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X-ray characterization of resistive Micromegas for the upgrade of T2K Near Detector

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- 1. T2K near detector upgrade (ND280) using resistive Micromegas for HA-TPC.
- 2. Modelling of charge spreading with resistive Micromegas.
- 3. Application of charge spreading model on X-ray data.
- 4. Summary of all analyzed ERAMs.
- 5. Conclusion

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THE T2K EXPERIMENT: TOKAI TO KAMIOKA



Neutrino cartoons by Yuki Akimoto



T2K NEAR DETECTOR : ND280



ND280 measures beam spectrum and flavor composition before the oscillations

- Detector installed inside the UA1/NOMAD magnet (0.2 T)
- > A detector optimized to measure π^0 (POD)
- An electromagnetic calorimeter to distinguish tracks from showers
- > A tracker system composed of:
 - 2 Fine Grained Detectors (target for ν interactions).
 - FGD1 is pure scintillator,
 - FGD2 has water layers interleaved with scintillators
 - 3 vertical Time Projection Chambers: reconstruct momentum and charge of particles, PID based on measurement of ionization



ND280 UPGRADE: GENERAL IDEA



The HA-TPC should at least have the same performance as the current vertical TPCs $% \left({{\rm{TPC}}} \right)$

- Average 700µm space resolution (and possibly even better)
- 7-8% energy loss resolution for MIP
- Stability and longevity (>10 years)



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HA-TPC : RESISTIVE MICROMEGAS DETECTORS



Resistive MicroMegas detectors achieved thanks to the addition of a resistive layer (DLC)

- \succ Charge sharing between pads \implies More precise position reconstruction
- \succ Better resolution with lower number of pads \Box Cost-effective and compact technology
- \succ Reduced risk of sparks \implies No need for protection circuit on readout electronics
- > Allows to put mesh at ground for better E-field uniformity.
- > DLC allows smaller RC \square Larger charge spreading (better spatial resolution)

$$\rho(r,t) = \frac{RC}{4\pi t} e^{\frac{-r^2 RC}{4t}}$$

R = Surface resistivity

C = Capacitance / unit area

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- Charge dispersion on anode achieved with a resistive foil glued on PCB.
- Continuous RC network, defined by material properties and geometry, shares evenly the charge among several pads.
- Obeys Telegraph equation:





> The anode charge density is time dependent and sampled by readout pads.

Pad size: $1.1 * 1 \text{ cm}^2$

References : M.S. Dixit et.al., NIM A518, 721 (2004), M.S. Dixit & A. Rankin, NIM A566, 281 (2006)



X-RAY DATA RESULTS





X-ray test bench @ CERN

- Each pad(1152) of an ERAM placed inside an X-ray chamber is scanned using a robot holding an ⁵⁵Fe X-ray source.
- ⁵⁵Fe spectrum can be reconstructed using all events in one pad.
- ▶ Gain is obtained for a pad by fitting its ⁵⁵Fe spectrum. Resolution of 10% is obtained.

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Gain Map from ⁵⁵Fe spectrum fit | ERAM30

Gain map of ERAM30

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Example of an ⁵⁵Fe spectrum

1350

1300



- Each channel of an Electronics card is injected with multiple pulses of different amplitudes.
- Resulting output signals(response of Electronic cards) are fitted with the <u>Electronics</u> response function.

$$R(t) = A\left[e^{-w_s t} + e^{\frac{-w_s t}{2Q}}\left(\sqrt{\frac{2Q-1}{2Q+1}}\sin\left(\frac{w_s t}{2}\sqrt{4-\frac{1}{Q^2}}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{w_s t}{2}\sqrt{4-\frac{1}{Q^2}}\right)\right)\right]$$



- Parameterized by 2 main variables related to shape of a signal waveform: Q and w_s.
- Variation in these fit parameters over all the pads was studied to determine if they can be set as constants.

fixed (412ns peaking time)







CHARGE SPREADING MODEL

Charge diffusion function:

$$Q_{pad}(t) = \frac{Q_e}{4} \times \left[erf(\frac{x_{\mathsf{high}} - x_0}{\sqrt{2}\sigma(t)}) - erf(\frac{x_{\mathsf{low}} - x_0}{\sqrt{2}\sigma(t)}) \right] \times \left[erf(\frac{y_{\mathsf{high}} - y_0}{\sqrt{2}\sigma(t)}) - erf(\frac{y_{\mathsf{low}} - y_0}{\sqrt{2}\sigma(t)}) \right]$$

- Obtained from Telegraph equation for charge diffusion. ≻
- Integrating charge density function over area of 1 readout pad. ≻
- Parameterized by 5 variables: ۶
 - Initial charge position
 - t_{0} : Time of charge deposition in leading pad •
 - RC : Describes charge spreading ٠
 - Q : Total charge deposited in an event •

 $\mathbf{x}_{\mu}, \mathbf{x}_{\mu}$: Upper and lower bound of a pad in x-direction $y_{H^{*}}$, y_{L} : Upper and lower bound of a pad in y-direction



0.18

0.16

0.14

0.12



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SIGNAL MODEL

Convolution of charge diffusion function with derivative of electronics response function. ۶





APPLICATION OF SIGNAL MODEL ON X-RAY DATA



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SIMULTANEOUS EXTRACTION OF RC AND GAIN





- > Fitting process is carried out for all pads to obtain RC map.
- > RC is more homogeneous in horizontal direction than in vertical direction.
- > RC maps and Gain maps will be used in global event reconstruction algorithm.



 $RC_{mean} = 112 \text{ ns/mm}^2$







ERAM-01: R Measurements



RC map structure seems to be correlated to R measurements



• Charge density:

$$\rho_{0D}(r,t) = \frac{Q_{primary}G}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}(t)} e^{-\frac{r^{2}}{2\sigma^{2}(t)}}$$

• Charge on a pad:

$$Q_{pad}(t) = \frac{Q_{primary}G}{4} \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x_H - X_0}{\sigma(t)\sqrt{2}}\right) - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x_L - X_0}{\sigma(t)\sqrt{2}}\right) \left[\operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{y_H - Y_0}{\sigma(t)\sqrt{2}}\right) - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{y_L - Y_0}{\sigma(t)\sqrt{2}}\right)\right]$$

• <u>Electronics response:</u> (upto ADC) Dirac impulse response

$$ADC_{Dirac}(t) = \frac{4096}{120 \, fC} \frac{F(t)}{F^{Max}} \text{ with } F(t) = e^{-w_s t} + e^{-\frac{w_s t}{2Q}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{2Q-1}{2Q+1}} \sin\left(\frac{w_s t}{2} \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{Q^2}}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{w_s t}{2} \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{Q^2}}\right) \right)$$

- > Implementing the correspondence- 120 fC \leftrightarrow 4096 counts.



COMPARISON OF GAIN FROM TWO METHODS

Gain Map from ⁵⁵Fe spectrum fit | ERAM30 Vpad 30 ypad 30 Xpad Gain map from simultaneous fit method

Gain Map from simultaneous waveform fit | ERAM30



- Very high similarity in Gain maps obtained from 2 different methods.
- Gain results serve as validation for Electronics Response function, ≻ and robustness of entire model.

Ratio of Gain(of each pad) obtained from 2 different methods





ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ON GAIN

- Effect of following environmental conditions, recorded during an X-ray test bench shift, on Gain is studied:
 - Gas temperature
 - Chamber pressure
 - Relative gas humidity
- An ERAM was scanned twice at two different instances.





Gain maps to be corrected in case of significant changes in environmental conditions.



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RC MAPS OF ERAMS USED IN CERN 2022 TEST BEAM









SUMMARY OF ALL ANALYZED ERAMS



> No apparent correlation between mean RC and mean Gain of ERAMs.









> These plots were used to choose the combination of 8 ERAMs to equip the first field cage.

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SELECTION OF ERAMS FOR EACH HALF-TPC



Gain information of 23 ERAMs

Resolution information of 23 ERAMs



- ND280 upgrade will employ resistive Micromegas for the read-out of HA-TPC, which works on the principle of charge spreading.
 - > 23/32 produced and fully validated.
- Resistive Micromegas will enable- better position reconstruction, reduction in sparks rate and improvement in E-field homogeneity.
- Charge spreading model is obtained from convolution of charge diffusion function and derivative of electronics response function.
- > The model is able to successfully fit waveforms from X-ray data.
 - > RC and Gain can be simultaneously extracted from X-ray data.
 - RC and Gain information will be a useful ingredient in the HA-TPC simulation and reconstruction.
- > These results were used to select the ERAMs to equip the first field cage.