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Resistive protections for Bulk Micromegas

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Qualitative model of STD bulk and R11 read-out board

Aim

- Understand how it works
- Give a direction during R&D and prototype phase
- Help to define external components and their need
- Predict the behavior in large detector

The impedances are not treated as complex during this talk in order to get a model as easy as possible to understand.



C2 : in the range of 5pF C3 : in the range of 1.5pF C4 : in the range of 4nF R1 : ? 1M0hms R3 : ? C1 : ? Parasitic capacitor mesh to strip Parasitic capacitor strip to GND Parasitic capacitor mesh to GND Resistor to discharge strip Resistor for spark current limiting Spark current limiting

std signals

Sparks

the rise time may be as quick as 0.7 ns, as defined by the new standard IEC 801-2:1991 (IEC 61000-4-2).



Typical induced signal In a Micromegas detector

Typical capacitor discharge current with a spark mechanism in a low resistive charge

3 major frequencies







"spark" 1nS In the range of 1 GHz

"Fast signal" 10nS (electrons) In the range of 100 MHz "Slow signal" 100ns (lons) In the range of 10 MHz

All the signals are above 10 MHz

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Std BULK @ frequencies above 10MHz



The power supply is a short at high frequencies And in any case 5pF serial to 4nF = 5pF





5pf // 1.5pF → 6.5pF



Impedance of 6.5pF above 10Mhz < 2500 Ohms R1 is above 1Mohms → negligible influence



Simplified equivalent schematic of one strip In a 100mm x 100mm detector for f > 10MHz

Let's look now at $Z1 \rightarrow$ First the Amp

Amplifier impedance



Ex: MICROROC Chip (being designed) input impedance (Thanks to Renaud Gaglionne LAPP and LAL collaboration)

Capacitor impedance



Typical Capacitor impedance at High frequencies Ceramic capacitors NPO

The smaller is the capacitor the better Is its behavior at high frequencies

@ 10Mhz@ 100Mhz@ 1Ghz

100pF → 200 Ohms 100pF → 20 Ohms 100pf → 4 Ohms

Murata capacitor catalog

@ 10MHz lons



6.5pF → 2500 Ohms

R3 =10 Ohms C1= 200 pF → 100 Ohms Amp→ 150 Ohms Total : **260 Ohms**

@ 10MHz lons



6.5pF → 2500 Ohms (Value proportional to Detector size)

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@ 100MHz electrons



6.5pF → 250 Ohms

R3 =10 Ohms C1= 200 pF → 10Ohms !!!Amp→ 230 Ohms Total : **250 Ohms**

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R1 is to high to drive any significant current



-Peak current = 580V/13 Ohms → 44Amps during a few ns C1 and C3 are charged with C4 discharge

C4 can not supply this current and maintain the mesh voltage \rightarrow Vmesh drops At one point the voltage between C4 and C1 is not enough to maintain the spark. The spark end and C4 is refill by the power supply through R. This RC4 constant define the dead time of the detector. (usually a few mS, all the detector is affected)

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Summary for 10cm x 10cm BULK

- C1 in the range of 100 to 200pf (600V min)
 - Smaller : reduce detector efficiency but increase protection
 - Higher : increase spark current
- R3 in the range of 10 to 20 Ohms
 - Higher : less efficiency for electrons
 - Less : higher spark current
- Amp
 - Can we improve its impedance !
 - Need protections for peaks currents in the range of 20 Amps during a few ns
- Capacitance of the mesh
 - As low as possible (segmentation) \rightarrow to stop the spark fast
- Parasitic capacitance of lines
 - As low as possible to reduce C1 and reduce sparks current.
 - As low as possible to avoid charge losses in the board.







R11 normal operation



C2 : in the range of 5pF C3 : in the range of 1.5pF C4 : in the range of 4nF C5: ? C6: ? R1 : from 15 to 25 MOhms 24/05/2010 Parasitic capacitor mesh to strip Parasitic capacitor strip to GND Parasitic capacitor mesh to GND Parasitic capacitor R-strip to GND Parasitic capacitor R-strip to read-strip Resistor to discharge R-strip

R11 normal operation above 10Mhz



C6 on the mesh side is grounded at high frequencies with C4

C5 is grounded by the Amp (and also C3 assuming that C5<<C3)





C5 and C6 are sharing a common electrode in blue, this area is not known

C5= Eo x Er2 x S/h2

C6= Eo x Er1x S/h1

$C5/C6 = Er2 \times h1 / Er1 \times h2 = 8$

More than 90% of the charges will flow through C5 whatever is the value of the area

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R11 normal operation @ 10MHz lons



R11 normal operation @ 100MHz electrons



R11 Sparks (1GHz)



In the test 64 lines were connected together The oscilloscope probe has 10pF capacitance

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I peak in the 50 Ohms = 8mA I peak in C3//C2 x 64 = 800mA I peak in 10 pF= 20mA I peak in C5 in the range of 800mA



The impedance of 64 x (C3//C2) // 50ohms// 10pF is less than 1 ohm @1Ghz

So during 'mild sparks' C5 see the full voltage 580V

ZC5 @1Ghz is in the range of 580V/ 800mA → 725ohms

 \rightarrow C5 in the range of 0.4pF

R5 and R11 behavior difference ?





R5 shows Higher gains than STD Bulk detectors ?

Why a so big difference during sparks between R5 and R11

- R5 pad capacity to strip 0.2pF
- R11 local capacity to strip 0.4pF
- R5 discharge resistor **2KOhms**
- R11 discharge resistor 15MOhms
- \blacksquare R5 spark currents \rightarrow power supply limitation
- R11 spark currents \rightarrow a few nA in average
- We have some ideas to explain this effect but need some more measurements to be sure. It will also explain why:
 - R5 shows higher gains than Std Bulk
 - R11 has15us extra signal after spark

C4 Value?

- C4 (mesh capacity) value has no importance in normal operation
- During 'mild sparks' C4 should only charge C5
- C4 voltage drops during 'mild sparks' should not induce a charge to each strips bigger than 1000e-
- We still need to define precisely C4 (uF range)
- But we have no limitation on C4, we do not need to segment the mesh.





No resonances \rightarrow no big inductive effects Should we adapt the lines to the amplifier? There is some signs of reflection

Conclusion

- We still need to understand the R5 and R11 difference
- We need to define the optimum value of C4 in R11 detector
- We can start to predict the effect of the size on the detector behavior
- We are building now 2 new small detectors to:
 - Increase the statistics
 - Improve our understanding
 - See if we can reduce again the 'mild spark' currents
- We have also started to design a large size version of R11