Large-Area Micropattern Gaseous Detectors Used for Precision Muon Tracking at HL-LHC: $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV and L=7.5 10³⁴ /cm² sec

ATLAS New Small Wheel



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MPGD: Micropattern Gaseous Detectors

MSGC

First MPGD \rightarrow Micro Strip Gas Chamber (MSGC)



Pitch limited to 1 to 2mm due to mechanical and electrostatic forces.

Glass substrate with anode strips of 10 um with a pitch of 200 µm. More simple than a wire Chamber. Short ion drift path!

anode cathode

cathode



(1988) 351.

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RESULT:

Spatial resolution ~50µm Rate capability ~10⁶ Hz/mm2

Lithography on PCBs (printed circuit board)

Micro Gap Chambers





Epuss 28. Two variants of small-gap chambers, using their polynomia ration to present the most of discharges.

Angelini F, et al. Nucl. Instrum. Methods A335:69 (19

Micro Gap Wire Chamber



Figure 2.27 Schemes of a MOWE with approximital and field lines. The circle filled with lines is the section of an anode wire [CHRISTOPHEL1997].

E. Christophel et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth, vol 398 (1997) 195

Micro Wire Chamber



B. Adeva et al., Nucl. Instr. And Meth. A435 (1999) 402

MicroDot

all types are NOT long term stable ! danger: heavily ionizing events create discharges (Raether: 10⁸ e⁻/ avalanche) microstructures are destroyed if stored energy on cathode-anode is too high



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but 2 technologies made it for LHC: Micromegas and Triple-GEM Detectors

Upgrade of Muon Forward Spectrometers



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3. technology:

µRWELL: Micro Resistive WELL detectors
1.5 m
simple construction cheaper
Jefferson Lab Clas12 1 MHz/cm² 5
ILC

ALICE TPC - 700 GEM

Micromegas for the ATLAS NSW

I. Giomataris & G. Charpak et al., NIM A376 (1996) 29 Voltaire 1752

ATLAS: A Toroidal Lhc AppratuS muon spectrometer



toroidal magentic field => endcap: η (radial direction) is precision direction

ATLAS: Micromegas and sTGCs replace the old Small Wheel



2 Old Small Wheels:

- drift tube chambers (rate limited)
- cathode strip chambers (lifetime limited)
- no trigger information

=>

for HL-LHC 2 NSW are needed

New Small Wheel (NSW): Micromegas detectors sTGC: fast wire detector

MICROMEsh GAseous Structure small strip Thin Gap Chamber

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Scheme: ¼ ATLAS

radial precision direction (η)





Requirements for the New Small Wheel

HL-LHC: L= $7.5*10^{34}$ cm⁻²s⁻¹ background rates: 20 kHz/cm²

online trigger information:

- constant trigger rate over η
- online track segment reconstruction

muon precision tracking:

- 150 μm spatial resolution
- $\Delta p_{_{\rm T}}/p_{_{\rm T}} < 15$ % for μ @ $p_{_{\rm T}} > 1$ TeV
- $-\epsilon > 97\%$ for $\mu @ p_{_{T}} > 10 \text{ GeV}$

precision construction high accuracy during execution quality assurance and calibration

Micromegas Detectors: MICROMesh Gaseous Structures



resistive microstrips sheet resistance: $\approx M\Omega / sq.$ + copper readoutstrips

Micromegas Quadrupet Detectors: MICROMesh Gaseous Structures



 X_{i}, q_{i}, t_{i} information per strip (strip nr., charge on the strip, arrival time of the signal)

a cluster is a sequence of responding strips

MM Resistive Strip Anode (PCB: printed circuit board) (breakthrough for large area capability)



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Micromegas Quadrupet Detectors



floating mesh mounted on the cathode

preseries detector

mechanically floating meshes: attracted by electrostatic force onto the pillars

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ATLAS New Small Wheel: Layout

NSW-A 2021



NSW-A / NSW-C: 16 sectors in total with 16 active layers each 8 large sectors

8 small sectors

LM1 Saclay (F) LM2 Cern, Dubna, Thessaloniki SM1 INFN (I) SM2 BMBF (D) - 2.5 million readout channels => VMM frontend electronics Precision Calibration and Quality Assurance

Planarity Scan of the Surface Using a CMM 2-Axis H Machine



planarity measurement of a SM2 readout panel (M0)



a laser head allows for a fast scan t = 1.5 h @ 7000 dpt = 0.75h @ 3500 dpdp: data points



for p.50

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thickness @ assembly holes: 11.559±0.032 mm (11.564 design)



measurement is exactely as it should be: flat and parallel surfaces! 🖌

Precision Calibration Using Cosmic Rays (Cosmic Ray Facility Garching) μ trigger scintillators 10cm track MU wire<u>s</u> MDT reference chamber 1 Micromegas under test strip<u>s</u> track wires MDT reference chamber 2 ٠Z iron absorber trigger scintillators

precision direction Y

Results:

- 2D pulse height distributions
- residuum = Y_{ref} Y_{meas} :
 - efficiencies
 - precision calibration of strips
 - precision calibration of pitch

Cosmic Pulse Height and Efficiency Distributions



L1L6 ± L1L7

L1L8

⊖L1R6

L1R8

570 amplification voltage [V]

580

0.6 0.5

0.4

0.3

0.2

0.1

0

530

540

Ar:CO2 93:7 Vol%

550

560

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Cosmic Ray Facility: Calibration Results -> Database







results are considered in the database (as built parameters)

Comparison: Cosmic Deformations with Position Coded RasMasks (from: Red Alignment System NIKhef (RasNik))





SM2 anode panel with 18 RasMasks



good agreement between cosmic measurtement and RasMask anlysis, even after months => stable panels 🖌

ATLAS 2021: Installing the New Small Wheels



VMM: ATLAS New Small Wheel Frontend Electronics:

2 purposes:

G. lakovidis et al 2023 JINST 18 P05012, adapted

- improve ATLAS muon endcap trigger
- provide precision muon tracking: $\Delta p_T/p_T < 15 \%$ for $p_T > 1 \text{ TeV}$ spatial resolution 150 µm

On Track Efficiency: 4 layers of 8 layers in 2024

 $\epsilon > 95\%$ over both NSW surfaces

NSW-C

NSW-A

On Track Efficiency: 4 layers of 8 layers in 2024

consistently > 98% efficiency

ATL-COM-MUON-2024-011

Online Trigger Efficiency: 4 layers of 8 layers in 2024

ATL-COM-DAQ-2024-065

Online Trigger Efficiency: 4 layers of 8 layers in 2024

Spatial Resolution of NSW Micromegas

Spatial Resolution µ-Detection: using charge weighted mean over responding strips

Spatial Resolution: using charge weighted mean over responding strips

Correlation: Measured Position <-> Measured Timing

Uncorrected

Residual [mm] ATLAS Muon System Preliminary ATLAS Muon System Preliminar 0.8 70 70 H8 Testbeam H8 Testbeam **NSW Micromegas** NSW Micromegas 0.6 60 60 0.4 50 50 0.2 40 40 0 -0.2 30 30 -0.4 20 20 -0.6 $p0 = -0.627 \pm 0.001$ 10 10 -0.8 $p1 = 0.0177 \pm 0.00003$ 0 n 60 60 70 10 20 30 40 50 70 10 20 30 40 50 0 Clustertime [ns] Clustertime [ns]

Residual \propto Position

Residual [mm]

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

-0.2

-0.4

-0.6

-0.8

0

0

Correlation parameter p_1 is depending on η (incident angle) \rightarrow Precise correction over the whole NSW η range ATL-COM-MUON-2024-078

method developed in PHD B. Flierl LMU

Corrected

Residual \propto Position

Strongly improved spatial resolution

 \rightarrow Now under implementation in ATLAS

ATL-COM-MUON-2024-078

Summary:

- 2 3 m² Micromegas work reliably in ATLAS
 20 kHz/cm² background-rate tolerated
- spat. resolution of 150 μm observed
- of series modules in test beams from 0-30 deg. μ incidence angle
- precision calibration and manufactoring successful O(40µm)

ATLAS requirements already fulfilled:

- muon tracking efficiency 4/8 close to 1
- online trigger successful:

homogeneous distribution over η (pseudorapidity)

- \approx **20 kHz** trigger rate
- spatial resolution will be improved using cluster-time – cluster-position correlation better detector alignment better clustering in analysis timing calibration

- extensive ageing tests => no ageing expected for HL-LHC

$\mu RWELL$

Micromegas

• 2 DLC layers without patterns

Backup Slides

LHC: pp induced simultaneous 4 top production (700 GeV) observation: decay into 2-4 muons (Moriond 2023)

 $1 e^{-}$ blue 2μ red

μ detection is relatively easy, being almost free of background in contradiction to the jet reconstruction (cones)

- **1.** anode panel production
- **2.** cathode panel production and mesh stretching
- **3. cleaning procedure**
- **4. vertical assembly**
- **5.** calibration and quality assurance

How to Glue a Flat and Parallel Anode Honeycomb-Panel

preparational cleaning

precision rings glued onto markers

alignment of 3 PCBs using a prec. frame

glueing of anode and cathode panels is very similar

vacuum preserves the PCB position

the half-panel is sucked against a stiff and very flat holding structure P=-900 mbar

automatic glue dispenser

the half-panel on the stiff holding structure is aligned against the 2 pins on the table 8 prec. shims => correct thickness of panel

frames and honeycomb are placed into the glue

weights press the alignment washers against the 2 pins on the table

final check

10 LEDs must burn ! 10 * contact 42

Glueing the Micromesh (30/71) onto the Cathode Panel (Wzbg)

floating mesh technique, mesh is mounted on the cathode panel

mesh stretching using commercial clamps

glue the mesh to a transfer frame

cleaning of the mesh step 1

cleaning of the mesh step 2 deionized high pressure water

distribute Araldite 2011 on the mesh-frames

glueing Araldite 2011 reinforcements at the positions of the interconnections

place mesh+transf. frame on top of the cathode panel

punch holes for the inteconnections

place the pressing frame and let blocks

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overnight curing of the glue, then cut the mesh along the outside of the mesh frame

Cleaning Before Assembly (cleaning, cleaning, cleaning ...)

rinsing with warm tap water + brush

and high water pressure (Kärcher)

all panels dry in an oven over night

Vertical Assembly of SM2 Module0 (cleanliness)

1st cathode panel is placed on the vertical assembly station

2 precision pins are glued perpendicularly into the stereo anode panel

full assembly of cathode - stereo - double cathode - eta - cathode

assembly in a class 5 laminar flow tent (clean room)

- cleaning by vacuum and static roller is mandatory on each surface
- 2 precision pins provide the long term alignment of the 2 anode panels
- the V and the flat shaped fitting pieces are sitting on 2 precision rails

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10cm x 10cm -> 165cm x 125cm

a lot of infrastructure a lot of learning / brain a lot of effort a lot of time a lot of people, nothing can be done alone Assembly of all 4 MM types SM1, SM2, LM1, LM2 32 Modules Each in BB5 at Cern

CERN: Sector Assembly at Bldg. BB5

production street at CERN BB5

4 assembly stands in parallel + cosmic muon measurement of a full MM sector

considerable amount of personal power

a large sector incl. services without electronics

CERN: Wheel Assembly sTGC+MM in Bldg. 191 at CERN

MM sector small

the assembly of a sector was a huge amount of work dito the assembly of the wheels even much more work due to all the unforeseen

huge efforts were made to bring the noise level to the degree close to theoretical expectation, as shown

the noise increases as expected from 0 – 8000 ch due to the increasing readout strip length

Long Term Ageing Tests Ar:CO₂:iC₄H₁₀

Spare modules irradiated under the ternary gas mixture Ar:CO₂:iC₄H₁₀

- 14 TBq ¹³⁷Cs at GIF++ (~10y HL-LHC; no safety factor; ongoing)
- 10 GBq Am-Be neutron source at LMU (2y of irradiation at 3x HL-LHC equivalent neutron fluxes)

4 standard micromegas: copper strips, 250 μm pitch 9 x 10 cm² Gassiplex readout (J.Bortfeldt)

spatial resolution35 μm@160 GeV π, orthogonal beamtracking resolution < 20 μm</td>to study large structures using 4 micromegasefficiency > 98 %@orthogonal beam, Ar:CO285:151 bar

Screenprinting of a Resistive Foil (Univ. Kobe + Matsuda Co. Japan)

CMS: Compact Muon Solenoid

solenoidal magentic field, field return in iron endcap: φ is precision direction

Triple GEMs for CMS

F. Sauli, NIM A386 (1997) 531

GEM Detector Basics (Gaseous Electron Multiplier)

70µm

140µm

CMS Forward muon system upgrade

GE1/1:

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- **Muon trigger and reconstruction** at highest n
- each chamber spans 20°

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- 6 layers of GEM technology
- 150 kHz/cm2
- 2025 / 2026

Trigger and reconstruction

 $1.55 < |\eta| < 2.5$

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- 18 chambers per endcap each chamber covers 20°
- 2 layers of GEM technology
- 183cm x 117/53cm 1.6 m²
- 2024 / 2025

RE 3/1 - RE4/1 :

baseline detector for GEM project

is made of 2 back-to-back triple-GEM det.

one super-chamber spans 10° and

each super-chamber spans 10°

long: 120cm x 45/23cm

72 triple-GEM det. per endcap

short: 106cm x 42/23cm 0.35m²

installed in CMS 2019 / 2020

Trigger and reconstruction

 $1.8 < |\eta| < 2.4$

Trigger and reconstruction

 $1.55 < |\eta| < 2.1$

- 18 chambers per endcap each chamber spans 20°
- 1 layer (per station) RPC technology

0.41 m²

Challenges for Large Area GEM Foils

exact alignment of the GEM holes on top and on bottom
 proper stretching of the GEM foils
 keeping the active area in a range of 100 cm² to minimize the stored energy in the GEM-foil capacitor to avoid damage after a discharge => segmentation of large foils
 simple construction, screwing, no glueing (takes too long)

all 4 points are well solved !

1st Success: Production of Large GEM Foils

CERN detector lab + Mecaro (Korean company)

Bottom

adapting the voltage on the electrodes provides sequential etching => perfectly aligned holes on both sides of large GEM foils considerable reduction in cost

2nd Success: "Random Hole" Segmentation of Large GEM Foils

3rd Success: Simple and Reliable GEM Foil Stretching Mechanism (GE1/1)

assembled GE1/1 module

closed using screws

no supporting spacers !

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Challenge for large areas: Response Uniformity

no dead space novel method of foil stretching (CMS GE1/1).

Response uniformity within 25%, just within the specification. Variations in uniformity at this level do not negatively impact efficiency.

CMS GE1/1 Performance in CMS After the Installation 2019 / 2020

Number of Chambers

GEM chambers operated at 690 A equivalent divider current The average efficiency is 96.6% excluding underperforming chambers.

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Large GE2/1 Triple GEM Chambers

- dimension of ~2 m² for second CMS forward muon station
 2 layer per chamber
- smaller GE1/1 foil stretching worked without spacers.
 for GE2/1 could not avoid internal spacers

CMS GE2/1 H4 Testbeam + Demonstrator in Point5

GE2/1 demonstrator 2022

data in 2023

CMS ME0 Detector: Rate Capability 150 kHz/cm2

6 active layers, vertical segmentation of GEMs

New High-Granular Calorimeter (HGCAL) CMS

the design seems to be able to cope with the rate

Summary GEMs for CMS

- GE1/1 performs well large GEM demonstrator is successful
- GE2/1 shows high and homogeneous efficiency and very good spatial resolution the spacers proove successful
- ME0 seems to be able to cope with the very high backgroundrate of 150 kHz/cm²

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