

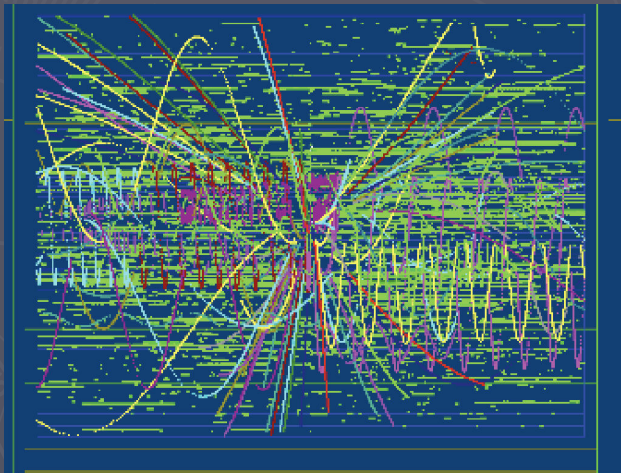
R&D plan for ILC (ILD) TPC in 2010 - 2012
(LC TPC Collaboration)

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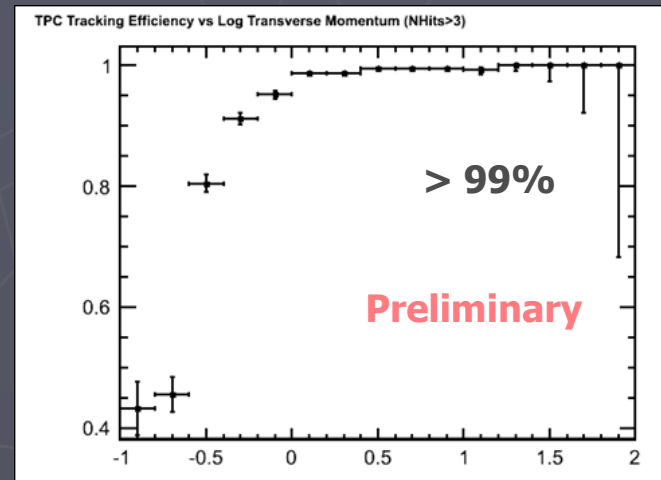
R&D Goals for ILC (ILD) TPC

- High Momentum resolution: $\delta(1/pt) \leq 4 \times 10^{-5}$ (TPC alone)
 - **200 position measurements** along each track with the point resolution of $\sigma_{r\phi} \sim 100\mu\text{m}$ at 3.5T → MPGD TPC
 - [→ a several position measurements with $\sigma_{r\phi} \sim 10\mu\text{m}$ at 5T → SiTR]
- High tracking efficiency down to low momentum for PFA
- Minimum material of TPC for PFA : 4%X0 in barrel/15% X0 in endplate
- dE/dX : 5%



ttbar overlaid
with 100BX of pairbackgrounds

→



Tracking efficiency w pair background
(S. Aplin & F. Gaede)

Options of MPGD for ILC TPC

Based on the studies with small MPGD TPC Prototypes

Analog TPC: Immediate options if the current ILC schedule

(1) Multi layer GEM + Narrow (1mm wide) pad readout:

Defocusing by multilayer GEM

Narrow (1mm) pads → Larger readout channels

Effective No. of electrons (N_{eff}): ~ 20

(2) MicroMEGAS + Resistive anode pad (2-3mm wide)

Widening signal by resistive anode

Wider pads → Less readout channels

N_{eff} : ~ 30

Digital TPC:

(3) Ingrid-MicroMEGAS + Timepix:

Digital → Free from the gas gain fluctuation

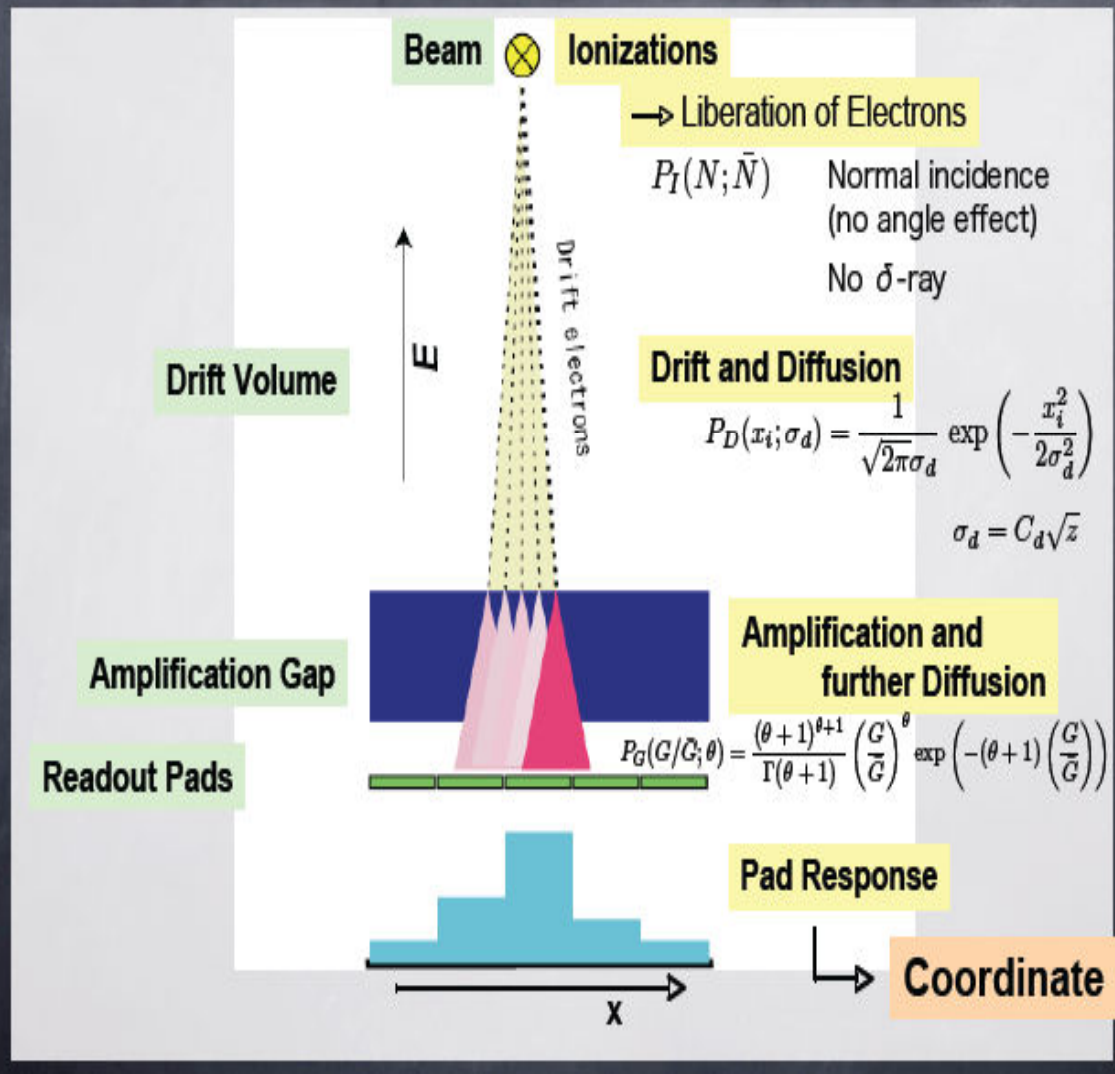
More information from primary electrons and

Thus better position resolution (to be demonstrated)

(4) Multilayer GEM + Timepix:

Need to improve the efficiency for primary electrons

Fundamental Processes



TPC Gas: Gas physics

- No. of primary electrons
- Fluctuation of ionization
- Attachment
- Diffusion
- Drift velocity
- Aging

Field caeg in Magnet

- E & B field
- Distortions (ExB)
- Ions

MPGD

Gas amplification:

- MicroMEGAS or GEM
- Gain fluctuation
- Ion backflow

Position measurement:

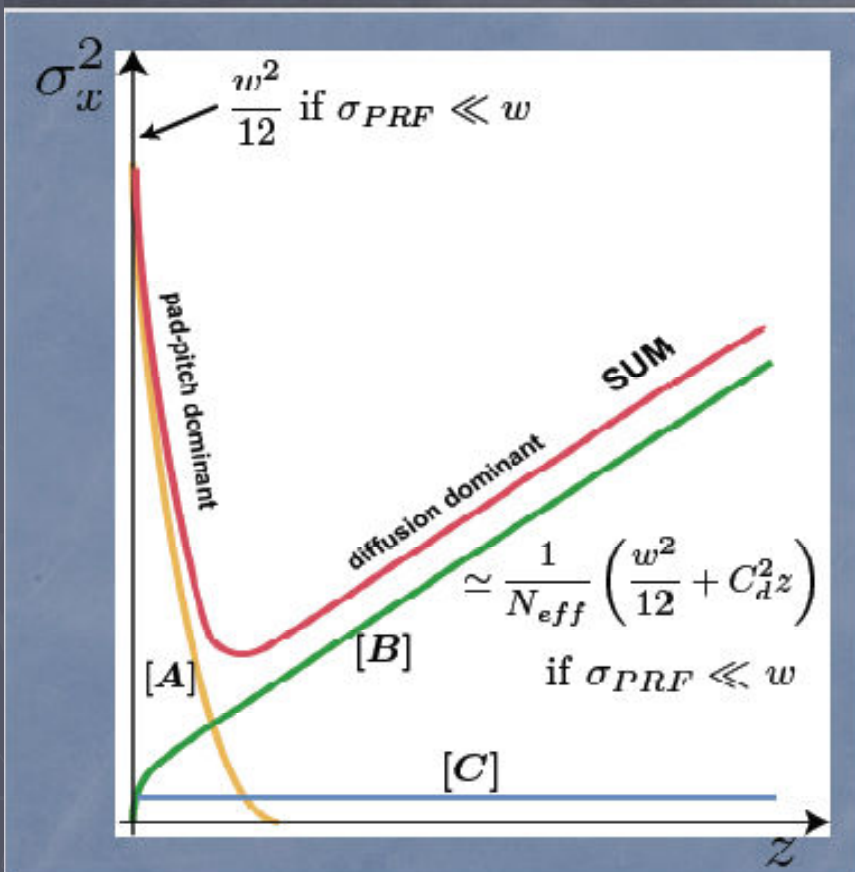
- Conductive pad
- Resistive anode pads
- Pixels

Low noise electronics:

- Analog/digital readout

Spatial Resolution of MPGD TPC

Full Analytic Calculation for Analog Readout



[A] Purely geometric term (S-shape systematics from finite pad pitch): rapidly disappears as Z increases

[B] Diffusion, gas gain fluctuation & finite pad pitch term: scales as $1/N_{eff}$, for delta-fun like PRF asymptotically:

$$\sigma_x^2 \approx \frac{1}{N_{eff}} \left(\frac{w^2}{12} + C_d^2 z \right)$$

[C] Electronic noise term: Z -independent, scales as $\langle 1/N^2 \rangle$

D.C Arogancia et al., arXiv: 0705.2210v1 [hep-ex] 15 May 2007.
Talks at ILC TPC School at Beijing, Jan. 2008:

<http://www.hep.tsinghua.edu.cn/talks/TPCSchool2008/>

Spatial Resolution of MPGD TPC

Comparison between different MPGD options

From the full analytic calculation of point resolution of MPGD TPC (*), $\sigma(x)$ may be parameterized as:

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{\sigma_0^2 + \frac{C_d^2 \cdot Z}{N_{\text{eff}}}}$$

Where N_{eff} is the number of effective electrons, and C_d the diffusion constant of gas. $\sigma(0)$ is determined by the configuration of MPGD detector and electronics. This formula itself may be applicable empirically to digital TPC.

(*)

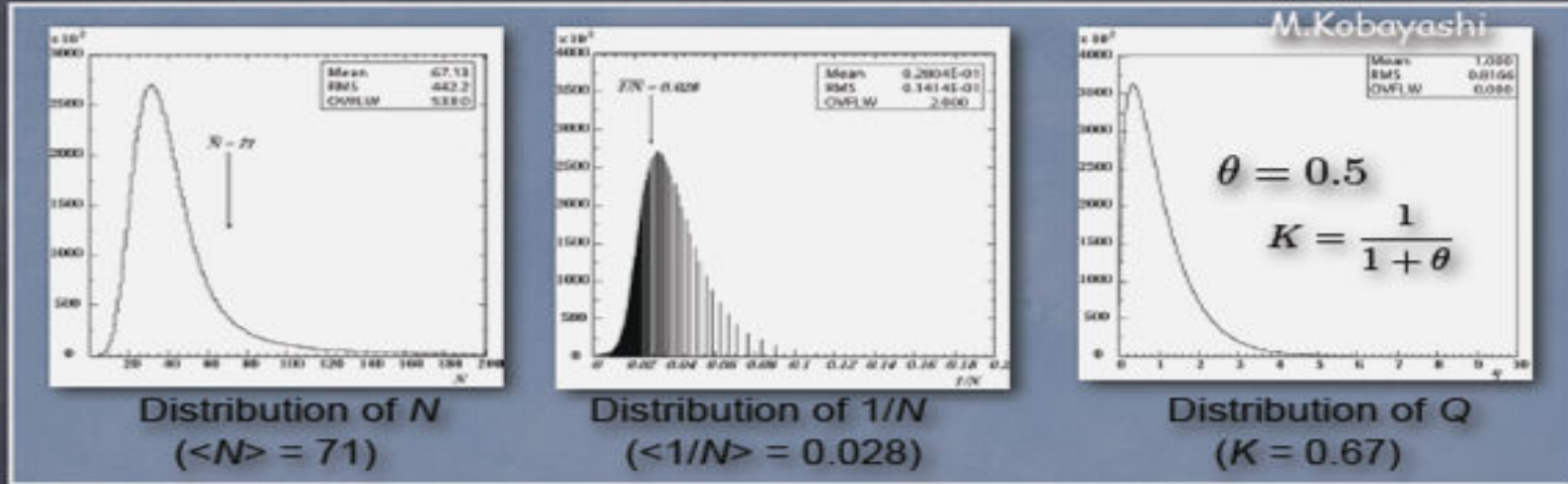
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Spatial Resolution of MPGD TPC: Neff

For 4 GeV pion and pad pitch of 6mm in pure Ar

M. Kobayashi



$$\left\langle \left(\frac{G}{\bar{G}} \right)^2 \right\rangle = 1 + \left(\frac{\sigma_G}{\bar{G}} \right)^2 \equiv 1 + K$$

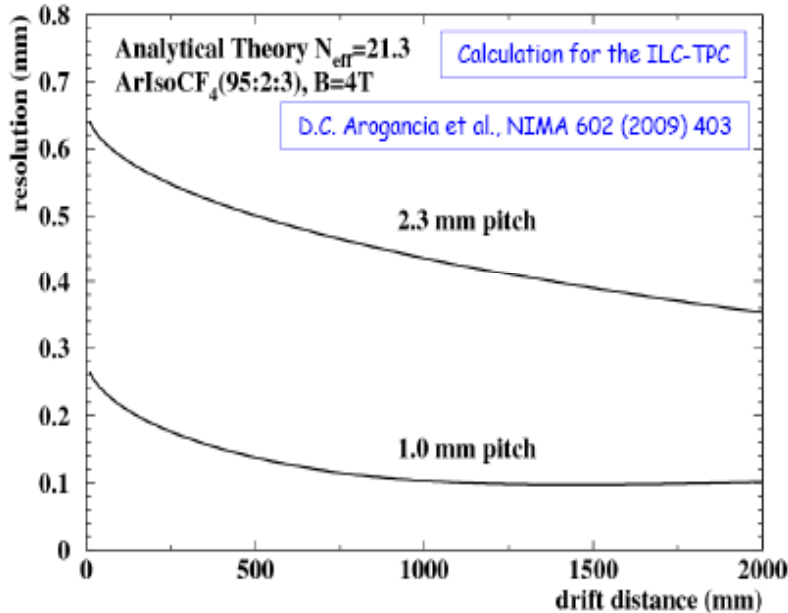
$$N_{eff} = \left[\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \right\rangle \left\langle \left(\frac{G}{\bar{G}} \right)^2 \right\rangle \right]^{-1} = 21 < \langle N \rangle = 71$$

K may be dependent of the amplification scheme. If K is small, then N_{eff} can be $\rightarrow 35$. In the case of GEM, N_{eff} seems to be 20-25.

Position Resolution GEM and MicroMEGAS

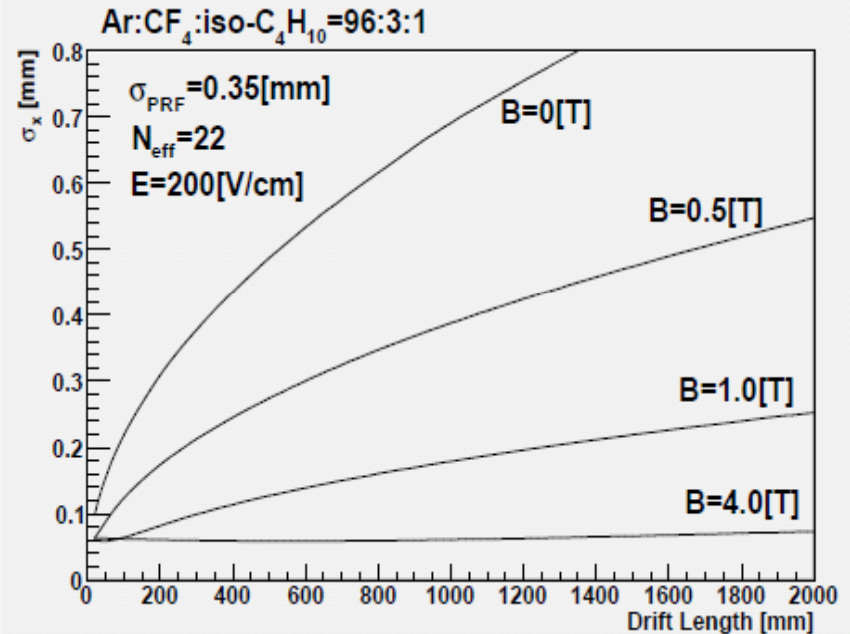
MicroMEGAS

RMS (avalanche) on pads = $15\mu\text{m}$



GEM

1mm x 6 mm pads
RMS (avalanche) $350\mu\text{m}$

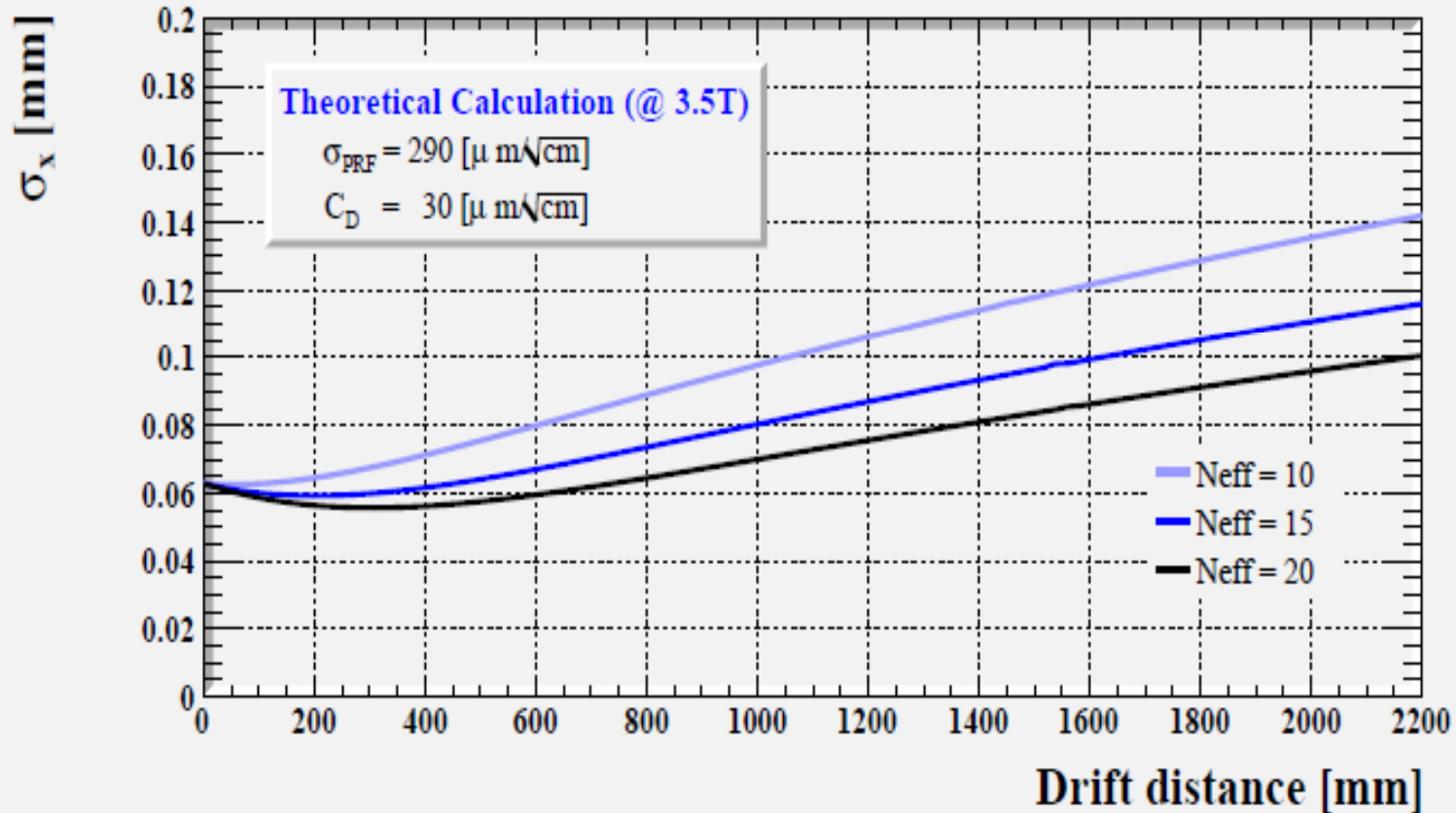


MicroMEGAS needs a resistive anode to widen the signal.

Position Resolution: Neff

Calculation for ILC TPC

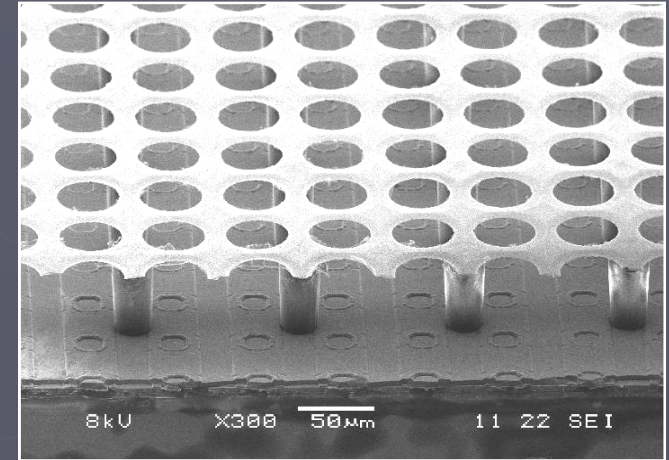
Spatial Resolution



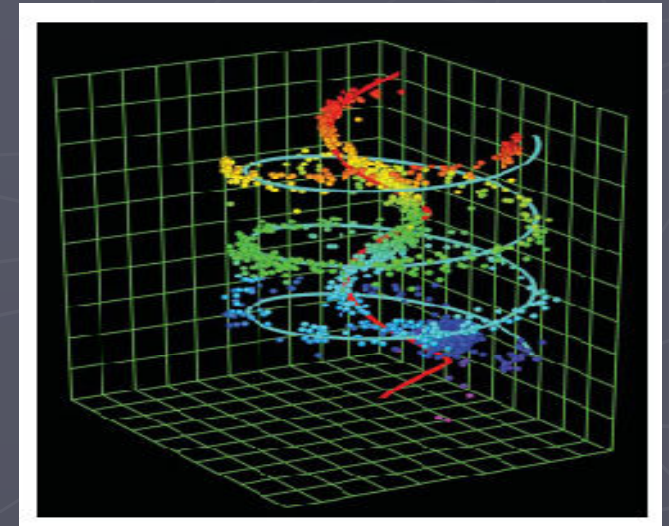
These calculations are for GEM. The dependence on N_{eff} is similar for MicroMEGAS in large drift distance.

Silicon Pixel Readout of MicroMEGAS TPC:

- **Ingrid MicroMEGAS Timepix:** Integrated grid, i.e., MicroMEGAS mesh on the top of the CMOS chip. Now even two layers.
- To prevent discharge (in particular in Ar-based gases) to kill the chip, a discharge protection of high-resistive ($\sim 10^{11}$) $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ amorphous Si layer ($3 \rightarrow 20 \mu\text{m}$ thick) on top of CMOS chip was processed. Now also Si(rich) N protection.
- Good energy resolution of Ingrid devices
- Ion backflow of a few per-mil level at high field ratio.
- Still need higher gain (a few 1,000).
- MicroMEGAS + TimePix can be **Digital TPC** avoiding the effect of the gain fluctuation, possibly improving the spatial resolution by a few 10 %.
- **More R&D needed:** silicon trough hole to minimize dead region and 3D chip technology to implement high speed DAQ.



"Ingrid" + a-Si protection



5 cm³ Digital TPC with MicroMEGAS
Two electron tracks from ⁹⁰Sr source

DIGITAL TPC : Toward Ultimate Resolution

(1) Detect all drift electrons individually along track with microscopic pixel

(2) Measure position of each primary electron digitally with necessary precision (50 μm pixels)

→ No deterioration due to the gas gain fluctuation

(Narrow signal spread of MicroMEGAS $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$ is the key.)

To beat out the analog MPGD TPC in term of momentum resolution of TPC, need very high detection efficiency of primary electrons:

(a) At the chip level (actually measured to be close to 100%: next slide)

(b) No geometrical dead space in TPC application (continuous measurement along track) requires;

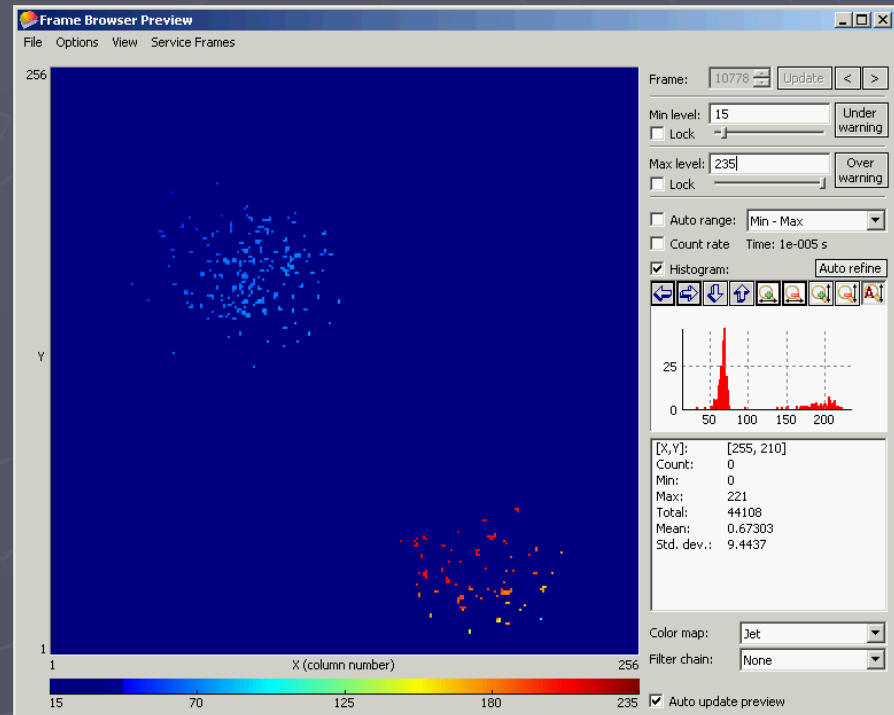
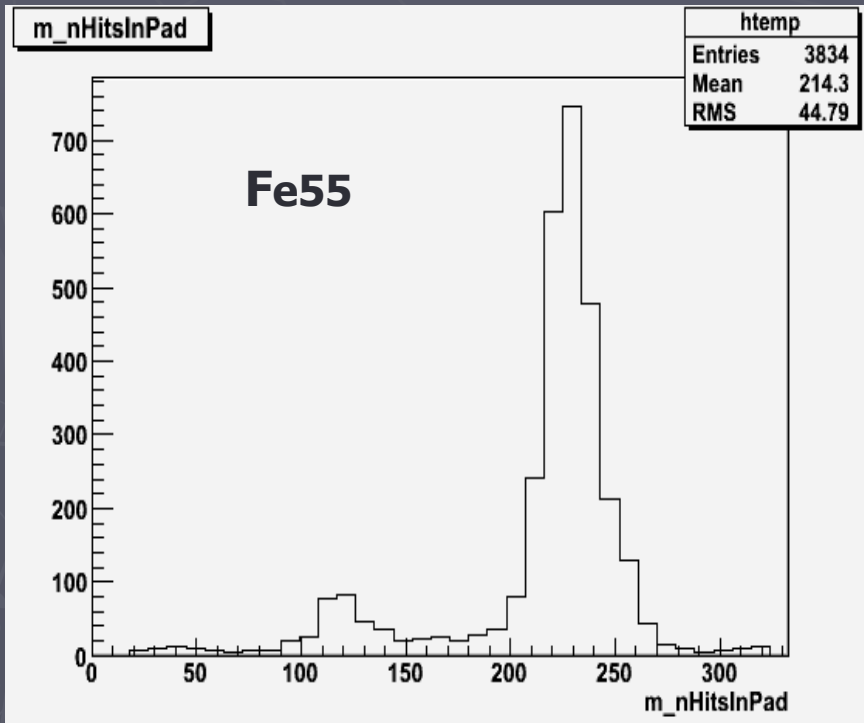
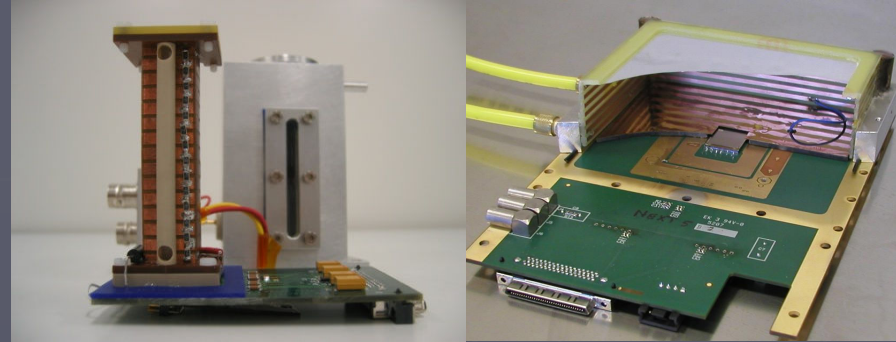
- (i) Silicon through-hole to route TimePix signal to its backside, and**
- (ii) compact/high speed data readout**

DIGITAL TPC : Ultimate Resolution

MicroMEGAS + Timepix

Measure electrons from an X-ray conversion and count them and study the fluctuations (Nikhef-Saclay)

→ **Single electron efficiency seems to be high enough.**

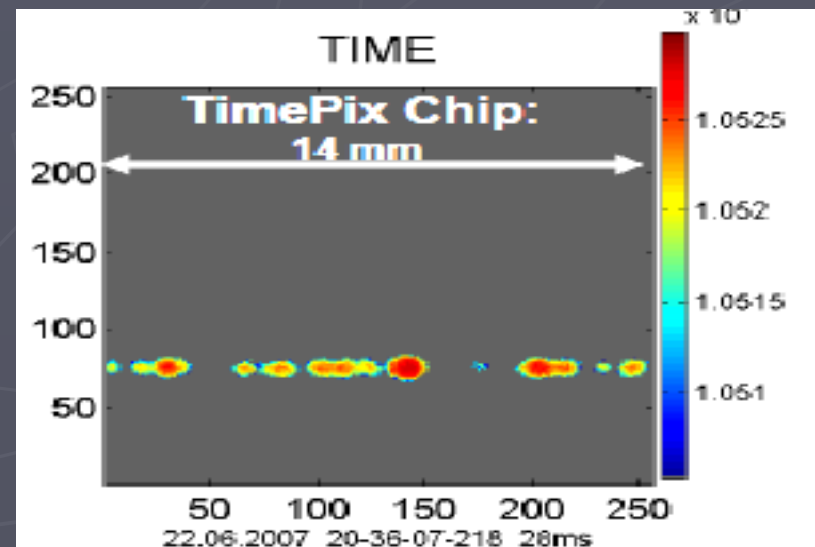
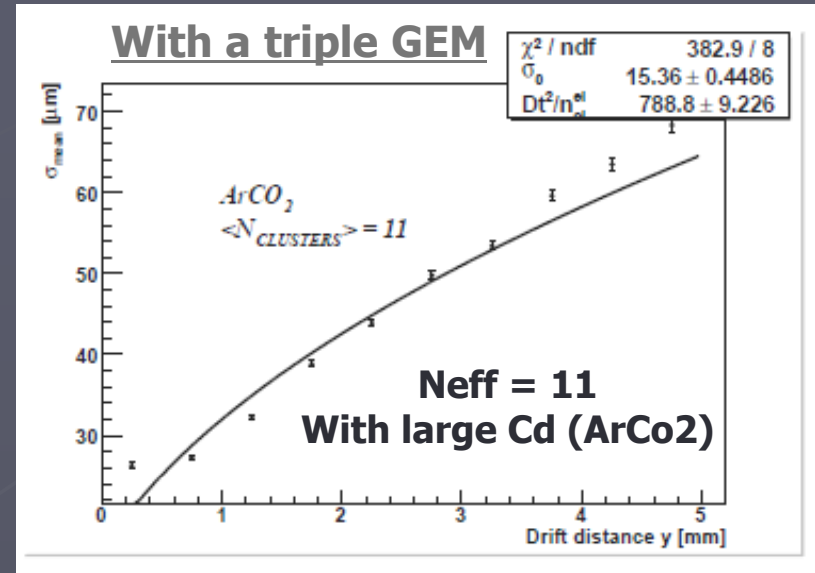


Silicon Pixel Readout of MPGD TPC GEM

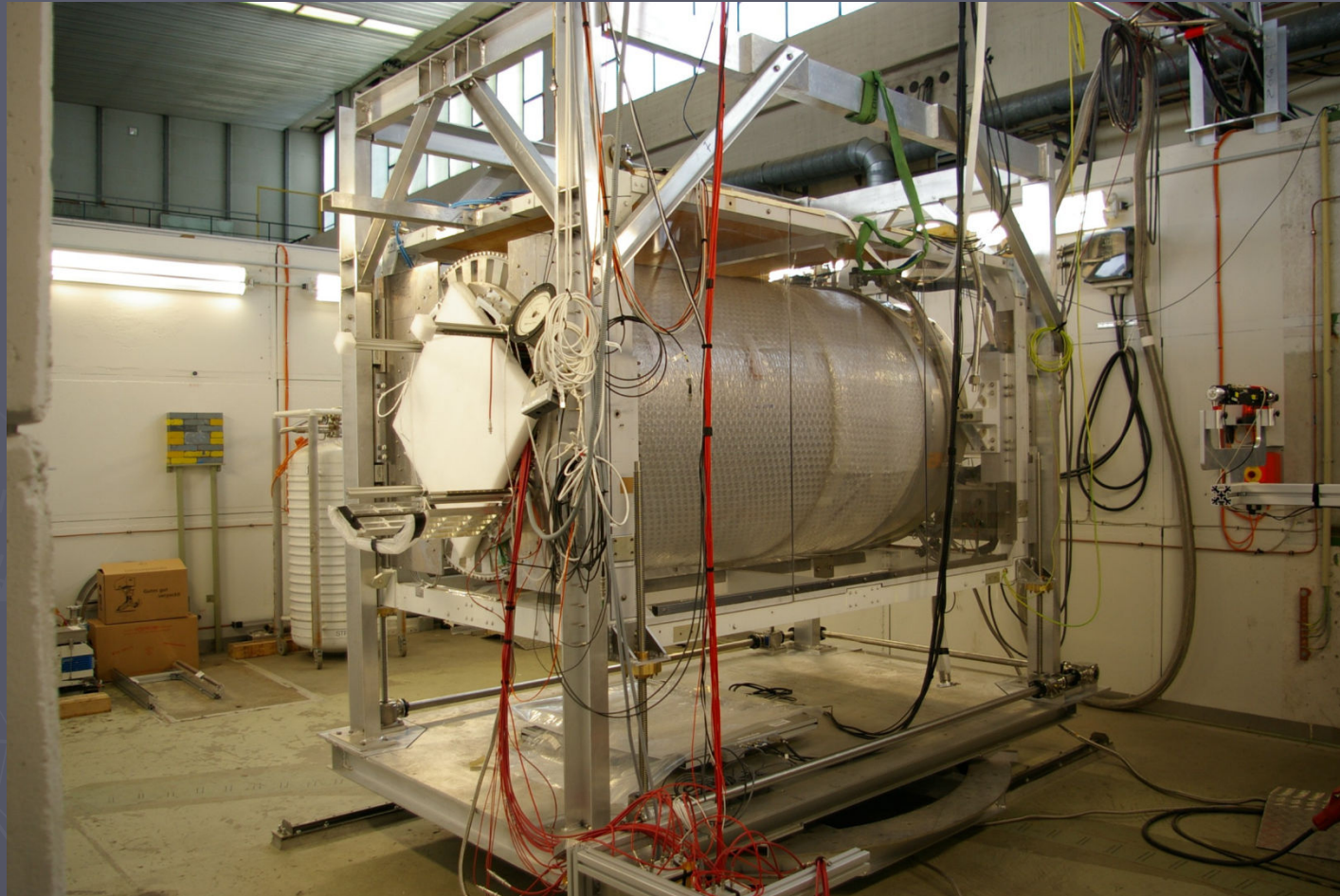
Freiberg & Bonn

- From Medipix to Timepix chip in 2006 (CERN): 256x256 pixels of 55x55 μm^2 with a preamp, a discriminator and a counter to measure drift time.
- Detailed beam test at DESY since 2007. GEM+Timepix sees “bubbles” which show the size of signal spread of GEM and may contain more than one primary electrons.
- **Detection efficiency of the primary electron, or N_{eff} , is an issue to apply to ILC TPC. (The rapid deterioration of the position resolution as drift distance increases.)**
- It is very attractive with its powerful graphic capability though.

Results of DESY beam test
triple GEM +Timepix (Freiberg + Bonn)



TPC Large Prototype Beam Test (LP1)



LP1 at DESY T24-1 beam area

Please refer to Klaus Dehmelt' stalk

TPC Large Prototype Beam Test at DESY (LP1 Test)

Goals

1. Study, in practice, design and fabrication of all components of MPGD TPC in larger scale; field cage, endplate, detector modules,, front-end electronics and field mapping of non uniform magnetic field. (But not yet the engineering stage.)
2. **Demonstrate full-volume trucking in non-uniform magnetic field, trying to provide a proof for the momentum resolution at LC TPC.**
 1. Demonstrate dE/dX capability of MPGD TPC.
 2. Study effects of detector boundaries.
3. Develop methods and software for alignment, calibration, and corrections.

(Beijing tracker review, Jan 2007)

(What we have done by 2009 are 1 and 2)

TPC Large Prototype Tests: LP1

2008:

Nov-Dec MicroMEGAS modles w/ resistive anode (T2K electronics)

2009:

Feb-Apr 3 (2) Asian GEM Modules w/o Gating GEM (3,000ch ALTRO electronics)

Apr TDC electronics with an Asian GEM Module

Apr-May Maintenance of PCMAG

May-Jun MicroMegas w/ two different resistive anodes (New T2K electronics)

Setup and test of laser–cathode calibration

Jun GEM+Timepix

Jun Instalation of PCMAG lifting stage and Si support structure

July TDC electronics with an Asian GEM module

ALTRO electronics w/ an Asian GEM module

July-Aug Installation of PCMAG lifting stage

Aug MicroMegas w/o resistive anode with laser-cathode calibration

Sept A Bonn GEM module (A small aria GEM with ALTRO electronics)

TPC Large Prototype Beam Test: LP1

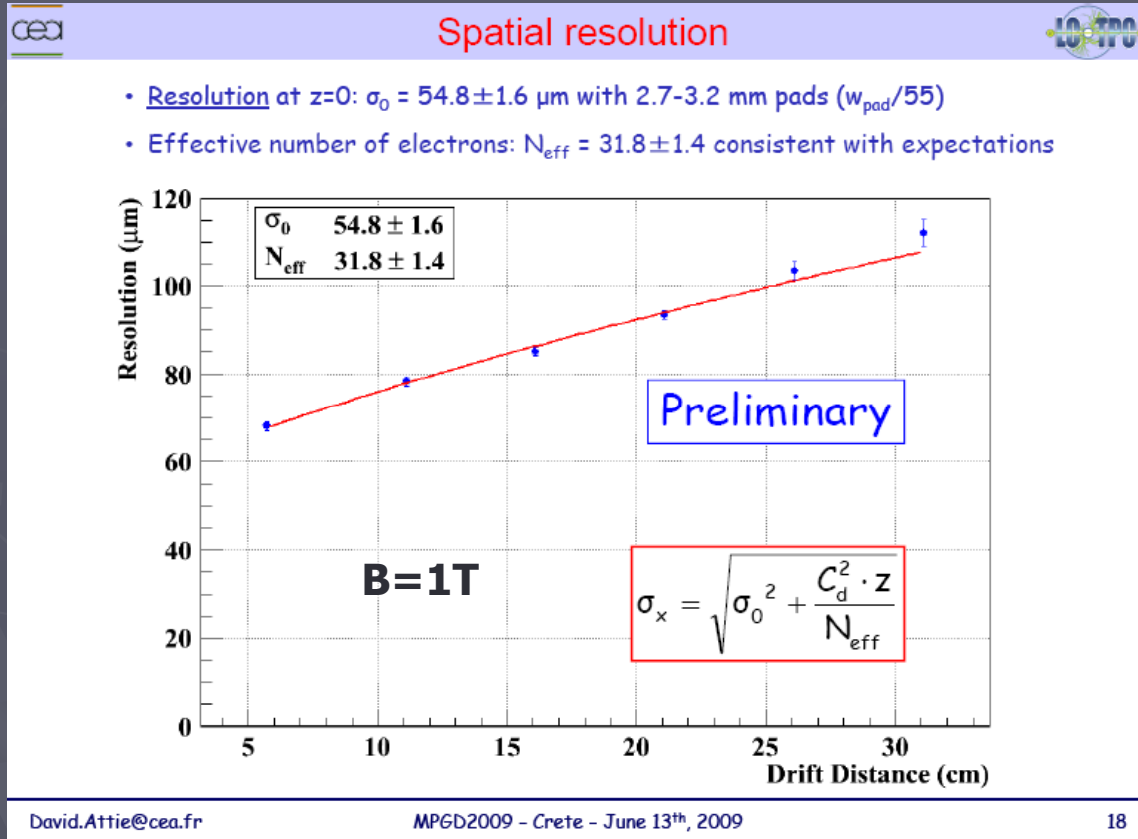
Ready for Momentum Measurement

- (1) Confirmed **the point resolutions** of MicroMEGAS and GEM observed in small prototypes (2008-2009)
 - (2) Tested **larger and new resistive anodes** for MicroMEGAS (2009)
 - (3) Commissioned two new electronics; **ALTRO with new preamp PAC16** and **new T2K electronics**. Found their excellent performances.
 - (4) **Precision mapping of PCMAG** (2008)
 - (5) Tested a calibration method of laser-cathode pattern (2009).
 - (6) Test with Si envelop (2009-2010)
- (+) From mid Nov 2009 to March 2010 no Liq He supply at DESY. The DESY Liq He plant is moved inside DESY.

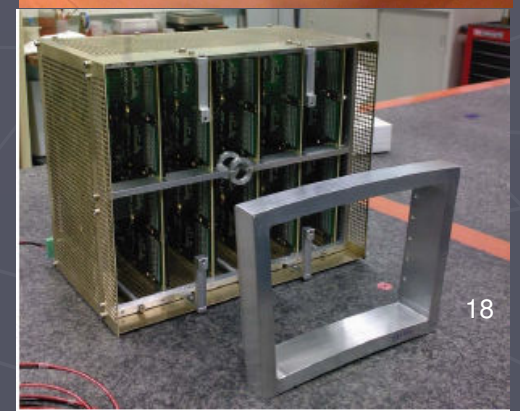
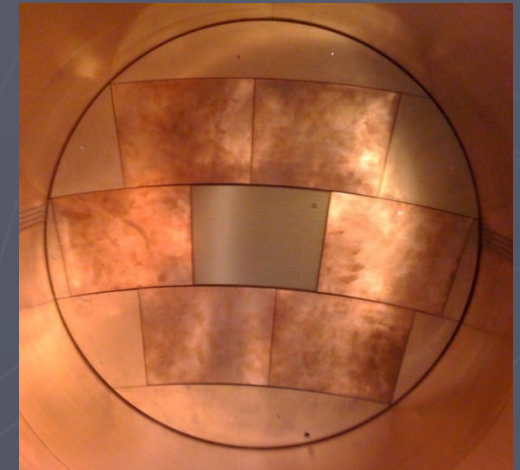
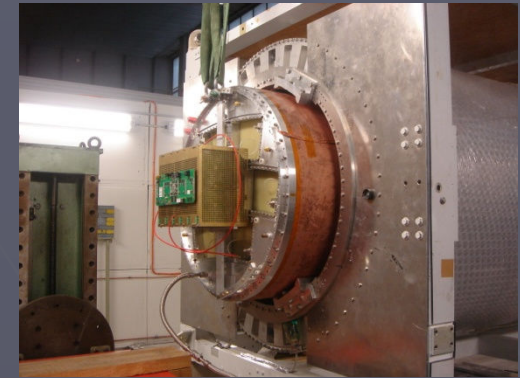
LP1 Result

MicromEGAS with Resistive Anode

Special Resolution

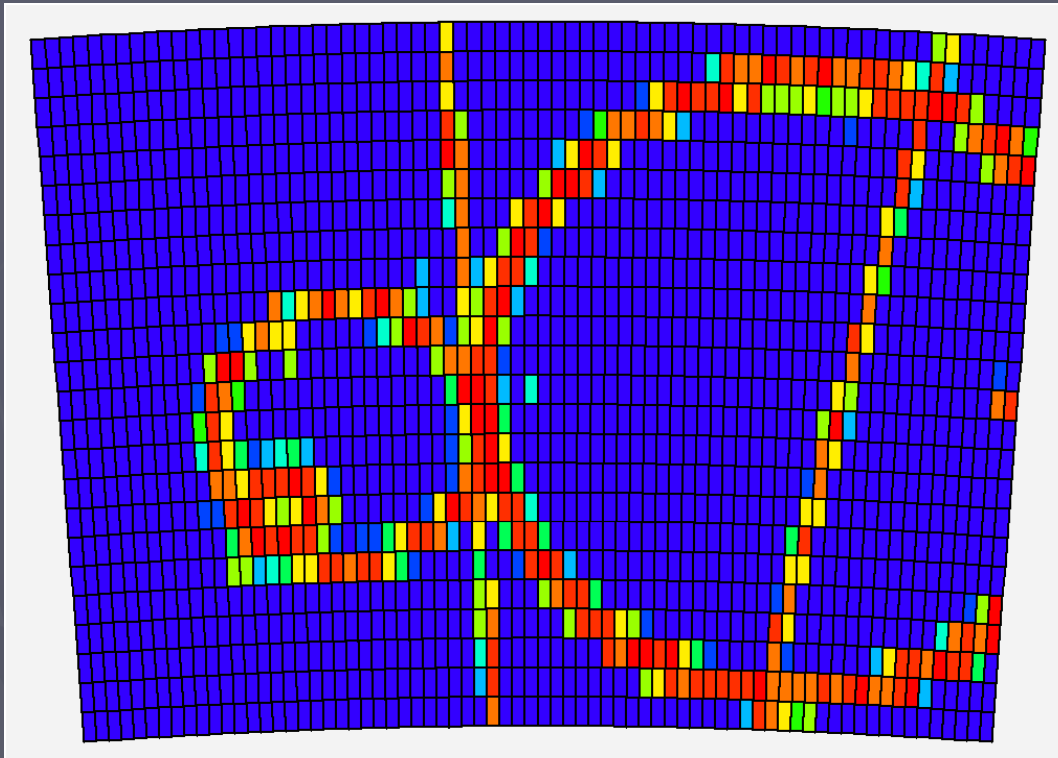


Consistent with the result from the small prototype. **$N_{\text{eff}} \sim 32, \sigma(0) \sim 55 \mu\text{m}$**

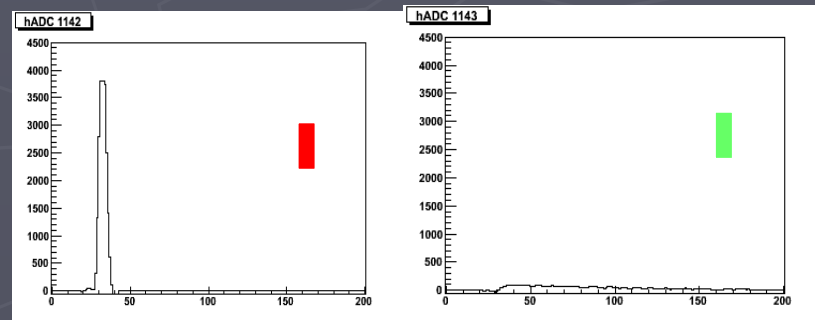
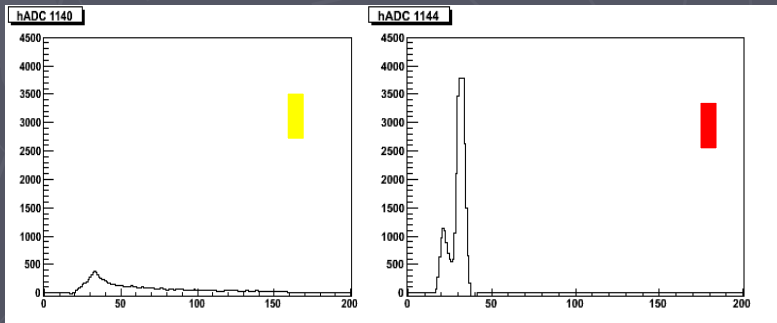


MicroMEGAS with Resistive Anode

David Attie



- $B = 1T$
- T2K gas
- Peaking time: 100 ns
- Frequency: 25 MHz
- $z = 5$ cm

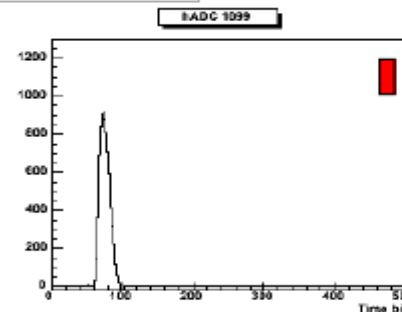
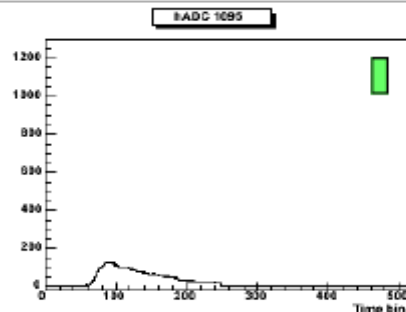
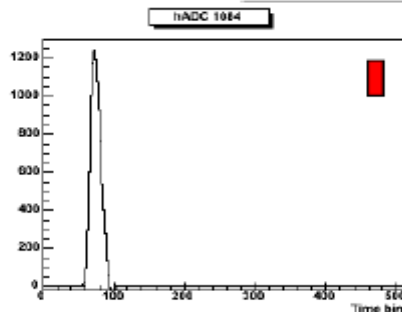
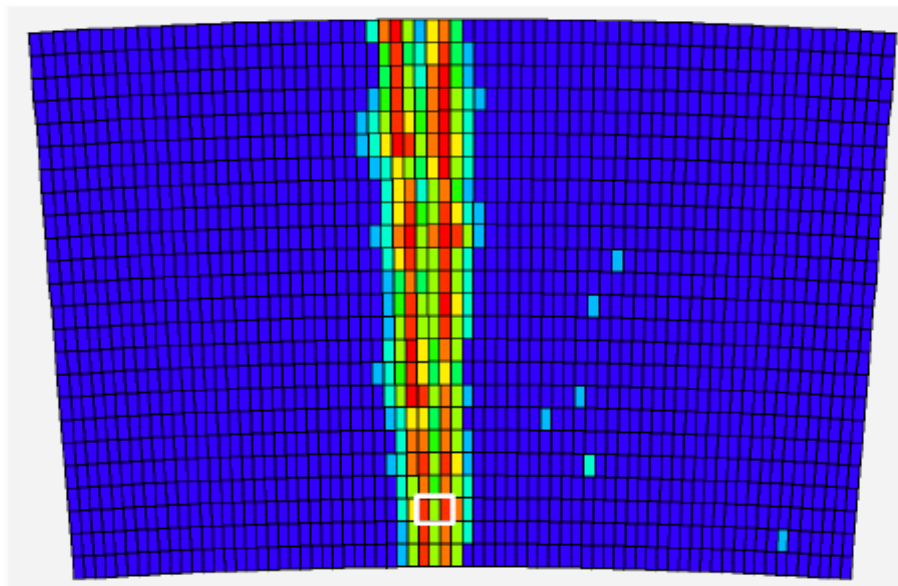


MicroMEGAS with Resistive Anode

Double Track separation and signals in time.

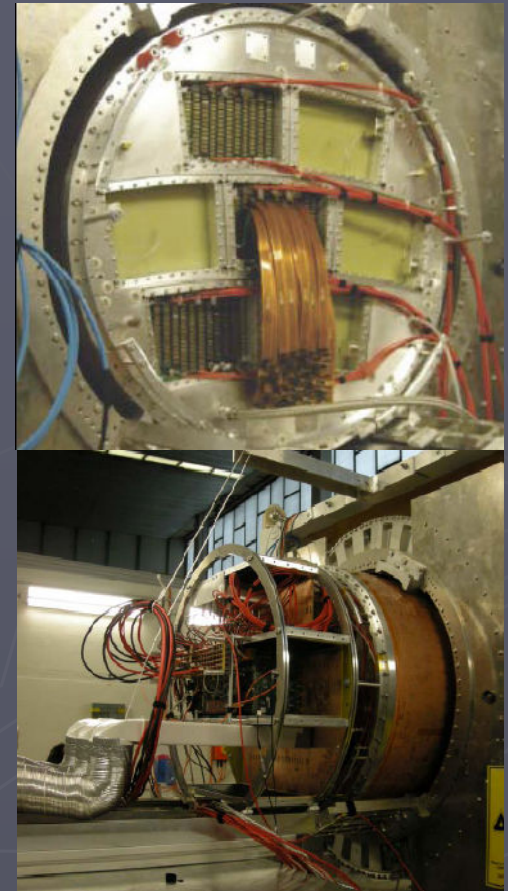
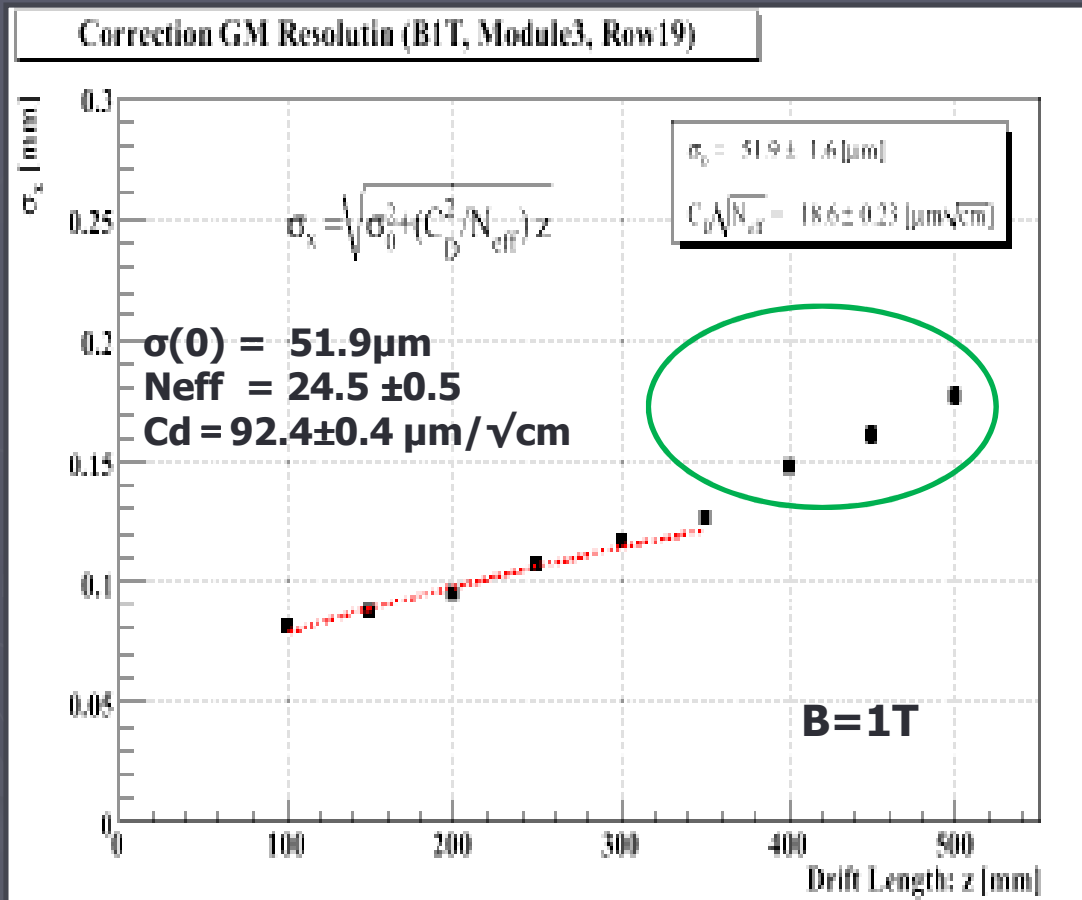


Two-track separation



(Long duration of signals on side pads)

Asian GEM Module: Position Resolution



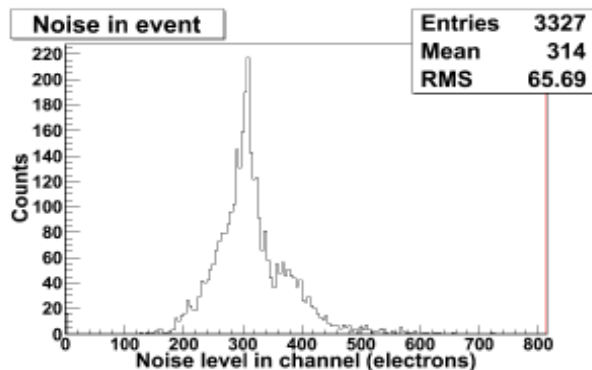
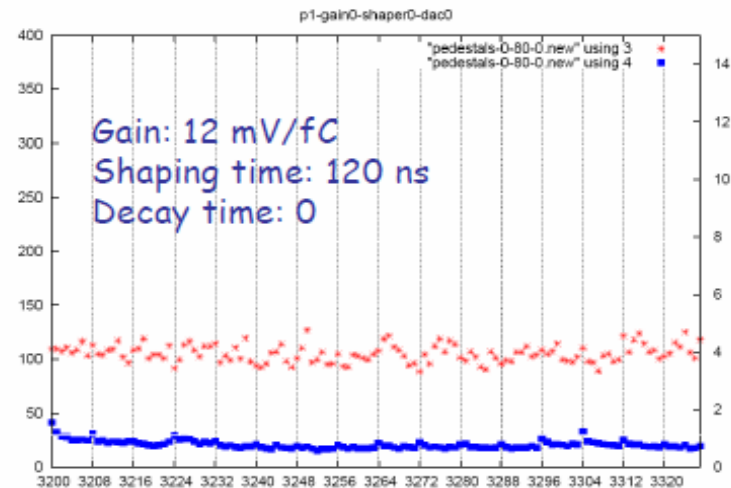
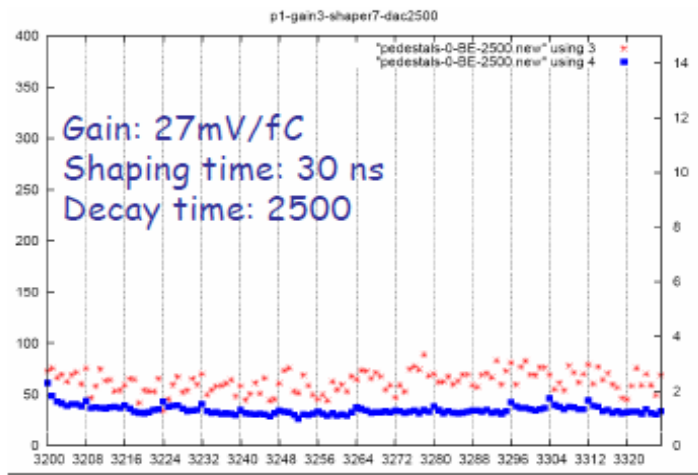
Consistent with results from small prototype tests: $\sigma(0) \sim 52\mu\text{m}$, $N_{eff} \sim 24-25$.

Deviation from expectation in the large drift distances is due to the change of PCMAG field seen by MPGD module. At the time of beam test the PCMAG lifting stage was under preparation.

Asian GEM Modules + 3,000ch ALTRO Electronics

Beam Test in Spring 2009 w/o gating GEM

Typical pedestal runs (FEC 26)



Noise distribution of 3000 channels in the 3 module set-up with gain 12 mV/fC and shaping time 120 ns

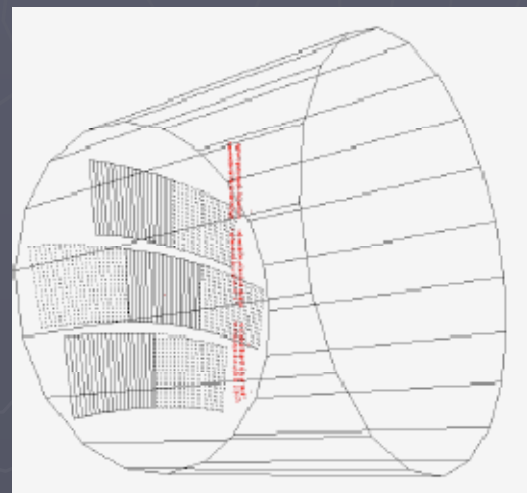
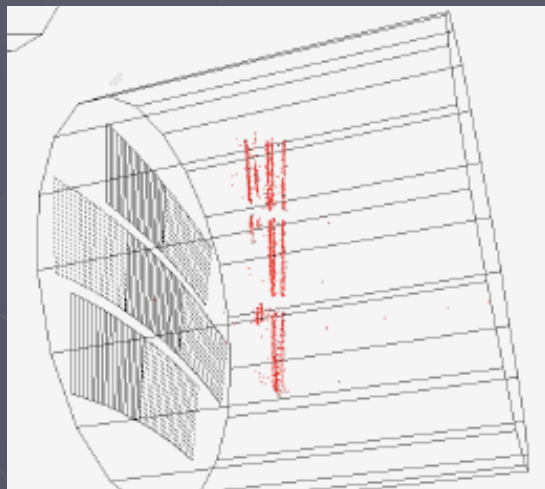
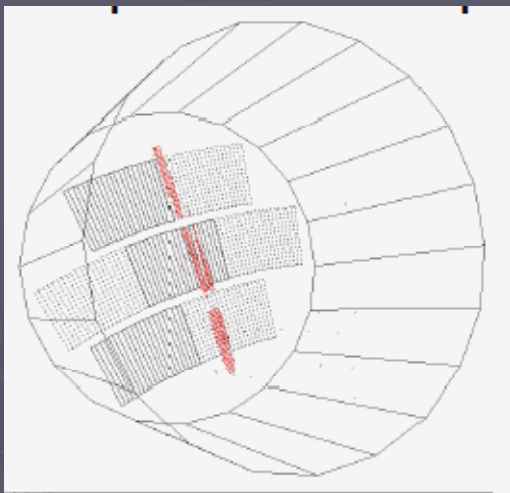
Note: the average noise is 314 electrons

With 25 cm long flat-flexible cables

Asian GEM Modules + 3,000ch ALTRO Electronics Beam Test in Spring 2009 w/o gating GEM

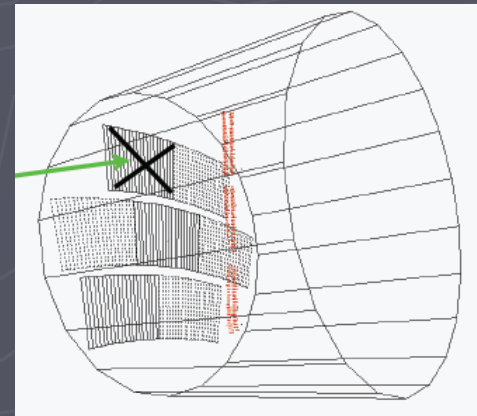
3,000ch ALTRO electronics distributed in a limited area along beam
→ Missing track elements.

The noise level of ALTRO electronics is 340 electrons with the 25 cm long flexible flat cables.



One of the modules started to draw current due to the provisional electrode on the frame of the top GEM in the absence of the gating GEM. The rest (most) of the data taking was performed only with two modules. Missing gate GEM causes some distortion.

Practice of the LP1 goals No. 1 (!?)



TPC Large Prototype Beam Test: LP1 in 2010

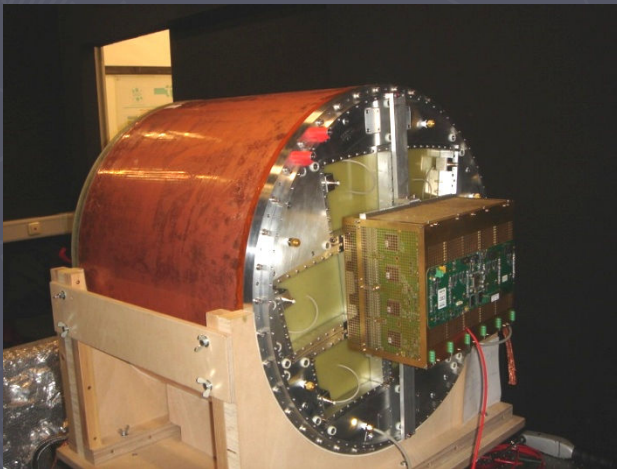
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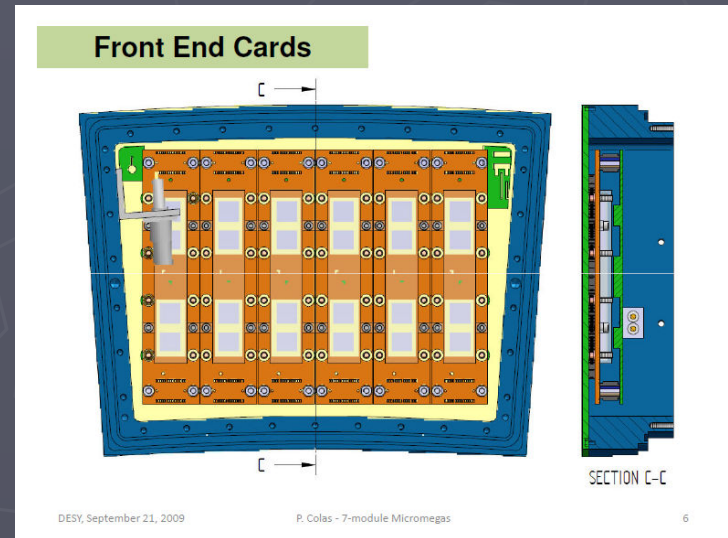
Spring 3-4 Asian GEM Modules w/ gating GEM (10,000ch ALTRO electronics)
DESY GEM modules (w/ wire gating?) (10,000ch ALTRO electronics)

Fall 7 MicroMEGAS modules w/ resistive anode (12,000ch T2K electronics)

MicroMEGAS module



Over sized electronic in 2008-2009



MicroMEGAS modules in 2010

(Unfortunately T2K electronics can not be used at ILC TPC!)

Measurement of Momentum Resolution

LP 1

Two steps:

(1) $\sigma_{r\phi}$: **OK**

← MPGD TPC

← Gas of low diffusion (high $\omega\tau$) : Ar:CF₄:Isobutene (T2K gas)

(2) Momentum resolution:

← **Non uniformity of PCMAG magnetic field (in purpose → ILC)**

← Distortion of other sources: Field cage, endplate

← Distortion due to ion feedback (Ion disks)

→ **Tracking Software for the non uniform magnetic field (Urgent!)**

TPC Large Prototype Beam Test (LP2) from 2011 Current Plan

2010 Continue LP1 test at DESY

2011 Move to a high momentum hadron beam:

← Limitation using electron beam to measure momentum.

→ Options of magnet

Move the current PCMAG

Find a proper high field magnet accommodates
current LP1 TPC (Solenoid preferable).

→ Build also a new field cage with a laser track calibration

→ With TPC "Advanced Endplate" (need resources!)

Two Important R&D Issues in 2010-2012

Advanced endplate:

Requirement: **thickness 15% X_0**

Thin endplate

**High density, low power electronics to match small pads
(1 x 4mm) surface-mounted directly on the back of
pad plane of MPGD detector module**

Power delivery, power pulsing and cooling

LP2 with Advanced endplate

Ion Feed back and Ion disks:

Ion feed back ration and beam backgrounds

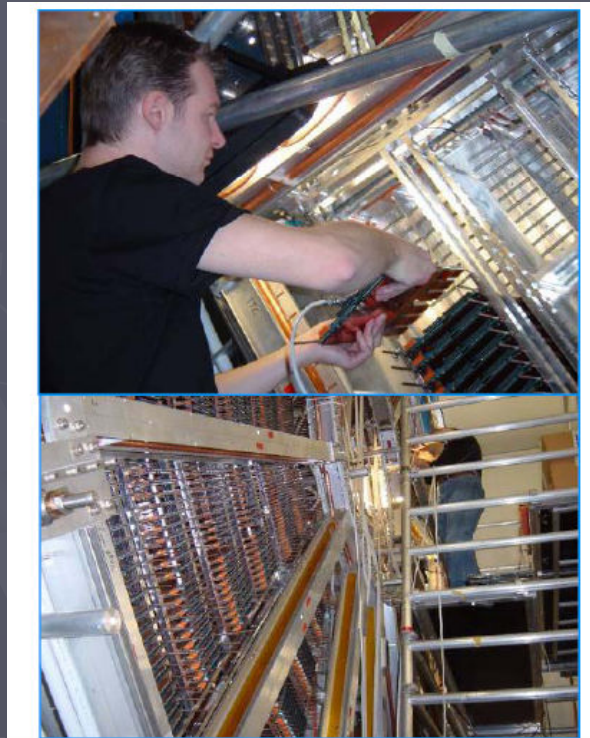
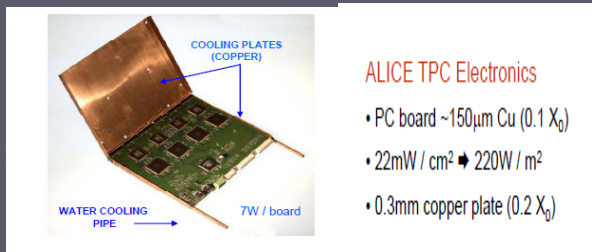
Estimate distortion due to the ion disks (simulation)

Options of gating device: Wire gating, GEM gating

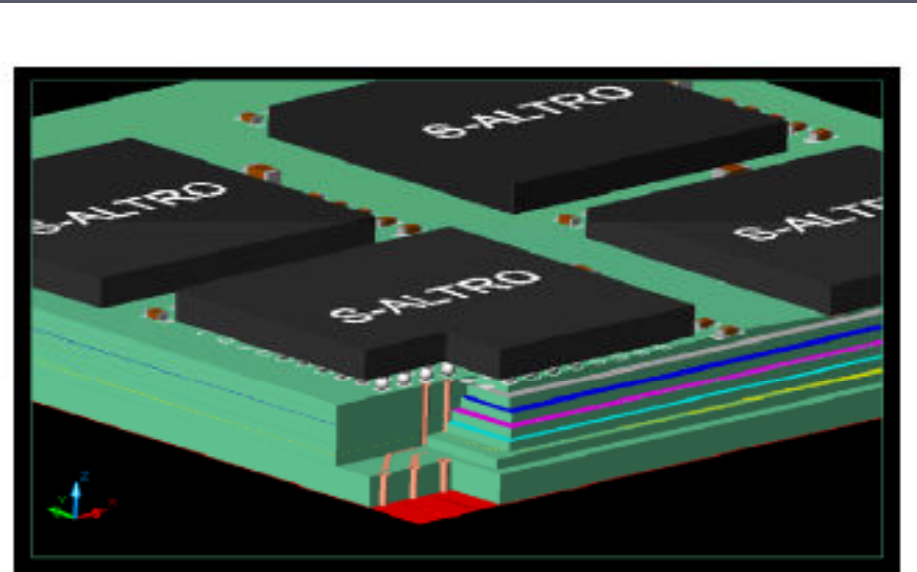
Methods of calibration

Advanced Endplate: S-ALTRO

High density, low power, low material electronics for TPC



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The S-ALTRO team at CERN

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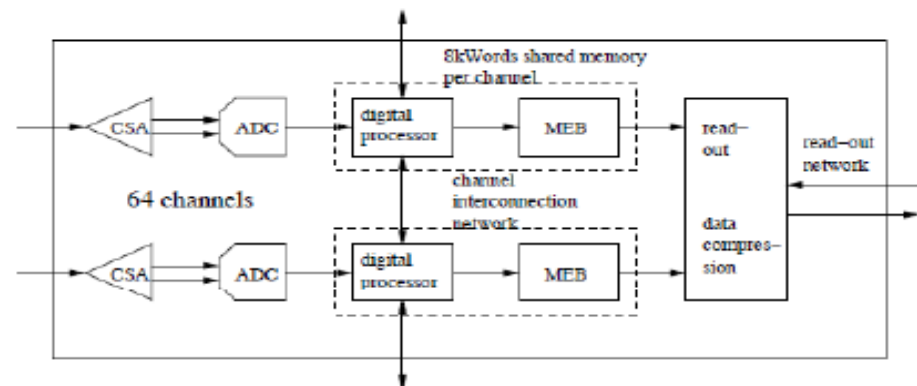
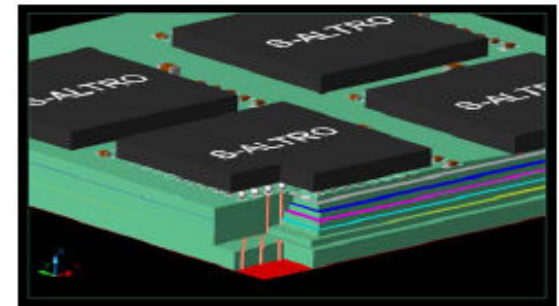
Advanced Endplate: S-ALTRO

High density, low power electronics for TPC

A multi purpose readout chip for TPC detectors

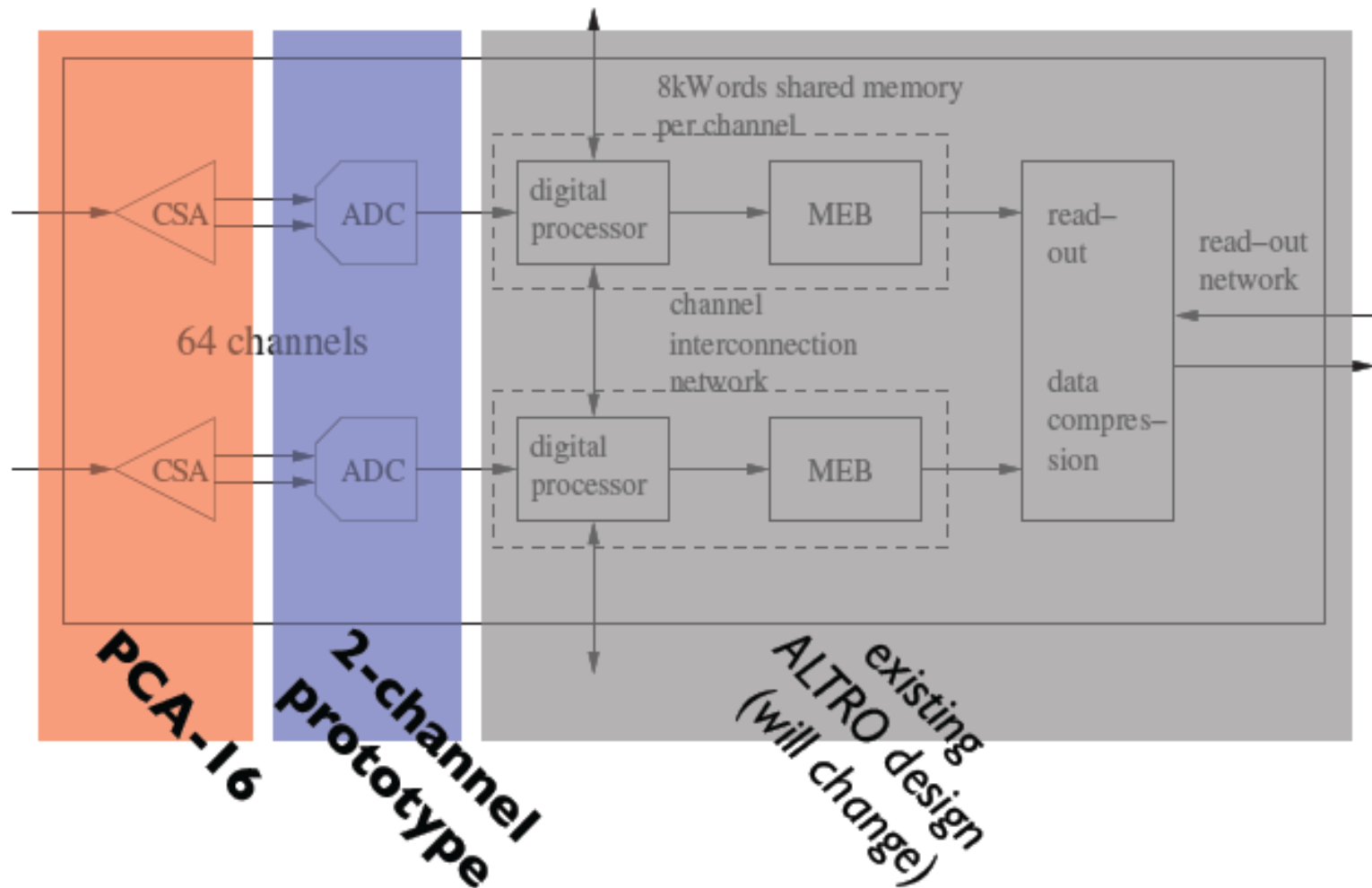
A multi-purpose readout chip for TPC detectors

- 64 complete readout channels (from detector pad to data link)
- programmable charge sensitive amplifier
 - sensitivity to a charge in the range $\sim 10^2 - \sim 10^6$
 - programmable shaping time in the range 30 to 300ns
- 10-bit 40 MSPS ADCs
- 8k multi acquisition memory per channel (dynamically allocated)
- digital signal conditioning (4th order IIR filter and FIR filter) for baseline correction
- 3-D zero suppression
- lossless data compression
- readout network controller
- output bandwidth 160 Mbyte/sec



Advanced Endplate: S-ALTRO

High density, low power electronics for TPC



Advanced Endplate: S-ALTRO

Chip size and Power consumption

L. Musa

Chip size: (*estimate)

Shaping amplifier	0.2 mm ²
ADC	0.7 mm ² (*)
Digital processor	0.6 mm ² (*)
When 1.5mm ² /channel	
64 ch/chip	→ ~ 100 mm²

PCB board ~ 27 x 27 cm²

⇒ ~16400 pads or 256 chips/board

Bare die flip-chip mounted or chip scale package

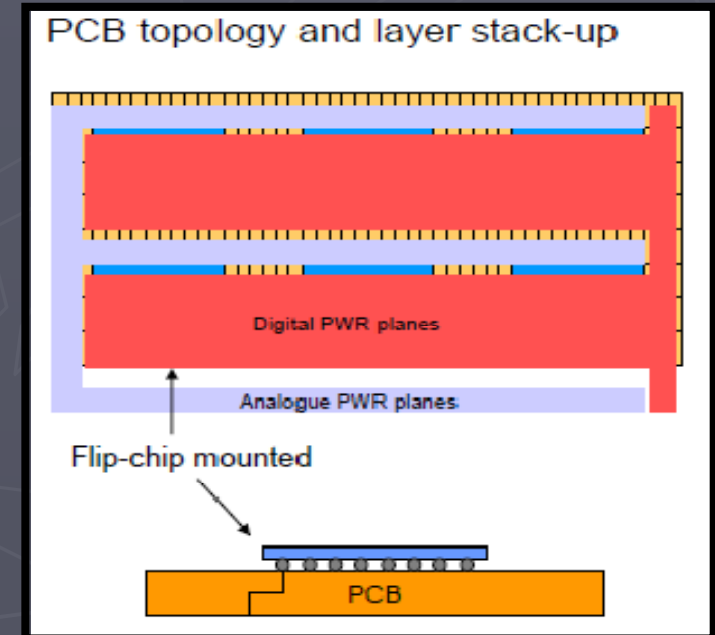
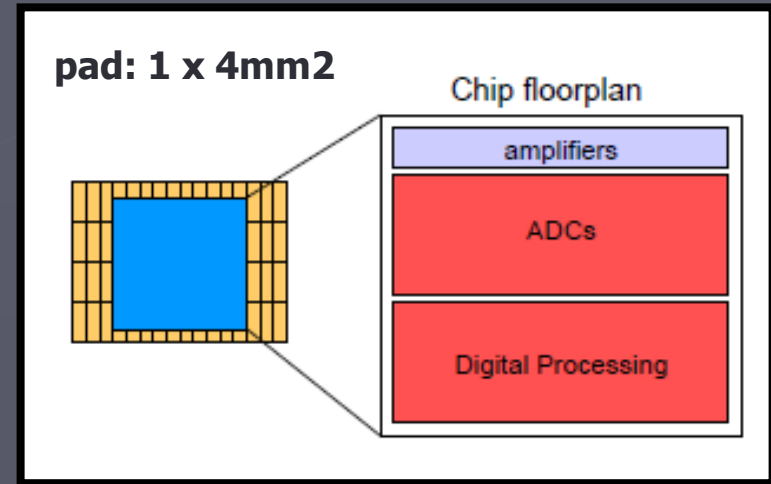
Minimum-size capacitors (0.6x0.3x0.3mm³)

Standard linear voltage regulators

Data link based on ALICE SPD GOL MCM

Power consumption: (*) 10 -40MHz

Amplifier	8 mW/channel
ADC	12-34 mW/channel (*)
Digital Proc	4 mW/channel
Power reg.	2 mW/channel
Data links	2 mW/channel
Power reg. eff.	75%
Total	32-60mW/channel (*)
Duty cycle:	1.5% (Electrical duty)
Average power	0.5 mW / channel
	100 -200W/m² (*)



Advanced Endplate: S-ALTRO

Status and Schedule

Status & Plans

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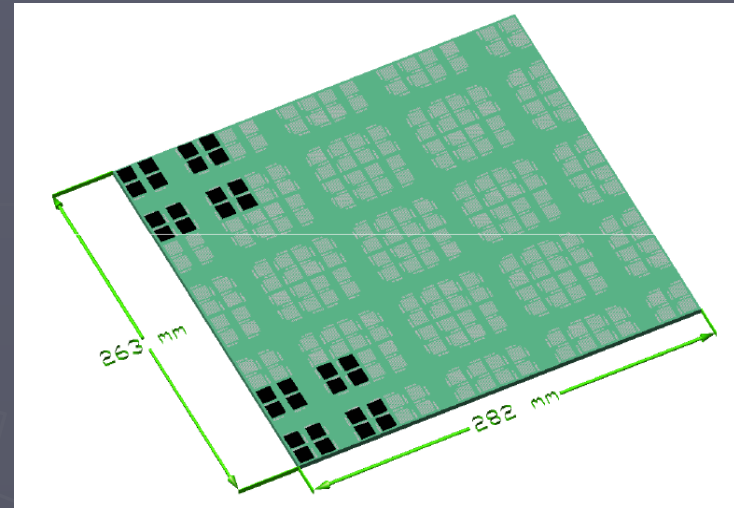
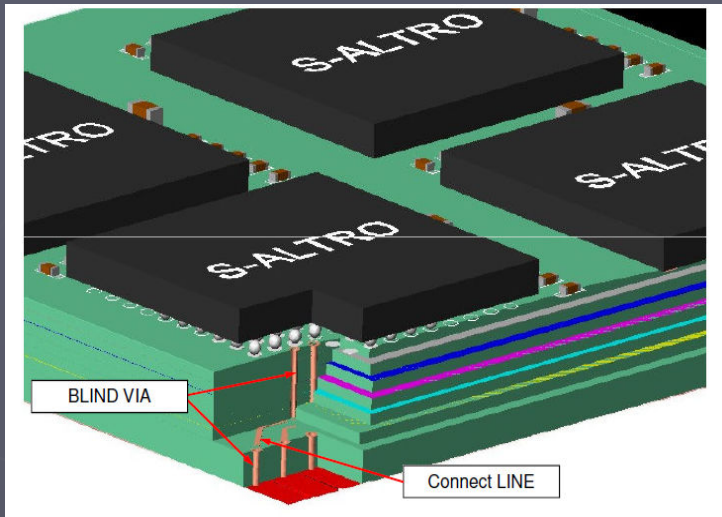
- 2006 12-channel prototype of CSA (no programmability)
- 2007 16-channel prototype programmable (1000 chips for LPTPC @ Desy)
- 2009 2-channel ADC prototype (samples expected in June)
- 08/09 specifications digital blocks and design entry (Verilog) of data processor
- 2009 first design of readout board

Plans

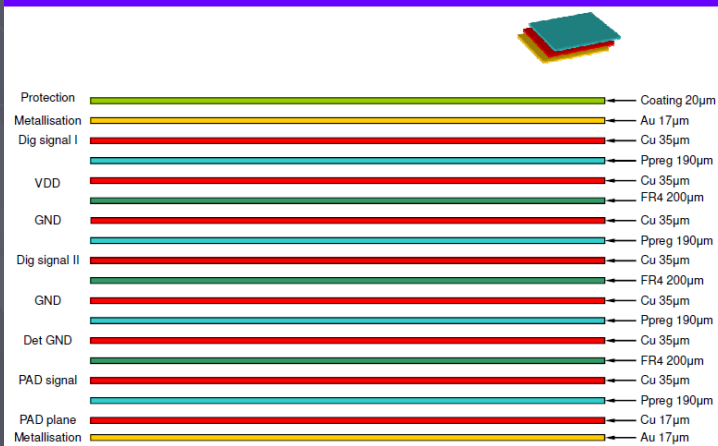
- 2009
 - characterization of ADC samples (Jul – Aug)
 - optimization of ADC design or ADC IP (S3) and migration to IBM 130nm
 - design of 16-channel of complete readout chain (with simplified digital processor)
- 2010
 - characterization of 16-channel prototype
 - decide how to continue the project according to the results achieved

Advanced Endplate: S-ALTRO

Design of Pad Board



LAYER STACKUP

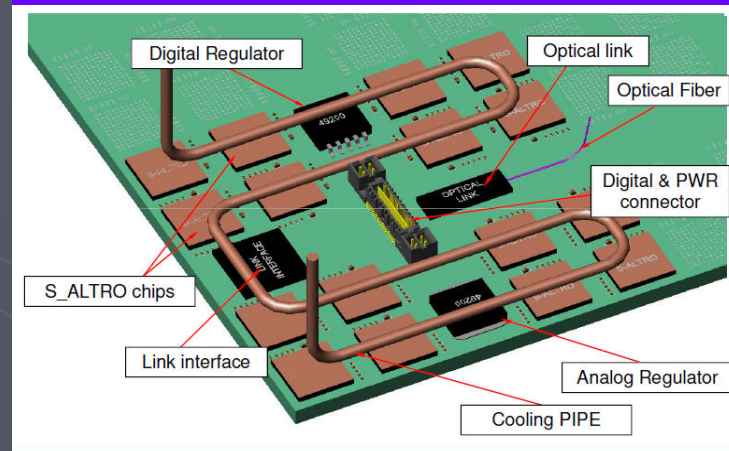


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18 layer PAD PCB

MODULE DETAILS



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Option of Cooling: 2-phase CO₂ cooling/traditional H₂O cooling

Advanced Endplate: PCB Test Test with Dummy Pad PCB

S-ALTRO Team
LC TPC groups

Test:

Power switching

Power delivery

Cooling:

Thermo-mechanical test of pad PCB

Dummy Pad PCB:

**Realistic design of pad PCB with all components
64ch S-ALTROs replaced by proper FPGAs and OP amp/ADC as
current load and heat source.**

Connect pads to the FPGA analog outputs

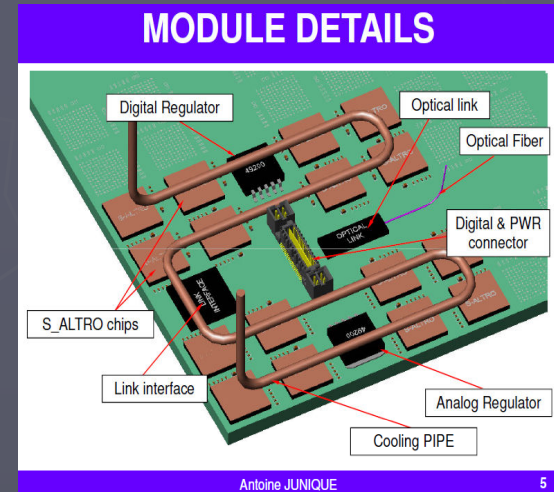
Try cooling by the 2-phase CO2 cooling

(AMS and LHCb: Bart Verlaat/Nikhef)

Test also digital software model/communication in FPGA

Test in high magnetic field

Schedule: 2010

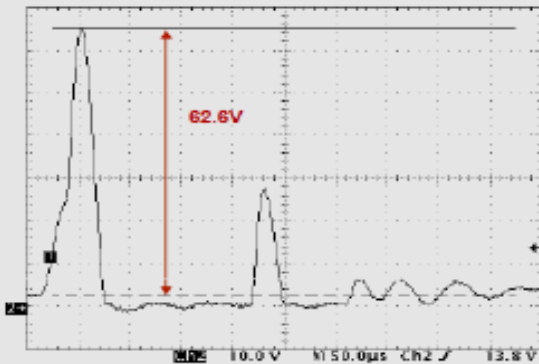


A case of digital power switching in ALICE

2. Power Pulsing

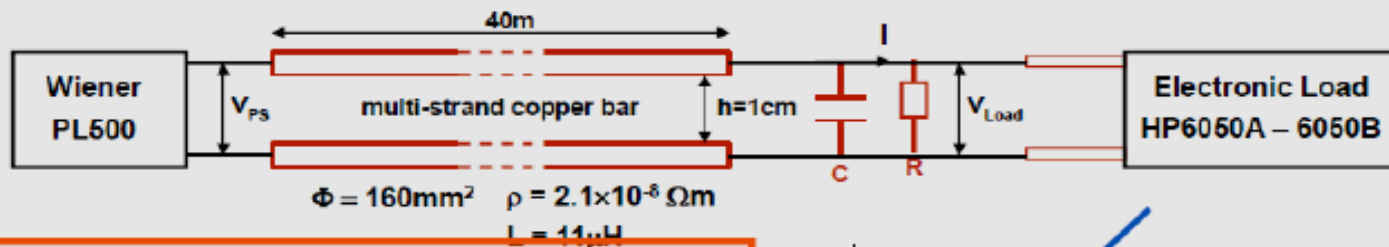
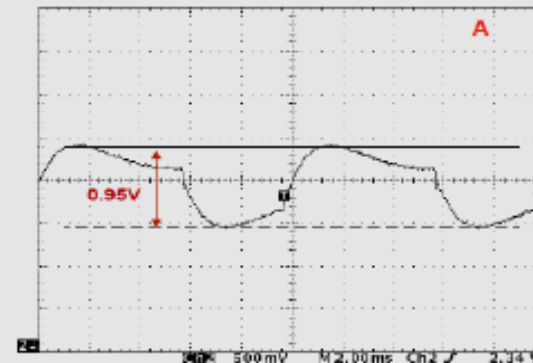
Configuration A
R = 0, C = 0

Sudden interruption of current can damage FEE

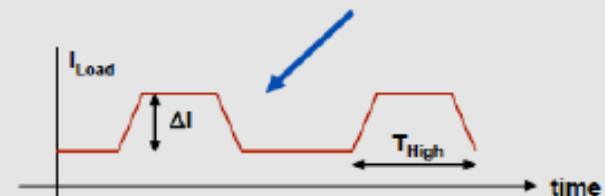


Configuration C
R = 25mΩ, C = 70mF

70mF in parallel to load can absorb the large spikes



To be tested with a system very similar to the real (S-ALTRO based) end-plate.



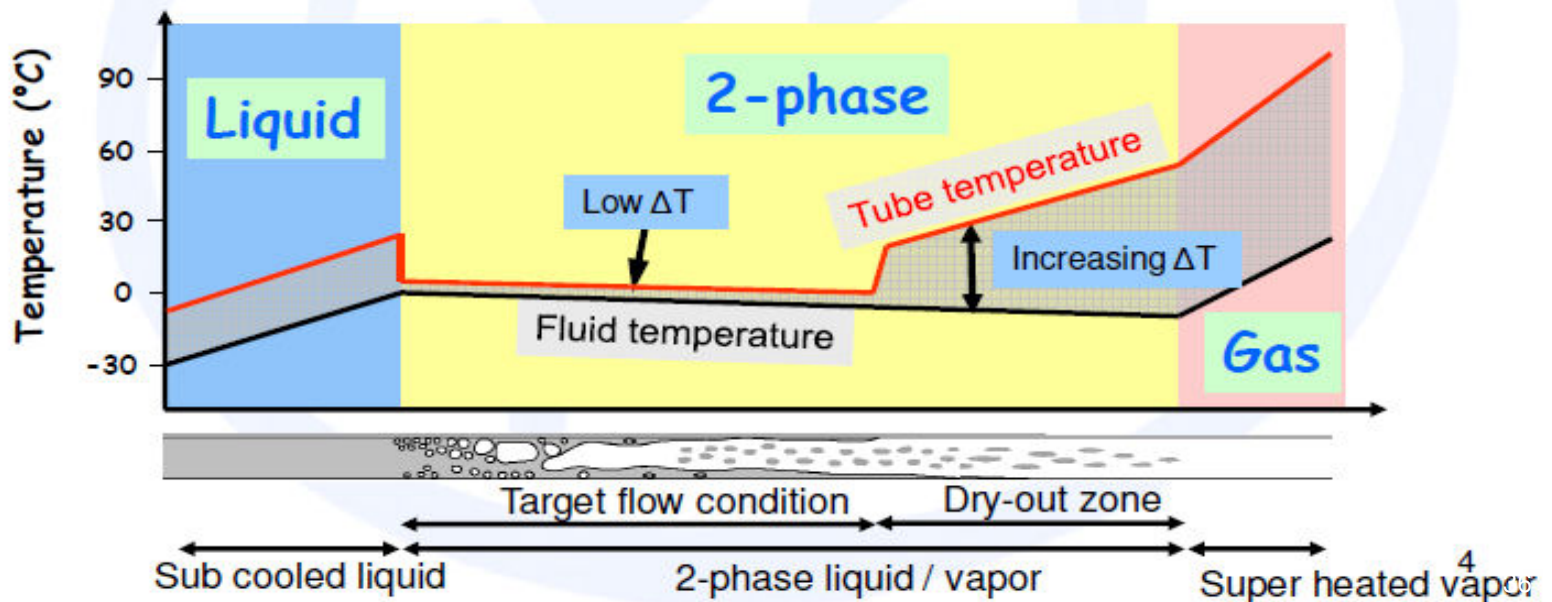
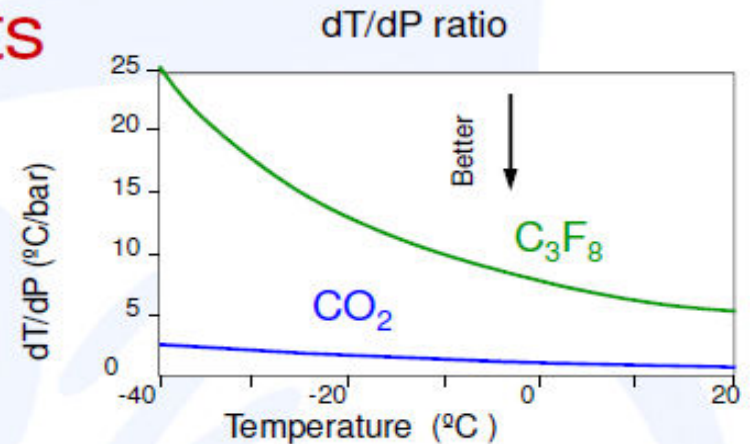
Advanced Endplate: Cooling

The option of the 2-phase CO₂ cooling

Bart Verlaat/Nikhef

Temperature gradients in cooling tubes

Low dT/dP ratio due to high pressure → **High pressure is good!**

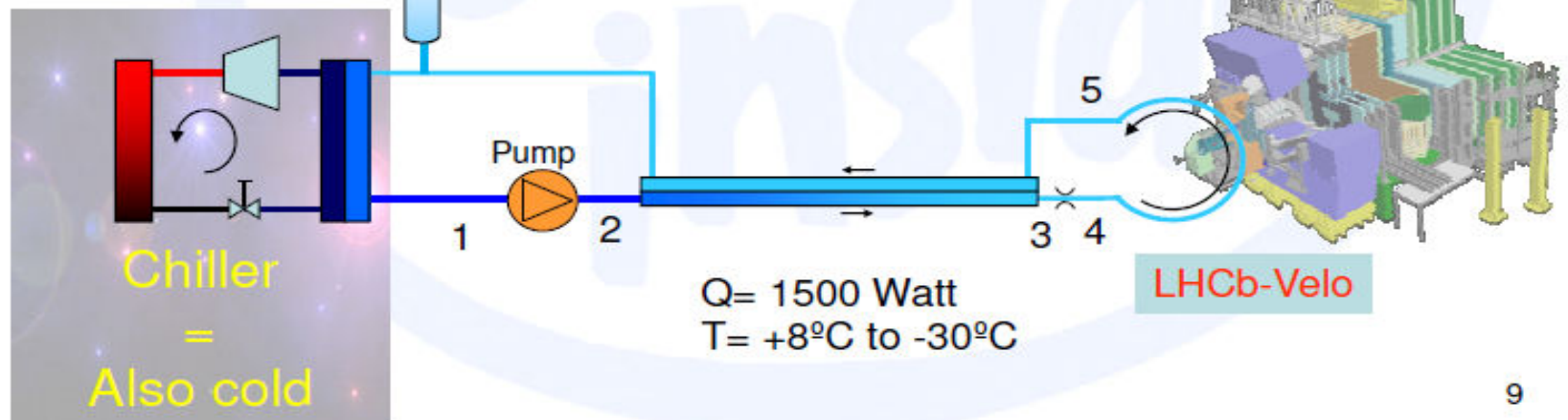
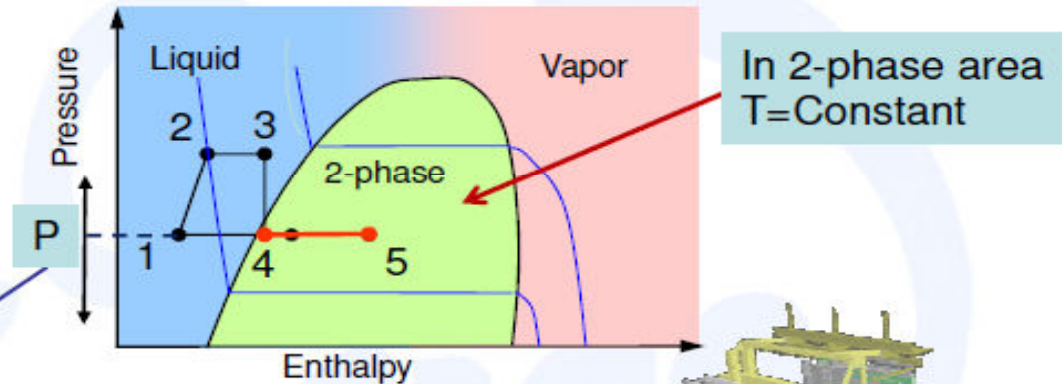


Advanced Endplate: Cooling Option of the 2-phase CO2 cooling



2-Phase Accumulator Controlled Loop (2PACL)

- 2PACL was developed for the AMS-TTCS
- 2PACL also implemented in LHCb-VELO



Advanced Endplate: Cooling Option of the 2-phase CO₂ cooling

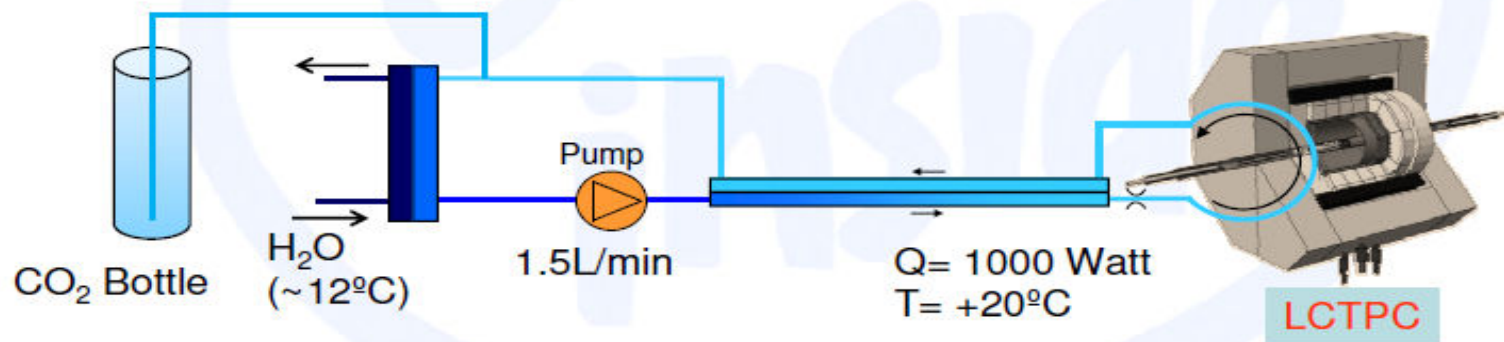


2PACL for LCTPC

Warm 2PACL very simple

- Accumulator is CO₂ bottle @ room temperature
- Cold source is cold water

Bottle temperature = Detector temperature



AMS-TTCS was tested in the same way
(Cold test done with bottle outside in winter)

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Advanced Endplate: Cooling

Preliminary Design Consideration for ILC TPC

Advantage of thin piping (high pressure)



TPC end plate cooling tube routing

Possible layout of the 6 loops option

Liquid supply ring (~5mm ID)

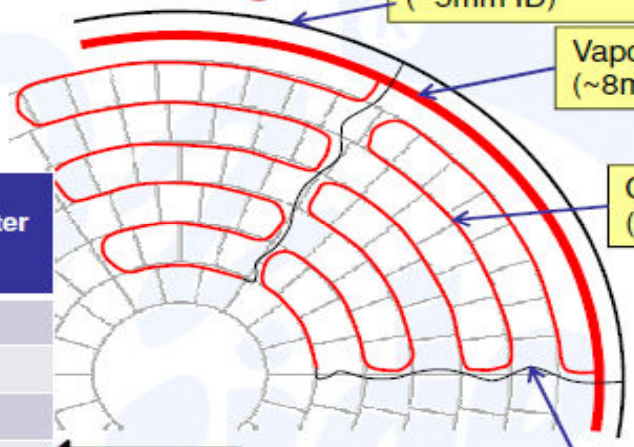
Vapor return ring (~8mm ID)

Cooling tube (~2.5mm ID)

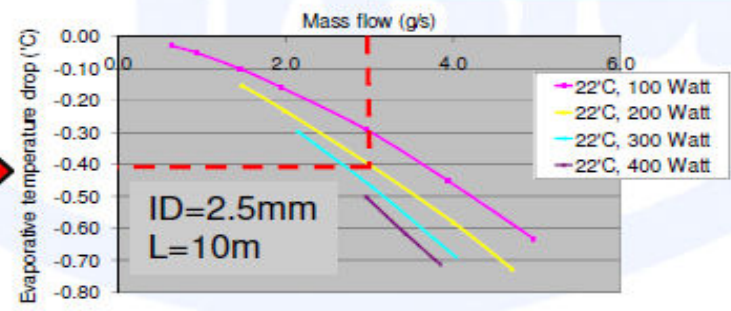
Inlet capillary (~1mm ID)
Restriction for flow distribution

Similar to AMS-TTCS

	Qty Frames / loop	Heat load per loop (W)	Tube length (m)	Inner diameter (mm)
1 loop	200	1000	48m	6.2
2 loops	100	500	24m	4.3
4 loops	50	250	12m	3
6 loops	34	171	8m	2.2



AMS test data (2001)
0.4°C temperature gradient



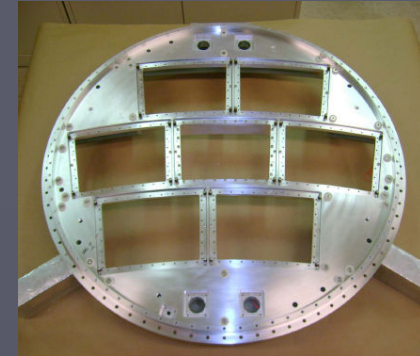
Advanced Endplate Thinning Endplate Structure

Current LP endplate: Al

Effective thickness:

Bare endplate: 1.4cmt Al (average)

Loaded with modules: 2.6cmt Al equiv.
(29% X_0)

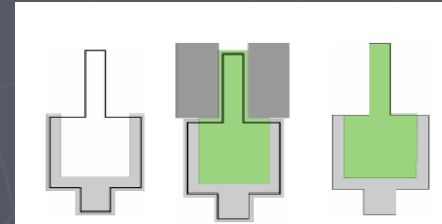


Next LP endplate:

Thinning the outer support area

Hybrid composite/aluminum on the mullions

→ already 15% X_0 from 29% X_0

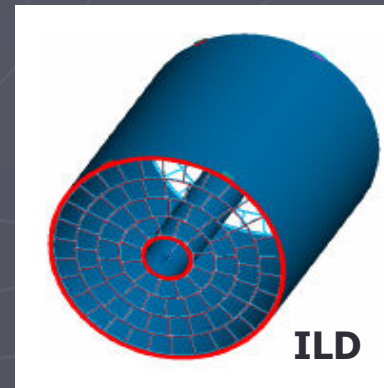


Study more advanced designs for ILC:

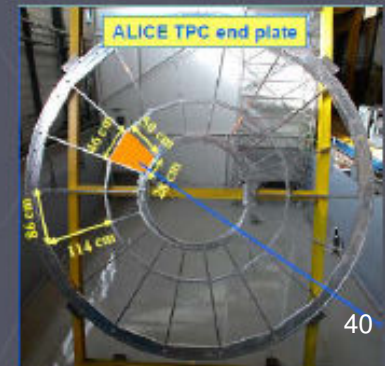
Composite (JWST primary mirrors)

A rigid bonded structure attached to a relatively thin gas-seal and module support structure

Space-frame of adjustable struts, etc



Next LP endplate:
Gray: AL & Green: fiber glass



Ions Feedback and Ion Disks

The ion feedback ratios

0.2-0.3% for MicroMEGAS and for a certain triple GEM configuration.

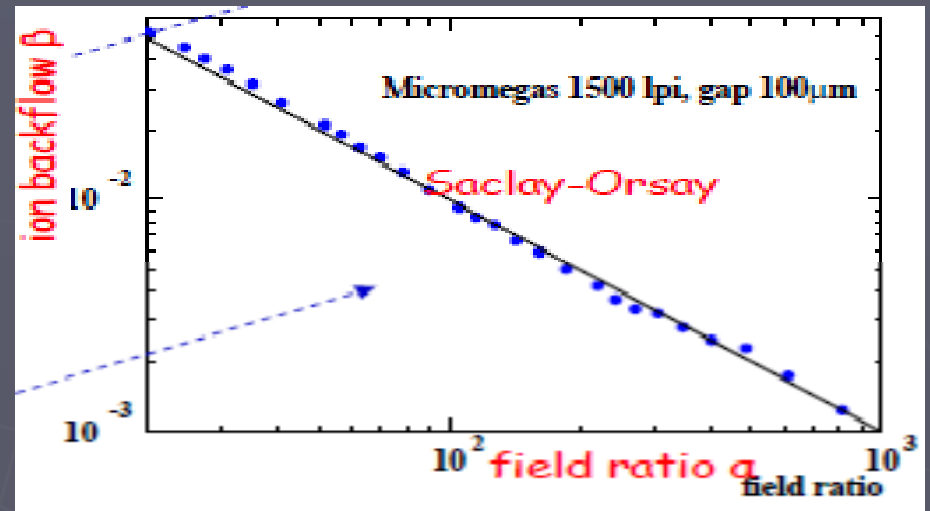
When MPGD gas gain $< 1,000$, the average density of feed back ions in the drift region is same to that of primary ions.

Ion disks:

Note that the density in ion disks higher by a factor of ~ 200 .

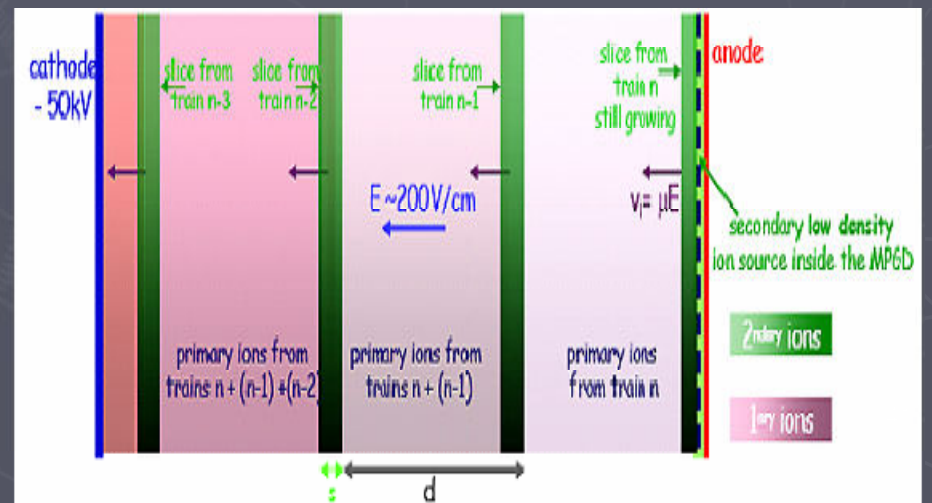
Urgently need to estimate the level of track distortion due to the disks by a full simulation for different background conditions
(Thorsten Krautscheid/Bonn)

Still to complete Marlin TPC!



mean charge density in the slice: $\rho_s = \rho_p \times G \times \beta \times 3/8 \times 200$
total secondary ion charge $Q_s = Q_p \times G \times \beta \times 4/7$

primary ionisation MPGD gain MPGD ion backflow pile up factor time ratio intertrain/train



Ion Feedback: Gating Device

Gating GEM (By Asian LC TPC group)

Stop ions at the level of 10^{-4} only by the gating GEM.

**Transmission of primary electrons by special thin ($14\mu\text{m}$) gating GEM:
50% or less by simulation and measurements.**

**Neff then becomes one half ($20 \rightarrow 10$ for GEM, $30 \rightarrow 15$ for MicroMEGAS)
deteriorating position resolution at large drift distances.**

Gating wire plane

Well established method.

100% ion stopping and closed to 100% electron transmission.

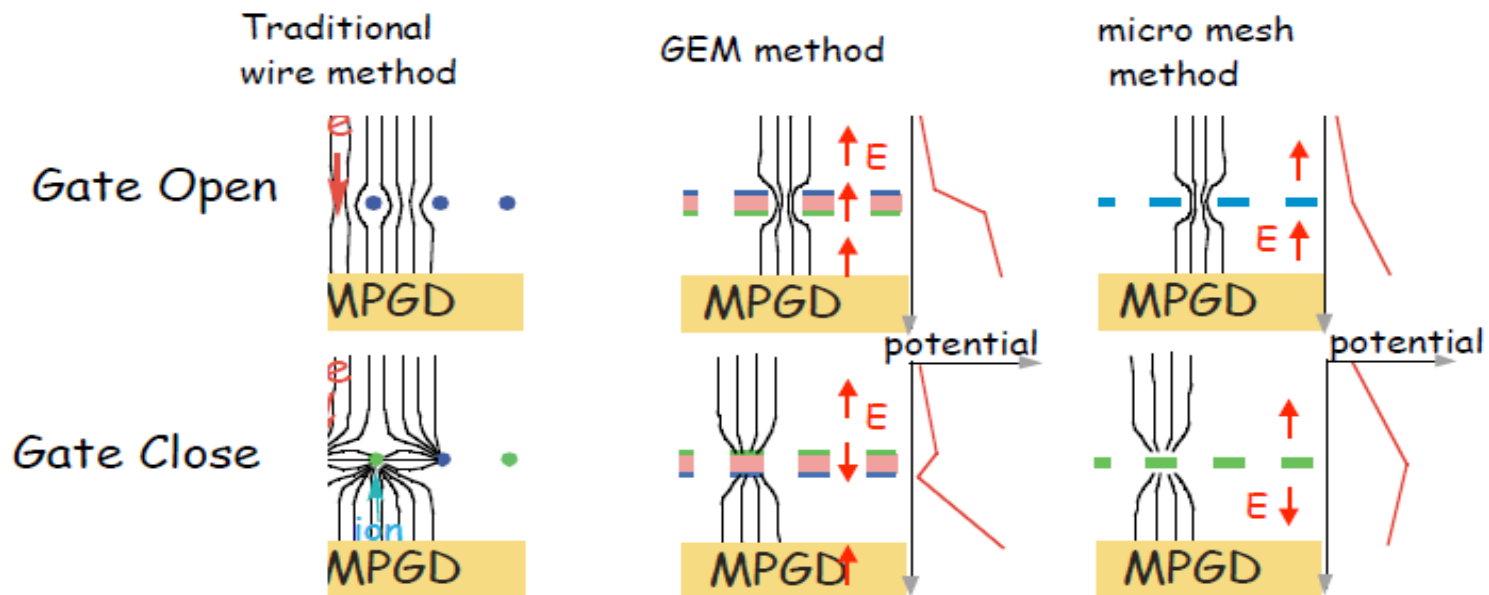
Introduce mechanical complication MPGD detector modules.

Need design study, in particular, on the impact to material budget/dead space.

Ion Feedback: Gating

How do we Gate ?

We can imagine 3 methods easily.



Wire :

wire spacing would be large enough
not to deteriorate resolution by $E \times B$
wire spacing $\sim O(1 \text{ mm})$
need stiff structure to stretch wires
Local change of E field around wires

GEM :

Electron transmission is in question
collection/extraction efficiency
hole pitch $\sim O(100 \mu\text{m})$
need structure to hold GEM
No change of E field @ drift region

Micro mesh :

need thin mesh
for higher transmission
mesh pitch $\sim O(50 \mu\text{m})$
Larger change of E field

Conclusions

MPGD TPC options at ILC (ILD) TPC provide a large number of space points (200) with the excellent point resolution down to 100microns over 2m drift distance. It is a truly-visual 3D tracker works in high magnetic field providing the performance necessary for the experimentation at ILC.

The TPC Large Prototype test at DESY (LP1) by LC TPC collaboration using the EUDET facility is being carried out successfully since November 2008.

We look forward to performing momentum measurement in non uniform magnetic field of PCMAG with full length tracks in the multi modules setup in 2010.

From 2011 we plan to perform beam test with a high energy hadron beam.

There are important engineering issues to realize MPGD TPC for ILC (ILD): R&D for the advanced endplate and R&Ds for ion feed back/gating devices.