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# TPC technology development for the ILD Detector at future e+e- collider

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- TPC detector for e+e- colliders
- High spatial resolution pad readout TPC
- Pixelated readout TPC R&D
- Summary

## TPC R&D in LCTPC Collaboration

- MPGDs for TPC readout is a **baseline solution and further R&D** features many benefits:
  - Small pitch of gas amplification regions => strong reduction of  $E \times B$ -effects
  - No preference in direction => all 2 dim. readout geometries possible
  - **Ion backflow** can be reduced significantly (Gating, Hybrid structure...)
  - Continue electronics, cooling, UV laser track and low power consumption FEE development
- All research will be integrated with DRD1 of CERN from 2023



LCTPC-collaboration studies MPGD detectors for the ILD-TPC: 24 Institutes from 11 countries + 24 institutes with observer status

Various **gas amplification stages** are studied: GEMs, Micromegas, GEMs with double thickness and GridPixes.

#### TPC technology for the future e+e- colliders

- A TPC is the main tracking detector for **some candidate experiments at future e+e- colliders** 
  - ILD at ILC and the baseline detector concept of CEPC
- TPC technology can be of interest for other future e+e- colliders



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#### TPC requiremetns from e+e- Higgs/EW/Top factories

- TPC can provide hundreds of hits (for track finding) with high spatial resolution compatible with PFA design (very low material in chamber)
  - $\sigma_{1/pt} \sim 10^{-4}$  (GeV/c)<sup>-1</sup> with TPC alone and  $\sigma_{point} < 100 \mu m$  in r $\phi$
- **Provide d** $\dot{\mathbf{E}}$ **/dx and d** $\mathbf{N}$ **/dx with a resolution** <4%
  - Essential for Flavor physics @ Z run
  - Beneficial for jet at higher energy



• High spatial resolution pad TPC technology

### Pad TPC technology – Test setup at DESY

- Large Prototype setup has been built to compare different detector readouts under identical conditions and to address integration issues.
  - PCMAG: B < 1.2T, bore Ø: 85cm
  - Electron test beam: E = 1- 6GeV
  - LP support structure (3D movable) Beam and cosmic trigger
    - Silicon tracker inside PCMAG LYCORIS (single point res.: 7µm)
- LP Field Cage Parameter:
  - Length = 61cm, inner  $\emptyset$  = 72cm drift field up to E  $\approx$  350V/cm
  - Made of composite materials: 1.24 % X<sub>0</sub>
- Modular End Plate
  - Two end plates for the LP made from Al with 7 module windows (one end plate has space frame)
  - ALTRO based readout electronics (7212 channels)









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#### Pad TPC technology - double GEMs

- GEMs: copper-insulator- copper sandwich with holes •
- Double GEMs module are being tested: •
  - GEMs with 100µm LCP insulator
  - Standard GEM from CERN
- Design idea of the GEM Module: ullet
  - **No frame** at modules both sides

### GEM Module 1:

- 2 GEMs made of 100 µm thick LCP
- $1.2 \times 5.4 \text{mm}^2$  pads

Spatial resolution of  $\sigma_{r\phi} \leq 100 \ \mu m$ , more stability by the broader arcs at top and bottom •



#### Pad TPC technology - triple GEMs

- Design idea of GEM Module 2:
  - Minimize dead area
  - Without frame to stretch GEMs, but a 1 mm grid to hold GEM
- Spatial resolution of σ<sub>rφ</sub>≤100 µm, and double track
  resolution and dE/dx calculated in dependence on the pad sizes

#### GEM Module 2:

- 1.26 × 5.85mm2 pads staggered
- Field shaping wire on side of module to compensate the field distortions





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#### Pad TPC technology - resistive Micromegas

- Resistive Micromegas:
  - Bulk-Micromegas with 128 µm gap size between mesh and resistive layer (developed in LCTPC)
- A new HV scheme of the module (ERAM) places grid on ground potential
  - Reduces **field distortions** between modules by a factor of 10







#### Ions suppression and TPC module

- Gating GEM for power pulsing mode
  - Primary ions create distortions in the electric field which result in O(<1µm) track distortions including a safety margin of estimated BG at Higgs run.
  - Track distortions are 20µm per disc without gating device, **if IBF is 1/gain**.
- Gating GEM is the favorite device. It has large holes (Ø 300 μm) and thin strips in between (30 μm).
  - The **electron transparency** has been determined and corresponds to 82%.
  - The ion blocking power has also been demonstrated and a fast HV switching circuit has to be developed.



#### Pad TPC technology – hybrid detector module

- **GEM and Micromegas** groups have finished analysis of test beam data with previous set of detector modules. Both technologies show **very similar performance**.
- LCTPC want to implement improvements in a **new generation of modules** => **common modules** 
  - Common readout electronics (sALTRO)
- Combined Micromegas + GEM readout has been developed, which promises a **lower ion backflow** (IBF) at CEPC TPC group without gating.
  - IBF×Gain ~ 1 at total gain of 2000 (**primary ions level**)



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### TPC prototype with 266nm UV laser tracks

- 30 /{dE/dx} [%] The TPC prototype integrated 266nm UV laser tracks has successfully developed.
- Analysis of UV laser signal, the spatial resolution, dE/dx resolution
  - Spatial resolution can be less than **100 µm along the drift length** of TPC prototype
  - Pseudo-tracks with 220 layers (same as the actual size of CEPC baseline **detector concept**) and dE/dx is about 3.4  $\pm$  0.3%



· data

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 $\sigma_0(N_{1,k})^{-k}$ 

#### Cooling system for readout electronics

- Readout electronics will require a cooling system. **2-phase CO2-cooling** is a very interesting candidate.
  - A fully integrated AFTER-based solution tested on 7 Micromegas modules during a test beam.
- To optimize the cooling performance and the material budget **3D-printing of aluminum** is an attractive possibility for producing the complex structures required.
  - A prototype for a full module is available now at CEA, Saclay.
  - It was tested with a full set of electronics in 10/2021 showing excellent cooling performance.
- Alternatively, Lund university is exploring **micro channel cooling** together with Pisa.
  - These consist of pipes with Ø300µm in carbon fiber tubes.







• Pixelated TPC technology R&D

## Pad and pixelated readout TPC technology

- TPC as the main tracker detector to satisfy the physics requirements :
  - For Higgs, W and top running, **no problem** for all TPC readout technologies.
- For high luminosity  $(2 \times 10^{36})$  Z running
  - Pixelated readout TPC is a good option at **high luminosity** on the circular e+e- collider
  - Pixelated readout TPC is a realistic option to provide
    - High spatial resolution **under 2T or 3T magnetic field**
    - Better momentum resolution
    - High-rate operation (MHz/cm<sup>2</sup>)
    - dE/dx and Cluster counting (in space)
    - Excellent two tracks separation

#### **Standard charge collection:**

Pads (1 mmimes6 mm)/ long strips

#### **Pixelated readout:**

Bump bond pads are used as charge collection pads.  $55 \mu m \times \, 55 \, \mu m$  or larger



#### Pixelated TPC technology - Timepix3-based GridPix

- GridPix detector have moved from Timepix to Timepix3 ASICs. Tests with single and quad devices have been successfully done.
- A module **with 32 GridPixes has been constructed** and was in a test beam in B=1.0T at DESY in June 2021.
- Very high detection efficiency results in **excellent tracking and dE/dx performance.** Timepix4 development is ongoing.
- Ion back flow of the module has been measured and can be further reduced by applying a double grid and the resistivity of the protection layer.







## Pixelated TPC technology – Large scale readout

- TPC prototype with GridPixes:
  - ~100-120 chips/module 240 module/endcap (10 m<sup>2</sup>) → 50000-60000 GridPixes Demonstration of mass production: One LPmodule covered completely with GridPixes (96 → coverage 50%) and two partially covered modules.
  - In total 160 GridPixes covered **an active area of 320 cm<sup>2</sup>** (10M pixel detector).
- During the test beam ~10<sup>6</sup> events were successfully collected, all results showed that a pixel TPC is realistic.







DESY testbeam in June 2021

#### High granularity TPC R&D for future Circular e+e- Colliders

- Operation of TPC at E > 100 GeV (i.e. for Higgs/t/W-production) is not a problem.
  - Cooling and the low power consumption of electronics has been studied.
- At  $E_{CM} \sim 90$  GeV (i.e. Tera-Z) the high luminosities of L  $\sim 2 \times 10E36$  cm-2s-1 are challenging.
  - Z bosons will be **produced at 60 kHz**, creating significant ion background leading to E-field distortions.
  - This could be easily corrected (refer **ALICE TPC**), but many R&D needed.
    - Backgrounds MC simulation, lower gain × IBF and new structures (hybrid or others)



#### dN/dx cluster counting

- Challenging for the **low power consumption** electronics (>40mV/fC needed at 2000 of gas gain)
- Pixelated readout
  - $\rightarrow$  high granularity readout in endplate
  - $\rightarrow$  the reasonable pixilation reveals the underlying cluster structure in 3D chamber
- Occupancy of the pixelated TPC
  - Occupancy is very **key issue** at the high rate or high luminosity
  - Smaller pad/pixel size
    → smaller occupancy
  - To be addressed by R&D

     → A detailed simulation
     would be necessary to
     determine the scaling factor
     → Simulation ongoing at

    IHEP



## High granularity for improved PID in TPC

- For **traditional dE/dx detection**, the charge summation is performed using the center-of-gravity method.
- In most experimental study from small to large TPC
  - L: track length
  - N: number of readout rows
  - Constant L and changing granularity G = N/L

$$\frac{\sigma_{dE/dx}}{\langle \mu_{dE/dx} \rangle} \propto L^{-0.45} G^{-0.13}$$

- If pad size is at the level of cluster distances of primary ionization
  - i.e. ~ **300-500 µm in Ar-based**
  - Cluster counting becomes effective
- PID improvement
  - The potential of **better resolution by at least a factor 2**
  - Novel method studied by several R&D groups for the TPC for the e+e- collider



 $\pi/k$  separation power

#### Preliminary Results of 32 GridPix Testbeam

- Mean residuals in the XY-plane with acceptance cuts.
- Events with multiple curlers (not standard) reconstructed in magnetic field B=1.0T at DESY.
- Results of **the tracking precision** (mean rms of residuals)
  - $\sigma_{xy}$ =9µm,  $\sigma_z$ =13 mm for module length of 157.9mm



R&D of TPC detector for

EIC collider from 2023

- Continue GEM, Micromegas and GridPix detector modules have been tests at the Large Prototype in preparation for the preliminary design of the TPC for ILD.
- A pixelated TPC (with GridPixes) seems **most promising** with many interesting features like electron or cluster counting and some simulation are ongoing.
- Synergies with CEPC/FCCee/EIC/T2K/ALICE allow us to continue R&D and ongoing, we learn from their experiences and R&D beyond the scope of ILC. In particular studies for circular Higgs factories are needed to understand the **performance of a TPC at Tera-Z**.
- Many simulations are still necessary to understand the detailed requirements of the final detector (e.g. number of ADC bits, pad sizes, etc.), but also **any new ideas for old challenges are welcome**.

# Many thanks!