

## **QUAD testbox**

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# **Resistivity measurements with metal electrode and soap water**

- Earlier measurements with Hg probe gave too high resistivities
- TimePix3 chip with 4 μm thick SixNy layer (run 2018)
- 8 mm diam SS disk
- Measured *through* layer
- => units in  $\Omega$ .cm<sup>2</sup>
- Very high values at low fields < 20V => 5 kV/mm
  - **R** >>  $5.10^{10}$  Ω.cm<sup>2</sup>
- Above 40 V => 10 kV/mm quite constant

**R**  $\approx 3.10^{10} \Omega.cm^2$ 

Resistivty through protection layer Only surface above pads considered



#### Same curve zoomed in

Gain vs grid current density (J)



## **Calculated gain reduction vs current density**

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- Gain reduced to 30% at 1 nA/cm2
  - TPX3 chip has ≈ 2 cm2 active surface
- Only 5% of the surface (pads) is conductive
- 2018 testbeam  $=> \approx 0.5$ nA/cm2





## Parallel laser beam

## **Studies with parallel laser beam**

- Range 280 360 V in 11 V runs
  Almost no hits below 280 V
- QUAD 13 examined
- DAQ by single SPIDR boardProvisional setup
- Laser beam attenuated  $= > \sim 0.3 \mu J$ , 1 ns
- Width  $\approx 300 \ \mu m$
- Per chip few hundred hits per laser shot
- Trigger output from fast diode
- Averaged induced grid current in pA range
  - $\blacksquare$  => potential across SixNy layer < 10 V

Measurements by Naomi? on April 3



## **Data taking protocol**

- Laser frequency 2.5 Hz
- Gas: T2K, 300 ppM O2, 2500 ppM H2O
- Drift field: 180 V/cm
- Drift distance Z ~ 1 cm
- Measured at
  - X = 10 mm for 200 shots (chip 2 and 3)
  - X = 20 mm for 200 shots (chip 0 and 1)





Hit plot for chip 0 at 330 V

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## **Analysis by LabVIEW**

- Time stamp laser trigger close to t0
  - **Subtract 155 ns** from laser trigger time stamp to approach t0
- Apply hit window around laser trigger
  - -40 to 400 ns
- Apply for drift time spectrum a lower limit of 200 ns
- Apply ToT correction on measured drift times by subtracting ToT<sub>cor</sub>/ToT
  - To  $T_{cor}$  between 3k and 30k, depending on the gas gain (To  $T_{cor}$  and To T in ns)



#### Chip 2 at 330 V

### Vgrid = 280 - 300 V

Hits/track

Time spectrum



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ToT (ns)

### Vgrid = 310 - 330 V



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#### Vgrid = 340 - 360 V



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#### Hits from 200 laser shots

Hit map



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## Hits/track and ToT vs Vgrid

2D Graph 1

 Vgrid vs hits/track-2
 Vgrid vs ToT mean-2 average ToT (ns) hits/track 90 80 Vgrid (V)

No plateau

## Event 70, 290 V



## Event 70, 320 V



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### Event 70, 350 V

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# **Observed until now**

- Until Vgrid = 330 V everything looks normal
  - Nice, clean tracks
- At 350 V many spurious hits
- At 360 V very messy, not decent track visible, only a multitude of spurious hits
- After a short while at 360 V a hard and permanent HV short occurred
- Number of hits/track keeps increasing with Vgrid
  - No plateau visible
- **But above 330 V the additional hits deteriorate the result** 
  - Time spectrum gets broader (after-pulsing?)
- => there is an optimal working point
- Optimal grid voltage at 320 330 V
  - But probably depending on grid current
- Hits per track is limited at ~ 530
  - DAQ effect => other hits at 409 µs further?
  - There are random hits (~ 5%) at Td around zero
    - ToT spectrum agrees with the hits from the laser track
    - Also at the neighbouring chip
    - => probably due to spurious laser light hitting the edge of the holes

We have to redo the measurements with