## Status of LAr TPC R&D (2)

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## Introduction

#### **Principle of LAr TPC**

- TPC is stored inside the cryostat
- The cryostat is filled with LAr
- 1. Charged particles flying in LAr TPC
- 2. Flying particles reacts with LAr in TPC, the ionization electrons are generated
- 3. Ionizing electrons under the force of the electric field, drift to the anode side
- 4. The anode is divided into a grid-like, obtains the position information of the generated ionization electrons in two dimensions (x, y)
- 5. And obtaining position information of the zdirection from the time it took to drift to the anode from the generation position
- 6. The track of flying particles can be reproduced in a three-dimensional



# Agendas to generating electric field

- 1. When electric field is weak, ionization electrons can be captured by impurities before reaching the anode
  - $\rightarrow$  More than *ve*=1.6mm/µsec required
  - $\rightarrow$  More than E=500V/cm required



2. When electric field is non-uniform, a mismatch between readout and generated position can happen



Agendas:

Today's discussion is about this. 1. Generation of strong electric field (More than 500V/cm)

2. Uniformity of electric field

R&D on fundamental technology of HV using a small LAr detector (drift length 10cm)

# Configuration of TPC

Field Shaper placed between the cathode - anode for the uniformity of the electric field in the prototype (drift length 10cm) in development. Also, it sets out 500V/cm by supplying voltage to electrode (in the figure).



# Generation of strong electric field

## Two possible methods of generating strong electric field

- 1. Supplying HV from the outside of the cryostat through the feedthrough
- 2. Generating HV within the cryostat (filled in LAr)

When LAr TPC comes to be a large size (drift length several tens m), it's necessary to supply a voltage of several MV for generating electric field of 500V/cm

→ It's difficult to supply from the outside of the cryostat by breakdown limit of feedthrough in MV supply

We adopt option 2:

Consider the Cockcroft-Walton(CW) circuit as the device

# Cockcroft-Walton(CW) circuit

## Feature

- This circuit generates a high DC voltage from a low voltage AC
- Circuit that combines a capacitor and diode
- Vout = 2Vin × (Number of stages)
- Since it can be output from each stage, it's compatible with TPC structure



# Designed a CW circuit

#### **Designed a 10-stage CW circuit for supplying HV in the prototype:**



#### Understanding of CW circuit using circuit simulation (LTspice):

We will compare with an actual measurement in next step.

<u>Circuit simulation is carried out by simulating the actual operating</u> <u>temperature (-186 deg C)</u>

→ Important to use actual properties of each elementary devices at the low temperature

We measured the low temperature properties(-196 deg C), and then create and optimize elementary device model in simulation

# Measurement properties of elementary device (Capacitor)

Measure the low temperature properties of the capacitor by LCR meter

filled with LN2(-196 deg C)





put in a container

put a capacitor in the socket



LCR meter (HP 4275A)

Capacitor PHE450 (EVOX RIFA)

	sample_1	sample_2	sample_3	sample_4	sample_5	Average
Measurement results (-196 deg C)	33.63	33.40	33.00	33.32	33.00	33.27

Measurement result at room temperature(20 deg C) is 32.47nF(average)

### According to measurement results, create a elementary device model as the capacitance is 33.27nF

# Measurement properties of elementary device (Diode)

Measure the low temperature properties of the diode by micro-ammeter



#### Create a model of diode to reproduce the measured results

 $\rightarrow$  Making a comparison between the created model and measurement results in the next slide



The successful creation of a model that low-temperature characteristics match

 $\rightarrow$  Characterization by circuit simulation

## Results of circuit simulation (LTspice)



There is -1.6% of discrepancy of voltage at 10th stage compared with first stage

- A large influence of device characteristics in lower stage
- Since the device is increased along with the increase of the number of stages, the output voltage becomes non-linear
  - $\rightarrow$  We will compare with actual measurement in next step

## Summary

### **Development of generating electric field in LAr TPC**

Generating electric field is one of key R&D subjects toward realization of a large scale LAr TPC

Agendas:

1. Generation of strong electric field

We are developing CW circuit HV generator

- → Circuit simulation based on actual measurement of the elementary device properties at the low temp. is developed
- $\rightarrow$  We will compare with actual measurement

#### 2. Uniformity of electric field

Understanding with simulation software(COMSOL) is in progress

 $\rightarrow$  Plan to study with cosmic ray measurement