ATLAS muon upgradeへ 向けたµ-PICの特性試験 Neutron beam tests using Ar and Ne base gas

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Micro Pixel Chamber

- Replacement of inner endcap muon system
 - For Phase-II upgrade
 - Improving rate capability and LVL1 trigger performance
- Based on Micro Pattern Gas Detector (MPGD)
 - Position resolution ~ 100µm
 - High rate capacity > 10⁷cps/mm²
 - Both precision and trigger detector
- Mass production is available using PC board technology
- Thin gap structure is proposed for ATLAS muon system
 - For fast signal and high gas gain



Beam tests in 2010

- 7 13 June, 2010
 - Accelerator operation training
 - Neutron beam studies
- > 21–28 June, 2010
 - Neutron irradiation test for μ -PIC
- 17–24 November, 2010
 - Spark rate measurements using
 - Ar + C2H6 mixture
 - Ne + C2H6 mixture



The neutron beam in Kobe Univ. (Faculty of Maritime Science)

- Tandem Electostatic Accelerator
 - 1.5MeV + 1.5MeV
 = 3MeV d/p beam
 - Ι~ 1μΑ
- Be target on BL
 - ${}^{9}\text{Be} + d \rightarrow {}^{10}\text{B} + n$ (~7MeV)
 - ~10⁷neutron/sec. @source

Energy(proton equivarent (quenching=0,38))





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Gain curve difference (Ar and Ne)

- Mixture gas of Ar+ethane and Ar + CO2 were tested
- Gas gains are measured using ⁵⁵Fe (5.9keV) X-ray



Spark rate measurement

Big pulses were counted using current monitor on HV source.





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Spark rate for fast neutron

- > Spark rates are measured using Ar and Ne based gas.
 - Ar:ethane = 70:30
 - Ne:ethane = 70:30
 - Ne:ethane = 90:10
- Spark rates are drastically reduced using neon gas



Summary of current R&D status and Future prospects

- Fast neutron (~7MeV) tests are performed
 - We found good suppression of spark rate using Ne base gas under gas gain of a few thousand.
 - The μ -PIC with resistive cathode is also tested.
 - The signal reductions for HIP are observed
 - More countermeasure should be need to avoid big spark.
- Next beam test
 - Spring or Summer 2011 ... intense neutron source (OCTAVIAN, Osaka Univ.)
 - 100 times intense neutron comparing with Kobe Univ. $(d+Be \rightarrow B+n)$
 - Resistive type will be tested to check spark tolerance
- Future prospects

- Until 2012 ... R&D, improvements and performance tests of basic structure
- 2013-14 ... Developments for Readout and large size detector
- Mass production will be available using existence line in private company.