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Tests on resistive Micromegas

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R&D in progress for future detectors at Clas and Compass

Compass: tracking with high hadron flux, including in beam area Clas: high particle flux, important magnetic field (parallel and perpendicular)

Goals of October beam test studies

discharge rate reduction at high hadron flux (resistive layer, GEM foil) increase of cluster size for spatial resolution with larger strips (resistive layer) performances and discharge rates with large lateral magnetic field (small ionization gap with large electric field)

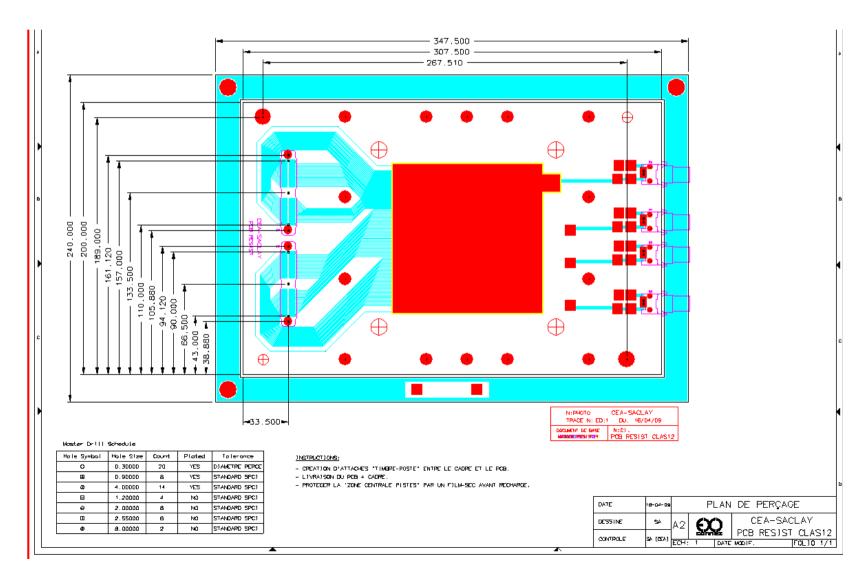
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Scheme of detectors

Standard 10x10cm detectors

two read-out area: 72 * 400µm strips and 72 * 1mm strips





Overview of detectors to study

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Detectors taken as reference

- 2 standard bulk 5mm ionization + 128µm amplification
- 1 non bulk with copper mesh 5mm + 128µm

Resistive detectors

- 1 bulk with resistive kapton foil (1MOhm/2) on 50µm prepreg layer
- 1 bulk with resistive paste (1MOhm/2) on prepreg layer
- 1 bulk with resistive paste (100MOhm/²) on prepreg layer
- 1 bulk with resistive paste on strips + coverlay walls

Other detectors

- 1 standard bulk with 2mm ionization gap (effect of magnetic field)
- 1 standard bulk with inox drift electrode (also with mylar electrode)
- 1 bulk with additional GEM foil

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Strategy for the beam tests

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Characteristics to measure

discharge rate: monitoring of HV power supply, tagging of discharges on mesh gain & efficiency: AFTER read-out and T2K DAQ, external trigger spatial resolution: DAQ + telescope with other detectors

Scans to be done

mesh HV (~5-10 points), drift HV (~5 points) GEM HV for GEM foil prototype (~5 points) magnetic field (4 points)

Experimental set-up

table installed in Goliath magnet (active ~1/3 of the time) 6 detectors mounted in the same time including 2 permanent std bulk MM external trigger from front CERN set-up + possible local scintillator mostly high flux hadron beam, some muon beam also interesting