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AT-TPC Prototype Chamber Status & Electronics

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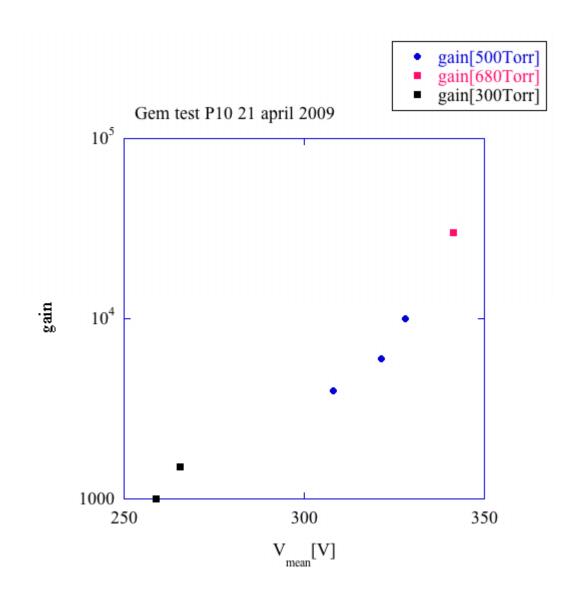
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Prototype Chamber Status

Two sheets of GEMs (10x10 cm²) were mounted.

- 1. Leak test
 - Vacuum level ~ 0.1 Torr with a rotary pump
 - ~ + 0.5 Torr/30 min (with switching off the rotary)
 - ~10⁻⁸ cc/sec (with He leak detector)
 - → No large leak sources
 - Nylon outgass → Same order of pressure increase
- 2. HV + P10 (0.5 ~ 1.0 atm) + 55 Fe(6 keV X-ray)
 - Signal was observed.
 - Gain vs GEM differential voltage
 - \rightarrow g = ~ 10⁴ at nominal voltage
 - → The dependence is roughly consistent with a literature

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Electronics

- 1. FemStuc (T2K reading electronics)
 - CEA-Saclay
 - F. Druillole & E. Pollacco will arrive and install the system during 2-5th of June.

Next step & Todo

Options;

- 1. Test the GEM with flammable gases (isobutane, H).
 - Safety issues (1st meeting in next week ?)
- 2. Develop the localization procedure (GEM+P10)
 - Read-out circuit
- 3. Test the Micromegas (P10)
 - Installation of the detector