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A new design of Micro Pixel Chamber using DLC electrodes

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The new design concept of the Micro Pixel Chamber (μ -PIC) has been developed and tested for charged particles tracking. The μ -PIC is a 2D gaseous imaging detector made by the PCB technique. One of the most important property is that the μ -PIC does not require any floating structures and stretching processes.

For protecting the μ -PIC from discharges, the resistive electrode layer is formed on the top substrate. Recently, Diamond Like Carbon (DLC), made by the carbon sputtering and the lift-off process, has been developed for resistive electrodes. This novel material has excellent properties that fine patterning (<10 μ m), strong adhesion on the polyimide, wide range resistivity setting (100k /sq. - 1G /sq.), uniform resistivity at large detection area, and so on. High gas gains (>10000) were observed with the prototype of the μ -PIC with DLC cathodes. This prototype was operated stably in the high rate fast neutrons environment more than 1MHz/cm². Also, two dimensional tracking performances of charged particles have been measured using SRS.

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