

# Micro Pattern Gas Detector technologies

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# **Micro Pattern Gas Detector technologies**

The lecture will introduce basic principles, concepts and design choices of gaseous detectors with a particular focus on Micro Pattern Gas Detector technologies. We will review properties and performances that make these technologies of interest in different research fields and applications. Examples of detectors in operation, new developments and pioneering researches will be presented and discussed during the lecture.

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## **Outline**

- Basic principles of gas based radiation detectors, concepts and design choices
- Overview of Micro Pattern Gas Detector (MPGD) technologies
- Instrumentation & MPGD
- from a new technology to mature INSTRUMENTS
- MPGD based INSTRUMENTS: examples of Need and WAY OUT



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- Overview of Micro Pattern Gas Detector (MPGD) technologies (what we need to be on the same page, nothing more)
- Instrumentation & MPGD

Main part of the lecture to have a more pronounced instrumentation perspective

using GEM (Gas Electron Multipliers) as example

• from a new technology to mature INSTRUMENTS

to better highlight the potential on MPGD technologies in the development of instrumentation

 MPGD based INSTRUMENTS: examples of Need and WAY OUT

Some topics linked to Petra's contribution (CERN/HEP) some other to applications in other fields...



# Basic principles of gas based radiation detectors, concepts and design choices.

This section should provide you references to basic principle of radiation detection with gas based instrumentation.





Gas (active) volume

Edrift

Egain

Anode

Normally (we will elaborate more on this later) we use the gas as the sensitive medium...

If we consider MIP (Minimum Ionizing Particles, as worst example of primary ionization)...



MIP≈ 2 Mev cm<sup>2</sup> /g... gas density... ~10<sup>-3</sup> g/cm<sup>3</sup>

You will get something like 100 e<sup>-</sup>/cm

Very often S/N not enough to discriminate the signal

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What we do (and we do it quite well) is to amplify the signal (e-) in the gas (via ionization processes)



Gas (sensitive) volume

Charged particle

Signal Readout

Edrift

# **Basics of Gas Detectors**

### **Rob Veenhof's lectures highly recommended..**

### Here just one example

Lectures II: Analytical and numerical description of physical processes in gaseous detectors, R. Veenhof

09:00	Electron transport, mean gain	
	Speaker: Rob Veenhof (Uludag University (TR))	
	mpgdtheory3.pdf	
10:00		Coffee Break
10:15	Avalanche fluctuations	
	Mpgdtheory4.pdf	
11:00		Coffee break
11:15	lon transport	
	Speaker: Rob Veenhof (Uludag University (TR))	
	Mpgdtheory5.pdf	

### https://indico.cern.ch/event/676702/timetable/

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Key aspects on (gas) detector physics presented, explained and discussed, historical and literature references, data,...



#### **Basics of Gas Detectors** Sauli's Yellow Report CERN-77-09 highly recommended... ORGANISATION EUROPÉENNE POUR LA RECHERCHE NUCLÉAIRE **CERN** EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH Report Report number CERN-77-09 Title Principles of operation of multiwire proportional and drift chambers PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION OF MILTIVIRE Author(s) Sauli, Fabio PROPORTIONAL AND DRIFT CHAMBERS Imprint 92 p. F. Sauli (CERN Academic Training Lecture; 81) Series (CERN Yellow Reports: Monographs) Note CERN, Geneva, 1975 - 1976 Experimental techniques in high energy physics, pp.79-188 Presented at Presented at Academic Training Lectures, CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, 1 Sep 1975 - 30 Jun 1976

### https://cds.cern.ch/record/117989?In=fr

KEK; Inspire

10.5170/CERN-1977-009

**Detectors and Experimental Techniques** 

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With the available information (I'm sure that) you will be able to develop your own instrument despite your technology (assuming obviously that it gas based) was not existing at the time of the report.



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Other source

CERN 77-09

3 May 1977

Loctures given in the Academic Training Programme of CERN

1975-1976

G E N E V A 1977

# **Basics of Gas Detectors**

Potential fun (if still active), you can play with google notebook developed by Josh Renner where you can model (\*) gas detectors (josh.renner@cern.ch)

Lab. Session 4 : Microscopic modelling of gaseous detectors	8 🖪 🗐
<ul> <li>5 Feb 2021, 14:00</li> <li>1h 30m</li> </ul>	
Speakers	
<ul> <li>J. Renner (Univ. of Valencia an</li> <li>R. Veenhof (Uludag University (T</li> </ul>	
Presentation Materials	
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🔁 ESIPAP2021.pdf	
A esipap2021-rv.pdf	

https://indico.cern.ch/event/973041/contributions/4097209/

### ESIPAP 2021 - COURSE 1 - Physics of particle and astroparticle detectors

(\*) Several tools (Garfield/Garfield++ as first) that are a fundamental tool for our detector understanding and as well for instruments development.

#### https://colab.research.google.com/github/jerenner/ga rfieldfem/blob/master/garfield\_FEM\_ESIPAP.ipynb



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"small" avalanche around a wire

# Micro Pattern Gas Detector technologies

This section will focus on Micro Patter Gas Detector (MPGD) technologies, highlighting properties and performances that make these technologies of interest in different research fields and applications



# Single Wire Proportional Counter (SWPC) [Rutherford, E. and Geiger, H. (1908)]



Signal proportional to the original ionization (large collection volume – small amplification volume)









# Multi Wire Proportional Counter(MWPC) [Charpak, G. et al. (1968)]





De gauche à droite, Georges Charpak, Fabio Sauli et Jean-Claude Satiard en train de travailler sur une chamber multifils en 1970. (Image : CERN)

### Fast position-sensitive detectors (1968)

Continuously active,

Efficient at particle fluxes up to several MHz/cm2

Sub-mm position accuracy

### Noble Prize in 1992

First time (If I'm not wrong, I can be biased) signals (electronics) are recorded (statistics) in HEP experiments opening the today scenario (well presented by Petra yesterday)...

### In the 80's...

### See next slide

**Limited multi-track separation:** mechanical instabilities due to electrostatic repulsion - critical length of about 25cm for  $10\mu m$  wires and 1mm spacing]

**Fast gain drop at high fluxes:** field-distorting space charge accumulation due to the long time taken by the ions produced in the avalanches to clear the region of multiplication.

**Aging:** permanent damage of the structures after long-term exposure to radiation due to the formation of solid deposits on electrodes.



### The first Micro Pattern Gas Detector

# Micro Strip Gas Chamber (MSGC) [A.Oed (1988)]

### 90's Novel photolithographic techniques

Photolithography: down in size from millimeters to tens of microns.. reducing the gas volume "used" by single events (improving resolution, multitrack separation, occupancy,..) and offering a faster evacuation of ions (reduced space charge).







### Two comments

(potentially useful or to keep in mind)

- High Fields at both electrodes (again compare with wire field)
- **Dielectric** between electrodes and facing the active volume (just compare with wires/all metals).

(On Fields... interesting developments in RPC community.. RCC Resistive Cylindrical Chamber See pag. 14 of https://indico.cern.ch/event/999799/contributions/4204006/attachments/2235619/3790575/Aielli ECFA 2021.pdf)



# **MSGC: Instabilities and discharges**

# Several strategies followed as coating and passivation

Some of the MWPC limitations have been overcome, but other limitation appearing...

Observed instabilities: • tendency to discharge (field configuration)

• **time-dependent gain shifts** (charge movement in the substrate, polarization and charge accumulation) (dielectric (\*))

• **aging:** permanent deterioration during sustained irradiation

(\*) medium- and long-term stability determined by physical parameters used to **manufacture** and operate the detectors as : **substrate** material, metal of the strips, type and purity of the gas mixture

### **Discharges**





Micro-cathode → a pre-amplification stage for discharges

MSGC: Discharge mechanisms



Field emission from the cathode edge



Charge pre-amplification for ionization released in high field close to cathode



Very high ionization release: avalanche size exceeds Reather's limit + many alternatives Q ~ 10<sup>7</sup>

### CVD Diamond Coated MSGC



Cathode Edge Passivation [Bellazzini et al]



+ many alternatives "micro"structures.. See next slide



# **Micro Patterns**



Angelini F, et al. Nucl. Instrum. Methods A335:69 (1993)



equipotential and field lines. The circle filled ith lines is the section of an anode wire CHRISTOPHEL 1997

E. Christophel et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth, vol 398 (1997) 195







irrounded by field and cathode electrodes is implemented on an insulating substrate sing microelectronics technology. Anodes are interconnected for readout.

Biagi SF, Jones TJ. Nucl. Instrum. Methods A361:72 (1995)



A. Sarvestani et al., Nucl. Instr. And Meth. A410 (1998) 238

Micro Wire Chamber



MICROMEGAS

Fig. 1. Micromegas electric field map.

Y. Giomataris et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A376(1996)29

### **GEM**



Electric field and equipotentials lines in the gas electron multiplie

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

B. Adeva et al., Nucl. Instr. And Meth. A435 (1999) 402

+ surely several missing ones...

### MicroGroove



R. Bellazzini et al Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A424(1999)444

### **MicroWELL**



R. Bellazziniet al Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A423(1999)125



P. Rehak et al., IEEE Nucl. Sci. Symposium seattle 1999



Ochi et al NIMA471(2001)264



# Micro Pattern Gas Detector Family.. today



- High Rate Capability
- High Gain
- High Space Resolution
- Good Time Resolution
- Good Energy Resolution
- Excellent Radiation Hardness
- Good aging Properties
- Ion Backflow Reduction
- Photon Feedback Reduction
- Large size
- Low material budget
- Low cost
- ...

# Technology share-point RD51 (Development of Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors Technologies)

m<sup>2</sup>



https://rd51-public.web.cern.ch/



10-20% FWHM @ soft X-Ray (6KeV)

In general few ns, sub-ns in specific configuration

Up to MHz/mm<sup>2</sup> (MIP)

Up to 10<sup>5</sup> - 10<sup>6</sup>

<100µm

% level sort of easy, below % in particular configuration

## **Avalanches**



Figure 1: Electron avalanche and ion drift lines.



https://cds.cern.ch/record/2152254/fi les/arXiv:1605.02896.pdf





http://www-flc.desy.de/tpc/projects/GEM\_simulation/





Development and tests of m-PIC Resistive Cathode, A. Ochi





https://cds.cern.ch/record/2238861/fil es/10.1088\_1748-0221\_10\_02\_P02008.pdf



# Dissemination of MPGDs

### Starting with the LHC

### A remark:

Tables are from 2017...

- Some of the latest developments (as mRWELL detectors / LHCb muon system upgrade – small resistive pad micromegas for ATLAS muon tagger) to be added as potential candidates for future upgrades..
- Some of the listed options to be removed (CMS GEM/mm calorimetry..)

Experiment/ Timescale	Application Domain	MPGD Technology	Total detector size / Single module size	Operation Characteristics / Performance	Special Requirements/ Remarks
ATLAS Muon System Upgrade: Start: 2019 (for 15 y.)	High Energy Physics (Tracking/Triggering)	Micromegas	Total area: $1200 \text{ m}^2$ Single unit detect: $(2.2x1.4m^2) \sim 2-3 \text{ m}^2$	Max. rate:15 kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: <100μm Time res.: ~ 10 ns Rad. Hard.: ~ 0.5C/cm <sup>2</sup>	- Redundant tracking and triggering; Challenging constr. in mechanical precision:
ATLAS Muon Tagger Upgrade: Start: > 2023	High Energy Physics (Tracking/triggering)	μ-ΡΙϹ	Total area: ~ 2m <sup>2</sup>	Max.rate:100kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: < 100µm	
CMS Muon System Upgrade: Start: > 2020	High Energy Physics (Tracking/Triggering)	GEM	Total area: ~ 143 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: 0.3-0.4m <sup>2</sup>	Max. rate:10 kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: ~100µm Time res.: ~ 5-7 ns Rad. Hard.: ~ 0.5 C/cm <sup>2</sup>	- Redundant tracking and triggering
CMS Calorimetry (BE) Upgrade Start > 2023	High energy Physics (Calorimetry)	Micromegas, GEM	Total area: ~ 100 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: 0.5m <sup>2</sup>	Max. rate: 100 MHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: ~ mm	Not main option; could be used with HGCAL (BE part)
ALICE Time Projection Chamber: Start: > 2020	Heavy-Ion Physics (Tracking + dE/dx)	GEM w/ TPC	Total area: ~ 32 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: up to 0.3m <sup>2</sup>	Max.rate:100 kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: ~300µm Time res.: ~ 100 ns dE/dx: 12 % (Fe55) Rad. Hard.: 50 mC/cm <sup>2</sup>	- 50 kHz Pb-Pb rate; - Continues TPC readout - Low IBF and good energy resolution
TOTEM: Run: 2009-now	High Energy/ Forward Physics (5.3≤ eta ≤6.5)	GEM (semicircular shape)	Total area: ~ 4 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: up to 0.03m <sup>2</sup>	Max.rate:20 kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: ~120µm Time res.: ~ 12 ns Rad. Hard.: ~ mC/cm <sup>2</sup>	Operation in pp, pA and AA collisions.
LHCb Muon System Run: 2010 - now	High Energy / B-flavor physics (muon triggering)	GEM	Total area: ~ 0.6 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: 20-24 cm <sup>2</sup>	Max.rate:500 kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: ~ cm Time res.: ~ 3 ns Rad. Hard.: ~ C/cm <sup>2</sup>	- Redundant triggering
FCC Collider Start: > 2035	High Energy Physics (Tracking/Triggering/ Calorimetry/Muon)	GEM,THGEM Micromegas, u-PIC.InGrid	Total area: 10.000 m <sup>2</sup> (for MPGDs around 1.000 m <sup>2</sup> )	Max.rate:100 kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: <100µm Time res.: ~ 1 ns	Maintenance free for decades

Maksym Titov, Conference Summary, 5th International Conference on Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors (MPGD2017), Temple University, Philadelphia,



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#### LHC

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#### Cylindrical MPGDs as Inner Trackers for Particle / Nuclear Physics

Experiment/ Timescale	Application Domain	MPGD Technology	Total detector size / Single module size	Operation Characteristics/ Performance	Special Requirements/ Remarks
KLOE-2 @ DAFNE Run: 2014-2017	Particle Physics/ K-flavor physics (Tracking)	Cylindrical GEM	Total area: 3.5m <sup>2</sup> 4 cylindrical layers L(length) = 700mm R (radius) = 130, 155, 180, 205 mm	Spatial res:(r phi) = 250um Spat. res.(z) = 350um	- Mat. budget 2% X0 - Operation in 0.5 T
BESIII Upgrade @ Beijing Run: 2018-2022	Partcile Physics/ e+e- collider (Tracking)	Cylindrical GEM	3 cylindrical layers R – 20 cm	Max. rate: 10 kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res:(xy) = 130um Spat. res.(z) = 1 mm	<ul> <li>Material ≤ 1.5% of X<sub>0</sub> for all layers</li> <li>Operation in 1T</li> </ul>
CLAS12 @ JLAB Start: > 2017	Nuclear Physics/ Nucleon structure (tracking)	Planar (forward) & Cylindrical (barrel) Micromegas	Total area: Forward - 0.6 m <sup>2</sup> Barrel ~ 3.7 m <sup>2</sup> 2 cylindrical layers R ~ 20 cm	Max. rate: - 30 MHz Spatial res.: < 200µm Time res.: - 20 ns	Low material budget : 0.4 % X0     Remote electronics
ASACUSA @ CERN Run: 2014 - now	Nuclear Physics (Tracking and vertexing of pions resulting from the p-antip annihilation	Cylindrical Micromegas 2D	2 cylindrical layers L = 60 cm R = 85, 95 mm	Max. trigger rate: kHz Spatial res.: -200µm Time res.: - 10 ns Rad. Hard.: 1 C/cm <sup>2</sup>	- Large magnetic field that varies from -3 to 4T in the active area
MINOS Run: 2014-2016	Nuclear structure	TPC w/ cylindrical Micromegas	1 cylindrical layer L=30 cm, R = 10cm	Spatial res.: <5 mm FWHM Trigger rate up to ~1 KHz	- Low material budget
CMD-3 Upgrade @ BINP Start: > -2019?	Particle physics (2-chamber, tracking)	Cylindrical GEM	Total arear: - 3m <sup>2</sup> 2 cylindrical layers	Spatial res.: -100µm	
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Good examples of geometries/shapes

#### MPGD Technologies for the International Linear Collider

Experiment/ Timescale	Application Domain	MPGD Technology	Total detector size / Single module size	Operation Characteristics / Performance	Special Requirements/ Remarks
ILC Time Projection Chamber for ILD: Start: > 2030	High Energy Physics (tracking)	Micromegas GEM (pads) InGrid (pixels)	Total area: ~ 20 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: ~ 400 cm <sup>2</sup> (pads) ~ 130 cm <sup>2</sup> (pixels)	Max. rate: <1 kHz Spatial res.: <150µm Time res.: - 15 ns dE/dx: 5 % (Fe55) Rad. Hard.: no	Si + TPC Momentum resolution : dp/p < 9*10-3 1/GeV Power-pulsing
ILC Hadronic (DHCAL) Calorimetry for ILD/SiD Start > 2030	High Energy Physics (calorimetry)	GEM, THGEM RPWELL, Micromegas	Total area: - 4000 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: 0.5 - 1 m <sup>2</sup>	Max.rate:1kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: - 1cm Time res.: - 300 ns	Jet Energy resolution: 3-4 % Power-pulsing, self-



#### MPGD Tracking for Heavy Ion / Nuclear Physics

Experiment/ Timescale	Application Domain	MPGD Technology	Total detector size / Single module size	Operation Characteristics / Performance	Special Requirements/ Remarks
STAR Forward GEM Tracker @ RHIC Run: 2012-present	Heavy Ion Physics (tracking)	GEM	Total area: - 3 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: - 0.4 x 0.4 m <sup>2</sup>	Spatial res.: 60-100 µm	Low material budget:: < 1% X0 per tracking layer
Nuclotron BM@N @ NICA/JINR Start: > 2017	Heavy Ions Physics (tracking)	GEM	Total area: - 12 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: - 0.9 m <sup>2</sup>	Max. rate: - 300 MHz Spatial res.: - 200µm	Magnetic field 0.5T orthogonal to electric field
SuperFRS @ FAIR Run: 2018-2022	Heavy Ion Physics (tracking/diagnostics at the In-Fly Super Fragment Separator)	TPC w/ GEMs	Total area:- few m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: Type I : 50 x 9 cm <sup>2</sup> Type II: 50 x 16 cm <sup>2</sup>	Max. rate:- 10°7 Hz/spill Spatial res.: < 1 mm	High dynamic range Particle detection from p to Uranium
PANDA @FAIR Start > 2020	Nuclear physics p - anti-p (tracking)	Micromegas/ GEMs	Total area: ~ 50 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: ~ 1.5 m <sup>2</sup>	Max. rate: < 140kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: ~ 150µm	Continuous-wave operation: 10 <sup>11</sup> interaction/s
CBM @ FAIR: Start: > 2020	Nuclear Physics (Muon System)	GEM	Total area: 9m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: 0.8x0.5m <sup>2</sup> ~0.4m <sup>2</sup>	Spatial res.: <1 mm Max. rate: 0.4 MHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Time res.: - 15ns Rad hard.: 10 <sup>13</sup> n.eq./cm <sup>2</sup> /year	Self-triggered electronics
Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) Start: > 2025	Hadron Physics (tracking, RICH)	TPC w/GEM readout Large area GEM planar tracking detectors	Total area: - 3 m <sup>2</sup> Total area: - 25 m <sup>2</sup>	Spatial res.: - 100 um (rø) Luminosity (e-p): 10 <sup>33</sup> Spatial res.: - 50-100 um Max. rate: - MHz/cm <sup>2</sup>	Low material budget

#### MPGD Tracking Concepts for Hadron / Nuclear Physics

Experiment/ Timescale	Application Domain	MPGD Technology	Total detector size / Single module size	Operation Characteristics/ Performance	Special Requirements/ Remarks
COMPASS @ CERN Run: 2002 - now	Hadron Physics (Tracking)	GEM Micromegas w/ GEM preampl.	Total area: 2.6 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: 0.31x0.31 m <sup>2</sup> Total area: ~ 2 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: 0.4x0.4 m <sup>2</sup>	Max.rate:10°7Hz (~100kHz/mm²) Spatial res:70-100 μm (strip),~120μm (pixel) Time res::-8 ns Rad. Hard:: 2500 mC/cm²	Required beam tracking (pixelized central/beam area)
KEDR @ BINP Run: 2010-now	Particle Physics (Tracking)	GEM	Toral area: -0.1 m <sup>2</sup>	Max. rate:1 MHz/mm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: -70µm	
SBS in Hall A @ JLAB Start: > 2017	Nuclear Physics (Tracking) nucleon form factors/struct.	GEM	Total area: 14 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect. 0.6x0.5m <sup>2</sup>	Max. rate:400 kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: -70µm Time res.: ~ 15 ns Rad. Hard.: 0.1-1 kGy/y.	
pRad in Hall B @ JLAB Start: 2017	Nuclear Physics (Tracking) precision meas. of proton radius	GEM	Total area: $1.5m^2$ Single unit detect. $1.2x0.6 m^2$	Max. rate:5 kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: -70µm Time res.: ~ 15 ns Rad. Hard.: 10 kGy/y.	
SoLID in Hall A@ JLAB Start: ~ > 2020	Nuclear Physics (Tracking)	GEM	Total area: 40m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect. 1.2x0.6 m2	Max. rate:600 kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: ~100µm Time res.: ~15 ns Rad. Hard.: 0.8-1 kGy/y.	
E42 and E45 @JPARC Start: -2020	Hadron Physics (Tracking)	TPC w/ GEM, gating grid	Total area: 0.26m <sup>2</sup> 0.52m(diameter) x0.5m(drift length)	Max. rate:10% kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: 0.2-0.4 mm	Gating grid operation - 1kHz
ACTAR TPC Start: -2020 for 10 y.	Nuclear physics Nuclear structure Reaction processes	TPC w/ Micromegas (amp. gap -220 µm)	2 detectors: 25*25 cm2 and 12.5*50cm2	Counting rate < 10^4 nuclei but higher if some beam masks are used.	Work with various gas (He mixture, iC4H10, D2)

#### MPGD Technologies for Photon Detection

Experiment/ Timescale	Application Domain	MPGD Technology	Total detector size / Single module size	Operation Characteristics / Performance	Special Requirements/ Remarks
COMPASS RICH UPGRADE Start > 2016	Hadron Physics (RICH - detection of single VUV photons)	Hybrid (THGEM + CsI and MM)	Total area: - 1.4 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: - 0.6 x 0.6 m <sup>2</sup>	Max.rate:100 Hz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: <- 2.5 mm Time res.: ~ 10 ns	Production of large area THGEM of sufficient quality
PHENIX HBD Run: 2009-2010	Nuclear Physics (RICH – e/h separation)	GEM+CsI detectors	Total area: - 1.2 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: - 0.3 x 0.3 m <sup>2</sup>	Max. rate: low Spatial res.: - 5 mm (rø) Single el. eff.: - 90 %	Single el. eff. depends from hadron rejection factor
SPHENIX Run: 2021-2023	Heavy Ions Physics (tracking)	TPC w/GEM readout	Total area: - 3 m <sup>2</sup>	Multiplicity: dNch/dy - 600 Spatial res.: ~ 100 um (rø)	Runs with Heavy Ions and comparison to pp operation
Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) Start: > 2025	Hadron Physics (tracking, RICH)	TPC w/GEM readout + Cherenkov	Total area: - 3 m <sup>2</sup>	Spatial res.: - 100 um (rø) Luminosity (e-p): 10 <sup>35</sup>	Low material budget
		RICH with GEM readout	Total area: ~ 10 m <sup>2</sup>	Spatial res.: ~ few mm	High single electron efficiency



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# **Dissemination of MPGDs**

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Experiment/ Timescale	Application Domain	MPGD Technology	Total detector size / Single module size)	Operation Characteristics/ Performance	Special Requirements/ Remarks		
ESS NMX: Neutron Macromolecular Crystallography Start: > 2020(for 10 y.)	Neutron scattering Macromolecular Crystallography	GEM w/ Gd converter	Total area: - 1 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: 60x60 cm <sup>2</sup>	Max.rate: 100 kHz/mm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: -500μm Time res.: - 10 us neff: - 20% efficient - γ rejection of 100	Localise the secondary particle from neutron conversion in Gd with < 500um precision		
ESS LOKI- SANS: Small Angle Neutron Scattering (Low Q) Start: > 2020(for 10 y.)	Neutron scattering: Small Angle	GEM w/ borated cathode	Total area: – 1 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: 33x40 cm <sup>2</sup> trapezoid	Max.rate: 40 kHz/mm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: $\sim$ 4 mm Time res.: $-100$ us n. $-eff. > 60\%$ (at $\lambda = 4$ Å) $-\gamma$ rejection of $10^{\circ}-7$	Measure TOF of neutron interaction in a 3D borated cathode		
SPIDER: ITER NBI PROTOTYPE Start: - 2017(for 10 y.)	CNESM diagnostic: Characterization of neutral deuterium beam for ITER plasma heating using neutron emission	GEMs w/ Al-converter (Directionality - angular) capability)	Single unit detect: 20x35 cm <sup>2</sup>	Max.rate: 100 kHz/mm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: ~ 10 mm Time res.: ~ 10 ms neff: >10^-5 γ rejection of 10^-7	Measurement of the n- emission intensity and composition to correct deuterium beam parameters		
n_TOF beam monitoring/ beam profiler Run: 2008-now	Neutron Beam Monitors	MicroMegas µbulk and GEM w/ converters	Total area: ~ 100cm <sup>2</sup>	Max.rate:10 kHz Spatial res.: .: -300µm Time res.: - 5 ns Rad. Hard.: no			

#### MPGD Technologies for Dark Matter Detection

Experiment/ Timescale	Application Domain	MPGD Technology	Total detector size / Single module size	Operation Characteristics / Performance	Special Requirements Remarks
DARWIN (multi-ton dual-phase LXe TPC) Start: >2020s	Dark Matter Detection	THGEM-based GPMT	Total area: -30m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect. -20 x20 cm <sup>2</sup>	Max.rate: 100 Hz/cm <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: - 1cm Time res.: - few ns Rad. Hard.: no	Operation at ~180K, radiopure materials dark count rate ~1 Hz/cm <sup>2</sup>
PANDAX III @ China Start: > 2017	Astroparticle physics Neutrinoless double beta decay	TPC w/ Micromegas µbulk	Total area: 1.5 m <sup>2</sup>	Energy Res.: ~ 1-3% @ 2 MeV Spatial res.: ~ 1 mm	High radiopurity High-pressure (10b Xe)
NEWAGE@ Kamioka Run: 2004-now	Dark Matter Detection	TPC w/ GEM+µPIC	Single unit det. ~ 30x30x41(cm <sup>3</sup> )	Angular resolution: 40° @ 50keV	
CAST © CERN: Run: 2002-now	AstroParticle Physics: Axions, Dark Energy/ Matter, Chameleons detection	Micromegas µbulk and InGrid (coupled to X- ray focusing device)	Total area: 3 MM μbulks of 7x 7cm <sup>2</sup> Total area: 1 InGrid of 2cm <sup>2</sup>	Spatial res: ~100µm Energy Res: 14% (FWHM) @ 6keV Low bkg. levels (2-7 keV): µMM: 10-6 cts s-1 keV-1 cm-2 InGrid: 10-5 cts s-1 keV-1 cm-2	High radiopurity, good separation of tracklike bkg. from X-rays
IAXO Start: > 2023?	AstroParticle Physics: Axions, Dark Energy/ Matter, Chameleons detection	Micromegas µbulk, CCD, InGrid (+ X- ray focusing device)	Total area: 8 μbulks of 7 x 7cm2	Energy Res: 12% (FWHM) © 6keV Low bkg. Levels (1-7 keV): µbulk: 10-7cts s-1keV-1cm-2	High radiopurity, good separation of tracklike bkg. from X-rays



#### MPGD Technologies for Neutrino Physics

Experiment/ Timescale	Application Domain	MPGD Technology	Total detector size / Single module size	Operation Characteristics / Performance	Special Requirements/ Remarks
T2K @ Japan Start: 2009 - now	Neutrino physics (Tracking)	TPC w/ Micromegas	Total area: ~ 9 m² Single unit detect: 0.36x0.34m²~0.1m²	Spatial res.: 0.6 mm dE/dx: 7.8% (MIP) Rad. Hard.: no Moment. res.:9% at 1 GeV	The first large TPC using MPGD
SHiP@CERN Start: 2025-2035	Tau Neutrino Physics (Tracking)	Micromegas, GEM, mRWELL	Total area: ~ 26 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect: 2 x 1 m <sup>2</sup> - 2m <sup>2</sup>	Max. rate: < low Spatial res.: < 150 µm Rad. Hard.: no	Provide time stamp of the neutrino interaction in brick"
LBNO-DEMO (WA105 @ CERN): Start: > 2016	Neutrino physics (Tracking+ Calorimetry)	LAr TPC w/ THGEM double phase readout	Total area: 3 m² (WA105-3x1x1) 36 m² (WA105-6x6x6) Single unit detect. (0.5x0.5 m2) -0.25 m²	WA105 3x1x1 and 6x6x6: Max. rate: 150 Hz/m <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: 1 mm Time res.: - 10 ns Rad. Hard.: no	Detector is above ground (max. rate is determined by muon flux for calibration)
DUNE Dual Phase Far Detector Start: > 2023?		LAr TPC w/ THGEM double phase readout	Total area: 720 m <sup>2</sup> Single unit detect. (0.5x0.5 m2) ~ 0.25 m <sup>2</sup>	Max. rate: 4*10 <sup>-7</sup> Hz/m <sup>2</sup> Spatial res.: 1 mm Rad. Hard.: no	Detector is underground (rate is neutrino flux)



#### MPGD Technologies for X-Ray Detection and y-Ray Polarimetry

Experiment/ Timescale	Application Domain	MPGD Technology	Total detector size / Single module size	Operation characteristics / Performance	Special Requirements/ Remarks
KSTAR @ Korea Start: 2013	Xray Plasma Monitor for Tokamak	GEM GEMPIX	Total area: 100 cm <sup>2</sup> Total area: 10-20 cm <sup>2</sup>	Spat. res.: - 8x8 mm <sup>2</sup> 2 ms frames; 500 frames/sec Spat. res.: -50x50 µm <sup>2</sup> 1 ms frames;5 frames/sec	
PRAXyS Future Satellite Mission (US-Japan): Start 2020 - for 2years	Astrophysics (X-ray polarimeter for relativistic astrophysical X-rays	TPC w/ GEM	Total area: 400 cm <sup>3</sup> Single unit detect. (8 x 50cm <sup>3</sup> ) ~400cm <sup>3</sup>	Max.rate: ~ 1 lcps Spatial res.: ~ 100 um Time res.: ~ few ns Rad. Hard.: 1000 krad	Reliability for space mission under severe thermal and vibration conditions
HARPO Balloon start>2017?	Astroparticle physics Gamma-ray polarimetry (Tracking/Triggering)	Micromegas + GEM	Total area: 30x30cm2 (1 cubic TPC module) Future: 4x4x4 = 64 HARPO size mod.	Max.rate: ~ 20 kHz Spatial res.: < 500 um Time res.: ~ 30 ns samp.	AGET development for balloon & self triggered
SMILE-II: Run: 2013-now	Astro Physics (Gamma-ray imaging)	GEM+µPIC (TPC+ Scintillators)	Total area: 30 x 30 x 30 cm <sup>3</sup>	Point Spread Function for gamma-ray: 1*	
ETCC camera Run: 2012-2014	Environmental gamma-ray monitoring (Gamma-ray imaging)	GEM+µPIC (TPC+ Scintillators)	Total area: 10x10x10 cm <sup>3</sup>	Point Spread Function for gamma-ray: 1*	
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# Wide spectrum of applications and instruments.

**Different requirements** and operation conditions depending on the specific application.

In the second part of this lecture we will try to highlight one of the reason why these technologies can be adapted to a wide sets of requirements (not all at the same time of course..)



# MPGD for LHC (LS2 Upgrades) / Important milestone in the context of instrumenting large area systems



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TPC GEM



Muon System (NSW) micromegas



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GE1/1 chambers being installed in CMS thereby completing the installation of the first station by Michele Bianco, Antonio Conde Garcia and Stephane Brachet of the EP-CMX Group.

https://ep-news.web.cern.ch/cms-gems-are-changing-gear



Muon System (GE1/1) GEM



THIS PART WILL BE STRONGLY FOCUSED ON DEVELOPMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS IN HEP and AT CERN

# Instrumentation/MPGD[1]

# From a new technology to mature INSTRUMENTS

### Using Gas Electron Multipliers (GEM) as one example

We will go through the path between the introduction of GEM and one of the latest applications (instrumenting large area detector systems @ the LHC).



# **Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM)**

GEM: A new concept for electron amplification in gas detectors, F. Sauli, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A386(1997)531

A thin, metal-clad polymer foil chemically perforated by a high density of holes, typically 100/mm2

> 70 µm

> > <u>55</u> µm





#### Figure 34 Electric field and equipotentials lines in the gas electron multiplie

### **Amplification and Transfer**

### In the next slides we will try to bridge 1996 (first GEM) and 2020 (GEM @ ALICE TPC/CMS MOUNS)



ALICE TPC, CERN, 2020

CMS, GEM MUONS, 2020



# Just a reminder about the context.. From few slides above (1)

### 80's

### Multi Wire Proportional Chamber (MWPC)

**Limited multi-track separation:** mechanical instabilities due to electrostatic repulsion - critical length of about 25cm for  $10\mu$ m wires and 1mm spacing]

**Fast gain drop at high fluxes:** field-distorting space charge accumulation due to the long time taken by the ions produced in the avalanches to clear the region of multiplication.

**Aging:** permanent damage of the structures after long-term exposure to radiation due to the formation of solid deposits on electrodes.





De gauche à droite, Georges Charpak, Fabio Sauli et Jean-Claude Santiard en train de travailler sur une chamber multifils en 1970. (Image : CERN)



### 90's

# Novel **photolithographic techniques** + A. Oed: Micro Strip Gas Chamber (**MSGC**, A.Oed, 1988)

Thanks to photolithography, it will be possible to go down in size from millimeters to tens of microns reducing the gas volume "used" by single events (improved occupancy) and faster evacuation of ions (reduced space charge).



# Just a reminder about the context. From few slides above (2)

MSGC (Oed A. Nucl. Instrum. Methods A263:351 (1988))





Figure 1 Close view of one of the first microstrip plates developed by Oed at the Figure 2 Equipotentials and field lines in the microstrip chamber, computed close to Institut Laue-Langevin. On an insulating substrate, thin metallic anode strips alternate the substrate. The back-plane potential has been selected to prevent field lines enterin the dielectric



Excellent localization. high rate capability (reduced space charge build-up), good granularity

### but some drawback

Strong field at anode as well at cathode.

with wider cathodes; the pitch is 200  $\mu$ m.



Prone to discharges.. Low mass and bad power dissipation... fragile

HWPC,HSGC Gain-Bate Sum



# MSGC/Discharges...

Several strategies to solve the problem .. Among the others, one approach was to support the MSGC with a pre-amplification stage (coming from previous works from the 70's where amplification and transfer devices have been studied and proved their effectiveness of obtaining larger gain in safe condition

Multistep Avalanche Chamber (Charpak G, Sauli F. Phys. Lett. B78:523 (1978))

Made with a succession of metal meshes, the detector multiplied ionization electrons injected from a drift region into a high field. A fraction of the avalanche was then transferred through a lower field region into a second element of multiplication, a parallel plate or a wire chamber. **Despite the loss of charge in the transfer from high to moderate fields, effective pre-amplification factors of several hundred were possible**. Followed by a standard MWPC, the device permitted the high gains necessary to detect single photoelectrons.



"The multistep chamber was mechanically complex to implement and had only limited success, but demonstrated the great potential of subdividing the gain among several cascaded elements separated by low-field gaps" (F.Sauli)



### mechanically complex.. new technological advancement in manufacturing techniques offered the way to have a good device that can do this.. Gas Electron Multipliers





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Two metal layers separated by a thin insulator (Kapton/apical), etched with a regular matrix of open channels

J-C Labbe' with R. de Oliveira and A. Gandi (*CERN* Surface Treatment Service, fabrication technology)







Fig. 1. Microphotography of the three-layer (metal-insulator-metal) GEM grid. The open channels diameter at the surface is 70  $\mu m$ , with 100  $\mu m$  distance.



Gas Detector

**Development** 

(GDD) lab at

**CERN** 

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#### THE GAS ELECTRON MULTIPLIER (GEM)

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> > ABSTRACT

We describe operating priciples and results obtained with a new detector component: the Gas Electrons Multiplier (GEM). Consisting of a thin composite sheet with two metal layers separated by a thin insulator, and pierced by a regular matrix of open channels, the GEM electrode, inserted on the path of electrons in a gas detector, allows to transfer the charge with an amplification factor approaching ten. Uniform response and high rate capability are demonstrated. Coupled to another device, multiwire or micro-strip chamber, the GEM electrode permit to obtain higher gains or less critical operation; separation of the sensitive (conversion) volume and the detection volume has other advantages, as a built-in delay (useful for triggering purposes) and the possibility of applying high fields on the photocathode of ring imaging detectors to improve efficiency.

Multiple GEM grids in the same gas volume allow to obtain large amplification factors in a succession of steps, leading to the realization of an effective gas-filled photomultiplier.

Presented by F. Sauli at the IEEE1996 Nuclear Science Symposium and Medical Imaging Conference Anaheim, November 3-9, 1996



#### F, Sauli: the inventor



L. Ropelewski, the first one seeing signals from GEM only



R. Bouclier (in this picture with the MWPC #1): most likely the first one switching on a GEM...

### PMT (Photolithography & Microconnectics Technologies DEM-PMT)Workshop at CERN



PMT workshop for HERA-B. (left to right: Angelo Gandi, Rui De Oliveira and Jean-Claude Labbé)

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# In paper #1.. Proof of concept (GEM+MSGC) + future perspective (vision)

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Fig. 4.55Fe pulse height recorded for X-rays directly converted in the MWPC (lower spectrum), and in the drift space with pre-amplification.

### Used as pre-amplification together with MWPC, MSGC



conventional multiwire or microstrip chamber, or directly on pad rows

### [future] Manufacturing Techniques

The success of the described applications will depend on the elaboration of a suitable, reliable technique for producing the GEM grids at a low cost.



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# "A new generation of simple, reliable and cheap fast position-sensitive detectors seems at hand"

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Fig. 12. Schematics of the MSGC + GEM assembly.

operating voltages, completely eliminating discharge problems. Charge gains are large enough to allow detection of signals in the ionization mode on the last element, permitting the use of a simple printed circuit as read-out electrode; two-dimensional read out can then be easily implemented. The absence of charge multiplication in the last stage avoids charge build-up on the substrate and prevents ageing phenomena. A new generation of simple, reliable and cheap fast position-sensitive detectors seems at hand.



Fig. 13. Combined absolute gain of the MSGC + GEM detector, as a function of cathode voltage in the MSGC and potential across the GEM mesh. Gas filling: argon DME (50-50)).



# In the years right after the introduction of GEMs...

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Long list of systematic measurement to optimize performances and stability

Stability vs number of gem foils, dependence on the asymmetry of the GEMs gain, discharge propagation probability, foil sectorization, powering,....

Most of the rules that we still follow today comes from those days ...







# **One of the first applications: HERA-B MSGC**



Studies of aging and HV break down problems during development and operation of MSGC and GEM detectors for the inner tracking system of HERA-B<sup>☆</sup>

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Fig. 17. Number of chambers as a function of their average spark rate. Most chamber show rates below 2 sparks/day at an average target rate of 5 MHz.

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The MSGC with the dimensions necessary at HERA-B and the beam conditions of HERA cannot be operated reliably without the addition of a GEM. At the gas amplification required to



The first large size GEMs produced in the PMT workshop for HERA-B. (left to right: Angelo Gandi, Rui De Oliveira and Jean-Claude Labbé)







# Technology is convincing and experiments at CERN get involved in the R&D...

(collider/LHC)

- LHCb Inner tracker (abandoned but picked up by muon) •
  - Proposed as pre-amplification for MSGC (GEM+MSGC) ... •
  - Soon moving to (triple) GEM without MSGC .... •
  - Tracker final selection ... silicon •
  - GEM technology picked up by (M1) muon station •
  - Still in operation •

#### **COMPASS Muon Station** •

- Successful •
- Inspiring several other experiment (e.g. TOTEM, I grew up reading • COMPASS paper...) and defining most of the common rules for GEM based detectors
- Still in operation •

(targer/SPS)











# LHCb tracker

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LHCb 98-068 TRAC 30 December 1998

~2000

Removing the MSGC

and working only with

Understanding GEM

behavior in presence of

highly ionizing particles

Understanding aging

GEM.

properties

#### X-ray Tests of Double and Triple-GEM Detectors for the LHCb Inner Tracker

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#### Abstract

Gas gain and operation stability of the detectors based on the Double and Triple-GEM (*Gas Electron Multiplier*) structures were studied with the X-rays. The tested detectors had the sensitive area of 100 cm<sup>2</sup>. To stimulate discharges in the detectors, a gaseous  $\alpha$ -source was introduced into the gas mixture. The measurements show that the Double-GEM chamber filled with the Ar(70%)+CO<sub>2</sub>(30%) gas mixture was operating without discharges up to the effective gas gain of 1×10<sup>4</sup>, while the Triple-GEM chamber could operate up to the gain of 4×10<sup>4</sup>.

#### 1.Introduction

The Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM) [1] might be a promising option for the LHCb Inner Tracker. The LHCb Technical Proposal [2] describes the GEM/MSGC combination as a baseline option for the LHCb Inner Tracker. In this combination, GEM is used as a preamplifier to MSGC. It seems also natural to consider a detector based on GEM only, without MSGC. In this case a Single, Double or Triple-GEM structure is just followed by a simple printed circuit board (PCB) with strips as the readout electrode. Such detector was a subject of intense investigations during last two years, with quite encouraging results [3-13]. High spatial resolution and reasonable time resolution, nonflamable gas mixture, possibility to operate with very high particle fluxes are the attractive features of the detector. On the other hand, there is some concern over GEM behaviour in the presence of heavily ionizing particles. Also, GEM ageing properties should be better understood. Our goal is systematic study of various options of the GEMbased detectors with the purpose to understand whether this detector could be used in the severe background conditions of the LHCb Inner Tracker and satisfy all the requirements. Here we report the results of the X-ray tests of the Double and Triple-GEM detectors filled with Ar/CO<sub>2</sub> gas mixture with an admixture of the  $\alpha$ active 220 Rn.

### http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/684669/files/lhcb-98-068.pdf

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https://cds.cern.ch/record/7057 90/files/thesis-2004-006.pdf The Ziegler's thesis represent a nice collection of numerous tests done in the initial phase of triple GEM detectors. Several key measurements have been done and reported. Not everything understood but "almost everything" explored/measured.

### HERE TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE AND VALUE OF YOUR WORK

- Inner tracker went to silicon..
- But all the work done was important for the community...
- GEM picked up by LHCb for muons system (in few slides ...)



# **COMPASS & GDD**

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### Addressing issues as High Intensity beams/ Aging (raised also by LHCb tracker...)



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#### Abstract

Continuing previous aging measurements with detectors based on the Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM), we investigated a 31×31 cm<sup>2</sup> triple-GEM detector, as used in the small area tracking of the COMPASS experiment at CERN. With a detector identical to those installed in the experiment long-term high-rate exposures to 8.9 keV X-ray radiation were performed to study its aging properties. In standard operation conditions, with  $Ar/CO_2$  (70:30) gas filling and operated at an effective gain of  $8.5 \times 10^3$ solution is observed after collecting a total charge of  $7\,\mathrm{mC}/\mathrm{mm^2}$ , corresponding to seven years of normal operation.

This observation confirms previous results demonstrating the relative insensitivity of GEM detectors to aging, even when manufactured with common materials.

Here to be careful... Insensitivity... maybe more appropriate "less sensitive".. Recent studies with methane (CH4/hydorcarbon) have shown that even GEM will suffer of aging (at higher accumulated charge than wires but they will do it as well)



Figure 9.2: left: Setup at PSI in the  $\pi$ M1 area in December 1999. Four other groups tested their detectors simultaneously (CERN GDD group double GEM [42], University Lausanne and CEA/Saclay Micromegas [43], University Santiago de Compostela Microwire [44]). right: Schematic drawing of the Triple GEM detector arrangement (second prototype) and the scintillators.

### ~2000/2005

#### **3. Experimental tests**

The COMPASS prototype has been tested for several weeks during August and September 1999 at CERN in the M2 beam line foreseen for the COMPASS experiment. In December 1999 the Double GEM, Triple GEM and the COMPASS prototype were tested in the  $\pi$ M1 beam at the Paul-Scherrer-Institut (PSI) in Villigen. This last exposure has been performed in the framework of systematic tests of micropattern gas detectors in view of their use for the LHCb inner tracking system.

In this section results from both test experiments are presented.

> The very standard (in our field) Triple GEM configuration comes from these days/studies...



# In RUN1 @ LHC: two detectors based on GEM

R&D, contruction, commissioning and installation [2000/2010]

(As previously anticipated) **LHCb Muon System**: tracking and triggering @ high rate in 25ns

# **TOTEM Forward Inelastic Telescope**: tracking and triggering in harsh environment

The success of COMPASS pushed the TOTEM collaboration to select GEMs as technological solution for the forward (high rate, high dose) inelastic telescope



Fig. 4. View of M1 detectors around the LHC beam pipe. Detectors near the beam pipe are Triple-GEM chambers. There are six Triple-GEM chambers (of which only 3 are clearly visible in the picture) on each side of the M1 support wall.



Removed now after the accomplishment of the program.

Next steps... Potential to go for large systems (typical for gas detector) but large area is required


### Main limitation towards large Area: double mask production process / mask alignment







#### R. de Oliveira, https://indico.cern.ch/event/56216/session/1/contribution/5/material/slides/1.pdf

SINGLE MASK so mm polyimide foil, copperclad photoresist lamination, masking, exposure and development metal etching metal etching metal etching

MPT workshop/GDD: Progress on large area GEMs Serge Duarte Pinto et al., Jinst, November 26, 2009 {http://arxiv.org/pdf/0909.5039v2.pdf]

Solution: Single Mask Etching (implementing active corrosion protection)

### CERN

#### 6/8/2021

#### E. Oliveri | Micro Pattern Gas Detector technologies

### In synergy/following these developments... New applications at the LHC

(~2010) CMS GEM: similar as LHCb muon but large area and large volume..

(~2014) ALICE GEM TPC: stability and uniformity, low IBF and good energy resolution, high reliability (no redundancy)

IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THAT READY TO GO SOLUTION DOESN'T EXISTS VERY OFTEN...

- Despite several years of R&D, characterization, testing, existing instruments... collaborations had to go through new and deep studies, troubleshooting, consolidation of the technology,...
- A lot has been learned/confirmed ...
  - Large effort to validate what has been observed in small prototype (performances, stabilities,...)
  - Several new "features" (problems) rising...
  - Assembly procedure to be well under control/shared between assembly institutes...
  - QA/QC to be well defined by detector experts...
  - No shortcuts to be taken or not well understood behaviors to be left unsolved...
  - Testing and testing facilities are fundamental...
  - Devil is in details and apparently "innocuous" changes.

#### Detector experts / knowledge transfer and critical mass in large experiment fundamental



#### ~2000/2010

### **GEM@LHC**

LHCb Muon System: tracking and In LHC since Run1. triggering @ high rate in 25ns



Fig. 4. View of M1 detectors around the LHC beam pipe. Detectors near the beam pipe are Triple-GEM chambers. There are six Triple-GEM chambers (of which only 3 are clearly visible in the picture) on each side of the M1 support wall.





**TOTEM Forward Inelastic Telescope**: tracking and triggering in harsh environment

In LHC since Run1, program completed, now removed



ALICE GEM TPC: low IBF and good energy resolution, high reliability (no redundancy)

~2010/2020

**CMS GEM**: large area, assembly procedure compatible with large number of detector modules





### A wrap up message:

- New technologies require time to become a mature instrument ...
- Every development/application will always add new aspects (problems) to be studied (solved)...
- Definitively worth to go through all of this because of the new potential/scenario you can open...
- You need a vision...
- Do not underestimate your (student/future researchers) contribution to these processes..



Almost 25 years from small prototypes to large area systems



ALICE TPC, CERN, 2019

**NSION** "A new generation of simple, reliable and cheap fast position-sensitive detectors seems at hand" F. Sauli et al., 28 February 1997, https://doi.org/10.1016/S0168-9002(97)00648-7



# Instrumentation/MPGD[2]

# MPGD based INSTRUMENTS: examples of Need and WAY OUT

How MPDG's versatility can help to address different requirements

This section will show examples where you will be hopefully able to appreciate the flexibility you can have implementing MPGD technologies into instruments (key factor to properly address different requirements)



### **Needs/Way Out**

A simplified view of an instrument gas (MPGD) based

radiation

Once a need is defined, each part can be very often optimized to match the requirements independently from the others. Conversion efficiency, released energy, topology of primary ionization, attachment in the gas, drift and diffusion, space charge (ions from amplification..),....

Conversion

Radiation to

primary

electrons in

gas

GAS Amplification Multiplying primary electrons via ionization processes in the gas (avalanches)

Amplification, attachment, drift and diffusion, charge losses, ions, discharges, space charge, charging up,.. Signal

Detect secondary charge or photons produced in the avalanches

Signal coupling (charge or light readout), readout plane granularity and number of readout channels/pixels, protection, FE electronics,..

Optimization can be a **direct optimization** of the aimed performances (e.g. faster signals for timing detectors) or an **indirect optimization** that allows the use of potential solutions (e.g. amplifying stages with reduced ion back flow to allow the use of CsI photocathodes in UV detection),...

AIM of the next slides is to show that **the solution is often the developer** that is capable of identifying in the technologies (MPGD tech. help thanks to the various and versatile options) the right solution to the problem.



### Need/Way Out [1]

Triggering minimum ionizing particles (muons), with high efficiency in few tens of nsec, in an environment of MHz/cm2, with low material budget...

REAL CASE: LHCb first tracking station M1 of the muon system in front of the calorimeter system.



http://cds.cern.ch/record/5701

Requirements (Environment) : High Rate Capability: up to 1MHz/cm2 Radiation hardness: 1.6C/cm2 in 10 years @6k Gain Low material budget

Requirements (Trigger):

Station Efficiency: >96% in 20ns time Window for two detectors in "OR"

RPC would be faster than GEM but rate capabilities would have been not satisfied



## Need/Way Out [1]

Starting from standard COMPASS 3/2/2/2 gaps, Ar/CO2 70/30



- Time resolution (gas & signal induction)~10-15ns
- Earlier trigger from conversion in Transfer 1

M. P. Lener, Triple-GEM detectors for the innermost region of the muon apparatus at the LHCb experiment, Doctoral Thesis, https://cds.cern.ch/record/940631/files/thesis-2006-013.pdf



cathode

drift volume

t=d x v<sub>drift</sub>

Intrinsic time resolution

4.7 ns (@3 kV/cm)

2.3 ns (@3 kV/cm)

1.7 ns (@3.5 kV/cm)

1.5 ns (@2 kV/cm)

readout)

GEM

< Clusters/mm >

3.3

5

5.5

5.7

Gas choice: Improving intrinsic

number of primary clusters and

Drift velocity (drift field)

 $7 \text{ cm}/\mu \text{s}$  (@3 kV/cm)

9 cm/ $\mu$ s (@3 kV/cm)

10.5cm/µs (@3.5 kV/cm)

11.5 cm/ $\mu$ s (@2kV/cm)

time resolution (threshold

crossing time) with larger

faster drift velocity.

Gas Mixture

Ar/CO<sub>2</sub> (70/30)

 $Ar/CO_2/CF_4$  (60/20/20)

 $Ar/CO_2/CF_4$  (45/15/40)

Ar/CF<sub>4</sub>/iso-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub> (65/28/7)

**Induction Gap:** 

and proper FE

response

relative intrinsic time resolution is also reported.

Thinner induction gap

electronics to have a

steeper rising edge of

the signal/ prompt

Reduced Induction gap: larger induced currents (I=-qv<sub>d</sub>/Gap<sub>ind</sub>)



Reduced Transfer 1 dap Reduce probability of triggering on Double GEM Signals (earlier in time)



### Need/Way Out [2]

TOTEM T2 forwards tracking and triggering telescope: tracking with high eta (radial) coarse phi resolution and triggering rods for trigger

Unique tracking/triggering instruments with different requirements on tracking/triggering: tracking vertex events with high radial resolution and fast triggering with coarse r-phi rods

REAL CASE: TOTEM forwards telescope..

High granularity tracker (high radial resolution) (measurement of forward inelastic event rate and dN/deta distribution)

Triggering rod telescope (coarse r-phi channels) (background subtraction)



Can I build a single detector capable of doing this?



#### Coarse triggering road





# Need/Way Out [2]

Readout plane of a GEM based detector is fully decoupled by the amplification stage and it doesn't play any role in the gain , i.e. it can be independently optimized/modified..

Paying attention on signal coupling, I'm free to chose the best pattern for my application...

TOTEM T2 forwards tracking and triggering telescope: tracking with high eta (radial) coarse phi resolution and triggering rods for trigger



Way out: Multilayer readout plane with that copes with requirements defined by the physics/measurement

Fine pitch strips on top for radial impact point measurement and pads (different sizes) for triggering road and coarse phi.





Strips (r): 512 strips 2 φ sectors of 256 each 400μm pitch, 80μm width **mean cluster size ≈ 2.5-3** 

Pads (triggering & φ): 1560 pads 65 φ sectors of 24 each dφ = 2.9°, dη = 0.05 mean cluster size ≈ 1.2-1.5





M. Berretti, http://indico.cern.ch/event/252473/session/0/contribution/5/material/slides/0.pdf



### Need/Way Out [3]

In the first example we were talking about optimization in the scale of nsec time resolutions.

Can we develop MPGD-based (\*) instrument with better time performances? Three order of magnitude better? going from nsec to psec?

(\*) to be potentially used in high rate environment, to potentially cover a wide range of readout granularity & patterns, potentially proportional,...



	Gas Mixture	Drift velocity (drift field)	< Clusters/mm >	Intrinsic time resolution	
Γ	Ar/CO <sub>2</sub> (70/30)	7 cm/µs (@3 kV/cm)	3.3	4.7 ns (@3 kV/cm)	
	Ar/CO <sub>2</sub> /CF <sub>4</sub> (60/20/20)	9 cm/µs (@3 kV/cm)	5	2.3 ns (@3 kV/cm)	
	Ar/CO <sub>2</sub> /CF <sub>4</sub> (45/15/40)	10.5cm/µs (@3.5 kV/cm)	5.5	1.7 ns (@3.5 kV/cm)	
.	$Ar/CF_4/iso-C_4H_{10}$ (65/28/7)	11.5 cm/µs (@2kV/cm)	5.7	1.5 ns (@2 kV/cm)	

Table 3.1: Summary table of the gas mixture properties: optimized drift velocity and average cluster yield. The relative *intrinsic* time resolution is also reported.



# Need/Way Out [3]

#### **PICOSEC** micromegas



Particle Cherenkov Radiator Cathode Photocathode 8-30 m E-Field 100-300 µm Drift Ground Amplification 50-150 um E-Field Preamplifier + DAQ



https://agenda.infn.it/event/15138/contributions/28611/attachments/20406/23149/EOliveri\_FrascatiDetectorSchool2018.pdf

#### breakthrough is conversion + others tricks in gas/amplification/signal

Defeat the intrinsic (few ns) time resolution of direct gas pimary

https://arxiv.org/pdf/1712.05256.pdf

Signal Arrival Time (ns)



aimed., Different

photocathode

(localized)

### Need/Way Out [4]

Cherenkov detector to be operated in the radiator gas (to avoid windows, i.e. absorption) and insensitive to charged particles.

Real Case: Hadron Blind Detector for

the PHENIX experiment

https://arxiv.org/pdf/1103.4277.pdf

### Outer Coil BBD HBD WEST HBD EAST Inner Coil

Fig. 1. Top layout of the inner part of the PHENIX central arm detector showing the location of the HBD and the inner and outer coils.





## Need/Way Out [4]

windowless Cherenkov detector with photon feedback (avalanches) suppression and insensitive to charged particle

Hadron Blind Detector for the PHENIX experiment



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Fig. 3. Left panel: 3D view of the two arm HBD. Right panel: exploded view of one HBD arm.



Fig. 9. Installation of standard copper GEMs into the HBD vessel prior to placing the vessel in the glovebox.

#### Conversion:

- Csl photocathode on top of a GEM (facing gas/Cherenkov photons without the need of support/windows between photons and photocathode (+ good shielding from photons produced in avalanches / feedback)
- Inverted drift field to be blind to charged particles

### Fig. 2. Triple GEM stack operated in the standard forward bias mode (left) and in the hadron-blind reverse bias mode (right).

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- GEM as support of reflective photocathode
- GEM as suppression of photon (avalanches / feedback)
- Triple to have stable operation in CF4 (gas/radiator)
- Insensitive to charged particle (inverted field)

#### **Amplification:**

 Triple GEM allows to stably operate the amplification stage in pure CF4 (gas used as radiator), reduced Ion Back Flow (CsI) reduced photon feedback...



https://arxiv.org/pdf/1103.4277.pdf

### Need/Way Out [5]

Cherenkov detector (similar to previous example) but with more strict requirements on CsI aging under ion bombardment. Better Ion Back Flow suppression required.

REAL CASE: COMPASS RICH Uniform and efficient UV photocathode, low Ion Back Flow (damaging of the PC), low photon feedback (instabilities/spurious signals), Large Gain and stable (from single photoelectron to many) ,...

#### **Hybrids**

You can combine different MPGD technologies to optimize the detector (here THGEM to hold/grow the CsI and reduce photon-feedback.. Multistage to increase gain/stability/feedbacks... and micromegas as last stage /intrinsically good for Ion Back Flow...)

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Fig. 1. Artistic view of the COMPASS RICH-1 (left) (not in scale) (right).



### Need/Way Out [5] / MPGD hybrids

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Fig. 2. Sketch of the hybrid single photon detector: two THGEM layers are coupled to a MM. Drift and protection wire planes are shown. Image is not to scale.

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Fig. 1. Artistic view of the COMPASS RICH-1 (left) and scheme of the PD arrangemen (not in scale) (right).



Fig. 3. Two Micromegas mounted side by side in a PD. The pillars that preserve the distance between the micromesh and the THGEM above it are also visible.

#### Multiple amplification stages (larger GAIN[single photoelectron detection] and better stability [dynamic range] and reduced feedbacks (lower Ion Back Flow /IBF [protection of the photocathode from ion bombardment] and photon feedback (spurious signals/stability)

#### **Reflective CsI on THGEM**

(uniformity [not affected by thickness] reduced photon feedback[UV produced during the avalanches] and possibility to be blind to charged particle[inverted field])

### Last amplification with Micromegas

(intrinsically lower IBF [protection of the photocathode from ion bombardment])



## Need/Way Out [6]

Still fighting lons but this time field distortion in Time Projection Chambers (ions back-flowing in the sensitive volume of the TPC).. + good energy resolution.. + good stability.. + ...

#### 3-D coordinates



Time Projection Chamber, Ron Settles, MPI-Munich Pere Mato, CERN, https://www.mpp.mpg.de/

### REAL CASE: ALICE Time Projection Chamber (TPC): Space charge distortion (Ion Back Flow)



https://indico.cern.ch/event/88936 9/contributions/4011360/attachme nts/2118260/3565900/2020-10-08\_SCDCalibration.pdf



**Till now** Multi Wire Proportional Counter (MWPC) used as amplification stage and Gating Grid to prevent ions drifting back in the TPC volume.

This solution would not work with the rate expected in >=RUN3



# Need/Way Out [6]

### **ALICE Time Projection Chamber (TPC)**

A multi stage detector can offer the possibility to trap ions in the electrodes of the stage preventing them to reach the TPC sensitive volume.



https://cds.cern.ch/record/1258672/ files/CERN-THESIS-2010-054.pdf



https://indico.cern.ch/event/889369/contributi ons/4011360/attachments/2118260/3565900 /2020-10-08\_SCDCalibration.pdf

Proposed/accepted solution: 4 GEM with different pitches and with optimized transfer/amplification fields to facilitate the trapping of the ions, preserve good energy resolution and offer a stable operation of the amplification stage.



- Electron transport properties for IBF optimized voltage settings
- ε<sub>coll</sub> = collection efficiency
- ε<sub>extr</sub> = extraction efficiency
- M = gas multiplication factor
- $G = \varepsilon_{coll} \times M \times \varepsilon_{extr}$  = effective gain
- n<sub>e-ion</sub> = number of produced e-ions pairs
- n<sub>ion,back</sub> = number of ions drifting back into the drift volume



	$\epsilon_{\rm coll}$	n <sub>e,in</sub>	М	n <sub>e-ion</sub>	$\epsilon_{\rm extr}$	n <sub>e,out</sub>	G	n <sub>ion,back</sub>	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%)		





https://webdocs.gsi.de/~lippmann/ files/presentations/pisa 2015.pdf



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## Need/Way Out [7]

Detect high rate thermal neutrons efficiently, with position resolution of few hundreds µm.

REAL CASE: ESS macromolecular diffractometer NMX instrument





### Need/Way Out [7]

# Neutron Detection for macromolecular diffractometer: high efficiency, good space resolution (ca 200µm), high rate



Space resolution Gadolinium will emits tens to hundreds keV  $e^{-\mu}$ **µTPC** to get the impact point (later time)





#### Conversion.. Converter.. Efficiency.. Gadolinium

Shooting from readout: easier for **efficiency** (**reflective**/thickness)... Detector **material** to be properly selected to **minimize scattering**  Proper design of readout plane (XY strips,400µm pitch, 25cm long) and proper **FE electronics (BNL VMM3a ASIC, self-triggering, high throughput, charge/time information)**...

https://indico.cern.ch/event/673355/attachments/1601054/2538407/20180215DTtrainingSeminarLupbergerThuiner.pdf



### Need/Way Out [8]

#### REAL CASE: X-Ray diffraction / pinhole camera

X-Ray detection with reduced parallax errors.

Gas (cross sections for x-rays) force to have large drift volume and therefore large parallax errors in position reconstruction. Figure 2. The cause of a parallax error in a gas detector with a homogeneous drift field.

#### https://arxiv.org/pdf/1011.5528.pdf

Pinhole



http://koza.if.uj.edu.pl/jagiellonian-symposium-2015/file/talks/s7\_zielinska.pdf



# Need/Way Out [8]

Create (mechanically/radial-spherical shape or electrostatically/multiple-electrodes) **proper (aligned with the photons trajectories) field lines** in the sensing volume

#### Parallax errors in X-Ray detection



https://arxiv.org/pdf/1011.5528.pdf

Several electrodes biased at different voltages to shape the drift field properly



Planar but with sectors to create a radial field



Way out: Deforming (left) or segmenting (right) the electrodes of the conversion volume to have radial field

Fig. 9. X-ray fluorescence images of a Cu grid. (a) In the case of parallel drift field lines, the grid lines appear strongly washed out in the outward regions of the active detector area. (b) The radially focused drift field lines of the planispherical GEM allow distinction of grid lines even in the off-center regions of the detector and increase signal-to-noise ratio.

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/articl e/pii/S0168900217309555?via%3Dihub





**Readout: Space resolution / readout channels** 

Preserving the intrinsic (micro pattern) good space resolution of MPGD based detectors with reduced number of channels on large area detectors.



### Need/Way Out [9]

### Way out: Optimizing signal sharing ( cluster size > 1 and centroid methods/encoding)

#### **Readout: Space resolution / readout channels**

#### SHARING/RESISTIVE

Again resistive layers but this time for charge sharing (in fact the first use of resistive layers in MPGDs)



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(A. Sarvestani et al., Nucl. Instr. And Meth. A410 (1998) 238 one of the first example, mCAT & resistive layers for charge sharing)

#### SHARING/GEOMETRICAL

(using diffusion)



#### (using diffusion & layout)

Design Studies for a TPC Readout Plane Using Zigzag Patterns with Multistage GEM Detectors B. Azmou, P. Garg, T.K. Hemmick, M. Hohlman, A. Kiselev, M.L. Purchke, C. Woody, A. Zhang



Fig. 1 The sketch on the left shows the 4 basic parameters of the zigzag pattern, including the pitch, zigzag period, gap width, and trace width, henoted by p,  $d_s$ , and a respectively, (d, s', and d') are resultant parameters representing the characteristic angle, the trace width, and gap width at the zigzag gap exa.) The sketches on the right demonstrate charge sharing and centroid calculations for a zigzag and treatongular paradout, a channels are shown for each pattern with a pitch of 2mm. (The drawings on the right are to

https://www.osti.gov/pages/servlets/purl/1466982

#### SHARING/CAPACITIVE

#### Preliminary Results of Spatial Resolution Performances of Capacitive Sharing

Large Pad Readout in Test Beam

Kondo Gnanvo, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, US



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#### **Readout: Pixels**

Implementing highly pixelated readout (10^5-10^6 pixels)



# Need/Way Out [10]

Way out: Direct coupling with pixel chips (charge readout/sensor removed - just readout) or going for optical readout (if emission in visible - proper gas or wls – interesting commercial cameras available)

### Highly pixelated readout (10<sup>5</sup>-10<sup>6</sup> pixels)



butane 80/20, with a magnetic field of 0.2 T oriented parallel to the (vertical) drift field. The bottom plane represents the Timepix chip (256 x 256 pixels; square pixel pitch 55  $\mu$ m).

#### **Optical readout**

Image immediately available without need for reconstruction.

Integrated imaging collects all light within exposure time without deadtime with long exposure time

Imaging sensor





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#### **Optical scintillation light readout**





### Need/Way Out [11]

Instruments based on stable single amplification stage(\*)

(\*) Different motivation behind this choice, sometimes linked to measurements requirements (less diffusion, ..) sometime to detector production and assembly, sometimes to....

Cylindrical trackers (triple GEM, mm, µRWELL)





Figure 1. The Inner Tracker detector before its installation in the KLOE-2 interaction region is shown in the left panel. All the four layers before assembling them to build the Inner Tracker are shown in the right panel.





Figure 14: Left: Side view of tracker barrel design composed of three cylindrical µRWELL modules interconnected with thin rods that attach to the drift spaces. Right: Projected view of tracker barrel and endplates that the tracker cylinders would be attretched against. The outer diameter of the tracker barrel is approximately 1.6 m and the total negation of the tracker segments is about 1.8 m.

#### REAL CASE: ATLAS NSW micromegas

Single amplification stages (micromegas). In the original version suffering of stability (highly ionizing events) compared to multi-stages (introduced in most of the cases to improve stability).







MICROMEGAS: a high-granularity position-sensitive gaseous detector for high particle-flux environments

Y. Giomataris<sup>a,\*</sup>, Ph. Rebourgeard<sup>a</sup>, J.P. Robert<sup>a</sup>, G. Charpak<sup>b</sup>



Fig. 1. A schematic view of MICROMEGAS: the 3 mm conversion gap and the amplification gap separated by the micromesh and the anode strip electrode.

#### Instabilities (sparks) increasing the amplification field

Resistive



Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 640 (2011) 110-118



### Need/Way Out [11]

Single stage & improved stability: Replace readout/conductive anode with resistive anode and readout the signal via capacitive coupling (MAMMA collaboration for ATLAS NSW)

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A spark-resistant bulk-micromegas chamber for high-rate applications

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### Need/Way Out [12]

Single stage, Resistive.. Ok..

What if I have to operate in high rate?

Single amplification stage (simpler assembly, less diffusion)... stable (discharges) with resistive anodes... but for high rate charge evacuation can be an issue



In plane... detector size dependent...

**Charge Evacuation** 

If resistive electrodes are implemented, obvious drawback is the rate capability.

Total charge collected has to flow to GND and drop on resistive layer can affects field and detector performances



### Need/Way Out [12]

Single amplification stage (simpler assembly, less diffusion)... but stable (discharges) .. resistive anode... but for high rate... (charge evacuation)

## R&D for CALICE DHCAL resistive pad micromegas

#### Resistive patterns

- We tried different resistive pattern with different  ${\sf Q}$  evacuation schemes
- And adopted the embedded resistor (de Oliveira et al. in 2010)
  - Pioneered by COMPASS Saclay group (2009 JINST 12 P12004)
  - Now, interest for ATLAS (M. lodice et al., 2017 JINST 12 C03077)
  - In between, us.
- Allows segmentation of readout anode plane into pads (no Q spread)
- Control of the resistance through R-pattern  $\rightarrow$  minimal charge-up & spark suppression



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#### In plane... detector size dependent...

Way out: Vertical evacuation of the charge



Vertical... detector size independent...

GND

# R&D for resistive micromegas high rate muon tracker



Mesh



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### Need/Way Out [13]

Next two examples with a particular focus on **production/assembly** (large systems)

Starting with production and continuing in the line of the previous example....

Single stage...

With better stability implementing resistive layers at the amplification stage...

I can even develop some smart layout to prevent performances drop at high rate...

Can I transfer all of this to industry to simplify future productions? Ready detector from industry?

Natural choice is in the field of PCB maker..

#### Production that potentially fully handled by industry ("~standard" PCB technologies)



### Need/Way Out [13]

Single stage... but stable (discharges) .. resistive anode... for high rate... (charge evacuation).. with a simplified production that could be potentially fully handled by industry ("~standard" PCB technologies)



#### Ancestors...

- WELL detector, R. Bellazzini et al. NIM A423(1999)125
- Development and performance of Microbulk Micromegas detectors, S Andriamonje et al 2010 JINST5 P02001

GEM on the anode (WELL)

resistive layers (previous example on mm)

**Evacuation** path

And different layout schema to accommodate protection and rate capability Need







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### Need/Way Out [14]

#### Now focusing on assembly...

Simplify detector assembly procedure to be "easily" transferred to institutes/companies

REAL CASE: CMS/GEM muon system





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### 72 Super-Chambers (144 single triple GEM detectors)

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GE2/1 MEO

> Installation of ME0 and GE2/1 GEMs stations by the end of LS3



## Need/Way Out [14]

Simple & clear assembly procedure (for large system and several teams involved)





Layout and assembly technique of the GEM chambers for the upgrade of the CMS first muon endcap station



Handling of the components has to be done carefully, cleanness is fundamental in particular at certain steps, ...

A part for specific cases (photocathodes,..) assembly doesn't required specialized people (trained yes) or infrastructures (properly equipped yes)...



bers [3].

Fig. 21. Concept and mechanism employed to stretch the GEM foils in GE1/1 cham-

NUCLEAR INSTRUMENT & METHODS IN PHYSICS RESEARCH



AIM of the previous slides is to show that **the solution is often the developer** that is capable of identifying in the technologies (MPGD tech. help thanks to the various and versatile options / **quite large degree of freedom**) the right solution to the problem.



### **Conclusion/Instrumentation/MPGD**

#### **MPGD based INSTRUMENTS**

- Micro Pattern Gas Detectors are based on several technologies with a wide set of properties and performances..
- These technologies can be integrated together to improve the matching of requirements, exploiting/mixing the best from different developments..
- Functional parts (conversion/gain/signal) can be often optimized 'independently from' or 'as a support of' the other parts...
- There is a large community working with MPGD (synergies and access to the technology) and already a large number of MPGD-based instruments in a wide range of applications (literature, data, experience, inspiration) most/many of them covered here at the EIROForum school...

### Path from new technology to a mature INSTRUMENT

- New technologies require time to become a mature instrument ...
- Every development/application will always add new aspects (problems) to be studied (solved)...
- Definitively worth to go through all of this because of the new potential/scenario you can open...
- You need a vision...
- Do not underestimate your contribution to these processes..




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