Chamber construction & commissioning

- $\rightarrow$  mechanical design, front-end ASIC, DAQ, software
- $\rightarrow$  ASIC calibration, Bulk cooking
- $\rightarrow$  Threshold equalisation, ASU X-ray test (Vmesh scan, thr. Scan)
- $\rightarrow$  power-pulsing with 4 chambers & RAMFULL

Performance standalone

- $\rightarrow$  Vmesh scan 1: efficiency, multiplicity, uniformity for 3 thresholds
- $\rightarrow$  Vmesh scan 2: Nhit distribution from pion showers
- $\rightarrow$  thresholds scan (comparison to ASIC calibration)
- $\rightarrow$  rate scan : spark rate with MIPs and pion showers
- $\rightarrow$  angle scan with MIPs and pion showers
- $\rightarrow$  analogue readout: landau (fC) at various mesh voltage, comparison with gain curve

Calorimetry study in SDHCAL

- $\rightarrow$  Choosing medium and high thresholds: software compensation (G4 sim)
- $\rightarrow$  Setting thresholds in MIP units: analogue readout
- $\rightarrow$  Longitudinal profile: shower start (G4 sim), fit (leakage, e/h)
- $\rightarrow$  Response: Nhit for 3 thresholds and reconstructed energy
- $\rightarrow$  Resolution: validate simulation and use it to calculate resolution with 1 and 3 thresholds

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# PUBLICATION 2 Chamber performance in beam

# PUBLICATION 3 Calorimetry study with Micromegas chambers

## 1. Overall description of Micromegas chambers

Mechanical design Scalability, dead zone, drift gap, pad size, ASU size Services: gas distribution, gas mixture, voltages, I/O signals

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Low noise, 3 global thresholds, dynamic range, pedestal correction, analogue readout, variable shaping time, time-stamping and memory Power pulsing and consumption External/internal trigger

Active Sensor Units Design: layers, Nasic, connectors, T probe Spark protections Bulk mesh: Bulk process, amplification gap, dead zone (pillars and edges), inter-pad

DAQ and software Architecture front & back-end: daisy chain, ASU, interDIF, DIF (USB, HDMI) + DCC, SDCC Chain test with 4 ASU Software: Labview (calibration and testbeam) and Xdaq Framework: detector classes, xml geometry files, event display, rootfiles etc...

#### 2. Test prior chamber assembly

ASIC calibration Purpose and method (setup, scurve, correction on PCB) Noise, shaper gains, noisy channels, pedestal offset

HV training of Bulk mesh Purpose and method Results: Vmax and I(Vmax) for all ASUs

Threshold equalisation Purpose and method Low threshold distribution and uniformity before/after equalisation

ASU X-ray test → Vmesh scan at the lowest threshold Counting plateau and effective detection threshold

 $\rightarrow$  Threshold scan (DAC0 & DAC2) at various mesh voltages Inflexion point versus Vmesh, gain curve slope

 $\rightarrow$  Position scan (6 positions) RMS of Nhit for all ASUs Publication 1: Chamber construction & commissioning

### 3. Chamber assembly

Steps and photos, hardware tests

#### 4. Cosmic tests (?)

Channel occupancy for 4 chambers at 350 V Cosmic angular distribution Power-pulsing & RAMFULL (?)

#### 4. Functional tests in a beam

Noise condition  $\rightarrow$  Channel occupancy, signal to noise ratio, masked channels Uniformity  $\rightarrow$  Nhit distribution over 6 ASU Shaper  $\rightarrow$  Efficiency @ 370 V versus shaping time 3 thr  $\rightarrow$  Radial nhit profiles with showers Ramfull  $\rightarrow$  RAMFULL time & beam rate Analogue readout  $\rightarrow$  Landau distribution at 350 V Power-pulsing

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## 1. Test beam set-up (RD51 nov 2012 & CALICE oct 2011)

CERN/SPS beam lines Detector stack, iron block, dimension Gas mixture and distribution DAQ, trigger, rates

## 2. Response to MIPs

Method to measure efficiency and multiplicity Test 1 chamber using 3 others as tracker

Voltage scan (*RD51*) Efficiency & multiplicity for 3 thresholds versus Vmesh

Threshold scan (*RD51*) Efficiency & multiplicity versus DAC0, DAC1 and DAC2 at various Vmesh

Angle scan (*RD51*) Efficiency & multiplicity versus angle

Analogue readout (*RD51*) Landau distribution at various mesh voltages for 4 chambers Compare trend slope with gain curve

Uniformity (*CALICE*) Efficiency and multiplicity in 8x8 cm2 regions inside SDHCAL

Comparison to Monte Carlo (*CALICE*) Nhit at layer 49-50 inside SDHCAL

#### 3. Response to pions

Voltage scan (*RD51*) Nhit distribution at various Vmesh behind iron block for 4 chambers  $\rightarrow$  Vmesh & gas gain for 95% of shower hits

Angle scan (*RD51*) Nhit distribution versus angle

Analogue readout (*RD51*) Signal distribution in shower core Compare with MIP Landau

Comparison to Monte Carlo (*CALICE*) Nhit at layer 49-50 inside SDHCAL

## 4. Sparking study

Rate scan (*RD51*)

Nhit distribution at various rates behind iron block for 4 chambers  $\rightarrow$  Mean Nhit VS rate  $\rightarrow$  no space charge

Method to identify and count sparks (HV slow control, hit pattern)  $\rightarrow$  spark rate versus pion rate

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#### 1. Motivations, set-up & statistics, analysis method, Monte Carlo

What is the response of a 50 layers Micromegas SDHCAL? What improvement with a semi-digital readout compared to pure digital?

Experimental set-up & statistics CALICE SDHCAL 46 RPC 4 uM Energy scan: 20-150 GeV with 15-20 k pions / energy

Analysis method Shower start, longitudinal profiles, response

Monte Carlo Geant4 version, physics lists, geometry Publication 3: Calorimetry with Micromegas chambers

# 2. Software compensation with a semi-digital readout (or: what values for medium and high thresholds?)

Method to use the semi-digital information Determine best values of medium and high thresholds

### 3. Setting of the thresholds in MIP units

Analogue readout Landau distribution with cuts on DAC0, DAC1 and DAC2  $\rightarrow$  calibration of the 3 thresholds in MIP units (DAC to ADC relation)

#### 4. Longitudinal profiles

Shower start algorithm Optimisation by Monte Carlo

Event selection Time cut, fiducial cuts → Effective interaction length from real data at various energies VS MC

Longitudinal profiles Fit function  $\rightarrow$  leakage correction & e/h ratio Comparison to MC for 3 thresholds (0-5-15 MIP)

#### 5. Response to hadrons

Response for 3 thresholds Nhit VS energy (Data/MC)

Response semi-digital Erec VS energy (MC ONLY) Publication 3: Calorimetry with Micromegas chambers

## 6. Improvement SDHCAL compared to DHCAL