Development of Micropattern Gaseous Detectors

Investigation of TGEMs as Cherenkov detectors

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Outline

- MPGDs → TGEM (Thick Gas Electron Multiplier)
- Experimental setup
 - Local avalanche size and photoelectron yield
- Measurements:
 - The effect of drift field on the local yield and gain
 - Effects of faults
- AIDA-2020 project
- Summary

MPGDs

MicroPattern Gaseous Detectors



MicroMegas



GEM



TGEM



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TGEM

- Thick Gas Electron Multiplier
- Invented in the 2000s
- Hole size: 300-500 μm
- Large electric field
- Electron avalanche (typical 10-100 e⁻)





TGEMs as photon detectors

- So far MWPCs (Multi-Wire Proportional Chamber) have been used for Cherenkov photon detection
- TGEMs have many advantages1:
 - Direct, faster signal
 - Little secondary signal
 - MIP supression
 - Reduced ion backflow



¹V. Peskov, M. Cortesi et al., Further evaluation of a THGEM UV-photon detector for RICH – comparison with MWPC, Journal of Instrumentation, vol. 5 page 11004-11029, 2010

TGEMs in experiments as Cherenkov detectors

- So far (GEM):
 - HBD at PHENIX (RHIC)
- Plans (TGEM):
 - VHMPID at ALICE (LHC)
 - RICH-1-Upgrade at COMPASS (SPS)



Hadron Blind Detector, PHENIX

Aims

- Precise description of microprocesses of single photo-electron detection in MPGDs
- Optimization of geometrical parameters of TGEMs for Cherenkov applications (hole diameter, pitch, rim, thickness, lattice shape)
- Optimization of electric field configurations (amplification, drift, extraction)
- Microscale measurements for finetuning the simulation codes
- Identify effect of production faults (over etching, drilling faults, etc.)

Experimental setup



- New method for single photoelectron measurement²
- REGARD & RD51 collaboration
- Pulsed LED driven with 100 kHz
- 50 µm resolution

²High resolution surface scanning of Thick-GEM for single photo-electron detection, G. Hamar, D. Varga, NIM A⁸ 694, p 16-23, 2012 Gábor Galgóczi – Development of Micropattern Gaseous Detectors



Experimental setup



Photoelectron yield maps



Different drift fields



- Field of TGEM holes ↔ Drift field
- Integrated photon yield of each hole

Photon yield



Correlation of different methods



- Different methods → Correlate
- Optimal drift field

Effects of faults

- Typical GEM: 1000? holes
- Leopard was upgraded with a microscope
- Faults spotted by microscope
- Examined by Leopard
- Which kind of faults would lead to malfunction?

Effects of faults





Yield map

Outlook: AIDA-2020 project

- Advanced European Infrastructures for Detectors at Accelerators
- Joint Research Activities:
 - "R&D with emphasis on detector qualification, on quality insurance and on infrastructures leading towards large scale production"
- Quality control tool for detailed (hole by hole) gain maps in (T)GEM-s
- AIDA-2020 Sub-task 13.4.4 (WP13)

Summary

- TGEM technology
- Remotely controllable system to study (T)GEMs
- High resolution gain and photoelectron scanning
- Drift field
- AIDA-2020
- R&D:
 - Optimazition
 - Quality assurance

Thank you for your attention!

Backup slides



PID











100 million

Examination of individual holes

1D scan



2D maps





0,4











2 mm















Elektronok száma

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Optimal drift field





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