Korean MPGD production and contribution plan toward ECT

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1. ePIC MPGD Trackers

- To increase hits in $|\eta|>2$ where high Bkg. is expected for better pattern recognition





- Good position resolution: 150 μm , obtainable with 500 μm pitched RO & μTPC
- High efficiency: 96 97 %, $\sim 97 \%$ with 3 mm gas gap

• "Main risk is related to CERN being the unique producer of $\mu RWELL$ detector layer"

- Annalisa, Incremental Design and Safety Review of the EIC Tracking Detectors, Mar. 20-21, 2024

 \Rightarrow Korea can mitigate this risk by participating in the development of the ECT and supplying GEM & $\mu \rm RWELL$

2. Introduction to GEM & μ RWELL

- GEM
- Good position resolution
- Fair time resolution
- Extremely robust to classical aging
- Extremely high rate capability



- μ RWELL; resistive version of GEM
- Share many of the characteristics of GEM
- Spark protected
- Simpler structure
- Rate capability is limited



- For HL-LHC, CMS GEM upgrades are ongoing
- GE1/1, GE2/1, and ME0 stations
- Main risk of the upgrades was procurement of large GEM foils ${\sim}1\times0.5~m^2$
- KCMS became the second supplier, mitigating this risk
- KCMS produces GEM foils using the double-mask
- Suitable for mass production
- Bipolar UV exposure becomes limiting factor of maximum producible size



- KCMS had formed a consortium with Mecaro Ltd. to produce GEM foils
- Mecaro had provided site & technicians
- This consortium was over during production of the GE2/1
- Site relocation & getting green light again

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- ME0 production is ongoing smoothly
- Photo process, QA/QC @ IBS
 Chemistry process @ PnF (PCB maker)
- Not possible to get chemical handling license in IBS area due to environmental regulation

- 2 h 30 min



Done Successfully!



3. KCMS GEM Production – Photo Site



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- Production R&D and validation
- 2023 *JINST* **18** C06010, NIMA 1057 (2023) 168723
- GE2/1 mass production
- Mass produced chambers assembled with the Korean foils works well
- ME0 mass production
- Ongoing smoothly
- Will be done around middle or end of 2025
- \rightarrow Looking for the next contribution site

ME0 Production St	atus				From Annalisa's slide
Foils produced	108	MPGD Timeline			
Foils in QC @ IBS	33	START DATE	END DATE	DESCRIPTION	(years)
Foils being produced	55	3/1/24	12/31/24	Detectors Overall Design	<1
Foils delivered	85	1/1/25	12/31/26	Pre - Production	2
Chambers assembled	5	1/1/27	31/12/29	Production & QA	3
Chambers validated	2	1/1/30	6/1/30	Commissioning & Installation	0.5

• GEM and μ RWELL share production processes



- The DLC layer is formed by a sputtering process
- DLC-FCCL will be procured from CERN or company



Gluing

- Pressing DLC FCCL, pre-preg and RO PCB at high temperature in a vacuum chamber

- Will be done by domestic PCB company. Common technique in PCB maker
- Detail parameters and know-how have been secured from CERN MPT





- Seed layer etching
- PI layer etching; choking point of MPGD production
- KOH, amine (MEA for Korea, EDA for CERN)
- By adjusting KOH to amine ratio, taper can be tuned



• 2nd Cu etching



• Ag epoxy pasting to make via holes or via grooves



Cleaning: 2nd choking point of MPGD production

- Chemical: surface treatment \rightarrow micro etching \rightarrow neutralization \rightarrow passivation \rightarrow high pressure DI water shower

- Electrical cleaning: controlled burning of contaminants in dry or hot environment

- If GEM or μ RWELL become short or sparking due to contaminants, it needs additional cleaning

 We have a good understanding of the μRWELL production and the critical technology is already secured



5. R&D Plan and Budget Status

- $10 \times 10 \ cm^2 \ \mu$ RWELL to test production feasibility
- Plan to finish by the end of this year or early next year
- DLC-FCCL, RO PCB and other detector parts have been ordered and in production
- Small budget for this small R&D is secured

- Based on the experience of GEM production R&D, if we can make a small μ RWELL, it will not be difficult to scale up to full-size μ RWELL

- We would like to participate ePIC real scale ECT prototyping via in-kind contribution of GEM & μ RWELL
- Even if we don't finish the μ RWELL feasibility study in time, we can still contribute to GEM
- Beside the feasibility test, securing budget is critical
- We has submitted proposal on MPGD contribution toward ePIC to Korean MSIT
- The proposal covers in-kind contribution of GEM & μRWELL for ECT, assembly and QA/QC
- Report for research policy maker by 3rd party has been submitted as well

Summary

- MPGD detector safely satisfies ePIC requirements for central tracker
- Main risk is procurement of GEM & μRWELL
- Korea can mitigate this risk by supplying GEM & μRWELL
- KCMS is supplying GEM foils for the CMS GEM upgrades
- Plenty experience on R&D, and mass production
- Large pool of person power
- CMS production will be done around middle or end of 2025
- We are willing to contribute to GEM + μ RWELL ECT
- In-kind contribution of GEM & μRWELL
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