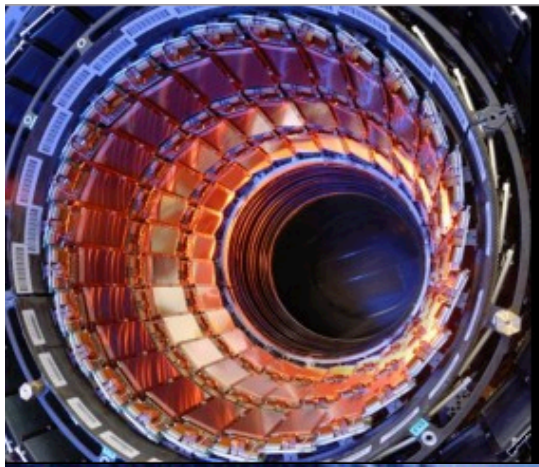

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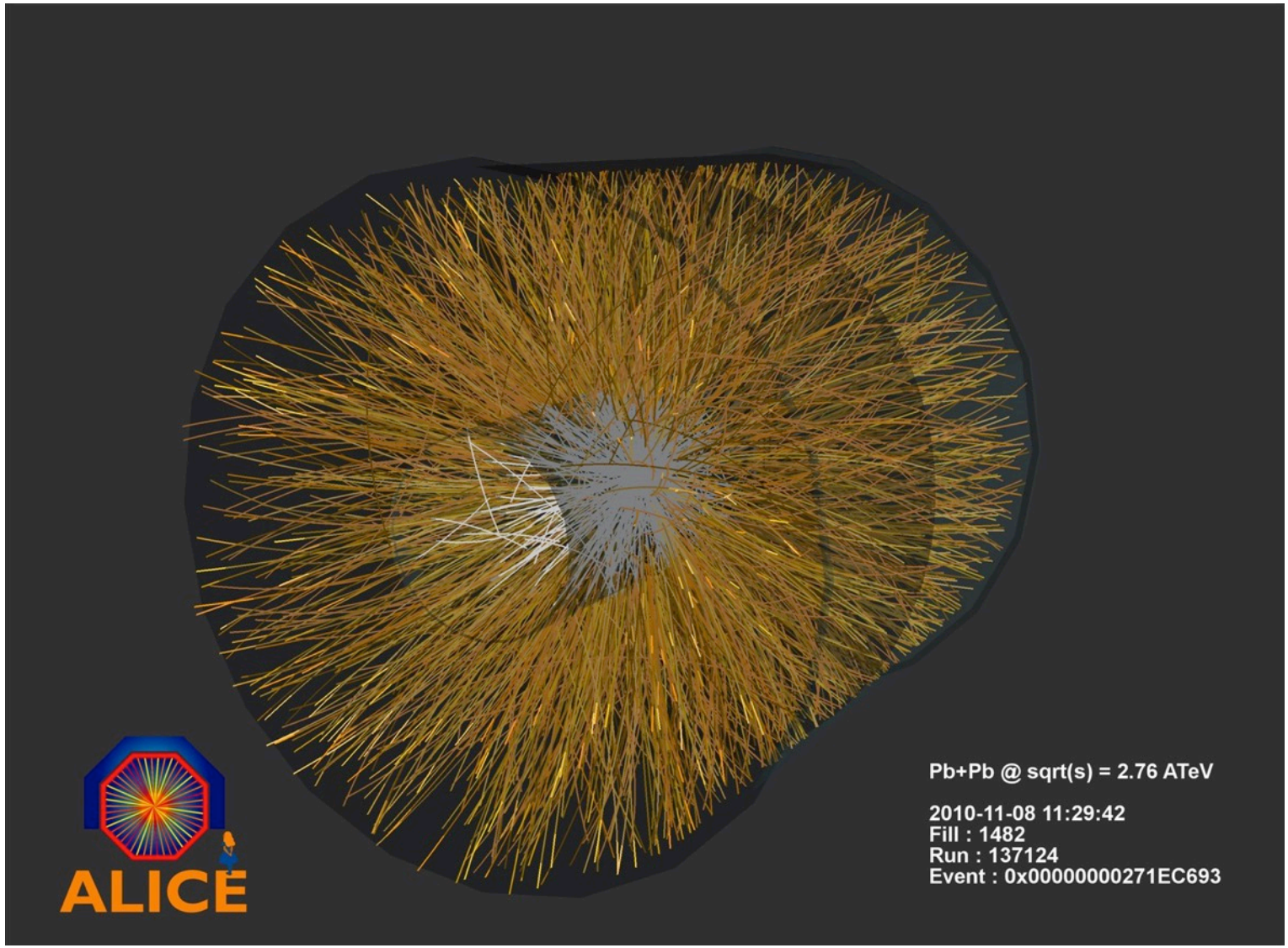
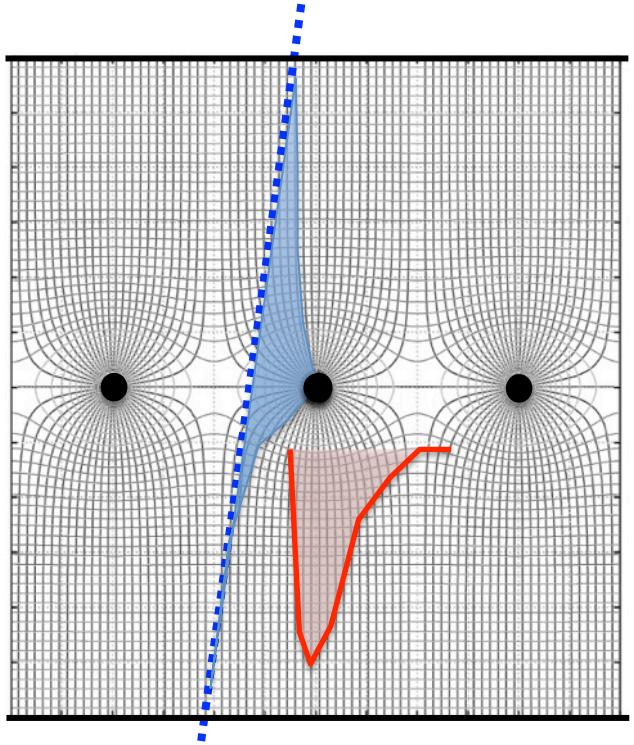
PART 2
PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS WITH GASEOUS COUNTERS

ALICE TIME PROJETION CHAMBER (2006)

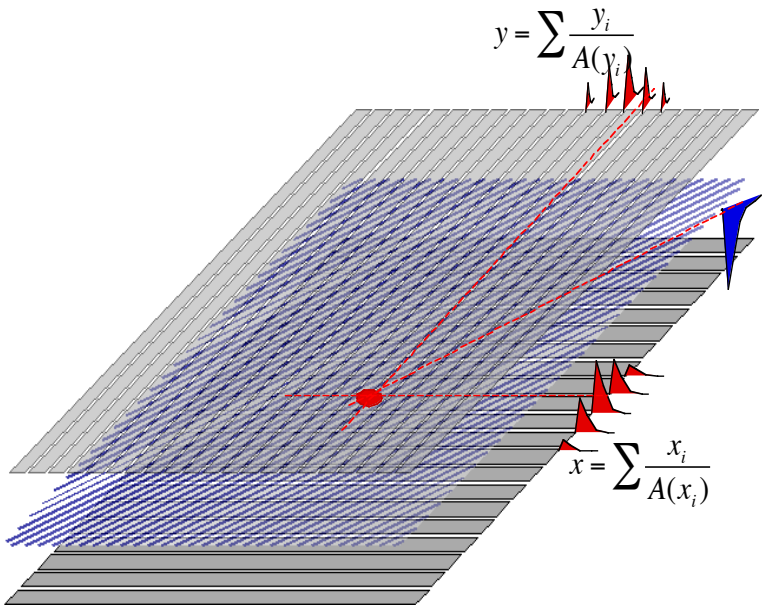


THIN ANODE WIRES BETWEEN TWO CATHODES:



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

CHARGE INDUCTION ON CATHODE PLANES:
2-D LOCALIZATION



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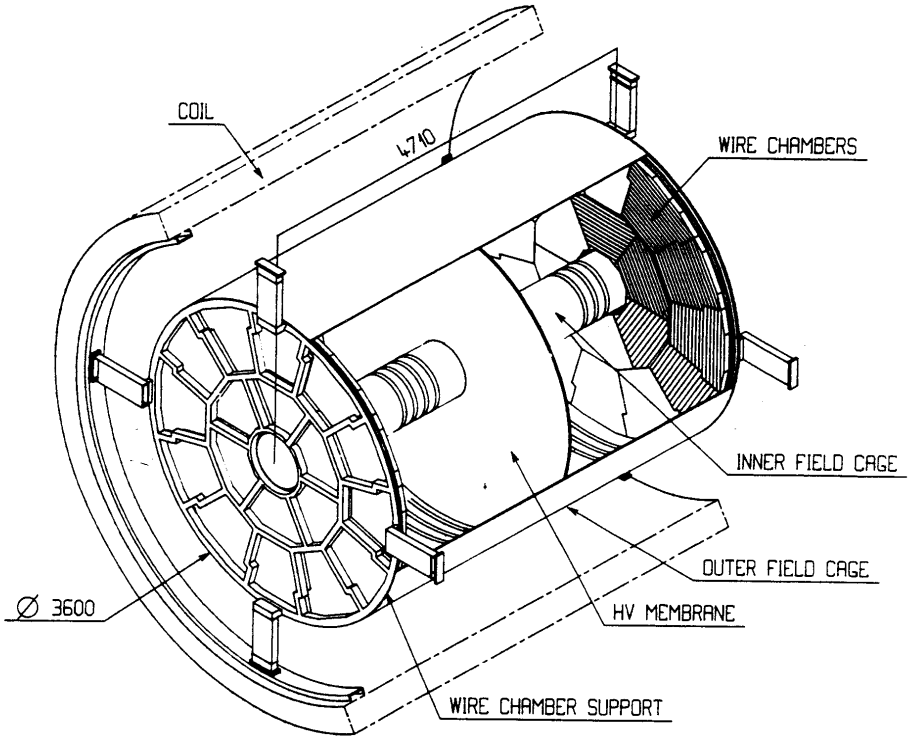
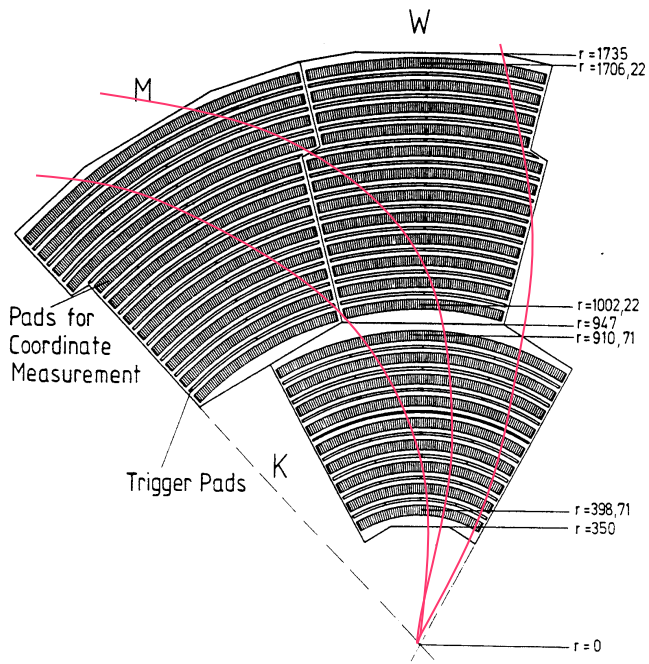
FIRST TPC: PEP-4 AT SLAC (1975)

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

ALEPH TPC AT CERN-LEP (1989)

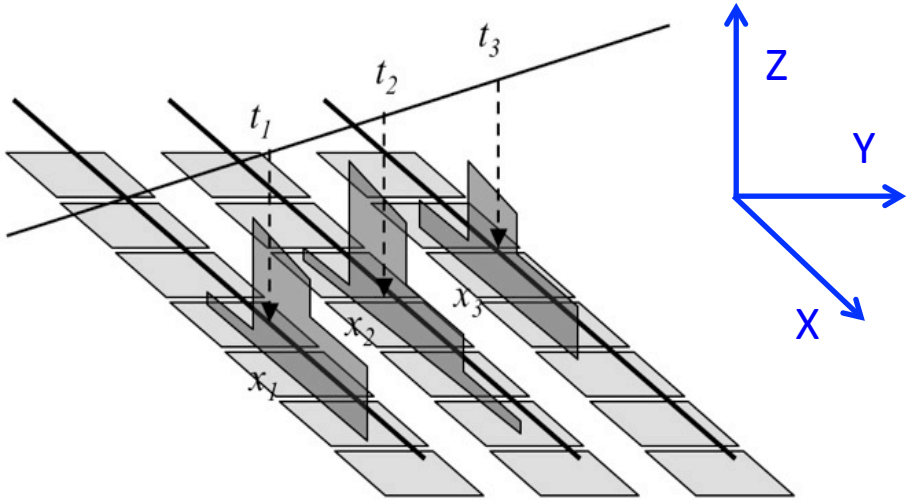




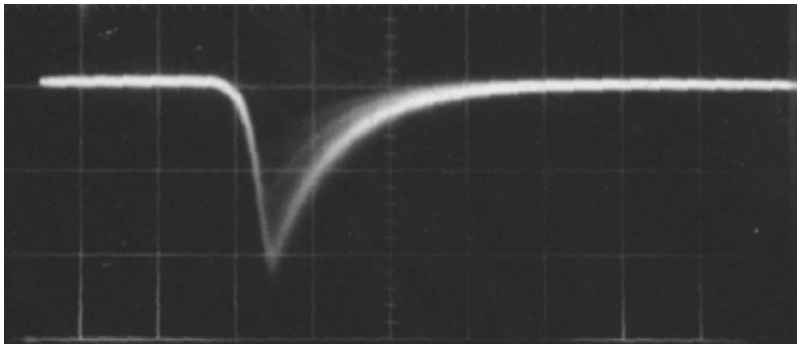
D. Decamp et al,Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A294(1990)125

TIME PROJETION CHAMBER: FULL 3-D LOCALIZATION

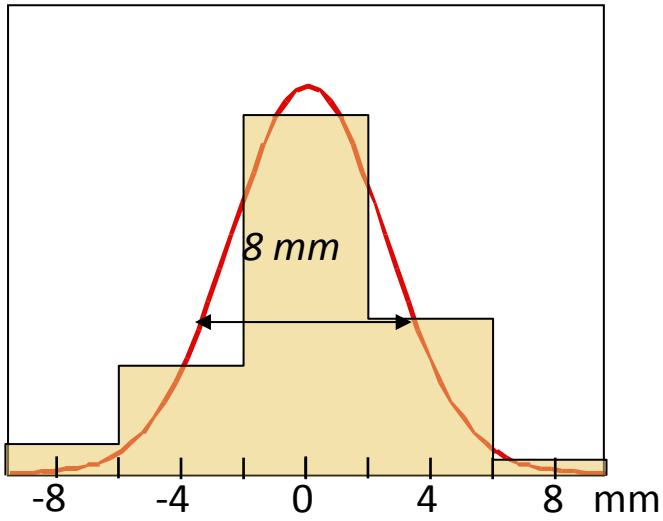
TWO-TRACK RESOLUTION



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



X: PAD ROWS $\Delta X \sim 10$ mm:



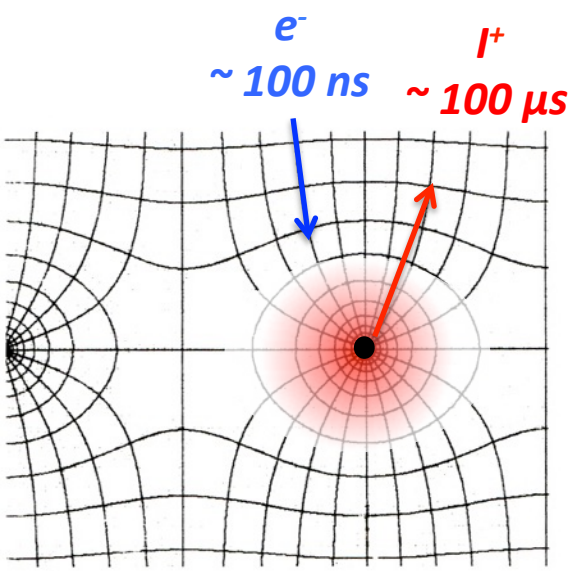
Y: ANODE WIRE
$\Delta Y \sim 4$ mm

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

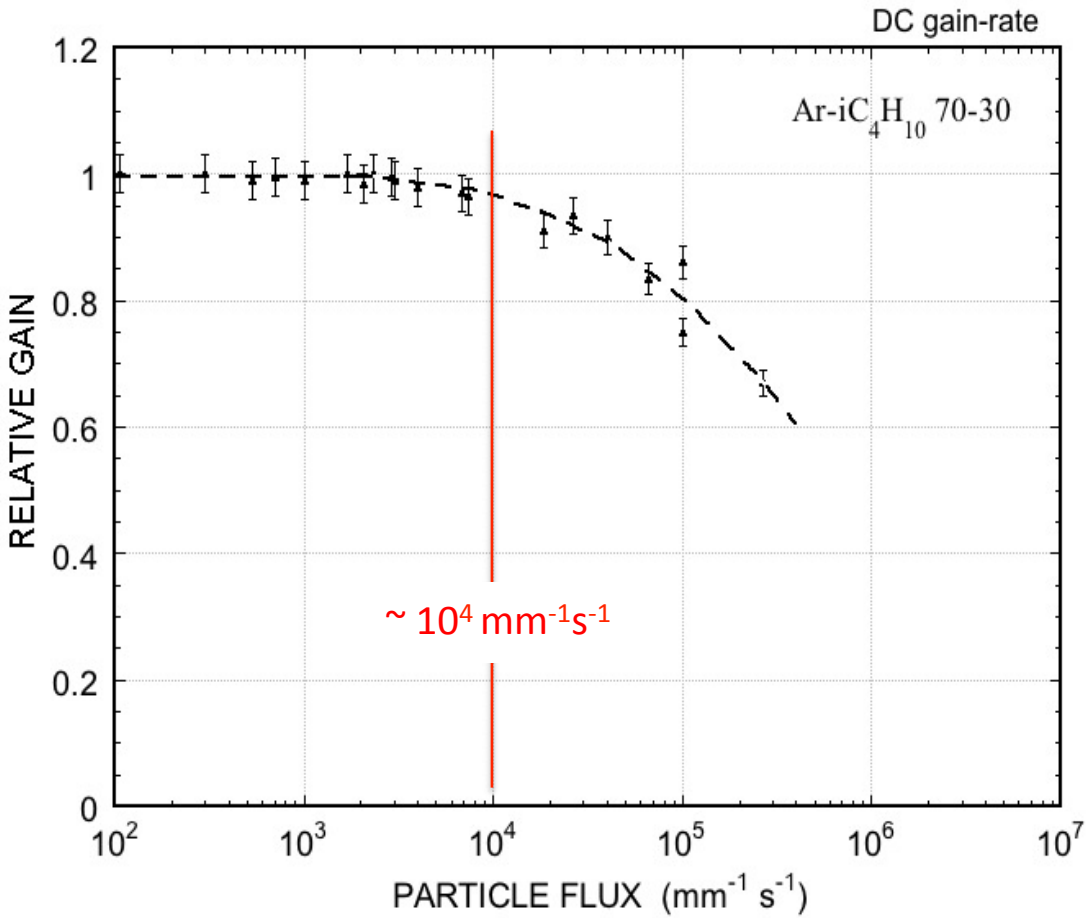
RATE-DEPENDENT GAIN REDUCTION

SPACE CHARGE

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



RELATIVE GAIN AS A FUNCTION OF RATE:

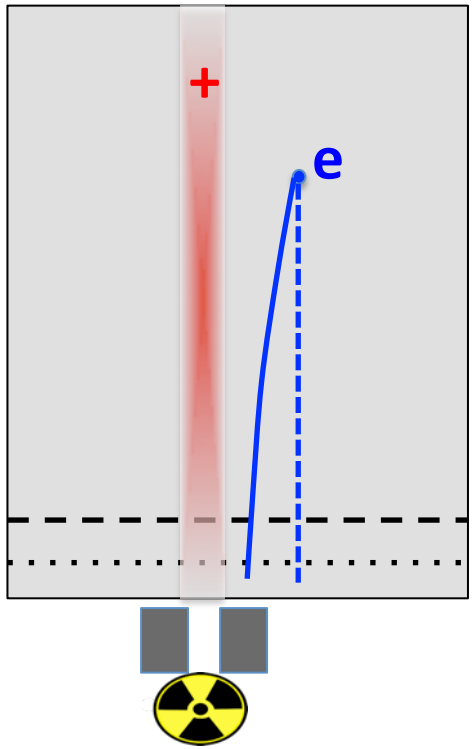


A. Breskin et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. 124(1974)189

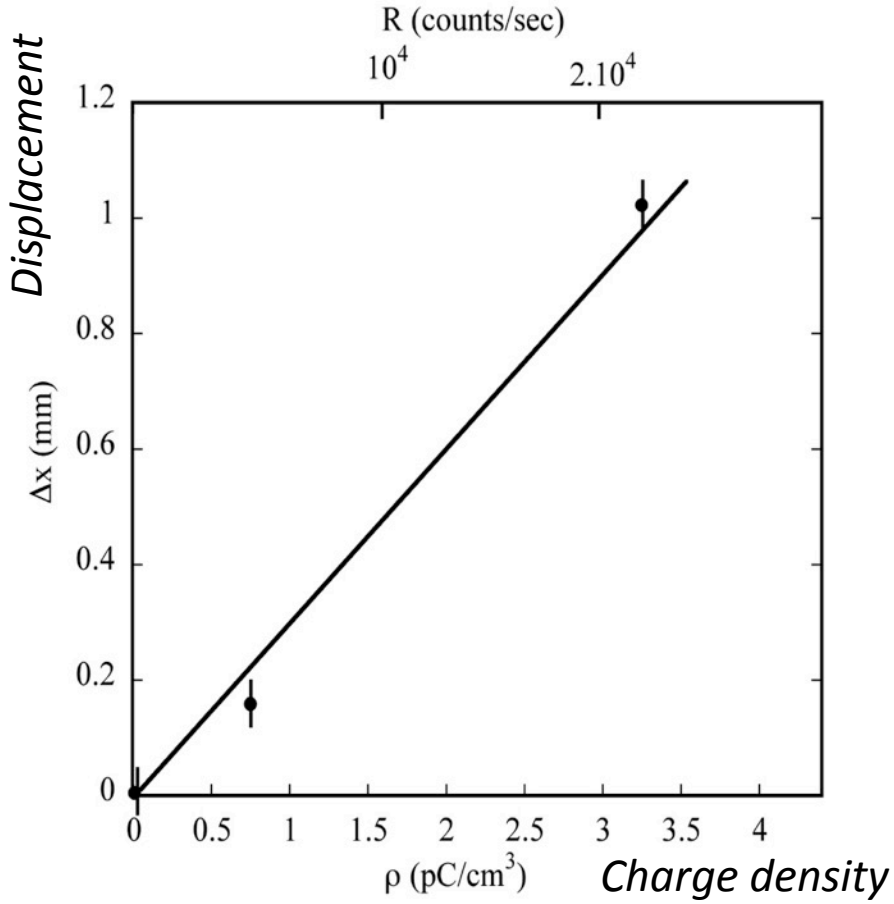
POSITIVE ION BACKFLOW

SPACE CHARGE

LATERAL DISPLACEMENT OF ELECTRONS DRIFTING NEAR A POSITIVE IONS COLUMN



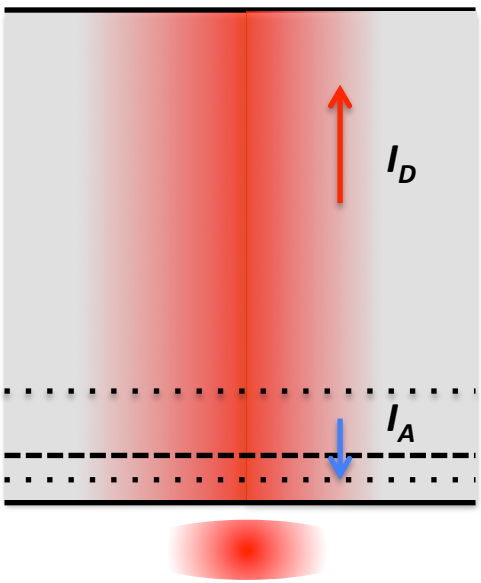
^{55}Fe SOURCE 1 cm FROM ION COLUMN
10 cm DRIFT



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

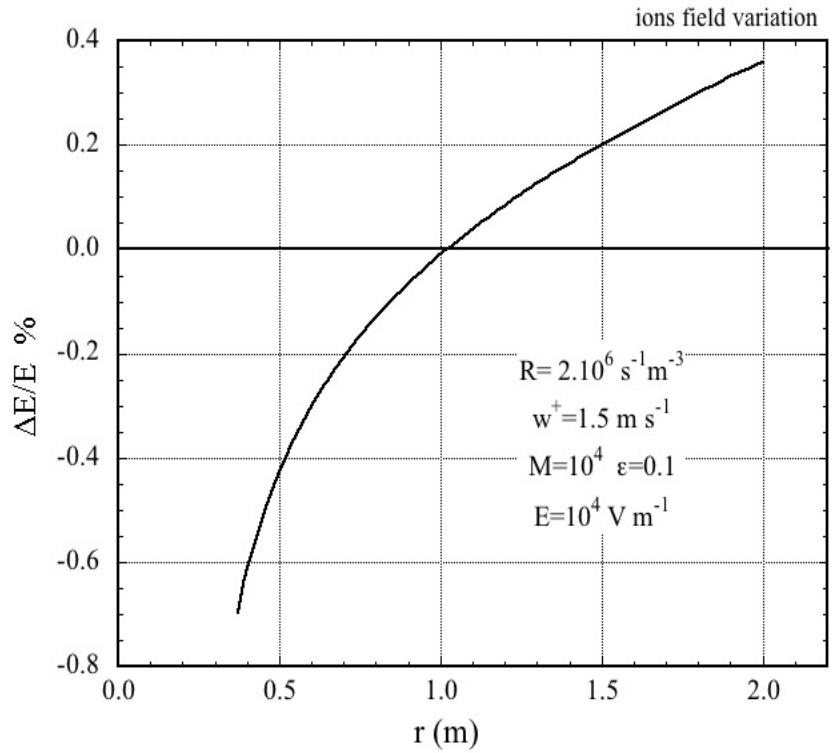
POSITIVE ION BACKFLOW

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



RELATIVE DRIFT FIELD MODIFICATION (ALEPH MWPC-TPC)

SPACE CHARGE



GATING:
ADD A WIRE MESH WITH VOLTAGE-CONTROLLED TRANSPARENCY

IONS BACKFLOW RATIO $IBF = \frac{I_{DRIFT}}{I_{ANODE}}$

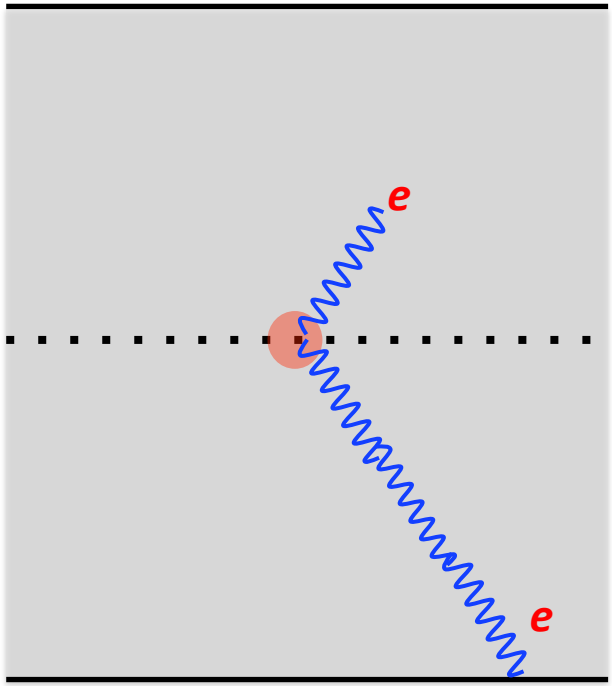
THE WISH: $IBF \leq \frac{1}{GAIN} \approx 10^{-4}$

MWPC: IBF ~ 30%

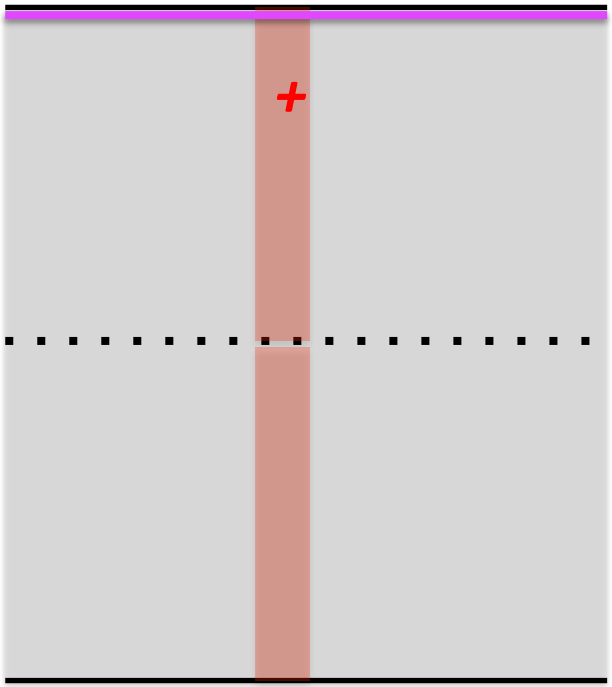
POSSIBLE AT LOW RATES:
Maximum electron drift time
< Time between events

SECONDARY PROCESSES

PHOTONS FEEDBACK:
AVALANCHE SPREAD

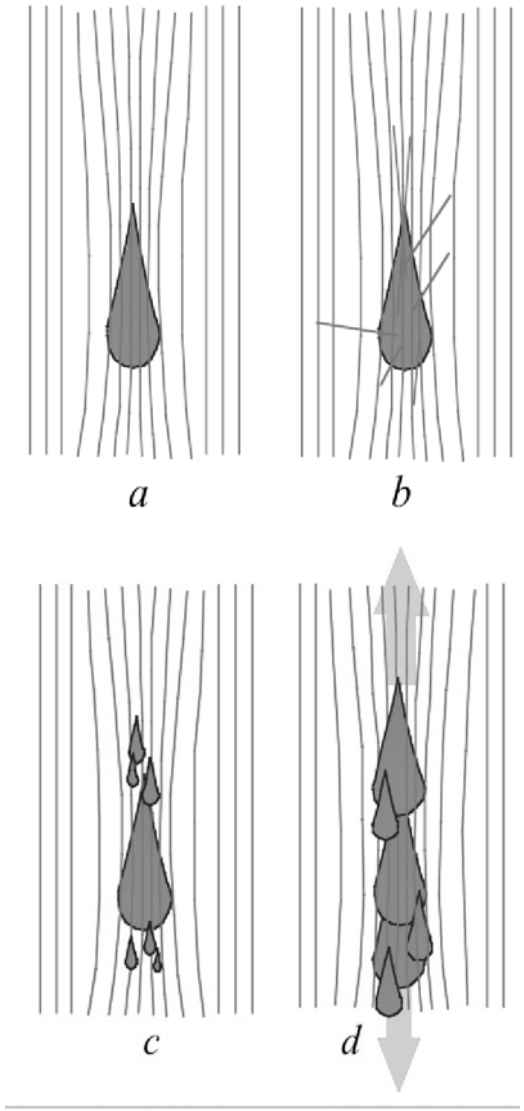


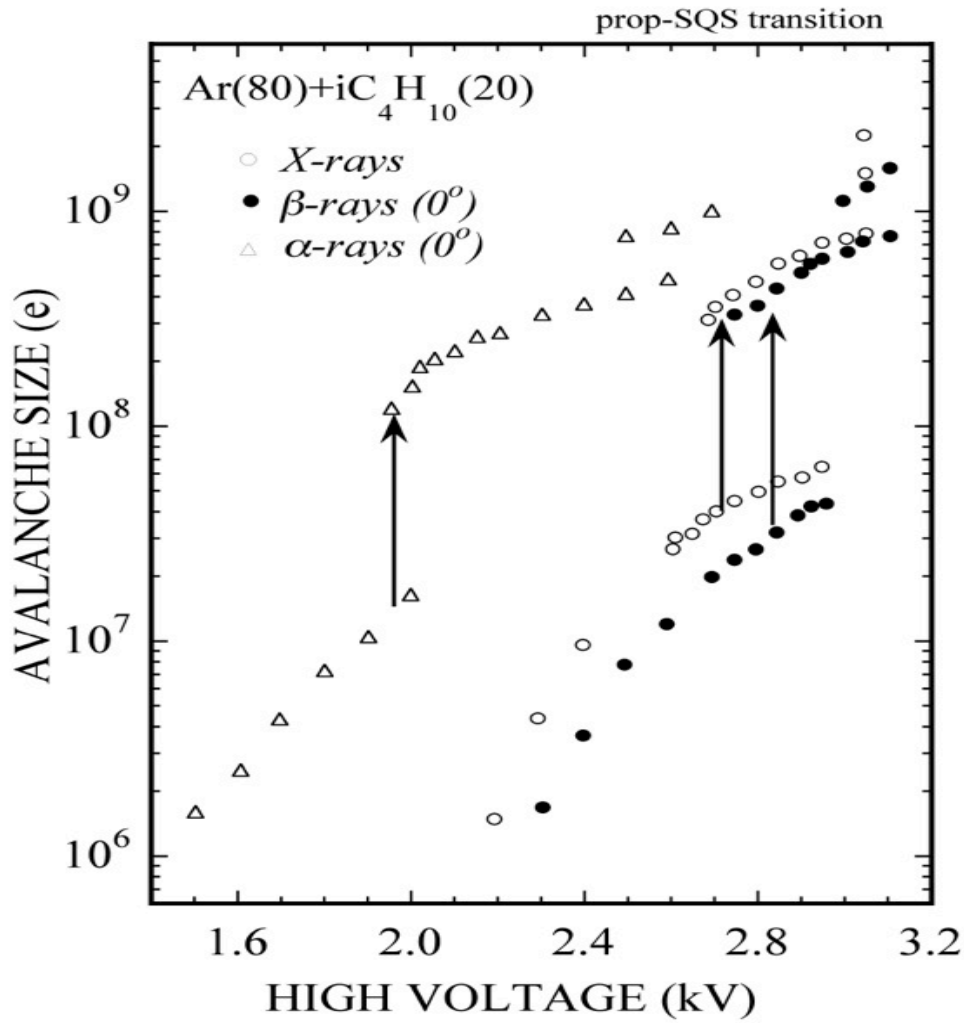
IONS FEEDBACK:
CATHODE DAMAGE, AGING, …..



TRANSITION FROM PROPORTIONAL TO STREAMER

SECONDARY PROCESSES





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

THE RAETHER LIMIT

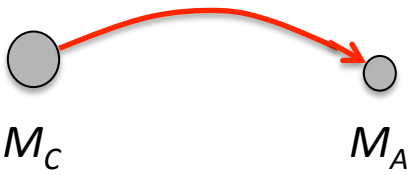
Maximum avalanche size before transition or breakdown:
Q_{MAX}=(Primary ionization)x(Gain) ~ 10^7 e

Typical proportional gain ~ 10^4

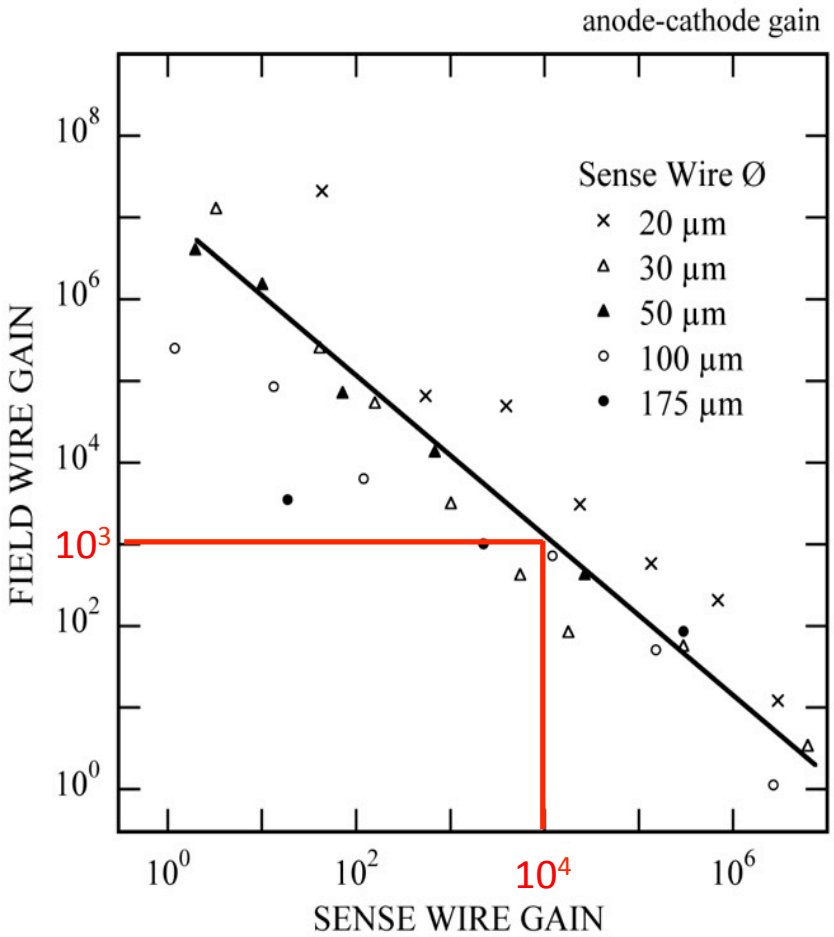
Fast particles ΔE ~ 2 keV:
Q=(100)x(10^4)=10^6

Neutrons ΔE ~ 2 MeV
Q=(10^5)x(10^4)=10^9

Multiwire structures:
Cathode pre-amplification of field emitted electrons

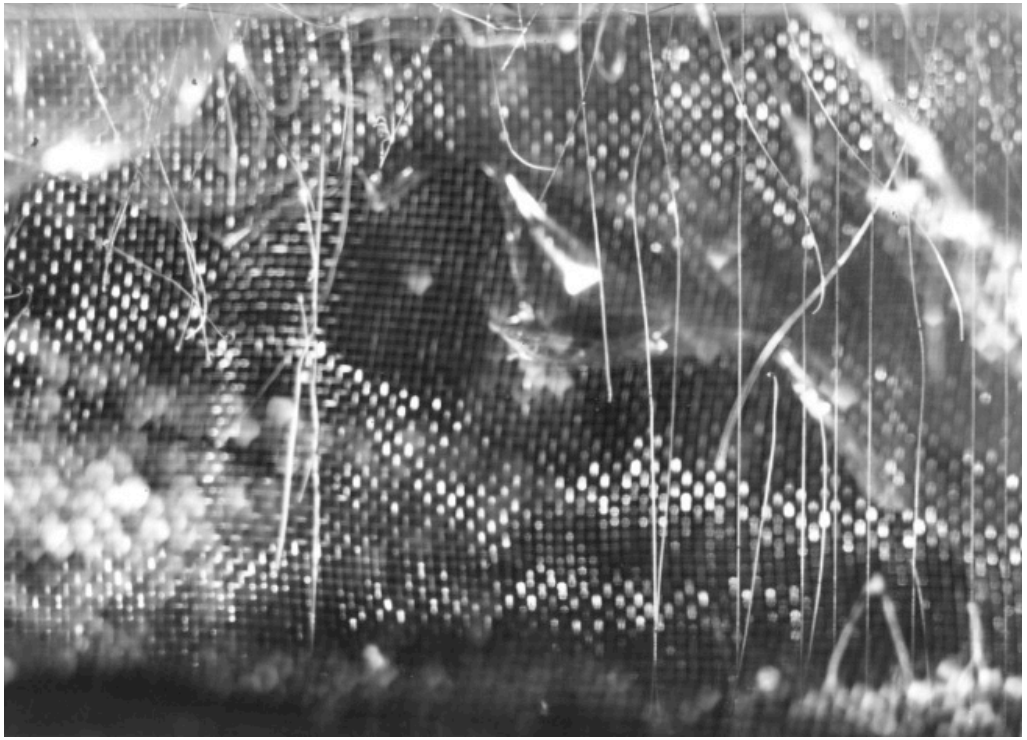


$M=M_C \times M_A$



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

SPARK DAMAGES IN MWPCs:



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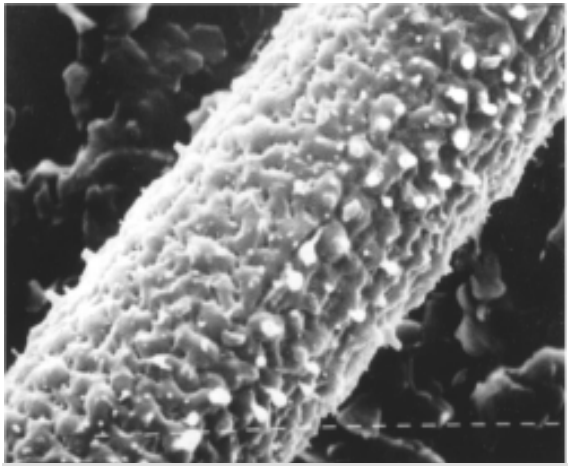
AGING

SECONDARY PROCESSES

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



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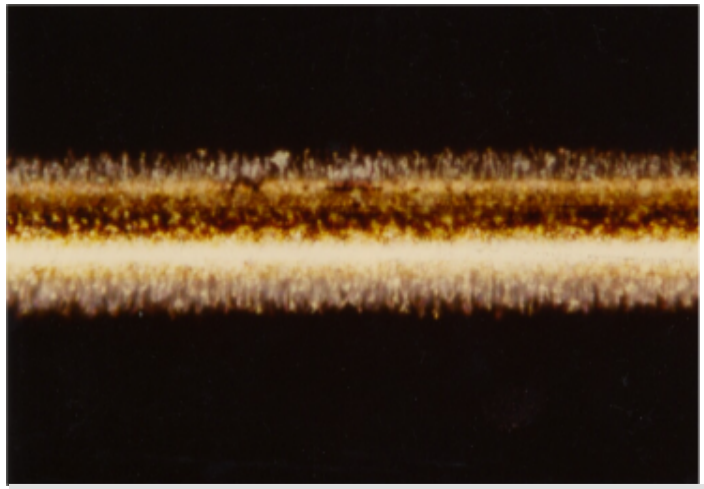

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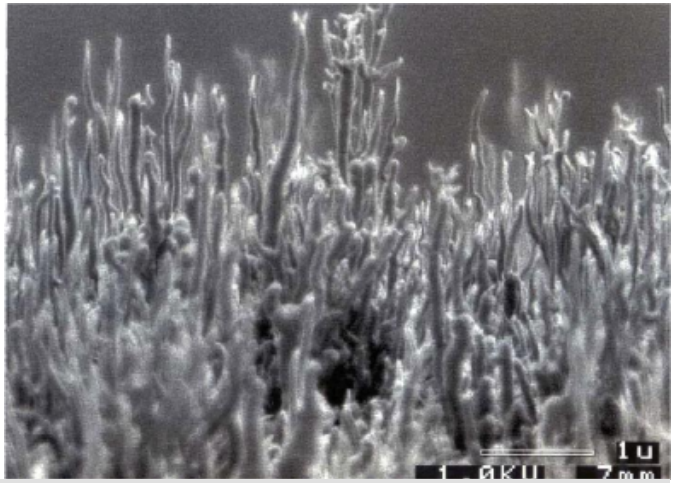

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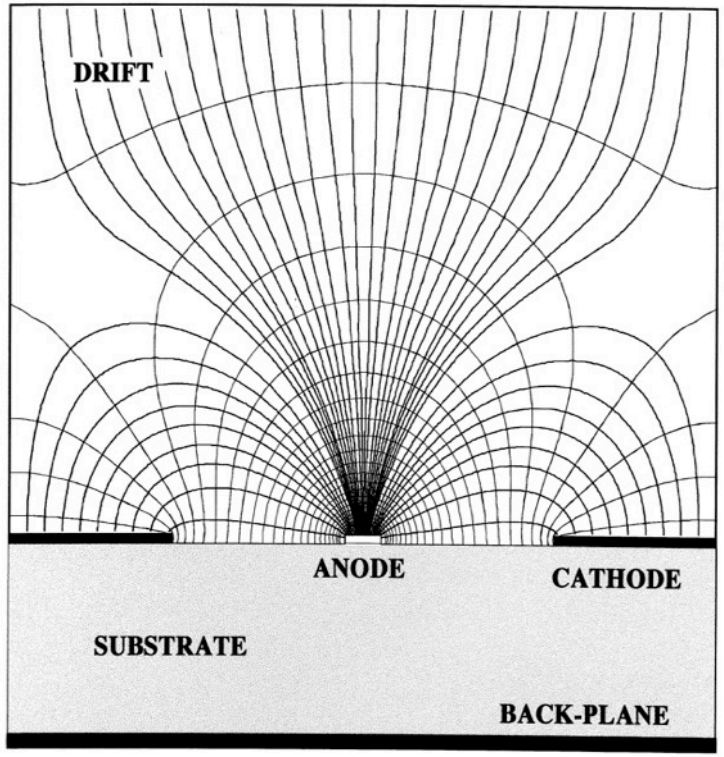
MICRO-STRIP GAS COUNTER

Anton Oed, 1988



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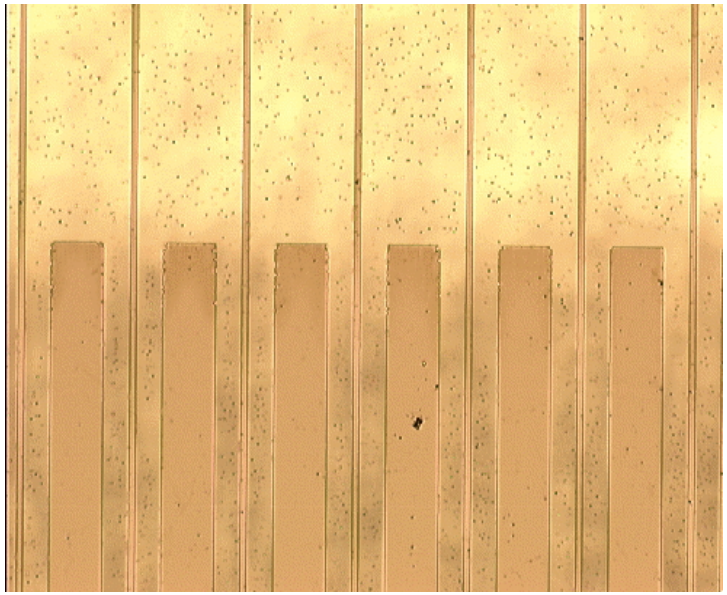
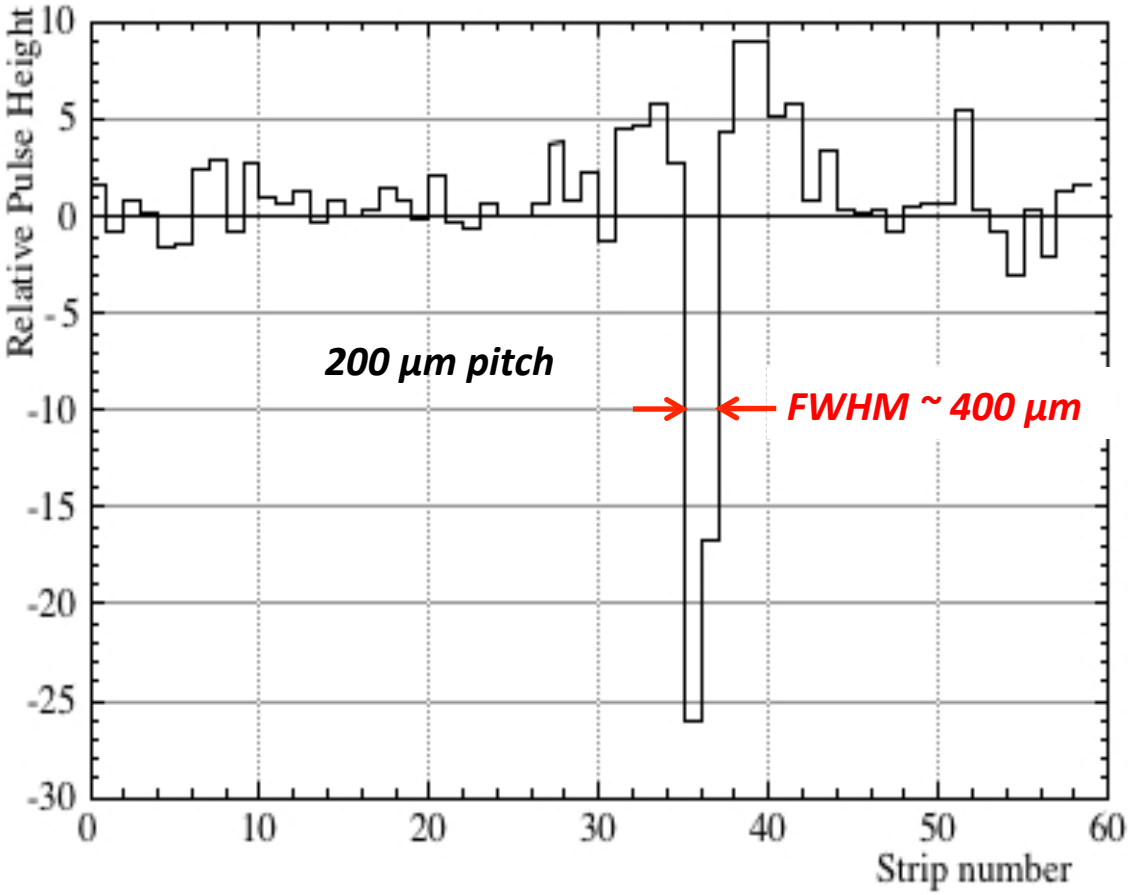
10 µm wide anode strips, 50 µm cathode strips at 100 µm pitch on glass substrate:



MSGC TWO-TRACK RESOLUTION

MSGC

SIGNAL WIDTH:



ΔX ~ 1 mm
ΔY ~ 1 mm

FAST SIGNALS ~ 30 ns

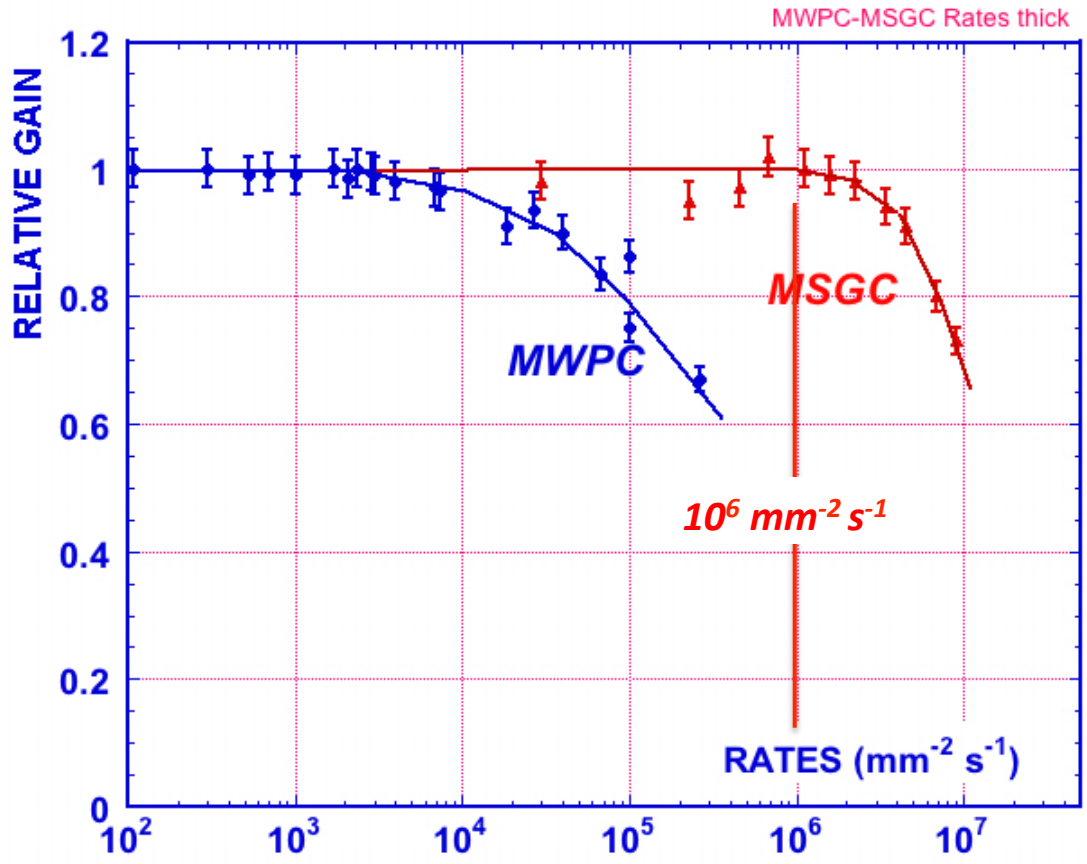
ΔZ ~ 2 mm

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

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

MSGC RATE CAPABILITY

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



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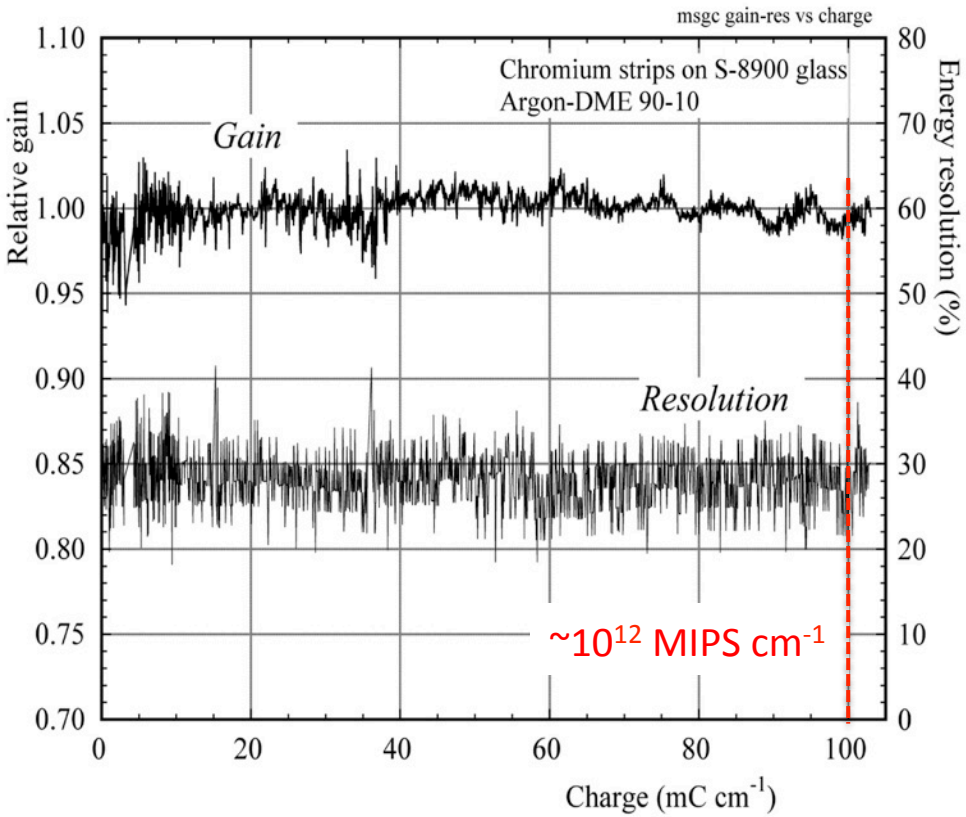
MSGC LIFETIME

MSGC GAIN vs COLLECTED CHARGE:



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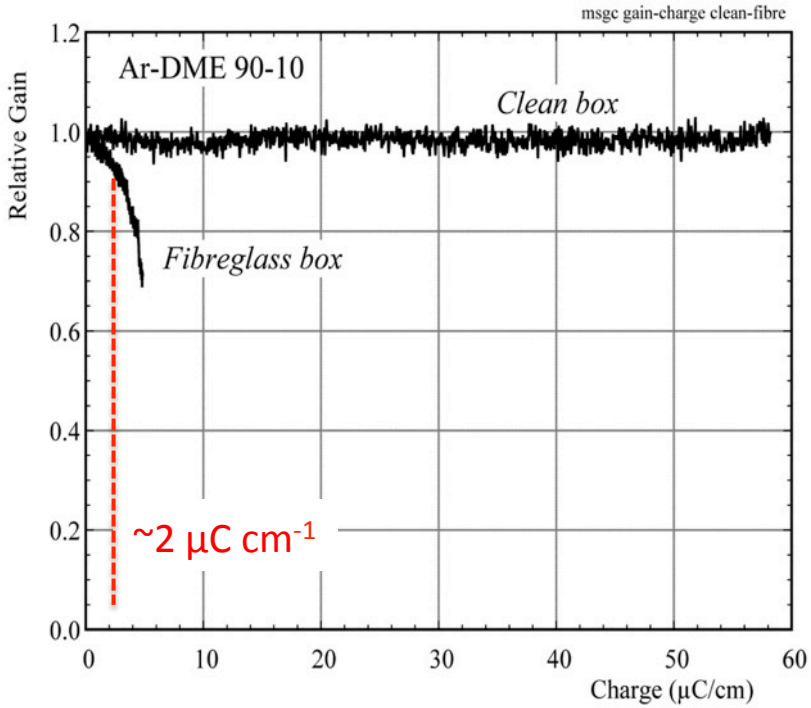
BUT: EXTREME SENSITIVITY TO CONTAMINATIONS

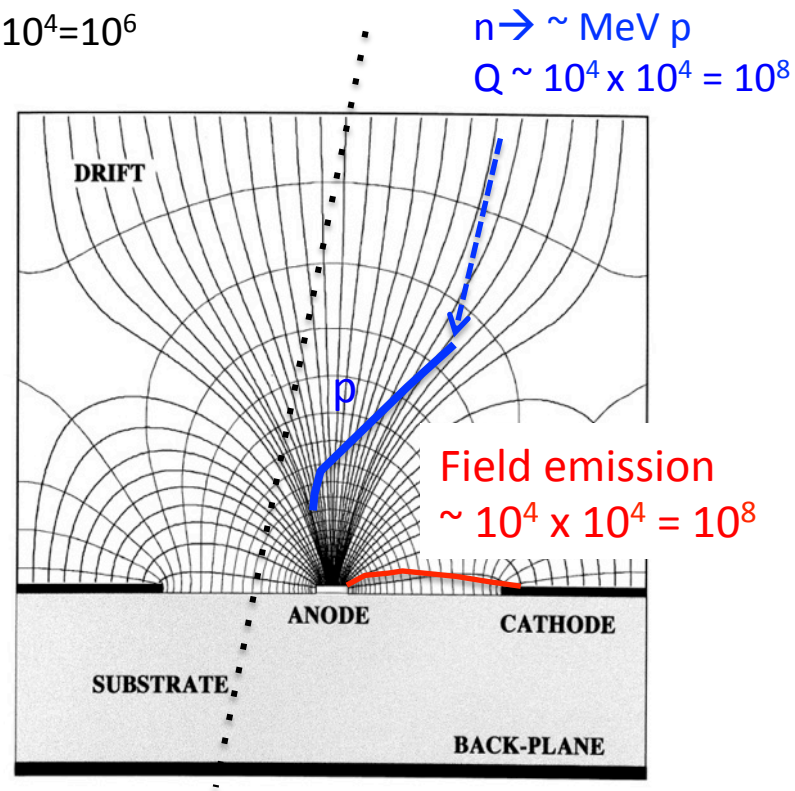


R. Bouclier et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A348(1994)109

MSGC DISCHARGES

PRE-AMPLIFICATION OF ELECTRONS
EMITTED BY CATHODE STRIP EDGES

MINIMUM IONIZING
PARTICLES
Q= 100 x10^4=10^6



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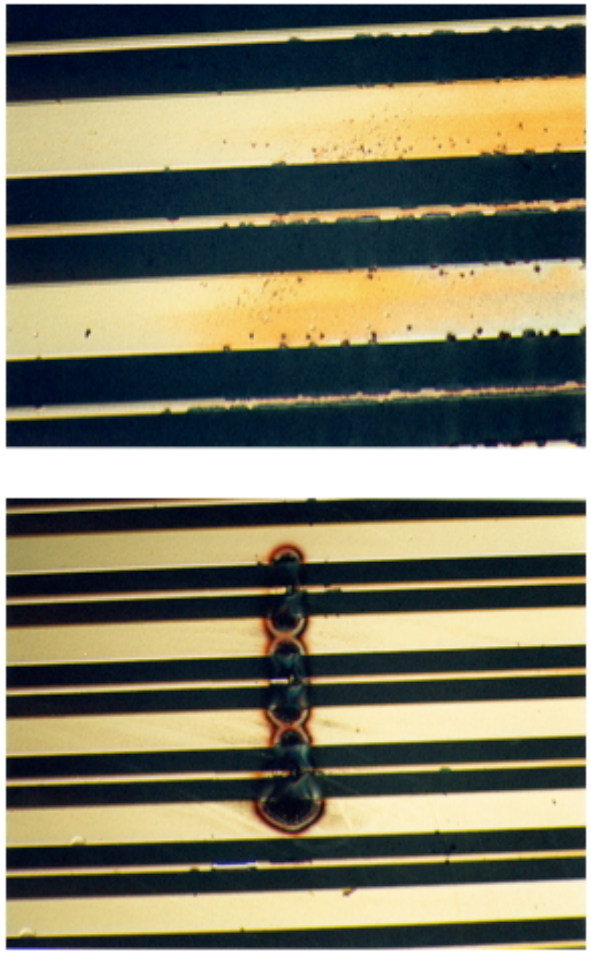

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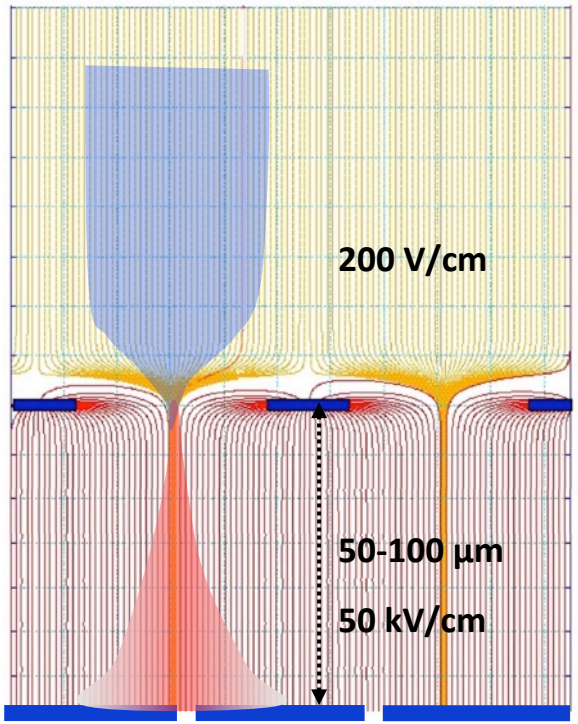
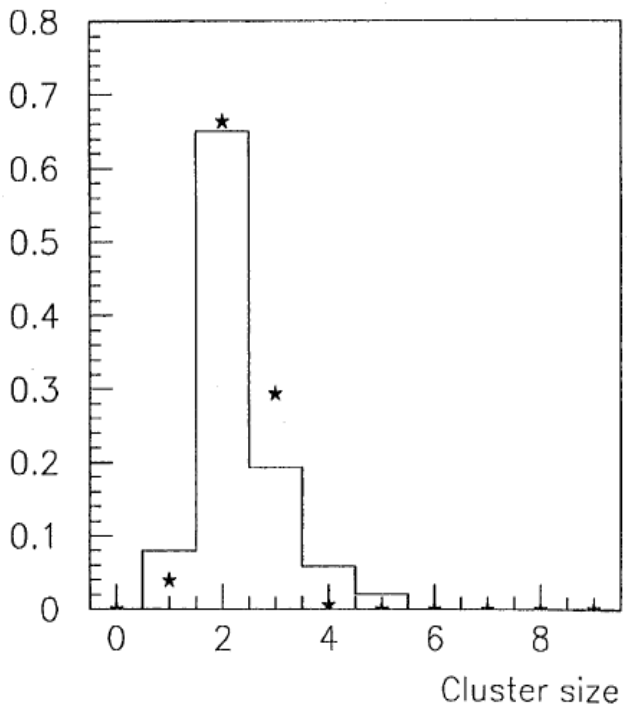
MICROMEGAS
Thin (50-100 µm) multiplication gap:



COLLECTED CHARGE DISTRIBUTION :
~ 200 µm fwhm



100 µm pitch

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

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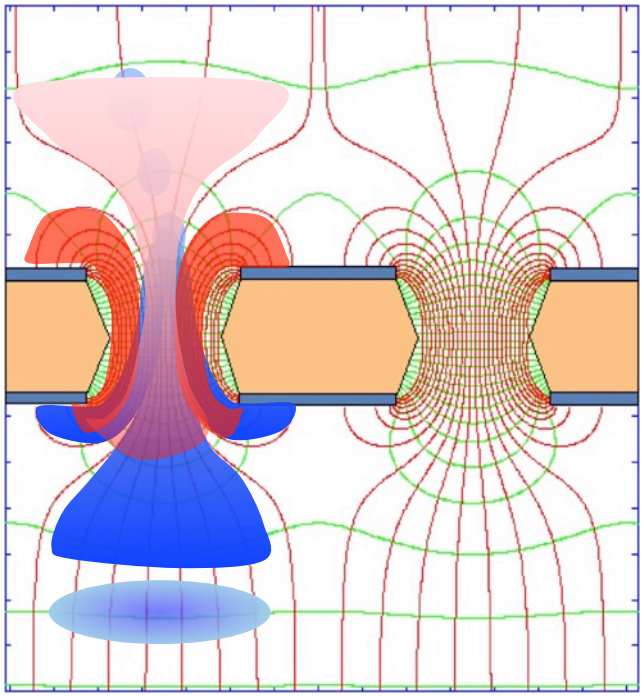
GAS ELECTRON MULTIPLIER (GEM)

GEM

Thin (50 µm) metal-coated polymer foil with high density of holes:



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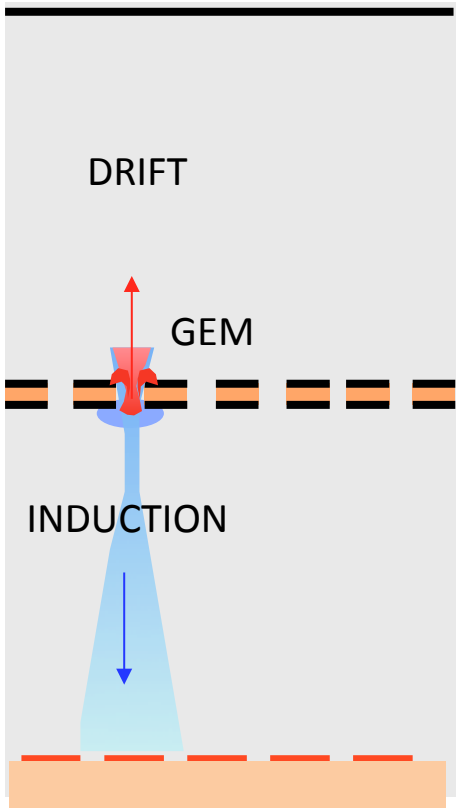
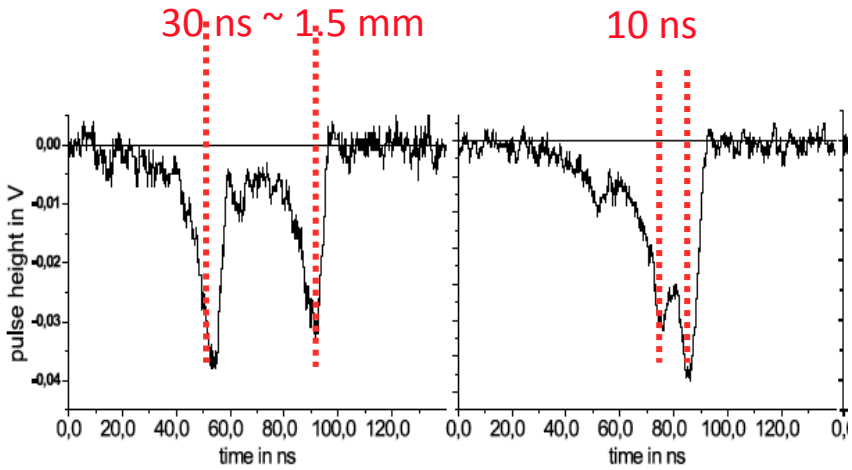
FAST ELECTRON SIGNAL ON ANODE STRIPS (NO ION TAIL):



GEM TWO-TRACK RESOLUTION

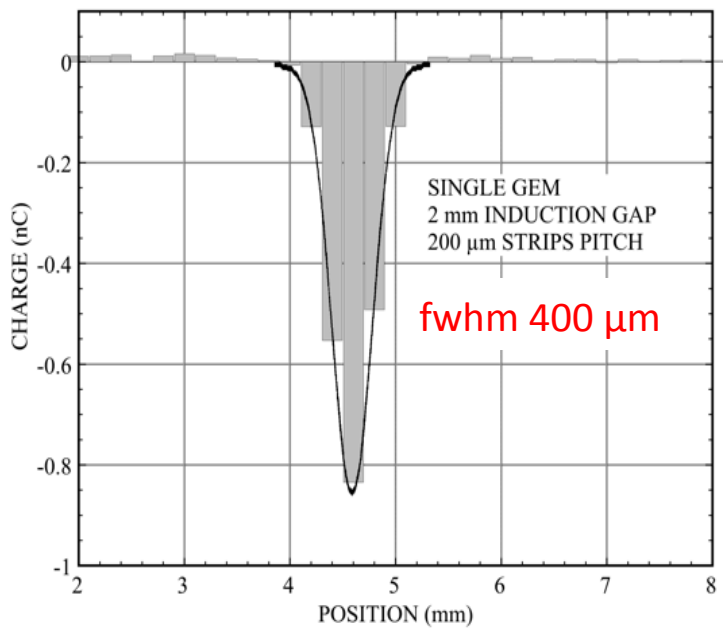
GEM

TWO-TRACK RESOLUTION
(DRIFT TIME):



M. Ziegler, PhD Zürich Univ. (2002)

TWO-TRACK RESOLUTION
(PROJECTION):

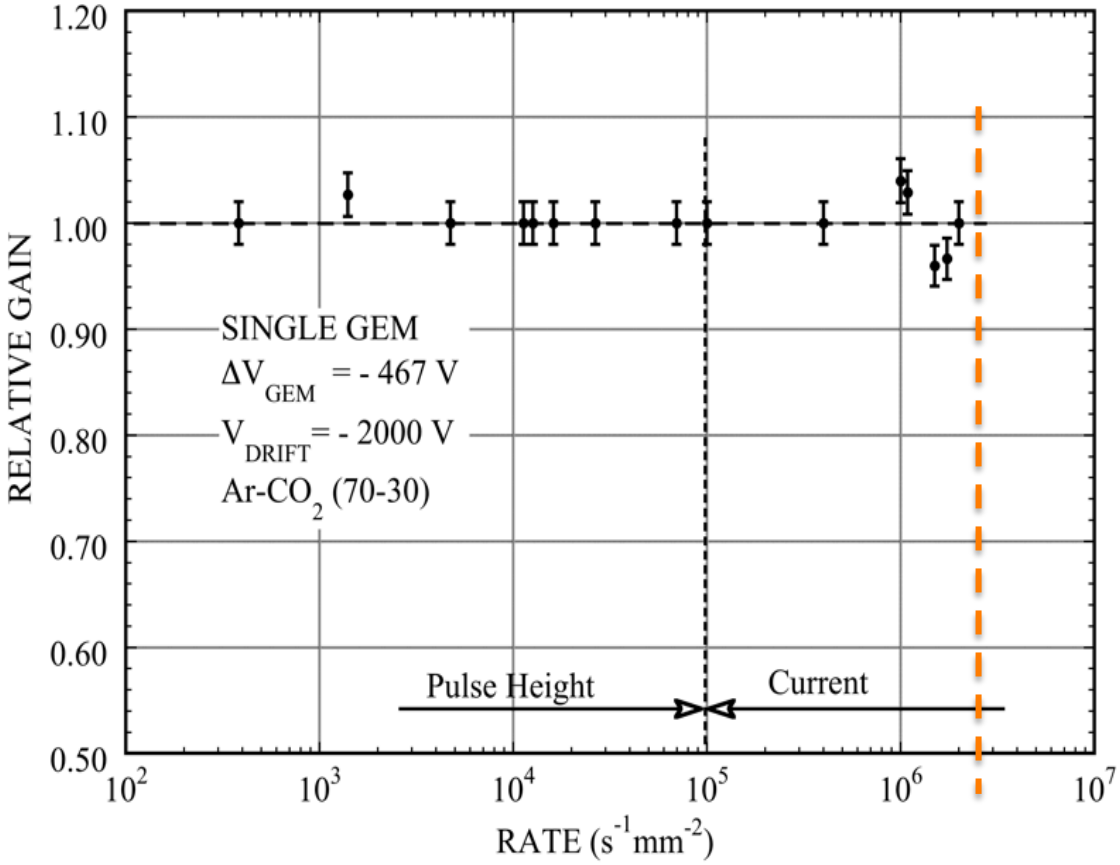


VOLUME RESOLUTION ~ 1 mm^3

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

GEM RATE CAPABILITY

GEM GAIN vs RATE (SOFT X-Rays)

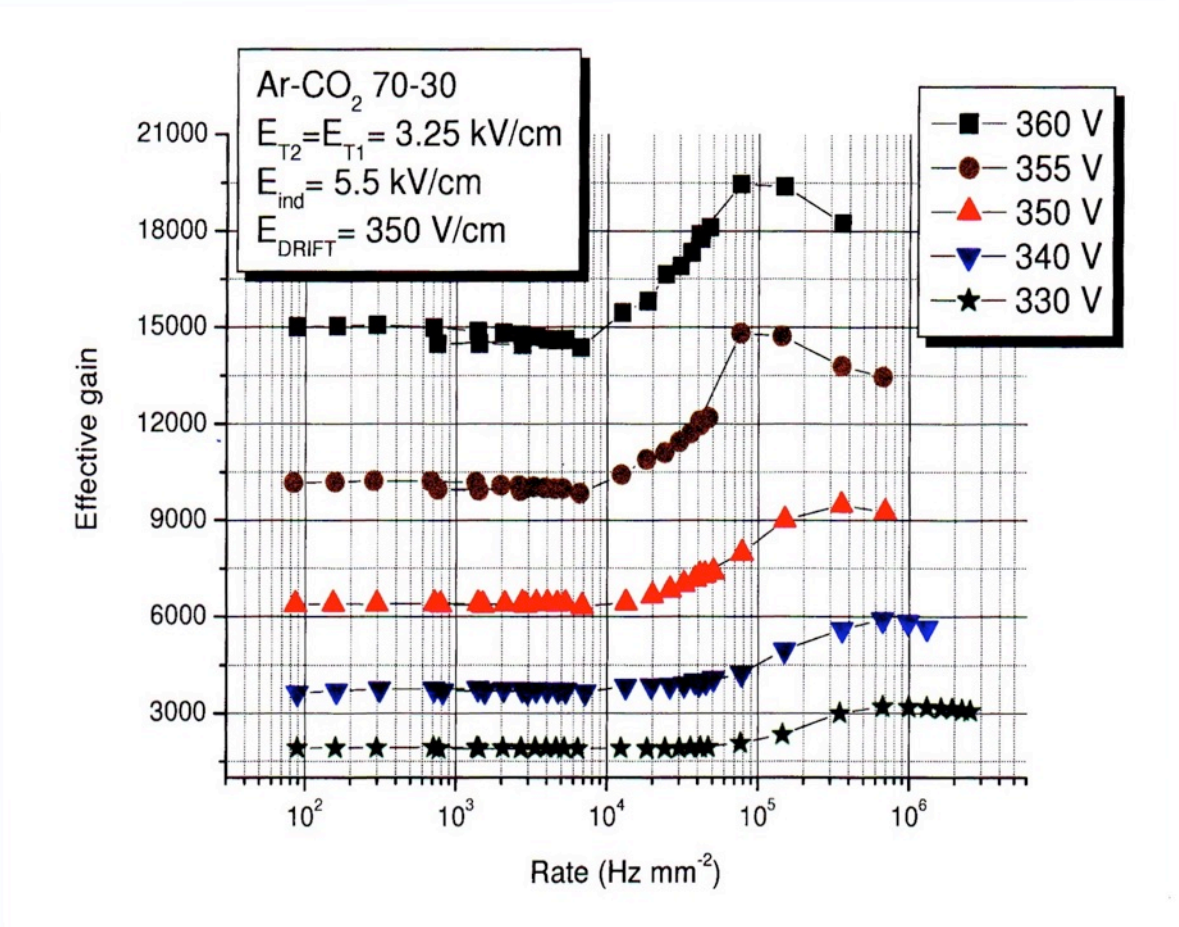


> 1 MHz mm^{-2}

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

GEM RATE CAPABILITY

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



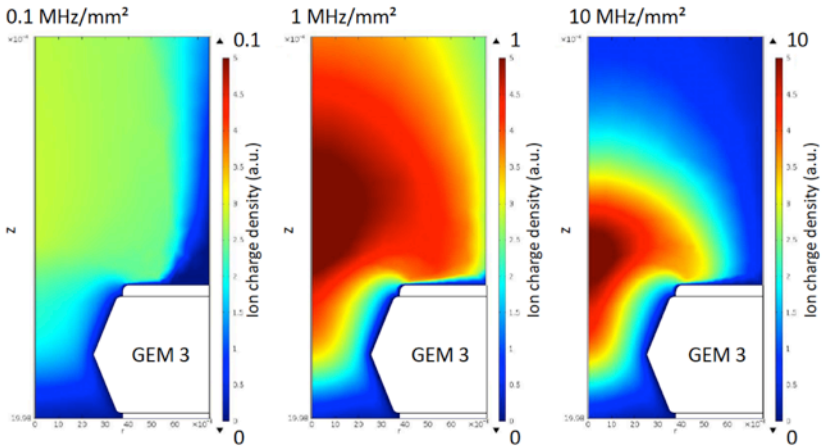
Peter Everaerts, PhD Thesis Gent University (2006)

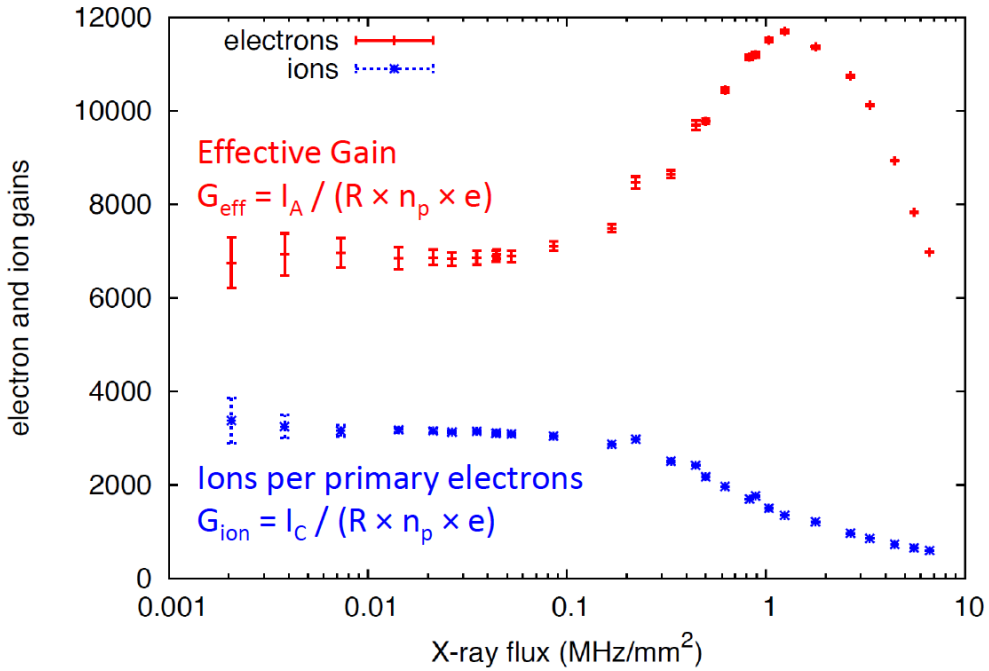
GEM RATE CAPABILITY (SIMULATION)

GEM

- COMSOL Finite Element Analysis
- GARFIELD

SPACE CHARGE BUILDUP:





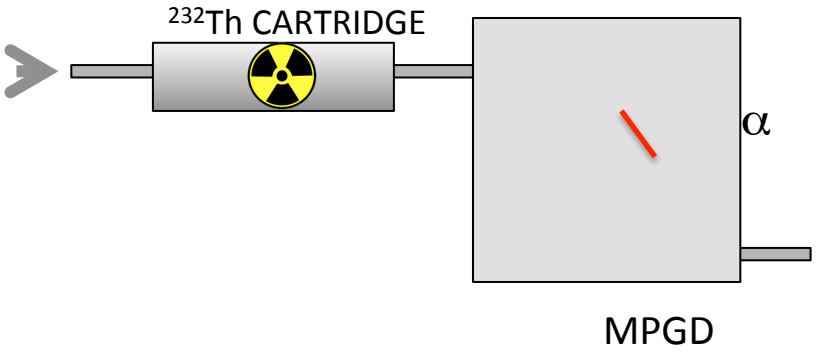
S. Franchino et al, IEEE Nucl. Sci. Symposium (San Diego, Oct. 31, 2015)

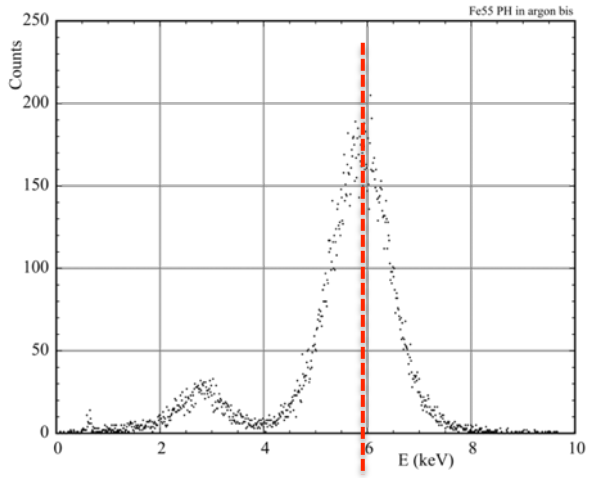
MPGD DISCHARGE STUDY AND CERTIFICATION

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

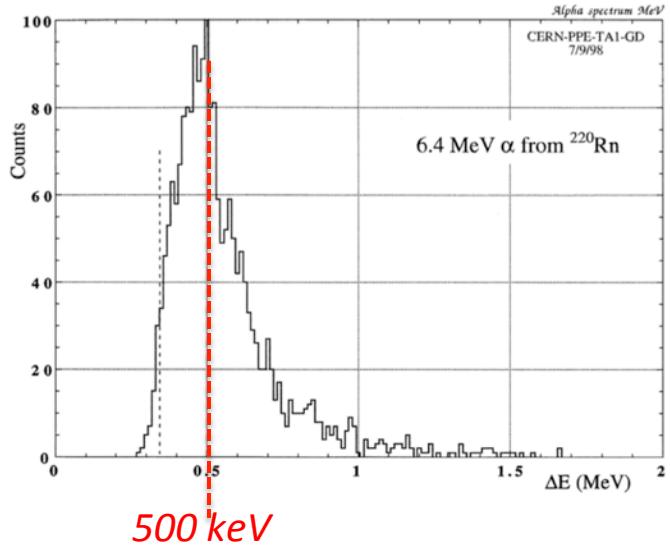
INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL ^{243}Am SOURCE
(REQUIRES THIN WINDOW)

GASEOUS α SOURCE: ^{232}Th->^{232}Rn+α (6.4 MeV):



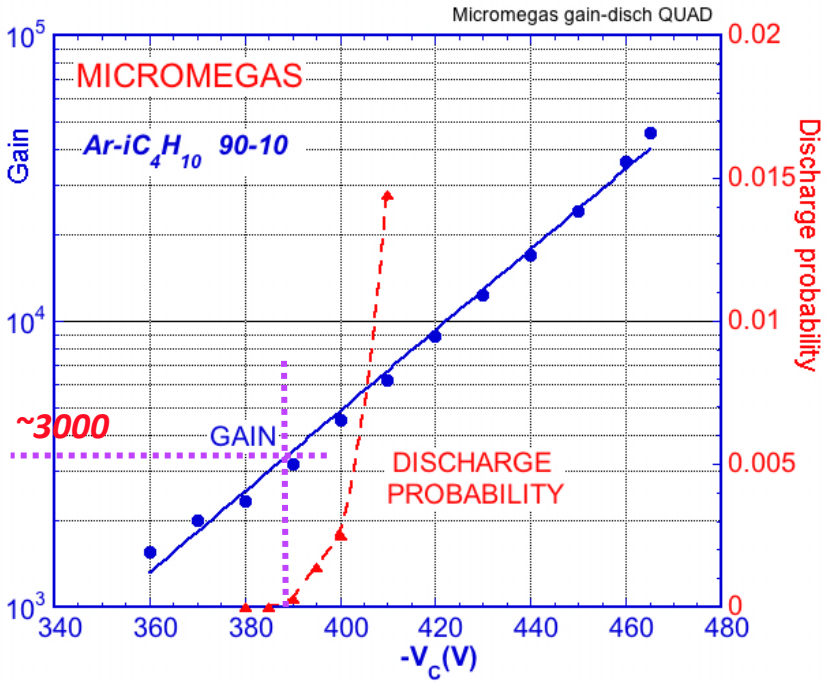


ENERGY LOSS IN 3 mm GAP:



LABORATORY TESTBENCH FOR MPGDs

MICROMEGAS:



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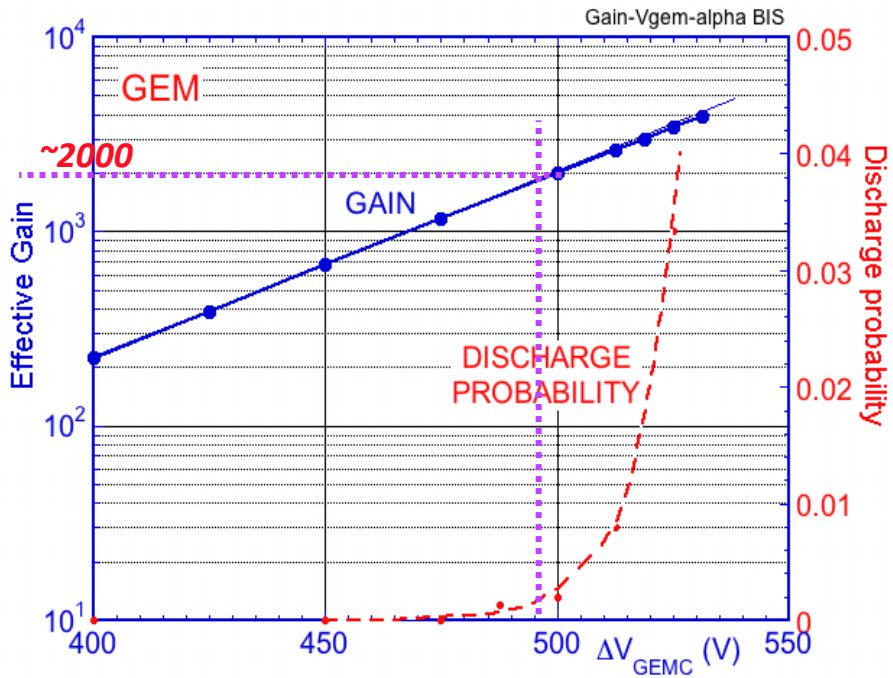
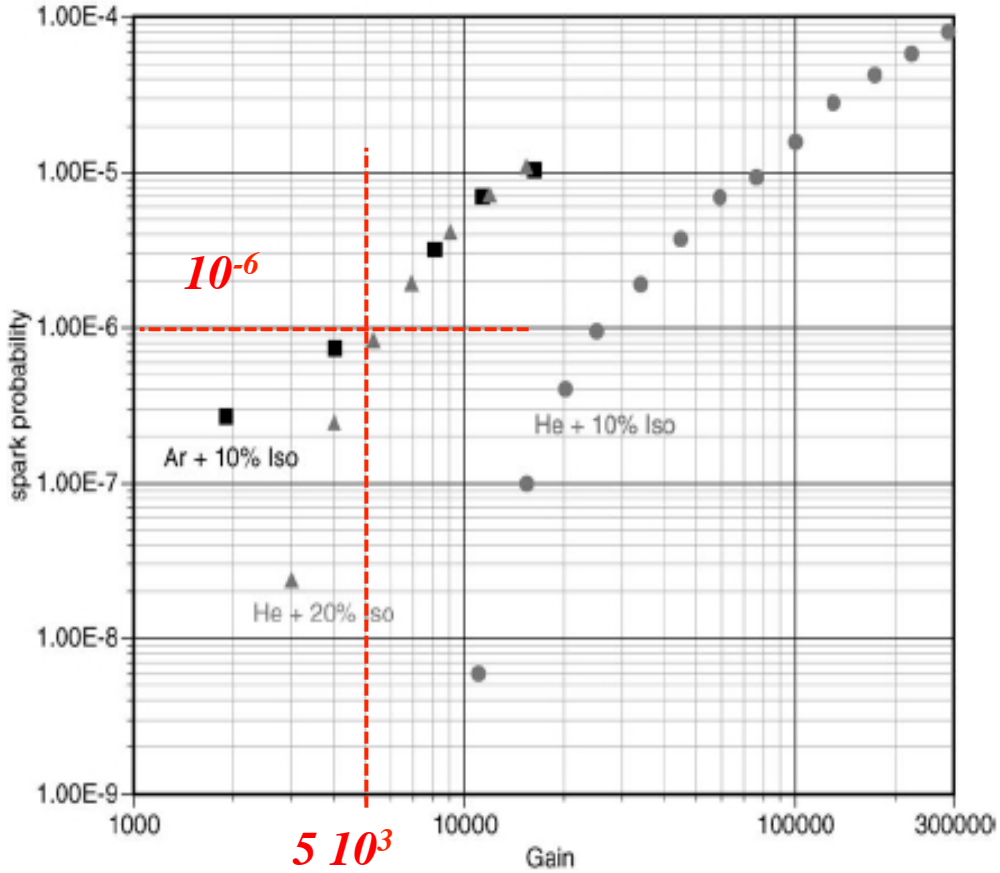


A. Bressan et al.Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A424(1999)321

MICROMEGAS DISCHARGES

SPARK PROBABILITY IN HADRON BEAM

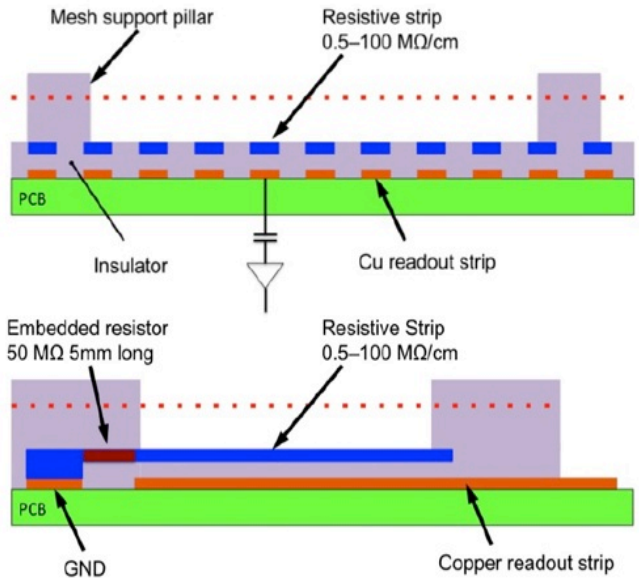
FOR A GAIN OF 5.10^3
10^6 PARTICLES s^{-1}:
~ ONE DISCHARGE / SECOND



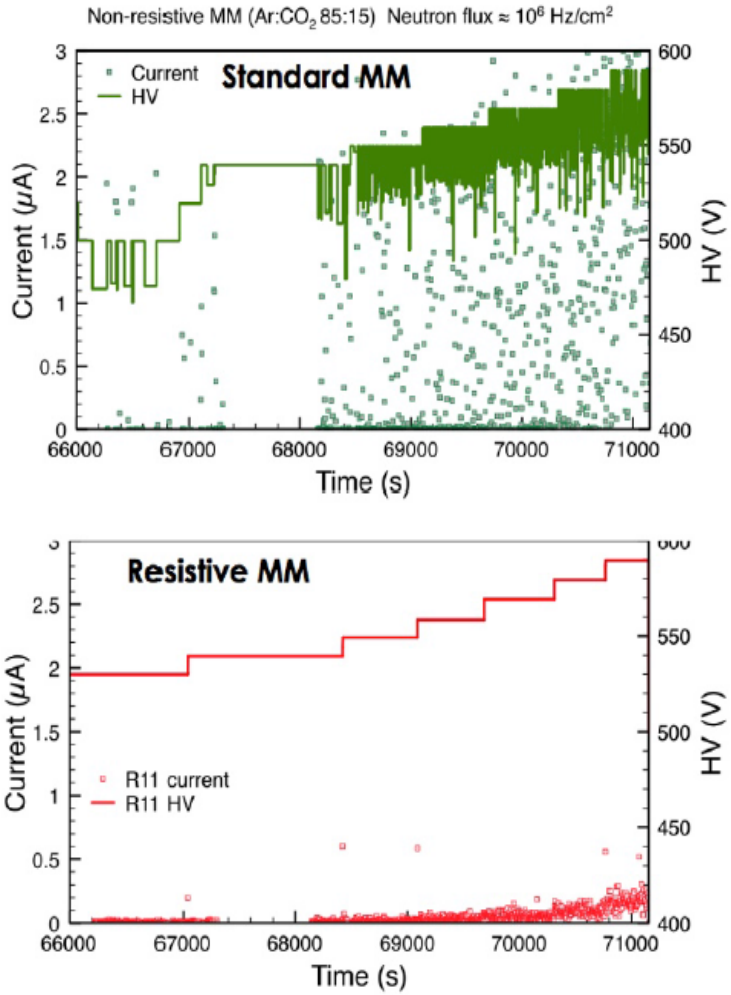
A. Delbart et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A478(2002)205

DISCHARGES: RESISTIVE MICROMEGAS

BUILT ON A HIGH-RESISTIVITY POLYMER

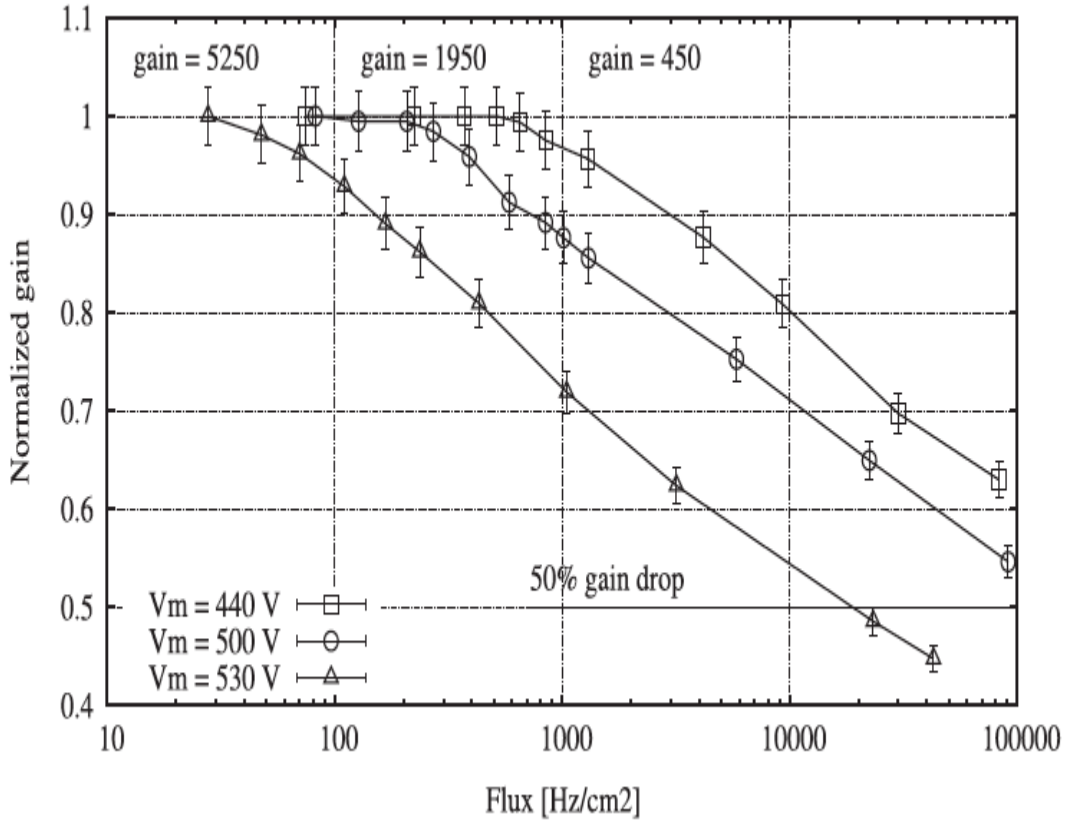


SPARK RATES IN NEUTRON BEAM EXPOSURE:



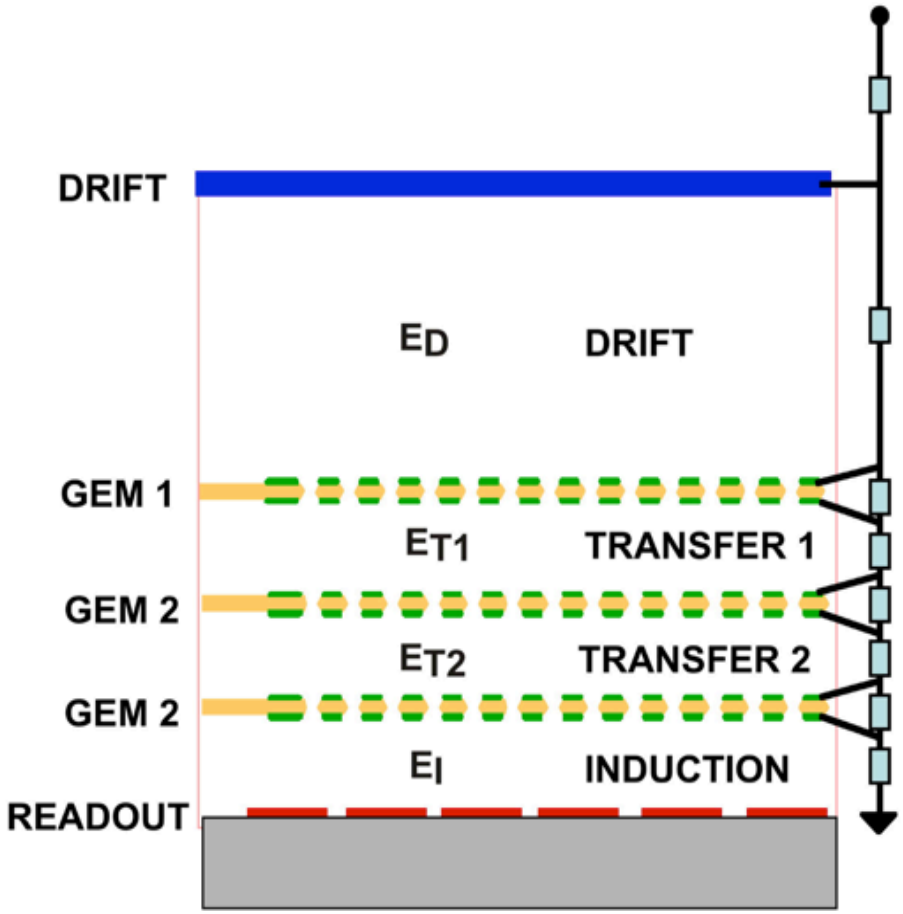
T. Alexopolous et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A640(2011)110

GAIN REDUCTION AS A FUNCTION OF RATES:



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

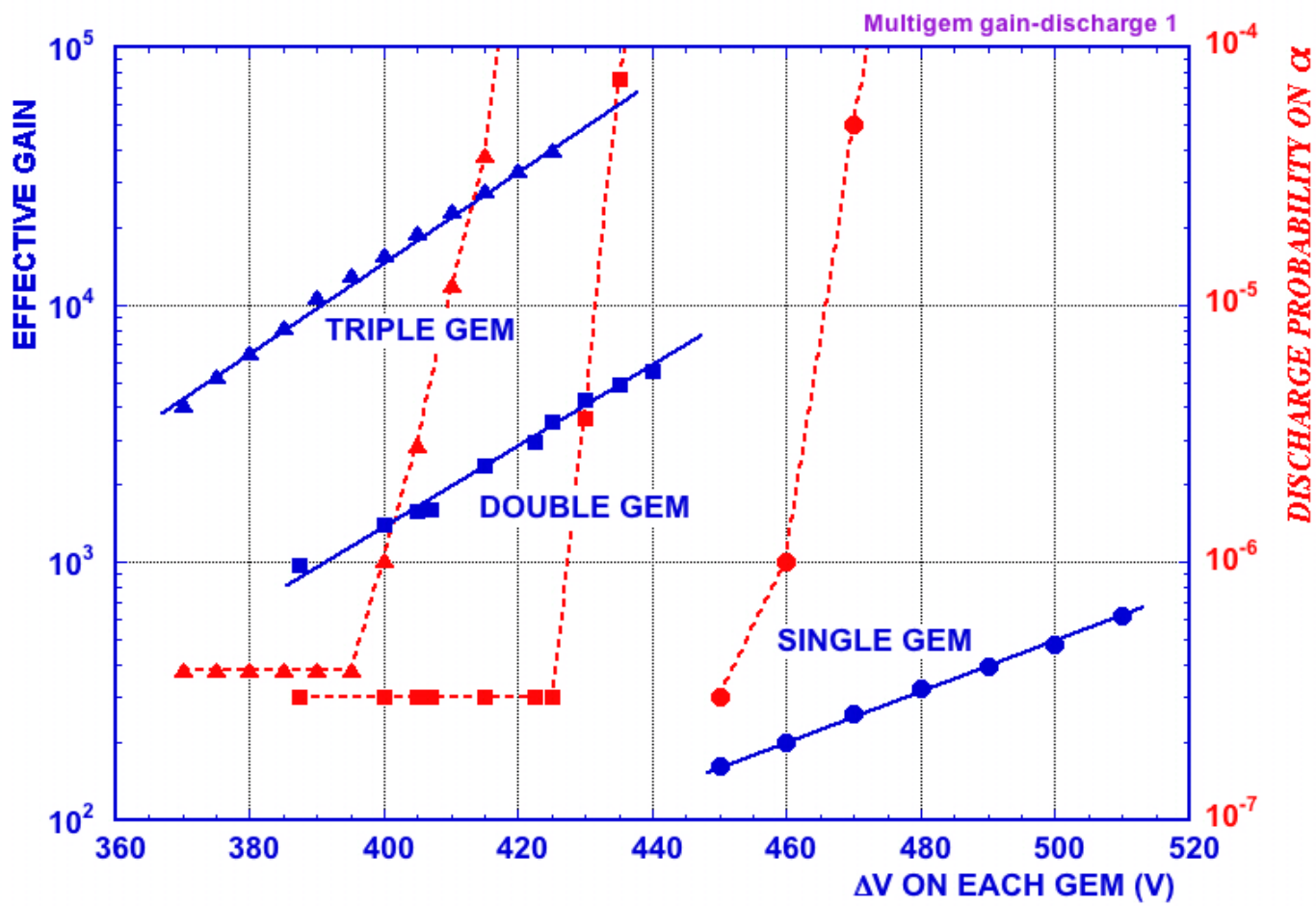
TRIPLE-GEM (TGEM): CASCADED GEM ELECTRODES



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

DISCHARGES: MULTI-GEM

MULTI-GEM



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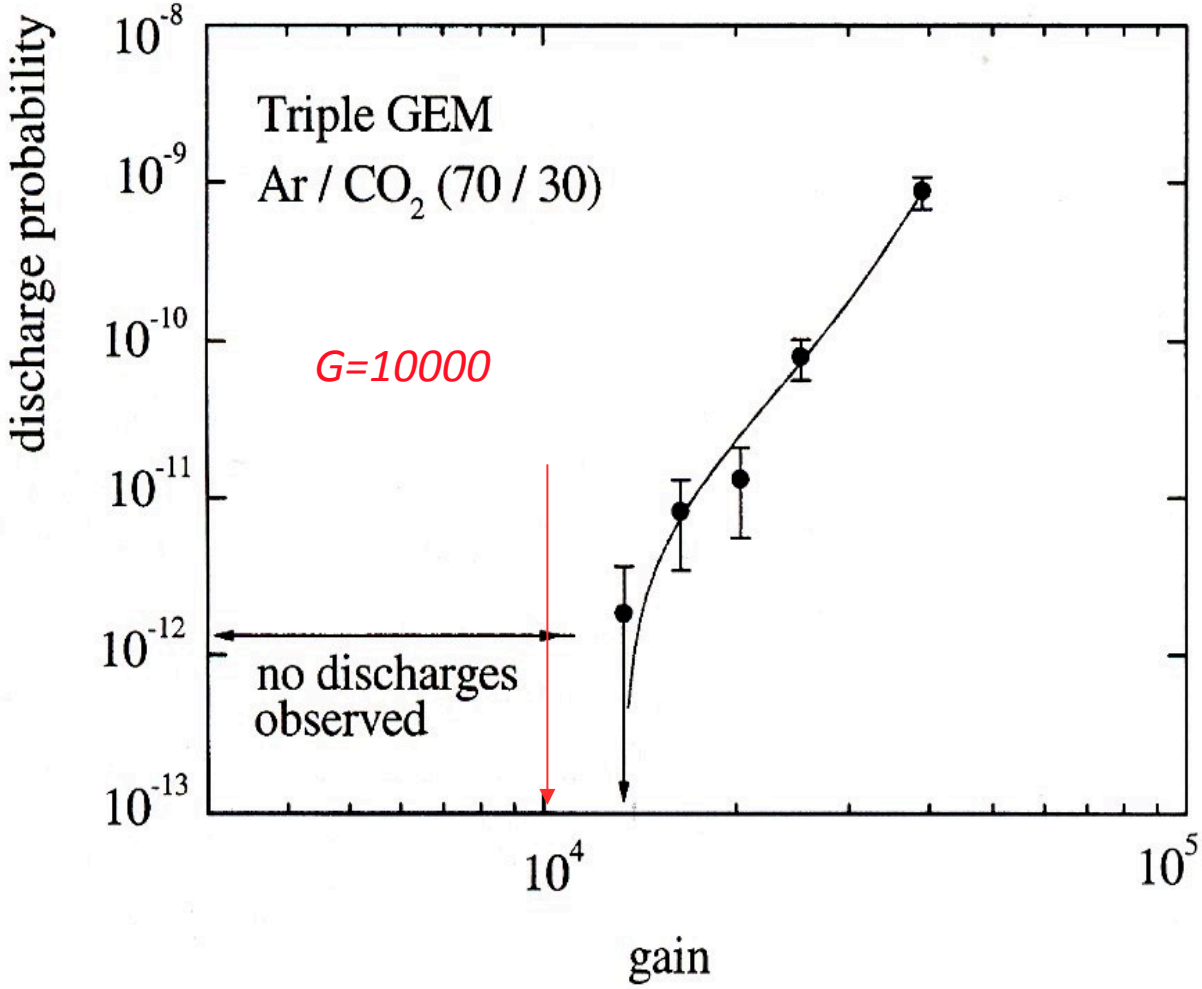
COMPASS TRIPLE-GEM IN HADRON BEAM

MULTI-GEM



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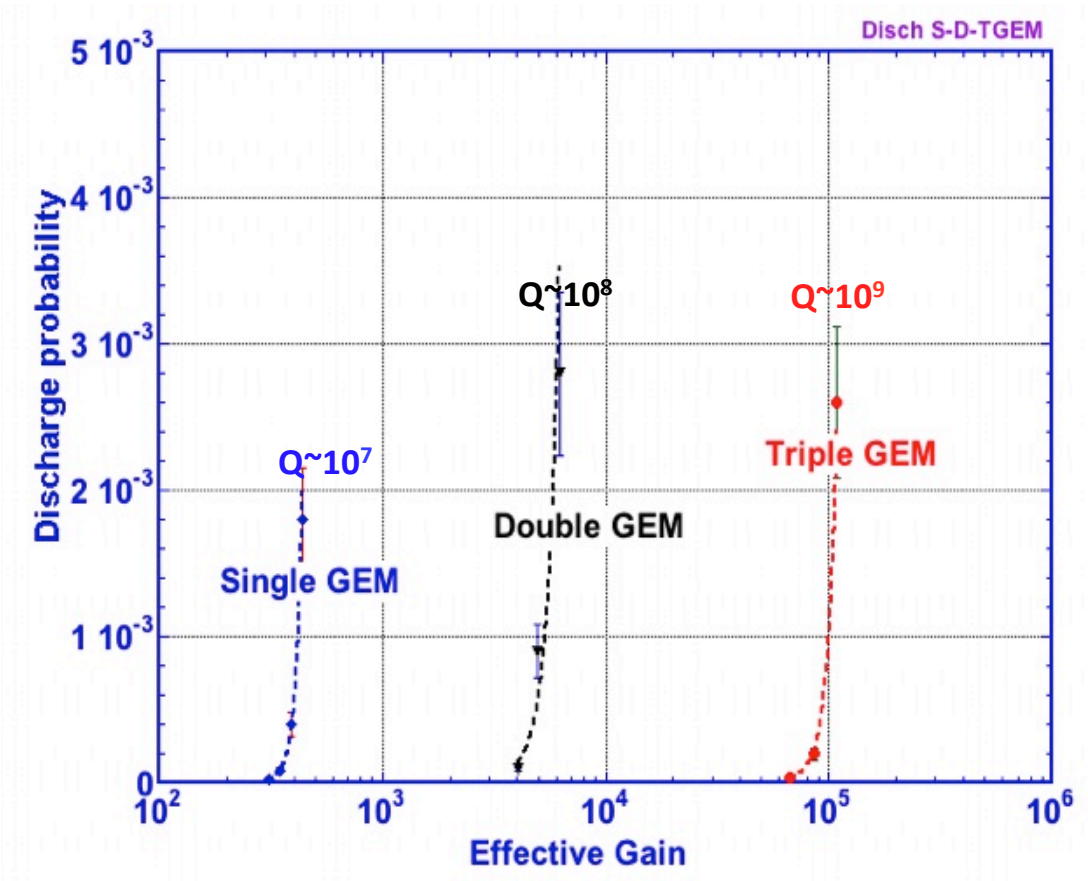
DISCHARGES: MULTI-GEM

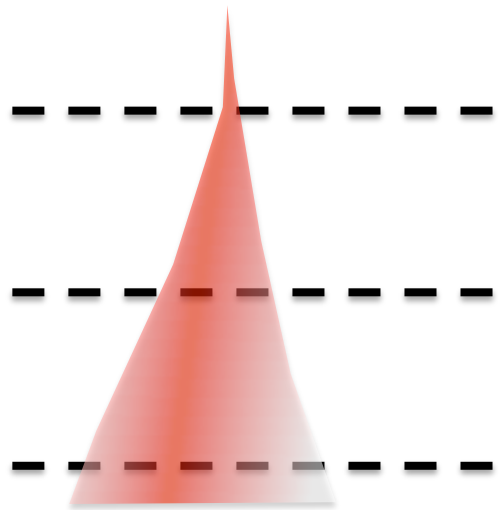
MULTI-GEM

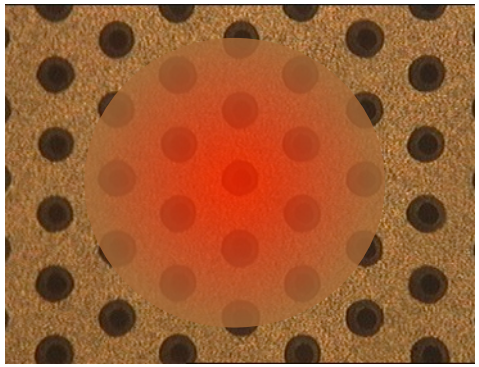
WHAT ABOUT THE RAETHER LIMIT?

DISCHARGE PROBABILITY VS GAIN:

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







MICROMEGAS+GEM

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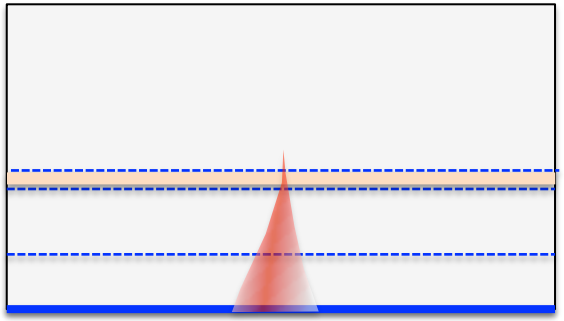

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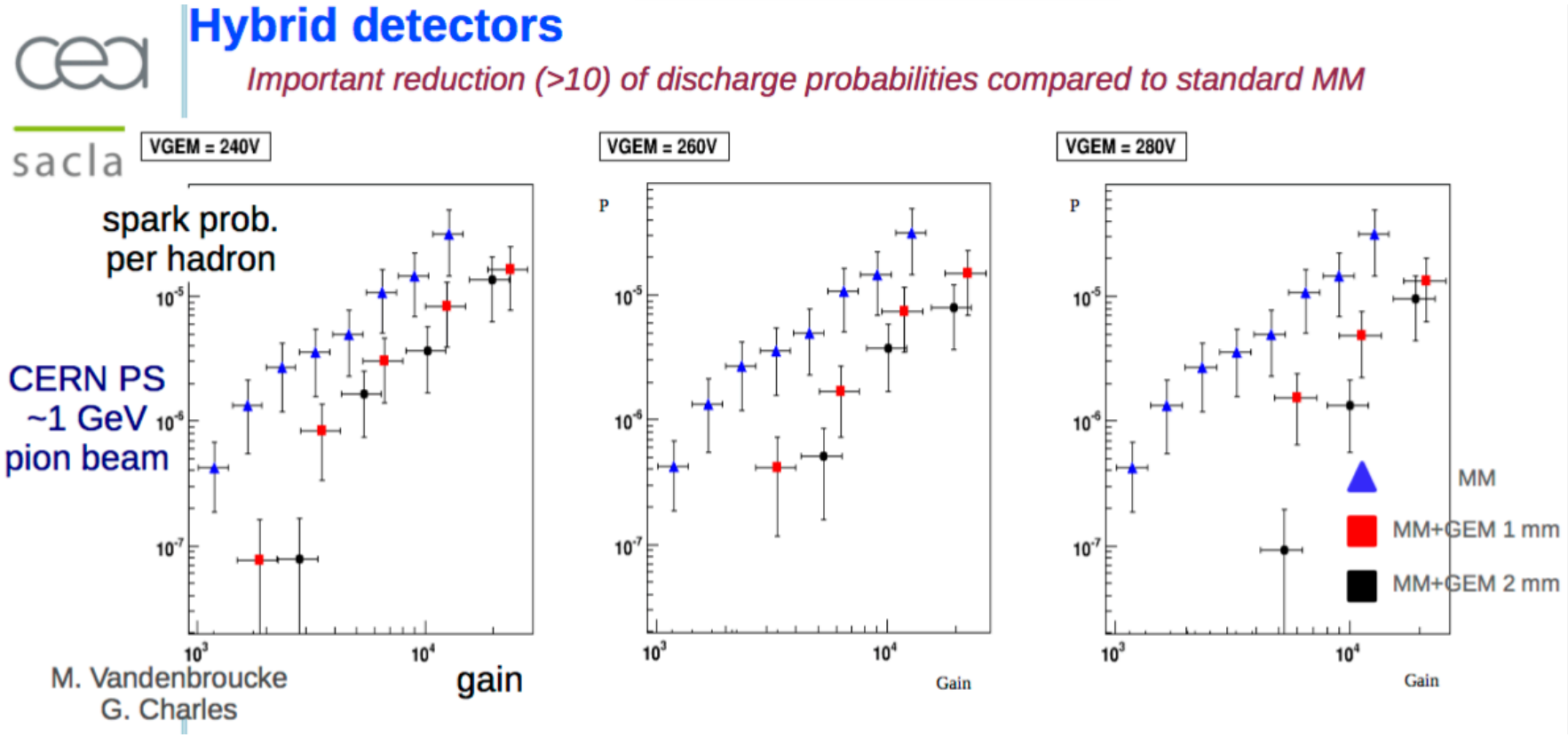

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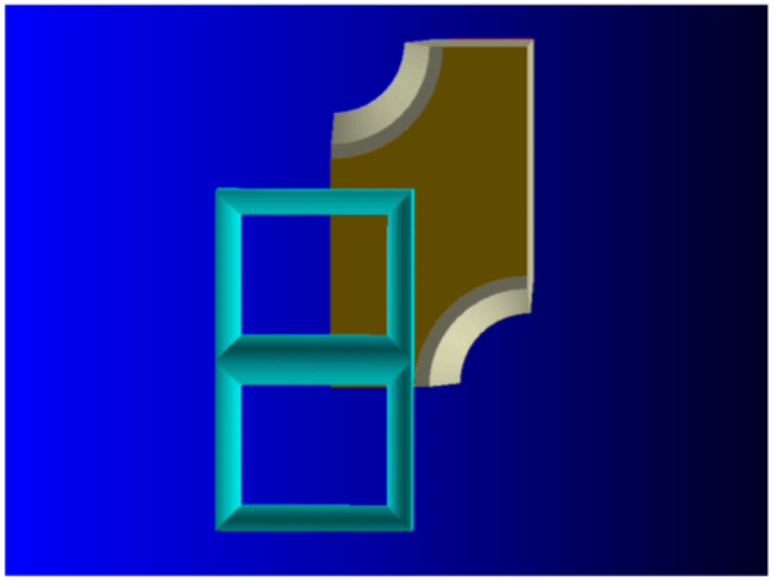
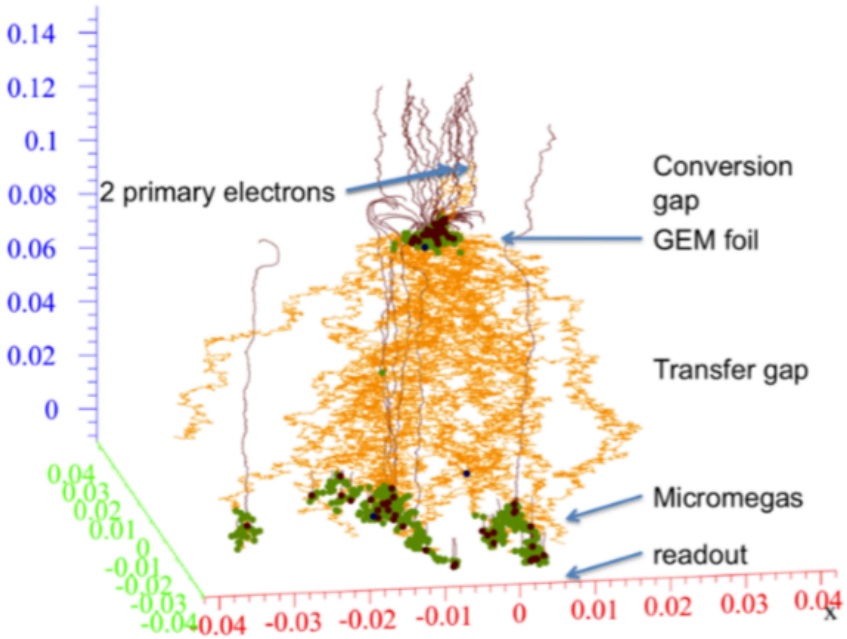
AVALANCHE SIMULATION: MICROMEGAS + GEM

MICROMEGAS+GEM

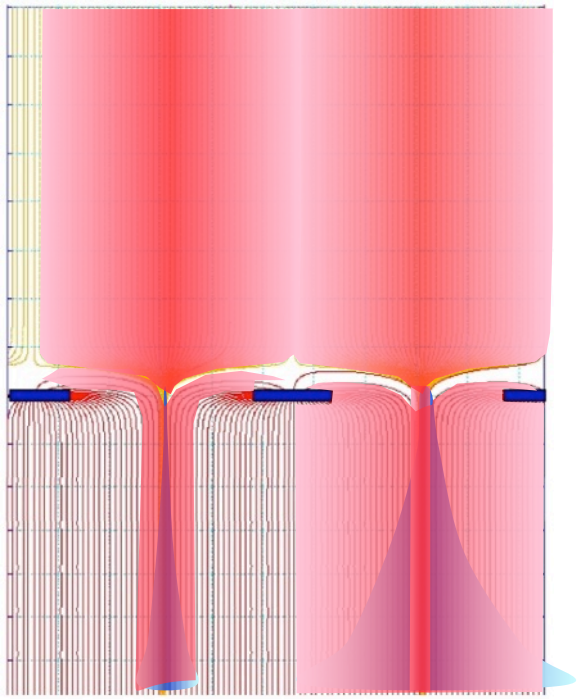




M. Vandenbroucke, JINST 7(2012)C05014

POSITIVE IONS BACKFLOW: MICROMEGAS

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



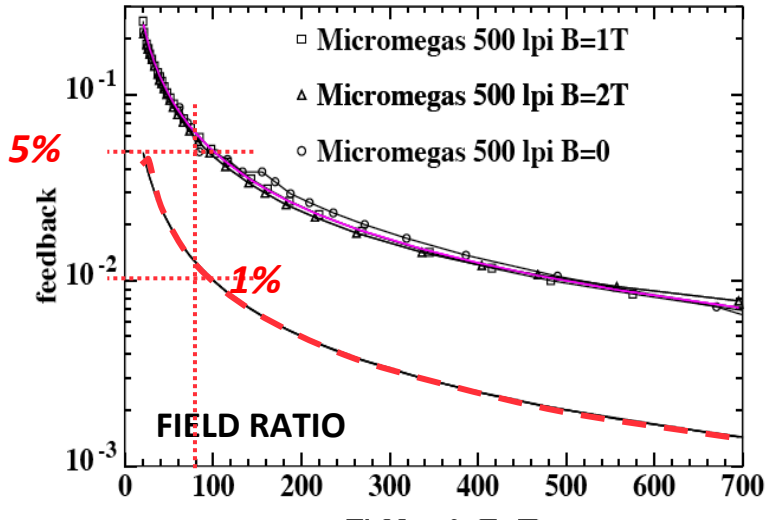
$E_D \sim 400\ V\ cm^{-1}$

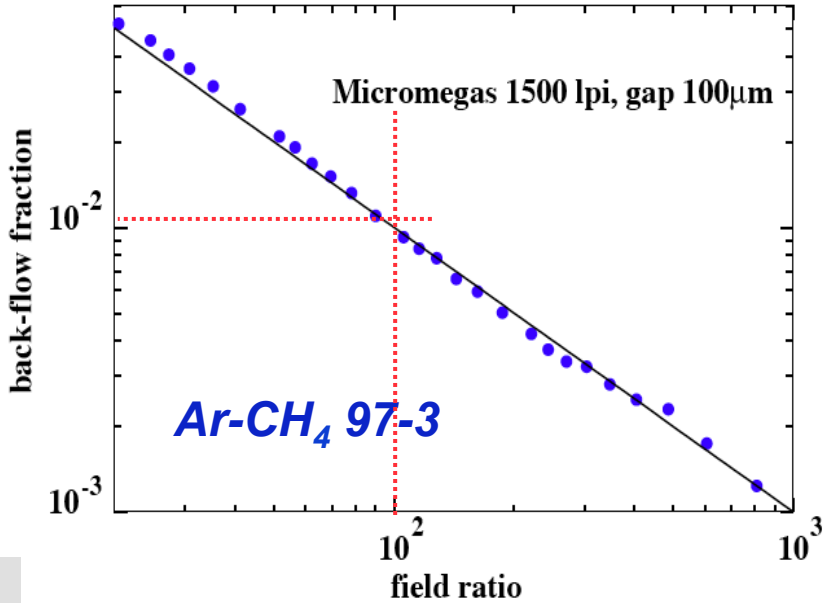
$E_A \sim 40\ kV\ cm^{-1}$

GAS 1 *GAS 2*

Low diffusion *High diffusion*

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

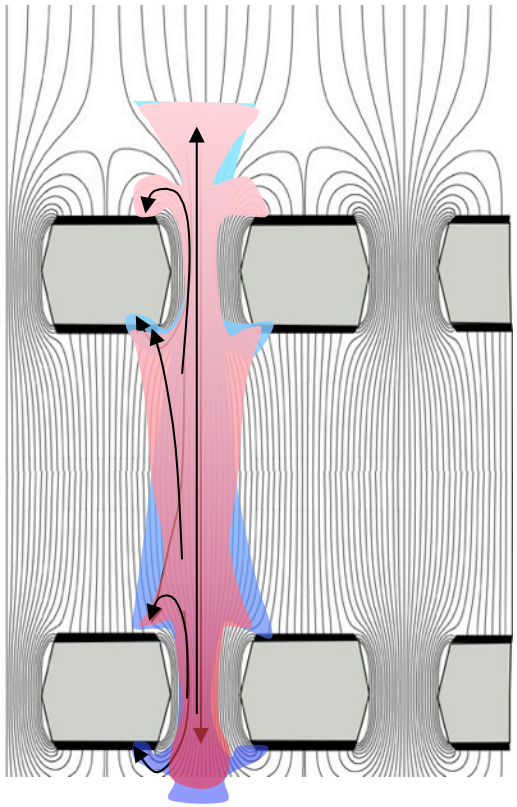




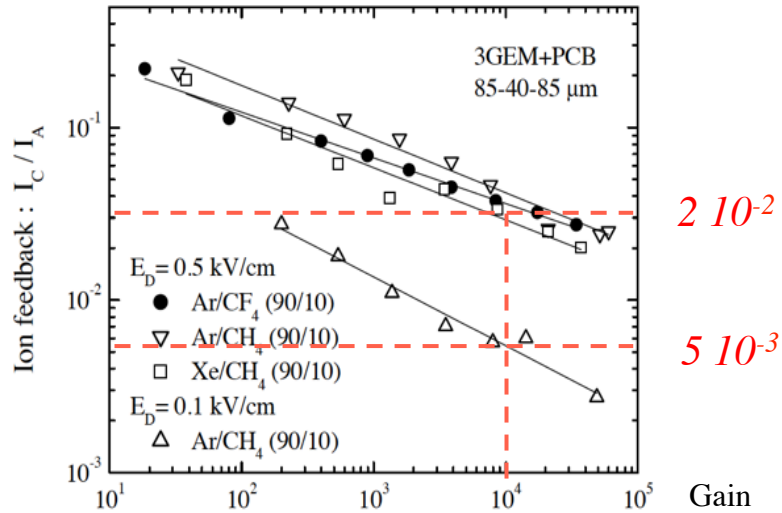
POSITIVE IONS BACKFLOW: MULTI-GEM

MULTI-GEM

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

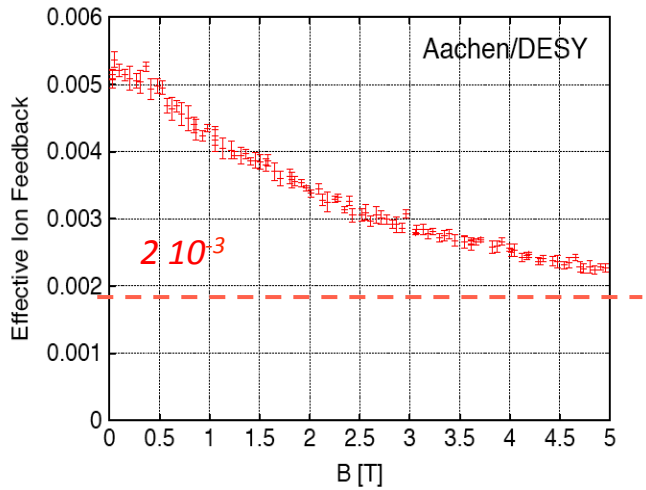


IBF AS A FUNCTION OF GAIN:



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

MAGNETIC FIELD:



THE WISH:

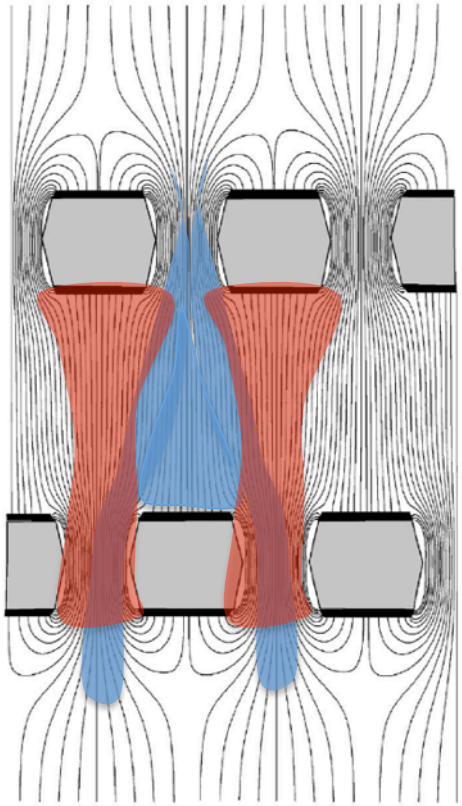
$$IBF \leq \frac{1}{GAIN} \approx 10^{-4}$$

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

POSITIVE IONS BACKFLOW: GEM WITH OFFSET HOLES

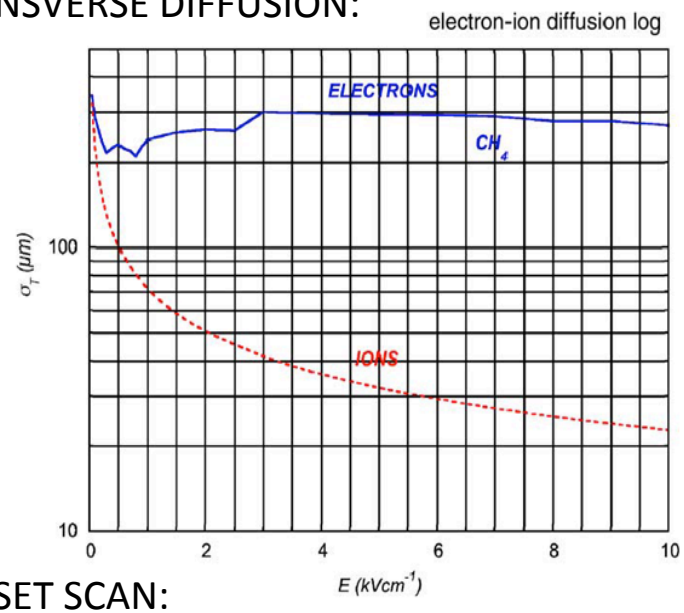
MULTI-GEM

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



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

TRANSVERSE DIFFUSION:



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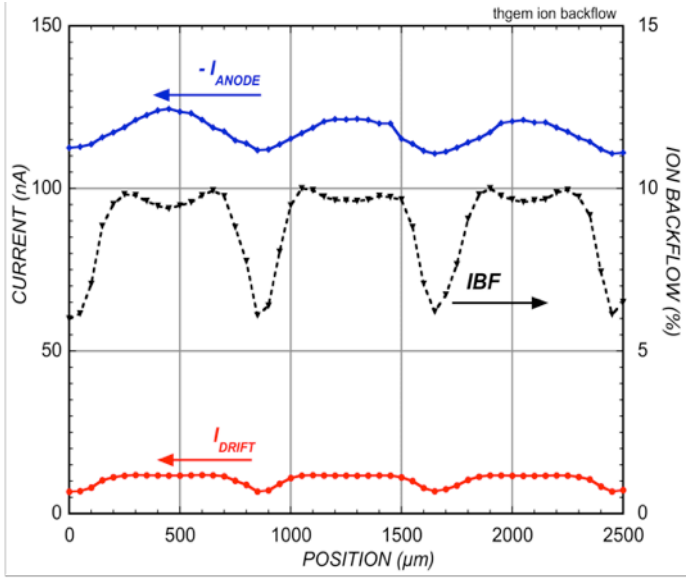
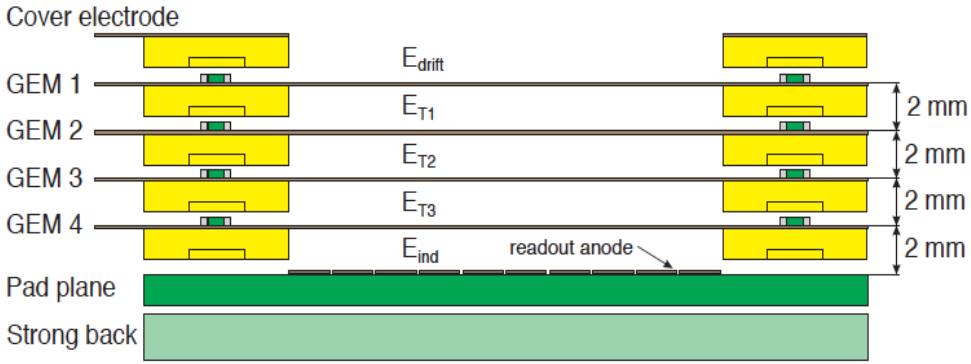


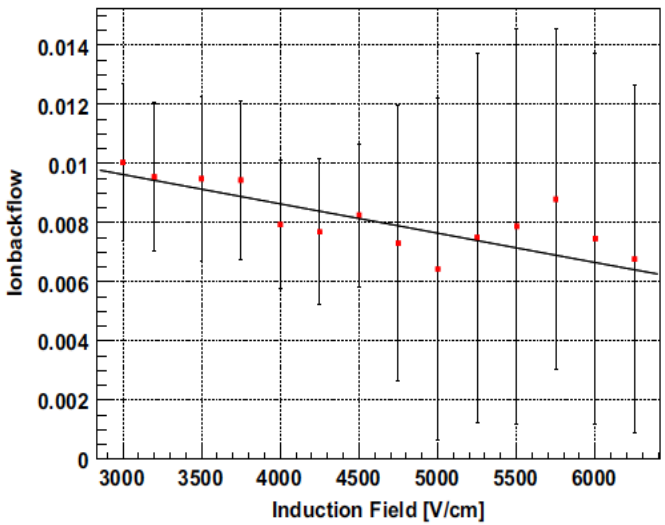
IONS BACKFLOW: ALICE TPC GEM UPGRADE

MULTI-GEM

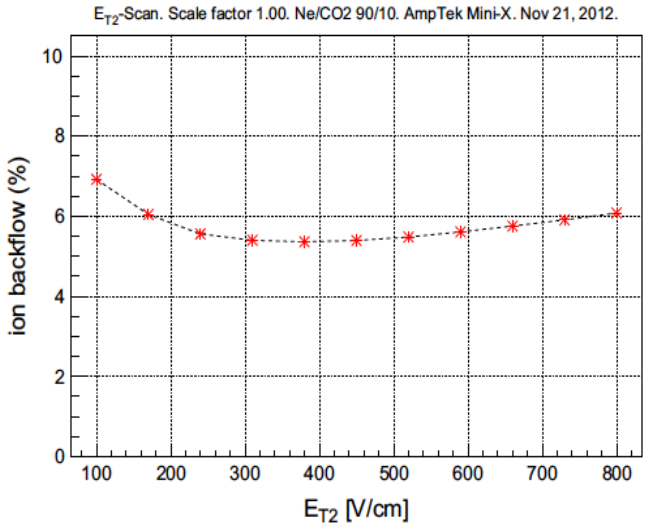
BASELINE: FOUR OFFSET GEMs



Ar-CO_2 70-30: ~ 0.8%



Ne-CO_2 (ALICE): ~ 5%



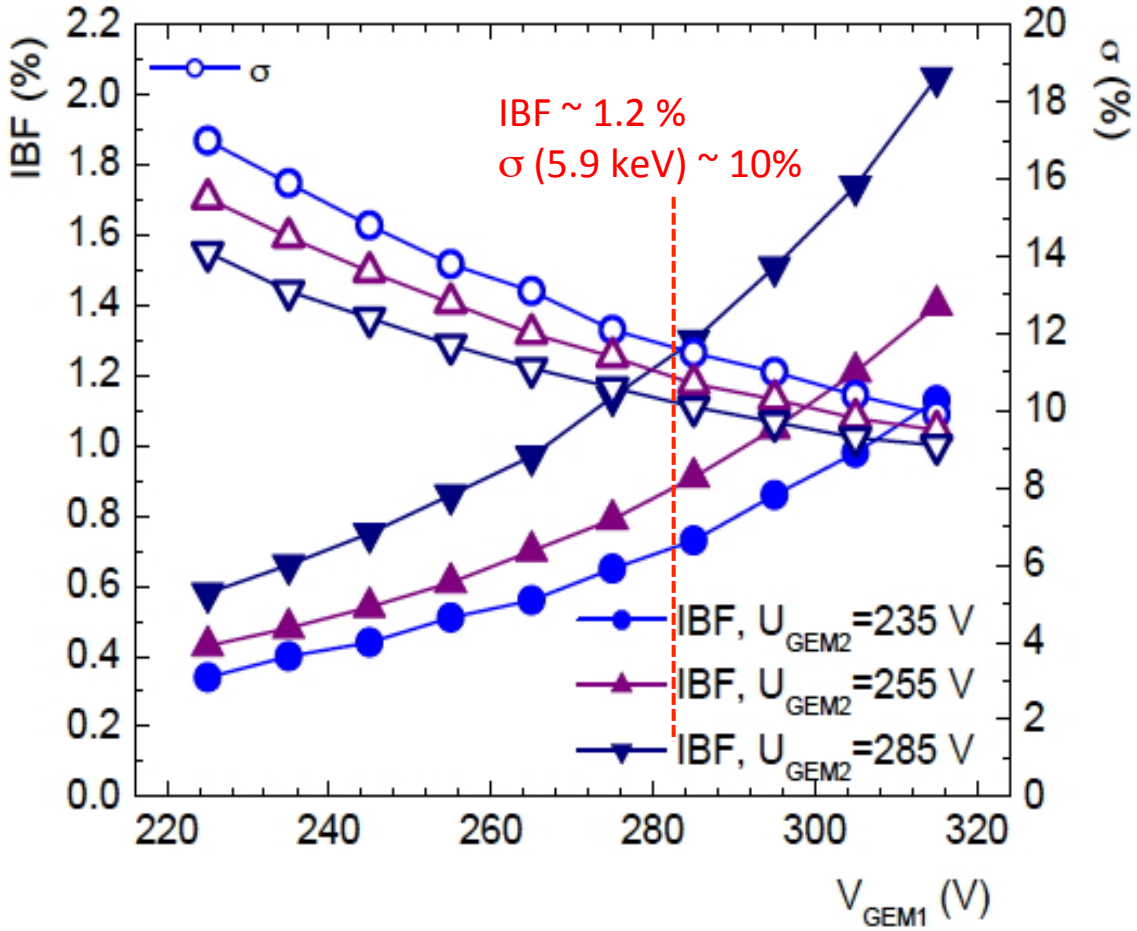
B. Ketzer et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A732(2013)237

IBF: ALICE TPC GEM UPGRADE

MULTI-GEM

QUAD-GEM WITH ALTERNATING DIFFERENT PITCH (140-280-280-140 µm)

IBF AND ENERGY RESOLUTION VS VOLTAGE ON THE FIRST GEM:



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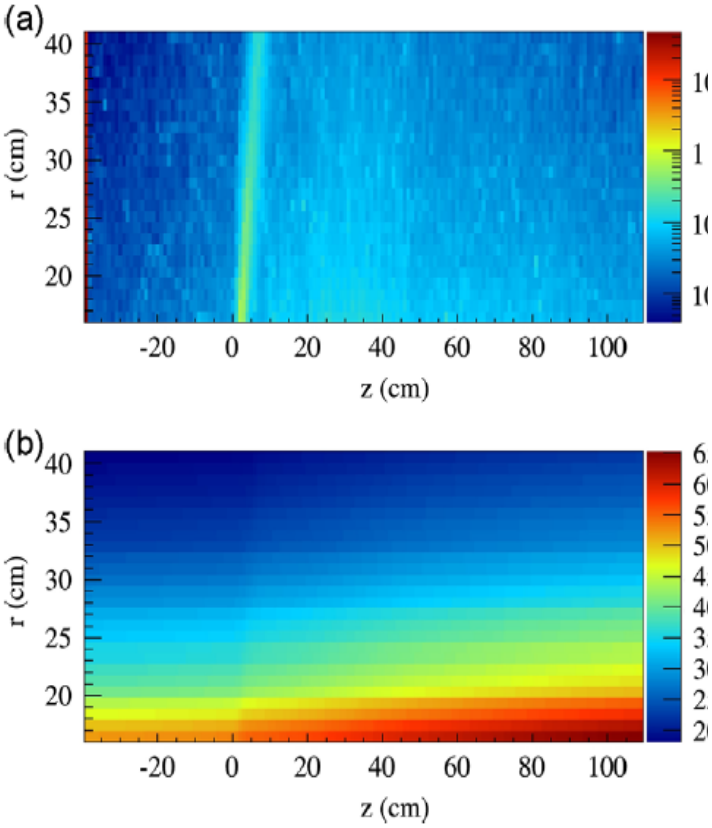
IBF SIMULATION STUDIES FOR PANDA

MULTI-GEM

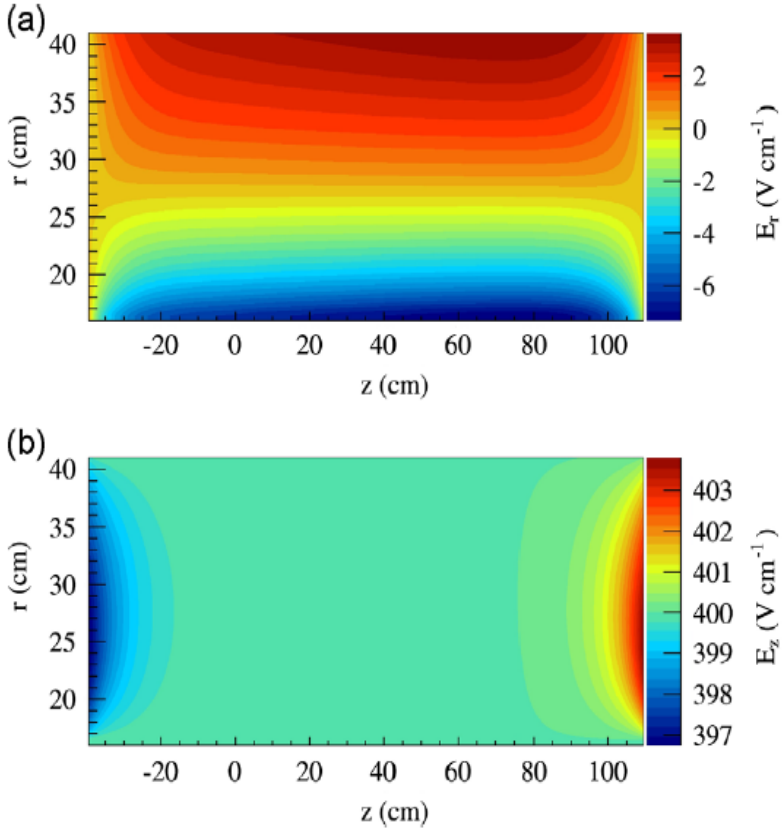
TRIPLE GEM OPERATED IN Ne-CO_2 90-10

2 10^7 p-p ANNIHILATIONS GAIN M=2000 IBF 2.5 10^{-3}

SPACE CHARGE DENSITY:



ELECTRIC FIELD DISTORTIONS:



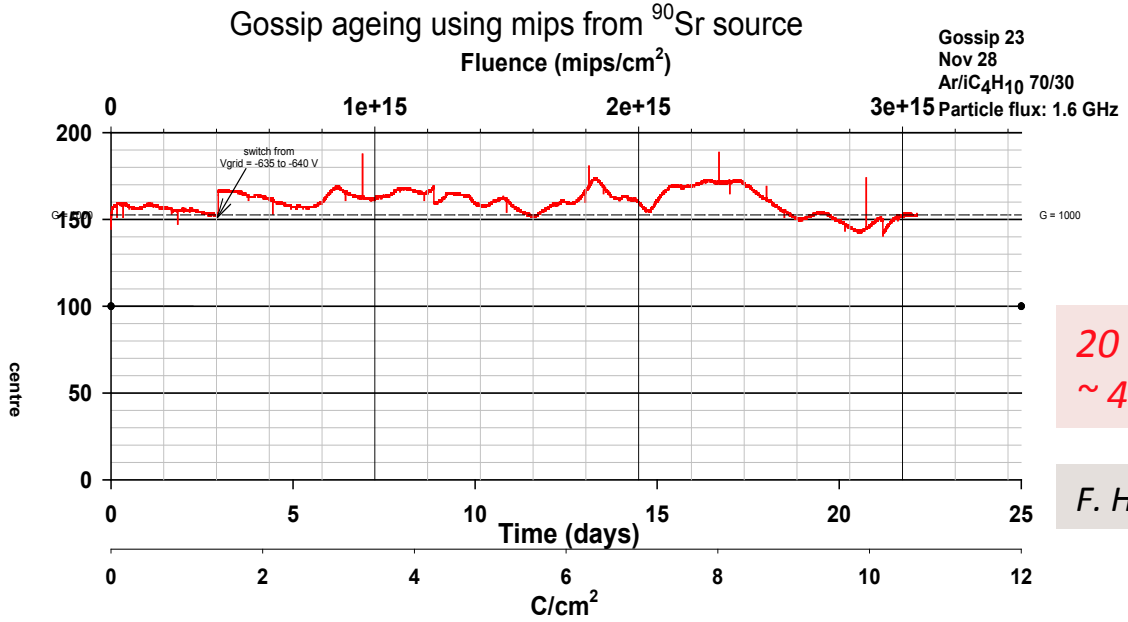
F.W. Bohmer et al,Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A719(2013)101

RADIATION RESISTANCE: MICROMEGAS

SYSTEMATIC IRRADIATION OF SMALL PROTOTYPES:

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

G. Iakovidis, MPGD 2013



20 C cm^{-2}
~ 4 10^{14} MIPS cm^{-2}

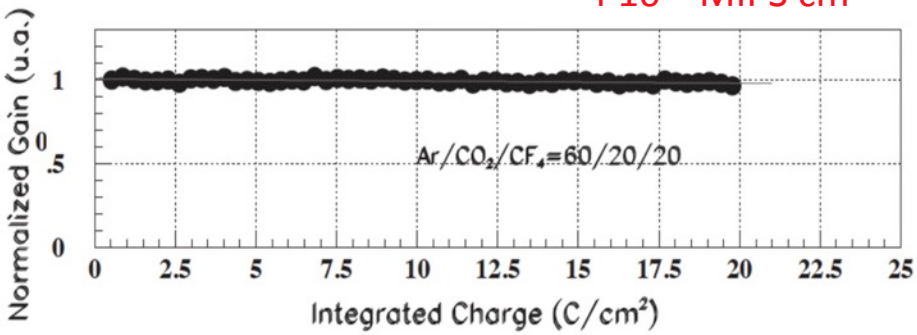
F. Hartjes, MPGD 2009

RADIATION RESISTANCE: GEM

MULTI-GEM

LHCb TRIGGER:

20 C/cm^2
~ 4 10^{14} MIPS cm^{-2}



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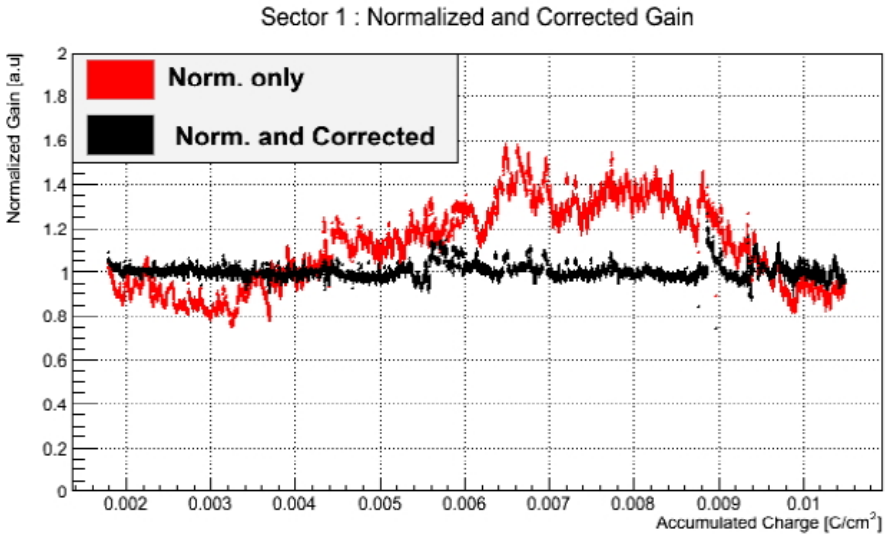

A. Sharma and M. Tytgat, CMS Technical Design Report, (2014)

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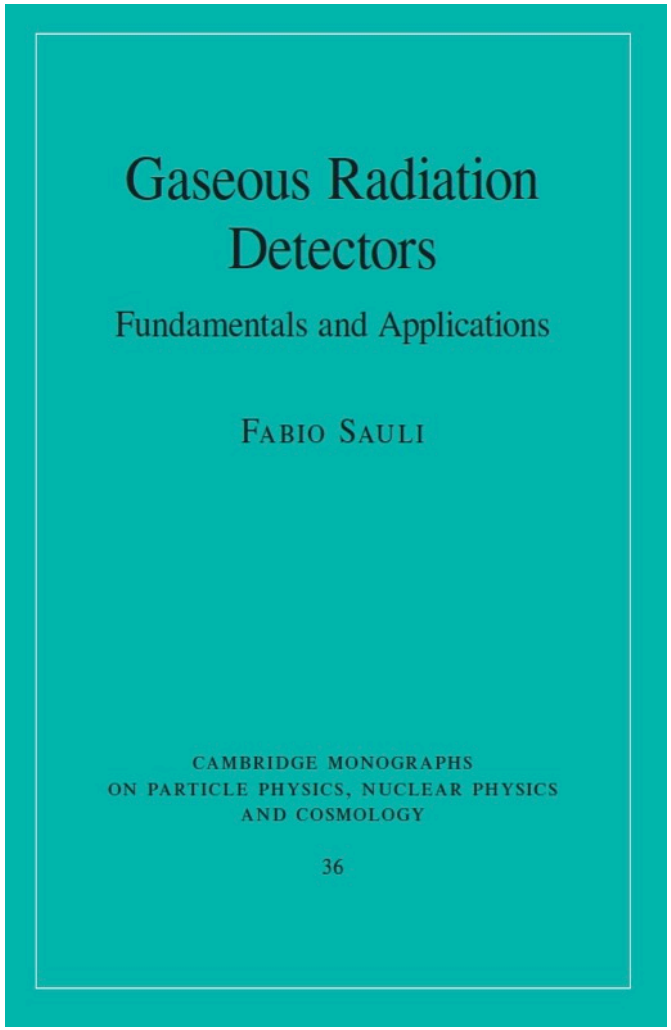

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