GridPix

Gaseous pixel detector development @ Nikhef

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Bringing the pieces together...



GridPix: a micropattern gaseous pixel detector

- Low material budget
- Less radiation damage
- Single electron detection
- High position resolution
- 3D track reconstruction





Working principle

- Ionisation in drift gap
- Electrons enter amplification gap
- Induced signal on pixels
- Pixel position gives (x,y)
- Time coordinate gives z



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Amplification _-550 V

Cathode plane

Grid

Readout chip

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- Timepix3 chip available
- Nikhef
 - Chip design
 - Spidr Readout

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GridPix based on Timepix3 chip

- Timepix3 chip
 - Successor of Timepix chip
 - Designed by Cern, Nikhef, Bonn
 - $\circ~$ 256 \times 256 pixels, 55 μm pitch
 - Simultaneous time and charge measurement
 - Very precise timing (10× improvement)
 - Huge readout rate
 - Low threshold
- Chamber
 - Drift gap of 13.5 mm
 - CO₂/DME gas mixture (50/50 %)



Testbeam at Cern/SPS

- End of August 2015
- Muon and hadron beams

- Two GridPix detectors tested
- Tracks recorded > 20 M



Timepix3 silicon telescope (LHCb VELO group)

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- Timewalk, well known effect
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80

60

40

20

-0.4 -0.2 0

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140

120

100

600 400

200

0.8

Z-Residuals [mm]

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Discharges

- Occur in the gas
- One of the chips died in testbeam
- Pinhole effect well know in industry
- Multiple layers of different materials might be the solution









Further improving of spark-proofing GridPix

- Test setup for sparks
- MEMS labs produce protection layers (SiN, SiO₂, SiC)
- Deposition on dummy chips
- Can test up to 4 chips simultaneously
- Easy to install/uninstall samples







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Applications

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GridPix comes in the game!



Proton radiography setup @Nikhef



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Deposited energy reconstruction







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GridPix

Covering large areas

- Proposed time projection chamber of ILD@ILC
- GridPix is an excellent candidate for the readout
- Improved position and timing resolution
- Record all electrons \Rightarrow Better $\frac{dE}{dX}$



Covering large areas

- 3 modules built in Bonn
- I 60 GridPixes in total
- Active area of 320 cm²



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Prototype tested at DESY



For more information follow Peter Kluit's talk tomorrow!

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Thank you for your attention!





















- Millions of triggers with muons to get timewalk correction (high gain, thr = 600 e⁻, θ = 30°)
- Millions of triggers at $\theta = 90^{\circ}$ (tracks // chip)
- Runs (100k triggers) at several rotation angles for resolutions and systematics ($\theta = -15^{\circ}, ..., 45^{\circ}$)
- 200k triggers at - $\theta=-15^\circ$ and $\theta=15^\circ$ for drift velocity measurement
- Data at several drift fields (3 kV/cm, 2 kV/cm, 1 kV/cm, 0.5 kV/cm)
- Many runs at various thresholds down to thr = 430 e⁻ (5 σ of noise $+1\sigma$ for channel to channel variations)