High Resolution Scanner for Micropattern Based Cherenkov Detectors (The "Leopard" System)

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#### Outline

- Gaseous detectors
- Micropattern technology
- Examining the microstructure: the Leopard System
- TGEMs : Yield maps, and the hole-gain

#### **Drift field and Critical/Symmetry points**

- Applicability for thin GEM foil
- Summary and outlook

## **Gaseous detectors**

- GM, MWPC, TPC, ...
- Well known technique
- Capability for large volumes
- Excellent tracking even in 3D Two track resolution
- dE/dx information
   Particle identification





Applicabe for RICH and TR detectors

### **Gaseous detectors**

- Ionization of gas by charged particles along the tracklet
- Collection of electrons
- High electric field to produce electron avalanche (typically around a thin wire)
- Signal could be read out from neighbouring electrodes (eg. a segmented cathode)



- TPC : measurable drift time  $\rightarrow$  3D tracking
- Main advantages :

Low material budet; Capability for large volume; Cost effective; Applicable for photon detection as well

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#### **Micropattern detectors**

- Problems and limits of wire chambers gain uniformity, sagging, electronic force, strong frames, the wires, imperfections, planarity, ...
- Advancement of PCB- and industrial technologies
- High electric field NOT ONLY around wires



#### **Micropattern detectors**



#### Advantages and Applications of MPGDs

- Flexibility in geometries : tube, sphere, ...
- Higher rate capability !

(CMS and ATLAS upgrades in the forward direction)

- Reduced ion backflow (ALICE TPC upgrade, COMPASS RICH upgrade)
- Fast signal
- Low material budget
- Producable by industry
- RD51 Collaboration (communication, know-how, production test facilities, simulation tools, SRS, ...)
- Examples: TOTEM GEM, KLOE2 CT, PHENIX HBD, FOPI GEM-TPC, ... 2015. June-July
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#### MPGD Based Gaseous Photon Detectors

- Particle identification -> Cherenkov detectors
- Gaseous Photon Detectors for Cherenkov detectors
  - Large area at reasonable price
  - CsI cover for UV photon detection
- Advantages vs. MWPC based RICH
  - Reduction of ion back-flow
  - Fast response
  - High rate capability
  - Possibility for MIP suppression
  - No feed-back photons
- PHENIX, COMPASS, ALICE
- Triple GEM, TGEM, TCPD, TGEM+MM in all: GEM-type photoconverting plate
- Efficiency and microstructure ?? 2015. June-July G.Hamar - MPGD Leopard - Erice 2015





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#### Microstructure of UV Sensitivity on ThickGEM Surface

- Holes are definitely blind spots
- Inhomogenous extraction field
- Critical symmetry points (and lines)
- Side effects of MIP suppression ?
- Large range for all the geometrical parameters (diameter, pitch, rim, thickness)
- Choise of the filling gas (Methane vs non-flammable)



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## **Strategy to Examine the Microstructure**

- Single photo-electrons : PE yield and gasgain separation
- Focused UV light
- High resolution mapping
- Combined data acquisition



- **Optimization** (and parametrization) (hole geometry, voltages, gas mixtures, ...)
- Fine tuning for **simulation**
- Quality assurance for production

#### What could be seen?



like a leopard...

#### Single ThickGEM Layer ? TCPD Outline (ThickGEM+CCC Photon Detector)

- A known configuration applied for photon detection
- UV-transparent quartz window
- Wire plane for cathode
- ThickGEM Gold plated
- CCC: an optimized MWPC as high gain stage
- Padplane
- Read out : connected wires (or pads)





# **Optical Setup**

- Pulsed UV source : UV LED : SETI UVTOP240 peak: 243 nm, widths: 10nm Photo-electrons from gold surface
- Focusing ball lense cover
- Led Driver Unit adjustable oscillator trigger and LED output
- Pinhole (spot size x 2) 150 µm => 70 µm spot Pinhole 30 µm became just usable
- Quartz window
- Further improvements are still underway









# Challenges

- Optical system : 20-100 µm spot size
   => 10<sup>4</sup> 10<sup>6</sup> points (spectra)
- Single photo-electrons:
  - < 5% PE / event AND 100-1000 PE / point
  - => thousands of events in each points

#### Necessary system requirements :

- Efficient focusing of pulsed UV light
- Actuator system (3D) : ~10 μm precision, 10ms response
- Fast ADC : >> 10 kHz
- Combined data acquisition system (ADC and actuator)

Charge Distribution at a Certain Hol

O [adc units]

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# **Data Acquisition : Machine**

- Several options tested so far: Camac, PC+LPT
- Recent successfull implementation: RaspberryPi
- Raspberry Pi (is a tiny computer)
  - 700MHz ARM CPU + Broadcom 2835 chip
  - Periferials: USB, HDMI, SD, AV, Audio

#### GPIO pins (10MHz)

- Low power consumption and low cost
- Raspbian Linux : Debian based OS
- WiFi connection



## **Data Acquisition : HW + SW**

- Special additional board: fits to the GPIO pins
- Parallel-out single ADC (LTC1415)
- **Trigger** reciever and timing (adjustable)
- Signal shaping and amplification (adjustable)
- **Tagging** of rejected triggers
- Direct actuator control

(can be accomodated to any moving controls)

- Software: C,C++ runs on the RPi
- ADC (w DSP), save spectra
- Control 3D table and HV system
- GUI on remote PC (wxWidgets)



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## **Presently Working Setup**



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## **Setting the Focus**

#### • Fine tuning from the data is essential



# **Photo-electron Yield Map**

- Holes are visible
- Symmetry lines and points are dark
- Ring-like structure
- No azimuthal symmetry around the holes
- Yield varies from hole to hole (even by a factor of two)



# **Gain Map**

- Gain is measured for each measurement point
- Gain is constant in the hexagonal collection zone of a hole ( hole-gain )
- Hole-gains vary a lot from hole to hole
- Only slightly correlates with the detected photon yields



# The Role of the Drift Field

• High positive:

electrons cannot leave the surface / pushed back

 High negative: electrons are drifting towards the cathode



## **The Role of the Drift Field**



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## **Normal GEM**

- Is it possible to study the microstructure of a normal thin GEM foil (with holes of 70µm) ?
- Precision of 10-20 µm is needed
- Is gold cover necessary?

- Pinhole of 30 um was installed
- Standard copper covered normal GEM has been checked for the first time ...

#### **Normal GEM**

#### PE Yield Map near the Edge of the GEM



#### **Edge of the GEM**

Gain Map near the Edge of the GEM



# **Defining Holes**

- Same methodes as for TGEMs
- Define dark points (dark yield is shifted due to non negligible backgroud)
- Clusterize dark points (hole candidates)
- Define hole area (closest point)
- Compute "hole-gain" and/or other hole-level quantities



## **Defining Holes**



## Hole-gain

- Hole-gain distribution : sigma < 5% in the sample
- Larger gain along the edge (higher surface charge on the metal border?)

Hole-Gain near the Edge of the GEM



#### **Summary**

- Micropattern based Cherenkov detectors
- Leopard System
  - Single MPGD (with a postamplification stage)
  - Focused UV light mounted onto a moving table
     + a fast controlling and DAQ part with RaspberryPi
- Detailed ThickGEM Studies
  - Hole-by-hole variations, inhomogenities
  - Hole-gain structure, uniformity evaluation
- Optimization and Finetune simulations and QA for production
- Normal GEM foils became accessible





#### **Backup slides**

#### **Future Plans**

- Detailed studies on different geometries and applicable gases with TGEMs
- Correlation with optical checks, and with production procedures and failures.
   A new device for Quality Assurance ?
- Exploration of the microstructure on thin GEM foils
- Fine tuning input for simulations





## Speed : 20 min run

#### DAQ rate : 120 kHz achieved with 99.5 % events accepted

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Fast 2D Map (20 minutes) Photo-electron Yield ۲ [mm] 

X [mm]

#### **DAQ Scheme**









## Gain calibration of the MWPC section

- Single TGEM exploration
- Underlying structure (post amplification MWPC stage) is measureable via shining through the holes



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## **Stability**

- **Regular remeasuring** of a given region near a hole
- UV LED yield slightly varies with time
- Gain roughly stable
- Actuator system :  $+/-20 \mu m$  through a day, on a 1 mm range



#### The system is stable enough to perform long measurements

### **Budapest + Trieste measurements**

- RD51 Common Project
- COMPASS RICH upgrade
- TGEM + MM Hybrid for low ion back-flow and high gain operation
- Study of candidated geometries in Ar/CH4 mixture
- Behaviour of the Critical/Symmetry Points

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## **The Role of Drift Bias**

#### Drift field scan along the critical line



## Charge Up ...

- Single hole charge up became possible
- Gain drops while PE yield increases !
- Effect on : single point / single hole / full segment ?
- Charge-up during scanning measurements



## **Actuator System**

- Stepping motors for all axis
- Good resolution : 2.5 μm
- Direct control
- Mounted upside-down on a support table



Larger (20cm) and faster version became ready recently

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