Curriculum Vitae of Saikat Biswas

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1 Personal data

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Nationality	:	Indian
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Sex	:	Male
Marital status	:	Married

2 Academic Record

Examination	Year of	Subject	Board / Univ.	Class/
	passing			Division
Secondary	1996	Bengali, English,	West Bengal	First
Examination		Math, Phy. Sc.,	Board of	
		Life Sc., History,	Secondary	
		Geography, Phy.	Education	
		Edu., Work Edu.,	(Jagacha High	
		Biology	School, Howrah,	
			West Bengal,	
			India)	
Higher	1998	Physics,	West Bengal	First
Secondary		Chemistry,	Council of	
(+2)		Biology,	Higher Secondary	
		Mathematics.	Education	
			(Santragachi	
			Kedarnath	
			Institution,	
			Howrah,	
			West Bengal,	
			India)	
B. Sc.	2001	Physics	University	Second
		(Honours)	of Calcutta.	
		Chemistry &	(Shibpur	
		Mathematics	Dinabandhu	
		(pass)	Institution	
			(College), Howrah,	
			West Bengal,	
			India)	
M. Sc.	2004	Physics	University	First
			of Calcutta,	
			Kolkata, India	
Ph.D.	2011	Physics	University	
		(Experimental)	of Calcutta.	
			(Variable Energy	
			Cyclotron Centre,	
			Kolkata, India)	

Title of the Ph.D. thesis: Development of high resolution gas filled detector for high energy physics experiments.

Supervisor: Dr. Subhasis Chattopadhyay (Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre)

Ph.D. thesis Submitted on: 20.08.2010

Ph.D. degree obtained on: 04.03.2011

3 Post Doctoral experience

Position	Year	Work	Institute
Visiting Fellow	November,	Development	Detector Laboratory
	2010 -	of GEM	GSI Helmholtzzentrum für
	November	detector	Schwerionenforschung
	2012		GmbH, Planckstrasse 1,
			D-64291, Darmstadt,
			Germany
DST-SERB	November,	Development	Variable Energy
Ramanujan Fellow	2012 - June,	of detectors	Cyclotron Centre,
	2013		Kolkata, India
DST-SERB	June 20, 2013	Permanent	National Institute of
Ramanujan Fellow	to	Scientific staff	Science Education
and Scientific	November 27,	for Detector	and Research (NISER),
Officer-D	2015	development	Bhubaneswar
		for EHEP	
Assistant	November 30,	Permanent	Centre for Astroparticle
Professor	2015	Faculty	Physics & Space Science
	onwards	in	(CAPSS),
		Physics	Bose Institute,
			Kolkata

4 Short term visit to other countries

1. One month visit to Institute of High Energy Physics (IHEP), Beijing, China in June 2007.

To work on bakelite RPC.

2. La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 24-30, 2009.

To present a poster in the conference Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics (11^{th}) Pisa meeting on advanced detectors)

3. GSI, Darmstadt, Germany, February 09-12, 2010.

To present a talk in the X. Workshop on Resistive Plate Chambers and related Detectors- 2010.

4. CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, 16-18 March 2011.

To attend the 4^{th} MC-PAD Training Event, Micro-pattern gas and Photo-detectors.

5. CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, 20 days visit in October 2011.

To participate in the test beam at CERN SPS for GEM detector test for CBM-MUCH detector.

6. La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 20-26, 2012.

To present three posters in the conference Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics $(12^{th} \text{ Pisa meeting on advanced detectors})$

7. CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, June 13-15, 2012.

To present a talk in the RD51 mini week.

8. CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, 20 days visit in October 2012.

To participate in the test beam at CERN SPS for GEM detector test for CBM-MUCH detector.

9. CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, August 25-September 3, 2013 To attend ALICE mini week and for ALICE related discussion.

10. GSI, Darmstadt, Germany, September 4-13, 2013.

For Discussion and research work on detector.

11. CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, November 18 - December 18, 2014. To participate in the test beam at CERN PS and CERN SPS for ALICE TPC GEM

detector test and to attend RD51 mini week.

12. GSI, Darmstadt, Germany, February 20 - March 4, 2015. For Discussion and research work on GEM detector for ALICE experiment at CERN and CBM experiment in FAIR.

13. La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 24 - 30, 2015.

To present four posters in the conference Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics $(13^{th} \text{ Pisa meeting on advanced detectors})$

14. CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, July 11 - August 31, 2015.

To take ALICE DCS shift, to participate in the July Monthly ALICE meeting week 13-17 July, 2015.

15. GSI, Darmstadt, Germany, April 3-19, 2016.

For research work on GEM detector for ALICE TPC upgrade, to present the work in the GSI TPCU meeting, to attend CBM collaboration meeting.

16. CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, April 20-29, 2016 To take ALICE DCS shift. Presented the GEM detector related work on TPCU production meeting.

17. GSI, Darmstadt, Germany, September 12-23, 2016.

Worked on the testing of the first quad-GEM prototype build in India with high rate X-ray generator. He operated the GEM chamber at very low gain. Also participated in the pre-production of large GEM detector for ALICE-TPC upgrade.

18. CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, November 24- December 6, 2016 To take DCS data taking shift during heavy ion run of ALICE experiment. Participated also in the testing of OROC chamber of ALICE TPC with heavy ion at Point 2 (ALICE site).

19. Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics, and Novosibirsk State University, Novosibirsk, Russia 27 February - 3 March, 2017. To present an oral and two posters in the conference INSTR17: International Conference "Instrumentation for Colliding Beam Physics"

20. CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, May 5 - May 18, 2017 To take DCS data taking shift of ALICE experiment.

21. GSI, Darmstadt, Germany, March 18-23, 2018 To attend and present work in the 31st CBM collaboration meeting.

22. La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 25 - June 4, 2018. To present six posters in the conference Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics (14th Pisa meeting on advanced detectors)

23. CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, November 11 - December 6, 2018 To take DCS data taking shift during heavy ion run of ALICE experiment. Attended and presented a talk in the RD-51 mini week.

5 Scholarships and Awards

1. National Scholarship in Higher Secondary Examination from West Bengal in 1998.

2. DAE research fellowship to pursue Ph.D in Physics.

3. DST International travel grant to attend the 11^{th} Pisa Meeting on Advanced Detectors, held from 24/05/2009 to 30/05/2009 at La Biodola, Isola d'Elba, Italy.

4. Support from the Organizing committee to attend the 11^{th} Pisa Meeting on Advanced Detectors, held from 24/05/2009 to 30/05/2009 at La Biodola, Isola d'Elba, Italy.

5. Support from the Organizing committee to attend the X. Workshop on Resistive Plate Chambers and related Detectors- 2010, GSI, Germany.

6. EU grants to participate the 4^{th} MC-PAD Training Event, Micropattern gas and Photo-detectors, CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, 16-18 March 2011.

7. Support from the Organizing committee to attend the 12^{th} Pisa Meeting on Advanced Detectors, held from 20/05/2012 to 26/05/2012 at La Biodola, Isola d'Elba, Italy.

8. DST-SERB Ramanujan Fellowship, November, 2012 to November, 2017.

9. Support from the Organizing committee to attend the 13^{th} Pisa Meeting on Advanced Detectors, held from 24/05/2015 to 30/05/2015 at La Biodola, Isola d'Elba, Italy.

6 Projects

1. Investigation of the Applicability of Micro-pattern Gas Detectors in the High Rate FAIR-Experiment CBM. Ramanujan Fellowship, November, 2012 to November, 2017. (PI).

2. Beam Energy Scan Program with Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions and Development of a Gas based Detector facility at NISER. 2014. (Co-PI). 3. Intramural project: Investigation of the Applicability of Resistive Plate Chamber in the Compressed Baryonic Matter Experiment at FAIR. Rs 20 lakh for 2019-20.

7 Project Students

1. Viwek Mertiya (University of Rajasthan), M.Tech in Engineering Physics Project thesis. 2012-13 Title: Development of resistive plate chamber for physics research. (Project is done at VECC).

2. Rashmita Das (F.M. University Balasore, Odisha), One month project on development of multigap RPC at VECC. 2013 (Project is done at VECC).

3. Himangshu Neog, SPS, NISER, 6 months. 2013-14 Title: Development of Resistive Plate Chamber (RPC). (Project is done at NISER).

4. Akhilesh P Nandan, IISER TVM, 1 month. 2014 Title: Detection of particles and gamma photons using plastic scintillators.

(Project is done at NISER).

5. Sharmili Rudra, Dept. of Applied Physics, University of Calcutta, 3 months. 2014 Title: Development of detectors for high energy physics experiments. (Project is done at NISER).

6. Amit Nanda, SPS, NISER, 6 months. 2014-15 Title: Study of characteristics of GEM Detector. (Project is done at NISER).

7. Sumanya Sekhar Sahoo, SPS, NISER, 1 month, (Open ended experiment). 2015 Title: Building and testing of a single wire gas chamber. (Project is done at NISER).

8. Abhishek Nag, IISER Kolkata, 1 month. 2015 Title: Measurement of relative gain uniformity of a single mask triple GEM detector.

(Project is done at NISER).

9. Akhil Bharadwaj, IISER Mohali, 2 month. 2015

Title: Characterization of a single wire gas chamber with Argon and CO2 in 80/20 ratio.

(Project is done at NISER).

10. Khitish Biswal, SPS, NISER, summer project, 2015 Title: Efficiency measurement of a triple GEM detector using cosmic ray. (Project is done at NISER).

11. Ruchika Gupta, Kurukhetra University, Kurukhetra, summer project, 2015

Title: Long-term stability test of a triple GEM detector with Argon and CO2 in 80/20 ratio.

(Project is done at NISER).

12. Aritra Mondal, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, 2016Title: Long-term stability test of GEM detector for ALICE experiment. (Project is done at Bose Institute).(Now at RRCAT, Indore)

13. Debdeep Ghosal, Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad, 2016Title: Development of gas detector.(Project is done at Bose Institute).(Now at Department of Physics, University of Basel)

14. Shreya Roy, Bose Institute, Kolkata, 2016 Title: Development of straw tube detector. (Project is done at Bose Institute).

15. Pratik Ghosal, Bose Institute, Kolkata, 2016 Title: Radiation detection. (Project is done at Bose Institute).

16. Dr. Subikash Choudhury Visiting Fellow at Bose Institute, 2016-17. (Now Post Doc. Fellow at Fudan University, Shanghai)

17. Nilanjana Nandi, Raja Peary Mohan College, Uttarpara, Hooghly, West Bengal. Summer Project at Bose Institute 2017. Title: Characteristic studies on straw tube and scintillator detectors. (Now pursuing M.Sc. in University of Calcutta) 18. Sayak Chatterjee, Bose Institute, Kolkata, 2017 Title: Radiation detection and measurement. (Project is done at Bose Institute).

19. Prateek Chawla, Bose Institute, Kolkata, 2017 Title: Radiation detection and computer interfacing. (Project is done at Bose Institute).

(Now at IMSc, Chennai)

20. Shibnath Shaw, Vidyasagar University, Rangamati, Medinipur, West Bengal. 2017.

Title: Detection of cosmic ray.

(Project is going on at Bose Institute for his 4^{th} semester M.Sc).

21. Shreya Roy, Bose Institute, Kolkata, 2017 Title: Characterisation of scintillator and gaseous detectors, and Measurement of angular variation of cosmic ray flux with scintillator detector (Project is done at Bose Institute for her 4^{th} semester Int. M.Sc-PhD).

22. Sayak Chatterjee, Bose Institute, Kolkata, 2018 Title: Study of characteristics of triple GEM Detector for CBM experiment

(Project is done at Bose Institute for her 4th semester Int. M.Sc-PhD).

23. Sayan Chakraborty, Bose Institute, Kolkata, 2018 Title: Development of Resistive Plate Chamber (RPC) for CBM Muon Chamber

(Project is done at Bose Institute for her 4^{th} semester Int. M.Sc-PhD). (Now at NPCIL, Gujrat)

24. Souradeep Pal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata. Summer Project at Bose Institute 2018.

Title: Study of the characteristics of the triple Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM) in detection of 5.9 keV X-rays of Fe^{55} source.

25. Shubham Jaiswal, Bose Institute, Kolkata, 2019. Title: Review on Gaseous Detectors and Feasibility study of straw tube detector for CBM - Muon Chamber.

(Project is done at Bose Institute for her 4th semester Int. M.Sc-PhD).

26. Abhisek Roy, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi. Summer Project at Bose Institute 2019.

Title: Simulation of RPC using Garfield ++.

27. Debonita Saha, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata. Summer Project at Bose Institute 2019.

Title: Study of the pulse height distribution of cosmic ray muons by plastic scintillation detectors.

28. Krishna Nivedita G, IISER TVM, Summer Internship at Bose Institute 2019.

Title: Study of Charging up effect of GEM detectors.

29. Aayushi Paul, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, Summer Internship at Bose Institute 2019.

Title: Study of timing properties of straw tube and scintillator detectors and application in imaging.

30. Rituparna Banerjee, IIT-ISM Dhanbad, Summer Internship at Bose Institute 2019.

Title: Progress of RPC For High Rate Operation and Issues.

8 Present PhD Students

1. Sayak Chatterjee (1st year)

2. Arindam Sen (1st year)

9 Teaching

2015-16: Int. M.Sc.-PhD SEM II - Computer Interfacing
2016-17: Int. M.Sc.-PhD SEM I - Electrodynamics I
2016-17: Int. M.Sc.-PhD SEM II - Communication Experiments
2017-18: Int. M.Sc.-PhD SEM III - Nuclear Physics Practical
2017-18: Int. M.Sc.-PhD SEM I - Electrodynamics I
2017-18: Int. M.Sc.-PhD SEM II - Communication Experiments
2018-19: Int. M.Sc.-PhD SEM III - Nuclear Physics Practical
2018-19: PhD Course work - Selected topics on Nuclear Physics
2019-20: Int. M.Sc.-PhD SEM I - Electrodynamics I

10 Research Experience

I have completed my M.Sc. from the University of Calcutta, Kolkata in 2004 in Physics with Nuclear Structure and Nuclear Reaction as special paper. I have joined VECC, Kolkata as a Junior Research Fellow (JRF) on September 2005 and completed my Ph.D work in Experimental High Energy Physics with Dr. Subhasis Chattopadhyay.

I have worked from September, 2005 to August, 2010 on the development of bakelite based Resistive Plate Chamber (RPC) to be used as the prime active detector for the detection of muons (produced through the interaction of neutrinos) in a 50 kton magnetized Iron Calorimeter (ICAL) in the India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO). This proposed experiment will study the neutrino oscillations in detail using atmospheric neutrinos. INO will need a large number of RPCs each of $2m \times 2m$ dimension. The main aim of our work is to develop RPCs from the bakelite paper laminates produced and commercially available in local market in India and to operate those modules in streamer mode. This will reduce the cost of the detector immensely.

Over the last several years, I have developed a facility from scratch where RPCs of varying sizes (starting from $30 \text{cm} \times 30 \text{cm}$ to $1\text{m} \times 1\text{m}$) have been fabricated and tested with cosmic rays. A thin silicone coating has been applied to the inner surfaces of the detectors to make the surface smoother. With the application of viscous silicone fluid the efficiency of the RPCs have been found to be >90% with a counting rate ~ 0.1 Hz/cm² for more than 140 days in streamer mode using argon, tetrafluroethane (R-134a) and isobutane in 34:59:7 mixing ratio with cosmic rays. The time resolution (FWHM) obtained is ~ 2 nsec which is better than the required value in INO. The streamer-mode of operation of these RPCs makes the electronics simpler.

In this R&D work I was deeply engaged from the procurement of bakelite sheets from the local market and evolved through several modifications in the fabrication and surface finish.

I have also worked to build a INO-ICAL prototype (~ 25 ton iron) at VECC. The prototype is built with 13 layers of 50 mm thick low carbon iron (Tata A-grade) plates and 12 RPCs (both bakelite and glass) of $1m \times 1m$ in area sandwiched between them. Each layer is assembled by joining a 'T' and a 'C' shaped iron plate. The prototype detector will be magnetised to 1.5 Tesla, which will enable momentum measurement of 1-10 GeV atmospheric muons. To magnetise the iron four sets of copper coils of 5 turns each, which were made from electrolytic copper conductor tubing having a central bore for flowing low conductivity water, are used. The prototype will provide an active volume of about $1m^3$. A few $1m \times 1m$ RPC detectors are now installed inside a prototype magnet for testing.

I have also worked on building and characterizing of Multi-Gap RPC (MRPC) from the bakelite and glass in VECC India. MRPC will be used in medical imaging for its good time resolution.

I joined GSI detector laboratory, Germany on November 11, 2010 as a visiting scientist after submission of my Ph.D thesis to the University of Calcutta, Kolkata. In GSI detector laboratory a facility has been developed for the fabrication and study of the characteristics for the GEM for the future Compressed Baryonic Matter (CBM) experiment at Facility of Anti-Proton and Ion Research (FAIR) in Darmstadt, Germany. Several triple double mask GEM detectors have been studied systematically. The variation of gain, resolution of the detector with that of the applied high voltage has been measured with Fe^{55} X-ray source for different gas mixtures and with different gas flow rates etc. The fraction of large signal (probable spark) relative to average signal is also measured.

I have actively participated in two test beams at CERN-SPS in October 2011 and October 2012 for testing GEM detectors for CBM. Both double mask and single mask triple GEM detectors have been tested at high rate at CERN SPS/H4. In these tests the hadronic shower detection by GEM, the spark probability due to ~ 150 GeV Pion beam has been measured.

I am also actively involved in ageing studies of the influence of construction materials on the performance of gaseous detectors using multi-wire proportional chambers (MWPC).

I joined VECC once again as DST-SERB Ramanujan Fellow on 12th November 2012. The research proposal "Investigation of the Applicability of Micro-pattern Gas Detectors in the High Rate FAIR-Experiment CBM" proposed here addresses the feasibility study and applicability of Gas Electron Multipliers (GEMs) in a harsh environment. The study is very essential from the point of view of the design and construction of the muon chambers (MUCH) for the CBM experiment at FAIR. For the MUCH system large-area GEMs have been chosen as the active detector, at least for the first few stations downstream of the first hadron absorber. They will be exposed to a very harsh radiation environment. The CBM experiment will have a run time of at least 10 years. The study of long-term stability and ageing properties of GEMs is therefore very important.

In VECC, data analysis of ageing studies performed at GSI is done for GEM. The ageing study and the long term test of one triple GEM detector with 3 mm drift gap, 2 mm transfer gap and 2 mm induction gap has been performed systematically. The accumulated charge on the detector is calculated from the rate of the X-ray and the average gain of the detector. No sign of ageing is observed after accumulation of more that 0.04 mC/mm^2 . The results are included in the TDR (in progress) of CBM-MuCh.

Development of Multigap Resistive Plate Chamber (MRPC) is performed for STAR experiment at VECC. An efficiency $\sim 85\%$ is achieved at an electric field of 100 kV/cm with a noise rate of <1 Hz/cm². Five large modules are already sent to BNL, USA for installation.

Performance of a 6-gap glass MRPC has been studied by 511 keV annihilation gamma rays from a Na²² source for medical imaging. The area of the MRPC is 16 cm × 10 cm with 6 gap each of 200 μ m. The thickness of each glass is 600 μ m. The MRPC is tests in the avalanche mode with a gas mixture of R-134a and Isobutane in 95/5 ratio by using a finger plastic scintillator of dimension 5 cm × 1.2 cm. The Na²² source is placed between the plastic scintillator and the MRPC. The coincidence is taken between the signals from the scintillator and the MRPC with and without the Na²² source. The coincidence count rate increases with the applied high voltage and the effect of the source is also clear. To locate the position of the source, measuring the time difference is the main goal of using MRPC in medical imaging. It has been observed that varying the source position the time difference of signals from the trigger (Scintillator) and the MRPC is changing. This is the biggest achievement of our MRPC development for medical imaging.

The coincidence count of the signals from the MRPC and the scintillator and the singles count of the scintillator are measured with and without the Na²² source. The ratio of the coincidence count and the singles scintillator counts, calculated from the data only for the 511 keV gamma ray, is defined as the efficiency. An efficiency $\sim 0.9\%$ is obtained at around 15 kV.

Resistive Plate Chambers (RPC) of area $2 \text{ m} \times 2 \text{ m}$ will be used in the proposed India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO) to determine precisely the oscillation parameters using atmospheric neutrinos in a 50 kton Iron Calorimeter (ICAL). During the last few years R&D on the RPC with bakelite paper laminates commercially available in India is going on at SINP/VECC. Since the bakelite sheets of size $2 \text{ m} \times 2 \text{ m}$ are unavailable in Indian market, therefore it becomes necessary to make a $2 \text{ m} \times 2 \text{ m}$ bakelite sheet by joining four $1 \text{ m} \times 1 \text{ m}$ bakelite plates. Hence a prototype single-gap bakelite RPC of size $20 \text{ cm} \times 20 \text{ cm}$ has been fabricated with electrode plates made by gluing eight $10 \text{ cm} \times 10 \text{ cm}$ bakelite plates together to examine the feasibility of the option of planar electrodes made of glued plates. The I-V characteristic studied in the initial testing is found to be satisfactory. Two distinct slopes in the I-V plot have been obtained. Thus this RPC is expected to work adequately and further testing is therefore needed to examine its performance such as efficiency, area coverage or dead area determination, etc.

At NISER I joined as a Scientific Officer on June 20, 2013. At NISER I have established a detector laboratory where building and testing of gaseous detectors such as GEM, RPC and plastic scintillator detectors have been started satisfactorily. This work is for ALICE TPC upgrade. Long-term stability test of a 10 cm \times 10 cm single mask triple GEM is going on using Sr⁹⁰ beta source. The GEM detector is built in this laboratory with drift gap, two transfer gap and induction gap as 3, 2, 2, 2 mm respectively. No ageing is observed after accumulation of more that 0.02 mC/cm².

A Data logger to monitor and record the ambient parameters such as temperature, relative humidity and pressure has been developed. With this Data logger continuous recording of t, p, RH and time stamp can be done with a programmable sampling interval. This data is necessary to correct the gain of a gas filled detector.

Cosmic ray muon pulse height spectrum has been obtained for two scintillators and fitted with Landau distribution. The most probable energy deposition in 1 cm thick plastic material has been found to be ~ 1.4 MeV. The average velocity of the cosmic ray muons has been found to be $(2.53 \pm 0.25) \times 10^8$ m/s. In old literature the quoted value is $(2.978 \pm 0.007) \times 10^8$ m/s. To improve the results two ways may be proposed; the first is to increase the statistics i.e. registering more coincidence events and the second is to measure the time difference using time to digital converter (TDC). Both the processes are in our future plan. One RPC module is fabricated using bakelite electrode from the local market. The uniformity of surface resistivity is measured.

I joined Bose Institute, Kolkata as a faculty in Physics department and CAPSS on November 30, 2015. Here also I started building a gas detector laboratory for Experimental High Energy Physics. I am mainly involved in TPC upgrade for ALICE experiment at CERN and CBM-Muon Chamber.

In view of the currently ongoing exploration of ALICE-TPC upgrade options with regard to future operation at 50 kHz interaction rate in Pb-Pb collisions, we are very much interested in operating the TPC in an un-gated mode. After the last visit of CERN and GSI and after discussing with me it has been brought to attention of ALICE-TPC Project Leader that I have substantial expertise on the relevant technologies to find a possible solution to this end. Therefore, the ALICE-TPC project would expressly welcome India, investigating technical solutions for the ALICE-TPC upgrade. Such efforts may imply the studies of triple and quadruple GEM prototypes in laboratory and detailed simulation studies (by other Indian collaborators) to further optimise the operational point of this detector. ALICE-TPC Project Leader has given our experience, a major role of Indian groups in the testing and commissioning of the new TPC readout chambers.

At Bose Institute I am involved in the long-term stability test of the triple GEM detector. We have recently built one 4-GEM detector using single mask GEM foils in collaboration with IOP, Bhubaneswar. We are regularly presenting the test results in the online TPC upgrade meeting at CERN.

11 List of Research Publications

11.1 Journal

1. Performances of linseed oil-free bakelite RPC prototypes with cosmic ray muons.

S. Biswas, S. Bhattacharya, S. Bose, S. Chattopadhyay, S. Saha, M.K. Sharan, Y.P. Viyogi.

Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 602 (2009) 749-753. [arXiv:0907.2976]

 Control system for a four-component gas mixing unit.
 S. Bose, S. Biswas, S. Saha, M.K. Sharan, S. Bhattacharya.
 Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 602 (2009) 839-841.

3. INO prototype detector and data acquisition system. Anita Behere, M.S. Bhatia, V.B. Chandratre, V.M. Datar, P.K. Mukhopadhyay, Satyajit Jena, Y.P. Viyogi, Sudeb Bhattacharya, Satyajit Saha, Sarika Bhide, S.D. Kalmani, N.K. Mondal, P. Nagraj, B.K. Nagesh, Shobha K. Rao, L.V. Reddy, M. Saraf, B. Satyanarayana, R.R. Shinde, S.S. Upadhya, P. Verma, **Saikat Biswas**, Subhasish Chattopadhyay, P.R. Sarma.

Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 602 (2009) 784-787.

4. Development of linseed oil-free Bakelite Resistive Plate Chambers. S. Biswas, S. Bhattacharya, S. Bose, S. Chattopadhyay, S. Saha, Y.P. Viyogi. Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 604 (2009) 310-313. [arXiv:0907.2978]

5. Study of timing properties of single gap high-resistive bakelite RPC. S. Biswas, S. Bhattacharya, S. Bose, S. Chattopadhyay, S. Saha, Y.P. Viyogi. Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 617 (2010) 138-140. [arXiv:0907.2982]

6. Performances of silicone coated high resistive bakelite RPC. S. Biswas, Purba Bhattacharya, S. Bhattacharya, S. Bose, S. Chattopadhyay, N. Majumdar, S. Mukhopadhyay, S. Saha, Y.P. Viyogi.

Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 661 (2012) S94-S97. [arXiv:1206.5627]

7. Study of the influence of construction materials on the ageing properties of high rate gas detectors.

Alhussain Abuhoza, **S. Biswas**, U. Frankenfeld, J. Hehner, C. J. Schmidt, H.R. Schmidt.

Physics Procedia 37 (2012) 442-447.

8. Surface resistivity measurements and related performance studies of the Bakelite RPC detectors.

Meghna K. K., A. Banerjee, **S. Biswas**, S. Bhattacharya, S. Bose, S. Chattopadhyay, G. Das, C. Marick, S. Saha, Y.P. Viyogi.

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Rajendra Nath Patra, R. N. Singaraju, S. Biswas, T. K. Nayak and Y. P. Viyogi. Springer International Publishing AG, part of Springer Nature 2018, XXII DAE High Energy Physics Symposium, Springer Proceedings in Physics 203, 509-511, https://doi.org/10.1007/978 - 3 - 319 - 73171 - 1_119

11.6 Book

1. Advanced Detectors for Nuclear, High Energy and Astroparticle Physics, Proceedings of ADNHEAP 2017.

Saikat Biswas, Supriya Das, Sanjay Kumar Ghosh (Editors). Springer Proceedings in Physics 201, ISBN 978-981-10-7664-0.

12 Conferences & Schools Attended

1. DAE-BRNS International Workshop on Large Scale Computing, VECC, India, February 8-10, 2006.

2. SERC School on Nuclear dynamics at low and medium energies and nuclear structure, VECC, India, March 13- April 2, 2006.

3. INO School at HRI, Allahabad and SINP/VECC, Kolkata, India, April-May 2006.

4. XVII DAE-BRNS High Energy Physics Symposium, IIT, Kharagpur, India, December 11-15, 2006.

5. 21st International Workshop on Weak interactions and Neutrinos, SINP, India, January 15-20, 2007.

6. DAE Symposium on Nuclear Physics at Sambalpur University, Burla, Smabalpur, India, December 11-15, 2007. 7. 20^{th} International Conference on Ultra Relativistic Nucleus Nucleus Collisions, Quark Matter 2008, Jaipur, India, February 4 – 10, 2008.

8. IX International Workshop on Resistive Plate Chamber and related Detectors-2007, TIFR, Mumbai, India, February 13-16, 2008.

9. NENPP-08, University of Burdwan, India, November 28-29, 2008.

10. XVIII DAE-BRNS High Energy Physics Symposium, BHU Varanasi, India, December 14-18, 2008.

11. DAE Symposium on Nuclear Physics at IIT Roorkee, India, December 22-26, 2008.

12. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics $(11^{th}$ Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 24-30, 2009.

13. International Symposium on Nuclear Physics. BARC, Mumbai, India, December 8-12, 2009.

14. X. Workshop on Resistive Plate Chambers and related Detectors-2010, GSI, Darmstadt, Germany, February 09-12, 2010.

15. DAE-BRNS Theme Meeting on Advanced Detectors for Imaging in Physics and Medical Diagnosis, VECC, Kolkata, India, March 4-5, 2010.

16. Workshop "The muon detection system of the Compressed Baryonic Matter Experiment at FAIR", GSI, Darmstadt, Germany, January 19-21, 2011.

17. 4th MC-PAD Training Event, Micro-pattern gas and Photo-detectors, CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, 16-18 March, 2011.

18. 19th CBM Collaboration meeting, GSI, Darmstadt, Germany, March 26-30, 2012.

19. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics (12^{th} Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 20-26, 2012.

20. RD51 mini week, CERN, Switzerland, June 13-15, 2012.

21. 20th CBM Collaboration meeting, VECC, Kolkata, India, Septem-

ber 24-28, 2012.

22. 100th Indian Science Congress, Kolkata, Calcutta University, Kolkata, India, 3-7 January 2013.

23. INO Collaboration Meeting, BARC, Mumbai, 5-7 March 2013.

24. STAR regional meeting and discussion on phases of QCD, NISER, Bhubaneswar, India, July 8-10, 2013.

25. Second Conclave of DST-Ramanujan Fellows, December 13-14, 2013, Pune.

26. IWAD and 14^{th} RD51 Collaboration Meeting, 27-31 October, 2014, VECC, Kolkata.

27. RD51 mini week, CERN, Switzerland, December 08-11, 2014.

28. 7th International Conference on Physics and Astrophysics of Quark Gluon Plasma (ICPAQGP 2015), 2-6 February, 2015, VECC, Kolkata, India.

29. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics (13^{th} Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 24-30, 2015.

30. CBM-Electronics workshop: 11-12 January 2016, BI-Darjeeling.

31. FAIR Detector Workshop: 19-20 February 2016, Puri, Odisha.

32. 27th CBM Collaboration meeting, GSI, Darmstadt, Germany, April 11-15, 2016.

33. National Conference on "Advanced Detectors for Nuclear, High Energy and Astroparticle Physics", 15-17 February 2017, Bose Institute, Kolkata, India.

34. INSTR17: International Conference "Instrumentation for Colliding Beam Physics", Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics, and Novosibirsk State University, Novosibirsk, Russia 27 February - 3 March, 2017

35. ALICE-India Collaboration meeting, 26-29 October 2017, Jammu University

36. CBM-India meeting, 15-17 February 2018, Falta.

37. 31st CBM Collaboration meeting, GSI, Darmstadt, Germany, March 19-23, 2018.

38. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics (14^{th} Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 27- June 02, 2018.

39. RD51 mini week, CERN, Switzerland, December 04-06, 2018.

40. FAIR week, Vigyan Samagam, Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai, 24-30 June, 2019.

41. FAIR week, Vigyan Samagam, VITM, Bengaluru, 3-7 September, 2019.

42. FAIR week, Vigyan Samagam, Science City, Kolkata, 19-23 November, 2019.

13 Talks Given

1. XVII DAE-BRNS High Energy Physics Symposium, IIT Kharagapur, India, December 11-15, 2006.

Title: Study of bakelite-based RPC detector performance with cosmic ray muons.

2. INO collaboration meeting, DU, Delhi, India, March 9-10, 2007. Title: Development of Bakelite RPC.

3. Indo-Japan collaboration meeting, SINP, Kolkata, India, May 2007. Title: Development of Bakelite RPC in SINP/VECC.

4. IHEP, China, June 2007. Title: Resistive Plate Chambers for Experiments at India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO).

5. DAE Symposium on Nuclear Physics at Sambalpur University, Burla, Smabalpur, India, December 11-15, 2007. Title: Development of Resistive Plate Chamber using Bakelite. 6. IX International Workshop on Resistive Plate Chamber and related Detectors-2007, TIFR, Mumbai, India, February 13-16, 2008. Title: Performances of linseed oil-free bakelite RPC prototypes with cosmic ray muons.

7. INO collaboration meeting, BARC, Mumbai, India, April 13-14, 2008.

Title: Performances of silicone coated bakelite RPC.

8. NENPP-08, University of Burdwan, India, November 28-29, 2008. Title: Resistive Plate Chamber for neutrino oscillation experiment.

9. XVIII DAE-BRNS High Energy Physics Symposium, BHU Varanasi, India, December 14-18, 2008.

Title: RPC with high-resistive Indian-bakelite electrodes for low-rate operation.

10. DAE Symposium on Nuclear Physics at IIT Roorkee, India, December 22-26, 2008.

Title: Development of silicone-coated Bakelite RPC.

11. INO collaboration meeting, PU, Chandigarh, India, November 23-24, 2009.

Title: Development of Bakelite RPC and Status of INO prototype.

12. X. Workshop on Resistive Plate Chambers and related Detectors-2010, GSI, Darmstadt, Germany, February 09-12, 2010. Title: Performances of silicone coated high resistive bakelite RPC.

13. DAE-BRNS Theme Meeting on Advanced Detectors for Imaging in Physics and Medical Diagnosis, VECC, Kolkata, India, March 4-5, 2010.

Title: Development of Bakelite RPC for INO-ICAL prototype.

14. India-based Neutrino Observatory National Meeting 2010. IIT Kharagpur, India, May 3-5, 2010. Title: Latest results on the development of Bakelite RPC.

15. India-based Neutrino Observatory National Meeting 2010. IIT Kharagpur, India, May 3-5, 2010. Title: Status of INO Prototype Lab at VECC.

16. Workshop "The muon detection system of the Compressed Bary-

onic Matter Experiment at FAIR", GSI, Darmstadt, Germany, January 19-21, 2011.

Title: Towards Realistic MUCH/GEM Detector Tests.

17. 19th CBM Collaboration meeting, GSI, Darmstadt, Germany, March 26-30, 2012.

Title: Summary of the beam test at CERN SPS, October 2011.

18. CAPSS Seminar, Bose Institute, Kolkata, April 19, 2012. Title: Gas filled detectors for high energy physics experiments.

19. RD51 mini week , CERN, Switzerland, June 13-15, 2012. Title: Spark probability measurement for GEM for CBM.

20. 20th CBM Collaboration meeting, VECC, Kolkata, India, September 24-28, 2012.

Title: R&D of GEM at GSI: an update.

21. MPGD 2013 & 11th RD51 collaboration meeting, Paraninfo building, Zaragoza, Spain, 1-6 July 2013 (Through video). Title: Development of GEM for the CBM MUCH Detector.

22. STAR regional meeting and discussion on phases of QCD, NISER, Bhubaneswar, India, July 8-10, 2013. Title: Development of Muon Telescope Detector (MTD) at VECC.

23. IWAD and 14th RD51 Collaboration Meeting, 27-31 October, 2014, VECC, Kolkata.

Title: Proposal to join RD51 collaboration of NISER.

24. RD51 mini week, CERN, Switzerland, December 08-11, 2014. Title: Activities on GEM detector development at NISER-IoP, India.

25. 7th International Conference on Physics and Astrophysics of Quark Gluon Plasma (ICPAQGP 2015), 2-6 February, 2015, VECC, Kolkata, India.

Title: ALICE TPC upgrade for High-Rate operations.

26. FAIR Detector Workshop: 19-20 February 2016, Puri, Odisha. Title: GEM detector development for CBM at GSI.

27. National Science Day celebration, 29 February 2016, Maulana Azad College, Kolkata.

Title: Advanced gaseous detectors for high energy physics experiments.

28. SXC Workshop on Astroparticle Physics: 26-30 May 2016, Bose Institute, Darjeeling.

Title: (i) Detectors in experimental high energy physics.

(ii) Advanced gaseous detectors for high energy physics experiments.

29. Special Task Force meeting, September 2-4, 2016, BARC, Mumbai.

Title: ALICE TPC Upgrade with GEM detectors for high rate operations.

30. INSTR17: International Conference "Instrumentation for Colliding Beam Physics", Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics, and Novosibirsk State University, Novosibirsk, Russia 27 February - 3 March, 2017 Title: Study of some aspects of straw tube detectors for CBM-MuCh.

31. Special Task Force meeting, August 22-23, 2017, VECC, Kolkata. Title: ALICE TPC Upgrade with GEM: Infrastructure and readiness at Bose Institute.

32. ALICE-India Collaboration meeting, 26-29 October 2017, Jammu University

Title: Detector development at Bose Institute.

33. CBM-India meeting, 15-17 February 2018, Falta. Title: GEM production plan and status at Bose Institute.

34. 31^{st} CBM Collaboration meeting, 19-23 March 2018, GSI, Germany.

Title: Detector development for CBM-MUCH at Bose Institute.

35. ALICE Collaboration meeting, 26-29 March 2018, VECC. Title: R&D at Bose Institute : Updates.

36. RD51 mini week , CERN, Switzerland, December 04-06, 2018. Title: Stability study of triple GEM detector with radioactive source.

37. FAIR week, Vigyan Samagam, Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai, 24-30 June, 2019.

Title: Detectors for Physics and Medical Imaging: an introduction.

38. Workshop on Dynamics of QCD matter, NISER, Bhubaneswar,

15-17 August, 2019.

Title: Detectors for Muon chamber of CBM experiment.

39. FAIR week, Vigyan Samagam, VITM, Bengaluru, 3-7 September, 2019.

Title: Detectors for Physics and Imaging: an introduction.

40. FAIR week, Vigyan Samagam, Science City, Kolkata, 19-23 November, 2019.

Title: Detectors for Physics and Imaging: an introduction.

41. INO week, Vigyan Samagam, Science City, Kolkata, 5 December, 2019.

Title: Detectors for High Energy Physics.

14 Poster Presentation

1. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics $(11^{th}$ Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 24-30, 2009. Title: Study of timing properties of single gap high-resistive bakelite RPC.

S. Biswas, S. Bhattacharya, S. Bose, S. Chattopadhyay, S. Saha, Y.P. Viyogi.

2. International Symposium on Nuclear Physics. BARC, Mumbai, India, December 8-12, 2009.

Title: Time resolution measurement of silicone coated bakelite Resistive Plate Chamber.

S. Biswas, S. Bhattacharya, S. Bose, S. Chattopadhyay, S. Saha, Y.P. Viyogi.

3. International Symposium on Nuclear Physics. BARC, Mumbai, India, December 8-12, 2009.

Title: Development of multigap RPC.

A. Banerjee, A. M. Ghosh, S. Biswas, S. Bhattacharya, S. Bose, S. Chattopadhyay,M. R. Dutta Majumdar, S. Saha, Y.P. Viyogi.

4. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics $(12^{th}$ Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 20-26, 2012. Title: Study of the characteristics of GEM detectors for the future FAIR experiment CBM.

S. Biswas, A. Abuhoza, U. Frankenfeld, J. Hehner, C. J. Schmidt, H.R. Schmidt, M. Träger, S. Colafranceschi, A. Marinov, and A. Sharma.

5. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics $(12^{th}$ Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 20-26, 2012. Title: Development of Multi-gap Resistive Plate Chamber (MRPC) for Medical Imaging.

A. Banerjee, A. Roy, S. Biswas, S. Chattopadhyay, G. Das, S. Pal.

6. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics $(12^{th}$ Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 20-26, 2012. Title: Setup optimization toward accurate ageing studies of gas filled detectors.

A. Abuhoza, H.R. Schmidt, S. Biswas, U. Frankenfeld, J. Hehner, C. J. Schmidt.

7. 7th International Conference on Physics and Astrophysics of Quark Gluon Plasma (ICPAQGP 2015), 2-6 February, 2015, VECC, Kolkata, India.

Title: Development of a triple GEM detector prototype.

Rajendra Nath Patra, Amit Nanda, Sharmili Rudra, **S. Biswas**, B. Mohanty, T. K. Nayak, P. K. Sahu, S. Sahu.

8. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics (13th Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 24-30, 2015. Title: A simple technique for gamma ray and cosmic ray spectroscopy

using plastic scintillator.

RUDRA Sharmili, NANDAN Akhilesh P., NEOG Himangshu, **BISWAS S.**, MA-HAPATRA S., MOHANTY B., SAMAL, P.K.

9. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics $(13^{th}$ Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 24-30, 2015. Title: Characterizations of GEM detector prototype.

Rajendra Nath Patra, Amit Nanda, Sharmili Rudra, P. Bhattacharya, Sumanya Sekhar Sahoo, **S. Biswas**, B. Mohanty, T. K. Nayak, P. K. Sahu, S. Sahu.

10. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics $(13^{th}$ Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 24-30, 2015. Title: Systematic measurements of the gain and the energy resolution of single and double mask GEM detectors.

Saikat Biswas, D. J. Schmidt, A. Abuhoza, U. Frankenfeld, C. Garabatos, J. Hehner, V. Kleipa, T. Morhardt, C. J. Schmidt, H. R. Schmidt, J. Wiechula.

11. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics (13th Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 24-30, 2015. Title: Building and Commissioning of a Setup to Study Ageing Phenom-

ena in Gaseous Detectors.

Alhussain Abuhoza, **S. Biswas**, U. Frankenfeld, J. Hehner, C. J. Schmidt, H.R. Schmidt.

12. INSTR17: International Conference "Instrumentation for Colliding Beam Physics", Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics, and Novosibirsk State University, Novosibirsk, Russia 27 February - 3 March, 2017 Title: Design and fabrication of a data logger for atmospheric pressure, temperature and relative humidity for gas-filled detector development. S. Sahu, D. Nag, S. Rudra, S. Swain, S. Biswas, S. Das, P. K. Sahu.

13. INSTR17: International Conference "Instrumentation for Colliding Beam Physics", Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics, and Novosibirsk State University, Novosibirsk, Russia 27 February - 3 March, 2017. Title: Development of scintillator detector for detection of cosmic ray shower.

S. Biswas, S. Das, S. K. Ghosh, D. Nag, S. Raha, S. Singh.

14. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics (14th Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 27-June 02, 2018. Title: Stability study of gain and energy resolution for GEM detector. S. Roy, S. Rudra, S. Shaw, S. Chakraborty, S. Chatterjee, R. P. Adak, S. Biswas, S. Das, S. K. Ghosh, S. K. Prasad, S. Raha.

15. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics (14^{th} Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 27-June 02, 2018. Title: Plastic scintillator detector array for detection of cosmic ray air shower.

S. Roy, S. Shaw, N. Nandi, S. Chatterjee, S. Chakraborty, P. Chawla, R. P. Adak, S. Biswas, S. Das, S. K. Ghosh, A. Maulik, S. Raha, S. Singh.

16. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics $(14^{th}$ Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 27-June 02, 2018. Title: A new type of RPC with very low resistive plates.

S. Chakraborty, S. Chatterjee, S. Roy, A. Roy, S. Biswas, S. Das, S. K. Ghosh, S. K. Prasad, S. Raha .

17. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics $(14^{th}$ Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 27-June 02, 2018. Title: Study of uniformity of characteristics over the surface for triple GEM detector.

S. Chatterjee, S. Chakraborty, S. Roy, S. Biswas, S. Das, S. K. Ghosh, S. K. Prasad, S. Raha.

18. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics (14th Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 27-June 02, 2018. Title: Study of performances of a straw tube detector with high rate. S. Roy, N. Nandi, R. P. Adak, S. Biswas, S. Das, S. K. Ghosh, S. K. Prasad, S. Raha.

19. Frontier Detectors for Frontier Physics (14^{th} Pisa meeting on advanced detectors), La Biodala, Isola d'Elba, Italy, May 27-June 02, 2018. Title: Comparative study of triple and quadruple GEM detectors and effect of drift field on the electron transparency.

Rajendra Nath Patra, **Saikat Biswas**, Rama Narayana Singaraju, Yogendra Pathak Viyogi, Tapan K. Nayak

15 Seminars / Symposia organized

1. FAIR Detector Workshop: 19-20 February 2016, Puri, Odisha. (Organized along with Dr. Supriya Das, CAPSS).

2. Convener of National Conference on "Advanced Detectors for Nuclear, High Energy and Astroparticle Physics", 15-17 February 2017, Bose Institute, Kolkata, India.

3. Convener of 34th CBM Collaboration meeting, UAC, Bose Institute, 29 September - 3 October, 2019. Before the collaboration meeting there were a 2day CBM software school and 1-day CBM Junior's day.

4. Volunteer Coordinator for FAIR project, Vigyan Samagam, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Delhi. June, 2019- March, 2020.

5. Convener of FAIR week at Vigyan Samagam, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata.