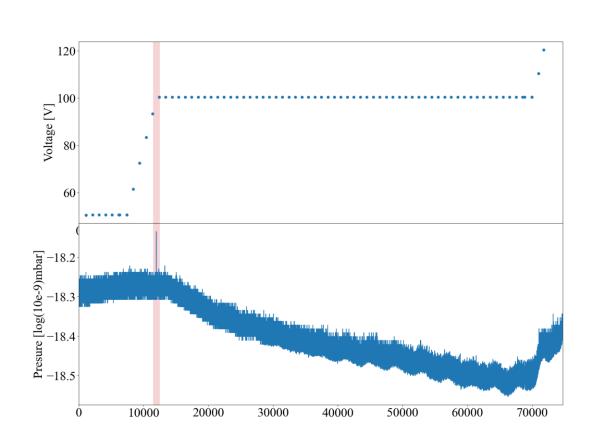
Nichrome Electrodes

Received to CERN



• Received electrode appeared in good shape.

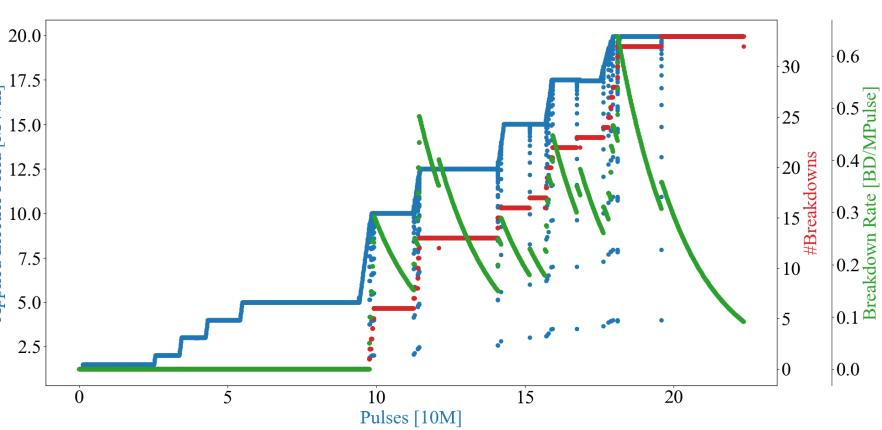
Short circuit during first conditioning, 50um



 During our first condtioning trial, there became a short circuit at one point, turning the electrodes from a capacitor into a resistor.



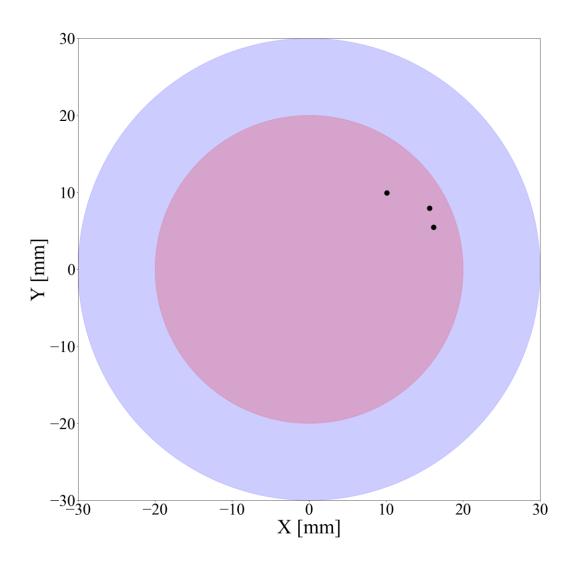
Change to 80um gap, current gap for conditioning



• Carefully increasing the frequency from 100 to 500Hz, we are currently condtioning at 25MV/m (not shown) and are starting to locate the breakdowns.

Breakdown Locations

• So far, the breakdowns are observed in close proximity.



Summary

- Continue conditioning
- At 25MV/m.
- Starting to locate breakdowns.

Comments:

The electrode can go far beyond what is required of it with regards to field holding. We also see the pressure be heavily linked with the applied voltage.