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Prezentacja promująca Projekt  
Modularne Detektory GEM (MGEM)  
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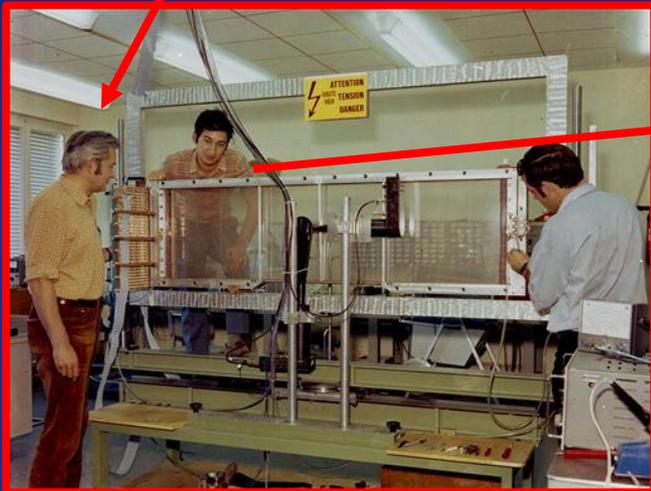
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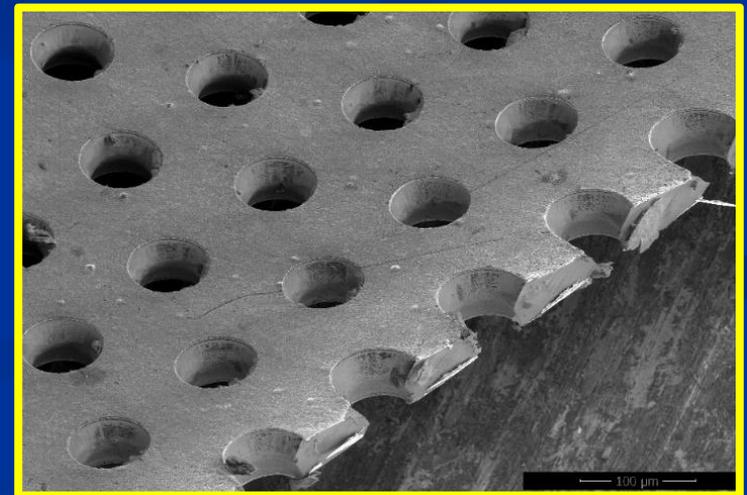
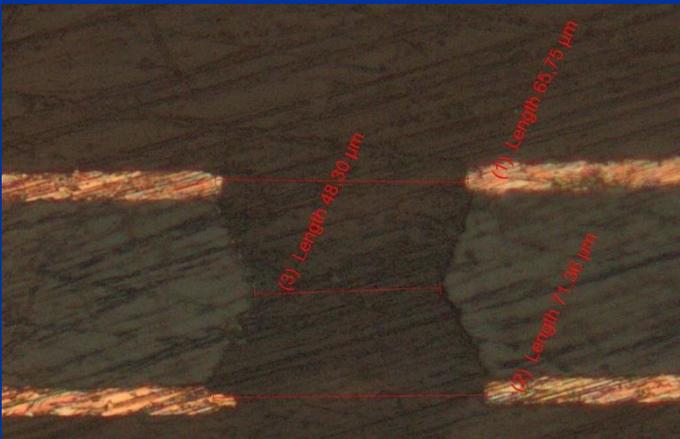
GEM detectors are an extension of the concept of multi-wire chambers developed by Georges Charpak (Nobel Prize winner in 1992)



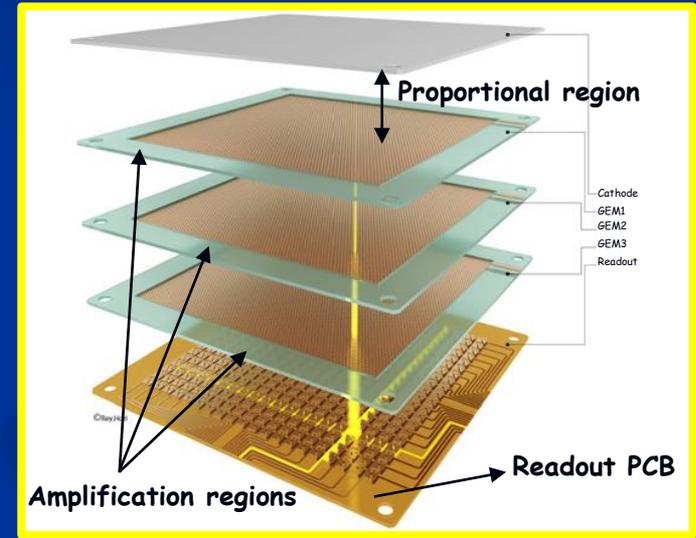
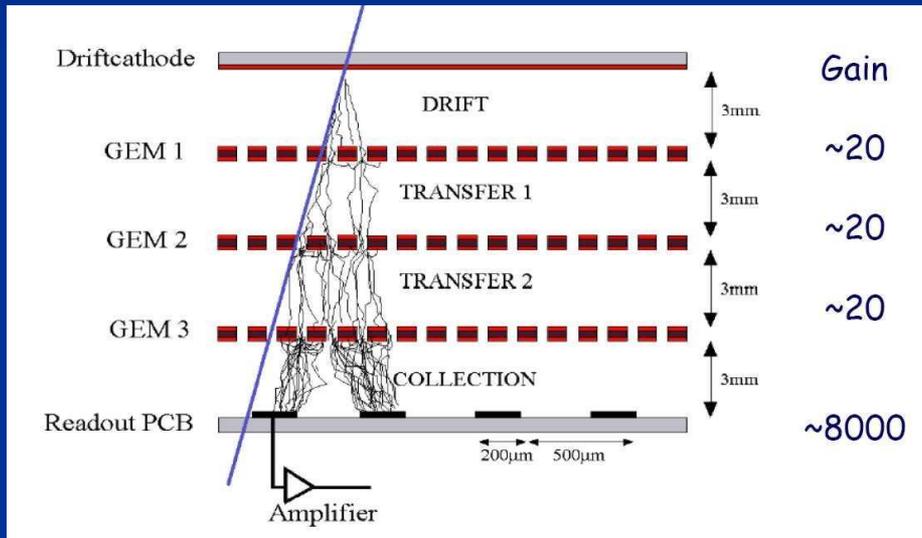
G. Charpak, F. Sauli, J. Santiard @CERN



Fabio Sauli inventor of GEM technology



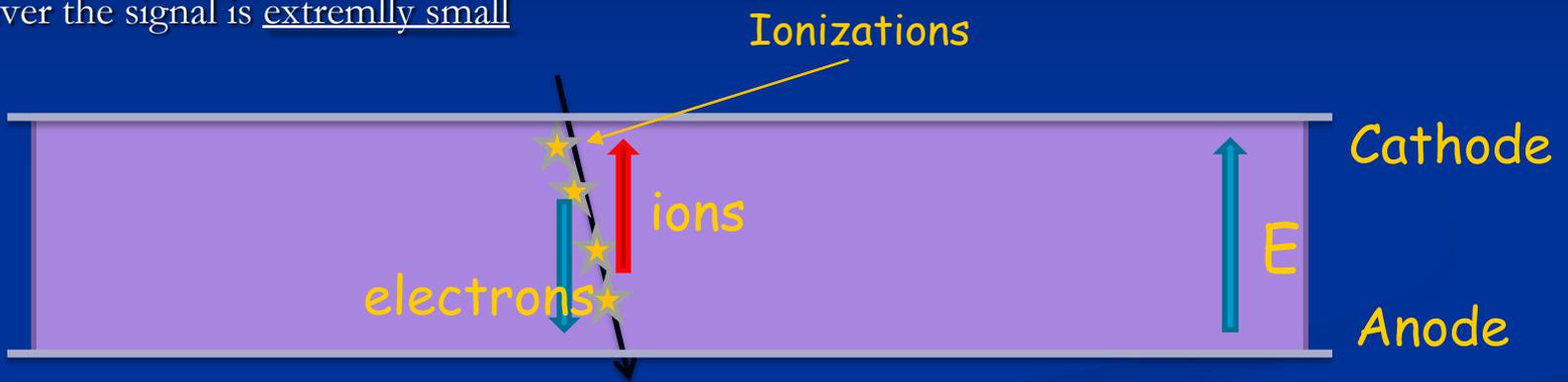
- GEM detectors typically consist of a stack of foils, each operated at ca. 500V difference placed a drift cathode and a readout anode.



- GEM detectors offer excellent spatial, temporal and energy resolution at costs much lower than solid-state ones.
- GEM detectors tolerate extremely high radiation levels.

## Proportional region

- When electrical field is applied to the gas we can collect the electrons to anode
- However the signal is extremly small



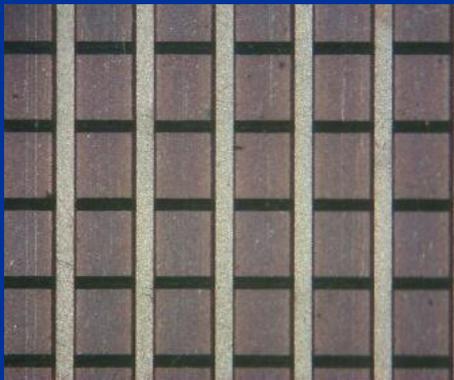
## Amplification regions

- Applying a large electric field allows us to create avalanche secondary ionization in the gas
- The signal is large, but we the magnitude depends on avalanche length – no proportionality to energy loss!

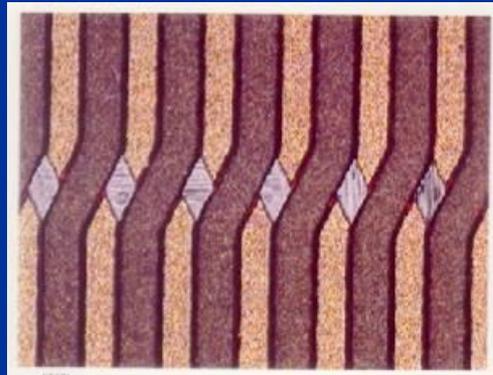


## Readout PCB

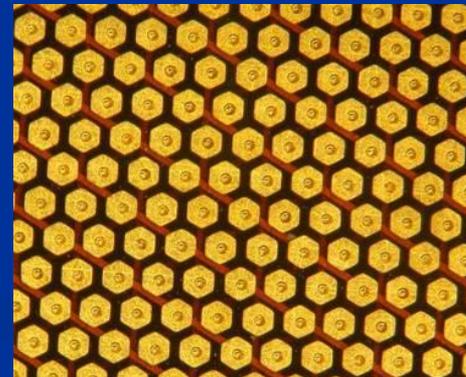
GEMs and Micromegas decouple the readout geometry from charge collection and amplification. Thus readout is not limited to parallel strips/wires.



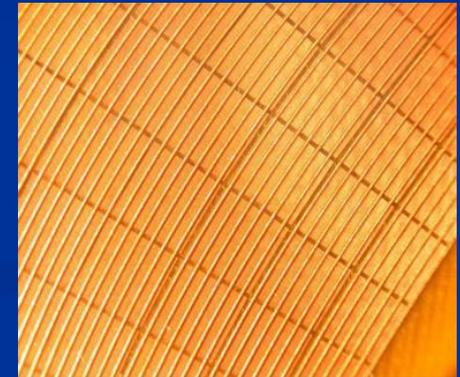
Cartesian,  
Compass, LHCb



Small Angle



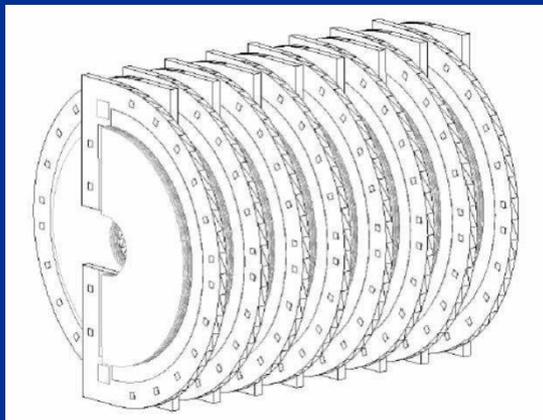
Hexagonal pads, MICE



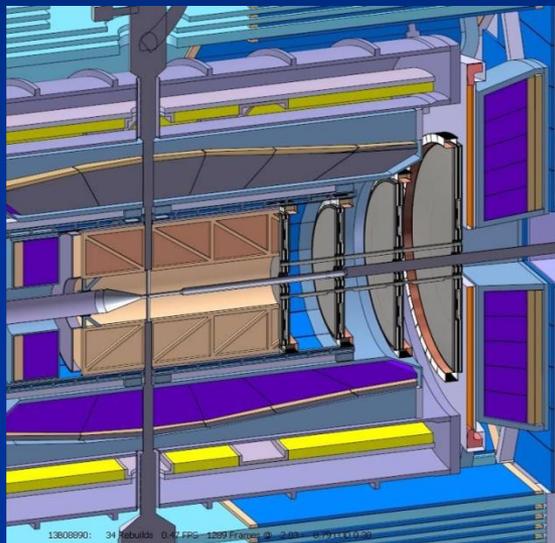
Mixed, TOTEM

# GEMs in HEP experiments

- Several HEP experiments use or will use GEM detectors, e.g.:



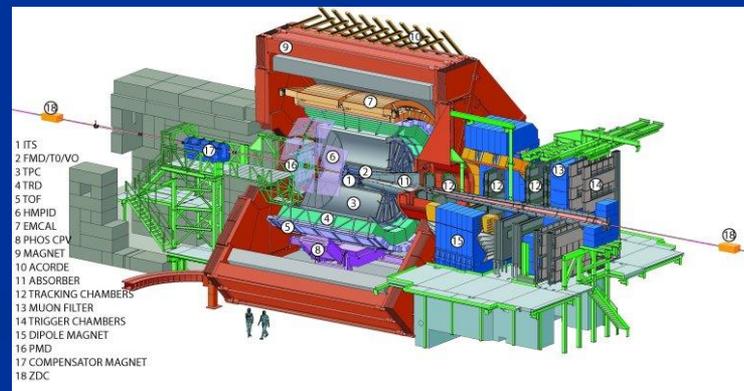
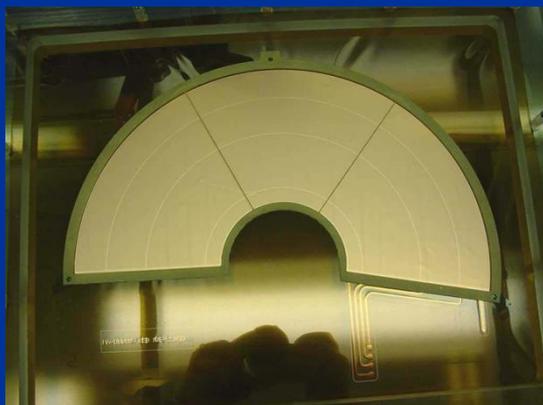
TOTEM T2 telescope



Target spectrometer PANDA

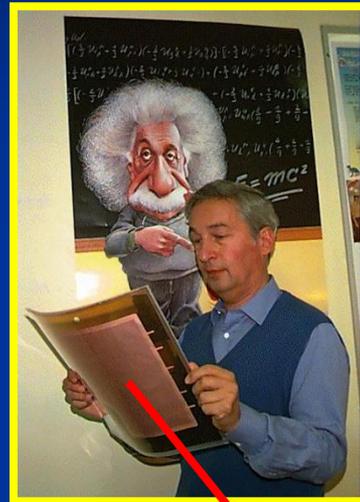


The CMS TPC

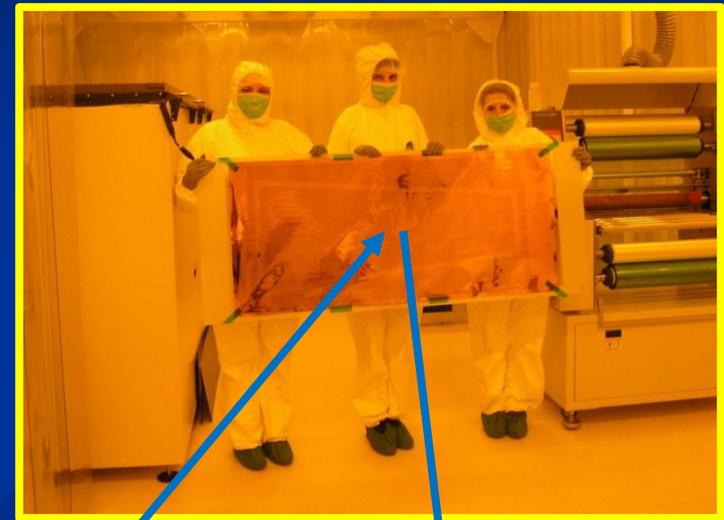


The ALICE TPC

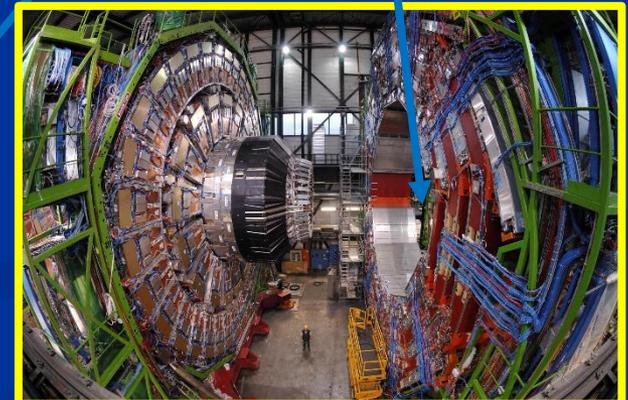
## 2002: Implementation of GEM technology into Techtra company.



Fabio Sauli, CERN

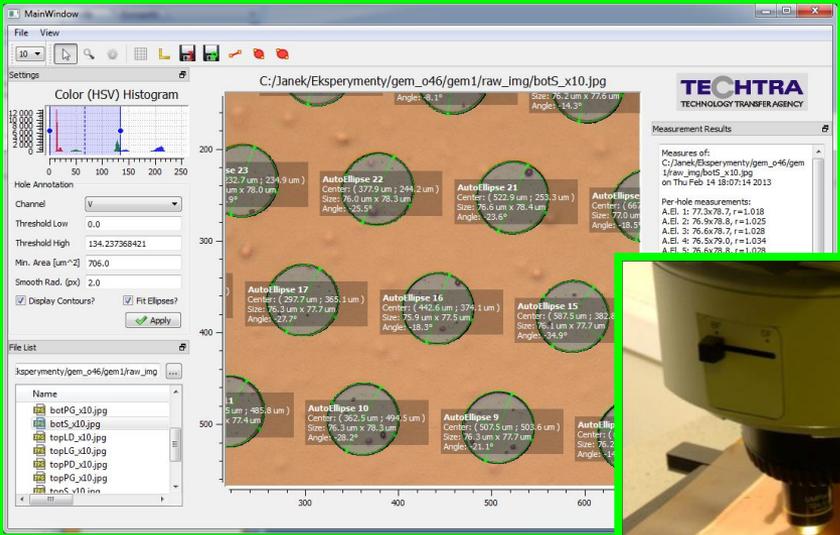


Techtra prototypes of CMS foils.

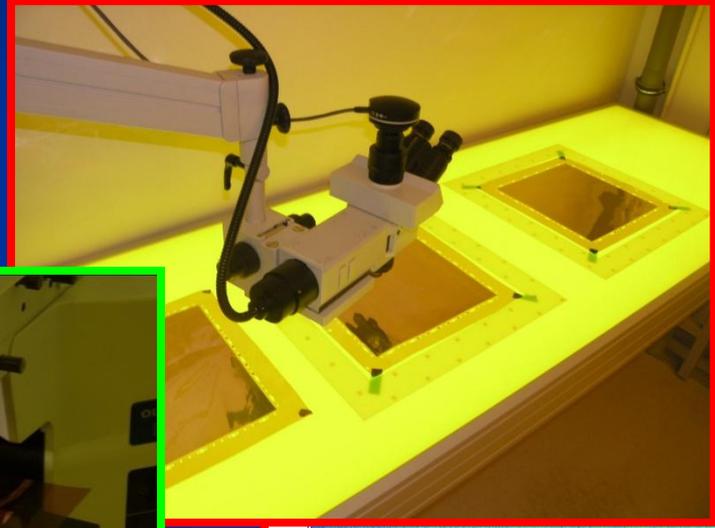


Compact Muon Solenoid, CERN

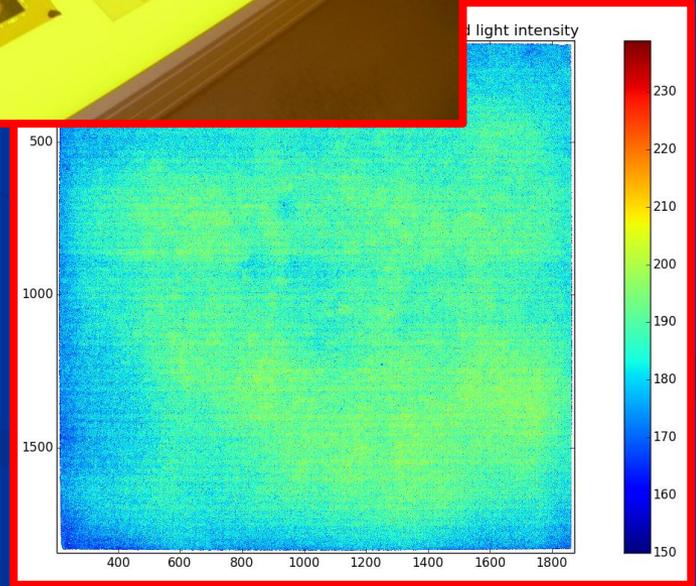
## Quality control: optical scanning



Spot test

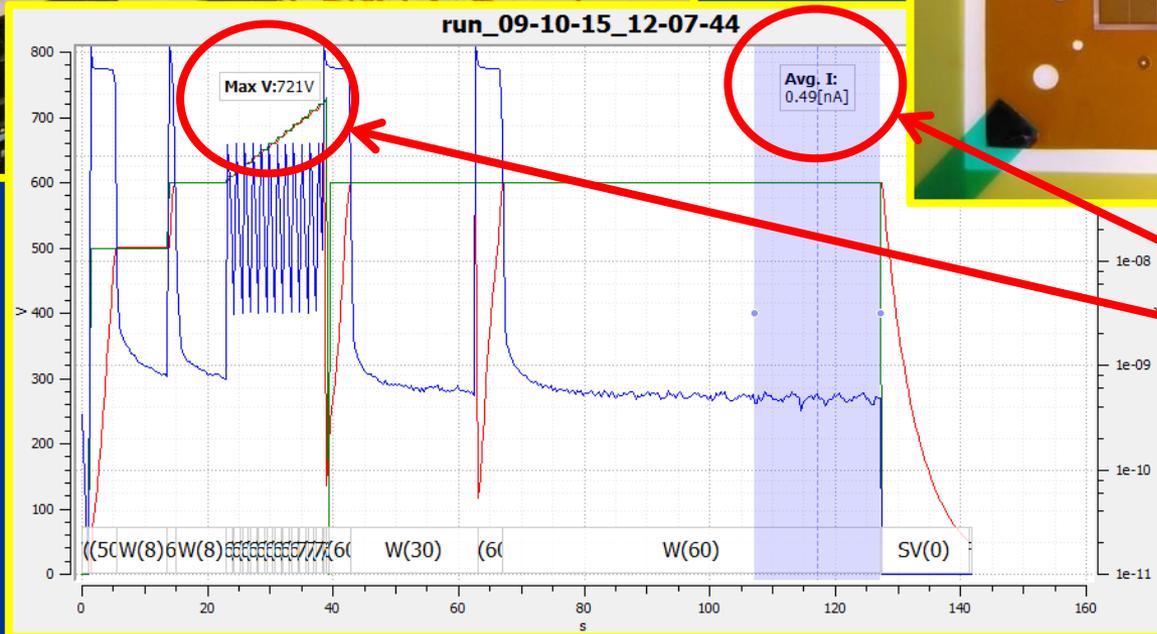
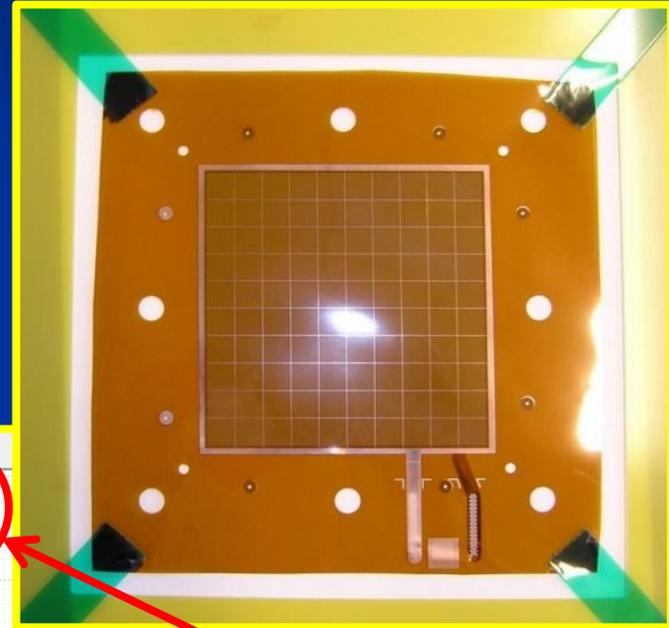
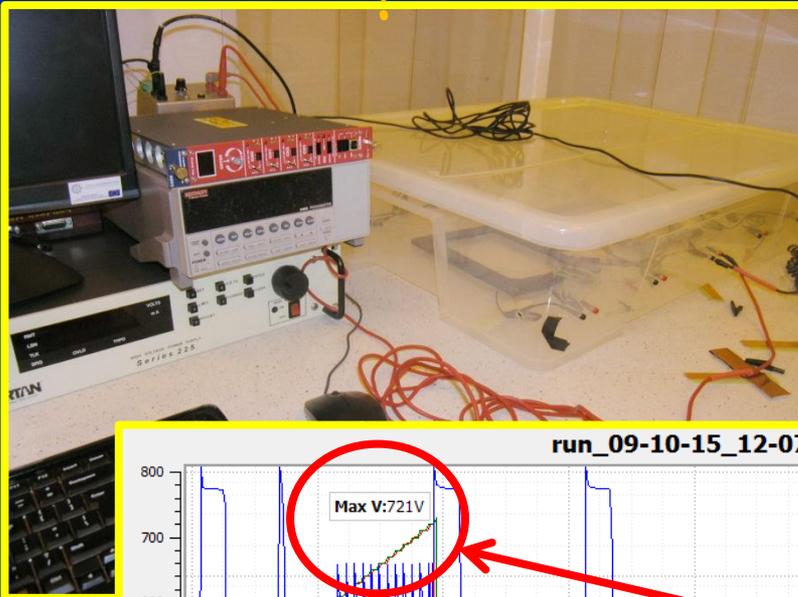


There are about half a million holes in the 100cm<sup>2</sup> area.



Global test

## Quality control: electrical testscanning

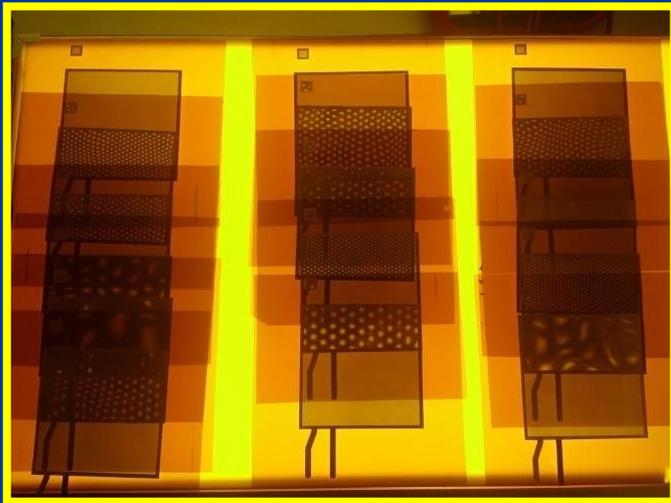


Leakage current  
needs to be below  
1nA @100cm<sup>2</sup> @600V  
@30 %HR

# Wrocławski Park Technologiczny



Dedicated laboratory for GEM production



GEM foils 100x100mm<sup>2</sup>



Copper etching machine



Cleanroom: ISO7



PCB developer

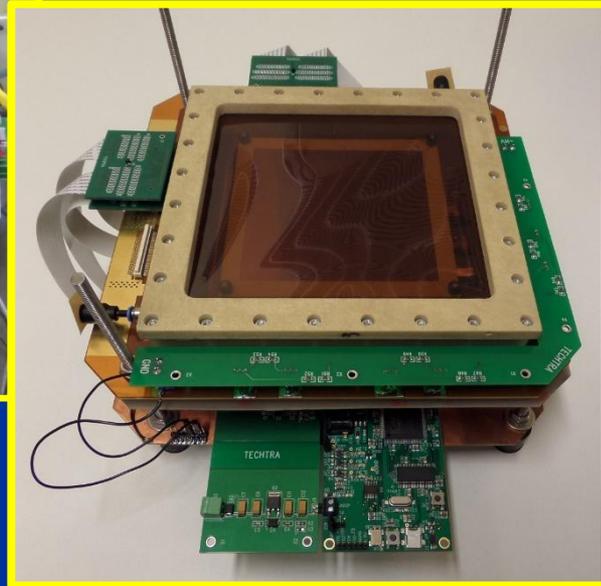


UV exposure unit

GEM detectors produced and offered by Techtra



„proof of concept“  
Techtra



Operational prototype,  
Techtra



Final version of GEM  
detector, Techtra

# GEM detectors measurement setup

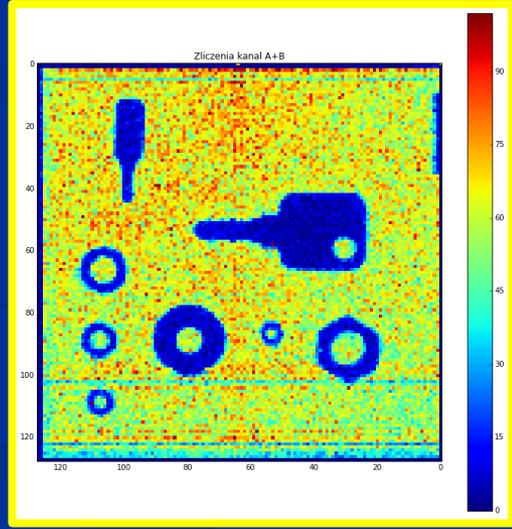
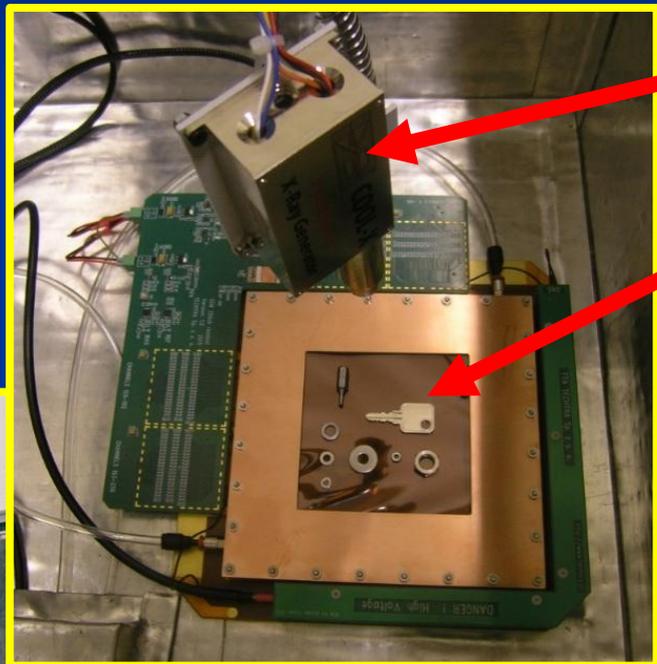
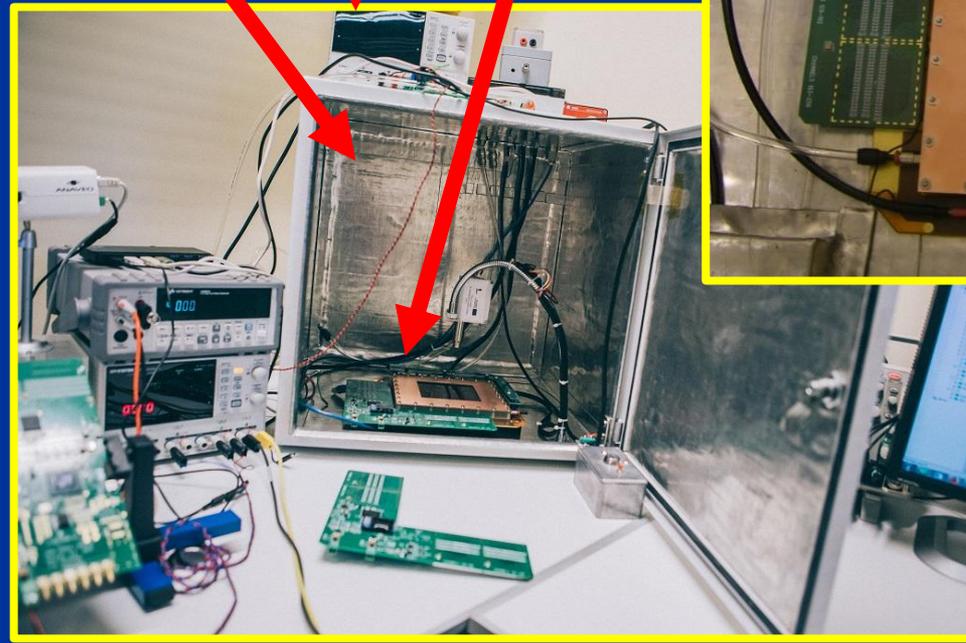
LV and HV power supply

Lead covered enclosure

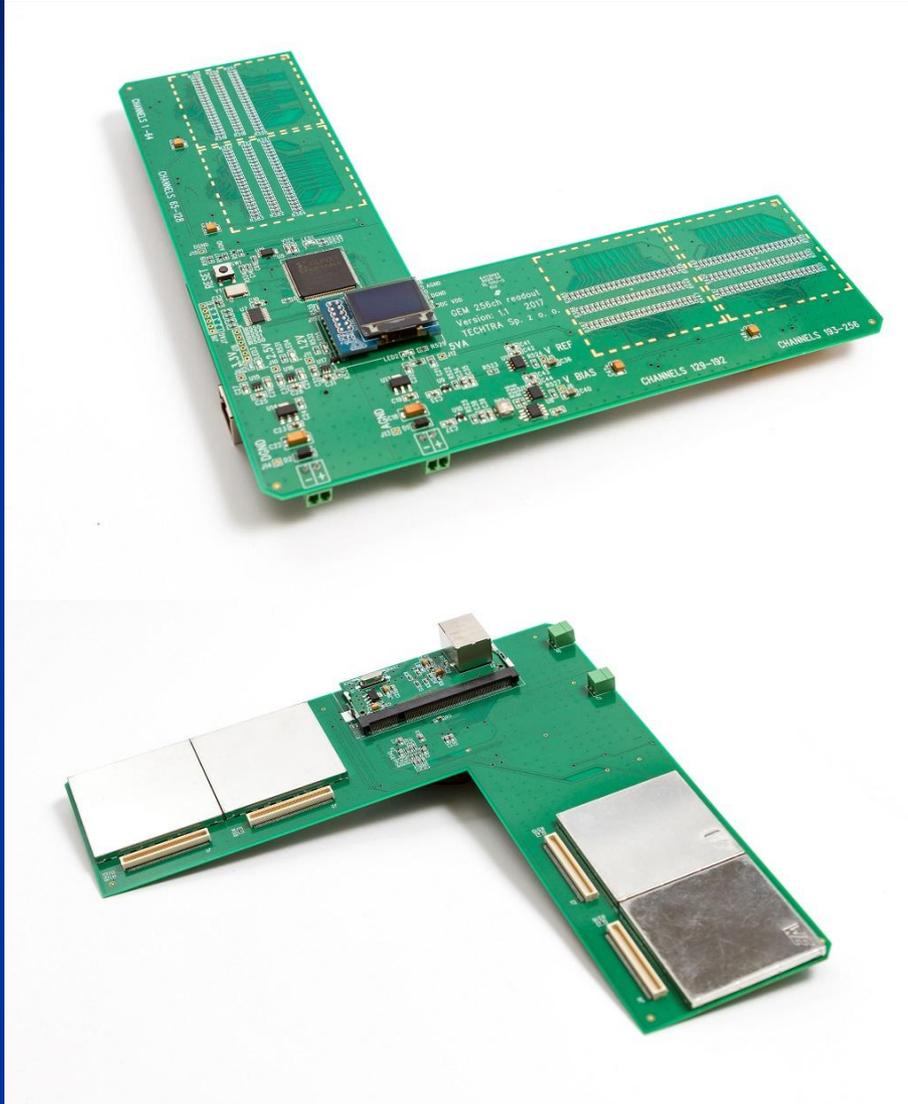
Techtra GEM detector

X-ray source

Metal elements placed onto detector



Radiograph made with Cool-X Amptec miniature X-ray generator



## GEM detector V1.1

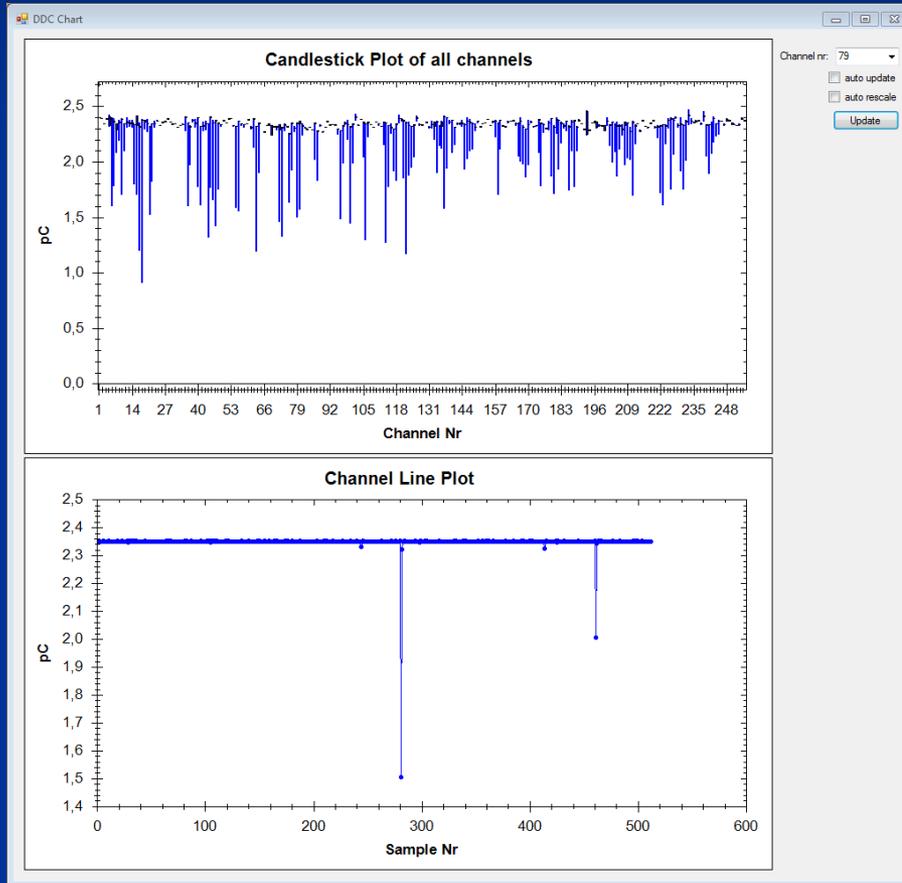
- Designed and validated,
- A few detectors are already delivered to clients,
- Channels: 128 x 128 strips,
- For 10x10 cm detector kit,
- Sampling rate of 6,25 kHz,
- ADC resolution 20-bit,
- Minimal ADC range - 6,25 pC,
- 100 Mbit Ethernet communication,
- Connects directly onto detector readout plate,
- Noise level: about 1 fC peak-to-peak disconnected from strip readout,
- With strip readout connected noise increases 3 Times,

## GEM detector V2.0

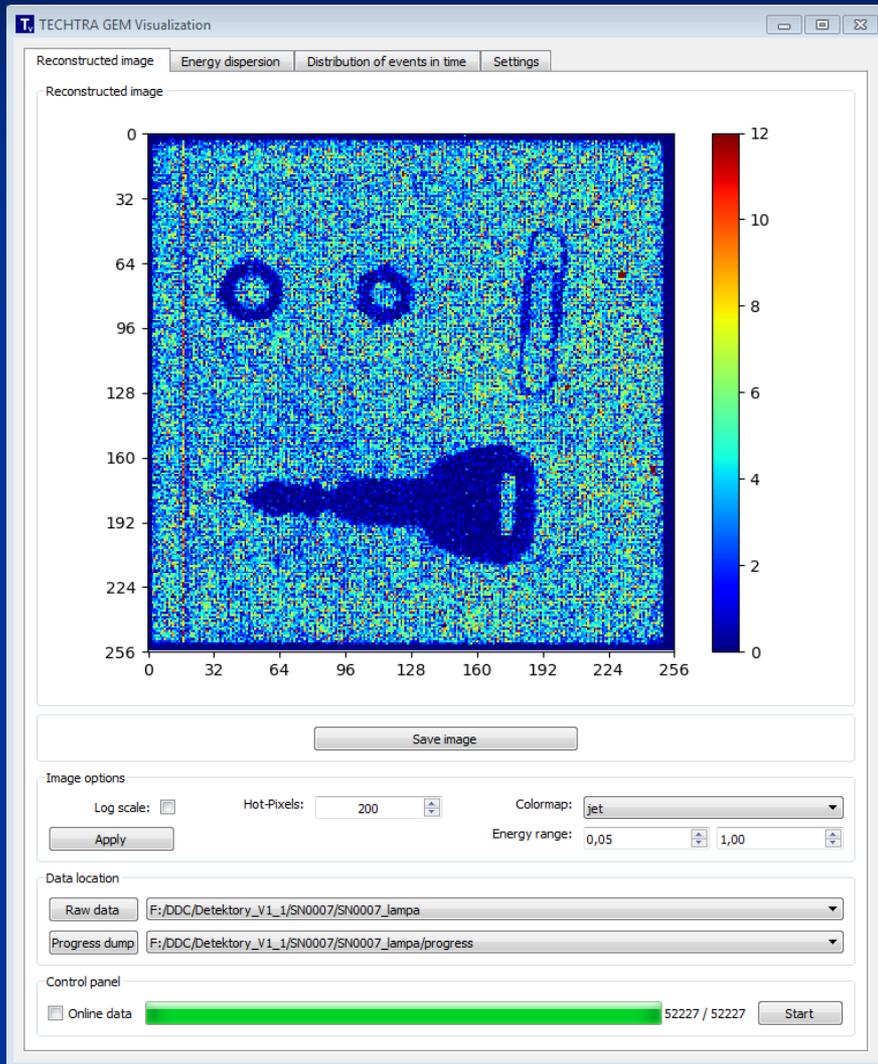


- Design is based on experiences gathered from DAQ V1.1 detector project,
- Sampling rate is increased from 6,25 kHz to 17 kHz
- As the new DAQ is much faster, we can use higher count-rate X-ray source,
- ADC resolution is also improved from 20-bit to 24-bit,
- Minimal ADC range - 6,25 pC,
- 100Mbit Ethernet communication,
- 100Mbit communication is too slow for huge amount of data from new DAQ ☹,
- We introduced digital triggering and data procesing inside FPGA,
- To measure noise performance and to validate the detector we have integrated digital phosphor function.

## GEM detector data acquisition software - visualization



- Data from detector are transmitted in packages of 512 samples from each of 256 channels,
- We use candlestick plot to show average values and min-max values spread for each channels on one plot (based on 512 samples),
- On candlestick plot we can see on which channels we have detected events and how many such channels we have,
- On channel line plot we can see all of 512 samples from 1 chosen channel - something like oscilloscope.



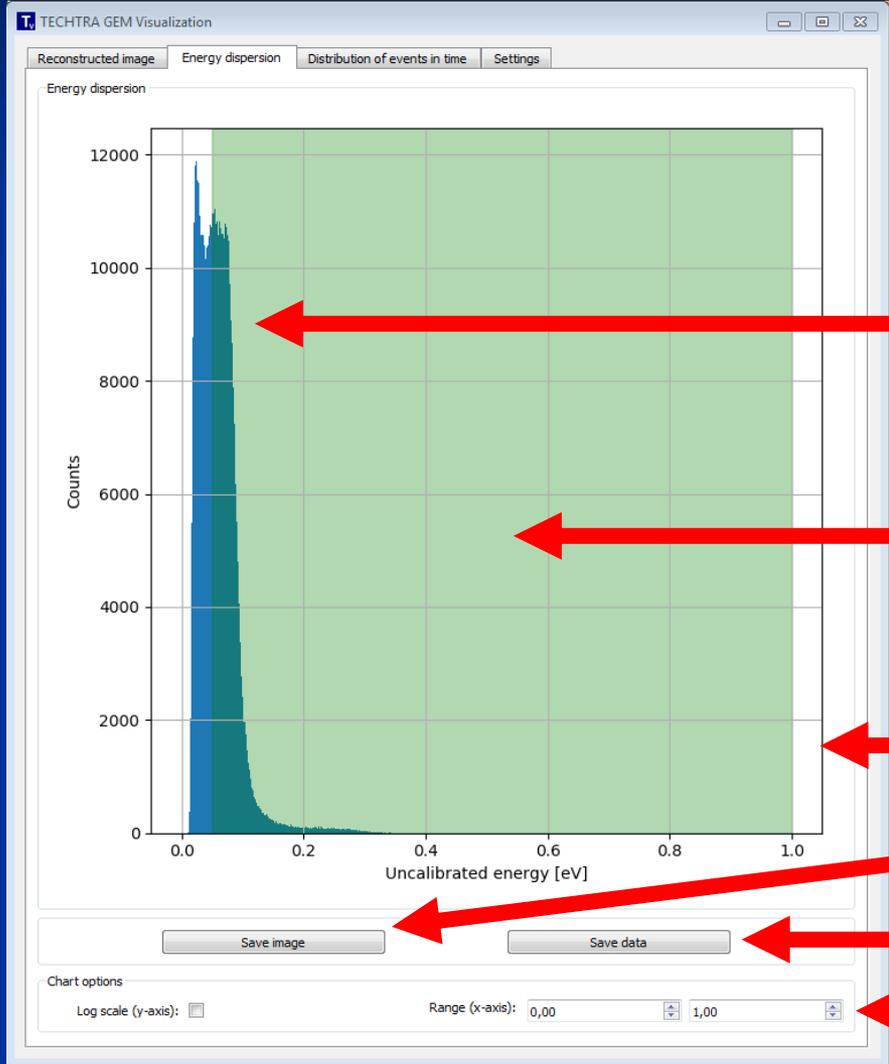
## GEM detector

### data visualization software

- Designed specially for our detector DAQ,
- Application performs **DIGITAL TRIGGERING** function on raw data,
- User can change triggering parameters to see the difference in results on the same raw data,
- Software automatically recognizes peaks correspond to events and reconstructs their position on the 2D map,
- User can see the image reconstruction progress on-live during data acquisition,

**GEM detector**

**data visualization software  
- energy spectra of events**



Energy spectra of detected events

Visual indication of filter energy bandwidth - user can check which part of signal will be used in 2D reconstruction

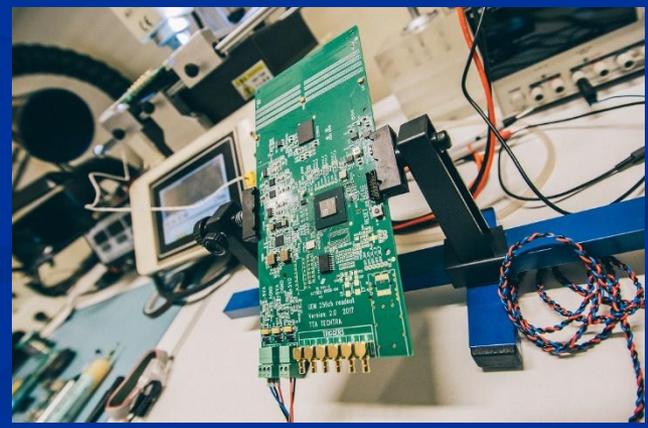
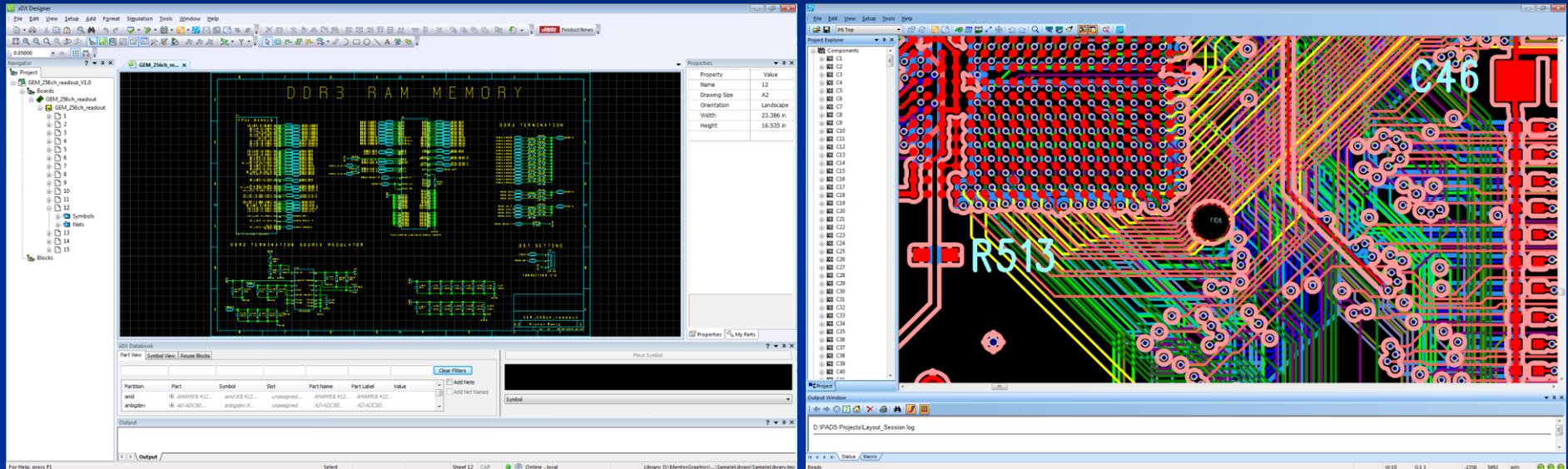
Chart with scales

Image file save button

Output data save button, txt file

Energy range selector

# Measurement electronics designing and prototyping

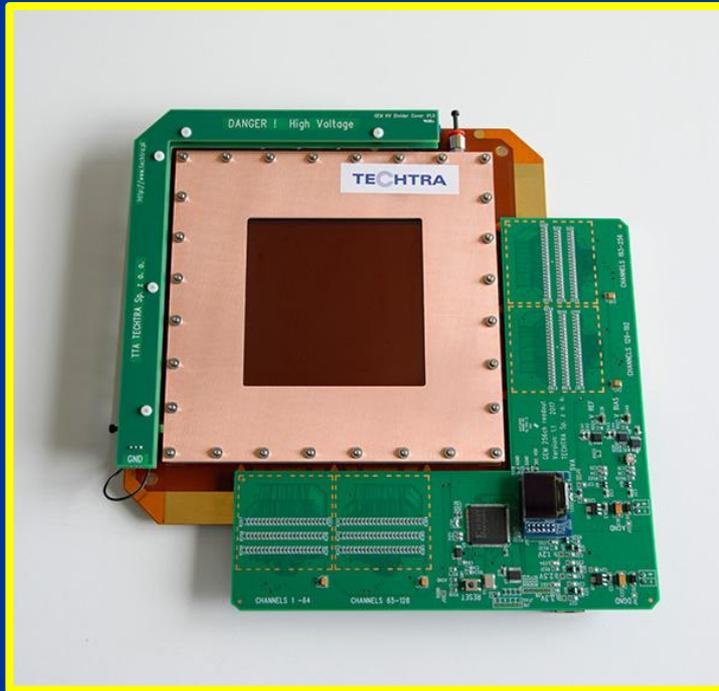


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