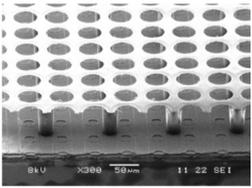
# Derivates of GEMs



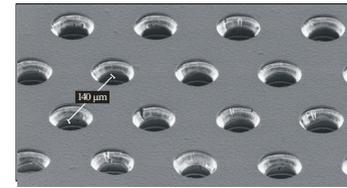
Thick GEMS (THGEM): made of PCB material:  
FR4 as insulator, holes are drilled  
=> holes pitch/diameters are larger  
Performance somewhat degraded compared  
to 'Standard CERN GEMs' (e.g. spatial resolution)

Changing the insulator:

Glass GEM (NIM A724 2013 p.1),  
Ceramic THGEMs (Chinese Physics C 39(6), 2015),  
Teflon GEMs (JINST 9 2014 C03016),  
LCP GEMs (see LCTPC)



# Resistive Electrodes



To further reduce the discharge probability of GEMs, various methods to make electrodes resistive are tested. Examples are:

1.) RETGEM (NIM A576 (2007) 362):

0.3-0.8 mm, pitch 0.7- 1.2 mm,  
thickness 0.5-2 mm.

Electrodes with resistivity: 200-800kΩ/cm  
made of kapton 100XC10E / PVC

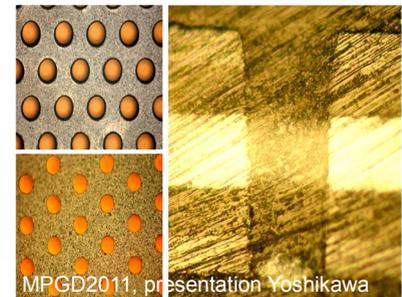
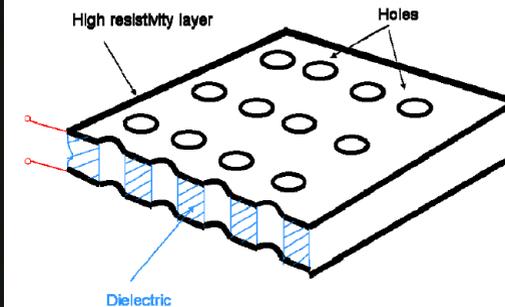
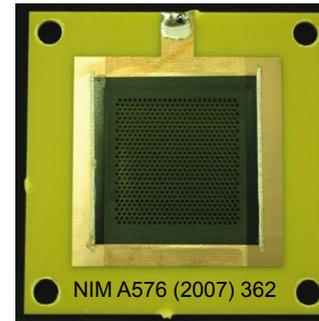
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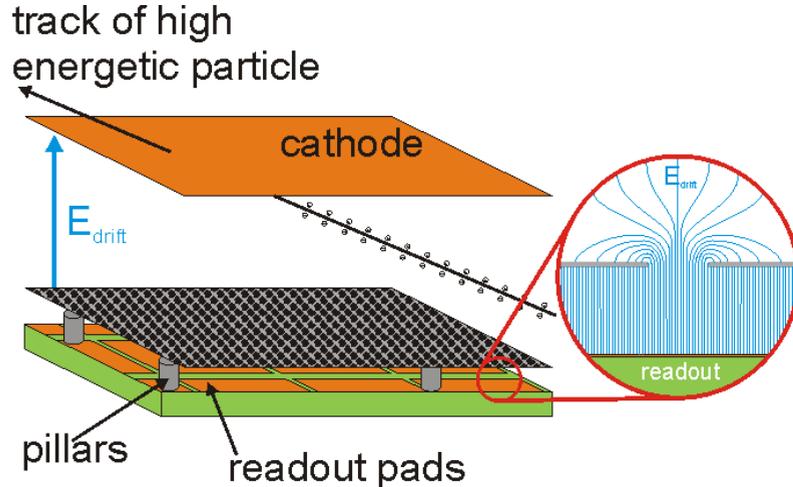
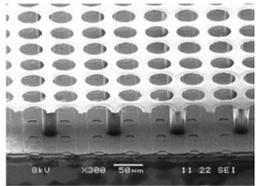
Sandwich of resistive kapton and bonding sheets,  
possibly also a liquid crystal polymer.

Holes are laser drilled

3.) Carbon coated GEMs (NIM A423 1999 p.297)

Covering the Cu electrodes with a resistive  
material, so sparks can not develop.

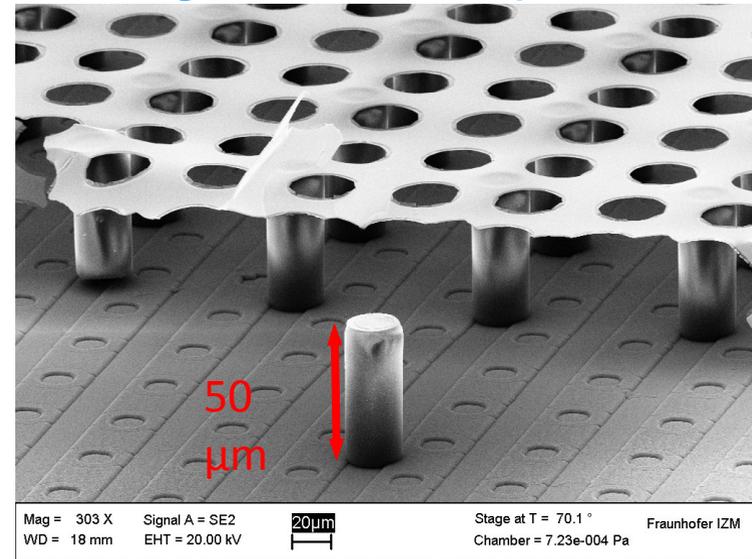




Standard charge collection:

- Pads of several  $mm^2$
- Long strips ( $l \sim 10$  cm, pitch  $\sim 200 \mu m$ )

Instead: Bump bond pads are used as charge collection pads.



Could the spatial resolution of single electrons be improved?

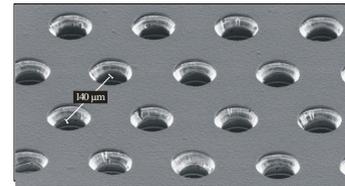
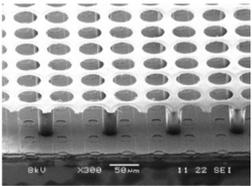
Ar:CH<sub>4</sub> 90:10  $\rightarrow \sigma = 24 \mu m$

Ar:iButane 95:5  $\rightarrow \sigma = 24 \mu m$

**Smaller pads/pixels could result in better resolution!**

**The GridPix was invented at Nikhef.**

# History/Nomenclature



**MPGDs with Pixel readout:** 200 μm pad realized in PCB-technology  
(NIMA 513, pp. 231, 2003)

**Gas Pixel Detector (GPD):** single GEM and dedicated CMOS ASIC  
(NIMA, 566, pp. 552, 2006)

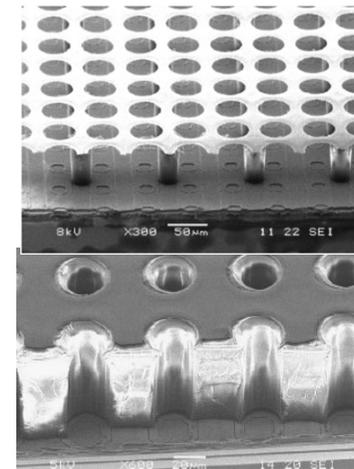
**Timepix / Medipix2:** CMOS-ASIC designed by the Medipix collaboration, originally planned as an imaging chip for medical applications  
(NIMA 581, pp. 485, 2006)

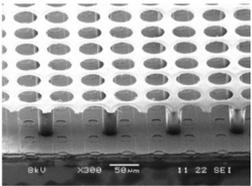
**InGrid:** Integrated Grid: Micromegas structure built on top of pixel chip with industrial postprocessing techniques  
(NIMA 556, pp. 490, 2006)

**GridPix/GasPix:** complete detector based on InGrids + Pixel chip including cathode, gas volume etc.

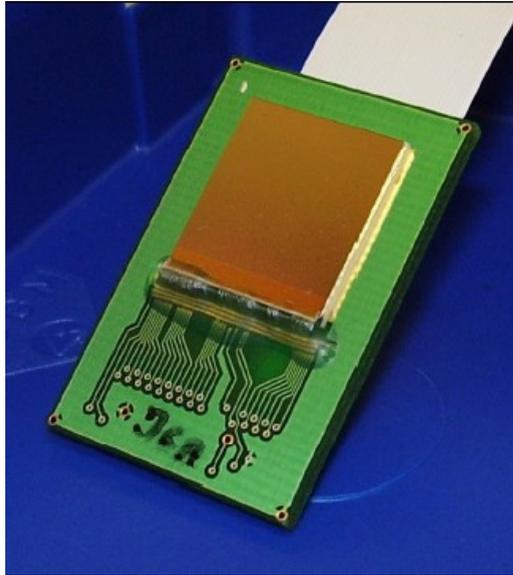
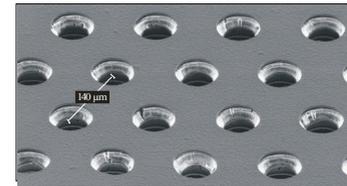
**GEMGrid:** Same as InGrid, but grid rests on solid layer with holes, instead of pillars (NIMA 608, pp. 96, 2009)

**Gossip:** Gas On Slimmed Silicon Pixels, a very thin GridPix detector with minimal material budget, e.g. 1 mm of gas gap, thinned ASIC





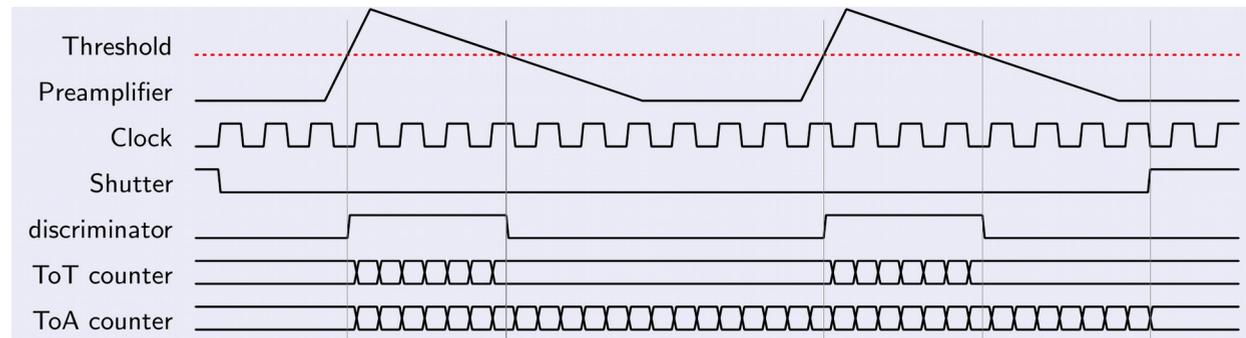
# Timepix ASIC



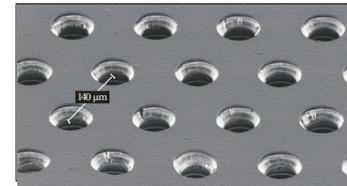
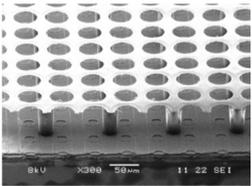
Number of pixels:  $256 \times 256$   
Pixel pitch:  $55 \times 55 \mu\text{m}^2$   
Chip dimensions:  $1.4 \times 1.4 \text{ cm}^2$   
ENC:  $\sim 90 e^-$

Limitations: no multi-hit capability, charge and time measurement not possible for one pixel.  
Each pixel can be set to one of these modes: **TOT** = time over threshold (charge)  
**Time** between hit and shutter end.

Successor ASIC:  
Timepix-3 is available.  
→ Addresses limitations of Timepix, in particular much faster readout.



# Wafer-based GridPix Production



Production at Twente was based on 1 - 9 chips process.

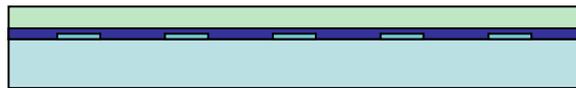
→ Could not satisfy the increasing demands of R&D projects.

A new production was set up at the Fraunhofer Institut IZM at Berlin.

This process is wafer-based → batches of several wafers (107 chips each)



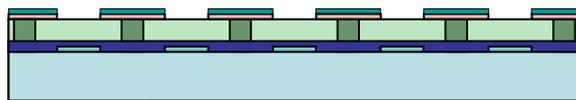
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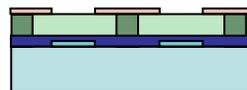
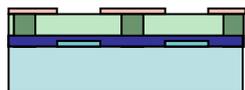
2. Deposition of SU-8



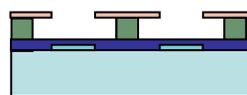
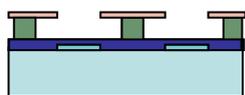
3. Pillar structure formation



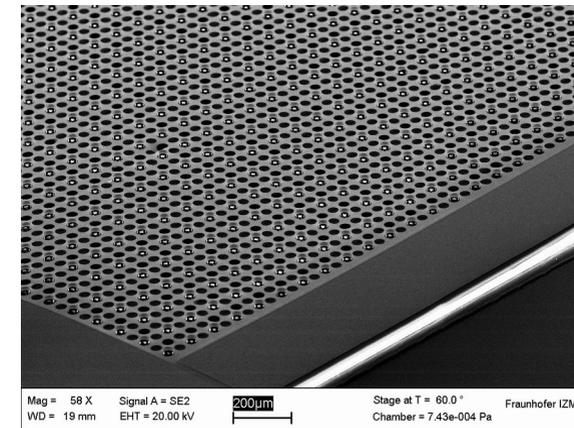
4. Formation of Al grid

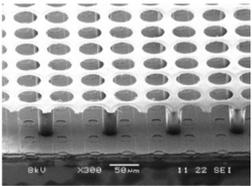


5. Dicing of wafer

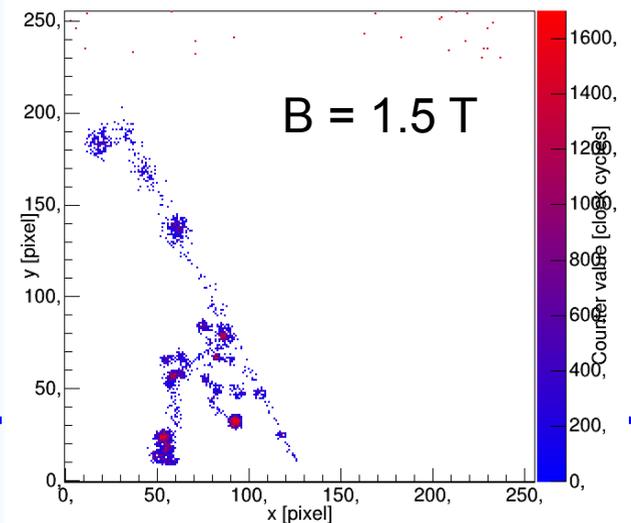
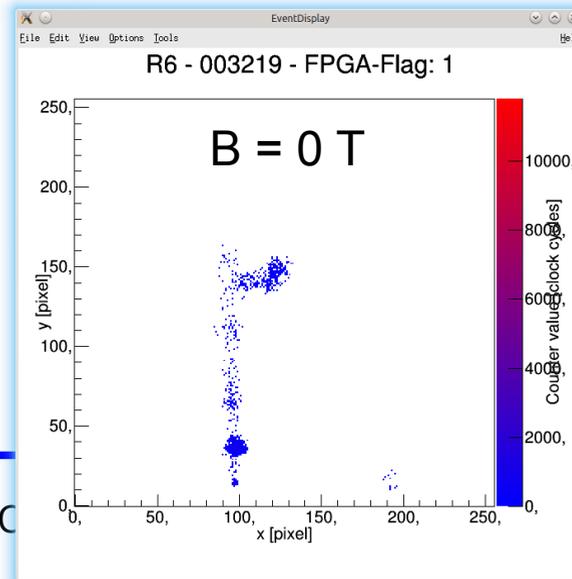
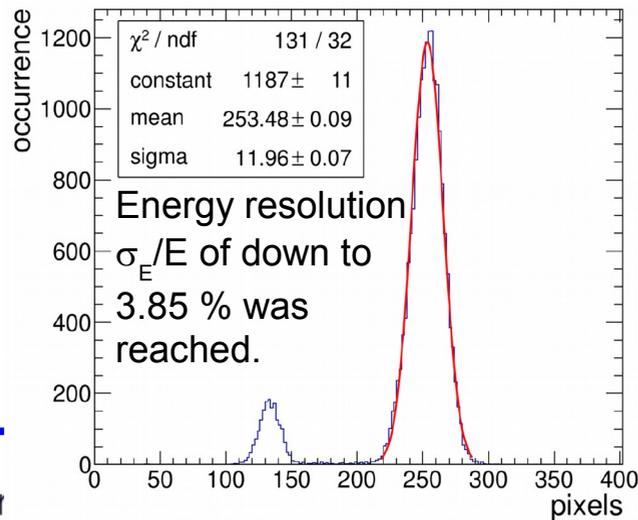
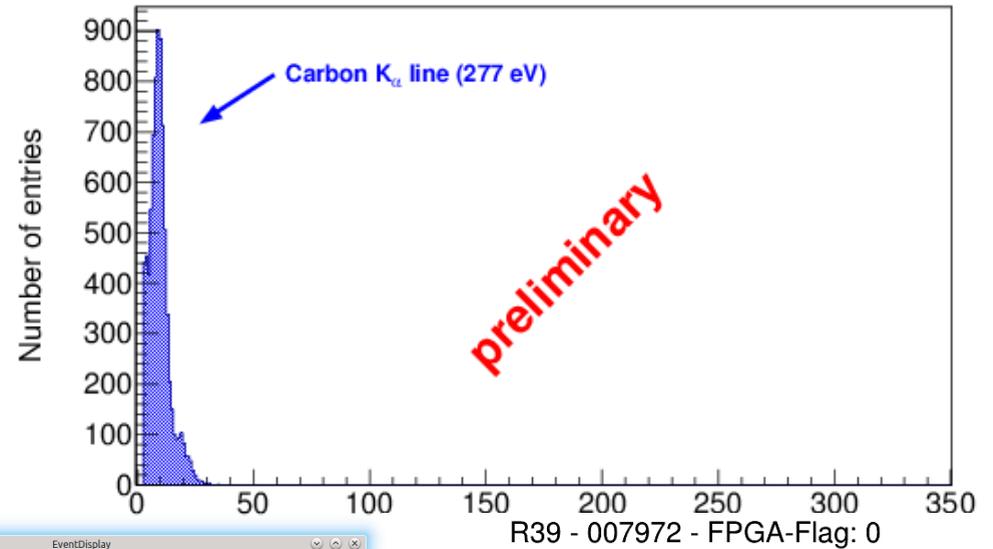
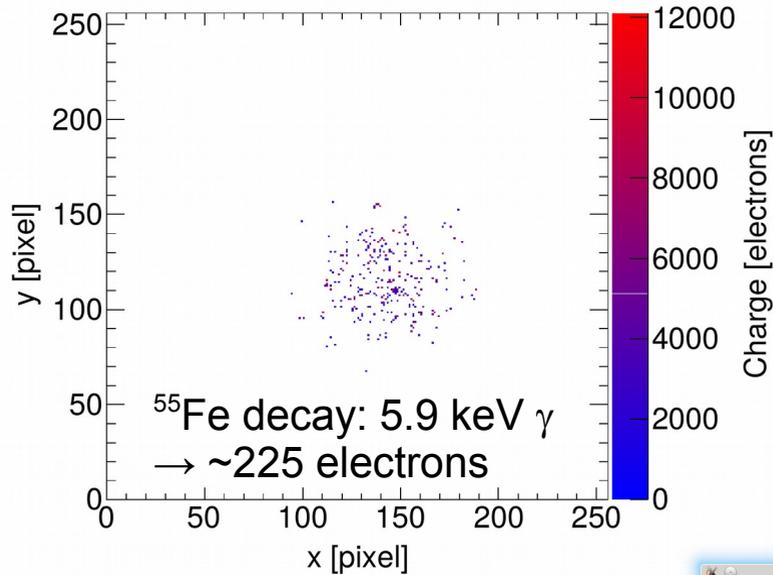
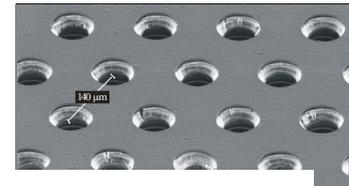


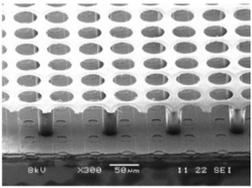
6. Development of SU-8



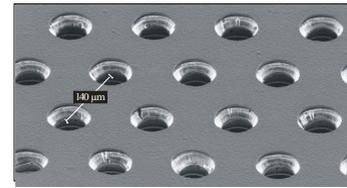


# GridPix Performance

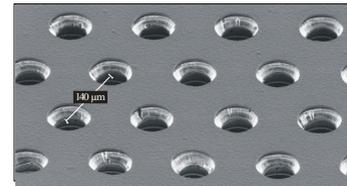
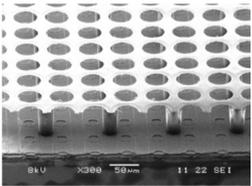




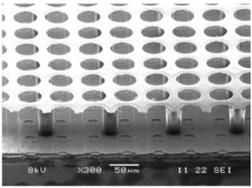
# Advantages of MPGDs



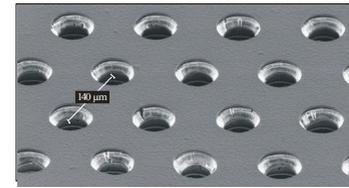
- **ion backflow** can be reduced significantly  
=> continuous readout might be possible
- **small pitch** of gas amplification regions (i.e. holes)  
=> strong reduction of  $E \times B$ -effects
- **no preference in direction** (as with wires)  
=> all 2 dim. readout geometries can be used
- **no ion tail** => very fast signal ( $O(10 \text{ ns})$ )  
=> good timing and double track resolution
- **no induced signal**, but direct  $e^-$ -collection  
=> small transverse width  
=> good double track resolution



# TPCs in Rare Event Searches



# T2K



T2K experiment measures  $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e$  oscillations.

Near detector (ND280) characterizes the  $\nu_{\mu}$ -beam and measures the  $\nu_e$  contamination 280 m after the target with in a magnetic field ( $B=0.2T$ )

Each TPC has the dimension of  $2 \times 70 \text{ cm} \times 90 \text{ cm} \times 200 \text{ cm}$

700 MeV neutrinos undergo CCQE and charged leptons are created.

Requirements:

$$\frac{\partial p_t}{p_t} < 10 \% \text{ @ } 1 \text{ GeV}$$

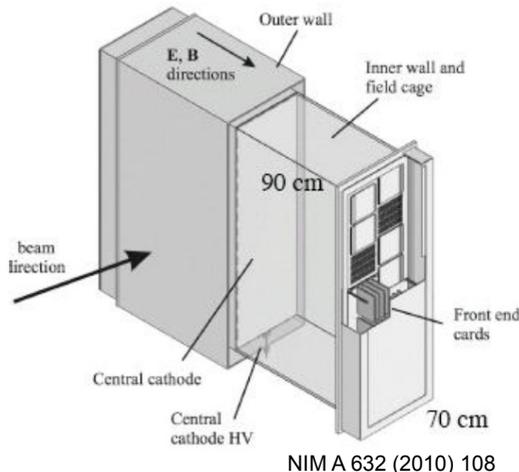
to measure E-spectrum

$$\text{Absolut } \partial p_t < 2 \%$$

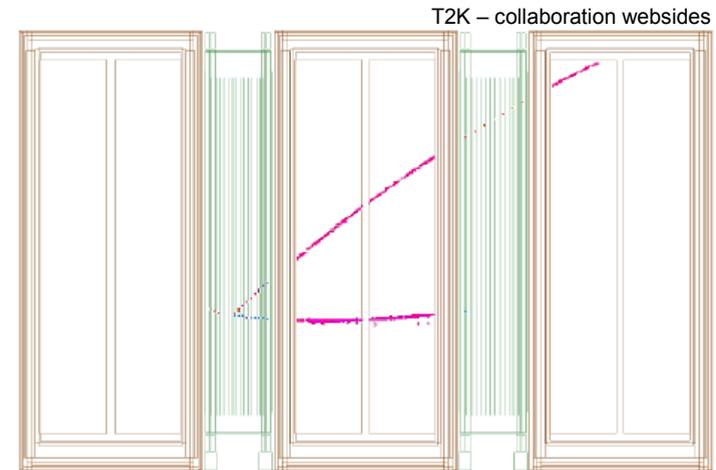
$$\text{to measure } \Delta m_{32}^2$$

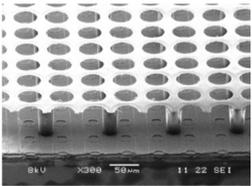
$$dE/dx < 10 \%$$

to separate  $\mu$  and  $e$

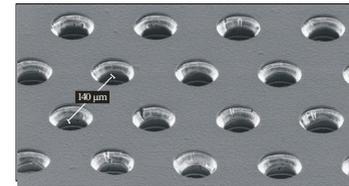


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# T2K Setup

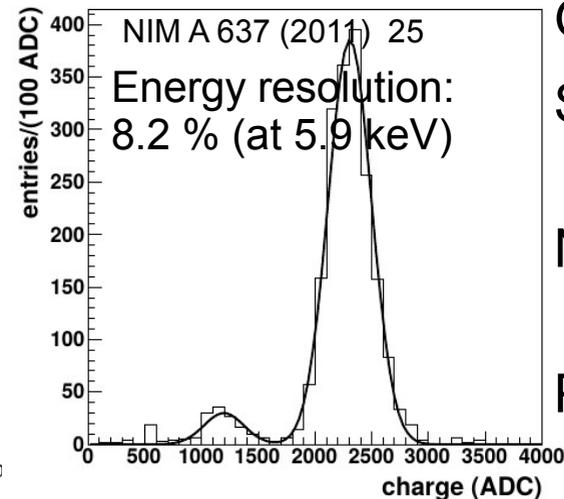
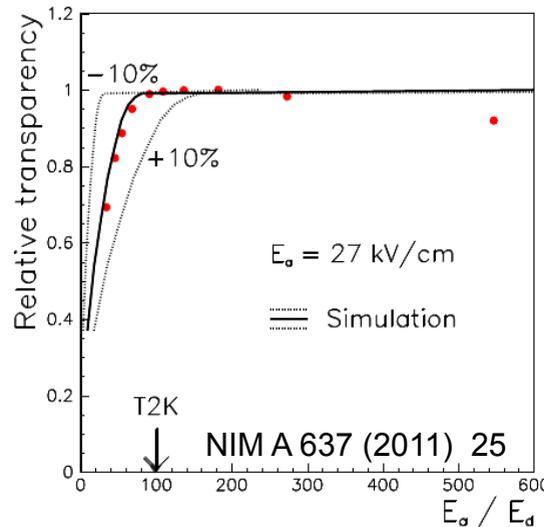


Both GEMs and Bulk-Micromegas were tested and performed **equally well**. Bulk-Micromegas were chosen first large scale application of MPGDs: 9 m<sup>2</sup>. Each side is covered with 12 modules.

Gas: Ar:CF<sub>4</sub>:iC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub> 95:3:2 (low diffusion in B and fast e<sup>-</sup> drifting)

Mesh: 400 LPI steel mesh / gap size: 128 μm

E-Field configuration: E<sub>drift</sub> = 275 V/cm, E<sub>ampl</sub> = 27.4 kV/cm

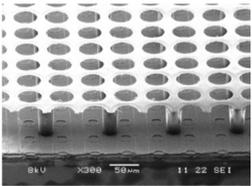


Gas gain ~ 1500

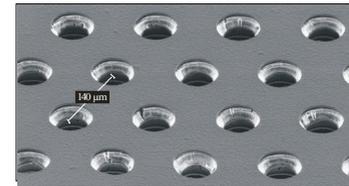
Spark rate  
< 0.1 sparks / h

No aging observed  
for 0.17 C/cm<sup>2</sup>

Pad pitch:  
9.8×7.0 mm<sup>2</sup>

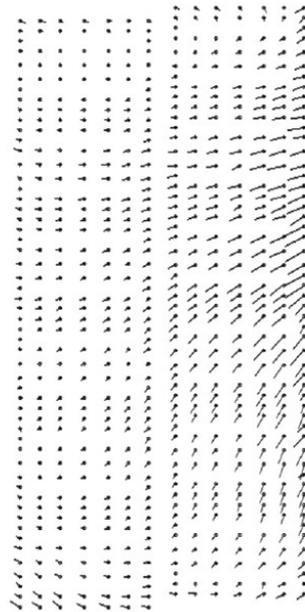
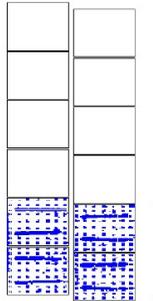
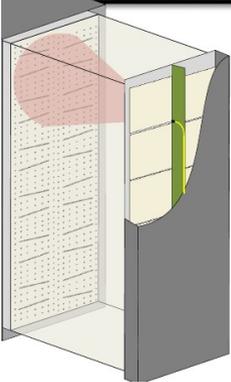


# T2K-TPC Performance

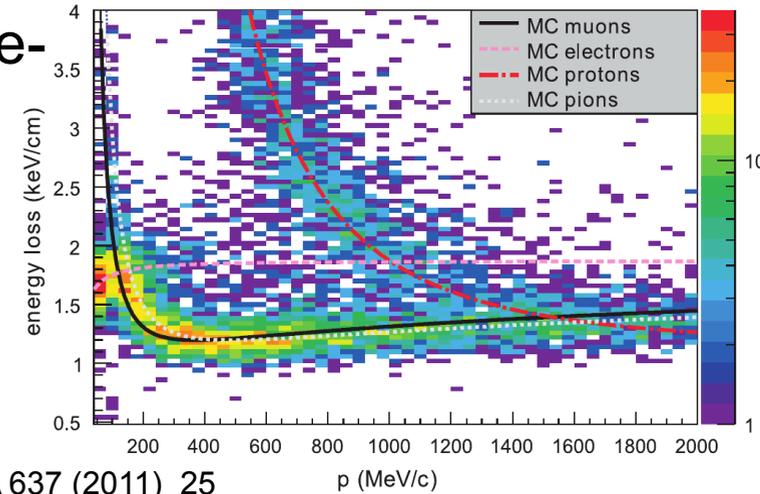


## Calibration system:

- Al targets on Cu cathode
- Flashing 266 nm light on cathode
- Photoelectrons are used to understand field distortions and drift velocity.

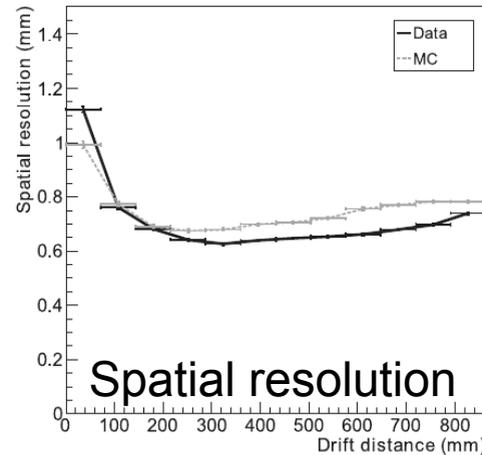


All requirements could be fulfilled.

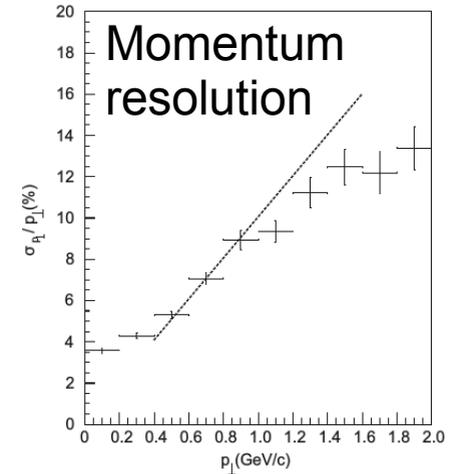


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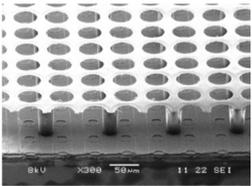
$p$  (MeV/c)



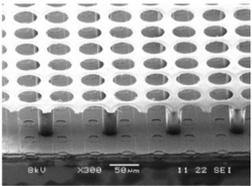
Spatial resolution



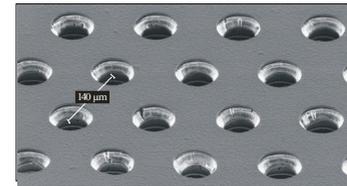
Momentum resolution



# TPC in Heavy Ion Physics

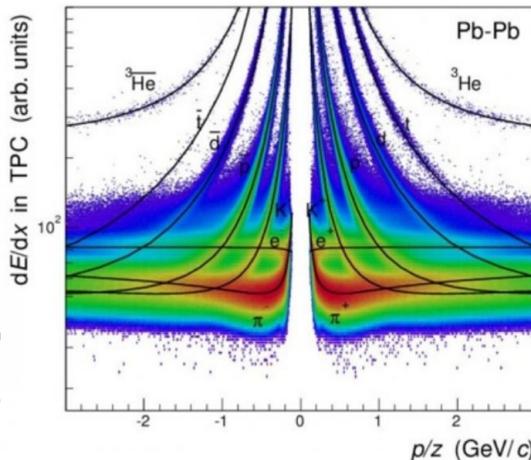
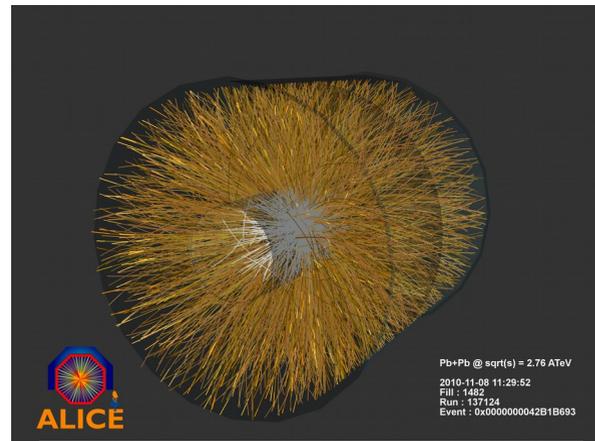


# ALICE - TPC



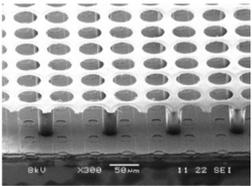
The chamber was designed to study the heavy ion collisions at the LHC (Pb with 2.7 TeV/nucleon  $\rightarrow \sqrt{s} = 574$  TeV ).

Design choices were made to meet the high expected multiplicity of 8000 tracks per event on average and up to a maximum of **20000 tracks per event and still excellent PID**

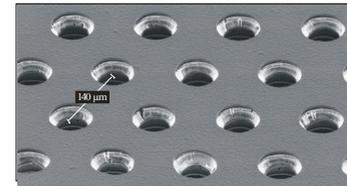


Length: 5 m  
Diameter: 5 m  
 $\Rightarrow$  Volume: 88 m<sup>3</sup>

J. Kaminski  
CYGNUS-TPC kick-off meeting  
7<sup>th</sup> April 2016



# Requirements of Upgrade



## Limitation because of gating in Run 1:

- Ion Backflow suppression of a MWPC with a gating grid  $\sim 10^{-5}$
- 100  $\mu\text{s}$  electron drift time + 200  $\mu\text{s}$  to neutralise all ions
- Total cycle time  $\sim 300 \mu\text{s}$  limits the maximal readout rate to  $\sim 3 \text{ kHz}$  (in p-p)
- Trigger Rate  $\sim 600 \text{ Hz}$  for Pb-Pb (300 Hz in Run 1)

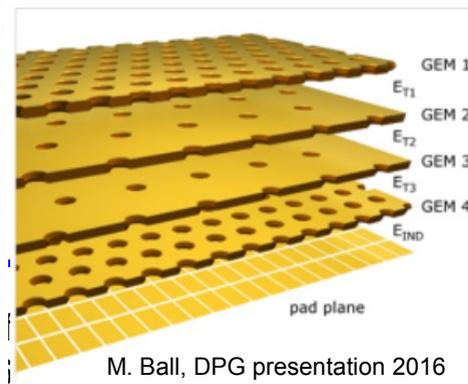
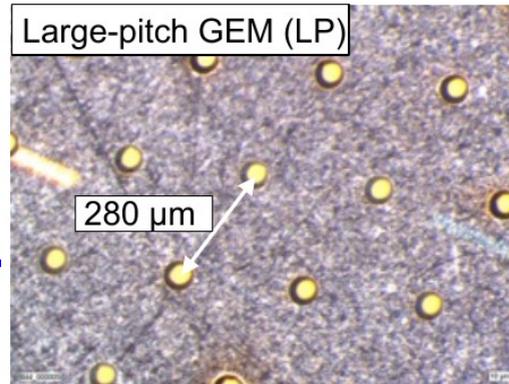
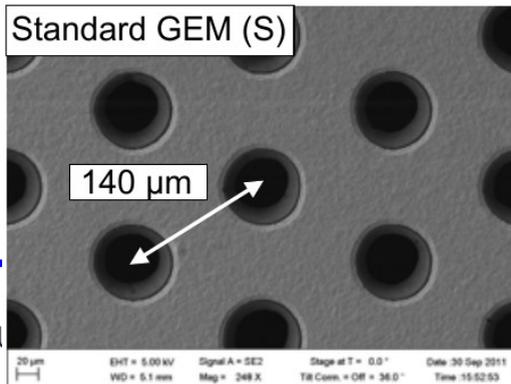
## Requirements for Run 3: Operation at 50 kHz (Pb-Pb)

=> **Gating not possible anymore**, need 'permanent' ion reduction => **MPGDs**

- Effective gas gain: 2000
- IB:  $< 1 \%$

Along with similar performance as in Run 1, e.g.  $\sigma/E$  (5.9 keV):  $< 12 \%$

Requirements could not be fulfilled with standard GEMs – use LP GEMs



Hugh effort to optimize the HV setting of the GEM stack for ion reduction.

# Ion trapping with GEMs



## Electron transport properties for IB optimised HV settings

$\epsilon_{\text{coll}}$  = collection efficiency

$\epsilon_{\text{extr}}$  = extraction efficiency

$M$  = gas multiplication factor

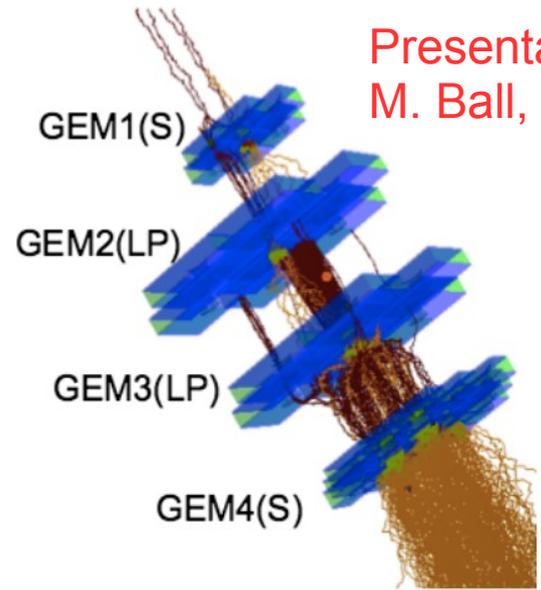
$G_{\text{eff}} = \epsilon_{\text{coll}} \times M \times \epsilon_{\text{extr}}$  = effective gain

$n_{\text{e-ion}}$  = number of produced e-ion pairs

$n_{\text{ion,back}}$  = number of ions drifting back into the drift

volume ( $\epsilon$ )

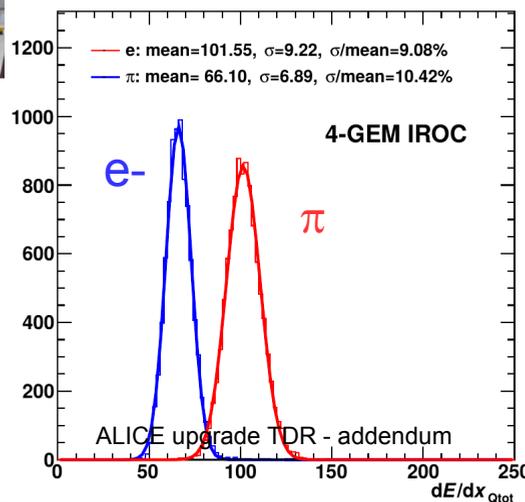
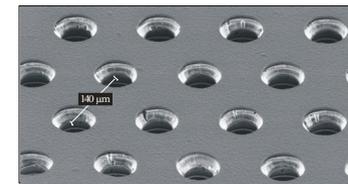
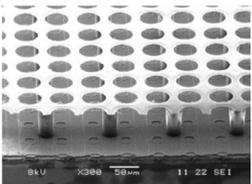
fraction of total IB: **simulation** vs. **experiment**



Presentation by  
M. Ball, Bonn

	$\epsilon_{\text{coll}}$	$n_{\text{e,in}}$	$M$	$n_{\text{e-ion}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{extr}}$	$n_{\text{e,out}}$	$G$	$n_{\text{ion,back}}$	fraction of total IBF (sim.)	fraction of total IBF (meas.)
GEM1 (S)	1	1	14	13	0.65	9.1	9.1	3.6 (28%)	40%	31%
GEM2 (LP)	0.2	1.8	8	12.7	0.55	8	0.88	3.3 (26%)	37%	34%
GEM3 (LP)	0.25	2	53	104	0.12	12.7	1.6	1.3 (1.3%)	14%	11%
GEM4 (S)	1	12.7	240	3053	0.6	1830	144	0.84 (0.03%)	9%	24%
Total				3183		1830	1830	9 (0.28%)		

# Test Measurements at CERN



## Energy resolution:

The required  $\sigma/E$  (5.9 keV)

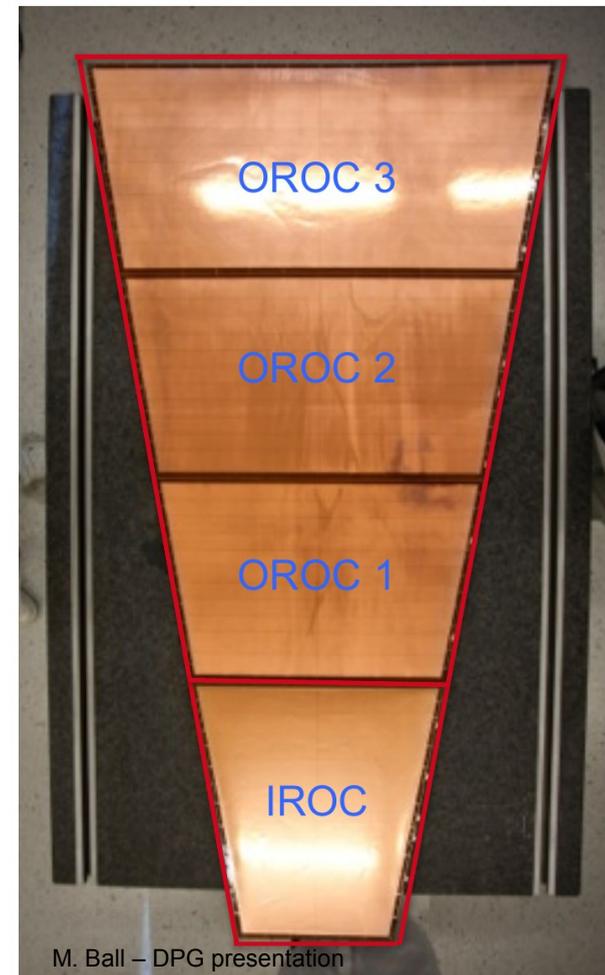
$\approx 12\%$  was reached

Resulting in a  $e/\pi$  (1 GeV) separation of approx. 4.5.

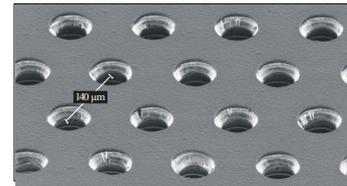
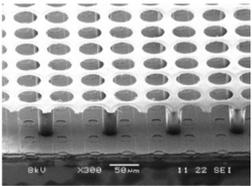
## Discharges:

Observed during test beam at SPs:

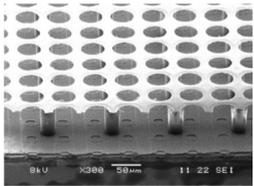
- 3 discharges observed  $\rightarrow (6 \pm 4) 10^{-12}$  discharge probability / incoming hadron
- 5 discharges expected per year and GEM stack in Run 3



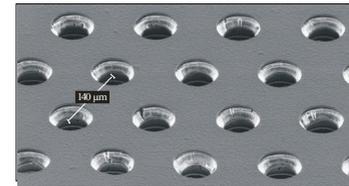
M. Ball – DPG presentation



# TPCs in HEP



# TESLA-D. / LDC / ILD / CLIC-D.

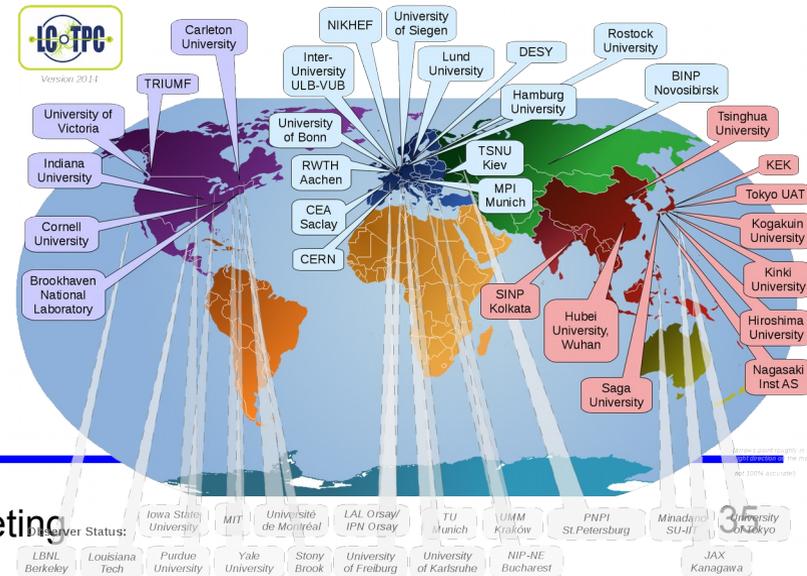


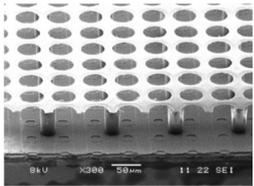
International Linear Collider (ILC) / Compact Linear Collider (CLIC):  
 $e^+e^-$  colliders @  $\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV} - 1\text{TeV} / 3\text{TeV}$

Both accelerators require very precise multi-purpose detectors.  
Concept of particle flow is considered optimal reconstruction scheme.  
=> need low material budget tracking detectors with high precision, high efficiency and robust particle identification.

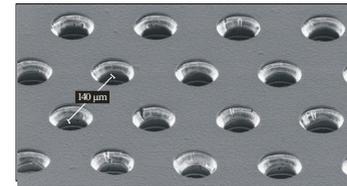
TPC is chosen as tracking detector for some detector concepts.

LCTPC collaboration:  
30 Institutes from 12 countries  
+ 18 institutes have an observer status

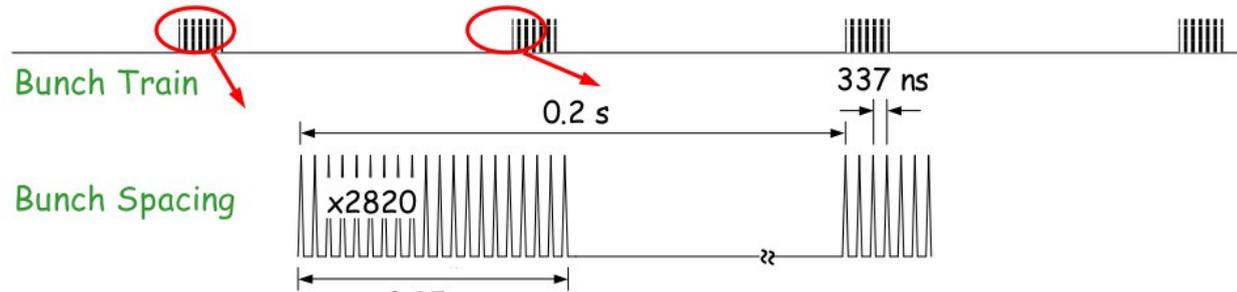




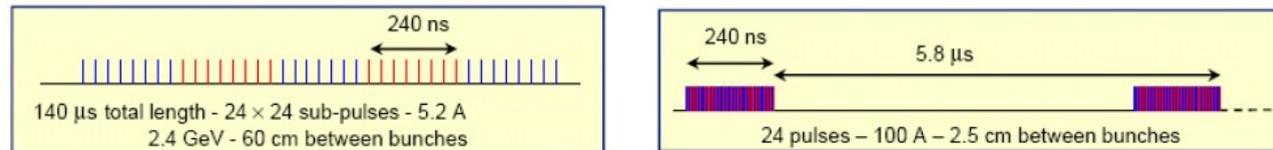
# The Bunch Train Structure



ILC

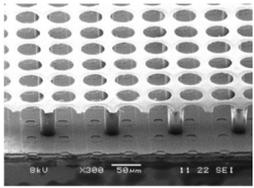


CLIC

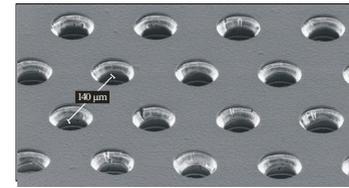


Events from a major fraction of a bunch train are integrated, but can be disentangled.

If necessary, TPC can be gated between the bunch trains.

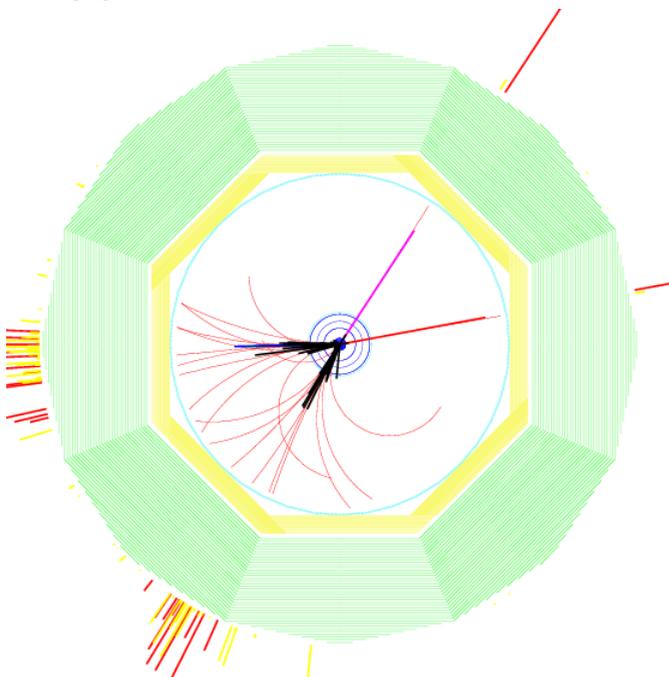


# Requirements on LCTPC



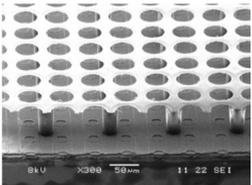
Requirements are driven by benchmark processes, in the case of ILD – TPC the most stringent measurement is the Higgs-recoil measurement:

## Requirements of TPC from ILD LOI



Size	$\phi = 3.6\text{m}, L = 4.3\text{m}$ outside dimensions
Momentum resolution (3.5T)	$\delta(1/p_t) \sim 9 \times 10^{-5}/\text{GeV}/c$ TPC only ( $\times 0.4$ if IP incl.)
Momentum resolution (3.5T)	$\delta(1/p_t) \sim 2 \times 10^{-5}/\text{GeV}/c$ (SET+TPC+SIT+VTX)
Solid angle coverage	Up to $\cos\theta \simeq 0.98$ (10 pad rows)
TPC material budget	$\sim 0.04X_0$ to outer fieldcage in $r$ $\sim 0.15X_0$ for readout endcaps in $z$
Number of pads/timebuckets	$\sim 1 \times 10^6/1000$ per endcap
Pad size/no.padrows	$\sim 1\text{mm} \times 4\text{--}6\text{mm}/\sim 200$ (standard readout)
$\sigma_{\text{point}}$ in $r\phi$	$< 100\mu\text{m}$ (average over $L_{\text{sensitive}}$ , modulo track $\phi$ angle)
$\sigma_{\text{point}}$ in $rz$	$\sim 0.5\text{ mm}$ (modulo track $\theta$ angle)
2-hit resolution in $r\phi$	$\sim 2\text{ mm}$ (modulo track angles)
2-hit resolution in $rz$	$\sim 6\text{ mm}$ (modulo track angles)
dE/dx resolution	$\sim 5\%$
Performance	$> 97\%$ efficiency for TPC only ( $p_t > 1\text{GeV}/c$ ) and $> 99\%$ all tracking ( $p_t > 1\text{GeV}/c$ ) [87]
Background robustness	Full efficiency with 1% occupancy, simulated for example in Fig. 4.3-4(right)
Background safety factor	Chamber will be prepared for $10 \times$ worse backgrounds at the linear collider start-up

# EUDET-Facility at DESY



Large Prototype has been built to compare different detector readouts under identical conditions and to address integration issues.

Setup consists of:

PCMAG:  $B < 1.2$  T,

$e^-$  test beam:  $E = 1 - 6$  GeV

Movable support structure

LP Field Cage Parameter:

length = 61 cm

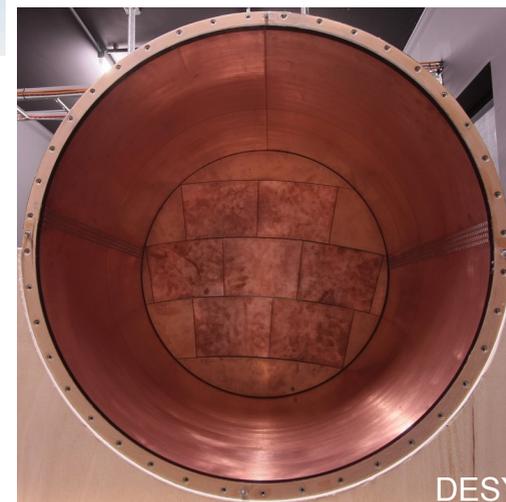
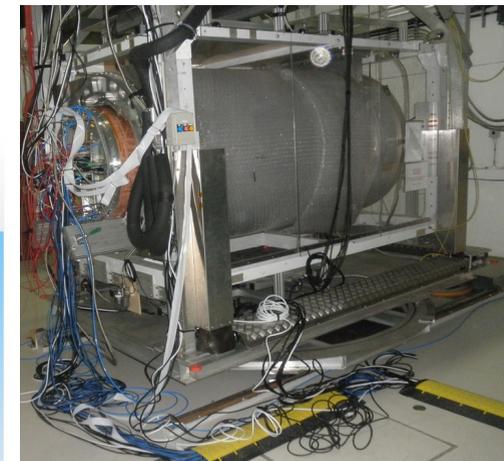
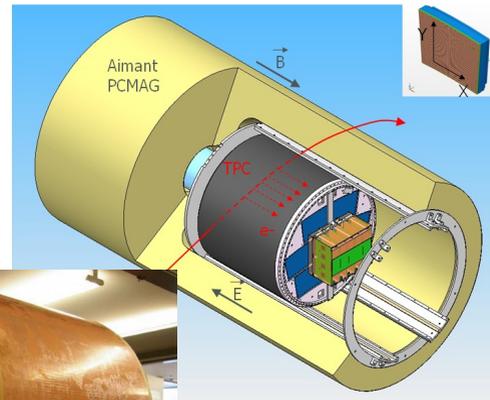
inner diameter = 72 cm

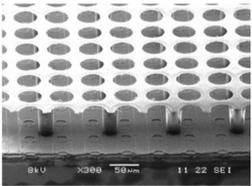
drift field:  $E \approx 350$  V/cm

made of composite materials: 1.24 %  $X_0$

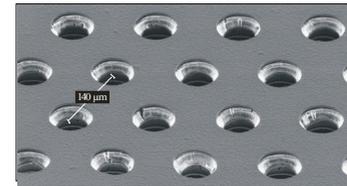
Modular End Plate

7 module windows, size  $\approx 22 \times 17$  cm<sup>2</sup>





# Standard GEM Module



## Design goals:

- Minimal dead space
- Stable operation
- Even GEM surface
- Min. material budget

## Solution:

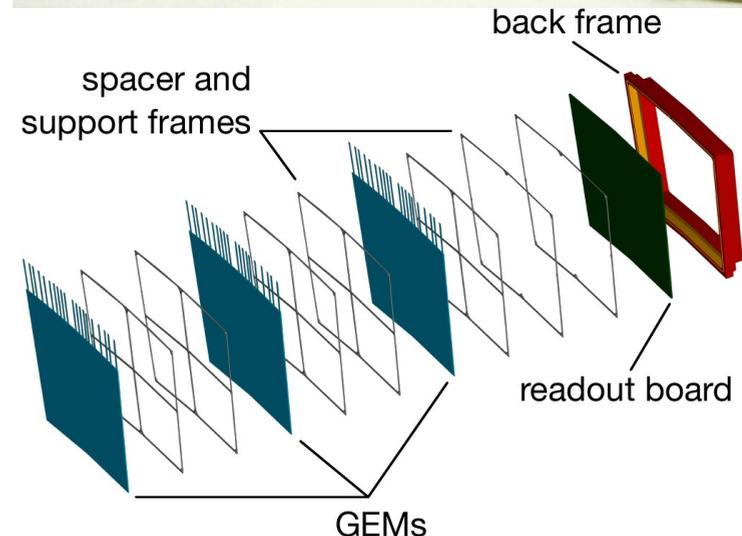
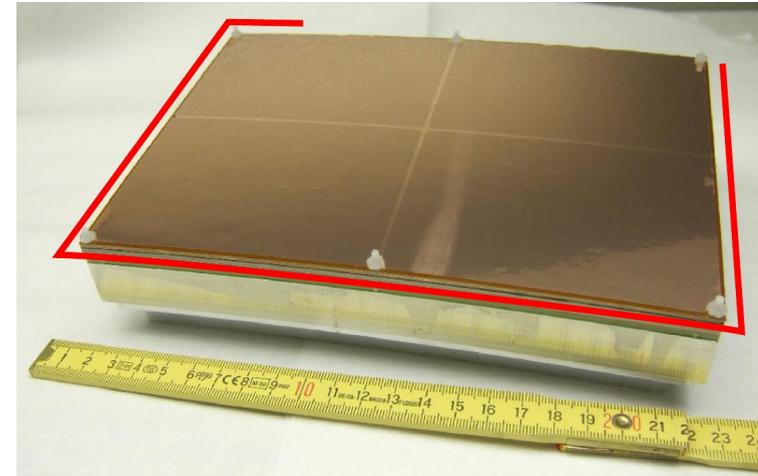
- Triple GEM stack
- Thin ceramic mounting grid
- Anode divided into 4 sectors
- No division on cathode side
- 4829 pads ( $1.26 \times 5.85 \text{ mm}^2$ )
- Field shaping wire

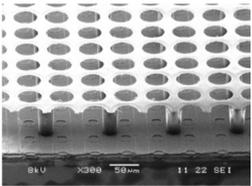
## Test beam setup

- 3 partially equipped modules
- 7212 channels of ALTRO electronics
- Standard environment ( $E = 240 \text{ V/cm}$ )

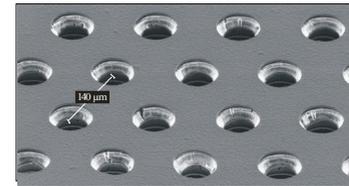
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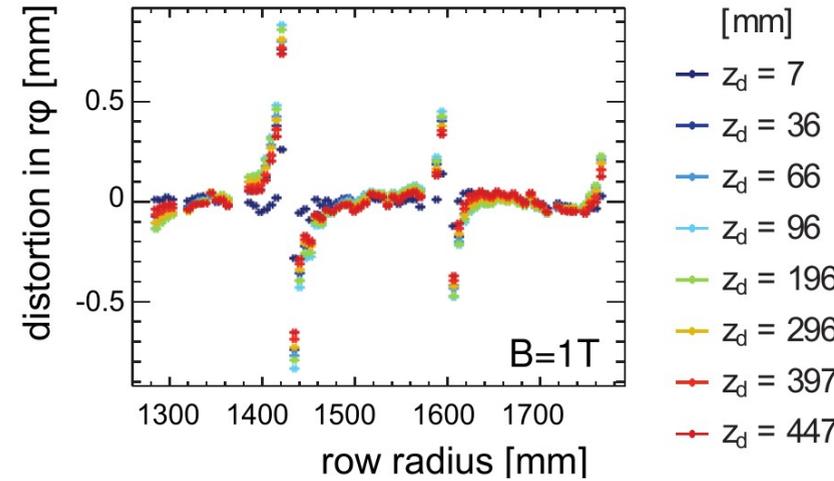
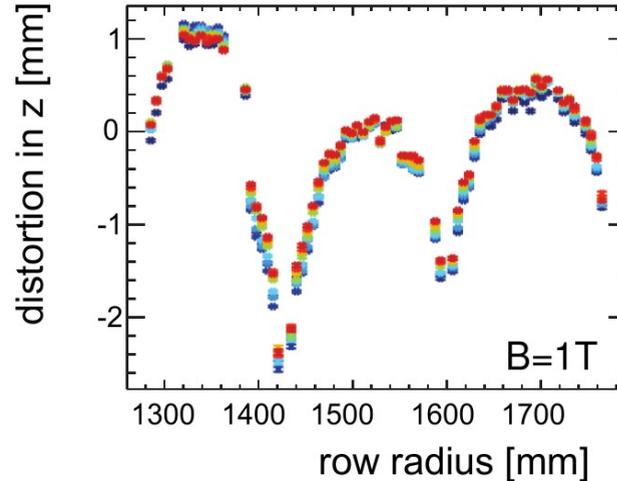




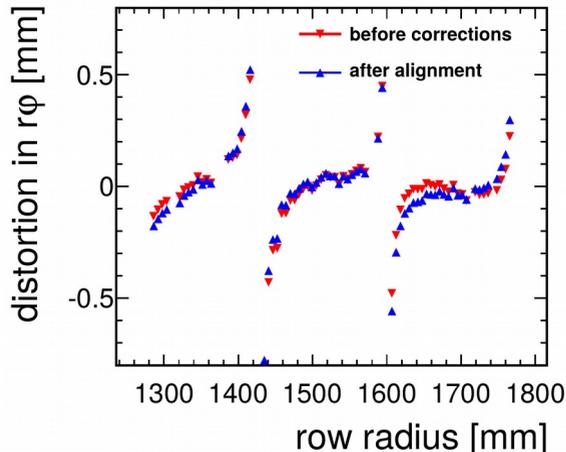
# Local Field Distortions



Field distortions from E and B inhomogeneities, e.g. non-perfect E-field at gap between modules



Correction methods:

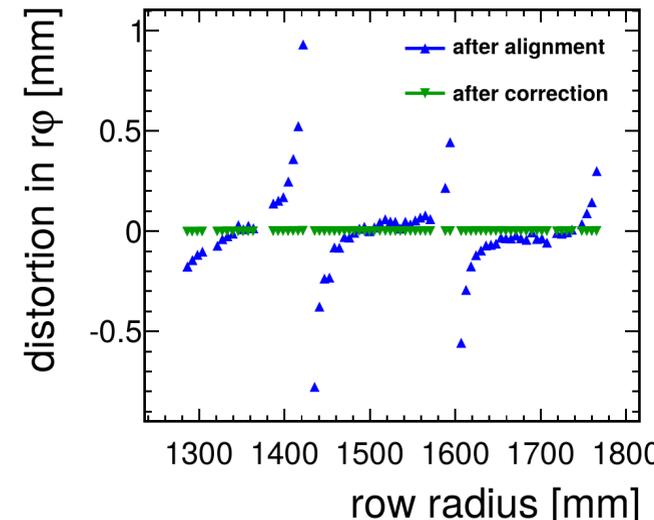


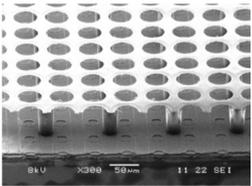
Alignment correction:

Fitting tracks with Millipede  
Optimizing rotation and alignment of modules at  $B = 0$  T

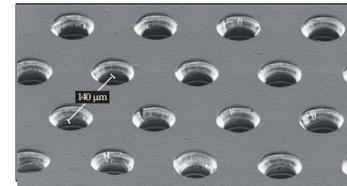
Distortion correction:

Systematic shift of residuals derived from 10 % of data, applied to all

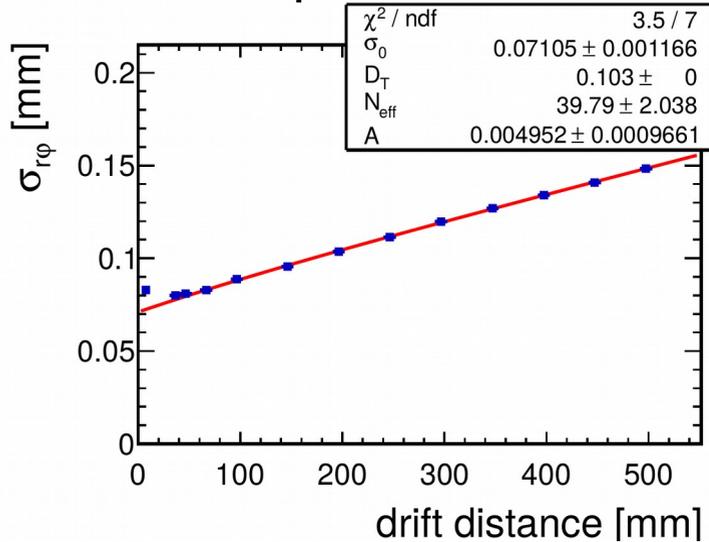




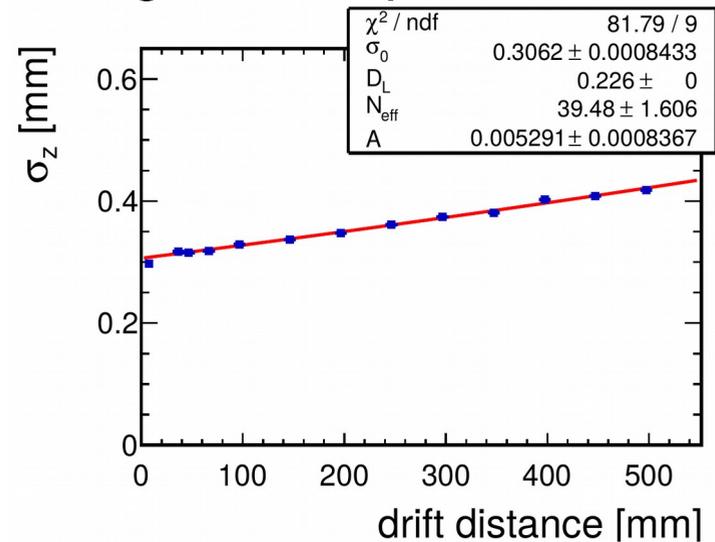
# Spatial Resolution



## Transverse spatial resolution



## Longitudinal spatial resolution

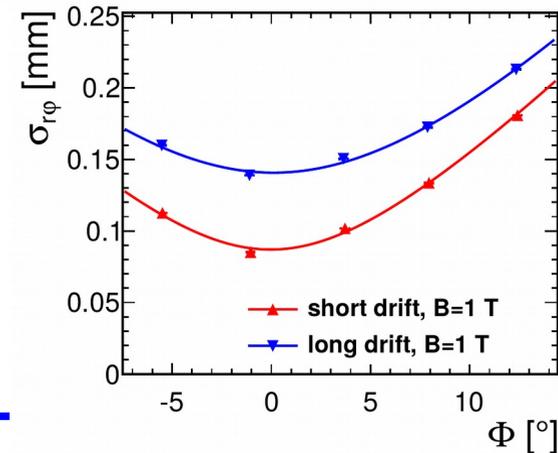


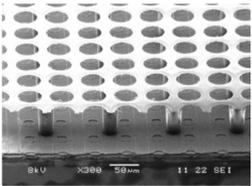
For fitting the drift dependence

$$\sigma_{r\phi/z}(z) = \sqrt{\sigma_0^2 + \frac{D_{t/l}^2}{N_{\text{eff}} \cdot e^{-Az}} z} \quad \text{was used.}$$

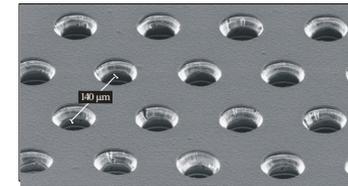
For azimuthal dependence:

$$\sigma_{r\phi}(\Phi) = \sqrt{\sigma_0^2(z) + \frac{L^2}{12\hat{N}_{\text{eff}}} \tan^2(\Phi - \Phi_0)}$$



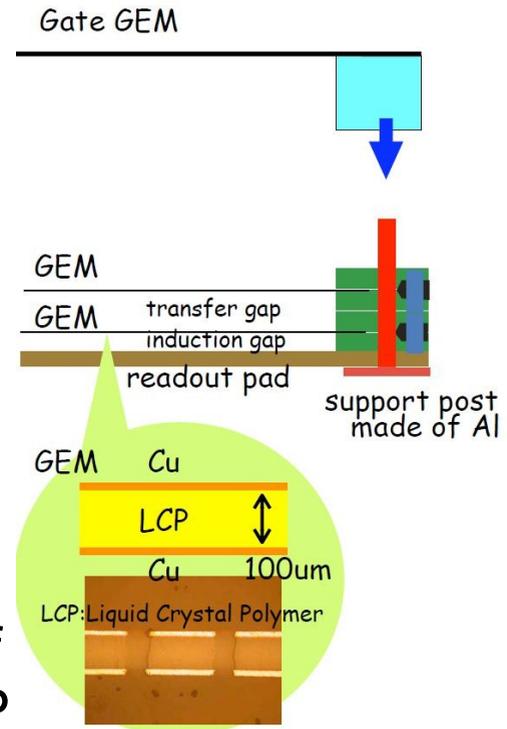
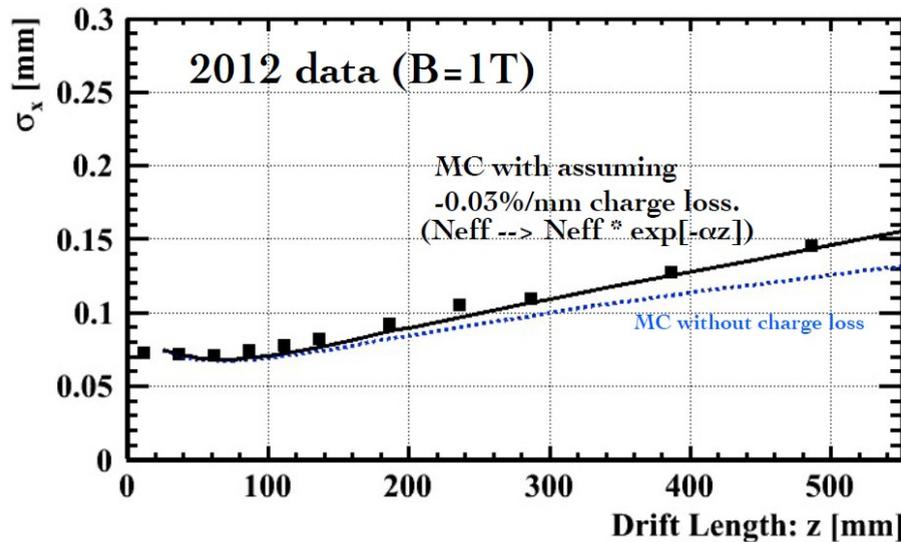
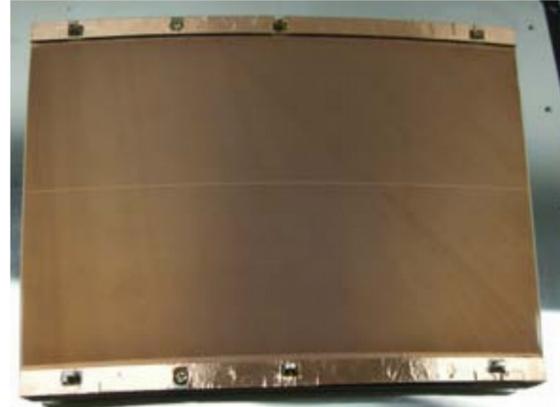


# LCP-GEM Module



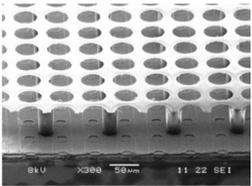
## Design idea:

- Minimize insensitive area pointing towards the IP  
=> no frame at modules sides
- Use thicker GEMs to give more stability (100 μm LCP)
- Broader arcs at top and bottom

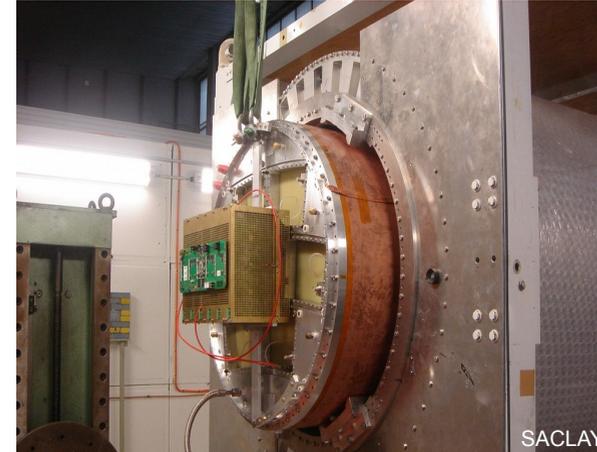
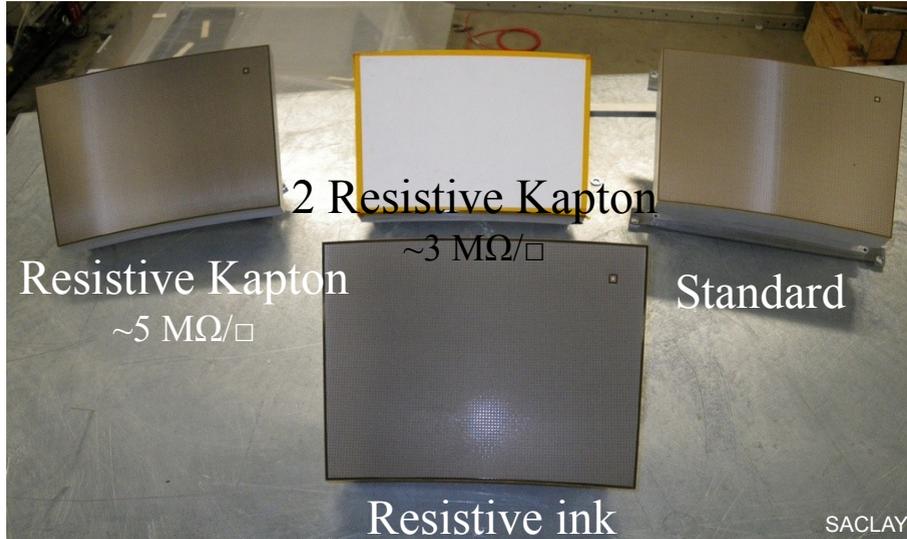
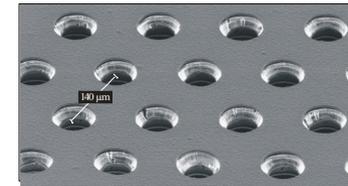


## GEM Modules:

- 2 GEMs made of 100 μm thick LCP
- 1.2×5.4mm<sup>2</sup> pads - staggered
- 28 pad rows (176-192 pads/row)  
=> 5152 channels per module

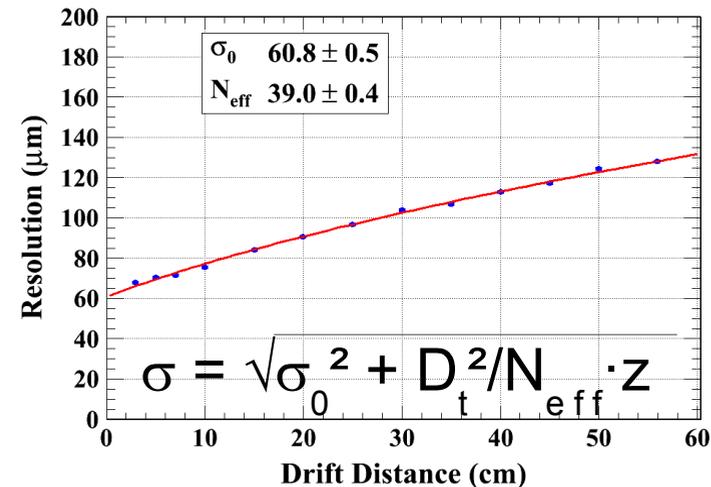


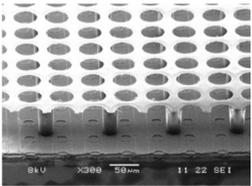
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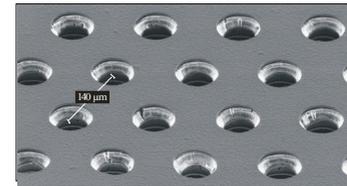
## Micromegas Module

- 3×7 mm<sup>2</sup> large pads
- 24 row with 72 pads  
→ 1728 pads per module
- Testing resistive foil / carbon loaded kapton (O(1MΩ/□))
- AFTER electronics (T2K)





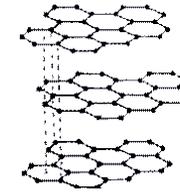
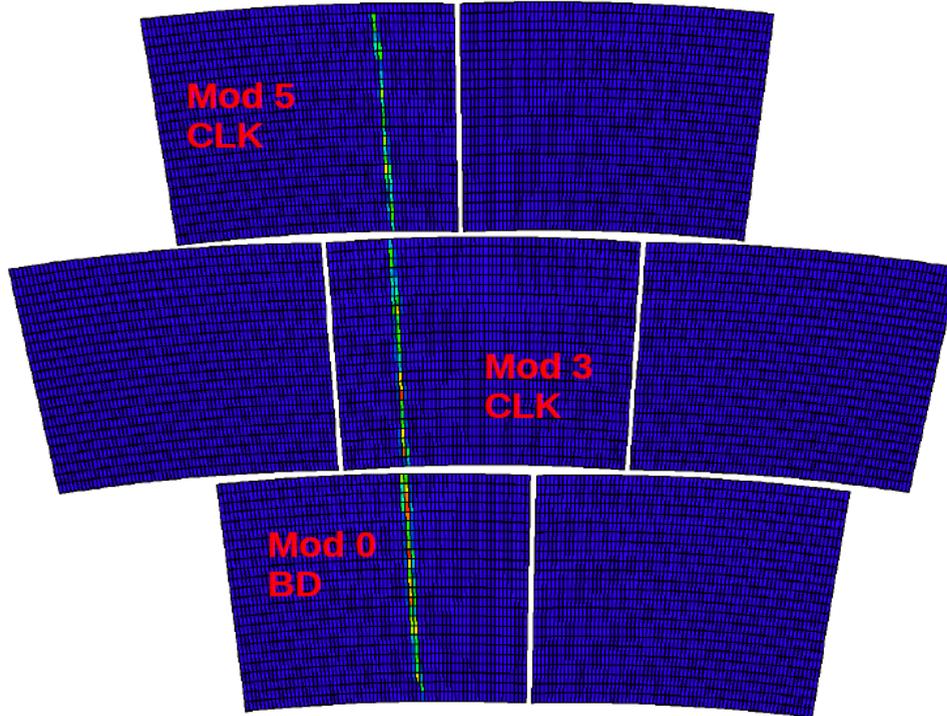
# New Resistive Coating



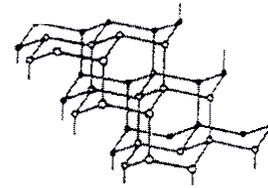
## Black Diamond (BD)/ Diamond like Carbon (DLC)

often used as a layer on tools to harden surface and as lubricant

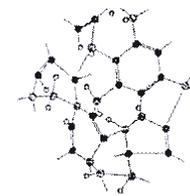
### Black diamond' and Carbon-loaded kapton



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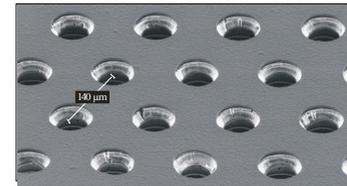
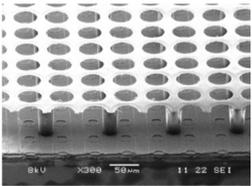


Diamond

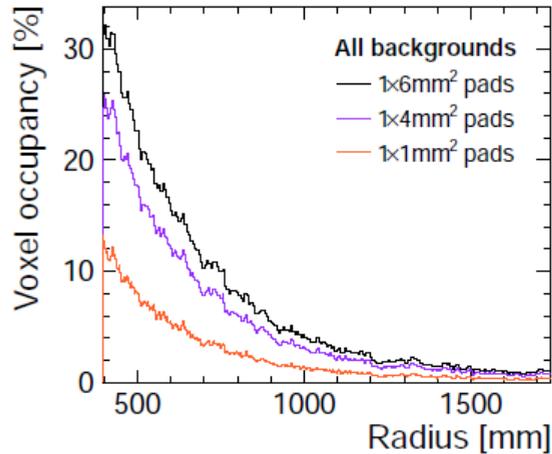


BD layer was produced in Japan by A. Ochi:  
100 nm on a kapton foil  
Two modules with BD were tested this year with 5 CLK ones (carbon loaded kapton).

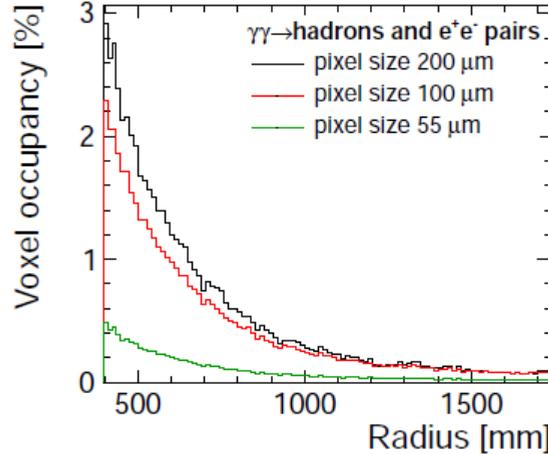
# GridPix Benefits - Challenges



The background ( $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$  hadrons,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow$  pairs/beam halo  $\mu$ ) is accumulated in the TPC creating a significant occupancy (Simulation for the CLIC detector, M. Killenberg, LCD-Note-2013-005)

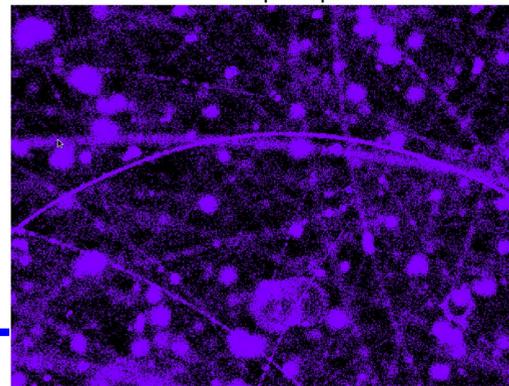
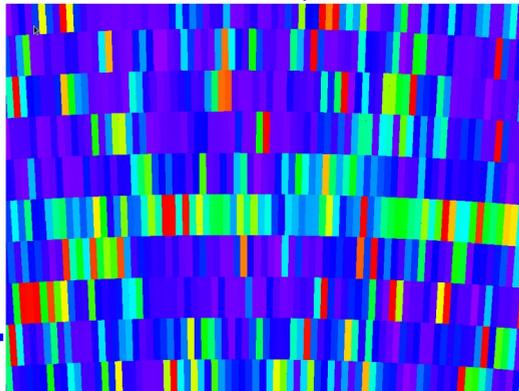


1x6 mm<sup>2</sup> pads



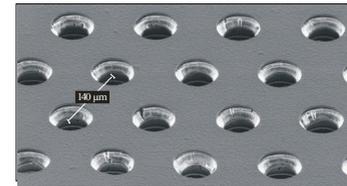
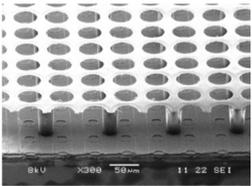
100x100 μm<sup>2</sup> pixels

- Lower occupancy  
→ better track finding
- Identification and removal of  $\delta$ -rays and kinks
- Improved dE/dx, because of primary  $e^-$  counting
- Pad plane and readout electronics fully integrated



Complete TPC with GridPixes:  
~100-120 chips/module  
240 module/endcap (10 m<sup>2</sup>)  
→50000-60000 GridPixes

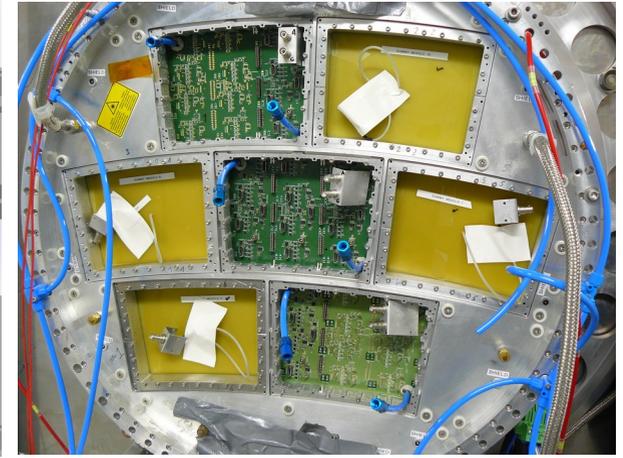
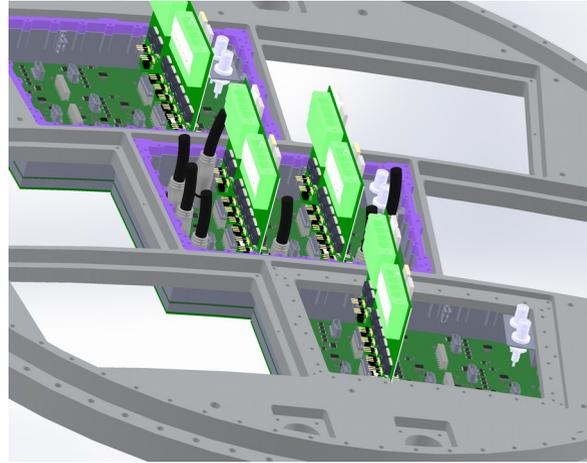
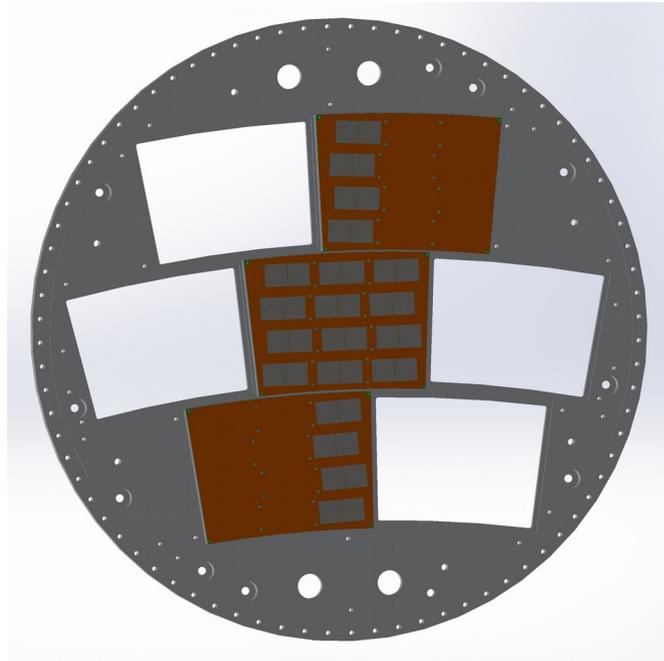
# Envisioned Test beam Setup

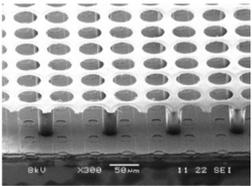


The goal foresaw an LP-module covered completely with GridPixes (~100). This goal could even be surpassed by adding two partially covered modules. **160 GridPixes** covered an active area of 320 cm<sup>2</sup>: - central module with 96 chips (coverage 50 %) - 2 outer modules with 32 chips each

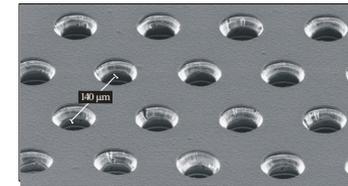
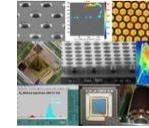
Some challenges:

- InGrid production
- Synchronized readout
- LV distribution
- Cooling



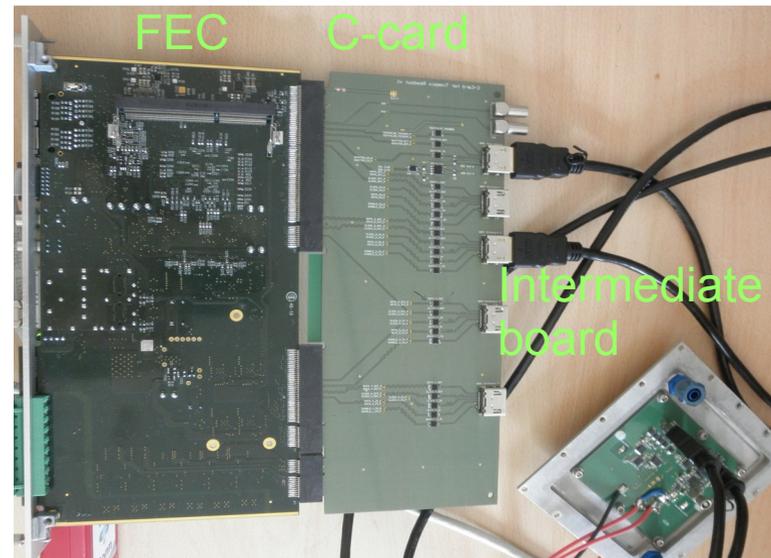
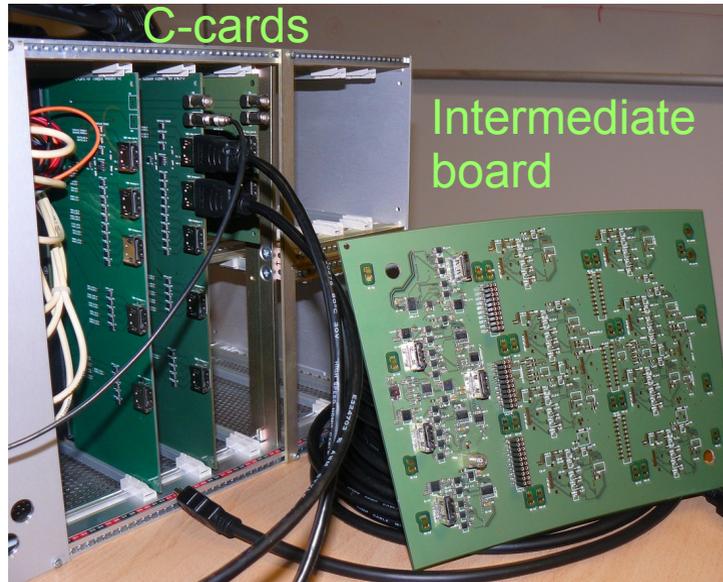


# Readout System



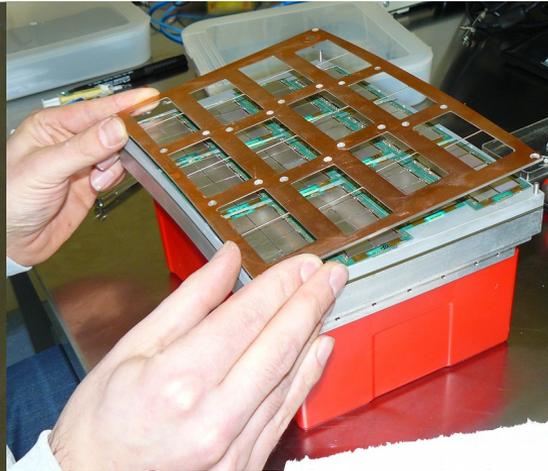
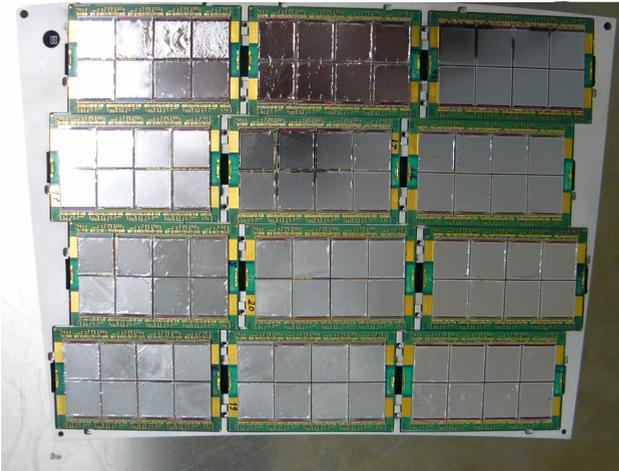
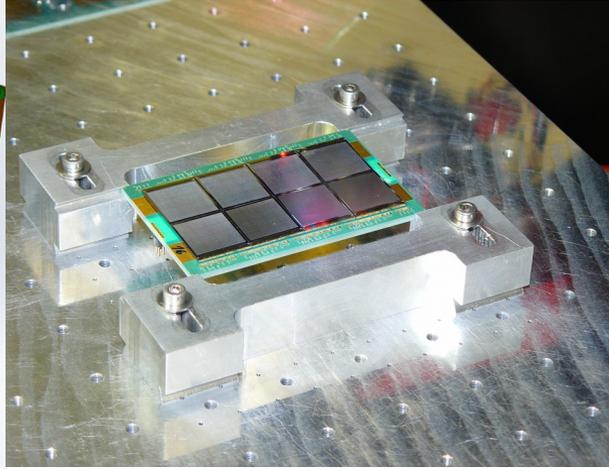
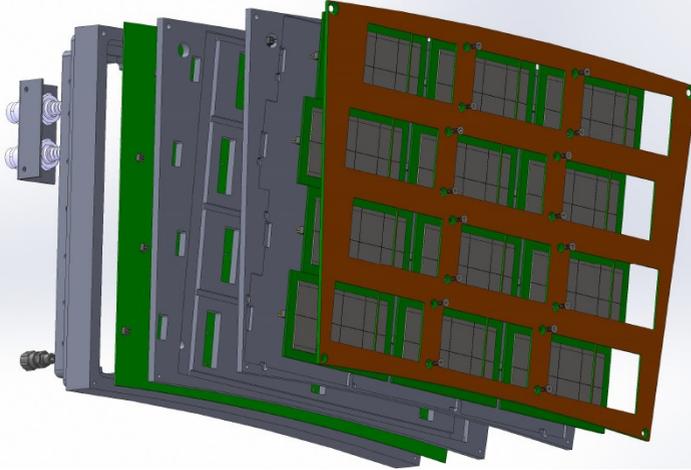
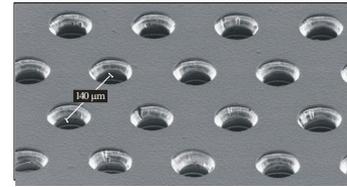
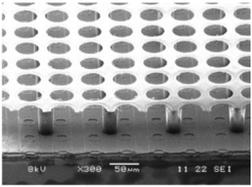
We have built one based on the Scalable Readout System of RD51, because it is easy to scale, cheap and optimized for R&D.

Idea of SRS: produce flexible readout electronics, which can handle different chips (new FPGA code, chip carrier), which many groups can use. New C-Card, intermediate board, and chip carriers were designed for Timepix. Now up to 32 Timepix ASICs can be used per FEC/C-card.

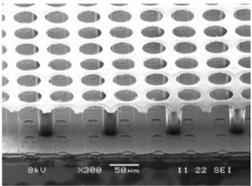


A small-size system using the same FPGA code and most of the hardware can be based on a Virtex6 evaluation board. This is used in CAST.

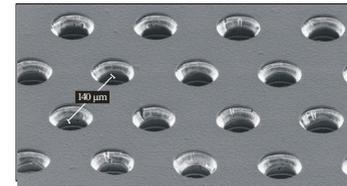
# Module Production



## Central module



# Test Beam



The test beam was a huge success. A lot of people now think, that a **pixel TPC is not a crazy idea anymore, but it is realistic.**

During the test beam we collected  $\sim 10^6$  frames at a rate of 4.3-5.1 Hz.

Test beam program included:

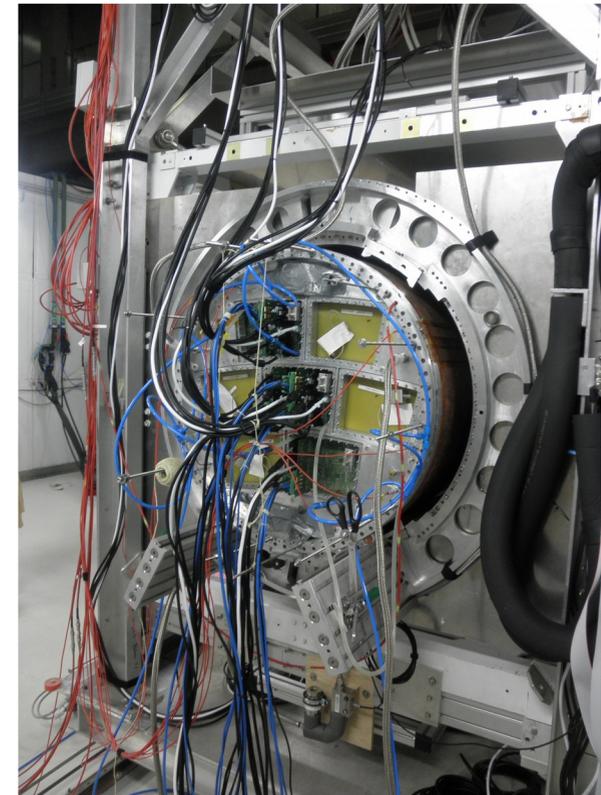
- Voltage scans (gas gain)
- Different angles
- With and without magnetic field ( $B=1T$ )
- Two different electrical drift fields

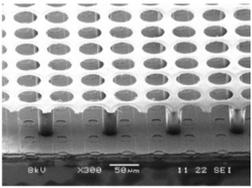
The analysis has started.

Material budget of 96 chip module (**not optimized!**)

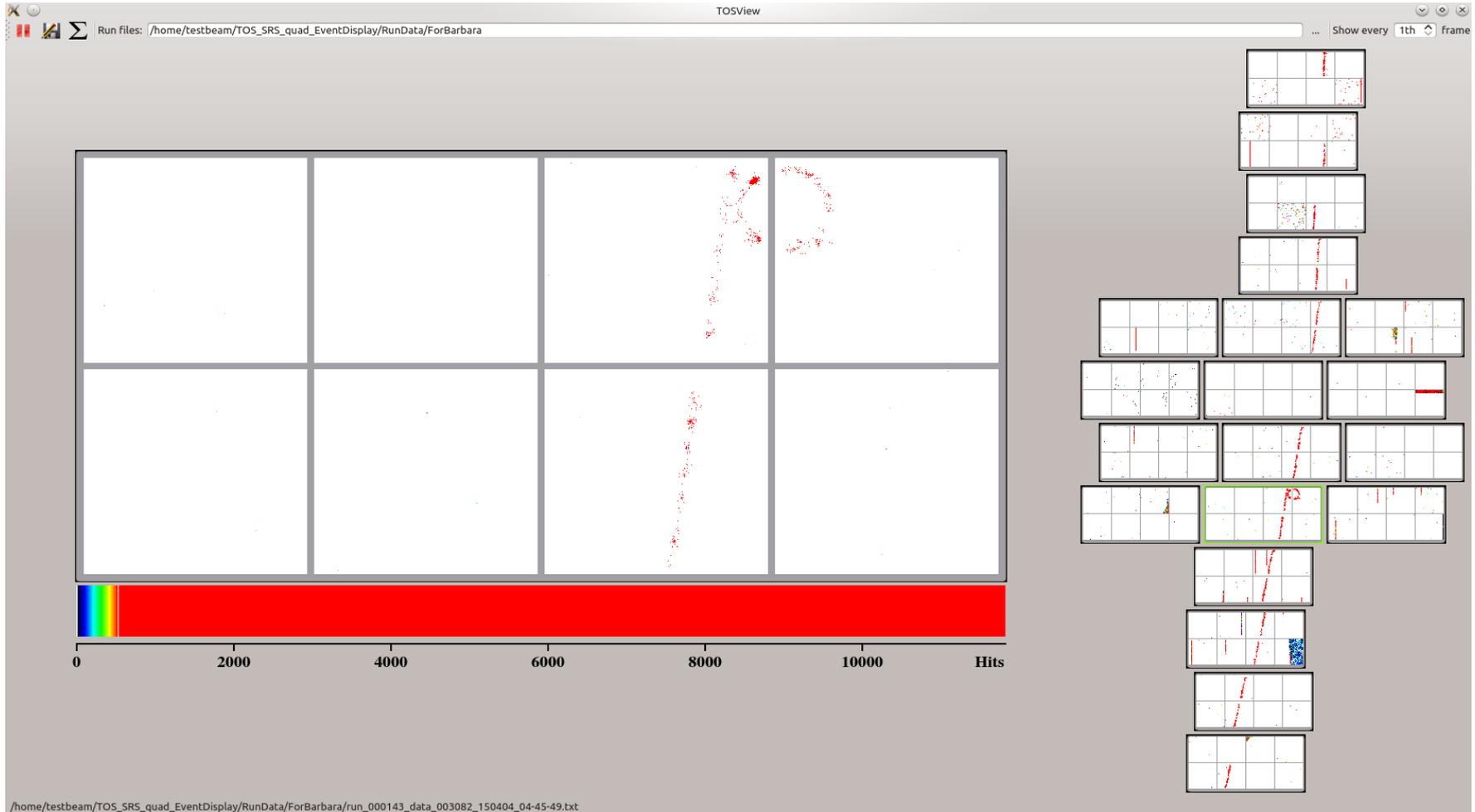
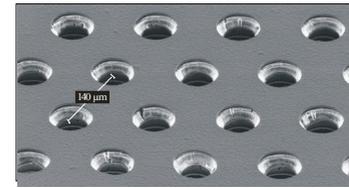
- metallic frame 4.1 %  $X_0$ , cooling plate 5.9 %  $X_0$
- 2 LV boards 2.5 %  $X_0$ , 12 Octoboards 2.9 %  $X_0$

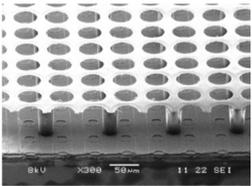
In total: 18.5 %  $X_0$



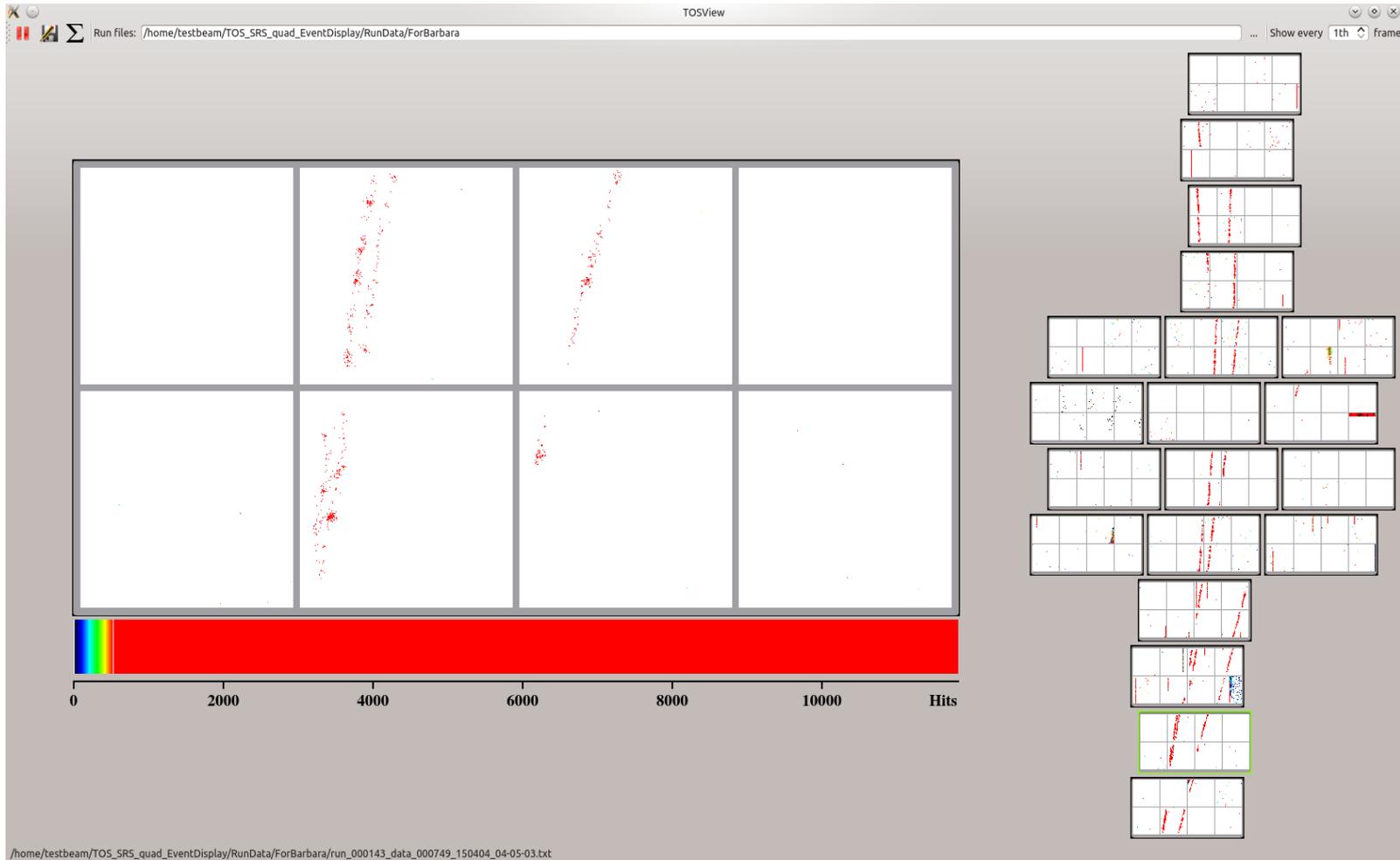
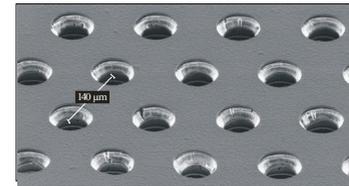


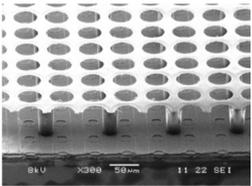
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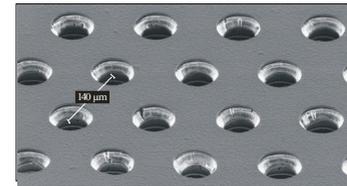


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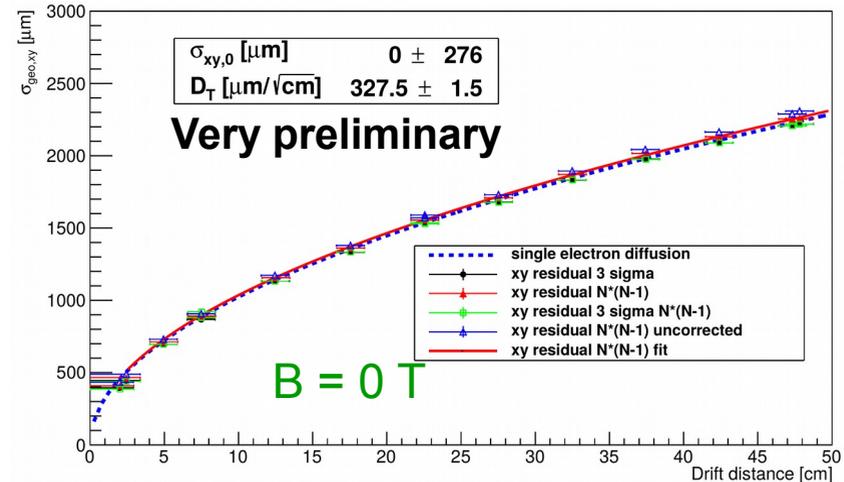
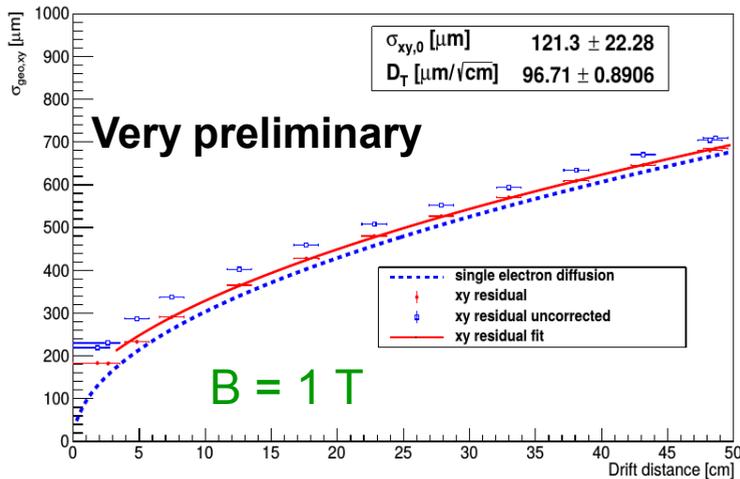
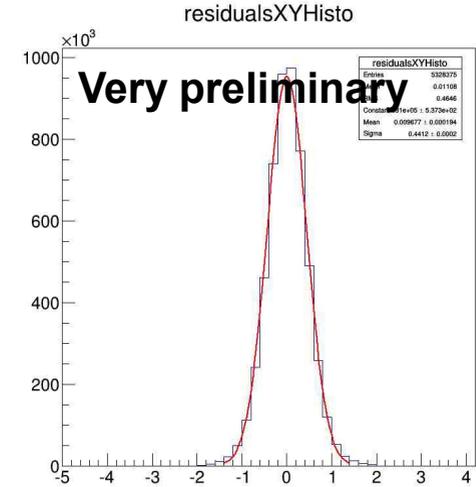


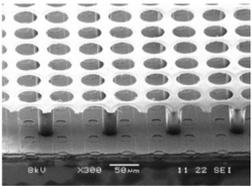
# Spatial Resolution



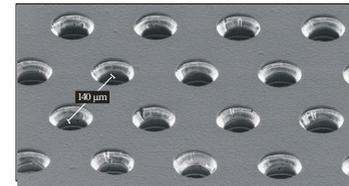
The spatial resolution is determined by calculating the residuals of single hits to fitted track. Spatial resolution follows the diffusion of single electrons.

Condition	Measurement	Simulation
$E = 230 \text{ V/cm}, B = 0 \text{ T}$	$327.5 \pm 1.5 \text{ } \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$	$324 \pm 12 \text{ } \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$
$E = 230 \text{ V/cm}, B = 1 \text{ T}$	$96.7 \pm 0.9 \text{ } \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$	$96 \pm 5 \text{ } \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$



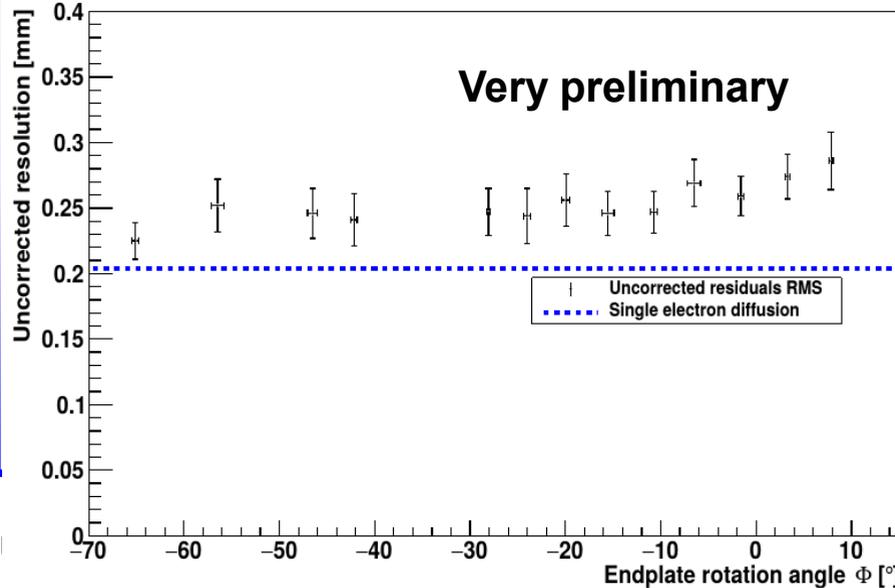
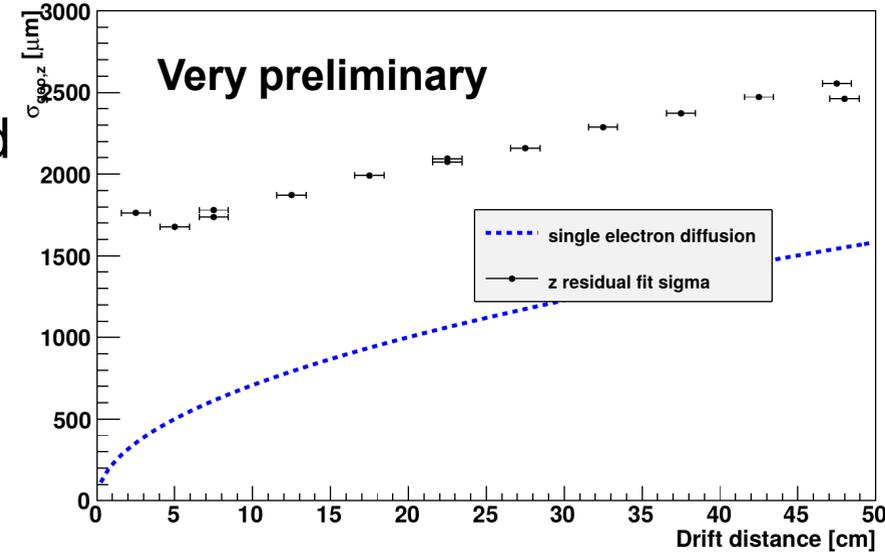


# More Spatial Resolutions



Longitudinal spatial resolution is much worse, because of many effects:

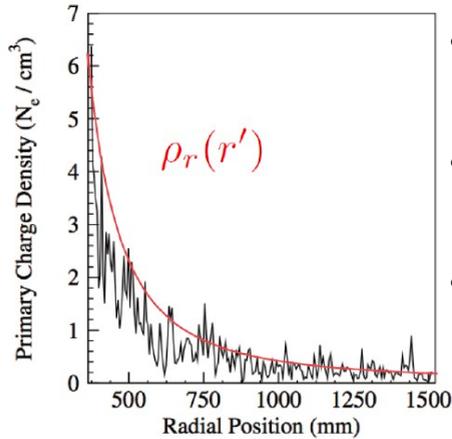
- Time walk effect (partially compensated by fitting only the unaffected side of the residual distribution)
- Electrical field distortions at the border of the GridPixes
- 40 MHz clock for digitization



No dependence of transverse spatial resolution on track inclination in the pad plane (turning the TPC)  
 Error bars represent fluctuations of residuals for tracks

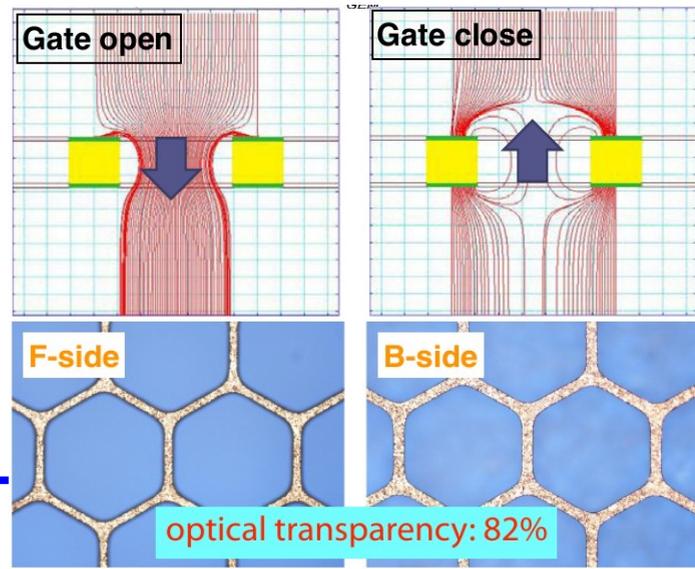
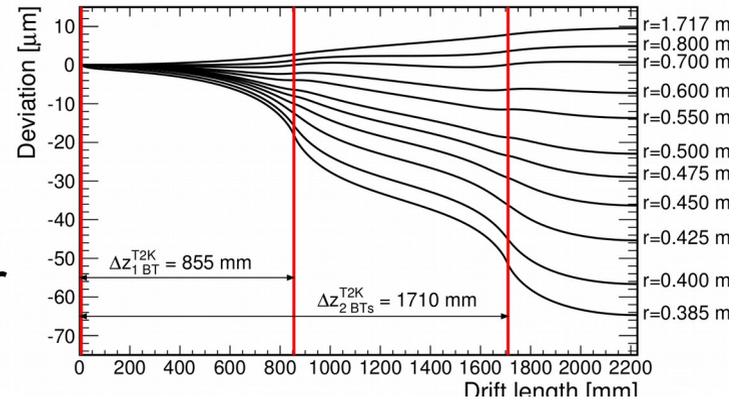
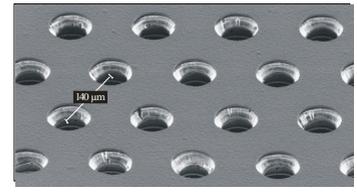
# Ion Feedback and Gating

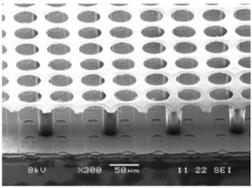
Primary ions create distortions in the electric field which result in  $O(<1\mu\text{m})$  track distortions including a safety margin of estimated BG.



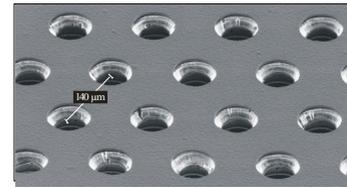
- Machine induced background has  $1/r$  shape
- Ions from gas amplification stage build up discs
- Track distortions are  $20 \mu\text{m}$  per disc without gating device, if IBF is  $1/\text{gain}$  → **Gating needed**

- Wire gate is an option
  - Alternatively: GEM-gate
  - Simulation show: Max. electron transparency close to optical transparency
  - Fujikura Gate-GEM Type 3
- Hexagonal holes:  $335 \mu\text{m}$  pitch,  $27/31 \mu\text{m}$  rim  
 Insulator thickness  $12.5 \mu\text{m}$





# Summary



Time Projections Chambers have been invented 27 years ago. A first golden age was during the LEP era, when wire-based were fully understood and optimized.

MPGDs give a new boost to the TPC R&D: Improved spatial resolutions, intrinsic ion back flow suppression are only two of many advantages.

Today, many experiments in different areas of particle physics use/prepare/consider TPCs with MPGDs. Only few could be mentioned because of time constraints.

GridPix detectors are novel developments promising optimal spatial and energy resolution.