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TPC R&D and Particle Identification

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Tracking at an EW/Higgs/top factory

- At the Z pole and beyond, particle ID is an essential ingredient, for tagging and studies of Heavy Flavours (together with an excellent vertex detection)
- A TPC ideally combines dE/dx measurement and low material budget, allowing a continuous measurement of the tracks. A strong magnetic field aligned with the TPC drift field limits diffusion and allows charged track momentum measurement.
- Together with silicon (vertex) detectors, it allows the excellent performance in resolution needed to extract the Z recoil peak to tag Higgses in a model-independent and unbiased way
- TPC is the main tracker for the ILD detector concept. At ILC, it profits from a beam time structure allowing power switching and gating. ILD is considering adapting the concept in case a circular collider is built first.

TPC R&D

- All the R&D is carried out within the LCTPC collaboration (spokesperson Jochen Kaminski)
- France is mainly involved in the Micromegas pad readout option
- There are also GEM pad options (Germany and Japan) and Micromegas pixels (digital readout, Nikhef and Bonn, and formerly Saclay and Freiburg). All the options are tested at the DESY beam test facility, using a large field cage, common gas system, cosmic-ray and beam trigger, power supplies
- Beside this dedicated R&D, lessons are learnt from experiments in progress, using TPCs with similar techniques issued from e+e- collider studies : ALICE at LHC (GEMs), T2K/ND280 at J-PARC (resistive Micromegas)

ERAM

Encapsulated resistive anode Micromegas



Acts as a continuous resistive-capacitive network characterized by an RC charge diffusion constant. R : surface resistance (DLC coating), C : capacitance per unit surface.

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- Advantages :
- Improves the resolution without increasing the number of readout channels
- Stabilizes Micromegas by damping the sparks
- Protects the electronics
- Allows tunning the gain module by module while keeping the anode equipotential.

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Invented for ILD TPC Adopted and developped by T2K



Beam tests at DESY and at CERN Cosmic tests at Saclay





GEM



Micromegas



Integrated electronics for LCTPC 7-module project



TPC R&D and PID

The goal of < 25% X0 is attained





Cooling with 2-phase CO2 at 50-60 bar added in 2014. Aluminum 3D-printed Cooling plate tested in 2021

-test of full integration -test of quasi industrial production, with characterization and gality procedures

TPC R&D and PID

Gas choice

- Base gas :
 - Ar for largest ionization : 97 e-ion pairs in ~35-40 clusters
 - He for well-separated clusters (but cannot set field to the maximum drift velocity)
- Additional gases
 - Isobutane : quencher, cuts UVs to avoid avalanche propagation
 - CF4 : increases electron drift velocity and reduces diffusion in magnetic field by a factor of ~10 at 3.5 T and ~5 at 2T.
 - Low e attachment (keep O₂ and H₂O below ~10 ppm to drift over 2m) velocity)
- T2K gas Ar:CF4:Isobutane 95:3:2 satisfies all requirements for a TPC

Charge spreading studies in T2K

Waveforms of a pad and its neighbours are simultaneously fitted to extract RC and amplitude. This allows to determine RC maps and gain maps for each ERAM module (Encapsulated Resistive Anode Micromegas)



X-ray test bench

RC Map(ns/mm²) | ERAM30





 $RC_{mean} = 116.2 \text{ ns/mm}^2$



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$r\phi$ resolution



Distortions from positive ions

- Ions drifting in the gas are very slow (typically a few m/s)
- Primary ions from ionization in the gas (from event track of from machine background) or secondary ions from the amplification backflowing in the drift region, drift very slowly, producing space charge which distorts the trajectories of the electrons drifting from the tracks by creating a transverse component to the drift field
- Calculated in 2011 by D. Arai and K. Fujii :
- 2022 : New calculation in progress, adapt to Z pole

(K. Fujii, S. Ganjour, Mingrui Zhao...)





Er(r=rin, z) for different disk locations in "z"

Case of FFC or CEPC at Z pole : almost continuous set of disks.

https://agenda.linearcollider.org/event/5504/contributions/24543/attachments/20144/31818/PositiveionEffects-kf.pdf

Positive Ion back flow (11k Z pole events)

Corresponds to 1 ion drift time



preliminary

K. Fujii,



Resulting distortions at Z pole for IBF=5 : ~800 μm (preliminary) (160 μm if IBF can be fully suppressed...)

Can it be corrected for? Only on average, or the charge must be locally measured. This is difficult, as the micro-curlers saturate the amplifiers.

Maybe only way, in Gridpix, using the segmented mesh of the chips : monitor the mesh current of each chip.



Particle identification



Results from beam tests

Pad size : from pixel (digital TPC) to pad



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Use of Timeof-flight for PId

10 ps resolution can be envisaged from Si envelope and could provide pi-K separation at up to 20 GeV/c.

(here plots for 50ps)

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Conclusion

- The R&D for a TPC at an e+e- factory evolves since 1996
- Recent and ongoing studies show that running a TPC at the Z pole and at the 2 10³⁶ cm⁻²s⁻¹ luminosity is difficult because of positive ions creating distortions.
- Machine background studies need to be revisited
- My personnal conclusion is that it is very difficult to optimize a detector both for EW-heavy flavour physics and for HZ and ttbar physics