#### Ageing and Background Sensitivity of Particle Detectors



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### Outline

#### Ageing and Background Studies:

- neutrons (10 MeV): large area irradiation
- protons (20 MeV): localized irradiation / ageing

#### Spatial Resolving SiPM-Detector:

- idea and motivation of the SiPM-detector
  - first results of H6-testbeam @ CERN october 2012

# Background Rates of γ's and Neutrons @ LHC

**BOS-MDT** 

simulation for LHC design luminosity with safety factor 2:

background: y-particle and neutrons



## Impact of γ-Background



#### **Tandem Accelerator**

#### Maier Leibnitz Laboratory Garching

10 MeV neutrons 20 MeV protons



## Ageing and Background Studies

<u>Neutron & Proton – Irradiation Facility @ Garching Tandem Laboratory</u>

3 reactions: to study the impact of high-energy neutrons:

- <sup>11</sup>B + <sup>1</sup>H -> <sup>11</sup>C + n (60 MeV <sup>11</sup>B) E(n) = 11 MeV quasi-monoenergetic 2 ∘ 10<sup>4</sup> Hz/cm<sup>2</sup>
- deuteron-breakup (20 MeV d) E(n) = 11 MeV (±5 MeV)
   1 ∘ 10<sup>7</sup> Hz/cm<sup>2</sup>
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irradiations and aging studies with 20 MeV protons:

- well focused p-beams spot size 1 mm<sup>2</sup>
- defocused p-beams spot-size up to 1 cm<sup>2</sup>
- wobbled p-beams spot-size up to 7 cm  $\circ$  1 cm with max. 800 Hz

#### **Neutron-Beam Monitoring**

#### assembly of detectors





neutrons y-particles

**AR3-Detector** 

500

1000

1500

2000

2500

time

30

25

20

15

10

full signal 4.12.2012

3500 4000

v particles

3000

## Neutron Energy: Time of Flight

- d-breakup: 20 MeV deuteron on Be target 0.5 mm
   E(n) = 11 MeV (±5 MeV), 1 ° 10<sup>7</sup> Hz/cm<sup>2</sup> @ distance 30 cm
- ( $\alpha$ ,Be) 30 MeV  $\alpha$ -ion on Be target 0.5 mm E(n) = 7 MeV (1-18 MeV), 1  $\circ$  10<sup>6</sup> Hz/cm<sup>2</sup> @ distance 30 cm less  $\gamma$ 's than d-breakup

• angular distributions: constant within factor of 2 0 - 20 deg.



#### Localized Proton Beams



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## **Track-Efficiency Measurement**



#### non-irradiated part:

- drop in efficiency due to high channel occupancy
- electronic effect → new electronic development ongoing



(P.Schwegler(MPP), A.Zibell (LMU))

#### irradiated part:

 larger efficiency drop, space charge effects



## Ageing Study for ATLAS Drift-tubes

beam spot : 7 
<sup>o</sup> 1 cm<sup>2</sup> at 8Hz





- Ar CO<sub>2</sub> N<sub>2</sub> 96:3:1% promising drift gas
- almost linear, 35% faster than Ar CO<sub>2</sub>



- 6 hour irradiation of ATLAS drift-tube with 20 MeV protons and beam current of 105 nA
- tube current 340µA → 7As/7cm ≈ 1 lifetime of ATLAS
- no ageing observed

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### Summary of Ageing and Background Studies

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- muon efficiency and track resolution in small drift-tubes (with Kroha MPP) high rates in chambers O(10<sup>7</sup>Hz) decrease of efficiency and saturation effects observed
- aging studies of linear and fast drift-gas Ar CO<sub>2</sub> N<sub>2</sub> 96:3:1%
   experiments finished no aging observed
- proton-irradiation of CVD diamond detectors (Ilgner, Spaan Uni-Do)
- SEU in control chips for the ATLAS pixel detector (Kersten, Zeitnitz Uni-Wu)
- light response of LaBr<sub>3</sub> :Ce crystals with 30 MeV α-ions (A.luydin, Moscow State-Univ.)

#### Irradiation of Resistive Strip Micromegas by 11 MeV neutrons



Neutron density of  $10^7 \frac{n}{cm^2 \cdot s}$ 

detectors work reliably

In collaboration with Wotschak/ CERN

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# Spatial Resolving SiPM-Detector



#### **Prototype Detector**

Trapezoidal structure:



#### SiPM-Readout

light yield:  $q_{sum} = q_1 + q_2 = const$ 

$$y = \frac{q_1}{q_1 + q}$$

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- light collection via wavelengthshifting-fiber WLS
- goal: spatial resolution of about 5 mm

- BC-400 plastic scintillator (area 300 x 88 mm<sup>2</sup>)
- BCF-92 Wave-Length-Shifting-Fiber (diameter 1 mm)
- scintillator wrapped with aluminum foil
- FC-Connectors used for coupling WLS-fibers to SiPM

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# 160 GeV π-Test-Beam @ H6 CERN



- prototype detector was mounted in a light tight box
- coincidence trigger (active area 5 mm<sup>2</sup>)
- readout of 10 SiPM's via 1 GHz Flash ADC
- spatial resolution in y-direction is determined by light yield-ratio of the SiPM-signals
- spatial resolution in x-direction is determined by time difference of the SiPM-signals in each scintillator (propagation of light)

#### Measurements:

- vertical scan for position resolution in y-direction
- horizontal scan for position resolution in x- direction

### **Online Results of SiPM-Detector**



#### Experimental results of y-scan:

- channel 1-3 & 8-10 insensitive to π-beam-position
- channel 4,5 in q<sub>1</sub> and channel 6,7 in q<sub>2</sub> sensitive to π-beam-position
- maximum light output is in the order of 20 photons at each channel



- spatial resolution of FWHM = 30 mm problems:
- global light yield of position sensitive fibers is too small (range 1-20 photons)

### Summary

#### **Results of Ageing and Background Studies:**

- collaboration with 5 international groups and about a dozen experiments
- 3 reactions to produce ~10 MeV neutrons
  - deuteron-breakup (20 MeV d) highest intensity  $E(n) = 11 \text{ MeV} (\pm 5 \text{ MeV}) \qquad 1 \circ 10^7 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$
  - full neutron monitoring facility
- occupancy and efficiency studies in 15 mm drift-tubes
- ageing studies with protons  $\rightarrow$  no ageing observed
- radiation hardness and high rate capability of resistive strip micromegas

#### **Results of Spatial Resolving SiPM-Detector**

- trapezoidal geometry leads to spatial resolution
- spatial resolution in the order of 30 mm (analysis & improvement ongoing)
- channels insensitive to position resolution
- global light yield is to small, will be improved, studies of light propagation, better light coupling etc.

Thank you !

#### backup

#### Light - Correlation



Expectation from  $\pi$ -beam:

- High light yield in  $q_1$ , low light yield  $q_2$
- Light output of position sensitive fiber with small light yield is in the range from 1-3 photons
- Light correlation between position sensitive fibers is broad → this corresponds to broad spatial resolution

Light correlation of position sensitive Fibers



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#### **Detector Calibration**





- gain of SiPM-channels are identical in  $\mathbf{q}_1$
- collected light yield is different for SiPM-channel in q<sub>2</sub>

Expectation:

- All channels see same light-output in q<sub>2</sub>
- No light yield in  $q_1 \rightarrow beam hits only one trapezoid$



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# Aging studies reference run in laboratory



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#### Neutron creation





- TDC = time to digital converter
- common start mode: start: bunch clock
   stop: scintillator signal
- beryllium creates high energy neutron, high yield
- tantalum creates low energy neutron, low yield

different measure times (red and black)

### Angle Distribution of Neutrons



 α on Be ( 30 MeV α) flux increases linear with beam current  Angular distribution of neutrons constant within a factor of 2 within angle of 20 °

# Wavelength-Shifting-Fiber Readout

#### Scintillator light output of BC 400:



Wavelength (nm)

- different component of WLS readout (Scintillator/Fiber/SiPM) are compatible
- cosmic muon creates light in scintillator  $\rightarrow$  WLS-Fiber collects light and guide it to the SiPM

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