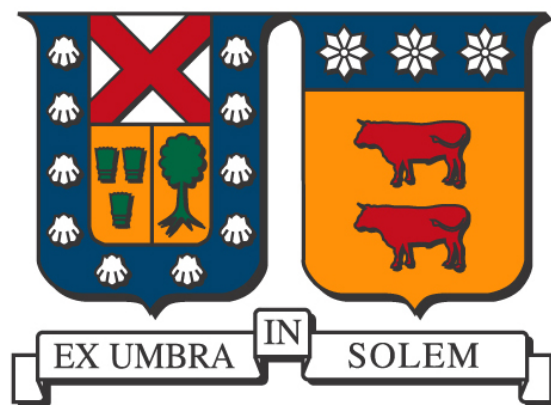


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# Abstract

The increased necessity of experimental proof of physics beyond Standard Model (SM) and Dark Matter theories leads us to develop new detectors for high energy experiments, like ATLAS with his upgrade (New Small Wheel project in particular) for the luminosity increase at LHC and a new experiment on SPS facilities at CERN called NA64; to search for Dark Matter on invisible(visible) decays of dark photons.

For this two experiments, detectors from our institute have been made to be part on such enterprise. Characterizations and tests have been done with the use of particles beam (electrons, pions, muons and gamma rays) from the Experimental Area at CERN.



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# Dedication



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# Acknowledgments





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# 1. Introduction

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## 2. Characterization of sTGC

### 2.1. ATLAS Detector Upgrade

#### 2.1.1. High Luminosity Large Hadron Collider - HL-LHC

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC), run by CERN at the Franco-Swiss border near Geneva, is a circular accelerator with 27 km of acceleration pipes, is the largest scientific instrument ever designed and built for scientific research. Successfully commissioned in March 2010 for proton-proton collision with a 7 GeV centre-of-mass energy.

The LHC is pushing the limits of human knowledge, enabling physicist to go beyond Standar Model (SM): the enigmatic Higgs boson, mysterious Dark Matter and the world of supersymetry are just three of the long-awaited mysterious that the LHC will unveil. The announcement given by CERN on 4 July 2012 about the discovery of new boson at 125-126 GeV, almost certainly the long awaited Higgs particle, is the first fundamental discovery, hopefully the first of a series, that the LHC can deliver.

Such discovery was thanks to the different detectors located on the four interaction points; ALICE, LHCb, CMS and ATLAS. This last one is the detector where our university is taking part.

	Period	Energy $\sqrt{s}$	Upgrade on LS	$L$	Integrate $L$
Run I	2010-2012	7-8 TeV	-	$6 \times 10^{33} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$	25 fb $^{-1}$
LS1	2013-2014	Go to design energy, nominal luminosity, bunch spacing 25ns			
Phase 0	2015-2018	14 TeV	-	$1 \times 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$	75-100 fb $^{-1}$
LS2	2019-2020	Upgrade muon spectrometer; NSW, LAr Calorimeter & FTK			
Phase I	2021-2023	14 TeV	-	$2 \times 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$	$\sim 350 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
LS3	2024-2025	New Inner Tracker and trigger architecture			
Phase II	2026-2030	14 TeV	-	$5 \times 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$	$\sim 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Figure 2.1: LCH Schedule

CONTINUE WITH LHC UPGRADE and GOALS

### 2.1.2. ATLAS Detector

The ATLAS detector it is a general-purpose detector, designed to explore proton-proton collisions at center of mass up to  $\sqrt{s}=14$  GeV. Looking for....

Such energy has been achieved from 2015 and successfully working with a luminosity of  $1 \times 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  from 2016.

Describe ATLAS detector and its part, together with the problem faced by now.  
ENDING WITH THE FAKE TRIGGERS AND PROBLEMS FOR LOW PT.

### 2.1.3. New Small Wheel

In manner to fulfill the LHC program (in fig.2.1), and in order to benefit from the expected high luminosity performance that will be provided by the Phase-I upgraded LHC, the first station of ATLAS muon end-cap system (Small Wheel, SW) will need to be replaced. The New Small Wheel (NSW) will have to operate in a high background radiation region (upto  $15 \text{kHz/cm}^2$ ) while reconstructing muon tracks with high precision as well as furnishing information for the Level-1 trigger. These performance criteria are demanding. In particular, the precision reconstruction of tracks for offline analysis requires a spatial resolution about  $100 \mu\text{m}$ , and the Level-1 trigger track segments have to be reconstructed online with an angular resolution of approximately  $1 \text{mrad}$ . The NSW will have to chamber technologies, one primarily devoted to the Level-1 trigger function (small-strip Thin Gap Chambers, sTGC) and one dedicated to precision tracking (Micro-megas detectors, MM). The sTGC are primarily deployed for triggering given their single bunch crossing identification capability. The MM detectors have exceptional precision tracking capabilities due to their small gap ( $5 \text{mm}$ ) and strip pitch (approximately  $0.5 \text{mm}$ ). Such a precision is crucial to maintain the current ATLAS muon momentum resolution in the high background environment of the upgraded LHC. The MM chambers can, at the same time, confirm the existence of a track segments found by the muon end-cap middle station (Big Wheels) online. The sTGC also has the ability to measure offline muon tracks with good precision, so the sTGC-MM chamber technology combination forms a fully redundant detector system for triggering and tracking both for online and offline functions. This detector combination has been designed to be able to also provide excellent performance for the eventual High Luminosity LHC upgrade.

## 2.2. Small-strip Thin Gap Chamber

The Small strip Thin Gap Chamber (a.k.a sTGC) detector it is a multi-wire proportional chamber (MWPC) working in a high gain mode with a cathode-anode pitch smaller than the anode-anode pitch, mostly based on the design of the Thin Gap Chamber[1], with thinner strips as the main improvement from the previous version. The TGC technology has been used since 1988 in OPAL experiment and currently are part of the muon spectrometer in ATLAS.

This new chamber has the advantage of having a  $3.2 \text{mm}$  strip width compare to the 5-6

mm from the previous TGC, that is why it is called small strip Thin Gap Chamber.

The size of the strips has been chosen to cope up with the precision resolution require for the NSW (explained before), where it has to be better than  $100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  and provide a reponse with a few nanoseconds. For this purpose, chambers with different strips sizes has been build and test under pion beams, chosed the 3.2mm has the best option[3].

The sTGC is made of two resistive cathods planes, one with csymer strips and the other with pads, each cathode plane is made of FR4 with 1.6mm of thickness, where  $100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  of csymer is etched for strips (pads) and then pressed with a  $100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  of FR4 over it and then sprayed with graphite to provide  $100\text{--}200\text{ k}\Omega/\square$  ( $1\text{ M}\Omega/\square$  for TGC) so it can be treatead as a resistive cathode plane.

The anodes are golden tungsten wires of  $50\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  diameter, distributed at 1.8 mm between each other. The gas gap (2.8mm) is filled with a mixture of carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) and n-pentane( $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{12}$ ) in proportion 55:45 respectively both strongly quenching gases that provide a high amplification factor and relatively low sensitivity to mechanical variations.[ref Mechanical variations]

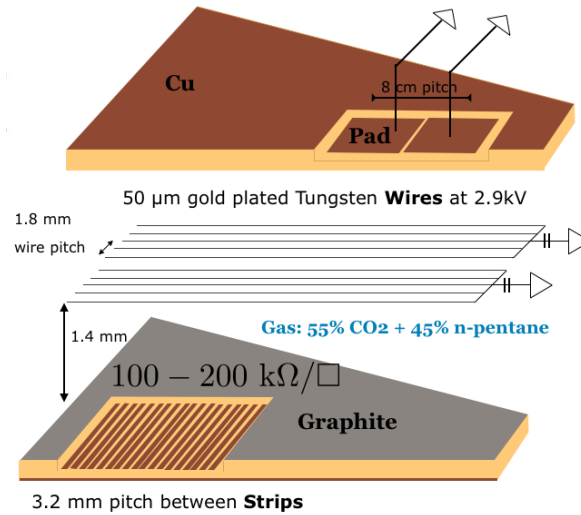


Figure 2.2: Single plane sTGC

A MWPC detector type is a relatively old technology, its succesfuly introduction to detector system in 1968 gave the Nobel prize to George Charpak in 1992. This device has been a major ingrediente in detector systems since it can achieve spatial resolutions of  $500\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  or less, and has typical time resolution of about 30 ns.

The TGC has been built as a MWPC with a thinner gas gap, its means, the distance from the anode-cathode is smaller than the anode-anode (wire to wire) to provide a fast time response, and at the same time giving a higher amplification, to achieve this smaller distance, precautions must be taken into account when the internal pieces are construct, for that a precision of  $50\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  must be achieve.

To work with such geometry several test were made to find the proper gas mixture[2].

Find the most suitable mixture of 55% well known carbon dioxide as a quenching gas, and a 45% of n-pentane, which for its nature can absorb energy in many ways of molecules degree of freedom, vibrational, rotational, etc.

- voltaje de operacion.
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- Que es lo moderno de este detector...

### 2.3. Construction process

Cathode production and how we achieve the resolution required for this.

Clean cathode

Sprayed process

Achieve the proper superficial resistivity

glue internal parts

Winding wires, soldered and clean afterwards

test wires under hv

Close chamber and filled with CO<sub>2</sub>, no sparks must found

glue chamber

Thickness measurements

Repeat process till get 4 modules

Overall thickness measurements and pin position check

### 2.4. Gain uniformity measurements

After the chambers are built it is important to know the response of the detector, and a primitive way to do such thing without any electronic readout attached to strips or wires, is to measure the current draw from the power supply and see how it behaves to a radiation source.

There are two ingredients that can produce gain variations on wire detectors, the first one is the "nature" gain fluctuations from the charge production in proportional counters which follow Polya distribution, however is less pronounced in semi-proportional mode such as sTGC working region.

The second one is related to the mechanical tolerances, this part is very well known since 40 years as it is presented on Sauli book about drift chambers and tell us that for a diameter variations of the wire about 1% (fabrication precision) will result on a 3% change in the gain, whereas about 100  $\mu$  m difference in the gas gap thickness (2.7mm) results in about 15% change of the gain. the effect of a wire displacement of about 100  $\mu$  m of a wire plane results in 1% in the charge of the two adjacent wires which with a gain of  $\sim 10^6$



will give a  $\sim 10\%$  change in the gain.

Taking all of this in consideration is expected to get a gain variation less than 20% as Quality Acceptance.

In this test the gain is considered as the current draw measured from the power supply and its need to test under two different working points (bias voltage), one when the chamber is not in the limited proportional region, 2500 volts, a take it as a reference compare to the 2900 volts which is the operational voltage.

For such test the x-ray source is used due to the many advantages;

- Mostly monoenergetic photons.
- Variable current: which can provide different rates. [ $1\mu\text{A}$  -  $200\mu\text{A}$ ]
- Variable voltage: modifying breaking voltage of electrons inside the x-ray gun. [10keV - 50keV]
- Different spot size: with a set of collimator it is possible to irradiate only interesting area.
- Portable, it is possible to move across the sensitive area of the detector.

### 2.4.1. Setup

Provide explanation of setup and posterior details of instruments.

- X-ray source: Mini-X gun with photons of 50 keV and flux of  $45\mu\text{A}$
- Collimator:  $5^\circ$ .
- Distance from source:  $2.5 \pm 0.3$  cm. Spot size:  $2 \pm 0.26$  mm.
- KUKA arm; giving vertical steps: 1.5 cm, horizontal steps: 5 cm.
- HV power supply: 50 nA resolution. Sampling rate: 1 sample/s.

### 2.4.2. Results

## 2.5. Test under high rate

## 2.6. Spatial resolution strips

## 2.7. Charge sharing between pads

## 2.8. summary

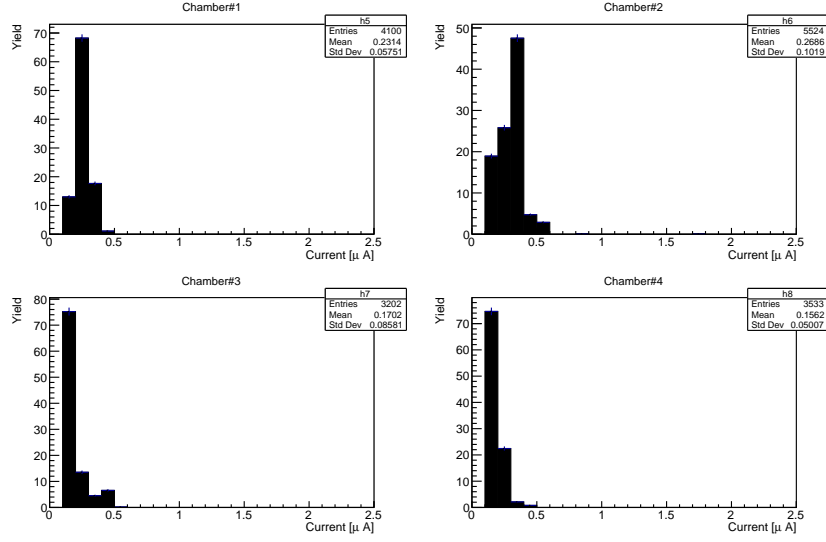


Figure 2.3: Current draw from power supply at 2500V

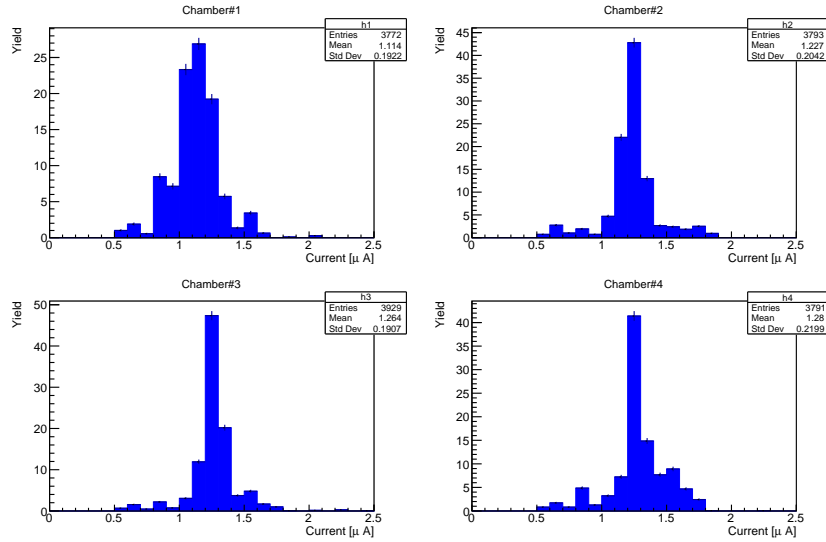


Figure 2.4: Current draw from power supply at 2900V

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## 3. Brillance380 under high gamma rate

### 3.1. Scintilators counters

### 3.2. high count rates

### 3.3. Internal radiation

### 3.4. Experimental setup

### 3.5. Spectrum and rates under different attenuation filters

### 3.6. Data Analysys

#### 3.6.1. Wavelets

#### 3.6.2. Peak identification

### 3.7. Results



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## 4. LYSO crystals array as SRD

### 4.1. NA64 experiment

The NA64 experiment is a fixed-target experiment at the CERN SPS combining the active beam dump and missing energy techniques to search for rare events.

A fully hermetic detector placed on the H4 beam line has been built with the primary goal to search for light dark bosons ( $Z'$ ) from dark sector that are coupled to photons, e.g. dark photons ( $A'$ ), or sub-GeV  $Z'$  coupled only to quarks. In some cases the  $Z'$  is coupled only to  $\mu$  or tau, so we call the  $Z'$  the dark leptonic gauge boson. The experiment is also capable to search for  $K_L \rightarrow$ invisible decay, which is complementary to  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ + \nu\nu$ , and invisible decays of  $\pi_0$ ,  $\eta, \eta'$ ,  $K_S$  mesons.

The advantage of this approach is that the sensitivity (or number of signal events) of the experiment is roughly proportional to the  $Z'$  coupling squared  $\varepsilon^2$ , associated with the  $Z'$  production in the primary interaction in the target/ While in a classical beam dump experiment, it is proportional to  $\varepsilon^4$ , one  $\varepsilon^2$  came from the  $Z'$  production, and another  $\varepsilon^2$  is either from the probability of  $Z'$  decays or their interactions in a detector located at a large distance from the beam dump.

The sensitivities of these two methods depend on the region under study in the  $(\varepsilon^2, m_{Z'})$  parameter space, background level for a particular process, available beam intensity, etc. [\[Beam intensity\]](#) In some cases, much less running time and primary beam intensity are required to observe a signal event with our approach.

- 4.1.1. Physics Motivation
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## 5. Conclusion





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## A. Appendix

A.1. Mechanical Measurements sTGC Module 0

A.2. PMT RT7525 Data Sheet

A.3. Data Structure NA64 Experiment

A.4. DAQ system



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