



COMPASS RICH-1 and Novel Gaseous Photon Detectors

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COMPASS RICH-1

Vessel, radiator gas and mirror system

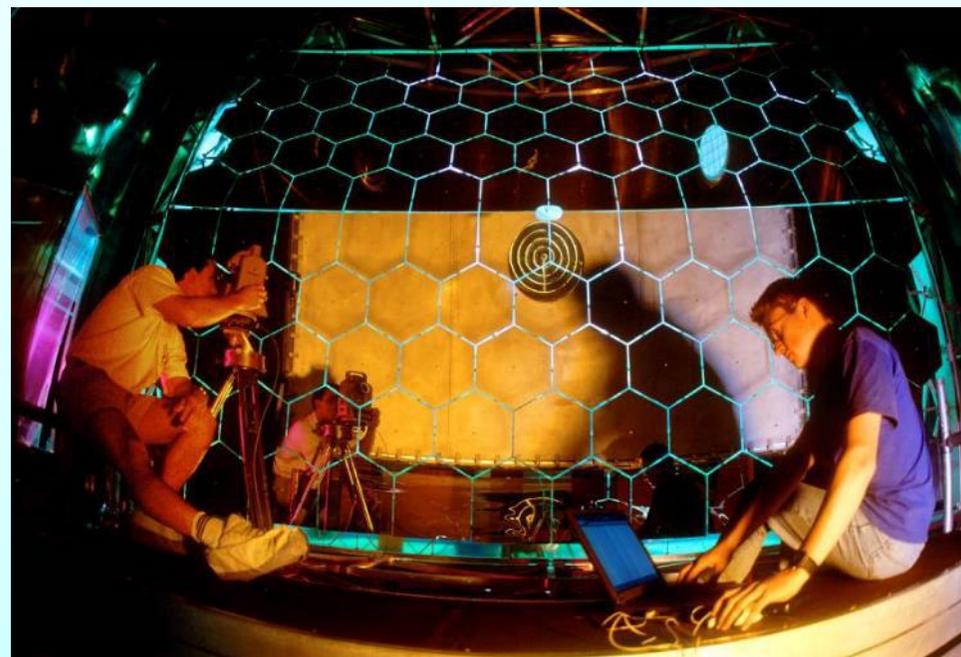
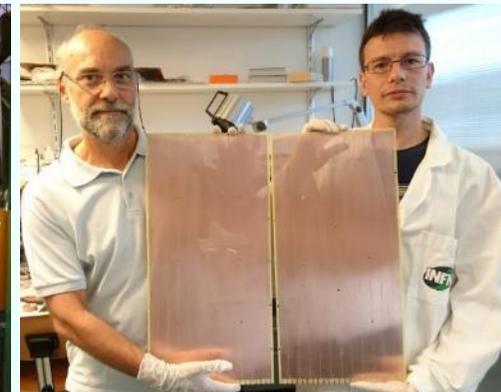
MWPC's + CsI photocathodes

The MAPMT based detectors

THGEM-based PD's

The upgrade with THGEM-based PDs

Promising developments in gaseous PD's

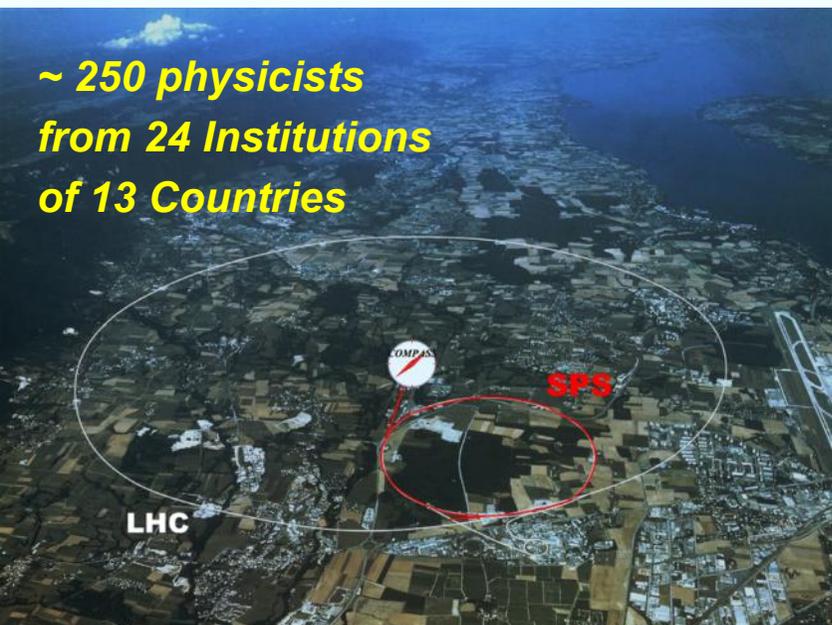




COMPASS Collaboration



~ 250 physicists
from 24 Institutions
of 13 Countries



Дубна (LPP and LNP),
Москва (INR, LPI, State
Univ.), Протвино, Томск



Warsawa (NCBJ),
Warsawa (TU)
Warsawa (U)



Praha (CU/CTU)
Liberec (TU)
Brno (ISI-ASCR)



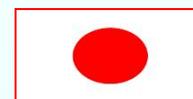
Calcutta (Matriviani)



Taipei (AS)



CERN



Yamagata



Lisboa/Aveiro



Tel Aviv

Bochum,
Bonn (ISKP
& PI), Erlangen, Freiburg,
Mainz, München TU



USA (UIUC)



Saclay



Torino (University, INFN),
Trieste (University, INFN)

Experiments with muon beam:

COMPASS - I (2002 – 2011)

Spin structure, Gluon polarization

Flavor decomposition

Transversity

Transverse Momentum-dependent PDF

DVCS and HEMP

Unpolarized SIDIS and TMDs

(2021 – 2022) ...

Transversity, proton radius

Experiments with hadron beams:

Pion polarizability

Diffraction and Central production

Light meson spectroscopy

Baryon spectroscopy

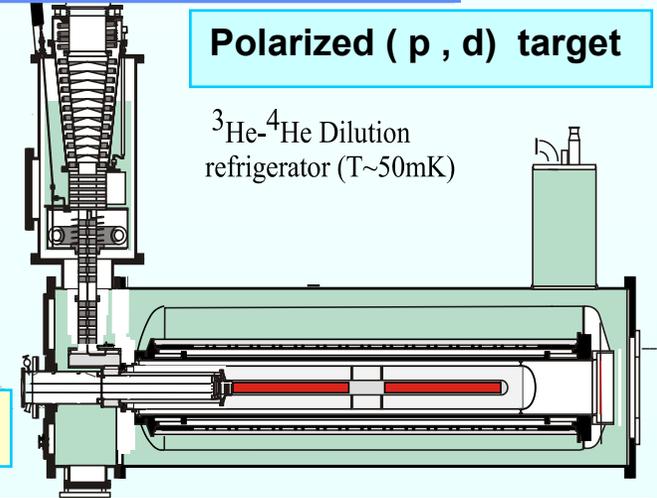
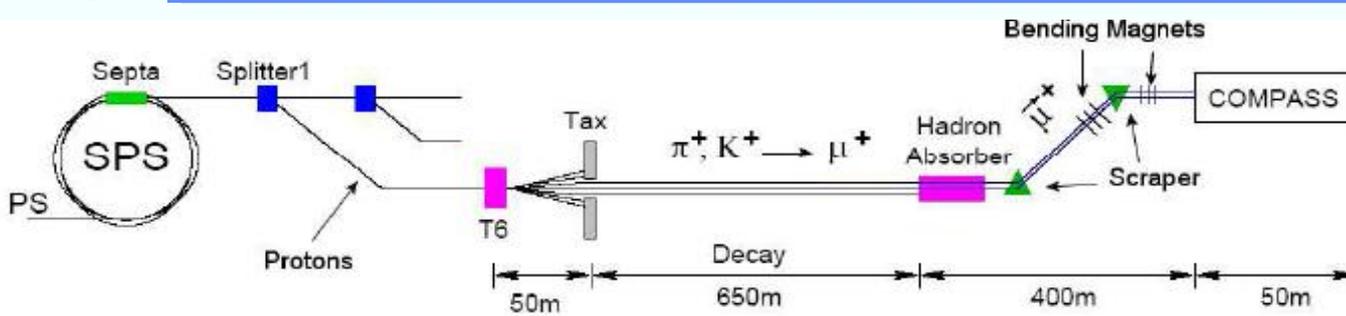
Pion and Kaon polarizabilities

Drell-Yan studies

→ (2023 – ...) Lol in preparation



BEAM, TARGET AND SPECTROMETER



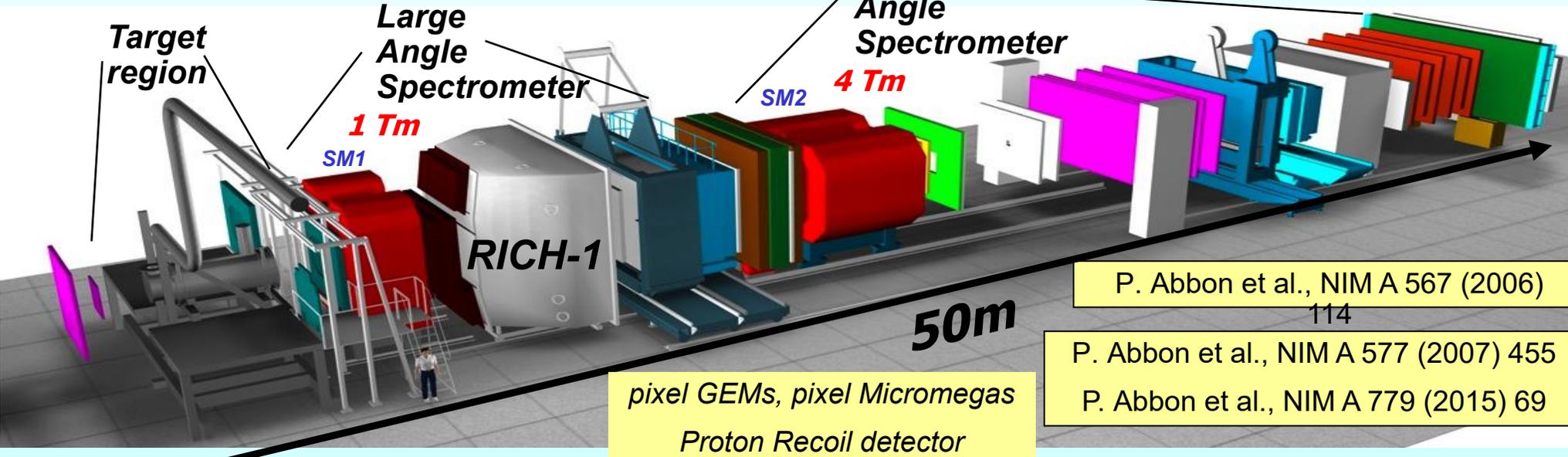
160 or 190 GeV/c μ^+ (or μ^-), $4 \cdot 10^8 \mu/\text{spill}$, $P_\mu \sim 80\%$
190 GeV/c p, π^+ , π^- , K^+ , K^- beams

Various targets used

first GEMs and Micromegas used in a HEP Experiment

Small Angle Spectrometer

DAQ: 40 kB, 50 kHz, O(PB)



P. Abbon et al., NIM A 567 (2006) 114

P. Abbon et al., NIM A 577 (2007) 455

P. Abbon et al., NIM A 779 (2015) 69

is a large gaseous RICH
with three kind of photon detectors
providing:

hadron PID from 3 to 60 GeV/c

acceptance: H: 500 mrad V: 400 mrad

trigger rates: up to ~50 KHz

beam rates up to $\sim 10^8$ Hz

material in the beam region: 1.2% X_0

material in the acceptance: 22% X_0

detector designed in 1996

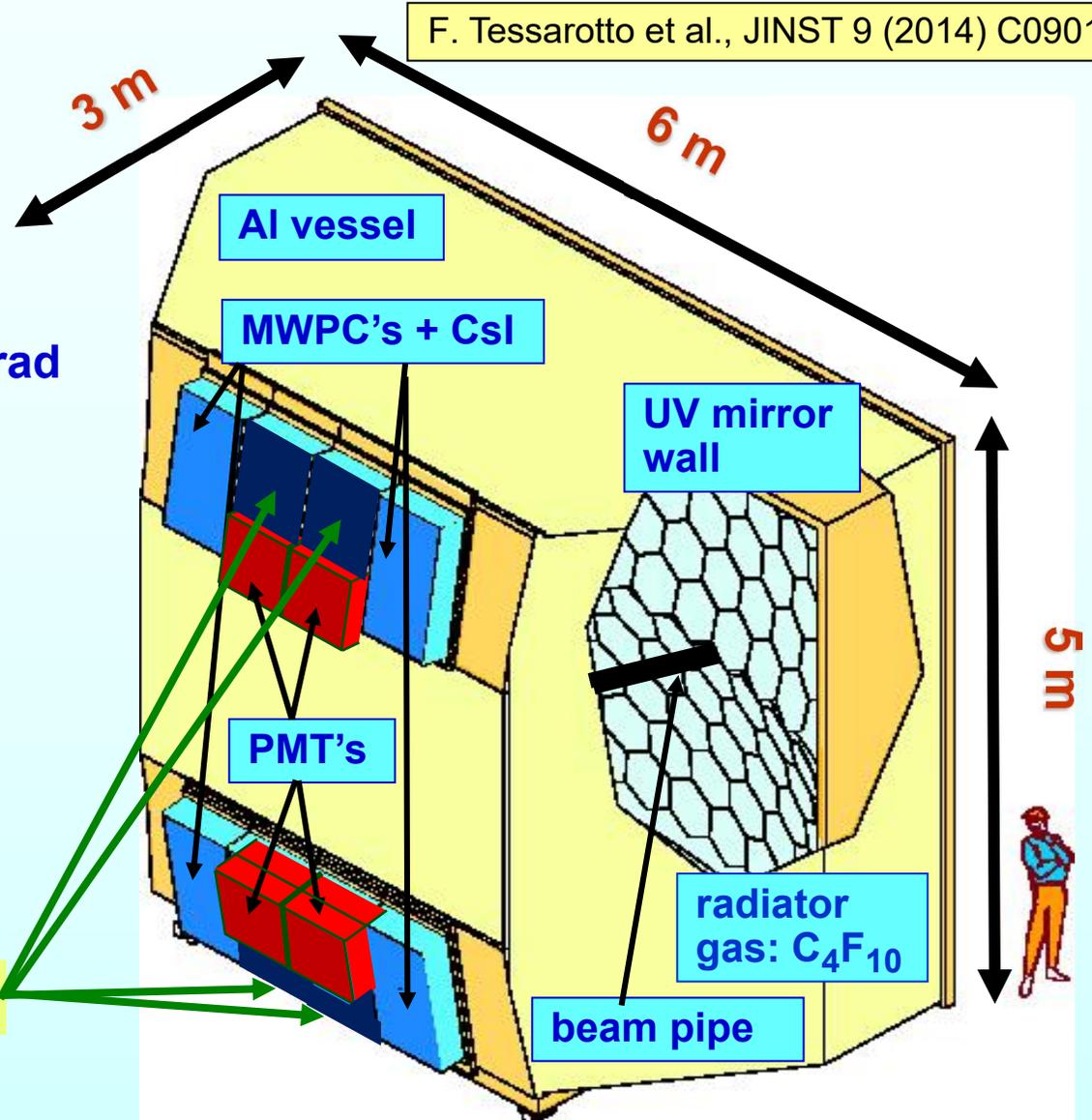
in operation since 2002

upgraded in 2006 with MAPMTs

and newly upgraded in 2016 with

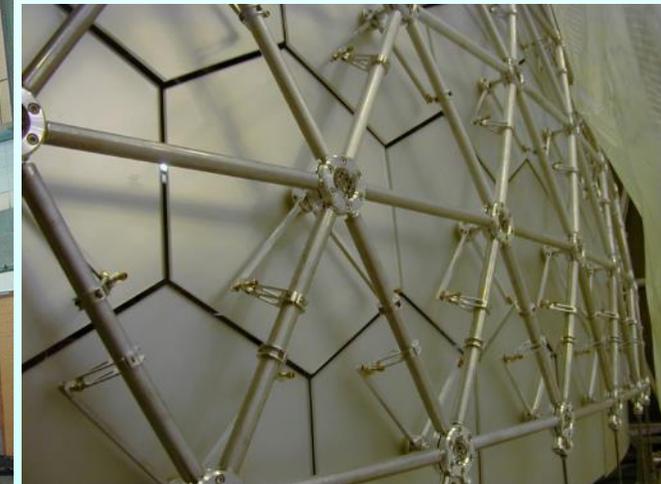
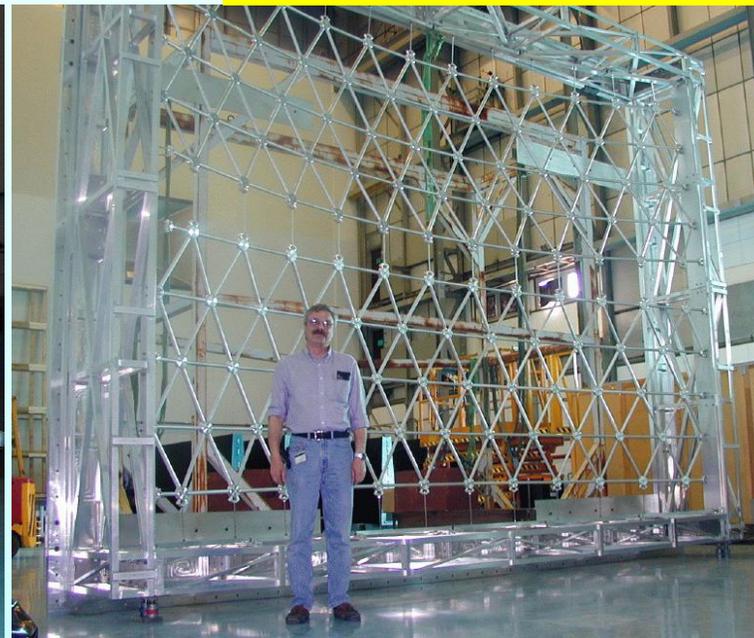
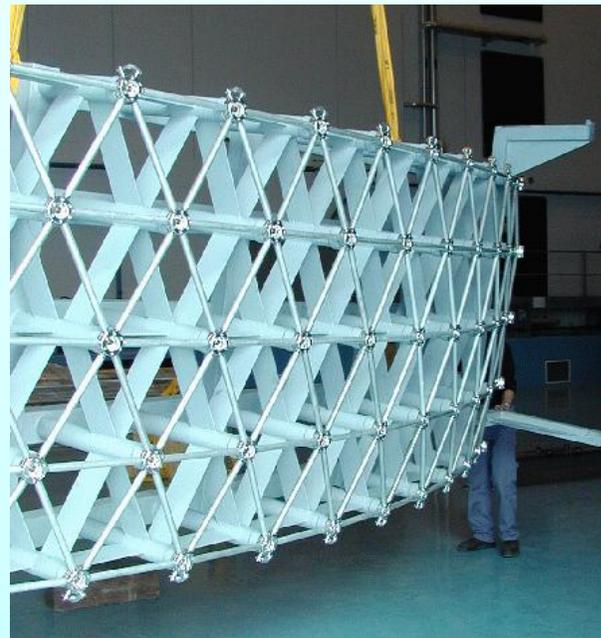
hybrid THGEM+Micromegas PDs

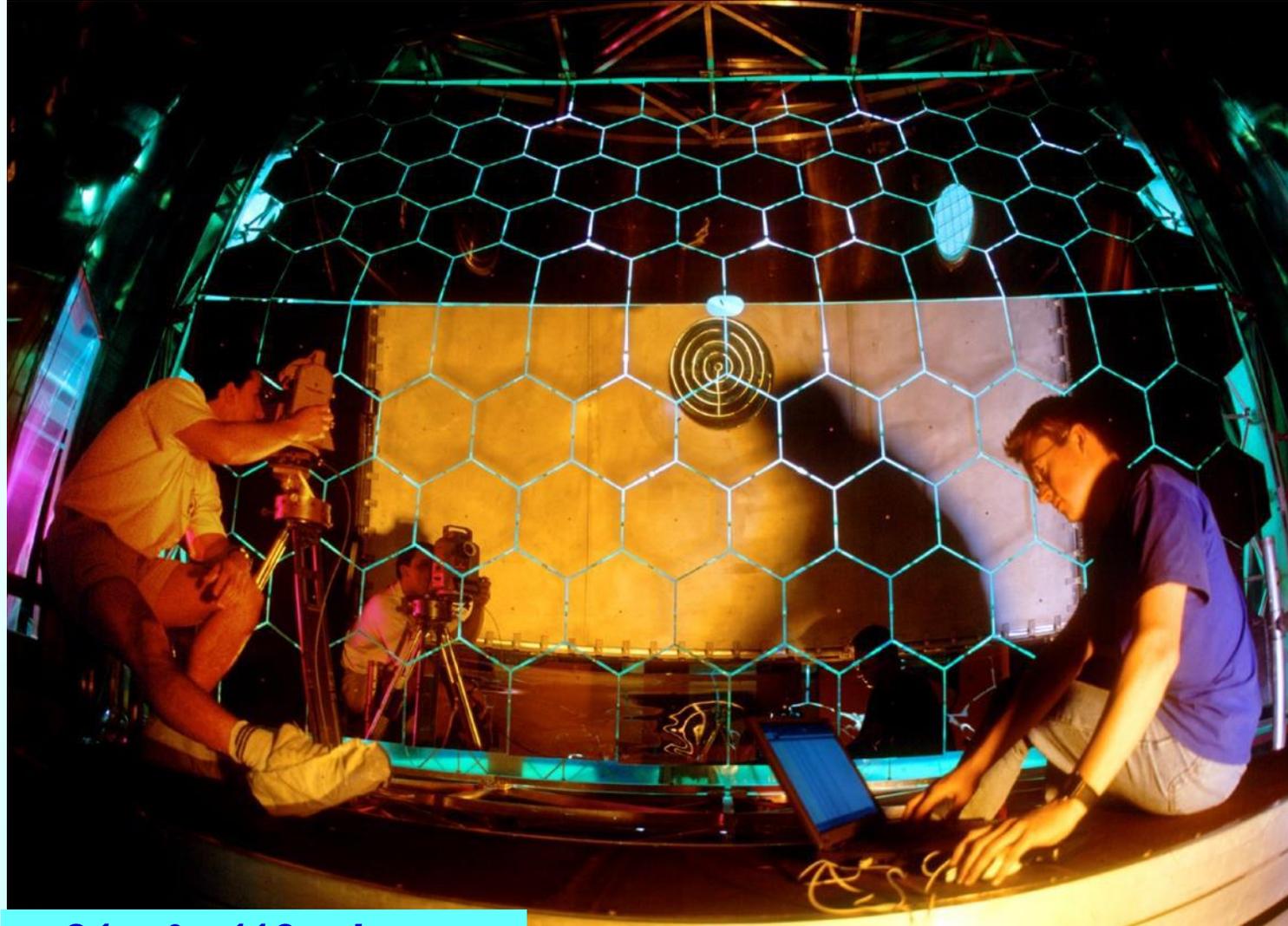
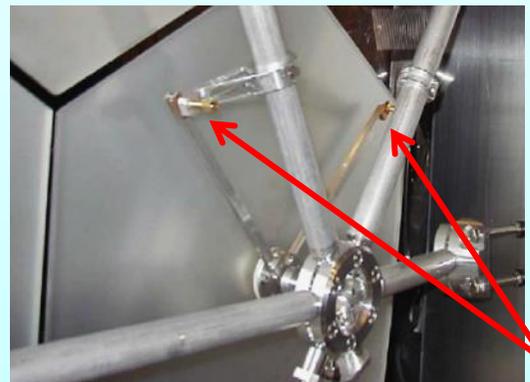
total investment: ~ 5 M €





**Large and accurate mechanics
light front and rear windows
100 m of O-rings, 80 m³ C₄F₁₀**



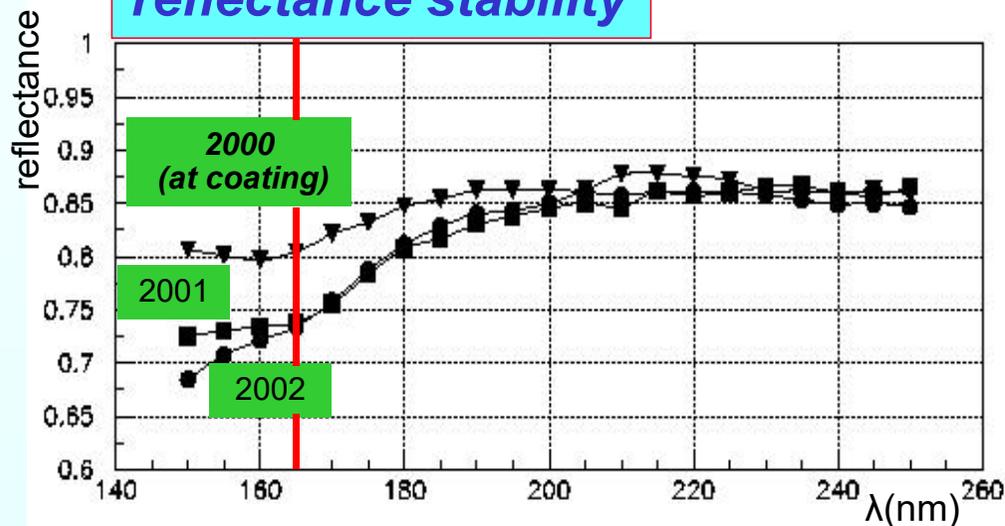


21 m², 116 mirrors
radius: 6.6 m

angular regulation screws

measurement of mirror alignment
via laser autocollimation

reflectance stability



initial alignment accuracy: $\sim 100 \mu\text{rad}$

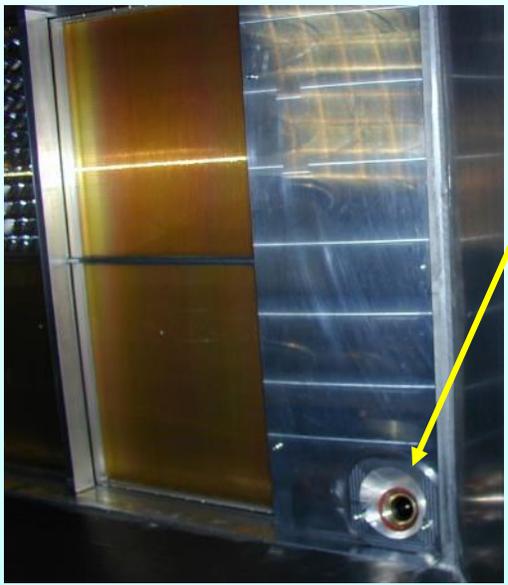
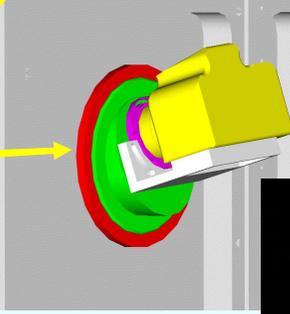
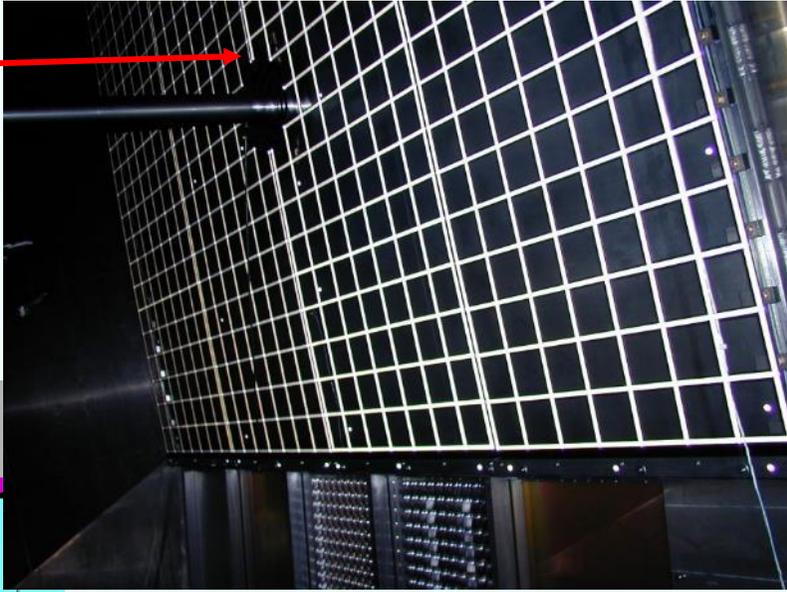
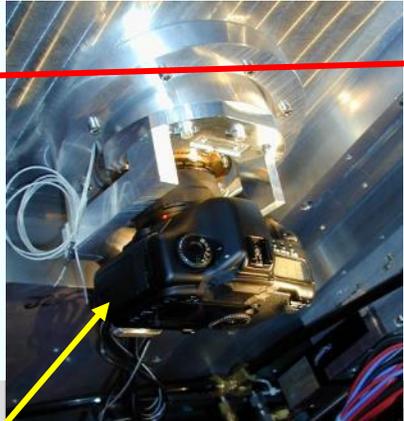
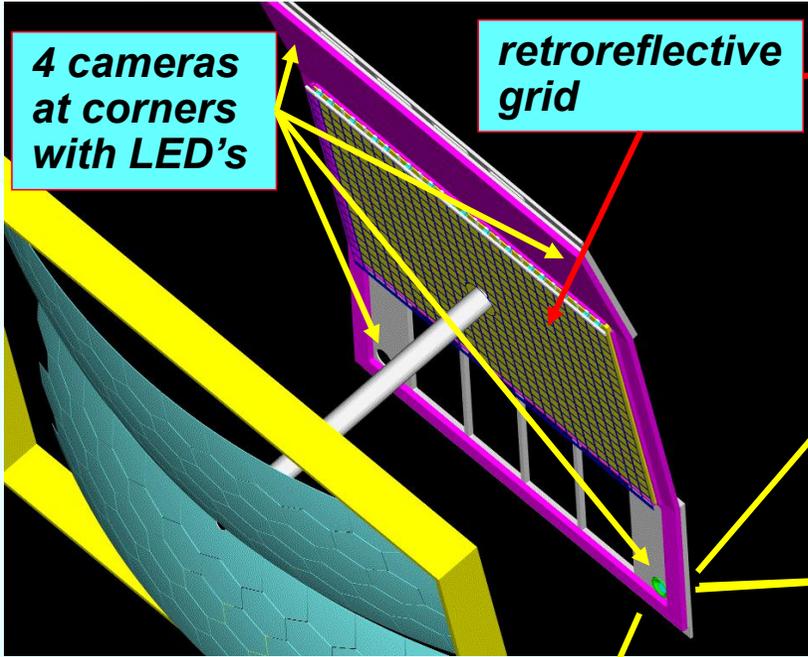
surveying accuracy: $\sim 60 \mu\text{rad}$

alignment instability: 1 mrad (first year)

alignment instability: $\sim 100 \mu\text{rad}$ after 2002

alignment check \rightarrow surveyors inside \rightarrow opening the vessel: contamination, dust, risky operations, work load, expenses.

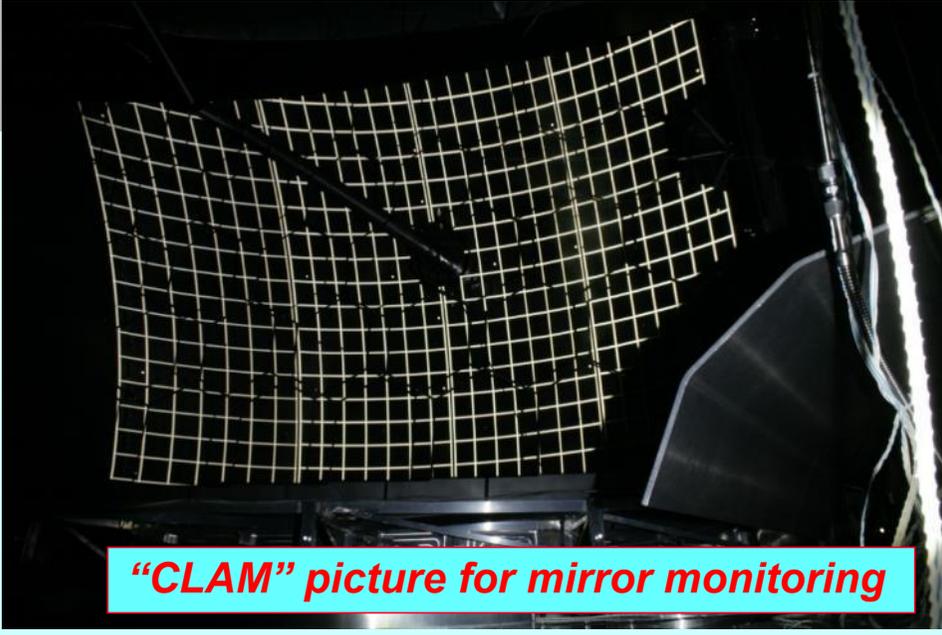




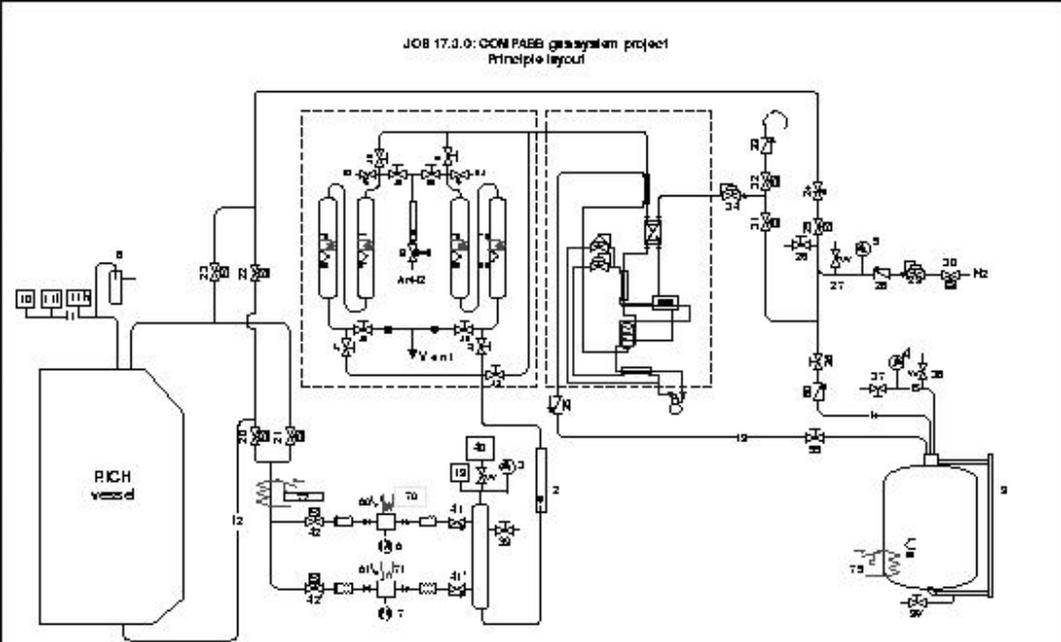
CLAM system in operation since 2007

accuracy: 30 μ rad

photogrammetric calibration of cameras \rightarrow measurement of absolute mirror tilt

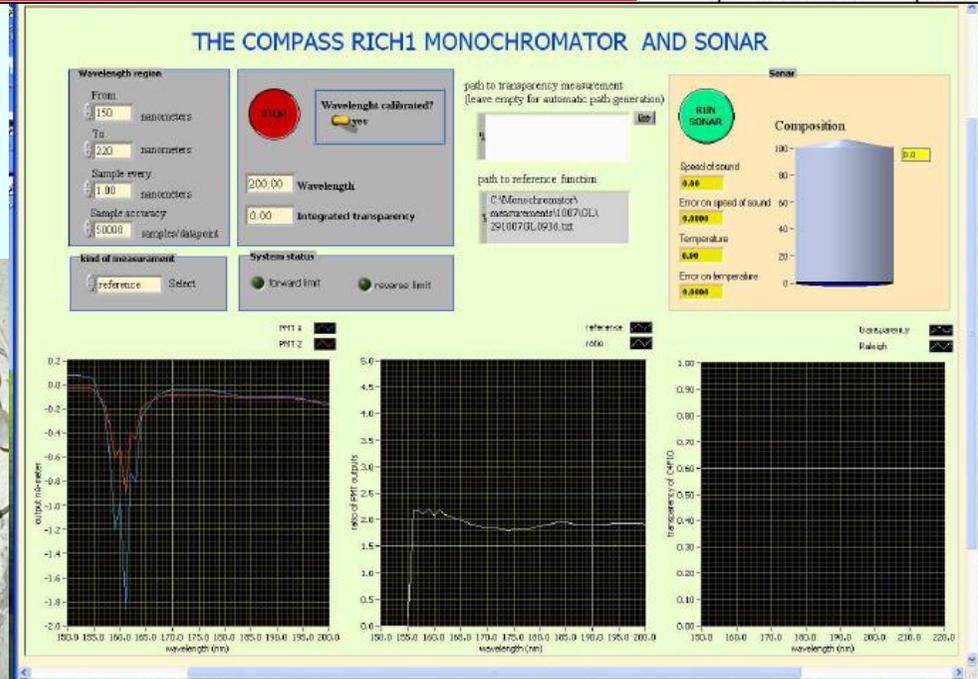


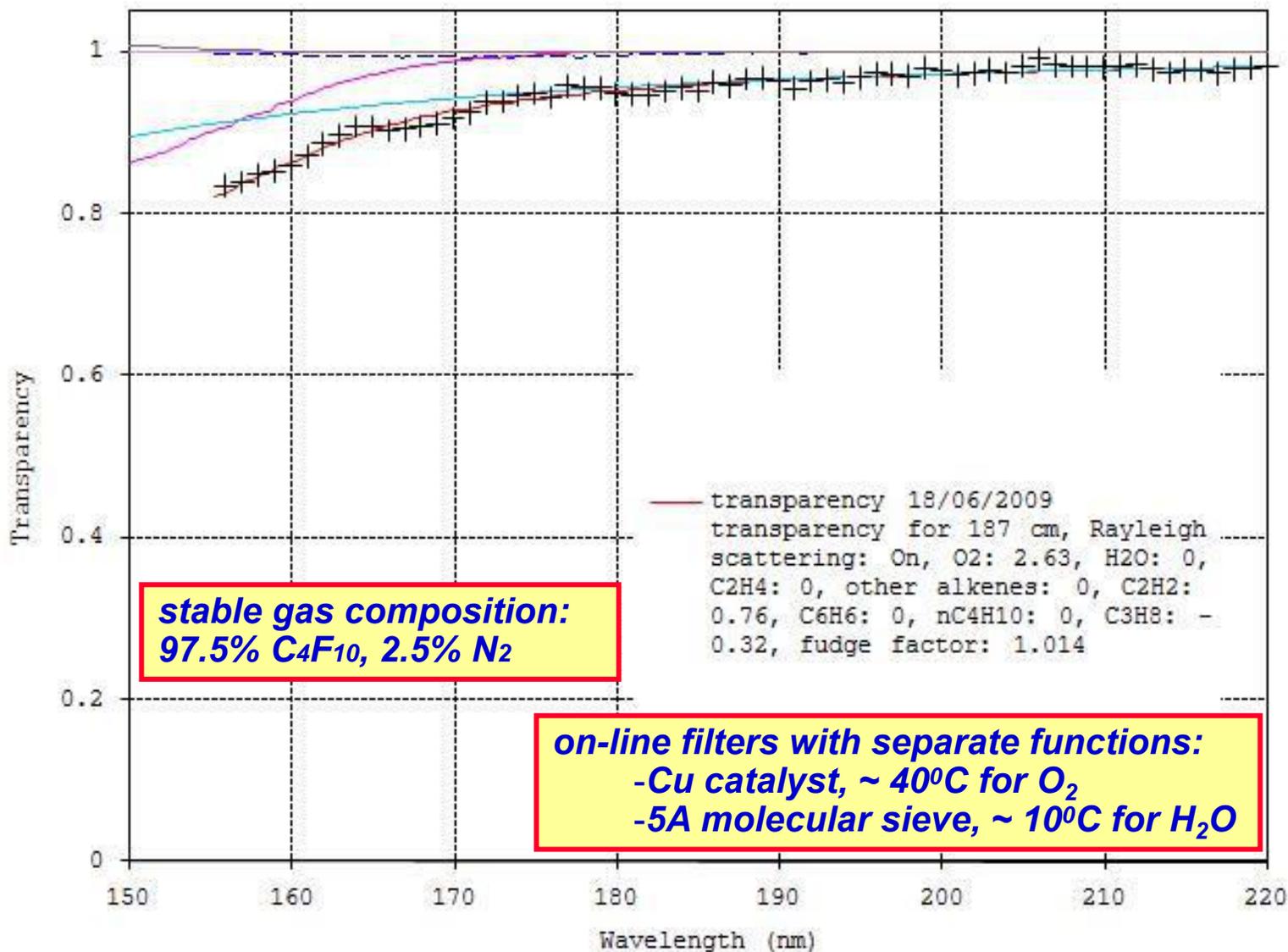
The radiator gas system



has excellent performance

COMPASS RICH1 gas system	Electronics
Principle layout	SCALE ..
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Problems with the radiator gas

C₄F₁₀ is out of production (→ new radiator gas: C₄F₈O ?)

It comes dirty (very, very dirty sometimes): pre-cleaning is needed: dedicated system, unavoidable losses, expert manpower

Inserting it into the vessel (and recovering it) is delicate, losses ~ 2%, incomplete (97.5% maximum)

Critical circulation system with feedback to keep $\Delta p < 0.1$ mbar challenged by weather

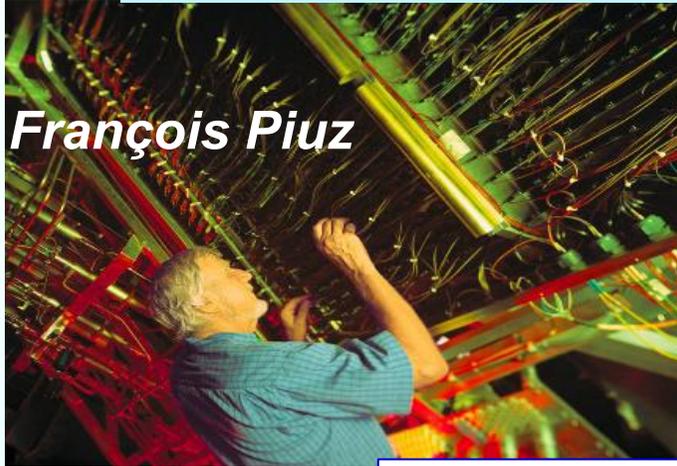
C₄F₁₀ leaks out (60 l/day): regular refill is needed

It integrates contaminants: some can be accepted (N₂, Ar), others need continuous filtering out (O₂, H₂O) ; the filters have limited capacitance (significant contaminations fill them quickly); regeneration takes several days

Monitoring the transparency is a must (dedicated system, expert manpower, significant gas consumption for each measurement)

Thermal gradients problem: → fast circulation (20 m³/h)

Accidents can become disasters; emergency intervention to be granted in short time: EXPERT ON CALL 24 h/day, 7 days/week for 7 months/year: heavy load on experts



François Piuz

1992, F. Piuz et al. Development of large area advanced fast-RICH detector for particle identification at LHC operated with heavy ions

TO ACHIEVE HIGH CsI QE:

Substrate preparation:

Cu clad PCB coated by Ni (7 μm) and Au(0.5 μm), surface cleaning in ultrasonic bath, outgassing at 60 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 1 day

Slow deposition of 300 nm CsI film:

1 nm/s (by thermal evaporation or e-gun) at a vacuum of $\sim 10^{-7}$ mbar, monitoring of residual gas composition

Thermal treatment:

after deposition at 60 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 8 h

Careful Handling:

measurement of PC response, encapsulation under dry Ar, mounting by glove-box.

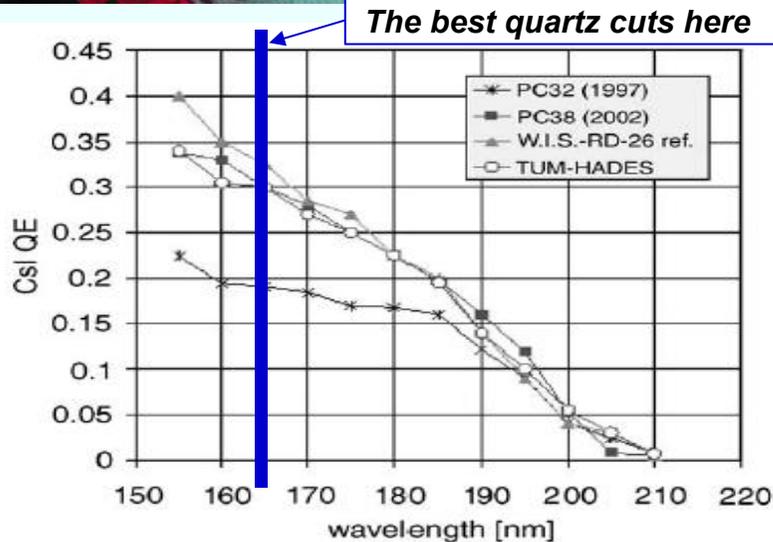
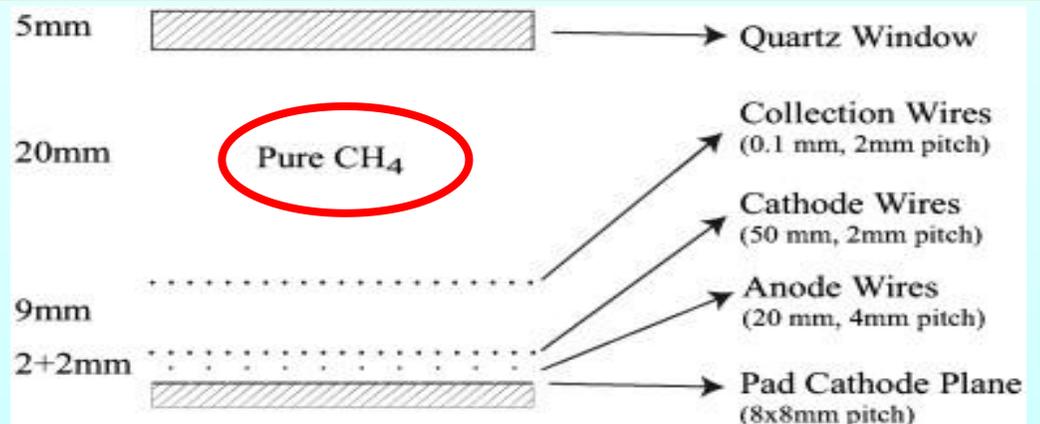


Fig. 1. The QE of CsI PCs produced at CERN for ALICE and at TUM for HADES, compared to that measured at the W.I.S. on small samples (reference for RD-26). PC32 is one of the four PCs equipping the ALICE-RICH prototype used in STAR at BNL.

A. Di Mauro, NIM A 525 (2004) 173.

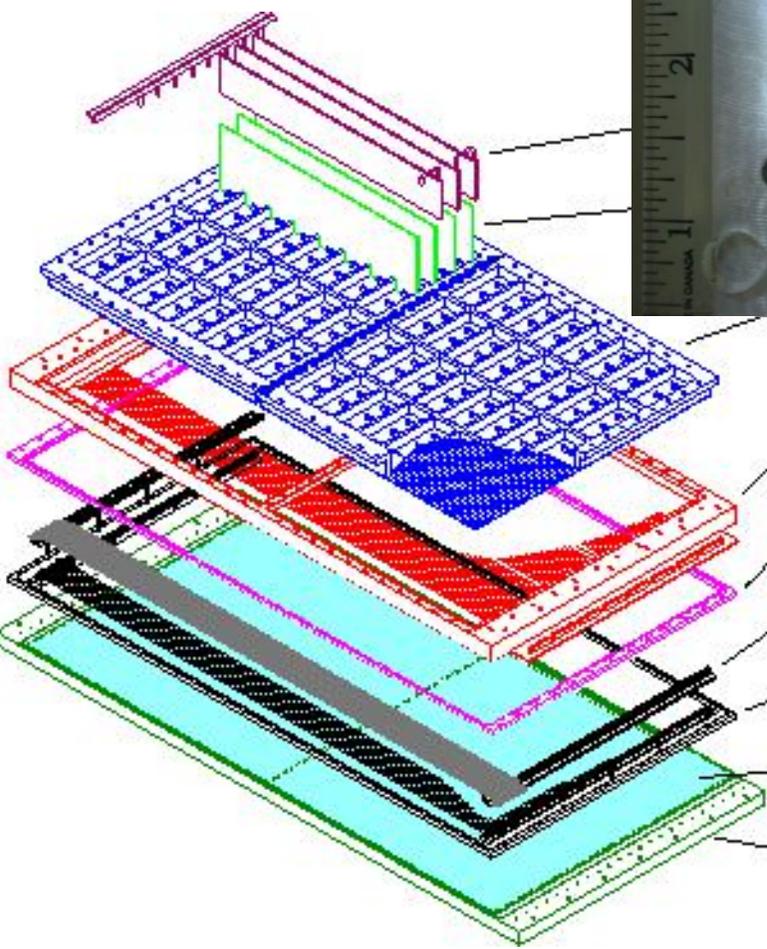
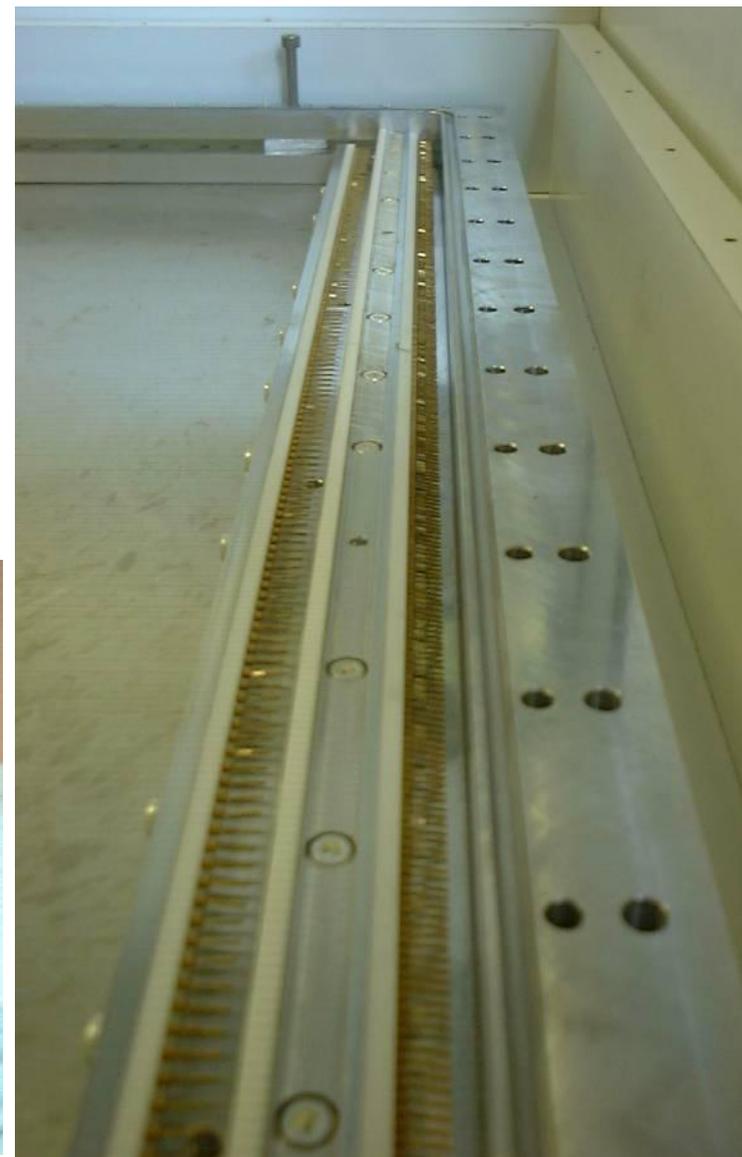
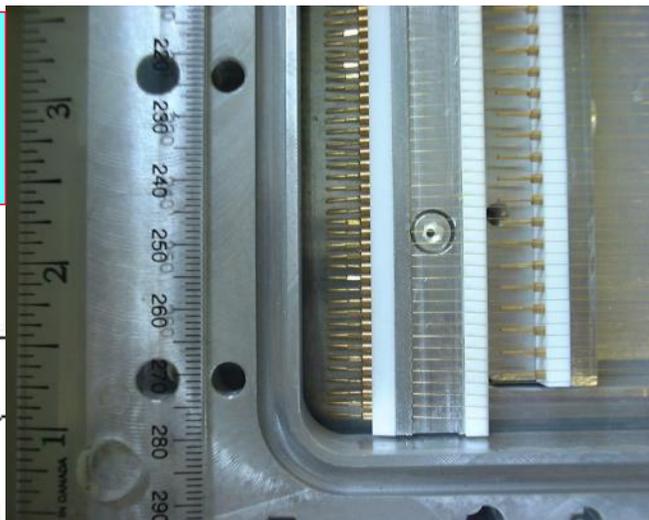
Schematic structure of the COMPASS Photon Detector:

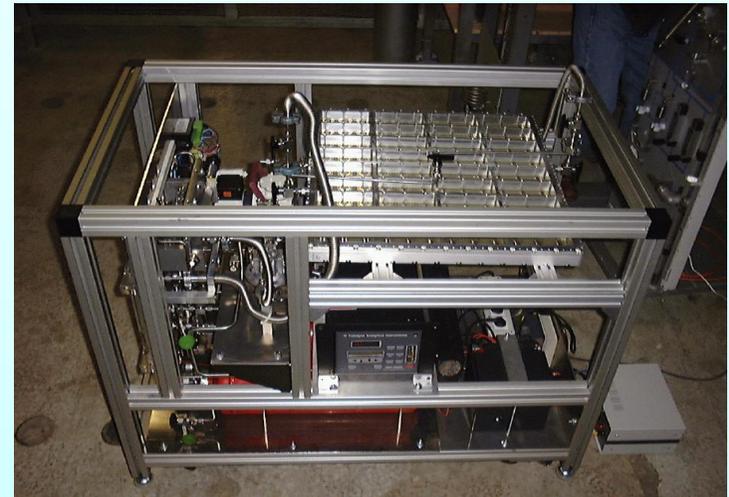
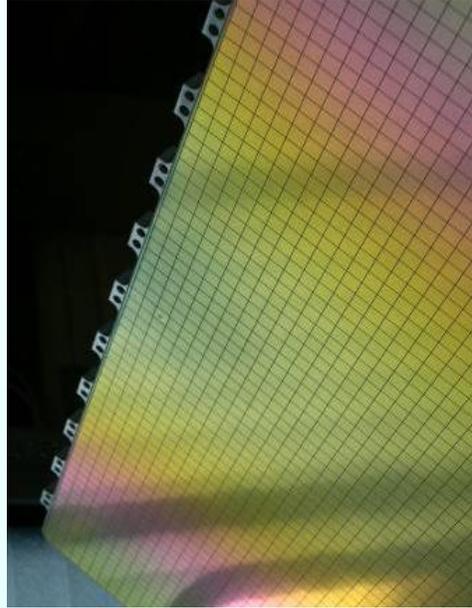
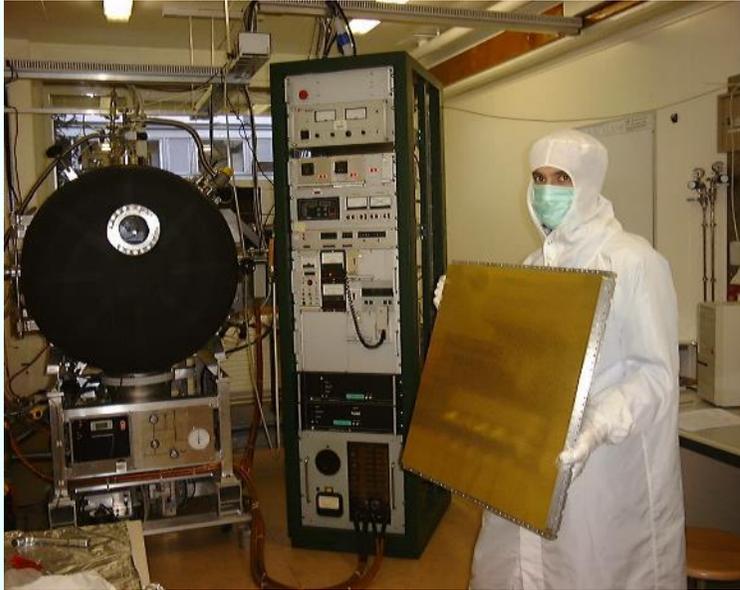




COMPASS: 8 MWPC's with CsI

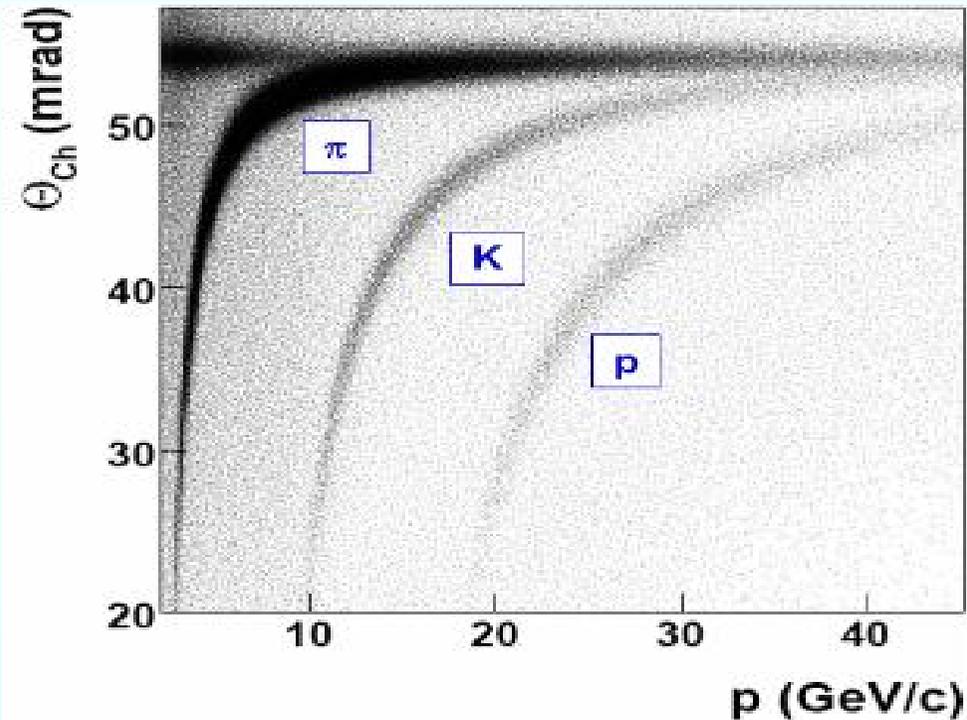
***built in 1999 – 2000,
in operation since 2002
more than 5 m²***





Good performance in low gain configuration

- photons / ring ($\beta \approx 1$, complete ring in acceptance) : **14**
- $\sigma_{\theta-ph}$ ($\beta \approx 1$) : **1.2 mrad**
- σ_{ring} ($\beta \approx 1$) : **0.6 mrad**
- 2σ π -K separation @ **43 GeV/c**
- **PID efficiency ~ 95%** for $\theta_{ch} > 30$ mrad
except for the very forward region



After a long fight for increasing electrical stability at high m.i.p. rates and systematic studies at the CERN GIF we came to the same conclusion as Ypsilantis and Seguinot:

J. Seguinot et al., NIM A 371 (1996), 64:

CsI-MWPC with 0.5 mm gap to minimize ion collection time, fast front-end electronics (20 ns int. time):
stable operation is not possible at 10^5 gain because of photon feedback, space charge and sparks

1) MWPCs with CsI photocathodes in COMPASS:

beam off: stable operation up to > 2300 V

beam on: stable operation only up to ~2000 V

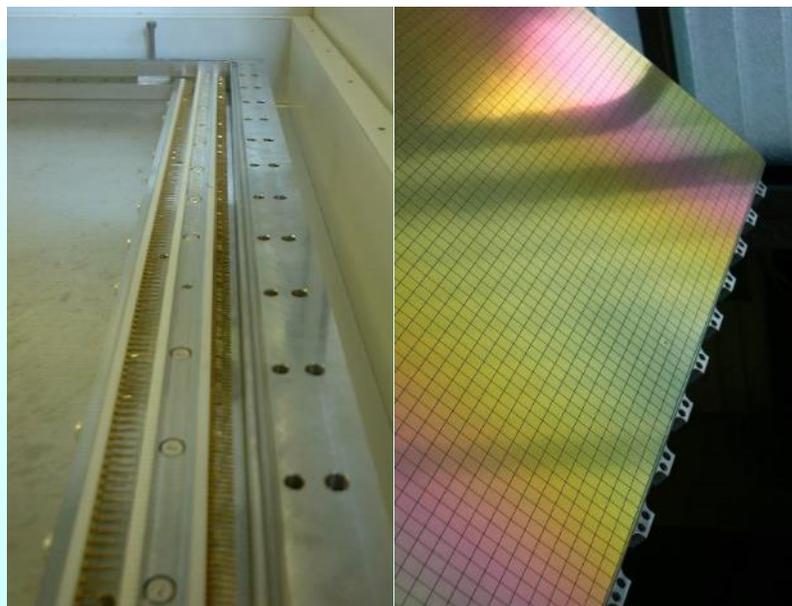
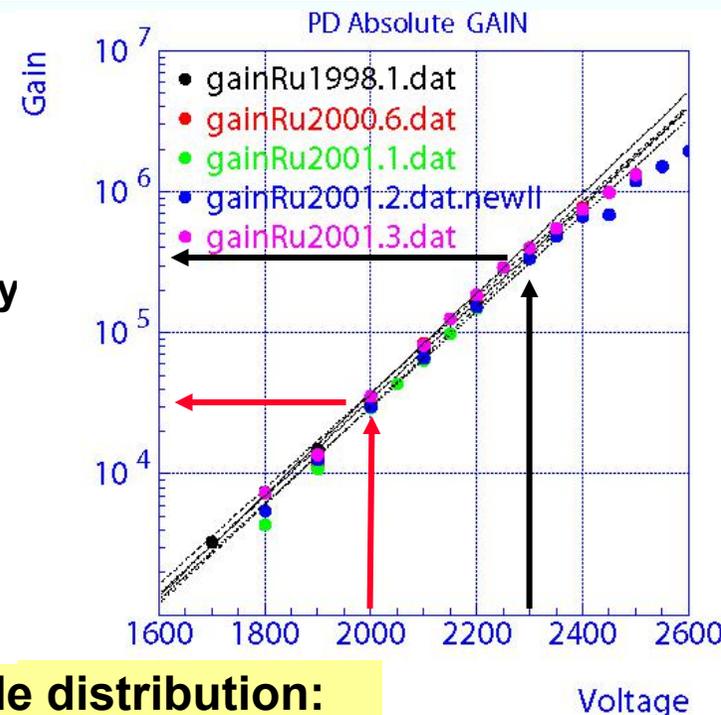
(in spill → ph. flux: 0 - 50 kHz/cm² , mip flux: ~1 kHz/cm²)

Whenever a severe discharge happens, recovery takes ~1 day

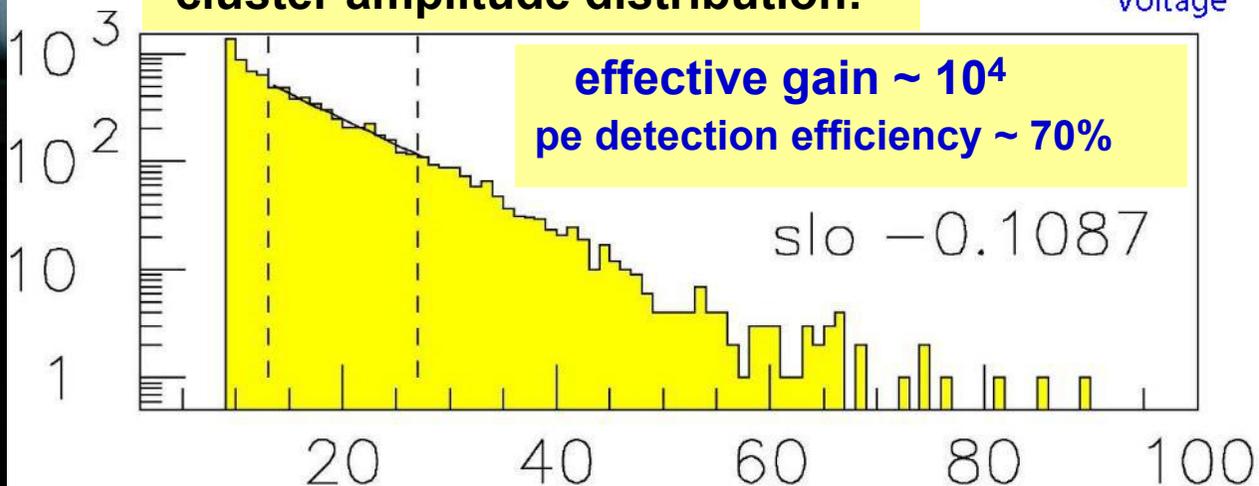
2) Photocathode aging:

- our information from accidental contamination

- very detailed study by Alice team



cluster amplitude distribution:

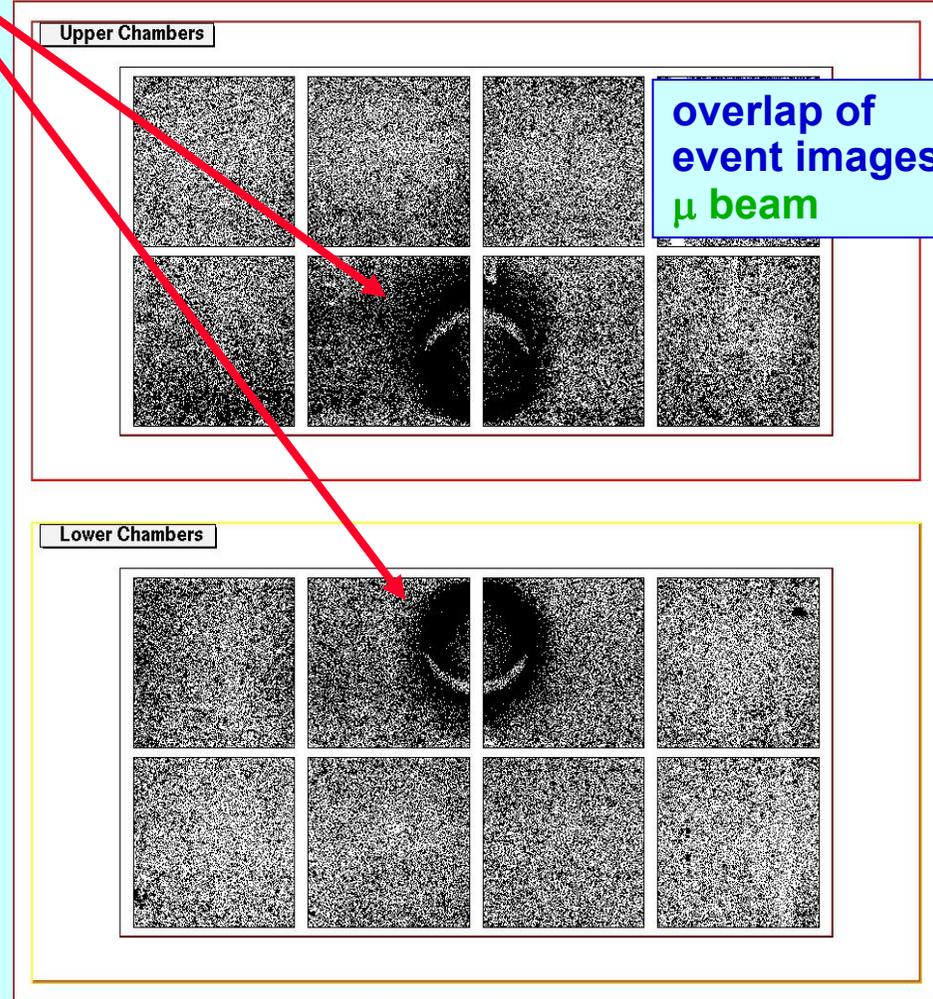
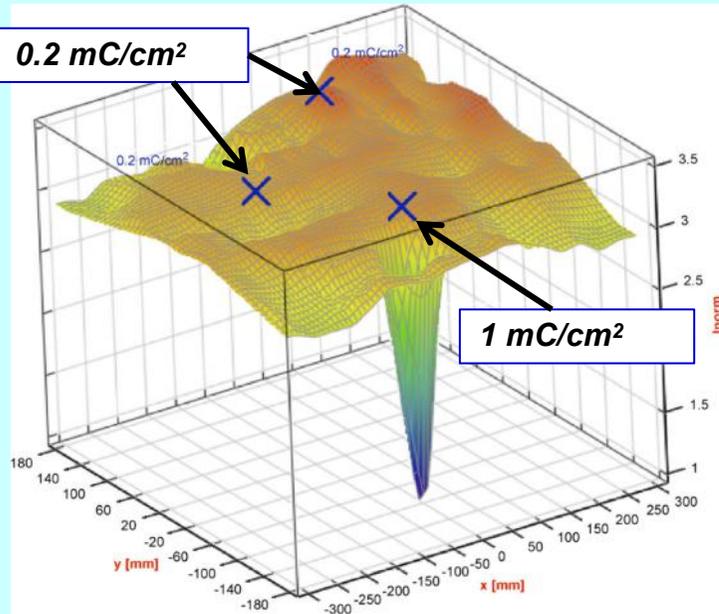


THE EXPERIMENTAL ENVIRONMENT

huge uncorrelated background related to the memory of the MWPCs + read-out

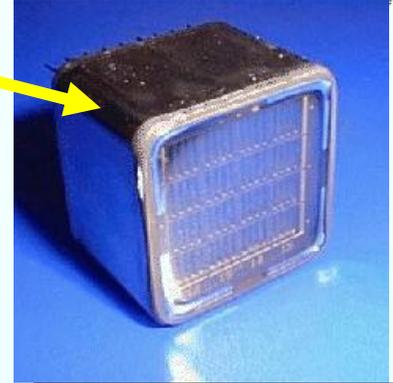
Accelerated ageing test

H. Hoedlmoser et al., NIM A 574 (2007) 28.

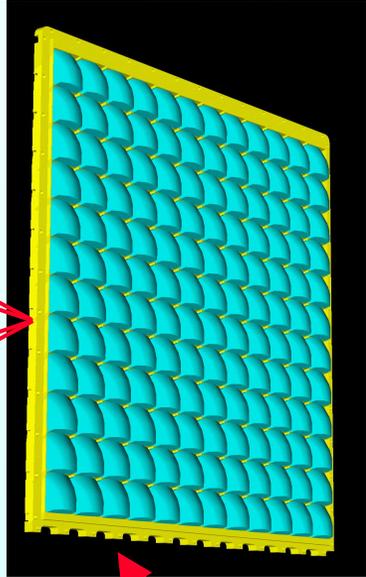
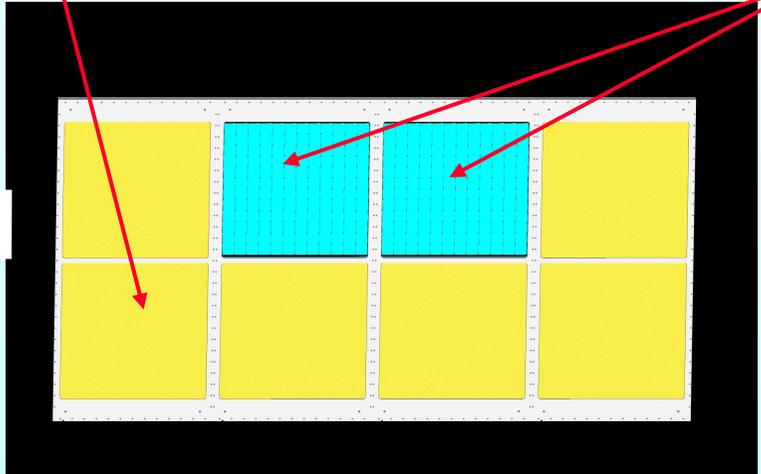
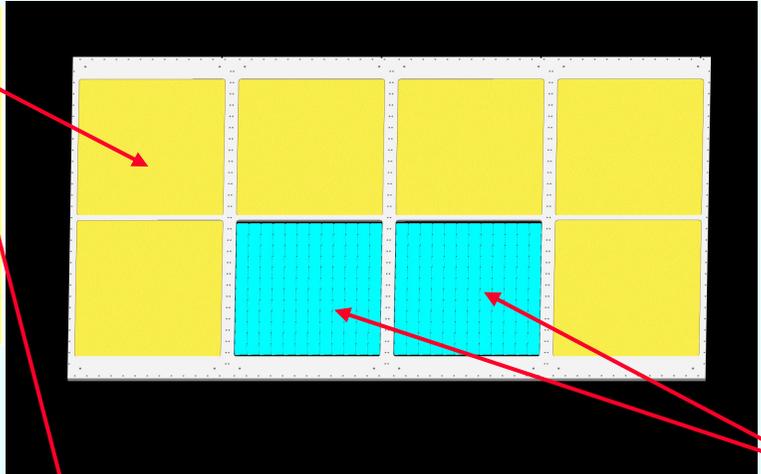




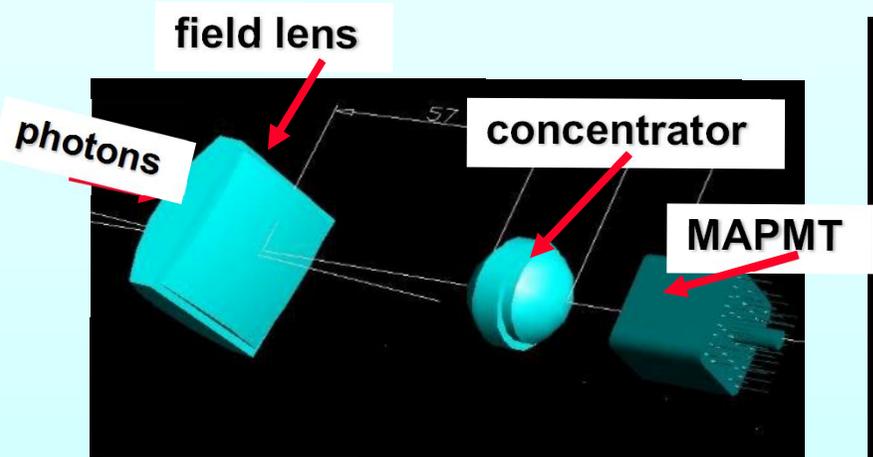
upgrade of RICH-1 with MAPMT's in the central region (2006)

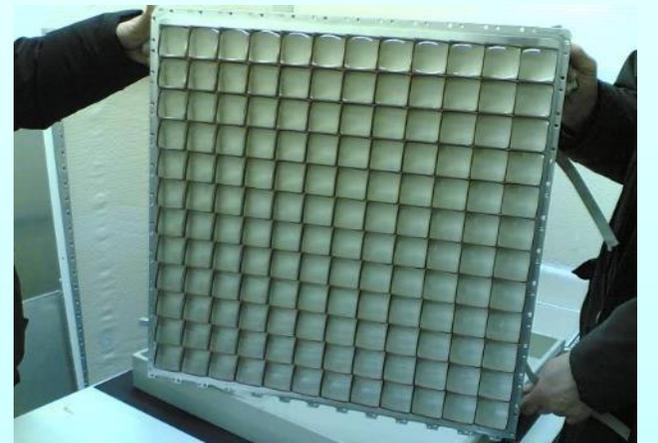
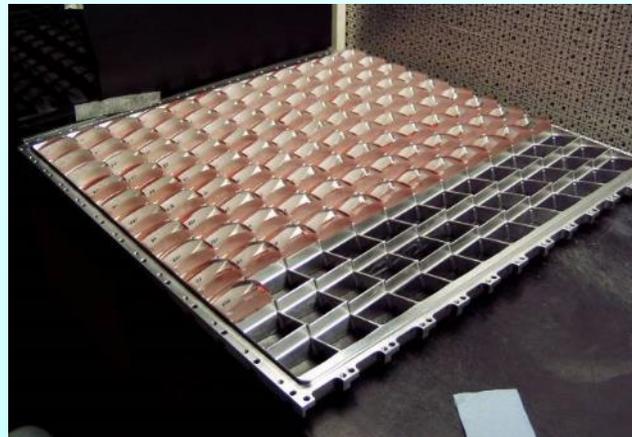
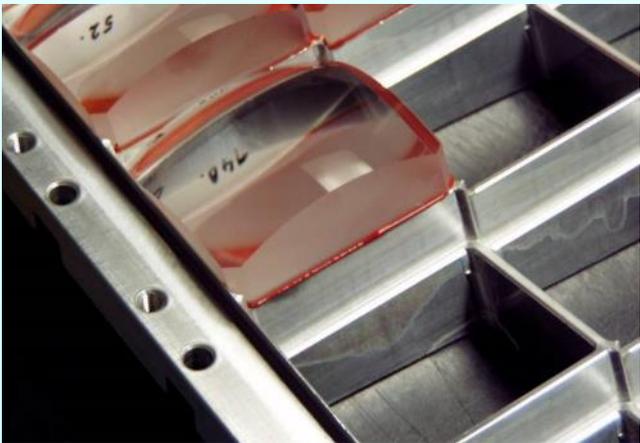


12 outer CsI cathodes: **change electronics (use APV25-S1)**
4 central CsI cathodes: **remove and insert frames with MAPMTs and lense telescopes**



Same mechanics as CsI photo-cathode frame



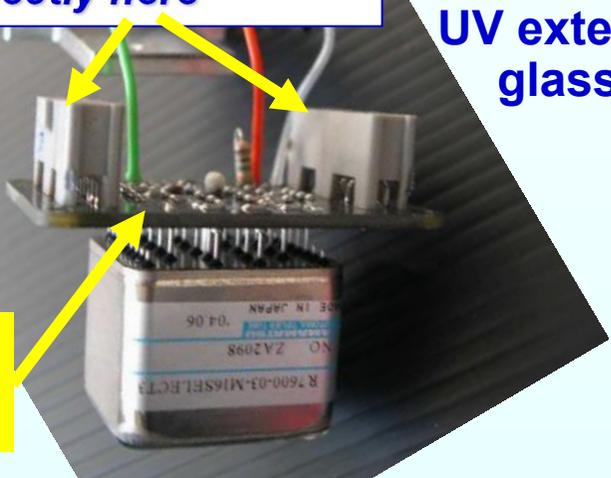


MAPMT: HAMAMATSU R7600-03-M16

FE cards plugged directly here

16 anodes
UV extended glass

home made voltage divider



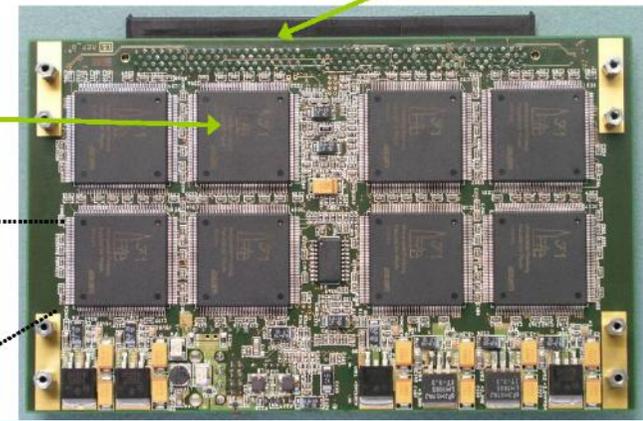
Digital read-out electronics: DREISAM card

- 64 channels per card, compact solution
- optical data transfer (40 MByte/s)
- high rates per channel 10 MHz @ 100 kHz trigger rate
- time resolution < 120 ps
- based on dead time free F1-TDC

complete digitalisation on the detector

Connector to MAD4

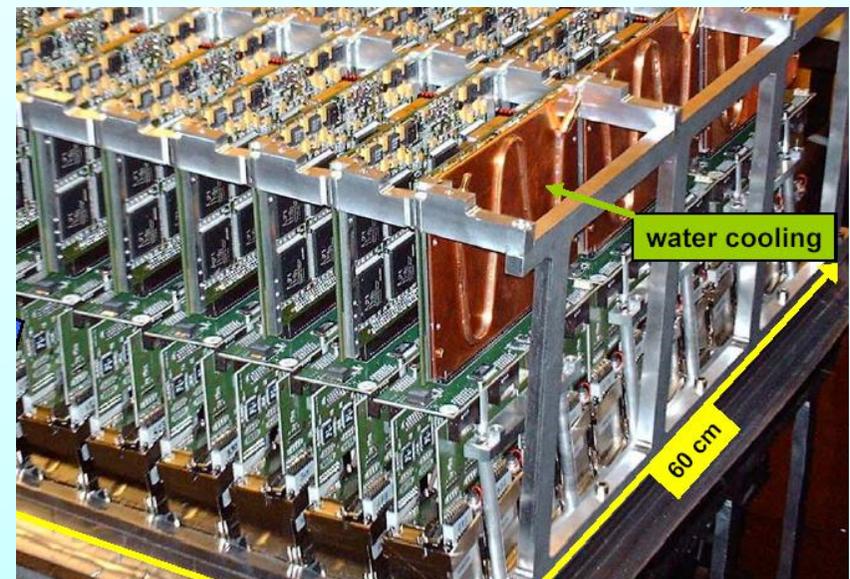
8 F1-TDCs



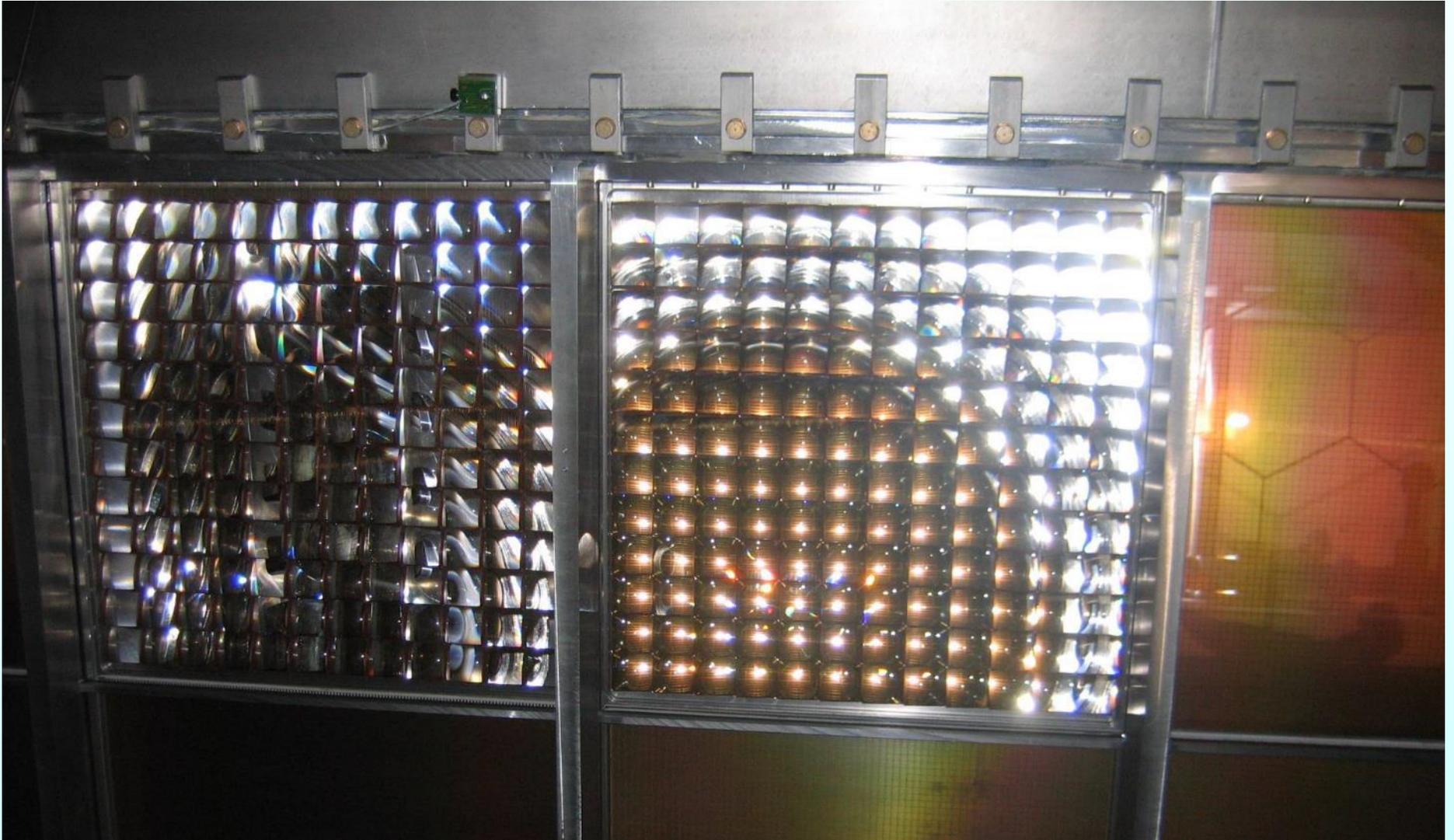
PMT in soft iron box



protects against $B \leq 200$ G and guarantees good alignment



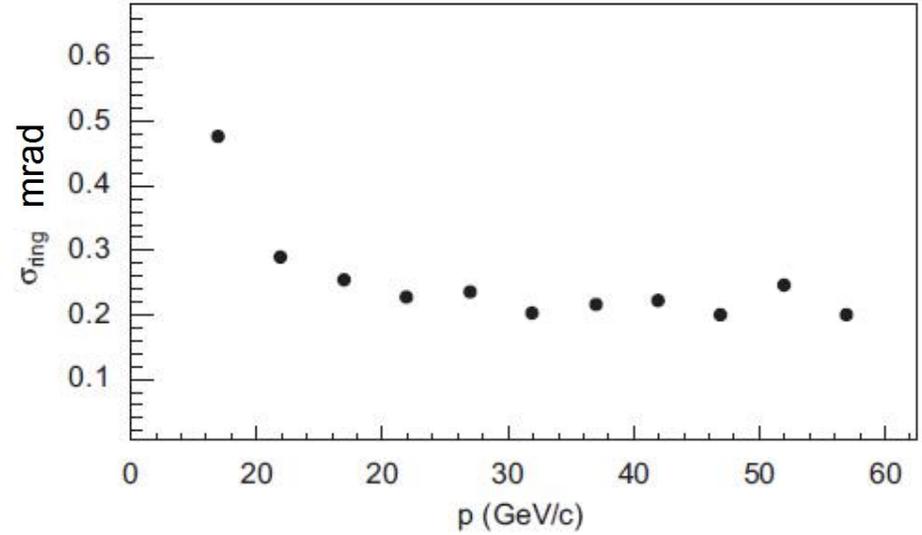
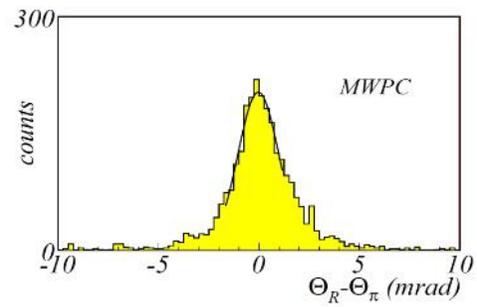
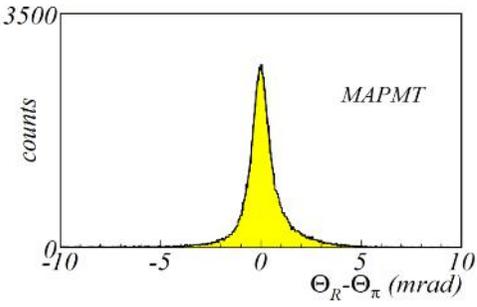
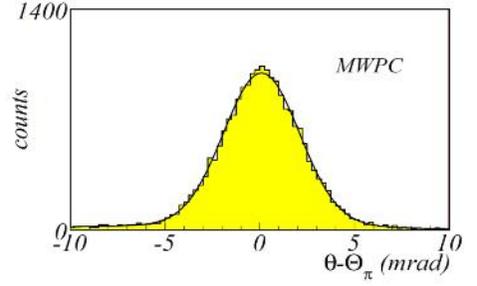
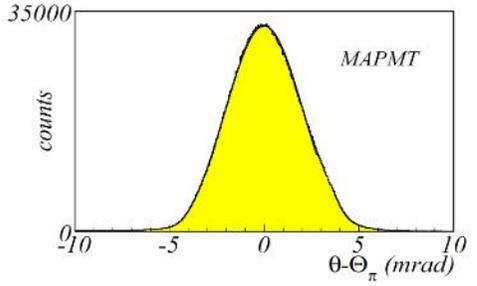
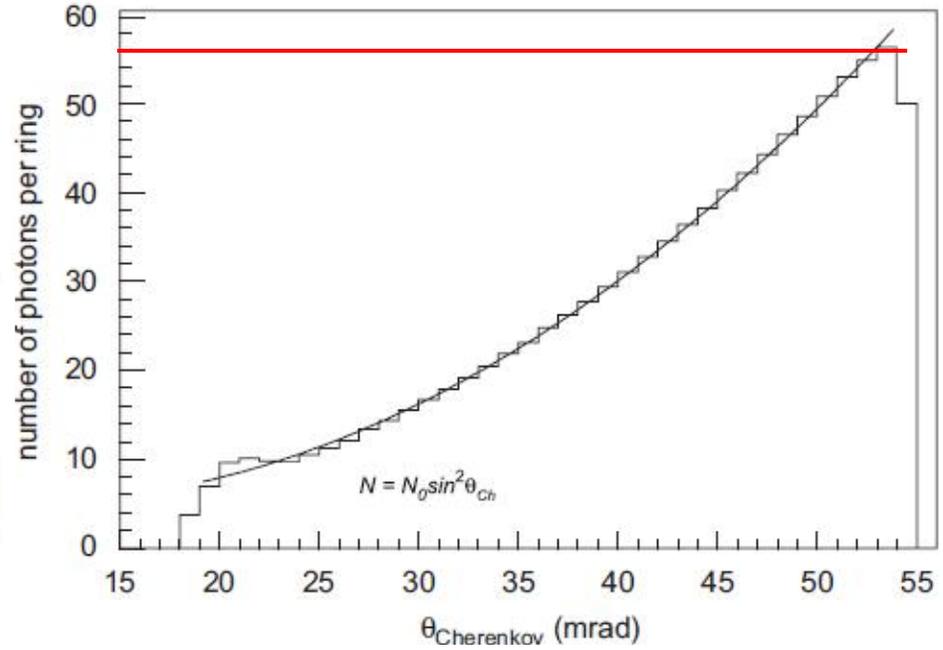
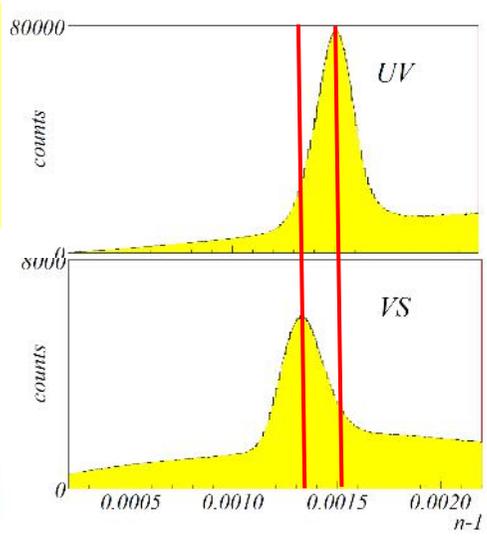
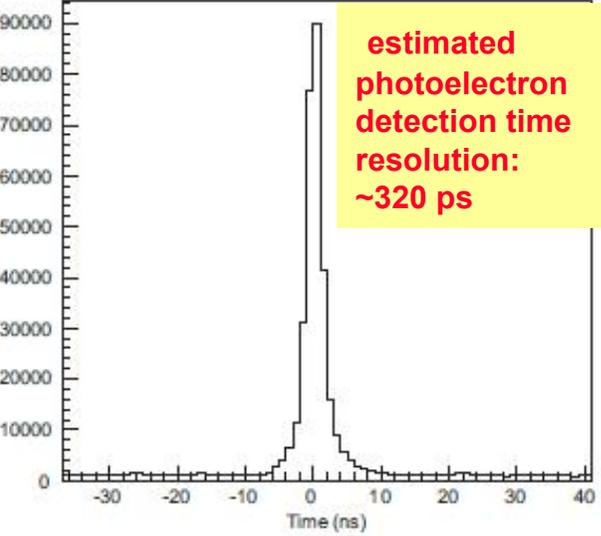
The central part of the lower detector



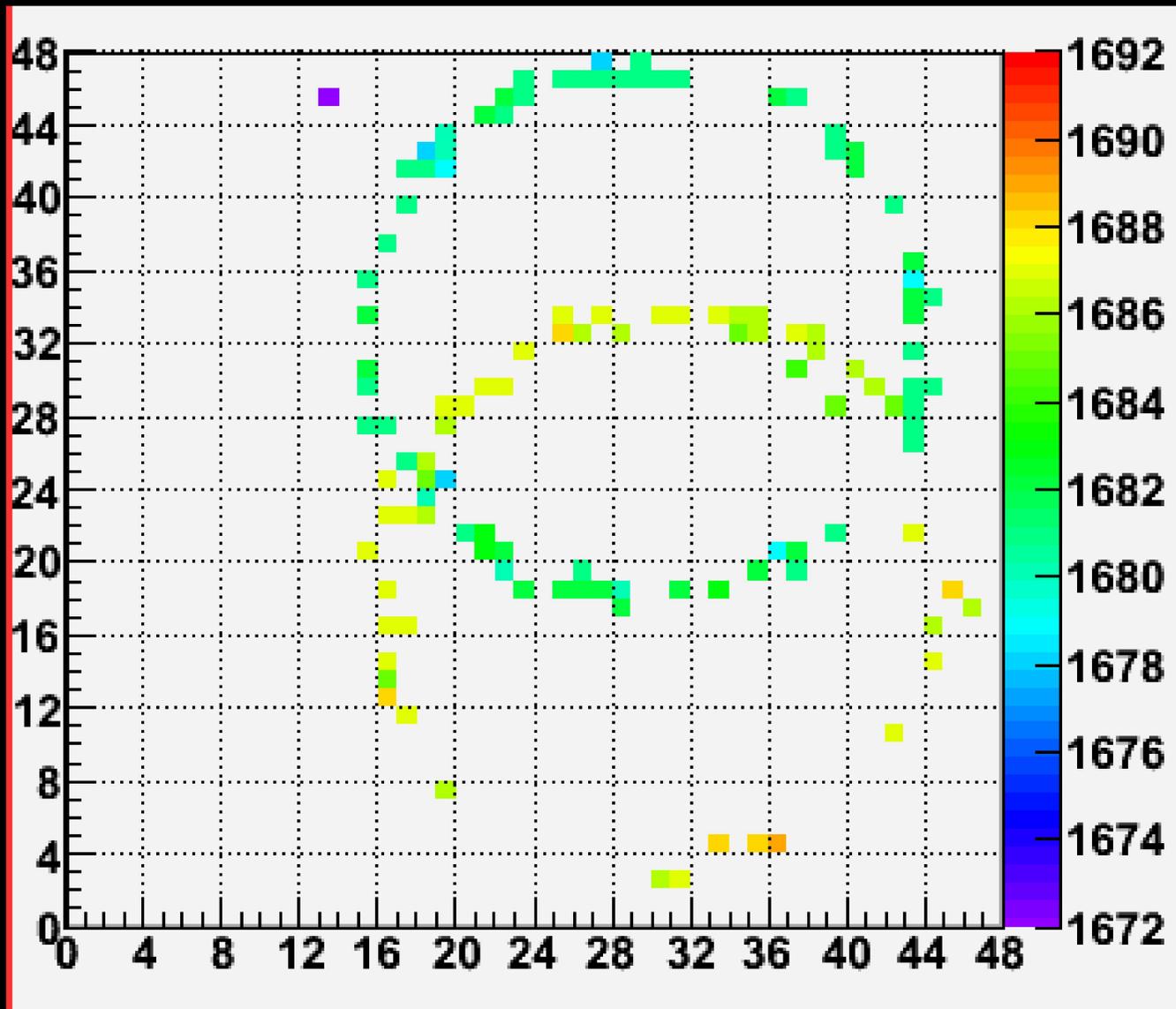


number of photons and resolutions

estimated photoelectron detection time resolution: ~320 ps



time resolution is useful for correctly assigning hits to rings



PID relies on a Likelihood function, built from all the photons associated to the particle

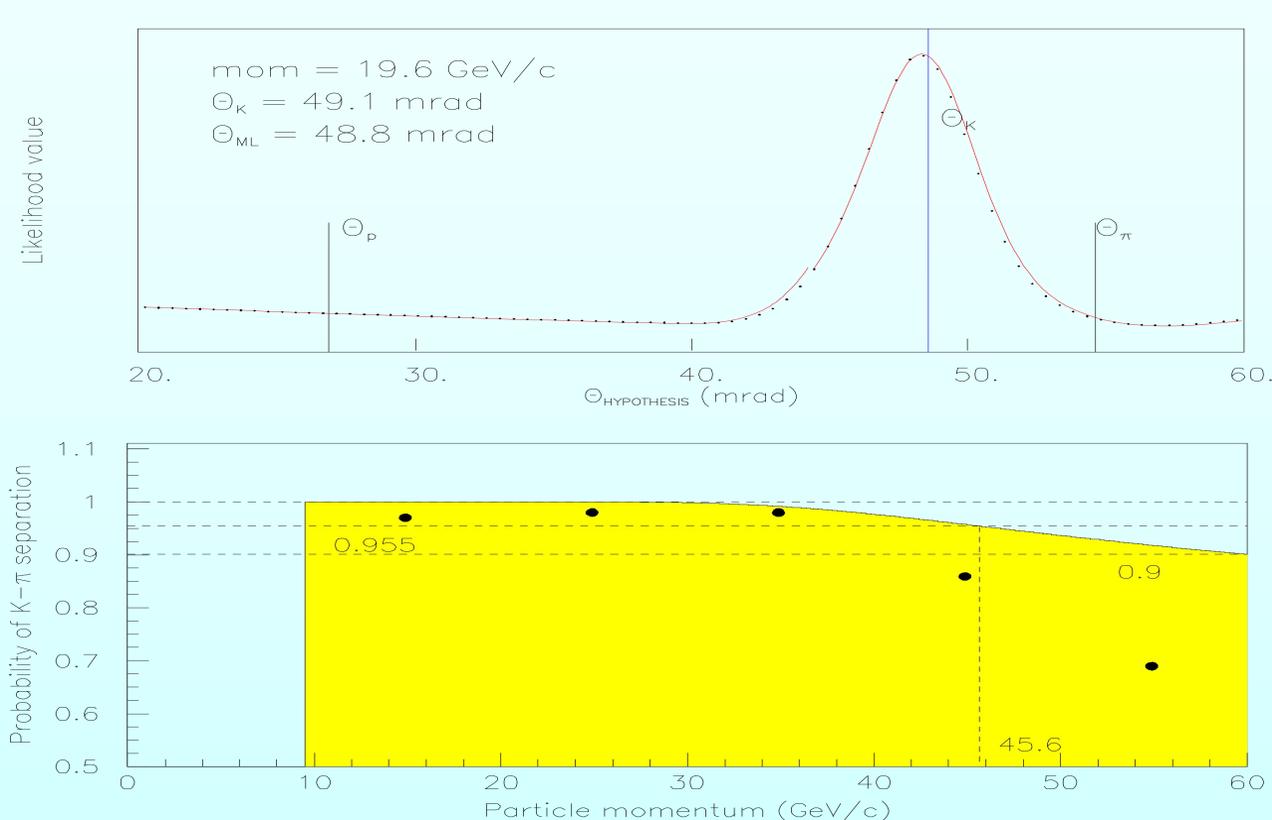
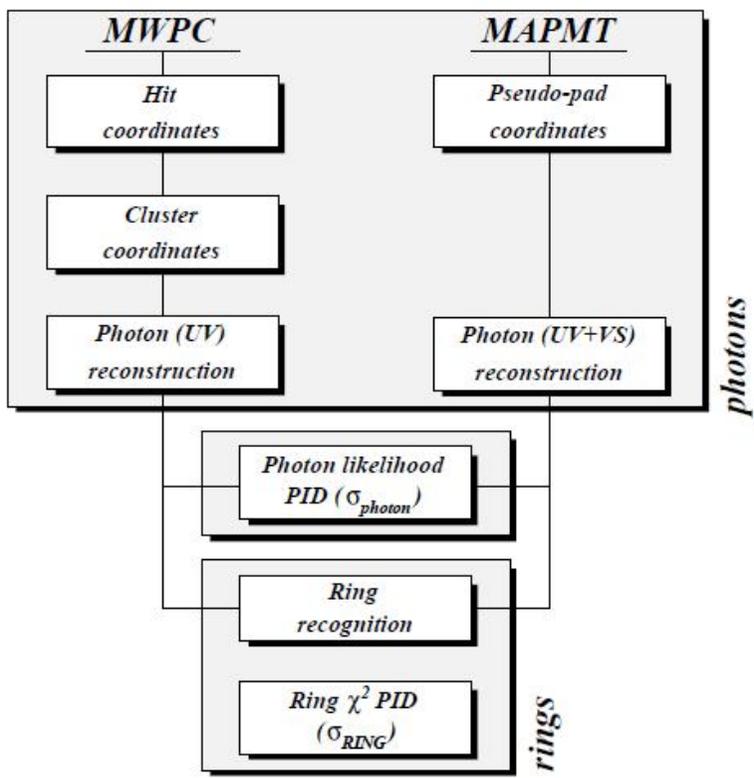
no reference to a reconstructed ring

$$L_M = \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{s_M(\theta_j, \varphi_j) + b(\theta_j, \varphi_j)}{S_M + B}$$

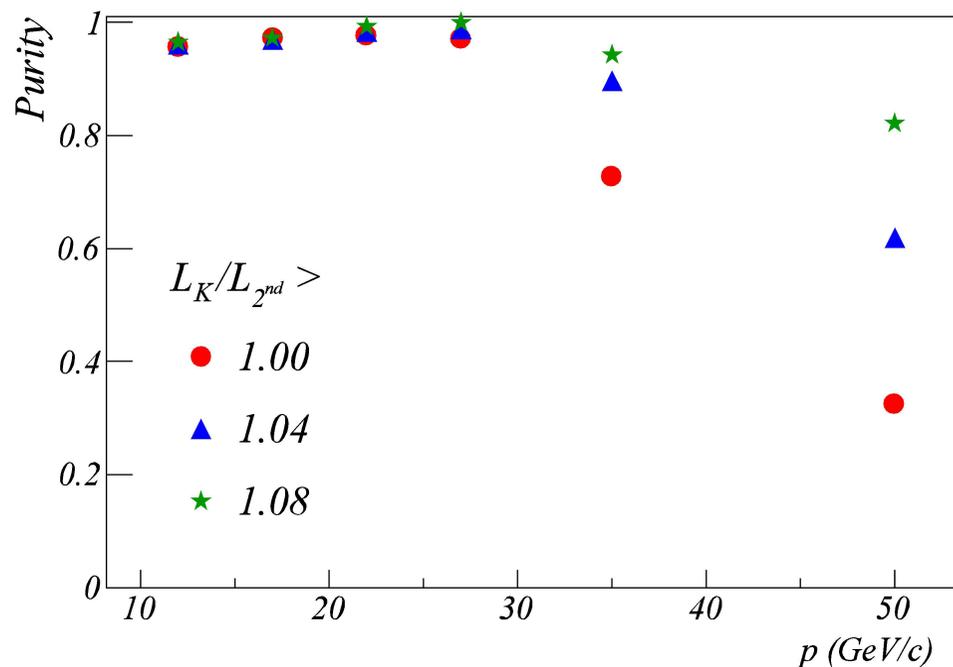
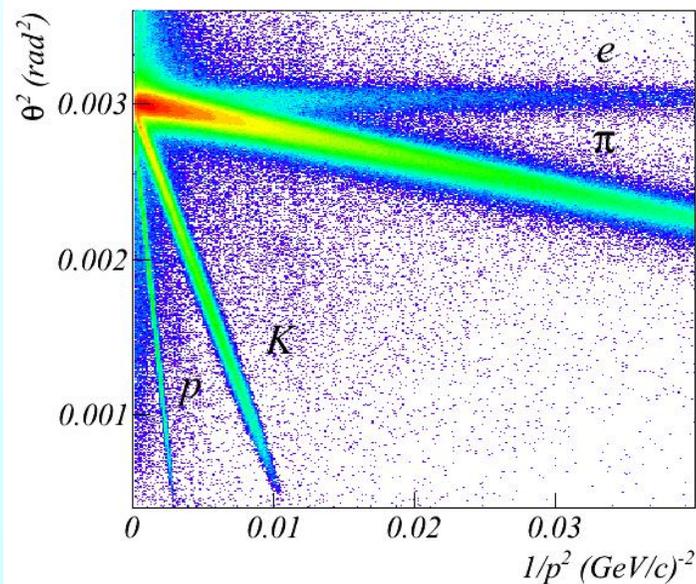
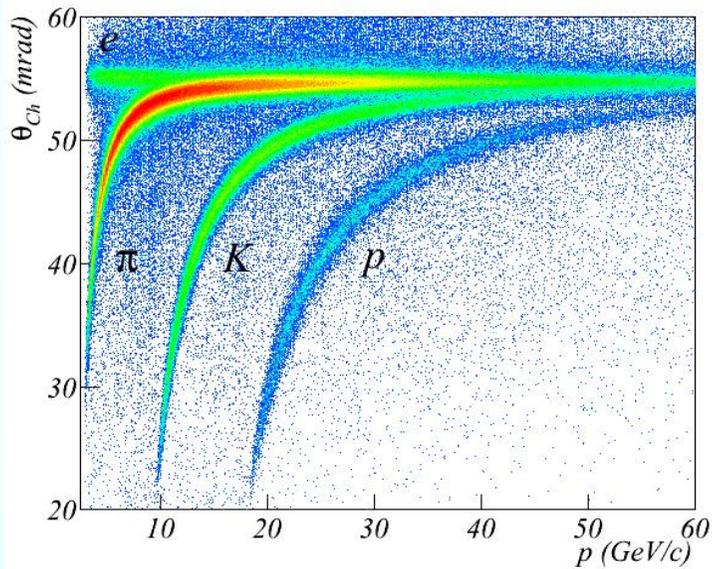
Computed for

5 mass hypothesis $M = e, \mu, \pi, K, p$,

+ background hypothesis (no signal)



PID performance and purity of K samples





New COMPASS PID requirements

Precision measurements require not just high efficiency but also very stable response

MWPC + CsI operate at low gain → depend on p, T, threshold and background stability but we need precise comparison of data with different background levels

Reduction of systematics from photon detectors → larger gain and faster signals

PMTs not adequate because of large angular acceptance → only a small demagnification factor of optical system is allowed (large distortions); 5 m² of PMTs are not affordable.

A dedicated R&D project to develop THGEM-based PDs did choose a hybrid MPGD architecture as the best option.



THGEMs

GAS ELECTRON MULTIPLIER FORMED BY A RIGID DIELECTRIC FOIL BETWEEN ELECTRODES, PROVIDED WITH A PATTERN OF HOLES.

In a proper gas and with electric bias it can provide large electron multiplication

- **Material:** - FR4, permaglass, ARLON ...
- - PTFE, PET, ...
- - glass, PEG3 (etchable glass), ...
- - ceramic
- **Holes:** - mechanical drilling (1 € per 1000 holes, 30000 hole/h)
- - water jet
- - laser
- - chemical etching
- - preformed (capillary plates)

Standard PCB foil: robust

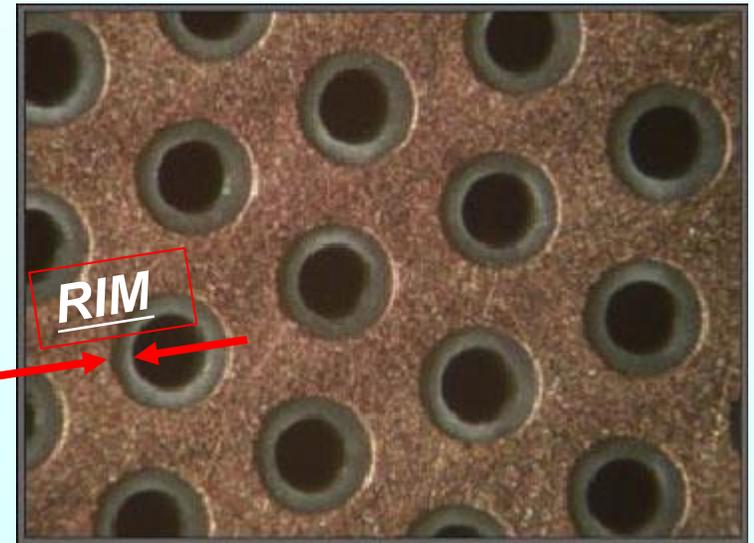
- mechanically self supporting
- large size
- industrially produced

Comparing to GEMs:

- Geometrical dimensions $X \sim 10$
 - But e^- motion/multiplic. properties do not!
 - Larger holes:
 - dipole fields and external fields are strongly coupled
 - e^- dispersion plays a minor role

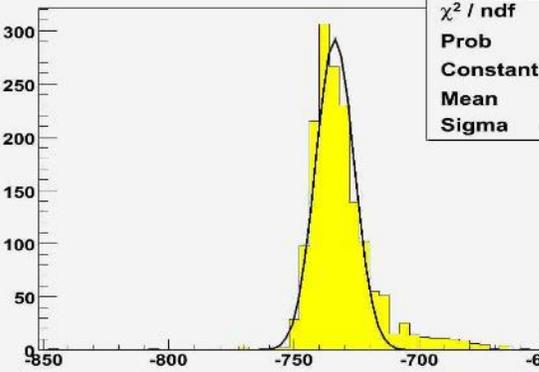
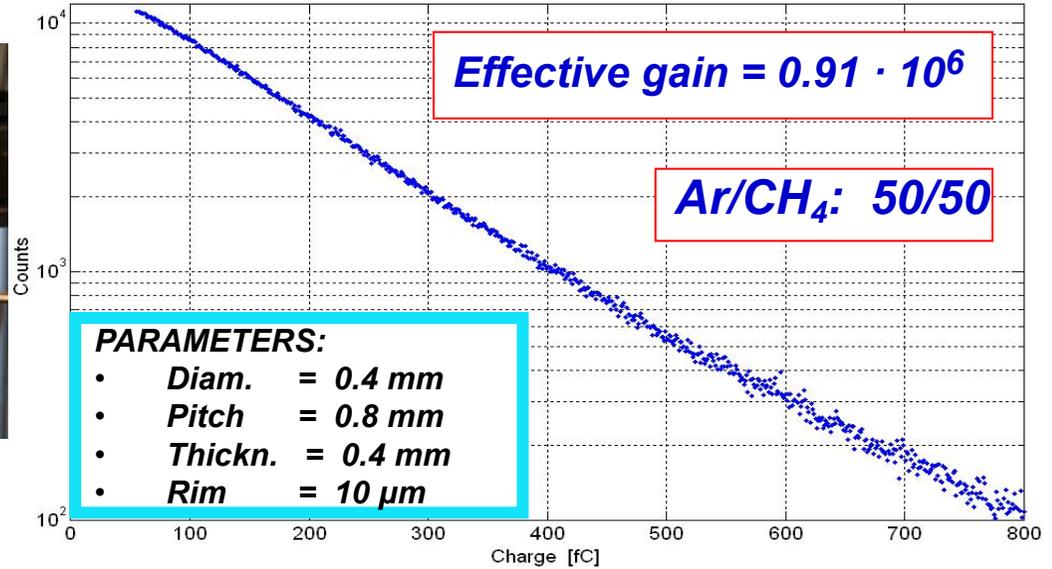
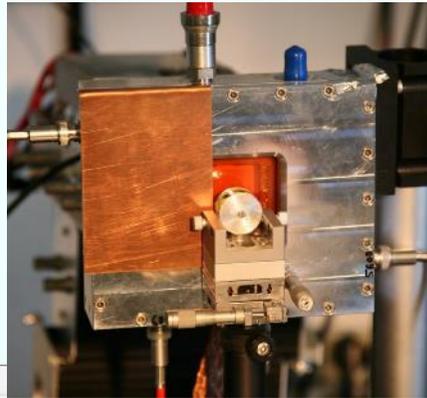
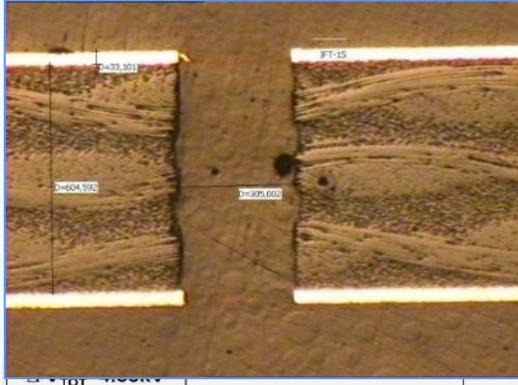
About PCB geometrical dimensions:

<i>Hole diameter :</i>	0.2 - 1 mm
<i>Pitch :</i>	0.4 - 4 mm
<i>Thickness :</i>	0.2 - 2 mm

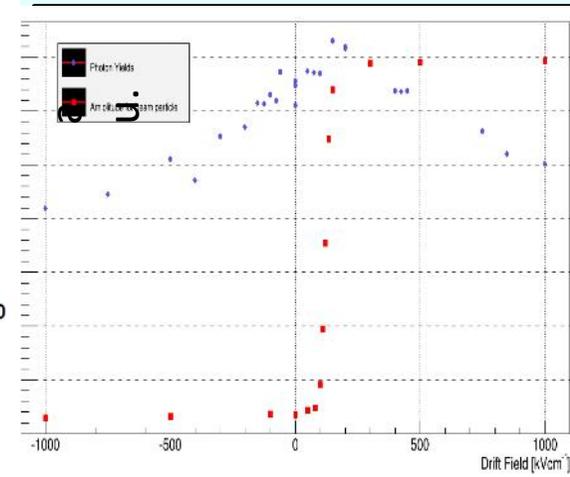
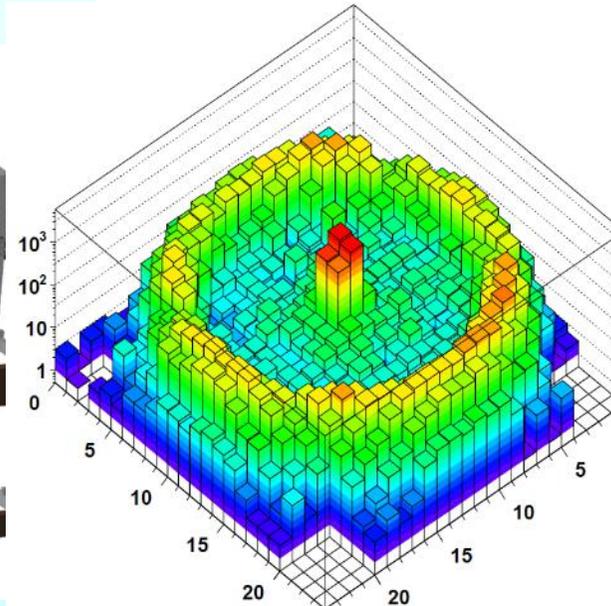
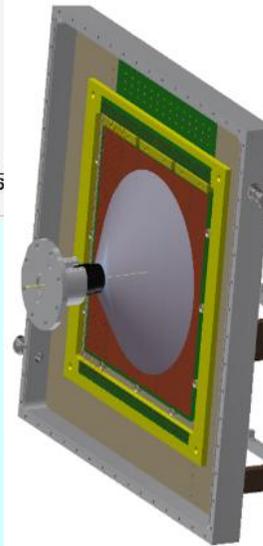


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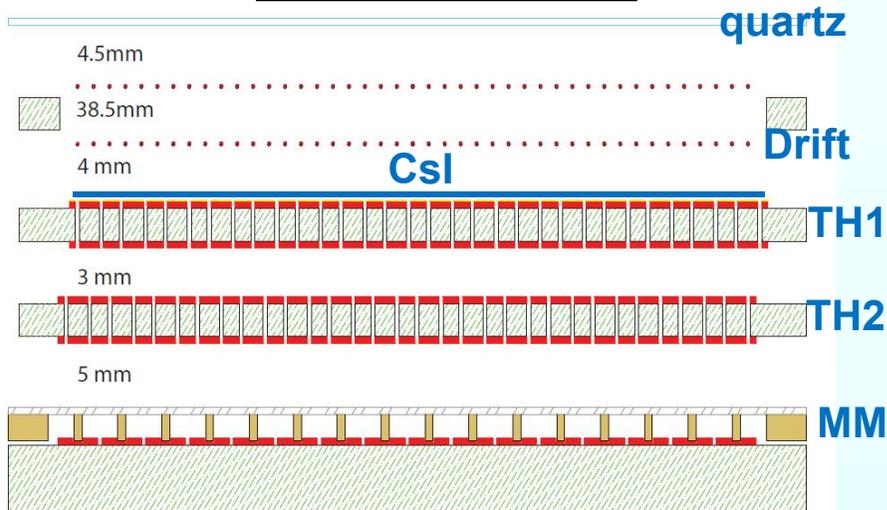
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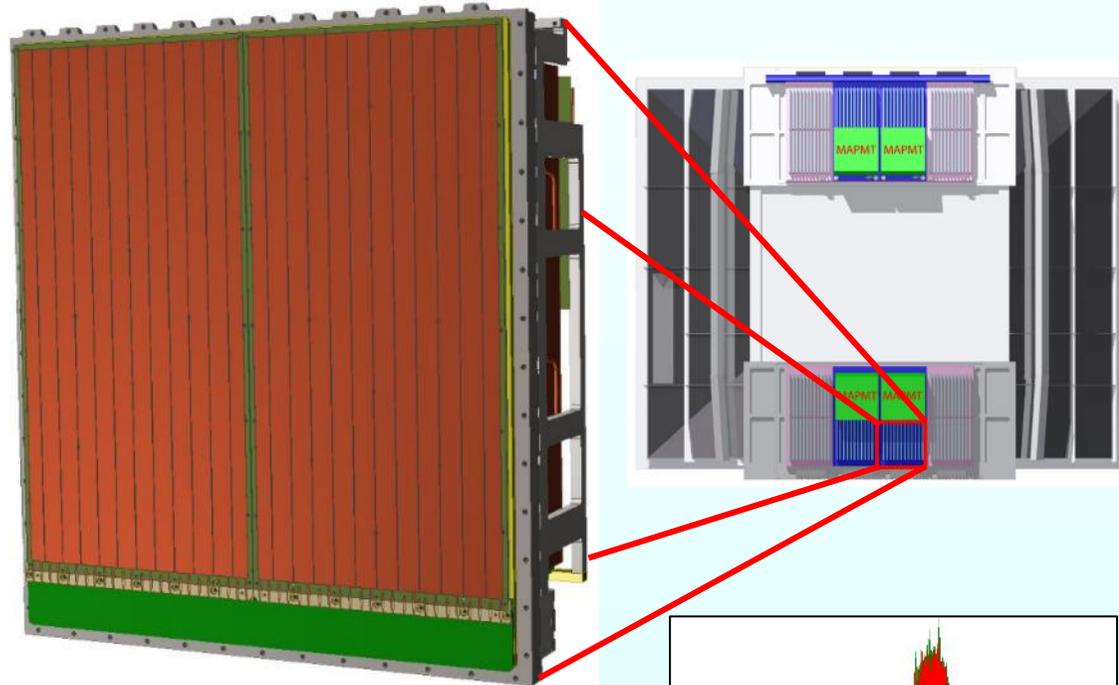
Photon yield & Charged Particles vs Drift Field



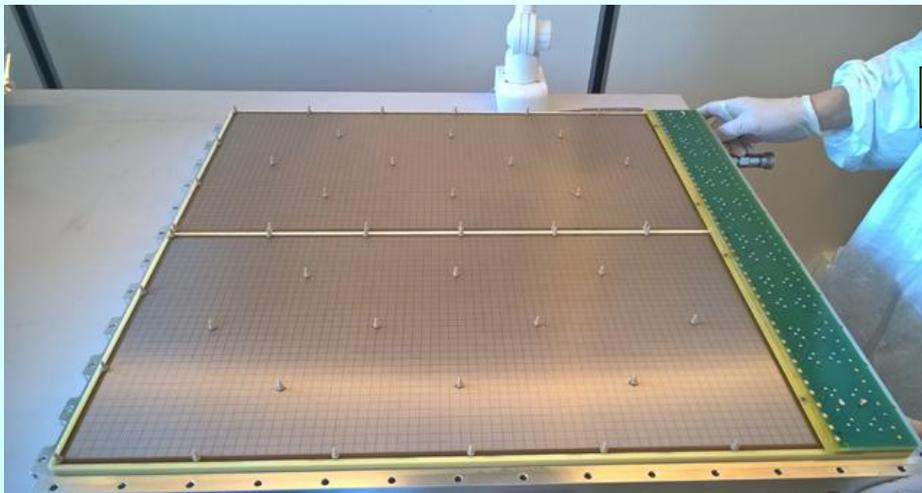
Hybrid PD scheme



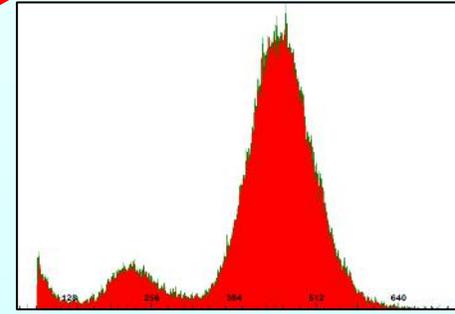
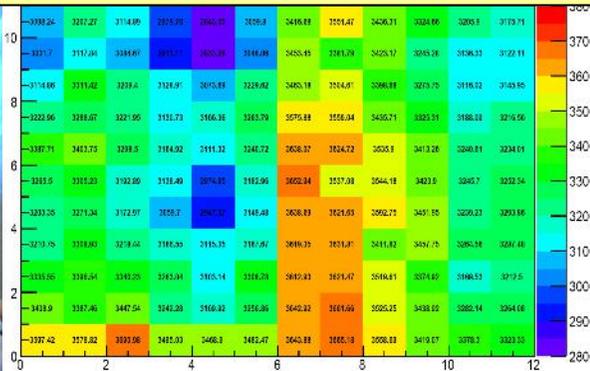
modular structure: one module = 600x300 mm²



Standard Bulk Micromegas produced at CERN



good Micromegas gain uniformity



$$\delta_G = \frac{G_{max} - G_{min}}{G_{min}} < 5\%$$

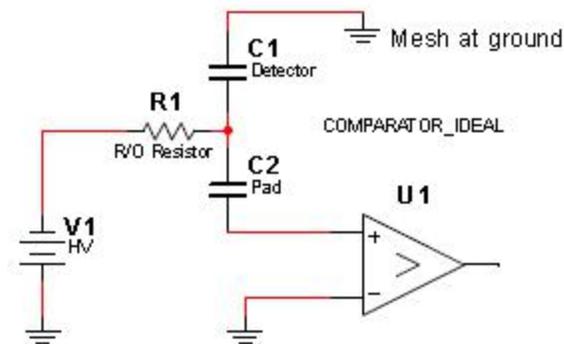


anodic pad PCB produced by TVR



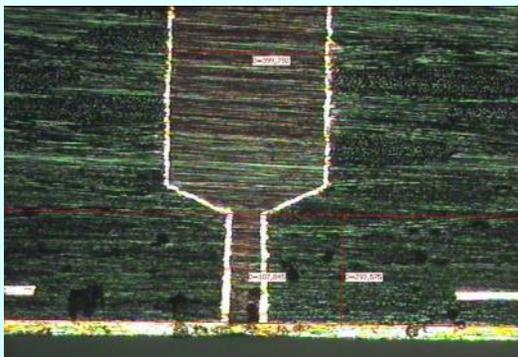
8mm X 8mm pads at positive HV

Signal read out via capacitive coupling pad readout and APV25 F/E boards

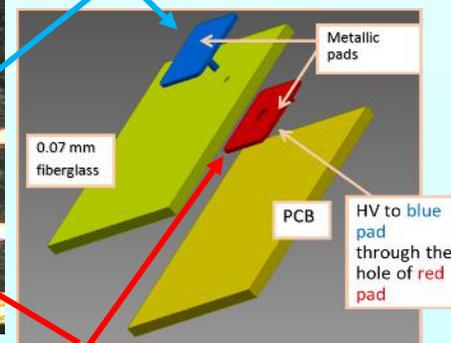
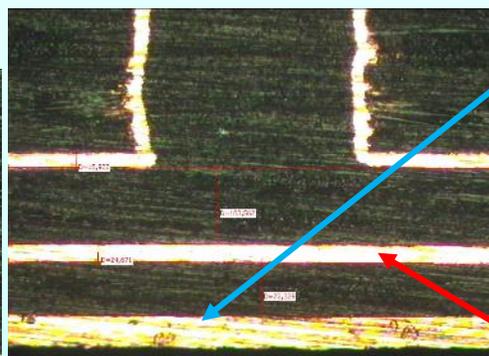


Strong technological effort from TVR Company for the PCB (multilayer 3.2 mm thick) to comply with specific requirements of planarity, surface quality, layer thickness uniformity, surface irregularities (E field).

“Z drilling controlled via” → planarity issue



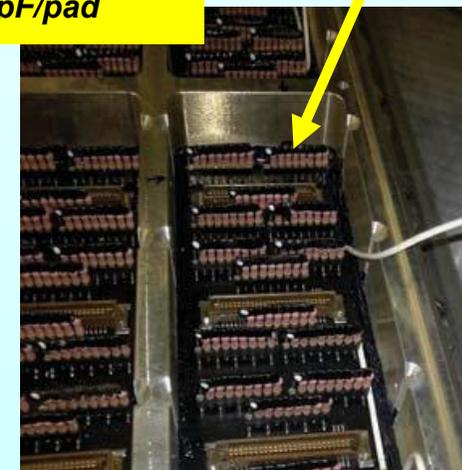
“surface anode” pad

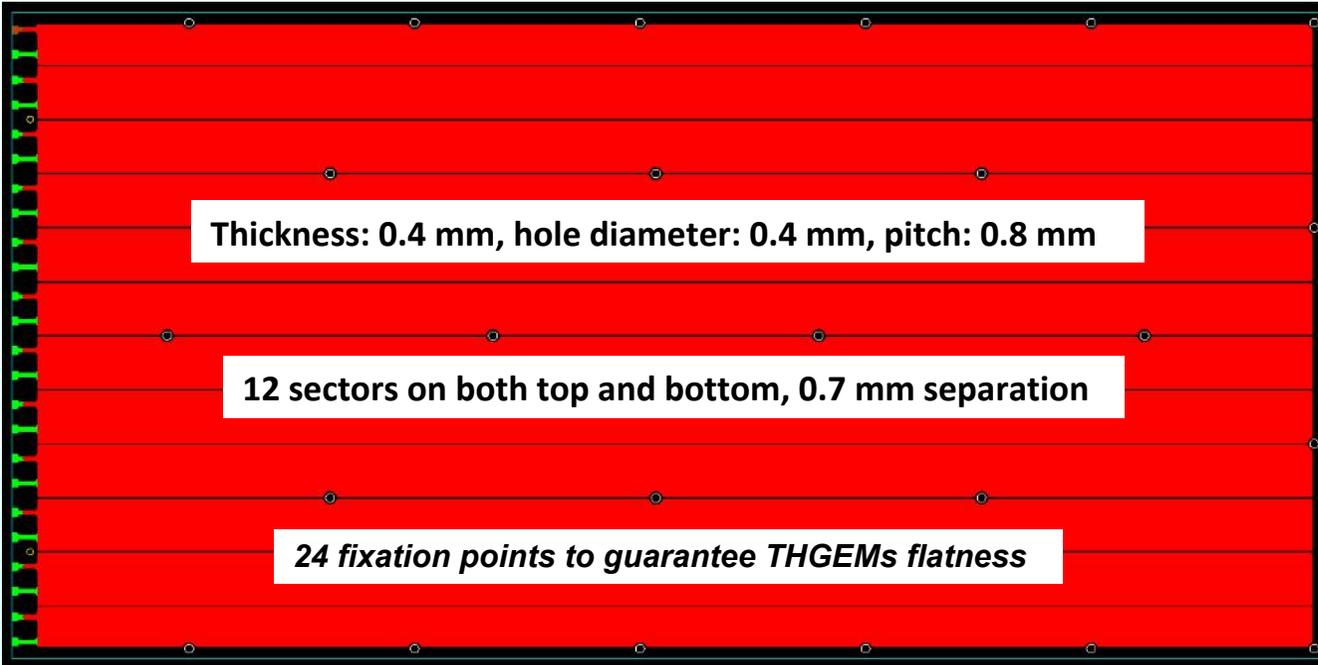


“buried pad”

Tests on 2500 pads: electrical continuity and capacity meas. → 38-42 pF/pad

470 MΩ resistor for each anodic pad

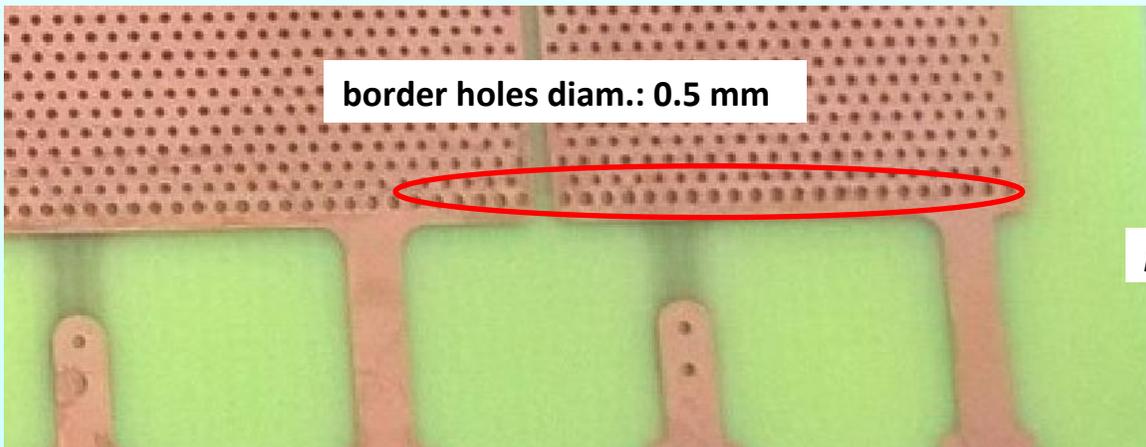
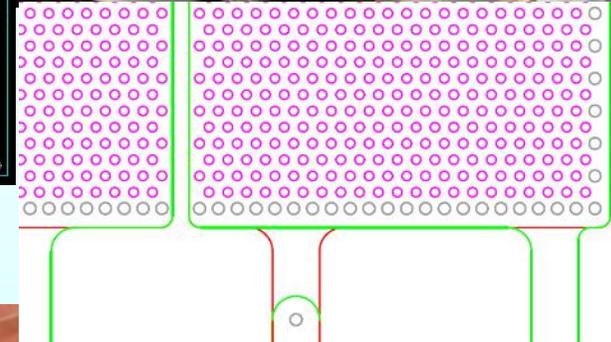
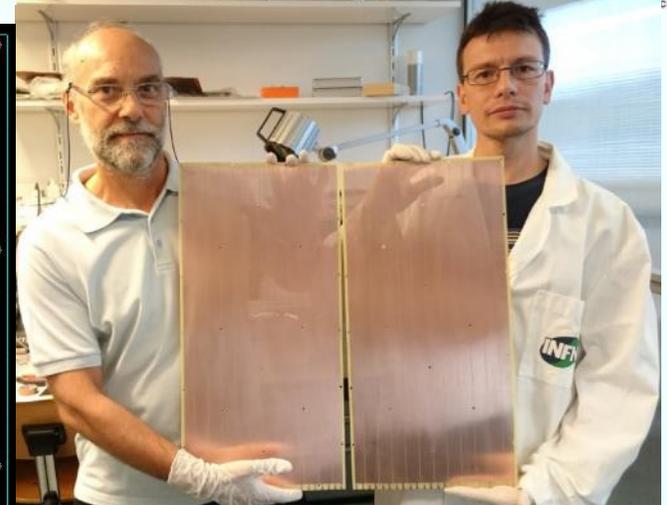




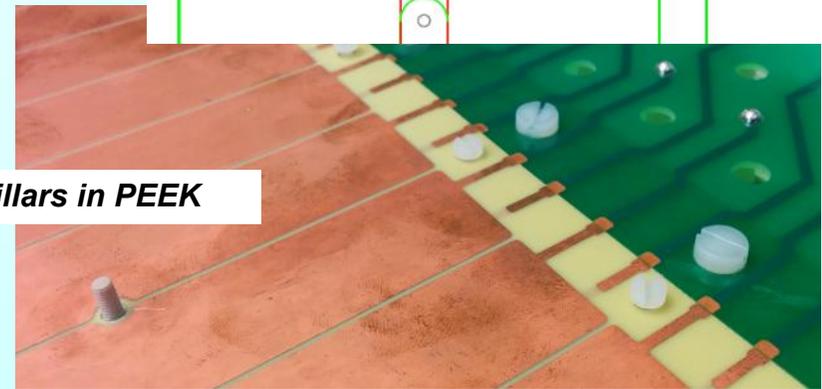
Thickness: 0.4 mm, hole diameter: 0.4 mm, pitch: 0.8 mm

12 sectors on both top and bottom, 0.7 mm separation

24 fixation points to guarantee THGEMs flatness



border holes diam.: 0.5 mm



pillars in PEEK



THGEM raw material selection

Our thickness uniformity requirements are stricter than those offered by producers → material selection

50 foils of 1245 mm x 1092 mm → cut out borders → 800 mm x 800 mm → thickness measurement



Elite Material Co., Ltd.

Technical Data

Lead-free , Halogen-free Material

PRODUCT EM 370-5

Thickness 0.407 mm

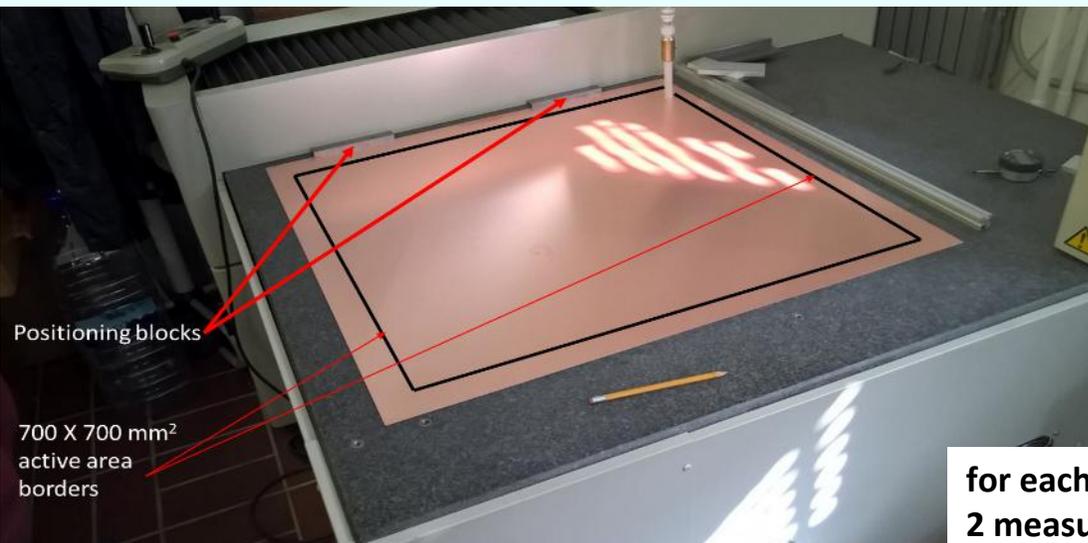
Copper 35μ / 35μ

Sheet Size 1 245 x 1 092 mm

Permittivity (RC 50%)	1 MHz	2.5.5.9	C-24/23/50	-	4.8
	1 GHz			-	4.3
Volume resistivity	2.5.17.1	C-96/35/90	MQ-cm		>10 ¹⁰
Surface resistivity	2.5.17.1	C-96/35/90	MQ		>10 ⁹



Mitutoyo EURO CA776
coordinate measuring machine with ruby touch probe,
hosted in a thermalized room



Positioning blocks

700 X 700 mm² active area borders

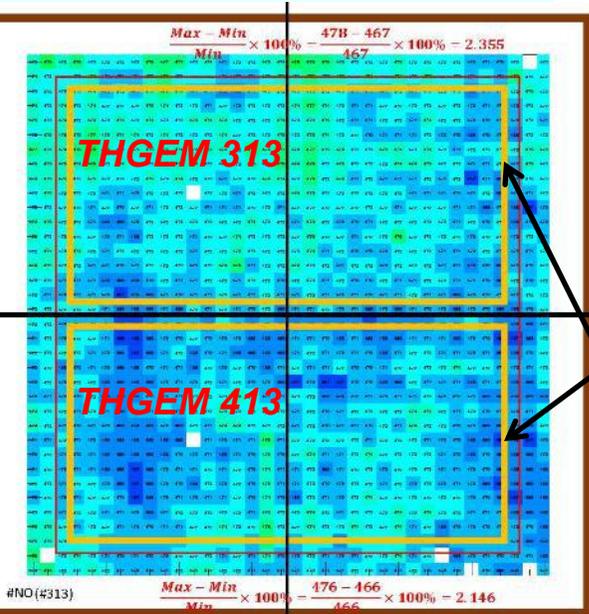
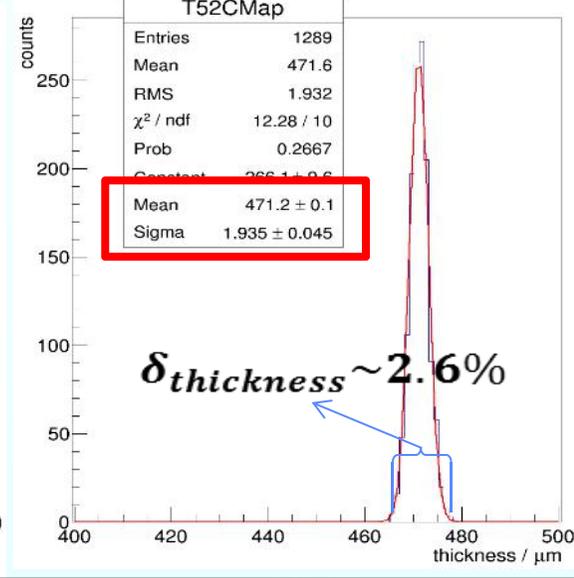
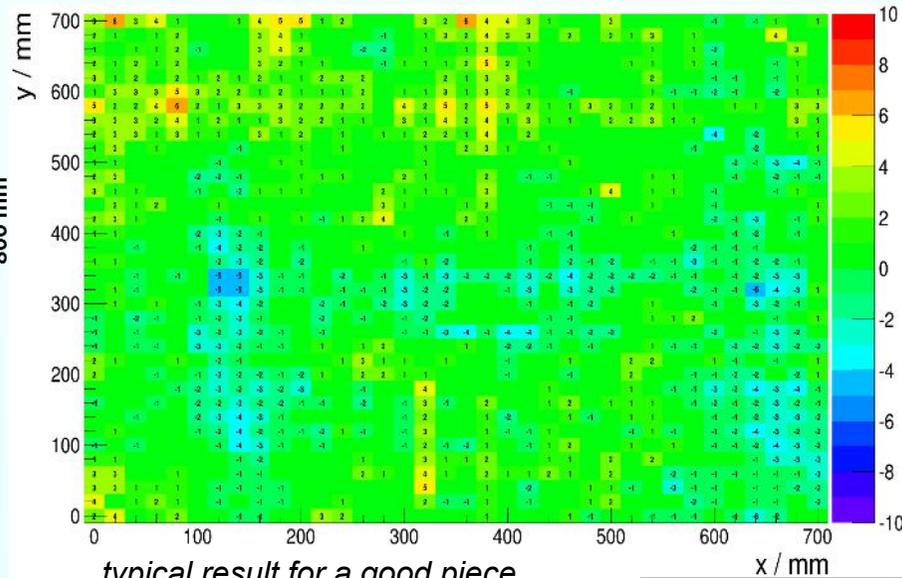
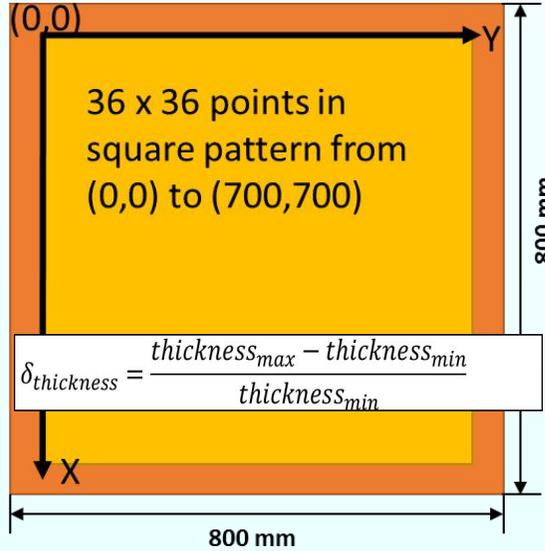


underpressure induced flatness

for each foil 36 x 36 points in square pattern are measured
2 measurements (direct and reversed) to allow consistency checks.



THGEM raw material selection



all foils have been labelled and measured → database of local thickness of all THGEMS

from each foil two THGEMS can be produced:
 50 foils → 100 raw THGEM pcb
 THGEM pcb size = 620 mm x 320 mm,
 active area = 581 mm x 287 mm

60 THGEMS have been produced by ELTOS

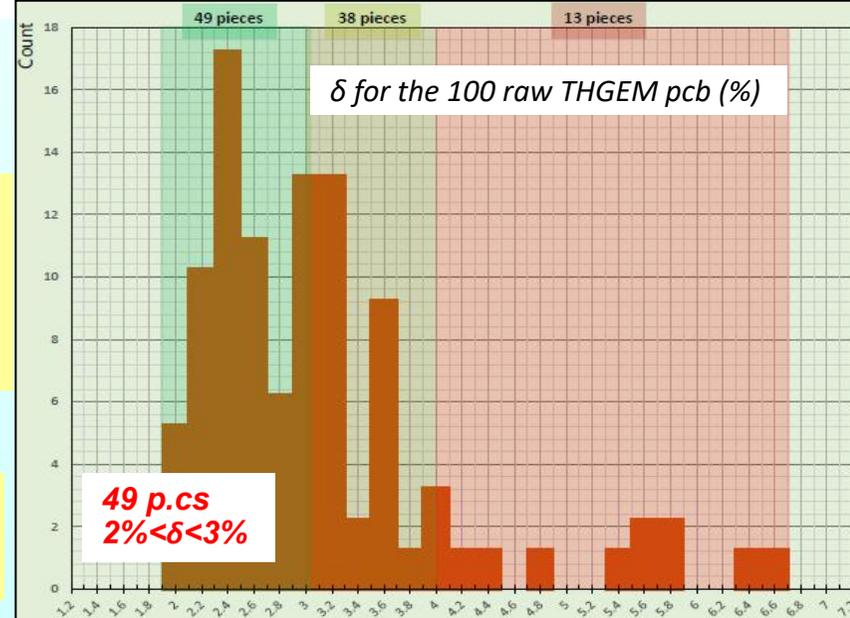
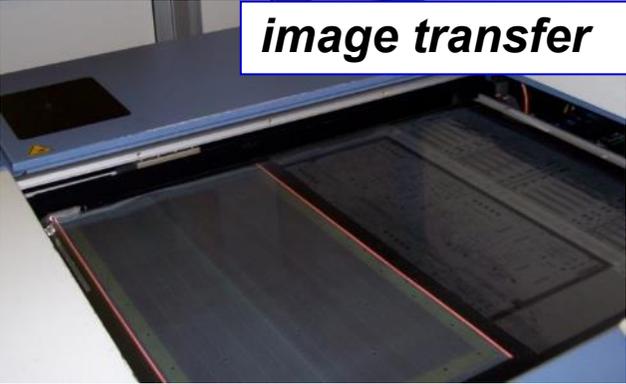


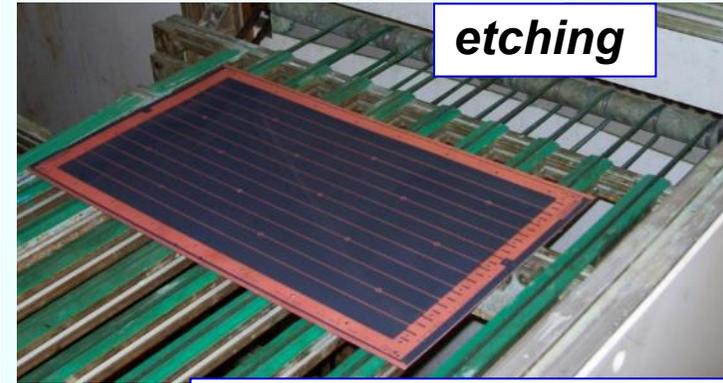
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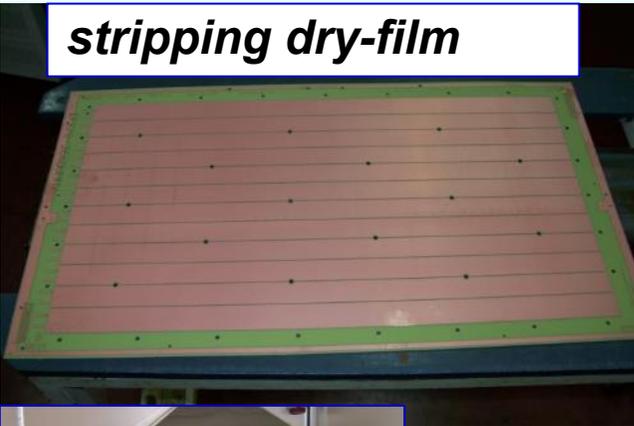
development



etching



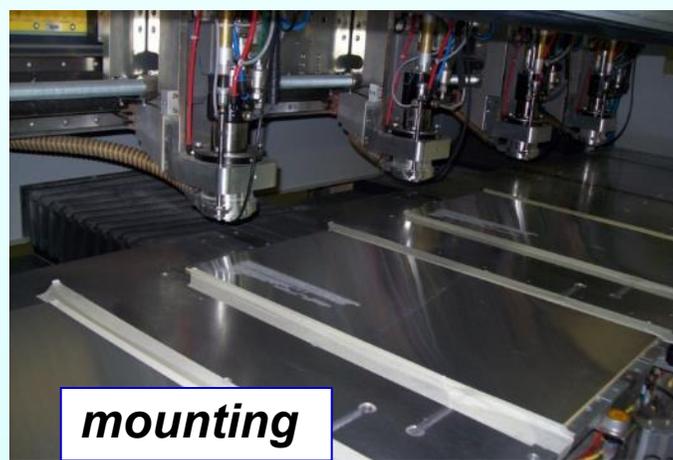
stripping dry-film



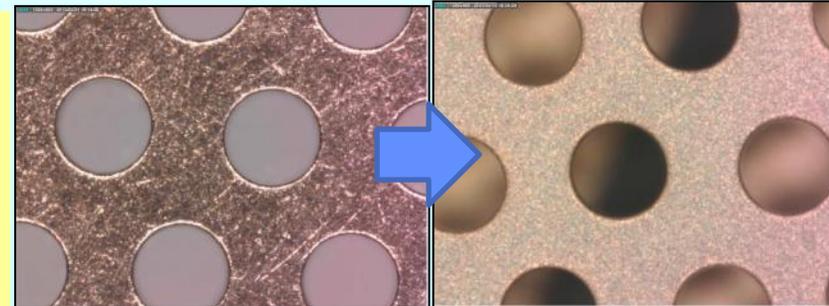
multi-spindle drilling



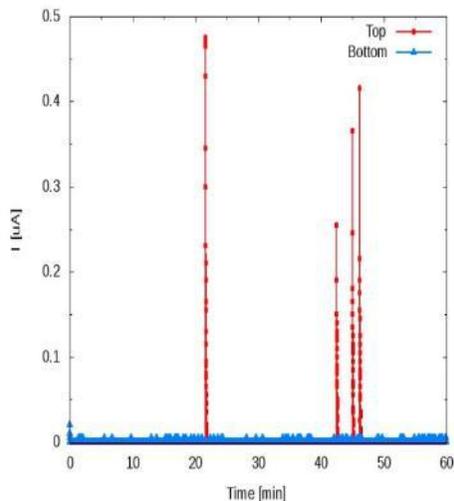
mounting



In Trieste a specific cleaning procedure is applied : polish with fine grain pumice powder, pressure water cleaning, ultrasonic Bath with Sonica PCB solution (PH11), distilled water rinsing and oven @ 160 °C

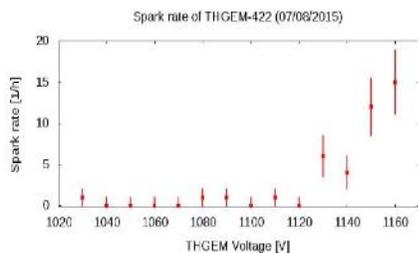


current monitor recording, discharge counting



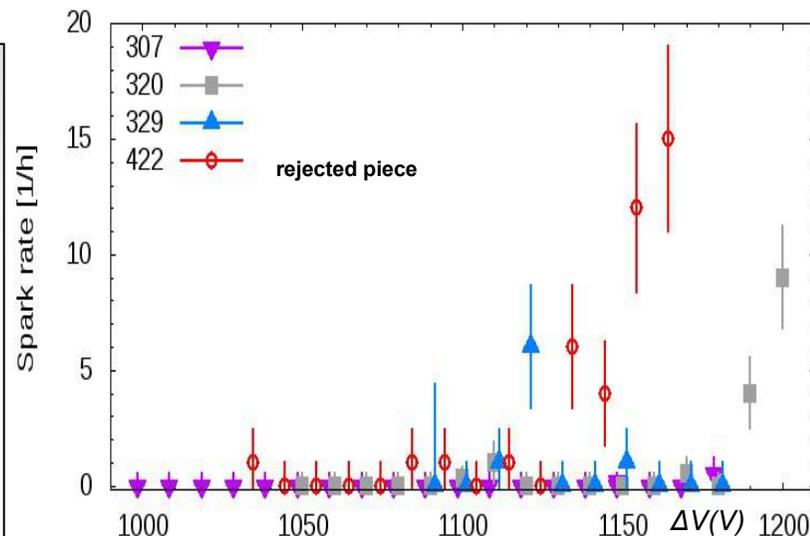
THGEM : 422

- dV=1000V : 4 hours : 0 sparks/h
- dV=1150V : 6 hours : 70 sparks/h **rejected**
- dV=1030V .. 1160V / 10V steps , 1 hour for all dV



THGEM : 307

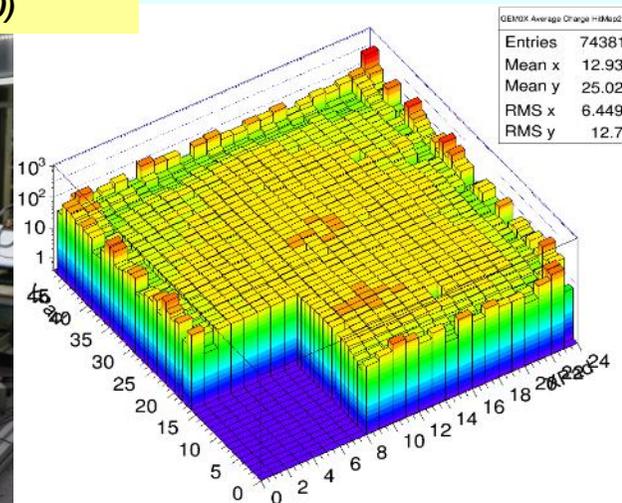
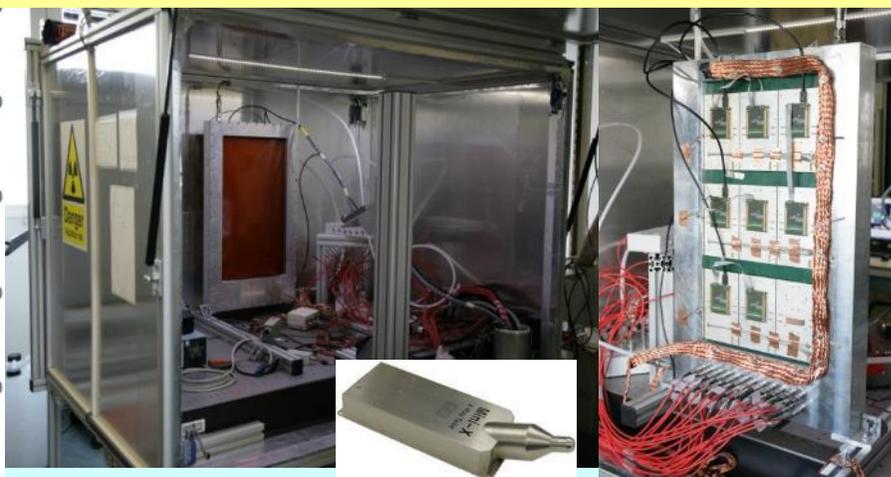
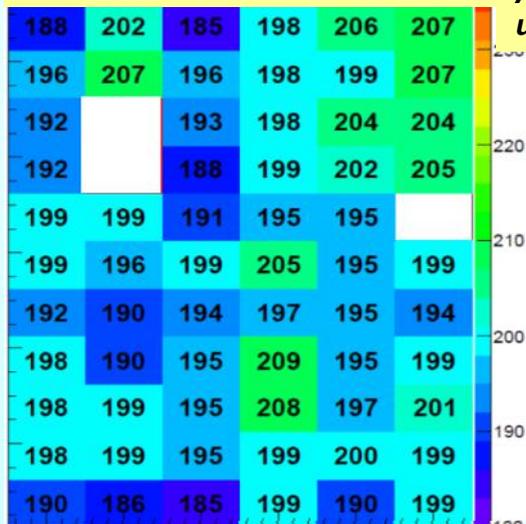
- dV=1100V : 74 hours : 0.27 sparks/h
- dV=1150V : 14 hours : 0.29 sparks/h **accepted**



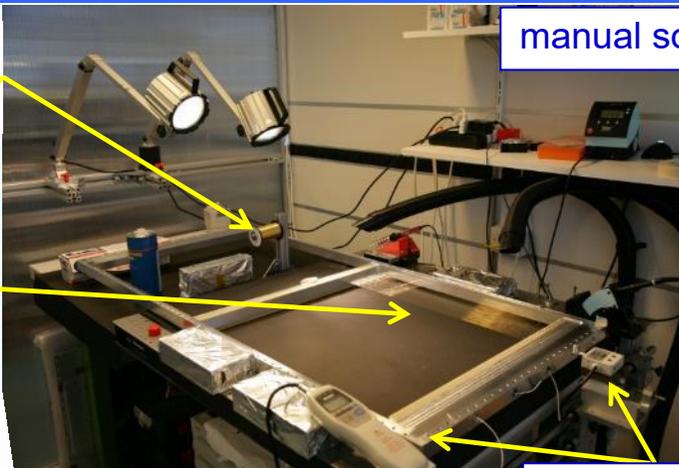
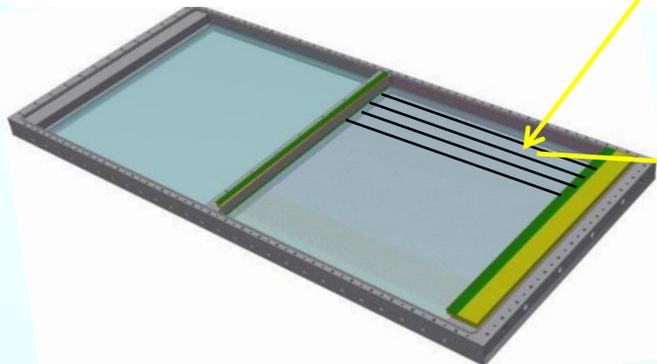
first 4 pieces: 1 rejected. Possibly recovered by repeating the cleaning treatment

Gain uniformity measurement

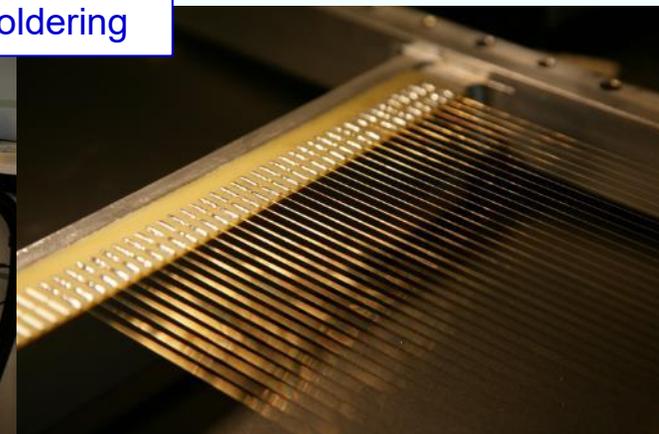
AMPTeK Mini-X Au used at 15 kV, 200µA + Cu foil provides 8 keV X-rays uniform illumination at a rate > 5 kHz cm⁻² (for 1 cm Ar/CO₂ 70/30)



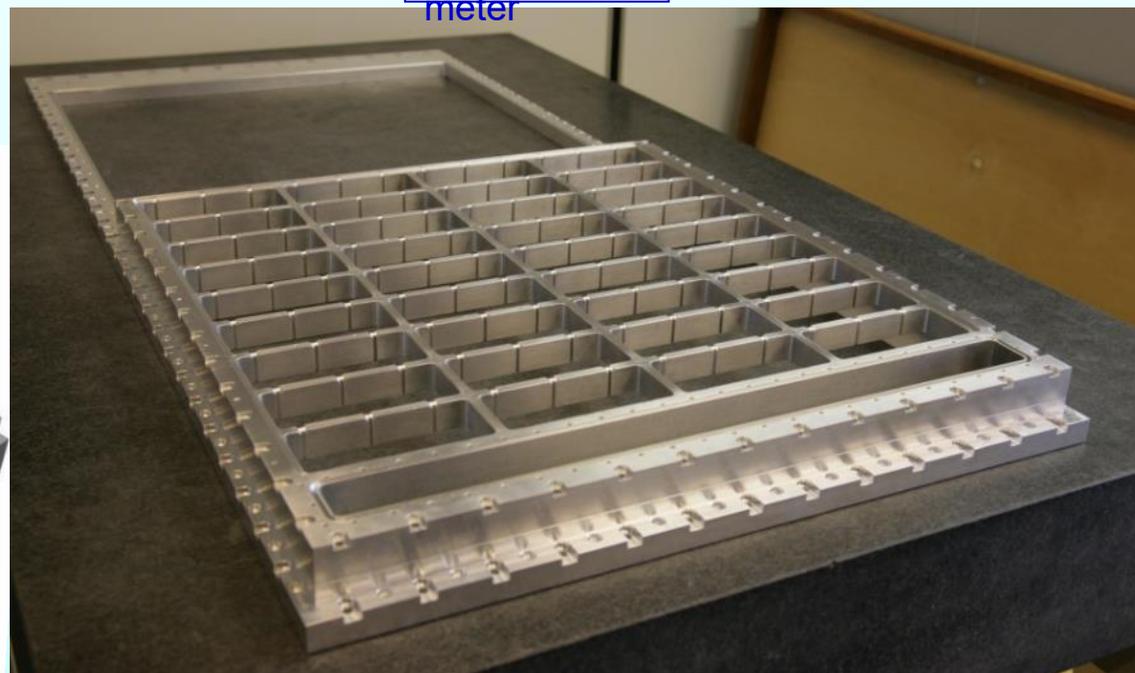
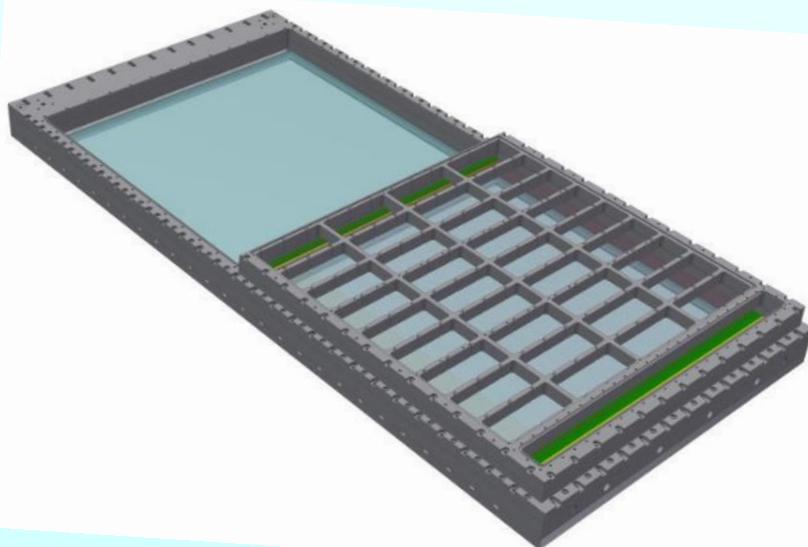
drift and field wires: Cu-Be, Au coated
4 mm pitch, 100 μm diam.



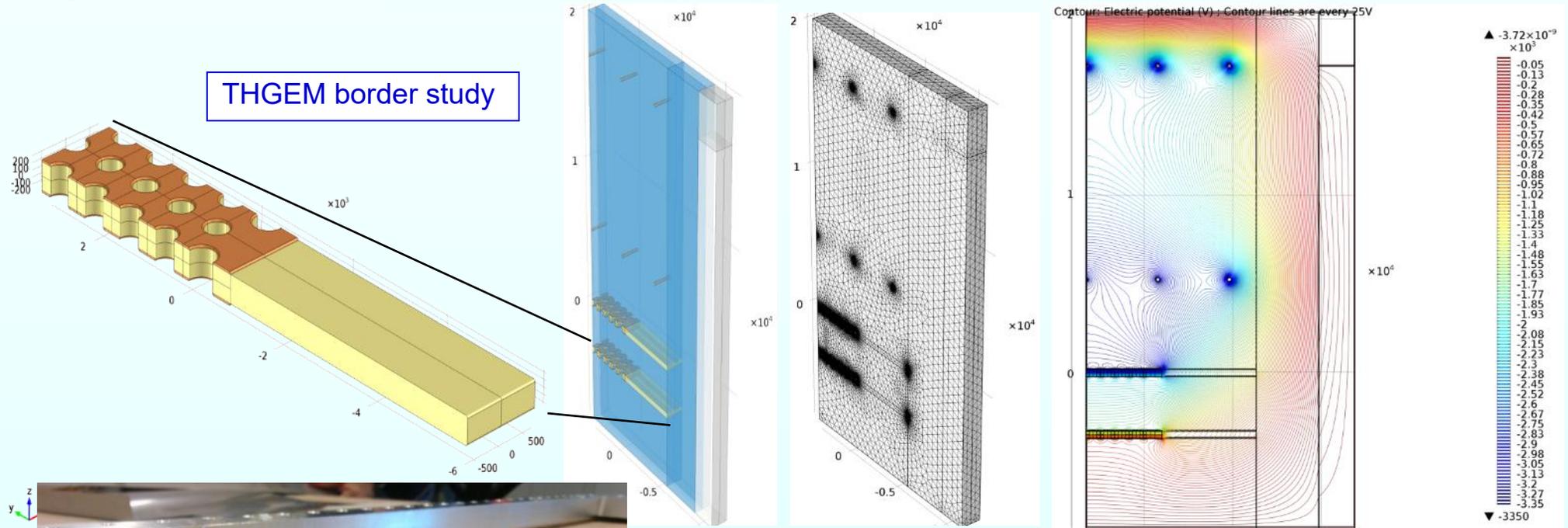
manual soldering



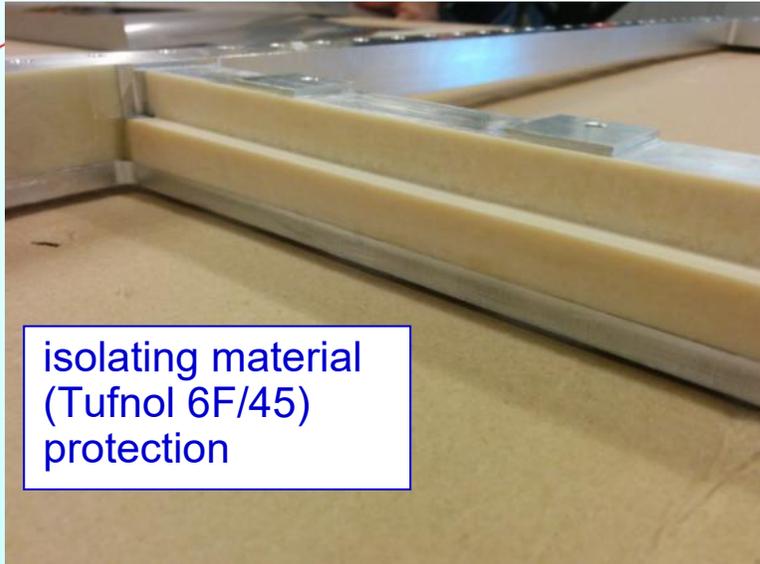
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meter



THGEM border study



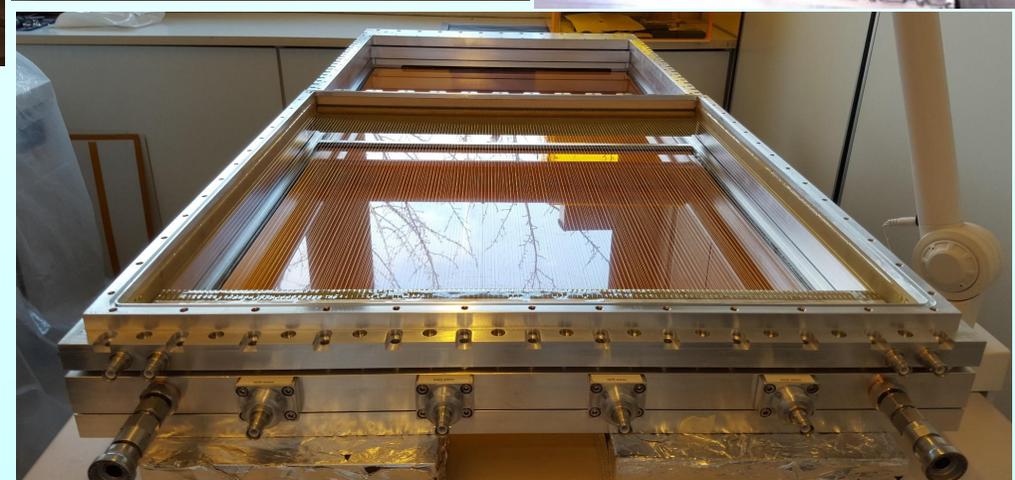
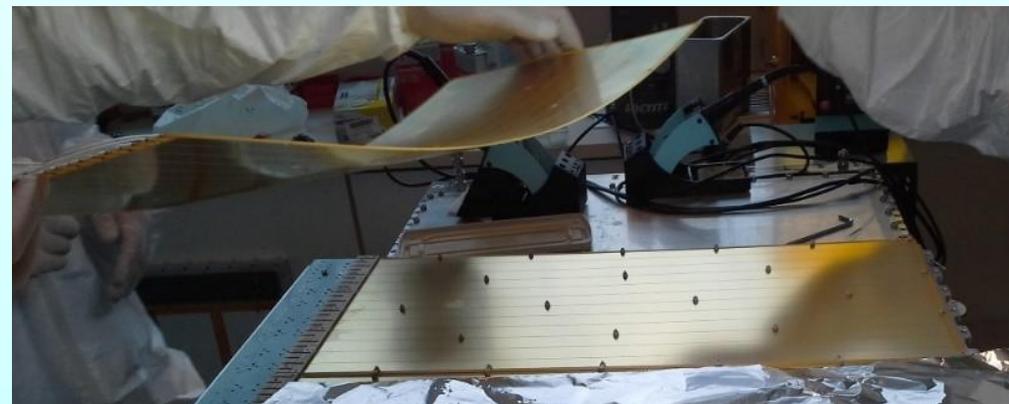
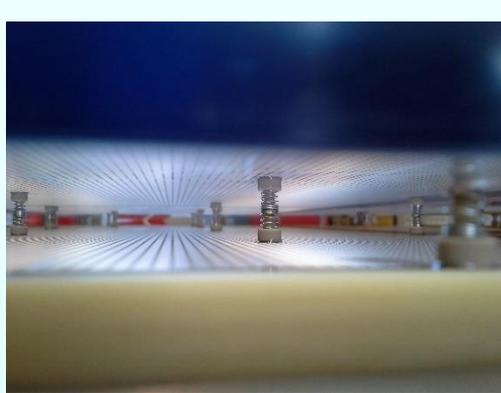
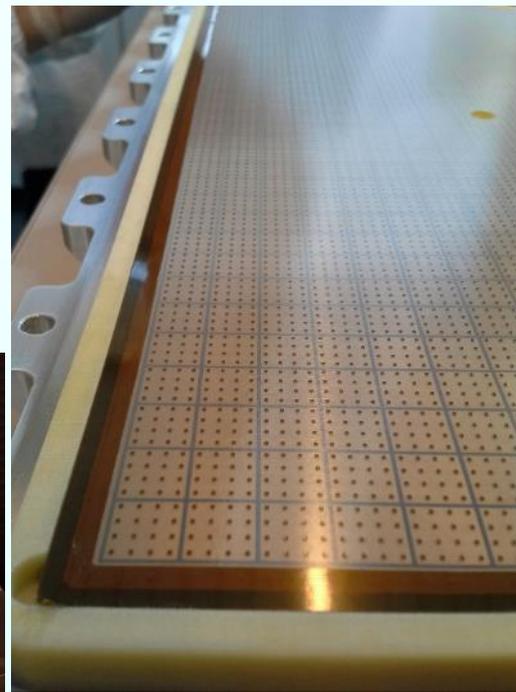
large field values at the chamber edges and on the guard wires

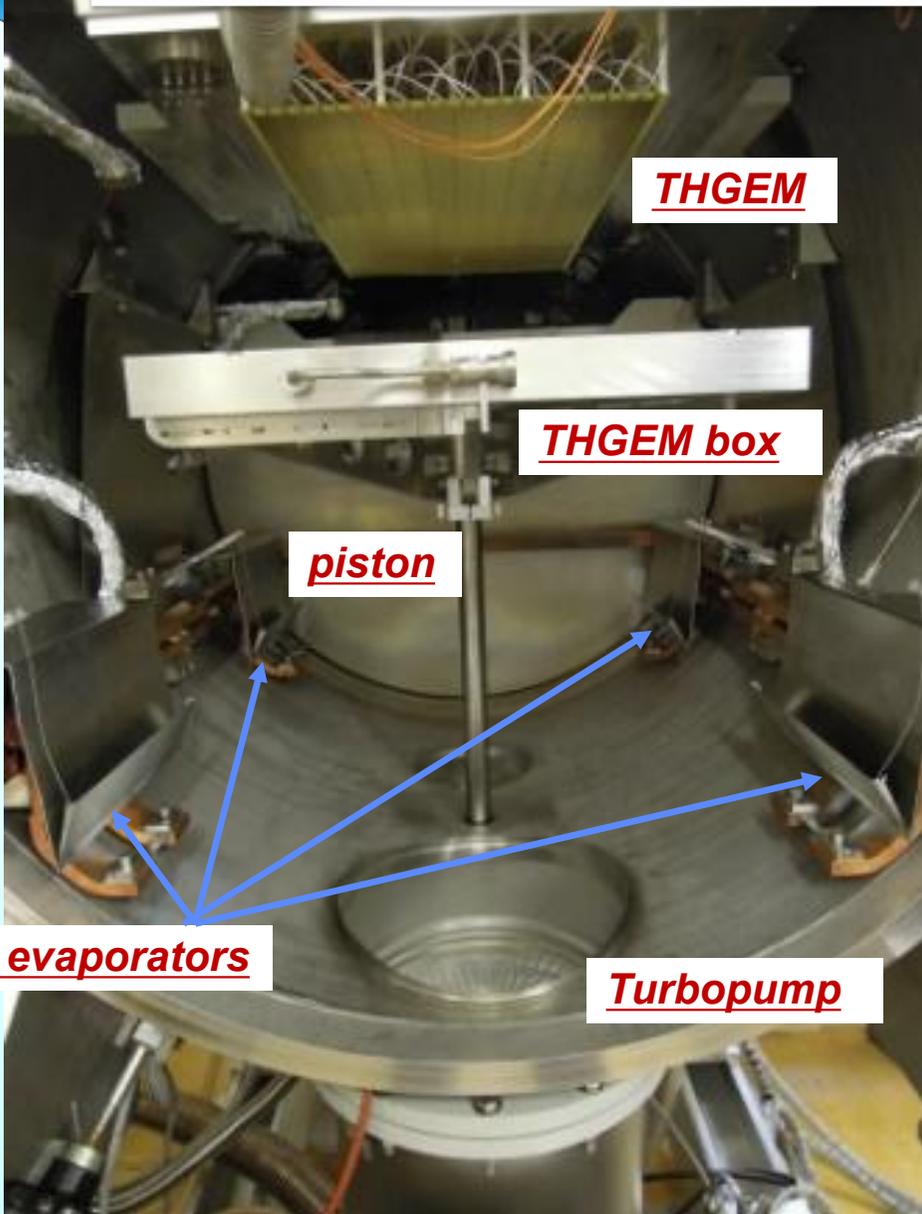


isolating material (Tufnol 6F/45) protection

Field shaping electrodes in the isolating material protections of the chamber frames







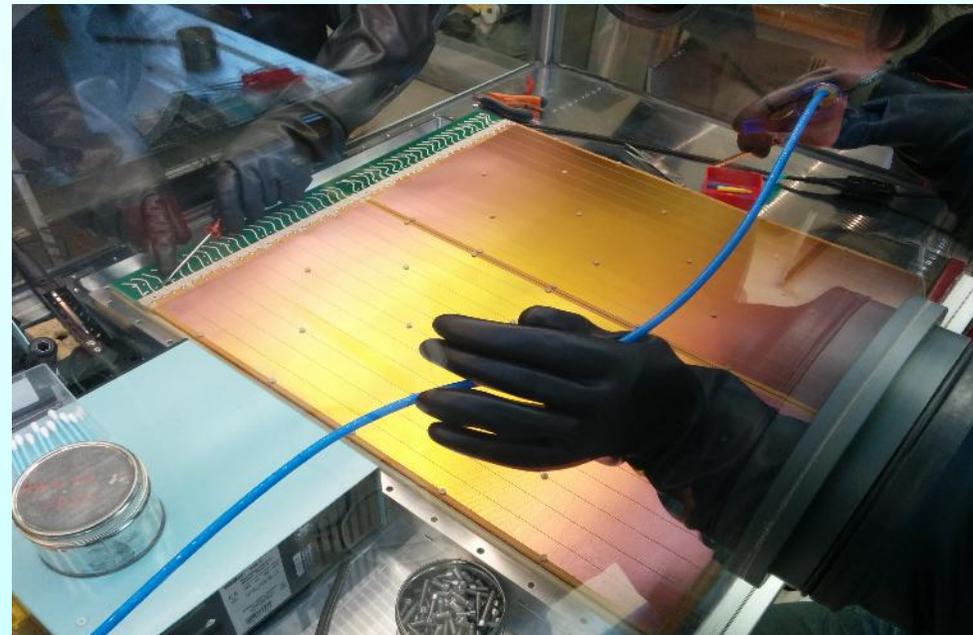
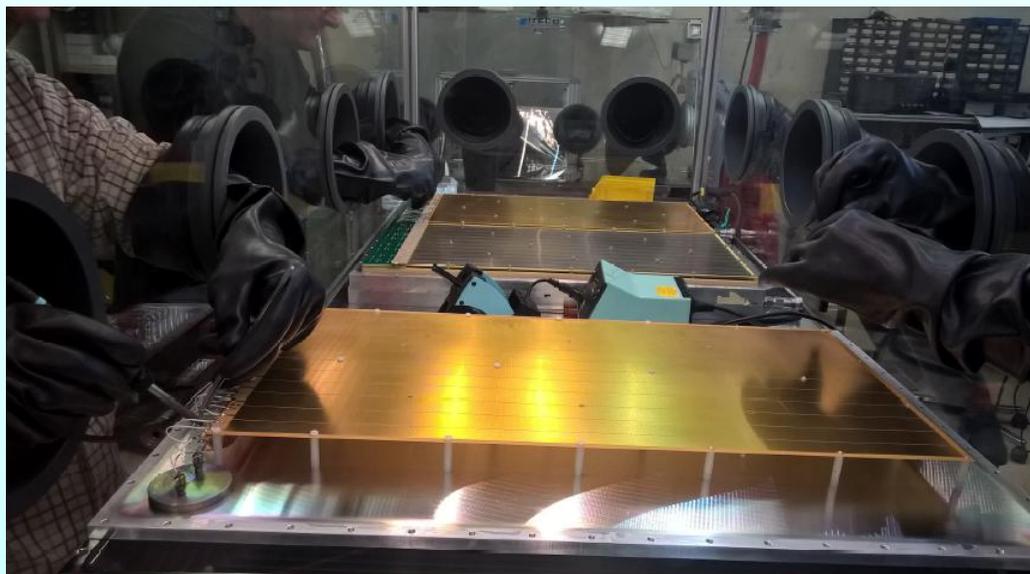
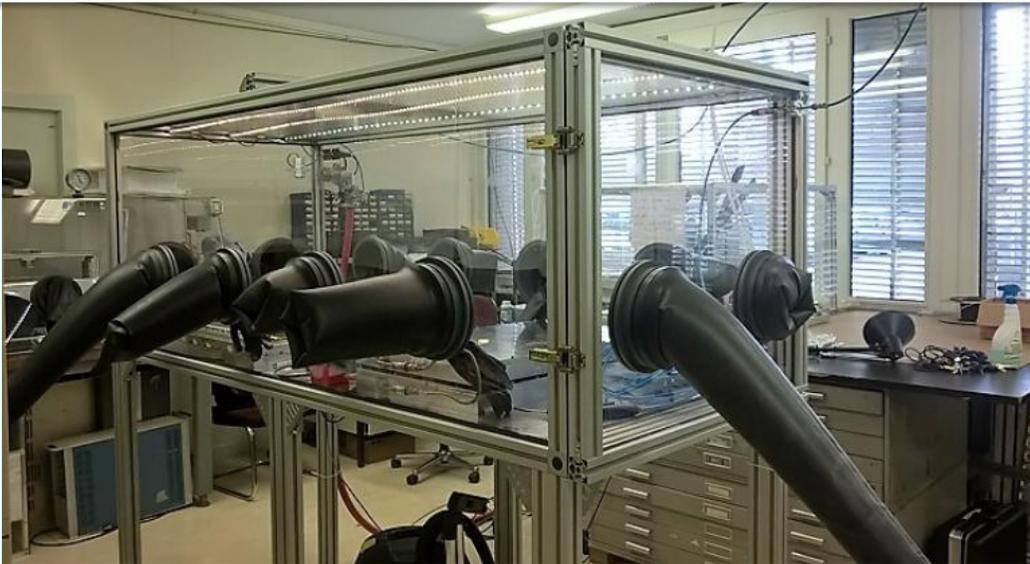
19 Csl evaporations performed in 2015 - 2016 on 15 pieces: 11 coated THGEMs available, 8 used + 3 spares

THGEM number	evaporation date	at 60 deg.	at 25 deg.
Thick GEM 319	1/18/2016	2.36	2.44
Thick GEM 307	1/25/2016	2.65	2.47
Thick GEM 407	2/2/2016	2.14	2.47
Thick GEM 418	2/8/2016	2.79	2.98
Thick GEM 410	2/15/2016	2.86	3.14
Thick GEM 429	2/22/2016	2.75	2.74
Thick GEM 334	2/29/2016	2.77	3.00
Thick GEM 421 re-coating	3/10/2016	2.61	2.83
Reference piece	7/4/2016	3.98	3.76

QE measurements indicate an average THGEM $QE = 0.73 \times \text{Ref. piece } QE$, in agreement with expectations (THGEM optical transp. = 0.76)

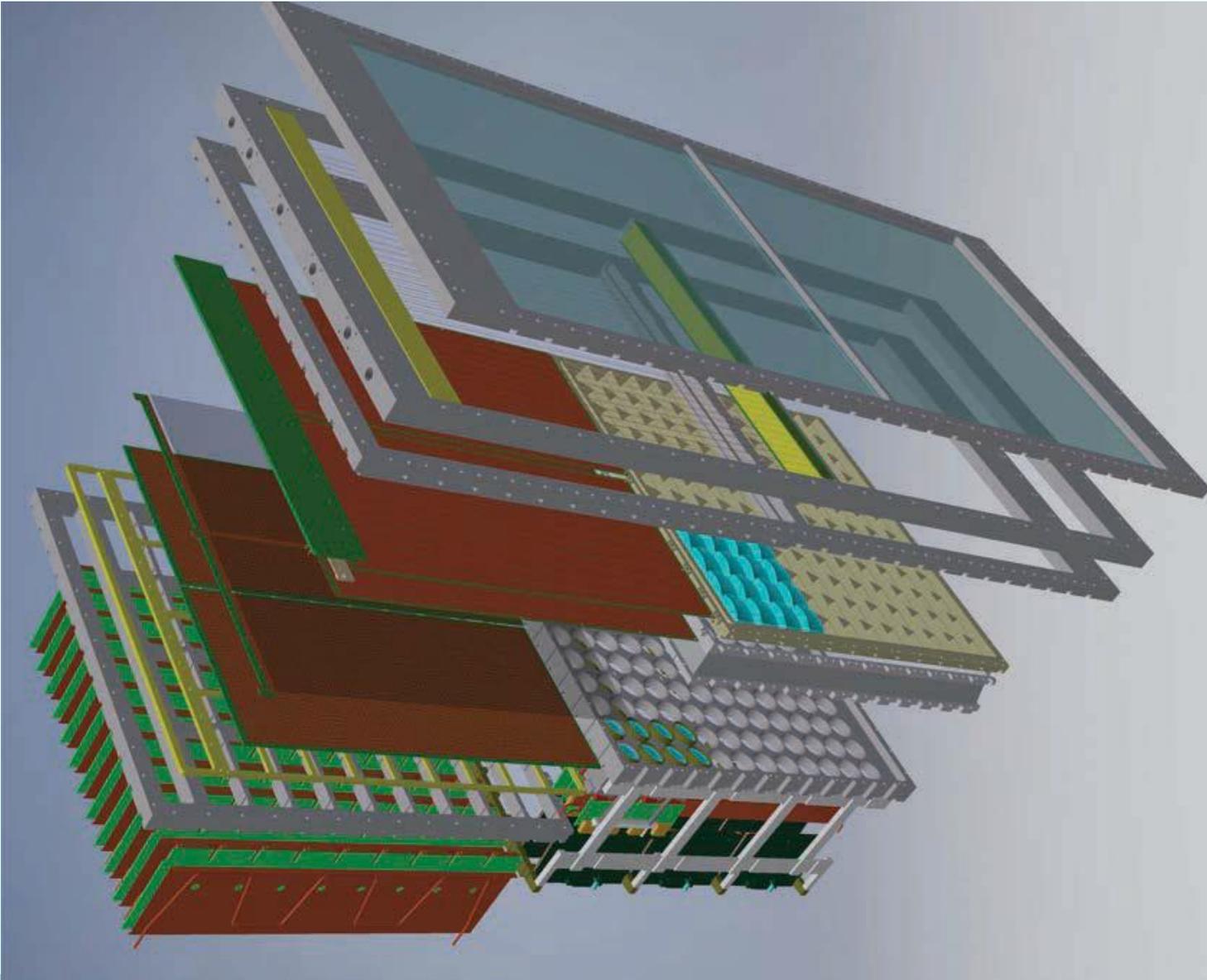


CsI THGEM mounting





The new COMPASS PDs





Installation of hybrids on RICH_1

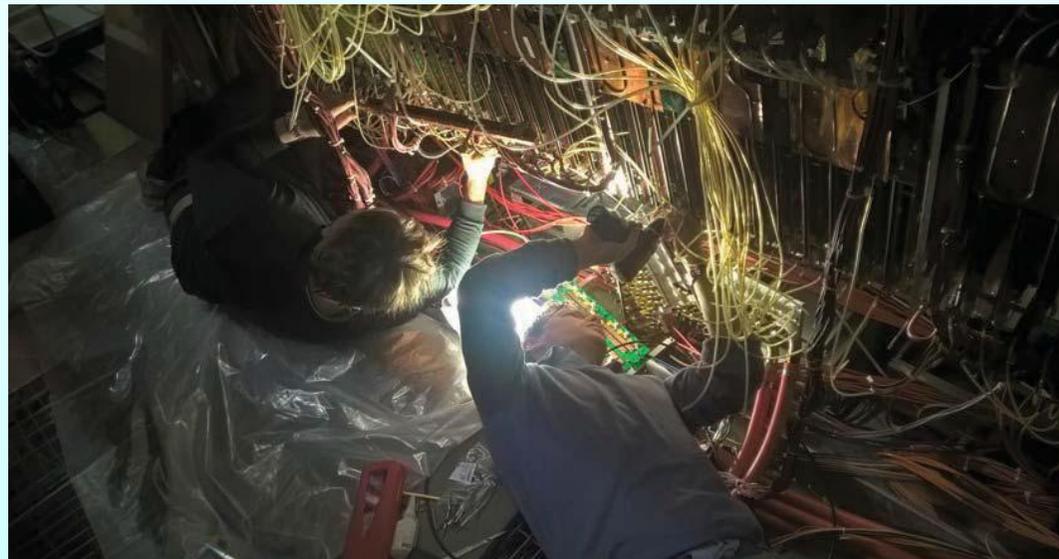


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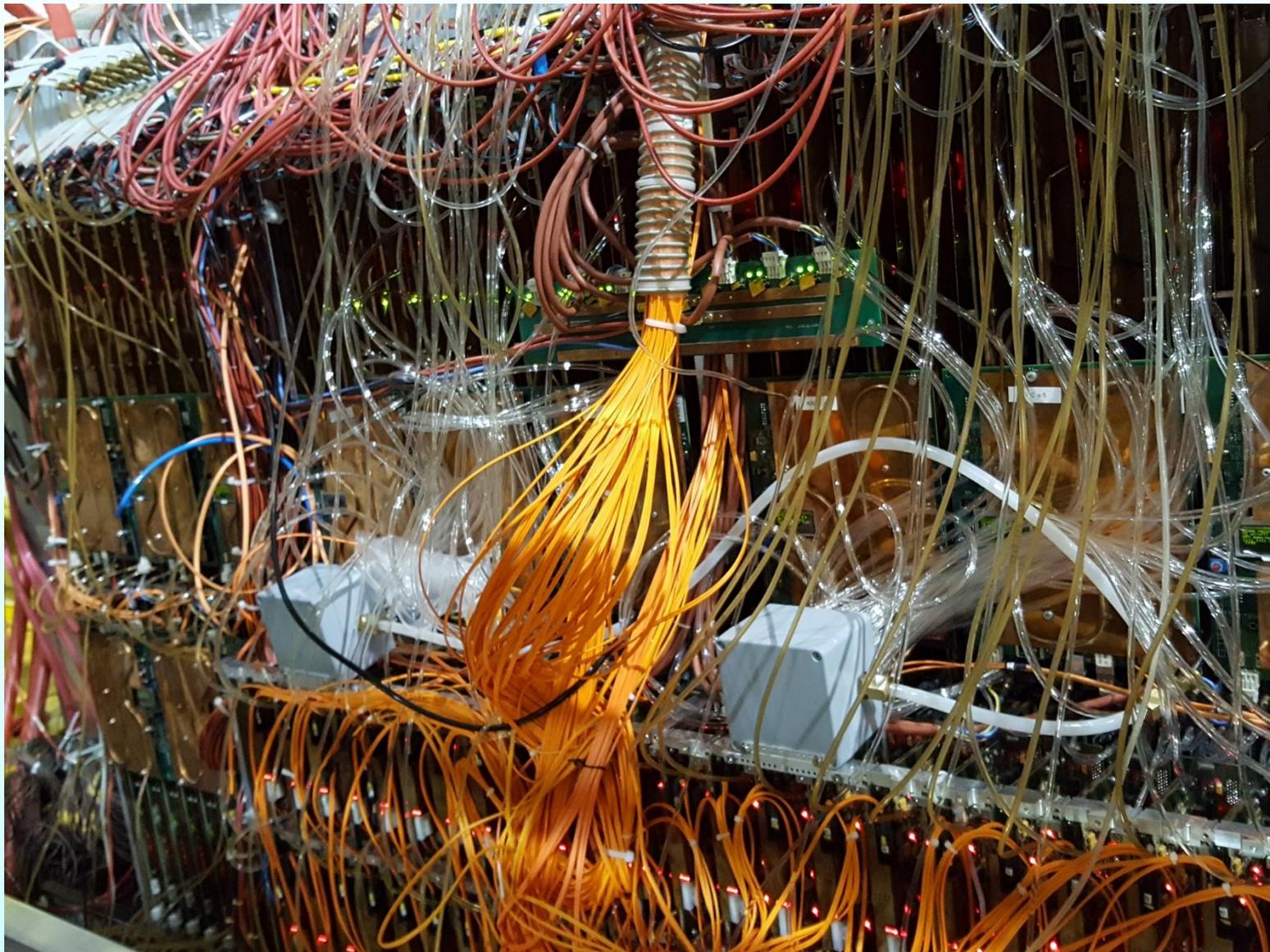
Fulvio TESSAROTTO 43



Equipping the hybrids on RICH_1



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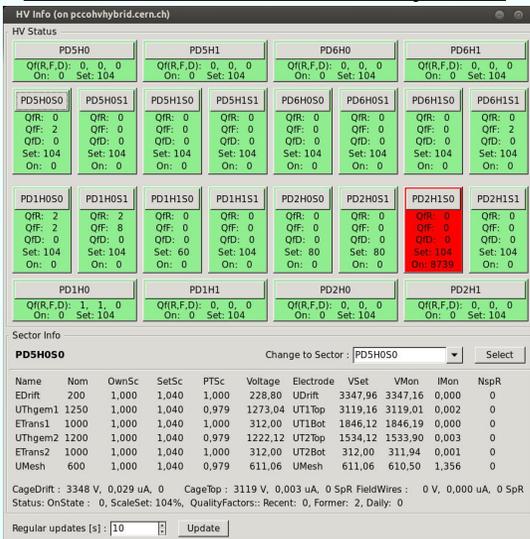




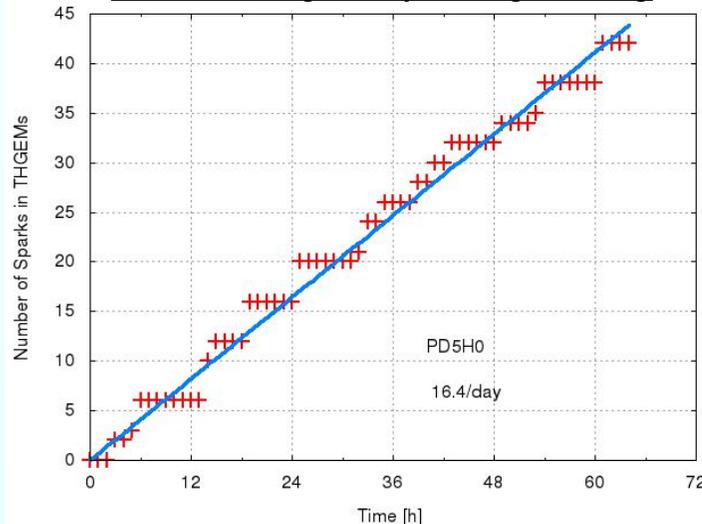
Commissioning and 2016 COMPASS run



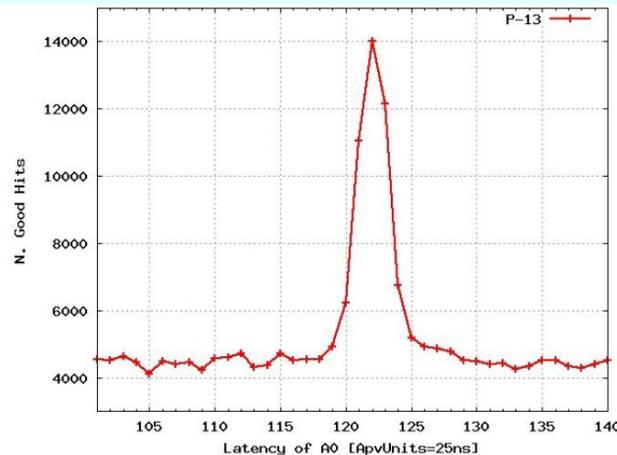
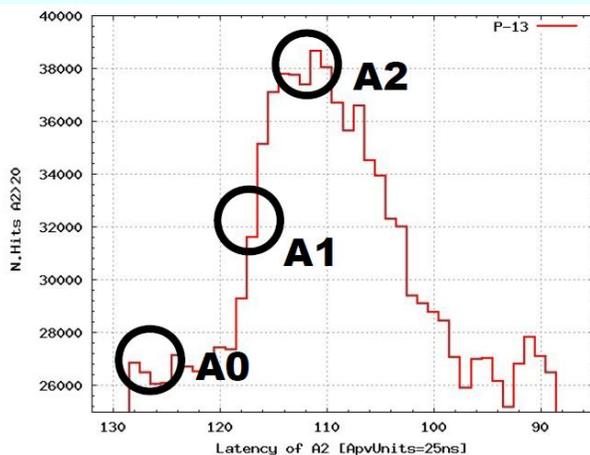
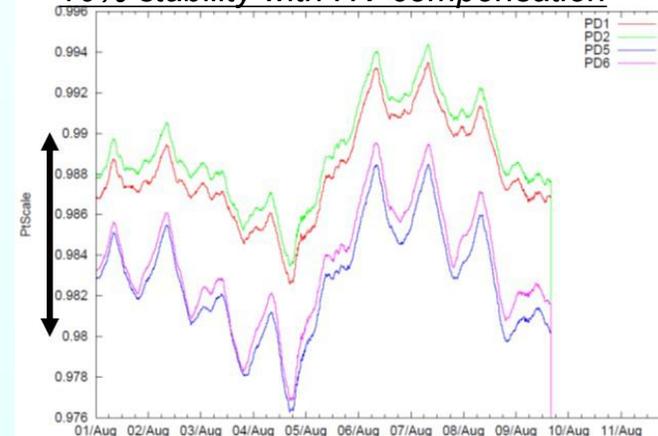
HV monitor and control system



~ 20 discharges/day during running



1% p,T variation → ~ 40 % gain variation without HV compensation, → 10% stability with HV compensation

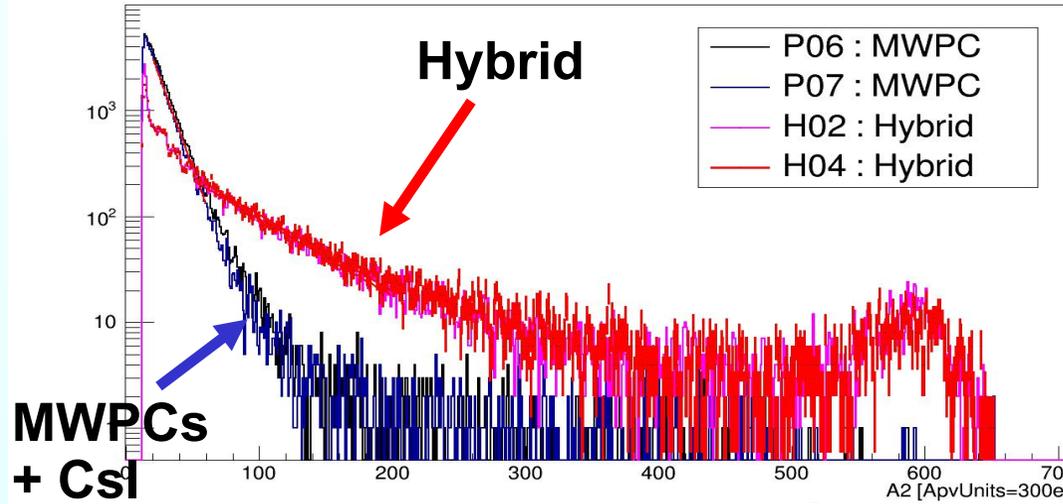


- 1.4 m² of hybrid PDs operated
- Stable data taking conditions
- Effective suppression of signals from charged particles
- Ion Back-Flow < 3%
- More Cherenkov photons seen with respect to MWPCs + CsI

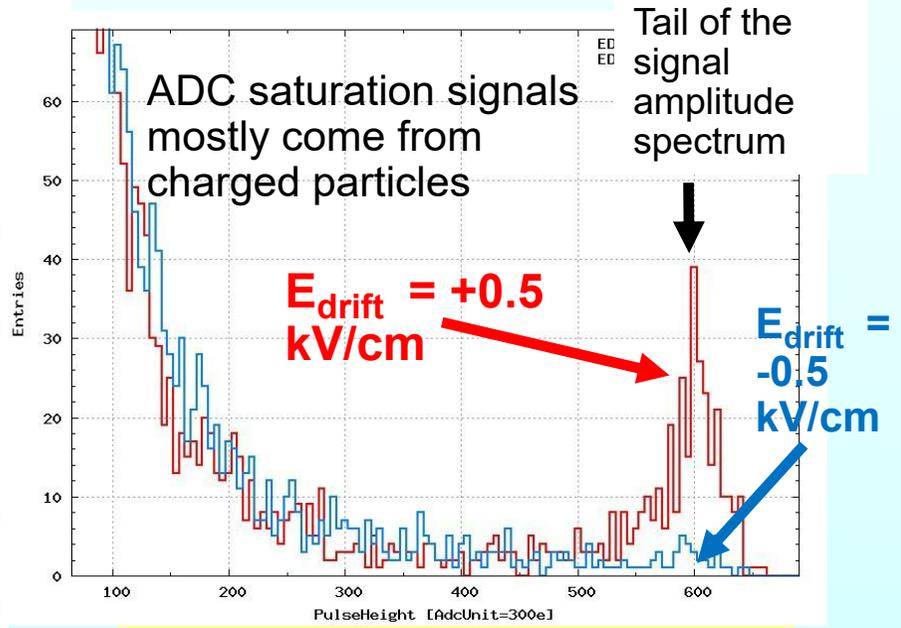
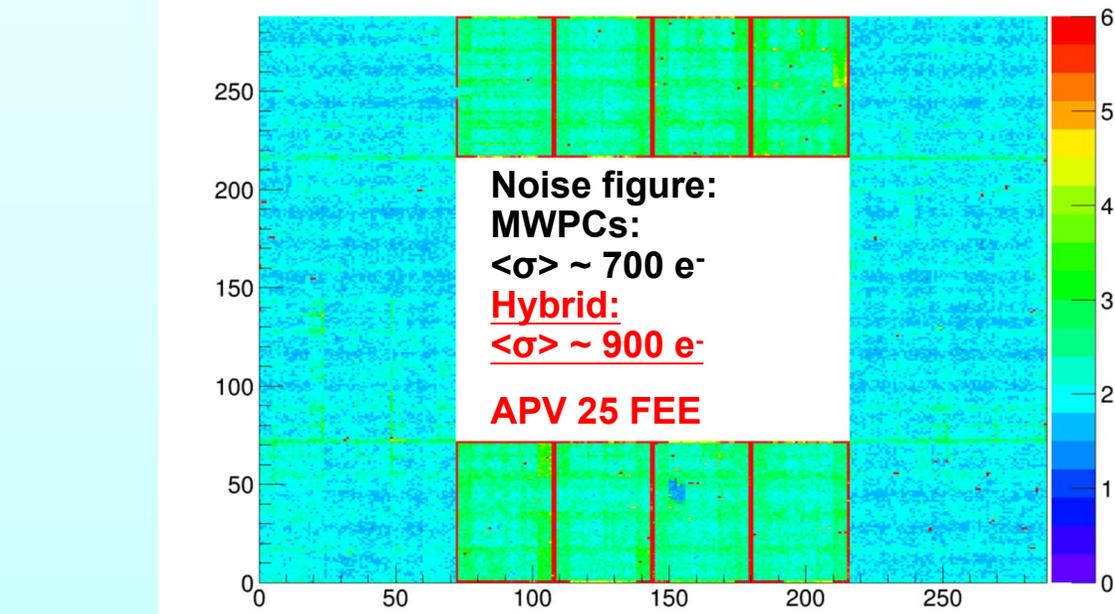
APV25 samples the signal waveform

Cherenkov signals are clearly seen

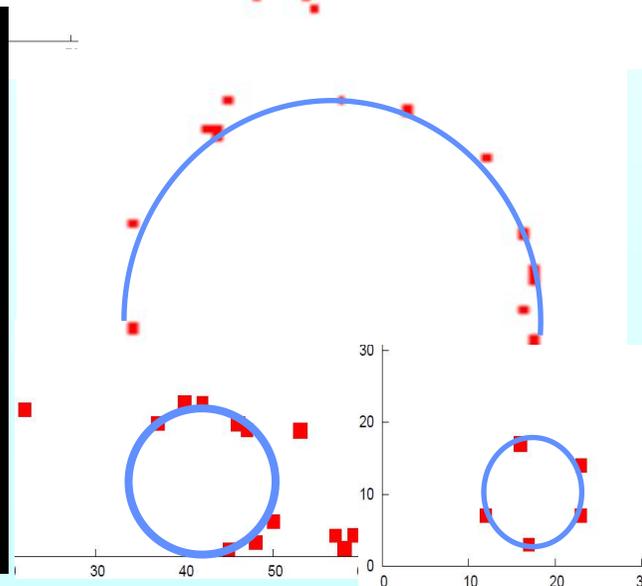
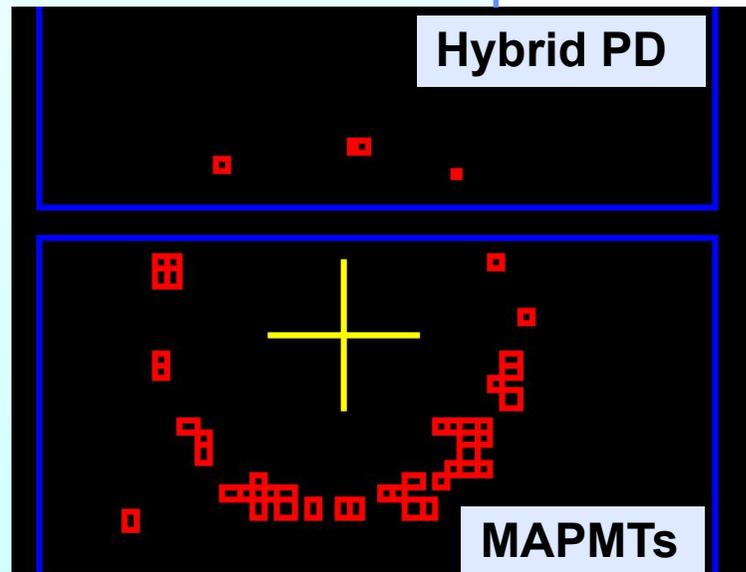
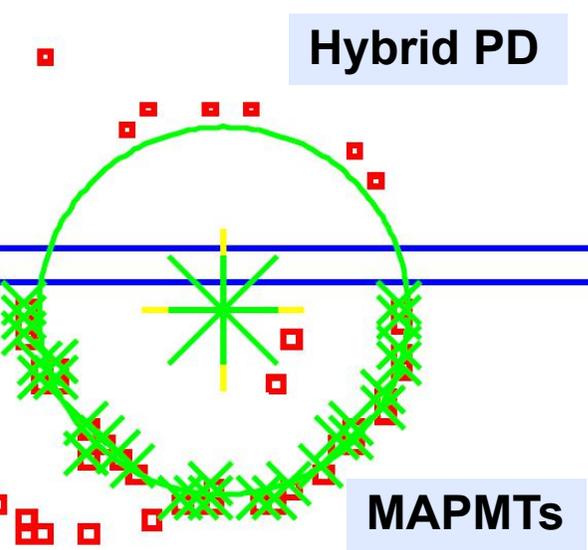
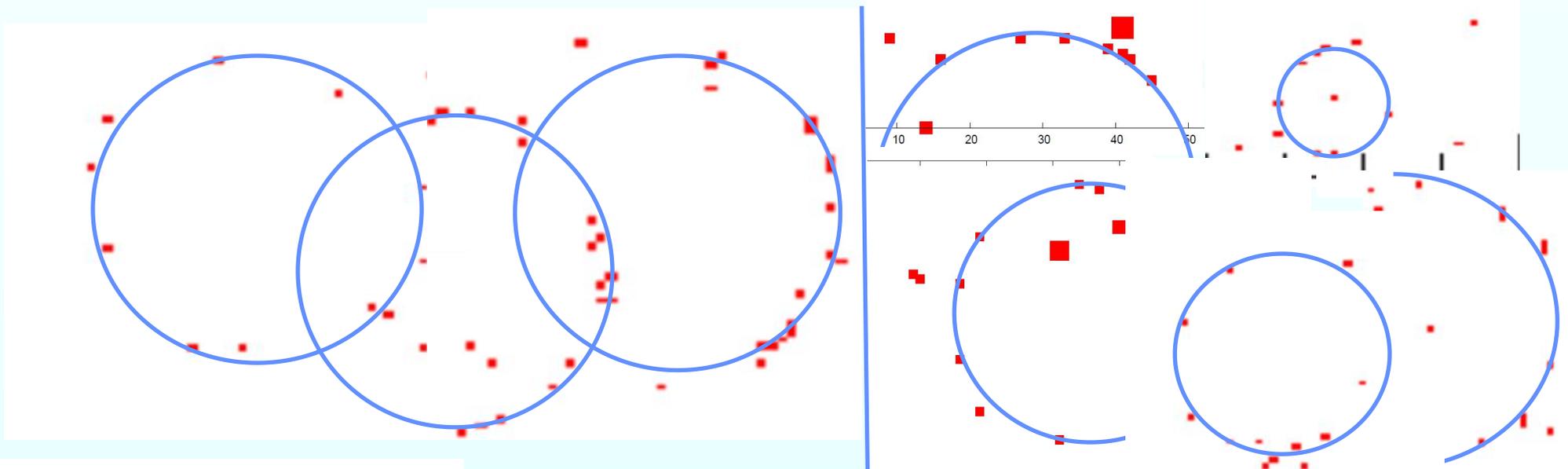
Running at gain of $\sim 30k$



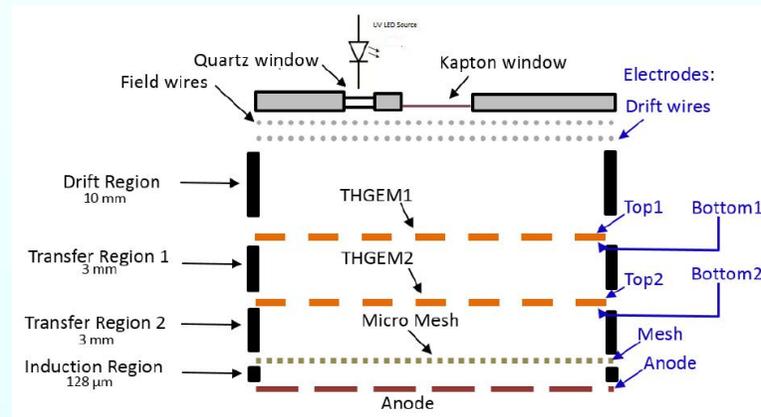
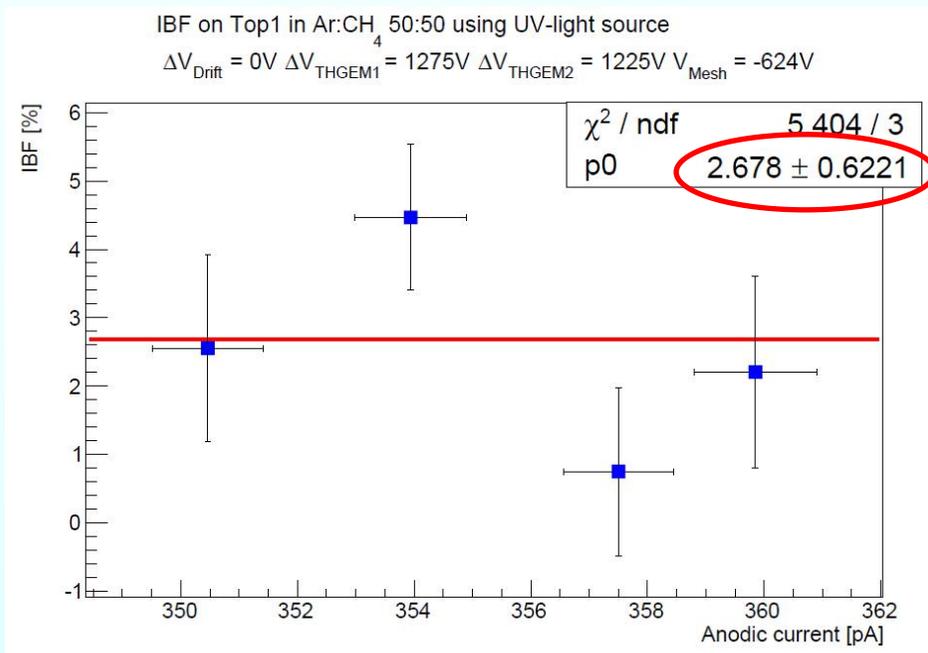
Nominal gain: ~ 30000 with:
THGEM1 gain*transfer1: ~ 20
THGEM2 gain*transfer2 ~ 15
Micromegas gain ~ 100



Efficient suppression of charged particle signals



IBF to photocathode (meas. in lab.)



Trieste home-built picoammeters



The result of the direct measurement: 3% nicely matches the expectation

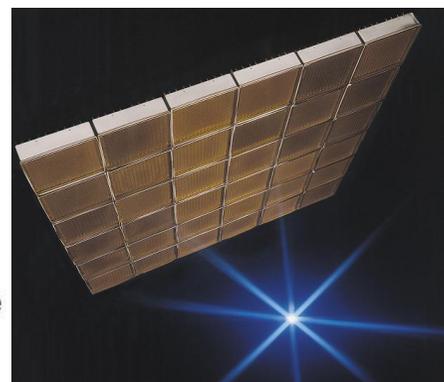
Gaseous PMT

Yamagata U. TMU, HAMAMATSU

Sensor type	Sensitivity	Position Resolution	Timing Resolution	Uniformity	Price	Magnetic Field	Effective Area
Vacuum PMT	⊙	△	⊙	△	○	△	○
CCD / CMOS	△	⊙	×	⊙	△	⊙	×
Gaseous PMT	○	○	○	○	⊙	⊙	⊙



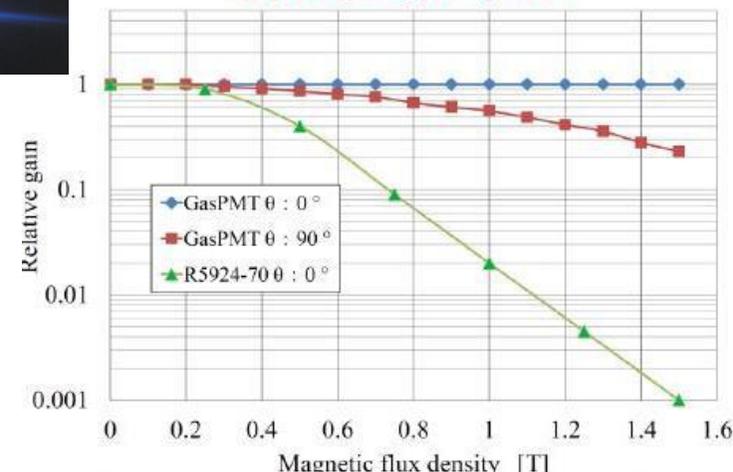
Operation in magnetic field environmen



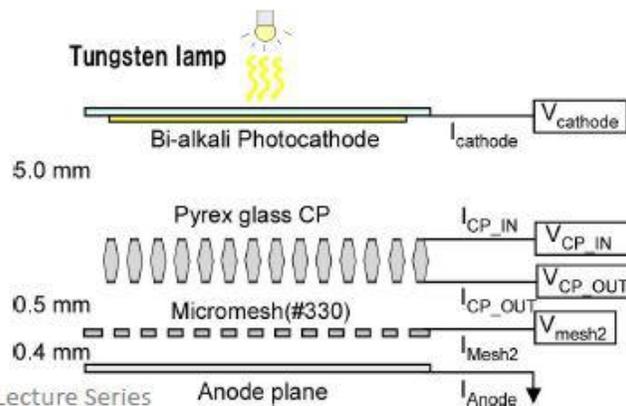
The advantage of the **gaseous PMT**:

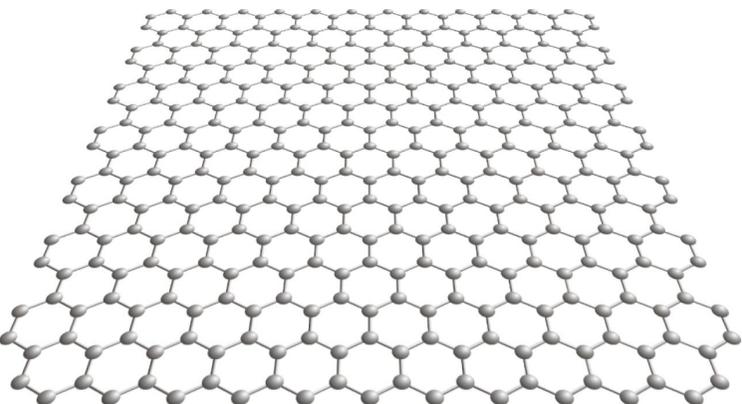
- ✓ It can achieve a **very large effective area** with moderate **position** and **timing** resolutions.
- ✓ It can be easily operated under a **very high magnetic field**.

Ar(90%)+CH₄(10%) 1気圧

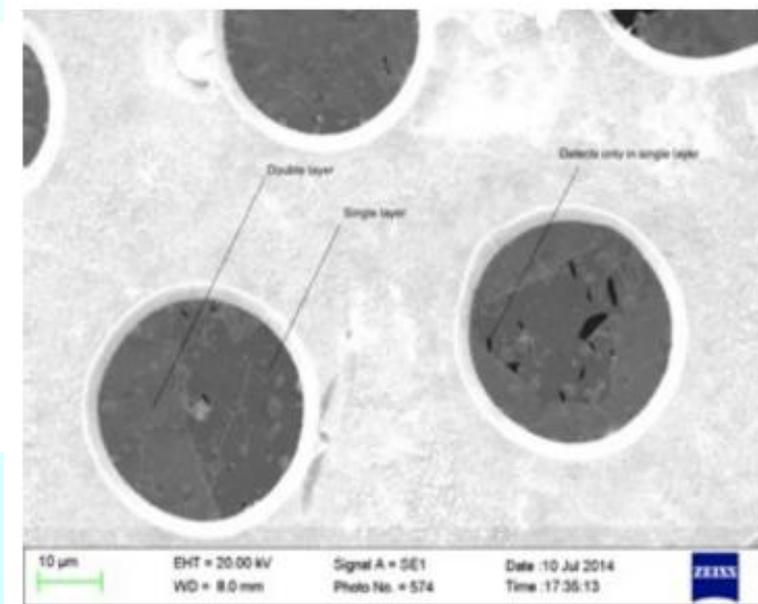
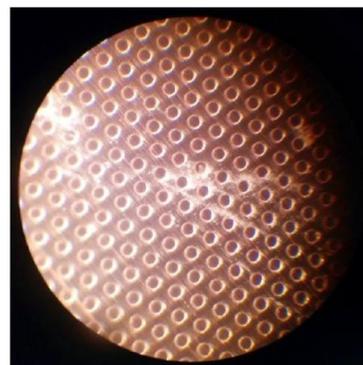
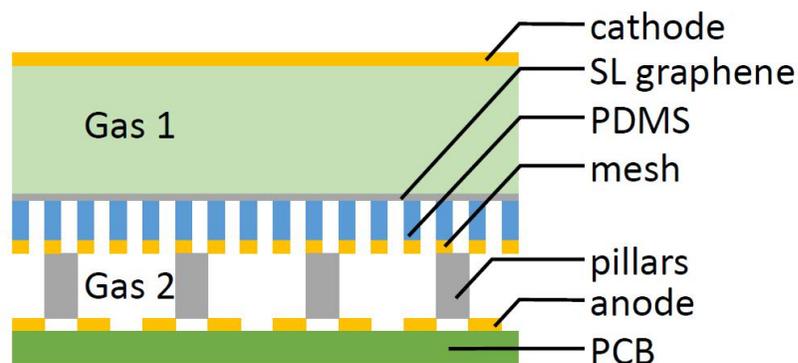


H. Sugiyama et al., NIMA (2016)





- Single layer of C atoms in hexagonal lattice
- Thinnest possible conductive mesh with 0.6 Å pores
- Very good ion blocking
- Charge transfer properties through graphene layers have been measured

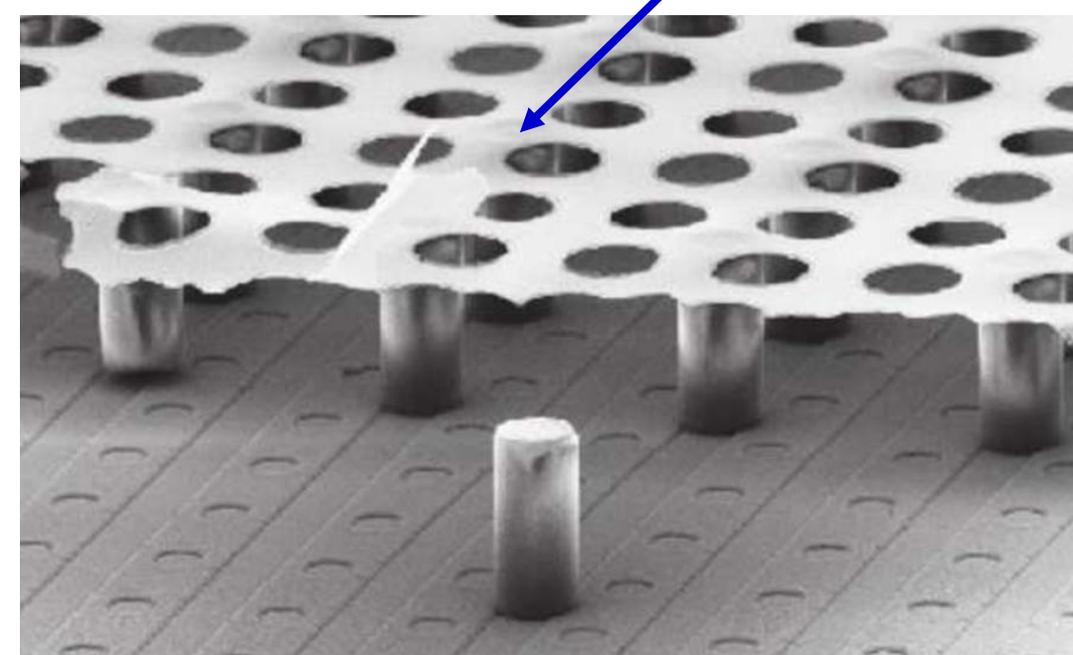


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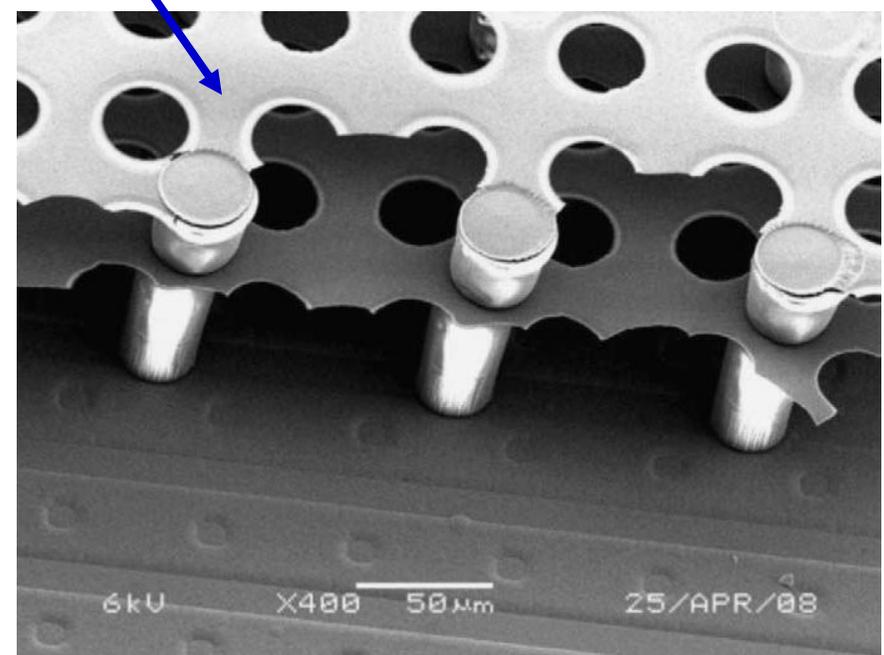
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Promising new idea

InGrid and TwinGrid



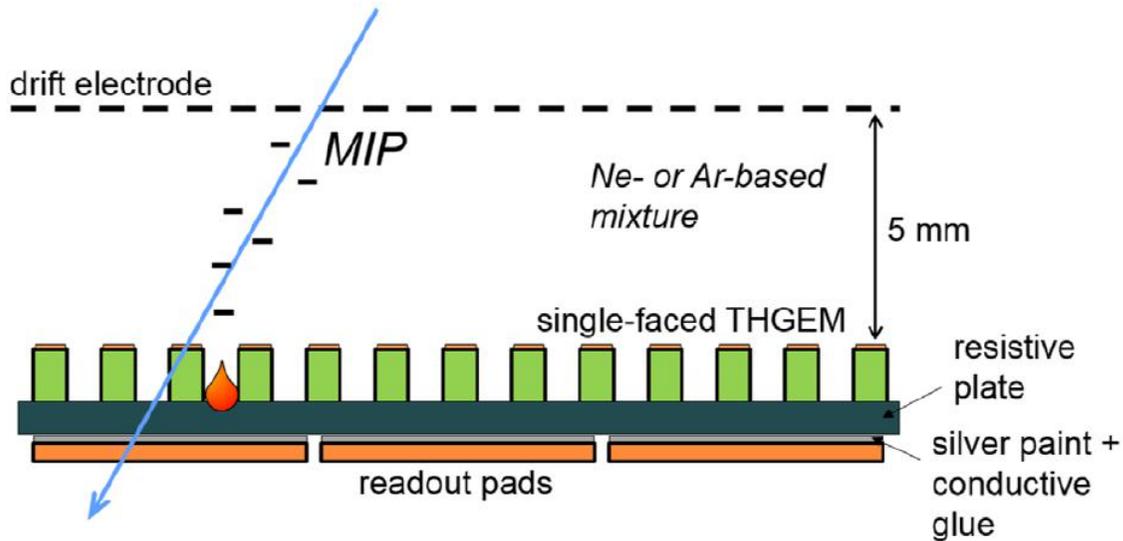
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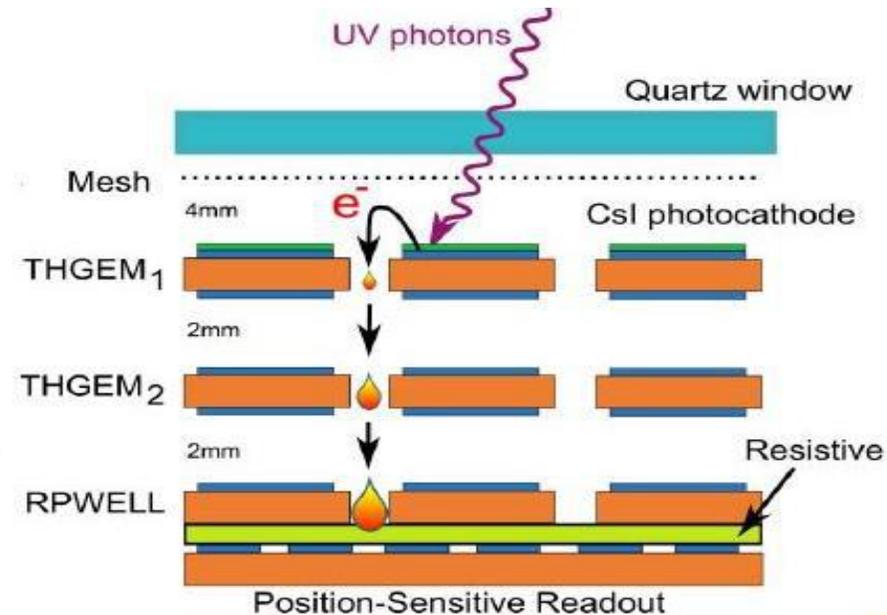
Excellent space resolution for single UV photons provided by InGrid with CsI coating of a micro-grid directly integrated by wafer post-processing production onto a CMOS pixel detector with the complete readout system.

The array of microgrid round holes corresponds to the array of CMOS pixel centers



$10^9 \Omega \text{ cm}$ resistive plate \rightarrow discharge free operations. 99% eff. up to $\sim 10^5 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$
proposed for digital hadron calorimetry

L. Moleri et al., NIMA 845 (2017) 262



proposed for UV photon detection

S. Bressler et al. JINST July 2013 arXiv:1305.4657

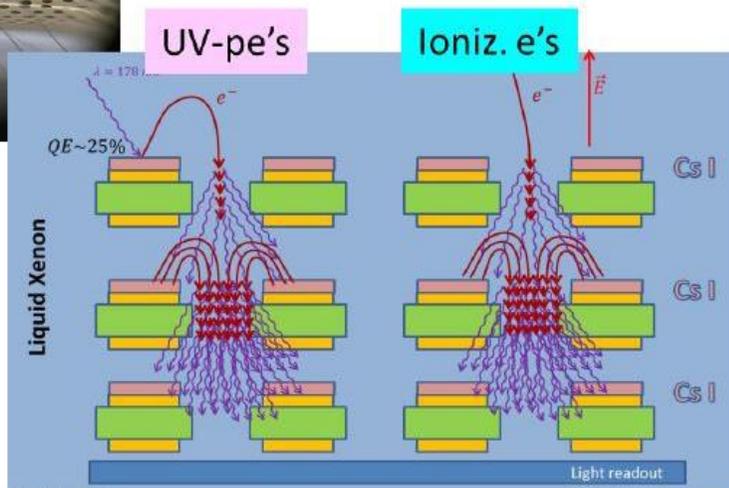
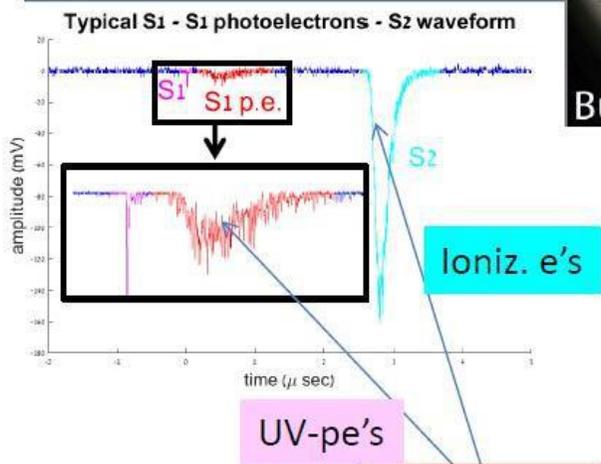
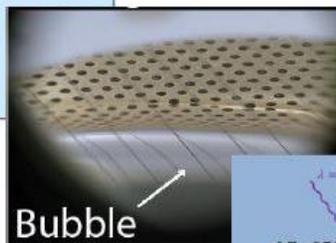
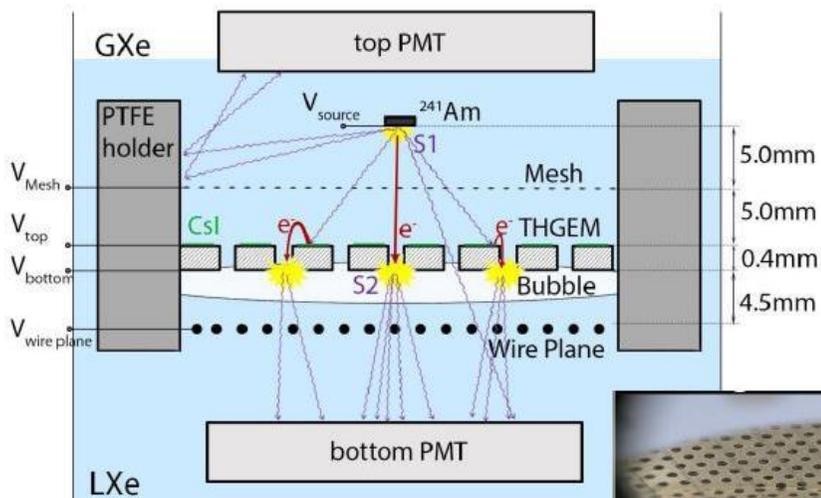
L. Arazi et al. 2012 JINST 7 C05011 arXiv:1112.1915

Bubble-assisted electroluminescence in LXe

A "local dual-phase" noble-liquid detector

TOWARDS LARGE-SCALE NOBLE-LIQUID DETECTORS

Energy resolution 5MeV alphas: $\sigma/E=7.5\%$
 Time resolution: $\sigma=10\text{ns}$
 Bubble (under THGEM, GEM) stable for days
 CsI on THGEM: high pe extraction

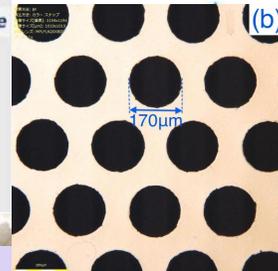
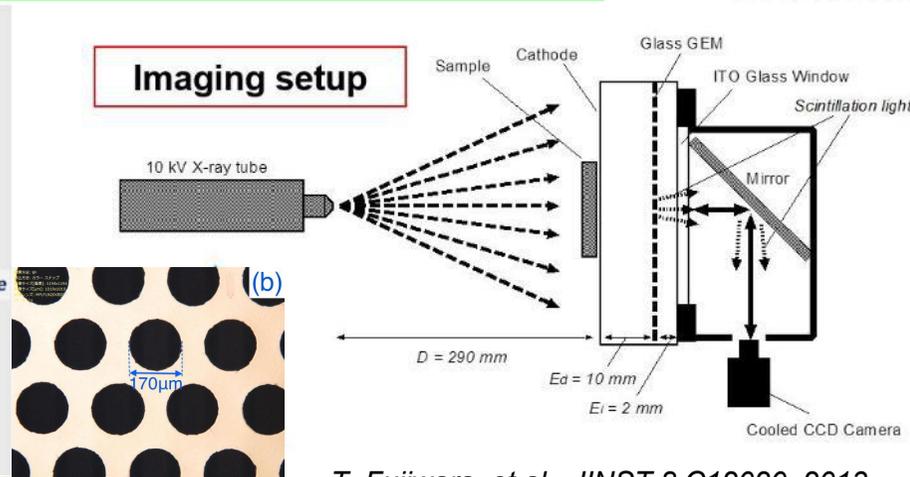
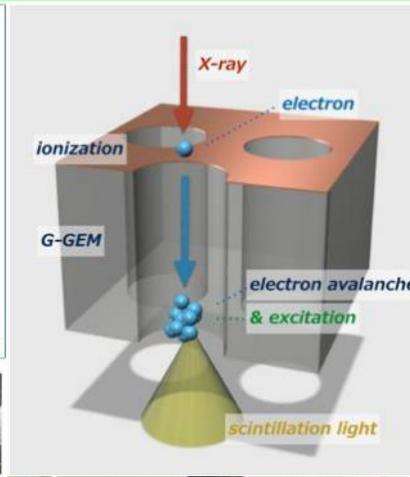
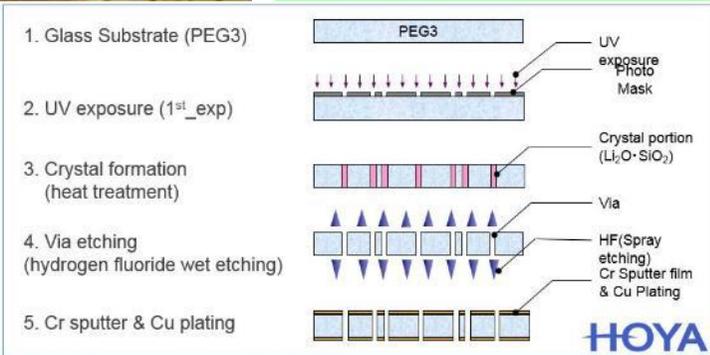


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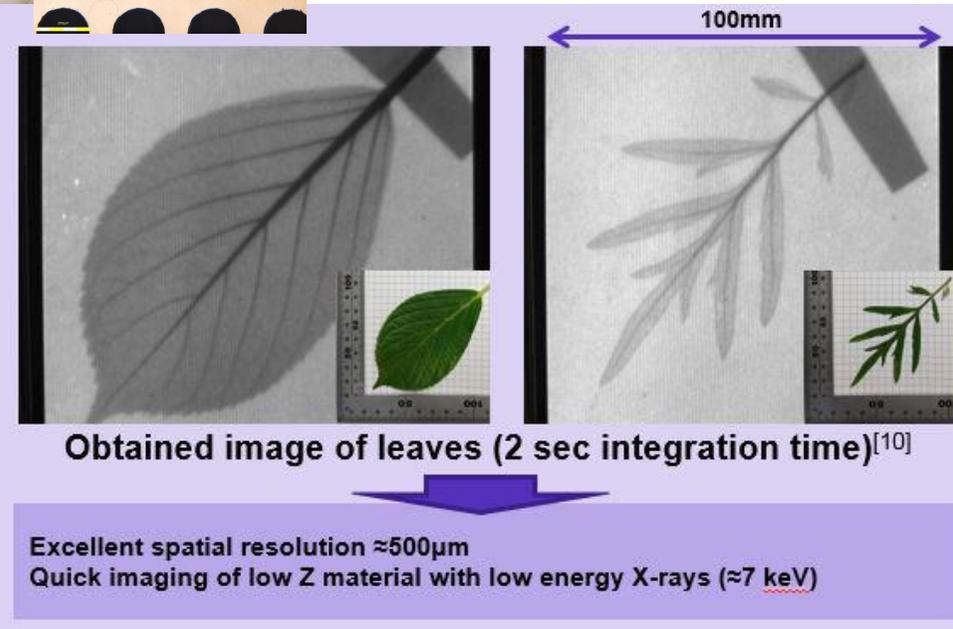
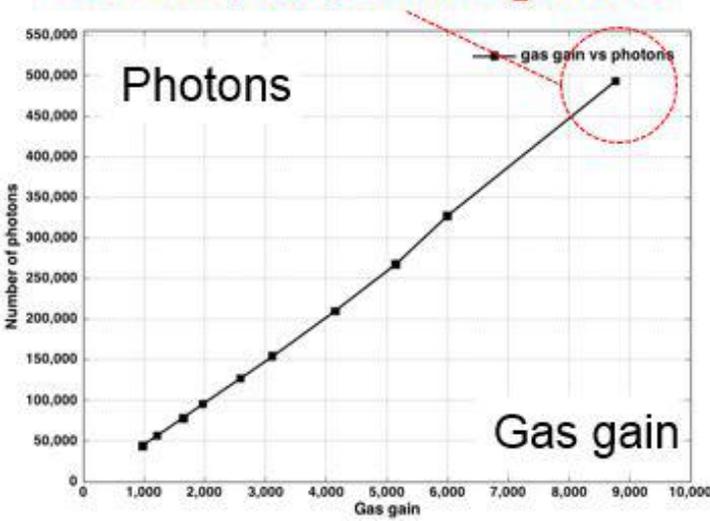
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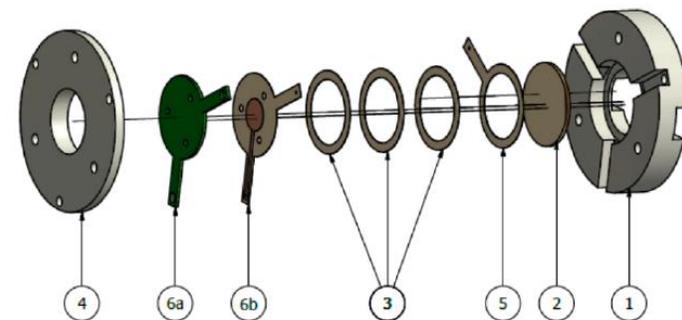
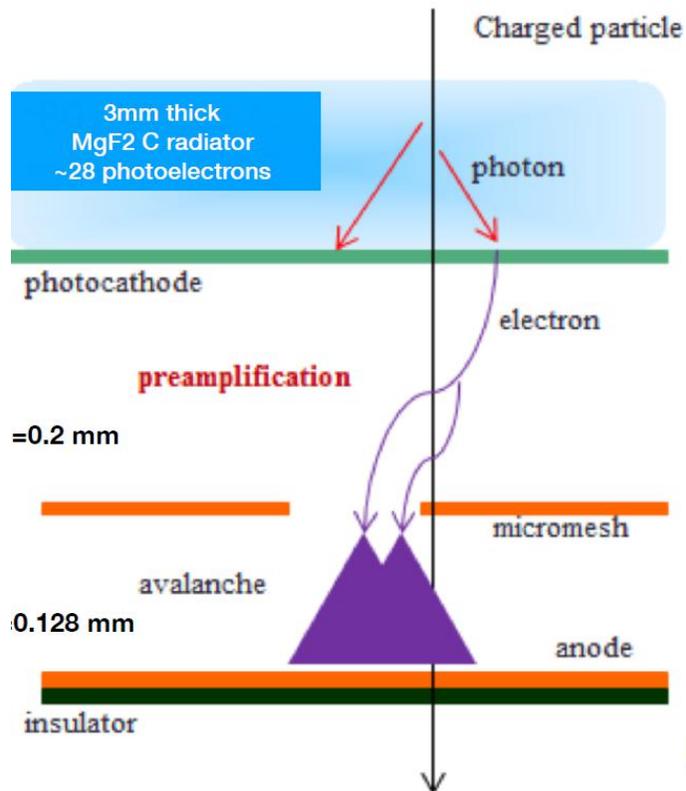
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Scintillating Glass-GEM imager

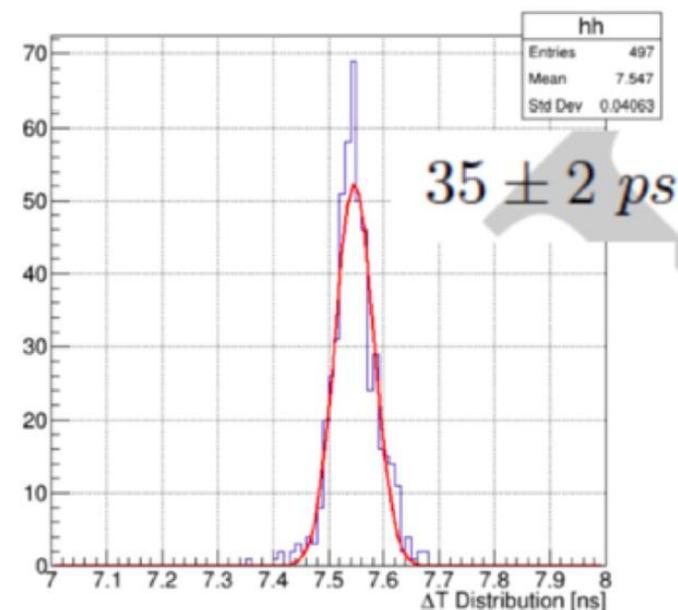


Max: 500,000 photons @5.9keV





tPICOSEC-tMCP



T.Papaevangelou et al, Fast Timing for High-Rate Environments with Micromegas, arXiv:1601.00123 (Jan. 2016).

Presentation by Sebastian White at NDIP 2017

Many configuration tested

Successfully achieved ~35 ps resolution in test beam.

Puzzling shift in spite of CF.



A NEW PHOTOCONVERTER: Rich-graphite Nano-Diamond film

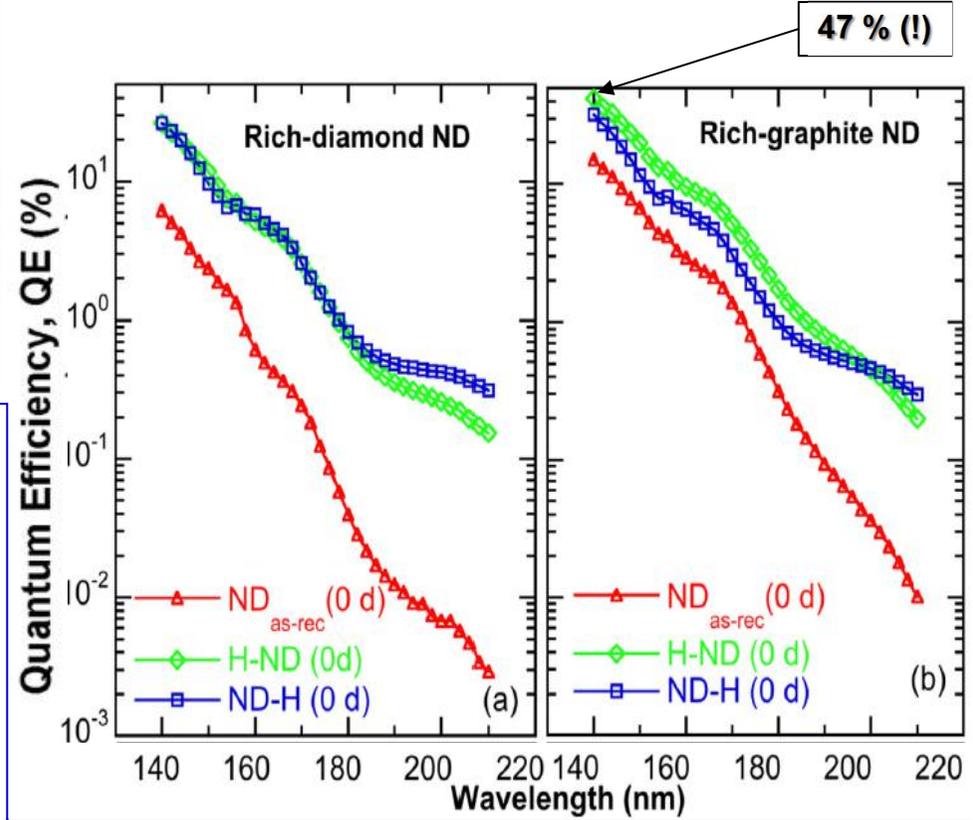
Csl bandgap: **6.2 eV**; electron affinity: **0.1 eV**;
hygroscopic; ages by ion bombardment ($\sim\text{mC}/\text{cm}^2$)

Diamond bandgap: **5.5 eV**; chemically inert and robust; if hydrogenated: electron affinity **-1.27 eV**

Hydrogenated chemical vapor deposited diamond films (4-6 μm) known to have QE $\sim 15\%$ @ 140 nm.

Heterostructured diamond-gold nanohybrids proposed as stable field emission cathode material

Nano-Diamond grains (size: $\sim 250\text{ nm}$), with variable sp^2 (graphite phase) and sp^3 (diamond phase) hybridized carbon contents treated in H_2 microwave plasma show large QE: **$\sim 50\%$ @ 140 nm**



L.Velardi, A.Valentini, G.Cicala, *Diamond & Related Materials* 76 (2017) 1

NEW !!!

Photocathodes: diamond film obtained with Spray Technique

Spray technique: $T \sim 120^\circ$ (instead of $\sim 800^\circ$ as in standard techniques)



SUMMARY / CONCLUSIONS

- **COMPASS RICH-1**
 - Provides outstanding PID performance
 - Has progressively improved and undergone two major upgrades

- **MPGD-BASED PHOTON DETECTORS**
 - Allow to overcome the limitations of MWPC-based PDs
 - A wide effort has refined and consolidated the THGEM technology

- **Hybrid THGEM + Micromegas PDs**
 - Have been implemented on COMPASS RICH-1 in 2016 for 1.4 m²
 - They provide efficient single UV photon detection

- **GASEOUS PDs are expected to allow**
 - Inventions: new ideas, new techniques
 - Technology consolidation, new applications
 - Large scale projects