


## *Preface*

In V. Razin talk it was suggested  
to develop large- area gaseous  
photomultipliers

Is it realistic to make them?

The aim of this talk is review what was  
done in this direction in order to  
answer this question



**Photomultipliers based on  
micropattern gaseous  
detectors:**

what was done  
what could be done

# So, what was done?



## Historical background

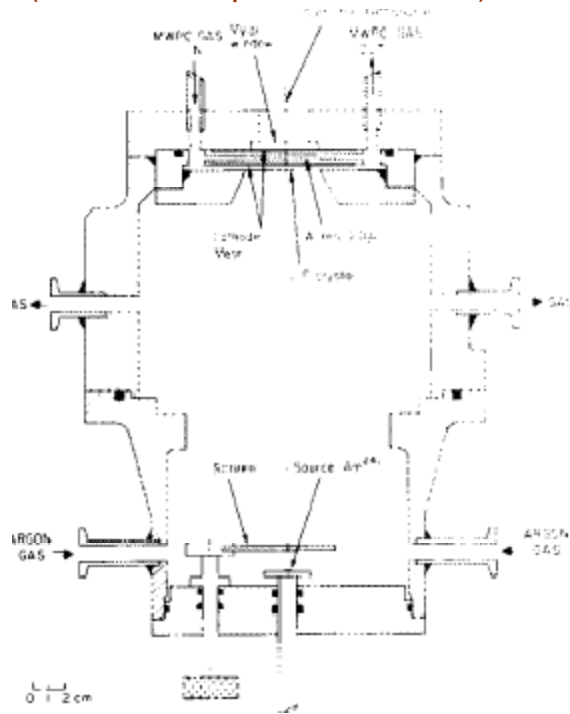
Efforts to develop gaseous PMs started at the end on 70's, they were triggered by an invention of MWPC

The motivation was  
to develop:

large-area ( no mechanical constrains on the window size),  
cheap and  
position- sensitive (at this time position sensitive vacuum or  
solid state PMs **did not exist!**) photodetectors

**First photosensitive MWPC were developed** at the same time by J. Seguinot, T Ypsilantis (*NIM 142,1977,377*) and G.Bogomolov, Yu. Dubrovski, V. Peskov (*Instr. Exp. Tech. 21,1978,779*)

Photosensitive MWPC for **RICH applications** (benzene vapors,  $\lambda < 135\text{nm}$ )



(Submitted in December 1976)

Photosensitive MWPC for **plasma applications** (toluene vapors,  $\lambda < 146\text{nm}$ )

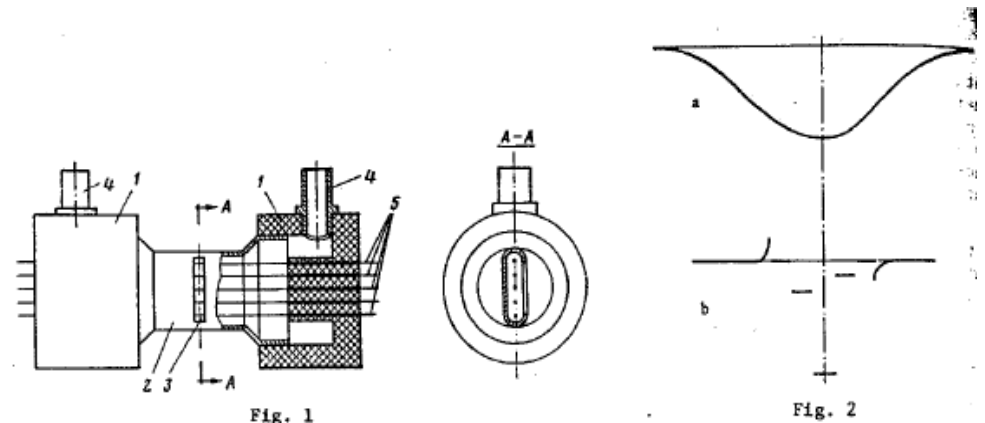


Fig. 1. Schematic sketch of a five-wire counter. 1) Plastic insulators; 2) copper anode; 3) window of the counter; 4) fitting for injection of working mixture; 5) anodes.  
Fig. 2. Oscillograms of signals from the dissector (a) and counter (b).

(Submitted January 1977)

These two papers open new possibilities in experimental techniques and applications

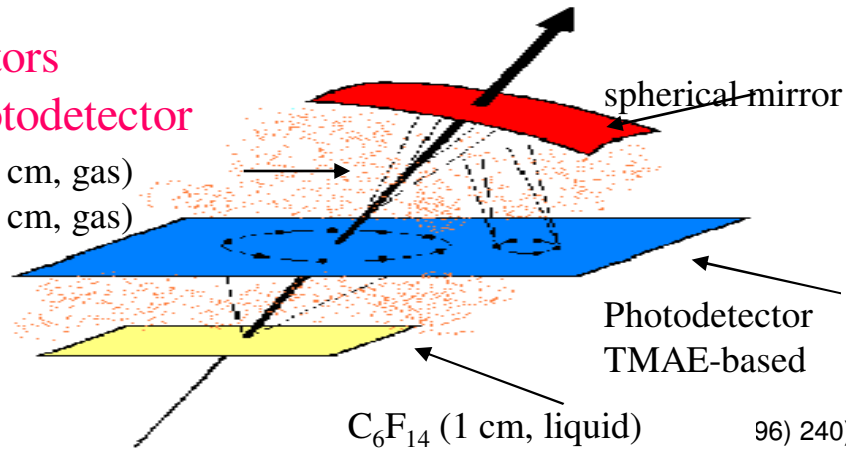
# Cherenkov detectors

## DELPHI RICH

2 radiators  
+ 1 photodetector

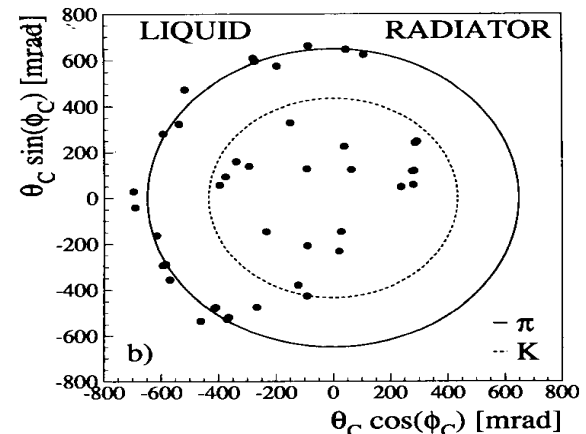
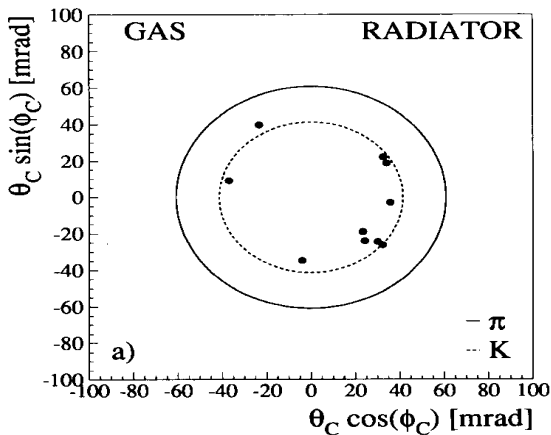
$C_5F_{12}$  (40 cm, gas)

$C_4F_{10}$  (50 cm, gas)

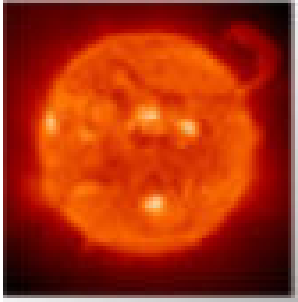


A RICH with two radiators to cover a large momentum range.  $\pi/K/p$  separation  
0.7 - 45 GeV/c:  
DELPHI and SLD

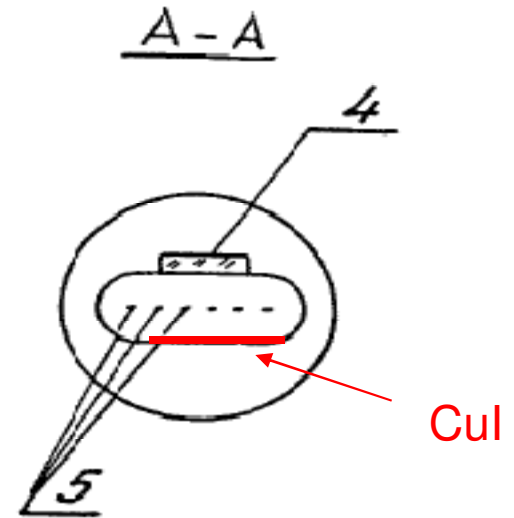
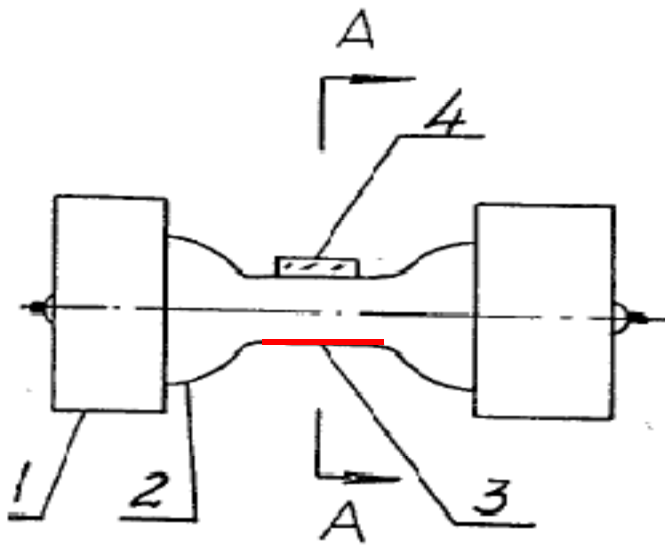
Two particles from a hadronic jet (Z-decay) in the DELPHI gas and liquid radiator + hypothesis for  $\pi$  and K



# Next step: solid photocathodes



For example, MWPC with : CuI photocathodes were used for **plasma diagnostics**





Various solid photocathodes were investigated,

(see for example: *V. Peskov, NIM 269, 1988, 149, V. Peskov, NIM 283, 1989, 786, J. Séguinot et al, NIM 297, 1990, 133, G. Charpak et al., NIM 310, 1991, 128, D. C. Imrie et al.,, NIM 310, 1991, 122, V. Peskov, NIM 315, 1992, 77, D. C. Imrie et al., NIM 317, 1992, 92,*

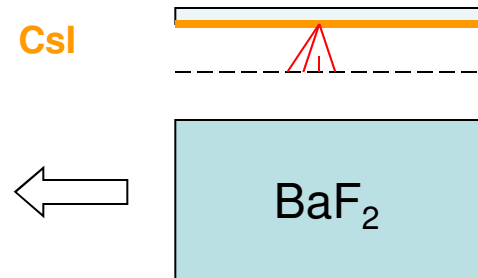
*G. Malamud et al, NIM 348, 1994, 275 and reference there in)*

however,

the greatest success was  
achieved with **CsI** photocathodes

## Starting chain of works on CsI photocathodes:

G. Charapak, V Peskov and D. Scigocki,  
Proc. Symp. on. Particle Identification  
at High Luminosity Hadron Colliders,.  
Fermilab. Batavia. 5-7 April 1989. p. 295

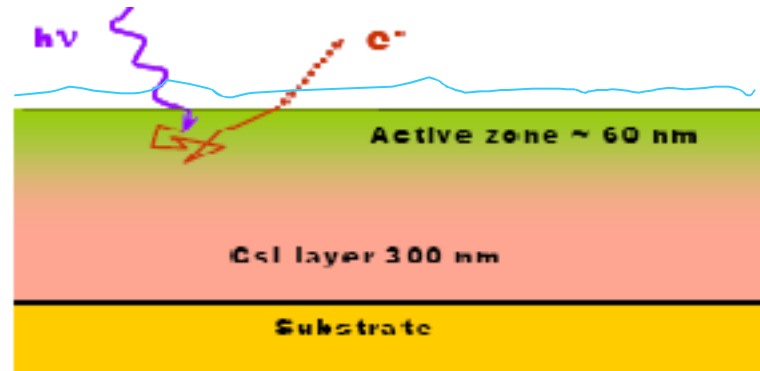


J. Seguinot et al., NIM,  
1990

A. Breskin et al,  
NIM,1990

*(see review paper A. Breskin, NIM 371,1996,116)*

**Advantages of CsI photocathodes:** high quantum efficiency, tolerate a short contact with air, have potential for high time resolution



Absorbed layer

Two major effects:

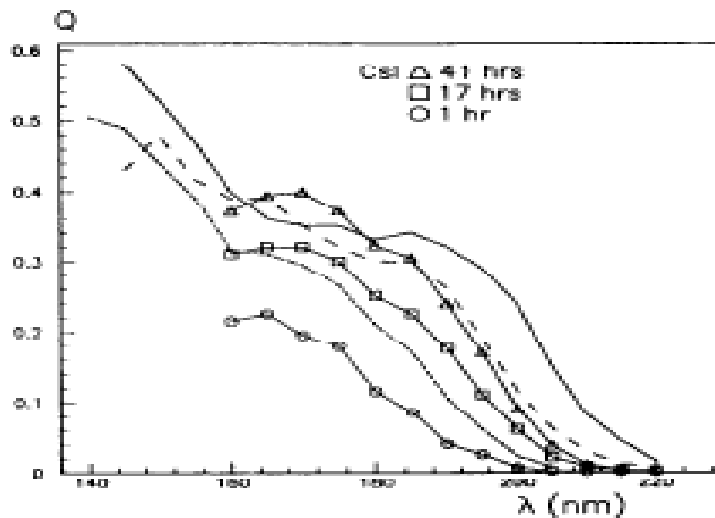


Fig. 5. The measured quantum yields versus the photon wavelength of a 500 nm thick CsI photocathode after 1, 17, and 41 h of methane gas-flow through the chamber. The solid line without data points is the TMAE gas-phase yield, and the dash-dotted line is the Carnuthers vacuum photocathode yield [22].

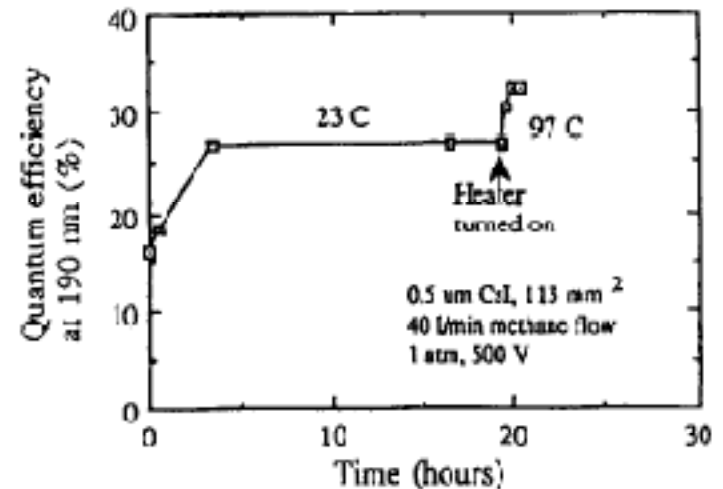


Fig. 5. QE as a function of time of a freshly deposited, 0.5 nm thick CsI photocathode, with a 40 l/min flow of methane. At 20 h the photocathode is heated to 57°C, resulting in the enhancement of the photoyield [38].

**Csl RICH**

## Chain of proposals to the CERN committee

**Development of a high-efficiency gaseous detector for the localization of photons from scintillators and Cherenkov radiators**

[Charpak, Georges](#); [Giomataris, Yu](#); [Peskov, V](#) (et al.)

1991

Declined



**Development of a high-efficiency gaseous detector for the localization of photons from the Scintillator and a new generation of Cherenkov counters**

A. [Braem, André](#); [Charpak, Georges](#); [Peskov, V](#); et al

1992

Declined



**Development of a large area advanced fast rich detector for particle identification at the Large Hadron Collider operated with heavy ions**

[Nappi, E](#) et al.

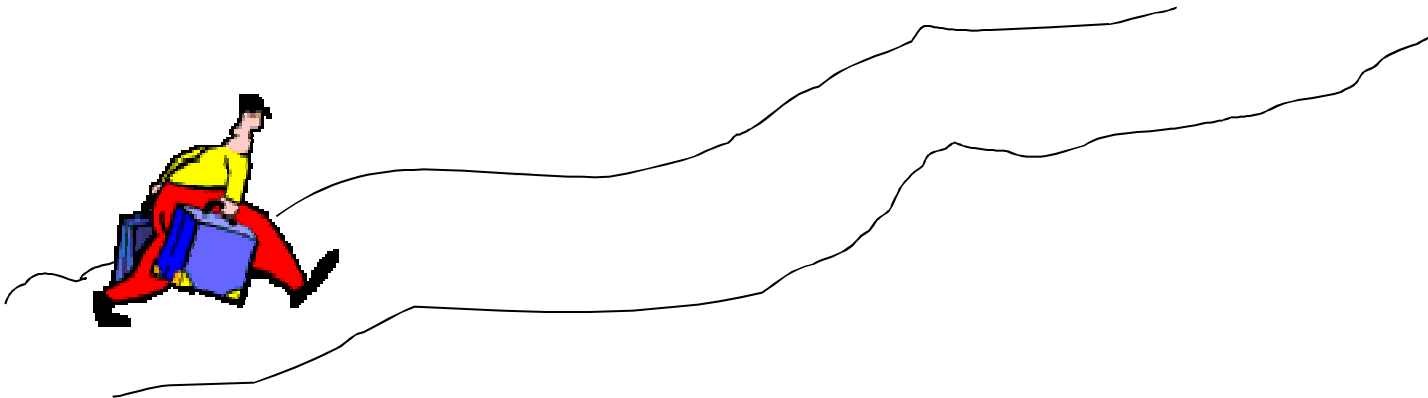
1992

Approved!

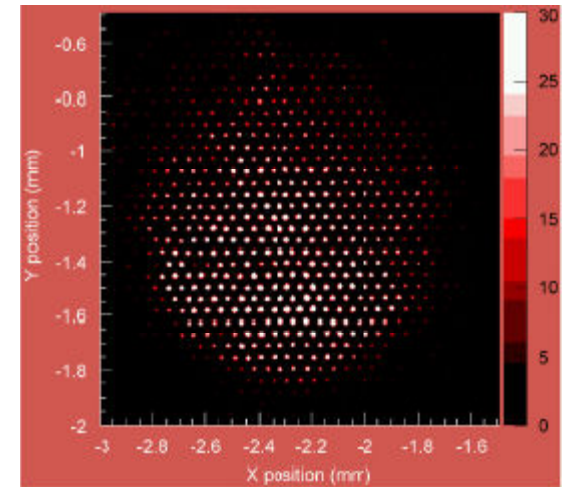
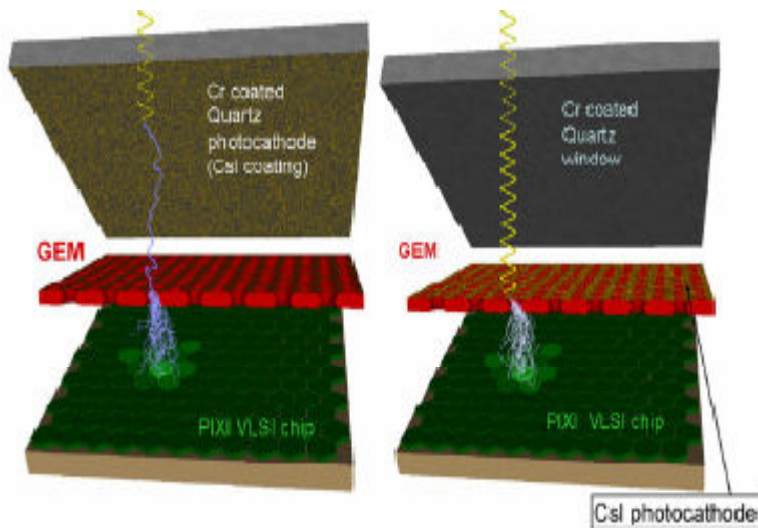
Now several experiments have CsI RICH: ALICE, HADES, COMPASS, STAR and others



It was a long way from the first prototypes to the present state of art Csl-based detectors...



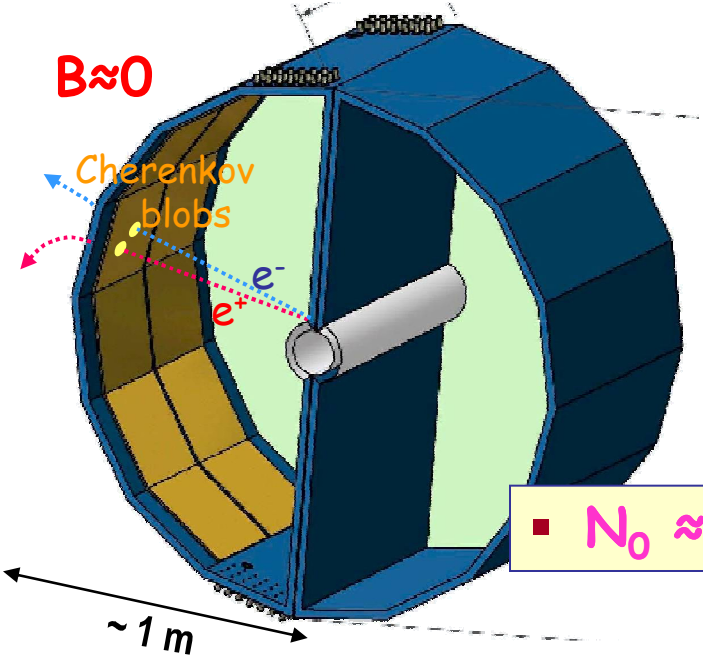
# Latest tendency : micropattern gaseous detectors combined with CsI photocathode ( for the exhausting review see *R. Chechik, et al., NIM A595,2008,116*)



Example: an impressive work from *R. Bellazzini et al., , NIM A581,2007246*



# PHENIX Upgrade (PHENIX HBD)



RICH added around the interaction region.  
 Goal: identify low-mass  $e^-$ -pairs ( $\pi^0, \gamma$ ) to reduce X300 combinatorial BG.

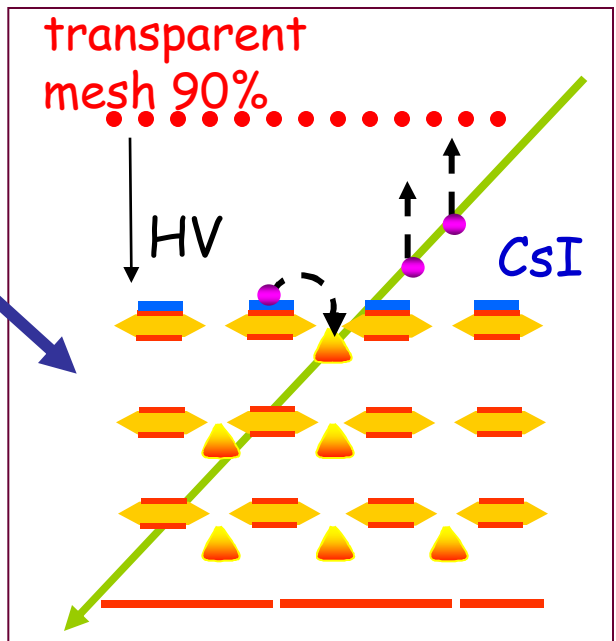
But: limited to 50 cm length.

Solution: Radiator gas = Working gas =  $CF_4$ .

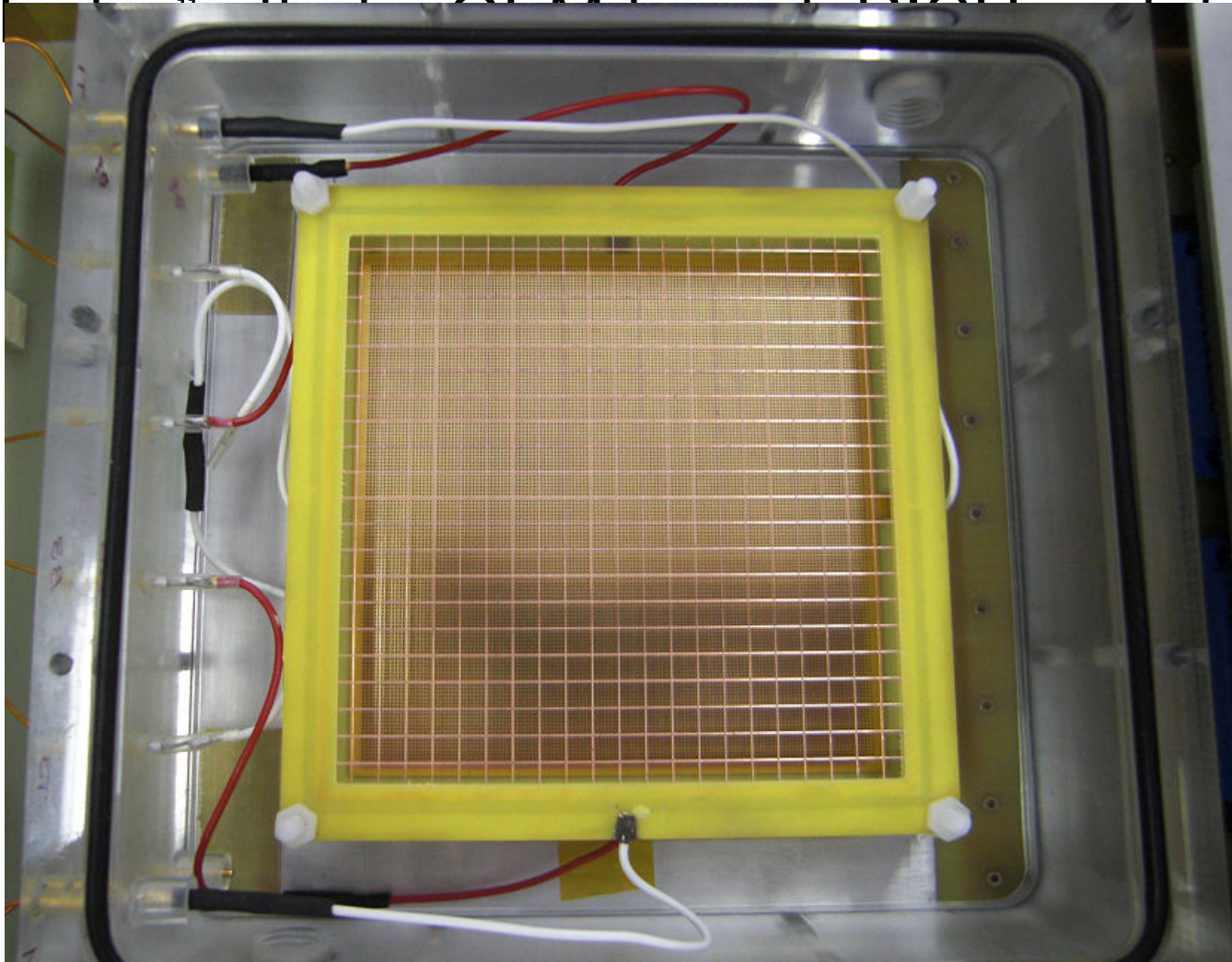
Proximity  $\Rightarrow$  Radiating particles produce blobs, diameter  $\sim 3.6$  cm.

$N_0 \approx 840 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (x6 larger than any  $e/\pi$  RICH)

- The GPD of choice is a multi-GEM + REF PC
- Relies on CsI preparation knowledge and techniques from CERN: Gold-coated GEM, in-situ QE monitoring, QE enhancement, PC transport and storage.
- CsI QE match to  $CF_4$

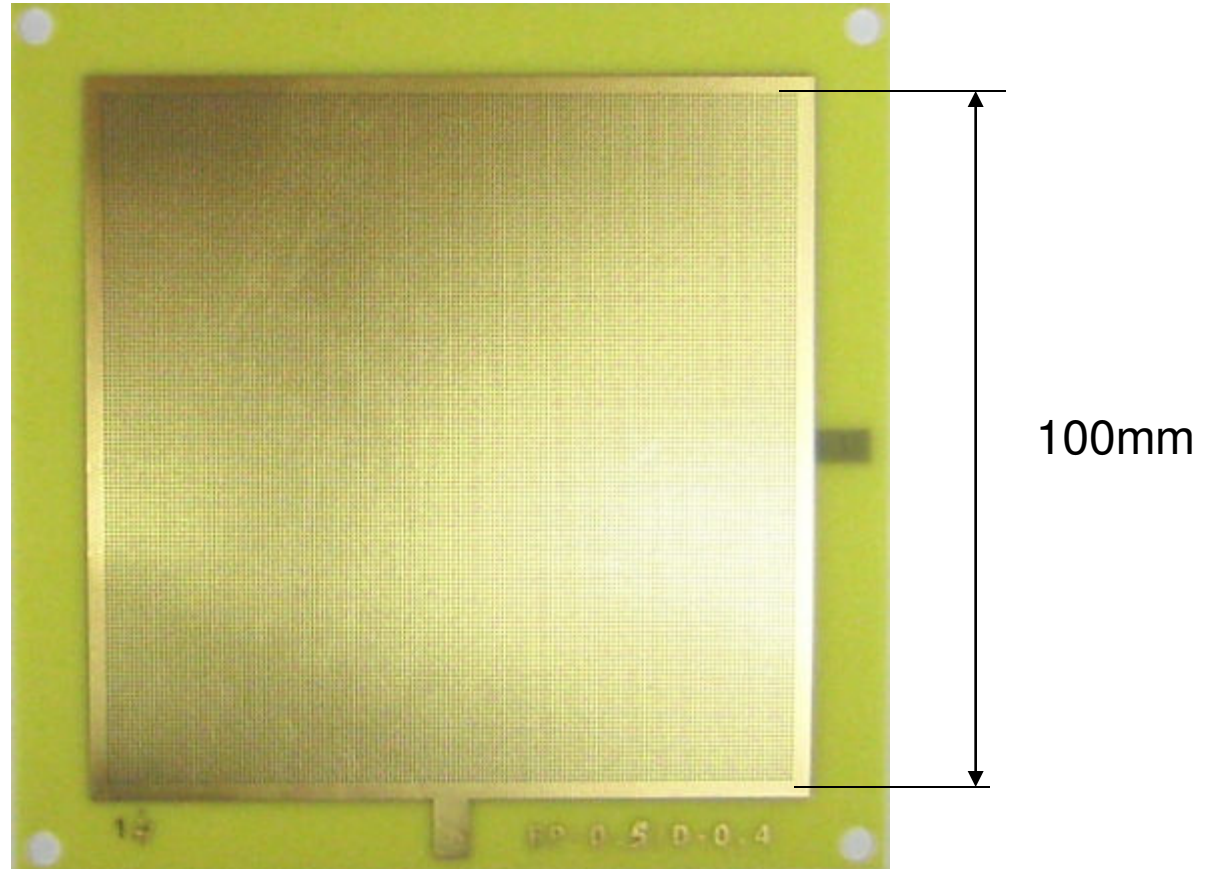


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*P. Martinengo presentation at this meeting*

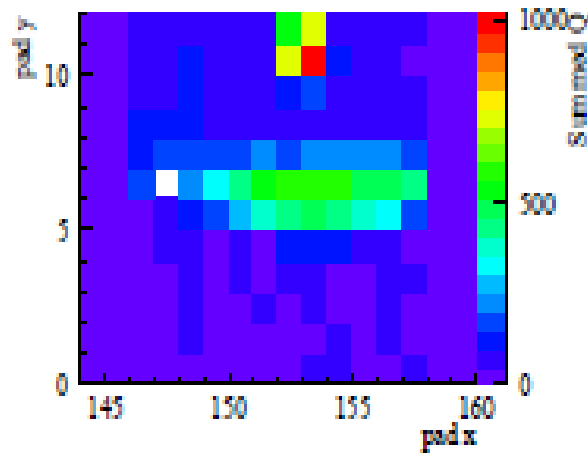
# Photo CsI coated TGEMs



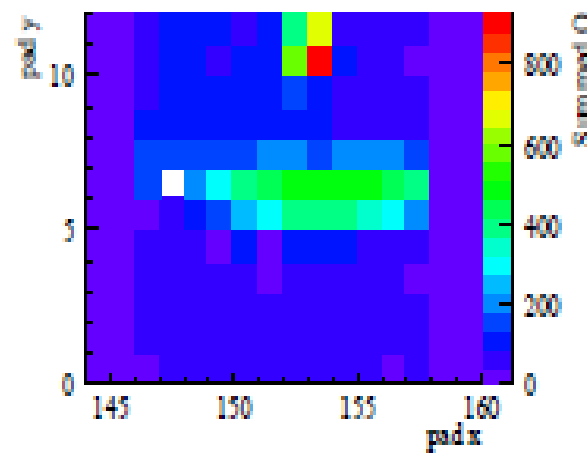
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# First images of the Cherenkov light

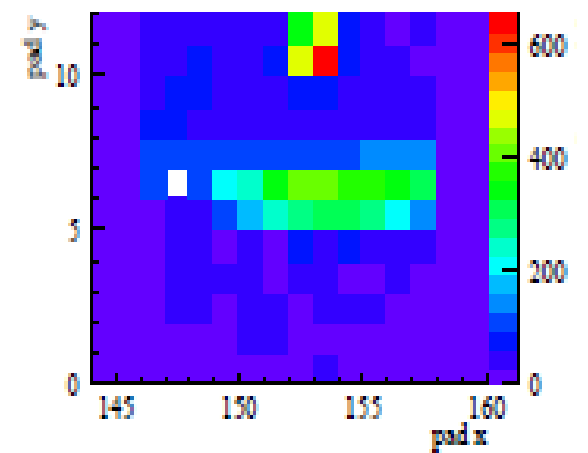
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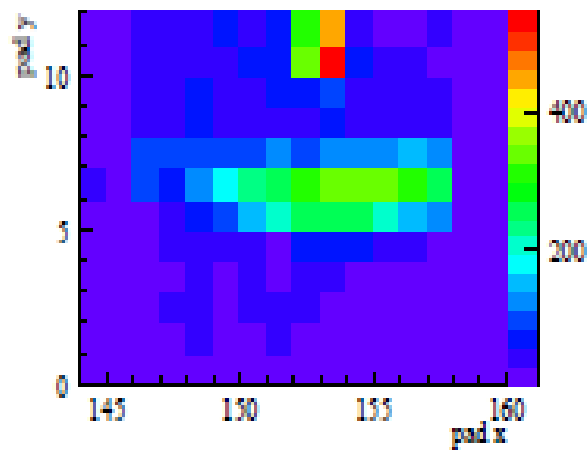
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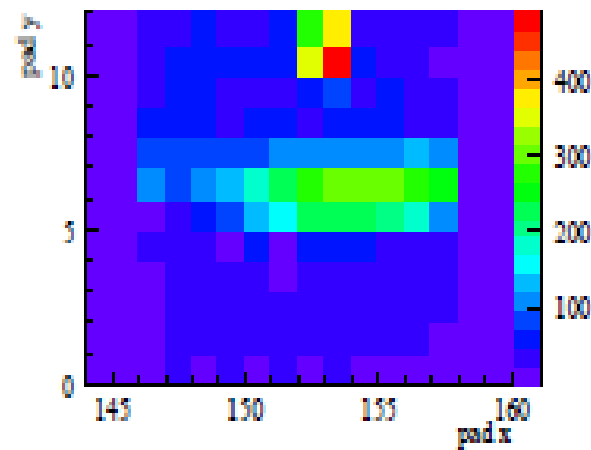
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Summed Q event display, Run: 1204 Event: 1000



Summed Q event display, Run: 1204 Event: 1001



*P. Matinego talk at this meeting*

# Those gaseous PMs were sensitive to UV light only ( $\lambda < 220\text{nm}$ )

However, let's recall that at the time when vacuum and solid state position-sensitive detectors did not exist, gases PM were really unique:

they had efficiency to UV as the best PMT,  
were position sensitive,  
rather cheap and sensitive.

Even nowadays they can compete with other detectors in many applications

Gaseous PMs with Cs-based  
photocathodes sensitive to UV  
and visible light

These attempts also have a long history...



# Cesiated Cu photocathode

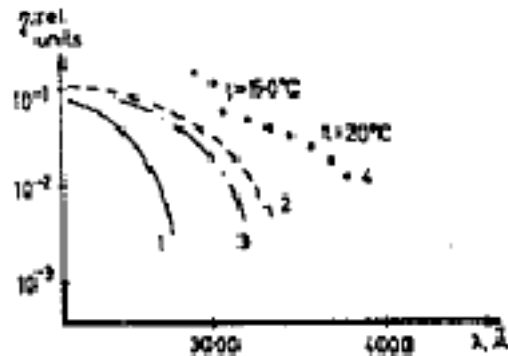
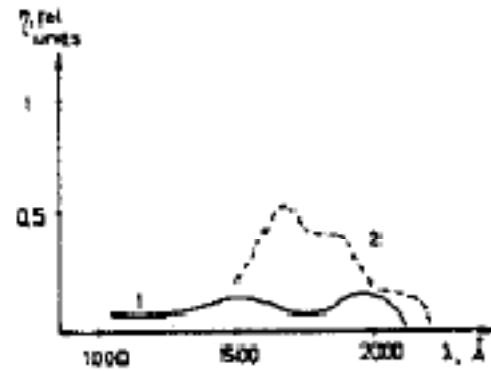
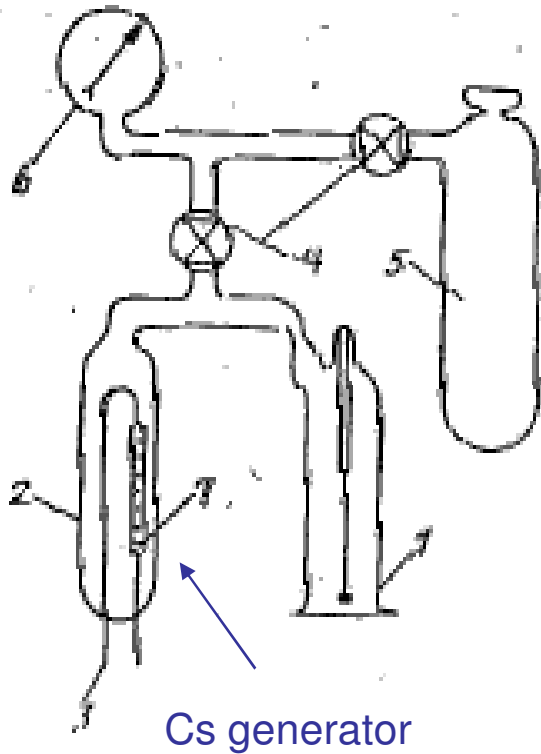
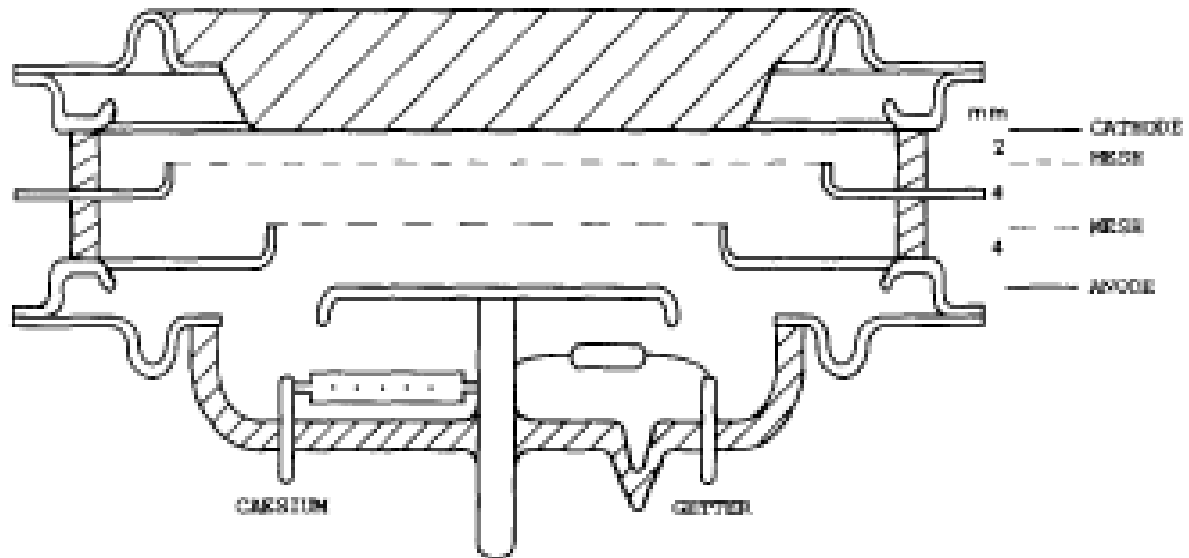


Fig. 2. Efficiencies,  $\eta$ , of radiation from copper-cathode counters filled with ethyl-ferrocene (1) and TMAE (2). Efficiencies measured for CuI (3) and Cs (4) photocathodes are also given.

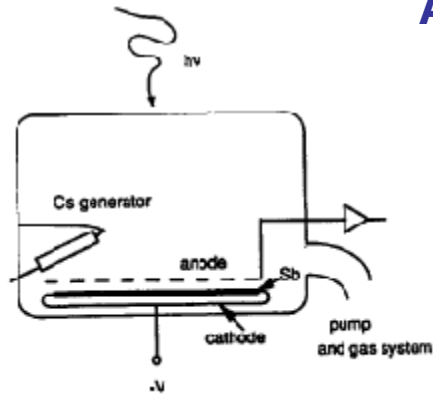


## Cesiated Sb photocathode



*J.S Edmens NIM A 273, 1988, 145 (in cooperation with a photonic company)*

## Another cesiated photocathodes



### Three main difficulties:

Feedback

QE,

Cleanness

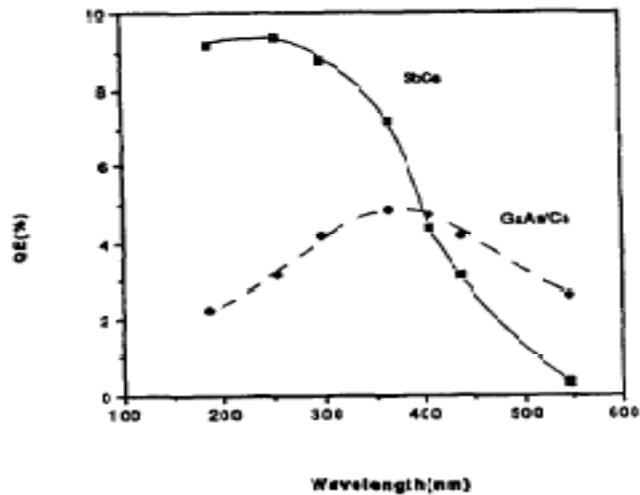


Fig. 2. Typical QE of SbCs and GaAs/Cs photocathodes fabricated inside the glass chamber.

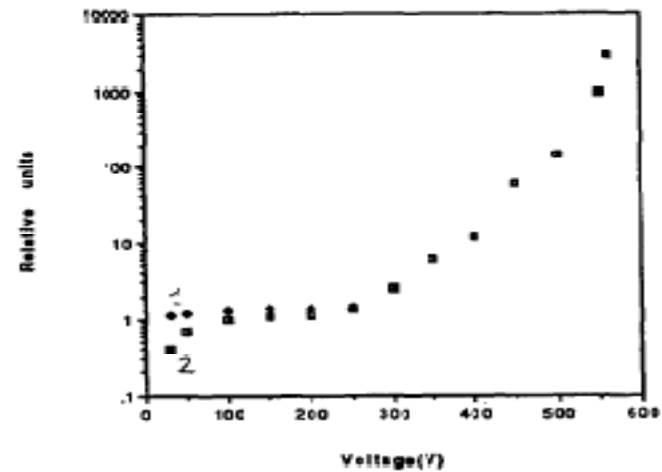


Fig. 3. Photocurrent in relative units versus voltage for the SbCs photocathode fabricated inside the stainless steel chamber. 1 - results in vacuum, 2 - results in  $\text{CH}_4$  at 80 Torr.

G. Charpak et al, NIM 323, 1992,445, A. Borovick-Romanov et al, NIM348,1994,269, V. Peskov, NIM 353, 1994, 184, V. Peskov, NIM 367,1995, 347

# Photocathode protection

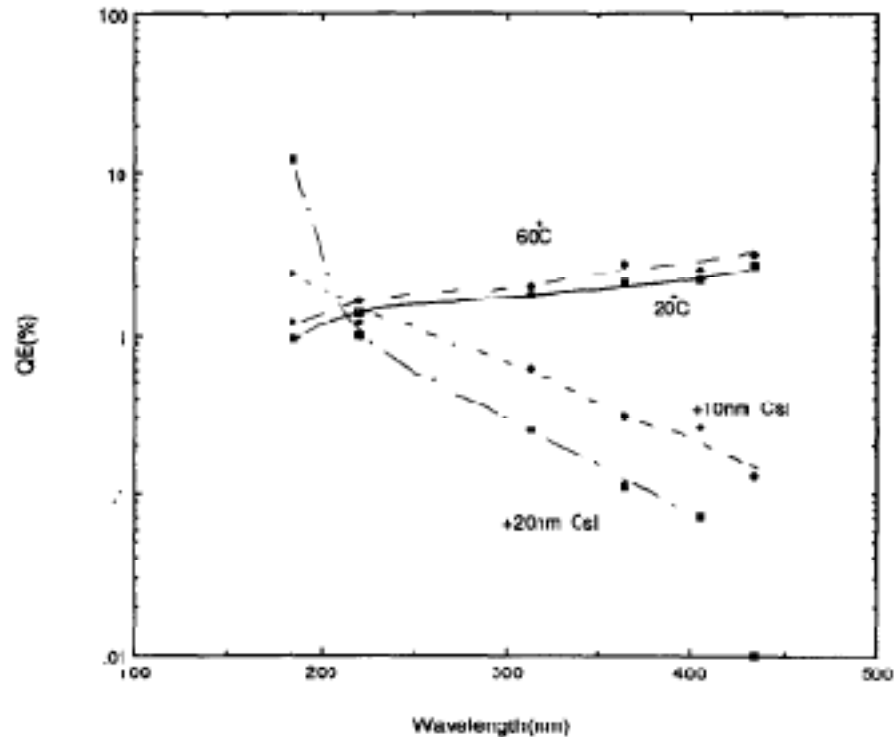


Fig. 2. The QE of the SbCs photocathodes vs the wavelength under different conditions: room temperature (20°C), 60°C and without and with CsI protective layers. One can see that heating to 60°C helped to increase the QE. A similar effect was observed earlier in the case of a CsI photocathode [20].

# A great progress in this direction was achieved when **Breskin group** joined to these developments

This group learn how to manufacture high efficient photocathodes and made a lot of studies on photocathode protection

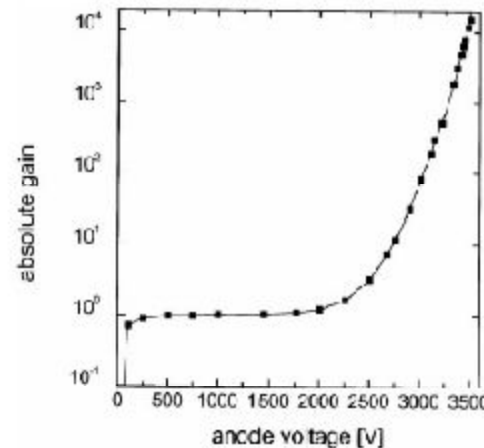
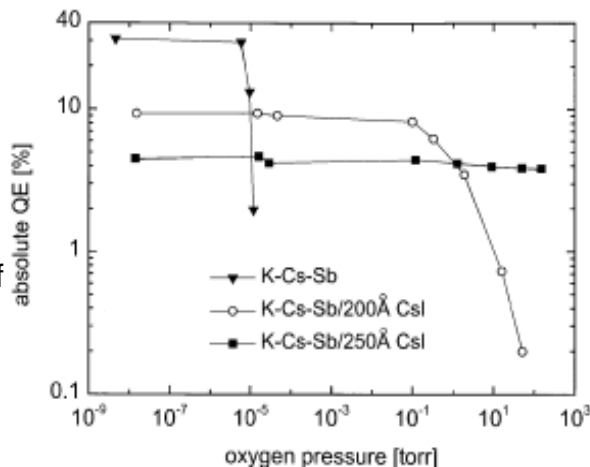
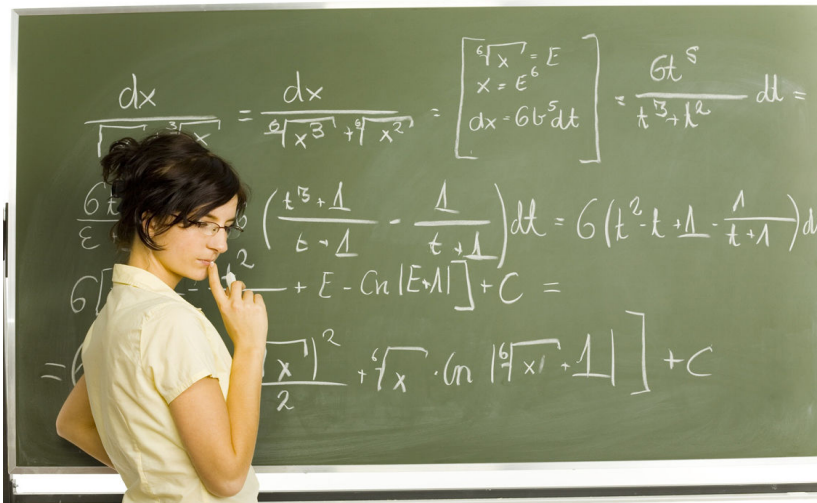


Fig. 3. Absolute gain as a function of anode voltage of a 1 mm gap parallel plate electron multiplier coupled to a semitransparent K-Cs-Sb photocathode coated with 300 Å thick CsRb film, at 1 atm of methane.

However, the maximum reachable gains were < 10<sup>3</sup> with high efficient photocathodes

See for example: *NIMA3871997,176,E. Shefer et al., NIMA411,1998,383, E. Shefer et al.,A433,1999502*

# What limit the gain?



$$A\gamma_{ph}=1$$

or ,

$$A\gamma_{+}=1 ,$$

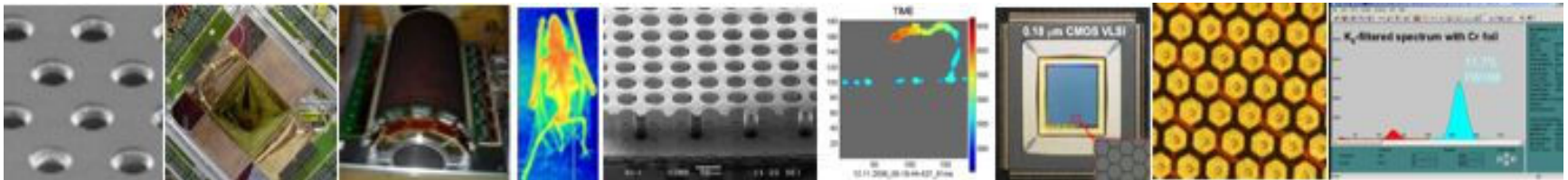
where

$$\gamma_{ph} = \int Q(V, E_v) S(V, E_v) dE_v,$$

$$\gamma_{+} = k_g(V) (E_i - 2\phi)$$

**Conclusion:** with “open geometry (PPAC) we reached the limit

# New breakthrough: photomultipliers based on micropattern gaseous detectors



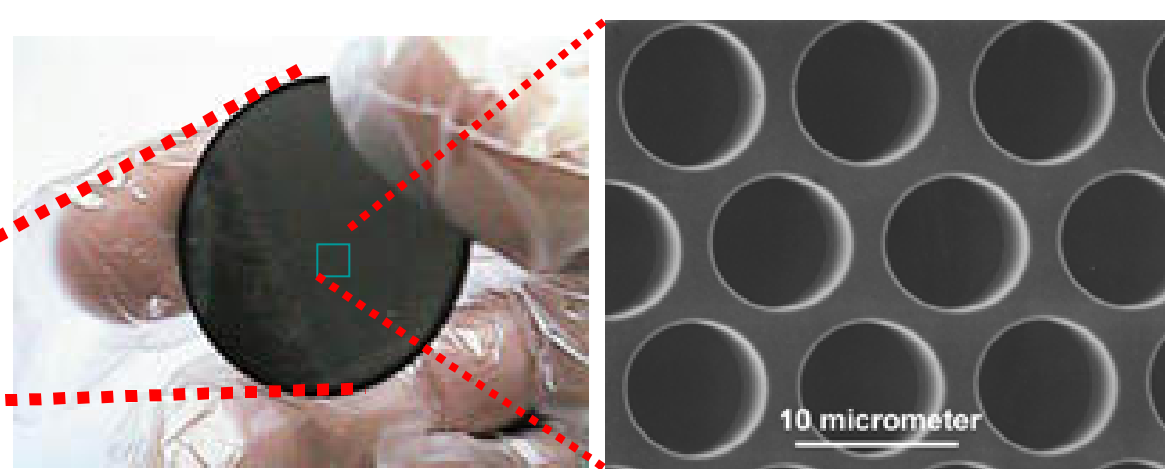
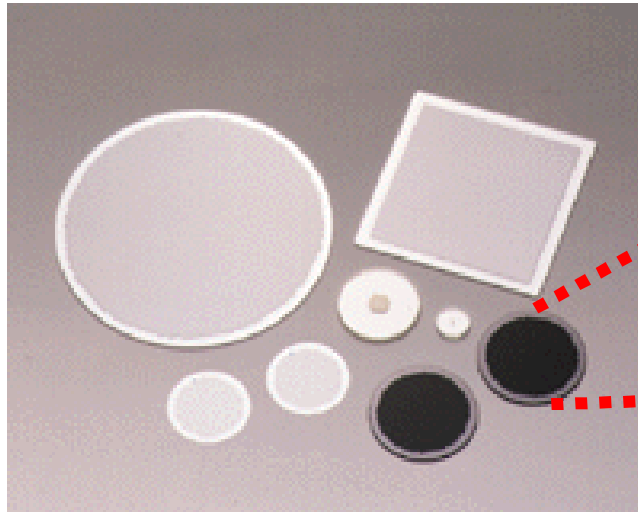
MPGDs open new possibilities in feedback suppression:

$$Ab\gamma_{ph}=1 \quad b \ll 1$$

or

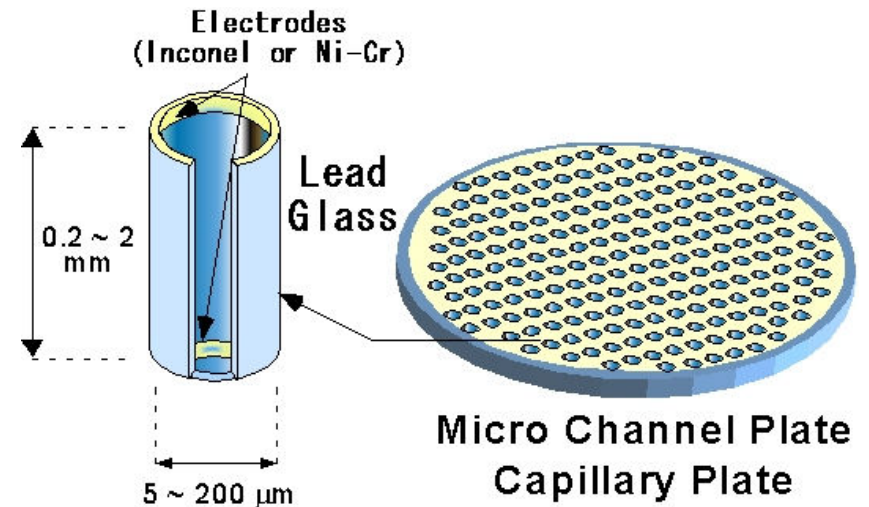
$$Ac\gamma_{+}=1 \quad c < 1$$

# Micro Channel Plate / Capillary Plate



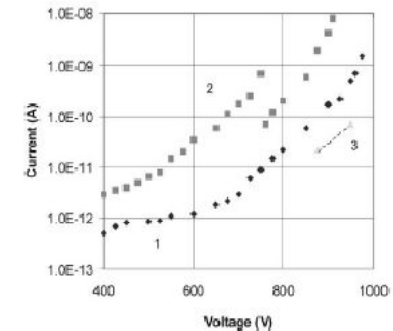
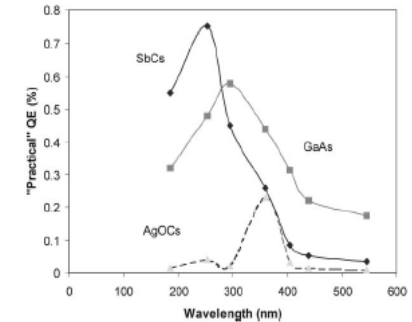
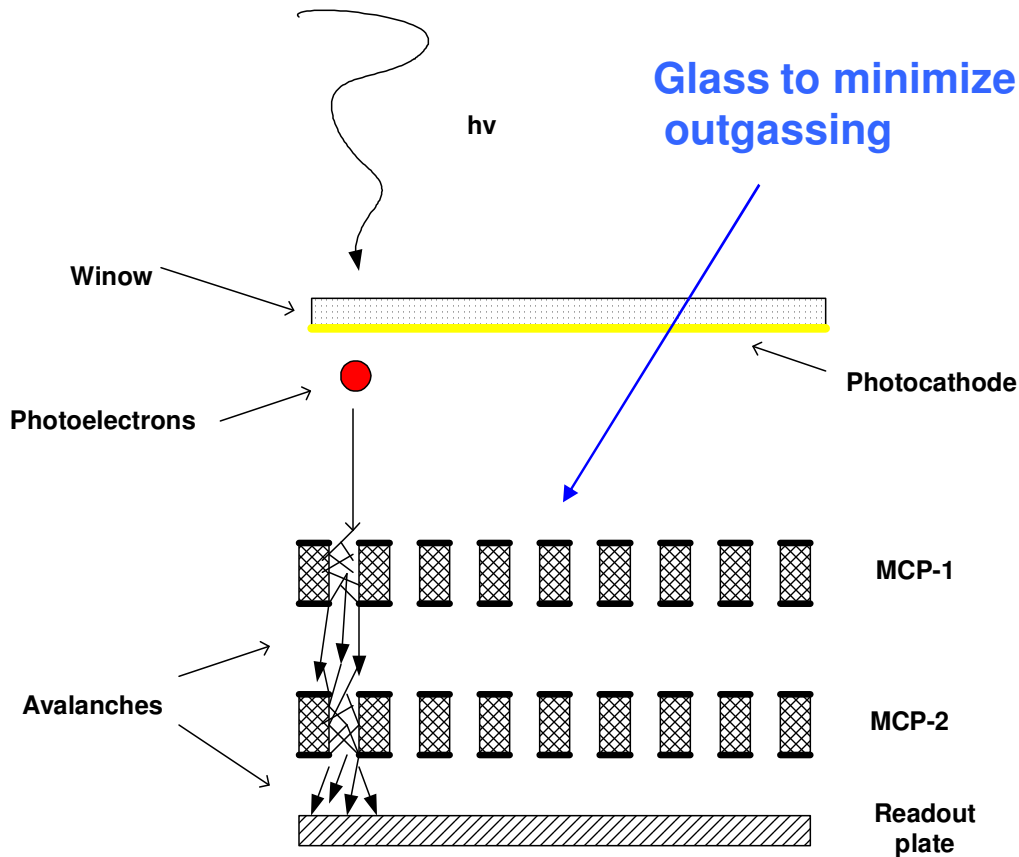
## Physical Parameter of MCP and CP

<b>Material</b>	<b>Lead Glass</b>
<b>Outer Diameter (mm)</b>	<b>10~100</b>
<b>Package Density (cm<sup>-2</sup>)</b>	<b>~10<sup>6</sup></b>
<b>Thickness (mm)</b>	<b>0.2~2</b>
<b>Channel Diameter (μm)</b>	<b>5~200</b>
<b>Electrode Material</b>	<b>Inconel or Ni-Cr</b>
<b>Resistivity (Ω)</b>	<b>10<sup>6</sup>~10<sup>10</sup> : 10<sup>15</sup></b>
<b>Bias Angle (degree)</b>	<b>5~15 : 0</b>





# A schematic view of two capillary plates operating in cascade mode



Gains  $>10^4$  were possible to achieve

See: Peskov et al, NIM A433, 1999, 492

## Several other designs :

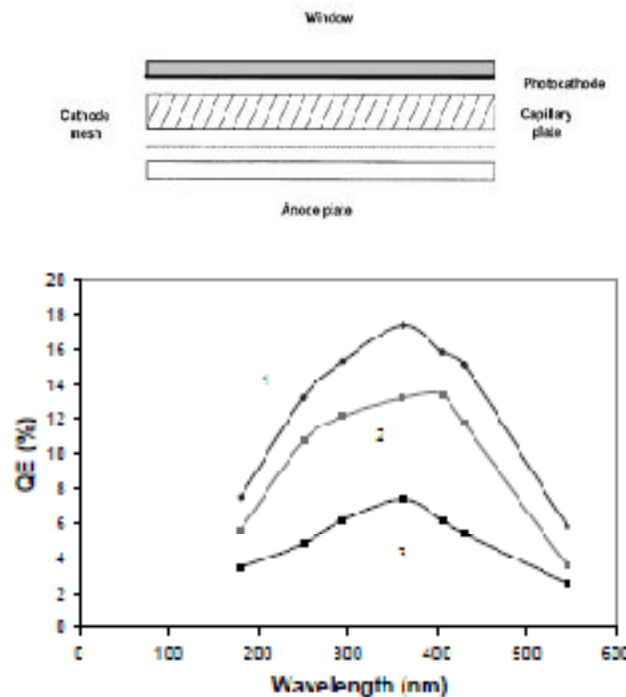
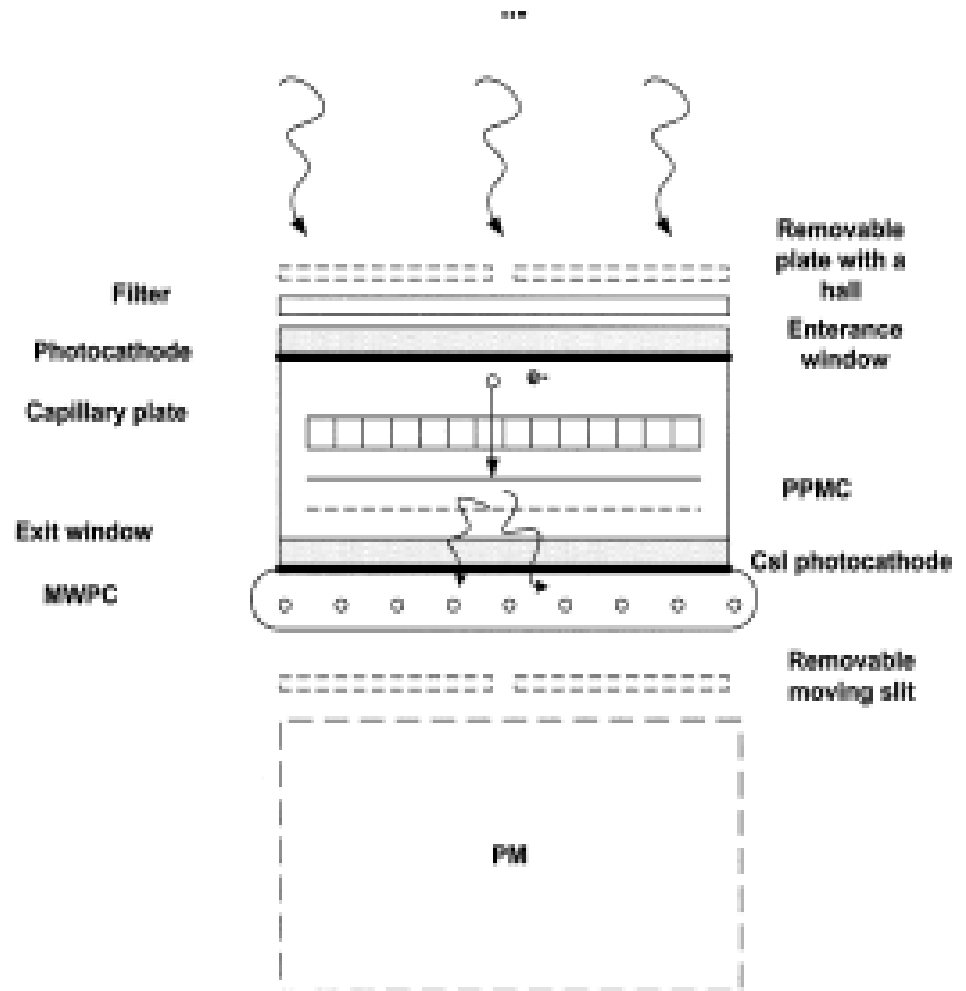


Fig. 1. QE efficiency of a bialkali photocathode, measured in vacuum (1), and in Ar+5% CH<sub>4</sub> (2) in collection mode; (3 "practical" [11] QE measured in amplification mode.



S. Guinji et al, NIMA477,2002,8  
V. Biteman et al., NIMA471,2001,205

I. Rodionov et al., NIMA478,2002,384

Later very impressive results in this direction were obtained by Breskin group

## Sealed detector package

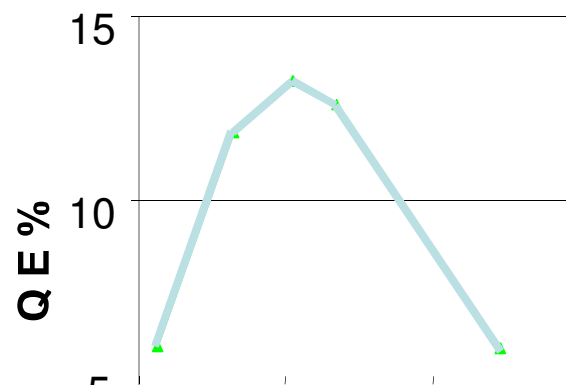
Sealing of 3 Kapton-GEMs + K-Cs-Sb photocathode

(Instead of capillaries)

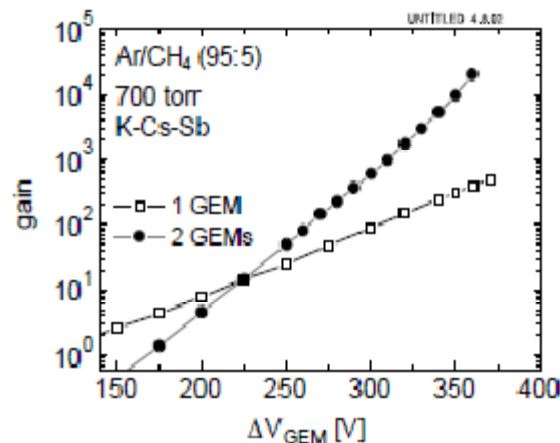


Sealing technique in gas: In/Sn; 130-150°C

*R. Chechik et al., NIMA502,2003,195*



**13% = best QE measured after sealing.**



Gain about 10<sup>4</sup>

Beside Breskin team several other groups tried to develop PMs based on MPGDs: Tokanai, Va'vara, Gorodecki-Giomataris

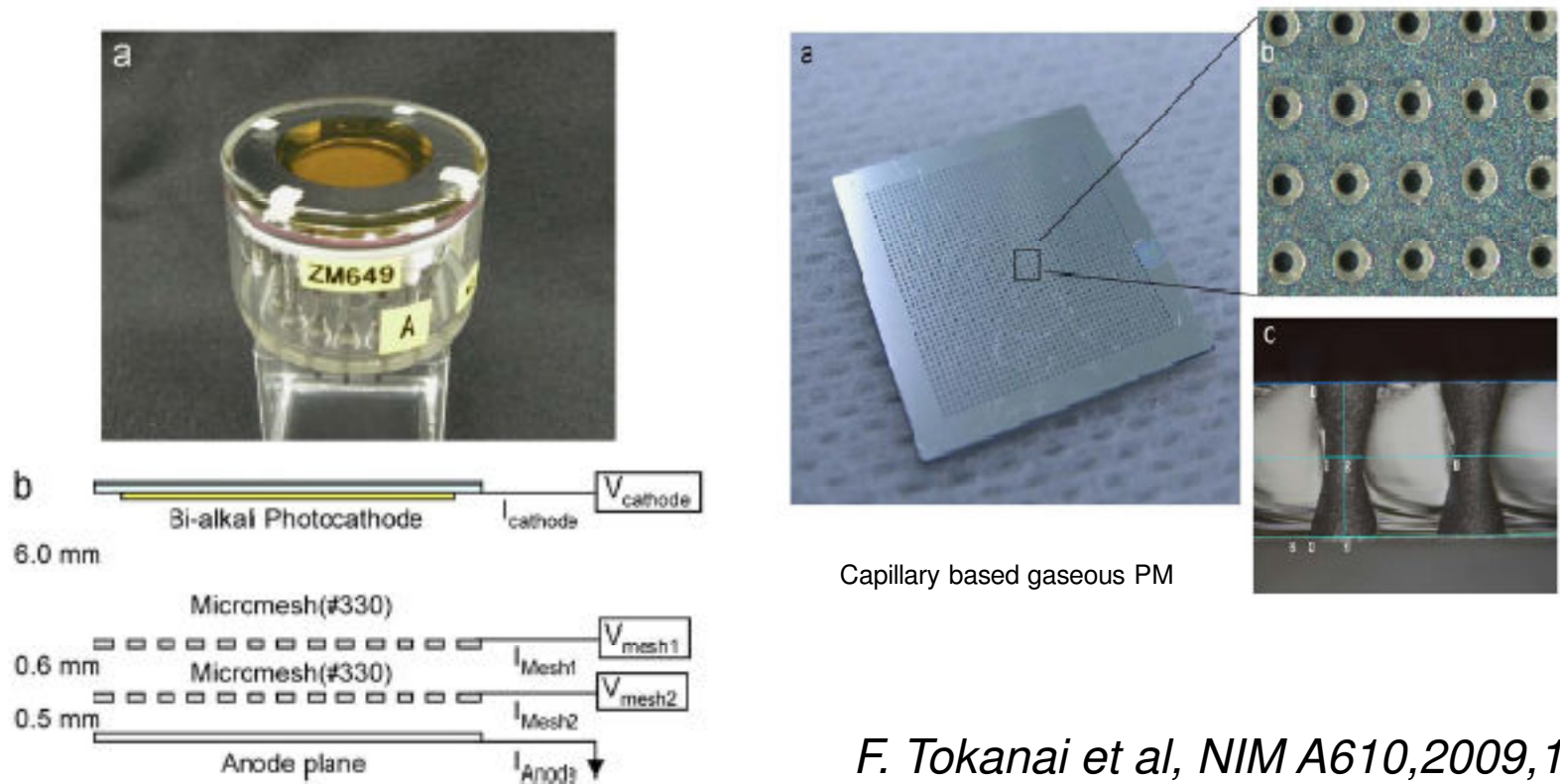
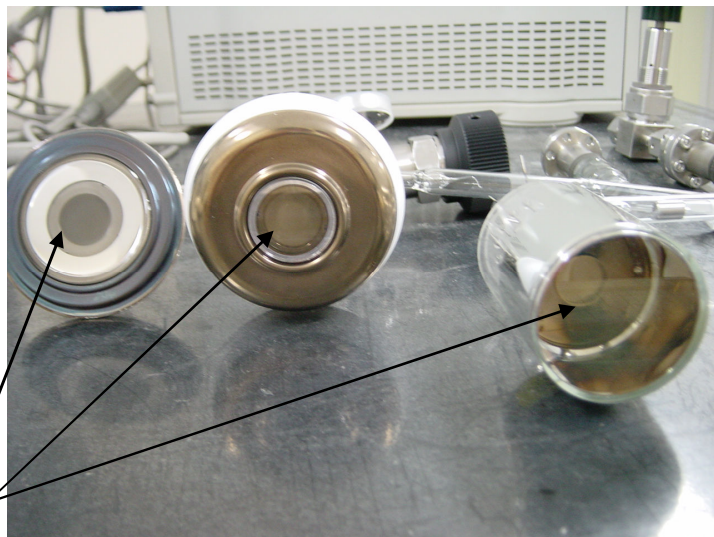


Fig. 1. Photograph (a) and schematic view (b) of the sealed gaseous PMT with a bi-alkali photocathode and double Micromegas detector.

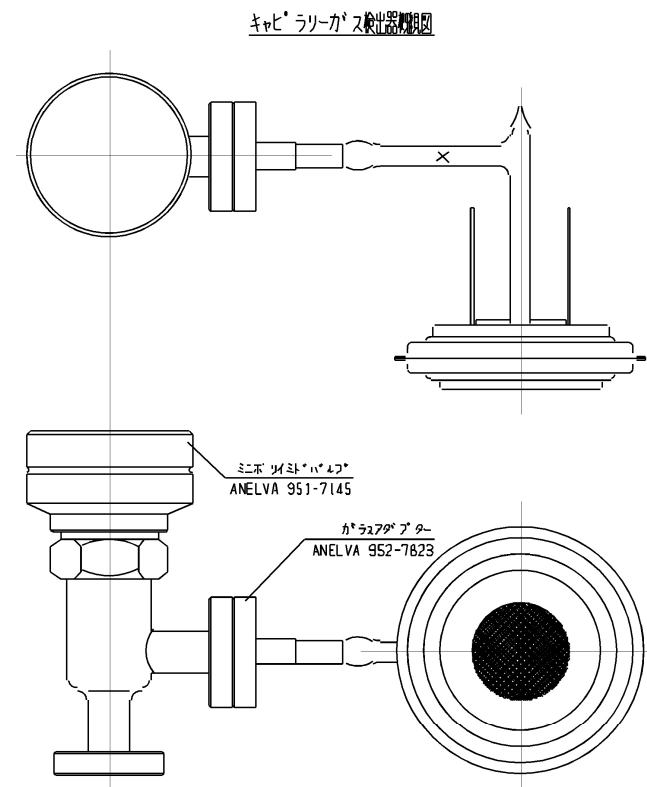
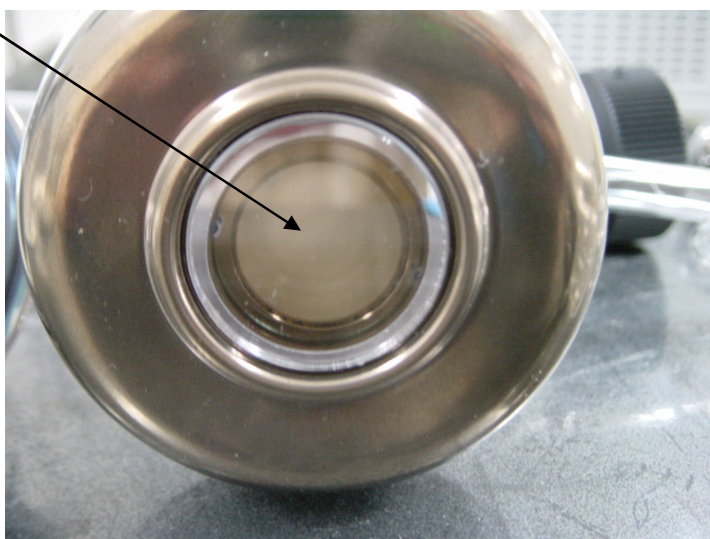
Capillary based gaseous PM

*F. Tokanai et al, NIM A610,2009,164*

# H. Sakurai et al., Gas Photo-Multipliers. Made by Hamamatsu



Capillary plates



*Presented at the Imaging Conf 2003*

# Capillary+MICROMEAS

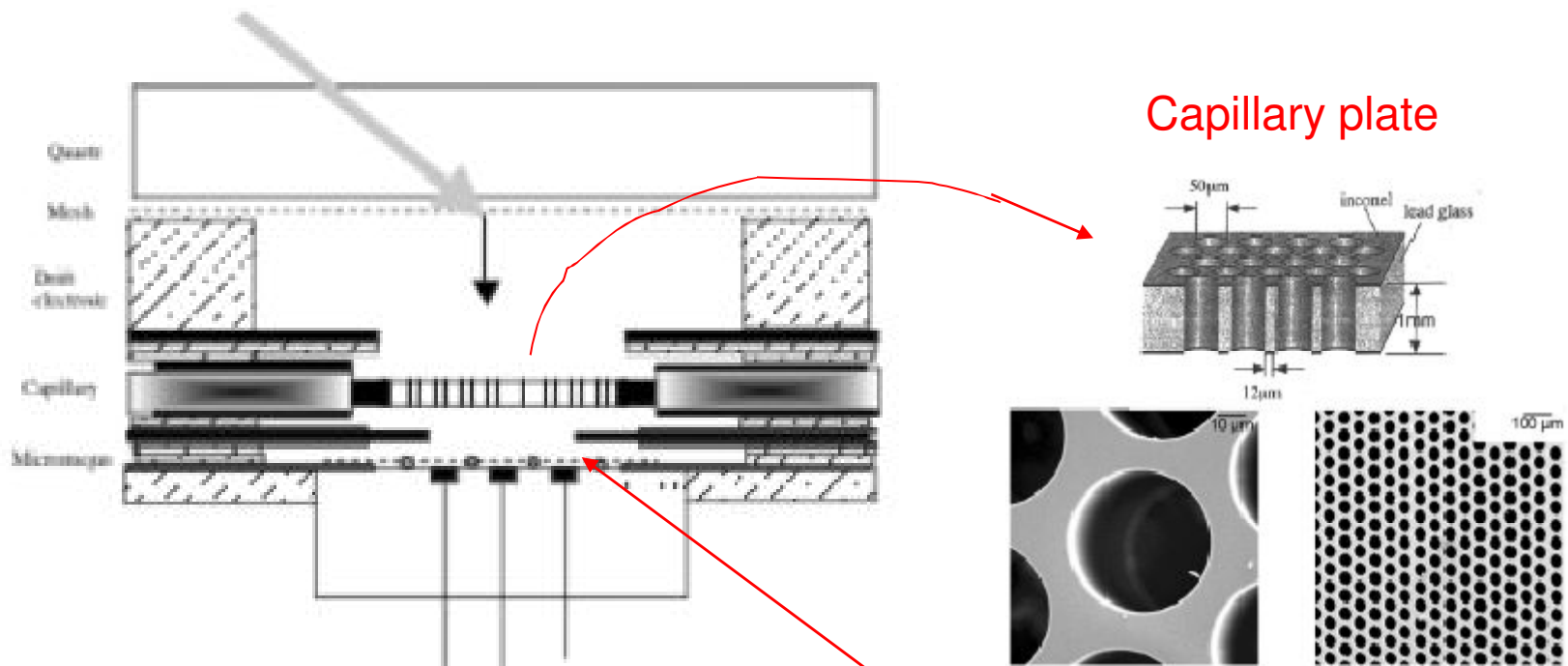


Fig. 2. Our detector is made by a combination of a single MCP and a single Micromegas. The Micromegas has a 100- $\mu$ m gap, and the capillary has a 50- $\mu$ m hole diameter. The Micromegas gap is held by 100- $\mu$ m-diameter nylon lines in this particular test. Single electrons are produced by a UV light striking a dense s.s. mesh located at the entrance of the drift region.

MICROMEAS

*J. Va'vra et al IEEE trans. Nucl. Sci,51,2004,2262*

Each group has its own  
technology

...some were generous enough to  
publish it

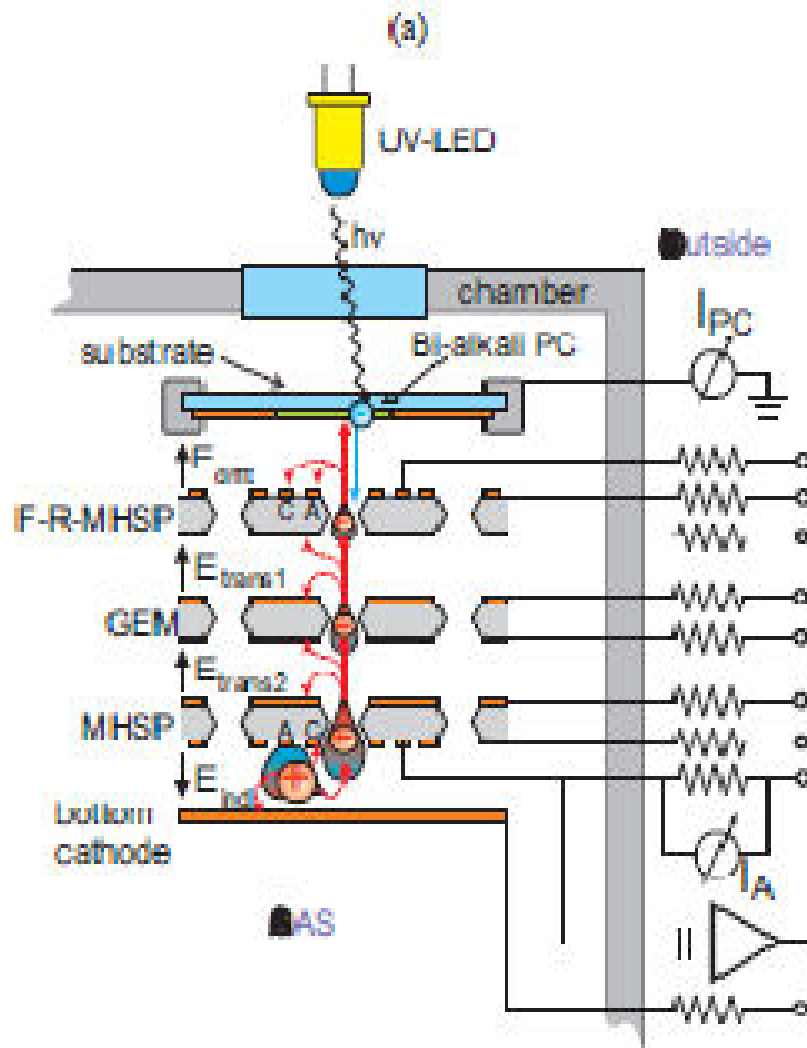


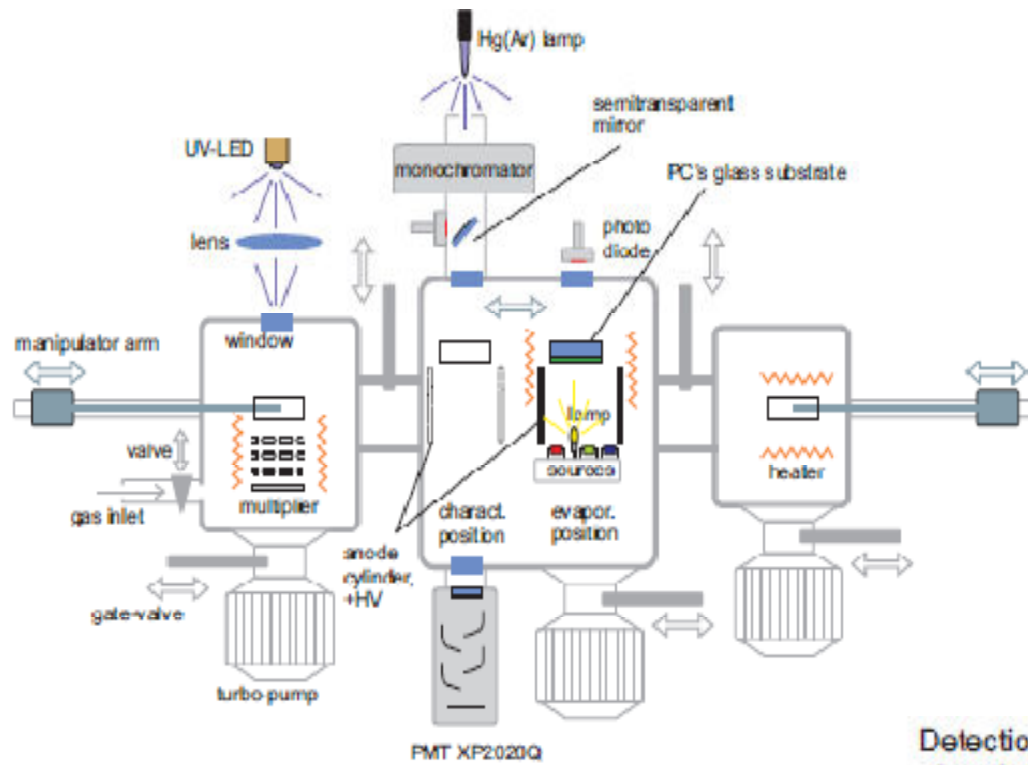
However, in spite of important contributions from various groups there is no doubt that the leader in these developments **today** is A. Breskin and his team





# State of art gaseous PMT based on MPGDs





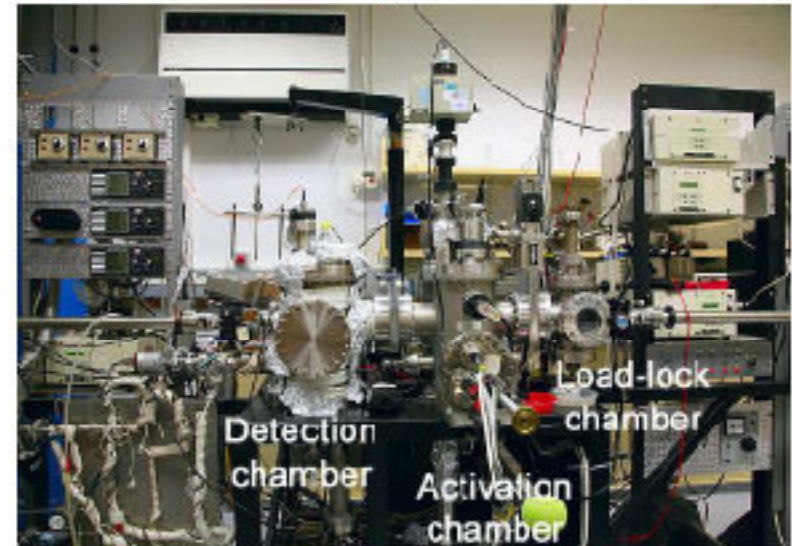
**The set up is complicated and expensive**

Detection chamber

Activation chamber

Load-lock chamber

(c)



*A. Lyashenko et al., JINST 4 P07005, 2009*

Detailed information about  
gaseous PMs can be found in  
recent review: *R. Chechik, et al., NIM*  
*A595,2008,116*

What could be done?

# A. Braem high technology team



Braem laboratory possesses all necessary technology of photocathode's production

# Impressive developments made in Braem Lab

*The TOM 10-inch HPD with  
Integrated Electronics*



**8-inch X-HPD**

# Conclusions

- Experience of several groups show that gaseous PMs based on MPGDs and sensitive to visible light can be done, although it is **not an easy task**
- Development PMs based on micropattern detectors could be an excellent RD51 scientific and technological project
- A. Braem Lab has all know-how and all necessary equipment, so CERN could be **the best place to implement this project**
- What is needed to implement this project: some modes funds and a few enthusiasts ready to work full time on this project



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**Success**

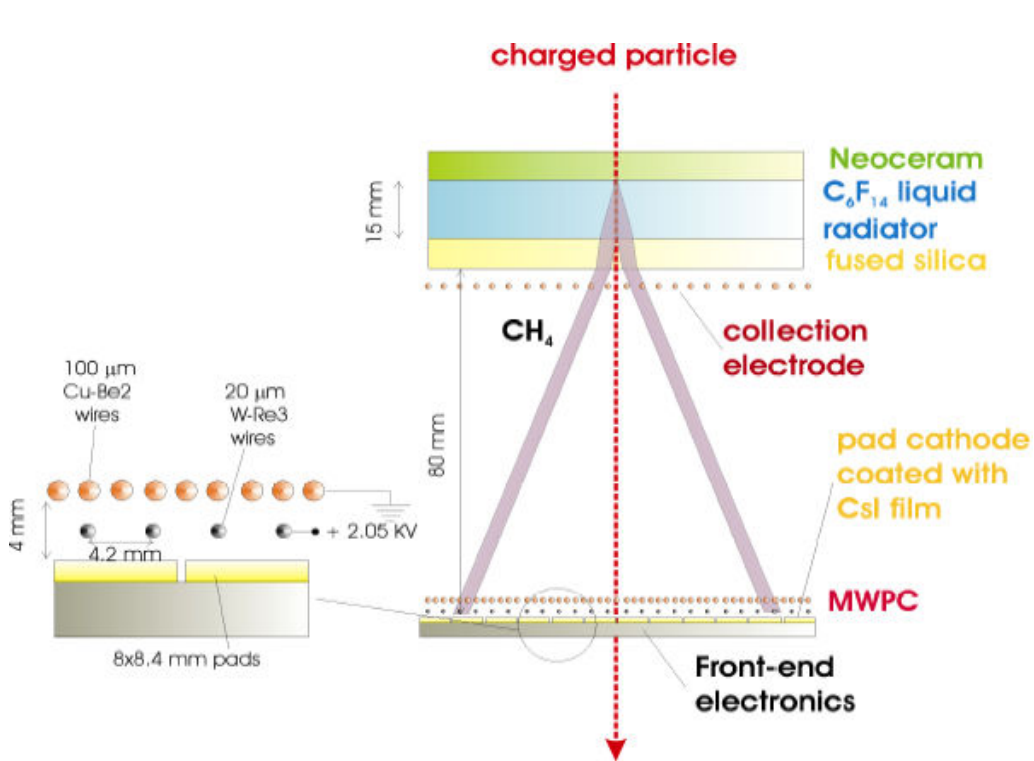
**Together we can do this!**





Spare slides

# The ALICE/HMPID Detector



$$\beta > 1/n$$

$$\cos\theta = 1/(n\beta)$$

$$N_{ph}[\text{cm}^{-1}\text{eV}^{-1}] = 370Z^2(1 - 1/n^2)$$

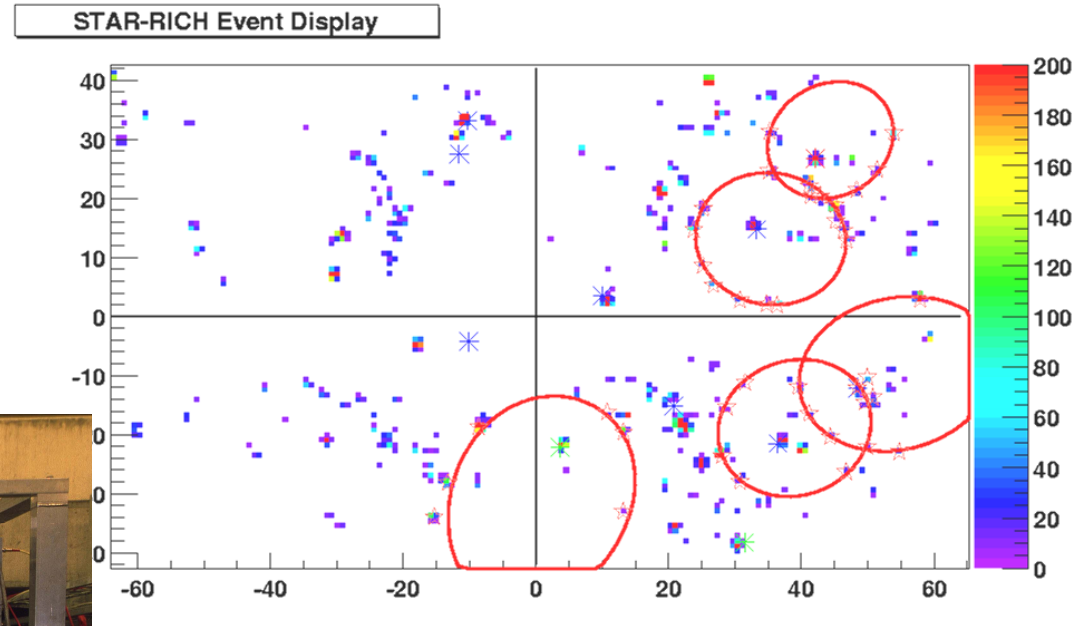
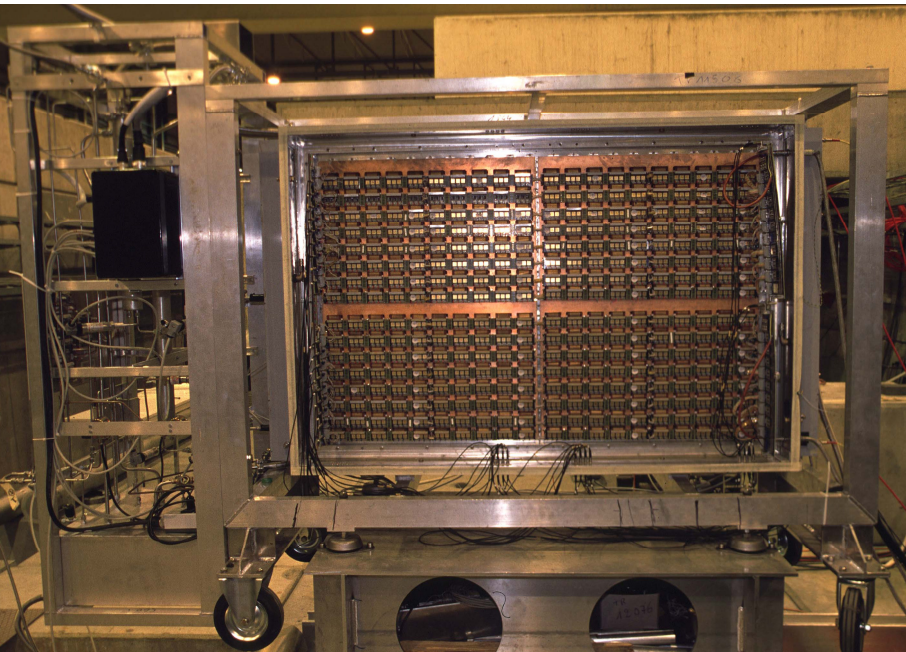
**Concept: proximity focussing CsI RICH**

- 7 modules: total area 11 m<sup>2</sup> largest application so far
- 42 PCs (64 cm x 40 cm) in total (6 per module)

- liquid C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>14</sub> radiator
- MWPC
- cathode pads coated with CsI
- 3840 pads (8x8 mm<sup>2</sup>) per PC with individual analogue readout

# The STAR-RICH detector

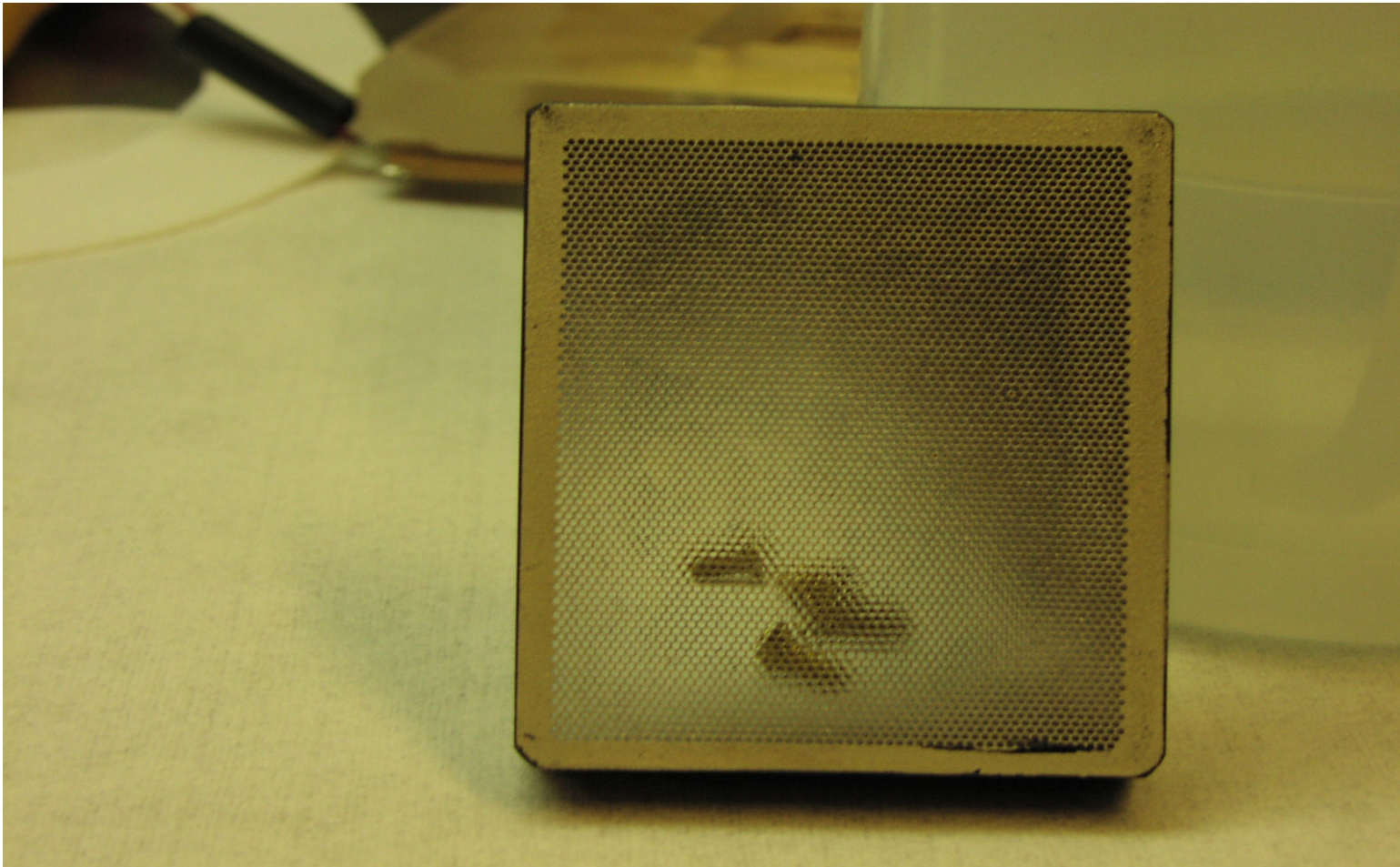
- Charged particles multiplicity:  $10 \text{ m}^{-2}$
- Interaction rate:  $10^4$
- PID:
  - $1 < p < 3 \text{ GeV}/c \quad \pi \text{ K}$
  - $2 < p < 5 \text{ GeV}/c \quad \text{p}$



- ALICE HMPID proto-2 ( $1 \text{ m}^2$  active area): proximity focusing (80 mm gap), 10 mm  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_{14}$  radiator, 4 CsI PC of  $60 \times 40 \text{ cm}^2$
- FEE: Gassiplex  $1.5 \mu$ , noise  $1000 e^-$

**New: First use of a CsI RICH detector in a collider experiment**

# Photo of a glass capillary plate



A. Del Guerra et al., NIM A257,1987, 609