

Test of a 1 m² MICROMEGAS prototype in a muon beam

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Set-up

Detectors

- Telescope
 - 4 Gassiplex chambers
 - 3 scintillators
- 1 m² prototype
 - 4 ASUs with 24 HR2
 - 1 ASU with 24 HR2b



Trigger

- Coincidence PM
+ READY of 2 acquisitions
- Delay of 1 μ s to m²

Rates

- Beam: 150 GeV/c muons
100–500 kHz over 5×5 cm²
- Acq. rate \sim 100 Hz

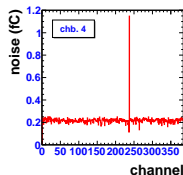
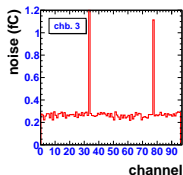
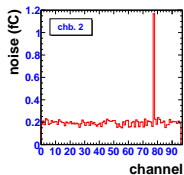
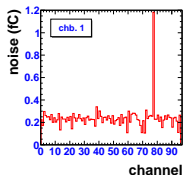
Gassiplex telescope (I)

Readout chain

- 1 pad
- 2 preamp-shaper
- 3 ADC-sequencer
- 4 PC-LabView

Low noise conditions

- 1 0.24 ± 0.04 fC
- 2 0.20 ± 0.02 fC
- 3 0.27 ± 0.03 fC
- 4 0.22 ± 0.02 fC



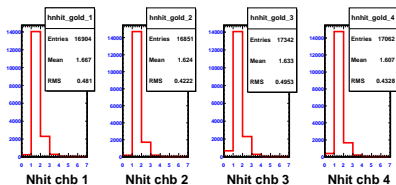
Gassiplex telescope (II)

Thresholds

- 1 threshold/channel
→ uniform noise proba.
- Hardware (VME) cut at 2σ
→ increase acq. rate

Performance

- Track finding algo.
→ remove noise hits
- Perf. compatible with previous measurements

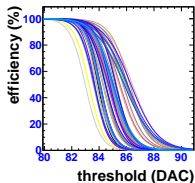


| chb. | thr. (fC) | ϵ | m |
|------|-----------|------------|------|
| 1 | 0.48 | 98.5 | 1.19 |
| 2 | 0.40 | 98.8 | 1.14 |
| 3 | 0.54 | 96.0 | 1.18 |
| 4 | 0.44 | 97.6 | 1.14 |

Hardroc2 prototype

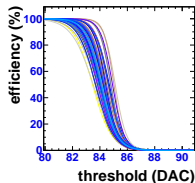
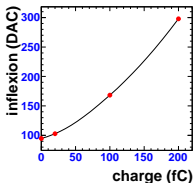
Thresholds

- LAPP calibration:
→ Scurve & preamp. gain
- 1 channel: *thr* ~ 6 fC at 5σ
- 64 channels of a chip:
common DAC thr. $\rightarrow 12$ fC



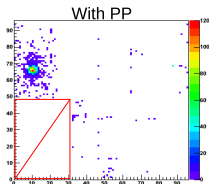
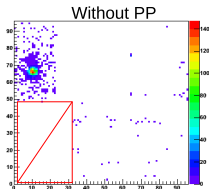
Pedestal alignment

- 10 % of signal shaped:
MPV $\sim 2-3$ fC
- Align Scurve:
tune indiv. preamp. gains
- HR2-HR2b $\rightarrow 12-6$ fC



Collected triggers

- Beam on all ASUs
most data ASU-HR2b
- Run @ 420 V
 - 1 chip with \neq *thr.*
 - 160 k triggers
- Run @ 410 V
 - 4 chips - fixed *thr./chip*
 - 400 k \times 4 triggers
- Power-pulsing
 - 1 chip @ 410 V, fixed *thr.*
 - 20 k \times 2 (ON/OFF)



Event selection in telescope

Track extrapolation

- 1 cm² segmentation
- 1 m separation

Straight tracks

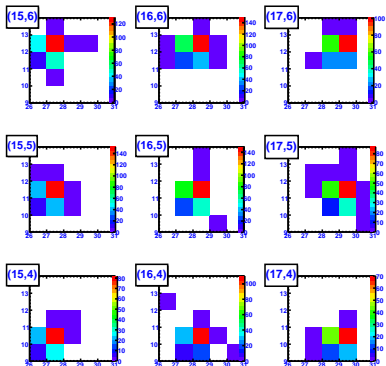
- Aligned $Q_{\max.}$ in \neq chb.:
- $X_1 = X_4$ AND
($X_2 = X_4$ OR $X_3 = X_4$)

After selection

- $\sim 60\%$ of all triggers
- Hits in m^2 fit in 3×3 cm²

Hit pattern in m^2 prototype for various straight track positions in telescope

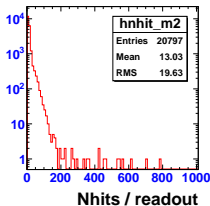
Also provides offset



Hit selection in prototype

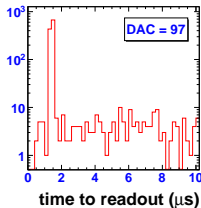
Number of hit/readout

- 127-event depth memory
→ possibly large N_{hit}
- Sparks, noise burst...
- Reject if more than 400 hits



Time of hits

- Hardroc2 & DIF provide
 - time of hits & readout
- Delay of 1 μs
 - **Reject noise hits**
 - Measure noise proba.



Performance

Efficiency ϵ

- Complement to 1 of proba. of no hits

Multiplicity m

- Weight sum of proba. of i hits ($i \neq 0$)

Noise probability η

- Counts hits out of trigger

Formulae

$$\epsilon = 1 - \epsilon_0$$

$$m = \sum_{i=1}^9 i \cdot \epsilon_i / \epsilon$$

$$\epsilon_i = p_i / (1 - \eta) - p_{i-1} \cdot \eta / (1 - 2\eta)$$

$$p_i = N_i / N_t$$

$$\eta = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{t_1 - t_0} \sum_{t_0}^{t_1} N_t$$

$$t_0 = 2 \mu s$$

$$t_1 = 80 \mu s$$

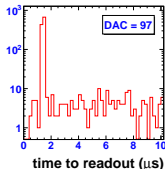
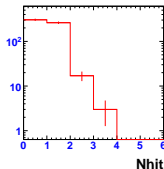
Errors

Probability p_i of i hits

- Measuring N_i in N_t trials
→ Binomial error

Probability η of noise hits

- Noise proba. is small
→ Poisson error



Formulae

$$\sigma_{p_i}^2 = \sigma_{N_i}^2 / N_t = N_t(1 - p_i)p_i / N_t$$

$$\sigma_{\eta}^2 = \sqrt{\eta}$$

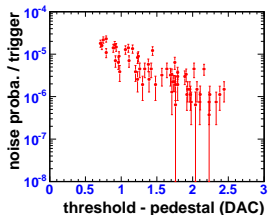
$$\sigma_{\epsilon_i}^2 = \dots(\text{cf. tech. note})$$

$$\sigma_{\epsilon}^2 = \left(\frac{1}{1-\eta}\right)^2 \sigma_{p_0}^2 + \left(\frac{p_0}{(1-\eta)^2}\right)^2 \sigma_{\eta}^2$$

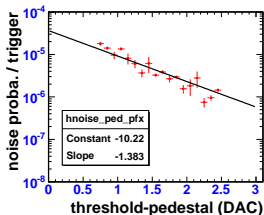
$$\sigma_m^2 = \left(m \frac{\sigma_{\epsilon}}{\epsilon}\right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^9 \left(\frac{i \sigma_{\epsilon_i}}{\epsilon}\right)^2$$

Noise probability

Proba. per channel



Profile along x-axis

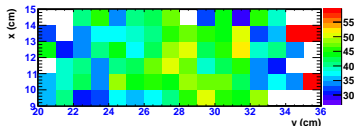


- With global threshold just above pedestals
 $\eta \sim 10^{-5}$ for single channels
- In 3×3 pad regions $\eta \sim 10^{-4}$, compared to $\epsilon \sim 10^{-1}$
→ negligible contribution

Efficiency and multiplicity - 420 V (I)

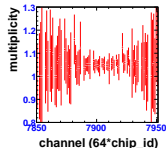
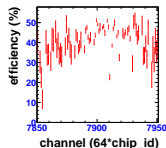
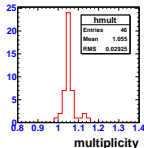
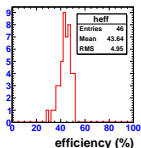
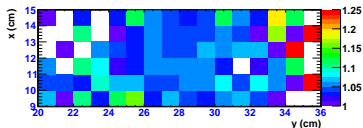
Run @ 420 V

- High gas gain (10^4)
- Low *thr* of 1–2 DAC units



Best performance

| $\bar{\epsilon}$ (%) | σ_{ϵ} (%) | \bar{m} | σ_m |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 43.6 ± 2.6 | 5 | 1.05 ± 0.03 | 0.03 |



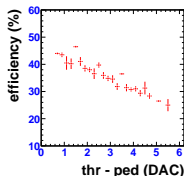
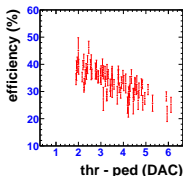
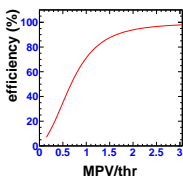
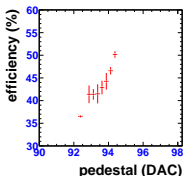
Trend with threshold - 420 V (II)

At DAC = 95

- 80 k triggers
- Gassiplex-like trend
→ $MPV/thr \sim 0.6$
- Effective MPV of 2–3 fC
→ $thr \sim 5$ fC

At DAC = 95,96,97,98

- 20 k triggers / DAC
- Different chip thr
→ difference $thr-ped$
- 25 % eff. drop over 4 DACs
→ 1–4 DAC/fC gains



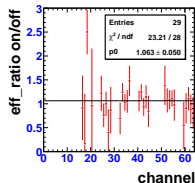
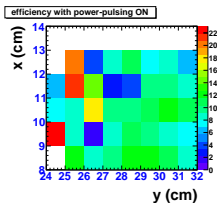
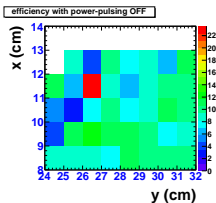
Effect of power-pulsing

Conditions

- Pulse analog part all chips
 - 10/2 ms OFF/ON
 - about 7.5 A (all ASU)
 - VETO trigger when OFF
- Chip 124, 410 V

Efficiency ($\sigma_\epsilon \leq 5\%$)

- $\bar{\epsilon}_{\text{OFF}} = (8.9 \pm 2.4)\%$
- $\bar{\epsilon}_{\text{ON}} = (9.3 \pm 2.5)\%$
- Linear χ^2 -fit to ratio:
 $R = (1.06 \pm 0.05)$
→ no significant effect



Future plans

MICROROC new ASIC

- Shaping time up to 200 ns
- Noise on test board: 0.24 fC
- 350 chips available (2 m²)

Next m² prototypes

- Now: 6 ASU with 24 ROCs
- Calibration on-going
- Bulk at CERN in May
- Assembly in June

Test beam in 2011

- 3–9/08 (CALICE)
9–21 (RD51)
- Would like to use
the Micromegas telescope
- RD51 users welcome
during CALICE period
- Our settings:
150 GeV/c muons
rate \leq 1 kHz