





Giessen Cosmic Station - Status Update

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Overview

Track Reconstruction

Track reconstruction via position measurement in two planes

Components

The test stand consists of

- Two scintillating plates defining a trigger
- Four layers of scintillating bars (track reconstruction)
- About 45 cm of lead in between the trigger plates (energy selection)



Tracking Boxes



Figure: One of the tracking boxes without lid.

Tracking Boxes

Geometry of the bars

- 48 bars (15 × 10 × 500 mm) in two half-layers shifted against each other
- Second layer rotated by 90° for position resolution along the other axis
- Every layer in a separate light-proof box



Trigger Plates



Figure: One of the 50 \times 50 cm^2 trigger plates with PMT-Readout.

Absorber

Role of the absorber

- Flight distance in combination with timing resolution insufficient for momentum selection
- Therefore energy discrimination via absorption in 45 cm lead





Absorber



Figure: Energy deposition in the trigger after passing though the lead (top), the Cherenkov angle range (bot) and the estimated threshold (red).

Wavelength cut: 200 nm $<\lambda<$ 800 nm // Energy deposition obtained from Monte Carlo.

Reconstruction - Acceptance



Figure: Angular acceptance with and without trigger.

Reconstruction - Expected Angular Resolution



Figure: Expected angular resolution (Monte-Carlo-Estimate).

Reconstruction - Expected Spatial Resolution



Figure: Expected spatial resolution (Monte-Carlo-Estimate).

Reconstruction - Resolution Verification

Testsetup ...

- Cross of two small scintillating bars
- Overlapping area of approx. $1, 8 \times 1, 8 \text{ cm}^2$

Figure: Schematic drawing of the finger counters and placement.

Reconstruction - Resolution Verification



Figure: Fit of the finger hits with a convoluted normal distribution.

Use Case I - Radiator Plate



Figure: The new radiator plate in preparation for optical measurements.

Use Case II - SiPM Array With Radiator



Figure: Test setup with SiPM-Array and aerogel radiator.

In the near future ...

- Improvement of the reconstruction algorithm
- Finish optical measurements, then cosmic tests with radiator and readout
- ▶ In parallel: Cherenkov measurements with SiPM array

Thank you for your attention!

Reconstruction - Spatial Acceptance



Figure: Spatial acceptance without trigger.

Simulation: Geant4 [1] with CRY [2] event generator.

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Reconstruction - Angular Acceptance



Figure: Angular acceptance without trigger.