

R&D Projects of LCTPC

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A TPC for ILD





International Large Detector

- TPC as main tracker
- LCTPC studies a MPGD-based TPC



TPC Requirements :

Parameter

Geometrical parameters	r _{in} 329 mm	r _{out} 1808 mm	z \pm 2350 mm
Solid angle coverage	up to $\cos heta$	$\simeq~0.98$ (10	pad rows)
TPC material budget	$\simeq \ 0.05 \ X_0$	including ou	ter fieldcage in r
	$<~0.25~{ m X_0}$ for readout endcaps in z		
Number of pads/timebuckets	\simeq 1-2 $ imes$ 10 $^{6}/1000$ per endcap		
Pad pitch/ no.padrows	$\simeq~1 imes$ 6 mm 2 for 220 padrows		
$\sigma_{ m point}$ in $r\phi$	$\simeq~60~\mu{ m m}$ for zero drift, $<~100~\mu{ m m}$ overall		
$\sigma_{ m point}$ in rz	$\simeq 0.4-1.4$ mm (for zero – full drift)		
2-hit resolution in $r\phi$	$\simeq 2 \mathrm{mm}$		
2-hit resolution in rz	$\simeq 6 \text{ mm}$		
dE/dx resolution	$\simeq 5$ %		
Momentum resolution at B= 3.5 T	$\delta(1/p_t) \simeq$	$10^{-4}/\text{GeV}/c$: (TPC only)

MPGDs in TPCs

- Ion backflow is reduced significantly
- Small pitch of gas amplification regions => strong reduction of E×B-effects
- No preference in direction

 => all 2 dim. readout geometries
 possible



Three Baseline Technologies

- **<u>GEMs</u>**: copper-insulator- copper sandwich, with holes
- 2 configurations are being tested:
- triple GEMs with 'standard CERN GEMs'
- double GEMs with 100 μm LCP insulator

Resistive Micromegas: Bulk-Micromegas with 128 μm gap size between mesh and resistive layer

- <u>**GridPix:</u>** Micromegas with 1 μm Al-grid over Pixel readout ASIC</u>
 - 55µm pitch of readout pixels

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- resistive layer needed for protection of ASIC





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Optimization of Modules



Recent progress: 1.) Micromegas: Close collaboration of MM group with T2K group. Test beam with T2K detector in June and at CERN in December 2021.



2.) GEM modules: dE/dx performance is scrutinized. Also, in dependence on the pad Sizes. A publication in JINST is prepared and in the final reading, expected to be submitted in April or May.





Detector Modules

- GEM and Micromegas groups have finished analysis of test beam data with previous set of detector modules. Both technologies show very similar performance. Now groups want to implement improvements in a new generation of modules. They are discussing new common modules, which should have a
- a more final design and
- a more comparable design.
- common readout electronics,
- an identical gating device (gating GEM) and
- possibly a common pad plane
- $\rightarrow\,$ Only the gas amplification stage differs
- => better comparison of performance for a technology decision.

Also combined Micromegas + GEM readout is tested, which promises a lower ion backflow, if gating is not possible (e.g. at the CEPC).







Dedicated CEPC studies at IHEP



- Setup in IHEP, Beijing
- Smaller prototype with 50cm drift length
- Studies with UV-laser and Fe⁵⁵ to understand PID
- Detailed studies of IBF*Gain for various configurations of GEM+MM setup
- TPC-ASIC development together with U. Tsinghuan: Very low power consumption ASIC (2.33 mW/channel)











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GridPix Detectors



Tests with Timepix3 based GridPixes have been done with single and quad devices have been and results are published. As expected the spatial resolution of single electrons is diffusion limited and the very high detection efficiency results in excellent tracking and dE/dx performance (3.5-4 %).



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Run 6916 Event 87

A first module with 32 Grid-Pixes has been constructed and was in a test beam at DESY in June 2021.

DESY LCTPC-Pixel Testbeam

- including a test in a magnetic field of B = 1 T.



The ion back flow of the module has been measured and can be further reduced by applying a double grid. Also the resistivity of the protection layer will have to be reduced and Timepix4 development is observed.

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Setup at DESY

Further improvements of the test beam setup at DESY are in progress or finished:

- An external silicon tracker for the Large Prototype (LP) is finished and Qualified. Excellent spatial resolutions down to 7 µm have been demonstrated. Final work on software to improve user friendliness and introduction to DOOCS are ongoing. Many groups will redo measurements with newest module types to study distortions
- Construction of an improved field cage for the LP.
 - $\rightarrow\,$ Also important for learning to build the final detector.
 - \rightarrow Resistor chain and HV stability are being studied.







Cooling

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First tests with a monolithic 3D printed cooling plate (aluminum) took place at DESY in October 2021. 2pCO2 cooling with TRACI

(Transportable Refrigeration Apparatus for CO2 Investigation)



What about Experiments at other Colliders (FCCee, CEPC)?

Crucial considerations are:

- primary ionization of the gas,
- ions from the gas amplification stage,
- power consumption (no power pulsing possible)
- operation at 2 T during the Z-peak running

=> In short: We think, that with R&D these challenges can be largely overcome, but in some settings (Tera Z) the performance will not be as good as in the ILC case.

=> Question to be determined: Is the excellent performance also necessary in these scenarios?



Primary lons

At the ILC we assume for Higgs studies that machine background contributes most ions. Density would be 1-5 ions/cm³ resulting in distortions of < 5 μm.

At circular machines the conditions are similar for Higgs studies (probably even less background!).

But in case of Tera-Z primary ions become an issue:

Luminosity:
$$L = 2*10^{36} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

$$\rightarrow$$
 rate of Z's 60000 s⁻¹

with multiplicity of 20 and 100 ions/cm => rough estimate gives ~1000 ions/cm³ on average. This will give serious track distortions (O(mm)).

→ could be calibrated (see ALICE) with $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$, (it still has to be studied to which level)









Ions from Gas Amplification

Gas amplification increases the number of ions by O(1000). \Box Usually TPCs have a gating device, such as wire based gating grid

ILC without a gating device \rightarrow track distortions ~60µm \rightarrow a gating GEM is foreseen.

But active gating is not possible at circular machines like CEPC or FCCee \rightarrow different approach has to be studied.





There are combinations of MPGDs, which reduces the IBF to 1 % and some might do even better - in theory, but this has to be verified.

Also passive gating is possible: some field configuration, which additionally suppresses IBF with static electric fields. But like to loose also primary electrons \rightarrow worse spatial resolution

Likely the secondary ions are not much of a problem either, but degrade spatial resolution a bit. Except in case of Tera-Z.



Power Pulsing / Cooling



Same challenges as everyone else:

- => no time between bunch trains,
 - \rightarrow power pulsing not possible
 - \rightarrow energy consumption of electronics will be higher by a factor of O(100)
 - \rightarrow more cooling needed.
- => The endplate will be thicker than 0.2 X_0 .

If really necessary, number of pad rows or number of pads/pixels could be reduced at the price of worse performance.



B = 2 T Running

Larger diffusion (larger D_T) 39 μ m/ $\sqrt{cm} \rightarrow 65 \mu$ m/ \sqrt{cm} \rightarrow degrading transverse spatial resolution.

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma_0^2 + D_T^2 x}$$



Ar:CF₄:iC₄H₁₀ 05:3:2 - D_T vs. B









People and money





Besides, we should know, which detector requirements are necessary in the case of a circular machine. Also background conditions etc.

Is the good spatial resolution really necessary at Tera-Z, or can this be done by the SIT + SET, and the TPC is implemented for other reasons:

- track finding
- dE/dx
- increase tracking efficiency
- V0 and kink finding
- good performance at Higgs-energy







- Continue GEM, Micromegas and pixel tests at the LP in preparation for the preliminary design of the LCTPC after the green light.

- A gate should be included in the next-generation GEM, Micromegas and pixel modules.

- Synergies with T2K / ALICE / CEPC allow us to continue R&D and of course we learn from their experiences and R&D.
- For circular machines the ions have to be studied in much more detail again.

